



Finger Lakes Wine Business Coalition
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December 1, 2017

Dear Members of the Romulus Planning Board and Romulus Town Board:

The Finger Lakes Region is a place of truly unmatched beauty with incredible economic potential but we must protect our environment as we grow the agritourism that has fueled Regional economic development.

This is why the Finger Lakes Wine Business Coalition (FLXWBC) was created. The Wine Business Coalition is a member organization open to all wineries, vineyards, food producers and creatives in Finger Lakes Wine Country. The Mission of the FLXWBC is to lead upstate economic development through wine-driven agritourism and sustainable business practices, unifying wineries, vineyards, local food producers and creatives who are the stewards of Finger Lakes Wine Country.

As such, it is our duty to strongly oppose the proposed construction and operation of a waste incinerator facility under consideration by the Romulus Town and Planning Boards. The looming 260-foot-high smoke stack and building, the daily 445,000 gallons of water withdrawn from Seneca Lake, and the hundreds of trucks per day on Routes 89 and 96 will have a significant negative impact on Finger Lakes tourism and the agricultural community. The economic gains that the Region is just starting to realize will be severely curtailed. Cultivation of wine grapes requires clean air, soil and water and requires a delicate balance and stewardship between man and environment. This proposed project threatens that balance and our way of life.

The Finger Lakes Region is building a brand rooted in world-class wines, world-class agriculture, and world-class agritourism - not garbage and waste management. It should be clear to any casual observer that the two are incompatible. The prevailing winds from west to east will deposit soot from the incinerator onto grape vines in Romulus and around Cayuga Lake. Hundreds of acres of grapes in this area will absorb the toxic soot, negatively impacting the wine quality. There is already extensive research on smoke taint and the negative effect on flavor in grapes and wine.

Simply put, this proposal is very bad news for Finger Lakes Wine Country!

The Romulus Planning Board has the authority to approve or disapprove this proposal. We strongly encourage the Romulus Planning Board to reject this proposal. It is not consistent with our Region's vision for our future or with the Finger Lakes Brand.

Sincerely,

Scott Osborn, President FLXWBC
Fox Run Vineyard

Peter Saltonstall, Vice President FLXWBC
King Ferry Winery, Maker of Treleaven Wines

John Ingle, Treasurer FLXWBC
Heron Hill Winery & Ingle Vineyards

Will Ouweleen, Secretary FLXWBC
O-Neh-Da & Eagle Crest Vineyards

FLXWBC Members:

Ann Martini
Anthony Road Wine Company
Established 1990

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Argetsinger Vineyards
Established 1996

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Established 2012

Ted Marks
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Established 1999

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Bagley's Poplar Ridge
Vineyards
Established 1980

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Established 2013

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Established 2011

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Bellangelo
Established 2002

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Billsboro Winery
Established 2007

Ian & Jackie Merwin
Black Diamond Farm, LLC
Established 1994

Kim Engle
Bloomer Creek Vineyard
Established 1999

Maryrose Savine
Bostwick House B & B
Established 2007

Bruce Murray
Boundary Breaks Vineyard
Established 2008

Stephen Taylor
Bully Hill Vineyards
Established 1970

Ann Cain Crusade
Acupuncture and
Herbal Medicine
Established 2006

Connor Evans
Castel Grisch Winery
Established 1986

Iлона Marmer
Catherine Cottages
Established 2003

Kate Bowers
Clean Team
Established 2000

Chris Hansen
Climbing Bines Craft Ale Co.
and Hop Farm
Established 2013

Elizabeth Whitehouse
Compost International
Established 2010

Michael Cimino
and Deborah Cumings
Cottage Views B & B
Established 2013

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Curry Creek Vineyards
Established 2003

Lou Damiani
Damiani Wine Cellars
Damiani Vineyards
Established 1997

Dan Rapaport
Dan Rapaport Consulting
Established 1982

Phil Davis
Davis Vineyard
Established 1998

Frederick Frank
Dr. Frank's Vinifera
Wine Cellars
Established 1962

Eli Thomas
Eli Thomas Art
Established 1990

Jennifer Clark
Eminence Road Farm Winery
Established 2008

Abbie Parker
Eremita Winery
Established 2011

Laura Winter Falk
Experience! Finger Lakes
Established 2006

Autumn Stoscheck
Eve's Cider
Established 2002

Tom & Marcy Mitchell
Fall Bright
The Winemakers Shoppe
Established 2014

Melissa Madden
Finger Lakes Cider House
Established 2014

Tina Hazlitt
Finger Lakes Food Company, LLC
Established 2009

Brenda Neville
Finger Lakes Mill Creek Cabins
Established 2006

Nathaniel Curtis
Finger Lakes Solar Co-op
Established 2014

Charlene Brett
First Flight
Established 1987

Christopher P. Bates, MS
FLX Winery
Established 2014

Rick Rainey
Forge Cellars
Established 2008

Scott Osborn
Fox Run Vineyard
Established 1984

Carol Doolittle
Frontenac Point Vineyard
Estate Winery
Established 1979

Gita Devi
Ginger Cat Bed & Breakfast
Established 2008

John Wagner
Ginny Lee Café
Wagner Valley Brewing Company
Wagner Vineyards
Established 1976

