



The D-bar-A Mining and Improvement Project Executive Summary and Overview

"There's an old saying of miners, *'If it can't be grown, it has to be mined.'* Mining provides, directly or indirectly, many of the raw materials needed to sustain life and maintain civilization.

- BSA Handbook

The Edw. C. Levy Co., a worldwide corporation providing asphalt, aggregates, and agricultural products to cement, slag, and steel mill businesses, has initiated a lease agreement with the Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America, to mine and improve 570 acres of our 1700 acre D-bar-A Scout Ranch in Metamora Township. Rezoning requests and plans were submitted to Metamora Township on Monday November 16, 2015 for mandated approval. The mining operation will get underway after the approval process is successfully completed. The mined and processed aggregate will be used for continuing road, bridge and building construction in the State of Michigan.

The Edw. C. Levy Co. is committed to working with the community and following the highest standards of operational efficiency and safety. As mining is completed, the land will be reclaimed to meet future growth plans, enhance agricultural opportunities and facilitate the creation of even greater outdoor adventure experiences on the D-bar-A Scout Ranch property.

The Michigan Crossroads Council will receive royalties from the sale of the mined aggregates. These royalties are earmarked to support the expansion of camping and youth development programs which will enhance the growth of Scouting in Michigan

A website is available with complete information on the project and thorough supporting documentation. The website is www.DbarAProject.com. The Edw. C. Levy Co. will be responsible to respond to all questions and inquires submitted via the website.

We look forward to a successful project and partnership with Metamora Township and the Edw. C. Levy Co.

MCC, D-bar-A and Scouting Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How soon would mining start?

A. Permits and zoning request changes submitted to Metamora Township need to be approved before any mining operation may begin. This could be a one to two-year process.

Q. Once mining operation begins will there be any disruption to the regular camp operations?

A. No. The mining will take place on southern part of the property that is not major program area.

Q. How does this benefit the Michigan Crossroads Council?

A. The MCC will receive royalties immediately upon commencement of mining.

Q. How will these funds be allocated or used?

A. The MCC Executive Board has stated that funds received as a result of our agreement with Levy will be used to improve the quality of the outdoor experience, enhance programs and help sustain Scouting into the future.

Q. How does this benefit the D-bar-A Scout Ranch?

A. The royalty income will be used to improve facilities and programs in all MCC camps as well as the D-bar-A Scout Ranch. In addition, once reclamation begins, final land shape will be subject to future discussions with the BSA about goals for property. In cooperation with the Levy Company, and based upon the [Mining In Society Merit Badge](#), we will have several hands-on programs to educate our youth about minerals, mining and the role its products have in our society.

Q. How will the operations impact summer camp and scout programming?

A. There will be no interruption in Scout programming or any impact to summer or year around camping at the D-bar-A Scout Ranch.

Q. How will this affect our neighbors who may be concerned about potential issues resulting from this mining project?

A. The Levy Company is an experienced developer with several successful mining operations in the state of Michigan. They are experienced in working with communities and neighbors to maintain the safety of their projects and minimize possible inconvenience to the community. An extensive plan has been developed to ensure communication and quick response to any and all concerns from the community.

Q. Who do we contact if we have questions or are aware of others with questions or concerns about this project?

A. Per our agreement with the Levy Company, they will be the contact for all internal and external requests for information. The website is www.DbarAProject.com. Click on the "Contact Us" link to submit any questions or comments. Within the D-bar-A camping operation please contact Head Ranger, Jack Sims, Davey Warner, Ranch Director, Rich McConnell, volunteer or Frank Reigelman, Outdoor Adventures Director, with any issues, concerns or questions.

Q. What should we do if questioned about this mining project?

A. It is appropriate to acknowledge that at this time the necessary requests for Township approval for this project is underway. Feel free to refer them to the D-bar-A Mining and Improvement Project website, www.DbarAProject.com, which will have complete details, submitted documents and contact information. The project description above summarizes the agreement and scope of this mining project. Do not attempt to explain further elements of the project but rather forward any questions to the appropriate contact point.

**Message from Matt Thornton, SE, Michigan Crossroad Council
On the D-bar-A "Sustainability Through Resource Management" Project**

For more than 105 years Scouting has been serving the youth of Michigan helping to teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness. Today through our four Field Service Councils and eight Michigan camps we provide support for over 70,000 youth and 23,000 adult volunteers, providing life-changing experiences they can only get through an authentic Boy Scouting experience.

D-bar-A-Scout Ranch was established in Metamora Township in 1950 and for the past 65 years we have been providing quality scouting experiences for Scouts, Schools, and Churches from Southeast Michigan and around the Midwest. The ranch includes more than 1,700 acres of wilderness, 3 lakes, a herd of horses, cattle, and other livestock plus 28 heated cabins and many tent sites for our campers.

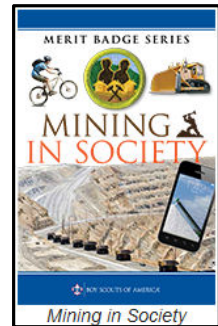
We appreciate the many Metamora neighbors and friends who have supported and helped us maintain our camp during these past 65 years so that we could provide a terrific outdoor experience for our guests and visitors. We have taken our stewardship of the land seriously and intend to do so in the future. We have also been blessed like many property owners in Metamora Township to have an abundance of mineral resources on our property, in particular gravel and sand. When mined, that resource will play a critical role in the necessary road building and bridge repair projects in Michigan's bright future.

With the growing call to improve our roads and bridges and the high demand for these materials, we have contracted with the Edw. C. Levy Company to mine this gravel on the Southern section of our property. The proceeds from this project will allow us to maintain and improve all of our camp properties to better serve the youth of Michigan. We are particularly excited that the reclamation portion of this project will allow us to improve the property and provide more facilities and outdoor experiences for our campers and guests.

We are also excited about the opportunity for education and career exploration for our youth, particularly with Scouting's emphasis on STEM programs. In cooperation with the Levy Company, and base upon the [Mining In Society Merit Badge](#), we will have several hands on programs to educate our youth on minerals, mining and the role its products have in our society. This process will help young people pursue careers that utilize those skills while educating them on responsible gravel mining techniques and the reclaim action process. An excellent video on the **Mining In Society Merit Badge** can be seen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9LYVDX4Xkg>

In addition the Boy Scouts are taking a leadership role in making our youth prepared for the jobs of the future. Some of the proceeds will be used to help create Career readiness programs across our state, including in the Metamora area.



As I stated earlier, the Boy Scouts have been known for being good stewards of the land and we are dedicated to continue that tradition on all our properties and in particular the D-bar-A-Scout Ranch. The reputation of the Levy Company for excellence and quality along with the agreed to improvements will ensure that commitment will continue. The details of this project are outlined in this website and we encourage you to give them a careful look. As a member of the Metamora community we welcome your questions and look forward to ensuring this will be a successful quality project for everyone.