

Thanks, Brunswick County, for your response . . .

To Brunswick County residents,

Our thanks to those local residents who responded to our first open letter. Your comments and questions have helped us understand some of your concerns about our proposed Brunswick County quarry. We hope the information in this letter and accompanying Q & A will clarify any remaining misunderstanding. We also hope to achieve a better understanding, on everyone's part, of our serious commitment to environmental stewardship and safety. This commitment will be extended to our Brunswick site.

As promised, we are responding to all calls and letters as quickly and as fully as possible. One call I received stands out in my mind. After I answered the caller's questions, she said that while everything I had explained might be true, she simply didn't want things to change in Brunswick County. I can certainly understand her desire. But just as in other regions of the state, Brunswick County has changed and will continue to change. In fact, new people and new companies with fresh ideas are helping shape and improve the future of nearly every North Carolina community. We want to be a positive part of that change. We want to offer jobs, economic benefits and our commitment to this community.

We have answered many questions about our proposed facility, some of which we addressed in our first Q & A advertisement. Others are discussed in our new Q & A, at right. Allow me to briefly respond to some of the most often asked questions.

Some have asked what our quarry will look like. No home, business or passer-by will see our operations due to the site's buffer zone that will have no buildings of any kind. In fact, we plan to plant additional trees and other natural cover in this area.

Questions about noise and vibrations have also been raised. Phil Berger, one of the country's leading seismologists, reports that the blasting required to gather product from the quarry will not disturb any home, business or manufacturing facility in the area.

Another question has concerned the future of plants and animals on our property that may appear on endangered species lists. This is an important concern to all of us and has been a top priority in our planning. We are pleased to report that a noted biologist and environmental consultant conducted a study of the property and found that no endangered species are present in the proposed mining area. He also found that timbering and intense flash fires over the years have left an inhospitable environment for such plants and animals. Further environmental studies will be conducted as appropriate.

Finally, I want to emphasize that we wish to develop and nurture a positive relationship with Brunswick County. At Martin Marietta Aggregates, we take our responsibilities seriously and pledge to be a good corporate citizen and neighbor.

I once again invite you to call me with any questions or concerns you may have. You can reach me at (919) 781-4550 or write to me at Martin Marietta Aggregates, 2710 Wycliff Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607. I'll see to it personally that your questions are answered. Thank you for your time and input.

Sincerely,



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