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#### **Comments**

As a resident of Anthony, I am on board with these folks who don't want the sand mine in our neighborhood. I ask that you reject any approval of this business being moved in our area.

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Marion County, FL

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MARIE WEDELL  
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Stop the Anthony Sand Mine

1. I would like to go on record as heavily against the proposition of a special use permit to change the zoning from A1 agricultural and residential to an industrial use strip sand mine.
2. This subject property is less than ½ mile from where I live.
3. There are at least 665 members of the local community currently in protest on the facebook site "Stop the Anthony Sand Mine"
4. This is a violation of homeowners property rights of "The Right of Control" and "The Right of Quite Enjoyment"
5. This is a misapplication of the special use permit which was created for voting on adding churches, cemeteries and other types of normal requests.
6. This is in violation of the Marion County Comprehensive Plan 2035
  - a. Goal #1 – Protect the function of the natural groundwater aquifer recharge areas of the water supply through the proper management of surface water supply through proper management of surface water, groundwater, and land uses.
  - b. Objective 1.1 – The County shall maintain development regulations related to surface and groundwater quality.....
7. This is a pending law suit to add Florida to other states for the federal protected species act regarding the Gopher Tortoise and is currently listed as a threatened species in Florida. We have photographic evidence of active Gopher holes and tortoise shells directly adjacent to this subject property fence line.
8. Aquifer drill tests indicated water at only 18 feet deep which means that the sand mining will create cave ins when the dump trucks and heavy mining equipment roll across these shallow limestone Karst aquifers. Pollution of the entire area's wells with truck oils and fluids, fertilizers, pesticides, algae and mold would be leaching into the soil since the sand and clay protective layers would be removed. If you remove the sand you remove the filtration of the water completely.
9. The Silver Springs Protected Water Shed would be permanently harmed by pollution.
10. The county would have to repair and replace the majority of roads due to industrial dump truck traffic with 50-75 trucks daily and the truck traffic patterns are completely uncontrollable.
11. Severe noise from trucks & equipment with residential housing all around this site.
12. Severe air pollution from mining operations with residential housing all around this site.
13. Severe light pollution from truck headlights during the morning and evenings for ½ of the year low light levels with residential housing all around this site.
14. Severe traffic congestion with 25 trucks in the morning lined up to get sand requiring new traffic lights and roadway lighting to be added at all local intersections by the county. Also dramatically increasing risk of accidents with school children going to school and playing around huge trucks which cannot stop under load.
15. This will cause a substantial reduction in home resale values and possible eminent domain.
16. I have already contacted the Governor, US Senator, US Congressman, State Senator, State Congressman and are expecting letters of opposition and press releases accordingly.
17. If the owner wants an industrial sand mine then sell this parcel of agricultural land zoned for agriculture and buy another parcel that is properly zoned for industrial strip mining.



4671 NE 97<sup>th</sup> Street Rd  
Anthony FL

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## Seiler/Stokes mine Project #20210060041 Item# 201015SU

1 message

Randy Temkin <rtemkin@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 9:41 PM

To: carl.zalak@marionfl.org

Bcc: michelle.stone@marionfl.org, ken.odom@marionfl.org

Dear Commissioner;

I am a resident of Anthony, living **ON NE 97<sup>th</sup> STREET ROAD (less than ½ mile from the site of this proposed project)** since 2007. When my wife and I were seeking to settle in Central Florida, we ultimately chose Anthony due to its bucolic atmosphere with a long history of being an agricultural and farming community, a seemingly perfect town to raise our livestock and ultimately retire.

There is no doubt that there will be a negative impact to the way of life of this community (with the noise, heavy traffic, effects to our aquifer, the road wear and tear, danger to our school children, danger to local drivers, disturbances to horses, cows and other livestock, our freedom to use the local areas for horseback riding, bicycle riding and taking a walk alongside **our road**). These are just some of the ideals we treasure about our town, and if disrupted or taken away (even for a "limited period of time") would be a disgrace if allowed by the county authorities who, (in my opinion) are elected to represent the common good of all the citizens, not merely to benefit only one constituent.

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed Project # 2021060041, (Item #201015SU), for many reasons.

In recent years the overall traffic on 97<sup>th</sup> street road has increased exponentially, this I must accept and "live with", however having the potential of dozens of large dump trucks (and related vehicles) entering and leaving the road multiple times daily will create much more than a mere increase of traffic. The dangers to humans and animals is much to be considered.

**WHAT WILL BE THE "FILL" TO REPLACE THE REMOVED PRODUCT?**

The potential changes to our water supply is such a risk, that I intend to notify the Marion County officials, our State congresspeople and the owner of this property that should my water supply suffer IN ANY WAY, that I will initiate a personal lawsuit (if not a class action suit) for remediation, restoration and punitive damages.

I will also seek to hold the land owner responsible for any and all damages and/or inconveniences that MAY be attributed to ANY negative impact(s) occurring during this project (if allowed to proceed) including but certainly not limited to:

- **Damaged roads**
- **Noise Disturbances/Pollution**
- **Destruction of any natural habitat(s)**
- **Pollution and/or disruption to the local water supply (and/or my personal supply)**
- **Decrease in surrounding (and personal) land values.**

Per the Board of Adjustment, *The granting of the variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.*

Please take earnest heed to this (and I assume) other notices of objection to these proposed projects.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO DENY ANY REQUEST FOR THIS SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND/OR ANY LAND USE VARIANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Most sincerely,

Brandon L. (Randy) Temkin

View looking from my window

10010 NE 41<sup>st</sup> Terr, Anthony, FL 32617



## Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony - Item #201015SU / Project #2021060041

3 messages

Jamie Caldwell <jamielcaldwell@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 23, 2021 at 3:08 PM

To: carl.zalak@marionfl.org

Cc: craig.curry@marionfl.org, kathy.bryant@marionfl.org, jeff.gold@marionfl.org, michelle.stone@marionfl.org, growthservices@marionfl.org

RE: Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony - Item #201015SU / Project #2021060041

Dear Commissioner Carl Zalak,

This letter is in regards to the proposed sand mine in Anthony located at 10015 NE 41st Terrace. Parcel numbers: 14000-000-00 and 14394-002-00.

After reviewing the Planning and Zoning Summary, my spouse and I are requesting that this special use permit be **DENIED** for the following reasons:

1. The subject parcels are completely surrounded by not only agricultural land but also residential properties. Mining activity is not consistent with these types of properties. The negative impacts on the residents in the area surrounding the proposed sand mine are undeniable.

2. The environmental impact will be devastating. Many residents, including my spouse and I are very concerned about water contamination.

- One glance at the Marion County Aquifer Vulnerability Assessment (MCAVA) and it's clear that the **AQUIFER** is **VULNERABLE** on the entire tract of land. The sand mine would compromise Anthony residents' drinking water and surrounding ecosystems.
- The potential environmental impact on the surrounding springs, lakes and prairies are grave and unforeseen. It's our understanding that the Primary Springs Protection Zone is in place to regulate land use and activities that have the potential to adversely impact the quality and quantity of Marion County's groundwater. This sand mine will negatively affect the public interest.
- The fuel, oil and other contaminants that the dump trucks will undoubtedly leave as they load and unload will eventually leach into our water system.

3. The roads will not support the heavy traffic coming and going from the mine. Specifically, NE 41st Terrace. It is a low-volume rural road. It will not support 25 dump trucks making multiple trips a day; six days a week. We say that even if the special use applicant does overlay the road with 1.5" of asphalt for reinforcement. Not to mention the numerous other rural roads in the Anthony area should they decide to take a different route.

4. My spouse and I are not aware of a solid Reclamation Plan. Nor have we been made aware of the life of the mine. We have heard and done some research on the life of a sand mine. We have not found anything positive. The thought of it being left an open pit is undesirable. Or even worse, a dumping ground for potential contaminants. Contaminants that could leach into the groundwater is very unsettling.

5. If this sand mine is approved, Anthony will no longer be the quiet little town that the current residents enjoy. The noise pollution that this mine will produce will negatively affect not only the surrounding residents but also pets and livestock.

6. Water runoff is a big concern. Especially for the residents that have property that directly connects to the sand mine. The special use applicant is proposing a 6' berm. This is supposed to buffer the adjacent properties from adverse conditions. However, the berm could potentially cause a flooding issue for those closest to the mine.

7. Road safety is also a huge concern. With Anthony being a rural community, it is not uncommon to see bicyclists, horseback riders and walkers/joggers enjoying the beautiful landscape. We also have children boarding/unboarding school buses. The increased traffic will be a detriment to all.

8. The proposed sand mine will have a negative effect on the home values in the area as a whole. Depreciation is a given. Not to mention the difficulty in selling your home if need be. Just imagine if you were selling a home what potential

buyers would think as they pass an active sand mine. The homes near the sand mine would become immediately undesirable.

