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**Town/Village/County Boards Opposing  
Hudson River PCB Dredging and Landfilling  
(As of 9/29/97)**

**Total: 54 communities/boards**

**Washington County**

Agricultural and Farmland Protection  
Board for Washington County  
Town of Argyle  
Village of Argyle  
Town of Cambridge  
Town of Easton  
Town of Fort Ann  
Town of Fort Edward  
Village of Fort Edward  
Town of Greenwich  
Village of Greenwich  
Town of Hampton  
Town of Hebron  
Village of Hudson Falls  
Town of Kingsbury  
Town of Salem  
Town of White Creek  
Town of Whitehall  
Village of Whitehall  
Washington Cty Bd of Supervisors

**Warren County**

Town of Bolton  
City of Glens Falls  
Village of Lake George  
Town of Queensbury

**Rensselaer County**

Town of Berlin  
Town of Brunswick  
Village of Castleton-on-Hudson  
Town of Schodack

**Saratoga County**

Town of Ballston  
Town of Charlton\*  
Town of Clifton Park\*  
Town of Corinth  
Village of Corinth  
Town of Day\*  
Town of Edinburgh\*  
Town of Galway\*  
Town of Greenfield  
Town of Hadley\*  
Town of Halfmoon\*  
Town of Malta\*  
City of Mechanicville  
Town of Milton  
Town of Moreau  
Town of Northumberland\*  
Town of Providence\*  
Town of Saratoga\*  
Village of Schuylerville  
City of Saratoga Springs\*  
Village of South Glens Falls  
Town of Stillwater  
Village of Stillwater  
Village of Victory Mills  
Town of Waterford\*  
Town of Wilton  
Saratoga Cty Bd of Supervisors

*\* Saratoga County Board of Supervisors passed resolution on behalf of town*

Glenn R. Jones  
Supervisor

Gordon Aubrey  
H/W Superintendent

Diana Eggleston  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ARGYLE**  
**ARGYLE, NEW YORK 12809**  
**(518) 638-8681**

**Town Council**  
Larry Curtis  
Melvin McWhorter  
Donald Reid  
Patrick Sullivan

June 13, 1997

Enclosed for your information is a copy of Resolution 39-97:  
OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER AND CREATION OF  
A TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL passed by the Town Board of the Town  
of Argyle at their regular meeting held June 11, 1997.

Respectfully,

*Diana Eggleston*  
Diana Eggleston  
Town Clerk

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cc: File

Enclosure

**RESOLUTION 39-97: OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER  
AND CREATION OF A TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL**

Motion made by Supervisor Jones and seconded by Councilman McWhorter

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the

catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Argyle finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Argyle finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Argyle, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblyman Elizabeth Little.

Carried - All voting aye.

This is to certify that this is a true copy of an original record on file in the office of the town clerk or registrar.

Signed Diana Costello  
Town Clerk / Registrar, Town of Argyle, NY

Date 6/13/92

# TOWN OF BALLSTON

MURIEL K. SWATLING, TOWN CLERK

P. O. BOX 67

BURNT HILLS, NEW YORK 12027-0067

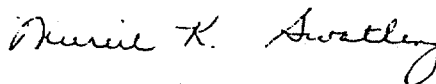
June 24, 1997

Ms. Merrilyn Pulver, Councilwoman  
Town of Fort Edward  
R.D. 1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, New York 12828

Dear Ms. Pulver:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of resolution 97-47  
unanimously passed by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston at  
their regular Town Board meeting held June 3, 1997.

Very truly yours,



Muriel K. Swatling  
Town Clerk

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Enclosure

97-47: A motion was made by Paul Farnan and seconded by Robert Boice that the following resolution in opposition to the dredging of the Hudson River of PCB's be adopted. Roll Call: Ayes - all; Noes - none. Carried.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens for Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability

and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractical large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ballston finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ballston finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ballston, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy as taken from the minutes of the Town of Ballston Town Board meeting held June 3, 1997.

June 24, 1997

Muriel K. Swatling  
Muriel K. Swatling, Town Clerk



## Town of Clifton Park

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June 26, 1997

Ms. Merrilyn Pulver  
Councilwoman, Town of Fort Edward  
R.D. 1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Dear Ms. Pulver:

Thank you for your recent communication regarding potential dredging of the Hudson River.

We, the Supervisors of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, have decided to respond to these matters collectively. To this end, we will again reconfirm our opposition to this proposal by way of a resolution at an upcoming board session.

Again, many thanks for including us in your recent informational mailing.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Marvin R. LeRoy, Jr.  
Town Supervisor

MRL:mg



OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER  
AND CREATION OF A TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the TOWN BOARD of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed UPPER HUDSON RIVER remediation options that involve PCB dredge- and landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge- and - Landfill project would have significant, long - term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all UPPER HUDSON RIVER communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset and

WHEREAS, a HUDSON RIVER dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river- related amenities affecting the entire UPPER HUDSON region, and

WHEREAS, THE MERE POSSIBILITY OF A PCB dredge- and- landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the UPPER HUDSON region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has ~~conducted~~ no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

Whereas, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the HUDSON RIVER are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the STATE OF NEW YORK has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the UPPER HUDSON RIVER, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the HUDSON RIVER would significantly accelerate THE IMPROVEMENTS already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, SUPERFUND RECORD OF DECISION at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (DECISION at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8,) and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corinth finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge- and landfill project on the HUDSON RIVER and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corinth finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Corinth, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby express its opposition to HUDSON RIVER remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; NEW YORK STATE Sen. Ronald B. Stifford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

*Richard B. Lucia, Supervisor*

*2/3/97*

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# TOWN OF DAY

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HADLEY, NY 12835

Telephone (518) 696-3789  
Fax (518) 696-5391

July 23, 1997

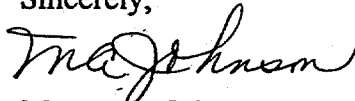
Ms. Marilyn Pulver  
Councilwoman, Town of Fort Edward  
R.D. 1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Dear Ms. Pulver:

The Town Board of the Town of Day agreed to provide their support to the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors resolution in opposition to a PCB Dredge and Landfill project. That resolution was passed by the Board of Supervisors at their board meeting July 15, 1997.

