

MEMO

From: Joan Kelley  
To: Planning Board  
Date: May 21, 2009  
Subject: Wellhead Protection for Village of Fair Haven Water Supply

At the town board's May 18, 2009 meeting, the board looked at the Village of Fair Haven's request that the town consider passing a local law to protect the Fair Haven wellhead and water supply which is located outside the village in the Town of Sterling. That is, the town would adopt a local law or ordinance for Wellhead Protection.

The town board passed resolution #2009-065 requesting that the planning board review and recommend a wellhead protection plan for the Town of Sterling based on the planning board's recent meetings regarding the aquifer. The town board also authorized up to \$1,000 for engineer consultation, if needed.

Stephen Gould, US Environmental Protection Agency, provided seven municipal ordinances or local laws which I have attached. These ordinances or local laws are for:

- Adams (village)
- Baldwinsville (village)
- Batavia (town)
- Champlain (village)
- Schaghticoke (village)
- Schodack (town)
- Stillwater (village)

I have also included any correspondence related Fair Haven's request.

Please feel free to contact me if you need further guidance...

Thanks for all of your efforts!!

**Joan**

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**From:** Joan [tsterlin@twcny.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2009 2:54 PM  
**To:** Gould.Stephen@epamail.epa.gov  
**Cc:** Village of Fair Haven  
**Subject:** RE: Source Water Protection

Dear Mr. Gould,

Mayor McVea, Village of Fair Haven, addressed the town board at its 5/18/09 board meeting and requested that the town consider passing a local law or ordinance for wellhead protection.

The town board is concerned about protecting the village water supply and passed a resolution for the planning board to review the options and make a recommendation to the town board. The planning board members will have your sample laws/ordinances as tools, as well as your email correspondence.

Joan Kelley, town supervisor  
(315)947-6104

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gould.Stephen@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Gould.Stephen@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2009 11:31 AM  
**To:** skiing4@aol.com; tsterlin@twcny.rr.com  
**Cc:** vfairhav@twcny.rr.com  
**Subject:** Source Water Protection

Dear Supervisor Kelley,

In a recent e-mail exchange with Mayor McVea of the Village of Fair Haven, which you received a copy of, he mentioned that he gave you a packet of wellhead/aquifer protection local laws and ordinances. I hope the Town of Sterling gives serious consideration to adopting similar tools for wellhead protection. I know it is rather unfair to be asking the Town to adopt regulations that would chiefly benefit another municipality (the measures that municipalities within the New York City system's watershed are being asked to adopt are, of course, the most glaring example of this kind of unfairness). However, there are a few residents of the Town of Sterling who in fact are served by the same public water supply--and to the extent that the aquifer is protected, you are also protecting all the remaining residents who use private wells.

I don't think that regulation (in the form of a wellhead protection ordinance) is absolutely necessary, but it certainly is an important protective tool. The Town should know the location of every facility where hazardous or pathogenic material is being handled, and it should be familiar with how those facilities operate. If you would like to hang on the wall of your office a poster-sized map of the recharge area, based on Cayuga County's digitized tax maps, you may wish to contact Pat Scalera of the New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA), 518-828-3155, as I suggested in my e-mail to Mayor McVea.

(See attached file: Sterling.jpg)

Sincerely,.

Stephen Gould  
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## Village of Fair Haven

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February 3, 2009

Town Supervisor Joan Kelly  
Town of Sterling  
1290 State Route 104A  
Sterling NY 13156

RE: Wellhead protection for Village of Fair Haven water supply

Dear Joan,

I am requesting that the Town of Sterling consider a local law to protect the Fair Haven wellhead and protect Village and Town residents. Attached are sample local laws. I will plan on attending the next Town board meeting to answer any questions.

Since our well field is located in the Town of Sterling, the Village of Fair Haven can not pass such a local law.

Regards

William R. McVea

WRM/tmd

Enclosures

**Main Identity**

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**From:** <Gould.Stephen@epamail.epa.gov>  
**To:** "Village of Fair Haven" <vfairhav@twcny.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 02, 2008 2:04 PM 2008  
**Subject:** Re: Mayor McVey - source water protection

Dear Mayor McVey,

I've just mailed you a packet of eight wellhead protection ordinances/local laws that may be useful for the Town of Sterling should it decide to develop its own ordinance. You should receive the packet later this week.

Sincerely,

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"Village of Fair  
Haven"  
<vfairhav@twcny.rr.com>  
07/21/2008 02:35  
PM

To  
Stephen Gould/R2/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc  
Subject  
Re: Mayor McVey - source water  
protection

Dear Stephen,

Fair Haven's water supply is from a well field located in the Town of Sterling. What are examples of local laws that we could ask the town to consider to help protect our source of supply.

Presently a manufactured home park adjacent to our well field plans expansion. No sanitary sewer is available and they will use a septic system.

A neighboring land owner has installed test wells and plans to sell certified spring water with a possibility of a bottled water plant in the future.

If EPA funding were available, the Village would like to purchase additional land around our source of supply to further protect our water system.

Regards,

William McVea

----- Original Message -----

From: <Gould.Stephen@epamail.epa.gov>

To: <vfairhav@twcny.rr.com>

Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 9:35 AM

Subject: Attn: Mayor McVey - source water protection

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> Dear Mayor McVey,

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> I am EPA's regional coordinator of the Source Water Protection Program,

> a drinking water protection program based on the premise that it is far

> wiser and more economical to prevent pollution of drinking water sources

> than to have to remediate contamination. As part of the program, the

> New York State Department of Health recently assessed all of the state's

> public water supplies. The assessment consisted of 1) a delineation of

> the area over which water flows to a well or intake; 2) a list of all

> the potential sources of pollution within the delineated area; and 3) an

> estimate of how susceptible the system is to those potential sources of

> pollution. The assessment for Fair Haven Village's well is available on

> a CD from the Cayuga County Health Department. Now that the assessments

> are complete, the second phase of the program is to make sure that all

> the identified potential sources of pollution will be properly

> addressed.

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- > To your knowledge, is Fair Haven Village adequately protecting its well
- > from potential pollution, for example, by means of a local law that
- > would prohibit a facility such as a gas station from going into the
- > recharge areas? Or by outreach programs to residents on septic system
- > maintenance and the need to minimize pesticides and fertilizer
- > application on lawns? If EPA grant money becomes available in the
- > future, are there any projects or activities that would enhance the
- > protection of your water supply that you would like to see funded?
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- > Finally, I'd like to suggest you have a look at the web site:
- > [www.protectdrinkingwater.org](http://www.protectdrinkingwater.org) , developed by a group of 19 agencies
- and
- > organizations called the Source Water Collaborative. It has links to
- a
- > large amount of useful information about protecting drinking water.
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- > Sincerely,
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