

Dear Sirs:

I live within 2 miles of parcel #'s 0359701600, 0359700400, 0359700000 and 0359700300.

My main concern over the sand mines is the lowering of our water table.

It would be a terrible thing to have established well levels drop in the area causing all of us to have the well companies come out and drop our pumps lower. IF it is possible to do in our individual wells. Digging huge pits for the water to drain to is how south Florida makes higher, drier land for development. I'm sure it'll do the same thing up here.

The secondary concern is noise pollution, of course. Our peaceful agricultural atmosphere with horse farms, crops and cattle would suffer. Already, we have the largest dump trucks running one behind the other, great clouds of dust on occasion and beep-beep-beeping going on from whatever is going on in that direction. Sometimes all night long. My neighbors and I committed: Are they operating illegally now? And trying to cover their tracks? Why do they operate at night? What is all that heavy work going on at all hours? It has suddenly stopped. Makes us go "hmm" and then we get the notice of petition of special exception. Hmmm.

Road stress due to heavy loads travelling nonstop, one after the other would cause higher road tax? To keep our roads passable for us. Our taxes go up then? To pay for the damage their dump trucks cause? That isn't going to go over well with crop growers, ranchers and horse farmers.

As a tax payer and lover of Levy County, please deny this harvesting of peace, tranquility and assault on our water table levels as well as promised rise in road taxes to pay for the road damage.

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