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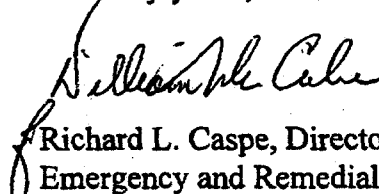
Dear Mr. Bally:

This is in response to your letter of January 14, 1998 to EPA Administrator Carol Browner regarding the Hudson River PCBs site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Village of Goshen in which the Village expresses its support for the Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment being conducted by EPA.

EPA appreciates the support from members of the Hudson River community with respect to the Reassessment study that we are currently conducting. As you know, the Reassessment, when completed, will include a detailed characterization of the PCB contamination in the Upper Hudson River, calculation of the human health and ecological risks associated with the contamination, and the evaluation of remedial alternatives to address the contamination. EPA is committed to completing the Reassessment in an expeditious manner.

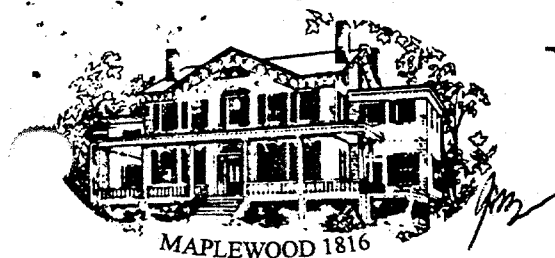
Your support is particularly appreciated because "community acceptance" is an important factor to be considered when the Agency ultimately makes a remedial decision for the Upper Hudson River sediments. EPA will keep the public informed of its findings regarding the Reassessment. For further information with respect to this site, please contact Ann Rychlenski at (212) 637-3672.

Sincerely yours,

  
Richard L. Caspe, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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# Village Of Goshen New York

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EPA's REASSESSMENT OF THE PCBs IN THE HUDSON RIVER AND THE EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIONS

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**Whereas, the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economic vitality of our community and the Hudson River is a treasured asset; and**

**Whereas, nearly 200 miles of the Hudson River - from Hudson Falls to New York City - are a federal Superfund site due to polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination and:**

**Whereas, PCBs are the most significant contaminant limiting full use and enjoyment of the Hudson River; and**

**Whereas, PCBs were banned in 1976 because of a variety of known and suspected impacts on humans and wildlife; and**

**Whereas, PCBs remain in the Hudson River exposing humans and wildlife to their effects; and**

**Whereas, an estimated \$40 million annually has been lost over the last twenty years because of the closure of Hudson River commercial fisheries and restrictions on recreationally caught fish. As a result, the Hudson Valley has lost an important cultural heritage and way of life and the economic vitality of the Hudson River region continues to be hampered by the limitations on recreational use of the River and the stigma of PCB contamination; and**

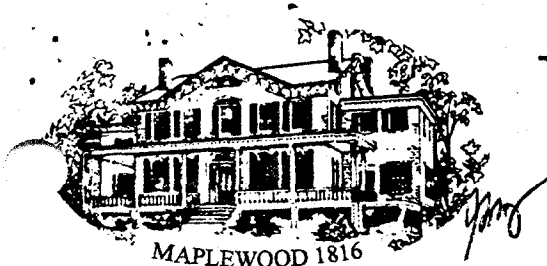
**Whereas, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund officials determined in February 1997 that PCB "hot spots" in the sediment of the upper Hudson are the "dominant source" of PCB contamination to the River, and that microbial breakdown will not rid the River of PCBs; and**

**Whereas, the EPA's Hudson River Reassessment has determined that without remediation, present levels of contamination will continue indefinitely, and**

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Goshen hereby expresses its support for**

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the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the U.S. EPA under the Superfund, including evaluation of the feasibility of potential remedial action that can most effectively restore the Hudson River, including the evaluation of traditional disposal methods as well as innovative technologies that can be used to destroy PCBs. Further, Village of Goshen urges that the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.



# Village Of Goshen New York

## RESOLUTION

### REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF

### THE HUDSON RIVER

### AS AN AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER

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**Whereas**, the American Rivers Heritage Initiative was announced by President Clinton on February 4, 1997, and

**Whereas**, the Hudson River has held a pre-eminent role in the development of the heritage of the United States influencing the settlement patterns of Native Americans, serving as a corridor of exploration, fortifying America during the Revolution, giving rise to the Age of Steam, inspiring the Hudson River School of Painting, facilitating the economic rise of New York and serving as a catalyst in the creation of the modern environmental movement, and

**Whereas**, the designation of the Hudson River as an American Heritage River will provide for the coordinated delivery of Federal services, enhanced opportunities for waterfront redevelopment, improved water quality, and further the goals and strategies already utilized by the Hudson Valley Greenway, and

**Whereas**, Governor George E. Pataki, on behalf of the State of New York is seeking designation of the Hudson River as an American Heritage River

**Therefore** be it resolved that the Village of Goshen supports the application and urges the President to designate the Hudson River an American Heritage River.