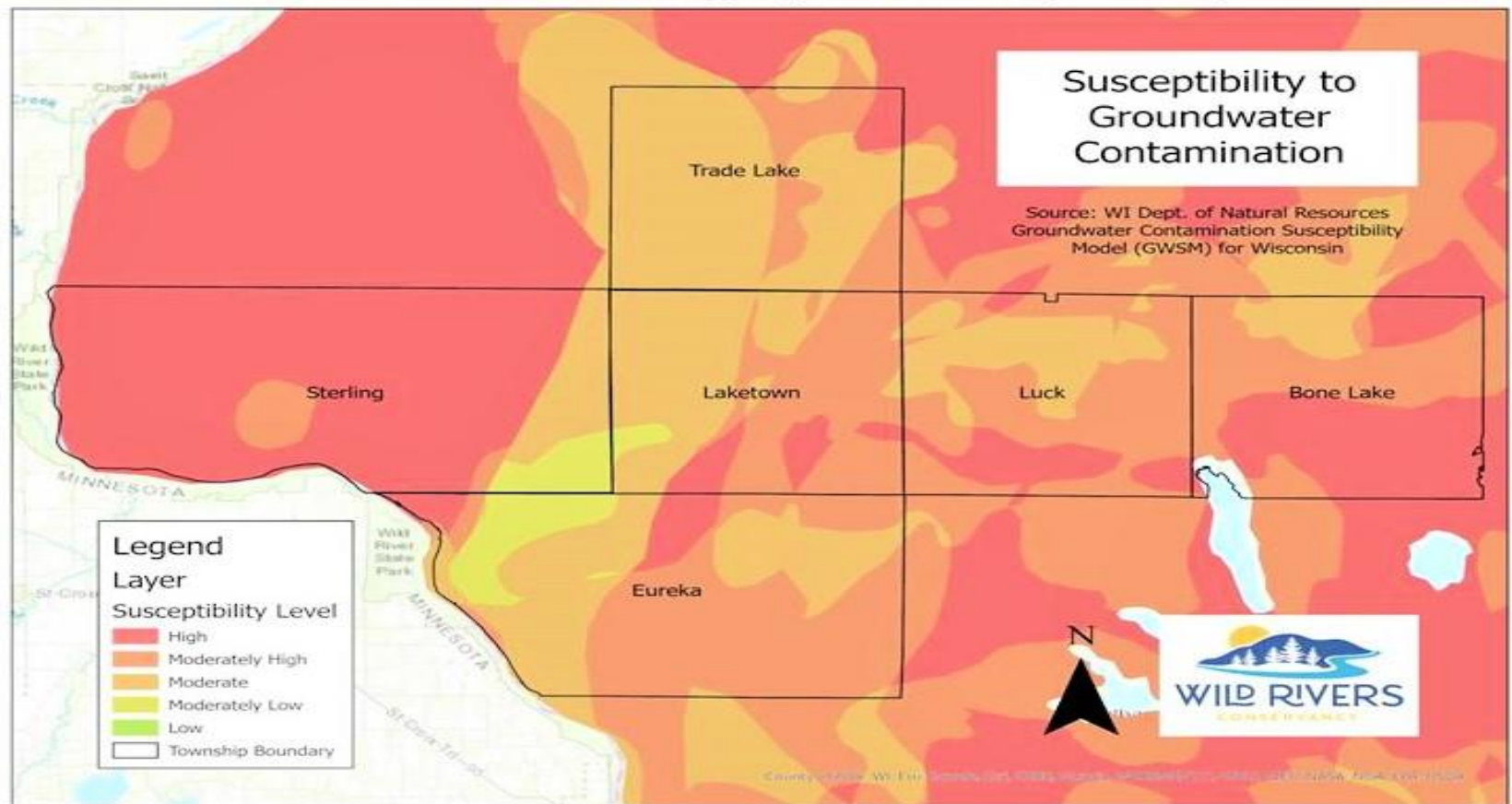


Last Line of Defense

Town Partnership

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) Ordinance



Bi-Partisan Support of Factory Farms

Common quotes from Republicans, Democrats.



