



David Pepper

Hamilton County Commissioner

Pepper Opposes Martin Marietta Mine

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PEPPER: COMMISSION SHOULD NOT CONSENT TO MINE/BLASTING PROJECT IN ANDERSON

Proposal: County Should Deny Tunneling Under County Road

Today, at the Newtown Farmer's Market, surrounded by local leaders and concerned citizens, Hamilton County Commissioner David Pepper introduced a resolution to effectively stop current plans for a proposed underground mine in Anderson Township that has been opposed by multiple neighboring communities.



A central part of the Martin Marietta mine plan is to create a large tunnel under a county road (Broadwell Road)-a tunnel large enough for trucks to haul explosives into the underground mine on a daily basis. **Under Ohio law, Martin Marietta must seek County Commission approval to excavate under a county road.** So far, this permission has not been sought.

Pepper's resolution establishes that the County Commission **opposes any request to tunnel under Broadwell Road**, effectively halting the project as currently proposed and planned. Pepper plans to introduce the motion to his fellow Commissioners at the Wednesday, July 14th commissioner's meeting. Pepper introduced a motion of general opposition in July of 2009 that passed 2-0.

"The overall risks and negative effects of this proposal outweigh any possible benefits, and could greatly disrupt the quality of life in surrounding communities," Pepper said. "We should in no way enable this project by allowing tunneling and the transportation of explosive devices under a County road-and if stopping the tunnel helps end this bad idea once and for all, that would be a great result."



(Area Surrounding Proposed Location for the Mine)

Testimony at a year's worth of hearings described numerous risks with the project, including noise, dust, traffic, the transport of explosives, and potential vibration from regulation explosions underground. Other entities that have already voiced their opposition to the mining proposal include: Village of Terrace Park, Village of Newtown, Village of Indian Hill, Village of Mariemont, Columbia Township, Union Township, Mariemont School District, and Milford School District.

"Through this action, I want to make it crystal clear that Hamilton County continues to oppose this proposed mine, and will take no action that facilitates its construction," Pepper said.

