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TESTIMONY DOVER KNOLLS  
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TOWN OF DOVER SUPERVISOR, TOWN BOARD, WILLIE JANEWAY,  
REGION 3 DIRECTOR, CITIZENS AND GUESTS,

For the past few years the Town of Dover has been evaluating Dover Knolls, which, if approved, would be the largest commercial/residential development in the Town's history, indeed in Dutchess County's history. More recently, the American Power Company has proposed its 1,000mw Cricket Valley natural gas plant about 3 miles north of Dover Knolls.

These entities will be located near the prized Swamp River, which flows by both projects from the Great Swamp to the Ten Mile River.

I am a resident of your neighboring town, Sherman CT. We are downstream from you, so we receive water flowing through the Town of Dover, once you are finished with it. Beyond that, I have an additional interest in what takes place in the Town of Dover.

As the former Public Health Director of Sherman, CT in 1976, I wrote a surface and groundwater protection Code for the Town. It is arguably one of the strictest health codes in the entire state, and its strictly enforced. Since its implementation, the Town has almost tripled in population. Mistrust of the regulation has been replaced by pride in our water quality. Fishing sites remain productive.

Because of my continuing interest in water quality, I obtained a copy of Chazen Cos' [Water Resource Assessment for the Town of Dover](#), 1998, when it was published. Authored by the highly regarded hydrogeologist Russell Urban Mead, your Assessment is more up-to-date and more sophisticated than our regulations, and as such it has great appeal for our Health Department.

The Town of Dover has not implemented these forward-looking regulations. If your most precious resource is to be protected during this period of explosive period of growth, I urge you to pursue Mead's recommendations. The two-zone model concept is well suited for Dover. I understand the cost would be between \$3 to \$5K after meetings and drafts, with a timeframe of about 30-60 days.

Respectfully,

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