



**RCS Community Business Association**  
147 Main Street  
Ravena, NY 12143

May 2, 2019

Ms. Nancy Baker  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
1130 North Westcott Rd.  
Schenectady, NY 12306-2014

Dear Ms. Baker:

Ravena, Coeymans, Selkirk needs a thriving economy. The permit modification for trestle structures at the Port of Coeymans will allow for additional business opportunities that are an economic driver for our community. After careful consideration, RCS Community Business Association (RCS CBA) supports the permanent placement of the trestle infrastructure originally used for the now complete Tappansee Bridge Project.

The RCS CBA Board of Directors did due diligence before reaching this conclusion. Members of the board toured the Port to see the trestles, studied possible environmental impacts outlined by your agency and called interested stakeholders, including Scenic Hudson. The Board came to the conclusion the permanent placement of the trestles pose little additional risk to the environment.

Further more, Carver Companies is making several mitigation efforts to protect and study Hudson River fish species. The Board of RCS CBA appreciates Carver Companies' attention to environmental conservation for this project.

All in all, RCS CBA believes the permanent placement of the trestles hold little harm for the environment, but great potential for Carver Companies, its employees and our community.

Sincerely,

Aaron Flach  
Vice Chair

