

THERE'S GOLD IN VIRGINIA

But it won't make you rich.

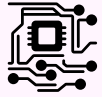
A Canadian exploration company, Aston Bay Holdings, LTD found enough gold in Buckingham to make a 5,000 acre open pit mine likely. Here's what that could mean for this community:

- Massive cyanide waste lagoons
- Contaminated drinking water, streams, rivers, and lakes
- Overuse of our ground water, minimizing our access
- Taxpayers left paying millions for an unsalvageable toxic waste site

**We have a fundamental right to clean water.
A gold mine would violate that right.**

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



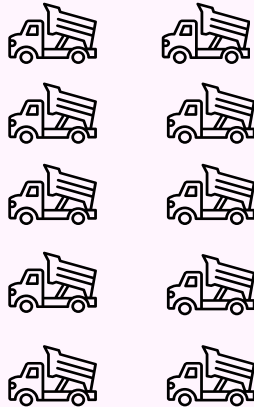
There are enough above ground gold stocks to supply current technological needs for the next 404 years.



Though mine developers promise jobs, many of those positions will be filled by specialized workers from elsewhere.

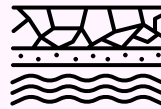
MINE WASTE

Mining enough gold for ONE RING requires about 10 DUMP TRUCKS of earth (ore).



OPEN PIT MINING & GROUNDWATER

Open pit mines are hundreds of feet deeper than our water table. Our groundwater would infiltrate an open pit mine, requiring miners to pump that water out. This would draw down the water table for miles around, dry up our wells, and create toxic discharge into the James River watershed.



TOXIC LEACHING

Based on other mining operations all over the country (and world), the chance of leaching toxins into our aquifers is 100%.



WASTE LAGOONS

Ore is crushed to dust and treated with cyanide or mercury. This toxic soup is stored in waste lagoons hundreds of acres large FOREVER.

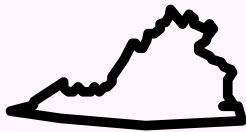


AIR POLLUTION

Mountains of pulverized toxic ore blow with the wind, polluting nearby air, surface water and soil in surrounding communities.



GOLD IN VIRGINIA



The Virginia Gold-Pyrite Belt stretches from Fairfax to Halifax, putting much of the state at risk of open pit gold mining.

JAMES RIVER

Our James River watershed, the drinking water source for millions of Virginians, is at risk.



UNSUITABLE CLIMATE

East Coast geography and climate, including high rainfall, increase the hazards associated with mining and processing gold. These risks include: high rates of waste dam failures, perpetual acid drainage, and toxic by-products, including radioactive elements.



LACKING REGULATIONS

Commercial gold mining hasn't been done in Virginia for nearly 75 years. Virginia's regulations are not adequate to protect our health and environment from high-tech industrial mining.



Commercial gold mining would do extensive damage to Buckingham's communities & environment.

Gold mining companies have been given the right to do their business in our backyards and cause irreparable harm. We as a community have the right, duty, and responsibility to protect our rights to clean air, water, and soil. We can assert our rights. We have options. Are you ready to stand up for your home?

LET'S PROTECT WHAT WE LOVE. BAN GOLD MINING!