

Karen Kill

From: Amanda Matson <ahmatson520@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 1:29 PM
To: Karen Kill
Subject: BCWD Board meeting 7/10/24 letter

Please ensure this letter gets to the board for review, thank you!

Dear Brown's Creek Watershed District Board,

My name is Amanda Matson and I have been a Hugo/May Township resident for 33 years. I live 1.2 miles north of Liberty Classical Academy. I am writing in opposition of LCA's phase 1 proposal. Very few of our neighbors knew about LCA's expansion plans from a rural sized elementary school into a PreK-12 urban sized campus prior to phase 1 Hugo-side being passed by Hugo Board. LCA claims they informed the affected community (letter/flyer sent to homes within 1 mile of the building) and had overall support of their future project but this is opposite of what is actually true. After neighbors joined together for informational outreach efforts we found that many of us in the immediate area are highly against the size of this proposed project and the level of infrastructure being included in phase 1 to support this size campus in our rural area. We are not supported by city water or sewage so the infrastructure must be built to sustain the amount of children and faculty that will eventually be on site. We are proud of our nature-enriched area and care for the environment that supports our water and wildlife; LCA claims that they will not have any negative environmental impacts though they intend to alter the natural landscape to accommodate a vast amount of septic tanks for their water treatment facility, a massive water holding pond that will prevent the naturally intended return of water back into the environment, and concentrated pollutants (nitrates and phosphates) to be released into the land. This area also goes through natural phases of wet years and drought years that can put additional hardships on the flow of waterways and capacity of lakes, streams, and river ways. We ask that you take this phase 1 proposal very seriously and ensure that this does not go against anything the BCWD stands for, if you find any piece of the project against BCWD standards and compliances, we beg you to decline the proposed application so that irreversible negative environmental impacts will be prevented and our beautiful nature can be preserved for future generations.

Thank you,

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