

To: Town of Rutland Planning Commission and Board

From: Bill Boerigter

Date: Sept 21, 2020

RE: Submitted statement to Town of Rutland regarding Kevin Hahn's new quarry CUP application #2496

My name is Bill Boerigter and I live at 798 Center Rd, Rutland Township

I oppose the Conditional Use Permit for a new quarry.

1. This is not an "expansion". This is a brand new decision for a brand new quarry. It just happens to share a lot line. The approval or denial of this request is 100% distinct from why the current quarry is allowed to operate.
2. Approval of the quarry will negatively impact all Rutland residents for 50 to 80 years. The existing quarry has been active since at least 1937 and it is still not reclaimed. That is 83 years. The quarry on Union Rd has operated since 1967 (53 years and counting). This is not like a conditional use permit for an artist studio, taxidermist or horse boarding where Rutland residents might benefit from the service, or where the traffic is minimal or the use itself is consistent with ag uses. It is the exact opposite, with Rutland residents receiving all of the negative impacts of large truck traffic, noise, danger and expense...with exactly zero of the benefit.
3. Rutland has changed. In 1955 there were 5 non-farm residences along Center Rd. Now there are 26. There are more mailboxes, lawn mowers, bicyclists, joggers, dog-walkers, and baby strollers. We urge you to err on the side of public safety when considering this request
4. This is going to be fifty years of heavy truck traffic and road repairs. I think before you even consider this request, there should be an in depth analysis of the estimated road damage and repair costs Town residents will incur. I conservatively estimate 100 truck trips per day. That is about one every five minutes either full or empty. The combined weight is 3.8 million lbs. PER DAY. A heavy volume of heavy trucks will wear out our roads, and the residents will have to pay up.
5. The CUP application has not satisfied CUP Standard #7 (compatibility with existing Comprehensive Plans), as explained below.

Despite the application's brief statement that their application "is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan", absolutely no specifics are provided to support that claim. It is clear the new quarry is NOT consistent with the existing Rutland Comprehensive Plan. Here are some examples with direct Plan quotes in italics and my comment in bold:

1. Page 2.3 regarding Goal 2 Transportation: Quote: first objective is "Reduce the potential for traffic accidents". Fourth objective "Reduce the amount of non-local traffic passing through residential areas". **The application lists no traffic study and is silent as to the increased truck traffic volume. It will certainly increase truck traffic and the potential for traffic accidents.**
2. Page 2.4 regarding Goal 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Travel: Quote: Develop a network of pedestrian and bike ways throughout the community and with other areas in the region. 1. Increase opportunities for pedestrian and bike travel within the Town. 2. Increase pedestrian and bicycle safety. **The Town has clearly stated its preference for enhancing pedestrian and bike networks and opportunities. Approval of this CUP runs counter to the stated goal. The application does not address how its operation will "increase bike safety" or at minimum be neutral to it.**
3. Page 2.5 Goal 6 Agricultural Preservation District. Quote: The Plan's stated goals are
 1. Preserve existing farm operations.
 2. Permit development that enhances the growth of agriculture in the Town.
 3. Preserve the rural character of the Town.

Converting nearly forty acres of prime farmland into a commercial extraction operation for the next 50-80 years runs counter to the stated goal of "preserving farmland". The application does not address how its operation will "preserve farmland". It merely says the site will be converted back to farmland after extraction. What is not stated is this is likely to take 50 or 80 years

4. Page 2.8 regarding Goal 7 Land Use: Quote: Create a pattern of development that fosters the rural character and agricultural land preservation and Maintain the agricultural land base to the greatest extent possible **The Town has clearly stated its preference for ag land preservation. Approval of this CUP runs counter to the stated goal.**
5. Page 2.10 Goal 10 Economic Development Quote: "In agricultural areas of the Town allow related commercial uses only if a rural location is required to serve farmers". And "To limit any non-agricultural commercial or recreational use to small, rural-oriented businesses which provide services needed by residents of the town. Such uses must meet the following criteria prior to zoning approval: a. Be consistent with agricultural policies for farmland preservation. b. Have access to a state or county highway. c. Shall not adversely affect the traffic capacity and safety of the highway". **Approval of this new quarry runs counter to the stated goals of the Town's Plan. The application does not address how its operation will "serve farmers" or "provide services needed by the town residents".**

8. Page 3.3 Quote: The issues identified as "highest importance" in a resident survey were:

Maintain quality of life

Pedestrian safety

Increasing traffic levels

Speeding motorists

Safety concerns at problem intersections

Farmland loss

Encroachment of incompatible land uses

Approval of a new quarry and the logical increase in large truck traffic runs counter to what residents' feel are highly important.

Three other items listed in the Plan are important to note:

Page 3.7	Quarries or extractive operations are not listed in the list of "desirable activities"
Map 5-1, 5-2	The site is identified as "Prime Farmland" and as "Agricultural Preservation"
Map 6-2, 6-3	Center Rd is identified a future bike route ... as well as a future scenic "Rustic Road"

I urge you to read the Town's Comprehensive Plan, which is supposed to guide future decision-making. None of the above items are addressed in the CUP application. The use is clearly incompatible with our Plan. The Town should deny the permit on that basis alone.

Thank you

Bill Boerigter, 798 Center Rd

Andros, Pamela

From: tom eugster <tmeugster@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Andros, Pamela
Subject: FW: Quarry

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From: [SUE E EUGSTER](#)
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:01 AM
To: [Tom Eugster](#)
Subject: Fw: Quarry

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From: "SUE E EUGSTER" <sellenike@sbcglobal.net>
To: "Tom Eugster" <tmeugster@hotmail.com>
Sent: Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 5:32 PM
Subject: Fw: Quarry

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From: "tom eugster" <tmeugster@hotmail.com>
To: "Eugster Sue" <sellenike@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tue, Sep 15, 2020 at 12:52 PM
Subject: Quarry

Hello, My Name is Tom Eugster. I live at 4058 Old Stage Road. The

Eastern border of my property line is directly adjacent to the quarry. The front door of my home is approximately

500 yards from the current quarry. With the proposed quarry expansion my home front door, in time could be less than 200 yards of the quarry. I currently deal with the noise of trucks, digging and when there is blasting my home shakes. It is discouraging to think of how much worse this will be with the proposed expansion. I have worked hard my whole life farming. My property value is my financial security. I have consulted with real estate experts and have been advised that my property value will be significantly reduced if the current quarry expansion is approved. My property is not the only property within close proximity to the quarry. Many others, are and will be as negatively impacted as I will be. I appreciate free enterprise, but should this be at the expense of the other hard working property owners that are near

the quarry. I ask that the Rutland Township board hear and try to fully appreciate the concerns that the Rutland Township Residents have voiced. It is my hope that the expansion be reduced by at least 75 percent of what is being proposed. I urge the owners of the Quarry to seek a new site to expand their operation that does not closely border residences. With any expansion I would hope that around the entire quarry there would be a berm wall be a minimum of 20 feet high with a barrier of at least a 100 yards of fast growing white pine trees to help minimize the impact of noise.

