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Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission  
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Application of Gales Ferry Intermodal, LLC for Removal of  
Surficial and Aggregate Materials on 36 acres of Mt. Decatur

The narrative provided did not include a procedure common in quarries involving the removal of trees and applicable top-soil, leaves, branches and boulders. The trees are a natural wind, rain, and noise barrier, including a habitat for plants, birds, and animals. Many of the trees are over 80 feet tall and more than 200 years old. Chainsaws, stump grinders, chippers, bucket trucks, and dynamite will be needed to bring them down.

How will the downed trees, top-soil, and large boulders be removed from the quarry area? The plan indicates the environmental cap will be prepared for processing equipment and aggregate storage stockpiles only. The plan also indicates that trucks will be used for overburden soil, however, trees and boulders are not included.

A quarry the size of Gales Ferry Intermodal's plan is a major environmental concern due to its significant impact on landscapes, homes, heavy truck traffic, and the residents of our local communities. A quarry will lead to habitat destruction, biodiversity loss, soil erosion, and air and water pollution, thereby creating a detrimental effect on the quality of

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our lives due to continual high levels of dust, dirt, and high decibel readings during all aspects of operation Z. Reg.11.3.4.C

These trees can never be replaced after six-seven years of quarrying in poor soil and water exposed in hard rocks. See two local quarry examples at: Stockhouse Road in Bozrah, and Baldwin Hill Road in Gales Ferry. No Trees !!!

The enormous risks associated with this requested quarry are so incredibly high that living in this section of Gales Ferry would be extremely difficult and unbearably miserable. Even if the quarrying stops, it would take years or maybe never before nutriment is returned to the site.

Planning and Zoning Commission Members: Please OPPOSE this application, since this quarry is NOT deemed necessary in Gales Ferry because it violates Z. Reg. 8.16.D. Furthermore, the air pollution, noise pollution and degradation of land and property are all alarming attributes of this application. Lastly, the threat to humans in our immediate area will be exposed to dangerous rock dust that can contain Lead, Arsenic, or Silicosis!

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## APPLICABLE ZONING REGULATIONS (not all-inclusive)

### REGULATION (PREVENTION OR REMOVAL OF SOIL, GRAVEL, AND STONE)

- 8.16.D. The purpose of these regulations is to insure the following:
  - ✓ ○ the landscape is not needlessly marred during and after operations,
  - ✓ ○ the work will not be a source of dust, pollution, and/or siltation,
    - the site will not be generally characterized by unsightliness as evidenced by open pits, rubble, or other indications of completed digging operations which would have a deteriorating influence on nearby property values.
  
- ✓ ○ 11.3.4.C ... that the use(s) would not be noxious, offensive, or detrimental to the area by reason of odors, fumes, dust, noise, vibrations, appearance, or other similar reasons.