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High among the issues that have not been addressed directly is the indifference of the Kiryas Joel Village administration to environmental concerns, and along with that, the burden that puts on all neighboring communities in Orange County.

The KJ Village administration regards the rest of Orange County as a third-world entity, from which raw materials are extracted and into which waste is dumped. Illustrating this is the Kiryas Joel poultry processing plant, which the Orange County Water Department Report, citing data from its own testing, and additional corroborating data from an outside agency, documents saline is, as measured in water coming from the plant, 20 times higher than normal, and, that the plant used 14 tons of salt daily, 4 tons of which wash into our water every day. At a total of 9 gallons of water per bird, for soaking and rising three times, and using the plant's advertised figure of 40,000 birds per day, that's 360,000 GPD, not counting clean-up water, used by the facility, all running into a tributary of the Ramapo River, and then through Monroe. Town of Monroe, Village of Monroe and Village of Harriman received this report, and I was copied on it. Mayor Welle immediately filed an Article 78 in behalf of his residents in Harriman. The salted water continues on its path through the machinery at Orange County Sewer District #1, corroding it, and then flows into the Ramapo River as drinking water for people in New Jersey.

quality is an increasing concern on congested roadways and at major interstate intersections in the Monroe area, Kiryas Joel does not provide for one plug-in station for electric cars.

As for other species on the planet, Kiryas Joel appears indifferent.

In sum, Kiryas Joel has shown itself a pernicious manager of the land under its administration, and a threat to the well-being of its neighbors. Therefore, it should not be allowed to control the zoning or building on any additional land, and this annexation should not be approved.

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