



Adirondack Park Agency

June 8, 2021

Strategic Mining Solutions
c/o David Shank
473 Brockway Road
Frankfort, NY 13340

Re: APA Project 2021-0075
Town of Forestport, Oneida County
Land Use Area: Moderate Intensity Use and Rural Use
Tax Map No.: 8.000-1-8

Dear David Shank:

Thank you for the recent submission in relation to APA Project No. 2021-0075, received on May 25, 2021. The information received to date in response to the Agency's April 20, 2021 Notice of Incomplete Permit Application (NIPA) have provided important information pertaining to the proposed project. Staff review indicates that additional clarification is required to effectively review the application as described below.

The Agency has received several comments from the owners of property that adjoin the project site and other interested parties as a result of the application received April 5, 2021. Enclosed for your review and consideration are 12 comment letters expressing concerns over the proposed mineral extraction project as well as a copy of one of approximately 1,300 identical petitions received by the Agency. As discussed, the Agency will await any response from you in relation to these comments and any public meeting to address these issues before deeming the application complete.

Please feel free contact the Agency with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ John M. Burth

John M. Burth
Environmental Program Specialist 3 (EPS3)

Enc: comment letters and petitions

cc: Supervisor Entwistle, Town of Forestport
Zach Goodale, NYSDEC Region 6
Devan Korn, EPS2

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Date: May 25, 2021

PETITION OF CONCERN REGARDING THE WHITE LAKE GRANITE QUARRY

I have an interest in the White Lake area and community. I, along with many others, am very concerned about mining being permitted off of Stone Quarry Road, Town of Forestport, NY (the "Quarry"). We want an independent review of the applications regarding proposed mining at the Quarry and the overall situation before any permits, licenses or rights are granted. Concerns include the following:

1. How could mining (including blasting) impact White Lake (e.g., water levels, quality, flow, springs, outlets, etc.)?
2. How could the mining impact the surrounding wetlands (which are essential to the community and the overall environment)? It is our understanding that a federally designated wet land overlaps the parcel that contains the Quarry.
3. Why is there no fully completed and signed Environmental Assessment form? Why is there no Full Environmental Impact Statement? Where are the studies that back up the assertions in the application on noise, impact on water (ground, acquirers and otherwise (proposed to blast within 10' feet of the water table)), traffic and others.
4. What type of noise will be generated from the operations at the Quarry, including the blasting? How often will the blasting occur? Will there be ongoing monitoring of noise levels, shock waves, other potential impacts on the environment and community? How will hikers, hunters and adjoining land owners be notified and protected from the blasting?
5. How could the mining operations at the Quarry impact wildlife in the area?
6. There are homes located on the back side of the granite ridge that is part of the Quarry, how could they be impacted by blasting and other mining operations?
7. Will there be any hazardous waste used or generated in connection with the mining operations?
8. How could the mining impact property values in the Community? Each of these properties represent in many cases a significant asset of the property owners, whether the properties are their full-time residences or seasonal homes.
9. Will the assessed value of the Quarry be increased to reflect the value of the property if mining is approved, thereby making an appropriate contribution to the Town of Forestport?
10. The entrance from RT 28 to Stony Quarry Road is on a curve where the speed limit is 55 MPH. How could the mining operations (e.g., large vehicles hauling granite) impact traffic, increase accidents and risks to residents and others passing through the community?
11. Who will be monitoring and enforcing the limitations on any permit granted? What will the consequences be if there is a violation? Is there an individual or entity with substance (as opposed to a shell entity) or a bond that is capable of paying for damages to the community and its residents if the permits are violated or damage occurs? We have heard that there is a general lack of oversight and enforcement of land use in the White Lake area (e.g., there are other mines, timber cutting, and granite removal from the Quarry, occurring outside the scope of or without permits).
12. How is mining consistent with the residential use of the community surrounding White Lake? How could the mining operations at the Quarry affect the quality of life for the residents and visitors to the Community?
13. How could the mining operations impact the natural monument dedicated to Putt, a soldier that fought in the Revolutionary War?

