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Subject: Stop the factory farm In Southwest Michigan
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:09:08 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

Dear Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Committee,

My name is Linn Aschenbach and I reside at 50617 Maple Island Road, Dowagiac, MI, Magician Lake. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

I am a concerned citizen, writing to express significant concerns about the proposed site suitability determination for the new industrial egg-laying operation in Cass County, Michigan, Silver Creek. I believe MDARD failed to properly apply the GAAMPs, and MDARD should have denied the siting application.

Since the 1950's, Michigan Tourism has boasted-WATER WONDERLAND, WATER-WINTER WONDERLAND, GREAT LAKES STATE, and the most recent PURE MICHIGAN as its state saying on their license plates. No where in the most vivid imaginations of citizens and tourists is corporate chicken factories, which emit life altering contaminates to Michigan's natural environment, part of Michigan's vision. Why would you agree to place Silver Creek residents and visitors around pesticide residue, water pollutants, volatile organic waste, persistent organic pollutants, leachates, noise pollution, ammonia air pollution, to name a few extremely offensive intrusions to PURE MICHIGAN is Dowagiac, MI by the BIG BOX POULTRY FACTORY that is proposed.

My concerns are as follow:

1. Site suitability determination: This site is inappropriate for an egg layer operation. MDARD's own critical factors such as environmental impact, management of production waste, odors, potential health risks, social impacts, and economic impacts to other members of the community were not considered here, or considered incompletely. DID farmer Layman get a permit to build a Chicken Farm on a Gravel Pit which is actively being used today? A gravel pit is a direct passage to the water table for the community!!
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not fulfill the requirements for Category 2 livestock production sites under the GAAMPs guidelines, given the high potential for environmental and public health risks. MDARD never should have evaluated this as Category 2, but should have treated it as "not acceptable" for livestock production and denied the siting application.

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Silver Creek Township, where the proposed Chicken Farm seems to be unaware of the huge impact that this farm will have in the township. Please note that Sisters Lakes has LONG been a destination for vacationers and second home owners. These property owners pay property taxes and have disposable cash to spend in MI.

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Recreation and living near such a site is not healthy!!! If the DNR will not remove Canada Geese to the Avian Influenza, why would the state feel that have 45,000 chicken is one location be safe?????

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Think about all the WATER WONDERLAND visitors enjoying Michigan's natural resource, attending the Catholic Church, having a wedding, playing in lakes and streams as the PURE MICHIGAN air is contaminated with the odor omitted by the proposed Chicken Factory in Dowagiac!!!!

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If the proposed business was clear with the surrounding neighbors, and population of the Sisters Lake population, they would have a pulse on how concerned the residents and visitors are.

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Since the DNR is asking everyone to contact them when 5 birds are found dead due to the influenza this would mean a daily call to DNR to report the hundred of dead chickens? Would the MDARD or the DNR have an onsite reporter to keep this directive enforced?

9. Road and transportation issues: The increase in traffic, road wear and tear, and related safety concerns need thorough consideration, yet the siting application and MDARD did not evaluate this issue and its impacts on our community.

Have you seen the country road(s) that this "Chicken Factory" is located on? The roads are substandard for use for the large semis, commercial equipment, and the hugely increase road usage needed to run the said CHICKEN FACTORY.

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing today about the proposed factory poultry farm, Silver Creek Poultry LLC, slated to be established at 51501 Bakeman Road in Dowagiac Michigan.

It has come to my attention, and to the attention of my community members, that this particular farm will house 45,000 chickens and have a disastrous environmental impact on such a pristine section of Southwestern Michigan.

My family home, the place that I grew up in and that my parents still live in, is within less than half a mile of this proposed site. I have many fond memories of drinking from the garden hose as a child, and looked forward to memories of watching my son do the same at his grandparent's home. However, in light of this new situation and the extreme likelihood of groundwater contamination from this factory farm, those dreams have been dashed. I now look ahead at visits with my parents as an indoor activity with the windows shut and the necessity of bottled water.

This realization is not just for a visit to my childhood home, but a potential contamination to my current residence. Although my home is not within the 5 mi radius of this factory farm it is within 6 miles. We live in another area that has been underrepresented in this situation. Twin lakes, also known as the Glenwood area, is within 7 miles of this proposed factory chicken farm. These lakes and their residents will also see an impact from such a large-scale operation.

The gloom-ridden health and environmental impacts are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to negative effects based on this proposal. As my parents happen to be one of the residencies that join directly to the proposed chicken farm property, their home lies within less than half a mile of where the structures are to be built. The home that they have spent over 45 years investing in will now be worth next to nothing.

My husband and I continue to be part of this community. I own a small business that services a great deal of Sister Lakes. Many of my clients own second homes on lakefront properties. When these people are forced to give up their recreation and relaxation due to poor environmental choices it will impact our business significantly. My family has continued to live and work in this community for almost 100 years. I am a second generation business owner and I'm proud to live and work in Sister Lakes. However, I cannot state that I am proud of what is being allowed to happen due to Right To Farm.

It pains me greatly to watch my parents, my neighbors, and my community suffer due to a

very poor planned business venture. These people are my extended family and when they suffer we all do.

I implore you, we must put a stop to this factory farm proposal. Please help our community keep Sister Lakes the pristine recreation and relaxation haven that it has been for generations.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
Chasity Oehler
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From: Michael Ribich
To: MDA-Ag-Comm1ss100
Subject: NO to Factory Farms In Sister Lakes
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 9:41:09 AM

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My name is Michael Ribich and I reside at
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Sincerely,

Michael Ribich

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From: Ron Smith
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ron Smith and with my wife, we reside at 31094 Curran Beach Road. I am submitting comments in strong opposition of the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

As a deeply concerned resident, I am writing to express our significant concerns about the proposed site's suitability determination for a new industrial egg-laying factory in Cass County, Michigan, Silver Creek. I believe MDARD failed to properly apply the GAAMPs, and MDARD should have rejected the application and recognized, this is not a "family farm", but a factory.

