

September 25, 2012

To: Property Owner

*via certified mail*

Re: Buchanan Energy, LLC  
Highland Park, IL - 1333 Half Day Road  
Kurtz Project No. 12003



I am the architect for Buchanan Energy, LLC, the owner of the Mobil Station on the Northeast corner of Half Day Road and Route 41. I am also a neighbor who lives in the Highlands.

We are appearing before the Highland Park Plan Commission on October 16, 2012 to request a Planned Unit Development that will allow us to rebuild the existing station. A legal notice of that hearing is attached to this letter.

This station has existed in its present form since 1979. Over the years it has become dated and the subject of deferred maintenance by Exxon-Mobil. In December of 2010 the site, along with 81 others, was sold to Buchanan Energy, LLC, a small company from Omaha. They have spent the last 18 months determining what sites they want to invest in, and this site is one of the first.

Our plan is to rebuild the gasoline fueling islands and the car wash while adding a convenience store. While we will be using more of the site, we have made every effort to maintain the exiting oak trees on the site, and supplement them with additional landscaping. We will also be replacing the existing fence with a new, 8 foot high fence, which requires an exception from the Zoning Code.

I'm personally very excited about this project, and would be happy to talk with you regarding any questions you might have. Please call me at the office or my home (I'm in the phone book) to discuss the project further.

Sincerely,

**KURTZ ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WJH', written over a horizontal line.

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