

Letter should be sent to:

Mr. George B. Elliott
Regional Permit Administrator
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Region IV
Stamford New York 12167(tel 607-652-7364)

Dear Mr Elliott:

I am opposed to -- or -- I wish to have clarification of ---- the matter ---
--- of and I wish to register as a party in interest --- the matter ---
concerning the Westmere and McKownville water districts. I am opposed to the
application to make the Westmere water district as a permanent and sole source
of water for McKownville because -----

(USE ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

this places McKownville at the mercy of the Westmere district concerning the quality and price of service and water received

it relinquishes control over the reservoir to the Town and it has not shown any significant interest in managing the assets of McKownville for the benefit of the residents of McKownville

the reservoir has continued to play a very important role in the hamlet and now that there is discussion of the formation of the village of McKownville it is unreasonable to give up this reservoir just when we may be able to take it over and manage it well.

there is no evidence that the McKownville would produce water of lesser quality or water that is more costly than that being produced out of the Watervliet reservoir

there is no benefit to the State and none to the people of McKownville from making the Westmere water supply the permanent and sole source of water for the McKownville area. The only benefit will be the hucksters, who wish to fill-in and sell-off and build upon a very valuable asset -- an asset which the people of McKownville paid for and for which they would receive not one dollar in compensation. The proposal to close the McKownville reservoir permanently is just a disguised power play to take a valuable asset and give it to someone who neither paid for it nor managed it well. The State must not permit itself to become a party to a Republican strategem to embarrass a group of dissident independents.

the timing is terrible. It is interesting that this question comes forward at the same time that the reservoir is serving as a significant impediment to the development of Crossgates-Pyramid shopping center-- a shopping center that has been proposed by persons (Robert Congell) who are important contributors to the gubernatorial campaigns of Governor Carey.