New Jersey Conservation
FOUNDATION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC is proposing the construction of an entirely new 108-mile, thirty-six inch pipeline for the transfer and delivery of natural gas generated by deep well "fracking" in areas of Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the proposed PennEast Pipeline route would cross through parts of Hunterdon and Mercer Counties, and targets preserved farmland and open space, including approximately 50 preserved properties totaling 3,377 acres, and would set a dangerous precedent and erode the public trust in preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is facing an onslaught of proposed energy infrastructure absent comprehensive planning, and with the full backing of federal energy policy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline route cuts through the NJ Conservation Foundation's Wickecheoke Creek Project Area, which consists of over 8,490 acres of preserved farmland and open space preserved over the past 35 years by New Jersey Conservation and its partners to protect the Wickecheoke Creek, its watershed, the Delaware River and the Delaware and Raritan Canal, a public drinking water source for more than 2.5 million people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 28st day of January, 2015, that the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation:

1. Objects to the construction of the PennEast pipeline and calls for a shift of policy at all levels of government to require comprehensive planning for energy infrastructure in a science-based, proactive manner that protects preserved and other high quality natural resource lands.

2. Calls for a moratorium on any and all permitting for the PennEast Pipeline unless and until there is a demonstrated and proven compelling public need, a comprehensive plan that takes into account all historic, cultural and natural resources, including critical drinking water supplies, and a complete alternatives analysis which includes non-pipeline alternatives.

3. Approves filing as an Intervener in the FERC proceedings on the proposed PennEast Pipeline.

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Kenneth Klipstein,
Secretary, NJ Conservation Foundation