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## Proposed quarry site sold

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St. Marys Cement Group this week announced the purchase - effective June 15 - of Lowndes Holding Corp., which owns the site of a proposed quarry located at 11th Concession Road East at Milborough Line in northeast Flamborough.

According to a press release issued on behalf of the company, St. Marys, which manufactures construction products, plans to extract dolostone, a high quality construction aggregate, from the 158-hectare site.

Lowndes Holding Corp. met with stiff opposition to the quarry proposal from area residents and local politicians after filing land use planning applications with the City of Hamilton in September, 2004. Over the next several months, St. Marys will develop detailed site plans that will include proposed hours of operation, controls on noise and dust, minimizing the impact of traffic on the community, and the depth of extraction. An immediate priority is hydrogeological studies to determine the best ways to avoid impacting water quality and supply.

Ward 15 councillor Margaret McCarthy was slated to participate in a conference call with St. Marys representatives Thursday, but maintained that she is prepared to continue opposition to the project, regardless of ownership.



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