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Levy County Planning & Zoning
320 Mongo Street
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**Re: 3RT Sand Mine
Special Exception Application
Levy County Parcel I.D. Nos.: 0359701600, 0359700400, 0359700000, & 0359700300
Section 35, Township 12 South, Range 17 East
11151 Northeast 35th Street
Bronson, Levy County, Florida**

Dear Planning & Zoning,

Please find enclosed for review the Special Exception and Excavation & Fill Permit Applications for the above described properties located in Bronson, Levy County, Florida to be utilized for major mining, excavation and fill activity or operations where more than 10,000 cubic yards of earth (sand & clayey sands) will be excavated or removed from or deposited on a tract or parcel greater than 20 acres. Major Mining, Excavation and Fill Activity Operations is currently listed as a Special Exception Use within Land Use/Zoning District A/RR.

The current Land Use and Zoning of the subject properties are A/RR (Agriculture/Rural Residential) and have historically been utilized for farming and crops. Ryan B. Thomas, property owner, is proposing to permit the subject property as the 3RT Sand Mine to be able to excavate the sand from the subject property to be sold to independent contractors to be utilized for fill material for construction of new road/highway construction, road/highway improvements, single family residences, residential developments, commercial developments, industrial developments, concrete foundation, concrete production, horse track developments, equestrian facilities, etc. throughout Levy and other neighboring counties. The proposed number of daily one way trips from the subject properties is 75+/- with approximately 1,400+/- cubic yards of sand material to be excavated per day.

The subject properties are currently surrounded by an Agricultural Experiment Station (Rosemary Hill Observatory) on 78.81 +/- acres of land to the North/West of the subject properties and Zoned A/RR; a 50.0+/- acre parcel of land with a single family residence located to the Northwest of the subject properties and Zoned A/RR; eleven (11) 10+/- acre parcels of primarily vacant parcels land currently