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Re: Case No. PCB2010-103-500 ACRE EXPANSION OF DeKalb County Landfill and acceptance of waste from 16 additional counties.

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I AM A FARMER AND A REALTOR IN DeKalb County. I am very busy I will admit, however I do try to stay informed and apart of my community. When the discussions regarding the "mega Dump" began and the public hearings for Waste Management's proposal started I must have been extremely busy OR it was a very well kept secret. By the time I became aware of the hearings they were all but over. I did drive to Kishwaukee College in Malta and searched out the hearing room. It was not what I would call user friendly, at any rate I soon began to ask neighbors and friends what they knew of the proposed enlargement most knew nothing about it and the rest said the county board had already made up their minds that they were being paid a million dollars to vote for it and they were going to use that money to fund a pet project at the jail. They said I would be wasting my time to even bother with questioning it.

My farm has nearly 300 acres north of Cortland. The Southeast branch of the Kishwaukee River wind through the land. I feel I am a good steward of the land and am a proud citizen of DeKalb County. I am upset to think that we will be inviting 16 other county's to bring their garbage to cover 500 acres of beautiful bountiful land. The loss of this productive land is huge. In the next 60 years we will need to feed a billion people..that's twice what we are feeding now. It takes 1.8 acres of cropland to feed each person. This garbage needs to go someplace other that in prime crop land. I wonder why if indeed this is a good idea for our community that it is necessary for Waste Management to contribute several million \$ to special interest projects such as the town of Cortland, the new jail, and ect. Common sense !

Another realistic concern is for the children in the Cortland school.. Now and the mega dump hasn't even arrived. I asked a county board member why he voted for the expansion and he said that he had no choice. He said they were given a direction to use when making their decision and that following that direction he had to vote for it???? Sounds strange to me. We need to go green and recycle alright...and maybe we should begin by recycling some of our elected officials...

On the realtor side of my world ...Can you imaging what a 500 acre dump will do to the value of homes in our area let alone the quality of our lives. I sure hope you people can turn this around and bring some sanity to a horrible situation.

Thank you for you help.



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