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BE IT RESOLVED: NO CHICKEN FACTORY IN WILLIAMS COUNTY

Sentiment in Williams County is clear: IPROII's mega chicken facility is not welcome here.

Recently the Bryan Area Ministerial Association (BAMA) joined a growing list of groups to pass a resolution protesting the location of a multi-million chicken egg operation in Williams County.

"We believe that God gave humans the earth to tend and keep, and that we are called to be good stewards of creation; and furthermore that an agribusiness enterprise with millions of animals confined at a single site would inflict harm on God's creation," reads the BAMA resolution.

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Bryan Area Ministerial Association that we oppose the location of such a facility in Williams County."

Since first learning of the possibility of a multi-million chicken facility being sited in the county, one after another, village councils, county commissioners, township trustees, and civic organizations have passed resolutions opposing the facility.

To date the list includes: the Williams County Commissioners; the Mayors of Williams County; the towns of Stryker, Montpelier, West Unity, Edon, Alvordton, and the City of Bryan; and Brady, Center, Jefferson, Madison, and Bridgewater Townships.

Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, the West Unity and Bryan Chambers of Commerce, and the Bryan Board of Public Affairs have also joined the protest.

According to the Williams County Alliance, a group formed to organize opposition to the chicken factory proposal, almost 2,400 local citizens have signed petitions opposing the construction of a chicken concentrated animal feeding operation in the county.

"Citizens of Williams County have made it clear that they do not want a factory housing millions of chickens here," said Williams County Alliance secretary Ann Longsworth Orr. "The growing list of organizations that have passed a resolution opposing the facility makes that evident."

"This issue has brought together people from all walks of life, political perspectives, and interests," observed Ms. Longsworth Orr. "We are standing together to say that Williams County doesn't want a chicken mega-factory in its midst. The people of this county deserve better."