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Carla Castillo, Executive Director
Hudson Valley Regional Council
105 Ann Street, #2
Newburgh, NY 12550

Dear Ms. Castillo, *CARLA*

The Town of Rhinebeck commits to participating in the Hudson Valley Regional Council's proposal for the EPA Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. As a New York State Climate Smart Bronze Certified Community and NYSEDA Designated Clean Energy Community, the Town of Rhinebeck understands the importance of reducing our community's greenhouse gas emissions. We are eager to work on significantly reducing emissions from our closed landfill.

We understand the sources of emissions in our community and know that our closed landfill methane emissions are insidious drivers of our emissions. These emissions landfill, are often hidden. This project will bring more awareness to this issue and mitigate emissions from our communities – helping us to do more to stop climate change.

The Town of Rhinebeck also looks forward to having a solar feasibility study completed for our landfill. We hope the study will reveal that the benefits of solar energy can be brought to our closed landfill.

Rhinebeck supports the goals of Hudson Valley Regional Council's proposal for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program, and we look forward to being part of the project. This proposal has the potential to significantly reduce GHG emissions in our region. Additionally, this multi-municipal effort will help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act as well as the United States' goal to reduce GHG emissions 50% by 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Spinzia
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