

June 13, 2016

Dear Sycamore Township Resident / Business Owner,



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Please read this entire letter as it contains information that is vital to our community. As you may be aware, Duke Energy is proposing the construction a 30" high pressure natural gas transmission line that will run from northern Sycamore Township to a point in Cincinnati near the Ohio River. This proposal has been submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (PSB) in a pre-application. In their proposal, Duke has proposed three routes, each of which go through Sycamore Township. The attached map details each of the three routes.

Construction of this natural gas (transmission) main is subject to the approval of the PSB, which is a division of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Information on the PSB, PUCO, and the pipeline approval process is at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>. The next step in the application process is for Duke to eliminate one of the three routes and file a formal application with the PSB **by June 23, 2016**, where it will then have public hearings and meetings. The PSB will make the final decision as to the location of the main.

The proposed 30" diameter pipeline will transport natural gas at over 600 psi and will need easements up to 50 feet wide that require trees, landscaping and structures in the easement to be removed. This will have a major negative impact on your neighborhoods and your individual property.

Sycamore Township has no denial rights and **CANNOT** prevent the installation of this line. It is up to YOU, the individual property owner, to make your opinion known to the Power Siting Board. **It is imperative that you spread the word to your neighbors and friends about the proposed line, and each of you needs to contact the PSB to make your opinion known.**

Attached to this letter is a copy of what your Township Trustees have filed with the Power Siting Board in opposition to the proposed line. We urge you to educate yourself about this pipeline and provide **your** comments to the PSB. State Representative Jonathan Dever and State Senator Bill Seitz been supportive of our efforts and are helping with issue.

Below, please find links to various informational websites:

Duke Energy Website

<http://www.duke-energy.com/ohio/natural-gas/central-corridor.asp>

Power Siting Board – Case 16-0253-GA-BTX

<http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=16-0253>

NOPE Cincinnati – Citizen organization with detailed Information about the pipeline

<https://nopecincy.org/>

For the most up to date information, please go to the Township website

([www.sycamoretownship.org](http://www.sycamoretownship.org)) or our Facebook page. As new information becomes available, we will update the site.

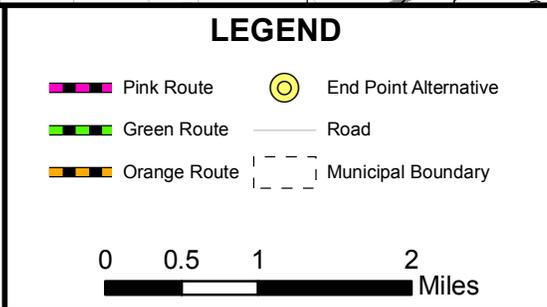
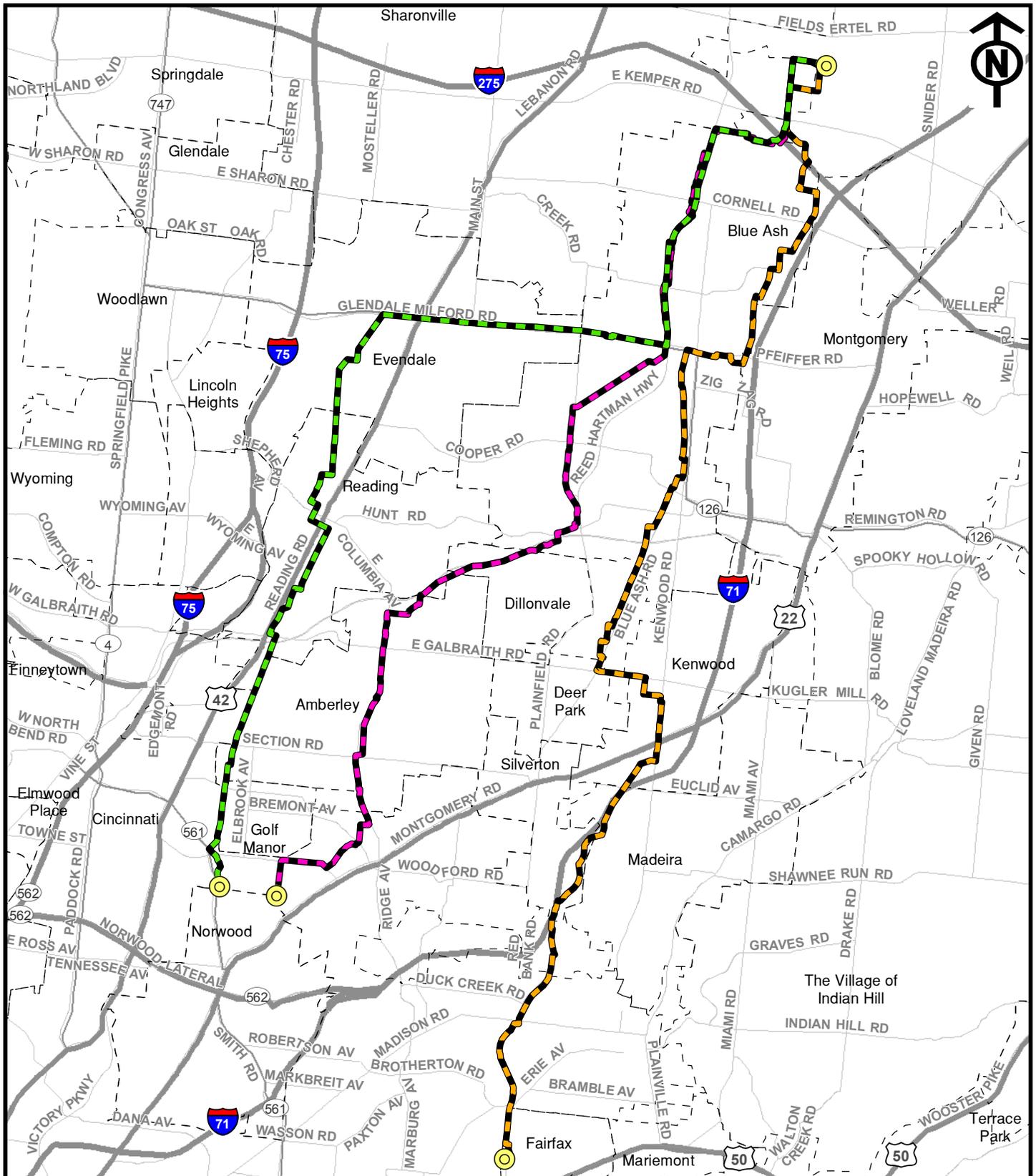
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Township Offices.