We hope you are successful in your endeavors to oppose the dredging of the Hudson River and building a PCB landfill.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Johnson  
Supervisor

**Town of Easton**  
**R.D.1, Box 369**  
**Greenwich, N.Y. 12834-9518**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EASTON TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTON,  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK WAS HELD AT BURTON HALL IN NORTH EASTON,  
NEW YORK, ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 1997 AT 8:00 P.M., PREVAILING TIME  
SUPERVISOR R. HARRY BOOTH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND THE  
FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

ALLAN R. BRIGGS


JAMES W. BORDEN

GEORGE B. ROGERS

JANET A. STEWART

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCILMAN  
BORDEN, SECONDED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE REMAINING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND  
WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT:

I, Shirley M. Lamb, clerk of the Town of Easton, hereby certify that  
the following is a true copy of resolution number 72-97, duly  
enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Easton on June 3, 1997. I,  
further certify, that the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote  
of the members present.

  
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Shirley M. Lamb, Easton Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 72-97

Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River  
and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, in that the Town of Easton, which has the longest Hudson River Frontage in the State of New York, the Easton Town Board finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Easton Town Board finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Easton Town Board, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

TOWN CLERK  
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TOWN OF FORT ANN  
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FORT ANN NY 12827-0314  
(518) 639-8929

TO: MERRILYN PULVER, COUNCILWOMAN, FORT EDWARD  
FROM: MARY JANE GODFREY, TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF FORT ANN  
SUBJECT: OPPOSINC DREDGING OF UPPER HUDSON RIVER  
DATE: JUNE 11, 1997

ENCLOSED IS RESOLUTION #33 OF 1997 OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN  
OPPOSING THE DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER AND CREATION  
OF A TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL.

THIS WOULD DEFINATELY BE A THREAT TO OUR FARMERS AND TO TOURISM.  
THE TOWN OF FORT ANN OPPOSES THE DREDGE-AND-LANDFILL PROJECT.

SINCERELY,

  
MARY JANE GODFREY, TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF FORT ANN

JOHN ASPLAND, SUPERVISOR

RESOLUTION NO. 33, 1997

TOWN OF FORT ANN

TITLE: OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER AND CREATION  
OF A TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land value throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the country, and



RESOLUTION NO. 33, 1997

## TOWN OF FORT ANN

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WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Ann finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Ann finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Fort Ann, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U. S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U. S. Senator Alphonse D'Amato; U. S. Representative Gerald B. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Senator Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York, held at 1777 Columbia Turnpike, in said Town on the 12th day of June 1997, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Michael P. Glavin, and upon roll being called, the following were:

|                   | PRESENT       | ABSENT        |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| MICHAEL P. GLAVIN | <u>  X  </u>  | <u>      </u> |
| ELLEN SKELLY      | <u>  X  </u>  | <u>      </u> |
| JAMES R. TACY     | <u>  X  </u>  | <u>      </u> |
| ARTHUR SGROI      | <u>      </u> | <u>  X  </u>  |
| EILEEN NATOLI     | <u>  X  </u>  | <u>      </u> |

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Tacy, who moved its adoption and seconded by Councilperson Skelly:

**/-158)**     **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

**WHEREAS**, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edwards, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

**WHEREAS**, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

**WHEREAS**, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

**WHEREAS**, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

**WHEREAS**, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

**WHEREAS**, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

**WHEREAS**, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

**WHEREAS**, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

**WHEREAS**, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schodack finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

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06/12/97 - Town of Fort Edward/dredging

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schodack finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Schodack, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

Upon a roll call vote being called by the Town Clerk, the following votes were cast:

|                   | AYE          | NAY   | ABSTAIN |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|---------|
| MICHAEL P. GLAVIN | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____   |
| ELLEN SKELLY      | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____   |
| JAMES TACY        | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____   |
| EILEEN NATOLI     | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____   |

Motion Carried.

*Town of Fort Edward*

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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has previously expressed its steadfast opposition to the establishment with the town of a PCB landfill necessitated by a Hudson River dredging project, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Hudson River and has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredging and landfill project would inflict significant, long-term damage to the Town of Fort Edward, especially affecting:

--the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill,

--tourism development efforts, especially redevelopment of our scenic and historic river from, which would be marred by a decade-long dredging project, and

--on our continuing efforts to make the Town of Fort Edward an attractive community to live, work and raise a family because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river front amenities in the Town of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB landfill adversely affects land values in the town and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs in the town, and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Town of Fort Edward have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the Town of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State

of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River near Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, that there is no evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require and "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a ~~dredge-benefit~~ to a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River and to Fort Edward, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby reiterates its total opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford; New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea, and Washington County Board of Supervisors Chairman Harry Booth, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board implores its federal and state representatives and local government colleagues in other communities to join in support of the town's effort to prevent a dredge-and landfill project on the Upper Hudson River.

