Municipal Community Defines the “Problem” – Factory farming causes water pollution, methane release, noise, loss of private property values, excessive water withdrawal, loss of family farming, high odor, impacts to the local economy.

Community Defines the Problem as a Broad, Complex Problem – “Corporatization of Resources”

How The Regulatory System Operates

“Us” – Traditional environmental groups, lawyers, and activists funnel municipalities down the regulatory chute and lock them into a regulatory “point” in which the community is forcibly prohibited from saying “No” and instead, struggles solely to enforce existing state regulations while allowing the gas drilling to occur.

Regulatory Agencies, Affected Corporations, and the Culture drive communities originally focused on saying “No” into dealing with regulatory agencies where only certain issues can be raised.

Single Regulatory Point: Nutrient Management Act, which regulates factory farming, whereby a plan has to developed to manage manure including containment, land application, and disposal.