Some, but not all, our concerns are as follows:

1. Site Suitability Determination: This site is inappropriate for an egg layer factory. MDARD's own critical factors such as environmental impact, management of production waste, odors, health risks, social impacts and the economic impact to families in the area, were not considered or determined with insufficient due diligence.
2. Site is "not acceptable" for livestock production and not a Category 2: The proposed site does not fulfill the requirements for Category 2 livestock production sites under the GAAMPs guidelines, given the high potential for environmental and public health risks; mainly the current Avian Flu outbreak (<https://www.who.int/news/item/12-07-2023-ongoing-avian-influenza-outbreaks-in-animals-pose-risk-to-humans>) MDARD never should have considered this as Category 2. Instead, the application should have been treated as, "not acceptable" for livestock production and denied the siting application.
3. Deficiency of Notice: Transparency and public engagement are critical in decisions of this magnitude. Conversely, public notice was insufficient and in several case, non-existent..... several households and businesses were excluded from Silver Creek's public notice and from MDARD's review, making this entire siting application and review process, invalid.
4. GAAMPs' "additional considerations" not met: MDARD's GAAMPs have additional considerations. MDARD did not adequately address these concerns. These inadequacies include, but not limited to;
Silver Creek's proposed proximity to residences, proximity to high-use areas like the daycare facility, the wedding reception business, the historic outdoor drive-in theater, the Catholic Church, fresh drinking water sources and other irrigation wells were not identified by Silver

Creek or MDARD.

Additionally, wellhead protection areas, proposed manure spreading areas, wetlands, floodplains, recreation and surface water protection are very important to our community's way of life and economy. Furthermore, neither MDARD or Silver Creek properly evaluated the particularities of the abandoned gravel mine site and how this facility's reclamation will be completed, in order to protect our drinking water and farmland(s).

Did MDARD and/or Silver Creek even consult with MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Agency) to determine if a Reclamation Plan and a Reclamation Bond are in existence or required?

5. Odor Control: The strong odors associated with such hen factories can significantly reduce the quality of life for local residents, thereby directly impacting, not only the social aspect of our community, but the health and welfare of our children, friends and families. MDARD's own odor policy does not even account for egg layers. Most alarming is, MDARD allowed Silver Creek to grossly underestimate odor emissions. It is MDARD's fiduciary responsibility to withdraw its approval and deny the application, on this issue alone.

6. Manure Management and System Plans: Silver Creek's management of animal waste is a major concern! Silver Creek only provided general and minimal information, regarding this issue. The proposed/approved Manure Management Plan and its potential impact(s) is not consistent with proper disposal guidelines and causes a significant public health threat to residents, now and for years to come.

Without more specifics on how this will affect our community, MDARD should never have allowed this Siting Application.

7. Land Application: The transport and storage of waste on, and from this site, has the strong potential to pollute the area's water and air. This includes the potential for dangerous pollutants to runoff into surface and ground water(s). Simply relying on "other" egg factory operations, in Michigan, for manure production and spreading requirements, is not a site-specific analysis, which MDARD is required to perform under the GAAMPs.

8. Mortality management: We are greatly concerned about how the operation underestimated its mortality rate and its lack of planning to effectively mitigate the disposal of dead decaying birds and their odors. I am confident you recognize this issue has significant environmental and health implications that can present themselves now, and in the future.

9. Road and Transportation Issues: The increase in heavy truck traffic will considerably increase, road wear and tear. It will also place large trucks on narrow, one line roads, which will increase safety concerns. Most notably, the siting application and MDARD did not evaluate this issue and its economic and road safety implications to our community.

10. General Information on Egg Layer Operations and the History of Egg Layer Operation Violations in Michigan:

If MDARD conducted a proper due diligence, past records of egg layer operations, in Michigan, show a disturbing trend of significant environmental and regulatory negligence and an overwhelming amount of violations. We fear a repeat of such scenarios, especially since the applicant lacks the experience in the "hen industry" and managing a factory of this size.

In light of these and other concerns, we STRONGLY urge MDARD to withdraw its initial site suitability determination

and deny Silver Creek's siting application. As a concerned resident, I believe decisions of this magnitude should not solely focus on the economic benefits of one so-called "farm" - but must give considerable consideration to the resident's environmental, public health and community wellbeing. Allowing this application would ignore the immediate and long term effects to our community, a community that has been in existence since the late 1800s.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

Sincerely,
Ron Smith
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From: Peggy FitzGibbons
To: MPA-Ag-Comm:ss100
Subject: Protect Public Health
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 9:27:11 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Peggy Fitzgibbons and I reside at
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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,

Peggy Fitzgibbons

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Subject: Protect our Community
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 9:27:06 AM

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Madalyn Wold

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From: Shawna Wyngarden
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Subject: Factory farms don't belong In Sister Lakes
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 9:12:17 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Shawna Wyngarden and I reside at
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Sincerely,

Shawna Wyngarden

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From: [Allee Gately](#)
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Subject: STOP the Sliver Creek Factory farm
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:29:12 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Alice Gately and I reside at
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Sincerely,

Alice Gately

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From: Peggy Hayes
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:28:10 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Peggy Hayes and I reside at
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From: [patrick and Sandra Yore](#)
To : [MDA-Aa-c:omm:ss:on](#)
Subject: Opposed to Sliver Creek Poultry
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:27:10 PM

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From: [Anita Christerson](#)
To: [MPA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: Deny the siting application
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:27:09 PM

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From: Jeff Aschenbach
To: MPA-AQ:Cororofssioo
Subject: Opposed to Sliver Creek Poulby
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:26:14 PM

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I think Mahatma Gandhi said it best,,,
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Allowing the proposed Factory for Egg and Chicken production in Dowagiac is ludicrous! Who would propose a Chicken factory ... feet, kilometers, and miles from Michigan's springs, creeks, lakes, and waterways in Dowagiac? Big business before public safety?