DATED: May 12, 1997

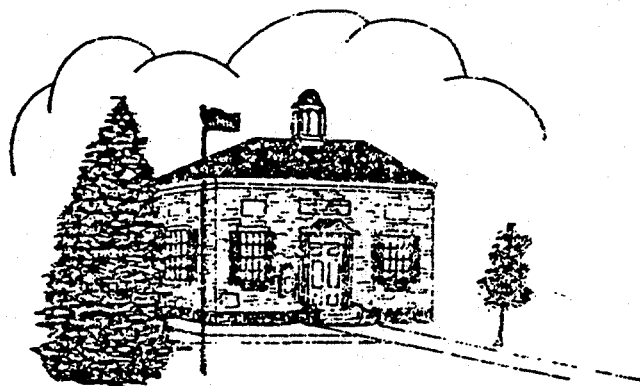
ALL AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sharon Ruggi asked the Board if she could comment of Resolution #49. She thanked the Board for passing the resolution. Councilwoman Pulver that the Town Board members that they must make a clear statement that dredging and landfilling are not acceptable and that it would have a tremendous social and economic impact on the Town.

# Town of Greenfield

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## RESOLUTION NO. 91

### Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the TOWN BOARD finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the TOWN BOARD finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TOWN BOARD in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Hugh L. Farley and New York State Assemblyman James N. Tedisco.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board on the 12th day of June, 1997.

*[Handwritten signature]*



OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
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June 13, 1997

Merrilyn Pulver  
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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GREENWICH, NEW YORK WAS HELD AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 2 ACADEMY STREET, GREENWICH, NEW YORK ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1997 AT 7:00 P.M. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN BARBER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILBUR AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY SAID BOARD.

Respectfully,



Elaine A. Kelly  
Town Clerk

cc: Honorable George E. Patacki, Governor  
Honorable Jeanne M. Fox, EPA  
Honorable Carol Browner, EPA  
Honorable Gerald B. Solomon  
Honorable Alphonse D'Amato  
Honorable Ronald B. Stafford  
Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
Honorable Robert D'Andrea  
Honorable Elizabeth Little  
John Cahill, DEC

**RESOLUTION NO. 97**

**Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River  
and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenwich finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenwich finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River  
and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill**

**WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and**

**WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and**

**WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and**

**WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and**

**WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and**

**WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and**

**WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and**

**WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and**

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the <sup>VILLAGE OF ARGYLE</sup> ~~(town or county board)~~ finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the <sup>VILLAGE OF ARGYLE</sup> ~~(town or county board)~~ finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the <sup>VILLAGE OF ARGYLE</sup> ~~(town or county board)~~, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

ADOPTED 6/9/97

Healey A. Clark Village Clerk - Treasurer

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TOWN OF HAMPTON

Washington County

HAMPTON, NEW YORK 12837

May 21, 1997

RESOLUTION #15 of 1997

Motion by John Mashak, seconded by Donald Sady to support the Town of Fort Edward, NY in the opposing dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a toxic waste landfill.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hampton's Board finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge and landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hampton's Board finds that a dredge and landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hampton's Board, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge and landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little

Peter Genier  
John Ross  
John Mashak  
Donald Sady  
Arthur Pratt Jr.

Supervisor  
Councilman  
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Daphane Wade

Hampton, NY Town Clerk

# Town of Kingsbury

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June 6, 1997

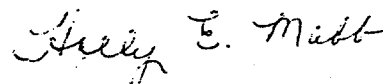
- Honorable Merrilyn Pulver
- R. D. #1, Box 222
- Fort Edward, NY 12828

Dear Ms. Pulver:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a resolution in opposition of the dredge-and-landfill project that is being considered by NYS D.E.C.

This resolution was passed unanimously by the Kingsbury Town Board at their second regular meeting conducted on Tuesday, May 27, 1997.

Sincerely yours,



Holly E. Mabb  
Kingsbury Town Clerk

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Enc.

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT  
WITHIN THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD OF A PCB LANDFILL  
NECESSITATED BY A HUDSON RIVER DREDGING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Kingsbury Town Board expresses its steadfast opposition to the establishment within the Town of Fort Edward of a PCB landfill necessitated by a Hudson River dredging project, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredging and landfill project would inflict significant, long-term damage to the Town of Fort Edward, especially affecting:

- °the agricultural industry , which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill,

- °tourism development efforts, especially redevelopment of our scenic and historic river front, which would be marred by a decade-long dredging project, and,

- °on our continuing efforts to make the Town of Fort Edward and the Town of Kingsbury an attractive community to live, work and raise a family because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and,

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river front amenities in the Town of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB landfill adversely affects land values in the town and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs in the town, and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Town of Fort Edward have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the Town of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River near Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, that there is no evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEAP, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and



WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Kingsbury Town Board finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences for the Town of Fort Edward, Washington County and all neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, the Kingsbury Town Board finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River and to Fort Edward and all neighboring communities; now, therefore, be it

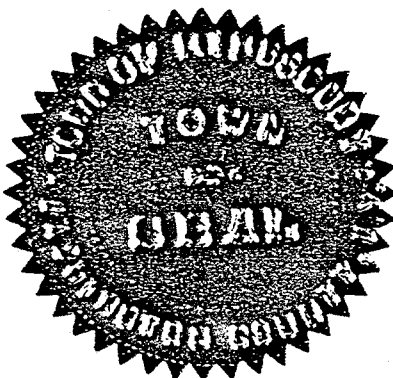
RESOLVED, that the Kingsbury Town Board hereby expresses its total opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U. S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U. S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U. S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, New York Assemblyman Robert D'Andrea and the Town of Fort Edward, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Kingsbury Town Board implores its federal and state representatives and local government colleagues in other communities to join in support of the town's effort to prevent a dredge-and-landfill project on the Upper Hudson River.

