

Stillwater Hospice is an established nonprofit organization providing care to those with serious illness at end of life and also grief support to who have experienced a loss. Stillwater Hospice operates within southwest Allen County and employs individuals, serves community members, and contributes to the economic vitality of the region; and

WHEREAS, our organization has made substantial investments in reliance upon the existing and planned character of southwest Allen County as reflected in the **ALL IN Allen County Comprehensive Plan**, which was developed through extensive public input and is intended to guide orderly growth and land use compatibility; and

WHEREAS, a development proposal consisting of approximately 1,600 acres, including a phased quarry operation and associated asphalt and concrete plants covering approximately 710 acres (the “Proposed Project”), has been submitted for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project is located in close proximity to our operations and within an area characterized by residential development, commercial activity, healthcare facilities, and planned mixed-use growth; and

WHEREAS, quarry operations and associated industrial uses are **intensive, long-term, and effectively irreversible land uses**, extending for fifty years or more and involving:

- blasting activities,
- continuous heavy-truck traffic,
- airborne dust and particulate matter,
- sustained noise and vibration, and
- 24-hour operational capacity; and

WHEREAS, our organization has identified significant and material concerns regarding the Proposed Project, including but not limited to:

- **Land Use Incompatibility:** The introduction of heavy industrial operations in immediate proximity to residential neighborhoods, schools, healthcare facilities, and commercial corridors is fundamentally inconsistent with established and planned land use patterns;
- **Traffic and Infrastructure Impacts:** Substantial increases in heavy truck traffic—potentially operating continuously—pose safety risks and may materially impair access for employees, customers, and emergency services, particularly in the US 24 / I-69 corridor;

- **Economic Harm and Investment Risk:** The presence of a large-scale quarry and industrial plant operations is likely to deter customer traffic, reduce surrounding property values, and undermine existing and planned private investment in the area;
- **Cumulative and Long-Term Effects:** The scale of the Proposed Project, combined with its phased development and duration, creates compounding impacts that will fundamentally alter the character of southwest Allen County for generations; and
- **Inconsistency with Comprehensive Planning:** Approval of the Proposed Project would represent a clear and substantial departure from the ALL IN Allen County Comprehensive Plan, thereby undermining the predictability and integrity of long-term planning efforts relied upon by the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That Stillwater Hospice formally expresses its **strong opposition** to the Proposed Project as currently proposed, on the basis that the project:

- is incompatible with surrounding land uses;
- poses material risks to public safety and infrastructure;
- threatens the economic viability of existing businesses; and
- is inconsistent with the adopted comprehensive plan governing development in Allen County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That Stillwater Hospice respectfully requests that this resolution be submitted into the official record and given full consideration in all proceedings and determinations related to the Proposed Project.

DATE/SIGNATURE:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Friedel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leslie Friedel, CEO

Stillwater Hospice Board of Directors

May 19, 2026