

**MEETING OF THE ITHACA TOWN BOARD  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011- : TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ON THE REVISED DRAFT  
SUPPLEMENTAL GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
(sGEIS) ON OIL, GAS AND SOLUTION MINING**

WHEREAS the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has issued a sGEIS on oil, gas and solution mining in New York State and

WHEREAS once the sGEIS is codified into regulations municipalities will no longer have a direct bearing on the **regulation** of drilling for natural gas using high volume hydraulic fracturing, leaving municipalities with little recourse on the drilling process or the rate at which drilling occurs within their borders and

WHEREAS municipalities will bear the burden of an inadequate sGEIS and regulations, which in Pennsylvania and other states has led to detrimental changes in the character of communities; huge increases in truck traffic; contamination of air and water resources; pressure on municipal services such as emergency response, police, hospitals, schools, jails, road maintenance, and municipal administration; and despoiling of scenic and natural resources and

WHEREAS the Town of Ithaca is, by law, charged with protecting the health, safety and welfare of the people of the Town and

WHEREAS the Town of Ithaca intends to abide by its Comprehensive Plan to provide a high quality of life for its residents and the current revised sGEIS makes that goal unachievable

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town of Ithaca submit the attached comments to the Department of Environmental Conservation on the revised draft supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (sGEIS) on Oil, Gas, and Solution Mining.

MOVED:

SECONDED:

VOTE: