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FYI and public record.

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As a local leader, my foremost responsibility is to the people of Springfield Township, the families, homeowners, and small business owners who rely on us to make sound, informed, and protective decisions. Our residents have made it clear that they expect transparency, accountability, and a commitment to long-term environmental stewardship. Your insights are essential to helping us honor that commitment.

We respectfully ask your agencies, including the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (if applicable), and the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division, to provide clarity on the following:

- How serious are these violations from a regulatory and environmental standpoint?
- Do these repeated issues suggest a broader pattern of noncompliance or operational negligence?
- How does the compliance reputation of Edw. C. Levy Co. compare to similarly situated operators within Michigan or EPA Region 5?
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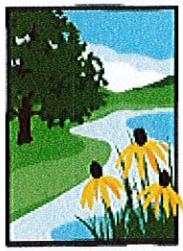
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Springfield Township Planning Commission
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Public Comment: Edw. C. Levy Co (Burroughs Materials) Mining Project

The Great Lakes Environmental Law Center ("GLEC") is a nonprofit public interest environmental law organization dedicated to protecting communities across Michigan through legal advocacy. GLEC has represented communities, environmental organizations, and concerned citizens in complex environmental permitting matters involving extractive industries.

I. Introduction

The evidence before this Commission reveals three converging grounds that mandate denial under MCL 125.3205(5). First, the applicant's extensive violation history demonstrates inability to operate in compliance with environmental standards, creating inevitable "very serious consequences" for Springfield Township. Second, peer-reviewed scientific research establishes that gravel mining operations systematically contaminate groundwater, destroy irreplaceable wetland ecosystems, and generate harmful air quality impacts—consequences that are permanent and irreversible. Third, documented economic studies prove that gravel operations cause catastrophic property value destruction, with homes within half a mile suffering a 36% value loss and total community losses exceeding \$31 million in comparable townships.

The choice before this Commission transcends a single permit application. It represents a fundamental decision about whether local communities retain meaningful authority to protect their residents from industrial operations with documented histories of environmental harm. When state regulators abdicate their responsibility to consider operator compliance history, local planning authorities serve as the final guardians of community welfare.

II. Legal Background

Under Michigan law, townships possess clear authority to deny mining permits when operations would result in very serious consequences. The burden falls on the mining company to prove three essential elements: that valuable natural resources exist, that market need exists for the resources, and that no very serious consequences would result from mining the resources.¹

In determining whether very serious consequences would result from the operation, Michigan law permits consideration of multiple factors, including the relationship of extraction with existing land uses, the impact on existing land uses in the vicinity of the property, the impact on property values in the vicinity and along proposed hauling routes, the impact on pedestrian and traffic safety, the impact on identifiable health, safety, and welfare interests in the local government, and the overall public interest in the extraction of the specific natural resources.²

III. The Applicant Failed to Demonstrate its Operation Meets Legal Standards for Approval

The evidence presented herein demonstrates that this proposed operation fails to meet the legal standards for approval under each of these criteria.

A. Applicant's Market Need Claims Rest on Demonstrably Corrupted State Analysis

The 2019 Michigan Office of the Auditor General's investigative audit reveals that Levy Co.'s Executive Vice President and COO, S. Evan Weiner, while serving as Chair of Governor Snyder's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission, systematically corrupted state decision-making processes through direct executive manipulation of an aggregates market study—the very type of market analysis that mining companies must now demonstrate to satisfy Michigan's requirement that "market need exists for the resources."

The manipulated study was explicitly designed to manufacture evidence of aggregate shortages that mining companies like Levy Co. could cite, in the words of an industry stakeholder seeking a private meeting between MDOT's director and Weiner, to "substantiate our claim" that "the aggregate industry will be unable to meet the foreseeable market demands if only existing permitted mines are utilized."³ The Michigan Aggregates Association recommended the consultant

¹ Mich. Comp. Laws § 125.3205(5)(a)–(f)

² Id.

³ Mich. Office of the Auditor Gen., Investigative Audit Report: Michigan Department of Transportation's Procurement of the Michigan Aggregates Market Study 8–9 (2019).

MDOT hired, set out the scope of work and how to price the study, and provided predetermined conclusions supporting expanded mining operations.

When MDOT attempted to develop an independent science-based approach for Phase 2, state employees were explicitly overruled because the proposal was "not what the [industry stakeholder] had in mind," forcing MDOT to abandon objective analysis in favor of industry preferences. The audit reveals that "upper management wanted MDOT to use the [industry stakeholder's] suggested Phase 2 scope" despite staff warnings that the industry sought "a tool...to engage in legislation that eases the permitting process by taking permitting authority away from local agencies."⁴ In the end, the report converted approximately \$100,000 in taxpayer resources into what the audit determined was advocacy material providing "little value" as legitimate research.⁵

The corrupted study's conclusions about aggregate shortages have since been cited by industry representatives in legislative testimony to support new mining permits and weaken local regulatory authority.⁶

Levy Co.'s current application likely relies on market analyses that trace directly to this manipulated research, creating a circular scheme where the company corrupts government studies to manufacture the market justifications required for their own permit applications.

When Levy Co.'s senior leadership demonstrably corrupts the very type of market analysis required under Michigan law to justify mining permits, any market need claims in their current application are fundamentally suspect.

B. Applicant's Systematic Environmental Violations Create Rebuttable Presumption of Future Non-Compliance

The applicant's violation record reveals a corporate culture of disregard that standard regulatory enforcement has proven powerless to correct. Despite accumulating nearly 100 violations across air quality, water discharge, stormwater management, and operational standards at facilities throughout Michigan, Edw. C. Levy Co. continues not only to operate but to seek expansion.

The pattern is unmistakable: at Levy Plant 6 alone, the company has received seventeen citations for "unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property" between 2015 and 2024. At Cadillac-Wixom, three such violations occurred in 2024 alone. The company's Specification Stone Products

⁴ Id. at 10-11.

⁵ Id. at 11-12.

⁶ Paul Egan, Emails Show MDOT Let Lobbyist Steer Report on Gravel Shortage for Michigan Roads, *Detroit Free Press* (2019)

facility has violated NPDES permit requirements eighteen times since 2016, including recent unpermitted discharges and inadequate maintenance violations as recent as April 2025.

Where state air quality regulators have demonstrated unwillingness to consider operator compliance history when evaluating permit applications—a position currently under challenge by our organization before the Michigan Court of Appeals—local planning authorities represent the final safeguard protecting community welfare from operators with demonstrated patterns of environmental destruction.⁷

Given that state air quality regulators have demonstrated unwillingness to consider operator compliance history, local planning authorities represent the last line of defense in protecting community welfare from operators with demonstrated patterns of environmental non-compliance. They may be the only entities that will consider the operator's compliance history when evaluating projects impacting community health and safety.

Violation History of Edw. C. Levy Co. and Subsidiaries at its Michigan Facilities		
Facility	Date	Violation
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Holly A1	12/12/2006	AQD_AIR - AQD - Air
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Holly A1	12/11/2007	AQD_AIR - AQD - Air
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Flint	01/09/2023	NPDES - Failure to Conduct Visual Assessments as Required
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Flint	01/09/2023	NPDES - Failure to Conduct Inspections as Required
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Plant 4 - Ubly S4	09/26/2012	AQD_AIR - AQD - Air
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Plant 9	07/21/2021	NPDES - Deficient SWPPP
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Plant 9	06/14/2023	AQD_AIR - AQD - Air
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Port Huron A4	10/11/2023	NPDES - Poor Housekeeping
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Saginaw	07/21/2021	NPDES - Deficient SWPPP

⁷ Concerned Residents for South Dearborn v MI Dept. Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, No. 373632 (MI Ct. App., Brief for Appellants filed May 27, 2025)

Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Saginaw	07/22/2021	NPDES - Deficient SWPPP
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Sheridan Pit	06/23/2008	NPDES - WRD - NPDES
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Sheridan Pit	07/21/2008	NPDES - WRD - NPDES
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Sheridan Pit	06/05/2015	NPDES - WRD - NPDES
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Sheridan Pit	03/02/2016	NPDES - WRD - NPDES
Ace - Saginaw Paving Co - Sheridan Pit	07/28/2022	NPDES - WRD - NPDES
American Aggregates - Buno Plant	04/10/2017	NPDES - Poor Housekeeping
American Aggregates - Buno Plant	05/19/2017	NPDES - Compliance Schedule Not Received by Due Date - (Due: 05/15/2017)
American Aggregates - Grange Hall Road	04/26/2022	GROUNDWATER - Failure to Properly Maintain All Treatment, Control Facilities and/or Systems
American Aggregates - Ray Road	12/13/2011	NPDES - WRD - NPDES
Blue Water Aggregates	04/09/2024	NPDES - Failure to Implement SWPPP Requirements
Burroughs Materials- Docks	07/22/2021	NPDES - Failure to Conduct Visual Assessments as Required
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Cadillac - Clarkston	07/07/2016	AQD_AIR - Monitoring/Recordkeeping
Cadillac - Clarkston	09/28/2020	AQD_AIR - Process/Operational Restrictions
Cadillac - Dix - Detroit	09/28/2006	NPDES - WRD - NPDES
Cadillac - Gerken Materials	02/23/2021	AQD_AIR - Emission Limits
Cadillac - Gerken Materials	02/23/2021	AQD_AIR - Emission Limits
Cadillac - Rawsonville	11/07/2017	AQD_AIR - Monitoring/Recordkeeping
Cadillac - Rawsonville	11/07/2017	AQD_AIR - Monitoring/Recordkeeping
Cadillac - Rawsonville	08/21/2023	NPDES - Deficient SWPPP
Cadillac - Romulus	08/04/2023	NPDES - Deficient SWPPP
Cadillac - Wixom	7/26/2024	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Cadillac - Wixom	10/18/2024	AQD_AIR - Process/Operational Restrictions
Cadillac - Wixom	10/18/2024	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 1	12/02/2015	AQD_AIR - Monitoring/Recordkeeping
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Levy Plant 2	01/10/2016	NPDES - Compliance Schedule Not Received by Due Date (Annual SWPPP Review Report - (Due: 01/10/2016)
Levy Plant 2	10/13/2021	NPDES - Deficient SWPPP
Levy Plant 3	01/10/2016	NPDES - Compliance Schedule Not Received by Due Date (Annual SWPPP Review Report - (Due: 01/10/2016)
Levy Plant 3	10/21/2016	AQD_AIR - Monitoring/Recordkeeping
Levy Plant 3	10/21/2016	AQD_AIR - Monitoring/Recordkeeping
Levy Plant 3	05/22/2019	NPDES - Deficient SWPPP
Levy Plant 3	08/17/2022	AQD_AIR - Testing/Sampling
Levy Plant 3	08/17/2022	AQD_AIR - Monitoring/Recordkeeping
Levy Plant 3	08/17/2022	AQD_AIR - Monitoring/Recordkeeping
Levy Plant 3	02/29/2024	NPDES - Storm Water Exposure
Levy Plant 6	10/28/2015	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	11/07/2015	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	12/08/2015	AQD_AIR - 2nd VN Notice
Levy Plant 6	03/13/2017	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	05/30/2017	AQD_AIR - 2nd VN Notice
Levy Plant 6	11/21/2018	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	07/16/2019	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	09/12/2019	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	11/19/2019	AQD_AIR - Emission Limits
Levy Plant 6	11/19/2019	AQD_AIR - Monitoring/Recordkeeping
Levy Plant 6	11/19/2019	AQD_AIR - Process/Operational Restrictions
Levy Plant 6	11/19/2019	AQD_AIR - Reporting
Levy Plant 6	11/19/2019	AQD_AIR - Reporting
Levy Plant 6	11/19/2019	AQD_AIR - Reporting
Levy Plant 6	11/19/2019	AQD_AIR - Process/Operational Restrictions
Levy Plant 6	12/21/2020	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	12/21/2020	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	12/21/2020	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	11/18/2021	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property

Levy Plant 6	06/02/2022	NPDES - Deficient SWPPP
Levy Plant 6	08/12/2022	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	10/13/2022	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	07/28/2023	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	07/31/2023	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	09/28/2023	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	10/06/2023	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	04/02/2024	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy Plant 6	06/21/2024	AQD_AIR - Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property
Levy-Brennan Street Dock	09/15/2023	NPDES - Storm Water Exposure
Levy-Penn Landfill	01/10/2016	NPDES - Compliance Schedule Not Received by Due Date (Annual SWPPP Review Report - (Due: 01/10/2016))
Levy-Penn Landfill	08/01/2023	NPDES - Records Retention
Specification Stone Products - Alpena	07/21/2016	NPDES - DMR not submitted by due date
Specification Stone Products - Alpena	07/21/2017	NPDES - DMR not submitted by due date
Specification Stone Products - Alpena	05/21/2018	NPDES - DMR not submitted by due date
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Specification Stone Products - Alpena	04/21/2019	NPDES - DMR not submitted by due date
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Specification Stone Products - Alpena	12/21/2020	NPDES - DMR not submitted by due date
Specification Stone Products - Alpena	06/28/2021	NPDES - Improper Sampling Methods

Specification Stone Products - Alpena	08/21/2022	NPDES - DMR not submitted by due date
Specification Stone Products - Alpena	11/21/2022	NPDES - DMR not submitted by due date
Specification Stone Products - Alpena	04/17/2025	NPDES - Unpermitted Discharge
Specification Stone Products - Alpena	04/17/2025	NPDES - Inadequate Maintenance
Specification Stone Products - Alpena	04/17/2025	NPDES - Narrative Standard
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C. Past Violations to Future Harm: Scientific Evidence Confirms Environmental Destruction from Mining Operations

Edw. C. Levy Co.'s violation history is not merely a record of past misconduct. This violation pattern transforms from historical fact to imminent threat when considered alongside the comprehensive body of peer-reviewed research demonstrating that gravel mining operations systematically degrade the precise environmental resources the company has repeatedly failed to protect. Where regulatory enforcement has proven insufficient to ensure compliance at existing facilities, Springfield Township cannot reasonably expect different outcomes from the same operator conducting the same inherently destructive activities.

1. Gravel Extraction Creates Direct Pathways for Permanent Groundwater Contamination

Extraction of gravel, by its very nature, inherently and profoundly alters landscapes and natural hydrologic systems. It does so by consuming, diverting, and polluting water resources, leaving a lasting environmental legacy. Independent scientific research conducted at sites across the United States demonstrate that gravel mining operations fundamentally alter groundwater systems, even without employing dewatering, primarily due to the disturbance of ecological systems and the direct and indirect introduction of pollutants into water resources.

In one peer-reviewed study, commissioned by the Kansas Legislature and conducted in collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Kansas Geological Survey examined six sand and gravel pits to determine the impact of surface water infiltration on groundwater quality. The study found that gravel mining operations create direct pathways for contaminant transport into

groundwater systems.⁸ The Kansas study demonstrated that "stormwater runoff containing contaminants enters ground water through the sand pits and impacts ground-water quality."⁹ Researchers installed monitoring wells both upgradient and downgradient from the pits, enabling them to establish clear causal relationships between surface contamination and groundwater quality degradation. Twenty-one different pesticides and degradation compounds infiltrated groundwater through the exposed gravel pits, with contamination transport patterns clearly traceable to the mining operations. The study found that "concentrations of pesticides and degradates were usually higher in downgradient well waters than in upgradient well waters and were usually highest in the southeast well (in the general direction of ground-water flow)."¹⁰

Similarly, researchers in Hancock County, Maine, linked gravel mining to increased vulnerability of aquifers to contamination by chloride and nitrate.¹¹ Their study surmised that shorter flow paths created by mining activities increase the susceptibility of the aquifer to contamination as water can carry pollutants more directly into the aquifer without the natural filtration that longer flow paths provide. Gravel mines facilitate this by imposing changes to the land surface affecting how water flows and recharges the aquifer. This alteration can create depressions that redirect water flow, increasing the aquifer's vulnerability to contamination. At the same time, the removal of the organic soil layer diminishes the soil's ability to filter out pollutants, making it easier for contaminants to reach the aquifer.

Summary of Key Environmental Impacts of Gravel Mining on Water Resources

Water Resource	Primary Impact Category	Key Effects
Groundwater	Quantity Reduction	Lowered water tables, reduced drinking water availability, drying of wells, land subsidence.
	Quality Degradation	Increased turbidity, chemical contamination, altered temperature, intermixing of aquifers.

⁸ Donald Whittemore, *Stormwater Runoff into Sand Pits—Effects on Ground-Water Quality*, Kan. Geological Survey, Pub. Info. Circular No. 29 (Aug. 2009), <https://www.kgs.ku.edu/Publications/PIC/pic29.html>.

⁹ Whittemore, *Stormwater Runoff into Sand Pits* (2009)

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ J.M. Peckenham et al., *Sand and Gravel Mining: Effects on Ground Water Resources in Hancock County, Maine, USA*, 56 *Env'tl. Geol.* 1103 (2009), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00254-008-1210-7>.

Waterways (Rivers, Streams, Lakes)	Hydrological Alteration Quality Degradation	Channel incision, bed degradation, bank erosion, altered flow patterns, "hungry water" effects. Increased turbidity, suspended solids, chemical pollution, thermal changes, potential acid mine drainage.
	Habitat & Biota Loss	Destruction of spawning/rearing habitats, food web disruption, species shifts, migration blockages.
Wetlands	Habitat Destruction	Direct removal of vegetation, fragmentation, disruption of natural habitats.
	Hydrological Alteration	Altered water regimes, reduced wetted periods, interruption of natural recharge.
	Biodiversity Loss	Displacement of native species, disruption of ecosystem processes, introduction of invasive species.

2. Documented Air Quality Degradation and Hazardous Noise Levels Threaten Public Health

Gravel mining and gravel pits significantly impact air quality, primarily through the emission of particulate matter and other pollutants. Mineralogical and geochemical analysis of dust from sand and gravel quarries has revealed that a substantial portion of airborne particles are respirable, posing potential health risks.¹² These activities contribute to elevated levels of suspended particulate matter, including PM10 and PM2.5.¹³

At the same time, significant environmental and public health risks are associated with the increase in heavy vehicle traffic. The increased presence of these massive

¹² Menhaje-Bena et al., Airborne dust particles originated from sand and gravel quarries (2023) <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-3148651/v1>.

¹³ See Nagaraja et al., Environmental Impact Assessment of Air Quality Issues Caused by the Granite Quarrying and Stone Processing Industry in Ramanagara District, Karnataka State, India. 24 *Nature Environment and Pollution Technology* 41. (2025)

<https://doi.org/10.46488/nept.2024.v24is1.003>; C.-T. Chang et al., Fugitive Dust Emission Source Profiles and Assessment of Selected Control Strategies for Particulate Matter at Gravel Processing Sites in Taiwan. 60 *Journal of The Air & Waste Management Association* 1262 (2010), <https://doi.org/10.3155/1047-3289.60.10.1262>.

laden vehicles leads to a considerable increase in harmful pollutants such as NO₂, PM2.5 and PM10 that exacerbate health risks for residents, particularly children.¹⁴

Noise pollution from gravel operations consistently exceeds safe thresholds. A substantial portion of miners are exposed to noise levels that exceed recommended safety limits, often leading to hearing loss and other health issues. One study found that a significant number of sand and gravel miners are exposed to noise levels exceeding the recommended limits.¹⁵ Specifically, 69% of workers had noise exposures above the NIOSH recommended exposure limit, and 41% exceeded the MSHA action level for hearing conservation program enrollment. Hearing impairment was prevalent among the miners, with 37% of the subjects showing signs of hearing loss as defined by NIOSH criteria.

Mine dust pollution is considered a major threat to surface vegetation and landscapes, including agriculture.¹⁶ When dust settles on the leaves of trees, it "suffocates" them, making them increasingly less productive and less healthy. The dust particles physically obstruct the leaves' stomata—the tiny openings crucial for gas exchange—thereby hindering vital physiological processes such as photosynthesis, light interception, nutrient availability, and gas-energy exchange.¹⁷ This directly reduces the plant's ability to capture carbon dioxide and release oxygen, leading to a measurable reduction in carbon uptake and transpiration. Beyond vegetation, mine dust can also contaminate surrounding rivers, farmlands, and crops, posing risks to domestic water and food security.

3. Scientific Evidence Establishes Mining's Permanent Ecological Impacts

The proposed 238-acre mining operation would inflict irreversible ecological damage to a landscape where environmental recovery consistently fails to achieve restoration to reference conditions. Scientific evidence demonstrates that mining activities fundamentally alter ecosystem structure and function in ways that persist indefinitely, making any claimed restoration inadequate protection against the very serious consequences.

¹⁴ Reza Ziarati et al., The Impact of Quarrying Activities on Air Quality and Public Health: A Case Study in Warwickshire. *Science Journal of Public Health*, 12(6), 212 (2024), <https://doi.org/10.11648/j.sjph.20241206.15>.

¹⁵ Deborah Landen et al., Noise exposure and hearing loss among sand and gravel miners. 1(8) *J. Occup. Env't Hyg.* 532 (2004), <https://doi.org/10.1080/15459620490476503>.

¹⁶ Haoxuan Yu et al.. Environmental hazards posed by mine dust, and monitoring method of mine dust pollution using remote sensing technologies: An overview, *Sci. Total Env't* 864, 161135 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2022.161135>.

¹⁷ A. K. Ranjan et al., A new approach for prediction of foliar dust in a coal mining region and its impacts on vegetation physiological processes using multi-source satellite data sets. 129 *Journal of Geophysical Research: Biogeosciences* (2024), <https://doi.org/10.1029/2024JG008298>.

Gravel mining causes severe habitat destruction with restoration success rates that never achieve full ecological recovery. Scientific studies demonstrate that restored mining sites remain thirteen percent below reference ecosystem biodiversity levels even after extensive rehabilitation efforts.¹⁸ The temporal dimension of restoration failure proves particularly significant for regulatory analysis. Even assuming restoration efforts achieve their maximum potential effectiveness, a generous assumption contradicted by scientific evidence, the ecological functions lost during active mining operations remain permanently eliminated. For wetland-dependent species with limited mobility and specific habitat requirements, temporary habitat destruction equates to permanent population loss.

The proposed mining operation would eliminate wetland habitat precisely when such resources have become most scarce and ecologically valuable. Michigan's wetland resources represent critical infrastructure for statewide biodiversity conservation. The state's remaining 5.5 million acres of wetlands constitute only half the wetlands that existed prior to European settlement, making each remaining wetland acre increasingly valuable for ecosystem stability. "While state wetland regulations have helped to slow the destruction of wetlands in Michigan from a quantitative perspective, watershed related wetland studies completed around the State have consistently shown a decrease in wetland function and overall quality for the wetlands that remain."¹⁹

Within this context, forty-one of Michigan's listed threatened and endangered animal species depend directly on wetland habitats, while forty-nine percent of the state's rare plant species require wetland conditions for survival. The loss of these ecosystems not only diminishes biodiversity but also disrupts the ecological processes that sustain various life forms, leading to cascading effects throughout the food web.²⁰

The applicant's designation of 184 acres as "preservation areas" provides no meaningful offset for the ecological destruction within the 238-acre mining footprint. These preservation areas consist primarily of existing wetlands that already provide established ecosystem services to the regional environment. Maintaining existing ecological functions cannot compensate for the active elimination of additional functional wetland systems.

¹⁸ Joe Atkinson et al., Terrestrial ecosystem restoration increases biodiversity and reduces its variability, but not to reference levels: A global meta-analysis, 25(7) *Ecol Lett.* 1725 (2022), <https://doi.org/10.1111/ele.14025>.

¹⁹ Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Status and Trends of Michigan's Wetlands: Pre-European Settlement to 2005 (2014).

²⁰ A. Brautigam, *The freshwater biodiversity crisis.* 2, 4–5 (1999), <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12349584/>.

Moreover, preservation areas adjacent to active mining operations experience significant degradation through edge effects, dust deposition, hydrological alteration, and noise disturbance. Scientific research documents substantial ecosystem degradation extending well beyond the direct footprint of mining activities, meaning that even the designated preservation areas would suffer measurable ecological impairment.²¹

Wetlands deliver quantifiable ecosystem services that mining operations cannot replicate through engineered alternatives. These natural systems provide critical water quality enhancement through filtration processes that remove pollutants and excess nutrients from water systems, particularly vital in areas where agricultural runoff threatens water quality.²² The destruction of wetland filtering capacity within the mining area would permanently compromise water quality protection for downstream communities. They also contribute significantly to local economies through services such as water supply and recreational opportunities, underscoring their value beyond ecological functions.²³

Wetlands also serve as vital buffers against climate change, acting as carbon sinks that mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.²⁴ The preservation of these ecosystems is not merely an environmental issue but a critical component of climate resilience strategies, as they provide essential services that help communities adapt to changing conditions, such as increased flooding and droughts. Furthermore, the degradation of wetlands can lead to substantial losses in these services, emphasizing the need for informed decision-making that considers the full spectrum of benefits wetlands offer, including their role in flood regulation and climate adaptation.^{25,26}

The economic valuation of wetlands often underrepresents their true worth, as many of the ecosystem services they provide are not captured in traditional market frameworks. For instance, wetlands are instrumental in regulating local climates and enhancing resilience to natural disasters, which can save communities significant costs in disaster recovery and infrastructure repair.²⁷ Furthermore, the

²¹ See ex. Haoxuan Yu et al.. Environmental hazards posed by mine dust, and monitoring method of mine dust pollution using remote sensing technologies: An overview, *Sci. Total Env't* 864, 161135 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2022.161135>.

²² Dolf de Groot et al., Wetland Ecosystem Services, in *Encyclopedia of Ecology* (2018), https://doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-9659-3_66.

²³ Alexandra Dehnhardt et al., Valuation of Wetlands Preservation (2019), <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199389414.013.457>.

²⁴ A.J. Stewart et al., Revealing the hidden carbon in forested wetland soils. *Nat Commun* 15, 726 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-024-44888-x>

²⁵ Dehnhardt et al., (2019).

²⁶ Arunima Nayak et al., *Wetland Ecosystems and Their Relevance to the Environment* (2022), <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-7998-9498-8.ch001>.

²⁷ Dehnhardt et al., (2019).

recreational potential of wetlands—ranging from birdwatching to fishing—serves not only to enrich local culture but also to attract tourism, thereby generating income for surrounding areas.²⁸

The permanent destruction of wetland ecosystems, irreversible biodiversity loss, and elimination of critical ecosystem services satisfy every criterion for denying the mining permit based on ecological impacts alone.

D. Property Values Suffer Permanent and Substantial Losses Near Gravel Operations

The applicant has failed to rebut overwhelming economic evidence that gravel operations cause catastrophic and permanent property value destruction. The presence of gravel mines creates an environment that deters potential buyers and investors from considering properties in the area, thereby perpetuating a cycle of devaluation and disinvestment.

In a 2016 report assessing the economic impact of a proposed gravel mine in Richland Township, MI, researchers estimated that properties within three miles of the project were likely to experience a marked reduction in value, with a half-mile distance leading to an estimated 20 percent decline, one mile to about 14.5 percent, two miles to roughly an 8.9 percent reduction, and three miles to nearly a 4.9 percent drop in value.²⁹ Through a simulation study focusing on Richland Village and Richland Township, researchers found that more than 1,400 homes would be adversely affected by the proposed mine, leading to an estimated total loss in property value of approximately \$31.5 million.

A study of 2,812 properties in Delaware County, Ohio further highlights the tangible economic implications for residents.³⁰ The analysis found that homes situated within half a mile of an operational gravel pit experienced an average loss of value of 36% when compared to those between 0.5 to 5 miles away. The value of homes within 1.5 miles of the gravel pit were 25% lower than those between 1.5 to 5 miles away. These property value impacts are permanent and persist over time, with uncertainty about future development creating additional downward pressure on real estate values.

The decrease in property values is not just a monetary loss to homeowners. It represents the deterioration in the quality of life for those living near the mine. In

²⁸ D.W. Marcouiller et al, The Regional Supply of Outdoor Recreation Resources..., 27(4) *J. Park & Recreation Admin.* (2009), <https://js.sagamorepub.com/jpra/article/view/1274>.

²⁹ George A. Erickcek, An Assessment of the Economic Impact of the Proposed Stoneco Gravel Mine Operation on Richland Township (2006), <https://research.upjohn.org/reports/222>.

³⁰ Diane Hite, Summary of Analysis: Impact of an Operational Gravel Pit on House Values in Delaware County, Ohio (2006).

simple terms, as houses lose value, this loss indicates that the local environment and neighborhood are less desirable due to the mine's negative impacts. A sustained decline in property values in areas adjacent to gravel mines may lead to reduced tax revenues for local governments, subsequently impacting public services such as education and infrastructure maintenance. Additionally, as residents become disillusioned with their living conditions, there may be an increase in out-migration, further exacerbating economic challenges in these regions. This phenomenon is particularly significant in rural areas, where economic development often hinges on maintaining a stable and engaged population.³¹

These economic impacts constitute "very serious consequences" that the applicant cannot rebut through unsupported assertions of economic benefit. The law permits consideration of impacts "on property values in the vicinity," and the evidence establishes devastating and permanent harm.

IV. Township Possesses Clear Constitutional Authority for Superior Economic Use Through Eminent Domain

The township possesses clear constitutional authority to acquire the subject property through eminent domain for wetland restoration purposes. The Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause, applied to local governments through the Fourteenth Amendment, permits condemnation when two essential elements converge: the taking serves public use and just compensation is provided.

Law in the United States has long recognized both the legality and necessity for governments to pursue condemnation for environmental purposes, recognizing that ecological preservation constitutes a fundamental public benefit transcending individual property interests.³² One of the earliest such examples can be found in an 1888 federal statute authorizing the then-Secretary of War to condemn land or public buildings for the maintaining and improvement of rivers and harbors.³³ Wetland restoration unquestionably satisfies the public use requirement under both traditional and modern interpretations. The Supreme Court's decision in *Kelo v. City of New London* (2005) expanded public use to encompass public purpose. More fundamentally, wetland restoration serves multiple established public purposes: flood control, water quality protection, habitat preservation, and climate resilience, each independently sufficient to justify eminent domain action.

Economic analysis demonstrates that preserving property for wetland ecosystem services and recreational development generates superior long-term economic

³¹ Miranda N. Smith et al., *How Migration Impacts Rural America*, Univ. of Wis. Madison (2016).

³² Silver Creek Drain Dist. v. Extrusions Div., Inc., 468 Mich. 367, 663 N.W.2d 436 (2003).

³³ Act of Apr. 24, 1888, ch. 194, 25 Stat. 94.

returns compared to extractive use.³⁴ The economic value of the ecosystem services provided by wetlands is substantial. Nationwide, the cumulative ecosystem services value derived from wetlands can range from \$5,000 to \$70,000 per acre per year.³⁵ The traditional perception of wetlands as unproductive or challenging land is therefore fundamentally flawed; they are, in fact, critical natural infrastructure that provides quantifiable economic benefits far beyond their direct ecological value. This means that investing in wetland preservation and expansion is not merely an environmental expenditure but a strategic economic investment that enhances community resilience, reduces future costs, and creates new revenue streams, positioning wetlands as vital economic infrastructure.

Wetland mitigation banking represents a significant opportunity for direct revenue generation. This concept involves the restoration or creation of wetlands in advance of authorized impacts, leading to the generation of "credits" that can be sold to entities—such as businesses, landowners, or public agencies—that are required to offset unavoidable wetland losses resulting from their development projects.³⁶ The revenue potential from wetland mitigation banking is substantial. Commercial wetland mitigation credits in Michigan typically range from \$100,000 to \$150,000 per acre-credit.³⁷

Developing the property into an eco-tourism and outdoor recreation hub offers significant economic benefits through visitor spending, job creation, and increased property values. The property's existing wetlands are prime locations for activities such as birdwatching, general wildlife viewing, and non-motorized boating. Restored or constructed wetlands on the remaining acreage can be designed with aesthetic enhancements like walking paths, gazebos, and bird houses to further boost visitor appeal.

Public ownership ensures open access to diverse recreational activities, promoting physical activity and mental well-being for residents. Developing a comprehensive multi-use trail system across the property can connect various natural features and provide year-round recreational opportunities. Trails provide low-cost recreation infrastructure and encourage healthier lifestyles, leading to reduced healthcare costs. Studies suggest that a one-dollar investment in trails can lead to approximately three dollars in medical savings per person.³⁸

³⁴ Restore America's Estuaries, *Jobs and Dollars: Big Returns from Coastal Habitat Restoration* (2025); see also Restore America's Estuaries, *The Economic Value of America's Estuaries* (2021).

³⁵ Naveen Adusumilli, *Valuation of Ecosystem Services from Wetlands Mitigation in the United States*. 4 *Land* 182 (2015), <https://doi.org/10.3390/land4010182>.

³⁶ Mich. Admin. Code r. 281.951–961.

³⁷ Michigan Wetland Board, www.miwb.org.

³⁸ Bob Wilson & Anna Lee, *Trail Building Law and Policy: A Michigan Manual* (2024).

The aesthetic and recreational enhancements from eco-tourism development directly translate into increased property values for adjacent and nearby homes. This generates significant wealth for residents and increases the local tax base, representing a powerful indirect economic benefit. The increase in property values directly benefits homeowners through increased equity and wealth, and the municipality through increased property tax revenue. Higher property values also make the area more attractive for new residents and businesses. The aesthetic and recreational amenities of an eco-tourism hub create a positive feedback loop: attractive natural spaces lead to higher property values, which in turn generate more tax revenue for the municipality, allowing for further investment in public services and amenities, enhancing the overall economic vitality and quality of life for residents.

The diverse job opportunities created by these land uses, particularly those accessible without advanced degrees, directly address the human capital needs of rural Michigan. This fosters local skill development, helps retain residents, and builds a more resilient community workforce. These job opportunities provide direct income to residents and contribute to local spending. More importantly, they offer career pathways within the rural community, preventing out-migration and building local expertise. This focus on accessible job creation transforms the land project into a powerful tool for rural workforce development and community retention. It means "profitability" is not just about municipal revenue but about the sustained economic vitality and social fabric of the community, making it a more attractive place to live and work for future generations.

V. Conclusion

Edw. C. Levy Co. cannot establish genuine market need when its claims rest on demonstrably corrupted state analysis orchestrated by its own executive leadership. The company cannot prove that no very serious consequences would result when peer-reviewed scientific research establishes that gravel mining operations systematically contaminate groundwater, destroy irreplaceable wetland ecosystems, and cause permanent property value losses exceeding \$31 million in comparable communities. Most fundamentally, an operator with seventeen citations for "unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property" at a single facility cannot credibly claim it will operate without causing very serious consequences to Springfield Township residents.

