

Connie Benson

My name is Connie Benson. I am a retired teacher living in Wheaton, MN. I am writing this letter in support of Riverview Dairy and I see the benefit this dairy has made in our community. First of all, enrollment in our schools was in decline before the dairy and since the dairy has come to the area it has since stabilized. Now approximately 3-4 students in a class have parents who are employed by the dairy. That alone helps our schools financially and secures employment for our teachers. The employees who have moved into the area very respectful and hard workers. They buy and rent homes, support our businesses, and use our medical facilities. They also support our local churches. They are very much apart of our community.

Riverview has also contributed to several projects in our community. I will list a few:

- 1.Youth baseball summer field improvements
- 2.Resurfacing of our high school parking lot
- 3.Repairs of city duck monument

I'm also friends of a family that lives by the Riverview owned dairy by Dumont, MN. They often remark about how good neighbors the dairy is. In summer when gravel roads are dusty, they keep them watered down to prevent dust, there is little to no odor, and at a good price they can sell their corn and alfalfa to the dairy. They can also provide a good fertilizer for their land if the farmers wish. I'm also a good family friend of a young man employed by Riverview. I have heard many good comments of how well their employees are treated.

So, as I can see, Riverview Dairy is nothing but a win for western Minnesota. Therefore, I am in full support of this Riverview project and no EIS is needed.

Sincerely,
Connie Benson