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Housing this many dairy cows in one area would produce a very large amount of manure. If not carefully managed, manure runoff will contaminate nearby groundwater, rivers, and lakes with nitrogen and phosphorus. Along with its environmental impacts large dairy operations can also reduce quality of life in the surrounding areas. Manure produces strong odors and release gases that affect local air quality. The expansion will increase truck traffic, noise, and other disturbances in the community. This project will harm the environment and reduce the quality of life of Steven's County residents. The residents that you are expecting to sacrifice their quality of life will have no control over how noise and manure are managed, nor will they benefit from this expansion.