

Borough Assembly Members,

I strongly urge you to protect the residents of the KPB by adopting an ordinance to oversee prior existing material sites.

Your role as an Assemblyman is to protect the residents as well as the land within the KPB.

Your job is similar to a fathers, we just celebrated Fathers Day, we honor fathers who raise children by teaching proper values and integrity, leading by example protecting the family and home. I expect all "Assemblymen" to protect us, your family are the residents of KPB from the known and unknown deeds of unmonitored pre-existing gravel pit operations.

You are currently responsible for; not protecting us from the abuse of unregulated material sites. These abuses have long term effects for the land and community. Instead of a site being left usable after reasonable gravel extraction leaving land for homes or ball fields or parks, they are now dumping grounds for worn out excavation equipment, and any junk the owner wants to dump and park in their pit.

In my neighborhood we have been flooded twice in the last ten years. Water covering Greenridge Street for more than two weeks at a time. No roadside ditches to drain water away from homes. This Gravel pit operator knowingly dumped water using buried piping last summer. They continue to dig into the aquifer sixty plus feet below Kobuk Road and the neighboring residential homes why? Now the permeable layer has been compromised and water is being drained into a lower adjacent PEU gravel pit creating a huge puddle that never dries up. The higher up PEU pit drains water down through the sand embankment and has created standing water for months in the adjacent PEU. I am sure this is illegal moving water off site by draining through the sand embankment to a lower adjacent property owned by a different PEU gravel pit. For money, this greed and attitude "I can do what I want" is jeopardizing neighborhoods and property values.

Enstar's high pressure natural gas pipeline transiting the PEU material site near me and the Big Eddy state road ROW also is impacted. No standards for material removal digging to close to right of way, no monitoring, no standards for excavation and sloping adjacent to state and borough roads and high pressure pipeline ROW's. Within the PEU gravel pit Enstar had to shut down recent excavation activity next to their ROW, no borough standards or notification procedure or plan for gravel excavation. Excavated slopes are filled with trees and slash and dirt instead of being left safe and secure with naturally compacted gravel.

How many times in the last ten or fifteen years has the Borough Assembly voted to control the Prior-Existing Material sites? At least three times an ordinance has lost by one vote. This is an ongoing issue that can no longer be swept under the rug and ignored.

So in summary, if you are interested in a "PEU" dump near you full of old junk heavy equipment, scrapers, bulldozers, excavators, tanker trucks and trailers, scrap semi trucks and dump trailers and vans, pickups and cars. Old atco trailers, motorhomes, old tires, old oilfield

pipng and pumps, lots of scrap steel. And of course none of this old equipment leaks oil or fuel. After being abandoned for years with no renovation or remediation plan.

If unmonitored, digging into the water table is good for the surrounding neighborhood's well water. If dumping trees and stumps into these excavation ponds, of course that water will prevent the trees being able to biodegrade and become dirt again. That's what lumber mills do is sink logs into water to prevent degradation of the tree until it's needed for lumber.

Too bad the PEU materials site can't be a subdivision, baseball or soccer fields, or a park with walking and bike trails. Instead it's a dumpsite for junk equipment. The land has been molested and raped of any and all usable material for the \$ buck and then becomes a nice convient dumping place and future hazadours materials waste site.

Please vote to protect your community and family. I urge you to support an Ordinance to properly regulate Prior Existing Material sites, many need oversite. All need a plan for the future.

If you would like to see what's happening in my neighborhood please contact me for a short visit.

Thank you for your consideration of an Ordinance to regulate and oversee Prior Existing Use material sites, gravel pits.

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Public Comment Ordinance 2022-36.

Begin forwarded message:

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To whom it May Concern ,
I have had property on Greenridge Street lot 50 and 51 Rainbow Subdivision for over ten years and my property is eroding every year because of the increased overflow of the adjoining gravel pit. The pit water erodes all surrounding land in our neighborhood and so much that our road becomes flooded and closed. This pit must be closed or closely monitored or soon we will have no useful property on our land or no useful road.

sincerely,
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