

Commissioner Brown:

Thank you for your leadership in facilitating the discussion regarding the initiative of CW Matthews to relocate their asphalt plant at the Johns Creek Quarry.

As the President & CEO of the Forsyth County Chamber, the lead economic and community development entity for Forsyth County, there is a critical piece of information that is noticeably absent from the community conversation regarding the relocation of the asphalt plant. I hope that this email will serve to provide additional information to be used in sound decision making regarding the future location of the asphalt plant.

As a result of the movement of the asphalt plant, there is a very strong probability that the approximate 345 acres of the property currently not under active use as a quarry will be reconfigured for important community use and benefit. The future use of the same 345-acre area will very likely include new transportation infrastructure to connect the Old Atlanta Road and Peachtree Parkway / Hwy 141 corridors to provide much needed relief of local traffic congestion. There is also a strong probability that the same 345-acre area may also be opened for public park space, schools and new public safety facilities.

It is my assumption that many – I would venture to say *most* – residents of the area would prefer to limit the future growth of the active quarry site and for the use of the 345 acre site to be a community use rather than the area being available for future expansion of the quarry and even further extending the life of the quarry.

In addition to the thoughts and opinions being expressed about the asphalt plant relocation by area residents, I hope that you and other members of the Board of Commissioners will look beyond this immediate decision and consider the real opportunity that exists for the future of this area. It is extremely likely that the movement of the asphalt plant will set the stage for a new, community focused use that will substantively improve property values and overall quality of life for the area.

Thank you again for your consideration –

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