I ask that when you are making decisions regarding the quarry expansion, that you place yourselves in the position of the quarry neighbors and the Rutland residents.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and recommendations as they relate to quarry expansion.

Andros, Pamela

From: Kent and Mary Knutson <knutson14@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Andros, Pamela
Subject: Testimony against CUP# 2496

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I live at 4061 Old Stone Road, Oregon, WI 53575. The edge of our land is approximately 200 yards from the back side of the current quarry on Center Road. My husband and I planned and built our home in 2006 and we chose this land to build on, as we fell in love with this rural area in Rutland township because of its charming small farms and family friendly atmosphere. The safe rural roads and the quietness of this area was someplace we knew we would love, as we searched for a place to build our "forever home". At the time when we built our home, the quarry pit on Center Road was inactive and was soon to be reclaimed, as there wasn't much rock left in it to quarry, so this wasn't a concern for my husband and I. Boy, were we wrong!

Noise is my biggest concern to the expansion of building this new quarry, which will be at least three times in size compared to the present quarry. Where our house sits on our land, we not only see the present quarry, but we hear all its noise. From the irritating beeping of trucks backing up, to the grinding and crushing of rock, to the loud banging of what sounds like the back-tail gate of a dump truck slamming shut, and of course the sound of the explosion when the rock is being blasted. This is also very scary as our house actually shakes during the blast, and even when I am outside during this occurrence, I feel the ground shaking.

The noise is inconsistent. Some days are quiet and it is a reminder of why we built and moved here, and other days it is loud enough that it is not enjoyable being outside or even having our windows open.

We made a walking trail around the perimeter of our land, in the midst of the 10,000+ trees we planted even before we built our house. We not only walk on it, but have used it to ride our horse on it. But even with our horse being professionally trained, he gets skittish with the loud, unpredictable noise coming from the quarry, and wants to bolt. Because of this we have had to stop riding our horse on this trail. He doesn't react at all when the farmer that rents our land is mowing or baling the hay, which is right by his fenced-in pasture. We will never allow our grandkids to ride him because of this issue, as it's just too dangerous. This is one of our dreams we had when we built our homestead, to watch our grandkids enjoy our horse.

The noise also can be heard not only during day time hours, but on Saturdays and in the early hours of the evening. This past June after a hard day of work outside, my husband and I sat down in our screened porch that faces the quarry, to relax and have dinner. The noise of crushing rock was so annoying I finally sent an email to Deana Zentner, a Town of Rutland supervisor, expressing my frustration with the ongoing noise. (I will forward my email to Deana to Pam Andros to share with the county planning committee) I can only imagine how much the noise will increase with the much larger quarry, if this CUP application is approved. Even a high berm wouldn't help because of the location of our home. This CUP application has failed to meet Standard #2, and for this reason, I believe it should not be granted.

If we would have known this current farm land could even become large quarry, I highly doubt we would have made our home in Rutland Township. I invite you all to come out and drive around our neighborhood. On paper, this map of the proposed quarry looks great. A perfect place to put a quarry, way out in Rutland Township. But if you drive around this neighborhood, you will see that this is a residential neighborhood, and most definitely not a good place for a huge quarry. I realize we all need gravel, and I am not against a small business, but I hope you will consider the location of the proposed quarry and the general welfare and safety of the neighbors who will have to put up with everything this quarry will bring, including the noise.

I thank you for this time to listen to my concern.

Mary Knutson

Andros, Pamela

From: Kent and Mary Knutson <knutson14@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Andros, Pamela
Subject: Fw: Noise from quarry

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Hi Pam, I am forwarding this email that I sent to Deanna Zentner, Rutland Township supervisor, after getting so frustrated with the ongoing noise coming from the quarry on Center Road. Please share it with the ZLR committee as proof that noise has been an issue with the present quarry on Center Road, a much smaller quarry than the one proposed in the CUP 2496.

Thank you!

Mary Knutson
4061 Old Stone Road
Oregon, WI 53575

From: Kent and Mary Knutson
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:46 PM
To: supervisor@town.rutland.wi.us <supervisor@town.rutland.wi.us>
Subject: Noise from quarry

Hi Deana, I'm not sure who I should address this email to, so if you aren't the correct person, could you please forward this email to whoever should hear my concern? Thank you.

It's such a beautiful evening to sit outside after a day's work and enjoy the wonderful weather and quietness of the countryside, except it isn't quiet. The noise from the quarry is loud and banging, and the beeping sound of a truck backing up is frustrating and very annoying, especially at this time of day (early evening at 6:30). This just isn't what is happening tonight, but it happens quite frequently. The noise starts up around 5:30 and is loud right during the dinner hour. I worry about what it will be like when and if the quarry is expanded.

Anyway, I just wanted to let you know of my concerns. My complaint seems so minimal when there is so much unrest in the world, but to be able to sit out in our yard in peace and quiet in the evening, in the country, is important to me. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Mary Knutson
4061 Old Stone Road
Oregon, WI

Andros, Pamela

From: Bonnie Larson <bjl483center@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Andros, Pamela
Subject: CUP-2020-02496
Attachments: CUP.docx

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Good Afternoon;

I've attached a letter that includes some concerns over the consideration of expanding the quarry in Rutland Township. I'm at a loss to describe the devastating effect this will have on our community if it's allowed to proceed. From the looks of it, I wonder if it's already been decided as I can see when I walk past it every evening as I've been doing for some twenty years, there's already work started in removing top soil. I want to believe that all the opposition will be considered fairly, there are many gravel pits in isolated areas where they belong and not amongst people who decided to move to the country to get away from noise and dangerous truck traffic. We've paid the price for our choices with longer and more difficult commutes, having to dig our own wells, no broadband internet, and long bus rides for our children going to school to name a few. Please understand how the outcome will affect the citizens who live here and deserve what they came for, there are many options for one individual wanting to ravage and pollute the land and then leave it for the taxpayers to deal with.

