



Lenawee County Planning Commission

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To: Cambridge Township Planning Commissioners

From: Lenawee County Planning Commission

Subject: SSP Leasing Proposal – for CAO 110-2200 and CAO 110-2300

Cambridge Township Planning Commissioners,

The Lenawee County Planning Commission would request careful consideration of the proposed operation at the subject properties. The upper Wolf Creek watershed area, in which this property is located, is under study for development of a Watershed Management Plan. Due to excessive levels of E. coli and Phosphorous found in Wolf Creek, in 2020 EGLE added Wolf Creek, Squaw Creek, and Loch Erin to its list of impaired waterways (EGLE 2020 Integrated Report, Appendix D2). All these entities are within Cambridge Township and fall within the watershed currently under study. The addition of these waters to the list indicates their delicate status.

RRWC received a grant for this study in December of last year with funding from the EPA and administered through EGLE. Cambridge Township provided a letter of support for this grant request in 2020. Given the proximity of the properties to Kelly Lake, it seems quite likely mining activity on this property will impact the immediate watershed area through runoff and unintentional impact to the water table.

As this area is currently under study for the next year, we would respectfully suggest that no action be taken on this proposal until this study is complete and the final report approved and issued by EGLE.

Should you choose to approve this commercial operation, we would request as a minimum the following.

- Professionally conducted continuous monitoring of the water quality in Kelly Lake and the immediate area to verify water quality conditions have not changed as a result of the operation.
- Delay any activity on the property until the Upper Wolf Creek Watershed Management plan is complete and the final report and remedial actions approved and issued by EGLE.

Sincerely,

LCPC Board

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