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Having lived most of my life in Upstate NY I feel quite comfortable commenting on this issue even though my mailing address is Florida. I owned farm land in Western NY, and opposed fracking there. Fracking, although a productive way to extract oil and gas, leaves any area that it is permitted in, in a condition not capable of fostering quality living. Studies will clearly show in the future, as they are already showing, that fracking pollutes aquifers with deleterious effects as a result. Do we need that oil and gas? No! Do we want the Delaware River Basin to look like the areas fracked in Ohio, N Dakota, or Oklahoma? No! Those areas are permanently despoiled.