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Brooklyn residents form concerned coalition to study the impacts of the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter in their town

A group of concerned Brooklyn residents have recently joined together upon the sudden release of Wal-Mart's plans to construct a 158,000 square foot 24-hour Supercenter in town. Our group is called **Brooklyn For Sensible Growth** and we feel that a Big Box project of this size is out of proportion to the size of Brooklyn and would not promote sensible growth for the area. We successfully gathered over 500 names of registered Brooklyn voters that supported a petition for a 6 month moratorium to temporarily stop this project so the impacts could be properly weighed before making a decision of this magnitude. Although the petition was not accepted our coalition is still actively promoting research and the collection of accurate information that will allow residents to review and weigh the full impact of the proposal. We encourage residents to do their own research as well.

We feel that this type of large-scale "Big Box" development is such a radical change to the small town character and rural nature of Brooklyn, that the opportunity for an in-depth examination of the full economic, environmental, community, historical, and increase in crime rate is warranted. The group has petitioned the Inland Wetlands for a public hearing, which has been scheduled for December 9th at 6:00 pm at the Community Center on South Main Street. We strongly encourage residents of Brooklyn and surrounding towns to attend, get their questions answered and voice their concerns.

In addition, the group chaired by a team consisting of Don Taylor and Lisa Arends is conducting a "fact check" research campaign on the additional issues of the increased costs for public safety; the effect on our valued small businesses; anticipated increase in traffic; whether the increase in tax revenue will be a benefit or not as there will be increased needs for infrastructure.

We strongly feel the residents should be involved in what may possibly be the single largest decision made for the town of Brooklyn.

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