Sincerely,
Bonnie J Larson

September 20, 2020

Bonnie J Larson
483 Center Road
Oregon, WI 53575

Re: CUP-2020-02496

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the expansion of the existing mineral extraction on Center Road.

- 1) Center Road and the immediate area around the quarry is now home to many more young families with children who ride bikes and walk along the road as I do. The speed at which the trucks travel is a safety hazard. There isn't a centerline on the road making it difficult to accommodate foot traffic, bikes, and farm vehicles.
- 2) When I walk along the road, I see water being pumped from the quarry and running along the ditch. In my field, it often pools since the ditch isn't able to handle the volume of water. Is there any information on the condition of this water and how it might be contaminating other properties?
- 3) The noise at the quarry is constant and awful. While I'm almost ready to retire, I've been working remotely in my home since the pandemic so this past summer, I had an opportunity to hear for myself how prominent a feature the noise has become. To cite a few examples of what a typical day is like, there is dynamite blasting, grinding, the constant drone of heavy machinery, and endless 'back-up warning' horns. It starts by 7:00 am and often continues on until dusk during the summer.

Why would the township even consider this CUP when the quarry owner can easily find another site away from a growing residential population? Quarry's are normally isolated for these reasons. What guaranty is there that the land will be left environmentally sound and not create great financial liability for the township if restoration is required? Is Center Road built to accommodate the volume of truck traffic that will result from an expansion? Wouldn't our taxes be put to better use for our citizens rather than road repair caused from overweight trucks that only benefit one business?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bonnie J Larson

Andros, Pamela

From: pj laundrie <pjmarr97@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 6:48 PM
To: Andros, Pamela
Subject: Attaching Written Testimony for 9/29/20 ZLR Remote Meeting
Attachments: September 2020 PML.docx; 4006 Old Stage Rd NationalRegisterofHistoricPlaces.docx; CUP_8Standards_comments for 09_28_20.docx

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Attached please find the following -

- 1 - file **September 2020 PML.docx** includes the written testimony I will cover during the 9/29/20 Remote Call. Focus - Increased Dump-Truck traffic on Old Stage Rd which sees current traffic from (2) operating Non-Conforming quarries. And preserving the Historic home sites within 1 mile of the proposed quarry expansion of CUP 2020-02496.
- 2 - file **4006 Old Stage Rd NationalRegisterofHistoricPlaces.docx** a compilation of the Historic Homes within 1 mile of the proposed quarry expansion.
- 3 - file **CUP_8Standards_comments for 09_28_20.docx** Comments to address the 8 Standards of the CUP as submitted by Kevin Hahn under CUP 2020-02496.

Thank you.

Pamela Marr-Laundrie
pjmarr97@gmail.com

4082 Old Stage Rd
Brooklyn, WI 53521

Town of Rutland

Comments from Pamela Marr-Laundrie, 4082 Old Stage Rd

I have included the CUP 8 Comments file put together by Henry S. during the month of April 2020 as an attachment. I will gladly bring up these points during my designated time to speak at each public hearing on the 28th and the 29th.

The other file I have included is a compilation of the houses and structures on the WI Historic register that are located within a mile radius of the proposed expanded quarry site. Many of the local residents moved to this area specifically for the enjoyment of seeing these lovely, well-built structures that remind us of original construction techniques that have long been abandoned since the second half of the 20th century. We, as residents of this rural environment should preserve at any cost these historic places that educate our existing and future generations of the fortitude these original land and property owners had when deciding to settle this area named Rutland. An expanded quarry will increase the amount and intensity of dust, noise, truck traffic and will surround the adjacent Graves Cemetery on 3 sides with an industrialized operation. How will persons be able to serenely visit family member's graves in such an environment? How will participants be able to audibly hear a grave-side internment ceremony?

At the most recent Rutland Planning / Board Meeting (combined due to the adjacent Labor Day Holiday) there were a number of residents voicing complaints related to present Dump Truck traffic routed in both East and West directions on Old Stage Rd. These residents chose to purchase their land and properties in this area to enjoy the quietness usually associated with living adjacent to farmland and DNR property. Instead, the current operating Non-Conforming quarry located on Union Rd has seen such an upturn in business this summer that trucks are leaving, or returning from 6:15 am until after 7 pm 6 days a week. These trucks are hauling dirt, large rocks and different sizes of gravel that is readily visible since truck operators do not pull a cover over their loads. Some days there are over **300 trucks a day in one direction**. Additionally, trucks come back (W >> E) to the quarry with a load of dirt to store, so there could be just as many **(300) in the opposite direction on the same day**. Residents asked the quarry operator if he was willing to reduce operating hours and since the Quarry is Non-Conforming, he is allowed by law to operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week. ***Therefore the presently operating Quarry is already at reduced operating capacity with present hours of operation between 6 am – 7:30 pm Mon thru Sat.***

Suggested Different Routes?

The quarry operator present at the meeting admitted he specifically routes his trucks down Old Stage Rd and Kegonsa Rd because Center Rd has too many stop signs, blind driveways and low hanging trees that make the route unsafe for the trucks to travel. If this currently operating quarry believes Center Rd is unsafe, then why open up another quarry? Old Stage Rd will not be able to accommodate a doubling of the present truck traffic. Residents attending the meeting learned that Union Rd is not a viable alternate route because the present bridges are not rated to handle loaded dump trucks.

Resolution?

Due to learning that the Non-Conforming quarry on Union Rd does not have to adjust hours of operation, Residents at the Sept 8th Town Board meeting will next explore getting Old Stage Rd designated as a Rustic Rd. If successful, the present high volume traffic flow could be reduced to a 35 mph speed. Reduced speed will not reduce the amount of damage that TWO Quarries operating at Full Capacity will extend to the routes available. Old Stage Rd, Kegonsa Rd, Center Rd, and Old Stone Rd will continue to be the avenues of Dump Truck Traffic Flow. Existing tax base will not be able to handle the repairs and continual upkeep of these roads. An industrialized operation is not congruent with the present Rutland Comprehensive Plan.



The PDF file for this National Register record has not yet been digitized.



