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## Family voices fear of water contamination

**JOAN RANSBERRY**  
 Staff Reporter

Problems plaguing a family who live beside a Gormley industrial park includes contaminated water. Whitechurch-Stouffville council was told Tuesday.

"Living here has back-fired on me," said Sophia Angelis. "I don't know where to turn. I feel as if I'm all by myself with this."

Noise from the neighborhood industrial park is ongoing. Work goes on "all hours of the night, on weekends, on holidays and some times as late as 4 a.m.," said the Woodbine Avenue resident.

When the council of the day gave the industrial park the go ahead, little consideration was given to the family, said Angelis.

"I was there before the industri-

al park. I should have been protected."

As well as parking problems and noticeable truck traffic, contaminated water has been added to the list of problems.

In early April, Angelis said she inspected the ditch near her house and discovered that there had been a spill made up of paint, turpentine and oil.

Angelis said she notified the

Ministry of the Environment and the towns bylaw officer. The MEO responded within days and took a sample.

The town did not come to the site, said Angelis. "The town did not feel the need to investigate," she said.

Late night noise is also disturbing the family. Angelis said she was told by town staff to call the police. But the police are too

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busy with "more serious" matters, she said.

Staff was directed to investigate the complaints, including getting water testing results from the health department and contacting the MEO. Staff is report on their findings on May 27.

## Fate of York Region Forest depends on development

**JOHN LAMBERSKY**  
 Special to The Tribune

Although the York Region Forest is the latest victim of government downsizing, area residents were told that no big changes will be made to the way the forest is handled.

Interest in the forest attracted around 100 local residents to a recent meeting at the Ballantrae Community Centre.

They were told that future development will not destroy or alter the

forest. "The purpose of the meeting was to allay any concern about development," said John Alden, interim communications director for the North Whitechurch-Stouffville Ratepayers Association.

Although the 5,000-acre forests are owned by York Region, they were, up until recently, maintained by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The change did cause some community concerns and the local ratepayers association decided a

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Peter Attfield of the Oak Ridges Trail Association (at right) leads a group of walkers on a wildflower tour of the Whitechurch-Stouffville Conservation area off the Aurora Sideroad recently. During the walk the naturelovers saw a bloodroot (left), a red trillium (centre), and trout lilies.

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The Whitechurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Golf Tournament, Thursday, May 29, at the Maples of Ballantrae. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. This tournament is open to everyone. The cost per golfer will be \$125. This price includes lunch, dinner, greens, tee, golf shirt and golf cart. The chamber is also looking for sponsorships. For more information, please call the Chamber of Commerce office at 642-4227.

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