On a personal note: My spouse and I currently live approximately 1.5 miles from the proposed sand mine at 10950 NE 47th Avenue, Anthony, Florida. We moved here just over a year ago. Prior to that we lived in Ocala for many years in a subdivision type setting. We were happy while living in Ocala. However, our DREAM was to own property in a more rural area. Anthony was perfect. It was not too far away from shopping and other conveniences, but far enough away from town to enjoy the privacy, peacefulness and beautiful landscape we had always dreamed of. After looking for several years we finally found our FOREVER HOME in Anthony. So, when we heard about this sand mine; to say that we were devastated would be an understatement. We not only have to worry about the proposed sand mine taking our peace but also devaluing our home. Please understand our mission is not to stop the special use applicants from using their property at all. But, for them to use the property in a manner that is conducive with the surroundings. I think we all know that mining is an industrial process and should therefore be done in an industrial type setting. Not in the backyards of the hardworking people of Anthony.

In conclusion, we would ask that you think about the people of Anthony when making your decision on whether or not to allow this sand mine. We would like to go on record that we adamantly OPPOSE this sand mine.

Respectfully,  
Ronald and Jamie Caldwell  
10950 NE 47th Avenue  
Anthony, Florida 32617  
[jamielcaldwell@gmail.com](mailto:jamielcaldwell@gmail.com)

Statement from Jane Muzyka against the Anthony Sand Mine, owner of 4375 NE 97<sup>th</sup> St.

I live in New Jersey and I drove all the way to Florida, specifically for this meeting today. My land borders the site of this proposed sand mine, which will be in my backyard and surround two sides of my property.

I have been paying taxes the past 20 years on vacant land, planning to move to Anthony, Florida when I retire from being a teacher in New Jersey. Who is going to want to live next to an eyesore monster of a sand mine? Nobody.

I chose to hold onto my vacant land in Florida because I wanted to retire to a tranquil place. If I wanted to live next to an industrial site, I'd stay in New Jersey.

You need to conduct and provide an EIS, an environmental impact statement. I have already retained an environmental firm to evaluate the potential hazards. According to Muzyka and Associates, a clean air environment company, a sand mine will create silica dust, which is hazardous and can cause lung cancer. Plus the country roads in Anthony can't handle the extra traffic. Our roads are not in good condition as it is. With dump trucks there will be increased diesel fumes and the potential of tracking silica sand off the facility that can be airborne near my land and other people's property.

If the county didn't want a dairy farm there because cows might pollute the Silver Spring watershed, then it doesn't make sense that digging a sand mine will be okay and that won't affect the Florida aquifer.

Orlando has sand mines, but none are near any residential homes. They are in industrial areas & will create noise, traffic, and dust. There is a lot of sand in Florida. Go build the sand mine somewhere else, in an industrial area, not peaceful horse country like Anthony, Florida.

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Marion County Growth Services  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 3:18 PM  
**To:** Soucey, Stephanie; Pocock, Darlene  
**Subject:** FW: Seiler / Stokes Mine Anthony- item #201015SU / project #2021060041

**From:** Patsy Stimpson <patsy.stimpson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 1:33 PM  
**To:** Marion County Growth Services <GrowthServices@marionfl.org>; Zalak, Carl <Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org>; Curry, Craig <Craig.Curry@marionfl.org>; Bryant, Kathy <Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org>; Gold, Jeff <Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org>; Stone, Michelle <Michelle.Stone@marionfl.org>  
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Dear Commissioner Zalak III,

I reside at 10635 NE 36th Ave in Anthony Florida, in District 4 of Marion County, and write you to oppose the proposed Stokes Mine Anthony. For the property owned by Charlse and Sharon Seilers.

The proposed Sand Mine would take our quiet horse and farming community and make it in to a commercial dump truck thru way. Many of us, me included, moved to Anthony for the beautiful views, peaceful community to ride my horses while boarding for other people. After all Marion County is the horse capitol of the world. Our small town of Anthony already has plenty of dumptrucks and adding the traffic from this project would destroy our roads, which they only minorly fix every so often, by adding loose gravel. This project would add 25 trucks, running from 7am-5pm, 6 days a week coming in at an estimated 125 trucks in and 125 trucks out a day. With the quick nature of this Mine being quietly pushed forward with little to no environmental regulations with digging for sand, how will the commissioner know that this will not pollute our water, or Silver Springs, which is a huge draw for outsiders to come to visit Marion County.

How will this effect our drainage? Our children growing up in the community? Traffic on our already busy, booming community? I respectfully ask you to reject this special use permit in our community and look in to relocating it.

However, if you do approve this permit some requests from our community to help it fit in would be...

A well maintained birm that would stand taller than the proposed birm. A 10ft to 15 ft well maintained Birm consisting of trees, shrubs, bushes and grass, maintained by a lawn service so it doesn't provide an eye sore in our community.

Limit mining to Monday through Friday, cutting out Saturday so the people of the town may enjoy their weekend riding horses or just enjoying the peaceful view without construction sounds.

Require inspections to not harm our water and air quality to make sure they are held accountable and be made to be respectful of fellow neighbors.

At the end of their project, only clean fill would be allowed to fill the holes so this area could be turned back in to farm land as it currently sits.

Require Seilers Farms or Stokes Mine to maintain the roads they tear up, so that won't fall back on us taxpayers that are not benefiting from this Mine.

Put no thru truck regulations and fines for trucks traveling North on 41st Terrace past the mining location. No trucks traveling on NE 112th lane, North or South. No cutting through Anthony on 97th street rd. Leaving the only means of traffic for these truck going down Baseline rd to minimize damage to our roads.

To conclude my letter to you I would like to see you reject this "Special Use Permit" for Seilers/ Stokes Mine Anthony. Our community is a horse and farming community, in the Horse Capitol of the World, please help us to ensure we stay horse capitol instead of Mining Capitol. Perhaps this Mine would be better suited in a different area of the county. However if you were to approved it please regard our communities request and put extra steps to preserve our farming land, with a maintained birm, road assistance, and clean fill only being putting back in to the project when finished by Stokes Mine.

Thanks you for your time and consideration.

Patsy Stimpson

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10635 Ne 36th Ave, Anthony fl 32617

## **Soucey, Stephanie**

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**From:** Marion County Growth Services  
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**To:** Pocock, Darlene; Soucey, Stephanie  
**Subject:** FW: \*NEW SUBMISSION\* Contact us - Growth Services

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#### **Comments**

As a farm owner in Anthony, I am on board with these folks who don't want the sand mine in our neighborhood. I ask that you reject any approval of this business being moved in our area . Thanks very much. Lauren Tjaden

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## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Gold, Jeff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: Anthony sand mine

~ Nadja

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Hi,

Please forgive the mass mailing.

I'm writing to request that the Anthony Sand Mine "Special Permit" be denied for the following reasons. We love the beautiful landscape, rolling farmland, non-commercial, small town feel of the area, and because of this, a few days ago we purchased a beautiful lot in Anthony on which to build a horse farm—which I just found out is about a mile away (as the crow flies) from the proposed mine.

Our lot is in Thunder Ranch, backed up to the Thoroughbred farm.

The mine will decrease our residential property value, and in addition:

- Our peaceful country setting will be diminished to commercial mining

- Pollution of our local air & water supply
- Increase of dirt, dust & noise pollution
- Endanger children waiting at bus stops on both NE 97th Street Road and NE 41st Terrace
- Endanger folks who are cycling, walking, horseback riding, etc. on narrow country roads being shared with enormous trucks
- Damage to ground water and change to flood plains
- Removal of our natural resources in our community, destruction of wildlife habitat & horse farm community lifestyle
- Our roadways will suffer with the amount of traffic, which is estimated at 25 trucks with a minimum of 10 loads per day

As elected officials in our community, I would like to see this “Special Permit” denied and am asking for your assistance to reject this proposal.

Thanks very much,

Lauren Tjaden

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Bryant, Kathy  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2021 1:44 PM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: Project Number: 2021060041

~ Nadja

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**To:** [Carl.zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:Carl.zalak@marionfl.org) and Marion County Commissioners  
**Subject: Project Number: 2021060041**

Project Number: 2021060041  
Item#201015SU

Project Name: Anthony Materials Mine

Comment Type: Oppose

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Mr. Carl Zavala and

County Commissioners

I have lived all but 2 of my 60 years here on this land located at 4747 NE 97th St Road, in Anthony, FL. I spent my childhood years, as well as, my adult years raising my family here on this land. Now, grandkids are being raised here on the homestead. I am highly concerned that by allowing a sand mind right beside me that the safety of our water and the environment overall is going to be jeopardized.

This area is highly known for family bike riding and bicycle club rides all week long. There is horseback riding along the roadsides, as well. Our children catch the bus all along NE 97th street road in the early foggy mornings and are dropped off in the afternoons. How are these “human lives” to stand up to the massive competition of dump trucks? We haven’t a chance.

We have the best and sweetest water ever! Our adult kids come home and make comment on how wonderful our water has always tasted. Our well is not a deep well, nor are the ones located around my property owned by my 5 family members. Our water table is so fragile that we have had 2 wells dug and the newer drilling rigs have blasted right through the rock through the good water and proceeded to the nasty sulfur water below. This was and continues to be a big expense to the homeowners. One had another well put in by a hand drilling rig. Again, it is a shallow well with the best water. We do not have the wherewithal to take a chance on our community's water nor the finances to replace it if we loose this precious life commodity.

Directly to the west of my property there is a sinkhole. It took the owner many years and lots of fill to stabilize the sink hold. There are several other sink holes, though not as large as the previous one mentioned, that have developed over my 60 years living here. This is another concern for our home if the integrity of the land and support causes a cave-in of our underground water supply.

Lastly, it has been many years since the Condale Dairy was a thriving industry. The dairy was located just across the street from the proposed sand mine. Their business went under because they were unable to meet the demands of an agriculture septic system noting the water table was at risk because it runs so shallow and the water management got involved. I am asking that a close look be taken at all the surrounding areas that will be affected by this action and that the special permit request be denied.

Regards,

Ron and Charlotte Pearson

Cc: [craig.curry@marionfl.org](mailto:craig.curry@marionfl.org)  
Subject: FW: Anthony Sand Mine

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From: jengamoneda <[jengamoneda@yahoo.com](mailto:jengamoneda@yahoo.com)>  
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To: [carl.zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:carl.zalak@marionfl.org)  
Subject: Anthony Sand Mine

To Whom,

I live of of 41st Terr in Anthony, not 2 miles from where the proposed mining would take place. This affects my family and I in numerous ways. First off, I raise two kids on a farm (where we are outside taking care of our livelihood) and whose animal's welfare would be in great risk if this plan were to go through. Not only do we train our horses to drive on the road but my kids also ride their bikes and go running around the farm roads that would become a high risk area if trucks are to be allowed here. I moved here 3 years ago to live in a quiet farm area and raise my kids, dogs and horses in a laid back environment. I couldn't imagine that being ruined by this mining idea that doesn't need to be put in the center of our quiet farm community.

There are school busses that travel these roads daily and kids waiting at bus stops every .25 mile or so. They would be in danger of mining trucks traveling up and down the roads as they are getting on and off the busses and while walking to the bus stops. Let's not forget the air pollution that would put \*Everyone\* at great risk for cancer and many, many other mining proximity related illnesses.

Please take this into consideration. Jen Gamoneda

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy A71 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Gold, Jeff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:42 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: Special Use Permit for Sand Mine in Anthony

~ Nadja

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**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 7:50 PM  
**To:** Gold, Jeff <[Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org](mailto:Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org)>  
**Subject:** Special Use Permit for Sand Mine in Anthony

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Hi Mr. Gold, I and my neighbors are pleading with you to fight for us and save our residential/small farm community from the disaster this sand mine would be to our neighborhood. Frankly, I am shocked that anyone would even consider allowing the desecration of this peaceful area where so many families would be directly affected. Please be aware it has been moving more toward residential, for example there are at least 3 new very nice homes near completion close to the proposed sand mine, as well as many such homes that have been here for years. My husband and I bought our home .5 of a mile from this site in 1996 after searching all of Marion County for such a quiet, peaceful neighborhood and now it's in danger of becoming a place of **loud banging, heavy equipment and constant beeping 6 days a week. Heavy trucks beating up our narrow roadway** that doesn't even have shoulders, endangering school children, bicyclist, pedestrians and horseback riders.

We all have grave concerns regarding air and water pollution (we depend on wells for drinking water) as well as the potential impact on the aquifer and endangered wildlife. You can be assured that all our property values will be drastically affected for **no-one** wants to live down the street from an open pit that spews pollution and noise. Again, I am outraged that allowing a sand mine in this community is even being considered. This would ruin an established neighborhood and damage many families for the benefit of one. Also, I would like to know why the whole affected neighborhood was not sent notices in the beginning of this process. Please, imagine your reaction if someone was trying to put a sand mine in the middle of your neighborhood.

Respectfully,  
W. Anita Gossett  
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## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Curry, Craig  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:41 AM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: Seiler / Stokes Mine, Anthony

~ Nadja

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**From:** J. Dofing & B. Weekes <[kidfree@pobox.com](mailto:kidfree@pobox.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:03 AM  
**To:** Zalak, Carl <[Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org)>  
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Commissioners,

This January, my wife Bonnie Weekes and I bought a parcel of unimproved land at 3789 NE 97th St Rd in Anthony. Our goal is to move from Ocala to a place of peace and quiet. We oppose the development of the sand mine that would be only 1,600 feet from our property. We oppose the mine for the following reasons:

Noise from daily truck traffic  
Dust from truck traffic  
On-site noise

Wear and tear on Burbank Rd.

Aquifer and well disruption

Harm to property values

We realize that we all need sand and dirt, and they have to come from somewhere. However, a less populated area than Anthony would be much more suitable for mining.

Please tally our two votes against the Anthony mine. Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Dofing

## **Soucey, Stephanie**

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**From:** Gold, Jeff  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: Project number 2021060041, Item # 201015SU

~ Nadja

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**From:** Kay Whitaker Johnson <misskay54@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 4:57 PM  
**To:** Gold, Jeff <Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org>  
**Subject:** Project number 2021060041, Item # 201015SU

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I am writing you regarding the proposed excavation of sand from a 70-acre tract in Anthony Florida. Project number 2021060041, Item # 201015SU.

I grew up on the road where this mine is proposed and I have family still there. This is an agricultural community and NOT a mining eyesore. I travel that road often and as a professional photographer! The wildlife, flowers, trees, horses, and cows SHOULD NOT be replaced by filth and destruction.

I don't know of a field out there that doesn't have the gopher tortoise (ENDANGERED) living in those 70 acres. If not in that field, then along the roads and fence lines that adjoin it. I've already been out there to scope the surrounding area and gopher tortoise holes are visible.

STOP the destruction of the hometown of this 5<sup>th</sup> generation Floridian.

C Kay Whitaker Johnson

CKJphotos13

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Curry, Craig  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 8:44 AM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: Anthony sand mine

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**From:** tsandrab <[tsandrab@aol.com](mailto:tsandrab@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 17, 2021 6:43 PM  
**To:** Curry, Craig <[Craig.Curry@marionfl.org](mailto:Craig.Curry@marionfl.org)>  
**Subject:** Anthony sand mine

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Mr. Curry. This email is being sent to you in regards to the property in Anthony possibly being made into a sandmine. We are absolutely against this. This is almost across the street from our home we built in Anthony 16 years ago. The sand and dust that this will kick up in the air not to mention the noise will be intolerable to coexist with. We will not be able to have our windows open nor will we be able to enjoy our front porch, which faces the property in question, because of all the dust & dirt that will be kicked up in the air. It will also be impossible to keep my pool clean and cause us more work and money in chemicals. Please do not let this come in and spoil our community. Thank you. Tom and Ruth Ann Brantley.

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Bryant, Kathy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 8:37 AM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: silica dust from sand mine

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**From:** Jane Muzyka <[janemuzyka@yahoo.com](mailto:janemuzyka@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 17, 2021 7:03 PM  
**To:** Zalak, Carl <[Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org)>  
**Cc:** Curry, Craig <[Craig.Curry@marionfl.org](mailto:Craig.Curry@marionfl.org)>; Bryant, Kathy <[Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org](mailto:Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org)>; Gold, Jeff <[Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org](mailto:Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org)>; Stone, Michelle <[Michelle.Stone@marionfl.org](mailto:Michelle.Stone@marionfl.org)>  
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Dear Marion County Commissioners,

According to Muzyka and Associates, an environmental and clean air company, a sand mine would create silica dust.

Crystalline silica, also referred to as quartz, is a common mineral. It's found in soil, SAND, granite, concrete, rock, and many other materials. Cutting, chipping, grinding, and drilling these materials creates a lot of dust, which contains tiny crystalline silica particles. This airborne silica dust can easily be breathed in, causing a major health hazard for exposed workers.

### What is the danger of crystalline silica exposure?

Crystalline silica has been classified as a human lung carcinogen, and can cause serious lung disease and lung cancer. It only takes a very small amount of respirable silica dust to create a health hazard.

One of the dangerous effects of silica exposure is a disease called silicosis, which can be contracted after just a few months of high exposure. Silicosis occurs when silica dust enters the lungs and causes the formation of scar tissue, reducing the lungs' ability to take in oxygen. There is no cure for silicosis, and cases can be disabling or even fatal.

I own property at 4375 NE 97th Street in Anthony, FL Sec 11 TWP 14 RGE 22, so that sand mine would literally be in my backyard and alongside the south side of it. I have paid taxes for 20 years on vacant land, planning to move there when I retire from being a teacher in NJ. Why would I want to move next to a sand mine when I was dreaming of moving to peaceful horse country? In addition, did you read how dangerous silica dust is? Also, the letter you mailed to me was postmarked on July 9, informing me about the meeting on July 26. Two weeks notice about this meeting when I own land right next to the proposed sand mine is unacceptable. People need time to take off from work etc. and since I live out of state, this was definitely not enough time to inform me about what is going on.

Someone mentioned to me that Dale Sauls, who lived right by that area, had to leave Anthony FL because dairy cows would ruin the Silver Springs watershed. If cows could pollute the Silver Spring watershed, wouldn't digging up the land with a sand mine ruin the watershed also? I personally would rather have dairy cows being next to my property than an eyesore monster sand mine.

