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Hi folks,

I live in Sullivan. I purchased my home in 1996. Shortly after I purchased my home the fellow who owns the property just to the north of me allowed a local contractor to start mining for gravel on the property. What used to be a quiet, beautiful space full of wildlife now has become the great hole. The contractor even crossed the line and plowed down a number of my trees and took the topsoil. The contractor also has little respect for any local rules on "unnecessary noise" and at times will arrive before 6am to start his work. Because this "mine" is less than 5 acres in total the EPA is unable to offer any protection. I will never be able to sell me home if I am going to move with an active mine less than 100 feet from the north line on my property. I strongly favor stronger mining rules so that this can not happen again in the middle of a residential neighborhood (there are five homes all within 150-200 feet of this mine). We all pay our taxes and likely those taxes are overly inflated as the property values are less with this activity right next door.

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