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Mr. Jared Reed  
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RE: DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN for the FORMER GM NORTH TARRYTOWN ASSEMBLY PLANT SITE,  
TARRYTOWN, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for providing us a little extra time to submit comments beyond the original date of July 20. Scenic Hudson staff has reviewed the Draft Restoration Plan (DRP) and offers the following comments.

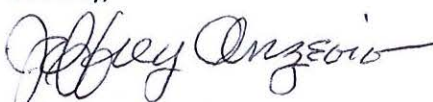
**Comments on the Draft Restoration Plan**

- Overall we agree with and support the DRP's Site Specific Criteria, Restoration Categories and Alternatives, and Preferred Restoration Alternatives;
- We recommend that when projects are evaluated, priority will be given to projects that provide range of benefits—habitat restoration, sustainable shorelines, and public access/recreation—over those that are narrowly defined, e.g. oyster restoration, eel ladders, etc.;
- We support the plan's approach that priority should be given to projects closest to places that have sustained ecological damage;
- We also recommend that when public access/recreational projects are considered, priority be given to those proposals that are consistent with the Sleepy Hollow-Tarrytown Trails Plan, which has been adopted by both villages; and
- We strongly support the statement on page 8: "Adjacent to the site is an EJ (Environmental Justice) community; NYSDEC will endeavor to identify and fund an appropriate project in size and scale that would provide access to natural resources in the area."

Scenic Hudson commends the NYSDEC for preparing the Draft Restoration Plan for the Former GM North Tarrytown Assembly Plant Site. We look forward to the finalization of the plan and the projects that will be submitted for funding.

Thank you for providing us an opportunity to review the draft plan.

Sincerely,



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Response to comments on Draft Restoration Plan for the Former GM North Tarrytown Assembly Plant Site, Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York

Dear Mr. Anzevino,

On behalf of NYS DEC, thank you for your engagement in this process. We are happy to have the chance to communicate with Scenic Hudson in the restoration of the GM Tarrytown North Site, and we appreciate your interest in the restoration.

**Comment:** *Overall we agree with and support the DRP's Site Specific Criteria, Restoration Categories and Alternatives, and Preferred Restoration Alternatives;*

**Response:** The department appreciates your support.

**Comment:** *We recommend that when projects are evaluated, priority will be given to projects that provide range of benefits- habitat restoration, sustainable shorelines, and public access/recreation – over those that are narrowly defined, e.g. oyster restoration, eel ladders, etc.*

**Response:** Under regulations promulgated by CERCLA, the department should prioritize restoration projects with a *nexus to the injury*, whether that be via the resource impacted and/or the location. In evaluating the submitted project proposals, projects that provide a range of benefits will likely score higher, and the department endeavors to select the projects that will be most beneficial and impactful.

**Comment:** *We support the plan's approach that priority should be given to projects closest to places that have sustained ecological damage;*

**Response:** The department is pleased to have your support on this point.

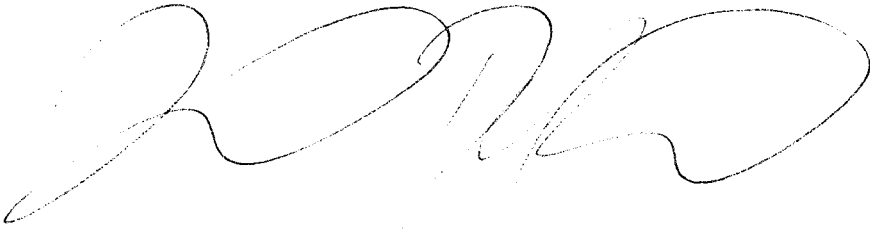
**Comment:** *We also recommend that when public access/recreational projects are considered, priority be given to those proposals that are consistent with the Sleepy Hollow-Tarrytown Trails Plan, which has been adopted by both villages;*

**Response:** The department will endeavor to be consistent with all existing plans, including the Sleepy Hollow-Tarrytown Trails Plan while evaluating submitted projects.

**Comment:** *We strongly support the statement on page 8: "Adjacent to the site is an EJ (Environmental Justice) community; ...provide access to natural resources in the area."*

**Response:** Involving the EJ community has been a longstanding goal of NYSDEC, and the proximity of this community to the site makes it an important consideration, in terms of possible restoration projects.

Thank you again for taking the time to review the Draft Restoration Plan for the GM Tarrytown North Site and submit comments. Community involvement is invaluable during this process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jared Reed', written in a cursive style.

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