

TOWN OF TONAWANDA**Corps to probe landfill, mud flats**By **STEPHEN WATSON***News Northtowns Bureau**500 HP ✓*

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But the Corps will analyze the samples it takes this year to find out if the sites are safe for future uses, Buechi said.

The town and the state Department of Environmental Conservation are waiting for the Corps' radiation test results before reaching a final plan on sealing off the landfill, said Mark Hans, a DEC engineer.

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