Where state regulators have abdicated their responsibility to consider operator compliance history, this Commission serves as the final guardian of community welfare. The choice transcends a single permit application—it represents whether

local communities retain meaningful authority to protect their residents from industrial operators with documented patterns of environmental destruction.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and please feel free to reach out if we can provide you with any additional information.

/s/Andrew Bashi

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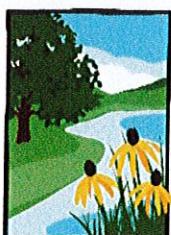
Today we received ck #1113135 in the amount of \$28,322.73 for the 2025 Summer tax payments listed below. Four of the properties included in this payment have already been paid; see summary below.

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07-19-300-011	\$4061.42	ALREADY PAID-RECEIPT ATTACHED
07-30-100-006	\$4749.15	ALREADY PAID-RECEIPT ATTACHED
07-30-201-003	\$2871.18	ALREADY PAID-RECEIPT ATTACHED
07-05-226-005	\$2465.23	
07-04-101-004	\$ 383.70	
07-04-101-005	\$8738.15	
07-26-126-009	\$2426.92	

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Please let me know that this information has been received and where you would like me to mail back Check #1113135.

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** CURRENT PAYMENT **

Date	Chk #	Amount
08/11/2025	1112748	2,626.98
	Total Recvd:	2,626.98

DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BILLING/PAYMENTS FOR U -07-19-401-007

DESCRIPTION	MILLAGE	TAX BILLED	TOTAL PAID	BALANCE
HOLLY OPER	18.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOLLY DEBT	8.5000	969.17	969.17	0.00
STATE SET	6.0000	684.12	684.12	0.00
OAKLAND C.C.	1.4747	168.14	168.14	0.00
ISD VOTED	2.9487	336.21	336.21	0.00
COUNTY OPER	3.9301	448.11	448.11	0.00
ISD ALLOCATED	0.1862	21.23	21.23	0.00

Admin Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest/Pen	0.00	0.00	0.00
Over Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT APPLICATION WAS MADE TO PAY ALL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND SURCHARGES, DUE AND PAYABLE AT THIS OFFICE ON THE DESCRIPTION SHOWN IN THIS RECEIPT EXCEPT THOSE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN THE 'BALANCE' COLUMN ABOVE.

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OAKLAND C.C.	1.4747	259.96	259.96	0.00
ISD VOTED	2.9487	519.79	519.79	0.00
COUNTY OPER	3.9301	692.79	692.79	0.00
ISO ALLOCATED	0.1862	32.82	32.82	0.00

Admin Fee		0.00	0.00	0.00
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OAKLAND C.C.	1.4747	303.97	303.97	0.00
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COUNTY OPER	3.9301	810.11	810.11	0.00
ISD ALLOCATED	0.1862	38.38	38.38	0.00

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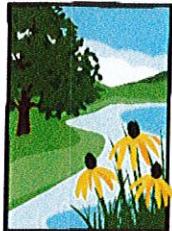
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07-19-300-011	\$4061.42	ALREADY PAID-RECEIPT ATTACHED
07-30-100-006	\$4749.15	ALREADY PAID-RECEIPT ATTACHED
07-30-201-003	\$2871.18	ALREADY PAID-RECEIPT ATTACHED
07-05-226-005	\$2465.23	
07-04-101-004	\$ 383.70	
07-04-101-005	\$8738.15	
07-26-126-009	\$2426.92	

TOTAL FOR UNPAID PARCELS: \$14,014.00 DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Please let me know that this information has been received and where you would like me to mail back Check #1113135.

Thank you for any help you can provide.



Erin A. Mattice, Deputy Treasurer

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Amanda Steward

From: Stephanie Nahas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 5:06 PM
To: Supervisor's Office; Sean Miller; Amanda Gruzin; Dean Baker; Kara Okonewski
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Omission of June 24th document

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Your prompt response would be appreciated.

Amanda Steward

From: Stephanie Nahas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 10:46 AM
To: Supervisor's Office; Sean Miller; Dean Baker
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Omission of June 24th document

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Please note the original date. Please respond.

Thank you

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To: Supervisor's Office <supervisor@springfield-twp.us>, <smiller@springfield-twp.us>, Amanda Gruzin
<agruzin@springfield-twp.us>, dbaker@springfield-twp.us <dbaker@springfield-twp.us>, Kara Okonewski <kokonewski@springfield-twp.us>

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From: Supervisor's Office
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 11:43 AM
To: Stephanie Nahas; Sean Miller; Dean Baker
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Omission of June 24th document

Stephanie:
Please note the link below for your response:

https://springfield-twp.us/departments/supervisor/levy_gravel_mine_project/response_and_action_to_great_lakes_environmental_law_center.php

Respectfully,
Ric Davis

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From: Stephanie Nahas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 10:45:50 AM
To: Supervisor's Office <supervisor@springfield-twp.us>; Sean Miller <smiller@springfield-twp.us>; Dean Baker <dbaker@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Omission of June 24th document

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From: Brian Galley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 4:36 PM
To: Christine Rogers
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Opposing Levy

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Christine,

I can't access township email, I asked Rick a few times and he said someone has contact me? He also said people are sending things to that address? In specific he said last week dean sent an email to everyone?

Let me know.

Thanks,

Brian Galley

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From: Christine Rogers <crogers@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 4:33:21 PM
To: George Mansour <gmansour@springfield-twp.us>; rahines7@gmail.com <rahines7@gmail.com>; [REDACTED] Dean Baker <dbaker@springfield-twp.us>; Brian Galley <[REDACTED]>; Jamie Costigan <jcostigan@springfield-twp.us>; Steve Felix <sfelix@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: Opposing Levy

Good afternoon,

Only 1 email.

Have a great week,

Christine



Christine Rogers, Executive Assistant
Springfield Township
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Davisburg, MI 48350
248-846-6504

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Amanda Steward

From: Jason Mayer <jmayer@giffelswebster.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 11:37 AM
To: Ric Davis
Cc: Jill Bahm; Julia Upfal; Christine Rogers
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Project Inquiry

Categories: Attention!

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Hi Ric,

Would you like to be in this preliminary Teams meeting next Tuesday?

Julia and I can vet them and make sure they can provide the services with no conflict – and if that is the case, we would coordinate for them to come to the Township for an interview with the consultant review group.

I can forward you the invite if you would like to be added to the meeting invite that Rob just sent us.

Thank you,

Jason Mayer, PE, LEED-AP
Partner



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From: Julia Upfal <jupfal@giffelswebster.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Dewyre, Robin <robin.dewyre@wsp.com>
Cc: Jill Bahm <jbahm@giffelswebster.com>; Jason Mayer <jmayer@giffelswebster.com>; Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-

twp.us>
Subject: RE: Project Inquiry

Sounds good to me!

Julia Upfal, AICP
Senior Planner



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Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 11:03 AM
To: Julia Upfal <jupfal@giffelswebster.com>
Cc: Jill Bahm <jbahm@giffelswebster.com>; Jason Mayer <jmayer@giffelswebster.com>; Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: RE: Project Inquiry

10:30 works?

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From: Julia Upfal <jupfal@giffelswebster.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 11:02 AM
To: Dewyre, Robin <robin.dewyre@wsp.com>

Cc: Jill Bahm <jbahm@giffelswebster.com>; Jason Mayer <jmayer@giffelswebster.com>; Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: RE: Project Inquiry

Hi Rob,

That works for me- is 10am okay?

Thank you,

Julia

Julia Upfal, AICP
Senior Planner



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From: Dewyre, Robin <robin.dewyre@wsp.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 10:59 AM
To: Julia Upfal <jupfal@giffelswebster.com>
Cc: Jill Bahm <jbahm@giffelswebster.com>; Jason Mayer <jmayer@giffelswebster.com>; Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: RE: Project Inquiry

Julia – Thanks for reaching out. I'd be happy to hop on a quick call with you to discuss this and get a little bit more information. Maybe we can talk Tuesday after the holiday?

Best regards, Rob

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From: Julia Upfal <jupfal@giffelswebster.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 8:00 AM
To: Dewyre, Robin <robin.dewyre@wsp.com>
Cc: Jill Bahm <jbahm@giffelswebster.com>; Jason Mayer <jmayer@giffelswebster.com>; Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: Project Inquiry

Hi Rob,

Christian from Milford shared your contact info with me and suggested that I reach out.

