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## Grand Island Coalition Speaks Out Against New Warehouse Project

December 7, 2020 Grand Island, N.Y. — The Coalition for Responsible Economic Development for Grand Island (CRED4GI) is engaging residents to oppose a newly proposed warehouse project by Michael Huntress. CRED4GI plans to have a number of members speak about their opposition to the project during the Town Board meeting scheduled for Monday, December 6th at 8pm. Residents and media may view the meeting on the Town’s YouTube channel.

CRED4GI believes that the proposed warehouse facility is **far too large, does not fit with the general character of the surrounding community (as per the comprehensive plan) and will have even more traffic, air/noise pollution and negative environmental impacts as the previously proposed Amazon facility. Although the proposed facility is considerably smaller than the overall size of the previously proposed Amazon warehouse, the footprint of the facility will be one-third larger than the Amazon proposal. Here are the comparisons (as per the developer):**

	Amazon Project	Huntress Warehouse	Difference
Limits of Disturbance:	123 acres	138 acres	+15 acres (+12.2%)
Impervious Area:	55.4 acres	63.3 acres	+7.9 acres
(+14.3%)			
Building footprint SF:	823,400	1,080,308	+256,908 sq
ft (+31.2%)			
Building size SF:	3,783,124	1,080,308	-2,702,816 sq ft (-
71.4%)			
Building height:	87.3 ft	45 ft	-42.3 ft (-48.5%)
Car Parking spaces:	1,855	1,292	-563 spaces (-30.4%)
Trailer Parking spaces:	219	383	+164 spaces
(+74.9%)			

Traffic	AM Peak		PM Peak	
	Enter	Exit	Enter	Exit
Amazon Project	668	39	590	600
Huntress Warehouse	761	179	506	791
Difference	+93	+140	-84	+191

The developer suggests that the environmental documentation has already been accomplished through the work associated with the ill-fated Project Olive. CRED4GI believes this to be a very different project with negative and costly impacts to our community and environment.

“We anticipate a variety of substantial impacts to our quality of life, including traffic, health, impacts to wildlife and habitats, impacts to migratory birds and the Niagara River.” said Cathy Rayhill, spokesperson for CRED4GI. “This project does not fit the character of our community

and the neighborhood in which it is proposed to reside. In spite of all efforts that Acquest Development may make to mitigate these impacts, they cannot claim that this project will not have at least one significant environmental impact on Grand Island and its residents.”

Rayhill goes on to say “Our opposition to this project is the same as it was for the Amazon warehouse, when over 2,500 residents raised their voices in a matter of 40 days and signed a petition urging the Town Board to deny a PDD zoning request. This project is significantly different from the Amazon proposal and should require a new scoping process for evaluating the impacts and costs to the community.”