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RE: CLOSURE OF NCES LANDFILL IN 2027 AND END OF HOST COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Dear Residents of Bethlehem,

I am writing today to share an important update regarding the North Country Environmental Services (NCES) Landfill on Trudeau Road. Although our current site has enough space to expand and operate for another 20 years, without changes to local zoning, the settlement agreement, or state law, 2026 will be our final full year of operation. When the landfill closes in 2027, all host community benefits currently provided to the residents of the Town of Bethlehem will come to an end. In the interest of transparency, we are informing you now of the pending loss of benefits to give residents the time to prepare accordingly.

Today, these benefits to the residents of Bethlehem total approximately \$1.3 million annually, and include:

- Curbside Waste and Recycling Collection
- Property Taxes
- Transfer Station Operations
- Annual Host Community Fees
- Community Donations
- Household Hazardous Waste Day

With the closure of NCES, free curbside waste and recycling collection, transfer services, and disposal currently provided by Casella will be discontinued. These services are currently expected to be succeeded by a Town-owned transfer station, wherein residents may bring materials for transport and off-site disposal managed by the Town. In our experience, rising expenses related to equipment, staffing, and operational activities have created significant challenges and increased costs for municipalities in managing transfer station services. For further details regarding these developments and potential tax implications, it is recommended that you contact Town officials directly.

After closure of NCES, residents who wish to continue the convenience of curbside trash and recycling service will have the option to subscribe individually. We will share more details about this option and how to return carts if you choose not to subscribe.

We understand this transition may raise questions, and we are committed to working closely with local officials and residents to ensure clear communication and transparency throughout the process.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we move forward.

Sincerely,

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