

Urging The New York City Department Of Environmental Protection And The New York State Department Of Conservation To Address Releases Of Turbidity At The Shandaken Tunnel Outlet

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee) and Legislators Gregorius, Kraft and R.S. Parete offer the following:

WHEREAS, upstate communities, the City of New York and the State of New York have agreed that cooperation is an important factor in preserving the water quality for their residents, and

WHEREAS, recent evidence has shown there to be excessive releases of turbidity at the Shandaken Tunnel Outlet located in the Town of Shandaken, Ulster County, New York, and

WHEREAS, waterborne disease carrying organisms such as bacteria, viruses, Giardia and Cryptosporidium often attach themselves to particles (turbidity) in raw water creating a potential impact to health and water quality.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature expresses deep concern regarding New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) practices and associated turbidity at the Shandaken Tunnel Outlet, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests the NYCDEP to enact long term solutions to address excessive releases of turbidity at the Shandaken Tunnel Outlet, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature recommends the NYCDEP install a turbidimeter at the Shandaken Tunnel Outlet to measure the amount of turbidity in its releases, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests the NYSDEC enforce the conditions of their permits as they relate to turbidity and that upstate communities, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) work together to address and resolve the problem of releases of turbidity at the Shandaken Tunnel Outlet, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to NYSDEC and NYCDEP,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Every)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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