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Dear Town of York board members:

October 16, 2014

You, the York Town Board, are residents who have been elected by your peers to supervise/take care of our town. I know from my own personal experience the vastness of the job. My father dedicated many years to making sure the Town of York remained as strong and prosperous as it was when he was voted into office. He knew his responsibility was to the people who were counting on him to do the best job possible. To do the right thing.

My father didn't grow up in York. He spent the first 25 years of his life in Germany, where he was born. He, my mom and my two brothers moved here in 1948 and he dedicated his life to his farm, his community and his new home. The farm is now operated by the Gates family.

Without exaggeration I say to you that at least once a week someone will comment to me about my dad. I truly believe the Town of York is a better place because my dad devoted years to making sure it was heading in the right direction. It is with pride that my children and grandchildren listen to the stories of their grandfather and his commitment to his town.

You need to show me, my family, my friends, and their families that fracking and fracking waste aren't going to negatively impact the foods that our families eat, the water we drink, and the air that we breathe! Please don't jeopardize the hard work of the town board members before you.

Most importantly, make sure that your children and grandchildren will be as proud of you, and the decisions you make today, as we are of our dad, Fred Nagel.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Nagel Burroughs

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Yorksupsr

From: Dan Logan [danlogan@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 12:26 PM
To: yorksupsr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: No Fracking Way

Please do not bring fracking into NY. I implore those in power to make decisions that look to renewable energy and not disgusting horrible fossil fuels anymore. Please listen to scientists and make the right decision. Thank you, Dan Logan Canandaigua, NY

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Yorksupsr

From: Davies Nagel [DGNagel@rochester.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2014 1:19 PM
To: Deming Jerry
Cc: nagel davies
Subject: Proposed zoning comment...

Dear York Town Board,

In the Fracking Steering Committee's final report it states that the committee, "studied the topic in great lengths" and "has taken a hard look at the issues and potential impacts associated with HVHF natural gas drillings should it occur in the Town of York based on careful study ..."

Can you please provide a complete list of the reference materials that the committee studied to arrive at their conclusions?

This would be a great help to others who wish to study the same material.

Thank you.

Dave Nagel

has taken a hard look at the issues and potential
natural gas associated with HVHF the Town of York. Base
consideration of the issue in respect to present and future on
community, the general outlook of the careful
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Yorksupsr

From: Leigh O'Brien [leigh.obrien@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 7:30 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: I oppose fracking in the town of York!

As a resident of Geneseo, I have grave concerns about the possibility that fracking may be permitted in York. There's lots that can -- and has -- be said in opposition to this industry, but I'll summarize it this way: Fracking is a dangerous industrial process that uses cancer-causing chemicals, and it has absolutely NO place near communities where families live, work, and play.

Leigh O'Brien
David Gray Hill Rd.
Geneseo, NY

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Yorksupr

From: Donna Bailey [paravette007@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 3:15 PM

To: Yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: Fracking in York

I'm opposed to any "fracking" going on in the town of York. There is not enough known about the impact and safety to our community, the land, the water, the people who live here. I would hate to have our community end up the "Love Canal" of Livingston County because the government is pushing for it to be here.

Here is an interesting article on it: <http://www.onearth.org/articles/2014/07/natural-gas-cleaner-than-coal-but-the-boom-is-wreaking-havoc-on-rural-america>

Please take into consideration any and all comments being sent, for our and our children's futures.

Thank you.

Donna Bailey

Yorksupr

From: Mary Ann Thompson [m.a.thompson.57@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 1:35 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Gas industry in York

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To all town officials concerned:

I am a resident of Livonia, NY, and I am opposed to the proposed changes to Yorks' zoning relating to High Volume Hydrofracking. I have friends that reside in York and I am concerned for all residents of NYS if this industry is allowed to expand.

I have personally visited PA a few times and saw first hand the destruction of the rural landscape and the negative impact it has had both in the short term (drilling-construction phase - 3+ years) and long view of the unrepairable devastation of fresh water - which is now in short supply in many areas of the world - as well as in western states of the US.

