

Frequently Asked Questions...

During our conversations with local residents, we have identified the following most commonly asked questions:

How will this quarry impact the local water supply?

Our commitment to you is to protect and preserve the quantity and quality of groundwater for households, businesses and farms. We are in the process of conducting extensive hydrogeological studies to determine the best way to avoid impacting water quality and supply and will continue to keep the community informed as we move through the process. We will also submit a water management plan to the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of the Environment and the City of Hamilton for thorough scrutiny and review.

What is the proposed haul route and how will St Marys control truck traffic?

We have not finalized a haul route. We would like to work with the community to select possible transportation routes that minimize the impact on our neighbours. The approved route will be upgraded to minimize noise, vibration and dust. And our rigorous trucking policy will ensure drivers adhere to speed limits, routes and operational hours.

What will St Marys do about dust and noise associated with the quarry?

We will use best management practices that have proven to be very effective at our other sites. We will use several techniques to minimize dust and noise, including regularly watering and sweeping roads and utilizing the natural buffer zone and sound barriers, such as tree screens and earthen embankments known as berms.



About St Marys Cement

St Marys Cement Group is a leading manufacturer of cement and related construction products in Canada and the United States. For more than 90 years, we have contributed to the growth and prosperity of Ontario through countless engineering, civic and residential building projects. St Marys operates two cement plants in Ontario, including one in St. Marys and one in Bowmanville. We also operate more than 40 ready-mix concrete plants and 12 aggregate pits and quarries across the province.



We want to hear from you...

If you have any questions about St Marys Cement Group or about the proposed quarry project, please get in touch with us. If someone you know did not receive this newsletter and would like to, please let us know and we will add them to our distribution list.

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Progressive rehabilitation at St Marys Aberfoyle Pit
Aberfoyle, Ontario

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Message from the president...

Welcome to the second edition of the St Marys Flamborough Quarry Community Newsletter. This newsletter is being distributed regularly to the community to keep you updated on the project. This is part of our ongoing effort to create an open dialogue with the community. We welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,

Richard Olsen

President, St Marys CBM

Progress and next steps...

Since purchasing Lowndes Holdings on June 15, St Marys Cement Group and our team of environmental and hydrogeological experts have reviewed the existing application and examined environmental and hydrogeological reports. We've also initiated additional studies. These data will be used to develop our site plan, which will be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the City of Hamilton.

Over the past several weeks, we've also had the opportunity to get to know our neighbours. Since establishing our community hotline and e-mail

address, we've responded to a number of inquiries from local residents. We've also been visiting with people on their doorsteps to introduce key members of our team to the community. This has allowed us to listen directly to people's concerns and to answer questions.

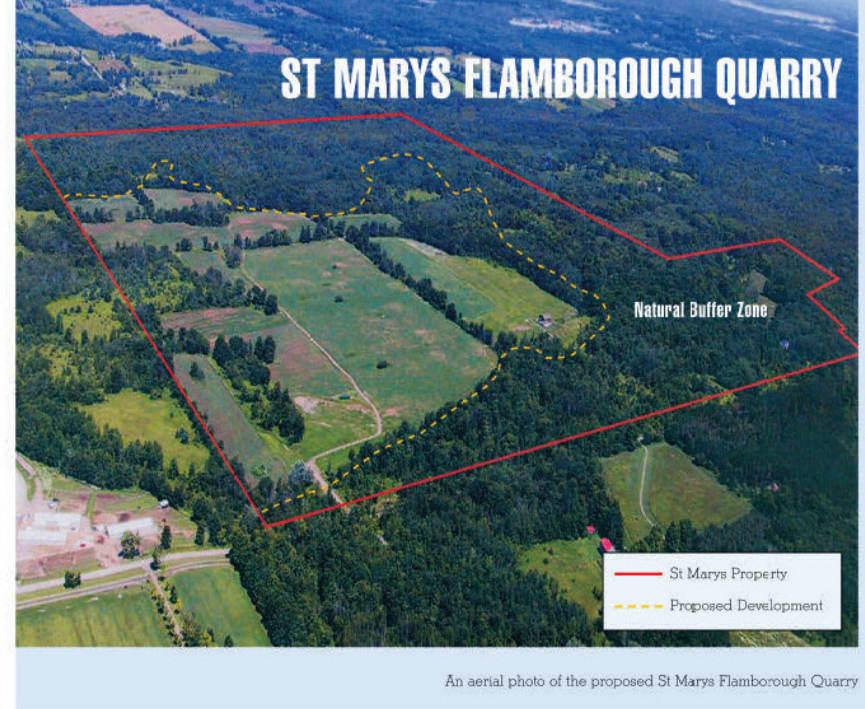
Our future plans include hosting community open houses to provide more information about the proposed quarry and allow community members to ask questions and offer feedback. The timing for these open houses, which will take place at our site office, will be advertised in local newspapers.

St Marys is committed to working closely with local community members and government. As we move forward with this project, we will continue to seek your input every step of the way. Our goal is to work collaboratively with the community to find mutually agreeable solutions that minimize our impact and address challenges.

St Marys Flamborough Quarry

The proposed St Marys Flamborough Quarry is situated on a 158-hectare (380 acre) site at 11th Concession Road East at Milborough Line. St Marys plans to extract amabel dolostone, a high quality stone, for use in construction, road-building and manufacturing, from the site.

Extraction would occur on approximately 67 hectares, representing less than half of the property. Important environmental features will be preserved within the remaining, untouched 91 hectares. Those remaining



natural lands will continue to host wetlands, forests and fish and wildlife habitat and will serve as a natural buffer between the proposed quarry and the community.

The site will be progressively rehabilitated into natural aquatic and wetland habitat with significant opportunities for local community use. Rehabilitation ensures the site is prepared for possible future uses once the quarry reaches the end of its life cycle. Rehabilitated landscapes tend to be oriented towards environmental conservation, which is compatible with surrounding land use. Rehabilitated land can have economic, aesthetic and environmental benefits. Local examples of rehabilitated pits and quarries include the Royal Botanical Gardens and Kerncliff Park in Burlington.

