

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED WILLIAMS COMPANY AND
TRANSCO'S NORTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, The Williams company is proposing the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (NESE) to build a 23.4-mile methane natural gas pipeline through Raritan Bay and Lower New York Bay, from Old Bridge, New Jersey to Rockaway, New York as an expansion of the Transco natural gas pipeline system, including the construction of a new compressor station for the connection to the pipeline on property along Route 27 location owned by Trap Rock in Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, Williams is proposing to construct a 32,000 hp compressor station to accelerate flow through its existing pipeline, constructed in the 1950s, from Pennsylvania through many towns in New Jersey including Old Bridge, Sayreville, and Franklin Township in Middlesex and Somerset counties, to reach its destination in Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Williams will be clearing 15 acres of forest and needing to construct a new right-of-way access to the site, as well as the proposed compressor station comprising of six buildings on a six-acre site that will release toxins to the air, ground water and nearby streams; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed project is to transport 400 million cubic feet of methane natural gas, extracted through the environmentally destructive process of hydraulic fracturing, from the Marcellus Shale to New York, markedly contributing to climate change, as well as expose the residents of the state to climate emergency situations such as extreme weather events, droughts, fires, flooding; and,

WHEREAS, the project does not serve the interests of the State of New Jersey, or its residents, and will only supply methane natural gas to Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island New York, while posing serious concerns related to environmental harm to marine and coastal ecosystems, as well as negative impacts to the safety, health and wellbeing of coastal communities; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline will have significant upstream environmental impacts that will directly harm the Raritan Bay, such as negatively affecting 41 acres of wetlands, including approximately 20 acres of forested wetland; and,

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WHEREAS, the proposed construction of the compressor station and pipeline will increase dependency on fossil fuels, reverse the state's renewable energy agenda, and contribute to climate change through increased emissions of methane and carbon dioxide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses and institutions, join the North Brunswick Environmental Commission and strongly express their opposition to the Northeast Supply Enhance Project proposed by the Williams company

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forward this Resolution to New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, and the offices of all state and federal legislators representing North Brunswick.

Michael Hritz, Director of Comm Development

Justine Progebin, Business Administrator

Ronald Gordon, Esq., Township Attorney
Approved as to legal form

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOT	SEC	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
RICH						
HUTCHINSON						
MEHTA						
DAVIS						
SOCIO						
GUADAGNINO						