In addition to Milford, I am the planning consultant for Springfield Township to the north. The Township has a proposal from the Levy Company for a new gravel mine and needs to conduct an independent review of several supplemental studies as a part of the proposal; this includes studies on dust control, noise, wildlife, hydrogeology, and a geologist's analysis of the resource availability/ need. We are looking for an environmental firm who can provide assistance to the Township in conducting these reviews, and wanted to see if WSP would be interested in providing a proposal. With that, before putting together a proposal for this project, we also want to verify that WSP does not have any conflicts with the Levy Company.

Please let me know if this is something you would be interested in pursuing.

Thank you,
Julia

Julia Upfal, AICP
Senior Planner



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From: Christine Rogers
Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 5:03 PM
To: Ric Davis
Cc: Sean Miller
Subject: FW: GW Invoice - Burroughs Engineering Review
Attachments: Giffels Webster_2066000_BURROUGHS MATERIA_135402_07-31-2025.pdf

From: Jason Mayer <jmayer@giffelswebster.com>
Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 1:49 PM
To: Christine Rogers <crogers@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] GW Invoice - Burroughs Engineering Review

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Good afternoon, Christine

Here is an invoice for this project for review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jason Mayer, PE, LEED-AP
Partner



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RIC DAVIS

Invoice number 135402
Date 07/31/2025
Project No. 2066000

Project: BURROUGHS MATERIALS MINING PERMIT

For professional services through July 19, 2025

Time & Expense Breakdown

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Plan Review			
Professional Personnel			
PARTNER	8.00	164.00	\$1,312.00
Professional Personnel Sub-total	8.00		\$1,312.00
Plan Review Sub-total			\$1,312.00
Invoice total			<u><u>1,312.00</u></u>

- PC Meeting attendance and preparation
- Research Environmental Consultant firms to assist with reviews

Christine Rogers

From: Tim Fuller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 8:28 AM
To: Dean Baker; Kevin Sclesky; Jamie Costigan; Ruth Ann Hines; Brian Galley; George Mansour
Cc: Clerk's Office; Supervisor's Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing the Ormond Rd Mine - Home Sales

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Hello,

Last week I was approached by a colleague at work. He informed me that he and his family were looking to move to Davisburg for the quieter life and open space. They had a looked at a few house and were interested in one. As a friend, I felt the need to inform him of the proposed gravel mine. As soon as I told him where it was in relation to the home he was looking at, he quickly decided Davisburg was not going to be a place to move to.

I share this because us residents are already seeing and feeling the negative impact of the gravel mine and the mine is not even here yet.

For the safety and financial impact of the residents of Springfield Twp, please stop this mine. We will support you all if you stand up for us!

Tim

Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 4:37 PM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: Re: supervisor update 7 29 25

Posted Resident Question in both places.

Posted Silica Dust Mitigation Doc as a PDF

Updated Latest Updates to reflect the new file, Mitigation of Silica Dust.

Updated the News & Announcements link on our main page to have each of the items on the left column of the Levy Proposal page linked there as well. Its currently in the order that they are on the left side.

Chris



Chris Comstock
IT Administrator
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From: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 3:41 PM
To: Chris Comstock <ccomstock@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: supervisor update 7 29 25

Please update



Richard Davis, Supervisor
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Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 12:35 PM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: banner for Board meeting
Attachments: Mine info slide for Board meeting.pptx

Ric,

Something like this for the banner to put up on the projection screen?

We can include the QR code or not. I have an email to Revize to see if we can have a shortened URL for the Levy specific info so there can be a direct link that is easy to read, such as <https://springfield-twp.us/mine/> for example.

Let me know. There is some time before this is needed so I want to make sure it looks good and is easy for people to understand.

Chris



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For factual updates on the Levy Mine Proposal
see our website

Springfield-twp.us



Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: Re: Attorney Bashi letter

Added this page to the Levy Mining Proposal

https://springfield-twp.us/departments/supervisor/levy_gravel_mine_project/response_and_action_to_great_lakes_environmental_law_center.php

Welcome to Springfield Charter Township, MI

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I also added a link to it on the "news" item on the front page as well as "latest updates". I can add it to Supervisor updates if you wish.



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Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 9:41 AM
To: Chris Comstock <ccomstock@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: Attorney Bashi letter

Statement Regarding Correspondence from Attorney Bashi and the Levy Company
On June 24, 2025, I received a letter from Great Lakes Environmental Law Center .

On June 26, 2025, I forwarded that letter to Reuben Maxbauer to determine the Levy Company's response to the contents of Attorney Bashi's letter. My intention was that, once I had both documents, they would be sent together to the appropriate governmental agencies for review and comment. The Levy Company provided its response on August 4, 2025. That same day, I sent a letter along with both the original correspondence from Attorney Bashi and the Levy Company's response to the following agencies:

- Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management (if applicable)
- Michigan Attorney General's Office, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division

I am currently awaiting responses from these agencies. Once their replies are received, I will provide an update to township residents.

For the sake of open and transparent government, copies of Attorney Bashi's letter, the Levy Company's response, and my letter to the above agencies are attached for residents' review.

Sincerely,

Ric Davis

Supervisor, Springfield Charter Township



Richard Davis, Supervisor
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Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 10:04 AM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: Image for mine facts for the screen in the meeting room

Ric,

I wanted to make sure you saw this before the meeting.

For factual updates on the
see our we

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I will test this before hand to make sure it is viewable on the screen from the audience perspective. The
mine url drops the user directly in the Levy Mine Proposal Page.



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Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 4:30 PM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: Re: Levy mining

Good afternoon,

I went to that link at the MSU Extension. Decided that a hotlink to it wasn't the better option. I saved the page as a PDF and credited the writer and the source on the latest updates page.

I updated the news item with the link to that file on our website and included a reference to the shortened url that I created for the meeting Thursday night.

Looks good to me. Verified it is working using my home PC.

Hope you are starting to feel better.

Chris



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From: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:29 AM
To: Chris Comstock <ccomstock@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: Levy mining

Chris please add this under the levy mining tab on the website.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/local_governments_can_regulate_but_not_prohibit_natural_resource_extraction

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Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 10:10 PM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: Re: New letter

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Chris

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Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 9:03:47 PM
To: Chris Comstock <ccomstock@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: New letter

Please add this letter to the levy sight and supervisor update. Here is my response to the letter:

Dear Mr. Meekhof,

First, allow me to apologize for the delay in responding to your June 9th letter. Unfortunately, it was copied to me rather than sent directly, and it was only recently brought to my attention while reviewing archived mail. With the large volume of correspondence our office receives, I prioritize items addressed directly, and I regret that your important concerns did not reach me sooner.

That said, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the thoughtful and detailed perspective you and the Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy have provided regarding the proposed gravel mining operation near Ormond Road. Your careful analysis of potential impacts on hydrology, water quality, and most critically, the fragile habitat of the Poweshiek skipperling, underscores the seriousness of what is at stake. Protecting Springfield Township's rare ecosystems, including our fens and delicate groundwater systems, is a responsibility I take deeply to heart.

The proposal remains under review with the Planning Commission, and there is still much work to be done. Please know that the concerns you raised are shared by myself, members of the Board, and many in our community. They will be given the attention they deserve throughout this process.

To ensure I remain fully informed moving forward, I would ask that you copy me directly on any future correspondence, along with the Township Board and Planning Commission. Updates on the Levy Mining Proposal are also available on the Township's website under the Supervisor's page. If you find that specific issues are not being addressed, I would welcome your guidance in pointing them out. Several of the concerns outlined in your letter are ones I have already detailed in a press release and prior communications on the website.

Given the complexity and potential long-term impact of this proposal, I am in the process of assembling a group of consultants who can speak directly to concerns such as the ones you have communicated. If you would consider being part of this consulting consortium, I would be very open to arranging a meeting with you. This application is outside of my wheelhouse, and I know I must surround myself with competent, level-headed consultants who are fact-driven and able to help us navigate the technical aspects responsibly.

One challenge in this process has been identifying experts who do not have connections to the applicant, Levy Company. At the same time, a newly formed citizen group has been calling for outright denial of the application without the benefit of a thorough review. While I understand the urgency behind their concerns, Public Act 113 requires a municipality to base any decision on a careful examination of the application and evidence that demonstrates serious consequences for the community. Rushing to a denial without such due diligence would expose the Township to significant risk if the applicant appealed. For this reason, I am committed to working with individuals and organizations, like yours, who bring thoughtful, fact-based insight that can help ensure any outcome is both defensible and rooted in evidence.

It is essential that our decisions be transparent, defensible, and above all protective of both our residents and the unique natural environment that makes Springfield Township so special. Thank you again for your advocacy and your dedication to safeguarding

Springfield Township's natural resources. I look forward to working collaboratively with you as this process continues.

Respectfully,

Richard Davis
Springfield Township Supervisor

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Amanda Steward

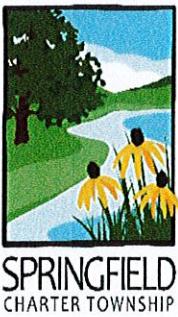
From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 10:32 AM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: Re: New letter

Posted,

Verified that it looks good in the web browser. Took a bit of tweaking to match the style of the PDF Mr. Meekhof sent you.

