

## THE COST OF INDUSTRY WASTE

Missourians cannot afford to lose any more of their assets to the impacts of industry waste. Missourians need greater protections from the negative consequences of industrial agriculture such as CAFOs and Denali Water Solutions.

## **Tourism**

- Industrial Agriculture threatens the State Parks and beautiful public lands of Missouri by expelling waste.
- \$1.02 billion in sales, \$307 million in income, 14,535 jobs in employment, and \$123 million in federal, state, and local taxes are in jeopardy.
- If the Legislature does not take action to protect public lands from CAFOs and other industrial agriculture facilities,
  Missourians will lose out on the benefits of state parks and other environmental areas.





## **Private Property Value**

- Industrial Agriculture facilities pose a threat to property owners, as studies have shown that homes within three miles of CAFOs have diminished property values. The same is likely the case for homes near Denali Water Solutions.
- The Legislature must institute the protections that Missourians deserve, establishing greater setbacks for CAFOs - the distance between homes and these facilities.

## **Water Quality**

- CAFO and Denali waste can runoff fields after heavy rainfall, which can go directly to Missouri waterways.
- This endangers the very waterbodies that supply Missourians with drinking water, areas for recreation, and fishing sites.
- The Legislature must require groundwater monitoring at all CAFOs and increase the setback distance between CAFOs and protected waterbodies. DNR should then be required to share results of groundwater monitoring to Missourians who are affected.



Source: Daniel J. Witter, *Missouri State Park Economics and Benefits*: An Update Based on 2011 Visitation, https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/EcoImpact\_2012.pdf

The Legislature is responsible for protecting Missourians from the dangers of industrial agriculture. The residents of Missouri cannot afford to lose anymore to these facilities.