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UPDATE: With city out, Sheridan in running for cold storage facility project

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Dunkirk's loss appears to be the town of Sheridan's gain.

Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency director Kevin Sanvidge said this afternoon the Great Lakes Cold Storage facility that was proposed for the Fairview Avenue in the city will likely be located in the Chadwick Bay Industrial Park.

Sanvidge said the matter will be discussed at an IDA board meeting Tuesday with details expected to be finalized by the end of the week on the \$15 million project.

Dunkirk Mayor Willie Rosas, however, remains disappointed by the news it will be outside of the city.

"This past weekend I was informed by the Great Lakes Cold Storage Owner, Patrick Gorbett that he will not be bringing his business to Dunkirk. This is unfortunate for our city and our residents," he said.

Rosas was informed by Gorbett that the appeals process filed by the Fairview residents will impede the needed construction time to the point of making it impossible for them to proceed. Mayor Rosas said, *"This appeal process has unfortunately stopped needed economic growth for our area and has held up opportunities for up to 50 new jobs in the city as well as impacting the probability of future expansion of one of our major industries."*

Rosas went on to say, *"Mr. Gorbett met every demand I put before him to include ensuring aesthetically manicured landscaping and a berm bordering the yards of the Fairview residents. There would be no outside generators, an ammonia system would be in place to prevent exposure to the area residents. There would be a playground for the areas children, and jobs for their parents."*

“I am extremely disappointed in this outcome. Bringing businesses and jobs into the City is job one, for me, and my development team has worked tirelessly and given everything they had to this project; I am extremely proud of them.” Rosas said.

At his request, Rosas said, *“There were several departments within the city involved in this process. Under the leadership of our Development Director, Rebecca Yanus, everyone came together as a team. Throughout this process, and due to its potential positive impact on the area, I required more than what should be expected of each of them, and they did not hesitate to step up to the plate and do everything that was asked of them and more.”*

In addition to Mayor Rosas and his team working with Mr. Gorbett, Rosas has reached out to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Tom Reed, State Senator Cathy Young, Assemblyman Andy Goodell and County Executive Vince Horrigan. *“Everyone was on board, and I sincerely appreciate their efforts and thank them for their support of this project in the City of Dunkirk. If there were another suitable location that was shovel ready and had the needed acreage, I would have suggested it, but there is not.”* Rosas said, *“Great Lakes Cold Storage needed a shovel ready property, the Edgewood facility did not meet that standard.”*

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Edziu Wallace · Dunkirk High School

Dunkirk loses another one!

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Danny McGill · Defense Information School, US Army

Well actually the property owners are the winners since the area IS a residential area. Sorry but something as big as this belongs in the Industrial Park. That's why that Park was originally built...not to mention the so-called "Millieum Parkway" was built for that purpose.

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Tom Ganey

Once again Danny hits it on the head. This is called common sense.

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The mayor makes it sound like the jobs are lost they are not!

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Judy Bohn

I agree, it should be put over there. And people will still get jobs. It just won't be in a residential area. Industrial Park is a great area for it. Danny is so correct!

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