



...PROMOTING STEWARDSHIP THAT ENHANCES WATER QUALITY AND RELATED RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED...

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Dear Mr. Cranston:

The Conewango Creek Watershed Association (CCWA) respectfully submits the enclosed comments for the Public Scoping Document for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, February 2011, for the proposed permit application for the Carroll Landfill Expansion. CCWA's mission is to engage the public, visitors, and municipalities to work together so that the Conewango Creek watershed can sustain its people, wildlife, and water quality for generations to come. Because of this, we have several concerns regarding the permitting of reopening and expanding a construction and demolition debris landfill.

While we do recognize the right of landowners to benefit from their landholdings, and also that there does exist a need for this type of operation, we must advocate for a thorough investigation of this matter that will demonstrate that it is both responsible and environmentally sustainable if permitted. This site is located directly next to a classified trout spawning stream locally known as Storehouse Run which feeds into the Conewango Creek. While a rural area, there are several neighbors whose back yards will now be directly abutting the proposed landfill. Access to this area is limited to the only road running through the Hamlet of Frewsburg. An acclaimed observatory and a regionally-renowned County Park are situated approximately a mile away.

It is obvious that Sealand is willing to invest in this project. Their operations, if permitted, will be a permanent modification of the area, though their operations are only proposed to last 15 years. If this activity must be permitted, in spite of potential benefits, it will be a significant intrusion to the area. We'd like assurance that some of Sealand's investments and economic gains are channeled into protection of the affected environment, landowners, and communities.

Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on this very important matter which is of tremendous importance to residents and visitors of our watershed both in New York and Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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