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My name is Andy Kleist, 6025 Parkview Rd. Greendale, WI. Please read my comment into the public record this morning.

I have continued concerns about the environmental impact of the Rock Sports Complex / Ballpark Commons. Proper due diligence was not performed at this site starting in 2012. The present report is a simplistic visual tour along the Root River. This landfill was an EPA Superfund eligible site and deserves a thorough analysis. It is one of the largest closed landfill sites in Wisconsin with 5.7 million cubic yards of waste and has decades of mismanagement, documented illegal dumping, and hazardous waste. The report indicates Root River water testing ended when the land was sold. The testing should have been increased at that point since extensive excavations were made into the landfill starting in 2018. Much of the waste mess was "visually inspected" as stated on the development agreement and relocated abutting the Root river. A massive amount of waste mass material was relocated abutting the floodplain. This alone justifies additional water testing of the Root River. An Environmental Impact Statement should have been completed in 2012 and should be completed now, as this development is surrounded by homes and parks.

Dozens of pictures were submitted and included online for the Spring ECD meeting. Did the researcher review this information? There were 6 buildings plus boardwalks in the floodplain that received a DNR violation. These buildings with electrical outlets within inches of the Root River after heavy rains were all supposed to be removed. Were they there during this November 4th walk?

There is also massive erosion in Mangan Woods / Whitnall that started in 2013 with the construction of the Rock Sports Complex. The elevation of this development creates extensive erosion of this natural habitat leading to the Root River. Was this examined? What due diligence or thorough research regarding this entire area was done?

Why did it take 6 months after to walk the property? Was this at the request of the developer to be after the end of baseball and after the end of The Hills Have Eyes so the researcher(s) would not be exposed to the extreme decibel level pervading the park and Root River area? So that adverse environmental impact would not be noted?

I question the effectiveness of this visual walk on November 4th, since on October 31st there was a record snowfall of nearly 12" in Franklin/Greendale. How did that impact the inspection? One of the photos submitted last year to the County showed the pump house half submerged in the Root River. The snow making equipment in this non-compliant shed was previously an oil engine. Did the researcher go inside the pump house? Clearly a wood and metal shed could leak oil residue when half submerged.

In closing, I am requesting additional water testing be completed and an Environmental Impact Statement be created. The adverse impact on Mangan Woods, the Root River, and the surrounding parks from erosion and sound and light pollution need to be fully researched.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andy