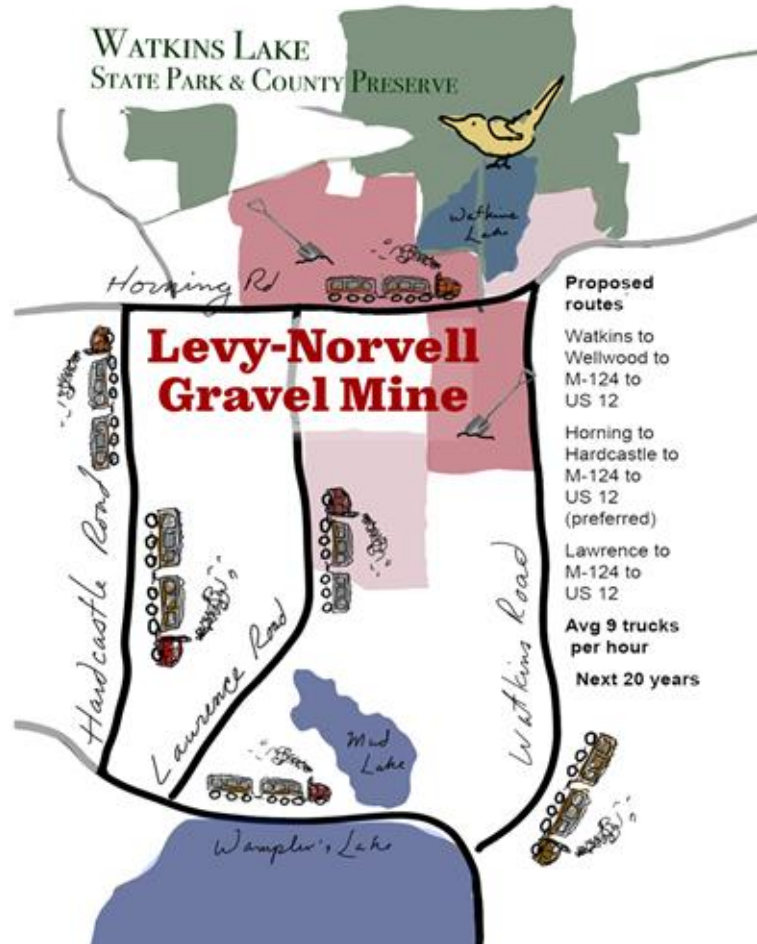


Community Meeting on Proposed Gravel Mine in Norvell Township

April 11, 2026

Irish Hills
Concerned
Citizens



Welcome Zoom Attendees

Use the Zoom Chat to participate in the meeting!



Welcome - Sybil Kolon

AGENDA

Updates - 10:30

- Welcome
- Traffic risks and government response
- Property values and township tax revenues
- How to advocate for our state parks and natural resources
- Next steps and upcoming actions

Community discussion - 11:15

- What actions should we be taking next as a community?
- How would you like to be involved moving forward?



Traffic

18 trucks/hour (9 full, 9 empty)*

M-F 10-12 hours and Sat a.m.*

20 years*

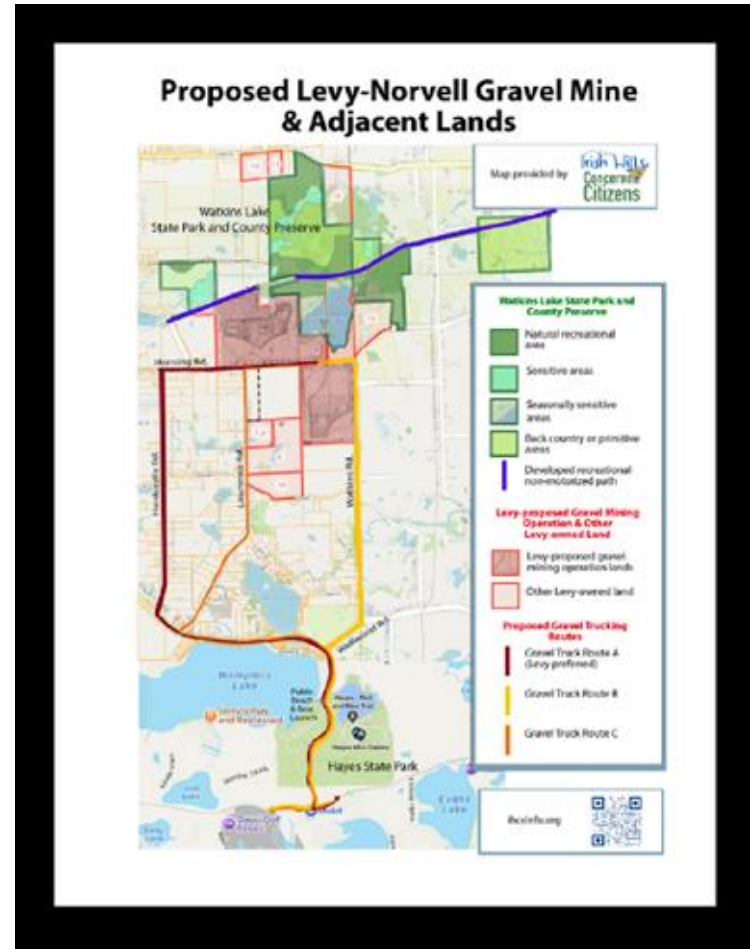
Truck weight: 100,000 lbs full*

Truck width: 8.5 feet

M-124 lane width: 12 feet

Clearance on each side: 1' 9"

