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have many concerns about this pipeline and its impact on Dobbs Ferry.

Before I get to that, I'd like to ask, Is this really about energy supply or is it just about corporate profits?

We need regional planning that determines our energy needs and then reaches out to the industry to meet that need. It's one thing for Ford to build cars and hope that we buy them. It's another thing for a private gas company to build a pipeline doing all kinds of damage to our area and hope that we buy their gas. This line is built on speculation that they can sell the gas, not on our determination that we need the gas. The tail is wagging the dog.

Potential disruption of significant transportation corridor

I'm concerned about the potential disruption of traffic corridors through Dobbs Ferry which our residents depend on for transportation. In Dobbs Ferry, the proposed pipeline route takes it between two major north-south traffic corridors, the Saw Mill River Parkway and the New York State Thruway. At some points, the distance between the two highways is very narrow.

At one point, the proposed pipeline would go through where both highways come very close together and are crossed by the Ashford Avenue bridge, a heavily used local road. Ashford Avenue is the main east-west connecting road into Dobbs Ferry. This is also the juncture for access by residents of Dobbs Ferry and neighboring towns to the Saw Mill Parkway directly, and to the south-bound NY State Thruway via Saw Mill River Road.

Disruption of this traffic corridor would create great regional hardship.

Damage to the Saw Mill River, a Tributary of the Hudson River

The pipeline would have an impact on the Saw Mill River, which is a critical environmental area and tributary of the Hudson, a river of national significance. In Dobbs Ferry, a pipeline following the South County Trailway would cross the Saw Mill River twice, and feeder streams at least twice, with significant potential impact on the river. There are also scenic rock outcroppings and a historic stone bridge that are threatened.

Potential for disruption of the New York City and Westchester Water supply

The pipeline threatens disruption of the water supply for Dobbs Ferry and the City of New York. The Pipeline Company's drawings show a vertical separation distance between the pipeline and the Bryn Mawr Siphon of the Catskill Aqueduct in Yonkers of about two feet. Two feet! This is not much of a margin for error.

Bryn Mawr Siphon of the Catskill Aqueduct brings 40% of the drinking water to New York City and parts of Westchester. The pipeline is proposed to be built within 2-feet of the Bryn Mawr siphon which is 90 years old and fragile. Damage could cause the release of 10 - 20 million gallons of water and cut off water to New York City and large parts of Westchester.

Obviously, any disruption of the water supply for the City of New York and large parts of Westchester would be a major, even historic, regional disaster.

Damage to the South County Trailway

It will significantly impact the South County Trailway, which is a newly developed and very well-used linear park serving Dobbs Ferry and many of our neighboring communities. Loss of trees and vegetation needed to keep the pipeline visible from the air for inspections will greatly diminish any pleasure in biking or roller-blading on this Trailway between two major highways. The Trailway today winds through trees and along a river and is shielded, like the nearby homeowners, from the noise and air pollution of the roads by the trees and vegetation. The buffer of vegetation and trees is just barely enough now. More trees are needed, not fewer.

Impact on nearby homes

There is also significant negative impact on nearby homeowners on Northfield and Southfield Avenues. They are shielded now from the air pollution and noise pollution of the Thruway by a buffer of trees and vegetation along the South County Trailway. Loss of any of that buffer will significantly impact these homeowners.

Additionally, I share the concerns of those homeowners for their safety due to the closeness of the pipeline to their homes.

Conclusion

The Millennium Pipeline ~~Company~~ would inflict large damage on the South County Trailway and the Saw Mill River. Further, it brings with it the threat for a major regional catastrophe to a major transportation corridor or the NYC water supply.

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