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NRCB.

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N.W. 34. 7. 26

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Re Application LA20001
P+H Wessels Farms Ltd.

I note that the beef finisher numbers have been increased from 2500-4500.
My objection to the Wessels' expansion plan remains the same as those stated in my first letter but my greatest concern is water. [The availability + quality of same]

The Wessels-Beetman operation has in the past few months drilled 18 holes in a search for water. According to the drillers log, one of these holes has entered the McBride Lake aquifer. Any draw down on this aquifer will be of concern to farmers ranchers and citizens who live farther away from the Wessels' operation than $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Who is responsible for notifying these people and who is responsible for monitoring the water levels? This may well affect the McBride Lake Wetlands which supports many species of threatened wildlife.

This is the Canadian Prairie. We don't have as much water as we think we do. We all need clean water to live! There is plenty of evidence as to how careful we

must be with this natural resource.

"Areas of artesian flow pose severe constraints for construction and excavation especially where these occur in low lying areas. Water well drilling in such areas tends to be ineffective and extremely costly"

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It seems to me like Nature has been trying to tell us for a long time, that keeping large amounts of animals [OR PEOPLE] in a confined space can pose serious health risks.

This proposed expansion from seasonal to a year round operation, involves many more animals and a lot more manure!

I fail to see how anyone who reads and has any environmental conscience can possibly think that expanding a feed lot in this area, is a safe idea.

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This is a flowing well or spring.
Located on N.W. 34.7.26.

It has been here as long as anyone
can remember. It flows year round.

The small pond that forms near the
source stays open all winter. Wild
life make good use of it. It is the
only open water available to them.

The water for my household & livestock
needs, come from this source by
pump. The rest forms a creek
with wetlands and continues on
its way providing running
water and wetlands for
neighboring property.



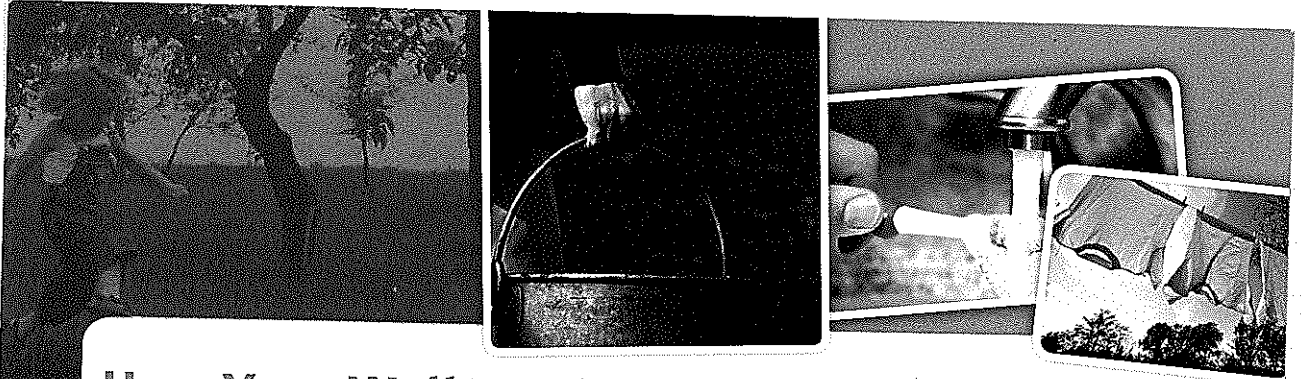


This creek, clearly visible from Highway 810, all comes from my spring. This photo was taken in Feb. 2020.



