



## **Resolution No. 68-2014** Opposition to the Pilgrim Pipeline Project

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 will carry refined finished product from the refinery back to Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will be mostly located in existing right-of-ways and the proposed location is along the Stoneleigh residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the residences depend on private wells and septic systems that are subject to disruption due to blasting and drilling; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will through dedicated wetlands and under the Pequannock River, a Category 1 stream, resulting in degradation to the waterway; and

WHEREAS, currently the oil is transported by way of rail line and barge, creating jobs in those industries; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Riverdale have determined that the Pilgrim Pipeline Project is not beneficial to the region or to the citizens of the Borough of Riverdale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Riverdale as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council formally object and oppose the Pilgrim Pipeline Project.
2. A copy of this Resolution is to be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which will be the primary permitting agency for this project in order that the objection of the Borough is noted.
3. A copy of this Resolution is to be provided to:
  - a. Riverdale's Legislators, Senator Kevin O'Toole, Assemblymen Scott Rumana and David Russo.
  - b. United States Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker.
  - c. United States Representative Rodney Frelinghuysen
  - d. Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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William Budesheim, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh, Borough Clerk

November 17, 2014

