

From: Cara Coleman
To: [MDA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: AGAINST Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 12:42:20 PM

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From: Maureen Kelly
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From: Jean Gramlich
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From: Dennis Foote
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory Farming is NOT Farming
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1:48:10 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Dennis Foote and I reside at 29639 Priest St. Dowagiac. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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I grew up in Sister Lakes and owned a Pier business here for many years. When we had children, we purchased a home and raised our children here also. Unforeseen medical issues caused us to move away for a short time. Last year our dream property on Priest Lake came on the market, so we decided to purchase it as our retirement home with plans for it to be a lake retreat for our children and their families and generations to come. My original plan was to retire in Florida, but we decided to stay local so generations to come could enjoy the beauty of this community.

My wife and I have worked hard, sometimes working 2+ jobs, to be in a financial position to purchase this home. Over the last 10 months we have put a lot of blood, sweat, tears and additional money into this home to bring it up to date. We have more repairs to do but fear that if we put any more money into it, and the proposed industrial egg laying facility is approved, that our property value will plummet, and we will be stuck with a property that we cannot enjoy much less sell for what we owe. As The National Association of Realtors has stated, "According to a multitude of studies conducted since the late 1980s, the construction of a CAFO lowers the home and land values around it. A 2015 publication found that properties located within three miles of a CAFO lose up to 26% of their value and neighboring houses, those within .25 miles, lose up to 88%." Our property is just outside the 1/2 mile radius of the proposed facility so it could potentially drop our property value as much as 50% or more. This will be financially devastating to us as well as to other homeowners within 3 miles.

As a former Sister Lakes business owner, most of my clients were seasonal residents who come here for their summer vacations. They bring a lot of revenue to the area. The stores, restaurants and locally owned businesses count on them for their survival. If these families cannot enjoy their beloved time on the lakes due to the adverse effects from the facility, they will find somewhere else to vacation and most of our small business owners will have to close their doors. This will be financially devastating to all local small businesses, which in turn will be financially devastating for their employees who count on them for work.

Our small church, which is inside the 1/2 mile radius, was built by Chief Leopold Pokagon and his tribe of Potawatomi Indians in 1838. The property adjacent to the church is still owned and protected by the Pokagon Band. This church is well known by the seasonals for its outside mass during the warmer months. If they are no longer able to hold mass outside due to the noise and smell of the proposed facility, many of its parishioners will go elsewhere since the church itself is not large enough to hold all those who attend the outside mass. Their donations help keep this historical church in operation. Losing most of its parishioners will be financially devastating to this historic church.

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From: Patricia O'Donnell
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Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1:47:28 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is [Patricia O'Donnell] and I own property on Round Lake 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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From: Carlie Baerg
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: No factory farms in our town
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1:54:07 PM

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From: Krista Paplaczky
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Deny the siting application
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1:52:22 PM

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Subject: Save our Community
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Subject: Opposed to Silver Creek Poultry
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From: David Detlefs
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: No factory farms in our town
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1:48:39 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is David Detlefs and I reside at
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From: Kathleen Montag
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Subject: Protect Public Health
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1:48:38 PM

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From: Lea Detlefs
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Sister Lakes deserves better
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1:48:28 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Lea Detlefs and I reside at
1852 Savannah Lane
Superior Township, MI 48198
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I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

My reasons for opposing the proposed farm are as follows:

First, please listen to your constituents. This farm would benefit the few at a great expense to the quality of life for the many. Farms such as the one proposed here can devastate communities. The smelliness makes it unpleasant and undesirable to live nearby. Property values go down. Pollution and runoff mean water sources and activities become hazardous to our health.

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From: John Havel <john.havel@e-solutions-inc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 2:07 PM
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: NO to Factory Farms in Sister Lakes

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I have been on Magician Lake all my life. My parents even honeymooned on Magician Lake in the 1940's. What is being proposed here is terrible and it should not be allowed. If this chicken farm passes it will substantially impact our area in a negative way. If they want to build this facility, they need to build it elsewhere far away from people's homes. Also, have you taken into consideration the Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church that is very near the proposed chicken farm (and calling it a farm is a joke!). We hold services outside and how are we going to do that when the wind is blowing towards the church and the parishioners cannot stand the smell and the service needs to be cancelled? Please for all that is right deny this application. It is the RIGHT thing to do.

