

Lane, Roger

From: Steven Fox <steven_53532@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 5:52 PM
To: Lane, Roger
Subject: Fw: Petition CUP 2511 and 11621 Madison Sand and Gravel

Dear Mr Lane

I am making one last effort to convince you on why this petition should be denied. I am sure you have heard more complaints than I ever will against gravel pits and why they are bad for families that live near them than I ever will.

When you live out in the country the best thing is the open land and the peace and quite. My family has been here since 1966 and Madison sand and gravel says they opened their pit in I believe is 1971 and in the last meeting they said they were here first. Well that is not true. *We were!*

Just to the West of us Madison sand and gravel has a open pit that they have been working on filling in I can tell you for a fact that on strong windy days if you are outside you can feel the sand hitting your face and the dust clouds and you cant have your own home windows open. you feel trapped in your own home.

They have a washer sorter on Norway Grove School Rd. that during their business hours all day long you can clearly hear it running and the heavy machinery running back and fourth and the dump trucks backing up beeping horns. that I am sure you know you can hear for miles.

Madison sand and gravel says that they will not be blasting. but they will be using jack hammers on the back of excavators to break lose the materiel that they want. which are Extremely noisy and disruptive.

Lastly you have the water pollution. We have home wells that would be very close and with the high water table here I can not see how that they will not poison our well with there digging.

Also in the spring of the year and in heavy rains all the farmers fields flood and the water run off (filled with Manure and pesticides) goes right through the back of my yard and will then will run into their pit and can not see how our wells will then stay safe to drink?

Madison sand and gravel says that the have put aside \$15,000 to clean our wells when this happens. Well \$15,000

may only be enough to fix ONE familys well not all wells affected. Not to say any compensation to the families affected.

Lastly have 3 pictures showing our current view with a red dot showing the hill Madison sand and gravel wants then 2 pictures of the mess they leave behind when closing a pit and the same red dot showing the same hill they want.

also a news letter from the town of Vienna having a conversation with the farmer Dennis Kelley about high water levers that does not lower cause proving just how high our water table levels are. (This is also the same farmer that is trying to sell the land in question Madison sand and gravel for the gravel pit) that is flooding his farmlands. The town also has high water signs warning of high water. Proving of high the high water table in this area.

And flood waters behind my house

bellow current panoramic view







the destruction they leave behind





Conversation between farmer and town of Vienna... Wibu road this fall I took picture bellow

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Ron Rupp, Gary Endres, Clerk Kathy Clark and resident Dennis Kelley were present. Karen Ingalls was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: Last week the town did some ditching along WIBU Road to keep the water off the road. The water dropped down in the ditch a few inches and is flowing the way it should. Kelley stated he understood the need to do the ditching for the road but now this is affecting his property. Over the last two years, much of his land, including his excavating machine, has been under water and no longer farmable. Kelley asked if there was any way the town could contact the WDOT regarding this. Marx suggested Dave Ripp, the County Supervisor, may have a suggestion. Endres suggested possibly redirecting the water but this would impact homes on the other side of the interstate. Rupp provided Kelley with a contact at the WDOT to call and see if a meeting to review the water issue could be arranged. Ruegsegger questioned if a retention pond would be a solution. This would need a location and WDOT should be the one to build it.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ruegsegger, sec-

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Town Clerk's

for Districts 1 & 21st at 6:30pm. diately following

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Bellow: Is my back yard when heavy rains and spring flooding. farm fields water runoff (filled with Manure and pesticides) you can see how dark it is.



Madison sand and gravel currently has 9 active pits how much land do they need?

We do not want them by us!!!

Would you?

Please protect our growing families

Thank you

Steven E Fox

From: Steven Fox <steven_53532@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Lane, Roger <lane.roger@countyofdane.com>
Subject: Petition CUP 2511 and 11621 Madison Sand and Gravel

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Dear Mr. Lane,

Hello, my name is Steven Fox and my family, and I reside 5394 county road V in Deforest Directly across from the proposed new pit. I am writing to you regarding the proposed mineral extraction and separation of existing residence from farmland petitions by 4D Farms LLC. These petitions are being discussed at the upcoming December 22nd Public Hearing.

