

# Drawing public attention to 'flyrock' is a public service not 'fund-raising terror'

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The Concerned Residents Coalition performed a public service by erecting 'flyrock danger zone' signs on Highway 7 on Monday of last week.



[\(See information below - or click here to make a donation to cover cost of sign rentals\)](#)

Greg Sweetnam, vice president of James Dick Construction Ltd. refused to admit the potential risk and accused us of [‘scaring the public’](#).

CRC meanwhile, referenced internationally accepted formulas designed to calculate flyrock exclusion zones.

Greg Sweetnam also said “You just can’t keep the CRC happy”. Well he’s right – We’re not happy about the proposed Hidden Quarry!

The reality is the risks posed by the proposed Hidden Quarry are scary!

- Flyrock is one risk. The probability is low yet the consequences can be catastrophic.
- The drinking water Rockwood residents receive from Municipal Well #4 could be compromised by blasting leading to millions in cost to G.E.T. taxpayers to create a new well.
- Wetlands and streams could be permanently altered or disappear completely.
- Endangered species like the little brown bat could have their critical habitat destroyed.
- Highway and downtown streets in Rockwood and Acton will be subject to another 48 heavy trucks an hour.

Last weekend members of CRC fanned out to locations in Rockwood and Acton. We gave leaflets describing the risks of the Hidden Quarry to more than 1000 people.

Here are some of the things people said to us:

“I didn’t realize that rock that size could be blown in the air by blasting and threaten cars on Hwy. 7”.

“Why do they need another gravel pit when we are surrounded by them.”

“More trucks!!”

“I’m totally with CRC”

The Concerned Residents Coalition will continue to build public opposition to the Hidden Quarry right up to our scheduled hearing date on May 21st.

We need your financial help!

- The cost of renting the mobile signs is \$373 for two weeks
- The cost of printing 2500 leaflets is \$1028

[Please make a donation now to help cover the costs of raising public awareness about the risks of flyrock.](#)

Together we can stop the Hidden Quarry.

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