“Critical in meeting the growing demand for animal-based food while promoting animal welfare and environmental sustainability. These facilities are **highly regulated** by the...(EPA), the USDA, and the FDA....CAFOs are also subject to **regular inspections and enforcement** by regulatory agencies, ensuring they comply with regulations and best practices”

May 2023 letter

Republican - Wisconsin Assembly Rep. Magnafici



“Wisconsin’s farmers and food processors produce a diverse range of high-quality products... feeding people locally and *across the world*.... All Wisconsin farms are **required to operate in a way that prevents water pollution**, and large livestock operations must obtain a permit and comply with **detailed specifications** on the storage and application of manure.”

May 2023 letter

Democrat – US Senator Baldwin

Resistance Spans Political Spectrum

2024 Election Party Affiliation

Six towns developed Local Ordinance

Republican – 68%

Democrat – 32%

Eight towns passed Local Ordinance

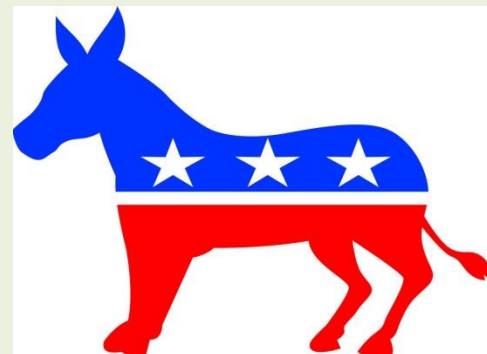
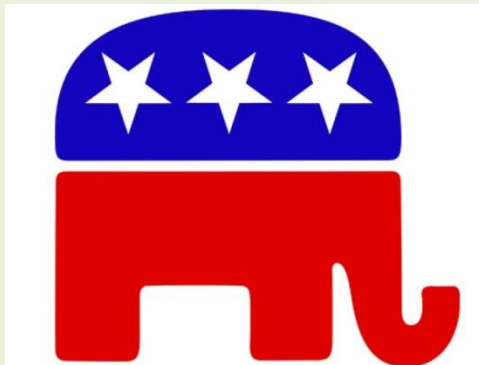
Republican – 65%

Democrat – 35%

Six towns studying Local Ordinance

Republican – 64%

Democrat – 36%

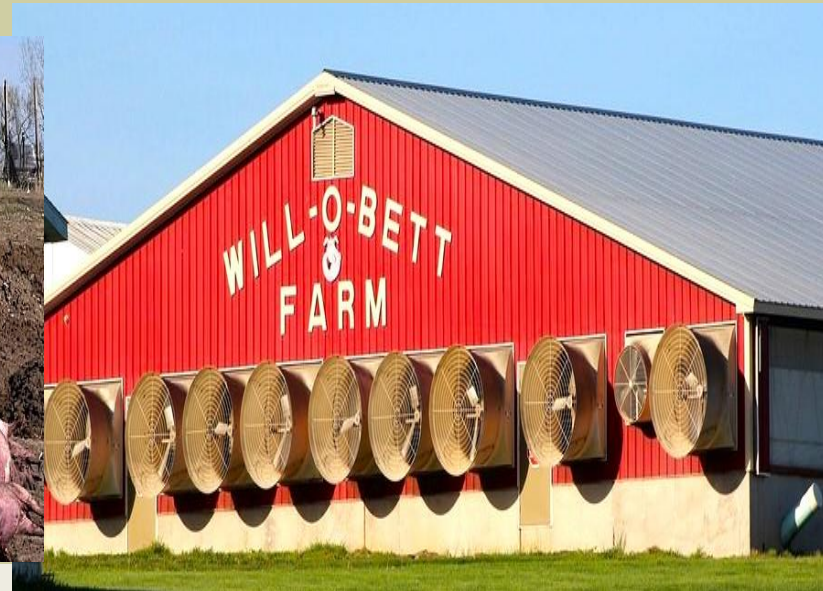


Town Partnership Concerns

State regulations don't address a wide range of concerns

“These permits **apply only to water quality protection**. They do not give the DNR authority to address air, odor, traffic, lighting, land use nor any of the social concerns people may have about large farms.”

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources CAFO web page



Town Partnership Concerns

Road damage, mortality plans, factory farm gas, biosecurity



No Limit to Size



Kinnard Mega-Dairy

Kewaunee County

9,150 milking & dry cows

131.8 million gallons liquid

15,838 acres

Hundreds of fans

May 1, 2025 permit



Town Partnership Concerns

Little to No Enforcement

Polk & Burnett County

- Five of six CAFOS on expired permits

St Croix County - *Emerald Sky Dairy*

- Five known spills in 3 years - 275,000 gallon
- Whistleblower enforcement not DNR
- Emerald Town & residential wells polluted

Emerald Sky Dairy Permitted to Expand

- DNR Granted New Permit
- Expand from 1,600 to 3,300 cows
- 17.4 to 42.2 million gallons liquid waste
- 11.7 to 22.8 million pounds solid manure
- 5,371 acres of land
- Sold after expansion to Breeze Group



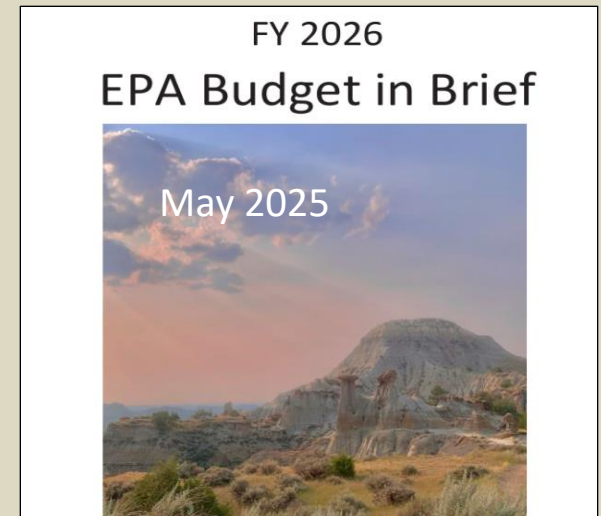
Industry Goal - No Regulation

Defund Federal Programs behind State Regs

Proposed 2026 Budget

US Environmental Protection Agency

- Cuts of \$4.9 billion nationwide



Wisconsin DNR – 2024-25 Budget

- \$14.1 million in EPA grants for 91 positions
- 27.5 for air pollution
- 24.5 positions for water control pollution and runoff

Industry Goal - No Regulation

Litigation - End State Regulation

- July 2023 - Lawsuit claims CAFOs should not be regulated by DNR
- October 2023 – Wisconsin Farmers Union intervenes against
- January 2024 – Dismissed from bench in Calumet County
- March 8, 2024 – Appealed Calumet County dismissal



Industry Goal - No Regulation

Legislation - Preempt Local Control

- Winter 2024 – Assembly Bill 957 & Senate Bill 892 passed
- March 29, 2024 – Governor Evers Veto
- September 2024 – DBA legislative survey targets local ordinances
- *Current – WI Farm Bureau President - calls for local ordinance preemption*

Litigation – Preempt Local Control

- October 2023 – WMC demands Town of Eureka rescind ordinance
- July 2024 – WMC files complaint against Eureka
- January 2025 – Washburn Judge Winton dismissed suit – no standing
- February 2025 – WMC appeals Judge Winton decision on standing