Please do not permit the sand mine to be created in Anthony. It will ruin the area forever. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jane Muzyka

## **Soucey, Stephanie**

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**From:** Bryant, Kathy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 10:51 AM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: Seiler/Stoker SUP application Anthony

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**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 10:17 AM  
**To:** Zalak, Carl <[Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org)>; Curry, Craig <[Craig.Curry@marionfl.org](mailto:Craig.Curry@marionfl.org)>; Bryant, Kathy <[Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org](mailto:Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org)>; Gold, Jeff <[Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org](mailto:Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org)>; Stone, Michelle <[Michelle.Stone@marionfl.org](mailto:Michelle.Stone@marionfl.org)>  
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Good morning Commissioner,

I own property and reside within several thousand feet of the site in Anthony under consideration for SUP which would allow mining activity within our community. The purpose of my correspondence is to express my dismay and total objection to this land use consideration.

Approval of this application is tantamount to rezoning of ag land into industrial use for the duration of the permit (which may be years upon years). Completion of all necessary application requirements provided by the landowner may make it legal but it does not make it fair to other residents and landowners affected. Your

approval of this SUP request would impose unnecessary hardships upon those of us residing near this proposed mining operation. Regardless of this SUP moniker, this would be heavy industrial land use pure and simple. While the applicant extracts profits from mining, our property values will suffer.

Our community will be subjected to the deleterious effects of this permit such as heavy truck traffic, incessant noise, air pollution from fugitive emissions and potential groundwater contamination. Mitigation measures referenced in the permit application will have little to consequence in reducing these concerns. The tree line barrier to the east and north of the site would be totally useless in the winter months and minimally useful at all other times. ( With this " barrier" in place I can easily hear cattle on this land when they are present ,yet this will mitigate mining activity?) . Neither principal party to this business venture resides within proximity to the proposed site and thus would be immune to the harmful effects forced upon us.

The application stipulates a designated truck route along the already worn Baseline road and NE 97th street. Who would monitor compliance with this designated truck route? What would be the consequences for failure to follow this designated route? During the reclamation process hundreds of loads of backfill will be hauled in from other sites. How can we be assured this massive amount of new fill introduced onto the site will not be a potential source for groundwater contamination? Are we allowing a seventy acre leach field into the aquifer of dubious quality to be created?

Denial of this permit application will not preclude the property owner from availing themselves to a myriad of profitable land use options that would be wholly compatible with the surrounding area. Approval of this permit will reduce public safety and public health, and seriously degrade the quality of life currently enjoyed by local residents.

Commissioner, I implore you to reject this proposal on behalf of our community.

Regards,

Richard DeSimone



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**From:** Curry, Craig  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 4:32 PM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding a sand mine being constructed in Anthony, FL Stokes Mine Anthony - Project # 2021060041 Item # 210815SU  
**Attachments:** Marion County Board of County Commission letter \_07-2021.docx

~ Nadja

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**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 12:03 PM  
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**Cc:** Curry, Craig <[Craig.Curry@marionfl.org](mailto:Craig.Curry@marionfl.org)>; Bryant, Kathy <[Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org](mailto:Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org)>; Gold, Jeff <[Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org](mailto:Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org)>; Stone, Michelle <[Michelle.Stone@marionfl.org](mailto:Michelle.Stone@marionfl.org)>  
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### Stokes Mine Anthony - Project # 2021060041 Item # 210815SU

Dear Commissioner Carl Zalak,

My husband and I are property owners in Anthony Florida, which is a rural community. Our address is 10010 NE 41<sup>st</sup> Terr, Anthony, FL 32617. We are writing to you to express our strong objection of the proposed sand mine being placed on property near our home of 44 years. We understand this mine will be operating for an undetermined length of time. During that time tons of sand will be excavated, processed, loaded onto large heavy trucks and exported to whatever site is willing to pay the most.

The proposed open pit excavation from 20 to 30 feet or more will create an incredibly noisy and nerve-racking environment and will noticeably impact the environment and the community where a peaceful lifestyle has been enjoyed. This is generally a rural community of small farms with families, children, horses, cows and other animals. It is located in the St. Johns River Water Management District and part of the Silver Springs Protection Area. The resulting noisy disruption to the entire area will be felt immensely, along with the dust, dirt, particulate matter and diesel fumes that will eventually permeate the community from the 25 + trucks hauling dirt daily. I'm sure the number of loads per truck will exceed 1 load per day.

We are greatly concerned about the potential groundwater impact. While direct pollution from the operations of the mining is possible, disruption of existing flow patterns of the aquifer is believed to be unavoidable which may cause wells to go dry. Many nearby residents have wells and depend upon the groundwater to be available and potable.

Where in the Special Use Permit application are the plans to mitigate any of these significant impacts?

And where is the concern or mitigation for any of the lost property value that our community will unequivocally suffer?

Our concerns about having this sand mine are that the property value of the homes would decrease, the peaceful lifestyle we have enjoyed will end due to the increased noise from the mine & dump trucks hauling dirt (understand this will be 100 to 150 loads a day). Deterioration of the local roads and increased traffic from the dump trucks. Also concerned about our water quality and/or having our well go dry due to digging to close to water aquifer.

The property owner, Mr. Scott Seiler and/or Mr. Chuck Stokes points to the proposed reclamation efforts as somehow offsetting the harmful consequences of this open-pit mine. But much of what will be done under the guise of "reclamation" would be necessary in any event to support the planned development of the property, which after all is the endgame for the property owner. I am sure from the owner's perspective this is good business, that is, to be paid or what you would otherwise have to pay for yourself.

But we would hope that from the Board of County Commissioners perspective this will be seen for what it is, exceedingly poor stewardship of the environment and the physical well-being and safety of the Anthony Community.

I urge you to consider the serious concerns of Safety, Traffic, Air/Water/Noise pollution and the inevitable Decrease to Property Values and **NOT** approve of this Sand Mine in the Anthony Community.

Brenda and Fred Sauls

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**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: SEILER/STOKES MINE ANTHONY - ITEM # 201015SU / PROJECT 2021060041

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**To:** Zalak, Carl <[Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org)>  
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*I object to the Special Use Permit being considered for the Seiler/Stokes Sand Mine in the Anthony area.*

*Hopefully you are not seriously thinking of allowing a sand mine in our neighborhood. This is almost downtown Anthony. It is a neighborhood with residents within spitting distance of this mine. People who have lived there all their lives and are now faced with the prospects of having trucks coming and going from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm with a continual beep-beep with trucks backing up six days a week. And you and I both know that a berm will not keep out the beep-beep sounds and the dust, not to mention the damage to the roads.*

*You cannot guarantee that it will be put back to the way it was. If this was true why allow it to be raped to begin and what will be used to put it back to the way it was. Garbage? And how long will this be used as a sand mine. 20 Years? Are we going to ask the residents to willingly agree to 20 years of dust, dirt, noise and deterioration of roads and property values?. We cannot even keep up the roads we have in Marion County now (Marion Oaks, etc.) Are we going to add*

*more of a burden to Marion Countians so Seiler and Stokes can reap the benefits of raping a gorgeous piece of property in our Neighborhood of Anthony. And would you vote to have this within 150 feet of your front door?*

*Good judgement and foresight is required in making this decision.*

*Thank you.*

**Shirley Yeargan**  
9159 NE 22nd Court  
Anthony, Florida 32617

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## **Soucey, Stephanie**

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**From:** Zalak, Carl  
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**To:** Zalak, Carl <[Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org)>  
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Mr. Zalak

We have been residents in Anthony for more than 9 years and live less than 2 miles from the proposed sand mine on 41st Terrace. We are VERY concerned about this permit being granted. The roads in and around that area are not made to withstand ongoing heavy traffic of big, heavy duty trucks.

We are also concerned about all the mining causing sinkholes are even worse causing issues with our wells - causing them to dry up or allowing contamination into the water system to damage our drinking water.

Please do NOT allow these permis to be granted.

Sincerely,

Michael and Joy Brinley

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**From:** Marion County, FL website <noreply@marionfl.org>  
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#### **Email address**

bonrhonda@hotmail.com

#### **Comments**

As a resident of Anthony, I am on board with these folks who don't want the sand mine in our neighborhood. I ask that you reject any approval of this business being moved in our area.

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Thank you,  
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Sent via the Samsung Galaxy A71 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

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From: [jengamoneda@yahoo.com](mailto:jengamoneda@yahoo.com)>  
Date: 7/20/21 2:31 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: [carl.zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:carl.zalak@marionfl.org)  
Subject: Anthony Sand Mine

To Whom,

I live of of 41st Terr in Anthony, not 2 miles from where the proposed mining would take place. This affects my family and I in numerous ways. First off, I raise two kids on a farm (where we are outside taking care of our livelihood) and whose animal's welfare would be in great risk if this plan were to go through. Not only do we train our horses to drive on the road but my kids also ride their bikes and go running around the farm roads that would become a high risk area if trucks are to be allowed here. I moved here 3 years ago to live in a quiet farm area and raise my kids, dogs and horses in a laid back environment. I couldn't imagine that being ruined by this mining idea that doesn't need to be put in the center of our quiet farm community.

There are school busses that travel these roads daily and kids waiting at bus stops every .25 mile or so. They would be in danger of mining trucks traveling up and down the roads as they are getting on and off the busses and while walking to the bus stops. Let's not forget the air pollution that would put \*Everyone\* at great risk for cancer and many, many other mining proximity related illnesses.