I have the update on Resident Questions, Supervisor update as well as a note about it in Latest Updates on the Levy page.

Chris



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From: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 11:27 PM
To: Chris Comstock <ccomstock@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: Re: New letter

When I send this stuff Chris I don't expect you to jump on it on the weekend. It's just that I do as I am able to. It's been a busy week so I'm just catching up and if I don't send when I do it I might forget. Thank you for being such a help.

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From: Chris Comstock <ccomstock@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 10:09:43 PM
To: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: Re: New letter

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Please add this letter to the levy sight and supervisor update. Here is my response to the letter:

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First, allow me to apologize for the delay in responding to your June 9th letter. Unfortunately, it was copied to me rather than sent directly, and it was only recently brought to my attention while reviewing archived mail. With the large volume of correspondence our office receives, I prioritize items addressed directly, and I regret that your important concerns did not reach me sooner.

That said, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the thoughtful and detailed perspective you and the Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy have provided regarding the proposed gravel mining operation near Ormond Road. Your careful analysis of potential impacts on hydrology, water quality, and most critically, the fragile habitat of the Poweshiek skipperling, underscores the seriousness of what is at stake. Protecting Springfield Township's rare ecosystems, including our fens and delicate groundwater systems, is a responsibility I take deeply to heart.

The proposal remains under review with the Planning Commission, and there is still much work to be done. Please know that the concerns you raised are shared by myself, members of the Board, and many in our community. They will be given the attention they deserve throughout this process.

To ensure I remain fully informed moving forward, I would ask that you copy me directly on any future correspondence, along with the Township Board and Planning

Commission. Updates on the Levy Mining Proposal are also available on the Township's website under the Supervisor's page. If you find that specific issues are not being addressed, I would welcome your guidance in pointing them out. Several of the concerns outlined in your letter are ones I have already detailed in a press release and prior communications on the website.

Given the complexity and potential long-term impact of this proposal, I am in the process of assembling a group of consultants who can speak directly to concerns such as the ones you have communicated. If you would consider being part of this consulting consortium, I would be very open to arranging a meeting with you. This application is outside of my wheelhouse, and I know I must surround myself with competent, level-headed consultants who are fact-driven and able to help us navigate the technical aspects responsibly.

One challenge in this process has been identifying experts who do not have connections to the applicant, Levy Company. At the same time, a newly formed citizen group has been calling for outright denial of the application without the benefit of a thorough review. While I understand the urgency behind their concerns, Public Act 113 requires a municipality to base any decision on a careful examination of the application and evidence that demonstrates serious consequences for the community. Rushing to a denial without such due diligence would expose the Township to significant risk if the applicant appealed. For this reason, I am committed to working with individuals and organizations, like yours, who bring thoughtful, fact-based insight that can help ensure any outcome is both defensible and rooted in evidence.

It is essential that our decisions be transparent, defensible, and above all protective of both our residents and the unique natural environment that makes Springfield Township so special. Thank you again for your advocacy and your dedication to safeguarding Springfield Township's natural resources. I look forward to working collaboratively with you as this process continues.

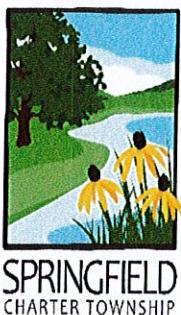
Respectfully,

Richard Davis
Springfield Township Supervisor

Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 2:51 PM
To: Ric Davis; [REDACTED]
Cc: Township Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Re: Levy application pause

I have this posted on the Resident Questions, Supervisor updates and made a note about the update on Latest Updates.



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From: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 2:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Township Board <twpboard@springfield-twp.us>; Planning Commission <pc@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: Fw: Levy application pause

Ivan,

I've shared your email with our township attorney and am providing his response below. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions.

Best Regards,

Ric Davis

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:12:03 PM
To: Supervisor's Office <supervisor@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Levy Mining Company Application

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Dear Mr. Davis,

From what I have ascertained from the citizens of Springfield Township. You have not followed the law regarding the Levy application and in so doing you have made the Township as well as yourself susceptible to both civil and potentially criminal litigation dependent upon the circumstances. The consequences of your actions could prove far more detrimental to you personally than any threats that have been made towards you or your family, of which I don't condone and do condemn, however, the situation that created the circumstances from which they were made are of your own creation due to circumventing procedures and through lack of transparency. My recommendation to you is to follow the letter of the law regarding this matter and reopen the application and admit your mistake. Otherwise, you have already invalidated the process and provided ample legal evidence to challenge the validity of any forthcoming decision. As per my previous communication last evening, I hold no animosity towards you or other members of either the Planning Commission or Township Board, but only hope that you will be honest, judicious and forthright in your research and deliberations. Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ivan Craycraft Jr.

10015 Old Farm Trail

Davisburg, MI

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Greg Need <GNeed@anafirm.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 1:03 PM

To: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>

Cc: Sean Miller <smiller@springfield-twp.us>; Michelle Simmons <MSimmons@anafirm.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Levy application pause

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Thanks,

Greg



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Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 2:45 PM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: Re: Coordination Meeting and Initial Vetting for Planning Commission Preparation

I have this posted in Supervisor updates as well as Latest Updates on the Levy Mine page.

I thought about where to put it and in the Latest Updates seemed to be a better more logical place than in Resident Questions. I also reworded the text you wrote to reflect past tense but only changed two sentences.

Today, I will be meeting... was changed to Today, I met with....

The purpose of this meeting is to... was changed to The purpose of this meeting was to.
I added the link to the PDF I made of the attached word file named, Plan of direction for review of the Levy application, on the word outline in reference to the outline of the meeting objectives.

If this isn't something you wanted I can correct but it looked proper to me and consistent with the way your other communications appear on the Township website.



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From: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 12:59 PM
To: Chris Comstock <ccomstock@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: FW: Coordination Meeting and Initial Vetting for Planning Commission Preparation

From: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 12:55 PM
To: Township Board <twpboard@springfield-twp.us>; Planning Commission <pc@springfield-twp.us>

Cc: Greg Need <gneed@anafirm.com>; fisherg@cooley.edu
Subject: Coordination Meeting and Initial Vetting for Planning Commission Preparation

All:

Today, I will be meeting with the following individuals as part of the preliminary vetting process designed to support and prepare the Planning Commission for the responsibilities ahead:

- Brian Omara and Mike Wilcynski – *Agate Harbor Advisors, LLC, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI*
Over a month ago, Jerry Fisher, Greg Need, and I conducted an initial interview with Mr. Omara. Following that conversation, we agreed that he brings a strong set of credentials and a solid knowledge base that could prove invaluable to this process.
- Cris Todd – A resident of Ormond Road near the proposed project site. Mr. Todd has consistently demonstrated a measured, fact-based approach, a sound understanding of the procedural framework, and a thoughtful awareness of potential community impacts.
- Kara Okonewski – Previously addressed the Planning Commission with well-researched concerns regarding hydrogeological impacts. Ms. Okonewski brings a high level of subject-matter understanding and has offered valuable insight that aligns with broader community concerns. She has demonstrated that she understands the process that we must follow.
- Jerry Fisher – Special Counsel, providing legal guidance throughout this process.

The purpose of this meeting is to initiate a structured and transparent review process, ensuring the Planning Commission is adequately informed and equipped to evaluate the matter before them. An outline of the meeting objectives has been included for reference and discussion.

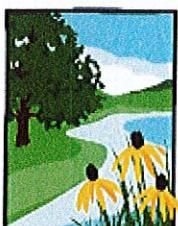
I have also included the résumé of Mike Wilcynski for your review, as it may provide additional context relevant to today's discussion.

Your input is not only encouraged, but also essential. We are committed to a process marked by transparency, professional integrity, and a shared responsibility to act in the best interest of the Township. I look forward to today's discussion and the collective progress ahead and will continue to keep the board and commission informed.

Sincerely,

Ric Davis, Supervisor

Springfield Charter Township



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Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 11:26 AM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: Re: Levy Project

The field Monitoring Well data attached here has been uploaded to the site since June 20th. I reviewed both documents and they appear identical.

This is that link <https://www.springfield-twp.us/Field%20Monitoring%20Well%20Data%2020250618.pdf>

I have added Noise and Vibration Report, Proposed Plant Plan and Elevations, Geological Evaluation of Proposed Sand and Gravel Mining Site to the website. Since these are all PDF docs they are files that open in a new tab or window for the user and are visible on the left column of the main Levy page at Springfield-twp.us/mine

The other document that Julia was referring to, the 7 page site plan, the copy that I have has markups in red on all the pages. This is the file 2025-05-16 Site Plan SLU AAN.pdf. Christine Rogers sent this file to me in an email on June 2nd. It appears the one I have was sent to me by Christine on 6/2. This email was sent to both you and Christine on 5/16 from Jason Mayer at Giffels. If Julia has a newer version or a if there is another version of this file without the markups I can swap them out.

