



Dalton Conservation Commission
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(Via Email Only)

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Mr. Frank J. DelGiudice
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Re: USACE File Number: NAE-2021-02240

Dear Mr. DelGiudice,

As the municipal conservation commission for the Town of Dalton, we submit *The Report of the Dalton Conservation Commission* to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in response to the Public Notice issued April 9, 2024, seeking comment from the public in reference to permit application file number: **NAE-2021-02240**. Included are reports from retained subject-matter experts, as submitted to the NH Department of Environmental Services on February 20, 2024, relative to our investigation and findings of **Wetlands Permit Application NHDES File Number: 2023-03259.**¹

The primary duty of the Dalton Conservation Commission, under NH RSA 36-A:2, is to ensure “*the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources*” in the Town of Dalton. Due to the negative and far-reaching impacts associated with an industrial development of this size and nature, particularly at this greenfield location, and in consideration of the documented challenges the applicant has demonstrated over time in operating similar facilities at other locations, the Dalton Conservation Commissions respectfully requests that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers DENY the landfill permit application, submitted as **USACE File Number: NAE-2021-02240**.

¹ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/22jdws8vb92d5mvm36q55/The-Report-of-the-Dalton-Conservation-Commission-with-Appendices-2-20-2024.pdf?rlkey=5chhd9gxh8mthkt1e8vb51qd1&dl=0>

According to page 10 of **Section 2, Section 2.1 NHDES Form W-06-012 – Project Description (Env-Wt 311.04(i) of the Wetlands Permit Application:** “*The Granite State Landfill, LLC (“GSL”) proposes the construction of a state-of-the-art commercial landfill in Dalton, New Hampshire, to be a successor to the North Country Environmental Services, Inc. (“NCES”) landfill in Bethlehem, New Hampshire*”.

We ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to strongly consider the current conditions at the applicant’s NCES Landfill in neighboring Bethlehem in making its determination on the Application(s) for the proposed Granite State Landfill, **USACE File Number: NAE-2021-02240**. The controversial, 30-year history of the applicant’s existing landfill, long-opposed by the citizens of the Town of Bethlehem, as well as its inability to protect the surrounding watershed of the Ammonoosuc River from contamination and degradation, must be taken into consideration in making any determinations for this new landfill permit application.

Therefore, we request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers use hindsight, and help us to protect our environment and natural resources, our vital tourism and outdoor recreation industries, as well as public health and safety, and **DENY** this permit application for this unwanted and unneeded landfill development project. We respectfully request that a public hearing be held at the White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield, NH. We believe it is important for those property owners and families, whose lives will potentially be impacted by this proposed development, be afforded the opportunity to voice their concerns in a public forum

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please ensure that this report becomes a part of your record in this matter.

* Please extend the public comment period 30 days due to the April 16 Public Notice regarding the joint information session on May 8th.

Signed,



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