Please take this into consideration. Jen Gamoneda

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## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Gordon Fairbanks <Gordon@fairbanksconstruction.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 10:42 AM  
**To:** Marion County Zoning  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Fairbanks  
**Subject:** Agenda#210815SU

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Agenda #210815SU  
Charles G & Elizabeth R Fairbanks  
9535 NE 38th Terr, Anthony, Fl. 32617  
Parcel #14403-002-00 & 14403-003-00

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this as our written objection to the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Parcel #14000-000-00 & 14394-002-00. This area consists of small farms and residential homes in proximity to the proposed sand mine and will disrupt the generally peaceful environment enjoyed by its residents as well as the livestock. Borrow pits typically incur heavy dump truck activity 5-6 days per week and the constant beeping of the heavy equipment backing up as it fills the trucks. Additionally, the activity at the mine site starts early in the day and continues for long periods, disrupting the peaceful environment enjoyed in this rural country setting.

Regards,

Gordon & Elizabeth Fairbanks

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Marion County Growth Services  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 7:26 AM  
**To:** Soucey, Stephanie; Pocock, Darlene  
**Subject:** FW: Special Use Permit for Sand Mine in Anthony Project# 2021060041, Item#201015SU

**From:** Anita Gossett <agossett1@embarqmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 8:04 PM  
**To:** Marion County Growth Services <GrowthServices@marionfl.org>  
**Subject:** Special Use Permit for Sand Mine in Anthony Project# 2021060041, Item#201015SU

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I and my neighbors are pleading with you to deny this permit for the proposed Sand Mine and save our residential/small farm community from the disaster this sand mine would be to our neighborhood. Frankly, I am shocked that anyone would even consider allowing the desecration of this peaceful area where so many families would be directly affected. Please be aware it has been moving more toward residential, for example there are at least 3 new very nice homes near completion close to the proposed sand mine, as well as many such homes that have been here for years. My husband and I bought our home .5 of a mile from this site in 1996 after searching all of Marion County for such a quiet, peaceful neighborhood and now it's in danger of becoming a place of **loud banging, heavy equipment and constant beeping 6 days a week. Heavy trucks beating up our narrow roadway** that doesn't even have shoulders, endangering school children, bicyclists, pedestrians and horseback riders. We all have grave concerns regarding air and water pollution (we depend on wells for drinking water) as well as the potential impact on the aquifer and endangered wildlife. You can be assured that all our property values will be drastically affected for **no-one** wants to live down the street from an open pit that spews pollution and noise. Again, I am outraged that allowing a sand mine in this community is even being considered. This would ruin an established neighborhood and damage many families for the benefit of one. Also, I would like to know why the whole affected neighborhood was not sent notices in the beginning of this process. Please, imagine your reaction if someone was trying to put a sand mine in the middle of your neighborhood.

Respectfully,  
W. Anita Gossett  
[agossett1@embarqmail.com](mailto:agossett1@embarqmail.com)

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Zalak, Carl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 1:52 PM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: Sand mine in Anthony, Florida

~ Nadja

Nadja M. Griffis  
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**From:** Jane Muzyka <[janemuzyka@yahoo.com](mailto:janemuzyka@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2021 2:44 PM  
**To:** Zalak, Carl <[Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org)>  
**Cc:** Curry, Craig <[Craig.Curry@marionfl.org](mailto:Craig.Curry@marionfl.org)>; Bryant, Kathy <[Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org](mailto:Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org)>; Gold, Jeff <[Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org](mailto:Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org)>; michellestone@marionfl.org  
**Subject:** Sand mine in Anthony, Florida

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43 Alexandria Drive  
Pittstown, NJ. 08867  
July 12, 2021

Dear Marion County Commissioners,

Anthony, Florida is beautiful horse country. It is a peaceful place with pleasant pastures and it will be totally ruined forever if a sand mind is allowed to operate in that area. Please keep Anthony, Florida beautiful and do not allow this sand mine to operate for it will change the unique pleasant atmosphere in Anthony, Florida. The peaceful pastures will no longer exist and the traffic with trucks coming and going will be noisy and make the area too busy with vehicles. Property values will go down and the horse country in

Anthony, Florida will be threatened by this messy operation. Thank you for your help in keeping Anthony, Florida peaceful and beautiful and do not allow a Sand mine to begin operation in Anthony, Florida.

Sincerely,

Jane Muzyka

## Soucey, Stephanie

**From:** Bryant, Kathy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2021 8:38 AM  
**To:** Griffis, Nadja  
**Subject:** FW: Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony      Item#201015SU      Project# 201060041

~ Nadja

Nadja M. Griffis  
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**From:** Jerry and Brenda Sutton <[geraldjr@centurylink.net](mailto:geraldjr@centurylink.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 11, 2021 5:54 PM  
**To:** Bryant, Kathy <[Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org](mailto:Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org)>  
**Subject:** Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony Item#201015SU Project# 201060041

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Our 10 acre hay farm is 20 ft. east of 70 acre tract. Our home is one of the closest to the mine. The Halls are north of us and they are right on the line. The Sauls live due west across the street of the mine. This site is surrounded by horse, cattle and hay farms. Many homes and farms will be impacted by this. This is not a good location for a sand mine. We are also very concerned about our water supply, dust and heavy trucks destroying our road. It will also take away our peace of mind with the banging and beeping of the trucks all day long 6 days a week. WE ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS!!!! This will no doubt affect our health. Gerald and Brenda Sutton.

**Pocock, Darlene**

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**From:** Marion County Growth Services  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 8, 2021 3:19 PM  
**To:** Pocock, Darlene; Soucey, Stephanie  
**Subject:** FW: Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony

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Think this email is for yall.

JUL 8 2021

Thank you

MC GROWTH SERVICES

-----Original Message-----

From: Dale Hall <dhallo477@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 2:40 PM  
To: Marion County Growth Services <GrowthServices@marionfl.org>  
Cc: dhall4077@gmail.com  
Subject: Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony

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To whom this may concern:

Ref: item 201015SU / project 2021060041.

I am opposed to this mine in our neighborhood for the following primary reasons;

1. This proposed mine property meets our property on the entire east side.
2. Well contamination or complete loss of my water well.
3. Property value loss as of a result of this mine being next door or in our quite neighborhood.
4. Noise pollution. Heavy equipment and heavy trucks operating 6 days a week next door and through our neighborhood.
5. This area is residential, horse, cattle and row crop farming area NOT MINING of any kind.
6. Presently, This is beautiful farm and cattle land and in its current state is an asset to our neighborhood. NOT FOR MINING OF ANY KIND.

My name is Dale Olin Hall. My address is 4443 97th Street Road, Anthony, Fl 32617, ph is 828 342-2718.

Respectfully

Olin "Dale" Hall

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lin Guine <[linguine366@gmail.com](mailto:linguine366@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 8, 2021 10:50 AM  
**To:** Curry, Craig <[Craig.Curry@marionfl.org](mailto:Craig.Curry@marionfl.org)>  
**Subject:** Proposed Anthony Sand Mine

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Good morning Mr. Curry,

I have just learned of and truly saddened by this proposed Sand Mine in my beloved town of Anthony. I had chosen to live in this area since 1989 for it's true beauty, peacefulness, horse farms and farmlands.

PLEASE.... I, my family, and neighbors ask that you DO NOT approve this eyesore and noise maker in our peaceful family rural community!

With all the recent influx of people to our county and state, we ask you to help us keep the quality of our little town of Anthony that way it always has been and should continue to be a treasure for our kids and grandkids in the future!

Respectfully,

Lynn Greene  
Anthony, FL

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Burgess, Mary Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 9:10 AM  
**To:** Soucey, Stephanie  
**Subject:** FW: Sand mining in Anthony

FYI



**Marion  
County  
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**Mary Elizabeth Burgess**  
*Director*  
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**From:** w <[wrbuzz5010@aol.com](mailto:wrbuzz5010@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 7:30 AM  
**To:** Zalak, Carl <[Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org)>; Burgess, Mary Elizabeth <[MaryE.Burgess@marionfl.org](mailto:MaryE.Burgess@marionfl.org)>  
**Subject:** Sand mining in Anthony

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VIA Email: [carl.zalak@marionfl.org](mailto:carl.zalak@marionfl.org)  
[MaryE.Burgess@marionfl.org](mailto:MaryE.Burgess@marionfl.org)  
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July 8, 2021

Dear Commissioner Zalak and Director Burgess:

This is in regards the zoning of sand mining or excavation of sand from a 70 acre track located at 10015 NE 41st Terrace in Anthony. Parcel #14000-000-00 and #14394-002-00.

From what I understand the land owner, Scott Seiler is seeking approval for a permit to conduct sand mining for his profit and to dig 20 - 30 feet deep down into farm land. By allowing this, it will have an affect in our area in many ways. First and foremost being our aquifer. We are all on wells in Anthony and this could very well ruin the purity of our water and

Lord forbid, if they hit the aquifer causing the pit holes to fill with our water, thus draining our wells. We are a rural community and do not have the option of any other water source (no city water).

Other factors would be decreases in our property values, air (dust) and noise pollution. Increase of loud and heavy trucks damaging our roads that are already in bad shape. Also putting our school children in danger when at their bus stops. We don't have street lights and these rural roads can be hard to see children on dark mornings.

