

**TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN
RESOLUTION 15-028
RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE OPPOSITION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN TO THE PILGRIM PIPELINE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings is proposing to build two parallel oil pipelines that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York through New Jersey to Linden; and

WHEREAS, this pipeline project poses substantial concerns and serious potential impacts, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The pipeline will carry oil extracted from North Dakota's Bakken shale formation, produced through the process of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking; and
2. In February, the Wall Street Journal compared oil from 86 locations around the world and found Bakken crude oil to be the most explosive; and
3. The Pilgrim Pipeline project would expand capacity to bring more of this very volatile fuel into the State on a route that passes through densely populated and environmentally sensitive areas; and
4. The Pilgrim Pipeline project raises significant safety concerns for the State of New Jersey including potential harm to Municipal and County infrastructure, and would likely have a negative impact upon future development in the community; and
5. The federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has only a limited number of inspectors to oversee 2.6 million miles of pipeline nationally, and only a fifth of that pipeline system has been inspected since 2006; and
6. A pipeline spill or rupture could harm communities, the environment and drinking water supplies and would negatively affect the health, safety and welfare of the State's residents; and
7. The New Jersey Legislature recognized the significance of the New Jersey Highlands Region and afforded special protection to the region and its resources in 2004 with the passage of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, which created the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council and the Highlands Regional Master Plan to ensure resource-based planning would be used in the Highlands Region to combat sprawl and the depletion of water quality and quantity, as the region provides drinking water to 5.4 million State residents; and
8. The federal government acknowledged the exceptional value of Highlands resources and the urgent need for their preservation in 2004 which Congress passed the Highlands Conservation Act which recognizes the importance of the water, forest, agricultural, wildlife, recreational and cultural resources of the Highlands Region; and
9. The PHMSA reports 280 significant incidents annually with oil pipelines, and if an incident were to occur along this proposed route, it could potentially impact the drinking water of millions of residents in New Jersey; and

10. The wise stewardship of the natural resources of the State of New Jersey requires protection of water supplies and other natural resources for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey on this 6th day of January, 2015 as follows:

1. The Township urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council and any other Federal, State or local entity engaged in review of the Pilgrim Pipeline Project to reject the project.
2. The Township also urges the Army Corps of Engineers to prepare an environmental assessment for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act and calls on the NJDEP to thoroughly review the Project's impacts.
3. True copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted by the Township Clerk to the Governor of New Jersey, the Commanding General of the United States Corps of Engineers, each Member of the New Jersey Legislature representing the Township, the Commissioner of NJDEP, and the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council.
4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

Adopted by Township Committee on January 6, 2015

I, Christine A. Gatti, Township Clerk of the Township of Millburn, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on January 6, 2015.

Christine A. Gatti, RMC
Township Clerk

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