From:	Amanda Landwehr
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	19-LFSRB-01
Date:	Friday, May 10, 2019 3:42:52 PM

I live at 2025 Heritage Road. I fully support Ledgeview Farms. I grew up in the city and now currently live across the street from a dairy farm. I believe farming is one of the most important jobs in the World because they feed everybody! And I believe the town of Ledgeview forgets that. The town of Ledgeview cares more about development then they do about people and their livelihood. Ledgeview Farms has been around for generations and are trying to follow the rules but the town is making it impossible by making these ordinances. Please support Ledgeview Farms. They are a hardworking family who are attempting to follow the DNR rules to help keep people safe but instead the town is making it impossible for them to put in a manure pit for the runoff to keep the town safer.

Sincerely, Amanda Pansier

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

For DATCP consideration,

Wanted to take this opportunity to bring to light something less observed but known, and granted this email may have no effect on the decisions or outcomes of upcoming concessions, it needs to be restated that for awhile now urban communities have been seeking ways to farm in inner cities, many urban children lack good nourishment or the knowledge of where their food comes from, and the word community is sought after but rarely understood... farming and the urban lifestyle need each other.

The concern, given the number of farms that surround the Town of Ledgeview, one can only wonder how long will it be before they are no longer able to do their jobs or to grow and produce food for their neighbors due to housing development.

With all the current and developing agricultural regulations in place, even those with seemingly impossible restrictions and untimely deadlines for the monetarily restricted, family-owned farm - Ledgeview Farms has gracefully accepted and complied with each demand, perhaps just as some others farms have in a similar situation.

A farm, like Ledgeview Farms, has proven to not only be a fine producer but a respectable business that cares to work with towns, businesses and governments for a cleaner, healthier environment. They respect the need for clean water, not just for human consumption, but because their livestock rely on it.

Clean air, or rather the pollution that surrounds us, is not the fault of farming alone- or even one industry or organization but a collection of their activities.

DATCP was designed to work with all citizens to grow the economy... while this mission continues its support to aid these businesses and organizations to produce a better environment there is also an opportunity for these organizations and businesses to support one another.

There is a great need for farms, not just in rural communities, but urban ones as well – Wisconsin knows this, and so the support must be on-going with new methods and research to provide quality products with valuable data... Ledgeview Farms has not only helped gather this data but has given Wisconsin the opportunity to improve in quality distribution. By supporting missions - Wisconsin, Ledgeview Farms and especially towns like the Town of Ledgeview, need to unify to learn even more and to improve.

The Town of Ledgeview has used its power of influence; both politically and socially to not support farming in its community for local or isolated gains (i.e. residential property development). Instead of working with all of the members in its community, it has chooses to isolate many of its members that support farming and/or what farming brings together – community, acts of kindness, an

unselfish giving to help others, etc... values and traits that many people rely on in times of need; traits that our children can observe and partake. Farming is not just about the burden of manure storage/pits, water run-off and the smell of what cows provide to fertilize natural growth – but that is what farming and farms are being reduced to. Farmers know the land and what it provides, they know the importance of clean air, and as for clean water – they will fight hard to protect that as well. There has never been more concern by one industry for the quality of our land, water and air.

Even as many farmers become adversely effected by the growing residential neighborhood developments – especially as they watch houses being built and their lands becoming flooded and contaminated with pesticides and foreign fertilizers, they watch with an understanding and perspective and still do what is needed and what must be done to reverse the land effects and any potential damage, especially damage to the soil and water - effects many residents would not or cannot identify.

Without question, processes are required to ensure our society remains healthy, and farming is about community and they are the first to understand the importance of keeping families strong. Continuing the necessary processes and requirements used in CAFO farming in this community is a perfect fit – both entities have the same interests in mind... clean air and clean water. It would be a benefit to both to help Wisconsin remain Americas "Favorite" Dairy Land and to better understand how urban and rural communities have found a way to co-exist with pride in the residential/agricultural community.

Please accept this email as an attempt to support local farms, its farmers and in particular, Ledgeview Farms in De Pere, WI.

Thank you for your consideration,

Angela M Milan

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<u>itingBoard</u>
nt No. 19-LFSRB-01
lay 10, 2019 7:48:12 PM

Hi my name is Damian Bott and I support Ledgeview Farms! I support the farming community and the expansion of Ledgeview Farms.