Sand mining is a direct cause of erosion. Also causing destruction of the natural habitat for the wildlife including the gopher tortoise which is listed on the Florida Threatened list under the Endangered Species Act and are protected under our state laws. These gophers do live in our area, digging burrow for their shelter along with other animal species. It is the sandy soil that draws them to our area.

We understand that Florida Department of Environmental Protection has the oversight of sand mines permits and we would like to be provided a copy of the report of their finding if this is approved by our County Commissioners. We, as land owners surrounding the proposed sand mind, have not been notified of anything about this by the county.

As it stands right now, we do not agree with this nor do we want this sand mind in our neighborhood now or anytime in the future. Local government has the responsibility of planning for our community's future while considering the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. This is not in the best interest for us at all, therefore, we are against moving forward with this project.

Please be sure to include our concerns at any of your public meetings / workshops as land owners against sand mining in our community.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

William and Doris Busbee

5010 NE 110<sup>th</sup> ST.

Anthony, FL

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07-08-2021

Lane Hall  
10755 NE 41st Terrace  
Anthony, FL 32617  
352-812-0675

Planning and Zoning Commission

RE: Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony-Item #201015SU / Project #2021060041

Dear Members,

I have lived at my current address (0.7 miles North of the proposed sand mine site) since 1980. I have watched the area build up and constantly improve in appearance and proper use for the last 41 years. Our area has gone from natural woodlands and cattle farms to hay farms, horse farms and residential neighborhoods. It is a very quiet and peaceful area in which to live.

The proposed site for the sand mine is currently fertile irrigated farmland. It has grown peanuts, other seasonal crops, winter rye grass and year round bahiagrass for cattle grazing. It would be a shame and contrary to "highest and best use" to convert this valuable parcel of irrigated farmland to a sand mine. Simply put, it would be a waste and definitely not fit in with the surrounding land use. This is not an acceptable site for a mining operation.

Current area residents would have to contend with the dirt and dust, heavy equipment noise, large truck traffic possibly blocking the road at times, road damage and possible well water contamination. There would be a possibility of complete failure of some of the more shallow wells in the area if the mine creates a sink hole or otherwise disrupts the water table. We know the dump truck drivers are not going to always drive the proposed route of Baseline & Burbank roads to the East. They will drive wherever is convenient, Burbank Westbound, right by the elementary school would be an example. This neighborhood should not have to contend with these issues and all the other undesirable things associated with a mining operation.

I respectfully ask you to please deny the permit for this unsuitable location.

Thank you,

Lane Hall

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Lane Hall

## **Soucey, Stephanie**

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**From:** Marion County Growth Services  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** Soucey, Stephanie  
**Subject:** FW: sieler/stokes mine anthony

**From:** Diane Skinner <skin1985@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 8, 2021 7:43 PM  
**To:** Zalak, Carl <Carl.Zalak@marionfl.org>; Marion County Growth Services <GrowthServices@marionfl.org>; Curry, Craig <Craig.Curry@marionfl.org>; Bryant, Kathy <Kathy.Bryant@marionfl.org>; Gold, Jeff <Jeff.Gold@marionfl.org>; Stone, Michelle <Michelle.Stone@marionfl.org>  
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We have lived on this property for 50 years and my family is now a 5 generation anthony please do not let this sand mine be approved this is agriculture area for animals not construction the trucks coming and going will destroy the roads and the added traffic not to mention the destruction on the environment.

We live off of 41 terr less then one mike of the proposed site, we bicycle on these roads and there are also other big groups of bicycles that use these roads, also horseback riders in the area.. we have beautiful area out here and it would be a shame for this sand mine site to degrade the area. I am asking that this special permit be denied.

Thank you

Tony and diane skinner

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Marion County Growth Services  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 6:58 AM  
**To:** Soucey, Stephanie; Pocock, Darlene  
**Subject:** FW: Stokes Mine Anthony

**From:** Richard DeSimone <radesimone47@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Marion County Growth Services <GrowthServices@marionfl.org>  
**Subject:** Stokes Mine Anthony

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As a longtime resident and property owner in Anthony ( parcel # 1381-003-00) I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed Stokes mine on NE 41st terrace.

Marion County prides itself as being the Horse Capital of The World . With the addition of the World Equestrian Center our reputation as a potential site for new horse farms will increase exponentially. Our undeveloped acreage will become coveted by horsemen worldwide and the property values of rural acreage will soar.

The economic impact of such new farms will be considerable and augment the tremendous value of existing farms. Why would we consider turning a potential site for such compatible land use, consistent with the vision for Marion County, into an industrial mining site?

The Stokes/Seiler mine would have a tremendously negative impact on our community. Constant heavy truck traffic will burden already worn roads.

Truckers will seek the shortest possible routes to and from the mine site( regardless of the route specified in the permit application) . Potential routes would pass directly by two elementary schools and pressure two lane rural roadways.

The proposed site is located in the Silver Springs recharge area. With the water table at a mere eighteen feet on one test bore well , the site poses potential contamination issues of local wells along with Silver Springs. Dust from mining operations will drift over adjacent homes creating unhealthy conditions for hundreds of local residents. The noise from heavy equipment , trucks and backup alarms will absolutely be inescapable. This all sets up as a nightmare scenario for our community.

Why would we let the profit motive for one landowner devalue the property values of all other owners in the area? The current owner has many viable land use options that would be compatible with the area rather than detrimental to us.

I urge you to vote against this proposal.

Jean W Preston  
10700 NE 47th Ave  
Anthony

**Soucey, Stephanie**

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**From:** Marion County Growth Services  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 6:59 AM  
**To:** Soucey, Stephanie; Pocock, Darlene  
**Subject:** FW: project #20210600041

**From:** Sondra Mullener <smullener4@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 2:07 PM  
**To:** Marion County Growth Services <GrowthServices@marionfl.org>  
**Subject:** project #20210600041

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To Whom It May Concern,  
I am forwarding the letter that I wrote to County Commissioner Zalak concerning the proposal of the Anthony Sand Mine.

Dear Mr. Zalak,

I am writing to voice my concern for the proposed Anthony Sand Mine at the corner of NE 41st Terrace and NE 97th Street Road. I own property at 10510 NE 41st Terrace and have lived in Anthony all my life (52 years). I am a 5th generation resident of this city and am raising the 6th generation currently. I love this little city dearly and am saddened to hear that the county is considering a zoning change to bring in a sand mine in the direct view of anyone passing through our town. This would subject all the local property owners to a lower value in the homes for which they have for years invested in. Each person living on 41st and 105th, not to forget everyone driving Burbank (97th), would have to pass by this mine to and from their jobs and will be subjected to the trucks and wear and tear of the roads they have for years paid taxes on. Their children will be subjected to the dangers of the equipment entering and exiting the property, no doubt up to 100 times daily for years.

I do not have anything against the Seilers or Stokes, for they are long time families in this area, but the location of this mine subjects the whole community to bear the consequences of their decision. The history of sand mines in the county speak volumes as to why I cannot support the choice to put one at this location. It seems they tend to become landfills for debris in one way or another, remaining eye sores, some for over thirty years. (This raises a concern for our drinking water and aquifer system.) Some of the roads around these old sand mines are still ruined after many years, as circulating pictures show. History shows that the county can't promise to maintain the area and return the area to its current state any time soon, therefore the county should not allow such a travesty to happen. This isn't a piece of land in the middle of nowhere, it prime real-estate at the front and back door of many hard working citizens. This real-estate no doubt has the same gopher holes and wildlife that most area farms have. I have witnessed gophers walking off the back side of this property with my own eyes. If the goal is to protect our wildlife and farm land then we must stand firm against change for monetary gain. I've heard rumors of a connection between the timing of this sand mine and an upcoming job in need of sand, as well as a connection of those involved (Seiler/Stokes)

with county officials who are in the know. I pray this is not true and that our community does not get turned upside down over someone's move in a "chess game". I feel that the job of our county commissioners is to fight for what our communities put them in office to do...support our communities and fight for what the majority fight for. Please Mr. Zalak, fight for our community as if your living room window faces this beautiful property. Fight like YOU live in Fred Saul's house.

