

SAUX HEAD POINT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INDUSTRIAL ROCKET LAUNCH SITE AT GRANOT LOMA

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The purpose of the Saux Head Point Owners Association (SHPOA) is to promote the recreation, health, safety, enjoyment and welfare of its owners and residents, to protect the property values of its owners, and to protect and preserve highly valued qualities of life essential for our properties to continue to serve their intended purpose, including those qualities of natural beauty, serenity and quiet of our lands which are an integral part of the surrounding Lake Superior watershed and eco-system.

We have been notified that the Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association (MAMA) as part of a Michigan Launch Initiative (MLI), supported by the Marquette County Board, is promoting a plan to construct an industrial rocket launch site at Granot Loma, a nearby property in Powell Township; and, that MAMA is submitting this plan to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for further action.

We strongly oppose constructing this proposed industrial rocket launch site, and creating a high intensity industrial zoning district necessary for its operation, because it:

- (a) is inconsistent with existing comprehensive land development policies and objectives which emphasize overall quality of life of Powell Township residents;
- (b) is not harmonious with the existing and intended character of the general vicinity;
- (c) will degrade public health, safety, and the general welfare of the community;
- (d) will interfere with vested property rights and property values of our members and many other citizens in Powell and Marquette Townships;
- (e) will damage the coastline ecosystem in destroying wildlife habitat by clear cutting forest, by construction on existing wetlands, by negatively impacting Lake Superior watershed hydrology with a water deluge suppression system that will potentially draw tens of thousands of gallons of water per launch and may threaten either our groundwater sources or, if drawn from Lake Superior, further worsen shoreline erosion.
- (f) will more broadly damage a thriving outdoor recreation-based economy by negatively impacting the quality of life which now creates sustainable growth by drawing permanent residents and visitors to our beautiful Lake Superior Coastline.

Therefore, the SHPOA opposes and rejects zoning changes that would allow construction of an industrial rocket launch site at Granot Loma, and respectfully hereby requests that the Powell Township Board and Planning Commission oppose and reject any such plan and related zoning changes.

Therefore, the SHPOA hereby requests the Marquette County Board to publicly withdraw its support of this launch plan.

Therefore, the SHPOA hereby appeals to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the MEDC, the Michigan Departments of EGLE and DNR, Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, state legislators Ed McBroom and Sara Cambensy, and the Marquette City Commission, to oppose the construction of an industrial rocket launch site at Granot Loma.