

## Rally against proposed blasting quarry to be held June 8

Forks of the Credit Preservation Group hosting day of action

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People against a proposed blasting quarry in Caledon are making their voices heard.

On June 8, the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group (FCPG) will host a rally against Votorantim Cimentos' proposed blasting quarry, which would be built in the Cataract/Alton area.

The FCPG is a volunteer-led community group that has long been fighting the proposed quarry, which would be approximately 800-acres in size and extract aggregate from below the water table.

The following is a statement from the FCPG's website: "This blasting quarry will have a profound impact on the quality of life for thousands of local residents and visitors. Water issues for the Credit River, loss of farmland, dust contamination, loss of ecological features, and increased truck traffic are some of the concerns that would affect all of us."

The FCPG's rally will be held as part of a larger day of action hosted by the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition, which is mobilizing people across Ontario to demand a moratorium on all new aggregate approvals.

The FCPG's rally will begin at 11:30 a.m. and those interested in attending are asked to gather in the hamlet of Cataract (which is near the intersection of Highway 24/Charleston Sideroad and Main Street).

At 12 noon, rally participants will march to the aforementioned intersection to protest the quarry and share their message with passing traffic.

When the protest is complete, rally participants are invited back to Cataract to enjoy food and games together.

FCPG volunteer Debra Wilson said the rally will be a great chance to show how important stopping the quarry is.

"It's important that as many people come out to the rally as possible, as a visible show of how important this issue is, not only to our local community but to an extended community," said Wilson.

She said having the rally where the proposed quarry would be built will show people driving by how the beautiful countryside would be replaced.

To fundraise and spread their message, the FCPG is selling "Say no to the Caledon mega quarry" T-shirts for \$25. The shirts can be purchased on the day of the Rally with cash only.