

## DELAWARE COUNTY: CAFO Controversy Spurs Ordinance Re-write

### Delaware County Zoning Commission plans to amend the County's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Regarding Industrial Agriculture

A Blackford County resident applied to build a 10,560 hog CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operation) in Delaware County last December and received approval from by both IDEM and the County Commission. However, after a series of hearings regarding Light's operation and the weak protections afforded Delaware County citizens, the Municipal Board of Zoning Appeals voted to rescind approval for the CAFO on June 28th! This conflict spurred the Commission to 1) open up the County Zoning Ordinance for amendments in regards to CAFO zoning, and 2) impose a temporary moratorium on future CAFOs/CFOs throughout the County until the new zoning protections can be put in place.



**Delaware County citizens can ensure that CAFO's never again threaten their community!** The public has been invited to submit comments & amendments to the Commission regarding what they want to see in a new & improved zoning ordinance. **Let them know that public health & quality of life comes first!**

### We Need More Protection for Our Air, Water, & Property Values

A group of concerned citizens known as "Keep Delaware County Clean," the Muncie/Delaware County League of Women Voters, and a coalition of nonprofits, have proposed to the Commission a number of improvements for the new Ordinance. Some of these suggestions include:

- Designating CAFOs & CFOs as "Special Uses" in the F-Farming Zone.
- Objective review of applications by other relevant county entities, such as the County Health Department, to protect public health and the environment.
- Disclosure of the environmental track record of the CAFO/CFO operator to keep out bad actors.
- Written notice sent to landowners within 2 miles of the proposed site to keep people informed.
- A performance bond that applies to all new CAFOs/CFOs to ensure clean-up when problems occur.
- A requirement that the Board of Zoning Appeals deny any CAFO/CFO that would adversely impact the use and value of surrounding properties, be injurious to public health, safety, and general welfare of the community, or is inconsistent with the character and existing land uses in the area.

***If you agree with some or all of these suggestions, make it known to the Commission!***

### Get Involved!

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### Submit a Comment!

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