Title:	Graves, Sereno W., House
National Register Information System ID:	82000651
Multiple Listing:	Graves Stone Buildings TR
Applicable Criteria:	ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING PERSON
Architectural Styles:	GREEK REVIVAL
Architects:	Graves,Sereno W.
Areas Of Significance:	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT ARCHITECTURE
Periods Of Significance:	1850-1874 1825-1849
Significant Years:	1845 1846
Significant Names:	Graves,Sereno W.
Resource Type:	BUILDING
Related Collections:	National Register of Historic Places Collection
Resource Format:	pdf
File Size (bytes):	22151
Date Published:	9/29/1982
Parks:	National Register of Historic Places
Locations:	State: Wisconsin County: Dane County Rutland ; 4006 Old Stage Rd.
Rating:	
Categories:	Historic
Asset ID:	88c8b939-b112-4a2e-a0d5-783088d00af4

Serenio W. Graves House	
U.S. National Register of Historic Places	
	
Serenio W. Graves House	
Location	4006 Old Stage Rd., Rutland, Wisconsin
Coordinates	 42°51'49"N 89°18'50"W
Area	less than one acre
Built	1845
Architect	Serenio W. Graves
Architectural style	Greek Revival
MPS	Graves Stone Buildings TR 
NRHP reference #	82000651  [1]
Added to NRHP	September 29, 1982

Samuel Hunt House

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Coordinates: 42°52′51″N 89°18′35″W﻿ / ﻿

For others of a similar name, see [Hunt House](#).

The **Samuel Hunt House** is located in [Rutland, Wisconsin](#).^[2]

History [edit]

The house was designed by [Sereno W. Graves](#), later a member of the [Wisconsin State Assembly](#). It was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1982 and on the State Register of Historic Places in 1989.

Other designs by Graves in Rutland, the [Sereno W. Graves House](#), the [Daniel Pond Farmhouse](#) and the [Lockwood Barn](#), are also listed on both registers.

References [edit]

- ↑ "National Register Information System". *National Register of Historic Places*. National Park Service. November 2, 2013.
- ↑ "632 Center Rd". Wisconsin Historical Society. Retrieved 2018-07-08.

Samuel Hunt House

U.S. National Register of Historic Places



Samuel Hunt House

Location

632 Center Rd., Rutland, Wisconsin

Coordinates

42°52′51″N 89°18′35″W﻿ / ﻿

Area

less than one acre

Built

1855

Architect

Sereno W. Graves

Architectural style

Greek Revival, Italianate

MPS

Graves Stone Buildings TR 

NRHP reference #

82000652 ^[1]

Added to NRHP

September 30, 1982

Lockwood Barn

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Coordinates: 42°51′54″N 89°19′22″W﻿ / ﻿

The **Lockwood Barn** is located in [Rutland, Wisconsin](#).^[2]

History [edit]

The barn was designed by [Sereno W. Graves](#), who later became a member of the [Wisconsin State Assembly](#). Graves also designed the [Samuel Hunt House](#) and the [Daniel Pond Farmhouse](#), along with designing and residing in the [Sereno W. Graves House](#), which are also located in Rutland. The barn was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1982 and on the State Register of Historic Places in 1989.

References [edit]

- ↑ "National Register Information System". *National Register of Historic Places*. National Park Service. November 2, 2013.
- ↑ "N SIDE OF OLD STAGE RD, .7 M W OF CENTER RD". Wisconsin Historical Society. Retrieved 2018-07-02.

Lockwood Barn

U.S. National Register of Historic Places



Lockwood Barn

Location

Old Stage Rd, Rutland, Wisconsin

Coordinates

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Architect

Sereno W. Graves

MPS

Graves Stone Buildings TR 

NRHP reference #

82000653 ^[1]

Added to NRHP

September 29, 1982

Daniel Pond Farmhouse

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Coordinates: 42°50′58″N 89°20′02″W﻿ / ﻿

For the location in California, see [Pond Farm](#).

The **Daniel Pond Farmhouse**, also known as **Eggleston Farm**, is a limestone-walled home built in [Rutland, Wisconsin](#) in the 1840s. In 1980 the house was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#).^[2]

History [edit]

The first permanent settlers in what would become the town of Rutland arrived in the summer of 1842, and staked claims near the [Janesville](#) and [Madison Road](#) - now [US-14](#). They were the Dejeans, the Prentises, and Daniel Pond. This area lacked large natural water sources, so land speculators bypassed it, and the land was affordable to farmers without a lot of capital. Daniel was from [Vermont](#) and enough neighbors who followed were from the same state that the neighborhood came to be called the *Vermont settlement*. The farmers in the area quickly found [wheat](#) to be a practical, profitable cash crop.^[3]

Pond probably had the 1.5-story section of the house built some time between 1844 and 1850 - probably designed by [Sereno W. Graves](#), who farmed only a mile away and later became a member of the [Wisconsin State Assembly](#). The walls are coursed small pieces of limestone, with the corner quoins larger blocks of dressed stone. A frieze board at the top of the walls leads to a moderately-pitched roof. The windows have wooden [sills](#) and lintels. Two one-story wings of similar stonework extend from the main block.^[3]

The house was home to Pond, his wife, and two children. Also on the farm lived his widowed mother-in-law, Temperance Munger with her son and daughter, and a single man, Stewart Shampmore.^[3]

By 1850 the Pond farm was prospering, worth about \$2,000. That year the Ponds harvested 400 bushels of wheat, 150 bushels of corn, 500 bushels of oats, 150 bushels of potatoes, and 10 bushels of barley. Their sixty sheep produced 300 pounds of wool, and their five cows produced 100 pounds of cheese and 600 pounds of butter.^[3]

In 1854, James P. Kniffin and his family bought the farm. They continued to farm, adding 60 swine to the herd. In 1870 James retired, deeding the land to his son Lloyd. In 1874 John and Thomas Alsop bought the farm, and in 1893 the Petersons bought it.^[3]

Charles Peterson was born in [Maribo, Denmark](#) in 1861 and immigrated to America and Rutland with his family in 1869. He worked as farm labor, saving money, and in 1883 married Katie Hansen, another immigrant from Denmark. In 1889 they were able to buy 80 acres. Four years later he sold that farm to buy the 193-acre Pond farm. By 1906 the Petersons had added 160 acres to the farm. They grew nine acres of [tobacco](#), 100 acres of corn, 50 acres of oats, and 25 of hay. Over the years the Petersons had ten children. Charles died in 1915 and Katie in 1930, but Petersons stayed on the farm until 1944.^[3]

The house was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1980 and on the State Register of Historic Places in 1989.^[2] It is significant as part of an unusual cluster of stone buildings, including the [Sereno W. Graves House](#), the [Samuel Hunt House](#) and the [Lockwood Barn](#). The farm also exemplifies a typical pattern for the area, with its early settlement by Yankees who grew wheat, followed by Scandinavian immigrants in the late 1800s.^[3]

