

Brian Lacey

Letter of support for Riverview Dairy Expansion

*West River Dairy Expansion

My name is Brian Lacey. My farm is in Lawrence Township/Grant County since the 1960's. My farm location is 7.9 miles from the North Ottawa Dairy. I have been able to watch Riverview Dairy at its Morris, Campbell and North Ottawa Dairies' locations for many years.

From my farm site location where I have been able to see how the dairy is managed. The site is very well maintained and the facility is run in a very professional manner. Truck traffic has been handled responsibly, and local roads are kept in very good condition. As for my wells and drinking water, I haven't noticed any changes. I do have my well tested every so often over the years. Riverview has maintained open and professional communication with our community and surrounding area.

North Ottawa Dairy plays an important role in the local economy by providing steady employment opportunities. I recognize that Riverview Dairies are a vital part of our community (and area) and that the awareness is reflected in how the facility is maintained and operated. Also, as a local farmer, I do recognize the major impact to my neighbor's local farm commodity sales. With the dairy purchasing my neighbors' crops of shelled corn, silage and alfalfa it is a huge impact because they can keep their crops local. No major shipping cost. The Dairy also helps provide the local farmer with an agronomist, who helps with healthy farming practices to the environment and the local communities.

Based on my experiences as neighbors and farmer, I support the Riverview expansion and believe it will continue to reflect the same level of care and professionalism. The Dairy supports local farmers, jobs, and businesses.

For these reasons, we support the expansion.

Sincerely,

Brian Lacey