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

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.

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.

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!**