

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP & VALLEY VIEW QUARRY POINTS OF CONSENSUS

PROTECTING THE PILGRIM RIVER WATERSHED

1. The footprint of the quarry will be limited to the N ½ of the NE ¼ of Sec. 15 and the SE ¼ of Sec. 10. Uses in the S ½ of Sec. 15 will be limited to access roads, storage, and other uses permitted in the Rural Residential zoning classification.
2. Since there was such a high degree of public interest in safeguarding the Pilgrim River watershed, Valley View Quarry voluntarily offers to keep the remainder of the land in Sec. 15, which is currently in CFA, in CFA for a period of 15 years. This action ensures the land will remain wooded for the near future and will remain available for area hunters.
3. Any future portable or permanent asphalt or cement plants must be located in the SE ¼ of Sec. 10, not in the Pilgrim River watershed.
4. If the quarry is sold, the new owner must submit a site reclamation plan in accordance with township regulations.

PERMITTING AND DUE PROCESS

1. Valley View Quarry will apply for a special use permit and follow the process delineated in the township zoning ordinance to obtain the permit.
2. After a period of 15 years, an informal review may be conducted to assess whether the standards for processing sand and gravel enumerated in the current zoning ordinance (Sec. 3.4, #7) continue to be satisfactorily addressed.
3. DEQ permits must be maintained.

SECONDARY CONCERNS

1. Portage Township will provide VVQ with a list of neighboring families who wish to be notified before blasting. Families will be alerted at least one day prior by their choice of phone or e-mail.
2. Road dust within the quarry and near any entrances to main roads will be controlled as conditions dictate using water or magnesium chloride.
3. Noise prevention and suppression will remain a problem. As the operating floor of the quarry becomes lower and as the face of the quarry wall moves over time to reflect more southward, conditions should improve. But this will take years to be apparent. Efforts to reduce noise emissions will continue to be ongoing.
4. Normal business hours will be 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM with the understanding that equipment breakdowns, weather, or special orders may occasionally require extended hours of operation. The crusher will not begin crushing before 7:00 AM, though diesel equipment requires a warm up period. The quarry has usually ceased operations at 5:00 PM Friday, and in 2009 Saturday hours have been rare.