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Cleveland Board of Zoning Appeals  
City Planning Commission  
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 514  
Cleveland Ohio 44114  
ATTN: Chairman Carol A. Johnson

Re: Calendar No. 10-194 4300 Bradley Road.

Dear Chairman Johnson and Board Members Dobbins, Donovan, and Washington:

On behalf of Friends of Big Creek (FOBC) I am writing to oppose the W.B. and M.E. Bauman and Bradley Road, Incorporated appeal for grading, filling and excavation, including mining, removal, transfer and sale of soils and minerals on acreage located in a General Industry District and consisting of parcel numbers 009-36-001, 009-36-002, 009-36-005, 009-36-006, 009-36-007, 009-34-002, and 009-34-004.

This area, within the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan Area of Concern, has been subject to the effects of industrialization over many decades. The impacts have made significant changes to stream habitat, adjacent floodplains and riparian corridors, erosion and sedimentation levels and the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff. Outstanding violations/issues at this site include unauthorized piping across an existing stream, possible presence of aluminum, unauthorized filling of approximately .01 acres of wetland, and erosion control issues.

FOBC advocates a balance of economic growth and development while conserving critical natural resources that benefit our communities. Land use planning and development should recognize watershed functions and other natural processes. The proximity of this site to waterways and residential neighbors should render void any claims made in behalf of a special use zoning variance.

FOBC concurs with Resolution No. 375-10 adopted by Cleveland City Council in March 2010 opposing the application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources by Ty Inc. for a Mineral Mining Permit to strip mine sand and clay from 4300 Bradley Road adjacent to Skylane Drive in Ward 12 which reads in part:

Whereas, the land area requested to be strip mined is located between two creeks running through the area;  
and

Whereas, the strip mine would be adjacent to residences on Skylane Drive in Cleveland; and  
Whereas, the 15 year permit may compromise the ecosystem of the creeks, the water and air quality of the area, the property value of the area residents and the quality of life of those residents; and

Whereas, granting such a permit could set a terrible precedent for other vacant land in our community;  
Whereas, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, or safety, now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Cleveland:

Section 1. That this Council hereby opposes the application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources by Ty Inc. for a Mineral Mining Permit to strip mine sand and clay from 4300 Bradley Road, adjacent to Skylane Drive in Ward 12.

Yours respectfully,



Mary Ellen Stasek  
Chairman

cc: Councilman Anthony Brancatelli