

Hello,

My name is Ryan Scott and I reside at 5502 70th Avenue North in Grand Forks, ND. I am currently living in Rye Township directly across from the PROPOSED landfill site. We purchased the property last year after searching approximately two years for a hobby farm.

Our excitement about our new home and our future ended quickly. Six weeks after we moved in, the proposed landfill became an issue. This news was brought to us by the local newspaper and not by our City Officials, imagine how we felt. We did know prior to the purchase of our property that it was in the four-mile ET. This did not concern us too much as we understood that the four-mile ET was for future city expansion and to control urban sprawl. We never imagined the City would discriminate against the rural residents and place a landfill within the four-mile ET.

After attending numerous meetings, including the Grand Forks City Council meetings, I begin to question why we, as rural residents of Grand Forks, don't have a voice on this? Apparently, living in the 2-4 mile doughnut (as we call it), strips you of your rights. It is unfair that we have to abide by City Regulations even though we can't vote for or against the City Officials making these decisions.

After finding out that an official from Grand Forks said we could vote as a Township on this issue - even though he was certain if we did the Township residents would vote FOR the landfill, we held an advisory vote. In all actuality, 91% of the residents voted AGAINST the landfill! We had a strong turnout for the vote and the numbers speak for themselves. I believe the City officials have mixed feelings on this issue, one says we would vote for it, then after the vote another says he wasn't surprised by people not wanting a landfill. This same official also said it's obvious no one's going to vote for a landfill.

It is really easy to look at the numbers and figure out that there are a lot more residents of Grand Forks, who have voting rights and would be utilizing the landfill, then rural residents within the four-mile ET that have no voting rights. I have been told numerous times this landfill wouldn't be that bad that they are going to bag the trash and control the birds. If that's the case, they should put it right within the City limits, which is where Fargo has theirs, and the residents can have a vote on where they would like it. Apparently, there are even a couple of City officials that have said they wouldn't mind a landfill of this sort in their own backyard.

Our Township Supervisor's seem to think that the residents are concerned only about the roads, ditches, drainage and taxes. The taxes are being paid now as it's prime agricultural land and the roads, ditches and drainage are not an issue right now. Our primary concern is the landfill!! Please look at this issue from our side and you will surely see the injustice of it! We have put a lot of time, effort and money into our property and I'm really not

looking forward to explaining to my family why we have change our lifestyle that we have learned to love to put up with a landfill across the road or relocate. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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