

# **TAKEAWAYS FROM THE LASALLE COUNTY MINING INDUSTRY ECOMOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

(2013 Statistics)

## **JOBS**

- The mining industry is responsible for sustaining 1,979 jobs in LaSalle County. Many of these jobs are considered to be some the best blue-collar jobs found anywhere in the country. Many manufacturers are located in LaSalle County because of the raw materials produced locally.
- LaSalle County mining companies paid \$107.6 million in employee wages. They provided summer employment for many high school and college students. Mine employees were paid an averages salary of more than \$75,000 plus excellent benefits.
- For every 10 jobs directly created by mining operations, another 14 jobs will be created or supported in other sectors in LaSalle County including manufacturing, construction, health care, banking, hospitality and retail.
- 83% of the industry's employees live in LaSalle County with much of the balance residing in nearby counties.

## **TAX REVENUE**

- The mining industry generates badly needed revenue for schools and other local governmental entities in LaSalle County. LaSalle County mining companies paid an estimated \$42.1 million in federal taxes and \$35.3 million in state and local taxes, including an estimated \$1.4 million in state and local sales taxes.
- Local mining companies paid \$2.5 million in property taxes in LaSalle County in the 2013-14 tax year - much of which funds local school districts and decreases residential tax rates.

## **GOOD NEIGHBORS**

- LaSalle County mining industry employees contributed a reported 6,793 hours to volunteer service activities that benefited their communities.
- Numerous LaSalle County charities and civic organizations receive contributions of time, talent, goods, services, sponsorships, and monetary donations from mining companies and their employees.
- Local mining companies also support education at all levels by providing access to their facilities and other resources for teachers, students and researchers in science, environmental studies and geology.