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GREEN PARTY



BAN HYDRO-FRACKING

We need a ban on the dangerous practice of hydraulic fracking. The people of Onondaga County have good reason to be wary of the pie-in-the-sky promises of the gas companies. The last time big business with big promises came to exploit the natural resources of Central New York they transformed Onondaga Lake from a source of life into one of the most polluted waters in the world. Those corporations and their money are long gone and we are still cleaning up their mess.

You Can't Drink Money

Fresh water is and always has been the number one natural resource of the Great Lakes Basin. Before modern refrigeration ice from Central New York was shipped ever year as far as India. New York water is used to produce agricultural products, for recreation, for tourism, and even bottled and shipped round the world. Water is the resource the gas companies intend to pollute. Each and every fracking well drilled will poison one to five million gallons of water just in the drilling process alone. There is currently no safe way to treat this waste, and attempts at storage have already resulted in spills in Pennsylvania that have poisoned more lands and waters. In addition the subsurface fractures caused by the process have resulted in poisoned ground water wells and gas leaks.

Lands on the shores of Skaneateles Lake have been leased for fracking. Skaneateles is the municipal water source for the City of Syracuse, a source that is currently so pure it does not require filtering. Fracking can turn Skaneateles into another Onondaga Lake, unfit to drink, unsafe to swim in.

Vote Green for a Clean Future

Only the Green Party has been consistently against hydrofracking, offshore drilling, and nuclear power. Each of these are not only highly polluting non-renewable energy sources but potential catastrophes. Onondaga Lake, Deep Water Horizon, Chernobyl.

We have a plan for locally produced, renewable, energy. We need windmills, solar panels, and renewable bio-fuels. The truth about fossil fuels is that eventually they will run out, it doesn't matter if it is in twenty years, two years, or two hundred years, they will run out. We have to change to renewable resources anyway, why not now? There is nothing the American People cannot accomplish if they choose.