

As a nearby resident who shares the road for Liberty Classical Academy's future proposed entrance to their expansion project, I am greatly concerned with the size and scope of the school's project. We have had to band together as neighbors to voice our concerns to several entities as many of us did not become aware of the project's intentions to expand. I am not being in agreement with several factors of this project including concerns about traffic, concerns of pollutants to our rural area, and the fact that the school's intentions to have a multi-building campus within agricultural/rural residential zoning that do not fit the characteristics of the area nor are supported by city infrastructure that would be typical of these size campuses. We ask that you listen to our concerns regarding the wastewater treatment facility as other entities have agreed with concerns but determined it was outside of their scope of control for review.

The design of the Wastewater Treatment Facility is higher capacity than what is necessary to support the capacity of the Phase I building and should be limited to the relative size of the planned building, not to support future builds or projects that have not been applied for, reviewed, or approved of. It is not yet determine if any future phases could be approved at this time so larger builds should also not be allowable. The amount of waste that this size facility would process in a day is concerning for the Rural Residential and Agricultural Zoning areas that it is proposed to be on. I have great concern about the amount of pollutants and contaminants that could be introduced into the local area/Browns Creek Watershed District/Lower St. Croix River Watershed.

I've seen evidence from media sources of these large projects introduced to areas like Lake Elmo and White Bear Lake, that have had severe detrimental effects on their immediate areas which causes concern for the environment, waterways being affected, and quality of land. LCA has made their intent known in many newsletters and local meetings of building their entire campus as soon as they have funding and entity approvals. Each of these proposed phases should be strictly analyzed for safety and ongoing appropriateness and should not be combined with other phases or future build outs. The size campus expansion that LCA intends should not be supported for approvals due to needing well water and septic systems. This project would be better supported through a city-like infrastructure.

I am asking for your expertise in analyzing accurate septic size capacity based on phase 1 capacity only due to my previously mentioned concerns as well as ensuring my area and environment is protected from unnecessary growth. If you find any faults within this permit regarding protections that are within your control, it should be denied.