VENTURE
DAIRY COOPERATIVE



Factory Farm Finance

Ridge Breeze Mega-Dairy

- 6,500 cows, 80 million gallons, 10,000+ trucks
- \$35 million project total
- \$18 million bond – **Public Finance Authority**
 - Secret approval from Pierce County Chair Aubart
- \$17 million loan – Agri-bank
 - \$18,500,000 construction
 - \$14,140,000 equipment
 - \$2,000,000 site work
 - ***\$360,000 lawyer & banker fees***



Factory Farm Finance

WI RNG Hub North –Default June 1, 2025

Robert Zahn Farms – founded Venture Dairy

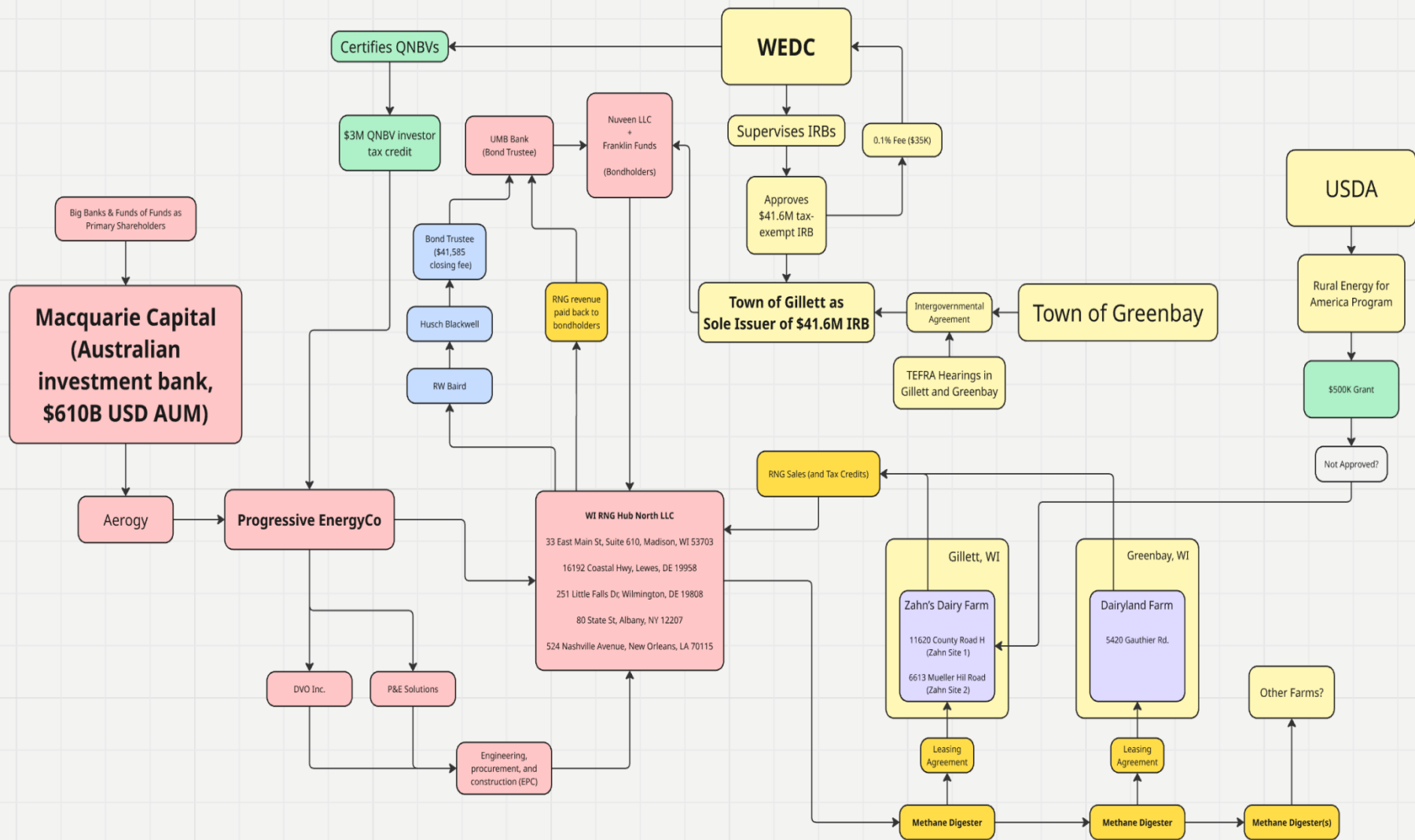
- \$57 million project total
- \$42 million bond – WEDC
- \$15 million loan – Gillett & Green Bay Conduit



