From: Allison Kaufman
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Comments regarding Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 4:54:18 PM

Attention members of the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board,

We live at 3433 Meadow Sound Drive, De Pere WI 54115 and we are writing to request that you deny Ledgeview Farms appeal, specifically docket number 18-LFSRB-02.

We purchased our home in May 2016 and we were well aware of the neighboring Ledgeview Farm. In fact, the proximity to farming land was a selling point for us. However, it was not a CAFO at the time and it didn't apply for a permit to become a CAFO until nearly 19 months later. Had it been a CAFO when we were looking at area real estate, we certainly wouldn't have considered buying within 2 miles of it. We will address these concerns as they relate to the issues stated in the appeal.

Issue 1: The Town incorrectly applied the state standards when it determined that the proposed manure storage facility violates the state law setback.

- This issue is incorrect. While the waste storage facility proposed at the Heifer site is *indicated* to be set back 350-feet from the Lime Kiln Road right of way to comply with the regulations of ATCP 51, the proposed facility, as illustrated, is only 270-feet from the Lime Kiln Road right of way. (It's not surprising that the farm says one thing to appear to be compliance, but actually does something completely different and noncompliant. This is at the root of our concern of their proposed expansion.) Additionally, a new forestall heifer barn is illustrated on the plan and appears to have a setback of 40 feet off of the Lime Kiln Road right of way, while ATCP 51 requires a 100-foot setback from the right of way.

Issue 2: The Town violated Wis Stat 93.90(3) when it denied the application based on an unenforceable setback requirement.

- This issue is also incorrect. ATCP 51 says that if a political subdivision wants to adopt a more stringent standard than the standards provided in ATCP 51, it must: (1) adopt the standard by ordinance before an applicant files the application for approval, and (2) base the standard on reasonable and scientifically defensible findings of fact that clearly show that the requirement is necessary to protect public health or safety.
    - First of all, the town adopted the standard by ordinance in the summer of 2017 which was BEFORE the farm's December 2017 application.
    - Secondly, the decision is based on scientifically defensible findings of fact that clearly show that the requirement is necessary to protect public health AND safety.
        - DATCP's 2009 Final Report on the Dairy and Livestock Odor and Air Emission Project was cited in the Town's findings as part of the siting ordinance. This report investigated the air impacts of different manure management practices on typical large animal feeding operations and ultimately recommended that manure storage facilities be sited as far from neighbors as possible. The report stated that odors are far less noticeable at 800 feet than they are at 400 feet, specifically. The report also concluded

that installing an impermeable cover would significantly reduce concentrations of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide in the area and significantly reduce the impact to neighbors, but the farm has not proposed installing a cover of this nature.

- The town also consulted with USDA Agricultural Researcher Dr. Mark Borchardt and Geology Professor Dr. Maureen Muldoon about the geology and topography and how animal waste can endanger ground water. The researchers found that there is a significant likelihood - far great than the statewide average - of high nitrates and coliforms (eg. E coli) within 2500 feet of a waste storage facility. The rate doesn't fall below the state average until the distance exceeds 5000 feet, but the town code only requires a distance of 1320 feet. In 2009, correspondence between BCSWC and WDNR indicated that upon digging three 19-foot test holes at the Heifer Site, two were filled completely with water the next morning. Additionally seven test holes were dug at the Headquarters Site and bedrock contact was made at each hole within 5 feet of the surface. This confirms that Ledgeview Farms sites have high groundwater and shallow soil to bedrock, putting the sites at significant risk for contamination.

Issue 4: The Town violated Wis. State 93.90(3) when it denied the application based on Ledgeview Farm's alleged past noncompliance.

- This issue is also erroneous. The attorneys for the farm claim that this is for "proposed new and expanded facilities" and that past and existing operations shouldn't be related. However, the proposal is only a formality for the farm. They're already operating as a CAFO even though they have yet to receive permits or approval. Had they received the proper permits and/or been identified as a CAFO, we (homeowners and the Town of Ledgeview) would have had a better idea of the scale of their operations AND all of their compliance issues and the town could have even helped protect the farm from neighboring land use. Instead, the farm's secrecy and noncompliance has resulted in extensive development at its borders. We certainly would not have purchased our home had we known that the farm was already so large, non compliant and planning on getting so much larger.

As requested, I have not included any new evidence or arguments in these points and I only addressed the issues in the appeal. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Allison and Eric Kaufman

LIVESTOCK FACILITY SITING REVIEW BOARD
c/o Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
2811 Agriculture Drive, PO Box 8911
Madison, WI53708-8911
Ledgeview Farms, LLC ^ REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF A
Aggrieved Person(s) DECISION REGARDING AN
v. APPLICATION FOR LOCAL
APPROVAL
Town of Ledgeview
City, Village, Town, or County Docket No.
Notice is hereby given that Ledgeview Farms, LLC ("Aggrieved Person") hereby requests review of the decision of the following political subdivision:
NAME: Town of Ledgeview
CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE or COUNTY (please circle)
COUNTY WHERE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IS LOCATED: Brown County
ADDRESS: 3700 Dickinson Road, De Pere, WI 54115
regarding the application of local approval submitted by the following applicant:
NAME: Ledgeview Farms, LLC
ADDRESS: 3870 Dickinson Road, De Pere, WI 54115

Name(s) of Aggrieved Person(s): Jason Pansier, Ledgeview Farms, LLC
Signature(s) of Aggrieved Person(s): J&A&A
Address: 3870 Dickinson Road, De Pere, Wl 54115
Telephone: (920) 655-3875

LIVESTOCK FACILITY SITING REVIEW BOARD
LEDGEVIEW FARMS, LLC
3870 Dickinson Road
De Pere, WI 54115,
v. Docket No.
TOWN OF LEDGEVIEW
3700 Dickinson Road
De Pere, WI 54115.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES
Ledgeview Farms, LLC seeks review of the Town of Ledgeview's denial of a livestock facility siting permit.

APPEAL REVIEWEE BACKGROUND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Name: Michael G. Tesar
Address: 3505 Lime Kiln Rd.
Green Bay, WI. 54311
Interest: Adjoining home and land owner, approximately 74 acres.
Professional Credentials: Registered Control Systems Professional Engineer – WI.
Professional Experience: 40 yrs, Industrial Process, Electrical, Process Control and Safety Systems Engineering, Operations, Maintenance, and Reliability.

Disclaimer: Proffered personal opinion is nonprofessionally presented and a non-stamped document submitted as a private person.

ISSUES FOR REBUTTAL

Issue 1: The Town incorrectly applied the state standards when it determined that the proposed manure storage facility violates the state-law setback requirement.
Wis. Admin. Code §§ ATCP 51.12(1)—(2) provide a setback requirement of 350 feet for manure storage facilities. As shown in the plans submitted with its application, Ledgeview Farms' proposed manure storage facility is set back at least 355 feet on all sides. The Town, however, denied the application on the grounds that the proposed manure storage facility does not satisfy the setback requirement. This was error.

1. Issue 1 Rebuttal:

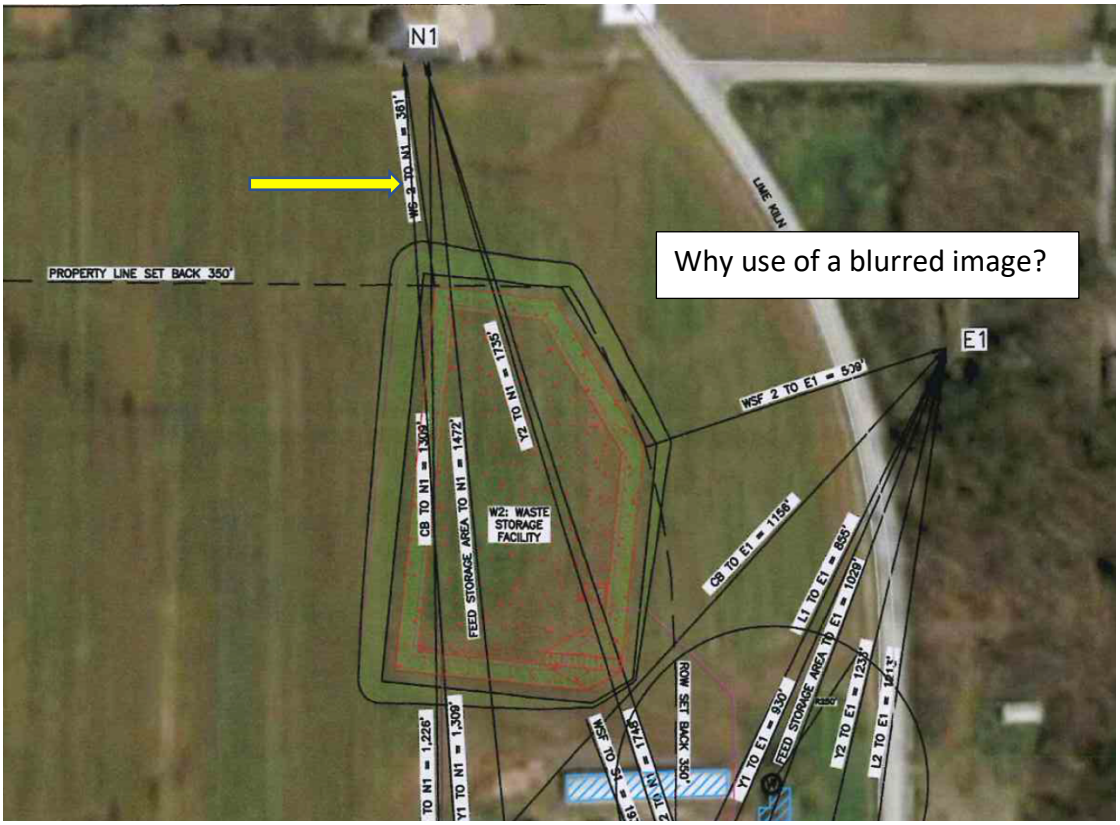
Proposed Application is riddled with inconsistencies and misrepresents actual conditions by use of dated aerial photos, plat maps, and inconsistent and unverifiable measurements with regard to setback depiction. Diagrams showing distances are provided but not supported with a drawing size / scale representation. In one diagram, the home immediately to the north is depicted within 300' and on another exhibit is shown just outside the 350' setback requirement with an icon of a home and not on an actual current and detailed aerial view which was clearly available via open to public aerial photography sources such as Google Earth. Standard Application format is 8.5" x 11" and drawing scaling states 1" = 300', using an engineering scale, one inch places the 350' setback nearly on the south property line of Mike McCarthy's property. With this a unique and contentious location, how could jurisdictional entities attempt to verify the distances with the stated closest residence being 361' from the containment system, a measurement well within the margin of error.

From the position of technical review, glaring inconsistencies of this nature cast doubt to the validity of the entire document. Distance calculations are not taken perpendicularly square to the structures but rather using the hypotenuse (longer) measurement of the triangular location to increase setback distance. This is evident in calculating the setback from the closest home (361') due north of the containment area. Another curious anomaly is how the setback perimeter has an inflection or deviation away from the area of the home without a similar corresponding feature on the proposed containment area and the use of old blurred images? Reference Exhibit 2 below.

Basis for Opinion:

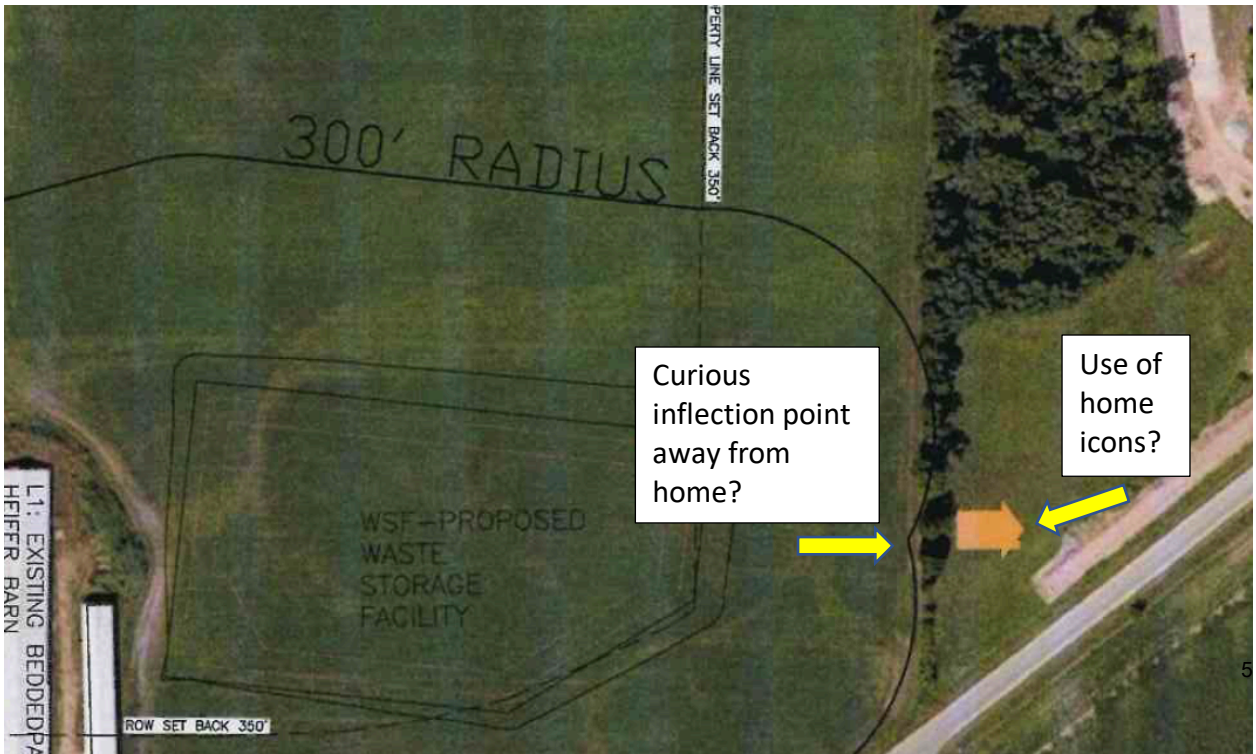
1. Proximity and physical location of 5.5 acre, ~15MM gallon manure storage facility to Public Subdivision.
    a. 361' North and uphill from closest residence. Distance based on Roach application Drawing, Nearest Neighbor Site Plan Sheet 1. Exhibit 1 below:

EXHIBIT 1



b. ~300' North and uphill from closest residence. Distance based on Roach application Drawing, Ledgeview Farm LLC Cluster B – Heifer Facility Brown County, Wisconsin, Sheet 22. Residence shown as home icon on aerial with Beachmont not constructed yet. 300' perimeter line inflection away from home in location of current home. Exhibit 2 & 3 below:

EXHIBIT 2



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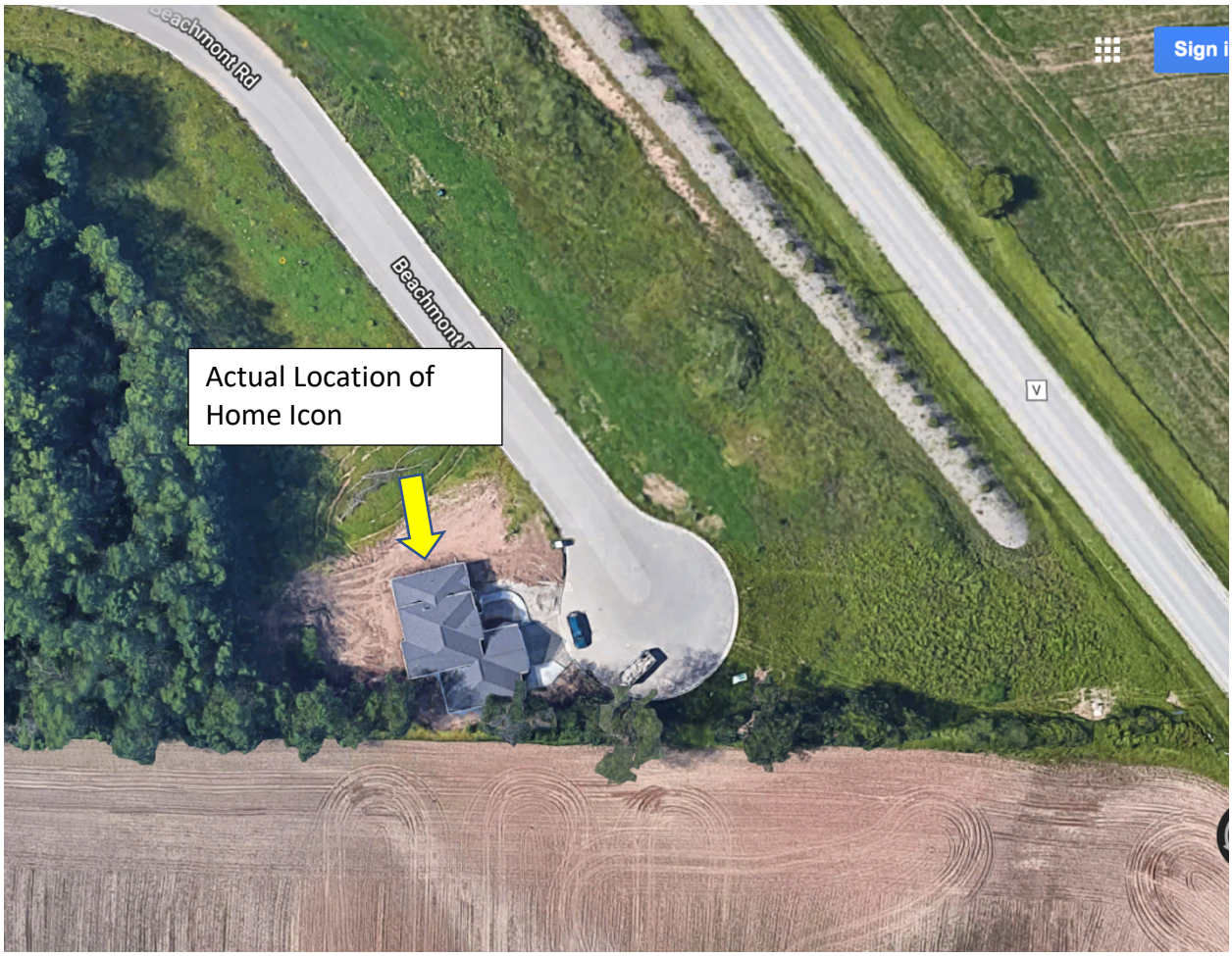


c. 350' Property Setback shown extending west and north into Beachmont residences on Roach application Drawing, Ledgeview Farm LLC Cluster B – Heifer Facility Brown County, Wisconsin, Sheet 23.
d. 509' Due west of our residence. Distance based on Roach application Drawing, Nearest Neighbor Site Plan Sheet 1.
e. Manure storage area located directly uphill from Beachmont Neighborhood.

