

My name is Grant Ascheman.

I am a resident of rural Swift County, Minnesota. I am 28 years old and have lived here my entire life. My family farm lies 1 1/2 miles from Stevens County the county where the West River Dairy expansion is being permitted. I strongly support the expansion and the approval of its permitting.

Riverview has been and continues to be an excellent company in both Stevens and Swift counties. They are a great employer in these counties that continue to see populations declining. Providing good jobs in our local community.

As a farmer they have provided our family the opportunity to sell silage corn to them providing an alternative and local end user market for our crop. I have personally helped with harvest at 2 of Riverview's dairies in Stevens County and another in Swift County. Riverview goes above and beyond in regards to being good neighbors. During their harvest season they take great safety precautions, maintain dust control on gravel roads, and avoid their harvest equipment meeting on the road whenever possible. All at their expense to be neighborly.

Our family farm has also had the opportunity to purchase manure from Riverview to apply as fertilizer on our land. They are diligent in testing the nutrients in the soil and manure prior to application to assess appropriate application rates. This process maintains environmental excellence while providing our land with the necessary nutrients needed to raise great crops in Western MN. We have seen great benefits to our soil health from these manure applications and they will continue to be a benefit to our land into the future.

Riverview's sites are extremely clean and well maintained. They have maintained this excellence for decades in Stevens County.

I believe Riverview will not compromise on safety, the environment, or being good neighbors in this expansion. For those reasons I stand fully in support of the permitting of this expansion and believe it will be a great benefit to our community.

Sincerely,
Grant Ascheman