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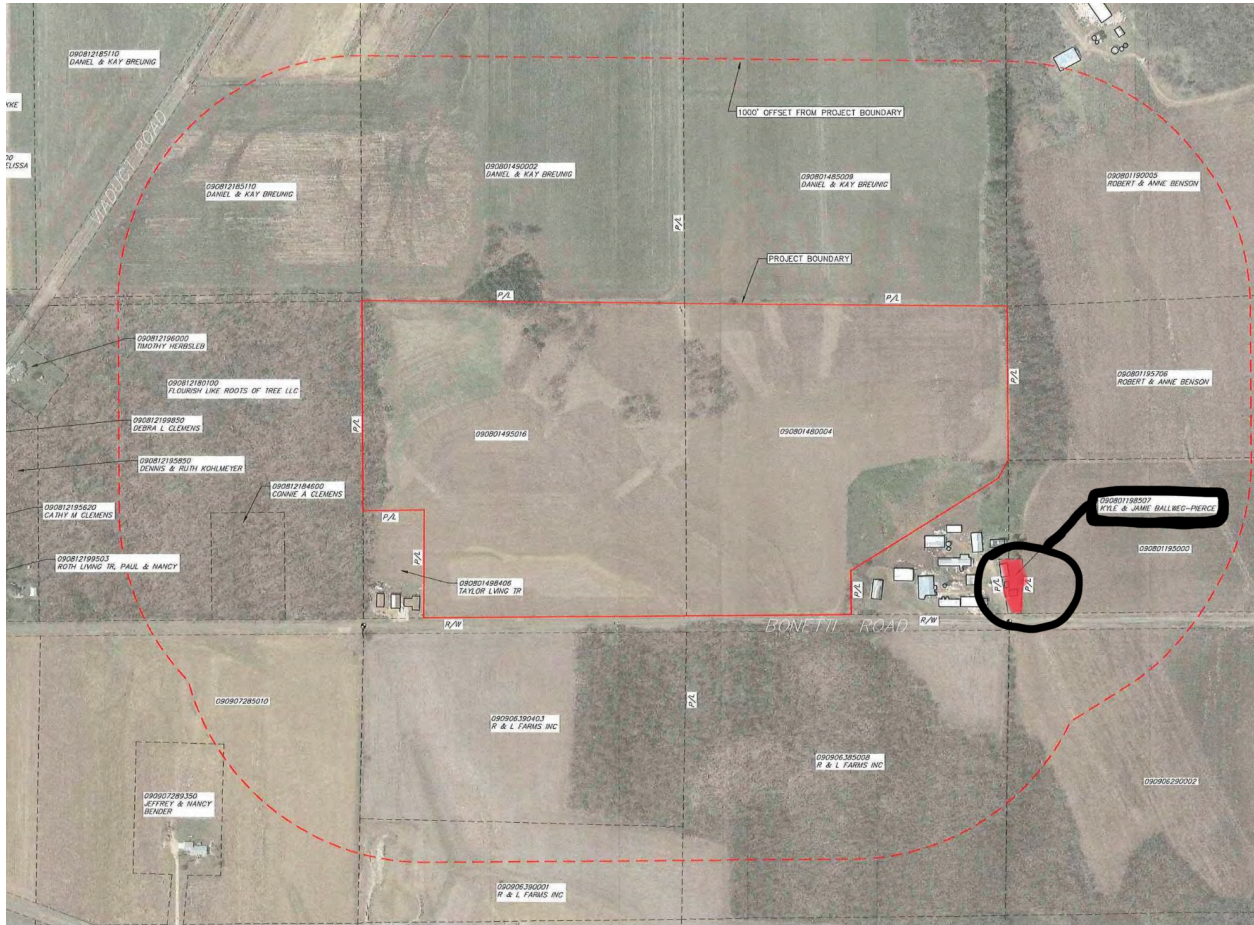
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Letter of Opposition for Petition: CUP 02584 Rezoning for Tri County Paving, Inc. for the J&D Ripp Quarry: Non-metallic mineral extraction operation, temporary concrete and hot mix asphalt batch plant.

