

REDC, 17895 Heart Lake Road, Caledon Ontario L7K 2A3

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In late winter the sign at the proposed McCormick gravel pit disappeared for a while. Optimistic voices asked if the Blueland Farms licence application had been retired. No such luck. And the sign's back up!

If the McCormick Pit proposal is allowed to go through, this mine will join the almost 3000 acres of back-to-back open pit mining operations south of Caledon Village - stretching from the west side of Highway 10 to the east, crossing Kennedy and moving on to Heart Lake Road: mining interests already own property on the east side of the road and throughout the region.

Caledon residents like renowned singer/songwriter and Gemini nominee Lily Frost and José Contreras of By Divine Right who value the environmental heritage of this beautiful area are coming together to challenge this proposal. The research that we conduct today, the strategy that we develop, the experts we retain will help us in our challenge. In the meantime we're having a fundraiser: **THE REDC BENEFIT CONCERT**



Lily Frost & José Miguel Contreras

7p.m. June 18, 2011

Historic Claude Presbyterian Church

15175 Hurontario Street, Caledon

Opening group: popular Appalachian style string band

Cat Gut, Hog Hide & the Skinner

Purchase at Scotiabank 97 First Street, Orangeville

Tickets: \$30/Ea. **Tickets will be on sale on April 18th.**

In generous support of this benefit the Performers have donated their talents and skills,  **Scotiabank** is donating an amount equal to ticket sales and the Congregation of Claude Presbyterian Church has offered their church as the venue.

REDC was initially founded by front line residents on Heart Lake Road to challenge the McCormick Pit proposal. They are supported in this by other Caledon people who are concerned about environmentally unsound industrial development and its impact on the social and environmental landscape.

In the mid 1990's sand and gravel interests applied and were given licences to bring their operations across Kennedy Road, a Town road. They were able to do so without an OMB challenge having been made. If this new licence application is granted, these operations will expand to another Town Road - Heart Lake. For many of us who live in Caledon, the McCormick Pit proposal is our line in the sand.

All who respect and value the environment have had a great victory in the Rockfort decision. This is the time to regroup and refocus.

There is no compensation to be had for the loss of more and more acres of eco-sensitive landscape in an already highly threatened area. Gone means gone!

There are gravel, sand and bedrock deposits throughout this region. Other Caledon communities will face similar challenges. Each pit or quarry licence application has to be fought on its own merits. With neighbours near and far coming together and supporting each other, we have seen that this can be done. Together!

Let's Green Up: Check out www.creditvalleycons.com you may qualify for CVC's Natural Areas Inventory Project – and receive an inventory of flora and fauna on your property so you'll be able to identify what you have and how to keep it. Who knows, you might have some of those endangered species: You'll let us know won't you? If you own 10 acres or more, consider the managed forest tax incentive program (mftip): the initial review is paid for by the homeowner but a significant tax reduction follows.

If you would like more information about contributing financially, as a volunteer, or by donating services, please contact Gloria Reader at 519-927-3376. OR Contact REDC at info@peopleforcaledon.com

Please write cheques to REDC Inc. and send to the address on the front – Att: Paul Reader, Treasurer.

Thank you donors! Your support has made our work lighter. Watch out for our second annual Neighbourhood Awareness BBQ this fall. Once again at the Kelly Farm but this time with those great Caledon Optimists helping us out. Family fun and sound information: What more can we ask!

Please be assured your e-mail information or mailing information will not be shared and will be used solely to update you on REDC activities that involve the McCormick Pit licence application. Thank you for your support in our common opposition to the McCormick Pit. However if you wish to have your name removed from the update list please send your request to Gloria Reader at the address on the front page or to admin@peopleforcaledon.com