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I think this project is about more than Synnes Township. A dairy this size affect the markets for milk in all of Minnesota. Dairy is very important to my area of the state, our rolling pastures and fertile soils make it about perfect for dairy farming. This huge project is detrimental to the milk markets and will drive dairy out of my part of the state. It will without a doubt pollute the shallowest aquifier and surrouding streams. I also have a family member who lives in a valley 3 miles from a 2000 head dairy. There are many days they can't go outside as the stench is so strong, especially in the spring and fall when they apply slurry from the pits. I can't imagine how awful this operation stinks. It stinks this bad because it's completely unnatural way to raise animals. This dairy and it's feed suppliers will use huge farm equipment, which means bigger fields, and more erosion. They will farm more marginal lands intensively not because it makes economic sense, but just because it's more convenient for the larger equipment. That's what is happening around our area. Riverview Farms is not a farm, it is a corporate conglomerate.