

**STOP
CRANSTON
CONCRETE
PLANT**

CRANSTON CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE ZONING & DEVELOPMENT, INC.
for economic growth we *all* can live with

October 5, 2006

Dear Eden Park, Garden City and Auburn neighbors,

Within just hundreds of yards of your home, and for some less than 200 feet, a hazardous concrete batching facility (Cullion Corp. and Karleeter, LLC, owners) received a building permit that poses a serious environmental threat and public nuisance that will change our neighborhoods forever!

In recent days, a similar facility outside of Boston had a major explosion spewing cement dust that damaged properties and sent nearby workers and pedestrians to the hospital with respiratory problems. Neighbors of the existing Cullion plant in Peacedale report that, in addition to high decibel noise and heavy truck traffic, we can expect airborne dust to cover homes and cars if this new plant is located here. Concrete plants simply do not belong in residential areas.

We are forced to take matters into our own hands because the City's Building Officials and current administration, without notice to nearby residents, bypassed proper procedures and rushed this permit through in 15 days – just in time to avoid the City Council's ban on new plants!

Our website, www.stopcranstonconcrete.org, provides aerial views of the proposed plant so you can see just how close your home is. The site is right off of Pontiac Avenue, in a flood plain, adjacent to wetlands, the Pocasset and Pawtuxet Rivers and the CLCF athletic fields where many of our children play. This project threatens our family's health and safety and could destroy the precious little open space we have left in our city.

Because the building permit already has been granted, and because the current city administration has not listened to our calls to revoke the permit, we have had to hire our own attorney and expert witnesses and are taking our case to the Zoning Board of Review. Attorney Richard Crowell, who led the successful effort to block a cement plant in western Cranston last year, is representing all of us in this fight to protect our neighborhoods.

With your help we can win! But we need volunteers, we need you at public meetings and rallies, ***and we need your financial support!*** To date, we have raised over \$15,000 toward a goal of \$35,000 to pay for our legal costs as well as the printing, postage, phone and other expenses of keeping residents informed and involved.

Please complete the attached form, provide us your contact information, join us as a member and participate in any way you can. A generous donation at any level you can afford is much needed and greatly appreciated. We are all in this together, so thank you!

Sincerely,



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