

DON'T DUMP ON US!



Casella, the giant trash disposal corporation, wants to unseal the capped Hardwick dump and massively expand it into a regional landfill, bringing 350,000 tons of trash a year to our small, rural town.



DANGERS TO OUR HEALTH

- Landfills create a toxic soup of chemicals, known as leachate, that contaminates drinking water
- All landfill liners fail
- Exposure to PFAS ('forever chemicals')
- People who live near landfills are vulnerable to heavy metal poisoning, asthma, liver and kidney disease, neurological illness, lung infections, eye and skin irritations, cancers, & pregnancy risks/abnormalities



DANGERS TO THE ENVIRONMENT

- Everything in the dump finds its way out
- Air Pollution
- Water Pollution
- Noise Pollution
- Ground Contamination
- Vermin and other disease carrying pests
- Methane, CO2, & other gases contributing to climate change



UNSAFE LIVING CONDITIONS

- Massive speeding trucks crowding our narrow, winding roads
- Constant stench from diesel trucks
- Noxious smells and gases emitted from the dump
- Leaking leachate
- Increased fire risks
- Blowing trash & litter



HIGH COSTS TO OUR VILLAGES

- Casella's payment won't cover the expenses to repair our damaged roads, nevermind fund a town ambulance service
- Decreased property and home values
- Long term liability and probable lawsuits
- Our wastewater treatment plant is not equipped to process the extra leachate that would be produced
- Traffic, pollution, odors, & low property values will discourage businesses and people from coming to town



HARDWICK VILLAGES
FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

FOUR VILLAGES. ONE TOWN. UNITED. PROTECTING OUR HEALTH & SAFETY



PRSR STANDARD
ECRWSS
US POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Local Postal Customer

NO AMOUNT OF MONEY OR PROMISES WILL EVER PAY FOR RUINING OUR TOWN

photo by Above the Law Aerial Imagery

Casella Breaks Its Promises

The company has a long history of bad business practices, health, safety, and environmental violations, and has paid more than **60 million dollars** in fines and settlements since 1988 — some from environmental violations in our very own town. We are still dealing with contamination from the old landfill that the town residents voted to close almost 20 years ago. It was a bad idea 20 years ago and it's a much worse idea now.

This multi-billion dollar company wants to reopen and significantly expand a landfill to approximately the size of Hardwick Pond. This would negatively impact our neighbors and friends and ultimately every resident of Hardwick. Some residents could even have their homes taken away due to termination of the roads in which their homes are built on. Instead of putting our future in the hands of a corporate polluter, let's keep local control.

EIFFEL TOWER
1083 ft. tall

PROPOSED DUMP HEIGHT
850 ft. above sea level

JOHN HANCOCK TOWER
790 ft. tall

STATUE OF LIBERTY
305 ft. tall

The proposal is for the dump height to be increased to 850 ft. above sea level, approximately 230 ft. taller than the previous height restriction of 620 ft. of the old, capped dump. It would be the tallest hill in the west part of Hardwick

- ✓ Southbridge, MA
- ✓ Dalton, NH
- ✓ Bethlehem, NH
- ✓ Thurston, NY
- ✓ Coventry, VT
- ✓ Rural Maine...

...are all fighting Casella. Now its our turn, AGAIN.

Stay vigilant. Stay informed. Please visit us at www.hardwickvillages.com for more information about the dump and other town happenings.