

Save Starved Rock!

Say 'NO' to Mississippi Sand's mining permit



Dear Governor Quinn,

LaSalle County's natural areas and Starved Rock and all of our state parks are unique assets that not only offer a chance to experience Illinois' natural heritage, but are also provide a strong economic engine for neighboring areas. The frac sand mine proposal jeopardizes the unique natural resources and the attractiveness of this outdoor recreation hub.

Starved Rock State Park and the rare salt marshes at the proposed mine site provide valuable habitat for a wide array of plant and animal life that will be directly and indirectly impacted by mining activity.

Furthermore, over two million people visit Starved Rock State Park each year, providing LaSalle County businesses with customers, and local governments with revenues. This positive economic activity is based entirely on the experience of the visitor as they step out of their car into

the beautiful canyons and listen to the sound of the waterfalls cascade. An active mine brings loud machinery, dust pollution and ceaseless truck traffic.

A mine adjacent to the park won't just scare off wildlife, but will lower park visitation rates and diminish the economic benefits LaSalle County receives thanks to its beautiful natural areas.

Jobs and economic development are needed. However, the location of this proposed mine threatens Starved Rock State Park, one of the state's most treasured places.

In light of these environmental and economic impacts I urge you to protect Starved Rock and say no to the frac sand mine.

Sincerely,

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