

STOP QUARRY ACTIVITY IN CLAY, ALABAMA

We urge you to oppose any quarry proposed for **Butler Mountain** (Tract 5880), **Foster Mountain** (Tract 5890) and/or **Praytor Mountain** (Tract 5886) in Clay, Alabama. A local property owner recently sought to have his lands annexed by the City of Clay conditioned upon the ability to re-zone the land for industrial use as a quarry operation, activity which could exist for years or decades. He may continue to seek re-zoning.

Any quarry activity on Butler, Foster, or Praytor Mountains would radically impact nearby neighborhoods, churches, businesses, and schools – most less than 2-3 miles from the quarry site. Moreover, the runoff from each of these three mountains feed watersheds and wetlands including but not limited to: Turkey Creek, Emerald and Jade Lakes, Inland Lake, Cosby and Shadow Lakes, Locust Fork River, Warrior River, and Cahaba River which passes through Trussville (some of which support endangered species). All underlying water sources would be subject to mining particulates. These lakes and rivers are home to immense bird and fish life. Many migrating birds choose this area because its ecology continues to meet their needs in a world of diminishing natural resources. Mine blasting would threaten to drive away both indigenous and migratory wildlife. The property and natural resources we all strive to protect will be negatively and irrevocably altered. We specifically ask that the City of Clay honor its own appreciation for Butler Mountain as a natural resource:

“Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Clay is blessed with a natural environment that includes Butler Mountain, the highest elevation in Jefferson County and McCluney’s Cave, known locally as Crystal Cavern. Clay is also uniquely positioned in three major watershed basins – the Cahaba, Black Warrior and Coosa. The Cahaba River, metro Birmingham’s primary source of drinking water, originates from mountain springs just northeast of Clay. The fragile streams that flow through Clay are the beginning of a river that is recognized nationally and globally for its biological diversity.” - City of Clay Website October, 2020

The immediate impact and long-term damages and risks associated with a quarry significantly outweigh any profits derived by the City of Clay, Jefferson County, the property owner or Vulcan Materials. A quarry will reduce local property values notwithstanding the nuisance of blasting, shaking, and dust. Neighborhoods will be impacted by dangerous industrial traffic. As hard-working, tax-paying citizens are the sustenance of our community and we deserve more for our tax dollars. We pay for infrastructure, real estate, and government salaries. We support community businesses and schools. With that *should* come the peace of mind that our efforts and contributions will not be ignored and that we and our natural resources will not be threatened by public nuisance, fugitive dust, property value diminution and the careless destruction of natural resources. Our children deserve the privilege of playing safely out of doors while the wildlife we depend on for sport and recreation deserve a safe haven.

We ask that you oppose any proposed quarry or re-zoning of lands in Clay, Alabama for industrial use. Your signature on this Petition is an expression of your opposition. We will ensure it gets in the hands of the proper city/county officials when it has the most impact. There *is* strength in numbers and in standing together.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CITY/TOWN OF RESIDENCE BELOW:

Resident of (check one): Clay Pinson Trussville Other: _____

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____ or Email Address: _____

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