

# **About Savage Stone**

## Who is Savage Stone?

Savage Stone is a quarry owned and operated by a local Howard County family that has been in the construction materials industry for over 40 years and participated in local development for much longer.

## When did Savage Stone Start?

Savage Stone was developed in 2004, began limited production in 2005, and began full production in 2006.

## What does Savage Stone do?

Savage Stone produces crushed stone (also known as aggregate) that is used in stream restoration, erosion & sediment control, bio-retention ponds, and landscaping. Construction of highways, driveways, sidewalks, homes, schools, and hospitals all require crushed stone. Even electric, water, sewer, septic systems, and gas lines need aggregate as bedding and backfill.

## How does Savage Stone implement environmental quality controls?

A half dozen calibrated and certified seismographs monitored by a qualified 3rd party measure every blast, and all results are submitted to the state. Environmentally, water trucks, sweeper trucks, and water spray dust suppression systems are utilized throughout the site and are inspected for proper function by state and federal regulators.

#### Why is Savage Stone in Howard County?

Quarries need a large parcel of land, and that land must also be underlain by sufficient quality of rock, and that location must be close to the population that will use it. Savage Stone, in particular, is one of the last locations of accessible near-surface rock before geography transitions to sand along what is known as the Atlantic Seaboard Fall Line. In addition to supplying the local need, Savage Stone also supplies areas south and east that do not have an available rock resource.

## Why does Savage Stone have to blast?

In-place rock must be broken down first by blasting so it can be picked up by machinery and moved to crushers that further break down material before it is of the correct size for the consumer. Savage Stone would not be able to supply the local need without blasting the rock.

















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## How did Savage Stone come to be?

After the large parcel in Jessup was identified as a high quality source of construction aggregate by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in the late 1980s to early 1990s, the Savage Stone team embarked on a 15+ year feasibility process with local, state, and federal regulators; most importantly—the local community!

The community showed support allowing for Savage Stone to exist, and to solidify the relationship, an agreement was established for Savage Stone to build, donate, and fund a Community Center to benefit the area perpetually, and thus Ridgely's Run Community Center was born! (Please check out all the amazing activities that Ridgely's Run Community Center has to offer!)

Did you know?
Savage Stone is one of
25 active quarries in
Maryland [USGS 2023].

While Savage Stone is 1 of 25 active quarries, there are an additional 25+ sand and gravel mining operations supplying Marylanders construction aggregate needs.

#### How can I learn more about Savage Stone?

Please visit our webpage at www.SavageStoneCommunity.com and check back frequently for updates.

#### If I have a specific concern or question who should I contact at Savage Stone?

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