

Hearn, Peter

From: Rosemary Morante <rosemarym@snet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Hearn, Peter
Subject: Tilcon Quarry Proposal

Peter

It was a pleasure to speak with you last week. Thank you very much for your advice about whom I should communicate regarding the Tilcon proposal. I realize, of course, that it is past the formal comment period but here is the text of the letter that I am sending to state and municipal officials:

I have followed this issue from the 2016 legislation to the release of the required study and the subsequent responses from the Council on Environmental Quality and Water Planning Council. I attended the public hearing on June 26th and have watched the presentation that preceded it on Nutmeg TV since I arrived after that portion of the evening had begun.

I have come to understand that there are multiple and complex issues related to the proposal. Following the process has certainly been an interesting learning experience. At this point, however, I believe that there is a sufficient body of data on which to base an informed position. My own opinion is that we should not utilize this watershed land for quarry expansion.

The reasons for opposing the expansion are compelling. They certainly include significant environmental concerns such as the loss of core forest and vernal pools which provide habitats. There are questions about mitigation and reclamation including, for example, whether potential relocation would be a realistic option for some species. Important questions were also raised about current and future water supply quality. In addition, there were questions raised regarding the determination of need and supply. These included concerns about the exploration of other alternatives for increasing water supply and for also conserving water resources. I know that strategies to potentially address some issues have been noted. However, I believe that many questions and concerns remain and that they make this proposal unacceptable to New Britain and communities such as my own town of Plainville.

I also believe that the proposal is ill-advised in terms of statewide policy. The legislation that needs to be passed for the proposal to become a reality could indeed set a precedent of using protected watershed land for this type of activity. Obviously, this has been an overall concern since 2016 and I believe that it remains so today.

In conclusion, I urge that you oppose the quarry expansion while carrying out your respective roles and responsibilities in regard to actions that would move the proposal forward.

I also wish to note that I am expressing this opinion as an individual citizen only and not on behalf of any group or elected body. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Hearn, Peter

From: Nick Ingel <ningel44@gmail.com>
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To: Hearn, Peter
Subject: Watershed Destruction

Mr. Hearn,

It is with great disappointment that I write this letter. Although progress and industrialization is imminent and has benefitted the human race in so many ways, it has immeasurable negative consequences on the environment and life as we know it. I'm sure you know the facts. There is no need for me to reiterate what you have so blindly avoided. Any woodland area is worth preserving and no one area is more or less important than any other. We must cease this march of destruction and leave our sons and daughters a world that they too can enjoy. Please reconsider this proposal. Think for the future.

Nicholas Ingel

Hearn, Peter

From: Joan Packer <jpacker33@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Hearn, Peter
Subject: Lenard Engineering environmental analysis

I think the report is useful in that it points out (Davison Environmental) that the site is "part of a larger ecological unit...lies within a large block of contiguous and unfragmented forest approximately 1,000 acres in size." Their detail on trees, plants and wildlife may be incomplete, but I think it would be unfortunate to destroy this 72 acre landscape for a quarry, in one of the most densely populated states in the US.

I think the report indicates (at least to me) that losing the tree cover, other vegetation and wetlands could affect groundwater recharge, rainfall and possibly other aspects of our climate.

Thank you.

Joan Packer
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