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Proposed Levy/Burroughs Materials Sand & Gravel Mine

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Levy/Burroughs Materials Corp. submitted a Special Land Use Permit application on April 29, 2025.

Current status of application: **PAUSED FOR REVIEW**

Important Developments in 2026

FIRST TEST WELL INSTALLED	ORMOND ROAD TESTED FOR RECLASSIFICATION	MONTHLY PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES
Construction began in April on the first high-capacity exploratory well at the proposed site. The well is intended to support aquifer testing, including a future pumping or drawdown test. A test date and results have not been publicly released. A second test well is expected to be drilled in August. Details and location for the second well are not publicly known.	Levy's consultants performed pavement cores and soil borings along Ormond Road. Records state that the work was intended to evaluate what would be required to reclassify Ormond Road from Class B to Class A, all season standards. Springfield Township and the Road Commission for Oakland County have not released any details or updates about Levy's attempt to reclassify Ormond Road.	Springfield Township has recently contracted with planning firm Carlisle Wortman to prepare and present monthly updates regarding Levy's application. So far, the updates have not provided any significant information and are not providing adequate communication for Township residents.

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More information about the Levy/Burroughs Materials SLUP Application, including FOIA documents, permits, timelines, meeting minutes, and more can be found at okoenv.com and click '**Springfield Township**' at the top.

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MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT

125.3205 Zoning ordinance subject to certain acts; regulation or control of oil or gas wells; prohibition; extraction of valuable natural resource; challenge to zoning decision; serious consequences resulting from extraction; factors; regulations not limited.

Sec. 205.

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(3) **An ordinance shall not prevent the extraction, by mining, of valuable natural resources from any property unless very serious consequences would result from the extraction of those natural resources.** Natural resources shall be considered valuable for the purposes of this section if a person, by extracting the natural resources, can receive revenue and reasonably expect to operate at a profit.

(4) A person challenging a zoning decision under subsection (3) has the initial burden of showing that there are valuable natural resources located on the relevant property, that there is a need for the natural resources by the person or in the market served by the person, and that no very serious consequences would result from the extraction, by mining, of the natural resources.

(5) In determining under this section whether very serious consequences would result from the extraction, by mining, of natural resources, the standards set forth in *Silva v Ada Township*, 416 Mich 153 (1982), shall be applied and all of the following factors may be considered, if applicable:

- ➔ **The relationship of extraction and associated activities with existing land uses.**
- ➔ **The impact on existing land uses in the vicinity of the property.**
- ➔ **The impact on property values in the vicinity of the property and along the proposed hauling route serving the property, based on credible evidence.**
- ➔ **The impact on pedestrian and traffic safety in the vicinity of the property and along the proposed hauling route serving the property.**
- ➔ **The impact on other identifiable health, safety, and welfare interests in the local unit of government.**
- ➔ **The overall public interest in the extraction of the specific natural resources on the property.**

(6) Subsections (3) to (5) do not limit a local unit of government's reasonable regulation of hours of operation, blasting hours, noise levels, dust control measures, and traffic, not preempted by part 632 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.63201 to 324.63223.

However, such *regulation shall be reasonable in accommodating customary mining operations.*