

A Better Mount Pleasant

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Gentlemen,

Several days ago, during a period of heavy rain, A Better Mt. Pleasant received notification that storm water runoff at the Foxconn construction site was significant and becoming a concern.

Yesterday, during another period of rain, we received a message from an area resident that storm water at the construction site had become the size of a lake which had broken through its containment barrier and was now flowing directly to the Pike River.

I drove to the construction site on Hwy H approximately 0.5 miles north of KR and recorded a video of the construction site. The containment barrier was no longer visible, with dirt and water rushing into a tributary at "Lampark Ditch" that flows directly into the Pike River.

The video of this can be found here: <https://youtu.be/VcPujw4Dt1c>

I followed the Pike River to the bicycle path near Hwy 31 and KR and then to Petrifying Springs where the river was pushing the limits of containment. Videos: <https://youtu.be/DGECkqdUjJo> and <https://youtu.be/21Vf6umRwmM>

Uncontrolled storm water dirt and silt are destructive to natural habitats in waterways and rivers. Wisconsin taxpayers contributed \$6.7 million to restore and rehabilitate the Pike River in Mt. Pleasant. Their contribution must be protected through proper storm water management and oversight.

DNR technical standards for erosion/sediment control for storm water management during construction are specific, clear and must be followed.

The people of Mt. Pleasant were told repeatedly by the village that storm water at the Foxconn construction site would be appropriately managed and DNR regulations would be strictly adhered to at all phases of development. We were told that contingency plans and designs for historic floods were calculated. It is only September - not even a peak season for rain.

As further rain is forecasted for the area through the week, it is incumbent upon you to act quickly to remedy this situation immediately.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Gallaher", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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