

# A Message from the Quad Cities Waterkeeper

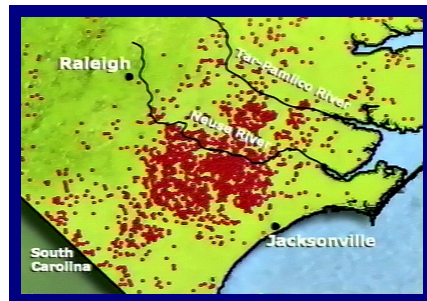
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Quad Cities Waterkeeper (QCW), Art Norris, is calling on all Illinois citizens concerned about factory-farming to take action to help stop the Triumph Foods pork processing plant from being built.

The proposed facility is to be located in a sensitive wetland area on the banks of the Rock River in East Moline. If able to secure funding, the plant could resemble the Triumph Foods facility in Missouri with the capacity to process 1,000 hogs per hour - over 4 million hogs per year.



This will undoubtedly result in an influx of hog CAFOs in Illinois and Iowa and will be disastrous for the citizens of East Moline and the Rock River. Below is a map of the CAFOs that located on the Neuse River in North Carolina after the Smithfield hog slaughterhouse was built. This could be the Rock River if Triumph Foods is allowed to build in Illinois.



Triumph is pursuing negotiations with U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to secure a loan guarantee for the facility, which could cost at least \$150 million in taxpayer dollars. It is reported that Triumph is getting support from U.S. Rep. Phil Hare and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin.

## What you can do:

- Join the QCW to help stop this environmental disaster by contacting Art Norris at: [quadcitieswaterkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:quadcitieswaterkeeper@gmail.com) or 309-721-1800.
- Contact: Sec. Vilsack (202-720-7961); Rep. Hare (202-225-5905); Sen. Durbin (202-224-2152), and Gov. Quinn (217-782-0244) as soon as possible to express your concerns.