



## YOU DESERVE TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

Aston Bay Holdings, a Canadian company, has been illegally performing gold mining research in Buckingham County. They will sell this data to another company who will use it for open-pit mining.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

### The Facts

- Timber companies in Buckingham County allowed Aston Bay to drill 23 exploratory holes on their land (see map above)
  - The results of that exploration showed gold deposits ([astonbay.com](http://astonbay.com))
- Aston Bay has already reported these findings to investors ([astonbay.com](http://astonbay.com))
- Drilling is the first stage in the lifecycle of gold mining, the next stage is construction of a mine
  - Aston Bay has compared their Buckingham projects to the Haile mine, an open-pit gold mine in South Carolina (pictured top right)
- Open-pit gold mines are known for polluting groundwater with such pollutants as arsenic, mercury, cyanide, and lead

- Stay informed: check the county website to know when the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors are meeting to discuss drilling and mining
- Get involved: submit your public statement to governing bodies to ensure your voice is heard
- Sign up to receive Friends of Buckingham newsletters, or contact them for more information about neighborhood meetings