

## Brenda Boever

To those who are listening,

Rural communities are struggling and fighting for their lives. It takes all of the individual family farms and those in small towns to work together to create a thriving community. Corporate farms have a different agenda. They hold the money and power and push out those who stand in their way. That's not what a good neighbor looks like.

We lived in Morris for over 40 years until just last year. I've seen the local economy change due to those who have this money and power. Main street Morris doesn't come close to resembling the thriving independent business community that we enjoyed in the 1980's and beyond. This corporate money has changed the local economy and has reduced the business climate to one that responds only to those associated with RiverView Dairy - those who have money and power. Sadly, Morris and Stevens County has become a one-note town. It's the primary reason we moved.

The environmental impact on this project is a potential disaster! The Pomme deTerre river shed isn't healthy now, and one "mishap" could be catastrophic. Please require an environmental impact study. This company has a record of not doing their "homework", then withdrawing projects when they are questioned.

Just because you "can" do something like build a giant dairy, doesn't make it a good idea. There are lots of communities like Morris that are struggling for their economic vitality. Corporations like RiverView are not people and they don't make community. Rural America needs neighbors they can count on.

Please stop this absurd project. Thanks for your consideration, Brenda Boever