

Upstate projects could threaten NYC water

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NEW YORK - Three big developments planned in upstate New York could threaten New York City's water quality, environmental advocates said.

"Sprawl ruins water quality. The city and state have to be vigilant to prevent New York's water quality from dying a thousand deaths," James Tierney, the state watershed inspector general, told the New York Post.

The most controversial development is a proposed 2,000-acre Catskill Park resort, which critics said would erode mountain soil and send pollutants into reservoirs.

The two other developments of concern are both in Putnam County. One is a 273-unit housing development and mall in Kent and Patterson, N.Y., and the other is a 104-lot subdivision in Southeast, N.Y. Critics have said both could pollute reservoirs, the Post reported.

The newspaper said that if the city's water supply is polluted by upstate development, it could be forced to build an \$8 billion filtration plant that would raise residents' water rates.

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