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

Sincerely,
John Havel
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From: Vicki Foote
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Save Sister Lakes from Factory Farming
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 12:45:25 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Vicki Foote and I reside at 29639 Priest St. Dowagiac. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

I am a concerned property owner, writing to express my 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. Here is my story.

My husband grew up in Sister Lakes and owned a Pier business here, so we decided to purchase our own home and raise our children here also. 2 years ago, I had a stroke and due to some medical issues, we decided to move to St. Joseph. During that time, we became empty nesters, and I missed my small lake community so when our dream property on Priest Lake came on the market, we decided to purchase it as our retirement home with plans for it to be a lake retreat for our children and their families and generations to come.

Our home sits just outside of the ½ mile radius of the proposed industrial egg-laying operation. We purchased this property 10 months ago because of its beauty, wildlife and of course the quiet private spring-fed lake. Our property is directly across the lake from beautiful protected tribal land.

There is a National Wildlife Federation sign on the property stating it is a Certified Wildlife Habitat and that the property provides four basic habitat elements needed for wildlife to thrive: food, water, cover, and places to raise young. I have seen more species of wildlife during my time here than I have in my whole life. Every day I see something new. Deer, wild turkeys, geese, ducks, blue heron, cranes, piliated woodpeckers, bared owls, racoon, possum, squirrels, hummingbirds, beaver, muskrats, several types of birds, insects, fish, frogs, snakes, and turtles. We even spotted the famous bald eagles just down the road. Neighbors have chickens, donkeys, horses and pet potbellied pigs. Is it fair to ALL inhabitants here if the industrial egg-laying operation is allowed?

My church, which is within the ½ mile radius of the chicken farm, holds outside services during the warmer months. It is so well attended that the parking lot is overflowing, and cars are parked along the side roads. Is it fair those who flock to attend mass here in the summers are forced to find another location for church services?

Each morning I enjoy my coffee on my deck or pier. I take our golden retriever, Olly, for long walks on the property, I fish often and have created many memories with my son on the lake already. My daughter comes home on the weekends, and we talk and float on the lake. She is an amateur photographer and takes photos of all the amazing things this property has to offer. I have even taken several virtual meetings sitting on my boat. I work long days in an office setting so being outside is a much-needed mental health break from being confined to a desk all week. Is it fair that my family and many others like mine will no longer be able to create these memories or enjoy our time outside which is vital to our well-being?

We have worked hard our whole lives and sacrificed a lot to be able to make our dream of living here come true. We chose to retire in this area for all the reasons above instead of moving south as originally planned. I cannot imagine not being able to enjoy time outside due to the noise and smell from the proposed industrial egg-laying operation. My heart breaks knowing that our beautiful lake and the amazing wildlife here will be at risk. My health cannot withstand the stress of watching this happen, much less bear the effects from the water and air pollution.

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Sincerely,

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From: Danielle Rivera
To: MDA-Aq-Commission
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Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 12:40:14 PM

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Subject: Protect Sister Lakes
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 12:39:55 PM

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Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:44:29 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

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Subject: Protect the Environment DENY Silver Creek Poultry

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Peter Indovina and my wife Karen and I reside at 50649 Maple Island Rd, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision. We have owned our home on Magician Lake since 1984 and have enjoyed many peaceful years and enjoying the cleanliness and beauty of Magician Lake. Our children and now our grandchildren as well as countless friends and relatives have enjoyed the splendor of Magician Lake and the surrounding lakes and community. It is with great concern I write this letter as businesses such as an industrial egg-laying operation ruin beautiful communities such as ours.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:51 AM
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Protect our Community

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Dear Commissioners,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the recommendation regarding the establishment of the Silver Creek Poultry factory farm in our community. As a long-time resident of the Sister Lakes area, I feel compelled to share my heartfelt reasons for being against this proposed development.

Growing up, I have cherished countless fond memories at Magician Lake and the surrounding Sister Lakes community. These pristine lakes and their natural charm hold immense significance for my family, and I have always dreamed of passing on the same joy and experiences to my children one day.

I firmly believe that the proposed factory farm would pose a serious threat to the ecological balance and overall well-being of our cherished community. Factory farms have been known to generate environmental concerns, including water pollution, air quality issues, and an increased strain on local resources. The presence of such an establishment close to our beloved lakes may jeopardize the natural beauty and tranquility that we have come to cherish over the years.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective on this matter. I trust that you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of our community and the natural environment.