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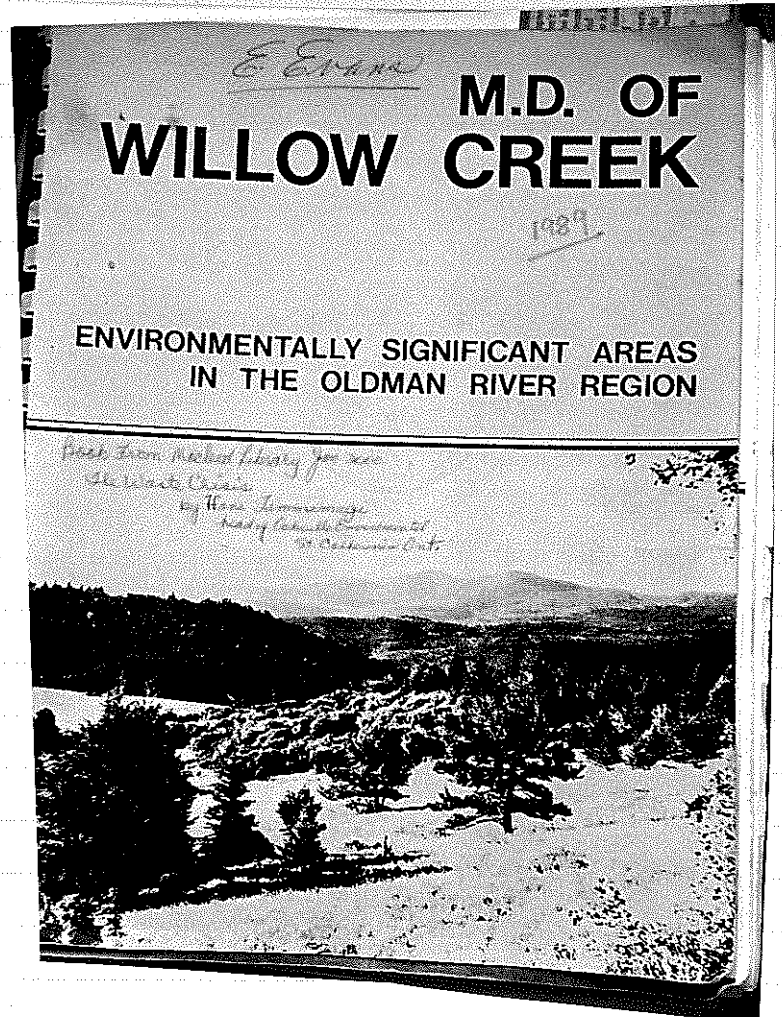
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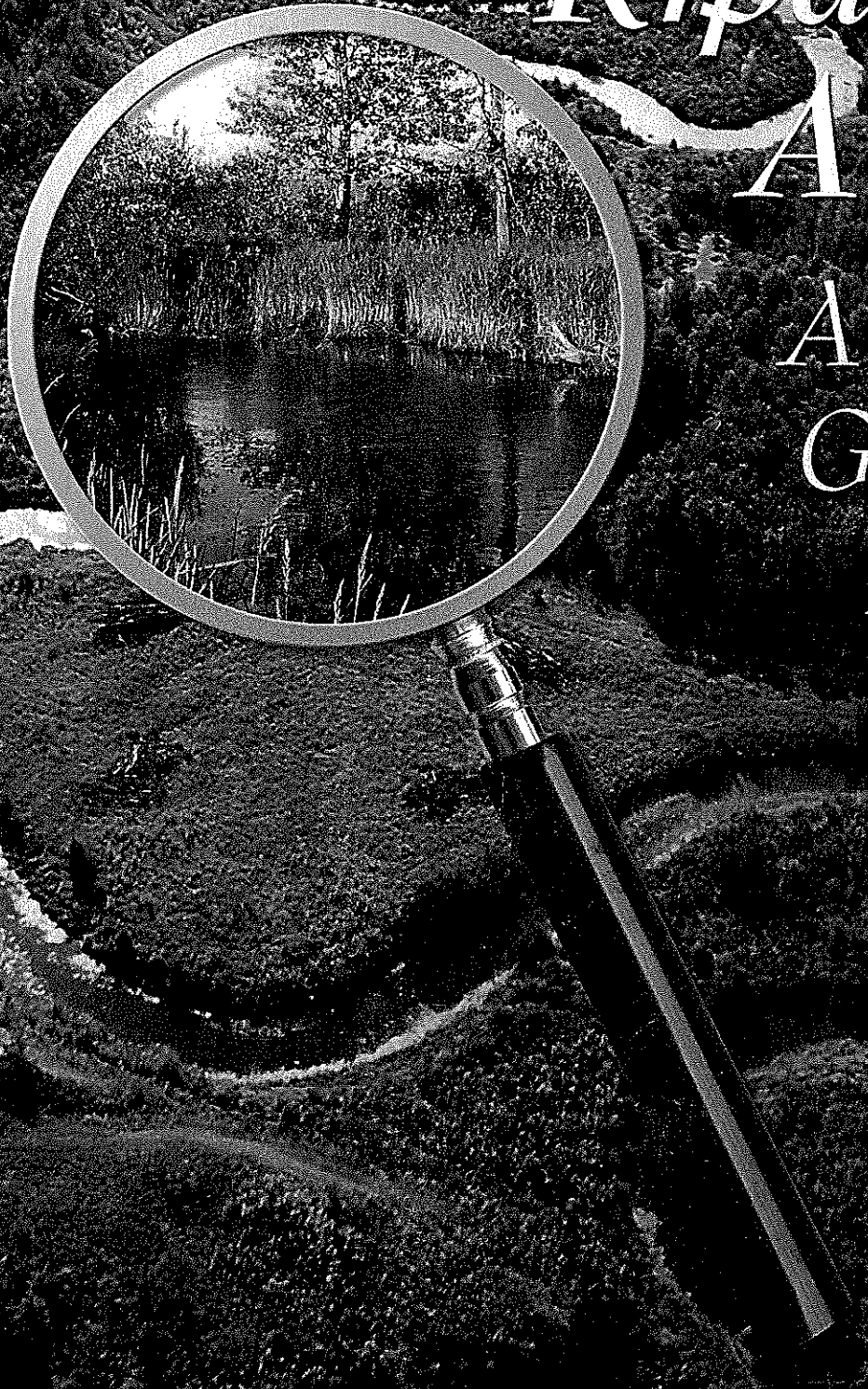


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