

My name is Kendall Waldbeser, and I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed West River Dairy expansion.

I have lived in close proximity to this project area for my entire life, and with the proposed expansion, my home will be located within approximately one-half mile of the dairy. Because of that, this project is very personal to me and my family.

I have also been connected to Riverview for many years and have had the opportunity to observe their operations firsthand over time. Through that experience, I have seen the level of care, responsibility, and attention to detail that goes into how they manage their dairies.

From an environmental standpoint, I have a high level of confidence in Riverview's practices. I have personally observed their commitment to responsible manure management, including thoughtful application practices that support local crop production while protecting the land. I have also seen their approach to water management and conservation, as well as the steps they take to maintain clean and orderly sites.

Additionally, Riverview has demonstrated a strong commitment to being a good neighbor. This includes maintaining roads, managing traffic responsibly, and taking proactive measures such as using synthetic covers on manure lagoons to mitigate odor.

Just as important, I have paid close attention to the environmental review process for this project. It is clear to me that both the MPCA and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have conducted a thorough, rigorous, and exhaustive review. As someone who lives nearby and will be directly impacted, I am fully confident in the strength and integrity of this process.

Based on my lifelong proximity to this area, my firsthand knowledge of Riverview's operations, and my confidence in the review conducted by the MPCA and DNR, my family and I are completely comfortable with this project moving forward.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that the MPCA approve the West River Dairy expansion. I also believe the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) process has been comprehensive and sufficient, and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not necessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kendall Waldbeser