BY ORDER OF THE KINGSBURY TOWN BOARD:

*Holly E. Mabb*  
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Holly E. Mabb, Town Clerk

Dated: June 6, 1997 at  
Kingsbury, New York.





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RESOLUTION #34

Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation  
of a Toxic Waste Landfill

Introduced by: Councilman Louis J. Gnip

Seconded by: Councilman Hollis F. Blodgett

WHEREAS, the US Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because of a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require and "impracticably large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton Town Board finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

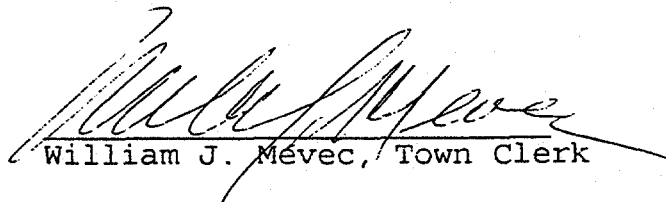
WHEREAS, the Town of Milton Town Board finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Milton Town Board, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

By the following vote thereon:

|                                    | Yes | No       |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Wilbur L. Trieble, Supervisor      |     | (Absent) |
| John W. Gobo, Councilman           | X   |          |
| Louis J. Gnip, Councilman          | X   |          |
| Joseph J. Miranda, Jr., Councilman | X   |          |
| Hollis F. Blodgett, Councilman     | X   |          |

Dated: June 12, 1997

  
William J. Mevec, Town Clerk

TOWN OF SALEM  
PO BOX 575  
SALEM, NEW Y ORK 12865

JUNE 18, 1997

Merrilyn Pulver  
RD 1 Box 222  
Fort Edward, New York 12828

I have enclosed a copy of Resolution # 31 passed by the Salem Town Board at their June meeting in support of your position on dredging the Hudson River.... It did pass unanimously.....Good luck

*Mary Kilpatrick*

Mary Kilpatrick  
Salem Town Clerk

## **RESOLUTION NO. 31**

### **Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF SALEM finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF SALEM finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TOWN OF SALEM, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

the creation of new jobs, and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

**WHEREAS**, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

**WHEREAS**, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

**WHEREAS**, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

**WHEREAS** there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

**WHEREAS**, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

**WHEREAS**, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State



Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Walsh and seconded by Councilman Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| COUNCILMAN TARBOX     | VOTING <u>Aye</u> |
| COUNCILMAN CLEMENTE   | VOTING <u>Aye</u> |
| COUNCILMAN HERRINGTON | VOTING <u>Aye</u> |
| COUNCILMAN POLETO     | VOTING <u>Aye</u> |
| SUPERVISOR WALSH      | VOTING <u>Aye</u> |

The foregoing Resolution was ~~(was not)~~ thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: June 12, 1997

## RESOLUTION

### IN OPPOSITION TO THE DREDGING OF THE HUDSON RIVER

- WHEREAS: the U.S. Environmental Protection agency is reassessing the decision of 1984 not to dredge the upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCB's, and
- WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its decision and order dredging and a PCB landfill in or around the town of Fort Edward, and
- Whereas, PCB landfills have been twice proposed for agricultural properties in the town of Ft. Edward and have not gone forward due to strong opposition from the citizens of Ft. Edward and the surrounding communities, and
- WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would have significant long term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Hudson River communities, including the town of Saratoga, especially affecting the agricultural industry and the quality of life presently enjoyed in the area, and
- WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would adversely affect land values throughout the upper Hudson region and discourage private investment that might lead to creation of new jobs, and
- WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize public and private investments in river related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and
- WHEREAS, the town board of the town of Saratoga finds that there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge and landfill on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the town of Saratoga in concert with the Ft. Edward town board, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge and landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to the EPA Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; US Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; US Senator Alfonse D'Amato; US Representative Gerald B. Solomon; NY Governor George E. Pataki; Acting NYS Environmental Commissioner John Cahill; NYS Senator Joseph L. Bruno and NYS Assemblyman Robert D'Andrea.

Resolution duly adopted by unanimous vote of the Saratoga town board at the July 14 meeting of the town board.

Supervisor Robert F. Hall  
Councilmans Robert Swartwout, Bruce Cornell & Michael McLoughlin.

10.5682

*Jean D. Casey*  
Jean D. Casey  
Town Clerk



# Town of Schodack

TOWN HALL  
1777 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE  
CASTLETON, NEW YORK 12033

MICHAEL P. GLAVIN  
SUPERVISOR

TELEPHONE (518) 477-7918

June 16, 1997

Honorable Marilyn Pulver  
Councilwoman, Town of Fort Edward  
R.D. 1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

RE: Hudson River PCB Dredging Project

Dear Councilwoman Pulver:

At our June 12 Town Board Meeting, the Town Board adopted resolution #97-158 (see enclosed). A certified copy was sent to each official on the list you sent to me.

Please keep us informed about this project and if we can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Glavin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "G".

Michael P. Glavin  
Supervisor

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Enc.

10.5683

# Office of the Town Clerk

TOWN OF SCHODACK  
1777 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE  
CASTLETON, N.Y. 12033



DONNA L. CONLIN  
TOWN CLERK

BEVERLY A. BUCKBEE  
DEPUTY

KAREN A. VECCHIONE  
DEPUTY

TELEPHONE (518) 477-7590  
FAX (518) 477-7983

STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER            )SS.:  
TOWN OF SCHODACK                    )

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Schodack, do hereby certify as follows:

1. A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schodack, State of New York, was duly held on 06/12/97, and Minutes of said meeting have been duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the Minutes of meetings of said Board. I have compared the attached Extract with said Minutes so recorded and said Extract is a true copy of said Minutes and of the whole thereof insofar as said Minutes relate to matters referred to in said Extracts.

