

Resolution Against Algonquin Pipeline Expansion & Additional Fossil Fuel Infrastructure in NY

WHEREAS, Enbridge Inc. proposes ‘Project Maple,’ an expansion of the Algonquin pipeline capacity and infrastructure, potentially involving new compressor stations in New York at Stony Point and Southeast, and an increased capacity in Ramapo; and

WHEREAS, such expansions necessitate permits from New York State agencies, including the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Public Service Commission (PSC); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Algonquin expansion poses environmental and economic risks to the Hudson River ecosystem and local tourism; and

WHEREAS, increased natural gas volume from expanded pipeline infrastructure, including ‘Project Maple,’ the Williams Constitution pipeline, and the Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) pipeline, heightens health and safety risks, with compressor station emissions containing pollutants linked to serious health threats; and

WHEREAS, historical data confirms significant safety hazards, including leaks and explosions, associated with natural gas pipeline infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, discussions have occurred regarding the potential revival of previously opposed fossil fuel projects, including the Williams Constitution pipeline, NESE, and the Pilgrim Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure conflicts directly with New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), undermining the state's transition to renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, continued reliance on natural gas infrastructure means susceptibility to volatile fossil fuel markets, potentially increased consumer costs, and diversion of investment from clean energy alternatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson's Board of Trustees respectfully urges Governor Kathy Hochul to oppose the proposed Algonquin pipeline expansion (‘Project Maple’), the Constitution pipeline, the Pilgrim Pipeline, and any other new fossil fuel infrastructure projects that conflict with New York State's climate goals; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Governor Kathy Hochul is urged to direct relevant state agencies to deny permits for the proposed ‘Project Maple’ expansion, upholding the CLCPA and New York's commitment to a sustainable future;