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To : MDA-Ag-commission
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Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 3:22:10 PM

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To: [MDA-Ag-eomm:ss100](#)
Subject: Community First
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 3:21:11 PM

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To: [MPA-AQ-Commission](#)
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
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Dear Commissioners,

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Dear Commissioners,

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The reason I am writing to you today is to express my opposition to MDARD's decision to approve the site application from Silver Creek Poultry to build a chicken egg laying production facility on Bakeman Road in Dowagiac. My home is on Downey Street in Dowagiac and is approximately 2.5 miles away from the proposed site. The quality of life for myself and my neighbors in Silver Creek Township will greatly diminish if this operation is approved to continue.

My primary concerns are:

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Thank you for hearing my concerns. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if I can provide any additional information. I urge you to please help our community stop this chicken egg laying operation from being built on Bakeman Road in Dowagiac. The health and wellbeing of each of my neighbors residing in our rural Dowagiac community, in Silver Creek Township and in rural Southwest Michigan far outweighs the economic benefit that a chicken egg production facility could bring.

Thank you.
Paul Soderbloom
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Sincerely,
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From: McKenzie comas
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
SUBJECT: Protect Sister Lakes
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:34:11 PM

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To: MOA-Ag-Comm:ss100
Subject: Factory farms don't belong in Sister Lakes
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:31:10 PM

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Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:30:17 PM

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Subject: Factory Fanning Is NOT Fanning
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From: [Mary Simulis](#)
To : [MPA-Aa-comm:ss:on](#)
Subject: Protect Public Health
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To : MPA-AQ-Commission
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Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:22:19 PM

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Sincerely,

Kimberly Korona

kimkorona@gmail.com

21245 Flanders St.

Farmington Hills, MI 48335

United States



From: [Theresa Dolan](#)
To: [MPA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: Community First
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:22:15 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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30275 Gilmore Avenue
Dowagiac, MI 49047
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From: Jennifer Reddick
To: MDA-Aq-Commission
Subject: Family Fanns NOT Factory Fanns
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:21:10 PM

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51805 Garrett Road
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Reddick

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51805 Garrett Road

Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: James Johnson
To: MQA-Ag-Comm1ss100
Subject: Save Sister Lakes from Factory Farming
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:20:13 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is James Johnson and I reside at 30954 Bittersweet Trail. I moved here with my family five years ago and we have all fallen in love with the natural wildlife and community. The Sister Lakes are a unique treasure in Southwest Michigan and we need to protect it with all our strength. Therefore, I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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From: [Angela Dahl](#)
To: [MPA-Ag-Comm1ss1on](#)
Subject: Opposed to Sliver Creek Poultry
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:42:10 AM

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My name is Angela Dahl and I reside at
915 San Jose Drive SE
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915 San Jose Drive SE

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From: [Kathy Burda](#)
To: [MDA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: Sister Lakes deserves better
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:40:10 AM

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Magician Terrace
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From: Jozlin Jceadwen
To: MQA-Ag-Commission
SUBject: Protect the Environment DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:35:11 AM

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From: Bridget Kelly
To: MPA-Ag-commission
Subject: save our Community
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:34:08 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Bridget Kelly and I reside at
1905 W Wabansia Ave
Chicago, IL 60622
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From: Lori Bannow
To : MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory fanns don't belong In Sister Lakes
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:34:07 AM

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50821 Maple Island Rd
Dowagiac, MI 49047
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lbannow1964@yahoo.com

50821 Maple Island Rd

Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: [Nicolette paglaczynk](#)
To : [MDA-Ag-Comm: on](#)
Subject: Save Sister Lakes from Factory Farming
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:17:11 AM

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My name is Nicolette Paplaczynk and I reside at
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From: GabrieHe Munson
To : MDA-Aa-Comm:ss:on
Subject: Family Fanns NOT Factory Fanns
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:17:08 AM

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From: Katerina Evans
To : MDA-Ag-eomm1ss1on
Subject: Community First
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:16:14 AM

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My name is Katerina Evans and I reside at
66973 Ellen Road
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66973 Ellen Road

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From: Matthew carr
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Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 10:01:11 AM

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From: Amber s1cocuoa
To : MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: AGAINST Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 7:59:14 PM

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From: Josh Wright
To: MPA-Ag-comm:ss:on
Subject: NO to Factory Farms In Sister Lakes
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 7:55:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Josh Wright

JAWI980@mail.com

3787 Meadowbrook Rd
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From: Jedediah Merideth
To: MPA-Aa-eomm1ss1on
Subject: Sister Lakes Is NOT for Factory Farms
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 7:54:08 PM

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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: Emmy Romero
To: MDA-Aa-eomm:ss:on
Subject: Protect our Community
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 7:53:11 PM

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My name is Emily Romero and I reside at
108 Paras Hill
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Emily Romero

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108 Paras Hill

Hartford, MI 49057

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From: [Haydyn first](#)
To : [MDA-Ag:Commission](#)
Subject: Deny the siting application
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 6:43:09 PM

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27755 Mathews Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047
United States

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Sincerely,
Haydyn First
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27755 Mathews Street
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From: [Ken Anderson](#)
To: [MPA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: Family Fanns NOT Factory Fanns
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 12:05:12 PM

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50309 Cable Lakeview Drive
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Sincerely,

Ken Anderson

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From: [Hannah Beamer](#)
To : [MPA-AQ-Commission](#)
Subject: Sister Lakes Is NOT for Factory Farms
Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 8:30:11 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Hannah Beamer and I reside at 65363 County Road 342 which is right on the line between Hartford and Dowagiac. We are a local fanning family, and own a generational centennial farm in the Sister Lakes area. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,