Water- fresh water is a basic human need for survival - and this industry wastes it in the process and contaminates the supply as well. Already, in parts of the US - they are living with drouths and it is having devastating consequences on sustaining life in the areas.

Furthermore the rural lifestyle and culture would be impacted not only in the town of York but in neighboring towns by the trucking influx and the noise, as well as the air and land pollution. I have read that the DEC has stated that they cannot "oversee" the sites, that they would be involved in permitting process (paper oversite). This leaves the industry wide open to operate as they like. Often the gas industry sub-contracts out many of the jobs - thus NO-ONE is truly "Overseeing" to ensure things are done correctly; and even at best, according to their statistics 6% of gas wells fail right at the star....-

Therefore, my request is that this expansion of gas wells in York NOT be Permitted, now or in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary Ann Thompson
4151 Clay street
Livonia, NY 14487

Yorksupr

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From: Nicole Peinkofer [nkp1@geneseo.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 1:27 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Cc: dgnagel@rochester.rr.com

Subject: STOP FRACKING

Dear York Town Board,

I am a student at SUNY Geneseo, and I am very concerned about your plans to frack the Town of York. I have a few questions for you regarding these plans. How much increased truck traffic will come to Geneseo? How will you keep the air pollution from fracking away from Geneseo? How can you be sure the Genesee River doesn't become polluted? How are you going to keep the rural character of the valley if the heavily industrialized fracking industry comes to the area?

Thank you. I look forward to your responses to my questions.

Sincerely,

Nicole Peinkofer

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Yorksupsr

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From: Braeden Sharer [bks4@geneseo.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 12:57 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Do Not Frack!

Dear York Town Board,

I am a student and SUNY Geneseo and am very concerned about your plans to frack the Town of York. I have some serious questions about the effects of the proposed plans to being fracking:

How much increased truck traffic will come to Geneseo?

How will you keep the air pollution from fracking away from Geneseo?

How can you be sure the Genesee River doesn't become polluted?

How are you going to keep the rural character of the valley if the heavily industrialized fracking industry comes to the area?

I am strongly against fracking, as it destroys the environment and has serious negative consequences for populations (animal and human) in surrounding areas.

Therefore, I hope that, unless you can find a magical way to avoid/improve all problems dire consequences, you should opt to not allow fracking in the town of York.

Thank you. I look forward to your responses to my questions.

Sincerely,

Braeden K. Sharer

10/21/2014

Yorksupr

From: Lee Gratwick [lee GRATWICK@frontier.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 11:11 AM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Comment for York Town Board

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October 22, 2014

Dear York Town Board,

I have spoken to you before about my concerns in relation to hydro-fracking in York. I appreciate the time and thought that you have given, but I believe that it is still a serious issue with unresolved questions.

I am concerned about:

Adding Another Heavy Industry into our Town. Farming is a local and beneficial enterprise, but has expanded over the years into an industry with numerous and constant trucks on the road, huge need for water, unpleasant smells and noise pollution. This is nevertheless who we are, a long time farming community. Adding another heavy industry, not home based, would tip the scales and destroy our special rural quality. This is not what is envisioned in our Comprehensive Plan.

Water. Hydro-fracking uses an enormous amount of water. I believe that the quality and quantity of water is a natural resource that must be preserved. We cannot afford to take this resource for granted.

Health and Environmental Risks. There are many unanswered questions here. We need to know more before accepting an industry that could leave our lands and water compromised and our people with health problems. Not even the State of New York has given a trouble-free go ahead.

I have one question for each board member:

Why do you think that the hydro-fracking industry will be an asset to our community?