I understand one of the local associations is hiring an independent attorney and expert to review the applications and the overall situation. I request that no further action be taken on granting licenses or permits for the Quarry until that review is complete so the impact and risks to the community can be known to all.

Sincerely,

Gina Graniero
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From: [Joe DeTraglia](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: APA Project No. 2021-0075
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 10:14:08 AM

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Based on available information concerning APA Project No. 2021-0075, the Joseph A. DeTraglia and Barbara C. DeTraglia Irrevocable Trust agrees with the April 22, 2021 comments submitted by Joe Turczyn and the April 18, 2021 comments submitted by Will and Katie Cotter quoted below:

“I would like more information on the proposed project as I only received the title ‘Establishment of a commercial mineral extraction operation.’ What does this entail? Will there be dynamite/explosives, major/heavy machinery, air and potential water pollution involved with the operation. The White Lake outlet flows directly below the project site and would incur any run-off from the operation. I know Mr. Sunderlin proposed a Stone Quarry operation aprox (*sic*) 10 years ago. This would have entailed a major environmental hazard & destruction to the surrounding area. The title of his company - Red Rock Quarry Associates denotes a stone quarry facility & operation.”

“We strongly oppose the approval of APA Project No. 2021-0075. We are property owners adjacent to the Stone Quarry Road. We believe the Adirondack Park should be protected and left forever wild as much as possible. The Stone Quarry Road is located right next to one of the most beautiful, pristine, spring fed lakes in the Adirondack Park and approval if (*sic*) this project would be so damaging to the area.”

From: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
To: [Parker, Colleen C \(APA\)](#); [Petith, Stephanie L \(APA\)](#); [Stankus, Elizabeth \(APA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Project # 2021-0075
Date: Friday, May 28, 2021 3:13:02 PM

From: ange960@aol.com <ange960@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 3:12:51 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments <RPCComments@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: Project # 2021-0075

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my displeasure with the proposed project to mine granite in White Lake. My family has been vacationing and hunting in White Lake for over 30 years. My uncle Joe Detraglia (RIP) has owned acreage there since the 80's. Most of the property will be directly affected by this project. This will change the beauty and the wildlife there forever. I would like to know if anyone reviewing this project has actually been on Stone Quarry Road? It is a seasonal use road that will not be able to handle the proposed 5 trucks a day in and out. Trust me I have been on that road literally hundreds of times. It has always been a peaceful walk thru the woods that will be ruined by the noise and the pollution caused by excavators and large trucks. As far as I am concerned approval of this project will affect the entire community of White Lake. I ask that this project be rejected. I let a message for John Barth to give me a call to discuss this project.

Thank you

Rob Angelhow

716-207-1784

From: [Burth, John M \(APA\)](#)
To: [Korn, Devan F \(APA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Granite Quarries near White Lake in Forestport, NY
Date: Tuesday, June 01, 2021 7:50:57 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Staab, Sarah A (APA) <Sarah.Staab@apa.ny.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 29, 2021 6:42 PM
To: Burth, John M (APA) <John.Burth@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Proposed Granite Quarries near White Lake in Forestport, NY

From: Bob Willoughby <robertjwilloughby@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 29, 2021 6:42:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: Staab, Sarah A (APA)
Subject: Proposed Granite Quarries near White Lake in Forestport, NY

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Ms. Staab,

I am writing you express my concern for proposed Quarry in Forestport. My family and I have vacationed on White Lake for 40+ years. I am very concerned that the pristine environment will be forever effected by the proposed quarry. I also believe that the increased commercial trucking will compromise the habitat of the extensive wildlife in the area. I hope that this permit is thoroughly vetted and possibly be denied. Please save our State Parkland for future generation to enjoy!

