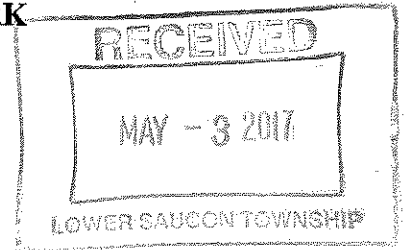


TOWNSHIP of HOPEWELL

MERCER COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK

Laurie E. Gompf, RMC
Township Clerk



TO: Honorable Chris Christie, Governor
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The New Jersey Conservation Foundation
The Sierra Club
The Delaware Riverkeeper
Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space
The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
Hopewell Township Citizens Against the PennEast Pipeline (HTCAPP)

FROM: Laurie E. Gompf, Municipal Clerk *LG*

DATE: April 28, 2017

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Enclosed find a copy of Township of Hopewell Resolution #17-152, A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO PENNEAST ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AND PROHIBITING REVIEW AGENCIES ACCESS TO ANY TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES. The resolution was adopted by the Township Committee at its regular meeting held on April 24, 2017. *websites*

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**A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO PENNEAST ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT
APPLICATIONS ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AND PROHIBITING REVIEW
AGENCIES ACCESS TO ANY TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, the PennEast Pipeline Company LLC proposes to construct a 36" diameter natural gas pipeline within Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline route proposed by the PennEast Pipeline Company LLC is environmentally harmful and will result in irreparable harm to the environment on properties owned in whole or part by Hopewell Township including the Ted Stiles Preserve at Baldpate Mountain (jointly owned by Mercer County, Hopewell Township, the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection), Woolsey Park, Hopewell Township Municipal Public Works Complex, Hopewell Township Emergency Services tract, Zaitz Affordable Housing Tract, as well as various streets and conservation easement areas; and

WHEREAS, the Ted Stiles Preserve at Baldpate Mountain is a treasure trove of environmental resources of major aesthetic, economic, recreational and cultural significance for the Township; more specifically the Preserve is an Important Bird Area (IBA), a wildlife preserve, and one of the few remaining large tracts of aesthetically significant mature forest; the Preserve has documented sightings of endangered and threatened species and provides very significant documented habitats for endangered and threatened species; and

WHEREAS, the PennEast Pipeline Company LLC has never been permitted to access properties owned in whole or part by Hopewell Township and it has prepared its permit applications solely on the basis of desktop information which is inconsistent with permit checklist criteria, the law setting forth those criteria and are incomplete; and

WHEREAS, the PennEast Pipeline Company LLC has filed environmental permit applications for its proposed pipeline where said pipeline crosses properties owned in whole or part by Hopewell Township without the specific consent of Hopewell Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 24th day of April by the Hopewell Township Committee that Hopewell Township objects to the filing of any applications by Penneast Pipeline Company LLC where said applications include properties owned in whole or part by Hopewell Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hopewell Township prohibits any review agencies from accessing any properties owned in whole or part by Hopewell Township as part of their review of any applications made by PennEast Pipeline Company LLC without the written approval of the Hopewell Township Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be distributed to Governor Chris Christie, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, Senator Shirley K. Turner, Assemblywoman Elizabeth Maher Muoio, Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, affected municipalities

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Date Adopted: April 24, 2017