Issue 2: The Town violated Wis. Stat. § 93.90(3) when it denied the application based on an unenforceable setback requirement.
The Town's ordinances purport to impose a setback requirement for manure storage facilities of 1,320 feet. Town Ord. §§ 135-85(D), 135-226(B)(2). The Town denied the application because the proposed manure storage facility does not meet this setback requirement. Doing so violated state law, however, because the Town's setback requirement is preempted and unenforceable.
Wisconsin law establishes a statewide regulatory framework governing livestock facility siting. Wis. Stat. § 93.90. Under § 93.90, political subdivisions can enact ordinances relating to livestock facility siting, but those ordinances must be consistent with state law. Inconsistent local standards are preempted. Adams v. State Livestock Facilities Siting Review Bd., 2012 WI 85, flf 40-52, 342 Wis. 2d 444, 820 N.W.2d 404.
Sections of the Wisconsin Administrative Code implement Wis. Stat. § 93.90. See Wis. Admin.

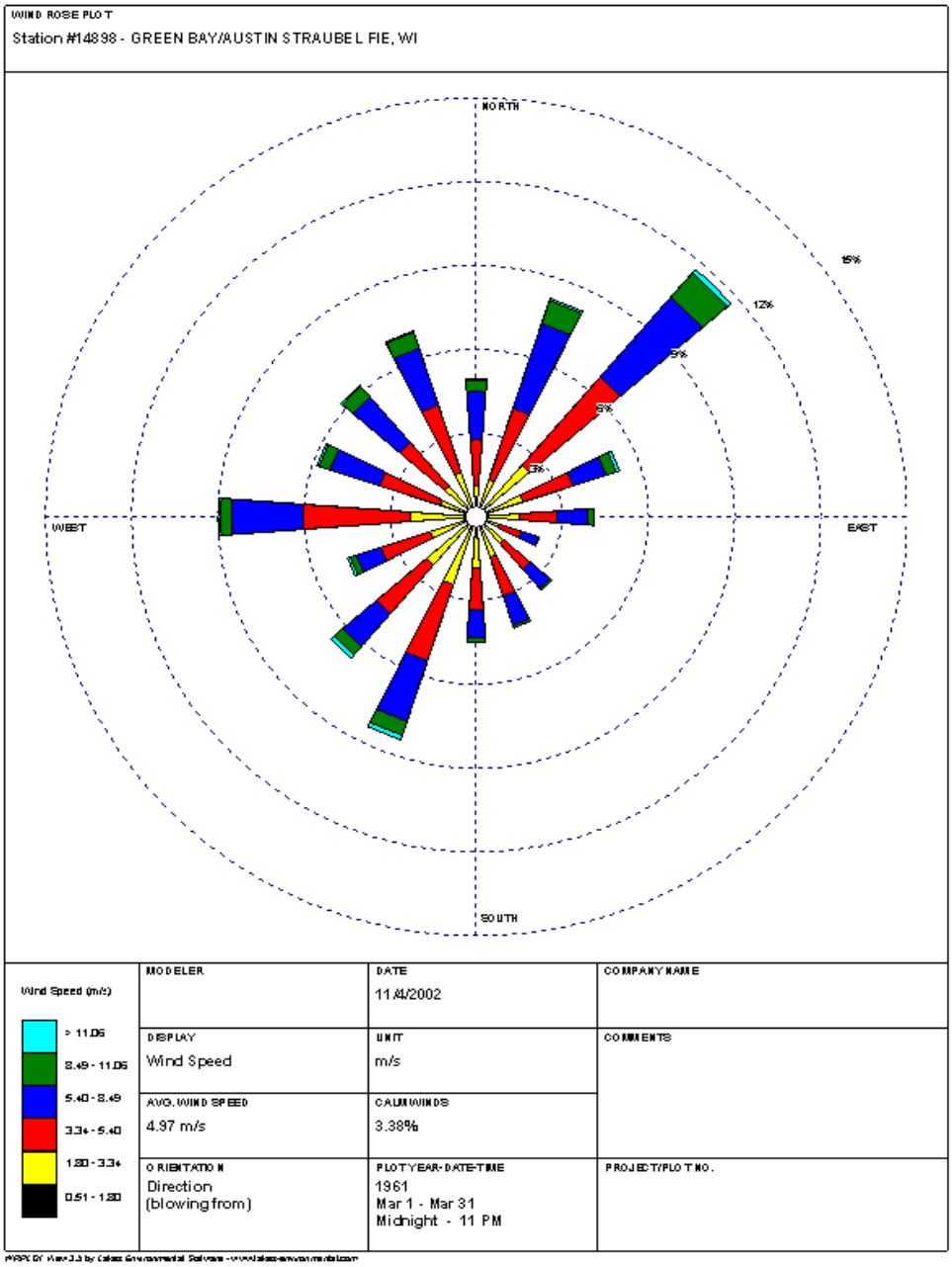
Code eh. ATCP 51. If a political subdivision wants to adopt a more stringent standard than the standards provided in chapter ATCP 51, it must: (1) adopt the standard by ordinance before an applicant files the application for approval, and (2) base the standard on reasonable and scientifically defensible findings of fact that clearly show that the requirement is necessary to protect public health or safety. Wis. Stat. § 93.90(3)(ar); Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 51.10(3); Adams, 2012 WI 85, 54-59.

2. Issue 2 Rebuttal:

Wis. Admin. Code §§ ATCP 51.12(1)—(2), 350' setback is not based on physical science but rather political science and compromise with the State Law makers and ag lobby groups. The physical scientific laws in this situation are governed by the density of materials and gravity. A doctoral thesis is not requisite to determine that placement of 15MM gallons of manure and the emissions of Hydrogen Sulfide (H_2S), all materials with densities greater (heavier) than air, vertically higher than the adjoining residential subdivision and with prevailing winds from the south and west (upwind-based on Austin Straubel wind rose, Exhibit 4) is an issue for Public Health and Safety. This elementary scientific fact should be immediately obvious to and raise concern for any jurisdictional entity in reviewing the siting and placement of such a structure considering the local conditions of the proposed site.

No Risk Assessment Analysis (RAA) or Process Safety Analysis (PSA) is provided in the subject application to justify, validate, or provide basis for design of said manure storage facility, overflow management system, process control and safety system, and emergency response plan to address or mitigate the high degree of risk in approving the location of this facility. The failure of a jurisdictional entity to not consider and address this scientifically and blatantly obvious situation demonstrates sheer negligence and malfeasance with regard to upholding paramount the Health and Safety of the Public which is a principle and core Canon for all professional and public service positions and departments.

EXHIBIT 4



Recommendation of Livestock Siting Facility Board advisory council for ¼ mile or 1320' setback requirement, perhaps the scientific basis for this measurement can be used to buttress and substantiate the Town of Ledgeview's adoption of this setback distance.

Additional requirement by WIDNR for secondary containment structure to address concern over spill impacting adjoining subdivision as summarized with the following appeal document

quotation: " On May 3, 2018, WDNR approved the facility, conditioned on the addition of an emergency overflow. The overflow can be installed as maintenance, and no plans or specifications are required."

> Per EPA **§ 264.175 (3) Containment.**
>
> (3) The containment system must have sufficient capacity to contain 10% of the volume of containers or the volume of the largest container, which-ever is greater. Containers that do not contain free liquids need not be considered in this determination;

Based on this requirement, emergency overflow (secondary containment structure) shall be designed to store 15MM gal as the largest container is 15MM gallons in this situation. From an containment freeboard height perspective, EPA states use of 25yr rainfall event or 110% of containment total volume. For the purpose of discussion, regardless of the calculated freeboard, the secondary containment area will be within the 350' setback requirement. Due to this site's unique conditions and nearly all other applications being located remote from higher density residential development, there is no regulatory statute addressing this situation and it becomes an ethical situation. Particularly troubling is the WIDNR permit stipulates no design parameters for the pit and passes off addressing the secondary containment area to a maintenance function to be determined by the CAFO operator.

> "First, and most problematically, neither the findings nor the proffered support for those findings relates to local conditions in the Town suggesting that more stringent standards are needed. "

This statement cavalierly states that the local condition is the standard situation for siting of a manure storage facility, which it clearly is not. In question are how many are located uphill and 361' from a residential neighborhood and is this a reason for concern? Evidence of concern by WIDNR that the local condition is not routine is the requirement of an emergency overflow, ie secondary containment system is warranted in this situation. Current application is gravity feed system with no means to stop (isolation valving) the flow of material in the event of an overflow situation.

Summary of Discussion:

1. The State Statutes address common broad guidelines for regulation. Public health and safety are mentioned but left to interpretation by the application review, examination, and approval bodies.
2. Setbacks: The State Statute setbacks stipulated are based on political science, not physical science. Requiring the aggrieved to support contrary setback measurements with scientific calculations and data is not possible without comparison to the existing science calculations and data supporting the current 350' setback requirements.
3. Upholding Professional Code of Ethics with consideration to upholding public health and safety as the paramount Canon to guide the review and approval process as pertains to all professional and public office holders. This is clearly a unique and risky situation and until a RAA or PSA study can be completed and vetted against the current application, no

decision should be granted until the results are verified and accounted for in the design of the system. Approval for, assumes responsibility for decisions.

4. A CAFO is a milk production plant, not a farm. A successful operator works with the jurisdictional authorities before starting projects and plans expansion to minimize exposure to residential areas as an industry best practice recommendation, the aggrieved applicant disregarded town planning and zoning in place before the start of expansion and made a poor business decision to expand on the northern most perimeter of its operations adjoining a rapidly developing residential subdivision. Without incorporation of a RAA and PSA performed to drive the engineering of containment system, what are the assurances that safe operation of a system by an operator with zero industrial plant experience and demonstrated high risk tolerance nearly killing himself, can successfully operate and maintain a system of this size so close to a residential neighborhood? How was the CAFO allowed to construct the first manure pit without installation by a qualified excavator? The current siting laws do not address these considerations and the jurisdictional entities monitoring it are ineffective, dysfunctional with regards to enforcement, and instead supplant opportunities for proactive solutions with reactionary negative and perhaps devastating repercussions. There have been a number of WIDNR and EPA missteps in this process that could have stopped the expansion before proven results.
5. Application lacks presentation and discussion of alternatives to justify the current design. The CAFO owns at least a linear mile of property immediately south of the milking operations and away from residential development, this was not considered.
6. Position of Neighbors: No intention of Township residents to shutdown ag operations or anti agricultural stance. Only request is to have the CAFO, WIDNR, and DATCP to work with this community to consider other options to this situation as there are many and members of the community have offered free assistance.
7. Location of a plant in a residential environment typically requires additional safety and engineering controls as a condition for operational permitting. The current CAFO or AG State Laws do not address this unique situation as nearly all of these structures are located far enough away from a residential subdivision and by design by the best operations, but all the NRCS, DATCP, DNR guidelines leave room for additional measures. I have first-hand experience working on the control systems for the Weise Brothers Farm in Greenleaf on their manure combustion to power operation. Again, special situations require special considerations and solutions. The best figure it out but the applicant has struggled for nearly 10 yrs. to get it and hasn't demonstrated the ability to comprehend the difference between a farm and a CAFO in making some sadly really poor decisions. Allowing this structure to be put in subjects the whole community and local economy to the questionable high-risk decision-making being demonstrated by this operation.
8. Please thoroughly review the "proffered" support documentation before making this important decision.

July 30, 2018
Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02

Dear Attorney Cheryl Daniels,

Timeline Ledgeview Farms w/notes. We have three families ownership and always did, with this town remembrance was Dad with two Sons, now the two Sons with next generation Son. Before your remembrence our Grandpa with his family. Four generations, with the fifth with interest.

Character of Town Staff, S. Burdette: 2013-wanted to use Eminent Domain to take our property for a road as land was purchased for this particular subdivision. Sarah Burdett was sent to Brown County Highway Department to bring back site distance for alternate road out to County Road V. Sarah Burdett did not bring back what person at Highway Department had told her. Joan Pansier talked to same person at Highway Department brought back his word that it was better to take Lot 9 and come out with a road, where the sight for traffic is better than near a curve. The town board then voted to not put road to Lime Kiln Road at all. Letter and minutes available.

April 18, 2013 EPA applied rules, no run off, including 100 % cattle in barn, and not facing outside with overhang.

2013 Heifer farm rain gutter applied and built catch-basin. Calf barn gutters applied.

April 2013-April 2014 Cut trees for wood for barn, and sawed into lumber, renting a portable saw mill.

2014 Received permits for entire projects barn, pit, main location and milking parlor by Town of Ledgeview building inspector Robert Gerbers, all at the same time; no permits were needed with town for pit because handled through Brown County LWC and DNR. Built free stall barn the size of three times a football field, 128 ft. x 800 ft. by owners only. The first pit went in between the barn and parlor because more important.

Manure Pit I- June-Nov 2015 Hardship building this pit, with Jason Pansier rolling tractor and less than 1% to be alive, there isn't a doubt in anyone's mind that this family did everything humanly possible and all the help we could get, including God's, to stay on schedule and accomplish as much as possible in a day. Three of the main operators, was gone from operation for 2 months. Book keeper and two operators, and Jason coming back as fast as he possibly could after getting home; starting Jan. 2016. Doctors would say if he was normal, 2 years before we be looking at walking. It was the worst accident, where someone lived. If you meet this man, you will know it has never been feeling for oneself. Just type in the name.

Friends and Family put the main farm pit in with DNR notified following regulations. Town even says lack of commination; when helicopters, police, fire, rescue, and community that always

have lived here doing the pit was on the news. Income lost because of owners not present is still trying to be recovered.

2016 Drain all milk house water in pit. Took care of all run off feed pad at main farm.

Manure Pit II
Application applied with DNR-Janunary 2017

2017 Made bunkers drain properly. Catch all water by calf barns, to haul to pit daily.

July 18, 2017 Public comment of people from sub division, but not on agenda. Town claimed no jurisdiction.

July 24, 2017 Brown County Land Consevation Subcommittee Meeting. Only come to them if want variance closer than the State of Wisconsin.

August 1, 2017 Town private meeting called by some of town people including Sarah Burdette, Phil Danen, Andy Schlag, Mike Muschinski, Heidi Martquez, Dustin Wolff. Phil Danen said would work with us and tell people laws are followed. Later, realizing we were used to stall us. Throughout all of these meetings town staff or board never directed any questions to our family about anything but practically thinking no trying to communicate, so certainly shows they wanted one thing; to get rid of Pansier's. This town tarnished our name.

No phone call, No letter, mail or email, in this week.

August 7, 2017 Town meeting one: On the agenda The proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 135, Article-General Provisions, Article X-AgFP-Farmland Preservation, and Article XXIV-Man Made Bodies of Water. People from subdivision were there to voice opinion. No notice sent to people involved. No meetings posted at I-43 shell as states on town web page through out any of the meetings listed, but says is posted there on page with agendas, even on todays meetings. (All town meeting notices are posted at the Ledgeview Town Office, Larry's Piggly Wiggly and the I-43 Shell). P. Danen stated the federal, state, and county are the source for action, the town has little to no jurisdiction on this issue. No influence whatsoever what we do, on the outcome. Joan Pansier talked to Richard Castelnuovo at DATCP; it was his understanding that the amendment Town of Ledgeview seeks to obtain ATCP requirements that a new manure storage be located 350 feet from property line.

