

Earth day Earth day

To whom this may concern.

I'm writing in opposition of this expansion at this site and all other sites owned by Riverview.

To be fair to everyone I think EIS needs to be done there and at all their other sites. If riverview is the company they say they are and many of their supporters claim they are. They should have no problem doing EIS.

Riverview is a huge environmental concern and a huge concern to our local communities.

Riverview is like a locust if they can't expand at west river they will move onto a different site they own.

I have saw comments from school boards saying they are welcoming this west river expansion. Ok so question here what do all these H2A/ people here on a work visa actually do for the schools and local communities and economy? Besides absolutely nothing!

It's the process of limitation when 1 of these riverview dairy sites is built in an area. Riverview doesn't wanna work with a bunch of smaller farmers. They wanna work with 1-2 farming operations that control the vast majority of the acres in that area. So begins the decline to our schools, our small towns and small town businesses and our rural area in a 5-7 mile radius of that site. When 1 of these sites is built in an area it's pretty much the death of that area because nobody wants to live to close to them sites and hardly no one can farm in that area in anymore but 1-2 guys who will over pay to buy and rent any amount of ground from 80 acres to 800 acres to have sowed up for the dairy. There is several farming operations in them areas that would love to grow their farming operations and bring in the next generation but can't compete land wise anymore against the guys that are heavily involved with the riverview dairy sites.

Just think if it wasn't for them riverview dairy's and their need to have all this ground for they dairy and their need to have all this foreign labor weather working at the dairy or all this foreign labor need for the guys that are heavily involved in the dairy's to farm all them acres. There could be a lot more local guys that are from generational farms that would be able to farm more or able to farm full time and our communities would be a lot better off instead of having 1-2 individuals and all their foreign labor trying to control it all.

Let that sink in!

I have noticed the area west of Willmar, MN has become a hotspot for riverview. There is 6 of them in 25 mile and east and west stretch and 6 miles north and south. That area was once really lively and peaceful but has become very stagnant because of riverview. Any ground that moves in that area that wasn't associated with the dairy's there as far as being used to grow feed on or put manure on will be and it's all going to select few individuals who are heavily involved with riverview. They have done absolutely nothing for that area but make a select few guys extremely big acre wise and drive out a lot of younger people and generational farms. Pretty soon that area will be a huge environmental risk if it is not already a huge environmental risk.

They had a manure spill at one of them sites in that area in the fall of 2024 that they cleaned up

before they reported it to the MPCA. They claim it was 50,000 gallons of mainly water. 50,000 gallons of mainly doesn't cover an area of 60 plus acres and crust 1.5ft deep in a field and go into 2 separate drainage ditches a quarter mile apart.

For all the Riverview employees and guys that are heavily involved in Riverview (sold them land to build sites, manure pumping, grow a lot feed and very involved with the chopping) your comments should have little credit to them. What is good for you guys has been never been good for the neighborhood, neighbors and communities. It's only been good for your bottom line and your checkbook.

I have saw comments from people that it gives a younger person a chance come back home and farm. On what? Driving truck for someone with no advancement ever besides being a truck driver or a farm hand. People that wanna farm they would rather own and rent land themselves instead of being a truck driver and chopper operator for the extremely big Riverview farmer. Pretty much death of a dream when one of these dairy sites is built to any younger people and generational farmers.

If Riverview can keep expanding at an alarming rate there will nothing left to our rural areas and our natural resources will be gone and same with our communities.

I think it's time to put a stop them before it's all to late.

If they are the company they say they are and same with all their supporters they should have no problem doing an EIS. I think it would be ill fated if an EIS is not done.

It seems if you speak out against Riverview and their supporters you get a target put on your back and a bounty on your farming operation and all sorts other non stop harassment from Riverview and their supporters.