My concerns are the same as Brent Kelley who sent to you a email on December 14 2020 about the having concerns of safe drinking water and noise and sight pollution from the proposed pit. Madison Sand and Gravel currently has many active pits in the area.

One of many is on Norway Grove School Road they have a wash plant with a Material crusher/seperator that you can hear daily very well and the plant is 5/10th of a mile from my home. That being said you can also daily hear the truck dumping material and the tail gates of the trucks slamming ever time with a big bang as they dump their load and also the track turning on their bulldozers. All this being 5/10th of a mile away let alone how loud it would be if this new pit is approved being 500 feet away and this would be going on for 20 years.

Madison sand and gravel is currently working on closing one of their pits that is 1/10th of a mile away and I can tell you first hand that on windy days and your outside that you will get sand in your eyes I can only imagine how bad it would be when the pit is just on the other side of the road and you cant even have your home windows open cause of the dust and noise.

Madison Sand and Gravel has said that they would install a berm around it and plant trees on it to help hide their eye sight nuisance for the next 20 years. This in its self is a eye sight nuisance because (see attached) our current view is of nice looking farm land with pretty full grown trees and 50+ full grown Oak trees and Animals that they want to destroy.

So you can understand how a dirt hill will be sight nuisance. Things will look better if they are left alone.

Also if this is approved the sight of the new landscape that they leave behind is more than undesirable. (see attached from pictures from the pit they are closing 1/10th of a mile from me.)

Another concern of mine is our home that was built in 1966. 54 years ago and the foundation has over the many years has developed cracks in the foundation from the house settling down. More damage from the ground tremors that the digging and bulldozers running back and forth would cause. Much like a construction roller uses a roller that vibrates the ground to compact the soil. if you have ever been near one that is in use you can feel the ground vibrate from quite a distance away and may damage other homes . Would this be the life that a Dad would like their family around?

Thank you for your time

Steven Fox

This is the current view of the pit 1/10th of a mile from my house this would be our new view in 20 years if approved. if you zoom in you can see the pit that is 5/10th of a mile from my house. please for all our families do not approve this



----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Steven Fox <steven_53532@yahoo.com>

To: everson.daniel@countyofdane.com <everson.daniel@countyofdane.com>

Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020, 05:54:33 PM CST

Subject: Fw: Madison Sand and Gravel Inquiry

Mr Everson

Thank you very much for giving me your time not sure if your the one I need to speak with

I am one of the family's that will be negativity affected by the propose expansion of Madison Sand and Gravel at 5379 country road V.

Madison Sand and Gravel currently have NINE active pits and I feel that this is another example of the Big business walking over the little person which in this case are families with growing children.

Madison Sand and Gravel Wins

The town of Vienna Wins

Family's Lose

If you look at the attached pictures you will see that most of all the open pits all have water in them.

This is because this area has a very high water table. This is visible in there pits with all the water in them.

Also by the fields in the area that have standing water in them. One Big Example that you may of see is farm land that you may of seen off the interstate heading towards to the Dells it is by county road dm. also there is a semi trailer that has a sign on it saying some thing like strawberry you pick.

Then also have been pumping out water (i believe drinking water) with a big industrial Pump that runs pretty close to 24/7 for the last three years

Madison Sand and gravel also says that if they DRY UP our well that they would pay for the drilling for new ones for us. and will put this in writing for us. By saying this they are admitting that this may happen. would you want this? Also they said the same thing about jf our well became POISONOUS (unsafe to drink or we or one of our children get sick) By saying this they are admitting that this may happen. Would you want this for your family?



The farm land on the other side of the road that the farmer wants to sell (could the sale be stopped) to Madison said and gravel

I love the country fall view and don't want to be looking at a gravel pit or a big hill the gravel pit will put in to HIDE it

well you cant hide the NOISE and DUST the will be in everything say alone in our homes as well

and what about the current cost of our homes

and if one of us wanted to sell there home who would like to buy it to live next to a gravel pit

I also have hear that the zoning needs to be changed to allow the pit to advance.

Please if you are who approves or denies zoning changes please consider the families and children

and deny the change request.

