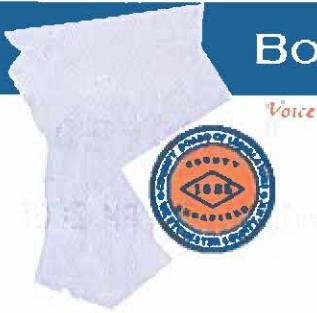


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Legislator, 9th District
Chair, Labor & Human Rights



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vedat Gashi, Chair, Board of Legislators

FROM: Emiljana Ulaj, Legislator – 9th District

DATE: September 11, 2025

RE: The Town of Cortlandt's Resolution Opposing Enbridge's Algonquin Pipeline Expansion "Project Maple"

Please add the attached resolution to the agenda of the September 15, 2025 Board of Legislators meeting.



TOWN OF CORTLANDT

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Esteemed Westchester County Legislator Emiljana Ulaj

On August 5th, 2025, the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt passed Resolution 238-2025 Opposing Enbridge's Algonquin Pipeline Expansion "Project Maple". The Resolution is enclosed.

Thank you kindly for your support in this matter.

Best,

Laroue Shatzkin
Town Clerk

LS/as

Enc.

CC:

Governor Kathy Hochul
U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Charles Schumer
U.S. Congressman George Latimer, Mike Lawler
State Senator Peter Harckham
State Assembly Members Dana Levenberg, Chris Burdick, Maryjane Shimsky, Patrick Carroll,
Chris Eachus, Steve Otis, Gary Pretlow, Amy Paulin, Nader Sayegh
NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins
Westchester County Legislator Colin Smith, David Tubiolo, Erika Pierce,

RESOLUTION

NUMBER 238-25

(RE: OPPOSING ENBRIDGE'S ALGONQUIN PIPELINE EXPANSION 'PROJECT MAPLE' AND NEW OR PREVIOUSLY DEFEATED PIPELINES INCLUDING THE WILLIAMS CONSTITUTION PIPELINE AND NESE PIPELINE IN NEW YORK)

WHEREAS, New York State is poised to protect New Yorkers' rights to clean air, clean water and livable climate, particularly now with these rights coming under attack from the Trump administration policies; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge Inc. seeks to expand compressor capacity and pipeline infrastructure along the Algonquin pipeline route and has submitted an Open Season Notice for its proposed natural gas expansion project dubbed 'Project Maple' on September 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge may seek permits from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to further build and operate compressor stations along the Algonquin pipeline route in New York including facilities at Stony Point, NY and Southeast, NY and could increase capacity of the line by up to 500,000 Dekatherms/day in Ramapo, NY according to the Open Season Notice; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge may need New York State agency permits from the Department of Environment Conservation and/or the Public Service Commission to build out and operate compressor stations and pipeline infrastructure along the Algonquin pipeline route; and

WHEREAS, the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion, dubbed 'Project Maple', would interfere with and negatively impact the Hudson River ecosystem and economy that relies on the tourism and health of those waters; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansions of the Algonquin natural gas pipeline will significantly increase the fracked gas volume, escalating environmental and health risks in the Hudson Valley and beyond; and

WHEREAS, emissions from compressor stations release pollutants like nitrogen oxide and the carcinogen benzene, proven to cause serious health threats, thus violating New Yorkers' right to a clean and healthy environment under the Green Amendment; and

WHEREAS, historical data documents that natural gas pipeline infrastructure, including compressor stations, pose significant safety hazards, evidenced by frequent incidents of leaks, explosions, and resultant fatalities and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul met with President Trump to discuss the development of the long-defeated Williams Constitution pipeline, the Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) pipeline and other fossil fuel projects in New York.

WHEREAS, Con Edison recently requested a double-digit percent increase rate hike to the tune of roughly \$2 billion for New York customers while residents are already facing rising energy bills;

WHEREAS, the buildout of new fossil fuel pipelines like the Williams Constitution and NESE pipeline and expansion of existing lines including Algonquin (Project Maple) will create excess air pollution that exacerbate and increase public health problems like asthma and COPD cases in the region

WHEREAS, the buildout of the existing Algonquin line and compressor stations or the buildout of a new infrastructure like the Constitution and NESE pipeline would lead to higher costs for ratepayers who already are facing rate hikes and higher health costs from added air pollution

WHEREAS, the expansion of Algonquin pipeline (Project Maple), the Constitution, the NESE pipeline or any other major fracked gas infrastructure is in direct conflict with New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) statutory goals, fostering continued reliance on fossil fuels and undermining the state's statutorily required transition to a sustainable and renewable energy future; and

WHEREAS, Seventy elected officials including former County Executive and current Congressmember George Latimer, State Assembly member Dana Levenberg, State Assembly member Chris Burdick, State Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky and State Senator Nathalia Fernandez have already opposed Enbridge's proposed expansion of the Algonquin pipeline dubbed 'Project Maple' ahead of applications for permits on June, 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has the responsibility and authority to protect New York's environment and public health and to ensure the full implementation of the CLCPA, with the power to deny this expansion as it is in direct conflict with the state law and thus the state's environmental and health priorities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Cortlandt urges Governor Kathy Hochul to oppose the Algonquin pipeline expansion, dubbed 'Project Maple', the Constitution pipeline, the NESE pipeline and any other fossil fuel expansion put forward by Donald Trump; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Governor Kathy Hochul direct her agencies to deny any permits for the expansion of the Algonquin fracked gas pipeline, dubbed 'Project Maple', thereby upholding New York's CLCPA and the state's environmental standards and commitment to a sustainable future in light of anticipated attacks from the Trump administration; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor Kathy Hochul, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Congressman George Latimer, U.S. Congressman Mike Lawler, State Senator Peter Harckham, State Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, State Assemblymember Chris Burdick, State Assemblymember Maryjane Shimsky, State Assemblymember Patrick Carroll, State Assemblymember Chris Eachus, State Assemblymember Steve Otis, State Assemblymember Gary Pretlow, State Assemblymember Amy Paulin, State Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, Westchester County Legislator Colin Smith, Westchester County Legislator David Tubiolo, Westchester County Legislator Erika Pierce, Westchester County Legislator Emiljana Ulaj.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT
LAROUÉ ROSE SHATZKIN
TOWN CLERK**

**Adopted on August 5, 2025
At a Regular Meeting
Held at Town Hall**

