

Subject: Open Letter: Withdraw the Proposed Concrete Batch Plant on Route 9

Sent: Feb 2, 2025

Mr. Clemente,

Thank you for your response to the open letter submitted by Residents for Responsible Development (RRD) regarding the proposed concrete batch plant at 1910 Route 9. We acknowledge your engagement and write to clarify RRD's role, the basis for community concerns, and how RRD intends to participate going forward.

RRD was formed in early 2026, after a community petition concerning this proposal began circulating in fall 2025. RRD did not create, administer, or promote that petition and therefore does not take responsibility for its content, imagery, or presentation.

RRD's purpose is to facilitate coordination among Clifton Park and Halfmoon residents who have raised questions and concerns through established public channels, including Town Board and Planning Board meetings, written public comments, neighborhood forums, and materials obtained through Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests.

Numerous residents have spoken publicly at Town Board and Planning Board meetings, including meetings held on January 13 in Clifton Park and January 21 in Halfmoon. Their names and comments appear in the official public record. Additional residents have submitted written comments using their full names. Community participation has occurred openly and on the record.

#### **Basis for Community Concerns**

The issues raised by residents reflect topics addressed in publicly available materials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and peer-reviewed or agency-recognized research related to concrete batch plant operations. These topics include:

- Particulate matter emissions (PM2.5 and PM10)
- Crystalline silica exposure
- Diesel emissions associated with truck traffic
- Cement and aggregate dust
- Operational noise and vibration
- Truck traffic volume and circulation
- Stormwater management and runoff affecting the Dwaas Kill Nature Preserve watershed
- Proximity to residential areas

These topics are commonly evaluated in connection with concrete batch facilities and form the basis for residents' requests for further information and analysis.

#### **Notification and Timing for Halfmoon Residents**

Because the proposed project is located primarily within the Town of Clifton Park, many Town of Halfmoon residents became aware of the application only after the January 13, 2026 Clifton Park

meeting. Those residents are now reviewing available materials and seeking to understand potential environmental and community impacts.

To date, no public informational sessions led by technical experts have been conducted. Such sessions could assist residents in understanding the scope of the proposal and the materials submitted or anticipated as part of the review process.

### **Meetings and Process**

RRD must respectfully decline participation in private or off-the-record meetings with the applicant.

As the project applicant, Bonded Concrete is represented by professional counsel and consultants. RRD represents residents who do not have equivalent representation. RRD therefore believes that substantive discussions regarding the proposal are most appropriately conducted through the formal public review process, where information is shared on the record and made equally available to all interested parties.

RRD intends to participate fully through the established public review process. Should Bonded Concrete wish to provide additional information to residents collectively, RRD believes the appropriate venue is a public forum coordinated through the Town of Clifton Park, with participation by the Town of Halfmoon, so that information is provided contemporaneously and on the record.

### **RRD's Objective**

RRD's objective is to ensure that residents of Clifton Park and Halfmoon have access to complete and accurate information regarding the proposed project and its potential environmental and community impacts, and that the review process proceeds in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and established procedures.

RRD remains prepared to review and respond to technical materials as they are formally submitted as part of the application and review process.

Respectfully,

**Residents for Responsible Development**

Clifton Park & Halfmoon, New York