

RESOLUTION

(R-21-38)

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE NYSDEC REGARDING EVALUATION OF IMPACT ON NYCDEP RELEASES TO THE LOWER ESOPUS CREEK.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILCHAIR SALEM :

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie relies on the Hudson River to supply safe and potable drinking water for our thousands of residents, and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie has previously joined the Hudson 7, a coalition of regional municipalities whose purpose is to ensure the continued availability of safe and potable drinking water, and

WHEREAS, Riverkeeper has advised the City and other municipalities regarding it's serious concern about New York City's discharge of turbid water from the Ashokan Reservoir into the lower Esopus Creek, which in turn flows into the Hudson River, and it has requested the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") carefully reviewing New York City's request for a SPDES permit to allow discharges of turbid water, and to request environmental impacts from the proposed discharges will be avoided or minimized to the greatest extent practicable, including through the consideration and implementation of alternative processes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie maintains the same concerns as expressed by Riverkeeper and joins in their request that the DEC carefully consider the potential environmental impacts from New York City's practice of discharging turbid water into the Esopus Creek; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie adopts this resolution annexed hereto as Exhibit A and authorizes the City Chamberlain to transmit it, in substantially the form annexed, to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, along with a copy of this resolution.

SECONDED BY _____