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Fort Edward Town Board  
118 Broadway, P. O. Box 127  
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Dear Town Board Members:

Enclosed please find a copy of a resolution adopted by the Kingsbury Town Board at their regular meeting held Monday, July 12, 1999. Our town is in full agreement that the future of the Hudson River and the surrounding communities will rest on the data collected in both these models.

At your request, we have forwarded copies to the appropriate agencies listed in the resolution. Should you need further support or assistance with similar matters, please feel free to contact the Town of Kingsbury.

Sincerely,

*Holly E. Mabb*

Holly E. Mabb, RMC  
On behalf of the Kingsbury Town Board

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## **RESOLUTION 11 - 1999**

Introduced by Councilman Collins who  
moved its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Vaughn.

### **RESOLUTION URGING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO SUBMIT BOTH ITS AND GENERAL ELECTRIC'S MODEL TO SIMULTANEOUS INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW.**

WHEREAS, citizens, the community and the agricultural, tourism and recreational resources of the Town of Fort Edward and the Town of Kingsbury are directly affected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's reassessment of PCB's in the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward has closely monitored the Environmental Protection Agency's performance and, in view of the potentially grave consequences of its decision, has urged the Environmental Protection Agency to rely on the soundest scientific principles and the most valid data analyses, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency and the General Electric Company each have recently developed computerized models to simulate river dynamics and forecast future progress in the river's recovery, and

WHEREAS, these computer models are likely to be the best available quantitative tools on which to base future policy decisions about the river, and

WHEREAS, the models both predict future recovery for the river but differ as to the time that recovery will take, and

WHEREAS, the inadvertent use of inaccurate, outdated or misinterpreted data could lead the Environmental Protection Agency to order an unnecessary and destructive dredging and dumping project with serious, long-term environmental, social and economic damage to the Town of Fort Edward and neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, an open public process designed to narrow and reconcile the technical differences between the two models can reduce the risk of error and help foster a higher level of public confidence in the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to make the correct decision, and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Sweeney has announced his intention to send both models for thorough review by an independent panel of scientists convened by the General Accounting Office, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has refused repeated requests to agree to a simultaneous scientific peer review of both its model and the General Election Company model by qualified, independent experts, and

WHEREAS, nevertheless plans to use the projections from its model in the development of ecological and human health reports even before its model has been examined by independent scientists,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kingsbury, urges the Environmental Protection Agency to reverse its opposition and promptly submit both its model and the General Electric model to independent peer review simultaneously before any model projections are used as the basis for any other Hudson River reports, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the simultaneous peer review be conducted at an open public meeting with full opportunity for public comment and discussion by the citizens and elected officials of the Town of Fort Edward and the Town of Kingsbury and all other interested parties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner, Regional Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Jeanne Fox, United States Senators Moynihan and Schumer, Governor Pataki, Congressman Sweeney, our State Legislators, and the chief elected official of all the municipalities in Warren, Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties with a request for their support of this resolution.

Dated: July 12, 1999

Supervisor Gould - aye  
Councilman Collins - aye  
Councilman Freebern - absent  
Councilman Linindoll - aye  
Councilman Vaughn - aye