

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 126-2014

A Resolution to Oppose the PennEast Pipeline

WHEREAS, AGL Resources, NJR Pipeline Company, South Jersey Industries, UGI Energy Services and Public Service Electric and Gas are proposing to construct new 30-inch or 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline infrastructure through, among others, Hopewell, West Amwell and Delaware Township in New Jersey, as part of the PennEast Pipeline proposal;

WHEREAS, there are at least seven pending proposals to build pipelines in the Delaware River Basin, and eleven such proposals have been approved since 2011, threatening the Delaware River and other critical water resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed PennEast Pipeline alignment crosses numerous preserved farms and conservation land, including New Jersey Conservation Foundation's Wichecheoke Creek Preserve; D&R Greenway Land Trust's Penn View Heights property in Pennington; and other properties on which these organizations, the Hunterdon Land Trust and the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association hold easements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed PennEast pipeline poses a potential safety threat to our neighboring communities, in that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration of the United States Department of Transportation reports that incidents related to gas transmission lines have caused 41 deaths, 195 injuries, and \$1.6 billion in property damage over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline alignment passes through the New Jersey Highlands, which has been afforded special protection by the Legislature because of its environmental significance and provides drinking water to 5.4 million State residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline passes through the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, including the sites of two documented Revolutionary War encampments; and

WHEREAS, the Council's responsibility is to provide a safe environment for its residents, and this pipeline raises serious safety concerns as described above;

WHEREAS the pipeline project involve destruction of forests, segmentation and destruction of animal habitat, disturbance of natural ground cover that is displaced by invasive species, and degradation of rivers, streams and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, our Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, has advised the sponsors of the proposed pipeline that she is opposing the pipeline on behalf of her constituents;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey that:

- 1- Lambertville opposes the proposed PennEast pipeline; and
- 2- If the PennEast proposal is submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) as contemplated, FERC must consider it, Williams/TRANSCO’S Leidy Southeast Expansion and other pipelines proposed or being constructed in the Delaware Basin as part of one network requiring a full environmental impact statement, and not in segmented fashion.
- 3- Lambertville supports the September 9, 2014 petition of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network to the Delaware River Basin Commission asking that the DRBC exercise its jurisdiction over the proposed PennEast Pipeline project to prevent a substantial impact to and degradation of the water quality in the Delaware Basin.
- 4- This Resolution Shall be distributed to:
 - a. The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders,
 - b. Senators Menendez and Booker,
 - c. Congressman Leonard Lance,
 - d. Congressman Rush Holt
 - e. State Senator Shirley Turner,
 - f. Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman,
 - g. Assemblyman Reed Gusciora.

ADOPTED: October 21, 2014

I, Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, certify this to be a true copy of the resolution adopted at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center located at 25 South Union Street in the City.



Cynthia L. Ege, City Clerk

