

Devin Nohl

My name is Devin Nohl and I am a young farmer 24 years old and have been born and raised in Stevens County, just a few miles from the proposed dairy expansion. As an actual resident of this immediate area and being involved in the farming community, I have personally witnessed Riverview's commitment to supporting the local community, prioritizing employee safety, and building solid plans for environmentally sustainable operations. Their facilities have extremely clean standards and healthy animals.

As a farmer, I believe that more livestock like cows are good for the land, environment, and economy. For example, when I grow a corn crop, the corn can be used locally to feed cows instead of having to truck it to a different destination. Then, instead of having to purchase synthetic commercial fertilizer from overseas, I can use all natural dairy manure from just down the road to fertilize next years crop. On our farm we have seen significant improvements in our soil health by using dairy manure instead of synthetic commercial fertilizer. All manure from the animals is collected and stored until an appropriate time to apply it in the fall. Riverview uses some of the most advanced methods and equipment available to carefully apply this manure to farmers fields and mitigate any pollution or runoff. Many people may not realize that Riverview works hand in hand with their neighbors, big and small, to grow feed, harvest, and apply manure.

As for ground water, we have seen no concerns with water supply in this area, neither do I personally know anyone in this area that is concerned about running out of water. We are fortunate to live in a place in the world with abundant water resources and productive crop land. From what I have observed, Riverview, along with other local farmers, is committed to stewardship and sustainability of the land and these resources while providing healthy and affordable food for anyone who eats.