

Ex. 8
Hitchings

Petition to stop the proposed construction of a Livestock Management Facility by Dereke Farms, Inc.

A proposed 1,920 swine facility with a total of 4,800 swine greater than 55 lbs. = 4,800/1,920 animal units = 3 hog confinement buildings located 2.0 miles east of Farmersville, IL with the possibility of facility growth in the future. Permit, application to the Dept. of Agriculture have been submitted and approved. A Public information meeting being held Thursday, August 24, 2017 – 6:00 pm – 2nd floor – Montgomery County Courthouse.

We, the town and rural citizens of Farmersville, Illinois have already been forced to live in our homesteads with our families and children to a neighboring mega hog confinement operation growing from a one hog confinement building to a growth of six hog confinement buildings and a hog fecal waste lagoon. The facilities and fecal waste lagoon have produced:

- UNCONTROLLED GROSS ODORS
- CREATED A TOXIC BREEDING ENVIRONMENT FOR FLIES AND MOSQUETTOS
- ANNUAL MANURE APPLICATIONS TO FIELDS
- FECAL RUN OFF INTO UNDERGROUND WATER STREAMS
- FECAL BATERIA CONTAMINATION TO THE WATERS CAUSING ADVERSE AFFECTS TO THE WELLBEING OF ADULTS, CHILDREN AND INFANTS
- INABILITY FOR FAMILIES ON HOMESTEADS TO ENJOY AND EXPERIENCE WHAT NATURE OFFERS
- TERMINATION OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, FAMILY GATHERINGS, RELAXING ON THE PATIO, CHILDREN UNABLE TO PLAYING OUTDOORS DUE TO GROSS ODORS AND GROSS INFESTATION OF FLIES AND MOSQUETTOS
- LOWER PROPERTY VALUES

We, the town and rural citizens of Farmersville, Illinois DO NOT WANT another mega hog confinement operation that is less than two miles from an existing hog confinement operation because of what has been already been produced with no resolutions to control leaving us with gross intoxicating effects to the environment, to our children, and to our wellbeing. We, the town and rural citizens of Farmersville, Illinois hold the Bureau Chief of Environmental Programs-Department of Agriculture and the board representatives of the Montgomery County Board accountable to terminate the proposed permit to build another swine facility in our community. We ask the Bureau Chief of Environmental Programs to request that the Dereke Farms, Inc. to terminate this permit as the town and rural citizens of Farmersville, Illinois have been placed to live with an existing livestock management facility based on the evidence of the petition and for the Dereke Farms, Inc. to investigate other field areas that do not hold a Farmersville address.