



STOP GRAVEL AND SAND MINING

IN DESOTO COUNTY RESIDENTIAL AREAS (AR ZONES)

Mission: To present our case before the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors on September 19th, 2016. Our position is that the residents in the unincorporated areas of Desoto County that are currently zoned Agricultural-Residential do not want sand and gravel mining operations allowed adjacent to residential property. Standard Construction has appealed the unanimous decision made by the Board of Adjustment on June 13, 2016 to turn down their application for conditional use. The appeal will be heard by the Board of Supervisors for a final decision to be made.

The Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for September 19th at 11:00 AM at the DeSoto County Administration Building located at: 365 Loshier Street; Hernando, MS 38632.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Show up to the September 19th meeting. There is strength in numbers! Make plans NOW to attend.
- Write and/or call your DeSoto County elected officials to voice your concerns!
- Get petition signatures!
- Tell your neighbors!
- Bring letters and signed petitions with you on September 19th!

Environmental Effects and Safety Concerns of Sand and Gravel Mining:

- **Air Pollution:** Particles stay suspended in the air for long periods of time and pose the greatest health hazards as nearby homes can be covered by dust.
- **Water Pollution:** Sediment loading from these mines to streams and wetlands has been identified as significant degradation to water supplies potentially threatening the 2200+ houses that are serviced by Lewisburg Water and other suppliers which are fed by the Sparta Aquifer.
- **Diesel Fuels:** Pose multiple pollution issues from noise (diesel generators) to ground water contamination.
- **Noise Pollution:** Sound pollution can include loud noises from crushers and screen plants, which has been reported to be heard as much as a mile away. Additionally, increased traffic is estimated at an average of 125 loads per day, (250 trucks) which equates to a moving truck every three minutes on a 12 hour work day. Note the noise is increased significantly if the mine is operating at night.
- **Safety Hazards:** Gravel truck and plant employee traffic create road hazards such as potholes and increased road debris. Additionally, the potential for accidents is heightened by industrial traffic which puts our children in harm's way and will slow down emergency vehicles getting through.
- **Property Devaluation:** The aforementioned environmental and safety concerns have the potential to immediately and drastically reduce home values. Considering the area hasn't fully recovered from the 2008 real estate crisis, this poses an increased burden on the affected neighborhoods which not only affects individuals but the community at large. Furthermore, many residents value the green woodlands of the proposed area, and wish to protect the natural beauty and quiet that attracted them to the area in the first place.

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