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As a resident of Morris and a person who loves to utilize outdoor public spaces for recreation activities, I am concerned by the amount of waste this change would produce. The nutrient load from manure on the lands surrounding the facility will likely be disproportionate, with closer locations receiving more inputs than locations farther away, as a function of transport cost and equipment abilities. I am concerned that public water bodies will be impacted, affecting fishing, boating, and wildlife observation opportunities in the vicinity. Many of the lakes in the area are already known to be relatively shallow, and green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms are often encountered in the summer months. These blooms are detrimental to fish health and to the health of birds that use these lakes for breeding and migration sites. The health of humans and pets can also be affected by these blooms, if severe enough. Adding more nutrients to the landscape with increased manure supplies under this proposal will negatively affect the surrounding waterways and the wildlife and people that utilize them for survival and leisure.