* from America Aggregate's Mining Application, Traffic Study, p. 8



Traffic issues

- Driveways
- Pedestrians
- Bicycles
- Delays and crashes at intersections
- Vibration and noise
- Hayes State Park

Traffic mitigation constraints

From the Michigan DOT:

- Speed limits
- Traffic lights
- Ban gravel trucks on roads
- Road repair bond/funding



Frequently Asked Questions
For further questions, please contact 517-780-7540

1. Can the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) prohibit trucks on M-124?
 - a. MDOT is unable to prohibit trucks on M-124. Allowing trucks on M-124 is a requirement to receive federal funding to repair and rebuild this highway. The US Department of Transportation will not allow trucks to be prohibited within one mile of routes on the National Truck Network. US-12 and M-50 are on the National Truck Network.
2. Could M-124 become a local road and prohibit trucks?
 - a. A complex process exists to allow local authorities to eliminate the state highway designation by taking ownership of a state roadway. This may require repayment of funds invested into M-124 and will require the local township and/or county to fund the repayment and future repairs of the highway. A portion of M-124 lies within Lenawee County, which would require agencies in that county to also participate.
 - b. If there is a business located within a section of a roadway that is newly restricted to trucks, the local road authority must provide access from that location to the nearest truck route.

Property Values - comparing methods

Hedonic Model (accepted economist method): Isolates the effect of distance from a mine in large data sets while holding other factors constant. **Result:** Reduction in property values of 7% to 36%, based on distance from the mine.

Matched Pair Analysis (Levy's method): Choose a handful of "similar" homes near a mine and far from a mine and compare sales prices. **Result:** No difference in property values—or mine might cause property values to rise!

Estimated mine impact to Norvell Twp property values - haul route

603 properties near haul route

4,431 acres

30% reduction in value

These properties' assessed value in 2025: \$89,265,000

Decrease in value: \$26,779,500

Potential Norvell Township annual tax loss: **\$476,675**

Estimated mine impact to Norvell Twp property values - indirect

1,622 properties within 5 miles of mine site

14,373 acres

7.5% reduction in value

These properties' assessed value in 2025: \$184,138,025

Decrease in value: \$13,810,352

Potential Norvell Township annual tax loss: **\$245,654**

Property value impacts total (est.)

Loss of property value: \$40,589,852

Potential Norvell Township annual tax loss: \$722,499

Traffic Safety and Property Values Next Steps

- Township must consider these as very serious consequences under Ordinance and state law
- Submit this information to the Township
- Hire a credentialed expert to confirm and expand on it

State Parks advocacy and next steps

The DNR has refused to provide to the Township any assessment of the impact the mine would have on Watkins Lake State Park or Hayes State Park. Actions taken to date and next steps:

- 179 letters to the DNR and the Township
- Township request to the DNR
- DNR response
- Next step: Parks Advisory Commission meeting April 22 online



People Power

Petition to Norvell Township Board

Yard signs - available here and at Callaghan's Coffee and Sharon Valley Bike Shoppe \$10

Township Board meeting - April 20, 6:00 PM

Parks Advisory Committee virtual meeting - April 22, 2:00 PM

Planning Commission April meeting cancelled

Next public IHCC meeting - May 16, 10:30 AM



Thank you to our fabulous volunteers!

Including:

Glen Ashlock

Dana Ashlock

Alicia DeCaria

Marty Godin

Donna Craft

Margaret Bialecki

Sandy Hines

Peter Knox

Debbie Owen

Ryan Johnson

Cathy King

Kenny King

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Joe Crisante, *Treasurer*

Emily Jade Foley, *Board member*

Linda Knox, *Secretary*

Sybil Kolon, *President*

Community Discussion

Zoom participants: please join us in the Zoom Chat

- What actions should we be taking next as a community?
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More Action Suggestions

- Put pressure on the planning commission members to come here
- Pile onto the planning commission meetings - we need more to show up
- Talk to residents on highway 12 all the way to Saline
- What would be a compelling reason to favor the mine as a resident? Try to be empathetic and develop responses.
 - Property rights
 - Revenue from Levy, and job opportunities
- Communicate how the mine is counter to the township master plan
- Communicate the longterm economic consequences and their impact on families/inheritances
- Communicate who benefits from mining revenue and who wouldn't
- Stay on top of the question of whether Levy would be contributing to the maintenance of the roads
- Get more big signs on prominent roads

Action Suggestions

- Boats on the lake(s) with signs - big and small
- Communicate more about dust (and noise) from diesel trucks. We're currently stymied by having too little info from Levy. Info we need has been requested
 - Review Levy's safety record - no giant red flags but we need a deeper dive
- Make twp meetings available live via video
- Add short videos on the website
- Prepare a plan to monitor that haulers use the designated route, if the plan is approved
- Dig deeper into what the reclamation plan is. A \$2 mill bond? Not enough. Review notes from Dec 11 2022 meeting at Twp board
- Be prepared when we succeed: what do we want to happen with that land.
- Make T-shirts