I have updated the main Levy page as well as Latest Updates and the "News" item on the front page with the links.

Would you like this added to Supervisor Updates?

Chris



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From: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 9:30 AM
To: Chris Comstock <ccomstock@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: FW: Levy Project

Please upload these studies to the website.

Ric

From: Julia Upfal <jupfal@giffelswebster.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 9:01 AM
To: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Cc: Jason Mayer <jmayer@giffelswebster.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Levy Project

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Good Morning,

I am about to CC you on an email with a [firm](#) that is interested 😊

I wanted to let you know that I went to the latest updates page to grab links for him, and I think that some of the studies we've received from Reuben are not up there (see attached) as well as elevation drawings (also attached) and monitoring well data (not sure if that needs to be shared, but attached). I also noticed the link that the township has for [the site plan set](#) has someone's commentary noted on it, perhaps a clean set should be up there?

Julia

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Amanda Steward

From: Chris Comstock
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 1:27 PM
To: Ric Davis
Subject: Re: supervisor update

Added to the website.

It is a supervisor update in text format. I added it to the Levy page as a PDF and also created a link to it in a blurb on the "Latest Updates" and updated the News item.

I found one spelling error and corrected the word decisions in your closing statement.



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Subject: supervisor update



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Amanda Steward

From: Katie Massa [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 11:26 AM
To: Supervisor's Office; Ric Davis; Sean Miller; Jamie Dubre; Lori Beatty; Kevin Sclesky; Christopher Moore; Bill Whitley; Township Board; Dean Baker
Cc: Jamie Costigan; Ruth Ann Hines; Brian Galley; Steve Felix; George Mansour; Jim Carlton; Matt Underwood; Mike Compagnoni; Jack Rooney
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Concerns Regarding Davisburg Property

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Hello,

I'm Katie Massa-Moore and I'm a resident of the Davisburg Community. I live in the Country Lane Estates subdivision off Scott Rd which has close proximity to the potential Levy Gravel Pit.

I'm writing to express my concern and to ask that the township does not allow the gravel pit to stand. We listed our house on July 21st, 2025 and got 2 offers within 4 days. We were under contract with a potential buyer (family with 4 kids), but a week later they pulled out because of the health, environmental, and property value impacts the gravel pit could have on the house. Since they removed their offer, we have had no offers and growing concern regarding the gravel pit, proving just the potential of the gravel pit is ALREADY impacting property values and the lives of those in the community.

As a servant to the community please take into account the community wants, needs, and concerns. Our fears are not a figment of our imagination, they are rooted in reality and research. If there is proof or research done by the community to dispel these fears and impacts of the gravel pit, please be transparent and educate the community and township.

We received the below email from the buyer that pulled out of the sale of our house, citing the many effects of the gravel pit as their reason for backing out. Please take a look - any response or address to the communities many concerns would be greatly appreciated

Thank you for your time,
Katie

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From: **Erica West** <ericawest@kw.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 3:59 PM

Subject: Fwd: Concerns Regarding Davisburg Property

To: John Moore <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>, Katie Massa <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

From the buyer.

Warmly,



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From: **Josh Harper** [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, Jul 28, 2025

Subject: Concerns Regarding Davisburg Property

To: Erica West <ericawest@kw.com>

Hi Erica,

Thank you again for all of your time and support throughout this process. We truly appreciate the effort you've made on our behalf.

After conducting further due diligence and research, we've come to a very difficult conclusion regarding the home in Davisburg. This decision is not one we've taken lightly, especially because we absolutely loved the property.

The setting was peaceful and beautiful, and the home itself had so many things we were excited about. We were drawn to the warmth of the hardwood floors, the spacious and well-designed kitchen, the cozy wood-burning fireplace, and the inviting wrap-around porch. The home had the right amount of space and rooms to comfortably grow into, and the property as a whole felt like a place where we could truly see ourselves living and building a life.

Unfortunately, despite how much we loved it, we've developed serious concerns related to the proposed gravel pit on the west side of Ormond Road — concerns that we simply cannot overlook.

Specifically, we are deeply concerned about:

- Wells going dry: In Ann Arbor Township, nearby gravel operations have reportedly caused at least 10 residential wells to dry up, and several others have experienced significant drops in water levels — sometimes requiring homeowners to drill deeper wells or drastically lower their pumps (michiganpublic.org).
- Silica dust in the air: Experts warn that silica dust stirred up by gravel mining can behave like asbestos, posing serious respiratory and long-term health risks to nearby residents (radio.wcmu.org).

- Contamination of groundwater: Public reporting indicates sediment runoff, disrupted wetlands, and potential degradation of water quality in groundwater and surrounding ecosystems (helpsaveourwells.com, wemu.org, michiganpublic.org).

We're also very concerned about increased noise levels, the presence of gravel haulers and heavy truck traffic, and how all of this could impact the property's long-term resale value.

As much as we felt drawn to the house and property, these environmental, health, and investment-related risks ultimately make it so that we cannot move forward. With that, we've made the difficult decision to step away from the purchase.

We truly appreciate your understanding, and we're sincerely grateful for all of your guidance and support throughout this process.

Thanks.

Josh

Amanda Steward

From: Ric Davis
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 10:44 AM
To: Joshua Schuyler
Cc: Township Board; Planning Commission
Subject: RE: Atlas - Levy project

Hi Josh,

Thank you for the update and I completely understand. I know how challenging these logistics can be, especially with team availability and potential conflicts.

Yes, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in identifying alternative resources for the Levy project. As you mentioned, it's been difficult finding someone without a conflict, so any recommendations or connections you can provide within the environmental community would be incredibly helpful.

We are time sensitive to this matter, so if you're able to share any leads or make introductions soon, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your willingness to assist even though your team is unable to move forward on the proposal directly.

Wishing you a productive week in Chicago.

Best regards

Ric Davis

From: Joshua Schuyler <joshua.schuyler@oneatlas.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 10:37 AM
To: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Atlas - Levy project

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Ric,

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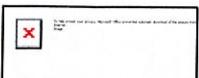
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I will reach out to our board and to others here also.



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Operations Manager, Michigan
O: [248.863.2666](tel:248.863.2666) **C:** [248.982.5378](tel:248.982.5378)

From: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 9:43:33 AM
To: Joshua Schuyler <joshua.schuyler@oneatlas.com>
Cc: Township Board <twpboard@springfield-twp.us>; Planning Commission <pc@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Atlas - Levy project

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Amanda Steward

From: Ric Davis
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 11:35 AM
To: Township Board; Planning Commission
Subject: FW: [Anthony L. Noble] Proposed gravel pit on Ormond Rd (Springfield)

From: Anthony Noble <ANoble@whitelaketwp.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 11:32 AM
To: Ric Davis <rdavis@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: [Anthony L. Noble] Proposed gravel pit on Ormond Rd (Springfield)

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FYI

Anthony L. Noble, MiPMC
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From: White Lake Township MI <whitelaketownship-mi@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Anthony Noble <ANoble@whitelaketwp.com>
Subject: [Anthony L. Noble] Proposed gravel pit on Ormond Rd (Springfield)

Janet Christian [REDACTED] sent a message using the contact form at
<https://www.whitelaketwp.com/>.

FYI.

Levy is on the Springfield Township Board agenda for next week's meeting. The STEP committee is concerned; we don't have any information as to the big announcement our Township Supervisor indicated was forthcoming at the meeting.

The Committee will be in attendance.

Janet Christian
STEP Committee

Amanda Steward

From: Supervisor's Office
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 8:50 AM
To: Planning Commission; Township Board
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] levy mine quarry project

For public record

From: harry gordon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 12:47 PM
To: Supervisor's Office <supervisor@springfield-twp.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] levy mine quarry project

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who is to benefit from the sale of this land to levy mining company? mining requires a lot of noise and maybe pollution or disruption of our well water. this is a quality of life issue that affects many people in the area and should have been put to a vote. will levy mining company or springfield township buy our houses at market rate if we lose our well water? i would like to see that on paper.

Amanda Steward

From: Stephanie Nahas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 2:50 PM
To: Ric Davis
Cc: Amanda Gruzin; Kara Okonewski; Sue Williams; Dean Baker; Sean Miller; Jamie Dubre; Lori Beatty; Kevin Sclesky; Christopher Moore; Bill Whitley; Jamie Costigan; rhines@springfield-twp.us; Brian Galley; Steve Felix; George Mansour
Subject: [EXTERNAL] STEP Memo to Township Supervisor Prior to 8/14/2025 Township Meeting
Attachments: Memo to Ric 8_14.docx

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