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**Subject:** Scandia Mine

Dear City of Scandia:

I believe that the EIS for the Tiller Mining and Reclamation proposal does not adequately present the facts concerning impacts to this fragile and important site. Please request that Tiller Mining Corporation revise their analysis of impacts to this fragile area that borders a National Park. The revised proposal should include 100 foot set backs from the fragile boundary to our National Park, the St Croix River. The current EIS does not adequately consider impacts to the system of life on and near the mine site, including impacts to waters that feed the St Croix. Reports submitted by Scott Alexander from the University of Minnesota should be taken very seriously. They offer sound science that projects impacts to the seeps and streams below the site.

The EIS misrepresents the potential impacts to Scandia, and Marine on St Croix residents too. We need to know how truck traffic, noise and dust, as well as impacts to property values, and classifications will change the way we live in Scandia, and Marine. Since most of us live outside the 1 mile radius to the site, while Tiller's operations span all of Scandia, the scope of impact should be enlarged.

Recent gravel truck accidents at 95/97 intersection, police reports concerning gravel truck infractions in Scandia since January, and the Grantsburg Tiller mine wash-out should raise a flag of alarm to all who are responsible for making critical decisions on behalf of our community's future.

Finally, if the City Council allows the eventual Conditional Use Application to be considered from the old, and now 4-years defunct Comp Plan, then the EIS and conditions for mining should reveal how this ONE MINING PROJECT will or won't disrupt life for us (residents and businesses), for visitors to the river, and for commuters driving through Scandia and Marine who must follow the current comp plan. As I read the EIS, it is very difficult to determine what the real impacts to our life will be. I would like the city to create a Scandia-wide overlay showing the impacts of this one mine. This proposal should be reviewed like all building permit proposals in Scandia. The outcomes of this mine operation should be very concrete before a permit is issued, including the future use of the mine site, which looks to be a complete loss of both habitat, as well as usable land for any purpose except additional mining.

How will our ability to thrive as a community under the current Comp Plan be altered by one property owner and one business whose proposal serves a poorly planned, and potentially dangerous mining operation?

Regards,

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