August 16, 2017 town posted on town web site the town would like to thank residents for their continued input on the animal waste storage facility. We continue to gather facts and info in an attempt to address the situation as best we can. Town cannot say they were not consecrating one farm out.

August 22, 2017 Private meeting. People of subdivision asked for meeting with DNR at DNR office-EPA on screen. People asked DNR to send letter to EPA to extend time so could come up with solution.

August 22, 2017 Town Meeting Two: Public comments very brief. Tell you what we found out we can do, change set back to 1320 feet from property line, that is what we are going to do. Board never discussed odor score, water table, or health and safety. Rehearsed meeting, no people, no news media present like last meeting. Very obvious, residents that were at DNR in the afternoon knew, at this point the result. It was very obvious both private meetings were to stall us and use us to change an ordinance, forcing us to fight for what we worked our whole life to not allow people to stop our livelihood. A town can destroy in one year what a farmer worked his whole life to build. Amount of setback was not posted earlier on web page of intention and certainly wasn't discussed at meeting. August 23, 2017 Joan Pansier asked both A. Beyer and S. Burdett for all information at meeting. They both signed sheet two different times in the day, nothing but agenda. No slide was presented at meeting. Board approved August 22, 2017 minutes claims was online with maps. This was intentionally changed by staff. There was not anything anywhere else on web page about proposed setback, but simple proposed ordinance amendment under old business, addresses building and use restrictions, incorporates livestock facilities siting law requirements and addresses animal waste storage facilities as a conditional use. Andy Schlag was asked just prior to this meeting what they are discussing, and he said we will find out together, they already refusing to give Andy information. It continued Andy was not receiving packets other board members and chairman received from here forward. Not posted at I-43 Shell. Recordings and pictures available. Voted 4 yes, 1 no to change ordinance to 1320 feet from property line, nothing discussed this also consists of many more items changed in ordinance like building setback from road. Knowing this will take all of our land to wasted weeds. Knowing at this time using us to stall us so ordinance will be changed before application is approved at DNR. At this meeting there was slipping of Pansier's name, by P. Danen, and S. Burdette says cannot say a name. Certainly changed ordinance directed at farm because of application filed with DNR under this farm's name. P. Danen claimed DATCP is in the process of changing its administrative rules that will address situations such as this manure pit. Based on these changes to DATCP administrative rules it was determined that the town could impose greater setbacks than originally thought. These rules have not been adopted by DATCP to this date of this letter, July 30, 2018. No slide was shown of impact of storage facility or buildings setbacks, as minutes claim. P. Danen discussed made change because of development that has occurred around the site in question. This is a result of poor town development. P. Danen claim setback change takes away the states requirement to police those pits making them self-enforcing. No discussion what that meant. Partically, no discussion on any odor score, water score, or health or safety. Once the ordinance amendment is approved and published, it will go into effect. As Andy Schlag stated but this was not put in minutes, we have never passed an ordinance this quickly. Andy said we cannot remove farms from Ledgeview. There was not three meetings or readings on this ordinance change. Oct. 2, listed newly adopted ordinances by the town board.

November 21, 2017 Town of Ledgeview come to revise their ordinance adopted August 22, 2017 because they did not use the wording Health and Safety. Town claims talked about just did not put in ordinance. This is totally not true. Town did not have any fact of truth. Town was told if they exceed the regulation of DATCP ATCP51 regulations and standards created by town it must be based scientifically findings of fact which are adopted and incorporated. They put in minutes all that you wanted to hear, after the fact. Ledgeview Farms do not have minutes we can change. This meeting was so unjust and unlawful by S. Burdette and P. Danen talking esoterically after making unreasonable barriors . Ledgeview Farms attended every meeting, not once did any staff or board ask us a question, where a developer they would ask what do you want.

December 6, 2017 Livestock Siting Application handed to Town of Ledgeview and signed by Charlotte Nelson per John Roach.

January 2, 18 , & Feb. 20, 18 meeting town board went into closed session. Never discussed with us. P. Danen did have board make motion all voting rights will go to him, for decisions on this topic. Mar 14, 18 update on future agenda items, review town board decisions. Nothing in minutes.

All applications approved by County and DNR as proposed.

Twice Roach and Associates brought full application to town, and many times since requesting partial more information to make their decision. Dec. 28 asked for electronic as well. Each time stating not complete costing us for an engineer and attorney to look at, and as engineer stated they have already. Town Staff/Town Chairman did not meet deadlines as lawful with livestock siting law Feb. 5 submission, was due on or before Feb. 19 2018, instead of the 14 day completeness letter to applicant town set letter stating they need more time which came on Feb. 16, 2018. Feb. 26 Att. McLeod left town know of their refusal to act in good faith to comply with the Siting Law. Mar. 9, 18 Att. Wishart sent letter to Att. McLeod stating town requesting more remaining technical items for completeness. Mar. 16, 2018 Roach and Associations, sent information and pictures to town again. Mar. 20, 2018 town meeting, S. Burdette stated there was a conversation with Ledgeview Farms Attorney, pertaining to Conditional Use Permit; a timeline needs to be established as to the town's approval process. April 6, 2018 town requested additional information. April 12, 2018 Roach and Assciates sent information that town just doesn't understand or doing on purpose to waste much money. April 17, 2018 Jeff Pansier Son of Roy Pansier, read at Ledgeview annual meeting Town of Green Bay-permits agriculture operation found when you open their website. He said Town of Green Bay is growing too, but knows the importance of Wisconsin Farms. Jeff was lied to stating didn't use additional lawyer, letters from lawyer to lawyer is an additional lawyer. April 20, 2018 Ledgeview Farms got the completeness determination from town.

2018 Ramps overflow drain in manure pit upper site. Runoff control measure for feed pads and made all yards drain properly. To dig temporary pit for leachate.

Information: It continued Andy Schlag was not receiving packets other board members and chairman received. It was evident because Andy voted no to 1320 set back and changes to buildings, he was no longer wanted on board by P. Danen, S. Burdette, or D. Wolff. Election came up and P. Danen convinced Attorney friend and his cousin to run Andy out of a job. Farms needs not be ruled by towns that are just out numbered, verses justice. P. Danen claims most of Ledgeview is in farmland, we don't want to get rid of farms. Then P. Danen does not understand what the DNR is telling us to do, or trying in a lawful way to get rid of just this farm.

Town of Ledgeview put illegal bonds on applications Ledgeview Farms filed with town also saying we have to start over as to depopulate. See Att. Mc Leod. Again asking this farm to do the inpossible.

Applications approved by DNR and Brown County Land and Conservation.

May 16, 2018 Zoning and Planning Meeting-Informational John Roach. Zoning and planning heard hearing but were told by town attorney or/and administrator, or/and chairman not going to do normal procedure as take recommendations to town board. Like P. Danen said it wouldn't matter. Or also, maybe some of this board would have an opinion to keep farms in Wisconsin. Zoning boards has its own understanding, do their own research, seek cause for assistance as to what is state law and what is unreasonable.

May 29, 2018 Public Hearing Dustin Wolff spoke for the first time. We heard at meeting for the first time of main Pit had not gotten a grading permit from town, so this is not in compliance of three years. We have not received letter or a call before or to this day. Dustin Wolff saying ordinance change now we are in violation and have to follow new regulations on barn distance that is already standing. The other noted D. Wolff is calling violations is a schedule by EPA and DNR working our way to zero run off and making farm 100% compliant, which cannot be done as quickly as many expects. At this time, with all of our effort the heifer farm pit is the last of the list to have accomplished this. D. Wolff even claims because we are Farmland Preservation or Exclusive Ag they can put more restrictions on us, which town never understood Farmland preservation is to protect the Wisconsin Farmers. You cannot put unreasonable restrictions on a farm operator certified in Ag district. Wisconsin Farmers need to have towns not allowed to make rules that they know nothing about.

June 4, 2018 Public comment and Att. McLeod present, who presented Ledgeview Farms presentation, stating town is to follow the laws and sit as an impartial judge. When board were to discuss, it was certain board had mind made up, as well when drove in parking lot. Not many people from subdivision bothered being there. Same as Aug. 22, 2017, just a rehearsed meeting. Peltier just spoke to deny. P. Danen claims town doesn't want to get rid of farming. P. Danen said there is an issue with non-compliance without proper permitting. P. Danen said copy of decision will be sent to Ledgeview Farms tomorrow. Second time we heard about violations, because town can't find anything else to stop a manure storage facility. Manure is a main part of a farm. Manure pits are a legitimate part of a farm operation. You can't make it impossible to build one, while agencies are making sure it is built the correct way. The town

faults on their obligations. You have farms in your town you have to provide, same as fire protection. You cannot make an ordinance that farm cannot maintain. This town is blocking us from NCRS rules and causing us to pollute. They should be responsible if anything happens spreading this way. We are working with all agencies and at this time have to do temporary work because town is stalling us. Town was hesitate of giving permit for this as well. This all cost time and money. The purpose of manure pit is to protect the people during winter months when spreading is not allowed. There is nothing about health and safety that is all approved by County and DNR. Ledgeview farms engineer has all the odor scores and DNR has all the water testing for this location. Att. McLeod requested all records related to the town board decision. Not sure at the time of this letter if ever received. Ledgeview farms has to trust Att. McLeod knows our rights and is following laws in place according to all agencies. Ledgeview farms certainly cannot trust a town that has used us to stall us in order to put an ordinance through and we start over. These meetings are such repeats, only town is changing their wording to match what DATCP wants to hear.

The State's siting law was enacted in 2004 to regulate livestock facility siting for this reason that has cost this farm much (town should know law) expense. Ledgeview Farms does not have a choice but ask another board to look at this town is putting us through. We asked DBA John Holevoet and Fam Bureau Steve Boe, that we are members of, to look that a town can destroy any successful farm. It costs us so much each month to fight for what we worked so hard all of our life. We are asking to be reimbursed by this town for what this unnecessary, had to get law firm, and regulations has costed us. We are paying a heavy price during the process in place. This town doesn't want to hear it because they don't care. It is pain enduring. We certainly have a right to farm. There is no property that we own or in Ledgeview that allows 1320 feet setback from a house. The town created problems by not putting a setback more than 10 feet from subdivision parcel lot line connected to agriculture. Not all people on Beachmont Road, where most of the complaints are coming from are against this farm, for when taking off hay crops many waved as well. After town sided with people that town calls up-scale neighborhood we did not hear of any more private meetings. This town is preventing us from doing what we have to do to not pollute and follow NRCS and DNR laws. This town is preventing us from building feed pad that is needed and stopping us from making decisions for tomorrow. A farm is 24/7 to maintain, it cannot sit in limbo. Members of this farm and children not on farm are all part of fire dept. for this same community. That is who we are. Farms are able to take care of beautifying exterior if town wouldn't be stealing from us and taking advantage of tax payers money. There are many businesses live off of farms, in which they too feel impact when we are forced off of our property. Many businesses wrote into town, but this town staff and board will not listen. Seems real strange one of the biggest talkers at meetings against this is a CEO of company selling panels to dairy farms as well. Same people that are complaining didn't know there is a manure pit being used for three years on this farm. They too don't want farm to be gone. Ledgeview farms are quick in hauling and working in so the odor is minimum. Linda Borley is directly under this pit and she has no issues with it. Linda was at June 4, meeting stating pit is in her backyard and shook a farmers hand when purchased her property, but that was not put in minutes. Person to right of pit already there bought house in 2016 at valve wanted and has no complaints. People directly across

from barn three times the length of a football field has no complaints. Business on the corner serving food has no complaints. There were no complaints of people of this farm prior to drilling test holes for additional pit. After all of this expense barn, pit and parlor where is it lawful to stop now? These were all steps becoming in compliance with run off laws. These projects are not small tasks and cannot be done overnight, but this farm is working diligently to accomplish zero runoff. There is no health or safety issues with main farm storage facility and wouldn't be any with the heifer site either following laws that are in place. This farm is working closely with agencies on a schedule. Manure pits are nothing new for agriculture and are found to be the safest way to handle manure in the winter in Wisconsin. This livestock siting board is allowing another board to look at honestly, where this farm never had a two sided look at by this town. Town of Ledgeview is telling us we cannot put manure pit where DNR, County and State is telling us we can by the rules that are already created, we are just abiding by. Other places we tried didn't work with the DNR's perk test. This location we are approved by all of the regulations by the DNR and the County following the livestock siting law, DNR and NRCS laws, which are all for no run off and no polluting. The state only gets involved when towns causes this with people on the board that is far removed from farming and wants to rule a farm out of business. Town of Ledgeview staff and board does not have legitimate reason not to have approved. They made a setback that is impossible to place manure storage facility on any property in Ledgeview. Town staff and board should, of the least know, with a business already in the town, zoned AG-FP or exclusive Ag they can't make ordinances that is impossible to follow. We did have an application already in with DNR but wasn't yet approved when they changed the ordinance. This town staff and board are saying quit farming now, because DNR is making us have a 180 day manure storage for animals, as they approved along with the county in this location. The laws that are in place with the state livestock siting board was created because of staff and boards like this that gain up with out-numbering people verses farm members and say time to get off your land. All farms operate in the same way we are, eventually EPA will have checked all farms. There will not be any farms in WI if the regulations are so restrictive by taking away from daily operations to exist. We cannot have towns making ordinance on top of ordinance to stop what they don't want. We are paying a heavy price. Jason Pansier has applied for the task force this year to help Wisconsin Farms survive, but they had enough participation. In 2008 WI had 13,962 dairy herds and by May 2018 there were only 8,595. With towns causing another hardship there will be zero. Production costs rise and price goes low and we are watching markets slip away. We need to work each day with confidence and certainly while producing safe and wholesome food or a growing world. Our civilization could die if we don't save agriculture, it is not anything to overlook, www.agdaily.com/features.

Thank You for being just for Wisconsin Farmers.

Ledgeview Farms
Roy Pansier, (Joan)
Jason Pansier, Son of Roy
Glen Pansier

From: Jason Pansier
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Ledgview farms
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 7:35:53 AM

Hi my name is Jason pansier iam a 5th generation farmer we are only trying to follow dnr rules and catch all legate the reason we grow is natural growth from are farm nothing special just try to the best you can to raise calfs the reason its were it is because dnr said that were it will pass soil tests were not trying to start trouble just run a family farm I lost 3 joints in my leg in farm accident iam a hemipelvec the dr call it in 2015 other wise we built all our barns our selves I have nothing to hide look my name up farming is hard enough now were wasting all kinds of money with engineering and lawyers just to follow state standards not even sure y we got dragged through mud this far hope you can help us out went through enough last few years just want to continue family farm

From: Jason Pansier
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Ledgview farms
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 8:16:40 AM

Jason pansier were spending alot of money on engineers and lawyers because of town changing ordinances to accommodate development and push farmers out all for a new subdivision around us please attach to last email

From: Aaron HEALY
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Regarding the Ledgeview Manure Pit
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:09:29 PM

To whom it may concern,
My name is Aaron Healy. I am a current resident of Ledgeview and live within 2 miles of the proposed manure pit site. 3825 Dickinson Road De Pere, WI 54115.

I ask that you take into consideration of allowing the construction of the manure pit. I witness first hand and what farming does to our economy. I drove concrete truck up until spring of 2018 and we were constantly delivering concrete to many farms throughout the area. The reason is because all farms are going through what Pansier's are currently going through. Being required to add a manure pit and expand in order to stay in business. Farming in today's world has changed dramatically, it's no longer the small mom and pop farms. Farming has evolved into a larger commercialized businesses. Just about everybody eats/drinks from dairy and a majority eat red meat from a cow, I say this because people today don't want to know where or how there food gets to the grocery store. People forget why we raise beef and milk cows.

The main reason I'm concerned about this is, if Pansier's are turned down, where do the small villages/towns stop? It may not sound like a big deal, but it truly is. Other town/villages may use Ledgeview as an example and turn down other farmers future plans. Before we know it, we've run the dairy industry in the ground or out of the country. Not only Wisconsin, but Ledgeview (as stated by Phil Danen at a previous Ledgeview town board meeting) takes pride in being majority of its land being agricultural. Well Phil Danen was full of bologna because he proved in the town board meeting just how much pride Ledgeview has in its agricultural businesses.

The Pansier's have had that family farm in Ledgeview longer than anybody else that has lived in that area. The Pansier family is also very active on the Ledgeview volunteer Fire Dept. With the whole manure pit controversy and people dragging their name through the mud, the Pansier's (all 5 of them) continue to consistently serve the town of Ledgeview by responding to fire calls.