Sincerely,  
Sondra Yeargan Mullener

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Marion County Growth Services  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 6:59 AM  
**To:** Soucey, Stephanie; Pocock, Darlene  
**Subject:** FW: Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony-Item #201015SU/ Project #2021060041

**From:** Jessica Hall <jjlchall4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 2:26 PM  
**To:** Marion County Growth Services <GrowthServices@marionfl.org>  
**Subject:** Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony-Item #201015SU/ Project #2021060041

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Planning & Zoning Commission

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jeremy Hall and I am a resident of Anthony, FL. I have several concerns in regards to the proposed Stokes Mine in Anthony. Please take my concerns into consideration when making the decision whether or not to move forward with this project. First and foremost the dangers that will be added to our children who are waiting at their bus stops and the bus routes being destroyed by numerous dump trucks and semis that are in route back and forth daily to said location, will cause added dangers to the bus routes as well. Next in line are concerns for contamination to our drinking water and the possibility of our wells going dry. This is a cause for health concerns along with the dust created due to the day to day operation of a dig site. These health concerns will not only affect us, but our farm animals and pets as well. This also brings to mind the possibility of sinkholes and the damages they cause. Noise pollution due to backup alarms on trucks and machinery continuously running throughout the day in our quiet community. There is no barrier that will contain the dust or noise pollution caused by the daily operation of digging sand in our community and next door to my family home. Whether or not this would be a temporary or permanent work site, there is a strong concern for the depreciation of my property value and the property values of surrounding properties, as well as lowering our community as a whole. In conclusion I ask that you take a minute to put yourself in my shoes and ask yourself would you want to sit on your front porch and watch and listen to the continuous digging and destruction of beautiful farmland, because if this passes that is what my family and I will see everyday when we walk out our front door. Our property borders the entire east side of the proposed Stokes Mine property with nothing more than a barbed wire fence and a few trees to divide the properties. We bought our property because it is surrounded by peaceful farmland/pastures and our community is quiet and peaceful as well. We would love to see it remain as such. The Anthony community is no reasonable place for a sand mine/dig site or whatever it is proposed to be known as. The only good I see to come from this is to increase ONE property owner's financial status. In return this will be decreasing the property value of an entire community. Again I ask, please take my concerns along with my fellow community members' concerns into deep consideration when making your decision on the Stokes Mine in Anthony and vote NO.

My address is 4441 Ne 97th St Rd Anthony, Fl 32617. My family and I welcome you to come on our property so that you can see first hand our concerns for the location of this proposed mine and the effects that it will have on our family ,property and community. Feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. My phone number is (813)-928-6139 and my email address is [jilchall4@gmail.com](mailto:jilchall4@gmail.com). Thank you for your time and consideration in preventing this project from moving forward.

God Bless,

Jeremy Hall

## Soucey, Stephanie

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**From:** Marion County Growth Services  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 7:16 AM  
**To:** Soucey, Stephanie; Pocock, Darlene  
**Subject:** FW: Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony

**From:** Cheryl Babcock <cherylbabcock2004@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 5:56 PM  
**To:** Marion County Growth Services <GrowthServices@marionfl.org>  
**Subject:** Seiler/Stokes Mine Anthony

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Dear Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am writing to request that this Anthony Sand Mine "Special Permit" project be denied for the following reasons.

We moved from Ocala to Anthony in 2006 for the beautiful landscape, rolling farmland, non commercial, quiet, quaint town quality. My husband and I are retired and have the biggest investment of our lives within devastating proximity of this proposed "Special Permit", Anthony Sand Mine.

We live at 3231 NE 97th Street Road . My parents live in this area and are in their 80s and I am responsible for them, their house and their health and well being.

My daughter moved to this same area 3 years ago.

I would like to address additional reasons why this project for someone's personal gain at the expense of others is not only going to detrimentally decrease our residential property value but:

Our peaceful country setting will be diminished to commercial mining,

Pollution of our local air & water supply,

Increase of dirt, dust & noise pollution,

Endanger our children waiting at bus stops on both NE 97th Street Road and NE 41st Terrace,

Endanger the cycling, walking, horse back riding, etc with the width of these roads being shared with continuous - commercial trucks on our little country roads,

Damage to ground water and change to flood plans,

Removal of our natural resources in our community, destruction of wildlife habitat & horse farm community lifestyle.

Our roadways will be ruined with the amount of traffic, 25 trucks at minimum of 10 loads per day??? No limitation of truck routes, days, hours will be enough considering the damage that will be done.

As elected officials in our community, I would like to see this "Special Permit" denied and am asking for your assistance to reject this proposal keep Anthony beautiful!!!

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**Pocock, Darlene**

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Planning & Zoning Commission

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US MAIL: 601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ocala, FL 34471

2701 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470

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Dear Commissioner Zalak and Director Burgess:

This is in regards the zoning of sand mining or excavation of sand from a 70 acre track located at 10015 NE 41st Terrace in Anthony. Parcel #14000-000-00 and #14394-002-00.

From what I understand the land owner, Scott Seiler is seeking approval for a permit to conduct sand mining for his profit and to dig 20 - 30 feet deep down into farm land. By allowing this, it will have an affect in our area in many ways. First and foremost being our aquifer. We are all on wells in Anthony and this could very well ruin the purity of our water and Lord forbid, if they hit the aquifer causing the pit holes to fill with our water, thus draining our wells. We are a rural community and do not have the option of any other water source (no city water).

Other factors would be decreases in our property values, air (dust) and noise pollution. Increase of loud and heavy trucks damaging our roads that are already in bad shape. Also putting our school children in danger when at their bus stops. We don't have street lights and these rural roads can be hard to see children on dark mornings.

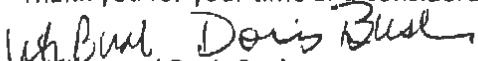
Sand mining is a direct cause of erosion. Also causing destruction of the natural habitat for the wildlife including the gopher tortoise which is listed on the Florida Threatened list under the Endangered Species Act and are protected under our state laws. These gophers do live in our area, digging burrow for their shelter along with other animal species. It is the sandy soil that draws them to our area.

We understand that Florida Department of Environmental Protection has the oversight of sand mines permits and we would like to be provided a copy of the report of their finding if this is approved by our County Commissioners. We, as land owners surrounding the proposed sand mind, have not been notified of anything about this by the county.

As it stands right now, we do not agree with this nor do we want this sand mind in our neighborhood now or anytime in the future. Local government has the responsibility of planning for our community's future while considering the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. This is not in the best interest for us at all, therefore, we are against moving forward with this project.

Please be sure to include our concerns at any of your public meetings / workshops as land owners against sand mining in our community.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

  
William and Doris Busbee

5010 NE 110<sup>th</sup> ST.

Anthony, FL

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My name is Tracey Hurst and I live at 4954 NE 110<sup>th</sup> street, Anthony, FL. I have lived here my whole life.

My family came to live in Anthony in 1700's. They farmed here, their whole life. I am against this sand mine for all the same reasons as everyone else that is here. To preserve Family's farming and agriculture and all the nature that makes Anthony so beautiful.

I will talk about the animals which make their habitat in our area. Most importantly the protected ones.

To be precise the ones that live adjacent from this proposed sand mine and on this property.

- Deer
- Fox squirrels
- hawks
- Owls (p)
- Indigo snakes (p)
- Gopher tortoise (p)

It is my understanding that the property wasn't reviewed by the zoning department for protected species because land was used for crops. I have driven these roads a long time and know there are gophers that live on this property and the adjacent. I have on many occasions helped gophers to complete their journey across the road. I did not enter property for sand mine, but I did get permission to go on Jane M. property, parcel # 14394-001-00. I visited this property 3 times. On all visits I found borrows. I have lived in Florida all my life, never in my life have I seen so many borrows on a piece of property as I did on this one. I have attached my findings for a small section of the top north end of parcel #14394-001-00.

This property has trees on top northwest and the northeast side of property, but everything in between on the top end is loaded very heavily with brier bushes. I started on the northwest side moving towards the northeast side. It didn't take me long to find gopher borrows. For this meeting I have attached 10 of the active gopher holes I found in a very small section of the property. Again, the number of borrows on this property was staggering. Attached is a diagram of where they live and how far off the fence line of Seiler/sand mine. Gophers sometimes have a couple of different borrows and move based on food and habitat conditions. It appears these gophers have been condition based on the crops in this area, good food source. On one of my visits, I got the ~~rare~~ chance to see an indigo snake entering one of the borrows, I wasn't fast enough to take a picture, But confirmed they are present. There are borrows all over this property, I really didn't have the time to diagram all of them. I will be happy to work with anyone that would like to go out and see the area. The biggest threat to gophers is destruction of their habitat. There is significant proof that this property has many protected species on it. I hope you will take this in consideration when making your decision on sand mining this property. This sand mine would be destructive to all involved and not in the best interest of our community.

