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**From:** Mary-Ellen Harper  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 9, 2025 12:43 PM  
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**Attachments:** WATERMELON POND PROJECT ASSESSMENT (3).pdf

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Good afternoon,  
Please see attached document and email below



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To: Levy County Board of County Commissioners,

**This email concerns the proposed sand mine in Township 11S, Range 17E, in Levy County , Florida. I have attached a study from 1993 titled *Watermelon Pond Project Assessment*, which shows the sandhill/scrub properties in this area were already threated enough for the state to attempt to purchase any undeveloped lands in this vicinity , even in 1993. The area of concern runs from Watermelon Pond North (now preserved) to Watermelon Pond East (now part of Goethe State Forest/Baily Mine). Several parcels pf land have been purchased over time but now there is a sacristy of undeveloped land remaining that provides natural habitat for upland animals , plants. and allows for rapid percolation of unadulterated water to the Floridan Aquifer. It is important for the last few remaining parcels of undeveloped sandhill/scrub in this area remain intact so clean water will be recharging our aquifer.**

**To allow a special exception for mining in a location that is surrounded by a residential area on three sides is setting a precedent for future land use changes anywhere, even though it may not be compatible to the neighborhood. The Candler fine sand profile { 1} states that it is excessively drained soils, which creates problems with prolonged droughtiness and high soil blowing conditions, and a large volume of water would be needed to contain the situation. Now is Levy County's opportunity to assist in the endeavor of preservation for the few remaining parcels by not granting the special exception. The county, the family and/or environmental organizations should pursue various methods of protecting this parcel of land. It would be good to do the same for the land adjacent to this property and both families could leave a generational legacy.**

Thank You,  
**Emily Casey**

**{1} Soil Survey of Levy County, Florida, 1996, p. 29-30**

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