## STOP THE HIGHWAY 101 ROCK QUARRY AT THE PAULDING / CARROLL COUNTY LINE

Dear Paulding County Neighbors,

We request your support in stopping the proposed Highway 101 Rock Quarry in Paulding County, Georgia. This quarry will have devastating effects on our community, including irreparable damage to our land, displacement of local wildlife, and the pollution/destruction of one stream and the complete removal of another stream that feeds into Legion Lake and the Chattahoochee watershed and beyond.

Not only will it disrupt the peacefulness of our surrounding area, but it will also cause structural damage to homes from blasting. The silica dust generated from the quarrying of rocks and rock crushing operations will negatively impact the health of our citizens. Additionally, the constant noise of backup alarms, tailgates slamming, loud truck/equipment engines running during 24-hour operations at the discretion of the quarry owners will prevent nearby residents from getting any rest or enjoying the peacefulness of their property.

Furthermore, this quarry will have a negative impact on nearby agricultural livestock and a nearby animal rescue farm. Despite claims by the developers that the proposed quarry will create jobs, the reality is that very few Paulding Countians will actually be employed. And as one of the owners stated, they see two quarries in our county as a monopoly and three as competition. Thus, this will result in less sales tax revenue for our county, because of the same customer base being spread thinner.

The rights of one property owner should never supersede the rights of other nearby property owners. It is unfair for one individual / entity (in this case a group of outside investors – none are residents of Paulding County) to have the right to create an open pit rock quarry for the sole purpose of quarrying aggregates, while disregarding the well-being and peace of mind of their neighbors. The citizens living in close proximity to the quarry should not be deprived of enjoying the peacefulness of their land and homes. Furthermore, they should not be forced to endure property damage, loss of home and land value, and loss of access to clean water from their wells due to quarry activities. Most importantly, the health and safety of nearby residents should never be compromised due to the actions of one property owner. It is important for the rights and well-being of all property owners to be taken into consideration and protected, rather than allowing one individual's interests to outweigh those of their neighbors.

I urge you to please <u>contact all Paulding County Board of Commissioners via email and phone and express</u> <u>your concerns</u> about the proposed Highway 101 Rock Quarry in Paulding County AND sign the online petition. Together, we can prevent this from happening and protect our beautiful community and county.

We need all Paulding County Board of Commissioners contacted between now and September 9, 2024, prior to the September 10, 2024, Paulding County Board of Commissioners' 2:00PM meeting.

Thank you for your time and help with this urgent matter. Website: www.stop101rockquarry.com



**Website QR Code** 

Paulding County Board of Commissioners' names and contact information:

Commissioners: Dave Carmichael 770-443-7550, Keith Dunn 770-443-7550, ext. 4001, Sandy Kaecher 770-443-7550, ext. 4007, Virginia Galloway 770-443-7550, ext. 4008, and Dean Schneider 770-443-7550, ext. 4009. Email for all: commissioners@paulding.gov (same email address – it will be forwarded to the addressed Commissioner).



**Online Petition**