



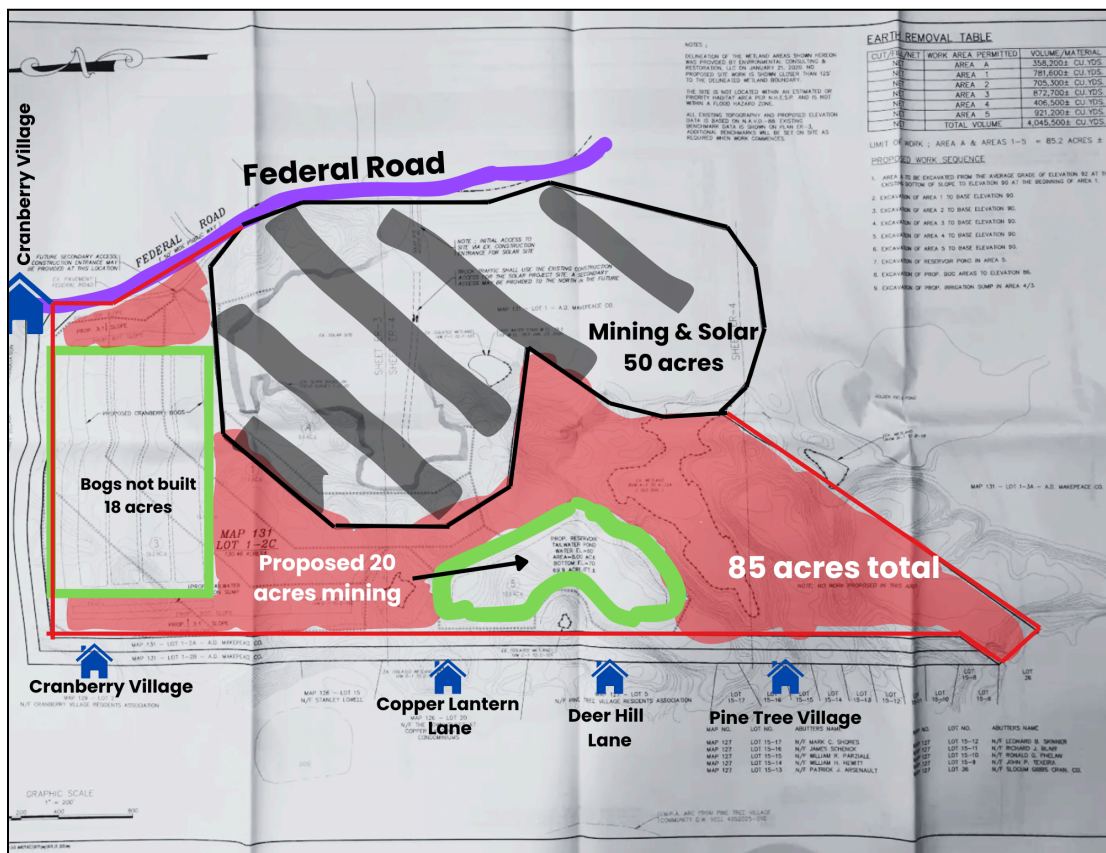
## STOP SAND MINING IN SOUTH CARVER

TELL EARTH REMOVAL COMMITTEE VOTE NO ON AD MAKEPEACE CO. PERMIT PUBLIC

HEARING: Nov. 5, 2024, 108 Main St, Carver

### MAKEPEACE CO., ERC MISLEAD PUBLIC

- ERC claims this is a “new project” — it’s really “Phase 5” of Makepeace’s 85-acre mining operation the ERC permitted in 2020 for over 4 million cubic yards – about \$60 million in sand revenue
- ERC and Makepeace claim mining is to build 18 acres of cranberry bogs and a 20-acre pond – **no bogs built even though mining here since 2019**
- Makepeace seeks **permit extension to at least 2030**, about 1 million cubic yards worth \$15 million
- In **2020, ERC, Makepeace misled public, claimed mining would be done by 2023**
- Makepeace mining already covers about **2.1 square miles**



[Site Map Above: A.D. Makepeace Co. sand mining plan, Carver Earth Removal permit application, 2020-2024](#)

## **CARCINOGENIC SILICA DUST, NOISE, DANGEROUS TRUCK TRAFFIC**

**Exposure to silica dust results in adverse health effects and increases risk of death** says U.S. Department of Labor, no sand testing or air monitoring for Carver residents. See MSHA Dept. of Labor Final Rule: <https://www.msha.gov/regulations/rulemaking/silica>

## **ERC CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, RUBBER STAMP AGENCY**

**Chair Hannula hauls sand and gravel for Makepeace; Mason works for Makepeace; Ward owns bogs and buys sand; Ward's son is influential with the cranberry industry and state government; Shores does business deals with Makepeace.**

## **PERMIT VIOLATES BYLAW: MINING NOT "INCIDENTAL"**

Carver Earth Removal Bylaw requires "Agricultural Excavation" to be "**necessary and incidental**" – the mining operation has to be minor compared to agriculture use in terms of profits, duration, and scale. **Profits from sand mining outweigh break-even cranberry bog operations.**

## **DESTROYS FORESTS, SOILS, WILDLIFE HABITAT**

- Mining permanently removes sand and gravel that filters and protects the underground [Plymouth-Carver Sole Source Aquifer](#), only drinking water for Carver and [200,000 residents of the region](#)
- Mining only **650 feet from residential drinking water** wells for Pine Tree Village, Copper Lantern Lane, near Cranberry Village well.
- Makepeace uses **30-year old outdated water report**
- Makepeace has destroyed hundreds of acres of forests by mining; this permit will destroy another **24 acres** of [globally rare Pine Barrens habitat](#)

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