2. Said Minutes correctly state the time when said Meeting was convened and the place where such Meeting was held and the members of said Board who attended said Meeting.

3. Public Notice of the time and place of the said Meeting was duly given to the public and the news media in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, constituting Chapter 511 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York, and that the members of said Board had due notice of said Meeting and the Meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Town of Schodack this  
13 day of June, 1997.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donna L. Conlin".

Donna L. Conlin  
Town Clerk/CMC

[ Seal ]

# Town of Stillwater

P.O. Box 700  
Stillwater, N.Y.  
12170



Site of the Turning Point of the American Revolution

June 12, 1997

Merrilyn Pulver, Councilwoman  
Town of Fort Edward  
R.D. 1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Dear Councilwoman Pulver:

Enclosed, please find a copy of a Resolution which was passed unanimously by the Stillwater Town Board at a regular meeting of the Board held on June 5, 1997. This Resolution strongly opposes the dredging of the upper Hudson River and the creation of a toxic waste landfill!

As you are probably aware, I was a strong supporter of opening the river to "catch and release" fishing for the past 15 years. Now that it has finally happened, they're considering this dredging proposal once again. I have always been of the belief that the Hudson River is cleansing itself, and the dredging of the river will only cause this natural cleansing to be set back for many, many years. Therefore, it is with great enthusiasm, pride, and conviction that I wholeheartedly endorse your efforts to end this foolhearty notion that dredging the river will assist in the eventual clean-up of the river.

If you ever need anyone to speak on this issue, please don't hesitate to call me at 664-6148 (office) or 664-3160 (home). I will travel anywhere, anytime, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Lilac, Supervisor  
Town of Stillwater

SUPERVISOR  
Paul F. Lilac

COUNCILMEN  
Arthur Baker  
Joseph Maru

ATTORNEY  
Andrea J. DiDomenico

TOWN CLERK  
Rose Petronis

ENGINEER  
Michael E. Hollowood, P.E.

**TOWN OF STILLWATER  
RESOLUTION NO.**

**OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER  
AND CREATION OF A TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCB's, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order the dredging, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join in opposition to such projects based on their negative impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic, and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work, and raise families, because a PCB landfill would destroy the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Saratoga County and many local governments, such as the Town of Stillwater, have taken an active role in EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the country, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is finally reached, and

# *Board of Supervisors*

SARATOGA COUNTY

ROBERT A. STOKES

Town of Greenfield

Town Hall

Greenfield Center, NY 12833

Town Hall: 893-7432

Fax: 893-2460

June 13, 1997

Ms. Merrilyn Pulver  
Councilwoman, Town of Fort Edward  
R.D.#1, Box 222  
Fort Edward N.Y. 12828

Dear Councilwoman Pulver

This is to inform you that on June 12, 1997, the Town Board of the Town of Greenfield voted unanimously to support the position of the Town of Fort Edward regarding dredging of the Hudson River PCBs.

It is the Town's intent to utilize your suggested resolution and to forward it to the appropriate legislative bodies.

Thank you for bringing this to the Town's attention. Although we are not a riverfront community we do share in the concern expressed by Fort Edward and many others regarding the dredge-and-fill proposals of the EPA.

A copy of the resolution will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very Truly



Supervisor

**RESOLUTION NO. 9**

**Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River  
and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

**WHEREAS**, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

**WHEREAS**, s PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

**WHEREAS**, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

**WHEREAS**, the mere possibility of PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

**WHEREAS**, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such and evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and



**WHEREAS**, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

**WHEREAS**, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

**WHEREAS**, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in the particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

**WHEREAS**, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require and "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White Creek finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White Creek finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of White Creek, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

*Sabrina Murphy*  
*Deputy Town Clerk*

## **TOWN OF WHITEHALL**

**142 MAIN STREET**

**WHITEHALL, N.Y. 12887**

**PHONE:(518)499-1535 FAX:(518)499-1546**

**Supervisor, Peter J. Telisky**

**Deputy Supervisor, James F. Aiken**

**Councilman, John Molinero**

**Councilman, Emerson F. Bartholomew, Jr.**

**Councilman, Richard LaChapelle**

**Town Clerk, Kim M. Klagley**

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**June 13, 1997**

**Merrilyn Pulver  
RD #1 Box 222  
Fort Edward, N.Y. 12828**

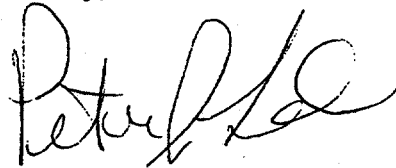
**Dear Ms. Pulver:**

**Please find enclosed a copy of the resolution that the Town Board of the Town of Whitehall passed at the regular meeting, held on June 5, 1997.**

**A copy of this resolution, with original signatures, has also been sent to each official on the list which you mailed to us.**

**Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with you and the surrounding communities toward a common goal.**

**Sincerely,**



**Peter J. Telisky  
Supervisor**

**encl:**

Resolution No: 27

Introduced by: Peter J. Telisky

Motion by: Emerson Bartholomew, Jr.