If you are not the person I need to speak with could you please forward

Thank You again

Steven E Fox

5394 County Rd. V

De Forest Wi 53532

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From: Rep. Hesselbein <rep.hesselbein@legis.wisconsin.gov>

To: steven_53532@yahoo.com <steven_53532@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020, 09:04:41 AM CDT

Subject: RE: Madison Sand and Gravel Inquiry

Dear Steven,

Thank you for the additional information you sent. The Department of Natural Resources is reviewing this for me and I will contact you when I receive further information from them.

Sincerely,

Dianne Hesselbein

State Representative

79th Assembly District

From: Steven Fox [steven_53532@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Rep.Hesselbein
Subject: Re: Madison Sand and Gravel Inquiry

I sure you are extremely busy. I just wanted to confirm you received the bellow email from me .

Thank you

Steven

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 4:42 AM, Steven Fox

[<steven_53532@yahoo.com>](mailto:steven_53532@yahoo.com) wrote:

Thank you very much for giving me your time an

d I how also your ability to stop this advancement of the unsightly and destructive Company Madison Sand and Gravel (have included my neighbor Brent Kelley in this email who lives even closer then me to the proposed pit.)

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Thank You

Steven Fox

Re: Madison sand and gravel water level

Yahoo/Inbox

- Brent Kelley <brent.kelley12@gmail.com>

To: steven_53532@yahoo.com

Wed, Sep 23 at 6:49 PM

The static water level in my well is 945'.

The depth of water when my well pumps is 938'.

920' is the excavated lake bottom.

My well is a couple feet from the back of my house. 165' from my well to proposed mining site.

Your place, Melissa Hahn's place, & the Kelley's duplex are under 200' from the proposed mining site. The Midthun's farm house is under 500'.

Kevin doesn't do any measuring of wells. We know the elevations from my well construction report. I'm not sure when the next meeting will be.

On Wed, Sep 23, 2020, 1:24 PM Steven Fox <steven_53532@yahoo.com> wrote:

| What is the average static water level depth

How far down do they want to dig

Distance Wells from proposed pit

How far is your home going to be from proposed pit.

Next meeting date

If Mr. Richardson wants to come out and check out my well that's fine too Saturday Sunday's best

Thank you

Steven

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 05:51:13 PM CDT, Steven Fox <steven_53532@yahoo.com> wrote:

You can see in the google earth that the gravel pit now has 6 of there pits full of water and they now have dug a deep drainage way and now has a bigger pump pumping out hundreds of gallons of water per hour of our surface drinking water. And the water after four years later they can't pump it out fast enough. This pit has been active for over 40 years they have nothing left but sand so they are digging down ward.





You can see all the piles of sand they are digging out trying to find stone for gravel.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 3:33 PM, Extern

[<extern@midwestadvocates.org>](mailto:extern@midwestadvocates.org) wrote:

Inquiry

I have included a pick from google earth from Madison sand and gravel and also a text message from one of my neighbors that's even closer than I am who is also concerned

As you can see they currently have five ponds full of water that they're pumping out drinking water. this Gravel Pit is currently below grade and they're still using it needs to be closed

Hi Steven. Just to bring you up to speed with what's going on behind my house. Madison Sand changed the waterway where it enters their property behind me in August. The waterway used to lead to the culvert by the old school house on Norway Grove School Rd. Now the water way goes directly south into their lake on this side of Norway Grove School Rd. The lake is over 50' deep in spots because they dredged the gravel out. That means all that water running under V by you is dumping directly into the water table. I have contacted Dane County Zoning but they only made Madison Sand widen the waterway. If you can help in anyway, it would be much appreciated. Runoff is going directly into our water table.

