

QUARRY PARK and LAKEVIEW VILLAGE

This is a proposal for a public park and townhouses on land known as The Millington Quarry. The idea for a public park emerged in the late 90s. Using data and testimony for the 2003 rehabilitation plan, I designed a concept plan for the property, gave it the title shown above, and first described it in a drawing dated May 2, 2004. Some conditions have changed and I have made minor revisions. The current plan drawing is dated May 12, 2009.

Quarrying operations are near their end. A decision on the future use of this land must be made soon. The official plan at this time is for subdivision of all the buildable land for single family houses and ownership of what is left by a homeowners association.

I believe the park proposal is viable and that it will produce a unique asset, one that we, our children, and all those who come after will enjoy and be proud of. If you want this park, then please tell your township officials and urge others to do the same.

A description of the plan and its elements follows. Refer to drawing on reverse of this sheet.

- Property is Block 6001, Lot 6 in Bernards Township. It is owned by MQI and operated as a quarry by Tilcon. Total area is 183 acres. Stonehouse Rd forms part of the west boundary, the railroad is along the north, and the east corner touches Pond Hill Rd.
- Three-digit numbers are elevations in feet relative to mean sea level.
- Lake will fill from precipitation in about 10 years and stabilize at the level of the surrounding ground water, about 225 feet. Surface area will be about 40 acres.
- Light gray lines and boxes are paved roads and parking areas.
- Red lines represent paths for walking and biking.
- Brown boxes represent buildings.
- Lakeview Village is shown as 68 townhouses with size and spacing like Amherst Mews in The Hills. It is on a slope and all units can have a lake view.
- East Canyon section contains a small park with a picnic shelter, band shell, lawn panel for pick-up games, rest rooms and utility building.
- Yellow block in East Canyon is sand covered beach. Bathing operations can be managed like Pleasant Valley Pool and be financially self-sustaining.
- Very short gray line just south of beach is a put-in ramp for non-motorized water craft, including canoes, kayaks, row boats, and small sail boats. Boating will be unsupervised, but life jackets will be required.
- Little Aspen is a slope facing north for snow sports.
- Light green areas include shrubbery, lawns, and natural meadows.
- Dark green circles along south edge of lake represent a goose barrier of shrubs.
- Two large green patches are conceptual bioretention basins. All runoff from internal roads and developed areas will drain to these basins.
- Green pound signs on beige background represent young trees in constructed woodlands.

I welcome your comments and questions. Please contact me via phone or email.

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