Please listen to my concerns. I have nothing to gain, only the hope that my family and neighbors may continue to enjoy a good life in this beautiful valley.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Gratwick

Yorksupsr**RECEIVED**
BY *PAAB* | 10/21/14 1:14 PM

From: Lana Ness [lananess@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 11:50 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fracking

Dear York Town Board,

I am a student and SUNY Geneseo and very concerned about your plans to frack the Town of York. How much increased truck traffic will come to Geneseo? How will you keep the air pollution from fracking away from Geneseo? How can you be sure the Genesee River doesn't become polluted? How are you going to keep the rural character of the valley if the heavily industrialized fracking industry comes to the area? Thank you. I look forward to your responses to my questions.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ness

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From: William Antonelli [waa1@geneseo.edu]

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 11:01 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Dear York Town Board,

I am a student at SUNY Geneseo and very concerned about your plans to frack the Town of York. I have quite a few questions that I hope you take time to think about:

How much increased truck traffic will come to Geneseo?

How will you keep the air pollution from fracking away from Geneseo?

How can you be sure the Genesee River doesn't become polluted?

How are you going to keep the rural character of the valley if the heavily industrialized fracking industry comes to the area?

Thank you. I look forward to your responses to my questions.

Sincerely,

William Antonelli '18

Yorksupr

From: Rachel Hershey [rlh9@geneseo.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:41 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Allowing fracking

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Dear York Town Board,

I am a student at SUNY Geneseo and I am very concerned about your plans to allow fracking in the Town of York. In my concerns for the allowance of tracking I also had some questions. How much increased truck traffic will come to Geneseo? How will you keep the air pollution from fracking away from Geneseo? Have you considered the potential health risks fracking is known to cause? How can you be sure the Genesee River doesn't become polluted? Will residents in the surrounding towns of York be notified about this change of allowing fracking? I Please consider all the potential risks that this may cause for you, your families, residents of York, and residents of towns around York (including myself). Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your responses to my questions.

Sincerely,

Rachel Hershey

Yorksupr

From: Bridget Powmesamy [brp2@geneseo.edu]

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:19 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: No Fracking

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Dear York Town Board,

I am a student and SUNY Geneseo and very concerned about your plans to frack the Town of York.

How much increased truck traffic will come to Geneseo?

How might you guarantee that fracking in York won't pollute the Genessee River?

Can you honestly say fracking in York won't be a complete detriment to the town and its surrounding areas?

Can you honestly say this industry will bring long-term job growth to the area?

Sincerely,

Bridget Powmesamy

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Yorksupsr

From: Jessica Kroenert [jlk24@geneseo.edu]

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:07 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: Concerns about Hydrofracking

Dear York Town Board,

I am a student and SUNY Geneseo and very concerned about plans for hydraulic fracturing in the Town of York.

How much of the inevitable increased truck traffic from this process will be routed through Geneseo?

How will you keep the air pollution from fracking; ie: methane gas, toxic chemicals that will evaporate into the air from waste water pits, away from Geneseo and other surrounding communities?

How can you be sure the Genesee River doesn't become polluted?

How are you going to maintain the rural character of the valley if the heavily industrialized fracking industry comes to the area? Geneseo has an incredible view of the farmland in the valley, and it would be devastating to see it ruined by the appearance of gas wells.

Thank you. I look forward to your responses to my questions.

Sincerely,

Jessica Kroenert

SUNY Geneseo Student, Concerned Citizen of New York

Yorksupsr

From: Katherine Roche [kmr35@geneseo.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 9:52 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Cc: dgnagel@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Hydrofracking Concerns

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RAB | 10/21/14

Dear York Town Board,

I am a sophomore at SUNY Geneseo and I am very concerned about your plans to allow hydrofracking in the Town of York due to its proximity to our campus. I am aware that hydrofracking gives access to fossil fuels underground, however, it can also cause contamination of groundwater, air pollution, exposure to toxic chemicals, and increased chance of earthquakes. I am just wondering how you plan to counteract these negative environmental impacts if you allow fracking in this area? Geneseo and the surrounding towns are well known for their natural beauty and I would hate for that to be tainted by the hydrofracking industry and its impacts. Thank you and I look forward to your response to my concerns.

