Problem Statement

Ulster County Solid Waste Management Plan included siting a Countywide landfill as the best method for solid waste disposal. Its financial bonds were obtained with the understanding that there would be flow control legislation. (solid waste generated in Ulster County would become the property of Ulster County and would be directed to be delivered to UCRRA designated facilities) Neither a landfill or flow control legislation happened.

Ulster County solid waste is currently being shipped over four hours away to NYSDEC Part 360 regulated landfills. The process involves accepting loads of garbage that have been weighed in over a scale and dumped on the tipping floor (transfer station floor), then reloaded into 100 cubic yard trailers that are delivered to a landfill. The process is energy intensive, and UCRRA operations are being subsidized by tax payers .