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To: Pam Andros - Dane County

I live at 1409 Lake Kegonsa Road, Stoughton, in the Town of Rutland. I am unable to attend the May 24 Zoning and Land Use Regulation meeting, where the gravel pit expansion on Center Road of Rutland Township will be discussed.

Our home is one mile south of the expanding gravel pit at the corner of Rutland-Dunn Townline Road and Hawkinson Road. That pit is expanding from a much smaller pit that has been there for decades.

Today, Tuesday, May 17, the trucks are hauling down Lake Kegonsa Road again. They use our road several times a week to get to Hwy 138. It is a parade almost, a truck every five minutes or so, either full ones going south or empty ones going north.

We hear the quarry, a mile away, almost daily, starting up operations at 7AM. I shudder to think how noisy this is for the people living adjacent to that pit. Later, my wife and I were out gardening, and the trucks reminded me of a children's song --

The trucks drive by one by one  
Hurrah, hurrah!

Except the only ones cheering are the quarry owner, and some developers. All this does is feed urban sprawl.

Dane County is doing wonders to protect our environment, buying land in drainage areas to help alleviate extreme rains, building the Madison to Stoughton bike path, and transitioning to carbon neutral operations.

One thing this County does not need is another big ugly open pit hole in the ground. The one north of us is already creating one by expanding into a big farm field, and another is not needed less than five miles away as the sandhill cranes fly.

My wife and I are opposed to the expansion of the gravel pit on Center Road in our beautiful and quiet Rutland Township. Expanding it is against our town's land use plans to preserve our rural character. These pits are noisy and polluting -- the one north of us has a gap in its "beauty berm" that will drain into Island Lake, home to all kinds of wildlife. The truck traffic is also noisy, disruptive, and dangerous, especially on our narrow rural back roads used by walkers and bicyclists.

We urge the County to not approve of this expansion, and to continue to consider its strategic vision of environmental stewardship.

Thank you,

Tom Umhoefer

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