

**TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH
RESOLUTION 81-2016**

A Resolution Opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline Project

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings, LLC, is proposing to build two pipelines and/or related infrastructure and access roads through the Town of East Greenbush that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the bi-directional pipelines are proposed to carry up to 200,000 barrels per day of crude oil south and refined products north in a second pipeline; and

WHEREAS, since the proposed pipeline route through East Greenbush does not run within the NYS Thruway Right of Way, it would be routed near cultivated fields in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the proposed IPT Product Lateral in East Greenbush would be adjacent to the northernmost boundary of the Papscanee Island County Nature Preserve and the pipeline would have a significant negative impact on the Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline route in East Greenbush would require horizontal drilling under the Hudson River twice; and

WHEREAS, the pipelines are proposed to carry crude oil from the Bakken Shale region of North Dakota extracted through a process that includes hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” and this process has been found to contaminate clean water resources, create toxic air emissions and radioactive waste, and release large quantities of methane gas into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline would carry a large volume of Bakken crude oil and refined products through the Town of East Greenbush, which would place residents in harm’s way should an explosion or spill occur; and

WHEREAS, any rupture or compromise of the pipelines, even without an explosion or fire, would require extraordinary cleanup efforts, could force residents from their homes, and place a large number of residents in close proximity to hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, East Greenbush residents depend on ground water and public community water systems for potable water supplies, the integrity and safety of which may be jeopardized by construction and operation of the pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan calls for becoming less energy and fossil fuel intensive while strengthening the regional economy, expanding renewable energy generation exponentially across the Region, and improving the resilience of the energy delivery system; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Pilgrim pipelines to support and expand markets for fossil fuels is directly contrary to these regional and statewide clean energy plans and goals; and

WHEREAS, the East Greenbush Town Board’s responsibility is to provide a safe environment for its residents, and this pipeline raises serious safety concerns as described above; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Pilgrim pipelines potentially threaten the environment, health, safety, and welfare of the community; negatively impact the cultivated fields near the route; decrease the values of homes located along its route and in surrounding neighborhoods; and negatively impact potential future development in East Greenbush;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush:

1. Opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project; and
2. Urges Governor Cuomo to reject construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline Project in New York as inconsistent with the ambitious clean energy goals he has set for the State; and
3. Urges the New York State Legislature to oppose construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline Project in New York State; and
4. Urges the Rensselaer County Legislature to oppose construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline Project in New York State; and
5. Directs the Town Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the NYS Thruway Authority Interim Executive Director Maria Lehman, NYS DOT Commissioner Matt Driscoll, Federal Highway Administration Division Administrator Peter Osborn; NYS DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, Federal Regulatory Commission Director Jerome Pederson, Governor Andrew Cuomo, U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman Paul Tonko, State Senator Kathy Marchione, Member of NYS Assembly Steven McLaughlin and Rensselaer County Executive Kathleen Jimino.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Grant brought to a vote resulting in the following:

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| Supervisor Conway | VOTED: | YES |
| Councilor Grant | VOTED: | YES |
| Councilor DiMartino | VOTED: | YES |
| Councilor Matters | VOTED: | RECUSED |
| Councilor Tierney | VOTED: | ABSENT |