



If you missed this makeshift sign that was posted across the street from Oakton Community College last month, you're not alone. It was much too small and illegible to read from a moving car.

Yet it seems to be the only attempt to inform the public about Patriot Acres, L.L.C., a "company" with plans to build what would be by far the largest commercial composting facility in Illinois history on the 160-acre site of the old Sexton landfill at 9800 East Central Rd.

That's no accident, of course. The land is owned by the Archdiocese of Chicago and managed by their Catholic Cemeteries agency, and the last thing the people with whom they've partnered on this project want is attention. Because their 156-page application to the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals is absolutely riddled with red flags.

Not a word about prior experience running comparable operations.

Precious little about who would actually operate the facility.

And most disturbing of all, nothing at all about Patriot Acres itself. Seriously, nothing. Just a Glenview address that doubles as a dentist's office, and a "Not In Good Standing" status from the Illinois Secretary of State.

That's a recipe for disaster. Especially for those of us who live and work in the most highly impacted zone, from the students and staff at Oakton Community College to the thousands of people who reside within 1.5 miles of the site. According to the application, this facility will handle up to 200,000 cubic yards of yard and food waste every year. That's enough to cover 40 football fields stacked 3 feet high, on a site the size of Golf Mill Shopping Center.

**Fortunately, there's still time to do something about it ... before the Zoning Board of Appeals meets for the final vote on the project on March 15th.**

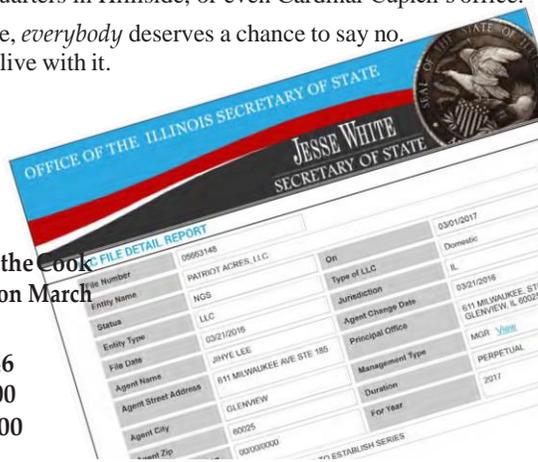
Call Peter Silverstri, your 9th District Cook County Commissioner, and tell him how you feel about "Patriot Acres." Call Board President Toni Preckwinkle, too. Plus your village and township reps. Maybe Catholic Cemeteries headquarters in Hillside, or even Cardinal Cupich's office.

When a project stinks as much as this one, everybody deserves a chance to say no. Especially the voters who would have to live with it.

## SAY NO TO THE STENCH!

Call any and all of these officials before the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals votes on March 15th. It may be our last chance to stop it.

Peter Silverstri 773.444.0346  
 Tony Preckwinkle 312.603.6400  
 Catholic Cemeteries 708.449.6100



**Commented [j1]:** This sign was not meant to be read from a moving car to avoid creating a distraction to the driver, instead it was located at a drive-way where the driver could easily pull off of to read it.

**Commented [j2]:** Patriot Acres team met with the City of Des Plaines and Village of Glenview staff members on December 7, 2016 to discuss the project and left information about it for public use

**Commented [j3]:** The proposed incoming volume ranks Patriot Acres behind 8 other commercial compost facilities in Northeast Illinois alone.

**Commented [j4]:** Patriot Acres offered to present the project at other venues when we met with the community staff members .

**Commented [j5]:** John Lardner is a certified manager of composting programs from the Solid Waste Association of North America and has designed or permitted seven commercial compost facilities in Northeast Illinois

**Commented [j6]:** The Special Use application listed both John Lardner and Matthew Smarjesse as owner and operators of the facility. Resumes for both members were in the application.

**Commented [j7]:** Patriot Acres has a temporary office owned by Matthew Smarjesse to support a mailing address until a permanent office at the Des Plaines Landfill is established

**Commented [j8]:** Patriot Acres is in "Good Standing" with Illinois Secretary of State

**Commented [j9]:** This volume is collected over four 90-day compost periods and never accumulated. Incoming volume each period is reduced over 70% during the grinding and composting processes. The most on site at any one time is approximately 25,000 cubic yards.