Sincerely,
Katie Roche

Yorksupr

From: Lisa Kaasik [lrk6@geneseo.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 9:50 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fracking in York

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Dear York Town Board,

I am a student and SUNY Geneseo and am very concerned about your plans to frack the Town of York. I have a few questions. How will you keep the air pollution from fracking away from Geneseo? How can you be sure the Genesee River doesn't become polluted? And how do you expect to keep the rural character of the valley if the heavily industrialized fracking industry comes to the area?

Thank you for your time. I look forward to your responses.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kaasik

SUNY Geneseo Class of 2017

Yorksupr

From: Patricia Gugliotta [pgpatriciagugliotta@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 9:15 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: Fracking = poison

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Hello,

Please don't frack NY. Take a ride to PA and see first what's become of it there.

Patricia Gugliotta
PO Box 54
9877 Rt 408
Dalton, NY 14836

Yorksupr

From: Sarah Kucharski [skk4@geneseo.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 8:58 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Cc: dgnagel@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fracking

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Dear York Town Board,

I am a student and SUNY Geneseo and very concerned about your plans to allow fracking in the Town of York. Some of my concerns include the amount of increased truck traffic that will come to Geneseo, the air pollution resulting from fracking, and the difficulty of keeping the rural character of the valley if the heavily industrialized fracking industry comes to the area. Thank you for your time and consideration on these issues.

Sarah Kucharski

Yorksupsr**RECEIVED**
BY PAB 10/21/14**From:** Anne Roth-Blizzard [arothblizzard@gmail.com]**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:36 PM**To:** yorksupr@rochester.rr.com**Subject:** Local Law 1, 2014

If this law is adopted, it will fall to the Planning Board to issue a Special Use Permits and conduct Site Plan Reviews.

The Planning Board is comprised of non-elected, community minded people who meet usually once a month and have very limited training in the legalities and processes of day to day normal town business, much less the complicated regulatory requirements behind these procedures. I know this because of the years I served this town on the Planning Board as a member and as Chairperson. Training even for the Chair consisted of only one day per year.

To expect these individuals to place themselves in a position which might require them to stand up to natural gas corporations and possibly face litigation is unreasonable.

What training have they, or will they have received, specific to Site Plan Review or Special Use Permits for high volume hydrofracking or even natural gas storage? For that matter, what training has the Town Board received in this matter?

Thank you very much for considering these important questions and responding to my questions.

Sincerely,

Anne Roth-Blizzard

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Yorksupsr

From: Anne Roth-Blizzard [arothblizzard@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 8:20 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: Local Law One of the year 2014, comment.

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Regarding Section 6: Amendment to Article V Regulations applicable to all districts: Section 509 "Only lawfully produced wastes generated from within the Town of York may be stored or disposed of in the Town of York."

Are the millions of gallons of fracking waste water, which will contain highly hazardous chemicals, going to be considered "lawfully produced" and therefore appropriate to store or dispose of in the Town of York? Are we planning for storage of fracking waste water?

Also, the Local Law does not adequately address clean up of abandoned drilling operations. The Superfund Act does not cover oil or natural gas companies. Many gas drilling companies in Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, etc. have sought bankruptcy protection when asked to ante up for the cost of reclaiming land they have leased.

Who will be responsible for clean up of problems left when companies leave town?

I would appreciate your careful consideration of these questions and specific answers.

Sincerely,

Anne Roth-Blizzard

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Yorksupr

From: Anne Roth-Blizzard [arothblizzard@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 8:14 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Local Law No. 1 of 2014 comment

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Members of the York Town Board:

1. Regarding Section 2. B. 4. "Protect Property Values". Any industrial scale hydrofracking use, building, or structure is incompatible with the rural character of the Town of York and incompatible with the social and economic well being of the hamlets in York. It flies in the face of our Comprehensive Master Plan which was developed from citizen input.

My question to you is: "What measures will the Town of York take to protect property values if either natural gas storage or hydrofracking are introduced into our town?"

