

Statement regarding Modern Landfill, Inc. requests

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Yes, Modern is doing a satisfactory job. I have no problem with the garbage pick-up service they supply to the Village of Youngstown. I also realize that Modern is the Town of Lewiston's largest employer, but they are wrong in requesting 40 more years of landfills. Why?

- 1.) **Permits/Approvals that Modern is requesting was already denied in 1995 and for good reason.** Gary Smith said the present site is projected to reach its maximum fill by 2009 and it would take a minimum of 10 years to develop a new landfill which explains the rush to overturn the 1995 Host Community Agreement which calls for a reduction in the size of the business by 2012.
- 2.) **By granting local permits and approval, the Town is displaying lack of foresight.** As Former California Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin stated, "We must get rid of the "There Will Always Be a Landfill Mentality."
- 3.) **If these permits are granted, Modern will have no incentive to look into alternatives for landfills.** Ex. Canada is now using wetlands in small municipalities to treat sewage. Article attached. "Building a constructed wetland system costs about the same as a conventional treatment plant, but the long term operating costs should be significantly lower." Did I as a high school graduate envision computers! We are in an age of advanced technology.
- 4.) **Does this community want to be dependent on garbage for sustainment?**
Town Board Members: if you agree to this increase in acres and height allowing the landfill life to be extended from 10 - 40 years, you are doing exactly that.
- 5.) **There are already existent examples of misinformation, inconsistencies and health studies to support my opposition. Environmentalists and conscientious residents share my concern in allowing waste facility landfills for another 40 years.**
It is, without a doubt, a proposal that is detrimental to a healthy community.

To summarize, Modern's Requests show they are violating Town law, lacking in vision, eliminating the motivation to look into alternatives for landfills, keeping the Town dependent on garbage for subsistence and encouraging residents to continue in this vein for the next 40 years.

What happens in one community reflects on neighboring communities and the reason for my concerns.

Thank you.