

Environmental Watchdogs for Cattaraugus County
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF CATTARAUGUS COUNTY

Issues affecting the environment in Cattaraugus County :

The Farmersville Proposed Landfill:

This is what prompted the creation of CCCC many years ago. The landfill was proposed as one of the largest, to be located at the headwaters of Ischua Creek, threatening surface and ground water throughout Ischua Valley and areas downstream including the City of Olean. Its final position remains undecided. For more on this subject, see "County Now Owns Landfill Property," on pages 1 and 3 of the January 2008 CCCC newsletter.

Wind Turbines:

Wind energy companies have pressured towns to pass laws allowing large industrial wind turbines as high as 45-story buildings with rotor areas as big as a football fields, to be placed so close to homes and adjacent properties as to threaten health and safety. CCCC is assisting those communities challenging those actions and is providing information to towns that may be approached in the near future. For more on alternative energy resources, see "Energy for Our Economy and Our Environment" on pages 2 and 3 of the January 2008 newsletter.

Giardini Gravel Mine Expansion in City of Olean:

The Giardini mine obtained a variance from the Olean Zoning Board of Appeals to permit expansion into a portion of the City where zoning prohibits mining. CCCC believes that decision is contrary to the City's and the State's laws and is challenging that decision in court in order to protect the sanctity of those laws for the future. For an in-depth article on this, please see page 4 of the January 2008 newsletter.

West Valley Demonstration Project:

Judy Einach, Director of the Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes, reviews this critical situation in her article, "West

Valley Demonstration Project Update," on page 2 of the January 2008 newsletter. CCCC strongly supports proper cleanup of this abandoned nuclear waste reprocessing center.

Glacial Aggregates Mine Expansion in Town of Yorkshire:

Glacial Aggregates acquired extensive property adjacent to its current operation and seeks a permit to expand its operations. The Town of Yorkshire initially approved this, but rescinded that authorization before the company could obtain other permits. The Town has lost a lawsuit on this, but has again denied the permit and is appealing that decision. CCCC is monitoring the situation.

Laidlaw Co-Generation Facility in Ellicottville:

Laidlaw Corporation has acquired the abandoned generating facility in Ellicottville and seeks a permit to convert it to burning waste wood, much of which would be trucked in from out of state. The plant is located in the valley adjacent to the village. During not-infrequent thermal inversions, smoke and exhaust would be trapped in the valley, directly threatening Ellicottville's livelihood as a recreational destination. The Town has denied the permit and in turn the company has filed a lawsuit. CCCC fully supports Ellicottville in this issue.

Route 219 Expansion:

The extension of Route 219 south of the 4.2 mile portion now under construction has not gained the approval of the Army Corps of Engineers. By Federal law, the Corps cannot grant approval if alternatives exist to destroying wetlands. New York's DOT identified upgrading the *existing* road as an alternative and the Corps has indicated that this alternative must be considered. Concerned Citizens supports the Corps' position.

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