Respectfully,
Bob Willoughby

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Burth, John M \(APA\)](#)
To: [Korn, Devan F \(APA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Quarry Proposal in White Lake, NY
Date: Tuesday, June 08, 2021 7:55:30 AM

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From: Staab, Sarah A (APA) <Sarah.Staab@apa.ny.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 7:49 PM
To: Burth, John M (APA) <John.Burth@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Quarry Proposal in White Lake, NY

From: Andy Sayles <fasayles@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:48:47 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: Staab, Sarah A (APA) <Sarah.Staab@apa.ny.gov>; Young, Randall C (DEC) <randall.young@dec.ny.gov>; Lubey, Linda A (DOT) <Linda.Lubey@dot.ny.gov>; parks.sm.Notes <Notes@parks.ny.gov>
Cc: supervisor@townofforestport.org <supervisor@townofforestport.org>
Subject: Quarry Proposal in White Lake, NY

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Dear NYS Departmental Officials,

There is an application currently filed with your departments to reactivate a Quarry on Stone Quarry Road in White Lake, NY

The project numbers assigned to this proposal are;

NYSDEC Application ID: 6-3038-00081/0000
APA project number 2021-0075,

The Board of Directors and membership of the Little Long Lake Campers Association in neighboring Woodgate are greatly concerned over the potential impact to the area if this proposal is approved.

The negative impact that a mining operation would impose in terms of the environment, truck traffic, quality of life, and housing values in this mainly residential area requires that all efforts be made to fully understand the proposal and to share it openly with the taxpayers.

- Traffic impact;
 - NY Rte. 28 is a heavily travelled 2-lane road that winds through residential areas. The additional heavy truck traffic will exacerbate existing congestion during the proposed months of quarry activity and significantly increase the safety risk for residents who must cross Rte 28 to access their property.
 - Left turn lane onto Round Lake Rd from Rte 28 N is very narrow and dangerous. Southbound vehicles drift into the turn lane. Northbound traffic often has to ride the shoulder to safely pass a turning vehicle. The quarry's planned use of large flat-bed trucks will add to the risk incrementally.
- Quality of Life;
 - The noise that will be generated by the blasting, crushing, and loading of stone will greatly increase the noise levels considered acceptable in residential areas.
 - The presence of large trucks and their attendant operational noise will significantly diminish the ambiance of this rural hamlet.
- Environment;
 - Airborne particles of dust and smoke generated by blasting will spread across residential properties with potential health implications.
 - The concussive effect of blasting on local structures and on wildlife needs to be understood.
- Ecology;
 - potential for ground water contamination
 - potential impact to White Lake outlet stream which the access road crosses.

A public hearing must be held to hear the concerns of local residents.

At a minimum, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be done by the DEC.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Little Long Lake Campers Association
Woodgate, NY

From: [larry vicks](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Fwd: P2021-0075 Quarry Environmental impact
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021 8:36:44 AM

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From: **larry vicks** <larryvicks@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 27, 2021 at 8:33 AM
Subject: P2021-0075 Quarry Environmental impact
To: <zachary.goodale@dec.ny.gov>, <andrew.abott@dec.ny.gov>, <christopher.luccidi@dec.ny.gov>, <APASubmissions@apa.ny.gov>, <sarah.staab@apa.ny.gov>, Forestport Planning Dept. <planning@townofforestport.org>, <cwellar@outlook.com>

We have a residence at 12959 Rt 28, identified as parcel 8.003-2-44. The proposed quarry excavation is east of our property .

In July of 2020 we invested in a drilled well through 310' of solid granite to assure continued availability of clear, uncontaminated water. Our concern is for the potential of injected pollutants by opening new fissures or rupturing water aquifers caused by mining operations which will disturb the stability of subsurface rock formations.

Even though the proposed mining process identifies small charge cracking, we are very concerned with the long term impact of constant "micro jolting" of subsurface rock layers. There is a reason why the oil industry fracking process and its impact on water quality is a concern in areas where it has been used.