Hannah Beamer

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From: KellyAnne Feichter
To: MPA-AQ Commission
Subject: AGAINST Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:19:10 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is KellyAnne Feichter and I reside at
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KellyAnne Feichter

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31153 County Line Road

Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: WunamBoehnlein
To : MPA-AQ-Commission
Subject: Deny the siting application
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:18:12 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is William Boehnlein and I reside at
62480 Gilmore Avenue
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Sincerely,

William Boehnlein

billb@sisterlakescable.com

62480 Gilmore Avenue

Dowagiac, MI 49047

United States

From: [Barbara Thomas](#)
To: [MDA-Ag-<ommission](#)
Subject: NO to Factory Farms In Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:08:12 PM

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From: [Michael Knapp](#)
To: [MDA-AQ-Commission](#)
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:29:11 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Michael Knapp and I reside at
31560 Middlecrossing Rd
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From: [shanteHe Beach](#)
To : [MDA-Ag-Comm1ss:on](#)
Subject: Stop the factory farm In Southwest Michigan
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 7:59:10 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Shantelle Beach and I reside at
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I worry for my soon to be born grandson and the quality of life he and my daughter will have if this site approval is not withdrawn. They will be losing their right to peaceful enjoyment of their residence because the chicken stink will most certainly keep them closed inside most days. Affordable housing is hard to find and she was lucky her grandmother had a house become available so that she could move back home from Florida last August.

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From: Claire Wesolowski
To : MDA-Ag:Comm:ss.on
Subject: Deny the siting application
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 7:58:10 PM

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52135 Brosnan Road
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From: Fred Holland
To: MDA-Ag-eomrol\$\$iAo
Subject: Family Farms NOT Factory Farms
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 7:56:15 PM

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From: Gary Wesolowski
To: MPA-Aa-commission
Subject: AGAINST Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 7:16:09 PM

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DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
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From: "Daphne O'Brien"
To: [MPA-AQ-Commission](#)
Subject: save Sister Lakes from Factory Farming
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 6:19:13 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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To: [MDA-Aq-Commission](#)
Subject: Sister Lakes deserves better
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 6:19:08 PM

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I see only negatives in allowing the Silver Creek Poultry Factory Plant build in this community. I sincerely hope that after reading through the IO points listed above you will agree.

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Sincerely,
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From: Ember Hayse
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: NO to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 5:14:10 PM

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Dear MDA Agriculture Commission and Mr. Wozniak.

The reason I am writing to you today is to express my opposition to MDARD's decision to approve the site application from Silver Creek Poultry to build a chicken egg laying production facility on Bakeman Road in Dowagiac. My home is on Downey Street in Dowagiac and is approximately 2.5 miles away from the proposed site. The quality of life for myself and my neighbors in Silver Creek Township will greatly diminish if this operation is approved to continue.

My primary concerns are:

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Thank you for hearing my concerns. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if I can provide any additional information. I urge you to please help our community stop this chicken egg laying operation from being built on Bakeman Road in Dowagiac. The health and wellbeing of each of my neighbors residing in our rural Dowagiac community, in Silver Creek Township and in rural Southwest Michigan far outweighs the economic benefit that a chicken egg production facility could bring.

Thank you.

Paul Soderbloom

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Sincerely,

Sharon Lucich

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From: Camie Witydd
To: MQA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory farms don't belong In Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 4:34:22 PM

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My name is Carole Witucki and I reside at 31784 Topash St. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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From: Erto Manghera
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposed to Sliver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 4:19:09 PM

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3705 Oak Street
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From: Kimberly cyshway
To: MDA-Ag-Comm:eloo
Subject: Protect Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 4:17:12 PM

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93407 Wolf Drive
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Sincerely,
Kimberly Cushway
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From: Caryn Chaden
To: MPA-Ag-Comrofssioo
Subject: Factory Farming Is NOT Farming
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 4:16:14 PM

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32210 Center St.
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Sincerely,

Caryn Chaden

carynchaden@gmail.com

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: Sydney Podemski
To: MPA-Aa-eororoissioo
Subject: Sister Lakes IS NOT for Factory Farms
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:59:09 PM

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Sydney Podemski

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Subject: Community First
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To: MPA-Ag-Commission
Subject: STOP the Sliver Creek Factory fann
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:56:13 PM

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: Kathy Lyons
To : MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: AGAINST Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Frtday, July 21, 2023 3:37:16 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,
Kathy Lyons
lkdlyons@bellsouth.net

3715 Hycliffe Avenue
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From: [cneeo Hayes](#)
To: [MDA-Aa-Comm:ss:on](#)
Subject: NO to Factory Farms In Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:37:11 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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94903 CR690
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
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From: [Adisa Hemenway](#)
To: [MPA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:36:23 PM

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United States

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Arika Hemenway

arikahemway.1@icloud.com

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To : MPA-Ag-Commission
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:32:15 PM

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My name is Marilyn Creswell and I reside at
155 Lake Village Drive
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From: [Walter Bobkiewicz](#)
To: [MDA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Data: Friday, July 21, 2023 1:57:15 PM

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32536 Cable Parkway
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Walter Bobkiewicz

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From: Anita Sherman
To: MQA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory farms don't belong In Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 1:57:13 PM

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My name is Anita Sherman and I reside at
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asherman0920@yahoo.com

3056 Williamsburg Rd

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From: Teri Frantz
To: MPA-AQ-Commission
Subject: Opposed to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 1:52:19 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Teri Frantz and I reside in Buchanan now, but I used to live in Dowagiac. I still go to the Silver Creek United Methodist Church. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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2930 E Riverside Rd
Buchanan, MI 49107
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To: MPA-AQ-Commission
Subject: Factory farms don't belong In Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 1:51:23 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: Franklin Shuttan
To: MQA-Aa-eommission
Subject: NO to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 1:38:19 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Franklin Shuttan and I own a home at 32636 Cable Parkway in the Sister Lakes area. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

We are recent homeowners in the Sister Lakes area and have been quite taken with its serenity and natural beauty. We are retirees, as are a number of others in our community. This is our happy place. We are next to Cable Lake, which does not even allow motorized water craft. Our lake is clean and beautiful. We want to keep it that way.

