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Hi

This is for your information--please take the time to write your own letter to the mayor--we need less pollution and a better Pinebush.

You can learn more about the Pinebush by going to the Save the Pinebush website.

Don

To: Mayor Gerald D. Jennings

From: McKownville Improvement Association (Donald Reeb, president, 489-3909)

Subject: Albany Landfill in the Pinebush

Date: September 8, 2005

The residents of McKownville have been the unwelcome recipients of the terrible odors coming from the City of Albany landfill. We have also been harassed by the hundreds of crows who seem to use the landfill as their feeding fields. Thankfully both have become less of a problem recently.

Now we learn that your plan is to extend the use of the landfill by about five years and many millions of tons. While this does not sound so awful, it gets worse, as you know.

While we are fearful that your plan will create more opportunities for both the obnoxious odors and the crows to become greater problems for us, we are more concerned that The Pinebush is again being misused. The twenty acres that you now plan on using for more years of dumping--a portion of the site of the Foxrun mobile home park--will block portions of Lake Rensselaer from The Pinebush--thereby diminishing The Pinebush as a walkable recreation site.

The Pinebush is used by many of us for recreation as is Lake Rensselaer. Both are vital to many more people than the people of McKownville. Conjoining these two resources makes both yet more useful. While it might be true that the landfill was located in The Pinebush before the world became sensitive to the unique qualities of The Pinebush--including its location above a principal aquifer that all of us may one day find to be our drinking water source--that is no excuse to continue or to extend the error.

Nearly everyone acknowledges that The Pinebush is a rare and wonderful resource and we certainly are opposed to the City of Albany's plan to extend its use as a landfill. And we certainly hope to hear that you have changed your mind and will keep the original agreement concerning the

closing of the landfill and the dedication of the lands to The Pinebush thereby making The Pinebush a much better neighbor for all of us in McKownville.

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