Now for me, I'm an avid outdoorsman and deer hunter. I'm constantly around the manure pit at their facility up the road, and honestly the smell has never bothered me while out hunting. To be honest, when out bow hunting, I maybe smelled manure 2 or 3 days when they were pumping the pit but other than that I'm within 50 yards of the pit and I honestly don't smell anything with or without wind.

Again, I strongly encourage you to consider allowing the manure pit so this farm can do what they need to do in order to stay in business. Who are we to say a business can or can't expand/grow? Isn't that the whole point of a business? Thank you for your time, Aaron Healy

From: schlagconstruction@gmail.com
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket number 18- LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 8:39:57 PM

Attention Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 my name is Andy Schlag I am a neighbor of the Pansier family farm. I have grown up on a family farm and I know all to well the feeling of the community growing all around you until it all comes to a head and the community finally wins and creates enough rules that become to expensive to effectively make a living doing what you love to do. Our family farm went through some of the things that the Pansier family is going through and we had to quit farming. As you may or may not know when the town of Ledgeviews town board voted to change the rules so that Pansier could not fit a manure pit on any of the property located in the town of Ledgeview the vote was 4-1 I was the only town board member that voted against this rule change for two reasons. One I don't like to stop the growth of any business in the town of Ledgeview especially when the majority of the people that are fighting the growth have moved next to what they are fighting. Two when the town had knowledge that the farm was working with the WDNR and other state agencies to receive permits to construct this pit they changed the rules. After 8 years of being on the town board I was voted out of office due to my belief that the farm should be able to continue to expand. I ask you to take a look at this situation and please allow this family farm to continue with this expansion as all of my neighbors that I have talked to that-have lived in this area well before these subdivision started to pop up next to this farm are in favor of this business expansion. Thank you for your time on this matter Andy Schlag

Sent from my iPhone

From: Anne Laurent
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Ledgeview Manure Pit Issue: Docket #18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 5:21:58 PM

Good Afternoon,

I would like to write to express my views on the Ledgeview Farms manure pit that is up for consideration on Lime Kiln Rd in Ledgeview, WI.

My family (myself, husband, three little girls and a dog) live within a quarter mile of the proposed site, directly to the east at 2424 Copper Lane. We have lived here for five years.

When we bought this house, we knew we were surrounded by farmland. That was not, nor ever will be the issue. We have dealt with intermittent manure smells throughout the year for all five years we have been here. We have also been subjected to Ledgeview Farms spilling manure all over the roads, which negatively impact our cars, bikes, walks etc. Not once have we ever complained--mostly because that is part of living in the "country". We understand a lot of that is unavoidable and still chose to live here.

Now, when a farm talks about installing another massive manure pit--one very close to our house--that is something else to look at entirely. We knew we had a small to medium size farm in the area, and that was just fine. What we did not plan on, was a CAFO--and an illegal one at that.

One of the huge aspects that concerns my family is the Pansier's **lack of attention to the rules over the last 10 years**. I'm not sure why the DNR has not stepped in and enforced the laws broken (all of these have been addressed in public forum, so I will not go over them in detail again), but I hope that changes moving forward. If they chose to ignore the law in the past, what makes us believe they will be in accordance moving into the future--with twice as much cattle?

I am not convinced that if they put a manure pit in the proposed site, a site that is not supervised 24 hours a day, that is something goes wrong, it will be too little, too late in the aspect of spill damage.

I'd like to just make a few points that I want the board to remember to consider when reviewing this issue:

- *It seems as though the farm is not considering any other options.* They own large amounts of land further away from residential neighborhoods, but instead they are trying to place the manure pit as close as possible to the residential area to make a point. There are also other options to meet the waste requirements besides a manure pit that are not being considered. I'd implore you to consider having them *at least* look into those moving forward.

- Several years ago Ledgeview Farms told the DNR they were reducing their herd to 800. Instead, they **explicitly lied to the DNR** and built up their herd to almost **3000 cattle** without getting any permits. They also built a brand new barn without the proper permits and dug a large manure pit in a different area of the farm without any permits. This goes back to what I was referring to above (bad track record of the farm in question, etc).

- Because Ledgeview Farms has been lying to the DNR and town, the town kept their residential and zoning areas as planned and large neighborhoods with high value homes built up completely surrounding Ledgeview Farms. The lower farm (where the new pit is propose--and NO family member lives) looks just like any small family farm and was attractive to the neighborhoods. However, the **farm was adding additional cattle illegally beyond the CFAO limits** and never told the DNR, EPA, or the town of their plans. Now you have large neighborhoods of high value homes (close to, as well as over $1 million) living next to what they thought was a little family farm that now wants to turn their entire backyard into a large manure pit.

Both my husband and I grew up in Kewaunee County. Our parents still live out there. Clean water, land and manure pits have been the subject of intense discussion in the recent past. We have heard and been through it all.

I do not want the health of my children subjected to the Ledgeview Farms' poor rule following, horrid past neglect in many areas, and frankly, not honest way of doing business in possession in of such a large field of cattle and waste.

I am pro-agriculture, and I understand the need and want to grow and expand. However, I do not think that it should be granted to everyone. I feel the farms who gain that right should have a proven track record of clean, honest, violation free

business. I currently do NOT think the Pansier's Ledgeview Farms falls under that category.

Thank you for listening.

Anne & Steven Laurent
Lily (11), Aubrey (11), Zoey (11) and Ziggy the dog (7 months)
2424 Copper Lane
Green Bay, WI 54311

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to you regarding the proposed manure pit and increase in animal capacity for Ledgeview Farms referenced in Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02. We live approximately one-quarter mile away from the proposed site.

We purchased our home in December of 2016 and at that time we were aware of what we thought was a family farm operation just down the road. But what we weren't aware of was that this farm's animal count was not only more than twice the size it had been permitted for but also had unpermitted structures and in violation of state and federal regulations for many years.

We only learned of these violations when the proposed changes in operations to become a commercial farming operation/CAFO in our neighborhood became known. This neighborhood is full of beautiful homes, which is what made it so attractive to us. We are both in our early 60's and purchased this house as our retirement home. We worked hard for many years to be in the position to purchase such a nice home in what we thought was a lovely neighborhood only to find out soon after all of the issues of Ledgeview Farms. Needless to say we are very concerned about the value of our home being negatively affected as well. Had any of this been public knowledge during our search, we would never have purchased a property located so close.

A manure pit of this size not only comes with disgusting, offensive odors, but serious health risks as well including poisonous gases and ground water contamination.

Ledgeview Farms claims the Town of Ledgeview has been biased in their decision to not allow the permits requested. When in fact Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations for many years gave the Town every right to deny any permits. Based on their history it is certainly doubtful to us as well as others that they will ever be in compliance for future regulations at their current size, much less as a large CAFO operation.

Our understanding was there were two other sites proposed by the Town to locate the manure pit which would have been a much safer distance from neighboring homes. Why can't Ledgeview Farms consider those sites? And what is wrong with the Farm spreading out their operations to additional sites so they are farther away from residential areas.

We are asking you to review this request seriously. We've followed the rules --- please don't reward someone who has not.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration and hope you will consider the public health and safety of our families when you make your decisions.

Sincerely,
Mick Barron and Barb Gilling
2273 Fox Den Ct.
De Pere, WI 54115

From:	Beth Lemke
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	Docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Monday, July 30, 2018 10:53:32 AM

This message is from a concerned neighbor in regards to the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms to establish a manure pit(s) in our area.

We built in the area in 2001 for the rural environment, approximately 2 miles from this proposed site. We have come to accept and recognize the farming near us is part of our community and want them to continue to grow and be viable but not at the expense of their neighbors. The smells of dispersing dry manure in the fields surrounding us is 'bearable' but the smells associated with liquid manure are so offensive and toxic that they would decrease our quality of living immensely.

Just last year some liquid manure was spread in the fields near Costco and it was so chokingly bad, we needed to close our car windows and hold our breathe when passing through. Toxic indeed.

Please take into consideration not only the neighboring houses when making this decision but consider the past history and behaviors of this farm in following existing regulations. Do they have an impeccable history of compliance?

Thank you for your consideration of ruling against this proposal.

Beth Lemke and Denis Tilkens (children Sarah and Tom)
3987 Half Crown Run
De Pere, WI. 54115

From: Bob
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Friday, July 13, 2018 1:28:32 PM

We would like to comment on the Ledgeview Farms LLC permit hearing.

We live on Ledgeview and consequently have driven the roads around the farms for over 20 years.

We are not those who build a home in the country and then complain when we smell the farms which, in all fairness, were there first.

However, we do have concerns about approving such a huge increase in the amount of manure, based on the careless handling the farms have demonstrated to date. They haul the liquid manure to apply to their fields which, unfortunately are not all continuous so they are using public roads and highways to do it. We frequently have to drive through the spilled liquid manure on the roads. We have never seen any attempt by those responsible to clean it up. This creates a potential health hazard not just from being exposed to the manure, but we have seen near accidents on the roads because cars will swerve to avoid driving through it. We can only see this problem getting worse if they are allowed this huge expansion. In our minds, they have already demonstrated a lack of concern and respect for both the surrounding neighbors and their safety.

These are public roads they are using and fouling as if they are their own private ones.

They should be questioned on their hauling practices by the siting board on how the current volume of hauling trips will increase and how they are going to change their current procedures.

Thank you for your time.

Bob & Barbara LeCaire

From: Bob
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Re: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Friday, July 13, 2018 1:30:20 PM

Just a correction to our original note.

It should say we live IN Ledgeview on Whisper Lane

Thank you.

On 7/13/2018 1:28 PM, Bob wrote:
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From: Brooke Neville
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:18:01 PM

This note is to express my strong opposition to the proposed Manure pits by Ledgeview Farms LLC. My husband, 2 year old daughter, and I live on Beachmont Road, which is within 1 mile of the proposed pit site.

A few points:
-The farm has been in violation before (and still is) and doesn't have a good track record of being an ethical or positive business.
-Manure pits are dangerous and should not be located so close to homes and families, particularly with so many young children (over 20 children on my street alone).
-There are not enough protections in place to contain either a major storm (overflow) or damage to the facility.
-The compliance is "self-regulated" which is unacceptable in light of the past business practices of Ledgeview Farms, LLC.

While there are multiple concerns it really nets out to three main areas to me:

1) Environmental Standpoint
    a. Air pollution
        i. 10 Million gallons of standing manure will affect the quality of air in the surrounding community.
    b. Water pollution
        i. In close proximity to the farm there are water tributaries that start at Bower Creek which flows to the East River which in turn flows to the Fox River which in turn flows to the bay of Green Bay and ultimately to Lake Michigan. 10 million gallons of liquid manure, tributaries, Lake Michigan, sport fishing, drinking water.
2) Property Value Standpoint
    a. While all of us as residents understand that the farmer was on this land first none of us were aware of the potential of a large scale farming operation and the potential of a large manure pit being built there.
    b. The area affected happens to be residential subdivisions that have been built over the past 10 years or so. Most of that development has been in the past 5 years. There are additional subdivisions currently being built. All of the properties obviously support the tax base in Ledgeview as does the farm in question. Knowing this information in advance would have affected our choice of home sites had we known this when we built.
    c. The proposed manure pit will affect property values and will limit future developers from adding homes. It will reduce property values and the

growth of the town.

i. Yesterday I received a letter from Ledgeview informing me that my property value/taxes was going up based on reassessments that were completed last year. You can bet that as residents we will request a new reassessment if the proposed manure pit goes in. Maybe that's simply bad timing on the town's part but it is adding salt to the wound.

3) Health Standpoint

a. There are obvious concerns from a health and well-being standpoint. Many studies can be pointed to that detail the potential effects of a farm operation such as the one being proposed and the proximity to residential neighborhoods, especially with young children (over 20 children live on Beachmont Rd)

Thank you for your time in reading my concerns and my opposition.

Brooke Neville
P - 920-330-0114
F - 920-330-0128
office@nevillesales.com

From:	Carey Wickman
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	Docket number 18-LFSRB-02 - Ledgeview Farms Permit Hearing
Date:	Wednesday, July 11, 2018 9:17:15 AM

My home is located directly behind the Ledgeview Farm and many days the air quality is thick with manure stench. I am concerned that they want to increase their manure storage capacity.

It would not be good for our community.

The homes around the farm were inhabited knowing that the farm was there but did not bargain on the manure pit increasing in size. This could pose quite a threat to home values and quality of life for many in our area.

Please do not overturn the Board's decision to grant a permit for farm expansion to Pansier's farm.

Thank you,
Carey Wickman

From: Cathy Goehre
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Ledgeview Manure Pit Issue Docket #18 - LFSRB-02
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:01:53 AM

Good Morning,

I would like to write to express my views on the Ledgeview Farms manure pit that is up for consideration on Lime Kiln Rd in Ledgeview, WI.

My family (myself, husband, two little sons and a daughter) are currently building a home about a 1/2 mile from the proposed manure pit.

When we bought our lot, we knew we were surrounded by farmland. That was not an issue for us. My mom grew up on a dairy farm and so our family understands the importance of farms and the value that farms bring to Wisconsin. What I don't understand is how the manure pit is even still under consideration given all the rules that the Pansier farms has broken or not followed over the last 10 years.

My husband and I have been working very hard and saving money to build our dream home on the lot we purchased where our kids can grow and we can make many memories. We had heard some talk about the proposed manure pit but we thought that plan had fell through. We are now very concerned to hear that this manure pit may be built very close to our new home.

What is very confusing and frightening to me is the strictness the DNR has voiced to our builder in the last few weeks, during the start of our building process, about ensuring the run-off fence that was put up on our lot is not touched or broken because he stated "the DNR has very strict rules that must be followed to ensure everyone's safety and the safety of the land." If they are so strict about a small fence on our tiny 1 acre lot then it is mind boggling to me about why they would are even still considering the manure pit. The same rules show apply to everyone and if the rules aren't followed then the person who didn't follow them shouldn't be given a free pass. Especially after not following the rules for 10 years.

I beg you to please think about the safety of our children and how this is going to effect 1,000's of people in our area. The Pansier's lack of concern and inability to follow the rules is not something that should be overlooked. As they always say "past behavior is the best indicator of future behavior." This manure pit has the potential to cause irreversible damage to so many families.

One of the huge aspects that concerns my family is the Pansier's **lack of attention to the rules over the last 10 years**. I'm not sure why the DNR has not stepped in and enforced the laws broken (all of these have been addressed in public forum, so I will not go over them in detail again), but I hope that changes moving forward. If they chose to ignore the law in the past, what makes us believe they will be in accordance moving into the future--with twice as much cattle?

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I'd like to just make a few points that I want the board to remember to consider when reviewing this issue:

- *It seems as though the farm is not considering any other options.* They own large amounts of land further away from residential neighborhoods, but instead they are trying to place the manure pit as close as possible to the residential area to make a point. There are also other options to meet the waste requirements besides a manure pit that are not being considered. I'd implore you to consider having them *at least* look into those moving forward.

- Several years ago Ledgeview Farms told the DNR they were reducing their herd to 800. Instead, they **explicitly lied to the DNR** and built up their herd to almost **3000 cattle**without getting any permits. They also built a brand new barn without the proper permits and dug a large manure pit in a different area of the farm without any permits. This goes back to what I was referring to above (bad track record of the farm in question, etc).

- Because Ledgeview Farms has been lying to the DNR and town, the town kept their residential and zoning areas as planned and large neighborhoods with high value homes built up completely surrounding Ledgeview Farms. The lower farm (where the new pit is propose--and NO family member lives) looks just like any small family farm and was attractive to the neighborhoods. However, the **farm was adding additional cattle illegally beyond the CFAO limits** and never told the DNR, EPA, or the town of their plans. Now you have large neighborhoods of high value homes (close to, as well as over $1 million) living next to what they thought was a little family farm that now wants to turn their entire backyard into a large manure pit.

I do not want the health of my children subjected to the Ledgeview Farms' poor rule following, horrid past neglect in many areas, and frankly, not honest way of doing business in possession in of such a large field of cattle and waste.

I am pro-agriculture, and I understand the need and want to grow and expand. However, I do not think that it should be granted to everyone. I feel the farms who gain that right should have a proven track record of clean, honest, violation free business. I currently do NOT think the Pansier's Ledgeview Farms falls under that category.

Thank you for listening.

Kurt and Cathy Goehre
3773 Dickinson Road
DePere, WI 54115

From:	Cory Schubring
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Cc:	Jennifer Schubring
Subject:	RE: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Tuesday, July 31, 2018 11:15:43 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

This email is in reference to docket 18-LFSRB-02 (The Town of Ledgeview vs. Ledgeview Farms). I am a neighboring resident from at least one of the proposed manure pits along with the request to increase their herd. I am writing in opposition of Ledgeview Farm's application. I am in opposition because of the observations that I have made since moving to my current residence in 2009. These observations make me question the real environmental and community impacts that the proposed expansion will have. Regardless of who was here first, land was available and purchased with expectation of responsible and lawful behavior by commercial entities and individual residents. I would like to point out how Ledgeview Farms has not lived up this covenant and has shown inability to abide by law and regulations.

