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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 Wal-mart 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 that will be affected to attend and get their questions answered and to 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 if it will be needed for the increased needs of infrastructure and other areas.

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

For more information, or to see how you could become involved, visit:

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How to make a donation:

Brooklyn for sensible Growth (BFSG) can accept **confidential** contributions! Checks should be made out to Marjorie Shansky Trustee with BFSG in the *memo* line.

Send check to: Marjorie Shansky Trustee
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Brooklyn For Sensible Growth needs to raise money to cover costs of legal fees and communications to our neighbors. Your dollars are needed and we hope you can donate to help us continue our efforts to promote sensible growth in Brooklyn.

We have a tight budget and we are all volunteering our time to this effort. Please consider writing a check today, if you haven't yet. We understand everyone has only a limited ability to give, so any amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

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