

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT BASE REUSE MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC MEETING ONE

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PUBLIC ISSUES, IDEAS AND COMMENTS:

- ▶ Part of development should have a windmill farm --- evaluate the feasibility of such a facility
- ▶ Keep in mind this is a regional resource for all of the surrounding area.....do something good
- ▶ Market the base as an alternative energy capital of the nation....a real booming industry, wind turbines, solar cells and other alternative sources of energy
- ▶ Greenhouses and other food-related industries....transporting worldwide
- ▶ Solar panels, manufacturing, small and large wind generators, and other high tech industries
- ▶ Link to high-tech institutions and universities in high tech industries
- ▶ Hydrogen and manufacturing storage facilities for hydro....heat homes, pipe, mix with propane
- ▶ Fuel cells, batteries, and other similar technologies
- ▶ Recreation, state parks, as a revenue source
- ▶ Brewery
- ▶ Ethanol from algae
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- ▶ Balance high-tech jobs against available work force skills
- ▶ "Green" industry --- no harmful contaminants or emissions
- ▶ Make sure we maximize communication throughout the County.....south county involvement could have been better
- ▶ Improve advertisements
- ▶ Greenhouse jobs can quickly generate jobs
- ▶ Overnight accommodations to meet new development needs
- ▶ Increase the tax base for the county
- ▶ Help surrounding towns to address water and sanitary services by capitalizing on the base systems in place....would provide new jobs, improve quality of life
- ▶ Do nothing that would impact the continued operation of the County jail (in terms of disruption of the water supply)
- ▶ Consider the fact that there was a railroad spur from the CSX line east of the property
- ▶ Utilize natural resources for the benefit of the overall community, including for revenue generating

- ▶ Dept. of natural resources is interested in working with community to preserve the site's unique resources
- ▶ Existing fence can be an asset to some industries who need that security
- ▶ Help the local communities with water and sewer sooner than later
- ▶ Save as much of the property as possible for conservation of natural resources
- ▶ Bring students to the area for educational purposes
- ▶ Illinois (and within a 75-mile area) for consideration
- ▶ \$2 mil VX storage areas could be used immediately for industrial use
- ▶ Washington University in St. Louis for reuse of research and use of buildings
- ▶ Nelson Bros. explosives manufacturer