Ledgeview Farms has shown an inability to properly manage their current herd and the associated impacts to their operations as it pertains to manure management. Per NR 243, as of 2007 the practice of intentionally and actively discharging animal waste (manure and graywater) during times when the ground is frozen or snow covered is not allowed. This is clearly disregarded by Ledgeview Farms and the stipulations spelled out in their WPDES permit (WI-0065421-01-0 section 1.6.4). Many times throughout the winter and spring, there is fresh waste spread on top of the snow (many more than 4") and frozen ground. I reiterate that this has been occurring for many years (not a sudden overflow situation). The farm shows an inability to manage the current head count and waste. Increasing the heard will certainly bring even more consequence to this inability to properly manage waste in accordance with law and regulation. With this, comes risk to the immediate resource of the watershed and health of nearby residents and their families. The chemistry and biology of a manure pit (crude batch biological reactor), when not managed and contained, will quickly lead to unnecessary pollution and potential health consequences for the neighboring community. Based on the above mentioned disregard for the environment and residents' health, I am very skeptical that the appropriate air quality monitoring will be done with the proposed pits and their close proximity to residential establishment makes this a very immediate and escalated health which would likely continue unmitigated even if confronted with non-compliance.

Through the years, as the farm hauls manure, it disregards its obligation to maintain the public roads to a reasonable state. Driving down Lime Kilm near Dollar, Silver and Copper Lane is quite hazardous during a spread and any snow or rain on the road. The combination of straw, mud and manure produces an extremely slick slurry on the road. An excessive amount is dripped and dropped from the trailers and significant amounts come off of the tire treads of

the trailer. Undoubtedly, this increases the probability for significant traffic incidents and injury. I have never witnessed or noticed any effort to clean up after runs are made or completed. With the location of the proposed manure pit, I suspect that there will be increased hauling of material as direct drainage into the pit seems infeasible, and coming out, the fields are quite spread out. This will make this situation even more dangerous. This is in fact a matter of Wisconsin law 346.94(5). I certainly believe a legal argument exists to consider this manure slurry hazardous and dangerous.

As I began with, Ledgeview Farms has not been a responsible member of the community in managing its current facilities. Allowing expansion of the herd and exposed manure pits near residential properties combined with the lack of concern for regulations and laws will lead to an immediately dangerous situation that will have many negative consequences for people and families, the economy, and Wisconsin's reputation of responsible agriculture. I challenge the board to review, in detail, Ledgeview Farm's performance with regard to compliance in areas of the environment, jurisdictional regulations (e.g. building permits), and safety along with any of the other letters you get with regard to this docket of immediate experience. A restaurant owner, bar owner or other licensed business would have some serious issues getting a renewal with a track record like Ledgeview Farms. I see this request for expansion as no different than the review of a food service or liquor license.

Kind Regards,
Cory Schubring
Jennifer Schubring

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In Re: Ledgeview Farms, LLC v. Town of Ledgeview
Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02

Dear Board:

I am a resident of Ledgeview. My address is 3580 Meadow Sound Drive, DePere, WI. My home is located about 300 feet from the Ledgeview Farm property and within 1500 feet of the proposed manure pit. I strenuously support the Town of Ledgeview's denial of the siting permit of Ledgeview Farms, LLC. Please accept the following as my response and comments to the Request for Review submitted by Ledgeview Farms, LLC.

Ledgeview Farms, LLC siting proposal is not in compliance with the Town ordinance and, therefore, must be denied. The Town adopted ordinance §135-85(D) requiring a 1320 foot setback for manure storage facilities back in August of 2017. The Town did so within the parameters of Wisconsin Statute § 93.90(3). The ordinance was adopted prior to Ledgeview Farm's application and was based on reasonable and scientifically defensible findings of fact necessary to protect public health and safety.

In its request for review, Ledgeview Farms, LLC makes a cursory statement under "Issue 2" that the Town's findings of fact do not meet the requisite standard under §93.90(3). However, Ledgeview Farms fails to explain why that is the case. Ledgeview Farms offers no evidence for consideration as to why the Town's findings are not reasonable and scientifically defensible.

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The Town provided findings of fact under its ordinance that provides great detail as to why setback requirements more stringent then state standards are necessary. The Town reiterates some of the scientific studies and reasoning in paragraph 16 of its June 5, 2018 decision denying the application. The reasoning contains both locally significant issues and broader issues. Maybe most significant is that Ledgeview is located on the Niagara escarpment and slopes significantly. There is very little topsoil over the rock. The natural geography demands careful planning to control manure runoff.

In the particular locale at issue, there is a major residential development that lies downhill to the north of Ledgeview Farms. There is a stream that flows through the farm property and then through the residential development and into Bower Creek, which eventually flows to the bay of Green Bay. Residents in the neighborhood take walks in the conservancy in which the stream flows. Children and pets are drawn to the area to play. The proposed manure pit will be located very close to the stream. Any leak or failure of the pit will cause irreparable damage and contamination to the waterway and the neighborhood. In our climate, it is an absolute certainty that the pit will fail at some point.

Ledgeview Farms has thousands of other acres at its disposal where a siting application could be approved by the Town. For no good reason other than obstinance and greed, Ledgeview Farms insists on their current siting proposal. The livestock facility and manure pit do not belong in the proposed location. The hundreds of homes, thousands of residents, contiguous tributaries and groundwater that will be affected pose a significant threat to public health and safety. The Town ordinance was meant to protect residents from just such a danger.

Moreover, the history of Ledgeview Farms, LLC cannot be ignored. As detailed in the Town's decision, Ledgeview Farms has not complied with local, state and federal law for over a decade. They have grown from a small family farm to a CAFO without ever receiving a permit to do so. It is clearly documented that back in 2007, Ledgeview Farms agreed in writing with the WDNR to reduce their herd to less than 1000 animal units until proper CAFO and WPDES permits could be obtained. Ledgeview Farms intentionally violated the agreement and did the exact opposite, dramatically expanding the herd to its current 2800 animal units. They have been in violation of state, federal and local law ever since. Under §283.89 of the Wisconsin Statutes the violation should have been referred to the department of justice and fines should have been levied. In fact, given that Ledgeview Farms, LLC willfully violated chapter 283, they should have been prosecuted criminally. They are now 3 times the size in animal units of what they are permitted to be.

The difficulties between the farm and its neighbors could largely have been avoided if the farm had followed proper regulatory procedures. While Ledgeview Farms unpermitted expansion continued and the WDNR failed to take regulatory action, neighboring residential developments grew without knowledge of what was going on. The farm at its current size is a health hazard to thousands of people. Continued growth would only make it worse.

Ledgeview Farms, LLC has not only been noncompliant in the past but also negligent. As documented in the Town's decision, Ledgeview Farms built a 5 million gallon manure pit without permitting and that pit leaked and spilled manure into the waters of Wisconsin. Numerous other violations are documented in the Town's decision.

Ledgeview Farms argues that past noncompliance and negligence is irrelevant and not to be considered in the approval process. The argument is ludicrous. Ledgeview Farms is basically attempting to use the siting statute as a method of having all its past indiscretions and violations forgiven. The application should not be looked at as a "proposed" siting plan to expand an efficient, compliant and well run dairy farm. In this instance, the siting application is being used by Ledgeview Farms to legitimize an expansion that is over a decade long; that has been in continuous violation of state, federal and local regulations; that has continuously polluted without penalty; and that has done so with shocking audacity and incompetency. The fact is that the past course of dealing leads to the only conclusion that Ledgeview Farms, LLC cannot be trusted and cannot be given the benefit of the doubt to operate such a large facility within such close proximity to so many people and so many properties with such dangerous ramifications.

The Town of Ledgeview supervisors have adopted an ordinance under the framework of state law. The ordinance is appropriate for Ledgeview. The ordinance requiring a 1320 foot setback was meant to regulate and control the very issues that are before us. Again, Ledgeview Farms has numerous options at its disposal to continue its operations in compliance with the requirements. The ordinance must be enforced and the denial of the application upheld.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of July, 2018.

Curtis R. Czachor

From:	Dan and Michele Metz
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Wednesday, July 11, 2018 3:19:01 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident in ledgeview, wi and within the 2 mile radius of the Pansier farm potential manure pit and farm expansion. We strongly oppose any additional farm expansion!!!!

The Ledgeview Farms LLC is a horribly irresponsible farm notorious for numerous violations of the environment/EPA. We avoid driving anywhere near this farm due to the endless manure on the roads and livestock on the roads. The stench can be overwhelming.

Please act accordingly and deny them their appeal of their expansion. In fact, please make them comply with basic farm etiquette

sincerely

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From: David Evans
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Ledgeview Farms, LLC Livestock Siting Board Appeal – Comment deadline July 31st
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:22:26 PM

Board Administrators-

As a resident of Ledgeview, WI...I wanted to voice my support for the unanimous decision made by the town board against Ledgeview Farms. I hope that you consider all the submitted documentation around their continuous violations, and lack of compassion towards its neighbors and community. My opinion on this is not one against farmers, but against this farm's continued violations of regulations meant to protect the surrounding community. I understand that this farm has every right to operate, but it should not be allowed to operate and expand without proper planning, permits and necessary covenants to operate safely and effectively. My biggest concern is for all the neighboring children, and the potential health impacts that they may encounter when this farm does not properly maintain its facilities. They have shown they can not effectively manage smaller operations, and with them potentially expanding to more than triple in size, i foresee major impacts to our residents and community. Please do not reward this farm's mismanagement and history of violations with the permission to expand, without the proper checks and balances in place. These corporate farms are pushing the boundaries of what is acceptable, and pointing fingers at lawful citizens and labeling them as anti-farm. This is far from the case, and all we want is to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood for our families.

Please support the decision of our elected officials, and the thousands of citizens that will be impacted by your decision.

Please find my contact information below, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

David D. Evans
Mobile: 773-960-5523

645 Marble Rock Circle
Green Bay, WI 54311

From: Dia Zent
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Ledgeview Farms appeal
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 8:22:10 PM

Regarding docket # 18-LFSRB-02. Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms

My family has lived in the immediate neighborhood adjacent to this farm for approximately 11 years. We understood that there was a dairy farm nearby when we moved to the area but growing up on a farm we were comfortable with the operation as it was. We had a reasonable expectation that Ledgeview Farms would abide by the rules set locally, statewide and nationally. As this farm grew the nature of it's business and behavior also changed. All too often they went out of their way to drive manure equipment spilling as they went through the streets. Yes this was out of their way and some of the people involved would brag at the local watering hole that this is their territory and they would do as they please. Rather than take a direct route along their farm they would take a route through the streets that actually was much longer. The same streets where children play without sidewalks. Reading through the history of willful noncompliance, disregard to any local, state or federal authority it is amazing that they would possibly be entrusted with more responsibility. The responsibility of increasing an already illegally sized heard and handling more manure with proven poor record of not already handling smaller amounts within compliance. Significant numbers are watching to evaluate how this is handled as the outcome should be self evident.

Regards,
Steve & Dia Zent
Wood Duck ct. Town of Ledgeview Wi. 54115

From: Eric Van Miller
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Pansier Livestock Siting
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 3:29:34 PM

My name is Eric VanMiller I live at 3590 Meadow Sound Drive, directly adjacent to the Pansier farm. I have multiple concerns as to the oversight and careless farming practices that have taken place over the last 10 years.
The Pansier farm has been in violation from the EPA and the DNR without any changes, they continue to evade authorities, and from public records have never paid any fines.
I bought my personal properties in 2006, at that time the farm was a small (under 500) head of cattle. Since then they have come out and divulged they have almost 3,000 head (AU's), just by a drive by estimate I would expect that number to be around 3500.
I understand they want to expand operations, however, to do so without any oversight, or respect for the process that all business owners must go through (proper permits,,,) would be an environmental catastrophe.
The farming practices that we have witnessed in violation are-overspreading of manure, over days allowed to spread manure, spreading manure during storms/rain, spreading manure at night, amount of manure spreading too high, driving manure vehicles through a neighborhood and dropping manure on the roadways, not getting proper permits for manure storage facilities, allowing too many head of cattle per permits, and with this comes the air contamination, smell, noise pollution and groundwater pollution.

When we built our home there was ground water/aquafer that the excavator hit at a very shallow depth-20-30 feet. All the runoff from this farm goes directly into the groundwater, and into the creek that runs through the neighborhood conservancy/green space areas.
We are in a neighborhood of hundreds of children, they play in and around this creek/waterfall system, all getting exposed repeatedly to the runoff that comes from the farm.
Not only are we concerned about the environmental impact, but the pollution impact that can cause health defects, especially in children.
Who is going to pay for the contamination cleanup? I haven't heard anything that the Pansiers are insured/bonded to cover this. Which means the burden will fall on the taxpayers, especially in the town of Ledgeview.

As a side note, I also am a business owner in Ledgeview/DePere. If I were to do things without permits, I would expect to get fined, closed down, and not be allowed to have a business in the area. I am unclear how this has gone on this long without oversight or anyone shutting them down until they come into compliance. The last thing a business owner that doesn't follow the rules, should be allowed to do, is expand and create a bigger problem.

Eric J. VanMiller
3590 Meadow Sound Drive
De Pere, WI. 54115

State of Wisconsin
Livestock Facility Siting Review Board
Docket Number: 18-LFSRB-02
Attn: Cheryl Daniels

July 29, 2018

Holly Schlag
2038 Wayside Place
Green Bay, WI. 54311

Dear Attorney Daniels:

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,

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From: J C
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Per 18-LFSRB-02.
Date: Monday, July 16, 2018 8:49:39 PM

I strongly oppose the expansion of the farm. Land value will decrease, ground water will be degraded, air quality will suffer permanent pollution. I just bought my retirement home at 1906 Kettle Creek Dr. If I am forced to move, will you pay for it? It is possible that one family might be improved, but, hundreds of families quality of life will suffer not to mention the many businesses and their employees. James L Cunningham, yesterdaysyesterday@gmail.com
Sent from jim's iPhone

From:	Jason Scruggs
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Wednesday, July 11, 2018 7:26:23 AM

I am firmly against giving the farm a permit to develop a manure pit and dramatically grow in size. The farm is now surrounded by houses and urban development. We already get a strong enough smell of the dairy farm when the breeze blows toward our house.

Thank you,
Jason Scruggs
1968 Kettle Creek Dr
De Pere, WI 54115

From: Joel Pansier
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 10:19:54 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to Docket # 18-LFSRB-02 The Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms. I reside about 1.5 miles from Ledgeview Farms and their proposed manure pit site. I am aware of a letter that was written by Ryan Soletski which is in opposition to the expansion of Ledgeview Farms. I have numerous concerns to his letter and have written him a personal email in which I refute many of his claims. Here are copies of both:

Ryans Letter -

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident less than 600 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are our main reasons for opposition: •

When we moved in to this area in the Fall of 2014, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells and flies from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) and we accepted that in its current state •

The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/…/d…/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html)

• Concerns about more animals meaning more manure (regardless of a manure pit or more spreading manure) in such a concentrated area cause general concerns for the purity and safety of the public ground water supply, especially in a geographic area over the Niagara escarpment which means large areas of concentrated bedrock and less ability for the soils to filter agricultural runoff before hitting the aquifer. •

Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger.

• Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go "upside down" with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them. We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to "being here first" and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this

seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town. We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families

. Sincerely,

Ryan and Mariah Soletski (children Liam, Lucia, and Fiona)

4081 Three Penny Ct De Pere, WI 54115

My Response:

Ryan

I am writing this because I am deeply disturbed by the post that you wrote on the Next Door Ledgeview site. I'm sure you can tell by my email address that my last name is Pansier. And yes I am distant relation to the Pansiers that own and operate Ledgeview farms. However, we are not close and I personally have not spoken to them in years so don't think that I am on their side because of our last name. Personally I don't care if they get a manure pit or not.

What troubles me is that you would write a letter that is riddled with lies and distortions and then put it on a public web site and then tell other people to go ahead and copy verbatim. Here's what I find troubling.

In the letter you state that you live "less than 600 yards of the farm". Since I was curious, and you shared your address on your post, you actually live 1.1 mile (1936 yards). So roughly 3 times the distance in your letter.

You state that you moved here in 2014 and that you accepted that farm in its current state. Had you researched the farm you would have found that they have been expanding for many, many years. If I (or anyone else) were to go talk the family, they would tell you that they have been building and expanding their operation for well over a decade. The farm has been there for well over a century.

The next concern is over your children's safety. First of all, you will find that I am a safety freak. If you had researched how these pits are built you would find that they need to be built to very strict specs and that when done they need to be surrounded by a fence. Not as pretty as a swimming pool but meant to keep people and animals out. Secondly, I would hope that you teach your kids to stay away from any farm. The manure pits are only 1 of 1000 dangerous things on a farm.