Sincerely,
Sarah Finley
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From: Jerri Califf
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:46:03 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

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From: Mary Tinich
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Community First
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:25:20 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Mary Tinich and I reside at
30155 Topash Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047
United States

. Our small farm is next to MacDonalds on Topash. We have been working to improve its soil since we bought it over a decade ago, and hope to pass it down to our children and grandchildren as a healthy piece of land. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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From: Chris Maxey
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 2:30:12 PM

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From: Stacy Toy
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 2:29:11 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Stacy Toy 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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From: Samantha Rial
To: MDA-Aq-Commission
Subject: AGAINST Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 2:29:10 PM

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From: Frank Wesolowski
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Family Farms NOT Factory Farms
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 2:11:11 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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51970 Bakeman Road
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From: Brianne Okay
To: MDA-Aq-Commission
Subject: Protect Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 2:10:11 PM

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Sincerely,
Brianne Okay
bree0915@gmail.com

28503 Downey Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047
United States

From: Mindie Kazlauskas
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Protect Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:58:15 PM

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

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Sincerely,
Mindie Kazlauskas
mindiekaz@gmail.com

Dowagiac, MI 49047
United States

From: Frank Wesolowski
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:47:09 PM

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My name is Frank Wesolowski and I reside at 51970 Bakeman Road I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Frank Wesolowski
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51970 Bakeman Road
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United States

From: Colleen Hayes
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory Farming Is NOT Farming
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:42:08 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Colleen Hayes and I reside at
94903CR 690
Dowagiac, MI 49047
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. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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From: Jamie Wesolowski
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:37:09 PM

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Sincerely,
Jamie Wesolowski
jamie.wesolowski@yahoo.com

50144 3rd Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047
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From: Patricia Goss
To: MDA-Aq-Commission
Subject: Save our Community
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:35:08 PM

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95538 62nd
Dowagiac, MI 49047
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Patricia Goss

Patriciogoss820@yahoo.com

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: Marlene Sheahan Rogers
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Family Farms NOT Factory Farms
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:33:09 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Marlene Sheahan Rogers and I reside at
94675 Oak Street
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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,
Marlene Sheahan Rogers
marlenesheahan@gmail.com

94675 Oak Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047
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From: "Shari Lidgard-Pullins"
To: MDA-Aq-Commission
Subject: Community First
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:29:09 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Shari Lidgard-Pullins and I reside at 50910 Magician Lake Rd. 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.

My husband and I currently reside on a 15 acre parcel of land that once was part of my husband's grandparent's family fruit farm. While this property is no longer an active farm, (since some portions of the land was sold to other homeowners, prior to our acquisition of this land), my husband and I are proud to reside here. We take great pride in our ownership of this land and are proud to be residents of this area.

Over the years, we could have relocated anywhere in the country, however, we chose to reside in the Sister Lakes community. We've enjoyed living here, dedicating our life toward serving others in the community and now wish to spend our retirement years in an area we love.

Having this land and living in this community is not something we take for granted. We do not view our land as a commodity to be utilized for personal gain. To ensure our land thrives, we have planted over 100 trees and we're now seeing some monarch butterflies (endangered species) on our property due to the milkweed we have on our land. We truly relish the opportunity to sit outside, smell the clean air, listen to the quiet sounds of nature, utilize the lake for paddle boarding/kayaking, and to watch our wildlife thrive.

We believe it is our duty to be responsible ecological stewards of the land, water, air and to the living organisms that cohabitate alongside us; not only for ourselves, but for our community and for those who will inhabit this area in the future. What kind of legacy is there for future generations should the quality of our environment be diminished?

I respectfully request that you ask yourself

- What do you believe is your responsibility to current residents, and more importantly....to future generations, about the preservation of our environment?
- Should land, air, water, living organisms be utilized as a commodity for the personal gain and the profit of others?
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Sincerely,
Shari Lidgard-Pullins
shari.lidgard@gmail.com

50910 Magician Lake Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047
United States

From: Kelly Nevill
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 1:25:10 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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United States

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Kelly Nevill
kellyschanz27@gmail.com

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From: Marcella Wesolowski
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposed to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:49:08 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is [your name Marcella Wesolowski will and I reside at 51970 Bakeman Road. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Sincerely,
Marcella Wesolowski
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From: Kayla Dewey
To: MDA-Aq-Commission
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:48:08 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,
Kayla Dewey
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United States

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Subject: Community First
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:43:08 PM

