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Mr. Dennis Sandquist
Freedom of Information Officer
McHenry County Department of Planning & Development
2200 North Seminary Ave.
Woodstock, IL 60098

Dear Mr. Sandquist:

RE: FOIA Pre-Approval Request - 2010 PAC 1123

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the McHenry County Department of Planning & Development of its intention to deny disclosure of some of the records requested by [REDACTED] pursuant to Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act. [REDACTED] had requested any and all correspondence, mail, e-mail or phone calls relating to the Brookstone Subdivision. The Department asserts that two pertinent documents are exempt under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f)), which exempts from disclosure "[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies and actions are formulated."

As a result of our review, we have determined that it is appropriate to decline to disclose the documents in question under Section 7(1)(f) because they constitute preliminary drafts, notes, recommendation, and/or memoranda in which opinions are expressed or policies or actions are formulated. Therefore, the request to assert the exemption under Section 7(1)(f) for the documents in question is hereby approved and further inquiry into this matter is not warranted.


If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312-814-2770. This correspondence

will serve to close the matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By:


John Schmidt
Assistant Attorney General

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