References [edit]

- ↑ "National Register Information System". *National Register of Historic Places*. National Park Service. November 2, 2013.
- ↑ ^a ^b "76 US Highway 14". Wisconsin Historical Society. Retrieved 2018-07-11.
- ↑ ^a ^b ^c ^d ^e ^f ^g Katherine H. Rankin (February 1980). "National Register of Historic Places Registration: Pond, Daniel Farmhouse". National Park Service. Retrieved 2019-03-31. with six photos

Daniel Pond Farmhouse

U.S. National Register of Historic Places



Daniel Pond Farmhouse

Location	76 US Hwy 14 Rutland, Wisconsin
Coordinates	42°50′58″N 89°20′02″W﻿ / ﻿
Area	less than one acre
Built	1850
Architect	Sereno W. Graves
NRHP reference #	80000128 [*]
Added to NRHP	June 30, 1980

Permit application comments

Dane County sets 8 standards for a Conditional Use Permit application:

1. The proposed land use will not be detrimental to or endanger the neighborhood health, safety, comfort, or general welfare.
2. The uses, values and enjoyment of other properties in the neighborhood already permitted shall be in no foreseeable manner be substantially impaired or diminished by establishment, maintenance or operation of the proposed conditional use.
3. The establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.
4. There are adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and other necessary improvements to allow the land use, or improvements are planned to provide adequate measures.
5. Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide adequate ingress /egress to public streets and the proposed conditional use will not present traffic conflicts.
6. The conditional use shall conform to all applicable regulations of the district in which it is located. (Explain any buffering or screening that will be installed as part of the proposed use.)
7. The conditional use is consistent with the adopted.
8. If the conditional use is to be located in a Farmland Preservation District, the conditional use must meet the findings as listed below: 1. The proposed use is consistent with the purpose of the district. 2. The proposed use is reasonable and appropriate with alternative locations considered. 3. The proposed use is reasonably designed to minimize the use of agricultural lands. 4. The proposed use does not substantially impair the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels. 5. Construction damage to remaining lands in agricultural use is minimized and/or repaired.

Comments

1. The CUP response to standard 1 fails to address increased flow of heavy-duty truck traffic stemming from the expanded scope of operations implied by a three-fold increase in quarry footprint.
2. The CUP states the mineral extraction activity, if the permit is granted, will continue "long into the future". The response to standard 2 fails to address the impact of continuation of the activity into the indefinite future on property **values** as compared to the status quo in which the activity will cease sooner as the extraction limit is reached. The CUP response also fails to address the affect on the enjoyment and use of neighboring properties of the indefinite prolongation of quarrying, including the noise and projectiles hurled onto nearby properties resulting from blasting. The CUP indicates the hours of operation will be between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. but "Most activities will

remain in the existing quarry” which is a non-conforming site and where activity regularly takes place past those hours and continues into the weekend including Sundays. This also is deleterious to the peace and enjoyment of neighboring properties.

3. The CUP indicates “strips outside of proposed berms will be farmed and provide an additional buffer between the CUP property and adjoining landowners” except it fails to mention that this only applies to three of the four adjoining properties while in the fourth the activity abuts right up to the fence line.
4. The establishment of the Conditional use impedes the normal and orderly development of at least one adjoining property. Permitted uses in the district allow for two potential housing sites to be split off from the property, a 46 acres piece of land. The CUP application does not address its impact on that development potential.
5. The CUP asserts “some water seeps in between cracks in the rock formations”. There is no accompanying documentation and data showing the volumes of water being pumped out nor the effect on the surrounding water table. It assumes the water table is twenty feet below its present floor. If there was an exploratory drilling study that found that to be the case, then it is missing from the application as presented. As it stands, the CUP is inadequate and in the absence of a hydrological study is a set of assumptions lacking objective, data driven foundation. A full hydrological study on the area water flows and potential impact on wells is missing and needed.
6. The CUP does not address the current flow of heavy duty truck traffic in and out of the quarry onto a narrow country road on top of a hill with limited over the horizon visibility nor the extent of the scope of future traffic if the CUP is approved.
7. The CUP talks about berms but fails to provide detail about the location, height and efficacy of its proposed sound deadening measures. The CUP indicates only the berms will be planted to grass, which provides little in the way of visual mitigation as at present equipment, material and debris are piled right up against the west and north facing fence lines. Current landscaping is minimal and wholly incompatible with potential uses involving residential development.
8. Town and County Comprehensive Plans envisions this area as transitioning to a semi residential, semi-rural/farming mix. This expands an industrial activity far into the indefinite future which is at odds with the main thrust of the development plan. The CUP states “Mineral resources are not located everywhere and where present are being exhausted within Dane County.” This is a non sequitur from which it does not follow that there is a need for the proposed expansion. The CUP omits discussion of the existing quarries within five miles of Rutland center, their state of development nor the extent to which the present nonconforming quarry has capacity to continue to produce the materials it has demand for. A full economic assessment of the area’s existing gravel supply and demand and practical capacities is missing which makes it impossible to evaluate the above tautology.

Re: Comments regarding the proposed new quarry on Center Road

HAHN_ NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING_9-28-2020

To: Pam Andros
Senior Planner, Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation

I would like to strongly urge the Town Board and planning committees to vote against approval of the proposed quarry expansion on Center Road.

The planned quarry is in a unique historical area of our state, which constitutes an important part of Wisconsin's past. This is because of a combination of key historical features:

- In the mid-1800's Old Stage Road, as the name reflects, was the primary road between Janesville and Madison ⁽¹⁾, with the stone barn in Old Stage Road, the Lockwood Barn (built in 1855), listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This building was a major place for travelers for an overnight stay during the trip. As the railroad was developed via a different route ⁽²⁾, Old Stage Road ceased being the primary route for this travel. It will never cease, however, to be a key part of the historical heritage of this region and state. The proposed quarry expansion would essentially bound Old Stage Road, influencing the landscape as seen from the road and the character of the area.

- Rutland center was at the same time the primary intersection between roads that veered from Madison towards Janesville via Old Stage Road, and Milwaukee via Old Stone Road ⁽¹⁾. It is a remarkable coincidence that this key historical intersection is located in our township. The proposed quarry expansion is located precisely in between these roads, within the smallest road perimeter (block) that includes this road bifurcation.