Thank you, Damian Bott 920-327-8079 I Frank Kiley support Ledgeview Farms in their expansion and the farming cammunity. Frank Kiley 2757 Dutchman Rd Green Bay, Wl. 54311

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My name is Glen Pansier. I live at 2294 Dollar Road De Pere, WI 54115. I am a life long dairy farmer of Ledgeview Farms. It is a shame that a few people moving out into the country subdivisions (Town of Ledgeview) can have that big of an influence to change ordinances to stop the expansion of our farm from ever expanding or passing it to another generation. The town clearly has no idea what it take to be a farmer. It is sad enough that the income for a farmer is minute compared to the hours. We have a passion to grow and flourish, even though there are 3 farm going out of business every single day in the state of Wisconsin. To think the town can try to run someone out of business just because they see dollar signs on houses compared to farm fields. The town thinks it's ok not play by the rules. We recently got our CAFO permit from the Wiscosin DNR, we're playing by the rules but clearly the Town of Ledgeview is not. The town can not even follow its own ordinances which they have in place! We unfortunately walk around with a target on our back due to what this town has done. We not only have the town coming on our property without a legal search warrant with have the townpeople coming on our property threatening us. It is a real shame, that the Town is not following the State of Wisconsin Laws.

Glen Pansier

From:	Holly Schlag
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	19-LFSRB-01
Date:	Friday, May 10, 2019 3:28:46 PM
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To Whom it May Concern:

I currently live 1.4 miles from the proposed manure storage site. I completely support Ledgeview Farms, LLC to build their necessary manure storage site to be in compliance with the DNR recommendations. The DNR has rules and recommendations in place to protect the general population and have proven test results. The Pansier family is attempting to make it right and follow the rules they are required to by government personnel.

The Pansier Family has been at this location for generations, they open their property to hunters, bee hives, donate to local non-profit companies, etc. They are good neighbors and they are trying to follow the rules that are in place by the DNR and other federal agencies. The truth is a homeowner should do their homework prior to purchasing land. A farmer doesn't have to get permission from their neighbor to grow, just like a doctor, wouldn't ask their neighbor permission to add patients. Many of the residents that have issues with the proposed manure storage site are unaware that there is already a manure storage site very close to this proposed site. The Pansier family respects their neighbors to keep the smell down and be respectful to others, as well as keeping their neighbors safe.

I was at several meetings that occurred since August 2017 that have occurred between Ledgeview Farms, LLC and the Town of Ledgeview. I have never witnessed such unlawful direct attack towards a business. There were several occurrences that members of the town board stated, "How can we stop the Pansier's." A law shouldn't be allowed to stop one business. The Town President even stated, "I wouldn't let this in my back yard." The Town of Ledgeview only supported the opposing viewpoint for this manure storage site and never once looked at options to support it. The very few recommendations they had were not applicable, for example; build your manure storage facility in Kaukauna. The obviously had no idea that this option is not obtainable. There were many direct attacks from the Town of Ledgeview to Ledgeview Farms LLC.

There was no problem until recently. The Town of Ledgeview stated Ledgeview Farms, LLC. Didn't have a permit for their pit built in 2015? I feel it would be the Town of Ledgeview's position to stop the production of the pit if they thought it needed a permit. There is no record of this; there was no issue with Ledgeview Farms, LLC. until they saw test holes on the potential site. There was a horrific family accident in July 2015, where one of the owners was in a coma for several weeks. The community came together to build the manure storage pit and supported the farm and again no one from the Town of Ledgeview stopped this production.

I trust our DNR and our professionals at the state level to make this right for today's society and the hard working farmer and great citizens of Wisconsin. We need farmers and if we have restrictions that would put them out of business, it would hurt more than a family, it hurts the economy, community and our morals of what is right!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Holly Schlag 920-619-0834 Holly.schlag@claritycare.org