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29082 Michigan 62
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To: MDA-Aq-Commission
Subject: Protect Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 11:53:12 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Sue Ann Stewart and I reside at
Leach Road
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Sue Ann Stewart

stewartsueann@yahoo.com

Leach Road

Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: Patrick Yore
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Save Sister Lakes from Factory Farming
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 11:52:13 AM

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Sincerely,

Patrick Yore

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52714 Garrett Road
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To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Save our Community
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 11:52:10 AM

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23551 Shurte Street
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Subject: Save our Community
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 11:51:18 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Susan Evans and I reside at 31973 Jones Drive on Dewey Lake. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

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Susan Evans
31973jonesdrive@gmail.com

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From: Lynda Crane
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 11:30:16 AM

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50752 Garrett Road
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From: Franny Maxey
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 11:27:13 AM

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Franny Maxey
maxey.franny@yahoo.com

30284 Topash Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047
United States

From: Anthony Stewart
To: MDA-Aq-Commission
Subject: Save Sister Lakes from Factory Farming
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 10:57:07 AM

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51567 Leach Road

Dowagiac, MI 49047

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From: Veronica Gomez
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 10:45:11 AM

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A place where they could learn how to be responsible stewards of a gorgeous, timeless, natural
resource. Where they could learn to steer an ATV and drive a boat. To understand that the
magical place around them doesn't take care of itself. — they have to take care of fill a tank
without harming the environment; they have to know how to get a fishing license as well as
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We also hoped it would be a place where, as they grew, they could welcome their city friends
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To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 10:44:09 AM

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From: Virginia Cardoza
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 10:24:09 AM

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From: Paul Manghera <badrunner32060@comcast.net>
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To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Protect Public Health

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To: MDARD Commission
Subject: Protect the Environment DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:24:33 AM

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From: Sarah Havel
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Community First
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:24:10 AM

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From: Sharon Vandenabeele
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory farms don't belong in Sister Lakes
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:23:12 AM

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From: Maryann Cacciaglia
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Protect our Community
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:22:12 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

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From: Olivia Gramprie
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: DENY Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:21:12 AM

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Subject: Protect Public Health
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:21:08 AM

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From: Bill Vargo
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Deny the siting application
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:20:14 AM

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From: Tom Hickey <tomhickey@cressyeverett.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 3:34 PM
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: NO to Factory Farms in Sister Lakes

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Dear Commissioners,

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Anne Marie Polk Muller McCrary and my family and I have owned property on Magician Lake for past one-hundred and thirteen years. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision.

My grandfather purchased two-hundred and seventy-five acres spanning between Curran Beach Road and Pleasant Street. The land begins at M-152 and extends to the Magician lakefront. My grandfather developed the lakefront by building a number of summer cottages. My uncle further developed the property by building approximately ten annually occupied structures and additional summer vacation rentals. Today, we operate as Polk Properties, LLC, which rents and leases lake front land to vacationers traveling from Illinois, Indiana and surrounding towns. Our small business is nestled amongst other small businesses, which have served the Sister Lakes community. The vast majority of people in the Sister Lakes area utilize the areas lakes for water sports, general recreation and vacation.

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Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 3:11:13 PM

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From: Karen Conroy
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Opposition to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 2:28:32 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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From: "Jason Banicki-Critchlow"
To: MDARDCommissioning
Subject: NO to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2023 7:25:27 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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From: Mary Elizabeth Rice
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Stop the factory farm in Southwest Michigan
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 2:25:26 PM

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To: MDA-Ag-Commission
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From: Natasha Stewart
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Factory farms don't belong in Sister Lakes
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 2:25:16 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Natasha Stewart. I reside at 51567 Leach Road in Dowagiac, Michigan. My home is approximately 2000 feet from the proposed Silver Creek Poultry egg-laying operation in Silver Creek Township.

I, like several of my neighbors, have significant concerns about the proposed facility and the harm it would bring to our families, investments, and community. A community that has proven to be passionate about keeping an industrial poultry farm out of our community, a resort area that is not suited for this type of operation. We have rallied together without any help from those that we have elected to serve us, joined forces in a short period of time, researched, collaborated with professionals, and proved to many that we are activists when it comes to the place many of us live, visit, and love. A group of positive, persistent, and uplifting individuals that we are all proud to call Protect Sister Lakes.