We have also been following closely and with great distress the proposal for a massive chicken operation on Bakeman Road less than four miles from our house. Based on a fair amount of reading on this subject it is hard to understand how this kind of operation fits with a resort/lake area community that is virtually next door. Odor, noise, potential ground water contamination (we all have wells), run-off and air pollution are all potential and/or likely byproducts of such an operation. While we are in full support of the appeal filed by residents within one-half mile of this awful proposal, one would not have to be located within the one-half mile of it to suffer the consequences if it is allowed.

We are well aware of the latitude the farmer allegedly has under the Right to Farm law. But do the generally accepted agricultural practices include potential destruction of nearby lakes and communities that have been an environmental, tourist and economic asset to the area for many decades? Surely there are better places for this massive chicken farm than a stone's throw from Magician and other Sister Lakes. If this is such a benign proposal, why isn't he building it in or near his home in Berrien Springs. The answer is simple: his friends and neighbors would never stand for it, and he doesn't want to pollute his home environment.

This is not an attack of farmers or farming. We were well aware when we bought our house this is an agricultural area. There is an apple orchard down the street and a vegetable farm around the corner. What we oppose is an industrial farm that is incongruous with its surrounding area.

While I fully support the appeal, I am sorry it has come to the point where this hearing is even necessary, as I believe MDARD failed to properly apply the GAAMPs. Simply, MDARD should have denied the siting application on any number of criteria. To wit, just a few:

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Sincerely,
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From: [Neal Kinzie](#)
To : [MQA-Ag-eomrol\\$lioo](#)
Subject: Sister Lakes Is NOT for Factory Fanns
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wvista@mind.net

31298 Hemlock Island Drive
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To: [MDA-Ag-Comm1ss100](#)
Subject: Protect our Community
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Dear Commissioners,

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Subject: Save Sister Lakes from Factory Farming
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Hannah Christner

hannah516grace@gmail.com

58571 Klumbis Road

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From: Gerardo Blvera
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Gerardo Rivera
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To: [MPA-Ag-commission](#)
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From: Nikki peterson
To: MDA-Aq-caroroileiPo
Subject: STOP the Sliver Creek Factory farm
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 1:20:27 PM

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Sincerely,

Nikki Peterson

nikki@rstrieterltd.com

United States



From: Susan Oosterwal
To: MPA-AQ-Commission
Subject: Sister Lakes deserves better
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 1:19:20 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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31385 Topash Street
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Susan Oosterwal

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31385 Topash Street

Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: Kayla Wilson
To: MQA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Stop the factory farm in Southwest Michigan
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:46:10 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Kayla Wilson and I reside at
51476 Townhall Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047
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I am married into a generational farm family who owns the farm directly across the street on Bakeman Road. We spend summers with our nieces and nephews playing in the barns, our gravel pit, and the ponds. We have fresh springs just a few hundred feet away from where these barns are going to be placed. My home is just feet short of the 1/2 mile radius of those who were allowed to appeal, and our entire family lives within 5 miles of this proposed site. While the negative impacts of this factory farm may not be immediately felt, it will ultimately effect our ENTIRE family. This area is not only our home, but our livelihood. While I respect everyone's right to farm, and surely would not want anyone to keep us from farming, this "chicken farm" is nothing more than a poultry factory, and it does not belong here.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

Sincerely,

Kayla Wilson

kayladwilson@hotmail.com

51476 Townhall Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047
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From: [Barbara Morgan](#)
To: [MDA-Aa-comm:ss:on](#)
Subject: Opposed to Sliver Creek PoultJy
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:45:24 AM

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My name is Barbara Morgan and I reside at
24635 Jefferson Street
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Barbara Morgan
barbara.j.morgan40@gmail.com

24635 Jefferson Street
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From: Alexa Scherer
To: MPA-AQ:Cororoisstoo
Subject: Deny the siting application
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:35:15 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Alexa Scherer and I reside at 31951 Middle Crossing Rd. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,
Alexa Scherer
ascherer426@gmail.com

31951 Middle Crossing Road
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From: [Pernell Owen](#)
To: [MDA-Ag-Comm1ss1on](#)
Subject: Deny the siting application
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:35:12 AM

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23458 Kelsey Lake Street
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To: [MPA-AQ-Commission](#)
Subject: NO to Factory Farms In Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:35:12 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

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From: Scott: Simon
To: MPA-AQ-Commission
Subject: No factory farms In our town
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:17:17 AM

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Sincerely,

Scott Simon

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From: Alyssa Boese
To : MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Protect the Environment DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:58:10 AM

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400 McPhil Drive
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To : [MDA Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: NO to Factory Farms In Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:53:10 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Lois Koel and I reside at
22730 McKenzie Street
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Lois Koel

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United States



From: Michelle Prak
To: MPA-Ag-eomro1woo
Subject: Family Farms NOT Factory Farms
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:51:10 AM

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From: Kim Seyfarth
To: MDA-Aa-eororoission
Subject: Community First
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:48:08 AM

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From: Richard Leach
To: MPA-Agriculture
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:25:17 AM

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To: [MDA-Aa-eommission](#)
Subject: Save our Community
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:25:13 AM

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From: Laure Qussubieux
To: MQA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Family Fanns NOT Factory Fanns
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:24:15 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

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To: [MPA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: DENY Sliver Creek Poultry
Date: Frtday, July 21, 2023 10:24:12 AM

