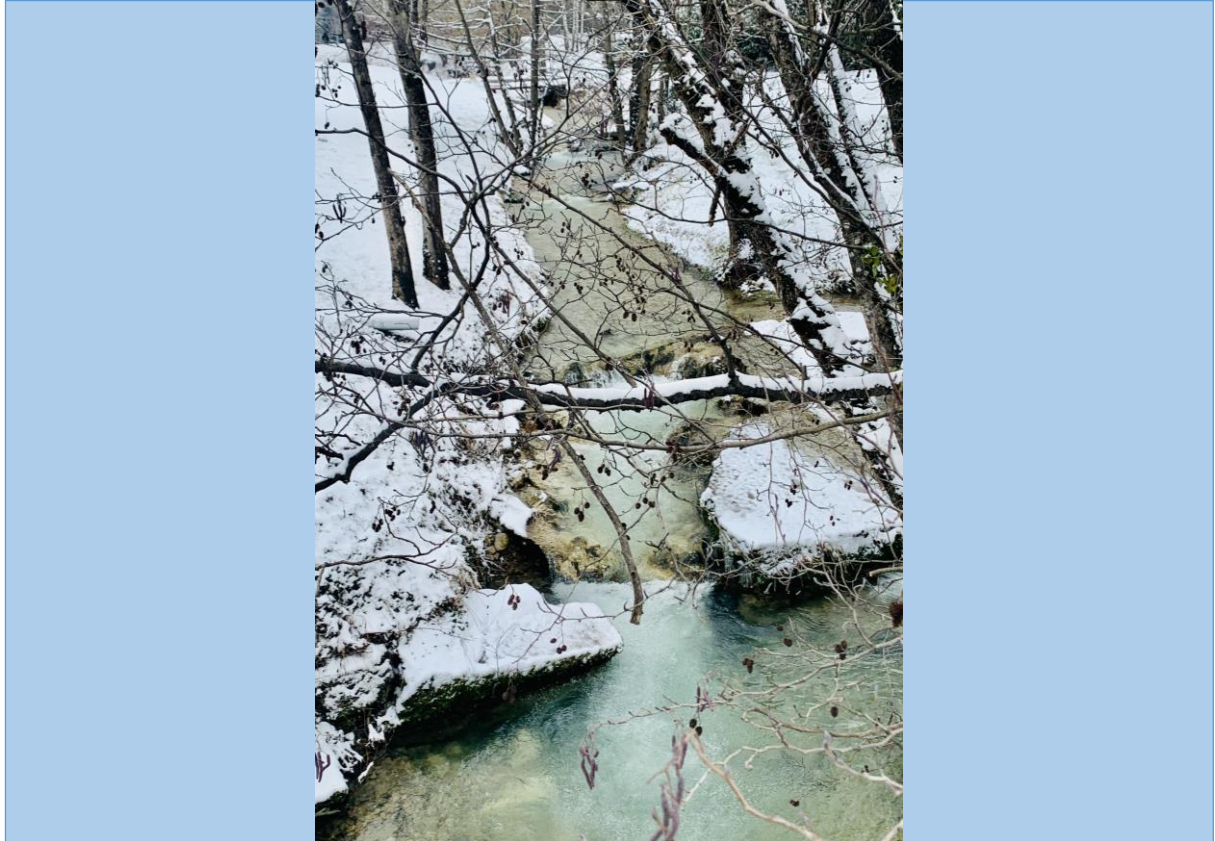


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Les riverains de Chauvilly Association



Dear members of Les Riverains de Chauvilly Association,

I wish you a happy new year 2022 as well as best health and success for you and your families. I look forward to sharing with you the latest developments of our association and thank you for your support. Many of you made donations at the end of the year and we warmly thank you.

Camille Lachenal, President of Les riverains de Chauvilly Association

Introduction

As a reminder, this project aims to store 1,800,000 tons of construction waste on the Chauvilly historic site in Gex, on an area of 22 hectares, in the heart of the agglomeration. The project was registered by the prefecture at the beginning of October 2021, despite the actions of our lawyer Huglo Lepage, despite the sending of opposition letters from Cessy City Hall, members of our association and Pro Natura (Switzerland).

The latest actions for your information

Spring-summer 2021: contact and alerting of many political and scientific representatives in both France and Switzerland. Participation in the Cessy Associations Forum with a Chauvilly Riverains stand. We scanned all the files regarding the project at the Bourg-en-Bresse prefecture. The Publication of several articles in "La Voix de l'Ain, le Pays Gessien, le Progrès". The Publication of an article in the online journal of environmentalist Dominique Bourg « La pensée écologique".



October 2021: the project is accepted by the prefecture of Bourg-en-Bresse

November-December 2021: Cessy City Hall carried out analyses that reveal high levels of arsenic. Swiss elected officials challenge the Swiss Confederation for fear of being affected by pollution in Lake Geneva. The Riverains de Chauvilly Association appealed to the Administrative Court against the Chauvilly landfill (ISDI) project.

In a 65-page document, residents, supported by the law firm Huglo Lepage, highlighted the very high environmental sensitivity of the site. Indeed, it is bordered by remarkable natural areas and is home to some 66 protected living species. In addition, because of its geological feature, the area has been classified by the quarry service in strong protection for the preservation of drinking water reserves in the Pays de Gex.

These elements should naturally have led the Prefect of Ain, Mrs. Sarlandie de La Robertie, to request a complete impact study and to switch to an authorisation procedure as requested by residents. This big error of assessment is due to a file that largely minimises the stakes of the site. And this despite perfectly transparent communication from residents.

As such, it is indeed a traffic of 180 trucks per day on average that is expected, even more per day, at peak, given the partial seasonality of the activity. The prefect confirmed in court that part of the waste will come from neighbouring Switzerland, further increasing the volume of waste on the site. This type of installation is normally planned on the edge of major roads, or even at the exit of motorways, absolutely not in the heart of the agglomeration, on the roads frequented by schoolchildren. The whole Pays de Gex is concerned by this future heavy goods vehicle flow.



Alerted to the presence of pollution, the municipality of Cessy had analyses carried out at the edge of the site in its municipality. Analyses reveal the presence of toxic industrial pollutants and in particular high doses of arsenic near rivers. The site, considered as polluted by the State, is therefore still to be cleaned. The Municipality of Cessy also appealed. Swiss elected officials, already affected by pollution related to the 2018 accident, asked the Swiss confederation for explanations.



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