

## Says more landfills are not the answer

I would like to respond to the editorials authored by John Battaglia and Gary Catlin.

I am a long-time resident of the Village of Lewiston and have attended the Lewiston-Porter school system. I graduated from the University at Buffalo and have earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering. I have concerns of the CWM subcontractor editorials.

There are a lot of unanswered questions about the high density of diseases such as cancer in this area. Assuming there was no relationship (which I personally do not believe) between the health of the community and CWM or other related industry, there are negative associations with these types of industries.

I believe there is a perception or fact that we live in an unhealthy environment that affects people's desire to live here. I drive by the enormous Cecos landfill almost every day on the I-190 on the way to work. We all remember Love Canal and its devastating affect on people's lives. It's a bad perception in a tourist town.

Why aren't other counties like Monroe County asking to put a landfill in their area if it is safe and economically appealing? The CWM argument

is that they are different and safer, but the perception is still there. With large numbers of our young people leaving the area, can't we develop a new economy that does not promote a short-sited solution like Waste Management? Take for example the city of Niagara Falls, which is truly beautiful and a natural wonder with its rivers, streams and landscape. Why is it considered (by many people) an undesirable place to live? What can be factored in as one of the root causes?

Let me end by saying I think there is a lot of potential in this area with its people and natural resources and have hopes that more people will get involved to make Niagara County a better place.

More landfills are not the answer.

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