

My name is Dave Dietrich and I have lived at 202 West River Road since 1991 with my wife and two sons, now grown up. I run my own business in the community. I am a founding member of the Concerned Citizens of Brant (CCOB) and served as Treasurer for the first few years.

My family lives on a severed 1 1/8 acre lot surrounded by farms that contains hundreds of natural springs. My water supply is from a well on the neighbouring property with an agreement on the title to my property that I will always have access to the well. The local farms have managed these springs for agriculture and household use since the mid-1800s.

My well is spring-fed and the natural flow of spring water is also captured and directed into a bathtub for the cows to drink and then further directed stepwise through the land into a pond for either agriculture or household use and then directed back into the aquifer.

This spring water management allows for some protected areas where there are sensitive species like salamanders and other critters, and also helps avoid spongy or swampy conditions in the fields. The water pressure is always good, the spring is always overflowing, and water temperature is a consistent 56 or 58 degrees Fahrenheit all year. The cows love it. I understand that all of these cold water springs help to revitalize the Grand River during the hot summer months.

I am very concerned about the potential impact of the permit to take water and the environmental compliance approval that will allow pit operations on the springs and wells and on the overall water quality. I don't want the water to be contaminated by atrazine or other chemicals. The town well is already considered GUDI, or groundwater under direct influence, so another possible source of contamination is a very real concern.

For the well survey work conducted by Dufferin my home was not included and I want to tell you how that occurred. Two representatives from Dufferin came to my home midday when my wife and I were both at work and my son was asleep because of working a night shift. After being woken from a sound sleep he said "no comment" in response to the question at the door about the well survey. I later discovered Dufferin had noted my home as a "decline" as the reason for not being included in their survey. On the maps posted to the Dufferin website, while I can't be sure of the resolution, my well appears to be noted as "inactive" which is incorrect. They also asked how many people live in the house and that made me concerned that having only three of us living on our property would be considered a maximum in future. That struck me as quite unreasonable given that some families are much larger and assumptions about well water capacity

for a property should not be made in perpetuity, if that is what they meant by asking the question about the current situation.

I am very concerned that the decision to issue the permit to take water and the environmental compliance approval to operate does not consider either the long history of water management in this area or the sensitivity of these springs and the need to protect them long into the future