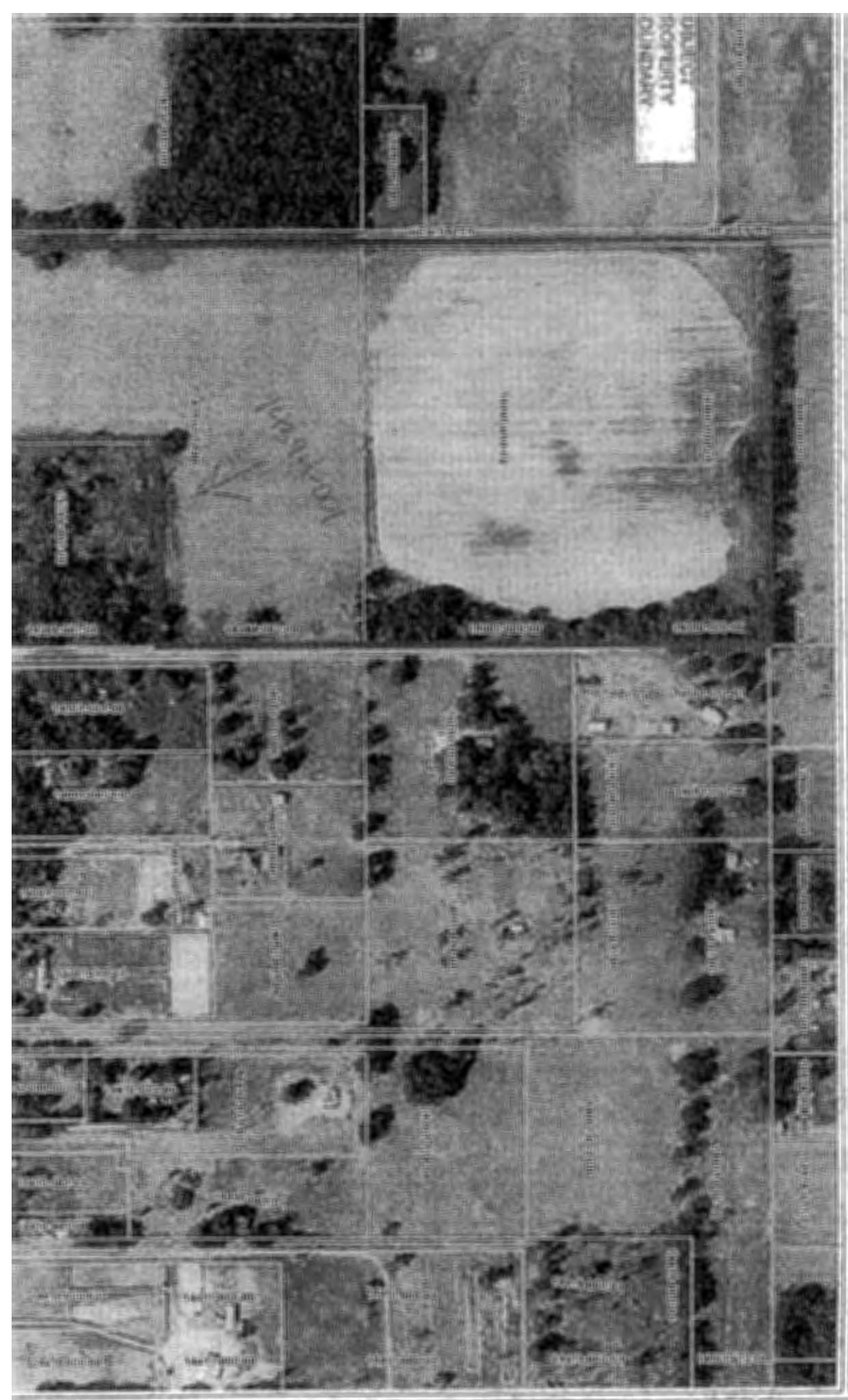
Thank you for your consideration to stop this sand mine!!!

Tracey Hurst

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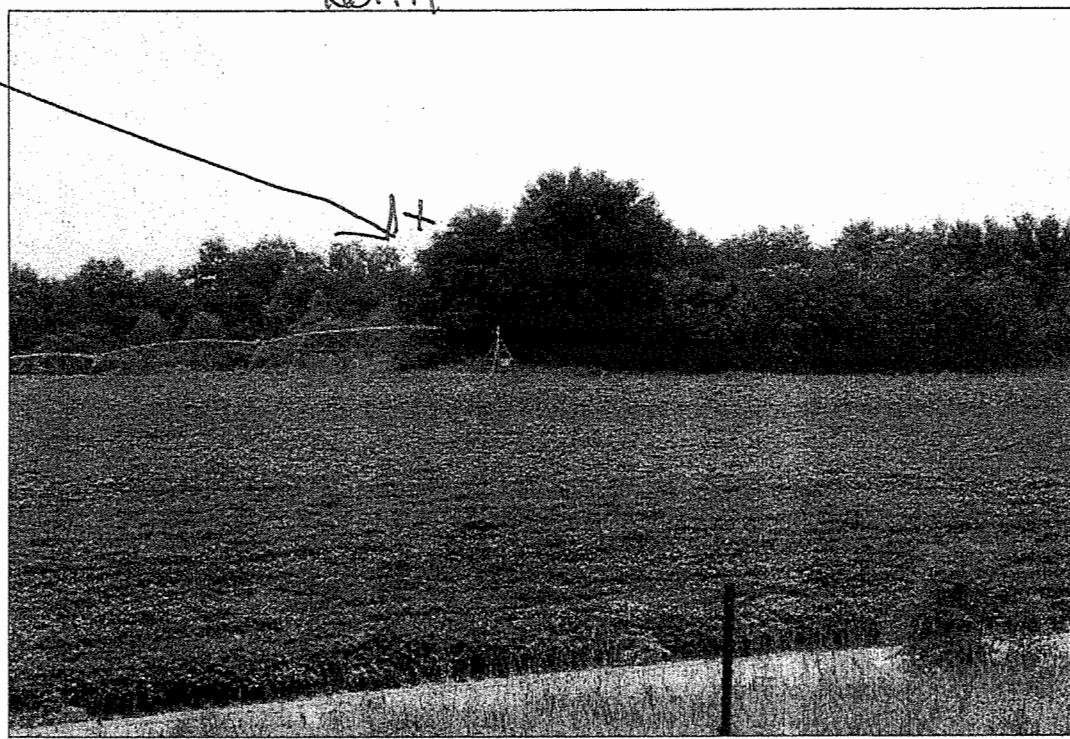
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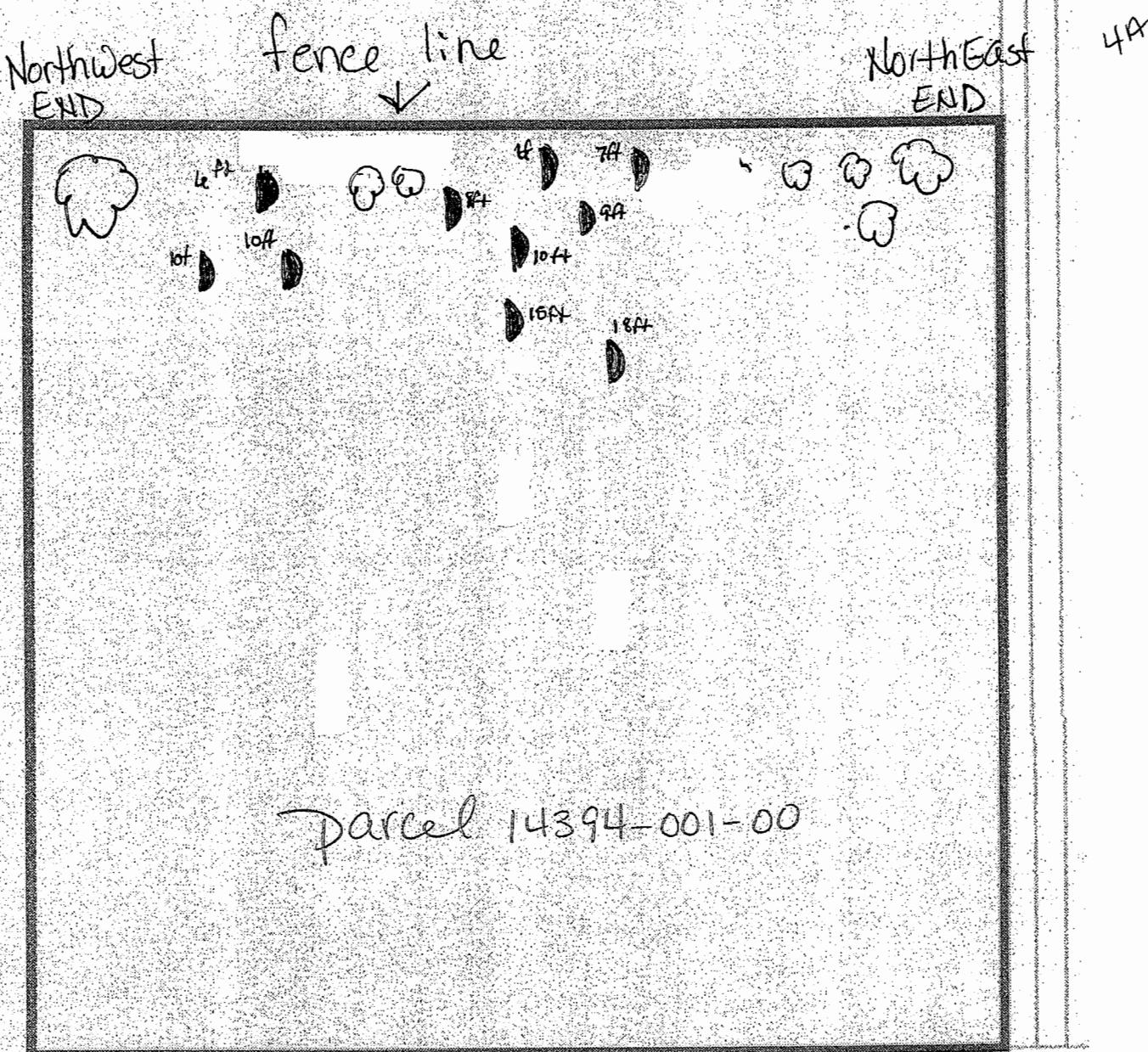
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Proposed mining area. (North side)

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