

## Plans for NYS landfill worry Pine Grove officials

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As long as water flows down hill, northern Warren County residents stand to gain nothing from the proposed landfill in Frewsburg, N.Y.

That's the stance Jack Angove, Pine Grove township supervisor, and other board members will convey when drafting a proclamation voicing the township's opposition to the proposed landfill just across the border in New York State.

The expansion of the Jones and Carroll landfill has been disputed in multiple levels of court in New York and is currently waiting for the N.Y. Department of Environmental Conservation to issue a permit to the current owner of the site, Sealand Waste LLC.

Residents of Frewsburg have been vocal in their opposition and have formed the Carroll Concerned Citizens, which states on their website, "Carroll Concerned Citizens oppose the acquisition of this landfill by Sealand Waste, LLC. We feel that this company will negatively impact the environment and the quality of life that the Town of Carroll offers."

While the opposing groups continue the legal battle, one question has yet to be considered: How will the facility affect people who live downstream from the landfill?

Angove said the placement of the landfill in a remote part of Chautauqua County and nearsightedness of the debate have allowed the environmental impact downstream and out of state to be basically ignored.

According to Angove, there has been no communication between the N.Y. DEC or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Conewango Creek Watershed Association is not ready to release a statement on the possible environmental impact, board member Richard Burlingame said.

According to a recent article in The (Jamestown, N.Y.) Post-Journal, Chautauqua County Executive Greg Edwards has written a letter voicing his opposition to the landfill expansion, as the county already has a landfill that is capable handling the debris.

The Carroll Concerned Citizens listed on its website numerous reasons the group opposes the expansion of the landfill, including the potential for leakage from the site and the question of who is ultimately responsible for monitoring the landfill.

The CCC also states on its website that James Daigler, Sealand engineer told the CCC that, "All liners leak. The question is, how much do they leak."

Pine Grove Township is bisected by Storehouse Creek, which flows from N.Y. through Frewsburg and into Pennsylvania.

Angove does admit to a personal stake in the outcome of the ruling since Storehouse Creek flows through his property, but the potential for the landfill to pollute the community of Pine Grove Township and the Conewango Watershed. It is particularly troubling, Angove said, because residents and property owners on this side of the state line haven't been able to offer any input on the proposition.

If Pennsylvania had a dump with a stream flowing north near the border with New York, "They would have something to say about it," Angove said. "They're flushing the stuff down the pipe to us."

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