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**FINAL PLAT APPROVAL SIGNALS NEW ERA FOR
MODERN AUTOMOTIVE RECYCLING IN LAKE COUNTY**

Gurnee, Illinois: (Nov. 5) Auto Parts City's plan to open a modern automotive recycling facility will finally be fulfilled. Looking beyond the continuing local controversy, the Village Board approved (4-0 with two abstentions) the final plat proposal submitted by the company to redevelop the 15-acre Nordic Properties site, 3535 Washington Street. An additional three acres are located in neighboring Park City. (An agreement between Auto Parts City and Park City has been finalized as well.)

"We've been through a lot trying to inform the public of the reasons why environmentally friendly auto recycling needs to be in their backyard," Larry Brosten co-owner of Auto Parts City said. "This is the third site we've proposed in the past decade. The economics of auto recycling are such that it will always have to be done locally. Now we will have a chance to show the public we can provide them with a vital service without being a detriment to their quality of life."

To accomplish that Auto Parts City agreed to 29 conditions, which regulate everything from their hours of operation to specifications requiring them to construct a sound resistant building for compacting cars. Similarly stringent specifications include an underground storm water detention system, acoustical fencing, perimeter security system and minimum 100-foot setbacks, far from the mobile home residences that border the site.

In addition they will be required to close their current eight-acre site across Washington street (which they describe as antiquated), and sell the land for future development. Larry Brosten owns Auto Parts City with his brother, Jay. They said that they have spent considerable time and money in an attempt to change the image of their business beyond that of a junkyard. That is why winning this approval is so important to them.

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“We have gotten so much criticism for so many years, I have to admit that Jay and I feel vindicated,” Larry said. “Finally a group of intelligent elected officials studied the details of the site and the completeness of our proposal and agreed with us that we are trying to do the right thing in the right place.” (Trustees approved the preliminary plat 6-0.)

The Brostens said they expect to receive the required permits to begin construction soon and anticipate the new facility will be operational in mid 2008. All told, the Brostens employ approximately 45 people. The projected cost for the new site is in excess of \$6 million.

“We’re a small family owned business,” Jay Brosten said. “We have put everything we have on the line because we’re dedicated to the reinventing the image of auto recycling to meet the needs and expectations of the twenty-first century.”

Auto Parts City is one of Larry and Jay Brosten’s automotive businesses. The Brosten family has been involved in auto salvage and recycling since the 1930s. In 1976, Larry & Jay moved Hy-Way Auto Parts to its present location at Routes 173 and 41 in Wadsworth, IL. There, they created one of the nation’s premier environmentally conscious auto recycling facilities. The site is next to the DesPlaines River and is surrounded by the Lake County Forest Preserve. In 2000, Ford Motor Company bought Hy-Way and changed the name to Greenleaf™. The Brostens remained on staff at Greenleaf for several years afterward as part of their management team. Ford sold Greenleaf in 2005.

To serve as a resource detailing the need for and aspects of modern automotive recycling the Brostens are currently in the process of developing a Web site: Visit www.21stcenturyautorecycling.com

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