

Casella, the giant trash disposal corporation, wants to unseal the capped Hardwick dump and massively expand it into a <u>regional</u> landfill, bringing 350,000 <u>tons</u> of trash a year to our small, rural town.



DANGERS TO OUR HEALTH

- Landfills create a toxic soup of chemicals, known as leachate, that contaminates drinking water
- All landfill liners fail
- Exposure to PFAS ('forever chemicals')
- People who live near landfills are vulnerable to heavy metal poisoning, asthma, liver and kidney disease, neurological illness, lung infections, eye and skin irritations, cancers, & pregnancy risks/abnormalities



DANGERS TO THE ENVIRONMENT

- Everything in the dump finds its way out
- Air Pollution
- Water Pollution
- Noise Pollution
- Ground Contamination
- Vermin and other disease carrying pests
- Methane, CO2, & other gases contributing to climate change



UNSAFE LIVING CONDITIONS

- Massive speeding trucks crowding our narrow, winding roads
- Constant stench from diesel trucks
- Noxious smells and gases emitted from the dump
- Leaking leachate
- Increased fire risks
- Blowing trash & litter



HIGH COSTS TO OUR VILLAGES

- Casella's payment won't cover the expenses to repair our damaged roads, nevermind fund a town ambulance service
- Decreased property and home values
- Long term liability and probable lawsuits
- Our wastewater treatment plant is not equipped to process the extra leachate that would be produced
- Traffic, pollution, odors, & low property values will discourage businesses and people from coming to town





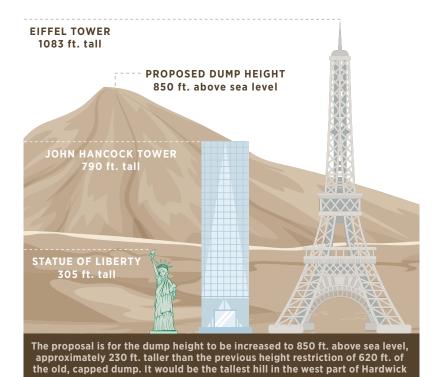


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NO AMOUNT OF MONEY OR PROMISES WILL EVER PAY FOR RUINING OUR TOWN

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Casella Breaks Its Promises

The company has a long history of bad business practices, health, safety, and environmental violations, and has paid more than **60 million dollars** in fines and settlements since 1988 — some from environmental violations in our very own town. We are still dealing with contamination from the old landfill that the town residents voted to close almost 20 years ago. It was a bad idea 20 years ago and it's a much worse idea now.

This multi-billion dollar company wants to reopen and significantly expand a landfill to approximately the size of Hardwick Pond. This would negatively impact our neighbors and friends and ultimately every resident of Hardwick. Some residents could even have their homes taken away due to termination of the roads in which their homes are built on. Instead of putting our future in the hands of a corporate polluter, let's keep local control.

✓ Southbridge, MA

✓ Thurston, NY

✓ Dalton, NH

✓ Coventry, VT

✓ Bethlehem, NH

Rural Maine...

...are all fighting Casella. Now its our turn, AGAIN.

Stay vigilant. Stay informed. Please visit us at **www.hardwickvillages.com** for more information about the dump and other town happenings.