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### GROUP CALLS FOR BOYCOTT OF A.D. MAKEPEACE SUPER – SPREADER MEETING ON JAN. 26!

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**Carver, MA** – On January 12, the A.D. Makepeace Company (ADM), through its consultants Beals and Thomas, provided notice of its intent to conduct a Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act office (MEPA) “Pre-Filing Meeting” in Carver, Massachusetts on January 26, 2022.

This filing is a final environmental impact report to “close out” the special deal it made with the state in 2007 to develop its almost approximately 6,200 acres of land in Plymouth, Carver and Wareham. Under the deal, Makepeace was supposed to develop the land as a model of “smart growth and open space” but has instead destroyed large areas with sand mining and industrial solar installations causing deforestation, water pollution, wetlands destruction, wildlife disruption, and more.

Activists have [called](#) for the cancellation of this meeting due to inadequate public notice, unsafe meeting conditions due to COVID, lack of hybrid options, and lack of a posted Environmental Impact Report; however, MEPA will not reschedule this meeting and they are allowing ADM to proceed with this meeting in Carver on January 26th in a 30-person meeting room during a time of unparalleled COVID spread. Subjecting participants to this potential super-spreader environment is unconscionable because there is no arrangement for remote participation or local television broadcasting.

Groups are now calling for the boycott of this meeting due to the reasons listed above. Holding a large meeting during a time of high COVID spread in a small meeting room without hybrid options and proper notice is dangerous and inaccessible to the general public. ADM must be instructed to cancel this ‘pre-filing’ meeting and instead schedule two separate quarterly meetings – followed later by the pre-filing meeting it now seeks to railroad.

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