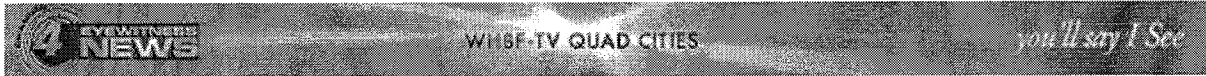


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Rock Island, IL

Casino Plan Concerns Residents

Casino Rock Island says they're one step closer to building one of the largest developments in Rock Island history. But local residents are starting to voice some concerns.

A piece of land near Highway 92 and Interstate 280 could be home to a new 90 million dollar casino complex. It's a project that could create hundreds of jobs and big money for Rock Island. And the folks who live near by at Big Island have no problems with the casino. They're concerned with Riverstone Group, the owners of the land.

Riverstone owns the area Casino Rock Island wants to buy. For years Riverstone has tried to gain governmental approval to mine another piece of land on 25th Street and 65th Avenue. Now, residents like Tim Kost, are worried Riverstone is trying to strike a deal with the city. Maybe a deal like, the casino can buy the land if Riverstone can mine in the area close to one-hundred Big Island homes.

"If the mining operation goes on, the potential problems are horrendous," says Tim. "Increased flooding, increased seepage, loss of drinking water."

Big Island residents say they have invested in this area with the confidence it would remain residential. They also claim a new mining operation could weaken the 20 million dollar federal flood levy system that's designed to protect the area.

The city of Rock Island say they're dealing only with a request for Casino Rock Island to buy the land. There is nothing on the table about a new Riverstone development. Casino Rock Island says if all goes well they could break ground by this September.



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