Seconded by: John Molinero

**CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**TITLED: Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill**

**WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCB's, and**

**WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and**

**WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and**

**WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and**

**WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and**

**WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and**

**WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and**

**WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and**

**WHEREAS,** a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

**WHEREAS,** dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

**WHEREAS,** there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

**WHEREAS,** EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

**WHEREAS,** EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board of the Town of Whitehall finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board of the Town of Whitehall finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board of the Town of Whitehall, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

Peter J. Telisky, Supervisor: *Peter J. Telisky*

James F. Aiken, Councilman: *James F. Aiken*

John Molinero, Councilman: *John Molinero*

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Richard LaChapelle, Councilman: *Richard LaChapelle*

# CITY OF MECHANICVILLE

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July 17, 1996

Councilwoman Merrilyn Pulver  
Town of Fort Edward  
R.D. 1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, N.Y. 12828


Dear Councilwoman Pulver:

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution opposing dredging of the Upper Hudson River and creation of a toxic waste landfill.

This resolution was introduced and accepted at our monthly city council meeting held on July 16, 1997.

Since this is an issue of common interest to your area and ours, I and my council members are giving it their whole hearted support.

If I can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely, 

Thomas J. Higgins, Mayor

TJH/mt  
Enc.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-97

OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER AND THE CREATION  
OF A TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility", and

WHEREAS, the City of Mechanicville, N.Y., County of Saratoga finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, and economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the City of Mechanicville, County of Saratoga finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mechanicville, N.Y., County of Saratoga, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to USEPA Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald E. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; Acting NYS Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Joseph A. Bruno, and NYS Assemblyman Pat Casale.

INTRODUCED BY: Mavor Thomas J. Higgins

SECONDED BY: Commissioner John J. Phelan

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

July 16, 1997

10.5694



## City of Saratoga Springs

J. Michael O'Connell, Mayor

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May 22, 1997

Merrilyn Pulver  
Councilwoman, Town of Fort Edward  
RD 1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Dear Ms. Pulver:

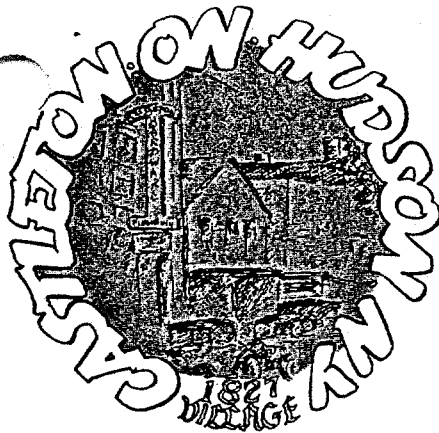
I have forwarded your letter and proposed resolution to the City Council. I will ask for their review and comment and will keep you advised.

Sincerely,

J. Michael O'Connell  
Mayor

cc: City Council  
City Attorney





VILLAGE OF  
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*Incorporated 1827*

June 4, 1997

Merrilyn Pulver, Councilwoman  
Town of Fort Edward  
R.D. #1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Re: Resolution supporting Fort Edward

Dear Ms. Pulver:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution #10 of 1997 which has the full support of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson. State and federal officials will be sent copies of the resolution as per your request.

If we can be of any further assistance please let us know.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hudson  
Village Clerk

Enclosures



RESOLUTION NO. 10 of 1997

**Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River  
and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the upper Hudson region. now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; US. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

# VILLAGE OF CORINTH

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June 9, 1997

Merrilyn Pulver, Councilwoman  
Town of Fort Edward  
RD1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Re: PCB dredge-and-landfill project

Dear Ms. Pulver,

The Village Board of Trustee discussed your request at their last public meeting regarding the referenced. They have decided not to pursue this based on the fact that they could come to no opinion nor do they have the knowledge to be able to support the resolution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Wallace H. Estill*  
Wallace H. Estill  
Village Clerk



# Village of Fort Edward

118 Broadway, P.O. Box 345, Fort Edward, N.Y. 12828

Phone (518) 747-4023

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4

MOTION BY Trustee LaClair

SECONDED Trustee Terrio

WHEREAS, the US Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Hudson River and has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Fort Edward opposes the establishment within the Town of Fort Edward of a PCB landfill necessitated by a Hudson River dredging project, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredging and landfill project would inflict significant, long-term damage to the Town of Fort Edward, and

-- the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill,

-- tourism development efforts, especially redevelopment of our scenic and historic river front, which would be marred by a decade-long dredging project, and

-- on our continuing efforts to make the Town of Fort Edward an attractive community to live, work and raise a family because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river front amenities in the Village of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, that there is no evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing

remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes,  
and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty,"  
and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require and "impractical large containment facility" and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River and to Fort Edward, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby reiterates its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner: Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea, and Washington County Board of Supervisors Chairman Harry Booth, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board implores its federal and state representatives and local government colleagues in other communities to join in support of its effort to prevent a dredge and landfill project on the Upper Hudson River.

DATED: July 7, 1997

ALL AYES



# Village of Greenwich

6 Academy Street  
Greenwich, N.Y. 12834

## RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page ) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenwich Board finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenwich Board finds that a dredge-and- landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Greenwich Board, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

Upon motion made by Trustee Burke, seconded by Trustee Macy and carried, it is

RESOLVED that the following resolution be adopted opposing dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and



WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty, " (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require and "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U. S. Senator Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Congressman Gerald B. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Senator Ronald B. Stafford, New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true and correct copy of said resolutions as spread upon the minutes of the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of Hudson Falls, N.Y., held on the 2nd. day of June, 1997.

Marie E. Philo,  
Village Clerk

Dated June 6, 1997

I CERTIFY, that the signature shown above is a specimen signature of Marie E. Philo, Village Clerk, as authorized in the foregoing resolution.

