

# Batavia eyes land for trash station

## City Council OKs option on 7.7 acres

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Batavia aldermen have approved a two-year option to purchase 7.7 acres of land for a solid waste transfer station on the Kane-DuPage County line.

The land is in a 199-acre industrial complex, which lies along Fabyan Parkway, east of Kirk Road. The parcel is south of Fabyan Parkway and east of Paramount Parkway, within several hundred feet of the Kane-DuPage line and bordered by the Union Pacific West rail spur on the south.

"We've been exploring with Kane County Environmental Services and the Kane County Board about developing a solid waste transfer station," Batavia Mayor Jeffrey Schielke told the City Council this week.

"There is going to be a strong need for a clean, well-run transfer station in the next several years."

A transfer station is a complex where garbage is dropped off, separated and sent by train or truck to landfills in remote areas.

"We will not be storing garbage," Schielke said.

The mayor and several aldermen have visited similar facilities nearby and were impressed with the stations' efficiency and cleanliness.

Groot Industries' station in West Chicago, which has been operating for about two years, was visited by the group.

"It's not a facility that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Kenneth Dean, director of public works for West Chicago. "It closes around 7 or so each evening to prepare for the next day. Each day, they wash the floor and do other things that are required by their permit."

While Batavia may purchase the land for its waste transfer sta-

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