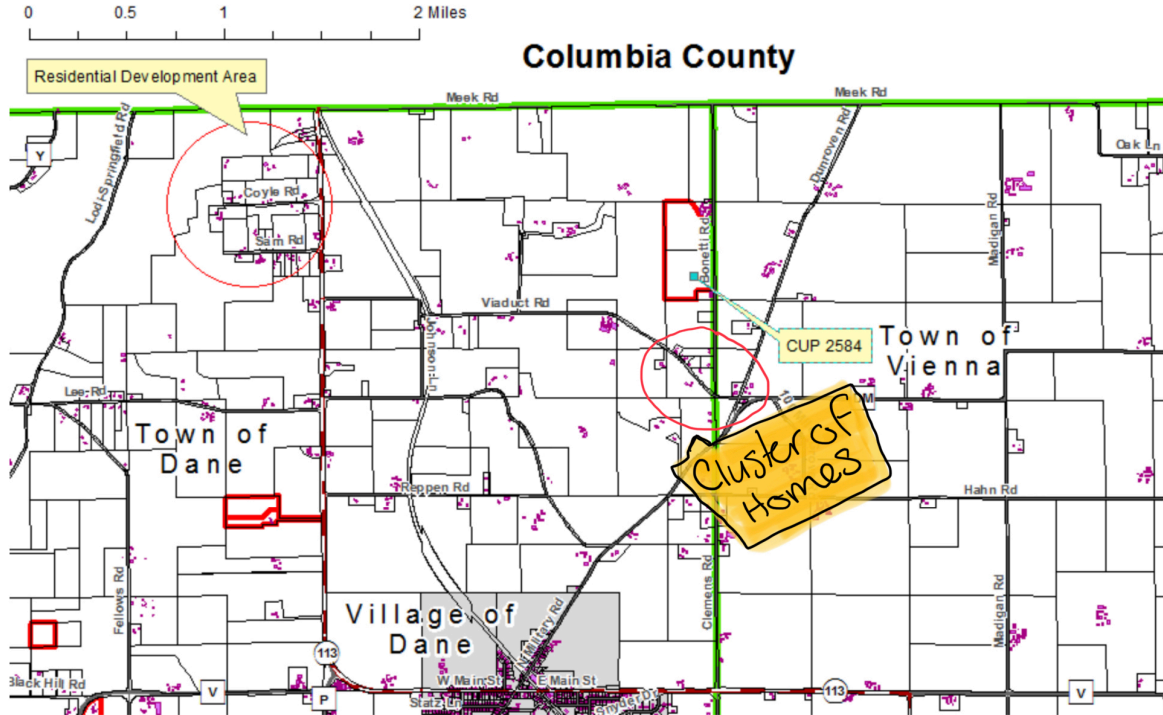
We live at 7841 Bonetti Rd. We live on .38 acres surrounded by the Ripp's land. We are writing in to not only express our hopes that Dane County will **NOT** re-zone this piece of land but to also remind you that we are here. In the application for this quarry Tri County did not include our home in any of the numbers and in Dane County's Staff Report our home was also not included. Below I have provided what was stated in the application by Tri-County, what was stated in the Staff Report and a picture to show you where our home is located in relation to this piece of land.

On the Permit application: "2: The use, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already permitted shall be in no foreseeable manner substantially impaired or diminished by establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use. Adjacent Property owners will feel little to no impact with the proposed mineral extraction. The mechanized equipment used is not louder than typical farm machinery. Berms will be constructed and maintained to provide for visual and sound barriers to other properties in the neighborhood. Tri County Paving Inc. will pave the entire access road and watering will be done in the quarry to control the dust as needed. **There are only 2 residences within 1500 Feet of the site (1 of the residence's is owned by the owner of the property) a total of 9 houses within a ½ mile of the operation.** The town designates this area as a Agricultural Preservation Panning area which greatly limits additional housing in the surrounding area. Most of the surrounding area is used for agricultural production."

