

The Door County Environmental Council Position Statement
on the
Proposed Quarry Village RV Campground

The Door County Environmental Council strongly opposes the 117-unit recreational vehicle campground being planned for the abandoned quarry above George K. Pinney County Park and Marina located at 4879 Bay Shore Drive in the Town of Sevastopol. In addition to the RVs, concrete RV pads for Class A motor homes (coaches constructed with heavy duty tour bus frames) - along with the possibility and option of 115 single family houses on all but two of these lots, are also being proposed. The question is: How will this proposed motor coach development impact the environment?

In addition to impeding the park's recreational use; diminishing property values of neighboring properties; increasing traffic and posing safety concerns for walkers, joggers, and bicyclists on Bay Shore Drive; this development will increase density, noise and light pollution; disrupt wildlife; and pose potential environmental concern with the possibility of sewage spilling from the proposed sanitary waste containment facility consisting of multiple, large holding tanks located adjacent to Bay Shore Drive.

The proposed site for this development sits on a ledge of porous karst topography high above and only a few hundred feet from the bay of Green Bay. The developers have proposed three onsite sanitary waste holding tanks, with an unspecified capacity, that will require frequent emptying. It's unclear whether the system, as sized, is appropriate for the intended usage. And, while the system will be required to meet county code, systems do fail.

Currently, when it rains, quarry rainwater drains to lower levels. Retention ponds are not perfect. What happens to this rainwater runoff when it contains leaked motor coach oil, transmission and coolant fluids? It drains into the bay.

It appears that there is only one access road into and out of the proposed campground. In an emergency, would residents driving large motor coaches be able to successfully and uneventfully exit the development?

As for 117 Class A motor coaches and 115 single family homes on a 50-acre lot, how is this harmonious with the area? This type of development is not compatible with the surrounding area of residences, park land, and marina.

Given the above, the Door County Environmental Council opposes the proposed quarry village RV campground.

The Door County Environmental Council Board of Directors

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