



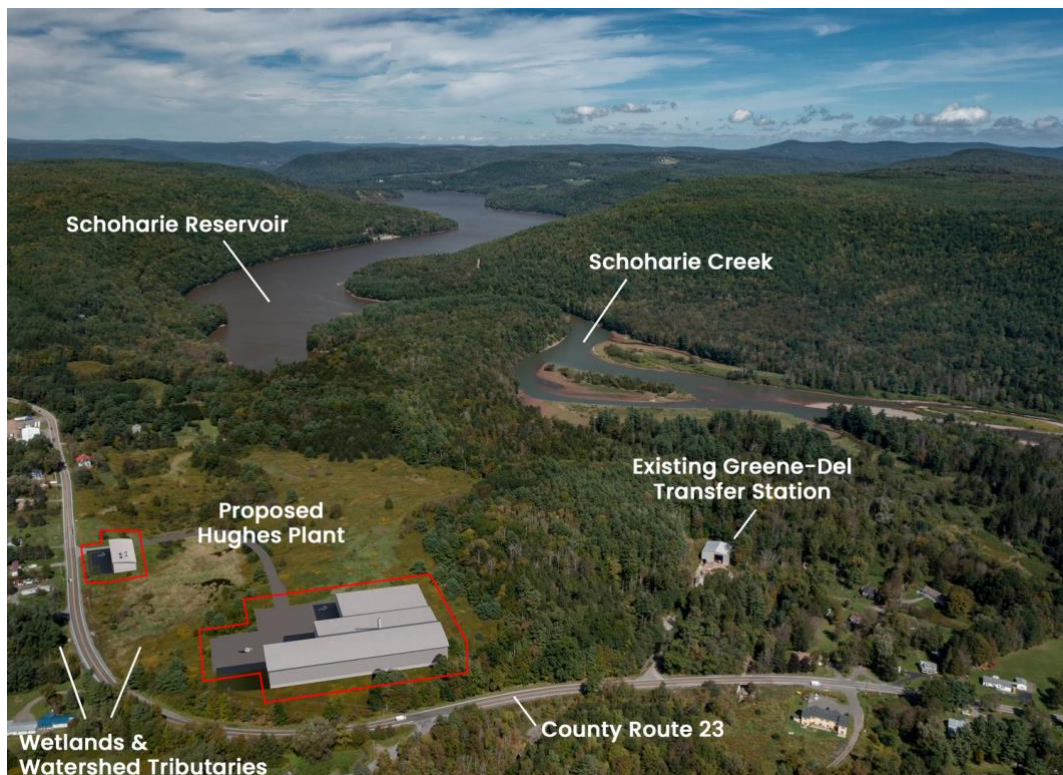
Hughes Energy Project Fast Facts

Hughes LLC has proposed a municipal solid waste processing facility to be located in Grand Gorge, Delaware County, New York. Estimated to process 176,500 tons per year, the facility would be in close proximity to the Schoharie Creek and Schoharie Reservoir. The proposal would also connect into the wastewater system of nearby Prattsville, New York. The proposed facility would be the first of its type and scale in the United States.

This project would have enormous impact on the entire region's ecosystem, quality of life and local economies, including:

- Air and noise pollution from diesel trucks transporting unregulated municipal solid waste into the facility from a 50-mile regional radius between 7am-4pm 6 days per week.
- Risk of water pollution both directly from the facility and from the industrial waste water produced at the facility which is planned to be discharged into the Schoharie Creek via the Prattsville sewer system
- Odor pollution from garbage.
- Exposure to PFAS or "forever chemicals," extremely toxic substances common in municipal solid waste. PFAS could easily contaminate the air, soil and the Schoharie Reservoir and Creek.
- Threats to wildlife including sensitive bald eagle habitat and a local trout stream.

Site Location: Grand Gorge, NY, less than 2,000 feet from the Schoharie Reservoir and Schoharie Creek, threatening the drinking water for millions of New Yorkers.





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Current Status of the Project:

- Due to community efforts, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has issued a Positive Declaration for the Hughes Energy Project which will require a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a formal public comment period.
- To ensure ample time for our voices to be heard, we have proactively requested that the DEC extend the basic 30-day period to 90 days.
- **The 30-day public comment period has begun, as of October 20, 2021.**

Write to the DEC *now* at Comment.HughesRoxbury2021@dec.ny.gov

Sample language and detailed information is at
DontTrashTheCatskills.org

Additional Concerns

- **Unproven Technology.** The proposed Autoclave technology is experimental and has been rejected by several communities in the U.S. and failed in many European locations.
- **Diesel Truck Traffic.** This project impacts many local communities: Roxbury, Prattsville, Margaretville, Andes, Bovina, Grand Gorge, Stamford, Woodstock, Phoenicia, Big Indian, Windham, and more with diesel trucks traveling on Routes 23, 30, 28, 42.
- **Vehicle Accidents.** Constant traffic from 18-wheeler trucks traveling single lane rural roads increases risks of traffic accidents.
- **Site Misrepresentation.** The location of the proposed facility is not being clearly communicated. In public meetings, Hughes Energy has represented the location of their proposed facility as the site of the current Green-Del facility. However, in permit application materials submitted to DEC, the site is represented as a parcel next to the location of the current Green-Del facility, not the same location.
- **Size and Scale.** At 115,000 sq ft (2x the size of a football field) and 7 stories high, (the equivalent of 2 utility poles), it is completely out of sync with the rural area.
- **Greenwashing.** Biofuel pellets produced by this process cannot be called a renewable energy solution given the amount of fossil fuel required for the trucking and autoclave steam process.
- **Jobs.** The vast majority of the jobs for the facility would be temporary construction jobs, with a much smaller number of permanent jobs for specialized engineers and laborers.
- **Taxes.** Hughes plans to apply for a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) exemption, that may make such benefits negligible.

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