Dane County Staff Report: "Under the State's Blasting Requirements (SPS 307), residents located within 500 feet of the blasting location will have a pre-blast survey conducted to ascertain the status of such residences. Residences within 500' will be notified 24 hours in advanced of a blast and shall be preceded by horn blast. **However, there only one house within the 500 feet.**"



Not only will this greatly impact our day to day life as Jaime is a stay at home parent but it will also impact our neighbors. There is a cluster of homes at the south end of Bonetti. The **Dane County Staff Report states: "TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** The site is located in the Agricultural Preservation Area as shown on the Land Use Map of the Town of Dane Comprehensive Plan. The Plan identifies non-metallic mineral extraction operations as an appropriate land use within a designate Agricultural Preservation Area. The plan notes that the quarries should be properly sited and **directed away from clusters of homesites** or planned residential areas. The Land Use Map shows a planned residential area 1.7 miles directly west of the proposed quarry. **Excerpt from the Town Plan NATURAL RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS - NONMETALLIC MINERAL RESOURCES** •There are limited areas in Dane used for nonmetallic mineral extraction. The town might receive requests for new or expanded extraction sites over the planning period. Such uses are appropriate in the Agricultural Preservation Areas, provided that they are properly sited and reclaimed per new state and county rules. Extraction activities are **not generally compatible with residential uses and should be directed away from clusters of homesites or planned residential areas.**"



Reasons we oppose this **Blasting Quarry** include:

- The safety of our children and animals
- The damage it may cause to our home and property
- The inconvenience it will bring to our lives
- The impact it may have on the wildlife
- Our roads are not safe for that amount of traffic
- The driveway location will not be safe for vehicles traveling southbound on Bonetti
- That type of traffic will impact our walking/biking the roads
- Hours of operation
- The unknown
 - Chance of constant noise that is not currently there
 - Potential for dust
 - The High Capacity Well
 - The lack of detail provided in the application.

We are concerned for the safety of our children and animals if the zoning is changed for this property. We are a family of six with very young children and several dogs. We are one of the closest homes to the proposed quarry. Flyrock and air quality is a concern for our family as we are regularly outside all day. The lack of proposed fencing is another concern we have for safety of our family. Though we have talked with Tri County and they stated they would add fencing around our side of the quarry, that is not enough. We feel if this were to happen a minimum of 6 ft farm fencing should be put up all the way around the quarry. Not just the 4 ft high fence that was stated in the **Dane County Staff Report**, "There

shall be a safety fence around the entire extraction area at all times. That safety fence shall be a minimum of 4 feet in height.” We are concerned about the entrance gate area keeping wildlife or my dogs out if they were to get away.

We are concerned for the damage that could happen to our home and property. The **Zoning Application state:**“13. **FREQUENCY OF BLASTING, DRILLING, MINING, CRUSHING, SCREENING, WASHING, REFUELING, ASPHALT BATCHING OF CONCRETE MIXING WOULD BE PERFORMED ON SITE:** Typically drilling, crushing operations will occur 6-8 times per year depending on market demand for gravel. Screening and washing will be conducted following blasting and crushing operations. All blasting done on site will be conducted in accordance with all state and federal regulations. Blasting hours will only be between 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday thru Friday. All residents located within 500 feet of the blasting location shall have a pre-blast survey conducted to ascertain the status of such residences. Residences within 500’ will be notified 24 hrs in advanced of the blast. All blasting shall be proceeded by horn blast. All blasters conducting blasting and drilling on the site shall have the insurance required of the permit holder hereunder at the time of any blasting under this permit. Refueling will take place daily or as needed. There shall be no permanent bulk fuel stored on site. On occasion there may be an Asphalt Batch on site based on a project/ market demand. On occasion there may be a concrete mixing plant on site based on project/market demand”

We are concerned about the inconvenience this may bring to our lives. As we stated we are outside a lot. That may change due to the air quality. We will be inconvenienced by the pre- blast survey. We may be inconvenienced should anything happen to our home or property. We will be inconvenienced by the trucks when driving/walking/biking southbound on Bonetti. We may not be able to walk/bike southbound on Bonetti due to safety reasons. We will be inconvenienced by the road construction that will have to take place to make the roads to the quarry legal. We are concerned how this change will impact our animals.

