

**Town of Ellery
Statement of Position
on the
Chautauqua County Landfill Expansion**

Chautauqua County owns 813 acres in the Town of Ellery upon 83 acres of which the County operates a municipal solid waste landfill. The County now seeks to expand the waste placement area of the landfill by 53 acres with an elevation of 1850 feet. Associated perimeter berms, channel and access roads and storm water control ponds total another 20 acres. The proposed expansion would extend the life of the landfill by about twenty years.

The County has already identified the following potentially significant adverse environmental impacts from the proposed landfill expansion:

1. Leachate contamination, construction and operation activities may adversely affect surface and groundwater quality.
2. Increased runoff and erosion may adversely affect nearby waters and wetlands.
3. Increased gas production and fugitive dust emissions may adversely influence air quality and result in adverse safety and health impacts.
4. Noise and odor impacts are expected.
5. On-site natural resources may be adversely affected.
6. Changes to the physical landscape and construction within steep slopes may cause significant impacts.
7. Adverse visual impacts within the town are expected.
8. Adverse visual impacts are expected.
9. Adverse traffic impacts are expected.
10. Impacts to local community services such as fire protection, public water supply and wastewater (leachate) treatment.
11. Impacts to rare, threatened and endangered species including the clubshell and ray beam mollusk (endangered and candidate freshwater mollusk species) and the bald eagle.

The Town has additional environmental, health, safety and socioeconomic concerns pertaining to the proposed landfill expansion. It has engaged consultants to identify and analyze potentially significant environmental impacts and ways to mitigate them.

The Town has taken the following position with regard to the proposed landfill expansion:

1. The Town will participate in the SEQRA process.
2. The Town will request the County and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to consider Town land use control rights in connection with the permitting process.
3. The Town will seek mitigation for past, present and future adverse impacts related to the landfill construction and operation.

4. The Town encourages input from its residents. Any resident wishing to meet and review the proposed landfill design and discuss past or future landfill-related impacts please contact:

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A self-addressed questionnaire will also be mailed to you if you leave a message with your address and phone number. Informational meetings will be scheduled during the next several months.