Kathryn A. Fitzpatrick  
Notary Public for the State of New York

KATHRYN A. FITZPATRICK  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
WASHINGTON COUNTY #4512026  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7/31/97

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## VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK

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June 18, 1997

Merrilyn Pulver, Councilwoman  
Town of Fort Edward  
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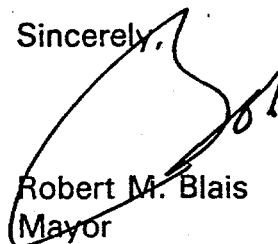
Dear Merrilyn:

Under separate cover you should receive a copy of our Board's resolution to support your position on the PCB dredging and landfill project.

I am very pleased we could cooperate with you in this regard, as we feel exactly as you do about the impact this will have on our tourist-based economy.

Best wishes for a successful campaign.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Blais  
Mayor

RMB/ww



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June 17, 1997

Councilwoman Marilyn Pulver  
Town of Fort Edward  
RD1 Box 222  
Fort Edward, New York 12828

Dear Councilwoman Marilyn Pulver:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution #24 dated June 16, 1997 opposing the Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Blais, Mayor

RMB/sep

*Happy to help!*

**RESOLUTION NO. 24, 1997 - Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill.**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

**WHEREAS**, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

**WHEREAS**, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

**WHEREAS**, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

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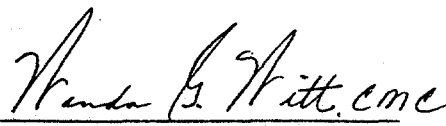
**WHEREAS**, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

**WHEREAS**, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the upper River, and

**WHEREAS**, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and  
**WHEREAS**, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and  
**WHEREAS**, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and  
**WHEREAS**, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,  
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

I, Wanda G. Witt, Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Lake George, NY, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 24, 1997 adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY on the sixteenth day of June 1997.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby sign my name and affix the seal of the Village of Lake George, NY, this seventeenth day of June 1997.

  
Wanda G. Witt, Clerk-Treasurer



## TOWN OF QUEENSBURY

742 Bay Road, Queensbury, NY 12804-5902 518-761-8201

June 3, 1997

Ms. Marilyn Pulver  
Councilwoman  
Town of Fort Edward  
R.D. 1, Box 222  
Fort Edward, New York 12828

Dear Ms. Pulver:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Hudson River PCB dredging project.

Enclosed please find a copy of the resolution the Queensbury Town Board unanimously passed Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill.

I hope you have success in your opposition to this project. I believe any time communities can work together, goals can be achieved.

Sincerely,

Fred Champagne  
Town Supervisor

cc: Attached list  
/klh

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER  
AND CREATION OF A TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL**

RESOLUTION NO.: 234. 1997

INTRODUCED BY: Mrs. Connie Goedert  
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Mr. Theodore Turner

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and

especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would



significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Queensbury finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region would result, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward Town Board has requested that the Town of Queensbury Town Board join it and other communities in opposition to the proposed dredging project, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Queensbury finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Queensbury, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby

expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to transmit notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

Duly adopted this 2nd day of June, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES : Mrs. Pulver, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Goedert, Mr. Champagne

NOES : None

ABSENT: Mrs. Monahan



## TOWN OF QUEENSBURY

742 Bay Road, Queensbury, NY 12804-5902 518-761-8201

I, Darleen M. Dougher, Town Clerk of the Town of Queensbury, Warren County, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution as listed above adopted at a Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Queensbury held on the 2 day of June 1997, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole original thereof to date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and the SEAL of said Town of Queensbury, this 3 day of June, 1997

SEAL

SIGNED: Darleen M. Dougher

Darleen M. Dougher  
Town Clerk  
Town of Queensbury

## Village of Schuylerville

35 Spring Street  
Schuylerville, NY 12871  
(518) 695-3881 Fax: (518) 695-3883

### RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCB's, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging and a PCB landfill in or around the Town of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have not gone forward due to strong opposition from the citizens of Fort Edward and the surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would have significant, long term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Hudson River communities, including the Village of Schuylerville, especially affecting the agricultural industry and the quality of life currently enjoyed in the area, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize public and private investments in river related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would adversely affect land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourage private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Schuylerville, finds that there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge and landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Schuylerville, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby express its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge and landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of

such opposition in writing to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato; U.S. Representative Gerald B. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Senator Joseph L. Bruno; and New York State Assemblyman Robert D'Andrea.



Mayor Kim Gamache



Village Clerk, Kimberly LeBaron

SEAL:

## **RESOLUTION**

**June 4, 1997**

### **Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action, and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County, and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic, and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work, and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the county, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment, and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, *Superfund Record of Decision* at page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in the particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at page 8), and

WHEREAS, the South Glens Falls Village Board finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic, and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the South Glens Falls Village Board finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted, and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Glens Falls Village Board, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Senator Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Representative Gerald B. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Senator Ronald B. Stafford and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea, and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.

Robert E. Phinney  
Robert E. Phinney, Mayor

6/4/97  
Date

Matthias Donnelly  
Matthias Donnelly, Trustee

6/4/97  
Date

William D. Hayes  
William D. Hayes, Trustee

6/4/97  
Date

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Edward LaFave, Trustee

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Date

David Osier  
David Osier, Trustee

6/4/97  
Date



# VILLAGE of STILLWATER

## TRUSTEES:

JOHN MURPHY D.M.  
MICHAEL HANEHAN  
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DAVID CONLEY

INCORPORATED 1816

1 School Street  
P.O. Box 507  
Stillwater, NY 12170

ERNEST W. MARTIN - Mayor

WILLIAM F. REYNOLDS  
Village Attorney

MARGO PARTAK  
Village Clerk & Treasurer

RANDY RATHBUN  
Supt. of Public Works

June 25, 1997

Dear *Merrilyn Pulver*

On June 17th, 1997 the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater, New York passed the enclosed resolution by a 3-0 vote, with myself, as Mayor, voting yes.

