

November 25, 2015

**VIA E-MAIL**

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RE: 15-FOIA-237 Info - 10131 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge, IL

Dear Mr. Dowd:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (“FOIA”).

**I. Background**

On November 11, 2015, we received your request for copies of soil reports prepared in the preliminary stages of the contract negotiations for property located at 10131 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge, IL (“Request”). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

**II. Responsive Documents**

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with the following documents:

- Environmental Assessment of Parcel #5, dated November 20, 1997;
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report, dated December 29, 1999; and
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report, dated February 11, 2000

(“Responsive Documents”).

You may access the Responsive Documents via Metra’s file transfer protocol (“FTP”) site. Direct your browser to <https://ftp.metrarr.com/>. The user name is: **foia14** and the case sensitive password is: **d5jN353d**. Access to this FTP site will expire December 9, 2015. *If you require additional time to download these documents, please let us know prior to the expiration date.*

**III. Partial Denial**

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain "private information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). "Private information" is defined as "unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal e-mail addresses," as well as home addresses, and personal license plates. 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5). Accordingly, per Attorney Thomas Stuebner, any such private information contained within the Responsive Documents has been redacted.

**IV. Right of Review**

You have the right to have the partial denial of your Request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us).

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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