There are numerous springs that run under Rt 28 and into the lake which is one of the primary reasons for White Lake water clarity.

The applicant states that the proposed blasting operations will be properly monitored and will have minimal impact. Regardless of the quarry operator's intent or diligence to environmental stewardship, there are no procedures or methods that **guarantee** the stability of water aquifers under continuous long term stress. There is no empirical evidence or geological analysis provided with the application that demonstrates or proves any assurance that this operation will not disturb sub surface water sources.

It is our understanding that if this operation is approved, it will not be temporary and therefore will result in potentially long term detrimental impacts that are unforeseen at the outset.

The risks of disturbing the quality and quantity of well drawn water as well as the potential hazard to the lake are too great.

Mining operations at this site must not be approved since the applicant can not show negative environmental impact, i.e. for sustained water quality.

Linda and Larry Vicks
315 727 1700

PO Box 64
Woodgate NY, 13494

From: [Linda Critchfield](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Fwd: Quarry proposal
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 12:37:20 PM

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This was the email address that Sarah referenced for information about projects.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Critchfield <lrcritchfield@gmail.com>
Date: May 26, 2021 at 12:30:52 PM EDT
To: Sarah.Staab@apa.ny.gov
Cc: Randall.Young@dec.ny.gov
Subject: Quarry proposal

Hello Ms. Stabb - I am a home owner in the Adirondack park and would like to be informed about the proposal to quarry granite near White Lake. I would like to know about public notices and hearings to inform the community about this project. I would hope the APA would not destroy this beautiful part of the Park for a luxury item such as pink granite counter tops!

Linda Critchfield
Lrcritchfield@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone



June 4, 2021

Sarah Staab, Environmental Program Specialist
NYS Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Zach Goodale, Environmental Analyst
NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation
207 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501

Re. White Lake Granite Quarry, APA 2021-0075

Dear Ms. Staab and Mr. Goodale,

Judging from comments made by the agency's Keith McKeever, we understand that this application for a new granite quarry at White Lake, Town of Forestport, will be subject to coordinated review by APA and DEC.

Coordinated APA-DEC review of mineral extraction/mining in the Adirondack Park has a long history. Informal public informational meetings involving both agencies are often held across the Park. Those can be helpful to neighbors trying to understand precisely what is being applied for, the potential impacts on them and their environment, and the coordinated efforts of state agencies in applying laws and regulations pertaining within the Adirondack Park.

While the application at DEC and APA remains incomplete and while the applicant's plans are relatively fluid, might now be a good time for the agencies to hold a public informational meeting in the White Lake area to gather public questions, concerns, and information useful to the agencies, applicant, neighbors and the general public?

It is significant that there are over 25 residential neighbors adjoining this proposed new granite quarry. White Lake and its outlet are important adjacent surface waters of high quality. Even before the application is deemed complete, many concerns have already been expressed about potential impacts on their lake, White Lake outlet, ground water sources, noise, use of blasting of the granite, and on public safety out on Rte. 28, among others.

There is natural concern as well as uncertainty about what the applicant may be proposing. A public informational meeting could help to clear up the applicant's intentions, but also could allow neighbors to reveal knowledge and information about the site and nearby environments of assistance to both DEC

and APA in coordinated review of an application. Such neighbor comments might also help persuade the applicant to adjust his plans.

A public informational meeting might also fill in existing informational gaps in the Environmental Assessment (EA) form (DEC) and Information Request (APA). Information gaps on the EA form need to be filled in about White Lake outlet, groundwater studies that give the applicant confidence there will be no impacts on groundwater, about micro blasting and about public safety and traffic. A meeting might help the department reach a conclusion that based on one or more actual or likely environmental impacts, a full EIS should be prepared. An informational meeting at this stage might help both agencies in determining whether a more formal public hearing ought to be held as per agency regulations.

Thank you for considering our request that you convene a public informational meeting at your and the applicant's earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gibson".

