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PennEast Public Meeting in Hopewell, NJ Well Attended
According to Pipeline Company:
If Property Owner Firmly Opposed Project will Reroute Around

Hopewell, NJ: Over 120 attended a public meeting hosted by Hopewell Township where PennEast Pipeline representatives provided a dog and pony show regarding the proposed greenfield PennEast pipeline project and residents asked difficult questions that were little answered.

Residents repeatedly applauded statements of opposition to the project and booed when they were denied answers to tough questions.

A pipeline company spokesperson twice asserted that if landowners were firmly opposed to the project the company would re-route the project around their property said Kate Millsap from New Jersey Sierra Club and Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, both of whom attended the meeting.

“The company misrepresented the intensive and enduring devastation a new pipeline cutting through Hopewell and other surrounding communities, including the Delaware river, forests, creeks and wetlands will bring,” said Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper. “Companies do not restore damaged property or ecosystems to their predevelopment condition, nor allow their pre-development uses, as was represented on slides and in the verbal presentations tonight. This was a dishonest representation of how dramatically this community will be harmed by this project if it is allowed to cut through our watershed and communities,” van Rossum added.

“The statements made by PennEast representatives at the public meeting reinforces the need for landowners who do not want this project on their property to send in certified mail their survey permission denial,” said Kate Millsaps, Conservation Program Coordinator, Sierra Club. “The company has not selected a final route and still needs this information for the project to move forward. Denying permission is the single best way to stop this project from destroying our wetlands, forests, and farmlands.”

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