We are concerned for the wildlife, should this land be re-zoned. How will this impact the deer, turkey, Bald Eagles and many other animals that our family regularly enjoy sharing space with.

We do not feel these roads will be safe for the amount of truck traffic that is expected. The width of the road is too narrow, the hills cause safety concern and the intersection at Bonetti and Viaduct is not safe for the amount of traffic expected. A significant number of trees would need to be cut down for that to occur and they are not located on the easement of the road but on our neighbors’ land. We also want to address that stated in the **Staff Recommendation** “Bonetti Road may have limitations being used as a truck route. Due to width being 18 feet north of the site, staff would suggest limiting trucking to the south portion of Bonetti Road. Given that the CUP is in the Town of Dane and the roadway is maintained by the Town of Vienna, the applicant should provide additional information regarding Town of Vienna’s acceptance of using Bonetti Road for trucking purposes.” Though Vienna maintains that part of the road, we question if Dane has discussed the southbound side of the shoulder that belongs to the Town of Dane.

We have attempted to simulate what it would be like for a vehicle traveling southbound on Bonetti if a truck were to pull out onto Bonetti also going southbound. Our understanding of where they will be putting the driveway for the Quarry was not in a good location. The hill north of the driveway makes it hard for trucks to see a vehicle coming southbound and it also doesn’t give a southbound vehicle much

visibility to see a truck coming out the driveway until crests the hill. We expect that the berms that are proposed will only make it worse.

As we stated above we are concerned for the safety of our walking and biking due to the proposed number of trucks. We are not the only ones that walk/bike the roads. We regularly see our neighbors walking/running/biking the roads at **ALL** times of the day. Several of our neighbors also walk their dogs along the roads. That will be greatly decreased with the proposed increase of truck traffic.

We are displeased with the hours of operation stated in **the Re-Zoning Application**. "2. Hours of operation will be Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Saturdays 7:00 am to 4:00pm." We are also displeased with what we are reading in the Staff Report for the hours of operation. "The Town and Committee will assign hours of operation appropriate to the particular application. [Note: typical hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to early afternoon on Saturday. If there are residences nearby, hours may be more limited (e.g., start at 7:00 a.m. with no Saturday hours).]" **Staff Recommendations**: "The requested hours of operation appear to be outside the suggested hours for mineral extraction as noted in the zoning ordinance. Staff suggest limiting the hours of operation from 8 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays; no operations being allowed on Sundays and on certain holidays. This may reduce the impact on the surrounding land uses." As we stated Jaime is a stay at home parent and we chose to live in the country and not in a city/town or near a business park for a reason!

Finally, we are opposed because of the unknown. The chance of constant noise that is not currently there, the potential for dust, the High Capacity Well, and the lack of detail provided in the application are all concerning to us. It is also stated in the **Staff Recommendation** "The applicant provided minimal information on the proposed high capacity well. The applicant should provide more information on the intent of the well, how the water will be used, anticipated quantity used, and provide details regarding wash areas and location of wash water detention basins." We contacted the DNR to attempt to better understand High Capacity Wells and were led to the Wisconsin Water Quantity Data Viewer. At the very least we feel that a High Capacity Well should be approved before the re-zoning is approved. We are uncomfortable because Tri County is stating that they are a neighborly company, however I reached out to them to figure out what was going on after being blindsided by the re-zoning in the first place. Our family's home was not stated in the application though it is obviously on the mapping. Dustin Gradel from Tri County stated to us that this is on Ripps land so no compensation is to be had for our family or any of our neighbors for the inconvenience we will be facing to make this quarry possible. We are being told that if any concerns with our home arise from what takes place at the quarry, it will be decided by insurance.

We are very unsettled by the possibility of this re-zoning and strongly oppose it.

The neighboring Pierce family to this land,

Kyle and Jaime Pierce

