

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #78 OF 2011

**MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE
TO BAN HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF NATURAL GAS WELLS WITHIN THE OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED**

By Councilor *McNabb*

June 2, 2011

WHEREAS, Owasco Lake is the primary source of water supply for thousands of residents in Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, the exploration for the development of natural gas wells in shale formations underlying New York State utilized the process of hydraulic fracturing, also known as hydrofracturing, in order to extract and access natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the hydraulic fracturing process produces large quantities of hazardous chemically infiltrated water which must be disposed of at public wastewater treatment facilities which may not remove all hazardous chemicals from the hydrofractured water which may be discharged into the public water of an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect Owasco Lake from any possible contamination and a ban on hydraulic fracturing within the Owasco Lake Watershed is required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Auburn City Council does hereby approve this resolution requesting the Governor and New York State Legislature to enact and issue a ban on hydraulic fracturing for the development of natural gas wells within the Owasco Lake Watershed to protect the waters of Owasco Lake from chemical contamination produced by this process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the New York State Senate and Assembly.

Seconded by Councilor *Brower*

	AYES	NOES
Councilor Graney	✓	
Councilor McNabb	✓	
Councilor Smith	✓	
Councilor Brower	✓	
Mayor Quill	✓	

Carried and Adopted