

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD

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Springfield Township Board
12000 Davisburg Rd
Davisburg, MI 48350

RE: Opposition to Special Land Use Permit for Gravel Pit - Impact of
Proposed Truck Route on Rose Township

Dear Springfield Township Board,

On behalf of the Rose Township Board, we are submitting this formal letter of opposition regarding the proposed gravel pit operation in Springfield Township and, more specifically, the proposed truck route associated with this development.

While the land use proposal itself falls within Springfield Township's borders, the truck route as proposed directly and materially affects the safety, infrastructure, property values, and quality of life of Rose Township residents. We therefore cannot remain silent in the face of a plan that would so significantly disrupt our community and endanger those who live here.

Public Safety Hazards

Rose Township's top priority is protecting the health and safety of everyone traveling on these roads. The proposed truck route presents unacceptable and avoidable risks:

- **Stopping Distance:** Fully loaded gravel trucks require over 400 yards to stop in ideal conditions. Given the 50 mph speed limit on Davisburg and Milford Roads, even a brief distraction or sudden stop could result in a catastrophic crash.
- **Dangerous Intersections:** Multiple side roads intersect Davisburg and Milford Roads, along with many private driveways, where visibility is limited. Introducing multiple multi-ton trucks per hour will make it increasingly dangerous for drivers to enter or cross these roads.
- **Lack of Sidewalks or Shoulders:** Neither road has sidewalks. Children

waiting for buses, residents walking dogs, joggers, and bicyclists will face greater risk, with no buffer from 80,000+ lb trucks moving at highway speeds.

- Proximity to Homes: Many homes lie within 50 yards of these roads. In the event of mechanical failure, a driver swerving to avoid wildlife, or icy conditions, trucks could easily veer off-road, endangering lives and property.
- Wildlife and Pets: Frequent animal crossings create additional hazards. Trucks of this size and speed cannot safely react, increasing the risk of collisions and secondary crashes.

Impacts to Property and Quality of Life

- Property Values: Up to 160 truck passes per day will inevitably reduce property values along the route, deterring prospective buyers.
- Noise, Dust, and Air Quality: Diesel engine noise, exhaust, and gravel dust will disrupt daily life, especially for residents who moved to Rose Township for peace, quiet, and clean air.
- Loss of Safe Outdoor Space: With trucks operating 14 hours a day, five days a week, residents will lose the ability to safely enjoy their yards, gardens, and porches.

Rose Township residents deserve the right to live safely, enjoy clean and quiet neighborhoods, and protect their property investments. The proposed trucking plan undermines all of these principles.

Our Requests

We respectfully request that the Springfield Township Board:

1. Deny the Special Land Use Permit based on the unacceptable impact of the truck route on neighboring communities; or
2. At minimum, require an alternate truck route that avoids residential areas of Rose Township; and
3. Ensure regional input from directly affected communities before making any decision of this magnitude.

We welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively to find a safer, more responsible solution that respects the rights of all residents—not just those within the applicant's township boundaries.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Brad Stilwell
Supervisor, Rose Township Board