

Talking Points on the Incentive Zoning Agreement Litigation - July 13, 2026

- The Sierra Club and Tonawanda Seneca Nation filed suit on July 13 in State Supreme Court. The lawsuit challenges the zoning framework created by GCEDC and the Town of Alabama to facilitate industrial development at STAMP.
- In the lawsuit, the Sierra Club and the Nation argue that the Incentive Zoning Agreement (IZA) signed by the Town and the Genesee County Economic Development Center (GCEDC) in 2012 violates state law because it prevents the Town Board from making changes to zoning in the portion of the Town where STAMP is located.
- Because the IZA is void, the suit alleges, zoning rules based upon it are void as well, as are the amendments to the Town's Comprehensive Plan that the IZA attempts to freeze in place.
- The suit asks the court to declare that the IZA and associated zoning rules are void, and asks the court to annul the IZA and the zoning framework it creates.
- A favorable court ruling in the lawsuit would restore the Town Board's ability to adjust zoning rules at STAMP, as it does throughout the rest of the Town.