



Presentation to Planning and Economic Development Committee

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Why Uppers Quarry is not a Good Neighbour



Creek redirection

Air quality

Property damage

Property values

Wildlife

Transparency/Trust

Fly rock

Noise/vibration

Truck accidents

Traffic

Food insecurity

Loss of agricultural land

Community reputation

Tax implications

Future policy decisions

Respect for public input

Respect for environment

Respect for zoning

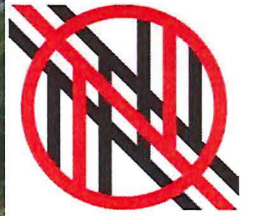


Loss of Agricultural Land

FACTS:

The proposed quarry will operate as a pit, dug out approximately 30-40m below ground.

The aggregate is located below the ground water.





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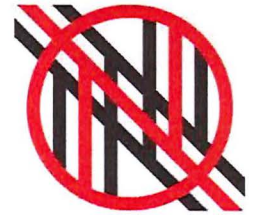
Niagara represents 23% of agriculture in the Golden Horseshoe.

Upper's Quarry represents the permanent loss and destruction of 256 acres of agricultural land [103.6Ha].

A deep pit quarry means that land will never be available for agriculture.



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It is a permanent loss of Class 2&3 soil types, in an area that has the good climate for production of food crops.

In addition, quarries can potentially allow polluted water (from dust, chemicals) to surrounding agricultural land.

Agricultural-rich land is disappearing at a high rate, leading to food insecurity for all.

– Over the past two decades, Ontario lost farmland at a rate of 175 acres (about 70 hectares) a day, the equivalent of five family farms each week, according to a recent analysis of census data from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). (Source: Ontario loses 175 acres of farmland to urban development a day, says farmers group | CBC News - Retrieved March 2, 2023).



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T To summarize:

A changing climate, growing global population, rising food prices and environmental stressors have a significant impact on everyone's food security.

All decisions regarding land use patterns in conjunction with water allocation, are important and serious, affecting the quality of all residents.