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Statement to the Town of Sterling Board regarding the draft local law imposing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of and processing of special use permit applications related to bottled sales within a one-half mile radius of the Village of Fair Haven's existing public water supply wells.

On behalf of Sterling Water Stewards, we request that the moratorium extend to the entire recharge area of the aquifer.

A reasonable estimate based on available information is that the recharge area is approximately the one (1) mile radius surrounding the well. Our consulting engineers, Independent Environmental Scientists, Inc, have prepared the attached map and explanation of how they arrived at this estimate. The methods used to compile the figure are not as robust as future estimates of aquifer protection zones but the figure represents a good estimate and is consistent with current UEPA guidelines for applicable methods. The area will be refined in the future following additional aquifer mapping with monitoring wells and aquifer flow tests.

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