

Save Jo Daviess County



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our family farms,
our environment,
our way of life.

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With Your Help, We Can Keep Winning

October 20, 2008, HOMES won a preliminary injunction against a California millionaire's proposed 6,850-animal unit industrial dairy that will pollute our air and water. We'll be back in court soon to obtain a permanent injunction forever stopping this facility.

Other big investors recruited by the Illinois Livestock Development Group (funded by Farm Bureau) are awaiting the opportunity to move their factories here from California if this facility opens.

Our Iowa neighbors are seeing their family farms, economies, and air and water destroyed by industrial-scale hog factories. You can help protect our family dairies from the same fate by donating to HOMES.

...What we are protecting it from



- **130-acre** construction site of first proposed mega dairy
- **42 acres** (42 football fields) of stagnating manure ponds 20 feet deep, 1/2 mile from houses
- **Toxic stench** of ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, and methane gases will travel for miles around, forcing people to stay indoors
- **Stream flowing** under planned manure ponds will transport waste directly into the Apple River

42 acres of manure ponds will leak “a little less than 1,000 gallons per day per acre”

Court testimony, 9/29/08, by James Evans, Senior Agricultural Engineer for Maurer Stutz, the firm that engineered this mega-dairy.

Why the Judge Granted the Injunction

“Groundwater contamination from Defendant Bos’ proposed livestock management facility would constitute a substantial future harm and the proposed facility presents a high probability of creating a public and private nuisance by creating an environment injurious to the health and welfare of surrounding neighbors and the public at large,”

Judge Kevin Ward, preliminary injunction, 10/20/08

Mega Dairy Dangerously Sited on Karst Bedrock

“In a karst aquifer, surface-borne pollutants (e.g., a spill or seepage of animal waste) can contaminate wells miles away from the source in a matter of hours,”

Sam Panno, Senior Geochemist, Illinois State Geological Survey

Pat Quinn Wants to Protect Jo Daviess County

“The proposed mega-dairy, and the animal waste lagoon that would be created by a facility of this size, would endanger area groundwater and streams, which can cause fish kills. Jo Daviess County is a tremendous resource for our state. Tourism and outdoor recreation opportunities in the county create jobs and yield long-term economic benefits. I believe this proposed mega-dairy will harm the environment and the economy of Jo Daviess County.”

Letter to County Board by Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn, 2/10/08

Mega Dairy Will Not Help Local Economy

“I will **not** guarantee you I will hire all local people.”

A.J. Bos, CA Investor, Warren High School public meeting, 1/10/08

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HOMES (Helping Others Maintain Environmental Standards) is an Illinois non-profit, pro-agriculture group of farmers and citizens dedicated to protecting family farms, rural communities, human health, and the environment by promoting sustainable agriculture and conserving our natural resources.