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IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED!

RE: GREENIDGE GAS POWER PLANT EXPANSION ON SENECA LAKE
***SUBMIT COMMENTS TO YATES COUNTY PLANNING BOARD BEFORE 1/28/21**

***SEE TALKING POINTS CONNECTED TO THIS POST.**



**Greenidge Power Plant wants to expand ill-conceived
Bitcoin Mining Operations on Seneca Lake**

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED **re: Greenidge Gas Bitcoin Mining Plant Expansion**

Please submit comments to/ call/ plan to attend the meeting at the Yates County Planning

Board!

The Town of Torrey has referred the matter of expanding the Greenidge Power Plant (AKA Bitcoin Mine) to the Yates County Planning Board, which meets **THIS THURSDAY**, January 28th at 7:00 pm

This referral is basically an *admission* by the Town Planning Board that it should have consulted the County Board originally, as required by Law prior to issuing the conditioned negative declaration and issuing the site permit. The Town **must** start the SEQR review process over and conduct a complete environmental review, including requiring DEC participation and a full Environmental Impact Statement.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. **Submit a Comment** to the Planning Board (see talking points below) to Dan Long, Yates County Planner at: dlong@yatescounty.org
2. Call and **leave a comment** (see talking points below) at: (315) 536-5153
3. **Attend the meeting** via Zoom*. To receive the email invite, please email emiller@yatescounty.org ***Note**: it's not known whether a public comment period is permitted at this meeting.
4. Attend the **meeting via phone**, please dial 1-929-205-6099 and follow the prompts.

Meeting ID: 834 7533 3083 Passcode: 157216

TALKING POINTS: * In your email or call, please request that your comment be entered into this Thursday's meeting minutes!

The Yates County Planning Board must do everything in its power to ensure that the Town of Torrey starts the SEQR review process over and conducts a complete environmental review, including requiring Department of Environmental Conservation participation and a full Environmental Impact Statement.

The Greenidge expansion plans have potential negative impacts that go far beyond the Town of Torrey or Yates County. The County Planning Board should be urged to carry out its duties as required by law and consider the potential intercommunity and county-wide impacts of local land use changes and add a regional perspective to local land use decisions. The process allows local officials to take advantage of the professional planning expertise at the county level.

Negative Impacts include:

- Increased Harmful Algal Blooms on Seneca Lake
- Harm to aquatic life in the lake
- Increased noise that travels throughout the county and across the lake
- Negative impact on tourism and the overall economy of the Finger Lakes
- Reduced property values in Yates County and beyond
- Reduced tax base in Yates County, negatively impacting county services including fire, police, schools
- Increased greenhouse gas emissions, with no regulation, in the midst of climate crisis

BOTTOM LINE:

Neither the Town of Torrey nor Yates County is adequately equipped to make a determination on the Greenidge expansion without a Full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) overseen by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Thank you,

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