

June 14, 2012

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 7

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 10M-5 (2011)
HOLLAND TOWN BOARD: “Copy of Resolution Concerning Natural Gas Drilling”
(4-0) Legislator Hogues not present for vote.
 - b. COMM. 10D-3 (2012)
COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING: “Letter to Legislator McCracken Concerning EC Farmland & Agricultural Protection Plan”
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 10M-5 (2012)
NYSDEC: “Notice of Issuance & Filing of Certificate of Completion for Site Known as 230 Maple Road, Amherst, NY”
(5-0)
 - d. COMM. 10M-6 (2012)
NYSDEC: “Fact Sheet: Draft Remedial Investigation/Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan Available for Public Comment for Site Known as 125 Main Street, Buffalo, NY”
(5-0)
 - e. COMM. 10M-7 (2012)
OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE: “Copy of Resolution Opposing the Memorandum of Understanding Between NYS & Federal Government to Speed Development of Wind Towers in Lake Ontario's Eastern Basin”
(5-0)
 - f. COMM. 10M-12 (2012)
NYSDEC: “Notice of Deletion of Site from Registry - Site Known as Wide Beach Community - Brant, NY”
(5-0)

- g. COMM. 11M-1 (2012)
NYSDEC: “Fact Sheet: Notice of Deletion from Registry - Site Known as Lehigh Valley Railroad Site - 110 Fuhrmann Blvd., Buffalo, NY”
(5-0)
 - h. COMM. 11M-6 (2012)
NYSDEC: “Fact Sheet: Cleanup Requirments Achieved at Brownfield Site Known as 330 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY”
(5-0)
2. INTRO 10-4 (2012)
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WHEREAS, Western New York has seen many of its sons and daughters make great sacrifice to defend the United States and its ideals in wars and as peace keepers around the world; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women are eligible to be buried in a National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, there are six National Cemeteries and one Cemetery Soldiers’ Lot in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the closest National Cemetery in New York State is the Bath National Cemetery in Bath, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs intends to construct a National Cemetery in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, this will allow local veterans to be interred in a National Cemetery located close to family and loved-ones; and

WHEREAS, an ideal resting place for local veterans is Knox Farm State Park, a peaceful, dignified and bucolic park located in the Village of East Aurora; and

WHEREAS, location of the National Cemetery in Knox Farm State Park would be easily accessible to major thoroughfares, as well as many places of worship, restaurants and other facilities used by mourners and visitors to the cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature supports the dedication of a portion of Knox Farm State Park as a National Cemetery serving Western New York veterans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the United States Veterans Affairs Office, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the local delegation of the New York State Legislature and New York State Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey.
(4-1) Legislator McCracken voted in the negative.

TERRENCE D. McCracken
CHAIR