David Gibson, Managing Partner
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P.O. Box 9247. Niskayuna. NY 12309

Cc: Robert Lore, APA
Terry Martino, APA
Randall Young, DEC
Jackie Bowen, Adirondack Council
Peter Bauer, Protect the Adirondacks !

From: Braddock72@aol.com
To: [Staab, Sarah A \(APA\)](#)
Subject: APA project 2021-0075
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:24:04 PM

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Good Afternoon

I am writing to voice my concern over this project from Thomas Sunderlin for commercial mineral extraction. I do not believe it would be the best interests of the residents in the area nor the Adirondack mountains. What exactly will this mining process be? What type of emissions would this mining emit into the air? What would the impact be on the wildlife in that area? Finally what would be the traffic impact in the area. I believe that location butts up to our property and we would need to confirm property lines if approved. Lot 8.003-2-1 has an extension onto my property that was in the deed but does not included block 8.000-1-8 and from the looks of this map his line is on our property. I would need a survey if he gains approval. Will there be a zoom meeting for approval? I can be reached at 856-904-8051.

Ann Braddock
72 Haddon Ave
Gibbsboro NJ 08026

May 13, 2021

Ms. Sarah Staab
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
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RE: White Lake Quarry Project
APA #2021-0075

Dear Ms. Staab,

I recently received your letter concerning an APA permit from Thomas Sunderlin for establishment of a commercial mineral extraction operation.

Being adjoining landowners to the project site, we are total against this project going forward.

Our camp sits upon a shelf of the highest part of the granite ridge. It was built in 1918 and sits on piers. Our drilled well is 285 feet deep with 1 foot of soil and the rest is down through the granite.

In my last phone conversation with you this week, you state there would be no blasting, but you did not tell me how they were going to extract the rock. If at any point they do go to blasting, with the area directly behind us it would put our camp at huge risk and also could compromise our drilled well. It also could open new fissures in the rocks causing water and rock dust that can travel down these fissures and possibly could plug or contaminate the water table, effecting our well. Also, the White Lake Outlet in the quarry area could be harmed with this rock dust. This outlet connects to the WO-12 Wetland, Bear Creek, Woodhull, and Black Rivers.

The noise levels could be intolerable as any bodies of water magnifies all sound.

Also, State Route 28 is a two-lane highway. The Western gateway into the Adirondack Park, it has enormous amounts of traffic in the camping season. Add to this big trucks loaded with stone and traveling on it and it becomes a high probability of accident risk.

This quarry could be a burden on the Town of Forestport because this is only a seasonal town road going into the quarry area, narrow and not designed for heavy traffic. The entrance and exit of this road to Rte 28 would need to be changed, as it is on a slant and not easy to see coming in or out.

Not only residents, but the environment, wildlife, and people coming into the park will be impacted negatively by this project.

Also, an EIS will need be done by NYS DEC, this is very import, before any approvals can be given to this project.

Sincerely,

Shirley Merriam Cornish
Devan James Cornish
For Cornish Trust

Cc: NYS DEC- Director, Randal Young
NYS DOT- Director, Linda Lubey
NYS of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation- Commissioner, Erik Kalleseid
Town of Forestport Planning Board- Chairman, Paul Rejam

From: [Katie Evans](#)
To: [Staab, Sarah A \(APA\)](#)
Cc: [Will Cotter](#)
Subject: APA Project No. 2021-0075
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 5:12:47 PM

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Dear Ms. Staab,

We strongly oppose the approval of APA Project No. 2021-0075. We are property owners adjacent to the Stone Quarry Road. We believe the Adirondack Park should be protected and left forever wild as much as possible. The Stone Quarry Road is located right next to one of the most beautiful, pristine, spring fed lakes in the Adirondack Park and approval if this project would be so damaging to the area.

