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MEDIA RELEASE**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****DATE: December 10, 2021****Contact: John E. Lanza, Commissioner Deputy Director**
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PennEast Pipeline Plan Now Officially Dead**

The PennEast Pipeline Company has officially notified the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that it has ceased all further development of the pipeline project, Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Deputy Director John E. Lanza reported at the Board's December 7th meeting.

Lanza, who has long been engaged in the efforts to stop the abuse of eminent domain, reported, "The county has received a copy of a communication, dated November 30, 2021, from PennEast to FERC that leaves no question that the effort to take land in our county for the pipeline project is now officially dead."

Lanza noted, "Back in September the Board was advised that the pipeline company had given up on its plans to condemn and destroy farmland easements in Hunterdon County, for which county taxpayers had paid millions of dollars to preserve through the open space fund, and to take other private property, through eminent domain. That was welcome news.

However, some were suspicious that the move was some type of nefarious tactic by the company and that Penn East would be back trying to take land again. Now, the Company's November 30th letter puts the final nail in the coffin of its ill-conceived plan."

Lanza stated, "All those involved in standing up for property owners' rights and opposing the abuse of eminent domain, including the members of this Board past and present, for over the last seven years, deserve recognition for their respective parts in waging and winning this battle."

Click [here](#) to see a copy of the PennEast letter.