

**RESOLUTION #2014-11.13
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

OPPOSING A PROPOSED "PILGRIM PIPELINE" TO CARRY FRACKED BAKKEN SHALE OIL FROM ALBANY, NEW YORK TO LINDEN, NEW JERSEY, THROUGH THE HIGHLANDS REGION OF PASSAIC COUNTY (WANAQUE, BLOOMINGDALE, POMPTON LAKES) AND RUN THROUGH THE PRESERVED PRISTINE FOREST OF THE RAMAPO MOUNTAINS, DUE TO CONCERNS NOT ONLY OVER THE EXPLOSIVE NATURE OF THIS OIL, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE POTENTIAL DEGRADATION OF NEW JERSEY'S DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

Whereas, Pilgrim Pipeline is proposing a project to install two pipelines to convey petroleum material to and from a refinery in Linden, New Jersey; and

Whereas, one pipeline will carry crude oil from a terminal in Albany, New York, to the refinery in Linden, New Jersey, and the other pipeline will carry refined finished product from the refinery back to Albany, New York; and

Whereas, the proposed right-of-way exists entirely within the New Jersey Highlands Preservation Area; and

Whereas, this pipeline would cause serious problems to the residents of Passaic County and the State of New Jersey, as oil and gas development can substantially reduce the value of real estate and land, while increasing the risk of leaks and explosions; and

Whereas, more than 10,000 pipeline incidents have occurred in the United States since 1993, including about 6,000 from petroleum pipelines; and

Whereas, one of the worst and most expensive oil spills in U.S. history came from a pipeline failure, such as the one in July 2010 near a tributary of Michigan's Kalamazoo River; with clean-up costs at almost one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) and the spill devastated sensitive ecosystems and impacted people who live in nearby communities; and

Whereas, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale have determined that the Pilgrim Pipeline Project is not beneficial, but instead would cause an adverse effect to the region or the citizens of the County of Passaic and the State of New Jersey;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor and Council hereby strongly opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project because of the potential degradation of New Jersey's drinking water supply and the potential safety to our region and communities; and


Be it further resolved that the Mayor and Council calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal and surveying; requests a full environmental review and asked that all nearby towns ships adopt a similar resolution;

Be it further resolved that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor’s Office, Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the State Legislature and the State Land Conservancy Commission; League of Municipalities and the contiguous municipalities.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Sondermeyer	X				Dellaripa	X			
D’Amato	X				Costa	X			
Hudson	X				Yazdi	X			

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014.


 Jane McCarthy, R.M.C.
 Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale