

To the Chairman and members of the Local Government

I am writing to in regards to the island annexation of 160 + acres at the corner of Alt Hwy 69 and Lostine Rd. designated for the purpose of a sanitary landfill. I have made my home for the last 28 + years on Lostine Rd approximately 1/4 of a mile East of the proposed site. I have worked many years to make a home for my family and am within a few months of having the mortgage paid off. I have many concerns in regard to this issue including:

(1) A dramatic decrease in property values; People with property within 1/2 mile can expect to see a decrease in property values of 20 % or more. Rest assured out property taxes won't decrease by 20% or more.

2) Health issues; There have been multiple studies completed which outline the dangers of living close to a "sanitary" landfill.

3) Quality of life concerns; Odor, trash aklong the roadways and blowing across fields and yards as well as rodents are just a few examples where quality of life will be impacted.

4) Need: As residents of a rural area our county comissioners are our voice. All of our commisioners have publicly commented that there is NO NEED for an additional sanitary landfill within our county. How can city leaders from a town 3 to 4 miles away determine that the "county" needs a sanitary landfill, take steps to annex land and sign a contract for operation of said landfill without the people most effected in the dark and with no say? In short there is no proven need, the only ones who benefit is the city of Galena and those who are adversely effected ignored with no voice.

5) No open discussion; Again, the people living in the area were completely blindsided. The city of Galena and the proposed operator of the landfill formed a committee,selected a site, misrepresented themselves in the form of a separate entity and purchased the land, completed a preliminary environmental study, developed a contract for the annexation and operation of a landfill all behind closed doors w/o any discussion or notification to the public.

Best Regards
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Rural Riverton / Galena, no voice or voting rights.