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BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club supports a permanent ban on natural gas drilling in areas where the risks to public health, agricultural resources, or ecological features will result in the unacceptable degradation of these irreplaceable resources, such as flood-plains, wetlands, parklands, critical animal habitats, and of greatest importance, areas that provide drinking water such as the New York City 1400-square-mile Catskill watershed.

A Supplemental GEIS On the Oil, Gas, and Solution Mining Regulatory Program for Horizontal Natural Gas Drilling Activities in the Marcellus Shale Formation must contain:

- 1. A full scientific inventory of these ecologically sensitive areas and a commitment to their permanent protection.
- 2. A strong framework of environmental standards for the regions which are deemed appropriate and safe for drilling.