Sincerely,

Tom Weidman

Cliff Bishop

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**Central Corridor Pipeline  
Extension Project**  
Revision 1 5/23/2016

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Ohio Power Siting Board  
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Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

The Sycamore Township Board of Trustees has serious concerns over the proposed Duke Energy Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Project routes that would run through the Township, specifically the Pink and Orange Routes, as well as their potential constructability reroutes. Each of the proposed routes runs through several single family residential neighborhoods as well as several high density commercial corridors. Without detailed property information, the exact impact is difficult to quantify, but even with the limited amount of information available, the Board of Trustees would like to point out several major areas of concern:

**Resident Disruption and Safety**

The routes appear to go through residential neighborhoods that are very vibrant in nature. These neighborhoods contain homes that have generally increased their value and desirability, even during the economic downturns in the past few years. These neighborhoods contain mature trees that enhance the look, feel, and ultimately the desirability that make people want to live in them. Homes for sale do not last long on the open real estate market.

The proposed pipeline stands to ruin what are traditionally considered selling points for these neighborhoods. The construction will involve a 10-15'-wide trench that will undoubtedly impact the drip lines and root systems of old growth mature trees. These trees not only enhance the property value with their beauty, but also serve as a sound barrier to I-71 and/or the Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway. In addition to the damage a pipeline malfunction could cause after construction, the installation process itself will present several logistical challenges and require serious safety precautions. The use of large construction equipment will undoubtedly damage residential streets and create a very dangerous safety situation for the residents, especially families with small children. The well-being of our residents is our first responsibility as a Board, and this project would definitely impact the safety of our residential neighborhoods.

**Commercial District Disruption**

The Kenwood Corridor of Sycamore Township has a daytime population of over 50,000 people, and more than 110,000 vehicles pass through the Corridor every day. Those numbers greatly increase around the holiday shopping season. Both the Pink and the Orange route cut right through the heart of this district, and

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construction and/or repair would cause major disruptions and potential property damage to local businesses. In particular, the Kenwood commercial district is home to the Kenwood Towne Centre, one of the largest and most successful malls in the United States. Property values in this corridor are over \$1 million per acre, and sales per square foot at the Towne Centre regularly exceed \$700, which is far superior to many similar shopping complexes. The Orange route goes directly through the Towne Centre’s parking lot and will severely disrupt day-to-day activities.

**Traffic Disruption**

Sycamore Township has invested over \$40 million on infrastructure projects in the Kenwood area. Both of the proposed routes will cause major damage to our investment, and will disrupt the daily commercial activities which are vital to the economic health of Kenwood, Sycamore Township and southern Ohio.

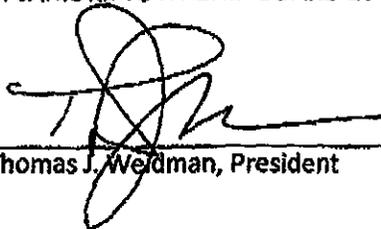
**Restoration after Construction**

In previous projects, contractors for Duke Energy have often neglected their restoration duties after the completion of a project. Notably, after a recent residential gas line project, Duke Energy’s restoration crews left ruts and other unrestored areas remain for months, despite repeated attempts by residents to get the work completed properly.

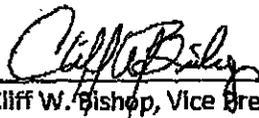
We urge the Power Siting Board to reconsider the proposed routes, along with their potential constructability reroutes, and recognize the negative effect they will have on several residential neighborhoods in Sycamore Township, and how construction will severely affect commerce in one of the region’s busiest and most economically viable commercial districts. The impact could be disastrous for an area that is often referred to as one of the key elements of the Hamilton County economic engine.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our Administrator, Greg Bickford at 513-791-8447.  
Sincerely,

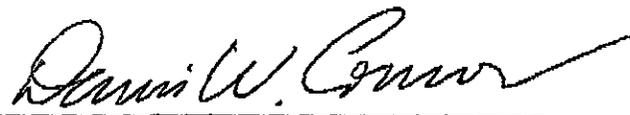
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