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RE: Liberty Classical Academy Wastewater permit

I am writing today with deep concern about the Wastewater Permit for Liberty Classical Academy's expansion.

I relocated to May Township due to its tranquility, health benefits, and quality of life, as well as for their comprehensive plan that excluded commercial development. I was looking for a place with clean air, abundant wildlife, and safe drinking water from natural sources. Having access to safe, natural drinking water is important, and currently, this is at risk.

List of concerns:

- 1.) The school plans to dig multiple wells because one well would exceed limits. However, it still exceeds standards on the same property. What is the logic?
 - a. Who covers the cost for residents to dig new wells when the aquifer becomes depleted? It is insufficient to merely dismiss this possibility and rely on optimism. After years of drought, this is a realistic scenario that requires careful consideration.
- 2.) The wastewater system they are proposing is massive.
 - a. Odors, noise, and airborne microorganisms are a concern for health and property values.
 - b. When the water quality is impacted, who pays residents to treat their water?
 - c. Minnesota's waterways are something you cannot find anywhere and are connected in a remarkable way. The effects on the water quality will travel farther than the neighborhood and impact many.
- 3.) Surface runoff/retention pond
 - a. Who will be responsible for removing and monitoring contamination? How will the removal safely be done?
- 4.) The future
 - a. This establishes a precedence. With the amount of available land, and demand for development, where does it end? Will May Township turn into one large septic drain field?

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

With respect,

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