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Ms. Cecilia Tumulty
Clerk, City of Springfield
Municipal Center West, Room 106
300 S. Seventh
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Tumulty:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, and on behalf of the Southwest Springfield Neighbors Association, I hereby request copies of the following documents:

1. All traffic and drainage studies, and all correspondence regarding such studies, provided by Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., or by any other engineering or consulting firm to the City in connection with a proposed Wal-Mart store at West Wabash Street and Meadowbrook Road in Springfield, IL.
2. All revised site plans submitted or provided to City representatives pertaining to proposed Wal-Mart store at West Wabash Street and Meadowbrook Road in Springfield, IL.
3. Minutes of any meetings attended by representatives of the City Engineer at the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 6, pertaining to such a traffic or drainage study or revised site plan.
4. All correspondence, memoranda and other documents sent by or received from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., Cobblestone Development Corp., or any person acting on their behalf, in the last 90 days pertaining to proposed Wal-Mart store at West Wabash Street and Meadowbrook Road in Springfield, IL.

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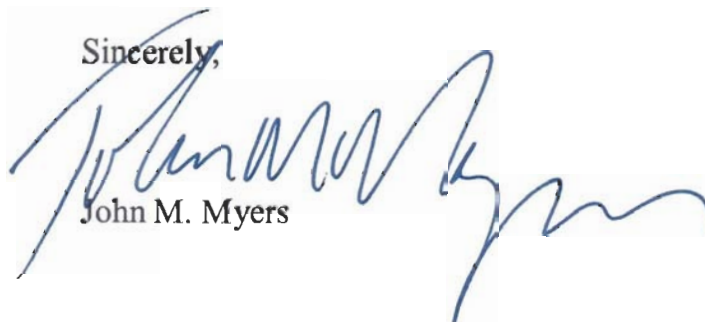
As you are aware, Section 6(b) of the Freedom of Information Act provides for waiver of copying charges under certain circumstances, and provides as follows:

(b) Documents shall be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge, as determined by the public body, if the person requesting the documents states the specific purpose for the request and indicates that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest. Waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest if the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.

In accordance with Section 6(b) of FOIA, I hereby state that the specific purpose of this request is to enable me and an unincorporated association of concerned citizens of which I am a member, and which I represent on a *pro bono* basis, the Southwest Springfield Neighbors Association, to acquaint itself with traffic and drainage impacts on the adjacent neighborhoods of the proposed Wal-Mart store.

Accordingly, waiver of the fee is in the public interest, since the principal purpose of this request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare of the general public, and is not for any personal or commercial benefit to me, the Southwest Springfield Neighbors Association, or anyone else of whom I am aware.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Myers", is written over the typed name.

John M. Myers

cc: SWSNA