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To: MJ/A-Aa-eomm1ss100
Subject: Opposition to Sliver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:23:19 AM

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Subject: Protect the EnVironment DENY Sliver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 9:06:11 AM

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To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poulby
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 9:05:13 AM

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From: sunshine Gonzalez
To: MPA-Aa-Commission
Subject: AGAINST Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 9:03:10 AM

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From: "Jazmyne eeo0-lger"
To: MPA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory fanns don't belong In Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 9:02:08 AM

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From: 'TomtPhyllis Grotts'
To : MPA-AQ-Commission
Subject: Protect Sister Lakes
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 8:58:20 AM

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Sincerely,
Tom/Phyllis Grotts
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3160I Krohne Street
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From: [suzanne Arendt](#)
To: [MPA-AQ-Commission](#)
Subject: Sister Lakes Is NOT for Factory Farms
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 8:55:21 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Suzanne Arendt and I reside at
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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,

Suzanne Arendt

sarendt13@yahoo.com

28926 Middle Crossing Road

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From: Robin Btesboer
To: MQA-Ag-Comm:ss:on
Subject: Protect our Community
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 8:36:10 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Robin Biesboer and I reside at
50789 Pleasant Street
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Sincerely,

Robin Biesboer

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From: Erik Oosterwal
To: MDA-Ag-comm1ss100
Subject: DENY the Factory Farm In Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 9:41:15 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Erik Oosterwal and I reside at
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I am a farmer from a family who has farmed this area for generations. Allowing this factory to be built in this community will have detrimental effects on the future of this area. This proposed chicken farm will bring no benefits, and has the potential to cause great harm to all of us here.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

Sincerely,

Erik Oosterwal

rooster591988@gmail.com

51476 Townhall Road

Dowagiac, MI 49047

United States



From: Gary Schauer
To: MPA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 9:06:09 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Gary Schaller and I reside at
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Sincerely,

Gary Schaller

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From: came Sanidas
To: MQA-Aa-eomm:ss:on
Subject: STOP the Sliver Creek Factory farm
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 9:05:17 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Carrie Sanidas and I reside at
511 Latitude Lane
Osprey, FL 34229
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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

I am a concerned citizen, writing to express significant concerns about the proposed site suitability determination for the new industrial egg-laying operation in Cass County, Michigan, Silver Creek.

As a child, our family vacationed every summer at Magician Lake in Silver Creek Township.. We loved the area so much that my parents purchased a home on the lake in 1977 and my parents still live in that home. In 2000, my husband and I bought a home on the same lake and we owned it for 16 years. Now that we are retired we plan to move back to the lake. We are hesitant to purchase property there until we know the outcome of this proposed operation.

When we owned our property, we supported the installation of sewer lines and those lines have resulted in a much improved quality of lake and well water. I am very concerned about how the water table, lakes, streams, and wells will be affected by the proposed farm.

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Benjamin Franklin once said "When the well's dry, we know the worth of water." The Silver Creek wells may not run dry, but if they're contaminated they may as well be dry. Then people will know the worth of good water.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

Sincerely,
Carrie Sanidas
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511 Latitude Lane
Osprey, FL 34229
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From: Mattie Thompson
To: MPA-Ag-eomm:woo
Subject: Family Fanns NOT Factory Fanns
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 9:01:13 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Mattie Thompson and I reside at
68330 Michigan 152
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,

Mattie Thompson

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From: [Asblev Bennett](#)
To: [MPA-Ag-eommission](#)
Subject: Protect the Environment DENY *Sliver* Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 8:22:13 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ashley and I reside in Niles, MI. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,
Ashley Bennett
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To: MQA-Ag-Commtssto
Subject: Save our Community
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 8:16:09 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,

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To : [MPA-AQ:Commission](#)
Subject: NO to Factory Fanns In Sister Lakes
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Mirian Paredes and I reside at 51391 Townhall Rd. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

Sincerely,
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Dowagiac, MI 49047
United States



From: [oaoief Kyruzar](#)
To: [MDA-Aq-Comm1ss:on](#)
Subject: Factory farms don't belong In Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 8:13:10 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Daniel Kuruzar and I reside at
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United States

. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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I am also concerned with the potential impact on our population of breeding Bald Eagles. This operation would greatly increase the probability of the an outbreak of avian flu which would most certainly be transmitted to the eagle population and most likely result in a reduction in the eagle population.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kuruzar

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From: Karen Stewart
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Subject: Protect the Environment DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 8:05:12 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Karen Stewart and I reside at
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Watervliet Twp, MI 49098
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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Additional considerations are:

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Sincerely,
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To: MPA-Ag-eomm:ss:on
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Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 8:04:16 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Zoe Michael Jenkins and I reside at 95535 62nd St, Dowagiac MI. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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95535 62nd St Dowagiac, MI (Sister Lakes)
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From: [Angela Hill](#)
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Subject: Factory Farming Is NOT Farming
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Angela Hill and I reside at
411 Parkwood drive 8-12
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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,

Angela Hill

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Kelly Smit and I reside at
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From: Debra Thompson
To: MPA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory farms don't belong In Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 7:44:11 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

We have lived in the community for over 60 years. My name is Debra Thompson and am very concerned regarding the impacts of having an extremely large, environmentally unsound factory farm allowed in our area. I reside at
31153 County Line Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047
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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision. The proposed industrial operation will cause irreversible and life threatening damage to our community and effect the area for generations to come. I am very worried about my husband and myself, my children and grandchildren and everyone else living in areas close to the proposed site that will have their health impacted.

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Please make the decision to save our lives.

We urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

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Sincerely,

Debra Thompson

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To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 7:44:09 PM

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On a personal note, we moved to the Sister Lakes area to enjoy the quiet, safe and peaceful atmosphere without the threat of health hazards, constant flow of semi trucks and foul smells. The Sister Lakes area has been an area staple for decades, drawing visitors from all over the country. It would be a travesty to allow a single business to jeopardize our place in nature. Most importantly, as a father, it is heartbreaking to subject my young son to the exact hazards I left the city to protect him from. Polluted air, increased traffic and a major threat to our natural water supply are just a few issues we would have to contend with. People have relocated to this area for decades to avoid these exact practices. If there is any reason at all to reject this application, it's for the 1000s of children who visit the area lakes to enjoy their natural beauty. In a world where nature is going away and being replaced with video games and cell phones, please do not take away the serenity of one of the last remaining places kids can enjoy nature and turn off the screens. It would bring me to tears to think that my son would not be able to enjoy the lakes in the same fashion I was able to for the past 40 years. We owe it to the next generation to keep our natural lakes safe and clean so they can have experiences to pass down to their children.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

Sincerely,
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From: [Jossalvo Rogalski](#)
To: [MPA-AQ-Commission](#)
SUBJECT: Opposition to proposed Sister Lakes Poultry facility
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 7:36:51 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I'd like first to introduce myself and tell a bit about why I love my town of Sister Lakes so much, and why I feel it is vital to protect this area. I've spent all of the nearly 21 years of my life in the same house located right in the heart of Sister Lakes. My earliest memories are of diving in the lakes with my parents and roaming the local woods to play in streams with my friends. I may not be within the mile radius of direct impact, but I know for a fact that this proposed facility will wreak havoc on all of my small town. I also find it wrong that only those within that distance could appeal originally as it is clear that those in charge of zoning are manipulating the system to where only the smallest number of people have a direct say in this operation; the whole public is important, not just a select few.

I've spent my whole academic life studying environmental impacts brought about by human activity, and I'm currently focusing on how to better our region through my thesis work for my bachelor's at the moment. I may not be studying agricultural topics, but anybody with basic science knowledge should know that this proposed factory farm will only negatively impact our beautiful area. Everyone I've talked with is concerned about human health being impacted by drinking water and overall quality of life, but that is not my biggest worry. I care about the web of life relying on our healthy waters and soils, and with an installation of this size on top of an old gravel pit, we would be putting all of that in jeopardy.

There are many nutrients within poultry manure that promotes plant growth, which sounds appealing, but this is not desirable as an excess of these elements will hinder essentially all life. I strongly oppose the Sister Lakes Poultry facility as it has not been made clear how the manure (or deceased animals) will be properly stored to prevent nutrient pollution. Nitrogen and phosphorus are the main nutrients of concern as these are found at levels of 3% and 2.5%, respectively, within chicken waste (1). A source states that one hen produces 130 lbs of manure annually (2), and with a site proposed to hold 45,000+ chickens, that means there would be 5,850,000 lbs of manure produced a year. Improper collection and storage of this waste is a major concern of mine, as well as possible soil application. Nitrogen and phosphorus runoff promotes algae growth, which then leads to an anoxic (oxygen-devoid) environment, potentially killing fish and many microorganisms reliant on our waterways (3). On top of this, excess nitrogen in the environment can be converted into nitrates through nitrification, and this poses a risk to our local wells. My family has a well, as I'm sure many in the region do too, and I fear excess nitrates in our drinking water as this can lead to many negative conditions. Infants lack an enzyme needed to manage excess nitrates in the body, leading to a lack of oxygen transport and increased risks of mortality. Adults may develop cancer, thyroid disease, or birth defects while pregnant if exposed to high levels of nitrates as well (4). Nitrogen along with the sulfur produced may also contribute to acid rain, which damages soil and plant life (5). These are just a few of the possible harms posed by a few of

the nutrients created by a facility of this size, and the list could truly go on with more research.

From my recent courses, I learned about acoustic signaling among species, and I additionally worry that this factory will produce too much noise that will hinder local animals. Once again, many are concerned with human activity being impacted by the noise or road conditions deteriorating due to increased traffic, but my priority is animal welfare. Many native species rely on acoustic communication at far distances for mating, and to defend or create territories; the increased noise from the proposed facility will negatively impact these systems and disturb the environment.

I could truly go on with more of my concerns, but I feel as though my main point is clear enough, or others will hopefully reiterate those other worries. I pray that you take these major problems into consideration as it is evident with our crazily changing world that our environment is already battling enough, and we truly do not need to add more pollution to disrupt it.

Sincerely, a deeply concerned nature-loving local,

Jossalyn Rogalski
269-635-0175

Sources:

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2. [GHGS-02.pdf\(hawaii.edu\)](https://www.hawaii.gov/dhs/2017/02/28/gdgs-02/)
3. [Nitrogen and Water | U.S. Geological Survey \(usgs.gov\)](https://www.usgs.gov/monitoring-and-assessment/monitoring/monitoring-nitrogen-and-water/)
4. [High levels of nitrate in drinking water can affect everyone. \(wisconsin.gov\)](https://www.wisconsin.gov/dhs/2017/02/28/gdgs-02/)
5. [Sulfur Dioxide Basics | US EPA](https://www.epa.gov/air-pollution/sulfur-dioxide-basics)

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To : MPA-Ag-commission
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 6:51:13 PM

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To: [MDA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: Protect our Community
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To: [MDA-Ag-Commis.gov](#)
Subject: Save our Community
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 6:49:09 PM

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From: James Roberto
To: MQA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory Farming Is NOT Farming
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 6:26:10 PM

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Sincerely,
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9767 Daisy Lane
Dexter, MI 48130
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From: [Brad Grove](#)
To: [MQA-Aa-comm1ss100](#)
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 4:18:09 PM

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Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
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To : [MDA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: Factory Farming Is NOT Farming
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 4:08:08 PM

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Sincerely,

Teresa Amburn

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Dowagiac, Michigan, MI 49047

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To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposed to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 4:08:08 PM