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My name is Jane Pansier, 2294 Dollar Road De Pere, WI 54115. I have watched what this farm has become and what the Town of Ledgeview has done throughout this whole process. This farm was here before the town expanded. The Town of Ledgeview should have had zoning ordinances in place when it came to allowing farming and houses to co-mingle. There is a house not even 25 feet off of the property line, when in fact the Towns own set back is more than 25 feet. Ledgeview Farms recently obtained it's CAFO permit from the Wisconsin DNR. They are trying to continue farming, even though the state of Wisconsin is losing 3 farms per day. Ledgeview farms is meeting the requirements set in front of them from the state. My understanding of what is happening to them is that the Town of Ledgeview can not even follow the states statutes when it comes to issuing permits. The Town of Ledgeview makes it's own rules and thinks that they are invincible. Recently, the Town of Ledgeview recieved a fine for a million dollars from the Wisconsin DNR because of their invincible mentality. The Town of Ledgeview thought that they could come on to Ledgeview Farms property with a search warrant which had no legality to try and find any flaws, which they don't have. The townspeople in Ledgeview think that it's ok for them to go to Ledgeview Farms and make threats against the owners which isn't right either. I am totally for the farmer, people don't understand that if they weren't around they would not eat. I think what the Town of Ledgeview is doing to Ledgeview Farms is injust. They recently singled out Ledgeview Farms, took land out of the farmland preservation act and turned it to rural residential so the farm can not expand. When asked why Ledgeview Farms is the only farm they took out of farmland preservation they didn't have an answer. I am ashamed that I live in Ledgeview and they think that they have the authority to do whatever they want, including trying to ruin someone's livelihood.

Jane Pansier

From:	Jason Pansier
То:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	Document no19 Lfsrb.01
Date:	Friday, May 10, 2019 12:43:19 PM

I support ledgview farms cafo iam a 4 th generation farmer simply trying to put a manure pit in last time we went there you said get your cafo we did put the pit 350 feet away we did this simply ridiculous to try and farm .the farms are required to follow rules yet towns continue to break them threaten us make it in possible to farm the only way farming is ever going to continue in Wisconsin is towns need too be held accountable otherwise farms will continue to leave this state. My grandfather fought in world war 2 to make this country free only to see a town run us off the land and make a mockery of the laws you created. Iam asking to please make it so farms can exist in our state before thousands of more cattle leave our state. Only because people that don't understand farming complain about something that won't ever hurt them thank you Jason Pansier

From:	Jeff Pansier
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	19-LFSRB-01
Date:	Friday, May 10, 2019 3:47:08 PM

I live at 2025 Heritage Road, DePere, WI. I completely support Ledgeview Farms, LLC to build their necessary manure storage site to be in compliance with the DNR recommendations. The DNR has rules and recommendations in place to protect the general population and have proven test results. The Pansier family is attempting to make it right and follow the rules they are required to by government personnel.

They are good neighbors and they are trying to follow the rules that are in place by the DNR and other federal agencies. Many of the residents that have issues with the proposed manure storage site are unaware that there is already a manure storage site very close to this proposed site. The Pansier family respects their neighbors to keep the smell down and be respectful to others, as well as keeping their neighbors safe. I believe this have a lot to do with not being comfortable with farms and not understanding them, they don't understand what country is. In 2015 Ledgeview Farms put in a large manure pit near the main farm as well as 2 of the 3 owners homes. If the owners thought this was a health hazard, would they build it next to their own homes and expose to their families? They own 1,000 acres in the community, however they chose to build near the proposed manure site. This distance from the proposed manure pit to the owners home is closer than the members opposing this manure site.

I was at several meetings that occurred since August 2017 that have occurred between Ledgeview Farms, LLC and the Town of Ledgeview. I have never witnessed such unlawful direct attack towards a business. There were several occurrences that members of the town board stated, "How can we stop the Pansier's." A law shouldn't be allowed to stop one business. The Town President even stated, "I wouldn't let this in my back yard." The Town of Ledgeview only supported the opposing viewpoint for this manure storage site and never once looked at options to support it. The very few recommendations they had were not applicable, for example; build your manure storage facility in Kaukauna. The obviously had no idea that this option is not obtainable. There were many direct attacks from the Town of Ledgeview to Ledgeview Farms LLC. The town continue to find every tactic to degrade the owners and the farm.

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jeff Pansier 920-680-2601

From:	Lee Adams
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	Ledgeview Farms, LLC Livestock Siting Board Appeal Comment
Date:	Monday, May 6, 2019 8:26:37 AM

Please deny the Ledgeview Farms appeal for the proposed wastewater management system that was denied by the Town of Ledgeview.