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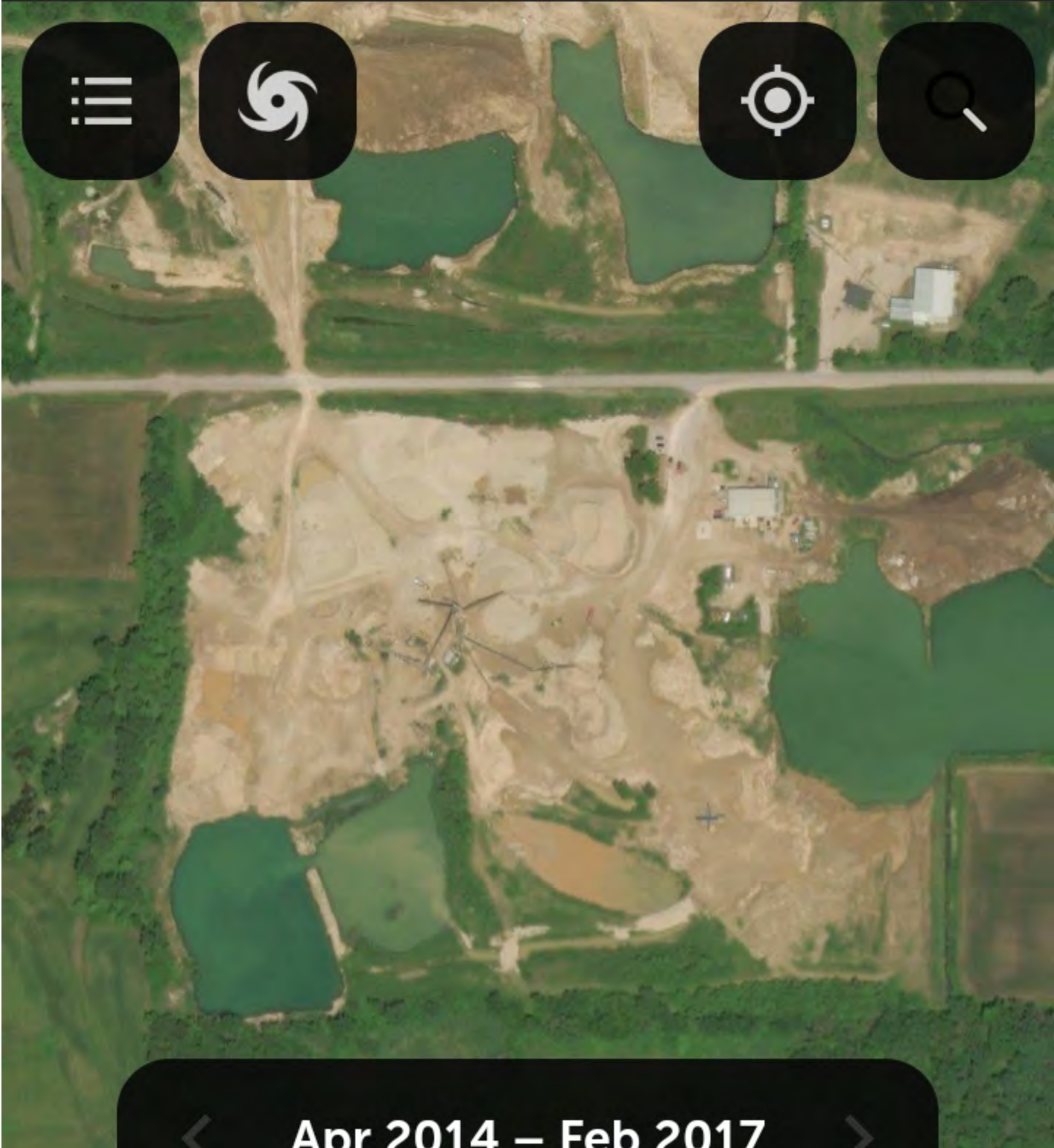
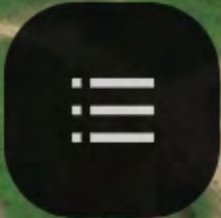
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zoom.earth



< Apr 2014 – Feb 2017 >

Good morning. Thank you for the update . Give me some time and I will see what I can find to help us. If you use Google Earth for Madison Sand and Gravel you will see that more than 50% of their pit is underwater that's because they are already in our water table they've been pumping out water(our drinking water) all winter

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Wed, Oct 12, 2016 at 3:20 PM, Extern

<extern@midwestadvocates.org> wrote:

Hi Steve,

I am a law clerk at Midwest Environmental Advocates, and I received your inquiry about Madison Sand and Gravel's activities on Norway Grove School Road. If possible, I would like to set up a time to talk to you and learn a bit more on the situation.

I am in the office on Monday and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm. If you have time during those hours please give me a call tat (608) 251-5047 ext. 9. Otherwise, let me know if there is a another time or day that would work for you.

Thank you,

Laura Patterson

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