

March 23, 2006

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19499 Yellow Schoolhouse Road  
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Board of Zoning Appeals:  
RE: 39955 Oatland Mills Road  
Leesburg, VA

Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to express my outrage over this zoning violation. I am Joe Coleman and live near Bluemont and have worked with several organizations to preserve the area surrounding this property.

This is one of the county's most unique and pristine areas. The Goose Creek, a state, scenic river, is a clean and special place. In fact, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has asked for the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, which is immediately downstream from this site, to be added to the Virginia Natural Area Dedication list due its uniqueness. Not only is Banshee Reeks home to rare plants, a globally rare freshwater mussel lives in the Goose Creek in this area.

Fuel spills from this property could forever destroy this unique area. Because of this I was outraged that the illegal use of this property was not immediately shut down as its continued use threatens the natural resources in this area. In 2003 this area flooded several times and the debris line from the late September 2003 storm was over my head in the area where the construction yard is.

Mr. Cruz should be required to move his contractor service establishment and everything associated with it off the property immediately. He should also be required to return the area he graveled to its previous condition as soon as possible.

Thank You.