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Delaware Township

Hunterdon County, New Jersey

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DELAWARE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #2015-57

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING SURVEY ACCESS BY PENNEAST PIPELINE COMPANY LLC

WHEREAS, the PennEast Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Company") proposed to construct a 36" diameter natural gas pipeline within Delaware Township ("Township" or "Delaware Township") and the Township has officially opposed the pipeline construction by Resolution #2014-59; and

WHEREAS, the Company has proposed two different pipeline routes through the Township which said proposed routes will cross preserved farmlands, open space, environmentally-constrained lands, Category One streams and tributaries, habitats of species protected by the Endangered Species Act, and properties of significant historic and cultural value; and

WHEREAS, the Township in partnership with County, State, Federal and non-profit agencies have invested \$15,414,546.70 in the preservation of 2,146 acres of open space and farmland with the understanding that said properties are to be preserved and undeveloped for no fewer than one hundred (100) years from the date said properties were preserved; and

WHEREAS, the Township has significant interests in the Wichecheoke, Lockatong, and Rosemont Valley preserves in whose path the PennEast Pipeline is proposed; and

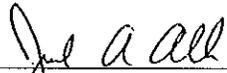
WHEREAS, any disturbance of the aforementioned lands, species and historic sites by survey work is deemed as potentially harmful and could result in irreparable harm; and

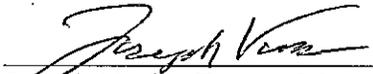
WHEREAS, on July 30, 2015 the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, a valued partner in the preservation of hundreds of acres of Township open space and farmland, issued a declaration to "cease and desist unauthorized entry and survey activities" on New Jersey Conservation's properties in response to the "discovery that PennEast surveyors entered land owned by New Jersey Conservation Foundation and Hunterdon Land Trust" without the permission of the owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, in the County of Hunterdon, as follows:

1. Delaware Township hereby denies any and all survey access to PennEast Pipeline Company, L.L.C., including denying access to its employees, agents, servants, representatives, consultants and contractors on any and all Township-owned property.
2. Delaware Township hereby denies any and all survey access to PennEast Pipeline Company, L.L.C., including denying access to its employees, agents, servants, representatives, consultants and contractors on any and property in which the Township has a legal interest.
3. Copies of this resolution be distributed to Governor Chris Christie, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Leonard Lance, Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman, Assemblywoman Donna Simon, Assemblyman Jack M. Ciattarelli, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey State Agricultural Development Commission, Hunterdon County Freeholders, Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, The New Jersey Conservation Foundation, the Sierra Club, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, the Hunterdon Land Trust, the Delaware Township Citizens Against the PennEast Pipeline (DTCAP) and a copy posted on the Township web page for the benefit of its residents and for those affected communities in Hunterdon and Mercer counties in New Jersey as well as for those affected communities located within Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton, and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

ATTEST:


Judith A. Allen, RMC
Township Clerk
August 10, 2015


Joseph Vocke, Deputy Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith A. Allen, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Delaware, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware at its meeting held on the 10th day August, 2015.


Judith A. Allen, RMC