

Presentation Bullets for CCCDW 2/24/22 Forum

WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

A group of concerned and PFA-impacted residents in the Town of Poestenkill established the CCCDW in October, 2021.

- Our mission
 - To provide guidance and timely information to all affected parties/stakeholders
 - communication to all parties-media, government officials at all levels and the public
 - advocate at all government levels
- Our goals
 - Find the source or sources of all PFA's in the town/adjacent towns
 - Secure faster and as many county and state tests for private wells as science needs to better understand the true size of poisoned wells on a complimentary basis
 - Have government develop and execute a remediation plan to end PFA contamination in the town.
- Our structure
 - Action item responsibilities- Advocacy, administration, communications/sharing information with the public, mapping of testing results, and identifying potential source(s),
 - Regularly scheduled meetings of the CCCDW Steering Committee
- Meetings held with government
 - Governor Hochul's staff late in 2021
 - Supervisor Hammond – December 10 and January 28 and ongoing dialogue with Keith
 - Numerous fact-finding conversations with town, county and state officials
- Letters written
 - Questions for DEC, DOH and RCDOH prior to December 8 forum at middle school
 - DEC on January 26, 2022; reply received February 7, 2022
 - Raised issue of potential additional contamination zones along Route 355

- Advocated for more aggressive testing in this area
- Ongoing mapping of contamination areas using public data
- Continued monitoring of test results for both private and public water
- Advocated for more county testing of wells (near Algonquin and Rt 355)
 - use of alternative labs to speed up results
 - Inclusion of private test results in county updates
- Obtained test results at other schools in district on private wells. Questioning whether parents of children in those schools have been notified of results. These schools continue to use the well water.
- Exploring remedies for non-cooperation by some industrial sites
- Public Outreach
 - Facebook Page
 - Website
 - Letters to The Advertiser
 - Attendance at Town Board meetings
 - Press Releases to local media
 - On camera interviews
 - February 24, 2022 forum

WHAT WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THROUGH COMPLETION

- Comprehensive pursuit of the PFA source(s) in the town
- Stepping up efforts with the county and state on securing additional and deeper testing on several industrial sites in the town. Includes urging county and state to take more aggressive steps to get non-cooperating sites to cooperate with more, deeper testing and publishing results faster. Waiting 10 years for a potential Superfund site to respond to DEC is too long.
- Pushing for faster reports on all test results-industrial and residential
- Pushing the state and county to unveil a management plan on how they are trying to determine source(s)
- Securing many more county-paid well tests for neighbors around AMS and now around other neighborhoods that are in close proximity to potential industry PFA sites.
- Asking again for government officials to notify the neighborhood around an industrial site with a PFA reading over 20ppt