

Scandia Town Board Chairman
City of Scandia
Scandia Community Center
Scandia MN, 55073



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We would like to raise a voice on behalf of the creatures, flora and fauna of the natural world that would be endangered and "at risk" if the Zavoral-Tiller sand mine were to be allowed to go into operation in Scandia Township.

It is unfathomable that local citizens of Scandia and neighboring communities would not value it's "crown jewel " -having a scenic and wild river flowing along it's Eastern border. Many communities would give anything to duplicate this.

The recent incident in Grantsburg, of Tiller being responsible for spillage of silica-contamination into the watershed, is only a sample of what could very well happen on the St. Croix River and in everyone's back yard. It is evident from this incident that Tiller never took protective measures seriously and really had nothing in place to monitor or prevent such a catastrophe from happening.

Once nature is taken away, it will never be returned.

We appeal to those in power to rise up to a higher level of thinking, to noble ideas of stewardship and championing Scandia's priceless assets for future generations to come.

We appeal to those in power to **vote against** Tiller mining-scaring the fragile ecosystem and protective river-corridor that is integral to the river's health and well-being.

We appeal to a sense of ethics and ethics in protecting nature lest we forget our interdependence and connectedness to what was here before us.

Respectfully,

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