



Town of New Paltz, New York

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

**Re: Town of New Paltz Commitment for Mid-Hudson Municipal Landfill Emissions Mitigation
Application to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program**

Dear Ms. Castillo:

The Town of New Paltz commits to participating in the proposal being submitted by the Hudson Valley Regional Council for the Environmental Protection 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 New Paltz understands the importance of reducing our community's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We are eager to be part of a group of Mid-Hudson municipalities working to significantly reduce emissions from our closed landfill.

The Mid-Hudson Region has a high number of small municipal landfills and is an excellent candidate to implement a biofilter solution to reduce the emissions from these landfills. We are also a region with dozens of small communities that have completed GHG inventories and climate action plans. We understand the sources of emissions in our communities and know that our closed landfill methane emissions are insidious drivers of emissions. These emissions, particularly from small, closed municipal landfills, are often hidden. This project will bring more awareness to this issue and mitigate emissions from our communities – helping us to do our part to stop climate change.

The Town of New Paltz 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.

The Town of New Paltz 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 if selected. 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 by 50% by 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Bettez
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