

Quarry Image 2

MEGA QUARRY MAYHEM

THE HIGHLAND COMPANIES THREATEN MELANCTHON WITH 2,316 ACRE MEGA-QUARRY

A limestone quarry the size of 2000 football fields and deeper than Rogers Park has been proposed for Melancthon Ontario, an area considered prime agricultural land. If the proposal goes forward, this Quarry will be aggressively mined for aggregate, leaving a potential trail of destruction in its path. Even though the Quarry might have devastating consequences for the health, environment and food supply of Ontarians, The Highland Companies have not been required to conduct an environmental assessment to measure potential impact. Here's what's at stake:

BYE BYE POTATOES & FORESTRY

52% of the potatoes eaten in the GTA come from land where this quarry is slated for use. The Quarry will not only pollute the land, but it will wipe out trees and homes in its way.



WAVE BYE TO CLASS 1 SOIL

Melancthon's soil is rated Class 1, placing it among the finest soil in the world. It's prized by the farming community. One of the qualities that makes it so special is the limestone beneath it, which is the mineral being mined by the Quarry.



POLLUTING TRUCKS TAKE OVER

It is estimated that 2000 trucks would travel to and from the Quarry every day along Dufferin Road 124, in addition to being the road route leaving their homes, schools, churches and farmer's fields.



WATER CONSUMPTION SOARS

The area where the Quarry is planned is referred to as 'the hotbed' because it sits at the center of four major watersheds. One million people downstream rely on the hotbed. The Quarry deeper than Rogers Park will need to be filled with 600 million litres of water every day every day of the year. That's six million litres used by 2.7 million Ontarians daily.



BAD, BAD, BAD!



FOR ENVIRONMENT

With large amounts of ground water being pulled out, will increased soil salinization will occur. Changes to the water table become interconnected with increased land salinization.



FOR COMMUNITY

Quarrying operations will increase the noise levels in the area. Increased traffic will impact the quality of life for the community. Increased traffic will impact the quality of life for the community.



FOR BUSINESS

Increased quarrying operations will impact the quality of life for the community. Increased traffic will impact the quality of life for the community.



FOR OUR HEALTH

Increased quarrying operations will impact the quality of life for the community. Increased traffic will impact the quality of life for the community.

LET'S FIGHT THIS!

REQUEST AN ASSESSMENT

To advise the Ministry of your views and concerns, you can submit your comments online via the Environment Reporting at: <http://www.esr.gov.on.ca/ERO/WEB/submit.asp?language=eng&id=public-PT-EGMT124>

WRITE TO FEDERAL LEADERS

Write to Minister of Environment John Wilkinson, asking him to designate this project for a full Environmental Assessment and Review Act on PQ Quarry. John.Wilkinson@ec.gc.ca or <http://www.ec.gc.ca>

AND/OR DO THE FOLLOWING

Divide the issue with others. Read Highland Companies application. Attend Council meetings in your municipality. Contact to IMACT & follow their website. Join Stop the Quarry on Facebook. Volunteer. Email info@stopthequarry.com and attend meetings. Please join a federal election issue related to Canada's debates pushing for answers and firm commitments.

HE SAID, SHE SAID!

MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP vs. THE HIGHLAND CO.

The rich land is not protected because of its location in Southern Ontario.

Highland has already announced 20 quarry & has already begun digging the quarry pits.

Melancthon farmers refer to their soil as Class 1 rather than as 'hotbed'.

Highland is a major water user and is not a water user.

Quarrying jobs will be lost & farmers will be forced to leave their practice and give up their livelihood.

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SOURCES AND GREAT READS

Please visit <http://stopthequarry.com> for great information about the fight against the quarry along with the latest Twitter & Facebook posts, news & information on the battle.

Sources used: <http://www.1080.com/news/2010/04/melancthon-quarry-proposal-appeals-allowed/>, <http://www.1080.com/news/2010/04/melancthon-quarry-proposal-appeals-allowed/>, <http://www.1080.com/news/2010/04/melancthon-quarry-proposal-appeals-allowed/>

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