

To whom it may concern,

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I am writing this letter to urge the Army Corps of Engineers to reconsider the proposed lease of the public land in Johnson County Iowa located near N. E 200 th St. and Scales Bend Road.

The Environmental Assessment conducted by Zambrana Engineering should be discredited on many accounts. [The assessment was written under the assumption that the occupancy would be 136 campers in the summer months or about 150 lodgers at the conference center at other times. There is not any acceptable sewage capacity for even these numbers,] but MYCA's self-reported numbers have earlier indicated that a much higher number of people would be using the facility at a time. 13-27

13-21 [The Corps has previously been extremely careful of sewage considerations near the Coralville Reservoir, and rightly so. Why would the Corps knowingly encourage a large facility to be built on public land knowing that septic ^{fill} _{a?} ^{2?} _? ration is not going to adhere to the high standards the Corps sets for all other residents of the area?]

12-1 [The Environmental Assessment noted the presence of many endangered animals on the land in question. It seems strange that Zambrana still decided that the proposed camp would have no impact on these species. I would especially point out that osprey have been difficult to reestablish in this area, and that the pair currently nesting there are being monitored by, I believe, the MacBride Raptor Center, which is located across the Reservoir from the proposed site.]

13-6 [The Environmental assessment did not include a well which is located very close to the border of the property. The position of this well is crucial because the location of any septic treatment facility for the proposed camp would need to consider all existing features of the neighborhood.]

3-8 [The Environmental Assessment also did not include two homes at the far end of Cumberland Ridge Rd. N. E. and the two additional lots in that same development were recently purchased; one can only assume that two more homes will be on that land before too long.]

23-2 [The piece of land in question is extremely narrow. The survey must have included all of the muddy shoreline which is often underwater during high Reservoir level times. This narrow profile of the lot in question means that there is really no way to situate the proposed lodge and parking lot and prayer tower so that it will be private from the neighbors. We assume that this privacy is a key feature that the MYCA development would like, but it is also extremely important for the nearby neighbors. Did anybody notice that this is a deciduous forest (a vanishing feature of Iowa's natural history, by the way) and that visibility is quite far during the fall and winter months?]

22-2 [I have serious concerns about the traffic created by this camp. Scales Bend Road is already being used at a rate above its intended capacity. The addition of such a large facility will be a safety hazard. The traffic numbers used by Zambrana Engineering are unrealistic, considering the size of the facility.] 22-6

2-7 I urge the Corps of Engineers to deny the lease application of MYCA in its current form. [The size of the project raise serious and, I believe irresolvable difficulties.]

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