- The proposed quarry is immediately adjacent to the small parcel of land (approximately 5 acres) remaining of the Sereno W. Graves House, now our home. Built in 1845, this home is also registered in the National Register of Historic Places. Sereno Graves was an early settler in Wisconsin, arriving to Rutland in 1844. He was an early civic leader in the community, not only being a farmer but also a Clerk and Assessor of Rutland, Surveyor of Dane County, and a Justice of Peace, as well as a member of the Wisconsin State Assembly ⁽³⁾. Mr. Graves also was the mason who build his own home as well as several others in the near area, including the above-mentioned Lockwood Barn, the nearby Samuel Hunt House on Center road (built on 1855) and the Daniel Pond Farmhouse on Route 14 (built on 1850) using what now constitutes an example of early architecture in the state. Encompassing over 200 acres in the mid 1800's, the Sereno Graves Home maintains a key historical significance in the region. The town of Rutland's first election was held at the Sereno W. Graves House on April 7, 1946 ⁽¹⁾. The proposed quarry expansion is immediately adjacent to the 5 acres that remain of this historical landmark.

- Similarly, the proposed quarry expansion is directly adjacent to the Graves Cemetery. Named after the Graves family, this cemetery is home to deceased early settlers as early as 1952,

including Sereno W. Graves' infant son (Jan 1854 - Aug 1854) ⁽⁴⁾. This cemetery is still being actively used, including for members of our community of neighbors ⁽⁴⁾. In fact, in this 170 year-span it is reasonable to think that family members of deceased buried in the Graves cemetery are scattered through the country. Many of these family members, from close or afar, visit their relatives in what is now a peaceful setting. The Graves Cemetery also houses many of our veterans, and is the destination for a Memorial Day yearly remembrance in their honor. With my land directly adjacent to the cemetery, I can attest that the Graves Cemetery is a place frequently visited, respected and appreciated. The proposed quarry, immediately adjacent to the cemetery, would directly jeopardize the peace deserved by this place of sacred resting, and would deny family relatives their right to visit and mourn their ancestors and loved ones in a peaceful and aesthetically pleasant setting.



The grave of Sereno W. Graves infant son ⁽⁴⁾

While there is a right of individuals to take advantage of resources available in the area, such right should be weighed against the negative impact that those activities will generate, and take into consideration the existing character and assets of the area. It is time that as a community Rutland recognizes and supports the historical treasure that this closely located set of historical sites constitutes. This recognition asks for a protection of the area that includes the Sereno W. Graves House, the Lockwood Barn and the Graves Cemetery, as well as other early settler homes in Rutland on Center Road, Lake Kegonsa and Route 14. At the very minimum, the immediate vicinity of the Graves home and Graves Cemetery, an epicenter for this larger historical region, should be safeguarded in the interest of our state's historical heritage, our community of neighbors, and the larger community of those with family members resting in the Graves Cemetery. I strongly urge the Board to recognize that the proposed quarry expansion is an extraordinarily poor fit for the preservation of the historical character and community of this area, and for the Board to vote accordingly against the proposed quarry expansion. Going forward into our future, I also encourage the Board and our community to find ways to proactively safeguard, foster and promote this area for its intrinsic historical value, so that residents and visitors alike can continue to learn about, appreciate and experience Wisconsin's historical past.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Francisco J. Pelegri
4006 Old Stage Road

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4483 Waterman Rd.
Oregon, WI 53575
September 10, 2020

Town of Rutland Board of Supervisors

Dear Board,

I am unable to attend the public hearing scheduled for the new quarry Conditional Use Permit so I'm providing this statement.

I do not oppose quarries within the Town.

When Kevin Hahn applied to re-open the dormant quarry on Center Road, I talked to him about his intentions and how he planned on running his business. He told me there were year's worth of gravel material, which could be extracted from the pit as it existed. **If there are year's worth of materials in the existing quarry, it is not clear to me why he is seeking an expansion.**

Shortly after he started his operation, resident complaints about hours of operation, truck traffic levels, truck routes used and speeding by trucks emerged. I discussed these issues with Kevin and asked him to try and address these issues. What emerged was an uneasy situation where no one was happy as the issues persisted.

I am concerned that Kevin has not demonstrated willingness or ability to address these resident concerns.

Under the current conditions, I do not support Kevin's request for zoning and a CUP for a quarry expansion.

Quarries are necessary both for residents needing materials as well as a business for Town residents. In fact, the Town has supported our current quarries for decades without too many issues.

Kevin has not demonstrated a willingness to modify his business practices to reduce the impact of his operation on his neighbors and Town residents. Kevin has previously made the point that the trucks and drivers who haul from his quarry are not his employees and he cannot control their behavior. While this is true, he does have some control over their use of his quarry but has chosen to not address this in a meaningful way. While working at the Town Hall for the April and August elections, I noted a large number trucks and excessive speeds by most during the day and into the evening.

If Kevin were to agree to the following operating conditions, my opinion might change. However he would have to demonstrate, under the current operation, success at these mitigation factors before I would support any expansion.

I suggest the following operating conditions be placed on the quarry operation:

1. Hours of Operation: limit to 8 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday. No operation allowed on Saturday or Sunday.
2. Implement tracking logs for all trucks entering the quarry. Document the truck operator and license. Something like this must be already implemented to track

- loads dropped or removed for billing. To automate this, a camera system could be implemented that would photograph the truck, license plate and driver. Landmark Coop in Evansville has this system implemented and it works well.
3. Make the logs publically available for review online, perhaps the Town of Rutland website.
 4. Work with the Dane County Sheriff's Deputy to identify and issue citations to trucks and drivers that do not obey the 45 mph speed limit on Center and other Town roads. Consider banning repeat offenders from the quarry.
 5. Town of Rutland should investigate lowering the speed limit on Center Road to 35 mph.
 6. Town of Rutland should investigate a usage or maintenance fee to reflect the significant additional traffic weight impact on Town roads.

If Kevin is able to successfully implement the above changes to his quarry operation for a 12 month period, I advocate the Board reconsider his request for a CUP for quarry expansion.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Porter

Eight Standards of a Conditional Use Permit

(Explanation of eight standards)

1. Owning the existing quarry there has been no adverse reactions in the operation of the quarry, requesting a Conditional Use Permit expansion of the Non-Conforming Quarry should only improve the site operating standards. With approval, improved sound, site & safety berms, fencing and improved access points with signage shall be utilized.

There is no support from any nearby neighbor and there have been plenty of adverse reactions from people since the quarry opened and began operating. Traffic levels, excessive speed, and excessive noise have all been documented extensively by residents.