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94675 County Road 690

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From: [Raylene Grover](#)
To: [MPA-Ag-Comm1ss100](#)
Subject: Save Sister Lakes from Factory Farming
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Dear Commissioners,

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To: MQA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposed to Sliver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 4:02:08 PM

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Fry

fanofirish@hotmail.com

66515 Ellen Road

Dowagiac, MI 49047

United States



From: Huyen Icao Nguyen
To : MQA-AQ-Commission
Subject: NO to Factory Farms In Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:47:13 PM

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My name is Huyen Tran Nguyen and I reside at
657 Highview Street
Dearborn, MI 48128
United States

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To: MPA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Protect our Community
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:44:13 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Daniel Duffin and I reside at 31948 Huckleberry Lane. Dowagiac MI 49047. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,
Daniel Duffin
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CHICAGO, IL 60655
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Subject: STOP the Sliver Creek Factory fann
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:43:07 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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Kathy Burda

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To: MPA-AQ-Commission
Subject: Factory Fanning Is NOT Fanning
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:38:06 PM

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Sincerely,

Bradley Lindorf

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50948 3rd Street

Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: [Brandy Choma](#)
To: [MDA-Aa-eororoiSSioo](#)
Subject: Protect the Environment DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:36:09 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Brandy Chorba and I reside at
9415 Meadowbrook Road
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Brandy Chorba

balmei01@baker.edu

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To: [MPA-AQ-Commission](#)
Subject: Protect Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:35:09 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Dani Brei and I reside at
50780 Cable Park Road
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Sincerely,

Dani Brei

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From: [Elizabeth w1mams](#)
To : [MDA-AQ-Commission](#)
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:31:07 PM

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To: MPA-AQ-Comm\$IP
Subject: Opposed to Sliver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:28:09 PM

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To : MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Save our Community
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:27:09 PM

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Subject: Opposed to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:22:07 PM

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From: [Samantha Gm](#)
To: [MDA-Ag-commission](#)
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:14:11 PM

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Sincerely,

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Joewesolowski@yahoo.com

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Eau Claire, MI 49111

United States



From: Betsy Eitzgibbons
To: MPA-Ag-eomm:ss100
Subject: Protect Sister Lakes
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:29:13 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Betsy Fitzgibbons and I reside at
10408 Linder Ave
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
United States

. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

I have been vacationing in Sisters Lakes for over 15 years. The amount of change and growing as a community that has gone on in that time is amazing. We love going to the local farms for fresh vegetables. The new restaurants and different community outings have grow immensely in that time frame. I love bringing my kids to the local small farms as well.

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I hope you choose to keep this community, safe strong, and clean for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Betsy Fitzgibbons
bfitzgibbons5@gmail.com

10408 Linder Ave
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
United States

From: Jannette simon
To : MPA-Ag-eommission
Subject: AGAINST Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:35:15 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Jannette Simon and I reside at
50153 Crescent Drive
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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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jsimon9579@aol.com

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From: [ScottSimon](#)
To: [MDA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: Sister Lakes deserves better
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:48:09 PM

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50153 Crescent Drive

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From: Katie Merideth
To : MPA-Aa-commi\$ion
Subject: Save our Community
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 2:40:13 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Katie Merideth and I reside at
31317 County Line Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047
United States

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Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

Sincerely,

Katie Merideth

meridethkm@gmail.com

31317 County Line Road

Dowagiac, MI 49047

United States

From: Georse Sobieski
To: MPA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 10:14:11 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Denise and I reside at 51493 Townhall rd 1/2 mile from the "farm". I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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MDA-AfZ-Commission

From: Levi Teitel <levi@progressmichigan.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:28 AM
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Protect the Environment

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Levi Teitel and I reside at
4861 Arrowhead Road
West Bloomfield Township, MI 48323
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MDA-Afi•Commission

From: Karen Patterson <karenp@hshv.org>
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:07 PM
To: M DA-Ag-Commission
Subject: DENY the Factory Farm in Sister Lakes

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Karen Patterson and I reside at
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5. Odor control: The strong odors associated with such operations can significantly reduce the quality of life for local residents, thereby directly affecting the social acceptability of the operation as well as public health. MDARD's own odor model does not even account for egg layers, and MDARD allowed Silver Creek to grossly underestimate odor emissions. MDARD must withdraw its approval and deny the application on this issue alone.

6. Manure management and system plans: Silver Creek's management of animal waste is a major concern, but Silver Creek only provided general information. We are very worried about the efficacy of the proposed manure management plan and its potential impacts on local water

quality and public health. Without more specifics on how this will affect our community, MDARD should not have allowed this Siting Application.

7. Land application: The application of waste on land can exacerbate water and air pollution problems, including the potential for runoff into surface water and groundwater contamination. Simply relying on "other" egg layer operations in Michigan for manure production and manure spreading acreage needs is not a site-specific analysis, which MDARD is required to do under the GAAMPs.

8. Mortality management: We are greatly concerned about how the operation underestimated its mortalities, and its lack of planning to manage and dispose of dead birds, and to control odors. This issue has significant potential environmental and health implications.

9. Road and transportation issues: The increase in traffic, road wear and tear, and related safety concerns need thorough consideration, yet the siting application and MDARD did not evaluate this issue and its impacts on our community.

10. General information on egg layer operations and the history of egg layer operation violations in Michigan: Past records of egg layer operations in Michigan show a disturbing trend of environmental negligence and regulatory violations. We fear a repeat of such scenarios.

In light of these concerns, we urge MDARD to withdraw its initial site suitability determination and deny Silver Creek's siting application. As a concerned citizen, I believe that decisions of this magnitude should not solely focus on the economic benefits to one farm - but must give equal weight to environmental sustainability, public health, and community wellbeing. Allowing this application would do the exact opposite.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge MDARD to withdraw its decision and to deny Silver Creek's Siting Application.

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