I find your concern over the public water supply interesting. Did you know that the Town of Ledgeview gets it water from Lake Michigan? It is purchased by the Central Brown County Water Authority from Manitowoc Public Utilities and distributed to most of the municipalities in Brown County. The houses that should be concerned with their well water are the houses on the other side

of the creek, closer to Lime Kiln, who still have wells and a have been there for 30 plus years and haven't had a problem yet. The state and DNR actually make the farms have these pits to help control the run off and regulate how and when the farmers can spread manure. They don't do it to make the situation worse!

I don't think you need to be concerned about your property value much less worry about it going "upside down". The property in this town is only going up. Which it has been for several years, even with Ledgeview Farms expanding.

In your letter you stated that you feel Ledgeview Farms should have multiple sites. Did you know that they already do have multiple sites and that they have a much larger farm at the top of the hill which already has a huge manure pit which was built in 2015. You, nor anyone else complained when they built this pit!! This pit is even closer to your house than the proposed pit and uphill from your home. Jason Pansier actually had a horrific accident and lost his entire leg when a tractor rolled over and pinned him for several hours before rescuers were able to pull him out. He nearly lost his life. I'm sure he isn't thrilled about wanting to build this pit but also doesn't want to give up his way of life, as he is now back to farming after this accident.

Again, I think it's OK to have your opinion and be able to put it out there. But you were wrong on many of your points. I'm not the type of person to throw this on a public web page but I thought you should know these things.

Joel Pansier

I thought you should know that Ryan wrote this letter and posted it to a web site called "Next Door Ledgeview". He had it posted to remind people to write their opinion to you and if they didn't have time they could simply copy and paste his letter and send it. I feel this was done to make it easier for the neighbors of Ledgeview farms to stack the deck against the farm.

While I mentioned in my email to Ryan that I don't care if the farm gets a manure pit or not, I do feel they shouldn't be denied because of the misleading rhetoric that is being dispersed in the town. Most of their issues are based on falsehoods and feelings, not the laws and rules of the state.

I feel the ordinance that was enacted by the Town of Ledgeview regarding the setbacks between a manure pit and subdivision was done knowing full well that the farm was looking to expand. It was written and approved while the farm was making plans for this this pit which appears to be a very vindictive move on the towns part. This pit would have been fully within the previous set backs laid out in the town ordinances before the change was made.

Ledgeview Farms have been around for more than a century. They are one of the few family run farms that continue to thrive in Ledgeview. They are special in that they truly are "Family Run". They have expanded their operation solely by themselves, with their own hands. When they need a barn, they build it with their own hands. They do not hire out to large contractors. They are extremely hard working. They should be a shining example to people for if you work hard good thing

will come. They should not be denied because of the feelings of the few.

I would encourage you to follow the rules of the state and DNR and approve their permit for a manure pit and allow them to continue to grow.

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely

Joel Pansier
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DePere, WI 54115

From:	Karen Cooley
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Cc:	kkcool09@icloud.com; cooleydirc@yahoo.com
Subject:	Docket #18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Saturday, July 28, 2018 6:45:08 PM

Dear Review Board,

I am writing in disagreement with Pansier Farms' appeal of the Town of Ledgeview's denial of his building his proposed manure pit. There are set ordinances/covenants that we follow as residents. I live at 3486 Weatherwood Ln, which is within 2 miles of the proposed manure pit. With the majority of the homes in the area being greater than a half million in value (each), we already experience significant odor and mess on the roadways when this farmer goes to spread his current manure. Growth of his business should not be hampered with, but he will have to comply with the state and town's bylaws to do so... just as the rest of us do. He has plenty of other acreage in Brown County that he could use to isolate this manure pit and his cattle barns more, decreasing the concern for drinking water contamination and decreased residential property values. He no longer lives in the home on the farm, which is valued much less than neighboring homes. It may be a different scenario if he, too, lived in a $650k home on the farm property.

I am in complete agreement with the Town of Ledgeview's ruling to block Pansier Farms from building their proposed manure pit. This is a huge business proposal that was never disclosed to the buyers of lots in the many new subdivisions in the immediate area. Pansier Farms must comply with state and local bylaws, which includes but is not limited to, obtaining town approval— which he did not. I feel that the Town of Ledgeview is acting legally, fairly, and in alignment of its residents' vantage points.

Please feel free to call me with additional questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Cooley
3486 Weatherwood Ln
Green Bay, WI 54311
920-370-9227

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathy Pansier
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Pansier farm docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Saturday, July 28, 2018 3:03:02 PM

I am writing today in regards to docket number 18-LFSRB-02 and the Pansier Farm in Ledgeview, WI.

(Before I say anything, I'd like to mention that I realize I am a Pansier. Distantly, through marriage. We live down the hill from the farm, and they were here long before our house was.)

I understand a lot of the neighbors are upset and the farm would like the town to overturn their decision about not allowing the farm to grow and add another manure pit. Many of the neighbors don't have their facts straight, and aren't willing to listen to the facts. We understand there is already a manure pit in place and don't see an issue with another. The farm has been there and operating for many years, and if anyone had issues with it, then they probably should have considered this before building a house so close. It smells like cows someday, so what. That is part of living in the country.

I believe the town should overturn their decision, let the farm be, and let it grow. We side with the Pansier's and hope that you will consider helping them to grow as well.

It seems like the town is being vindictive with their decision and seems biased siding with the (complaining) residents when the farm has been here for so long. Especially when some residents don't clearly understand how the farm works. Some neighbors have blown this whole idea out of proportion and have way over dramatized the facts.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and for your help with the Pansier farm.
Have a great day.
Kathy Pansier

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kim Schofield
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket # 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 6:39:42 PM

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed manure pit in close proximity to our subdivision.

*This pit will produce health concerns for area residents through air and water.

*The farm has repeated violations not corrected.

*The farm could locate this pit in another of their properties that isn't as populated.

Thank you,
Kim and Jeffrey Schofield
4056 Three Penny Court
De Pere

Sent from my iPhone

From: Laura
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 4:37:39 PM

Hello. I live within the 2 mile radius of the farm that wants to add manure pits. Besides my first initial reaction on how unsafe that makes MY home, I see all the undeveloped land all around that farm and wonder who would ever build there? The word will get out and I'm guessing no one will ever want to develop that land. There is also a large piece of land near my house that was bought for an elementary school, I don't know if that will get built there but if so, how safe can that be? Shouldn't the safety of so many others even be considered? All of the home owners who are within the 2 mile radius put their trust in the town of Ledgeview to keep them safe, to raise our children in the safety of our homes. When did it become okay for the rights of so many people not to count?

Laura Belter
1439 Bingham Dr.
De Pere, WI

From: Mark Forman
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket #18-LFSRB-02 Ledgeview Farms Permit
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 2:13:51 PM

I am writing to oppose the permit expanding the Ledgeview Farms to CAFO status and the resulting addition of 13 million gallon manure pit.

Because the proximity to residential homes the manure pit poses a health risk, both through potential ground water leachate, poison fumes, and accidental drowning of children. In addition, the residential home values and tax base of the township will be degraded significantly if the zoned property setback requirements are compromised in any way.

The Ledgeview Farms has operated and expanded illegally for multiple years, polluting the East River tributary without consequence. Only after threat of financial penalty are they finally attempting to come into legal compliance, while expanding the herd significantly.

The property set back requirement to residential property is not “anti-farm” bias, it is simple common sense to protect the children in our community.

Mark Forman

Resident:
608 Marble Rock Circle
Green Bay, WI 54311
708-997-8878

From: Meredith King
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Saturday, July 28, 2018 11:04:17 AM

I am writing to you in regards to the Pansier farm request to enlarge their current herd size and become a CAFO.
First of all, this issue has already been reviewed and denied by our town board.... As long as the town board decision does not violate existing laws/ordinances/etc. why should the LOCAL review and decision not be the RIGHT one for the Ledgeview community??

Secondly, I am not denying the Pansiers right to continue operating, even though my understanding is that there are several operating regulations they are not in compliance with ALREADY. But I do protest their plan to expand in what is now a predominantly residential area. I regularly smell their manure or other farm obnoxious odors NOW at my home. I don't want to think how much worse and frequent this issue will become if they expand.

Thirdly, the Scray's hill area of Ledgeview is a valuable part of the Ledgeview town. Why would you want to allow an expansion to have a major negative impact on the value and location desirability of this "special" area of Ledgeview?

Please consider the above points in your decision making process.
My name is Meredith King, address 1414 Bingham Dr, De Pere, WI 54115

From: Marenda Avery
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: docket# 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 4:43:42 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

My family owns the only property on Meadow Sound Drive that shares a property line with Ledgeview Farms, 3585 Meadow Sound Drive. Our house was built in 2005 and it is our understanding that Ledgeview Farms bought the adjacent land around the same time from Dollar Farms. My spouse and I are both from rural Iowa, and have Grandparents and family members that are still hog, cattle, and crop farmers. When we purchased our home last year, our realtor was very thorough and contacted the Town of Ledgeview about the size of the farm behind the property. The Town of Ledgeview disclosed that the farm was around 600 head of dairy cows. Due to our experience and background with farms, we were not concerned about 600 cattle. We have a nine year old and a six year old child, this location seemed ideal. Our six year old has neurological health conditions. We chose the De Pere area so my six year old could be in the special education program through De Pere schools, which has been wonderful and all we hoped for. After moving in in July of 2017 from out of state, we were devastated to learn of a proposed manure lagoon so near the property lines and that there may be over 1,000 cattle and not just 600. We specifically chose this area for my daughter's health and now our entire family's health is it at risk but specifically our daughter's already compromised immune system and sensitive brain. After reading the state of Wisconsin's audit report on wastewater permitting and enforcement, we were shocked to learn of DNR's lack of enforcement, that they rely on self reporting, and that most lagoons will eventually leak. With Ledgeview Farm's gross negligence, unlawful compliance, and safety record, it is extremely logical to assume that if allowed to grow their farm and put in open air manure lagoons, there will be safety hazards created, the lagoons will eventually leak, and the health of neighbors, water, and land will suffer. I am a practicing Auto-immune/ Rheumatologist physician. My wife and I have thoroughly researched current studies on health risks associated with CAFOs and open manure lagoons. This farm will negatively impact the health of nearby residents if allowed to expand and construct open lagoons so near to housing with it's current proposal.

How can one operation be allowed to disregard state and federal laws, negatively impact hundreds of people along with the water and land, and still be allowed to operate? With all of Ledgeview Farm's violations and unsustainable environmental practices, why are authorities not moving to shut this operation down? Had we known that our house backed up to a CAFO and not a farm with 600 cows, we absolutely would not have bought our house but there was no way of us obtaining that information without illegally trespassing on the farmer's land and counting the cows ourselves. I can say with confidence that our neighbors would not have built new houses by a CAFO if it was disclosed. We do not want to be battling with a

farmer, we do not want to jepordize our health, and we wish that Wisconsin had enforceable laws to protect residents and create a sustainable environment for future generations.

Please strongly consider the greater good of our community as you are considering one unlawful farmer's proposal.

Sincerely,
Michael and Marenda Avery
3585 Meadow Sound Dr
De Pere, WI 54115

From: Mike Neville
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Friday, July 6, 2018 3:20:03 PM

This note is to express my strong opposition to the proposed Manure pits by Ledgeview Farms LLC. My wife, 2 year old daughter, and I live on Beachmont Road, which is within 1 mile of the proposed pit site.

A few points:
-The farm has been in violation before (and still is) and doesn't have a good track record of being an ethical or positive business.
-Manure pits are dangerous and should not be located so close to homes and families, particularly with so many young children (over 20 children on my street alone).
-There are not enough protections in place to contain either a major storm (overflow) or damage to the facility.
-The compliance is "self-regulated" which is unacceptable in light of the past business practices of Ledgeview Farms, LLC.

While there are multiple concerns it really nets out to three main areas to me:

1. Environmental Standpoint
    a. Air pollution
        i. 10 Million gallons of standing manure will affect the quality of air in the surrounding community.
    b. Water pollution
        i. In close proximity to the farm there are water tributaries that start at Bower Creek which flows to the East River which in turn flows to the Fox River which in turn flows to the bay of Green Bay and ultimately to Lake Michigan. 10 million gallons of liquid manure, tributaries, Lake Michigan, sport fishing, drinking water.
2. Property Value Standpoint
    a. While all of us as residents understand that the farmer was on this land first none of us were aware of the potential of a large scale farming operation and the potential of a large manure pit being built there.
    b. The area affected happens to be residential subdivisions that have been built over the past 10 years or so. Most of that development has been in the past 5 years. There are additional subdivisions currently being built. All of the properties obviously support the tax base in Ledgeview as does the farm in question. Knowing this information in advance would have affected our choice of home sites had we known this when we built.
    c. The proposed manure pit will affect property values and will limit future

developers from adding homes. It will reduce property values and the growth of the town.

i. Yesterday I received a letter from Ledgeview informing me that my property value/taxes was going up based on reassessments that were completed last year. You can bet that as residents we will request a new reassessment if the proposed manure pit goes in. Maybe that's simply bad timing on the town's part but it is adding salt to the wound.

3. Health Standpoint
   a. There are obvious concerns from a health and well-being standpoint. Many studies can be pointed to that detail the potential effects of a farm operation such as the one being proposed and the proximity to residential neighborhoods, especially with young children (over 20 children live on Beachmont Rd)

Thank you for your time in reading my concerns and my opposition.

Mike Neville
P - 920-330-0114
F - 920-330-0128
mike@nevillesales.com

From: Tricia Freeman
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Sunday, July 29, 2018 11:19:17 AM

To whom it may concern:

My name is Patricia Freeman and my husband and I own the home at 4084 Half Crown Run in De Pere. We are approximately 1 mile from either of the 2 Ledgeview Farms properties. We purchased our home 8 years ago when we moved to De Pere from Lawrenceville, GA.

One of the biggest selling points to our home was that while we were in the "country" we were still close to stores, school, etc but that we had a nice lot and our privacy. Ledgeview Farms was in operation when we moved in but at that time (and currently) it was not a CAFO farm and there were only about 600 cows between the two properties. The area was great because there was a sizable farming operation right down the road from us but still plenty of open fields and unsold lots. Since we moved in most of our neighborhood has been developed and 2 new neighborhoods have been started. Others have seen the appeal of living out in the Town of Ledgeview and spent $400,000 or more to build nice home for their families. Commuting to work daily there is often manure on the two main roads I travel left behind by the Ledgeview Farms trucks transporting it up and down the hill between their farms and then onto the fields that they own or rent to grow feed. This should be cleaned up by the farm but it never is. As a result our cars track the manure back our homes/garages which is very unsanitary. Apparently there are multiple other ordinances that the farm is not adhering to as well yet their disregard for the policies of the town of Ledgeview continue.

I am very concerned about Ledgeview Farms becoming a CAFO farm as the number of cows they are looking to support is not conducive to an area which is primarily residential. The increase in heard will result in more manure on our roads and potentially in our streams and water sources. We, along with many others, purchased our homes with a small family farm in the area not a large CAFO facility. A CAFO farm would make it difficult for us to maintain our home values and will make it hard to sell when we choose to do so. Had Ledgeview Farms been a CAFO farm when we were buying our home we would not have purchased it as the idea of living so close to such a large farming operation would not have been appealing to us.

I am asking that you do not grant Ledgeview Farm CAFO status as it will negatively impact the value of my home and the home of others in our area and will allow the owners to disregard Town of Ledgeview ordinances on a greater scale and lead to an unsanitary living environment.

Your consideration of this letter is greatly appreciated,
Patricia Freeman

4084 Half Crown Run
De Pere, WI 54115
920-964-1862

From: Pat Schillinger
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Pansier Appeal
Date: Monday, July 9, 2018 10:41:56 AM

Re: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02

My family and I live at 714 Iron Horse Way, Green Bay, WI 54311 - approximately .5 miles from 3499 Lime Kiln Road, near where the proposed farm expansion and manure storage facility are proposed.

I am contacting you to express our family's strong opposition to the appeal filed by Ledgeview Farms to expand their herd and construct 2 manure storage facilities.

I believe the application should be denied due to public safety and health concerns.

A November, 2008 report titled "Manure Gas Safety" compiled by experts from the US Department of Agriculture and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade & Consumer Protection laid out the hazards of manure storage. Here is a sample of the report's findings:

"The decomposition of manure in storage or handling systems generates gases, some of which are toxic, explosive, and oxygen displacing. The most hazardous gases are hydrogen sulfide (H2S), ammonia (NH3), methane (CH4), and carbon dioxide (CO2). Dangerous levels of these gases can accumulate in and around manure management systems, particularly when manure is being agitated or otherwise disturbed.

Hydrogen sulfide levels may increase a thousand-fold during agitation. This extremely toxic gas is the most dangerous manure gas as it is colorless, heavier than air, and may cause death in seconds at high concentrations. While hydrogen sulfide is commonly known for its rotten egg odor, the odor isn't detectable by the human sense of smell at higher concentrations. It affects eyes, respiratory system, and the central nervous system."

