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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:05 PM  
**To:** Planning & Development <plandev@countyofdane.com>  
**Subject:** Cup #2584 Joseph and Diane Ripp

Dear Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Board,

We were born, raised and are part owners of the property at 7815 Benson Rd. in the Town of Dane. Our property sits just west of the JD Quarry that Tri County is proposing. We are writing to share our opposition to and concerns around the quarry for the following reasons:

- We fear the potential for groundwater contamination for future generations due to the proposed High Capacity Well, erosion and water run-off in an area which is already restricted due to Proximity restrictions. This area is also a high erosion area.
- Our children are on the property consistently, and our family spends most of the time on the property outdoors hunting, hiking, biking, and enjoying nature. It seems as though there are a lack of safety measures set in place to secure the quarry area for a child who may wander off and get into that very dangerous area.
- Our father has spent his life as an outdoorsman hunting, trapping, beekeeping, birding and making maple syrup on the property. He has been a good steward of the property. We have worked alongside him and with neighbors to use proper deer and turkey management to secure good and healthy deer and turkey in the area. This has led to the area being good for hunting, trapping and birding for those who purchase licenses and enjoy this recreational opportunity. We see no analysis on wildlife that has been done to ensure that all these years of hard work won't suddenly disappear due to the disruption that the quarry will bring. We have been diligent and good stewards of the land to ensure our children can afford the same opportunities that we had enjoying the property in a peaceful and tranquil environment.
- I am also a trout fisherman and frequent Spring Creek in Lodi. I can attest to the fact that runoff from the fields and the hills where the proposed quarry is located eventually gets to Spring Creek in Lodi. Growing up at 7815 Benson Road, we witnessed the water running in the spring and during big rains, coming through the field gully, through the culvert on Benson Rd. It follows the ravine over and under Meek Rd. straight toward Spring Creek. We know that the county is aware of the runoff flow and are wondering if the DNR is concerned with this situation.

We are supporters of farming and the land, as we grew up raising calves and steers on our neighbor's property. We support the Farmland Preservation on which the proposed quarry is located and question how this falls in line with the intent of the Farmland Preservation.

We appreciate your time and our right to bring forth our concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Karls, Joseph Karls, and Alyse Kearney