

## PRESS RELEASE

Stop Pollution In Long Lake (SPILL) and Long Lake Homeowners Press Release, 4/23/2017

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### **Long Lake Community to Picket on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Baxter's Headquarters preceding Baxter's Annual Meeting of Stockholders over 42-year permit to pollute Long Lake, Investigation into Environmental Wrongoings, and Connection to the Public Sewer**



The community of Long Lake will hold an informational picket outside of Baxter's Headquarters in Deerfield preceding Baxter's Annual Meeting of Stockholders on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Long Lake homeowners & residents plan to picket to call attention to Baxter's environmental wrongoings and demands for Baxter to connect to the public sewer system.

**Picketing will take place on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am-9:00am at the following location:**

Baxter International, Inc  
1 Baxter Pkwy, Deerfield, IL 60015

Key issues, according to Long Lake community, include:

- **42 Years of Baxter Wastewater Polluting Long Lake.** Since 1975, the IEPA has granted Baxter a NPDES permit to dump chemically treated wastewater from Baxter's manufacturing plant, in Round Lake, into the watershed that flows directly into Long Lake. Baxter's wastewater originates as human waste, pharmaceutical waste and commercial waste at average volume of 278,000 gallons of discharge per day in 2016. For the full story, read Daily Herald article: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20170123/business/170129625/>
- **Baxter's Environmental Wrongdoing impacting Long Lake as part of the IEPA's ongoing investigation.** In 2016, SPILL filed a complaint with the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IL PCB). The complaint questioned Baxter's disposal of "Urgent Product Recalls" waste through the Baxter sewage treatment facility. Baxter has admitted to dumping recalled pharmaceutical products into their own sewage treatment facility in Round Lake which makes its way into Long Lake. For the full story: <http://www.stoplolonglakepollution.org/baxter-admits-wrong.asp>
- **Baxter's NPDES Permit violations go to the Attorney General's Office.** For the full story: <http://www.stoplolonglakepollution.org/baxter-attorney-general.asp>
- **Baxter's Refusal to Commit to Public Sewer Connection**  
Baxter continues to use their most economical option of operating their own sewage treatment plant and discharging to Long Lake. The Long Lake community demands that Baxter connect to the public sewer as Long Lake residents were required to 30 years ago. Without proper accountability, the local residents and the quality of our waterways pay the ultimate price. For the full story: <http://www.stoplolonglakepollution.org/index.asp>