The report also lists the risks inherent in ammonia, methane and carbon dioxide.

https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/ManureGasSafetyReport.pdf

I also researched public records detailing injuries and deaths due to manure pits. Most of the deaths occurred to employees of the farm where the manure was stored. However, there are documented instances of children and other non-employees dying after being exposed to the gases from manure pits or from falling into them.

See:

https://www.wisfarmer.com/story/news/2016/09/21/fatal-fumes-lurk-manure-storage-facilities/90771590/

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2015/08/farm_manure_pits_toxic_gases_kill_quickly_rescues_often_turn_deadly_too.html

https://www.agupdate.com/agriview/news/dairy/still-grieving-family-promotes-safety/article_16b132b1-b035-50a1-a2b2-477b97ceb1a3.html

A review of the public record of the Farms' past actions indicates many instances where they have been in violation of DNR and EPA rules and regulations. They have not sought the appropriate permits to expand their farm operations and they have constructed an illegal manure storage facility that has leaked and threatens the public's safety and health.

Their past record of non-compliance and disregard for proper safety controls demonstrates that the are not a good corporate/farm/business citizen in our community and they cannot be trusted to ensure the safekeeping and maintenance of these manure pits.

The proposed location of the pits is dangerously close to dozens of homes with families of young children. Exposure by any wandering, curious child near the pit could result in great bodily harm or death. Ledgeview Farms is not located in a rural area with few people living nearby. There are literally homes lining the sides of the field where they want to build their 12 million gallon manure pit.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you deny their appeal due to the dangerous public safety and health issues it poses to our community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Pat

Patrick J Schillinger
714 Iron Horse Way
Green Bay, WI 54311

Patrick J Schillinger

920-634-9501 cell

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State of Wisconsin
Livestock Facility Siting Review Board
Docket Number: 18-LFSRB-02
Attn: Cheryl Daniels

July 30, 2018

Paul Schlag
2515 Lime Kiln Rd.
Green Bay, WI. 54311

Dear Attorney Daniels:

I currently live 1 ½ miles from the proposed site of Ledgeview Farms manure storage facility. Having grown up on a family dairy farm, I know first hand the struggles today's family farmers are going through. Having to deal with a biased town board should not be one of them.

The DNR has regulations that the Pansiers' are trying to follow to keep their farm environmentally responsible and they are working together on how best to meet those regulations. It seems to me that the town of Ledgeview board doesn't want to see farms in the town and is favoring land development. When farms are what started Ledgeview.

The Pansier's regularly spread manure on fields near my house and they are quick to work it in to reduce odor and prevent runoff. Some odor is just part of living in the country. Their family farm has been there long before any kind of housing development began.

I hope you would be willing to work with Ledgeview Farms and help them to continue farming.

Thank you for your time,

Paul Schlag

From: Connie Kellogg
To: Daniels, Cheryl F - DATCP
Cc: Clayton, Christopher R - DATCP; Castelnuovo, Richard M - DATCP
Subject: Re: Copy of Appeal
Date: Friday, July 27, 2018 8:43:14 AM

Cheryl,

Yes, we do live within two miles of the facility.

Thank you,
Rick and Connie Kellogg

> On Jul 27, 2018, at 8:33 AM, Daniels, Cheryl F - DATCP <Cheryl.Daniels@wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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> Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg,
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> I am sending this to staff who will include your comment with all others that are received. I am assuming you live or own land within 2 miles of the facility, so that you qualify as those who are allowed to make a position statement with the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board. Thank you.
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> Cheryl Furstace Daniels
> Assistant Legal Counsel – Office of the Secretary
> Board Counsel – Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board
> Board Counsel – Wisconsin Livestock Facility Siting Review Board
> Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
> 608-224-5026
> cheryl.daniels@wisconsin.gov
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> Please complete this brief survey to help us improve our customer service. Thank you for your feedback!
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Connie Kellogg <specialkfamily@new.rr.com>
> Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 7:50 PM
> To: Daniels, Cheryl F - DATCP <Cheryl.Daniels@wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: Re: Copy of Appeal
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> Cheryl, actually we would like to say that we support the town's denial of the application.
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> Rick and Connie Kellogg
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>> On Jul 25, 2018, at 8:20 AM, Daniels, Cheryl F - DATCP <Cheryl.Daniels@wisconsin.gov> wrote:
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>> I have been sending the appeal, as well as the decision of the Town of Ledgeview for comparison. They are attached.
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>> Cheryl Furstace Daniels
>> Assistant Legal Counsel - Office of the Secretary Board Counsel -
>> Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board Board Counsel - Wisconsin
>> Livestock Facility Siting Review Board Wisconsin Department of
>> Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Connie Kellogg <specialkfamily@new.rr.com>
>> Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 8:53 PM
>> To: Daniels, Cheryl F - DATCP <Cheryl.Daniels@wisconsin.gov>
>> Subject: Copy of Appeal
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>> Cheryl, please send a copy of the Ledgeview Farms LLC appeal of their denial.
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>> Thank you
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>> Rick and Connie Kellogg
>> specialkfamilly@new.rr.com
>> <2018-06-05 Ledgeview Farms Town of Ledgview CUP
>> Denial.pdf><2018-06-22 Ledgeview Farms Request for Review.pdf>
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From: rek
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket # 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 8:55:45 AM

Wisconsin Siting Board,

We want to share our objection over the location of the proposed Ledgeview Farms Manure Pit project docket number 18-LFSRB-02. Our family lives at 2422 Copper Lane, about 600-800 feet from the proposed manure pit location on Lime Kiln Road. The proximity brings great concerns over the hazards associated with such a manure pit. During a recent (May 29th, 2018) Ledgeview Town meeting, experts on hydrology and microbiology were brought in to share insight into potential ground water and airborne hazards and contaminates associated with manure storage. The various bacteria, viruses, and protozoa sound pretty scary. The close proximity of the storage facility to residential space also creates a potential for physical dangers as well. During the same town meeting, an engineering expert reported on the history of Ledgeview Farms lack of conforming and abiding by the Wisconsin DNR and Federal EPA rules and regulations associated with being a CAFO sized facility (while not licensed to be a CAFO facility). The violations date back to 2007. The engineer reported that to date, the Farm is still not in compliance with Wisconsin DNR and Federal EPA guidelines. This track record leaves little faith that the farm will be a good neighbor moving forward. Allowing Ledgeview Farms to grow to a CAFO sized facility would potentially triple the amount of cattle and associated impact on the local site(s). This would have a detrimental impact (air and water quality/safety, property values, farm equipment on roadways) on the local neighborhoods. We would like to go on record as opposing the farms proposed pit and expansion.

Respectfully,

Robert & Kim Kissel
2422 Copper Lane
Green Bay, WI 54311
920-660-3902

Virus-free. www.avg.com

From: Terence Edgar
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Ledgeview Farms Appeal
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 10:07:59 AM

Dear Siting Board Member,

Around the Ledgeview Farm neighborhoods have developed over the past 10 or more years.

These are single family homes and are inhabited by

active families that live and work in the Green Bay area.

At the time of the development, Ledgeview Farms was a family farm with

a limited number of dairy cows.

It is beyond reason or comprehension that a **CAFO farm** should operate

directly adjacent a suburban community.

It is even more irrational that one or more **multi-million gallon manure pit** should be placed within several hundred feet of these homes.

Please consider the impact to our water and air quality,

the general stench and toxic gas emission.

Granting Ledgeview Farms a CAFO and manure pit permit would be tantamount to forcing the residential to

never open their windows,

never sit on their patios,

never go for a walk or bike ride in their own neighborhood.

Effectively the economic expansion of Ledgeview Farms would be to

the detriment of our health and

the economic devastation

of all the residential neighborhoods around it.

Be advised that our community will take your decision very seriously

and will pursue every possible legal avenue to rectify the injustice of

the attempts of Ledgeview farms to swamp us all in manure.

Sincerely,

Terence and Angelika

657 Marble Rock Circle,
Green Bay, WI 54311

From: DT
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Regarding Docket # 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Friday, July 13, 2018 4:30:57 PM

To the review committee for the Ledgeview Farm Permit…

Docket number 18-LFSRB-02

As a tax paying resident of the Town of Ledgeview, I want to express my opinion as to how our residents feel. We have elected our town officials by a majority vote and charged them with the responsibility of planning for the future of this town, and given the responsibility and authority to execute that plan in the best interest for the majority of the town residents, not any one particular entity.

Nowhere has there been another vote to allow a special interest group or special board to over ride the decisions of this town board. That is how local small town politics works. We stand behind our town officials 100%.

I am also a disabled combat veteran who put his life on the line to support this way of life that we have a right to expect.

Respectfully…

Terry A Hella
3427 Meadow Sound Dr.
De Pere, WI 54115-9795
920-255-4490

From:	Tony Freeman
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 / Ledgeview Farms vs Town of Ledgeview
Date:	Monday, July 30, 2018 2:42:00 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02, Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms

On behalf of:
Wilbur and Patricia Freeman
4084 Half Crown Run
De Pere, WI 54115
Residence is less than 1,300 yards from both the Dickinson Road and Lime Kiln Road Ledgeview Farm operations.

My wife and I are opposed to the expansion of the farms animal operations at their current locations.

We moved to the area from out of state in 2011 and chose the Ledgeview area in part due to the apparent limited growth possible with the animal operations. Single family homes of varied sizes and value were filling in the converted farm land in between two golf courses. At the time, the size and confined nature of the Ledgeview Farm operations were considered heavily but the growth off and on the Ledge (Niagara Escarpment) appeared to be overtaking the agriculture zoning. With the smaller operation of the last few years, we have tolerated the farms disruptive manure spreading especially when the tractor and manure spreader leave the field traveling on single track residential roads, leaving manure and dirt to be tracked into our own drives when we enter and leave our home. We have tolerated the farms dozens of daily trips up and down Lime Kiln moving feed from the ground silage on Lime Kiln to the animal feeding operations on Dickinson. The smells, flies and noise were all but manageable over the last few years – if you keep your windows closed and stay inside or roll up the windows on the car as you go by. With last year's increase in cows, the issues have again become noticeable, even before the request to site the manure pond and increase in ground storage.

The impacts of the farm possibly tripling or being able to triple at their discretion, the number of cows housed would effectively triple the impacts currently seen. The feed transport alone would essentially guarantee a tractor and wagon on the road effectively continuously. The amount of manure spreading could essentially triple. I am aware that at least one other CAFO farm in the area is already running into storage and spreading issues where they have contracted with non-CAFO or cash crop operations to expand their spreading and storage opportunities. I wonder, what is the limit of manure production that can be absorbed in a community that is no longer rural/agricultural. My well – used for lawn irrigation only at 60' (was used for consumption when home was built) – no longer is capable of flowing enough water to operate a single sprinkler. Plenty of water last spring and summer when I was able to operate two and even three sprinklers at a time. I am aware of a new well going in on Ledgeview Farms over the last year but have no idea to understand if that new well is responsible for mine being no longer functional. Finally, it is hard to imagine how a farm that controls less than 800 acres of the 3,000 or more needed to operate as proposed will not run afoul of regulations governing its operations. Especially given the farms limited success in historically meeting regulations or mitigating its failure to do so.

As a small business owner, I am very sensitive to the farms need and challenges faced to operate a profitable business. I am sensitive to Ledgeview Farm's desiring to take advantage of CAFO operations scale in order to better compete. I am also sensitive to the fact that the farm has been

in the area longer than the homes or golf courses. However, the farm that was once a good neighbor and part – if not the foundation – of the community has grown well beyond what the families that recall the farm being part of the community would recognize. Their proposed growth to become a milk factory does not even factor into that original community fit or feel. In the end, Ledgeview Farm is simply not sustainable in its current location. Residential growth is going to continue up Lime Kiln and along Dickinson. Possibly, the lower property values the farm causes could cause the residential growth rate to increase. The farm simply does not own or otherwise control enough real estate to control its own destiny.

Thanks for your time in considering my input.
Sincerely,

Wilbur Freeman
4084 Half Crown Run, De Pere, WI 54115

From:	Anne Kriescher
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Monday, July 30, 2018 4:49:58 PM

To whom it may concern,

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident less than 600 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are our main reasons for opposition:

• My husband and I moved to our home in Ledgeview less than 6 weeks ago. When the proposal was initially brought to our attention approximately 6 months ago,we had ceased looking at homes in this area; once the news had indicated the proposal would not pass, we again looked at Ledgeview due to its proximity to the city while having the appeal of being simultaneously close to family. When we bought our home, we understood the nature of the farm's operations and the potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells from spreading fertilizer, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc). Had we any indication this proposal would still go through, we likely would not have purchased our home in this location due to health, environmental, quality of life and financial concerns further outlined below.

• The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that we did not agree to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to all residents as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/1292/d001097/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html)

• Concerns about more animals meaning more manure (regardless of a manure pit or more spreading manure) in such a concentrated area cause general concerns for the purity and safety of the public ground water supply, especially in a geographic area over the Niagara escarpment which means large areas of concentrated bedrock and less ability for the soils to filter agricultural runoff before hitting the aquifer.

• Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger.

• Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion, this will likely result in a negative investment value of our own properties relative to our investments in them. Particularly for my husband and I, as we have just bought our home less than 6 weeks ago and know how this directly how this will negatively effect home buyers in

the future if this proposal passes.

We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to “being here first” and their ability to operate their business for a profit, however, many other farms throughout the state also spread out their farming operations across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion while not inhibiting the current and future development in our town.

We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town’s families.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Anne and Jonathan Kriescher
4095 Three Penny Ct
De Pere, WI 54115

From:	Bill Birkle
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Monday, July 30, 2018 12:59:00 PM

To Whom It May Concern: In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident less than 600 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are our main reasons for opposition: • When we moved in to this area in the Fall of 2006, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells and flies from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) and we accepted that in its current state • The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/…/d…/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html) • Concerns about more animals meaning more manure (regardless of a manure pit or more spreading manure) in such a concentrated area cause general concerns for the purity and safety of the public ground water supply, especially in a geographic area over the Niagara escarpment which means large areas of concentrated bedrock and less ability for the soils to filter agricultural runoff before hitting the aquifer. • Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger. • Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go "upside down" with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them. We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to "being here first" and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town. We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families. Sincerely, Bill and Carol Birkle (children Jade and Sawyer) 2080 Dollar Road De Pere, WI 54115

From:	Cassie Ruoff
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Monday, July 30, 2018 11:12:07 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

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• When we moved in to this area in the Fall of 2017, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells and flies from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) and we accepted that in its current state
• The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/…/d…/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html)
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• Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger.
• Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go "upside down" with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them.

We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to "being here first" and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town.

We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the

neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families.

Sincerely,
Ben and Cassie Ruoff (children Lucy, Willa, Emmie)
Sent from my iPhone

From: Dean Strauss
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:05:51 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident less than 600 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location.

Here are our main reasons for opposition:

- When we moved in to this area in the Winter of 2011, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells and flies from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc.) and we accepted that in its current state.
- The proposed change in scale of operations to become a

massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/.../d.../beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html).

- Concerns about more animals meaning more manure (regardless of a manure pit or more spreading manure) in such a concentrated area cause general concerns for the purity and safety of the public ground water supply, especially in a geographic area over the Niagara escarpment which means large areas of concentrated bedrock and less ability for the soils to filter agricultural runoff before hitting the aquifer.
- Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger.
- Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go “upside down” with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them.

We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to “being here

first” and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town.

We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town’s families.

Sincerely,

Dean and Anne Strauss

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From: ddiedrick@att.net
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 1:28:41 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

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• When we moved in to this area in the Fall of 2014, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells and flies from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) and we accepted that in its current state
• The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/…/d…/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html)
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• Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger.
• Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go "upside down" with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them.

We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to "being here first" and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town.

We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families.

Sincerely,
Dean & Gail Diedrick
4476 Rockledge Court
De Pere, WI 54115

From:	Eric Buntin
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Monday, July 30, 2018 6:36:35 PM

To Whom It May Concern: In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident less 1 mile from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are our main reasons for opposition: • The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/…/d…/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html) • Concerns about more animals meaning more manure (regardless of a manure pit or more spreading manure) in such a concentrated area cause general concerns for the purity and safety of the public ground water supply, especially in a geographic area over the Niagara escarpment which means large areas of concentrated bedrock and less ability for the soils to filter agricultural runoff before hitting the aquifer. • Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger. • Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go “upside down” with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them. We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to “being here first” and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town. We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town’s families. Sincerely, Eric and Erin Buntin 3279 Barkwood Cir De Pere, WI 54115

From: Jason Shanda
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 11:19:58 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

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- When we moved in to this area in the Spring of 2011, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) and we accepted that in its current state
- The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/1292/d001097/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html)
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- Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger.
- Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go "upside down" with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them.

We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to "being here first" and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town.

