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Cambrians for Thoughtful Development Petitions Court for Review of Zoning Board Decision.

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After careful consideration of the situation, the citizens' group, Cambrians for Thoughtful Development (CTD) is petitioning the Columbia County Circuit Court to review the Cambria Village Zoning Board of Appeals decision of December 19, 2002 to exempt Didion Milling from the need to seek a height variance for structures that are part of their planned ethanol plant.

- The December 19, 2002 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was noticed as an open regular session "to discuss a variance request." However, it was announced at the meeting that after consultation with the lawyer for Didion Milling, Paul Dombrowski of Michael, Best & Friederich, Cambria Village Attorney, Vytas P. Salna, issued an opinion to the Village of Cambria dated December 18, 2002 stating that Didion Milling did not need to seek a variance because another section of the Village ordinances exempted "special structures". Mr. Salna interpreted the ordinance to apply to the seven structures included in Didion Milling's application for a variance.

- Cambrians for Thoughtful Development believe that the decision to accept this opinion was made with insufficient information and is a clear violation of citizens' rights to due process.

- During the meeting on December 19, 2002, the Zoning Board of Appeals was asked to consider tabling the matter until more research could be done and more information about the nature of the proposed structures could be obtained. Despite these requests for time to allow a more thorough consideration of the matter, the Cambria Zoning Board of Appeals voted 3 to 2 to accept Mr. Salna's opinion.

- "The issues being faced by the Village Board of Cambria are far from simple yes-or-no questions. Despite the appeal of financial gain, there are serious issues surrounding ethanol production which can not be ignored," stated Leonore Neumann, a resident of Cambria and one of the citizens involved in this action, "The individuals who represent us must also consider the long-term costs to the village, all of its residents, and the environmental health of the surrounding area. Whatever decisions are made by the Cambria Village Board, we will be living with them for a long time to come. It would be reckless to give in to increasing pressure to make a rapid, uninformed decision.

- "We believe we have a very strong case, and that a court will look very carefully and critically at what the zoning board did. It is clear the zoning board of appeals did no fact finding before making this decision," said Attorney Christa O. Westerberg of the law firm Garvey and Stoddard, who is one of the attorneys representing the Cambria citizens in this case, "Had the zoning board done any fact finding as to what, for example, 'distillation columns' or a 'pipe rack system' actually are, that would be one thing. The fact that the board made none of these determinations signals to us that a court will say to the Village, 'you need to do this again.'"

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CTD have compiled a list of resources and documents at their web site  
which will be helpful for those seeking more information and varying  
viewpoints on the many issues surrounding ethanol. The web site is updated  
frequently. Our web address is:

**<<http://homepage.mac.com/oscura/ctd/ctd.html>>**

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