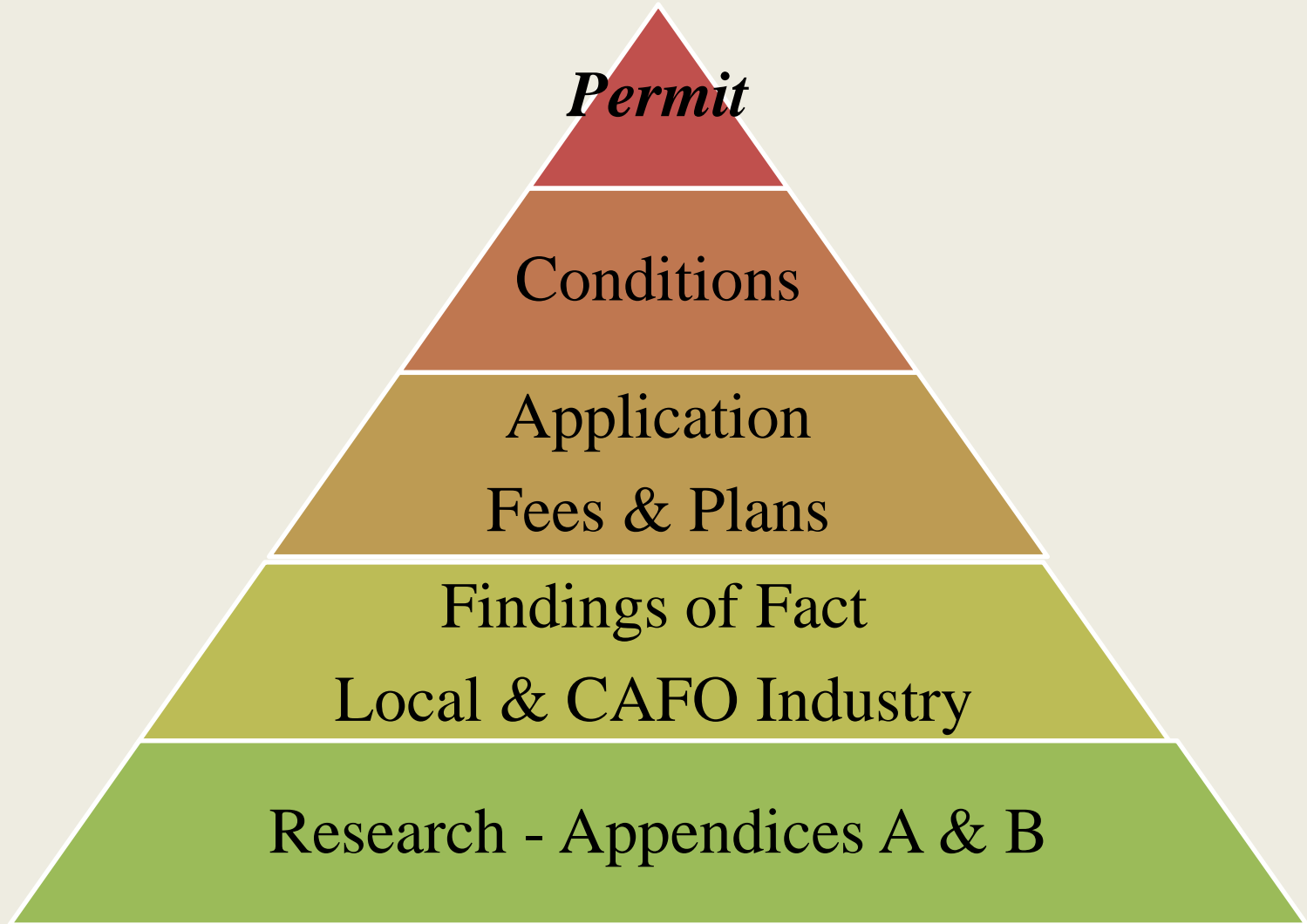
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CAFO Operations Ordinance