- Ledgeview Town ordinance states that states manure pits must be 1,320 feet or more away from residences. The proposed pit greatly violates this ordinance it would be within 270 feet from the nearest residence and almost as close to several additional residences.
- In 2008, WDWR staff documented that Ledgeview Farms met the definition of a CAFO, but they **never had obtained a WPDES permit**.
- On Feb 19, 2009, the WDNR issued Ledgeview Farms a <u>Notice of Violation</u> for failure to obtain WPDES permit for a CAFO.
- The USEPA documented unauthorized discharged of manure and process wastewater on April 18, 2013 and again on April 9, 2015 into a nearby tributary. **USEPA cited several violations of the Clean Water Act** even if the farm was operating under a WPDES permit.
- In 2013, **USEPA cited Ledgeview Farms** for again exceeding 1,000 animal units on site and for not applying for, nor receiving WPDES or WDNR permits.
- On September 26, 2013, USEPA issued an administrative Order to Ledgeview Farms for its facilities. As part of this Order, Ledgeview Farms was required to submit to EPA a Permit Compliance Plan by December 27, 2013. On March 13, 2014, USEPA notified Ledgeview Farms by letter that EPA had not received the Permit Compliance Plan.
- Ledgeview Farms constructed a 5M gallon waste storage facility in 2015 <u>without approval</u> of the WDNR or local (Town of Ledgeview) permits. Application for permits were still not submitted as of September 2017.
- On November 29, 2016, USEPA informed Ledgeview Farms of their intent to file a <u>Civil Administrative</u> <u>Complaint for violations of the Clean Water Act</u>.
- On several occasions, Ledgeview Farms knowingly grew their herd size but did not take any steps to ensure compliance with state or federal requirements.
- The 13M gallon manure pit that is proposed in their application would be located 270 feet from the Lime Kiln Road right-of-way. The setback requirement for the Town of Ledgeview is 1,320 feet. *In addition, the current setback minimum listed for Siting Rules for ATCP 51 is 350 feet with a proposed recommendation under consideration of a setback of 1,400 feet.*
- Ledgeview Farms has not proposed installing a permanent cover for the proposed facility to reduce or eliminate order impacts to neighborhood residences.
- Ledgeview Farms owns hundreds of acres within one mile of its current location that is in a much less populated area and appears to be able to meet setback requirements. The Town of Ledgeview has suggested alternative solutions to the farm directly, with no response.
- In a recent study which focused on ground water quality in Kewaunee County (**immediately after several private wells were contaminated with E.coli, which resulted in a lawsuit**) by Dr. Mark Borchardt- USDA Agricultural Researcher, his team found an association between animal waste storage facilities (manure lagoons) and the presence of coliform bacteria and nitrates in the drinking water. Furthermore, they concluded there is a significant likelihood- far greater than the state-wide average of high nitrated and fecal coliforms with dangerous densities within 2,500 feet of a waste storage facility.

Lee Adams 611 Marble Rock Circle Green Bay, WI 54311

Lee Adams 920.366.9920 lee.adams82@gmail.com To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards Ledgeview Farms. As a close neighbor I am in support of the farming community and expansion Of Ledgeview Farms.

Thank You, Matt Koenig

From:	Nancy Maternoski
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	Ledgeview Farms
Date:	Friday, May 10, 2019 10:08:59 PM

I support Ledgeview Farms, the entire farming community and their expansion. Sent from my iPhone

From:	Randy Kaster
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	Ledgeview Farms
Date:	Friday, May 10, 2019 7:51:33 PM

I Randy Kaster stand with Ledgeview Farms and our farming community in favor of Ledgeview Farms expansion. Randy Kaster

3844 Sunnyview rd De Pere,Wi.5;115Sent from my iPhone

From:	Riklar
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Cc:	Denise Larscheid
Subject:	Docket# 19-LFSRB-01
Date:	Sunday, May 5, 2019 5:06:04 PM

As a homeowner within a mile of the proposed site I would ask that it be **<u>denied</u>** based the terrible smell created to the point we can't even be outside in our yard with the current size of the facility.

In addition their history of not following rules to protect the environment as well as their neighbors speaks for itself.

Sincerely Concerned neighbor Richard and Denise Larscheid 4045 Half Crown Run DePere, WI 54115 TO DATCP Siting Board,

What this town is trying to do to one business is dividing what was a loving community. Many people that moved in as well as some from Beachmont Road wave to us, which is a good sign we are not hurting this community by following laws, both DNR and State of Wisconsin has in place. All we ask is to allow 4th Generation to farm in the community.

Respectfully,

Ledgeview Farms Owner's Roy and Joan Pansier I support Ledgeview Farms

Sent from my iPhone

From:	william smits
To:	DATCP SitingBoard; DATCPSitiingBoard@Wisconsin.gov
Subject:	Docket NO. 19-LFSRB.01
Date:	Tuesday, May 7, 2019 2:08:31 PM

I William G Smits support Ledgeview Farms LLC and the farming community, and support their future expansion.

William G Smits 1966 Hawthorne Heights De Pere WI.54115