

# Petition against the proposed Levy-Norvell Gravel Mine

I, the signer of this document, am opposed to the development of the Levy-Norvell Gravel Pit in Norvell Township by American Aggregates of Michigan/Levy Corp. The company has proposed a gravel mine to be located adjacent to Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve and on Horning and Arnold Roads. Its preferred haul route goes down Hardcastle Rd. to Wampler's Lake Road thru Hayes State Park to US 12. The impacts include:

**Damage to state parks:** The mine would abut Watkins Lake State Park and the lake itself, refuges for birds and popular places for birders and hikers. Continuous noise, dust plumes, vibration, pollution, gravel trucks right next to it—that portion of the park would be blighted, abandoned by birds and wildlife, birders and hikers. And that's in addition to the traffic snarls the trucks would cause at the entrance of Hayes State Park.

**Traffic makes our communities unsafe:** The mining company says its haul route would send 18 gravel trucks an hour—9 full, 9 empty—down residential area on Wampler's Lake Road and through Hayes State Park. Bike lanes? Pedestrian traffic? People pulling out of their driveways? All threatened by the huge gravel trucks roaring up to 50 M.P.H every three minutes, 10-13 hours a day, M-F and Saturday mornings, for 20 years.

**Property values plummet:** Studies of property values near other Michigan gravel mines found reductions in property values up to 30 percent, and 7.5 percent as far as five miles away. Property values along the haul routes were not studied, but is likely to decline somewhere in between those percentages. This mine would degrade the value of our homes and properties.

**Master Plan:** This proposed gravel pit appears to violate not only the current Norvell Township zoning laws, but also the spirit of the long-term vision of the Township as detailed in the Township Master Plan.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PETITION TO:** IHCC, P.O. BOX 72, BROOKLYN, MI 49230

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NOTES: This petition is not offered, nor intended, as a legal document as defined by the laws governing the initiative process in Michigan, but simply as a formal expression of the opinions of the signers. Signers include Irish Hills residents to be negatively affected by the proposed project, plus local businesses and visitors to both Watkins Lake State Park and Hayes State Park to be severely impacted by the proposed project. ***(One signer per document – copy this page for additional signers)*** For more information, please visit [ihccinfo.org](http://ihccinfo.org).

