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Dear Ms Eleftheriou,

I read about the Norridgewock landfill expansion and am concerned about its pollution impacts on the land and the Kennebec River. I often visit the Waterville area and the Kennebec River several times a week and would be concerned for all who live and visit the area. The landfill will leave a lasting effect for generations to come.

I know this because I am a gardener at the Bangor Community Gardens which sits on an old landfill site. We are cautioned not to plant and harvest from the ground and to keep in the raised boxes for fear of lead contamination... and whenever I water my raised beds and some water falls out of the raised boxes, I smell garbage like one does when passing an active landfill site. I am sure the site continues to leach and off-gas to the surrounding area.

Instead of expanding the landfill, why not expand funding into efforts to educate the public to reduce, reuse, repair and reprocess (and other relevant Rs)? As I understand, recycling (plastics) doesn't really exist. In short, I oppose the expansion of the landfill and request an alternative solution be worked out.

I leave you with two sayings:

1. It is not ours but our turn
2. We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Yap  
Bangor Resident