

Who needs a hole in the ground?



Quarried natural stone is used in courthouses and churches.



Limestone quarries are common in the Central Kentucky Bluegrass area.

Why do we have limestone quarries?



From the support piers up to the lampposts, all the materials in these bridges were mined.



Storm-water drainage conduits are made of cast concrete.



Crushed stone (on belt at left) is mixed (in black drum) with heated petroleum tar to make asphalt to be delivered in the truck (at right) for paving roads.



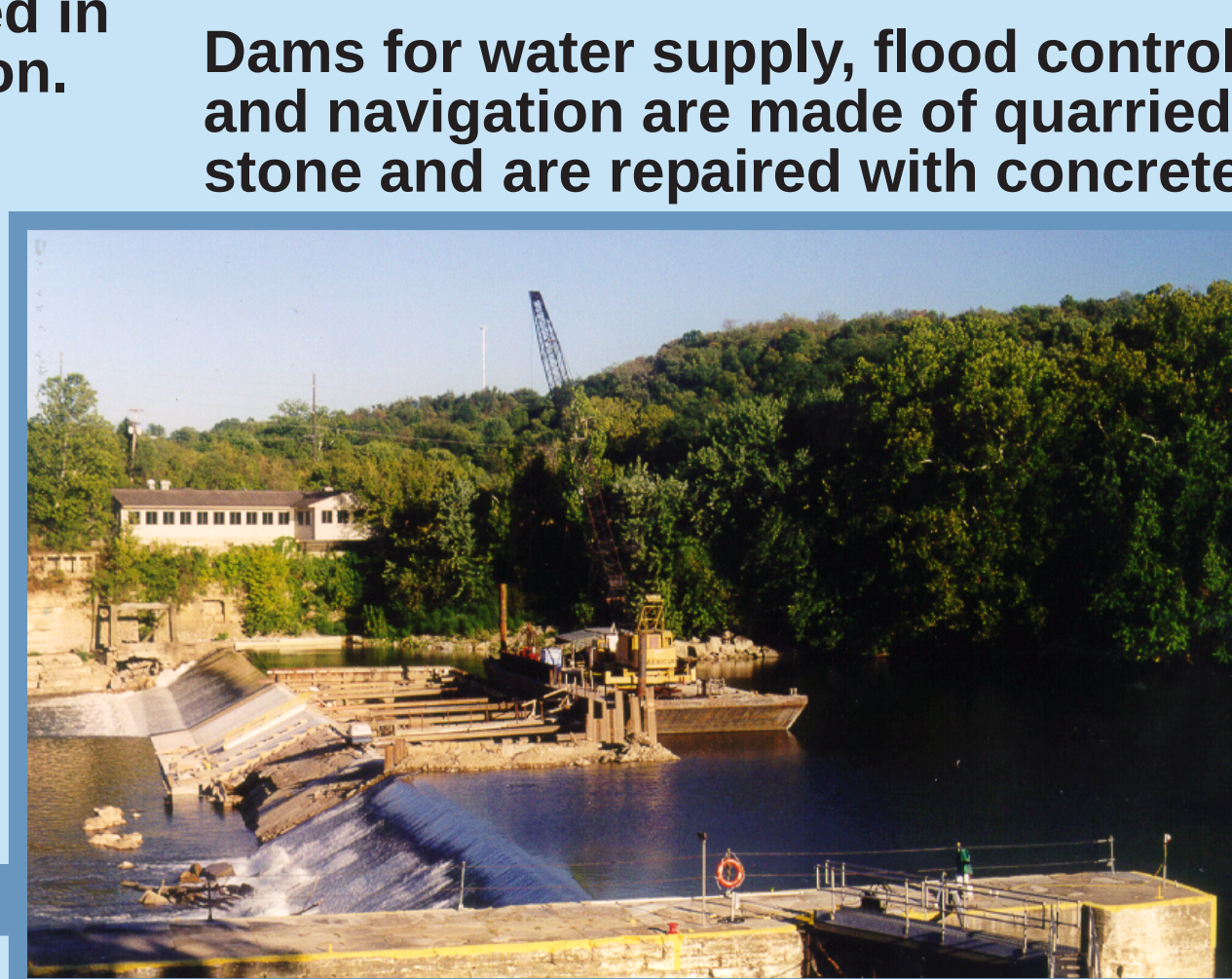
In addition to blocks used for building construction, concrete made with limestone is used in driveways, sidewalks, and streets.



