

Hi. My name is Leona Anderson. I live on Timbercrest Drive, across Rt. 47 from the Lafarge gravel pit. I am here to ask you to vote "NO" to Lafarge Aggregates' request for expansion of their mining operation to the 148.5 acre farmland on Rowe Rd and Rt 47.

Feltes Sand and Gravel operated a mine near this location for many years. I never had a problem with the Feltes business. Then in 2007 Lafarge purchased this business, and in 2015 merged with the Holcim cement company. LafargeHolcim is the GLOBAL leader in the construction materials industry. They have operations in 80 countries, 15 states, and 26 places in Illinois. I mention this because I believe a gigantic company like LafargeHolcim makes no SMALL plans. So – they want 148.5 more acres now, but how far are they planning to go? There is more farmland to the west and to the north toward Elburn (only 2 miles away).

I can't help but think of the South Elgin area, and the LafargeHolcim gravel pits there. I do NOT want the Elburn area and western Kane County to look like the South Elgin quarry landscape. Do YOU? The people living there cannot stop Lafarge or change what has been done. We can. YOU can! I urge you and the Kane County Board to vote "NO" to this expansion.

Lastly, I must emphasize that this expansion does NOT fit into the Kane County 2040 Plan.

The "Quality of Kane" campaign for healthy people, healthy living, healthy communities.

You are working hard to make Kane County better. Is Lafarge?

According to your 2040 Plan, the ROUTE 47 CORRIDOR is the CRITICAL GROWTH AREA.

I states in section II, "... We need to re-double our efforts to prevent premature conversion of farmland to other uses and recommit to preserving agricultural areas..."

**“... Continuing our green legacy into 2040, Kane County commits to aggressively promote ... the green infrastructure network (and)...reaffirms the commitment ... to farmland preservation with the ... goal that by 2040 at least 50% of the land in Kane County should still be in farmland ...”**

**Here is your opportunity to show that you truly believe in your 2040 Plan.**