This pending threat by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to hold a Hudson River PCB dredging project is unthinkable and not very wise. We strongly oppose this type of action by the EPA. You must stop and realize the negative impact on the entire Hudson River Valley. It would ruin the whole future of our areas. Please stop this! Let the river clean itself, Mother Natures way. Great improvements are already being noticed.

The Governor opened the Hudson River to catch and release fishing at the Village of Stillwater. You're going to have him come back and close it because of the dredging. Please be realistic.

Sincerely,



Ernest W. Martin, Mayor

Resolution Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River  
and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and

WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, the mere possibility of a PCB dredge-and-landfill project adversely affects land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourages private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Washington County and many local governments have taken an active role in EPA's public meetings and have repeatedly asked EPA to evaluate all of the adverse impacts of a PCB landfill on the resources and economy of the County, and

WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Whitehall find there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Whitehall finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Whitehall in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Senator Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Representative Gerald B. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Senator Ronald B. Stafford; New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.



*Marilyn Peck*

RONALD B. STAFFORD  
CHAIRMAN  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

THE SENATE  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
ALBANY 12247

ROOM 502  
THE CAPITOL  
ALBANY, NY 12247  
(518) 455-2811

June 18, 1997

Village of Victory  
PO Box 305 - Pine Street  
Victory Mills, NY 12884

Dear Friends:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of resolution number 3.

I share the Village Board's views with respect to this matter and as a result you may be assured of my support.

Again, thank you for affording me the benefit of the Board's views.

Sincerely,

*Ron Stafford*

Ronald Stafford

RS:jm



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ROBERT D'ANDREA  
Assemblyman 100th District

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
ALBANY

MINORITY WHIP

COMMITTEES  
Ranking Minority Member  
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Ways and Means  
Governmental Operations  
Aging  
Rules

June 16, 1997

Town Board  
Village of Victory  
P.O. Box 305-Pine Street  
Victory Mills, New York 12884

Dear Board:

I have recently received your resolution #3 adopted by the Village of Victory Board, regarding opposition by the board, to dredging of the Upper Hudson River & Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill within the Town of Ft. Edward.

Please be advised that I will study this resolution and give it every consideration. I do appreciate you keeping me informed as to your concerns and if there is anything further I may assist you with, please do not hesitate in contacting my office.

Sincerely,

*Bobby*  
ROBERT A. D'ANDREA  
Member of Assembly

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# VILLAGE OF VICTORY

P.O. Box 305 - Pine St.  
Victory Mills, N.Y. 12884  
Phone 518-695-3808

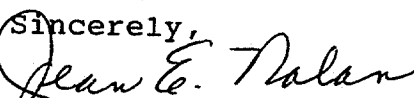
June 12, 1997

Merrilyn Pulver  
RD 1 Box 222  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Dear Merrilyn:

Enclosed please find copy of resolution  
sent to the list of officials named in the  
resolution.

We are glad we could help.

Sincerely,  
  
Jean E. Nolan,  
Clerk/Treasurer

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3**

### **Opposing Dredging of the Upper Hudson River and Creation of a Toxic Waste Landfill**

**WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and**

**WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and**

**WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have twice been stopped through legal action, political action and the vigilance of citizens of Fort Edward, Washington County and surrounding communities, and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has steadfastly opposed Upper Hudson River remediation options that involve PCB dredge-and-landfill projects of any kind, and has asked other municipalities to join Fort Edward in opposition to such projects based on their negative regional impacts, and**

**WHEREAS, a PCB dredge-and-landfill project would have significant, long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Upper Hudson River communities, especially affecting the agricultural industry, which depends on consumer confidence in the purity of its products, confidence likely to be undermined by the presence of a hazardous waste landfill; and especially impairing the continuing efforts to make local communities attractive places to live, work and raise families because a PCB landfill would destroy forever the pastoral quality of life that is our greatest asset, and**

**WHEREAS, a Hudson River dredging project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize future public and private investments in river-related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and**

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**WHEREAS, EPA has conducted no such evaluation and has made no commitment to conduct such an evaluation before any decision to establish a PCB landfill is reached, and**

WHEREAS, a significant body of scientific evidence demonstrates that conditions in the Hudson River are improving, with PCB levels declining in water, sediment and fish, such that the State of New York has reopened the catch-and-release fishery in the Upper River, and

WHEREAS, dredging contaminated sediments has been shown to be ineffective in improving environmental conditions elsewhere, and

WHEREAS there is no credible scientific evidence that dredging sediments from the bottom of the Hudson River would significantly accelerate the improvements already taking place as a result of ongoing remediation work and the river's natural recovery processes, and

WHEREAS, EPA itself determined in 1984 that a major dredging project "could be environmentally devastating to the river ecosystem and cannot be considered to adequately protect the environment," (USEPA, Superfund Record of Decision at Page 8) and determined that "the actual reliability and effectiveness of current dredging technologies in this particular situation is subject to considerable uncertainty," (Decision at Page 11), and

WHEREAS, EPA recognized that the many tons of material to be removed in a dredging project would require an "impractically large containment facility" (Decision at Page 8), and

WHEREAS, the Village of Victory finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge-and-landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Victory finds that a dredge-and-landfill project would be a gross, unwarranted and unnecessary insult to the Hudson River itself and the communities of the Upper Hudson region, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Victory in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby expresses its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge-and-landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of such opposition, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alphonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Gov. George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford, and New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea and New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little.