



Village of Trumansburg
Resolution in Support of the Scheduled Closure of Seneca Meadows Landfill

WHEREAS, Seneca Meadows, Inc. (SMI) is seeking to increase the life of its existing landfill ("Landfill") located at 1786 Salcman Road in the Towns of Seneca Falls and Waterloo, Seneca County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the project would add approximately 47 million cubic yards of air space used for the disposal of non-hazardous residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial wastes in the proposed SMI Valley Infill Area ("Valley Infill"); and

WHEREAS, The Valley Infill will involve the construction of approximately 47 acres of newly lined landfill area, as well as overfilling above approximately 191 acres of currently permitted landfill area and increasing the existing maximum permitted Landfill height by about 70 feet; and

WHEREAS, the type of waste being received at the facility (Municipal Solid Waste) and the approved design capacity of the Landfill, which is 6,000 tons per day (TPD), would not change; however, Landfill operation would be extended approximately 15 years, depending on the waste volume received in a given year; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of the Landfill expansion reach beyond the immediate location, and are incompatible with the health and community character of the Finger Lakes region for numerous reasons, including regular, heavy truck traffic to and from the existing Landfill site which impacts regional roadways in Finger Lakes and including the Village of Trumansburg, emissions of unmitigated noxious odors and hazardous air pollutants, and production of PFAS and other toxin-laden leachate shipped to wastewater treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand seeks to designate the Finger Lakes region as a National Heritage Area which will benefit tourism, agriculture, and the economy of the entire Finger Lakes area including the Village of Trumansburg, and the expansion and continued operation of New York State's largest landfill located at the northern gateway to the Finger Lakes Region may hamper that designation, especially with the area and height increases proposed; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) was adopted in 2019 and the Climate Action Council Scoping Plan was approved in Dec, 2022, and these documents mandate that greenhouse gas emissions be reduced in NYS by 30% from 1990 levels in 2030, and 85% by 2050, and a permitted expansion of the Landfill is inconsistent with the requirements of those documents by creating demand for more fossil natural gas use and increasing production of landfill gas and "emissions leakage" outside the state; and

WHEREAS, the project sponsor must obtain the following project approvals from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"): modification of its existing Solid SMI Facility permit under NYCRR Parts 360 and 363 ("the Part 360/363 permit"); a Change-of-use approval for the Tantalio Landfill Class 4 Superfund Site; and coverage under the SPDES MultiSector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Industrial Activities (GP-0- 17-004). SMI must also obtain approval from the

Town Boards of Seneca Falls and Waterloo ("Town Boards") for the Site Plan for the Valley Infill project Landfill. In addition, the Site will require Site Plan Approval from each Town's Planning Board, and the Project will also require Special Use Permit approvals from Seneca Falls Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town of Waterloo. In addition, the project sponsor must also undergo an obstruction review by the Federal Aviation Authority ("FAA"); and

WHEREAS, The Village of Trumansburg is not currently named as an interested party, however the residents of the Village of Trumansburg will be affected by the award of approval or by failure for SMI to receive approval; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the SMI on the planned 2024 date is in line with both the draft NYS Solid Waste Management Plan 2023 -2032 and Tompkins County Solid Waste Plan

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Village of Trumansburg does hereby support the closure of SMI in 2025 as is currently planned and permitted, without further modifications to the facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Village of Trumansburg seeks to be named an interested party due to the potential impacts on our community and therefore requests an enhanced public participation process for any proposed expansion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Trumansburg directs the clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the NYSDEC, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, NYS Assembly member Anna Kelles, NYS Senator Lea Webb, the Town Boards of Seneca Falls and Waterloo and the Seneca Falls Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Seneca County Board of Supervisors.

Motion made by: Trustee Ben Darfler; Second by: Trustee Marcia Horn

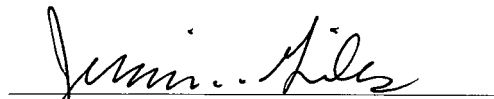
Vote: AYE - Unanimous

Dated: January 22, 2024

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION:

The above Resolution passed unanimously and was duly adopted on January 22, 2024, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Trumansburg.

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Jessica Giles, Village Clerk Treasurer
Village of Trumansburg
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