2. The existing stone quarry has been in operation before 1950 when all the surrounding area was used as farmland. Over time some land has been developed and changed hands all with the knowledge of the existing quarry. There should not be any foreseeable manner substantially impaired or diminished by establishment maintenance or continued operation. Being good neighbors and operators of the quarry, we will continue to have good communication with the

The area surrounding the quarry and in the entire township has changed dramatically since the quarry was operated in the distant past. What was acceptable in a low density rural environment is no longer true with the current housing density. Kevin Hahn has also stated that the existing quarry had "years of material remaining for extraction".

3. The property uses around the Conditional Use Permit property is at this time farmland and will mostly remain farmland and returned to agriculture use upon completion of reclamation.

However, in the interim 30+ years, the quarry's operation will continue to disrupt the lives and peaceful existence of surrounding property owners.

4. No utilities or new access roads will be developed. The safety berms to be built will address any storm water drainage issues to accommodate the Conditional Use Permit. Amendments of the Chapter 14 permit and Chapter 74 permit will be completed upon approval.

The significant increase in heavy truck traffic on Town, County and State roads has and will continue to degrade those roads faster than expected and place additional cost burden on the Town, County and local tax payers to pay for this accelerated use and degradation.

5. The existing ingress and egress will be utilized with some updates and added signage stating trucks entering.

6. Yes, the conditional use will conform to all applicable regulations.

7. Yes, the conditional use is consistent with adopted Town and County Comprehensive Plans located in the Ag Preservation Land Use District.

The Town and County's plans do allow for mineral extraction. However this is a significant expansion of such extraction and thus not compatible with the Town's and County's overall Comprehensive Plans.

8. Yes, the conditional use meets the necessary findings per Dane County Codes of Ordinances Section 10.220(1)

Conclusion: The proposed CUP fails to meet 5 of the 8 CUP standards. This petition should be denied for failing these standards.

Andros, Pamela

From: info2@actualsizeartworks.com info2@actualsizeartworks.com <info2@actualsizeartworks.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Andros, Pamela
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Hi Pam, hope you're doing well.

I'm sending feedback about the Hahn gravel pit, CUP 2496, for the upcoming hearing. I plan to register and speak at the meeting about the effect of the gravel trucks on pedestrian safety, which falls under Condition 5 of the CUP. I am a resident of Center Road and frequent pedestrian user of the roads in the vicinity of the gravel pit, as are many of my neighbors who walk, run, ride horses and walk dogs. I feel unsafe sharing the roads when the trucks are running – this road has at least five blind spots on the north section and three on the south section, where you can't see an approaching vehicle. In addition to business hours, this happens on weekends and evenings, including after dusk. I don't expect there to be sidewalks in a rural residential area, but I do expect to be able to safely use the roads that I help pay for as a residential taxpayer. (I paid \$7000 in property taxes in 2019 for 8 acres; the quarry paid \$1758 for 9 acres - so the residents are paying for the damage to the roads.) The trucks can't stop quickly, as you can see from the yard on the corner of Center Road and A, where there is no longer a row of trees due to a gravel truck driving into them to avoid hitting a driver who pulled out in front of him. I have had many near misses when two vehicles approach from opposite directions and one has to move over for a pedestrian. When the trucks are running at high frequency I sometimes can't pull out of my driveway, which is in a blind spot, and there are 21 driveways on Center Rd. that weren't there when it was built, but were there when the current owner purchased it. During the years when the pit was inactive, one of our neighbors was struck and killed by a driver who didn't see her in the blind spot just south of our driveway. My husband had to identify her for the police. I dread the accidents that are sure to happen if a new, larger pit is permitted on Center Rd.

From the Sept. 8 Town Board meeting, here is a verbatim quote from Mike Bakken, owner of Northwest Stone, who attended the meeting to discuss alternate routes from his pit. This was recorded.

"Your town roads are not very conducive to having heavy trucks running up and down...Center Road is not a safe road. It has lots of steep grades and stop signs on it - not good visibility, low hanging trees in lots of places. So Center Road is not a very good or safe road to begin with."

Thanks for the opportunity to comment and for all of your work on this.

Gail Simpson

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Review of Land Transactions Near Gravel Pit on Center Rd. Town of Rutland

**Henry Spelter
Partner
Forest Economic Advisors
Littleton, MA**

**Presentation prepared on behalf of the 46.4 acre field situated next to the
proposed quarry which is the subject of the CUP #2496 hearing**

September 29, 2020

Background

1. The property adjacent to the existing quarry and its proposed expansion was acquired in 1988.
2. When purchased, the 46-acre field was a monoculture of field corn.
3. The owner's long-term goal was to establish a more biologically diverse environment, creating a setting suitable for a cottage or small farmstead for himself in retirement or for his children.
4. Today the field consists of:
 - 19 acres rotated between corn, wheat and soybeans, operated by a local farmer.
 - A 2-acre vegetable farm cultivated by a Hmong family.
 - A ½ acre proof of concept cherry orchard.
 - A 3-acre restored prairie on an erosion prone hillside.
 - The remaining rolling acreage consists of grassland best characterized as wildlife habitat.
5. Under existing conditions, the present quarry is likely to continue for perhaps 10 or so more years at which point it will revert to a condition more in keeping with the Town's long-term comprehensive land use plan.
6. If the CUP is granted, a large quarry operation will continue into the indefinite future.
7. The CUP application states: "There have been no adverse reactions in the operation of the quarry".
8. This is misleading. The **existing** quarry has been accepted as an established use predating the arrival of the current neighbors.
9. The proposed **enlarged quarry** extends its economic life "long into the future", continuing undesirable activities such as exceedingly high decibel noise, dangerous traffic on narrow roads, and rocks hurled onto adjacent properties during blasting. It will conflict with established or potential uses predating the expansion, diminishes property values and is not acceptable to adjacent property owners.
10. The CUP application is deficient in failing to address the concerns of neighbors regarding the deleterious impact of the expansion on the **value and development potentials** of nearby properties acquired under the premise of the Town's comprehensive land use plan.

Objectives:

- Review historical arm's length agricultural land sales in the vicinity of the existing quarry on Center road in the in Town of Rutland between 1988 and 2019.
- Transactions of mid-sized, bare (unimproved) parcels ranging between 35-to-100 acres.
- Measure impact of proximity to quarry on property values.

Observed Land Sales:

Parcel #1: 46.4 acres with **900 feet of shared border** with quarry and about 600 feet shared border with the proposed expanded quarry.

Parcel #2: 41.2 acres about **1500 feet from existing quarry** with no shared border.