Jim Armstrong
Good for Business
Established 1999

David Peterson
Goose Watch Winery
Penguin Bay Winery
Swedish Hill Winery
Established 1985

Doug Hazlitt
Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards, Inc.
Established 1985

Susan Higgins
Heart & Hands Wine Company
Established 2006

Justin Boyette
Hector Wine Company
Established 2009

Oskar Bynke
Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyards
Established 1979

John Ingle
Heron Hill Winery
Established 1977

Emilie Nicholson
Hidden Marsh Distilling
Montezuma Winery
Established 2001

Joyce & Art Hunt
Hunt Country Vineyards
Established 1981

Bill Martin
Idol Ridge Winery
Established 2013

Jonathan Hunt
Italy Hill Produce
Established 2009

Diane & Tim Moore
Inspire Moore Winery & Vineyard
Established 2007

Betsy Bonsignore
Interludes Spa
Established 2000

Jeremy Crytzer
J. Crytzer Woodworking
Established 2003

Jeff Dill
J. R. Dill Winery
Established 2009

Judy & Len Wiltberger
Keuka Spring Vineyards
Established 1985

Peter Saltonstall
King Ferry Winery makers
of Treleven Wines
Established 1984

Jim & Ruth Hundertmark
Lacey Magruder
Vineyard & Winery
Established 2011

Michele Pavillard
Lake House & Cottage Rental
Established 1997

Mark Wagner
Lamoreaux Landing
Wine Cellars
Established 1990

Joshua Parker
Lost Kingdom Brewery
Established 2014

Peggy Aker
Macro Mamas
Established 1992

Theresa Remmers
Magnolia Place
Bed & Breakfast
Established 1997

John McGregor
McGregor Vineyard
Established 1971

Mary Campbell
Medleys Café
Established 1993

Machelle Carman
Nautical Nights B & B
Established 2000

Josie Holden
Nedloh Brewing Company
Established 2014

Todd Eichas
New Vines Bed & Breakfast
Established 2007

Dana Malley
Northside Wine & Spirits
Established 1959

Patricia Bee
Old Fashioned Flowers
Fernville Farm
Established 2011

Will Ouweleen
O-Neh-Da and
Eagle Crest Vineyards
Established 1872

Peggy Haine
Food and Wine Writer
Established 1984

Donna Lucent
Pompous Ass Winery
Established 2008

Frédéric Bouché
Ports of New York
Established 2000

Diane Buglion-Mannion
Rasta Ranch Vineyards
Established 1993

Lisa Hallgren
Ravines Wine Cellar
Established 2000

Deva Maas
Redbyrd Orchard Cider
Established 2010

David Whiting
Red Newt Cellars, Inc.
Established 1998

Asa Redmond
Regional Access
Established 1989

David McKinley
Renovus Energy
Established 2003

Tine Hazlitt
Sawmill Creek Vineyards
Established 1852

Michael Warren Thomas
SavorLife.com
Established 1994

Jackie Augustine &
Jeff Henderson
Seneca 7 Road Race
Established 2011

Kate Thomas
Shalestone Vineyards, LLC
Established 1995

Steve Shaw & Steve Shaw Jr.
Shaw Vineyard
Established 1980

Lisa Morton
Sheldrake Point Winery
Established 1997

John D. Zuccarino
Silver Springs Winery, LLC
Established 2001

Shannon Brock
Silver Thread Vineyard
Established 1991

Steve Selin
South Hill Cider
Established 2013

Erica Crytzer
Stone Pillow Pottery
Established 2012

Steve Churchill
Stone Boat Computing
Established 2011

Scott Signori
Stone Cat Café
Established 1999

Ayne Sheldon
Strategic Coaching
Established 2010

Joan DeSimone
Sun Dance Creations
Established 1998

Barbara A. Schiesser
Sunrise Landing
Bed & Breakfast
Established 2004

Hilary Niver-Johnson
Sustainable Viticulture
Systems
Established 2013

Robert Stack
Suzanne Fine Regional Cuisine
Established 2003

Jesse Beardslee
Themis and Thread
Established 2013

Evan Stewart Eisenburg
The OCD Art Gallery
Established 2013

Peter & Mary Muller
The Pearl of Seneca Lake, Inc.
Established 2005

Erica Paolicelli
Three Brothers Wineries
and Estates
Established 2007

Andrew & Rossana Shanklin
The Rose Petal Inn
Established 2014

Jessica Rodgers
Two Goats Brewing
Established 2010

Danielle Pezzuti
Ventosa Vineyards
Established 2005

Adam Folts
Vineyard View Winery
Established 2012

Stefan Senders
Wide Awake Baker
Established 2010

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