The following mortgage lenders are refusing to make home loans or grant mortgages for properties that have gas well drilling leases attached to them: Wells Fargo, GMAC, Tompkins Trust Co, FNCB, Fidelity and First Liberty. Federal lending and mortgage institutions (FHA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac) all have prohibitions against lending on properties where drilling is taking place or where hazardous materials are stored.

In Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Ohio and Pennsylvania, home values within sight of a drilling pad have decreased by 13-24%.

Insurance coverage: Nationwide will not provide coverage for damage related to fracking. Often a driller or well operator's license will not cover damages.

Looking forward to hearing an answer to my question.
Sincerely,
Anne Roth-Blizzard

Yorksupr

From: Walsh Patty [PWalsh@wccsk12.org]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 5:22 PM
To: 'yorksupr@rochester.rr.com'
Cc: 'darceywalsh3@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Fracking in the town of York

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Dear Honorable Members of the York Town Board,

October 20, 2014

I am a resident of Conesus, NY in Livingston County and I am opposed to the proposed changes to the zoning laws as they relate to High Volume Hydraulic Fracking in the town of York.

I have many friends in the town of York and talk with them often about their concerns for an environmentally safe place to raise their children. If HVHF is allowed to happen anywhere in the town's borders everyone is in potential danger. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in a recent report has stated that 208 wells have been contaminated with chemicals used in the fracking process, many of which are carcinogenic. Some of these wells were not located near a fracking well pad. The problem is, once your ground water in York is contaminated all your residents will be effected! Water is a precious resource. Clean water is a life force.

As I understand the changes you are proposing seek to regulate the gas industry. First of all, this attempt would never hold up in court and you would most likely face lawsuits. Once a highly industrial operation like HVHF enters your town it will never be the same. The rural lifestyle will be overridden by a high volume of trucks, noise, and nonresidents. The residents of rural towns such as myself and my friends in York chose a quiet, country lifestyle, and our town boards should preserve and respect that.

In a recent Duke University study published August 11, 2014 it was found that the primary threats to water resources include surface spills, wastewater disposal, and drinking water contamination through poor well integrity. Multiple industry studies show that about 5 percent of all oil and gas wells leak immediately because of integrity issues, with increasing rates of leakage over time. Multiply that by the hundreds of wells these gas companies will want to drill! Anthony Ingraffea, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Cornell University, and gas engineer who helped develop shale fracking techniques for the Energy Department states: "I can assure you that this gas is not "clean." Because of leaks of methane, the main component of natural gas, the gas extracted from shale deposits is not a "bridge" to a renewable energy future — it's a gangplank to more warming and away from clean energy investments."

I urge the board members of York to please reconsider any plans to allow HVHF anywhere in your beautiful town!

Sincerely,
 Patty Darcey-Walsh
 6350 Woodland Dr.
 Conesus, NY
 14435

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Yorksupsr

From: Austin Valvo [atv4@geneseo.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 5:12 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: DO NOT FRACK

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BY *AA3* 10/22/14 **DATE**

Dear York Town Board,

I have heard that you plan on voting to change the bylaws to allow fracking. I just have a few questions, because as a student at Geneseo, this will affect me for the next 4 years of my life. How do you plan on keeping air pollution away from Geneseo? It is fairly hard to walk around campus with out walking outside and breathing in polluted it will not be fun as I am walking about the many hills on campus. How much is traffic going increase in Geneseo? How will ensure that the groundwater is not contaminated by the many chemicals that will be used to frack? I know that during this process, methane gas and toxic chemicals leach out from the system and contaminate nearby groundwater and that wells near fracturing sites have a methane concentration 17 times higher than normal wells. I do not want to be drinking, showering or even washing my hands in all of those chemicals. Please be smart and not endanger the health and well-being of 5,000+ college students, who are if you didn't know, the future of the country. Also, I'm sure the other communities around York would appreciate it if you did not frack. Thanks!!!