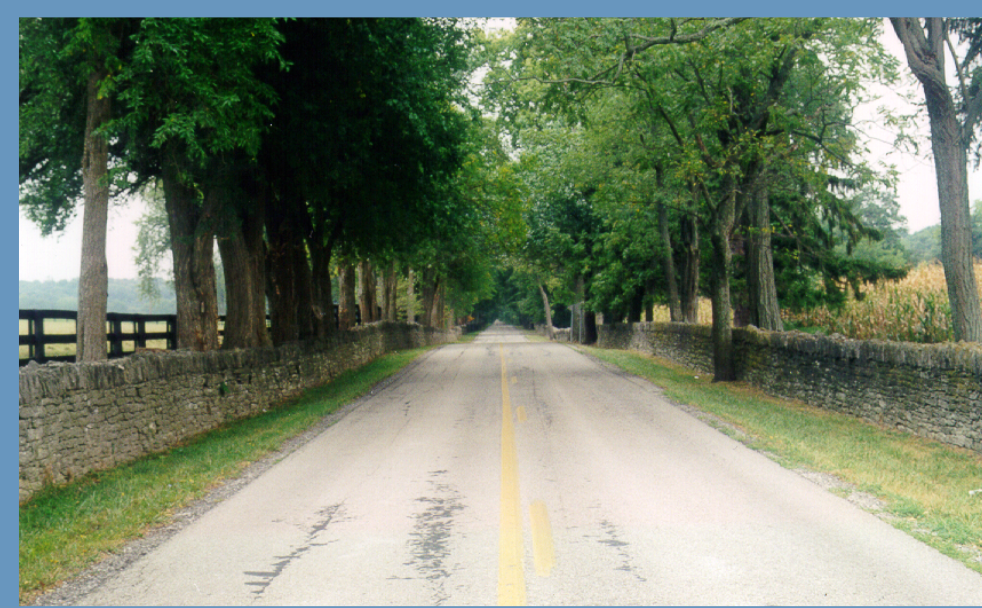
At power plants, limestone is used in "scrubbers" to reduce air pollution.



Headstones are quarried.



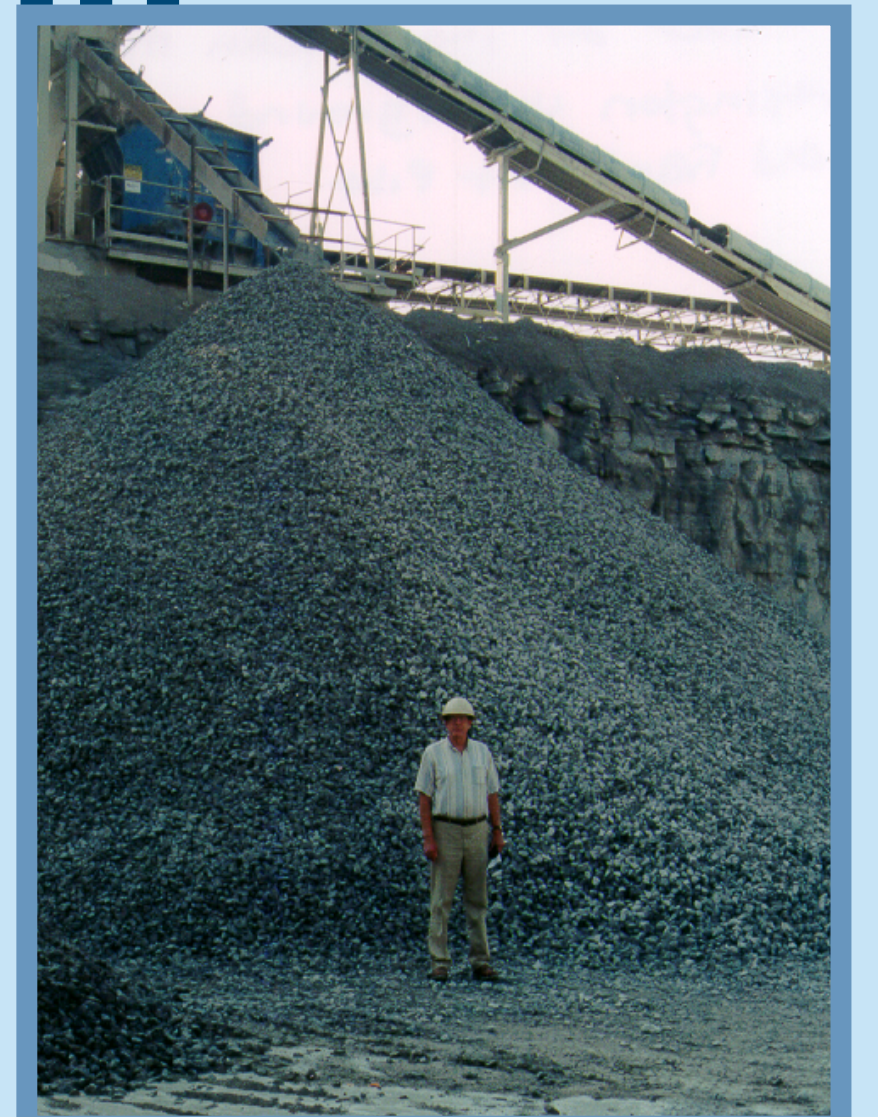
Dams for water supply, flood control, and navigation are made of quarried stone and are repaired with concrete.



Cut (quarried) stone fences line many Kentucky roads.



Crushed stone is used for railway beds and for roads.



Limestone is used to produce cement, which, when mixed with an aggregate and water, creates concrete.



Many hotels and office buildings are constructed with concrete. Large gravel "rip-rap" is used for erosion control during flooding. Even the lamp post in this picture is made of cast concrete.

You do!
46,000 pounds of rock per person is used each year in the United States.