Sister Lakes, a resort area just over a mile away from the proposed site for Silver Creek Poultry LLC is an area that has 10 beautiful freshwater lakes within a six-mile radius. Throughout the year, people from all over come to experience what our area has to offer. Whether it's gathering with their families to BBQ lakeside, heading off to the drive-in theatre for a show, taking a walk to observe the many bald eagle nests, picking fruits and vegetables from a local u-pick farm, attending the annual Fourth of July Big Foot Parade, or even visiting in the winter to experience the snow and what it means to ice fish. No matter what time of year you visit, you're always welcome to come relax in a charming community with a small-town feel. Those are only a few of the many reasons that I chose Silver Creek Township near Sister Lakes to build my home and raise my family.

My husband and I got married in 2013 and began to search for that perfect piece of property to build our future home and start our family. After years of waiting, searching, and working with realtors we landed on an open and empty area of land next to two very wonderful families on Leach Road. A property that was near the volunteer fire department that we are both members of, a local church that hosts outdoor services, a family farmer with cattle across the street, several vegetable farms, and a gravel pit. Fast forward 10 years, we have invested our savings, our time, and so many of our resources into creating a home that is perfect for our family. What we love most about our house and the property we live on is the environment that surrounds us. It's quiet, it's full of wildlife, and it's the perfect place to relax after a long day of our stressful jobs in public service.

Each year we host our son's birthday party outside where friends and family come to celebrate his latest trip around the sun. The kids look forward to racing each other up and down the water slide that we rent from a local business, the adults gather around the pole barn with our favorite foods (firemen sure do love to eat), and we cherish each other's company as we make another year of memories here in Silver Creek Township. It is devastating to me that an individual from another community can propose an industrial operation in our neighborhood and potentially destroy the things we look forward to most.

What I don't want to and should not have to do is consume more of my resources to ensure that my family is safe and that we can enjoy our property in ways that we always have. Our drinking well here is just over 60 feet deep, when discussing with the Health Department who would be responsible to monitor the quality of it, they stated that as the property owner, I would be responsible for this. There is great potential for runoff into surface water and groundwater contamination. The same goes for air quality, it's not just the smell that concerns me, it's the quality of the air that my family and I breathe. These critical factors as well 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 by MDARD comprehensively. The proposed site is inappropriate for an egg layer operation.

Silver Creek Poultry's application to MDARD was subpar, lacking evidence, research, and facts to be complete. In addition to the concerns listed in the appeal, I have concerns about the gravel pits. When sand and gravel extraction occur below the water table, groundwater naturally fills the gravel pit, forming a lake. The creation of gravel pits can therefore affect groundwater quality, which is especially important in areas that use groundwater as a source of drinking water. Silver Creek Poultry is proposing to site its operation on an abandoned gravel pit. That gravel pit has a pond of some sort on the south side. MDARD has done no investigation of the connection this pond, or other sections of the gravel pit property, may have to groundwater and our drinking water. Gravel pits and quarries can affect groundwater and surface water and may have lasting effects on ground and surface waters. At a minimum, MDARD should conduct a baseline analysis of the site before reviewing the Silver Creek Siting Application, but it did not do that. We have submitted several public records requests for this information, but it has not been released.

I, along with hundreds of other individuals of Protect Sister Lakes urge you to withdraw your site suitability determination and deny Silver Creek's siting application. 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 well-being of an entire area. Allowing this application would do the exact opposite. Like the great Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "The time is always right to do what is right."

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

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From: Elizabeth Wiseman
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: DENY the Factory Farm in Sister Lakes
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 2:08:09 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Elizabeth Wiseman and I live at 6800 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor, 48013. I am opposed to the Silver Creek Siting Application and MDARD's decision on site suitability. I am submitting and adding my voice to the following comments, and respectfully request you DO NOT APPROVE this application for a new industrial egg-laying operation in Cass County, Michigan, Silver Creek. In this case MDARD should have denied the siting application. My concerns are as follows:

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I have a 5 month old daughter whom is being raised in this area, and as a mother I feel absolutely sick to my stomach that this could potentially include something as harmful and polluting as this operation. I want her, my future children and any children in this area to be able to play outside, as children should, without any risks or worry that may come from this "farm."

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From: Dana Grampré
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Dear Commissioners,

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Subject: Opposed to Silver Creek Poultry
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 12:04:22 PM

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To: MDA@mda.state.mi.us
Subject: MD in Factory Farms in Sater Lakes
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 12:00:14 PM

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Subject: Community First
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:59:51 AM

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Ps Not in my backyard - Michigan!