Sincerely,

Austin Valvo

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From: Amelia Mindich [adm4@geneseo.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 5:29 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Cc: dgnagel@rochester.rr.com

Dear York Town Board,

I am a student and SUNY Geneseo and very concerned about your plans to frack the Town of York.

How will you keep the air pollution from fracking away from Geneseo? Can you ensure that the the Genesee River won't become polluted?

I am also concerned about the the rural character of the valley if the heavily industrialized fracking industry comes to the area.

Thank you. I look forward to your responses to my questions.

Sincerely,

Amelia Mindich

Yorksupr

From: mwoods01@frontier.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 10:57 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fracking proposal

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BY *FAS* 10/22/14

Dear Gerald,

As a concerned citizen of Livingston County and the Genesee Valley, I respectfully ask you NOT to allow the fracking industry to enter our beautiful valley. We are all connected to each other whether we live in York, Geneseo, Avon, Mt Morris etc. Fracking has been proven over and over again to negatively affect the environment of not only the town that zones in the industry but also the towns that surround it. The quality of our environment is at stake and I beg you to consider this and bypass the money that you're looking at with this act and think of the future generations of York residents that will have to deal with this assault on their great land when the fracking industry moves on!

Sincerely,
Mike Woods
York Teacher from 1969 - 2002

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October 21, 2014

Dear Supervisor Gerald Deming and York Town Board Members:

I attended the public hearing September 24th at the York Town Hall, and picked up your proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2014. I have been a resident of Livingston County for the past 35 years. I have perused this proposed law, and I am now writing to submit my objection to these proposed changes.

This local law would supersede existing zoning, and would directly conflict with the town's Comprehensive Plan. By law, zoning must be in accord with the Comprehensive Plan. Provisions in the Comprehensive Plan are inconsistent with what is in the proposed zoning. This proposal does the opposite of protecting the rural character of the town, encourage agriculture, protect social and economic well-being, protect property values, avoid road congestion, provide adequate air, minimize conflict among land use, and balance forms of development. Fracking turns rural landscapes into industrial zones, creates significant air pollution, water contamination, with associated health problems for both people and livestock, and decreases property values. Fracking ruins roads and increases truck traffic alarmingly. Fracking does not protect the well-being of the people or the town.

This proposed zoning law does not reflect the will of the people of the town. I reside in the town of Hunt. When the Portage Town Board was considering a moratorium on fracking, a concerted effort was made to poll the residents of the town to determine the will of the people. A full two thirds majority favored a moratorium, and the town enacted a moratorium. I am unaware of any such effort in the town of York. It is your duty to represent the will of the people, yet the people scarcely knew what was happening. The hearing was not advertised on your sign until a mere 24 hours prior. One would think you didn't really want the people to know what was being proposed.

Further, this proposed law is ineffectual. The setbacks, and restrictions on lighting and noise, constitute an attempt to regulate the industry, which is illegal, and unenforceable. A municipality does have the legal right to ban the industry, but has no legal authority to regulate the industry.

Finally, the proposed zoning changes are wildly unsafe, given the current plethora of peer-reviewed studies and hundreds of reports that show fracking poses significant threats to health and safety. The drilling process uses hazardous chemicals that are known to cause cancer and birth defects. Recent studies have proven higher incidence of birth defects with proximity to fracking sites. Well failures are common, unavoidable, and increase as wells age and casings deteriorate. Evidence linking water contamination to fracking related activities is now indisputable. It is overwhelmingly clear that fracking exposes people to dangerous air-borne components of the fracking chemicals. Air pollution arises from the gas extraction process itself, as well as the intensive transportation demands of extraction, processing, storage, and delivery.

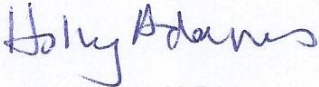
The York school is planning to put a solar array on its roof. This is in keeping with the NYS energy plan to support reduction of greenhouse gases. The entirety of the shale gas extraction process contributes as much to climate change as coal. Methane is a highly potent greenhouse gas, 86 times more potent than carbon dioxide over a 20 year period.

Fracking clearly poses inherent environmental risks. Scientific organizations in the US and elsewhere are calling for comprehensive health studies. Twenty five medical organizations and 230 health professionals in NYS cite the "alarming trends in data regarding the health and community impacts of drilling and fracking for natural gas." More than 175 communities in NYS have fracking moratoriums or bans on the

books. In Livingston County, 13 out of 17 townships are or have been under moratoriums. Several have since strengthened their zoning to not allow high volume hydraulic fracturing. All of Livingston County stands to be negatively impacted by this brash, ill-conceived proposal.

I urge you to reconsider. Do not loose this nightmare on the town of York.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holly Adams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 10:55 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: Comment regarding proposed zoning changes for the Town of York

Dear Supervisor Gerald Deming and York Town Board Members:

I attended the public hearing September 24th at the York Town Hall, and picked up your proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2014. I have been a resident of Livingston County for the past 35 years. I have perused this proposed law, and I am now writing to submit my objection to these proposed changes.

This local law would supersede existing zoning, and would directly conflict with the town's Comprehensive Plan. By law, zoning must be in accord with the Comprehensive Plan. Provisions in the Comprehensive Plan are inconsistent with what is in the proposed zoning. This proposal does the opposite of protecting the rural character of the town, encourage agriculture, protect social and economic well-being, protect property values, avoid road congestion, provide adequate air, minimize conflict among land use, and balance forms of development. Fracking turns rural landscapes into industrial zones, creates significant air pollution, water contamination, with associated health problems for both people and livestock, and decreases property values. Fracking ruins roads and increases truck traffic alarmingly. Fracking does not protect the well-being of the people or the town.

This proposed zoning law does not reflect the will of the people of the town. I reside in the town of Hunt. When the Portage Town Board was considering a moratorium on fracking, a concerted effort was made to poll the residents of the town to determine the will of the people. A full two thirds majority favored a moratorium, and the town enacted a moratorium. I am unaware of any such effort in the town of York. It is your duty to represent the will of the people, yet the people scarcely knew what was happening. The hearing was not advertised on your sign until a mere 24 hours prior. One would think you didn't really want the people to know what was being proposed.

Further, this proposed law is ineffectual. The setbacks, and restrictions on lighting and noise, constitute an attempt to regulate the industry, which is illegal, and unenforceable. A municipality does have the legal right to ban the industry, but has no legal authority to regulate the industry.

Finally, the proposed zoning changes are wildly unsafe, given the current plethora of peer-reviewed studies and hundreds of reports that show fracking poses significant threats to health and safety. The drilling process uses hazardous chemicals that are known to cause cancer and birth defects. Recent studies have proven higher incidence of birth defects with proximity to fracking sites. Well failures are common, unavoidable, and increase as wells age and casings deteriorate. Evidence linking water contamination to fracking related activities is now indisputable. It is overwhelmingly clear that fracking exposes people to dangerous air-borne components of the fracking chemicals. Air pollution arises from the gas extraction process itself, as well as the intensive transportation demands of extraction, processing, storage, and delivery.

The York school is planning to put a solar array on its roof. This is in keeping with the NYS energy plan to support reduction of greenhouse gases. The entirety of the shale gas extraction process contributes as much to climate change as coal. Methane is a highly potent greenhouse gas, 86 times more potent than carbon dioxide over a 20 year period.

Fracking clearly poses inherent environmental risks. Scientific organizations in the US and elsewhere are calling for comprehensive health studies. Twenty five medical organizations, and 230 health professionals in NYS cite the "alarming trends in data regarding the health and community impacts of drilling and fracking for natural gas. More than 175 communities in NYS have fracking moratoriums or bans on the books. In Livingston County, 13 out of 17 townships are or have been under moratoriums. Several have since strengthened their zoning to not allow high volume hydraulic fracturing. All of Livingston County stands to be negatively impacted by this rash, ill-conceived proposal.

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