

RE: White Lake Granite Quarry
APA File P2021-0075
OPRHP Project No: 21PR1815
NYSDEC Application ID: 6-3038-00081/00003

To Whom it May Concern,

Our family owns property on White Lake in Forestport, NY and we have several concerns with the proposed mining operations near Stone Quarry Road. The main concern we have is the safety of the intersection of NYS Route 28 and Stone Quarry Road. Trucks pulling onto Route 28 will have a very limited sight distance and this poses a significant risk to the traveling public.

NYS Route 28 has heavy seasonal traffic, especially northbound on Fridays. Seasonal travelers are typically unfamiliar with the roads and are often towing boats, campers, jet skis, etc. Pulling these extra loads makes it more difficult for them to make a sudden stop or slow significantly in this 55mph zone if a truck were to pull in front of them from Stone Quarry Road.

Per the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) "Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets" manual, the required sight distance for a large truck exiting Stone Quarry Road onto NYS Route 28 southbound is 929.8 ft (calculated using Equation 9-1 and Table 9-5). The current sight distance is approximately 600 feet. Not only is the existing sight distance nonconforming to standards, the intersection is also on a horizontal curve which causes additional sight distance issues for trucks exiting Stone Quarry Road onto NYS Route 28.

Strategic Mining Solutions' David Shank responded to the topic of traffic safety (June 14, 2021) by stating that the intersection of Stone Quarry Road and NYS Route 28 has been in existence for many decades and has been safe over the years. This response is simply unacceptable. With the approval of the Quarry, there would be a substantial change in functionality at this intersection due to the large increase in the number of trucks that would be pulling onto NYS Route 28 from Stone Quarry Road. This makes the safety history of the intersection an irrelevant point.

We respectfully request that a Professional Engineer (P.E.) perform an Engineering Study at this intersection as part of the permit process. This study should also be sent to New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for review and comment since NYSDOT has ownership and maintenance responsibility of this intersection. We also request that a formal public hearing be held for this prior to the approval of the quarry application.

The safety of the traveling public needs to be a top priority.

Thank you for your time,

Andrea Riedman, P.E. and Michelle Evans, P.E.

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July 12, 2021

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please hear our plea from many of our residents around the White Lake/Forestport Community - we would like you to take our many comments and concerns seriously concerning APA project 2021-0075. We request a formal adjudicatory hearing on this highly controversial project.

Sincerely,

Louanne R Cossa

cc.

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Mr. Devan Korn,

It has been brought to my attention that a person that does not live in the Forestport NY.- White Lake community is proposing to have a mining operation/business nearby. I own 2 properties on White Lake and proudly the 3 generation with the 4th not far behind.

I have many concerns after some discussions with folks that understand mines and their issues. First and foremost, there is a water outlet of White Lake that runs within close proximity to the proposed mine. No one could guarantee that the underground changes and base cracks that "will" happen to the foundation of the lake could alter the water flow or even worse drain our lake in the ADK park.

This is a small hamlet of vacationers, homeowners, seasonal property owner and all taxpayers. This is not the location for a mine with the noise, dust and large trucks moving about on a small and very busy 2 lane road known as RT. 28.

If this is approved there will be no overseeing by the town of Forestport for the actual mining operations, it will be the residence. Your agency will become burden to the constant contacts from those being affected, ready? The town will be burden with constant issues of the roads and trucking, are they?

This project should have a public comment session scheduled and you should attend to get a full understanding of the lives your decision may affect awhile an out-of-town person can make a small fortune. I look forward to this decision slowing down, taking a step back and some real thought put into it.

***Regards,
Jeff Lyman***

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July 13, 2021

Adirondack Park Agency (APA)
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Re: APA Project No. – P2018-128 – Pre-application A2018-37

- Project proposal by - George Carrothers
- Located - Town of Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York
- Tax Map Parcel 25.016-1-5 - Commercial Property
- Request for Shoreline Setback Variance

Dear Enforcement Committee Chair and Members,

I am writing this letter of support, asking for your serious consideration of the request for a “shoreline setback variance” for the above referenced commercial property in the Town of Long Lake, NY. The variance request is for a piece of property that has been in Long Lake for a very long time and has housed many successful and “endeared” businesses over the past nearly 70 years.

There are several properties in the town of Long Lake that are “special” to all who have known and roamed the ADK for generations. This particular building, which is directly across from the Long Lake Town Beach, is one of them. Indeed this special old building that has been owned by many families in this small town for many, many years. This building is truly one of the nostalgic buildings in Long Lake similar to the Adirondack Hotel, Hoss’s Country Store, The Long Lake Diner, the old Long Lake Hardware Store building, and several other old “Grandfather-like” buildings in this popular tourist town in the ADK. Many dollars have been spent due to the constant list of businesses that have called this very small building home...many people have been employed by the owners of these businesses...many of these businesses have not just been seasonal, but year round as well.

George, like many of us, has been coming to the Adirondacks for many decades...and also like some us...said that “he too would retire here someday”. That day came in 2018, when George resettled in Long Lake, after extremely successful businesses in Dutchess County, New York - to include architectural design, construction, rental properties, production agriculture, and several other entrepreneur endeavors.

George is not just a business man. But is a person whom is highly respectful of nature and extremely knowledgeable about the environment and environmental issues. At one period of George's life he lived for over a year in the wilderness near Mont-Tremblant, Canada.

George's contribution to Long Lake since 2018, in just 3 short years, has been significant. He has gained the respect of the "locals", the "transplants", the "local town officials", and the "tourists". He purchased and already has transformed an old relic of an ADK building nicknamed the "Heart Break Hotel" and turned it into respectable apartment living quarters for the residents of this town, one in which they can actually afford to pay the rental fee. He had taken this building that had become an eye sore, and made it a respectable building that many now call "home". His next endeavor was to take the old building across from the town beach, known to most as "Wally's Diner" for decades and turned it into an extremely respectful building currently holding the "Another Paradise Cove" two businesses of the kayak/boat shop and more recently added the long awaited little coffee shop and small bakery. The addition of the coffee/bakery business was so much needed especially by the locals due the "social interaction" that it has given is a breath of fresh air to all of us that live here year round.

The addition of the small and scaled down deck - that was supposedly discussed and at least verbally approved with APA staff (that evidently violates the shoreline setback regulations) - is a wonderful place to sit and socialize outdoors, in the fresh, clean ADK air without the fear of contracting COVID-19...it has been extremely popular with the local residents, tourists, and especially the older retired folks that live in this community year round.

This one small building with the two different businesses it contains – does very well from a business perspective - and gives at least 3 people in this community gainful employment and collects many dollars each year in tax revenue.

From an environmental stand point...there never was a good "vegetative buffer zone" surrounding this building in the 40 or so years since I have been coming to Long Lake...the little building in consideration has always been surrounded by gravel and sand. I do not think the addition of the 12 foot wide deck would in any way, significantly change the ground water run off issues of this building site.

I highly recommend that the request for a "Shoreline Setback Variance" be granted to this project. And I am asking the committee to strongly consider George's application for this variance, and for his two very successful businesses housed on site in this very small building. It is truly a perfect place for both businesses and it services this small community perfectly.

Sincerely,

Jean T. Griffiths

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Retired Community Member

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the proposal to re-open the quarry mining adjacent to White Lake (Oneida County, town of Forestport). I understand that the application to the APA has been deemed complete; I am writing to request that the APA follow due diligence with regard to this significant proposal, and hold a formal public adjudicatory hearing of this project.

As a property owner on White Lake, I thank you in advance for your careful consideration of all sides of this project.

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