

Conveyor Belt Through Des Moines???

The proposal to build a conveyor belt across the Des Moines Beach and up through Des Moines Creek is back. Des Moines residents protested this proposal several years ago, and in 1999 the City Council voted unanimously to reject it. What's changed?

Back in 1999, Wescot Industries proposed the following – barge arsenic-laden fill material from Maury Island to the Des Moines Beach, where it would be transferred to a conveyor belt and moved up to Sea-Tac Airport for the Port's Third Runway project.

Have the people of Des Moines changed their minds about this misguided project? Have they decided that they would like a conveyor belt running through the heart of the community, putting Des Moines Creek at risk, turning Des Moines Beach Park into an industrial area? Why would a City Council, on record opposing the Third Runway project, give the green light to a project whose sole purpose is to facilitate construction of the runway?

What To Do?

Call (or e-mail) your Des Moines City Council members and tell them not to allow this project to proceed. Tell them it was a bad idea then, it's a bad idea now. No conveyor belts through Des Moines! "No" means "No".

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