Sincerely,
Will and Katie Cotter

From: [TURCZYN, JOSEPH J CIV USAF AFMC AFRL/RIBA](#)
To: [Staab, Sarah A \(APA\)](#)
Cc: joet512@yahoo.com
Subject: APA Projet # 2021-0075
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 2:06:15 PM

Ms. Staab,

I received your correspondence dated April 7, 2021 regarding Project # 2021-0075. I own the 37 acre parcel of land just below the proposed project site (13.000-2-1). I would like more information on the proposed project as I only received the title "Establishment of a commercial mineral extraction operation". What does this entail? Will there be dynamite/explosives, major/heavy machinery, air and potential water pollution involved with the operation. The White Lake outlet flows directly below the project site and would incur any run-off from the operation.

I know Mr. Sunderlin proposed a Stone Quarry operation aprox 10 years ago. This would have entailed a major environmental hazard & destruction to the surrounding area.

The title of his company - Red Rock Quarry Associates denotes a stone quarry facility & operation.

v/r

Joe Turczyn

Ph: 315 736-1984

288 Main St.

New York Mills, NY 13417

From: [William Cotter](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: White Lake Quarry Application - Concerned Adjacent Property Owner
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 4:01:00 PM

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Sarah:

I am a homeowner adjacent to the property in Woodgate that has submitted a mining application. I expressed concern several weeks ago, but have not heard back on the review process or status of the application.

Could please tell me the process, timeline and decision points for review of the application?

Upon review of the application, I have several additional concerns -- can you help me understand the following:

1. I understand the APA has zoned this land as moderate rural use -- i.e., residential use. Why is industrial use a better use of this land? Is the APA looking to reclassify this land, and on what basis? I, along with hundreds of neighbors purchased my property in the Adirondack park in a residential area with the understanding that this is a residential area of the Adirondack park. I did not sign up to live next to an industrial mining operation.
2. The noise analysis relies on a lot of assumptions. The Mined Land Use Plan mentions the possibility of a rock crushing operation to process aggregate from waste rock, but this doesn't seem to be addressed. A full noise study should be conducted based on actual measurements of ambient sound levels at adjacent residences and accepted sound modeling software.
3. In regard to water impacts, the application should include a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan. The Mined Land Use Plan says water will be internally drained, but it's not clear what that means.
4. There is historical significance of this site -- Simon Putnam's monument is located at the top of the granite ridge -- but the application does not mention this.
5. There is reference to wetlands in the APA documents, but there's no wetland delineation report or anything documenting that this issue has been looked at carefully.
6. There is no mention of listed threatened or endangered species in any of the documents. Correspondence from the DEC's Natural Heritage Program should be provided to document the presence or absence of known occurrences in the area,

and a habitat assessment should be performed. The loose rock on site provides roosting habitat for eastern small-footed bat.

7. There is no discussion of the project's potential socio-economic impacts; things like tax revenue and potential adverse effects on property values and tourism.

8. Traffic is only addressed in the applicant's response to the APA deficiency letter, and then in only the most general terms. Things like the adequacy of Quarry Road to accommodate large trucks/heavy loads, the existing Quarry Road/Route 28 intersection geometry, and existing traffic volume on Route 28 should be looked at to make sure trucks can enter and exit the site safely, and determine if improvements are necessary. There is no evidence that the applicant has corresponded with the local highway department or the NYSDOT, which needs to be done.

9. Numerous questions in the FEA (the majority) are unanswered (yes/no boxes unfilled).

10. The FEA indicates the water table is at 80 feet below the surface. This sounds very deep, and there is no indication where this information came from. If they are committing to keep their operation above the water table, there should be on-site borings/geotechnical investigations to establish the actual depth to ground water

11. The applicant's response letters to the DEC and APA deficiency notices include updated information that differs from what is presented in the FEA and the Mined Land Use Plan. These documents should be updated to present complete and accurate information.

The proposed mining activity that is direct contradiction the purpose of the Adirondack Park and mission of the APA. Rather than preserving and protecting the natural environment, the mine application seeks to physically remove and alter it forever.

Please advise.

Thanks,

William Cotter
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