

Latest Updates Concerning Holiday Lake

As everyone has already heard, there is a plan for a **hog confinement** to be built 2 miles north of Holiday Lake. The property is just east of the Allan Graham residence located in Madison Township 3 at the intersection of 310th Avenue and 160th Street. ***A copy of the proposal is on file in the Holiday Lake Office. According to office records there was talk of a confinement already built at this location in 2017. At that time it was referred to as a Tama County confinement, even though the address was Poweshiek County. I am still researching this.***

March 25, 2019, I spoke with Poweshiek County Supervisor Jason Roudabush.

Jason stated if the hog confinement is over 2500 head, then the county has the final say---but as long as the confinement is below 2500 head, the DNR is the governing body. Currently the confinement is slated to have less than 2500 head—therefore the DNR has the final say,

Poweshiek County has scheduled a public hearing for April 8, 2019 at 9:00 am in the Supervisors' Board Room in the Courthouse in Montezuma for the community's input. If you are unable to attend, please send an email to

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Supervisor Roudabush made me aware of some possible legislation being advanced in the Iowa Legislature that could possibly affect the quality of Holiday Lake's water more than the proposed hog confinement.

Senate File 385---This bill deletes the requirement of having a maintenance contract with yearly inspections for septic systems. It states, the system must be inspected once every 5 years.

Senate File 511---This bill deletes the requirement of having a maintenance contract with yearly inspections for septic systems. It states, the system must be inspected once every 3 years.

Failing septic systems would foul the Lake.

Supervisor Roudabush suggested all residents contact their local representatives (your home address) as well as Poweshiek County Representatives. Poweshiek County Senator—Tim Kapucian at tim.kapucian@legis.iowa.gov and Representative David Maxwell at dave.maxwell@legis.iowa.gov .

Hope this information helps.

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