

Dear Residents:

Important Update About the Proposed Substation in Glenwillow

We would like to thank the residents of Glenwillow for their support and patience as we have dealt with the issue of the proposed FirstEnergy substation. Village Council Members and I have been working diligently on your behalf to ascertain the best possible solution to this project.

Although it is not within our legal ability to completely halt the project, we have filed motions in opposition to the project. We have made our overall position clear, that we would prefer not to have the substation in Glenwillow, but if we are required to, we want to minimize the impact to our community. We have been actively negotiating with FirstEnergy over the past several months to obtain the best possible outcome for our Village.

At a recent meeting, FirstEnergy verbally agreed to a number of conditions that we have fought to secure. I would like to highlight some of the key items.

- We were adamantly opposed to the proposed substation being located in a residential area. As such, both proposed sites for the substation are located in industrially-zoned areas. The primary location is southeast of the current substation on land owned by Premier Development. The secondary location is behind the Hoover/Dirt Devil building off of Beaver Meadow Parkway, north of the current substation.
- Since the substation would be constructed in an industrially zoned site, instead of a residential site, there will be no need to alter the route of the existing power lines or poles.
- FirstEnergy offered a donation to the Village of \$60,000 and Premier Development is offering a donation of \$30,000, both to be used for recreational improvements to Village-owned property.
- FirstEnergy has agreed to landscape the area around the substation in order to enhance the aesthetics of the site. The proposed landscape design will be reviewed by the Village Landscape Architect to ensure it meets the Village's standards. We expect the landscaping to cost in the area of \$60,000.



A complete copy of FirstEnergy's application to the Ohio Power Siting Board and the entire list of negotiated conditions are on file at the Village in the Mayor's office, or visit our website at www.glenwillow-oh.gov to view it in its entirety.

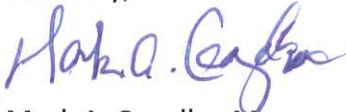
At this time, FirstEnergy is estimating the cost of the substation to be approximately \$18 million. This project cost will generate public utility taxes annually of \$50,000 to the Village and \$875,000 to the Solon Schools.

FirstEnergy has also informed us that, at least initially, it will be a switching station, which does not involve transformers. The construction is expected to begin in mid-2013 and be completed sometime in 2015.

The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB), the governing agency of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 6:00 pm at Village Hall to discuss this project. If any resident has questions, thoughts or concerns, we strongly encourage you to contact us before the public hearing. We have been and remain committed to an open and transparent dialog regarding this important issue. We encourage you to learn more about this project through the information posted on our website and on the OPSB website.

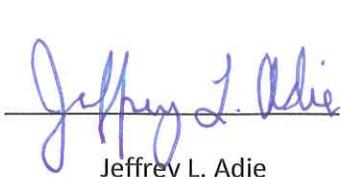
Thank you again for your patience through this process.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor
Village of Glenwillow

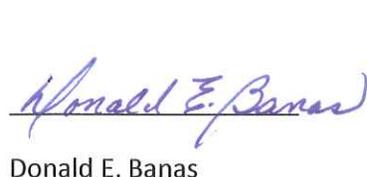
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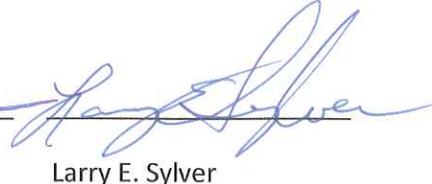
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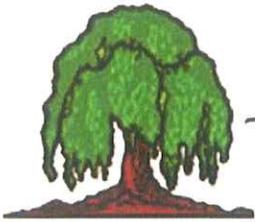
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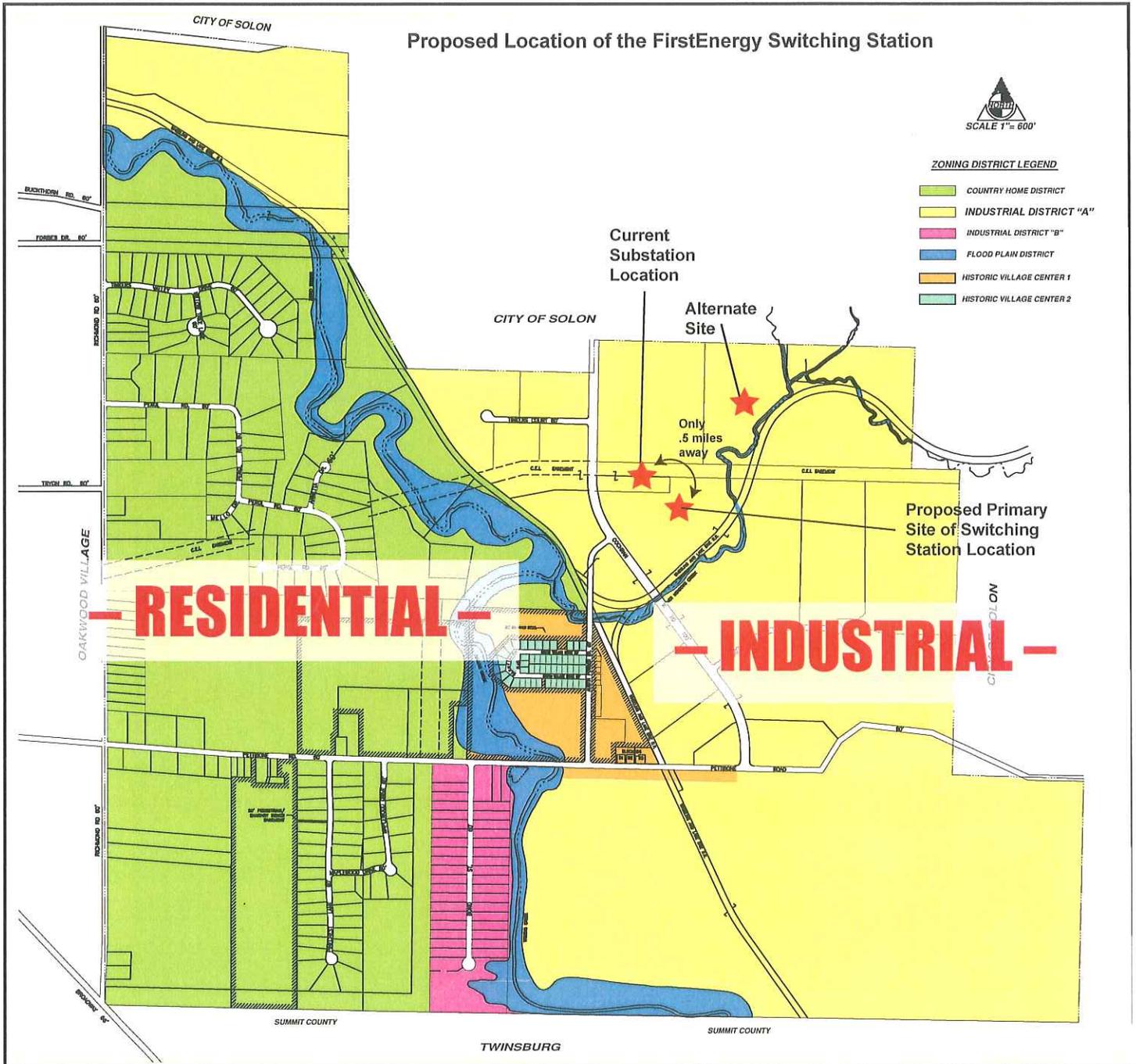


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