Parcel #3: 72.8 acres about **2500 feet from existing quarry** and no shared border.

Parcel #4: 37.8 acres with about **400 feet of shared border** with existing quarry.

Table 1. – Sales price history of land sales in Section 28-5-10, Town of Rutland

Parcel	Classification	Doc #	Acreage	Location	Year	Sale price	\$/acre
#1	Ag, undev, ag-for	2120969	46.5	Adjacent	1988	\$33,000	\$710
#2	Ag, undev	2368241	41.2	4058 Old Stage Rd	1992	\$57,700	\$1,400
#3	Ag, undev, ag-for	3192969	72.8	4061 Old Stone Rd	2000	\$232,900	\$3,200
#4	Ag, undev	5524194	37.8	Adjacent	2019	\$300,000	\$7,935

Equalization Factor Values:

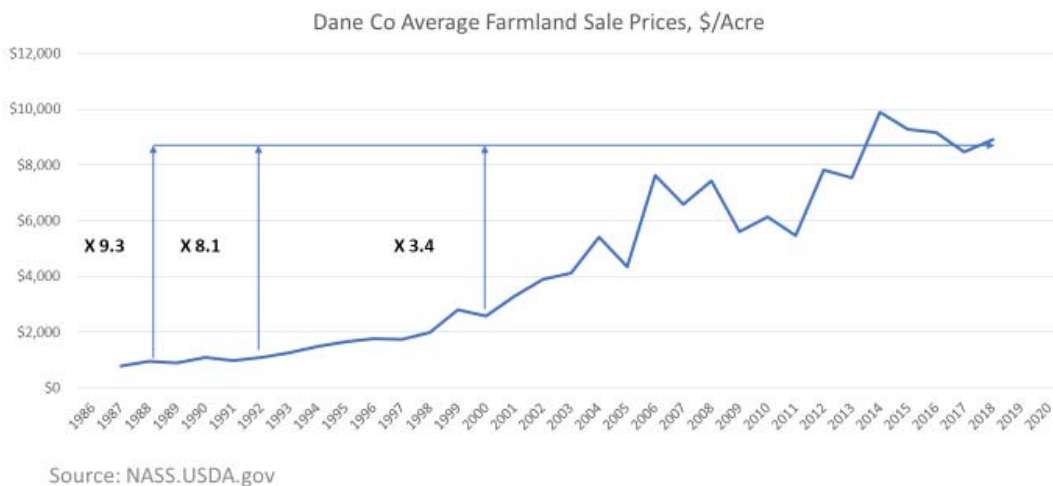
The above transactions occurred different years.

To equalize their values to a common base I referenced agricultural land transaction prices for Dane county, conforming to the specifications laid out in “objectives” above, from the National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS, previously the Wisconsin Agricultural Statistical Service).

The ratio of the average price for any given year to the 2019 price yields a multiplier that equalizes prices to a common 2019 basis.

These yield factors of 9.3 for 1988 prices, 8.1 for 1992, and 3.4 for 2000 and 1.0 for 2019.

Agricultural Land Sales Price History, Dane Co



Equalized Comparative Values

The equalized per acre values along with the imputed total property values are laid out in table 2.

Table 2. – 2019 Equalized sales prices for agricultural lands located varying distances from the active quarry

Parcel	2019 Value/acre	Acreage	Tot Value	Adj to 46.4 acres	Premium to #1
#1	\$ 6,600	46.4	\$306,000	\$306,000	\$0
#2	\$11,300	41.2	\$464,400	\$523,000	\$217,000
#3	\$11,000	72.8	\$799,000	\$509,000	\$203,000
#4	\$ 7,950	37.8	\$300,000	\$368,000	\$ 62,000

Observations

Based on historically recorded prices:

Parcel #1 faces a likely loss in value of \$216,500 so long as it is situated next to an active quarry compared to a location that would be about five football fields farther removed.

Similarly, it faces a likely devaluation of \$202,700 relative to location that would be about eight football fields removed from an active quarry.

Parcel #4 on the other hand sold for a \$62,000 premium even though it also bordered the quarry.

An explanation for this rests on the fact that the transaction did not involve a farmer or homesteader on the buy side but rather the quarry operator.

From that one may conclude that if the CUP is granted and quarrying continues far beyond the expected economic life of the current quarry, the most favorable sales price a future owner of parcel #1 may expect is from the quarry, thus extending this corner of the Town of Rutland into an industrialized gravel extraction zone indefinitely.

Andros, Pamela

From: Peter Vanderveer <pjvander@uwalumni.com>
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Subject: Dane Co Conditional use permit 2496

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Ms Pam Andros/Dane Co ZLR committee,

We oppose the expansion of the quarry on Center Rd in the town of Rutland for the following reasons.

-Old Stage, Center and most of our township roads are very narrow, no center line and are not able to accommodate dump trucks, pedestrians, bicycles and normal traffic. Two dump trucks traveling in opposite directions and meeting is a frightening sight.

-The quarry site has high seasonal groundwater. The existing quarry often pumps water out which I assume ends up in Bad Fish Creek, most likely polluted. During dry times the aquifer could easily be contaminated by inflows from the quarry.

-There is another very active quarry less than a mile away.

-Dust, blasting, night lights and noise are not conducive to the rural residential area.

-What guarantees are there once the mining is complete that the site will be environmentally restored and secured or will the township end up with a costly liability.

Thank you very much for considering our concerns.

Peter Vanderveer
Joanne Weber
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Brooklyn, WI 53521
Town of Rutland

Andros, Pamela

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Hi Pam

I wish to address the planned expansion of the quarry at 3978 Old Stage Rd.

As a long time resident of the Town of Rutland we have seen this become a much more residential area and at the same the traffic on roads that are intended for light local traffic have become very busy. I no longer consider them safe for walking.

We already get much more heavy trucks and construction equipment up and down the road. There are now quite a few dump trucks past our house on Lake Kegonsa Rd. They are large and take up so much road that if you are walking and another car goes by there is no place to go.

Traffic also moves much faster now that the road has been repaved. They last thing we need is to have the dump truck traffic increase at all let alone by what I would expect from this large of an expansion.

There is also the issue of the noise and blasting. This area has grown and there are now many more homes here. People did not move here to have a quarry and trucks in their face. If this is to become a residential area a large quarry is a very bad fit.

Please consider saying no to this new quarry.

Thank you,

Chris and Walt Zeltner
393 Lake Kegonsa Rd.
Oregon Wi, 53575