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Subject: FW: Brookston conditional use permit to establish a Public Works maintenance facility as a Public/Semi-Public Use
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Fyi, this came in after the deadline. Please file in case file. Thanks.

From: margpeterson@aol.com [mailto:margpeterson@aol.com]
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To: Jennifer Bourbonais <BourbonaisJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: RE: Brookston conditional use permit to establish a Public Works maintenance facility as a Public/Semi-Public Use

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Dear St Louis County Planning Commission,

This is in regards to the Thursday August 13, 2020, meeting regarding property, to establish a new Public/Semi-Public Use in Brookston, MN.

I would like to request that a yearly environmental assessment be conducted for contaminants and pollutants as a condition to the permit.

This property is located very near the Artichoke River, a tributary of the St. Louis River. It also has two very large beaver dams and wetlands South of the Culver Fire Department on Hwy 31, There is already a problem with the road, Hwy 31, between the beaver dams. When/if the culvert breaks under the road between the beaver dams there will be a long detour for essential vehicles and local citizens for a long time. I've witnessed that area of the road wash out many times in the 40 years that I've lived here.

Highway 31 is also used as an alternate route for many semi-trucks that seem to avoid the weigh station on Hwy 2, in Saginaw, MN. Combined with the Fire Department, Semi's, County Trucks, along with lots of local travel with heavy equipment this road appears to soon need a major repair job. I am concerned about the wetlands, habitat and environment including the Artichoke River. I believe that they could being irreparably damage. They are suggesting the Stoney Brook area in Brookston where the tool house currently is located, is being polluted. It makes no sense to contaminate on place, just to move it to a more sensitive natural environment where things may never be able to be restored after contamination and pollution. The road for access to this new development is not sturdy and is in the middle of wetlands between two huge beaver dams.

Thank You for considering making a yearly environmental assessment a stipulation to this permit for this project, a requirement.

Sincerely,

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