

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-2023** – Comment on Draft Scoping Document of Seneca Meadows, Inc.

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**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD  
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Whereas Seneca Meadows, Inc. operates the Seneca Meadows Landfill in the nearby Towns of Waterloo and Seneca Falls, and the landfill negatively impacts the Town of Geneva by increasing garbage truck traffic through the Town, by garbage and sulfur dioxide and other foul odors that reach the Town, by sickening air-borne particulate matter that reaches the Town, and by causing potential residents and visitors to the Town to avoid the Town due to its proximity to this landfill; and

Whereas under the current intake of garbage the Seneca Meadows Landfill will reach permitted capacity by the end of 2025, and, consistent with this fact, the Town of Seneca Falls passed Local Law 3 prohibiting landfill operations in the town after the year 2025; and

Whereas, despite Local Law 3, Seneca Meadows, Inc. seeks to expand the landfill, including increasing its height by 70 feet, from 774 feet, a mountain that can now be seen from the Town of Geneva, to 843.5 feet, which will increase its operational capacity by fifteen years, in complete disregard of the law; and

Whereas Seneca Meadows, Inc., as part of its expansion plan, has filed with the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) a Draft Scoping Document for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which is subject to public comment; now therefore it is

RESOLVED, The Geneva Town Board makes the following comments on the Draft Scoping Document, to be submitted to the DEC:

1. No expansion plan should be considered while Local Law 3 is in force;
2. Sections 3.5.3 and 3.5.4 on the gas collection and odor management system are insufficient and show a lack of appreciation for the gas and odor that consistently leave the site and contaminate a wide area, often miles away to the Town of Geneva;
3. Section 3.6.1.3 purports to discuss Local Law 3 and its *consistency* with the project, an impossibility that reveals the hubris and bad faith of the proponent;
4. Section 4.6, on the project's compatibility with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and the Community Risk and Resiliency Act, by its insufficient and cursory treatment of the subject, shows it is another strained claim and the subject will not be taken seriously.
5. Section 8.0 is on the alternatives to the proposed action. The no-action alternative will dwell on the need for this landfill, the expansion of which will be a self-fulfilling prophesy; since there is landfill space, why push reduce, reuse and recycle. The state's policy is landfilling is the last resort. The Draft Scoping Document should seek to prove the people of this state could not, with sufficient resources devoted to alternatives, carry on well without expanding the Seneca Meadows Landfill.