We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families.

Sincerely,

Jason and Kimberly Shanda (son, Brady)

4087 Three Penny Ct

De Pere, WI 54115

Sent from my iPhone

From: Burich, Jeff (PCMC-GB)
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:07:55 AM

To Whom It May Concern:
This letter is in regards to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms.

I am a Ledgeview resident less than 600 yards from Ledgeview Farms, who is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. My family opposes the addition of manure pits due to safety and health reasons.

The proposed change in scale of operations in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that no resident would have anticipated, and the resulting gases - ammonia and hydrogen sulfide - pose safety hazards to our children. Ledgeview Farms has not proposed installing a permanent cover for the proposed facility to reduce or eliminate exposure to neighborhood residences.

There is a strong association between animal waste storage facilities and the presence of coliform bacteria. Concerns about more animals meaning more manure (regardless of a manure pit or more spreading manure) in such a concentrated area cause general concerns for the purity and safety of the public ground water supply, especially in a geographic area over the Niagara escarpment which means large areas of concentrated bedrock and less ability for the soils to filter agricultural runoff before hitting the aquifer.

Learning of the Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt and a lack of trust that they will be in compliance for future regulations if they scale their operations larger. Since neither DATCP nor the WDNR had permitted or identified Ledgeview Farms as a CAFO, residents did not know the scale of the operations that were occurring here, nor about the non-compliance issues. Necessary inspections have not been done. Again this creates a lack of trust.

We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. Further expansion by the farm would only exacerbate the documented problems. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families.
Sincerely,
Jeff and Mary Burich
4075 Three Penny Ct
De Pere, WI 54115

From: Mark Bocik
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 7:59:45 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

This message is in reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02, which is the Town of Ledgeview vs. Ledgeview Farms. Our family home is less than 700 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is proposing to build manure pits and greatly add livestock to their already huge farm. My family strongly oppose an expansion at the proposed location. There are several reasons why this proposal is detrimental to our neighborhood, a few are as follows:

1. When our family moved to Ledgeview 12 years ago, Ledgeview Farms was a much smaller operation with much fewer cattle and waste disposal challenges. Living in close proximity to cattle farms, as they existed at the time of our land purchase, was acceptable and very much a part of our Wisconsin culture. Although the community roads where often covered in manure and mud, and odor was sometimes bothersome- it was accepted. The current plan is to for this to intensify at a level that was not planned nor was expected by the residents moving to the area.

2. The proposed farm/CAFO in a neighborhood that is in close proximity to single family homes is not only an annoyance, but is safety hazard for the area as massive amounts of manure are concentrated on the land along with the increase in usual farming chemicals to manage agricultural land and increased herd as Ledgeview Farms wants to expand into a massive factory. The roadways adjacent to the farm factory will become even more congested with farm equipment and manure on the roads alone with odor.

3. Ledgeview Farms already has a history of being non-compliant with current regulations which is of concern with any further farm development.

4. No doubt, property values of homes adjacent to the farm factory with be negatively impacted

Ledgeview Farms has stated that the residents who moved here should have done their research before moving closer to the farms. And “we were here first”. We did do our research. The farms were not of concern at the time we moved here. They were half the size and there were no manure pits and we never heard about any plans for any. The farms were half the size and now they want to add manure pits and even more cattle. The environmental, financial and aesthetic impact of a Ledgeview Farm expansion is not appropriate for the site that they wish to pursue. We are not opposed to Ledgeview Farms growing their business, however, a site that is perhaps a mile or two from such residential areas needs to be sought.

We are asking the reviewing board to please consider the impact of neighborhood safety and comfort as well as preserving residential property values by not allowing Ledgeview Farms to expand their farm and or construct manure pits next to our family community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely,
Mark and Kim Bocik (children Cade, Christian, Peyton, Mara)
4064 Three Penny Ct
De Pere, WI 54115

From: mary sobralske
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 9:56:04 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident less than 600 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are our main reasons for opposition:

• When we moved in to this area in the summer of 2016, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells and flies from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) and we accepted that in its current state. This summer the manure smells have been significantly worse. I am not sure why but can only attribute it to the non-compliant manure pit that has been installed since we moved to the neighborhood. There have been several days this summer that we had to close all of our doors and windows because the smell was strong enough to make your eyes water.

• The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/…/d…/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html)

• Concerns about more animals meaning more manure (regardless of a manure pit or more spreading manure) in such a concentrated area cause general concerns for the purity and safety of the public ground water supply, especially in a geographic area over the Niagara escarpment which means large areas of concentrated bedrock and less ability for the soils to filter agricultural runoff before hitting the aquifer.

• Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger. I would suggest that before any other requests be entertained Ledgeview Farms be required to be in complete compliance with all local, state and federal regulations.

• Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close

enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go “upside down” with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them.

We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to “being here first” and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town.

We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town’s families.

Sincerely,

Mary and Robert Sobralske
3656 Amberwood Court
De Pere, WI 54115

From: Jennifer Rausch
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 2:12:26 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a family residing less than 700 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. When we purchased our lot and choose to build our home in the spring of 2012, Ledgeview Farms was exactly that, a farm. The facility was a moderate sized farm that we accepted as our neighbor. We embraced the fact that there would be smells from farm operations, dirt and debris on roadways from farm activities and additional nuances not found in a traditional residential neighborhood. We accepted that for the ability to raise our family in a small semi rural subdivision with nature and farms around us.

The changes being proposed by Ledgeview Farms in no way could have been anticipated. The farm itself is somewhat landlocked and appears to be at or near capacity already. Their location along the Niagara Escarpement would also seem to impede expansion as the proximity of the bedrock to the topsoil would not afford an adequate filtration system to the aquifer found within. We built our home with the knowledge that open air manure pits were not in the proximity and would not be in the foreseeable future.

The primary concern is for our families immediate safety (specifically that of our children). It is well documented that open air manure pits pose a safety hazard with the release of gases (http://nasdonline.org/1292/d001097/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html). Additionally, property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go "upside down" with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them.

After research on this issue and attendance of town hall meetings and review of meeting minutes, it has come to our attention that Ledgeview Farms has a history of non-compliance to federal, state, and local regulations. This history and their inability or unwillingness to correct these issues of non-compliance leave massive doubt to their ability or willingness to abide by federal and state regulations within their intended expansion. We understand that past history is not indicative of future results but even during an attempt at appeal to change the scale of operations that these issues of non-compliance have still not been rectified would lead us to believe this is a behavior and not an event.

We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to "being here first" and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state are able to do so while also being a respectful neighbor. Seen in other situations, the large scale farms spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations to ease the environmental strain. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to

allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the immediate area.

We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families.

Sincerely.

Michael and Jennifer Rausch (children Addison, Kinley, Nora, Brooks, and Tripp)

4069 Three Penny Ct

De Pere, WI 54115

From:	Riklar
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Cc:	Denise Larscheid
Subject:	Please don't allow the manure pit expansion
Date:	Tuesday, July 31, 2018 6:52:55 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident less than 600 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are our main reasons for opposition:

• When we moved in to this area in the Fall of 2014, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells and flies from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) and we accepted that in its current state
• The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/…/d…/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html)
• Concerns about more animals meaning more manure (regardless of a manure pit or more spreading manure) in such a concentrated area cause general concerns for the purity and safety of the public ground water supply, especially in a geographic area over the Niagara escarpment which means large areas of concentrated bedrock and less ability for the soils to filter agricultural runoff before hitting the aquifer.
• Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance for future regulations as they scale their operations larger.
• Property values will be severely hurt for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go "upside down" with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them.

We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms stake to "being here first" and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview), but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town.

We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families.

Sincerely,

Richard and Denise Larscheid Family
4045 Half Crown Run
DePere WI 54115
9203713789

From: Tracy Rosinski
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Docket #18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:53:42 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident less than 600 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location.

Here is my main reason for opposition:

• When we built in this area in the Fall of 2011, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and having grown up on a farm, were aware that our choice to live in the country near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells and flies from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) was acceptable to us in its current state.

• The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/…/d…/beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html)

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We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town’s families.

Sincerely,

Rick and Tracy Rosinski (Child Quentin)
3721 Half Crown Run
De Pere, WI 54115

Sent from my iPhone

From: rsoletski@yahoo.com
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Sunday, July 15, 2018 1:33:10 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident less than 600 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are our main reasons for opposition:

- When we moved in to this area in the Fall of 2014, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) and we accepted that in its current state
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We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in

favor of public health and safety for our town's families.

Sincerely,

Ryan and Mariah Soletski (children Liam, Lucia, and Fiona)
4081 Three Penny Ct
De Pere, WI 54115

From: sapna janas
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 12:28:55 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a neighboring resident within 2 miles from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are our main reasons for opposition:

• When we moved in to this area in the Fall of 2015, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have (bad smells and flies from spreading manure, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads, noise and lights from farming equipment during evening hours, etc) and we accepted that in its current state
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We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents with the introduction of something potentially unsafe for our children and community located so close by. We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families.

Sincerely,

Stephen and Sapna Janas
4086 Three Penny Ct
De Pere, WI 54115

From: Susan Wheeler
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: docket number 18-LFSRB-02.
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 7:01:33 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Town of Ledgeview vs Ledgeview Farms to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity.

We strongly oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are our main reasons for opposition:

• We moved in to this area in the Spring of 2016 and understood the nature of the farm's operations at that time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of cows and fields they have, sharing the roadways with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud on to the town roads and we accepted that in its current state.

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The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm / CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children as a by-product of the gases (more info here: http://nasdonline.org/.../d.../beware-of-manure-pit-hazards.html)

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We thank you for your time and consideration and trust your process will rule in favor of public health and safety for our town's families.

Sincerely,

David and Susan Wheeler
3663 Half Crown Run
De Pere, WI 54115

From:	Reichwald, Timothy J
To:	DATCP SitingBoard
Subject:	docket number 18-LFSRB-02
Date:	Monday, July 30, 2018 2:07:46 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png

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I want to thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this email. In reference to docket number 18-LFSRB-02 regarding the Two of Ledgeview v. Ledgeview Farms, this message is from a very concerned neighboring resident less than 600 yards from where Ledgeview Farms is located and is now proposing to add manure pit(s) to allow them to increase the size of their animal herd capacity. My wife and I (both licensed attorneys in Wisconsin, presently inactive status) strongly and vehemently oppose allowing the farm to add the manure pit (or pits) and expand their animal herd capacity at their current location. Here are the main reasons we oppose this:

- At the time we moved to the area, we understood the nature of the farm's operations at the time and the various potential nuisances in living near a large-scale neighboring farm with the amount of livestock and fields they have (noxious odors, flies from spread of manure, sharing the road with slow-moving vehicles, tractors tracking mud and manure onto the town roads, noise and lights from the farming equipment during evening hours, etc.) and we accepted that in its current state.
- The proposed change in scale of operations to become a massive factory farm/CAFO in a neighborhood of single-family homes is something that nobody who chose to reside in this area agreed to as open-air manure pits are going to provide significant unpleasant odors and safety hazards to our children due to by-products of the associated gasses (more information here: http://nasdonline.org).
- Concerns about more animals meaning more manure (regardless of a manure pit or more spreading manure) in such a concentrated area cause general concerns for the purity and safety of the public ground water supply, especially in a geographic area over the Niagara escarpment which means large areas of concentrated bedrock and less ability for the soils to filter agricultural runoff before hitting an aquifer.
- Ledgeview Farms history of non-compliance with state and federal regulations to date creates doubt that they will be in compliance in the future with applicable regulations as they scale their operations to a larger size and the allure of greater profits cloud their already clearly poor compliance record.
- Property values will be severely impacted for the hundreds of homes located close enough to be affected negatively by the proposed expansion causing many of us to go "upside down" with the value of our own properties relative to our investments in them.

We are sensitive to Ledgeview Farms state to "being here first" and their ability to operate their business for a profit, but many other farms throughout the state also spread out the number of their animals across multiple sites/locations that are not so immediately concentrated in one geographic area. To us, this seems like a reasonable compromise and request to allow them expansion (whether in or out of the Town of Ledgeview) but at a different site located much further away from their existing base of operations and away from current and future development in the town.

We ask the board reviewing this to consider putting themselves in the shoes of the neighboring residents and community with the introduction of something potentially unsafe and certainly unwanted. Consider the impact to the community, to our children and anyone else located so near to this proposed facility. We thank you in advance and trust that your careful review will find that the public health and safety and overall public interest warrant a decision in favor of the Town of Ledgeview and against Ledgeview Farms.

Sincerely,

Timothy and Miya Reichwald (children Reece and Drake)
3440 Euro Lane
De Pere, WI 54115

Timothy J. Reichwald, JD
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From: Alisa Conway
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Public Comment on Ledgeview Farms
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 5:18:11 PM

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 **Notice of Violation** for failure to obtain WPDES permit for a CAFO.

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- On November 29, 2016, USEPA informed Ledgeview Farms of their intent to file a **Civil Administrative Complaint for violations of the Clean Water Act**.

- 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.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Carrie Miller
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Public Comment on Ledgeview Farms
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 3:29:54 PM

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Thank you!

From: Erin Enright
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: public comment on Ledgeview farms
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 5:37:17 PM

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high nitrated and fecal coliforms with dangerous densities within 2,500 feet of a waste storage facility.

Thank you for your time,
Erin Enright

From: Lee Adams
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Public Comment on Ledgeview Farms
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 3:32:00 PM

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Lee Adams
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From: Stephanie Albrecht
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Public Comment on Ledgeview Farms
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:05:39 AM

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Thank you,
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From: Terry Albrecht
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Public Comment on Ledgeview Farms
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 4:15:00 PM
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From: Todd Bierowski
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Comments On Manure Pit
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:21:33 AM

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Best Wishes,

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From: Tricia Adams
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Public comment on Ledgeview Farms
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 3:33:35 PM

To whom it may concern,

As a sports nutritionist who is studying for a Masters of Medical Nutrition, I am a clean farming advocate. I recently moved to Ledgeview, Wisconsin and appreciate the rural area, as well as the majority of our farming neighbors. However, I am vehemently opposed to the proposed wastewater management system from Ledgeview Farms for health reasons. The farm has many prior violations, and precedence draws an easy conclusion that the maintenance and environmental concerns by the farm will be vastly sub-par.

Here are a few of the many reasons to deny the manure pit:

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From: steve marcelle
To: DATCP SitingBoard
Subject: Re: Docket Number 18-LFSRB-02
Date: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:23:54 AM

Hello,

It is my understanding this didn't go through in time but I believe I responded before the deadline. Hopefully this can be used.

Steve

On Tue, Jul 31, 2018 at 8:24 AM steve marcelle <steve.marcelle@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hello,
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> I am writing to give my opinion on the Pansier family farm and that I think they should be able to continue to operate in their current location. I have lived at the same address for almost 32 years of my life except the 5 years from 2005-2010 where I left Wisconsin to attend school in Atlanta. I live within 2 miles of the farm and am very active within the local area and wildlife as I am an outdoorsman and I also own a beekeeping business with my brother. The Pansier's allow us to keep bees on their land and did many years before us as well with another beekeeper. This shows how committed they are to the local area and wildlife as you may have heard bees are dying. Our bees seem to thrive on the Pansier farm and always make wonderful honey crops and do well surviving the winter in these locations. The Pansier's are always thinking of the local wildlife and water systems with the decisions they make from what I have noticed. They do a wonderful job keeping the odor to a minimum and I very rarely ever smell anything and like I said I work bees right next to the fields they grow their crops on. You may have noticed that you didn't see any complaints from anybody in the area until people saw the test holes being drilled which they then contacted the DNR. There were no complaints before even though there already was a manure pit at the upper site. They are in rights according to the DNR and state laws to be able to build the pit but the town of Ledgview decided they were going to change their law right before the Pansiers got a permit that is not in line with the state of Wisconsin or the DNR. Now they are telling them they must stop farming because they are not to code. They are working diligently to get up to code and have to do a lot of the manual labor themselves like building a barn, cutting the wood and having a saw mill come in to make the boards. As you might imagine this takes time and cannot get done overnight. They are working diligently to work toward zero run off. They are also working closely with agencies on a schedule. Manure pits are nothing new for agriculture and you can see them all over the Wisconsin landscape and is the safest way to handle manure in the winter months. This manure pit is for the safety of the people and not entirely for benefit of the farm. In my opinion the town is picking on the Pansier farm as they are working diligently to make a living. I know this as like I mentioned above I am very active around the Pansier Farm and can see it with my own eyes. At the end of the day I believe that the Pansier farm should

continue to be able to farm in the community and build a manure pit as it is necessary for their operation. As you might of heard being a farmer is a thankless job which is more true in this world today than it was in the past. The Pansier's are just trying to do what they love on the land they love to make a honest living. They have done a wonderful job keeping the smells down to the encroaching neighbors and we should be proud to say the Pansier farm is part of the community and should be in the future as well.

Thank you,

Steve Marcelle