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From: Judith Brock
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Subject: Protect Public Health
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:59:39 AM

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From: Mary Blanchard
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Subject: AGAINST Silver Creek Poultry
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Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 12:43:13 PM

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From: Alex Panici
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Silver Creek Poultry will RUIN Sister Lakes
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:54:19 AM

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From: Father Arul Lazar
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Subject: NO to Silver Creek Poultry
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Father Arul Lazar and I am the presiding Catholic Church Administrator of the Collaborative of Holy Maternity of Mary, in Dowagiac and Sacred Heart of Mary, in Silver Creek Township which are both based out of the Kalamazoo Diocese. I am submitting comments in opposition to the Silver Creek Poultry LLC's Siting Application and MDARD's decision to approve.

I have many concerns about the approved site suitability determination made by MDARD for the new industrial egg-laying operation that is to be built in the field across from Sacred Heart of Mary Church. I believe MDARD failed to properly apply the GAAMPs, and MDARD should have denied the citing application based on a number of underlying factors. Many of which will have a direct and lasting impact on the future of Sacred Heart of Mary and the surrounding community.

Firstly, Sacred Heart of Mary and its Parish Hall/Pavilion and Rectory are located on the East side of the proposed operation. I'm concerned that with the prevailing winds from the Northwest, West and Southwest, it will be negatively affected. According to research we have read, a Concentrated Animal Farm Operation, CAFO, is likely to produce even more hazardous odors, toxins and particulates, which have the potential to affect our parishioners during the summer months when Mass is held in our outdoor Pavilion.

Sacred Heart of Mary is one of the oldest parishes in the State of Michigan (established 1838) and is designated by the State of Michigan as an historical site. The land was donated by Leopold Pokagon, and it was also through his efforts that a permanent church was built and a priest assigned to serve the area residents. We have approximately 265 registered families and our summer Mass attendance can be between 1500-1800 between the two Masses. Our year-round membership is cut dramatically in the winter, so we heavily rely on the revenue generated from our summer parishioners to sustain/maintain our services and facilities.

Because we are only able to accommodate 220 worshippers inside the Church, the Parish built a pavilion in 1978 to accommodate our fellow residents living in or visiting Sister Lakes and the surrounding area during the summer. Before the pavilion was built these visitors would bring their own chairs and sit outdoors on the lawn in the front of the church and later by the cemetery to celebrate the Mass. This has been the practice for almost 70 years and represents the need to preserve our sacred space to allow for our parishioners' and visitors' right to practice our faith under the First Amendment. If visitors are not able to attend our outdoor Masses, due to the noise, odor or general health problems that might affect them, they have very few options in the area where they can worship.

Below are additional areas of concern that I believe should receive consideration when making a final determination on whether or not the site selected for Silver Creek Poultry LLC is an appropriate placement near Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church:

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From: Anita Beach
To: MDA-Ag-Commission
Subject: Save Sister Lakes from Factory Farming
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:38:07 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

Dear Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development

My name is Anita Beach 52328 Brosnan Rd Dowagiac, MI 49047

I am opposed to the Silver Creek Poultry LLC locating their operations at 51501 Bakeman Rd., Dowagiac, MI.

If the Silver Creek Poultry LLC is allowed to move forward with their intended operation it has the potential to expose the Silver Creek community to "suffer adverse human rights impact". According to The United Nations; THE CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS: An "adverse human rights impact" "occurs when an action removes or reduces the ability of an individual to enjoy his or her human rights".

The Silver Creek Township residents' human rights are to expect to enjoy our outside spaces without having to endure fowl smells, and not to fear that our drinking water may be contaminated.

I have lived, worked and invested in Silver Creek Township for almost 69 years. I have invested in 4-rental houses in Silver Creek Township. One of them is adjacent to the proposed Silver Creek Poultry LLC, another is just a mile to the east on Leach Rd, the other two are only 2miles east on Downey St., with prevailing winds usually from the west, now I have to question if I will be able to rent them if our water is contaminated or odors will put potential tenants off?

I did not buy property next to Silver Creek Poultry LLC and expect them to change their operations to fit my needs. Silver Creek Poultry LLC want for business and profit should not supersede my expectations for a return on my investment thru my rental properties.

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Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:22:37 AM

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From: Cathleen Loch
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To: MDA-Ag-Commission
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Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:22:10 AM

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Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:02:52 AM

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From: Jeri Schneider
To: [MDA-Ag-Commission](#)
Subject: Deny the siting application
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:00:15 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

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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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