

Instead of suppressing green-energy projects, I urge our legislators to give residents the power to stop the huge animal factories that are using Lake Erie as a toilet.

- CAFOs emphasize high volume and profit with little regard for their effects on the environment, human health, and the rural economy.
- Approximately 70% of all antibiotics used in the U. S. are fed to healthy animals merely to spur growth and ward off diseases that would otherwise run rampant in factory farm conditions.
- Factory farms give off toxic gasses such as hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide and ammonia.
- According to the EPA, agriculture is the leading source of water pollution. The amount of raw feces and urine generated by factory farms is enormous.
- Dairy CAFOs draw huge amounts of water for cooling and watering the cows, for cleaning the cows and parlor, and for flushing waste from the confinement site into the lagoons.
- Studies state the diminished marketability and loss of use and enjoyment can result in decreased property values.
- Rural roads are destroyed by the 24/7 vehicles. Taxpayers bear the brunt of road repairs.

Therefore, I urge Ohio legislators to help residents stop polluting factory farms – a win-win solution for the environment and public health!

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