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RE: Brown and Jackson Storage Ponds Proposal

To whom it may concern:

As property owners in the nearby vicinity of the proposed location of the Brown and Jackson Storage Ponds, we are deeply concerned about the project and urge you to disapprove the application to dig ponds and store septage in this area. We have studied the SEPA Environmental Checklist application that Brown and Jackson submitted, and feel especially concerned about the proximity of the septage ponds to the Parke Creek Community Home, and the potential for the smells to impact them and all other nearby residents. Not only will the smells be an issue, but blowing waste such as toilet paper, sanitary products, wrappers and other waste will undoubtedly be found miles from the septage pond. Litter was not addressed in the environmental checklist.

As written in the application, the solid waste will once yearly be spread on the pasture land nearby, but it was not described how the solid waste will be tested or treated to ensure that potential viruses, bacteria, pesticides, plastic, and other trash do not also end up on the fields (and blowing in the wind). Once these undesirable things are spread on the land, they will enter the water table through the soil and through run-off into nearby Parke Creek and other seasonal small creeks and streams. The run-off could also contaminate the irrigation canal, impacting farms that rely on that system.

For these reasons, and many others, we do not support the Brown and Jackson Storage Ponds. The potential for real impact on our community is too high to justify, especially when an appropriate place already exists for handling septic waste. Please do not approve this application, and thereby help keep our community clean, beautiful and healthy.

Thank you for your consideration,



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