Built on Research

www.ProtectYourTown.org

I. Ordinance built on 114 Findings of Fact

19 Local Findings & 95 Industry Findings of Facts

18 Sections - Authority, Definitions, Plans, Fees, etc.

II. Appendix A

228 references on health, environment

Scientific Journals

University Programs

Regulatory & Court Documents

Media Articles

III. Appendix B

9 Maps of Local Data



CAFO Operations Ordinance

18 Sections

Section 1 - Authority

Section 2 - Purpose

Section 3- Definitions

Section 4 -License Required

Section 5 - License Administration

Section 6 - License Application

Section 7 - License Application Fee

Section 8 - Application Procedure

Section 9 - Financial Surety

Section 10 - Conditions

Sections 11 to 18 - Administrative details



Section 8 – Application Procedure

Application must include 11 plans:

- a) Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases
- b) Waste Management
- c) Animal Population & Depopulation
- d) Biosecurity & Animal Health
- e) Animal Transportation
- f) Water Use
- g) Odor & Toxic Air Pollution Prevention
- h) Community Economic, Land Use & Property Value Assessment
- i) Construction, Fire & Roads
- j) Compliance Testing, Sampling & Monitoring
- k) Compliance Assurance for all Plans

Who Pays to Review & Enforce Plans?

Review

Applicant compensates Town for all reasonably incurred legal and expert services needed to review and approve plans

Enforcement

Applicant compensates all reasonably incurred legal and expert services needed to verify and enforce compliance with terms of the permit

Section 8.2



Section 9 – Financial Surety

- Prove financial ability of applicant, contractors, subcontractors, agents & representatives
- Ensure funds available for pollution clean-up, nuisance abatement & proper closure
- Closure, Cleanup, Site Restoration Plans by licensed engineer based on cost estimates
- Town may adjust amount on an annual basis

Section 10 - Specific Conditions

Waste Management Plan includes

- Scientifically significant data on water quality of human drinking & agricultural wells
- Amount of land used to spread waste based on spreadable acres, not total acres
- Manure Land Application Agreements, with land owners for 5 years

Section 10 - Specific Conditions

Fire Safety Needs Analysis Plan based on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

- Standard for Fire Protection in Wildland, Rural & Suburban Areas - NFPA 1141& 1144
- Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting - NFPA 1142
- Fire and Life Safety in Animal Housing Facilities Code - NFPA 150



CAFO Operations Ordinance vs Wisconsin Laws & Regulations

	Existing Laws & Regulation	Operations Ordinance
Enforcement	Taxpayers pay costs. Inspections only done every 5 years.	Permittee pays all costs for regular enforcement
Manure Storage Plan	Permittee self-reporting	Permittee pays all costs for regular enforcement
Manure Spreading Plan	Permittee self-reporting	Permittee pays all costs for regular enforcement
Air Pollution Controls	Not required	Required
Infectious Disease Plan	Not required	Required
Carcass Disposal plan	Not required	Required
Biosecurity Plan	Not required	Required
Road Plan	Not required	Required
Water Use Plan	Not required	Required
Impact on Property Value Analysis	Not required	Required
Fire Response Plan	Not required	Required
Financial Bond if Factory Closes	Not required	Required

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OPERATIONS ORDINANCES PROTECT WISCONSIN TOWNS FROM CAFOS

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) can be locally controlled with an Operations Ordinance.

Learn About Operations Ordinance For Yourself

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