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**New contact form message for Town of Thurston NY via Contact Us- Town Clerk**

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Sat, Aug 26, 2023 at 10:09 PM

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To: Town of Thurston NY &lt;townofthurston@stny.rr.com&gt;

## Town of Thurston NY has received a new message.

Reply to Conversation

**Name**

kristina hernandez

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**Message**

Thank you, Michael Volino, for looking out for "we the people" and not being complicit in corporate greed. In my opinion, this is a truly responsible measure of environmental conservationism. I agree human waste is not something society should condone using on food nor near waters. There are other natural options. Eliminating the addition of human waste. Enriched with modern pharmaceuticals being released into our soils and waters. Causing further degradation of the gut microbiome. Should be more widely practiced.

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## Support For The People & Environmental Health Of Thurston

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Save Forest Lake <saveforestlake@yahoo.com>

Sat, Aug 26, 2023 at 9:18 AM

To: "commissioner@agriculture.ny.gov" <commissioner@agriculture.ny.gov>

Cc: "david.vitale@dec.ny.gov" <david.vitale@dec.ny.gov>, "thurston.supervisor@gmail.com" <thurston.supervisor@gmail.com>

Dear Commissioner Ball:

As someone who used to live in Central New York and knows the beauty of the Finger Lakes Region, I am writing to you in response to the letter you received from Casella Waste Systems, dated August 23, 2023. My community has been engaged in a protracted battle (going on 5 years now) with this company, to prevent them from siting a new landfill operation next to our beloved Forest Lake State Park in Dalton, New Hampshire. They have been a rotten company to deal with, controversy follows them wherever they go, and I urge you to not assist them in any way.

In fact, for the sake of your state, and for the health and safety of the environment and the citizens you serve, I ask you to stand with the people of Thurston. This poor town now finds itself under siege from this company and its nefarious plans to dispose of its toxic, PFAS-laden sludge within its borders. There is good reason why the State of Maine banned the land application of such waste on its soil.

# Maine farmers impacted by PFAS worry multi-million-dollar fund will fall short

An advisory panel says roughly \$80.5 million is needed to address a growing toxic crisis.

<https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/tech/science/environment/pfas/maine-farmers-impacted-by-pfas-worry-multi-million-dollar-fund-wont-go-far-enough-health-agriculture-maine-farming/97-bb7dc741-6fbe-44c4-91c5-229296ea6762>

I would remind you of your department's mission statement and urge you to adhere to it:

***"Our mission is to promote New York State agriculture and its high-quality and diverse products, foster agricultural environmental***

**stewardship, and safeguard the state's food supply, land, and livestock to ensure the viability and growth of New York's agriculture industries."**

Thank You!

Jon Swan  
25 Cashman Rd  
Dalton, NH 03598  
(603) 991-2078  
Founder, [Save Forest Lake](#)

**"Forest Lake's water is tested annually with NHDES, is extraordinarily clean, and it is free of PFAS.**

**We want to keep it that way."**

Fred Anderson, President  
Forest Lake Association

**"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."**

-The Lorax

Join the "Keep NH Green" movement!  
Visit and join the New Hampshire Network

**\*\*Is the NCES Landfill in Bethlehem, NH releasing 1,4-Dioxane and PFAS into the Ammonoosuc River watershed?**

Read all about it at [Save Forest Lake](#)


**In The News:** DES Says PFAS In Test Wells In Bethlehem; CLF Intervenes In Lawsuit Against DES

**"Wildlands in New England"** report

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2 attachments

 **20230823 Casella Letter to AgMkts re Local Law 3 Banning Biosolids.pdf**  
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 **Maine farmers could face financial ruin amid 'forever chemical' crisis Feb 2022.pdf**  
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Henry Coe <henrycoevt@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 26, 2023 at 12:50 PM

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Dear New York State Office Holders.

I wish to second in support of New Hampshire's Save Forest Lake advocate, Jon Swan's letter to you of today. We are a grass roots citizens group of volunteers, known as DUMP. who oppose further expansion of the Casella landfill in Coventry, Vermont. The State of Vermont has been derelict in allowing a recent 51 acre expansion to occur in Vermont's only permitted landfill, adjacent to wetlands and within a mile of a northerly flowing international Lake Memphremagog, a drinking water reservoir for 175.,000 Canadians. The landfill would never be permitted today under EPA guidelines. In short, we have a state sanctioned private outhouse, poised with toxic waste, immediately across the fence from our Canadian neighbors' drinking water supply.

We know a lot about Vermont-based Casella Waste Systems. They are an aggressive, litigious, greed oriented company, with little regard to what they do to the environment. They have captured the small town of Coventry with host payments, but are now in a legal battle with the town over their property tax assessment. They are claiming millions of dollars less in assessment of their 1000 plus acre property. I feel sincerely sorry for the residents of Thurston, N.Y. as they say no to this corporate invader to Thurston, who wants to spread toxic sludge all over your agricultural soils. Please stand up to this Goliath, and oppose to your last breaths, the granting of state permits to this colonialist, landfill agglomerator.

Yours truly, Henry Coe, volunteer member, DUMP, Newport, Vermont

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