

My permanent residence is at 12230 205th st North ,Marine on St Croix Mn 55047,it is located right off Lofton .We do hear the trucks hauling gravel from Osceola and Franconia all season long,even though we are located close to Big Marine lake.We are also part time summer residents at 20201 Quinnell Ave north ,Scandia Mn 55047.I grew up spending my summers on the St Croix river I do remember when Barton operated the gravel pit and the big blow out that occurred and altered the St Croix river.

I am very surprised that the city of Scandia would even consider granting Tiller a permit to resume mining that area .It is an environmental hazard and will cause nothing but more harm .Even though it is barely outside the limits of the Scenic Easement it will ultimately affect the habitat surrounding and obviously inevitably cause more damage to the river. And the fact they are going to mine land that was previously unmined,that is old- growth forest and woodlands is atrocious. I would think we should all want to conserve any land we have that has old forest growth and woodlands.And then to excavate up to 70 ft deep is going to cause further damage .So it will affect the aquifer,erosion will be a major factor.The peace and quiet of Scandia and all along 95 and 97 will be disrupted even more.It will discourage further tourism for who wants to drive behind one of those trucks or have to be in traffic with those trucks .They are loud and very polluting .It will be horrible for all people who live close by,including all residents of Scandia .I certainly hope the Scandia town board reconsiders granting Tiller a permit.For I think it is a grave mistake and can cause nothing but environmental disaster.We have already thought about different ways to travel if this does happen.As it is we cannot stand the noise of hearing the gravel trucks that travel along 97 on their way to the mine site on Lofton .They are very,very loud.And there will be fall out from dust particulates .So it is health hazard.So I am totally opposed to Tiller mining the Zavoral site.I do hope they are not granted a permit that will cause further damage to the environment . I think the town of Scandia should deny issuing them a permit, Tourism will be affected,the town of Scandia will be affected and all residents living within at least a six mile radius will be affected.

Sincerely

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