

BRADFORD COUNTY REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC COMMENT DOCUMENT

On May 4, 2019, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) published notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* of Bradford County Real Estate Partners, LLC's submission of Joint Permit Application E08-506 to construct and operate a natural gas processing facility that will receive local natural gas via pipeline; process this gas to remove impurities and cool it to liquid form, making it distributable to commercial markets; and load the liquified natural gas for distribution.

This public comment document summarizes the comments submitted to DEP by five commentators during the public participation process.

Each public comment is listed with the identifying Commentator ID number at the end of the comment. A list of the commentators, including names and affiliations (if any) is provided as follows.

TABLE OF COMMENTATORS FROM COMMENT PERIOD

Commentator ID #	Name	Affiliation
1	David A. Buck	Susquehanna River Water Trail Manager
2	Robin Robinson	Endless Mountains Primitive Outdoorsmen
3	Mark Madill	Susquehanna River Archaeological Center (boardmember)
4	Cain Chamberlin	Executive Director Endless Mountains Heritage Region
5	Karen Kirk	

1. Comment

I strongly feel that the permit that is listed below for Bradford County Realty should be postponed until the archaeological analysis has been completed and reviewed by proper authorities.

2. Comment

I would like to respond about the request for a pipe line project that is proposed for the Freidenschuten site in Wyalusing, Pa. As the founding member and past president of our local Endless Mountains Primitive Outdoorsmen I speak for all in our organization and we feel this would be an injustice to our local heritage. We are a hundred plus members strong and growing. Part of our organizations mission statements is to preserve and study our local historical sites, and we feel that this site is one of our Holy Grails of this area. We have lost a lot of our heritage here along the Susquehanna River what with gas wells, pumping stations and what have ya. Please save us something that we can pass on to the future generations.

3. Comment

I am a board member of both the Susquehanna River Archaeological Center (SRAC) and the Wyalusing Valley Museum. You have or will be receiving letters from members of both entities regarding the imminent threat to the Friedenshutzen Village site (an 18th century Native American site). While New Fortress Energy has been positive in it's offer to "spruce up" the monument commemorating the Moravian Indian village. The silence has been deafening as far as responses to request for what are their plans for required archaeological investigations. We are simply trying to protect the data, artifacts, and Native American graves that have never been located.

4. Comment

I wanted to have record of a written communication expressing my concern regarding the proposed discharge pipe that would carry stormwater overflow from the inevitable New Fortress Energy facility in Wyalusing Township directly through the historic "Friedenshutzen Flats" settlement site.

Please consider this the Endless Mountains Heritage Region's comment on the matter.

This site was once home to Native peoples from pre-historic times well into the Colonial period. At the end of that period, the flats were the site of the Indian Moravian town of Friedenshutzen, also referred to as, "The Jewel of the Susquehanna" by contemporary luminaries. The site would later inspire world famous German writer, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, to write a poem about this beautiful site along the Susquehanna River shore.

This proposed discharge pipe that would require a wide trench to be dug on the premises poses a serious threat to the integrity of this site. The land on which the site lies has been sold to New Fortress Energy as part of the soon-to-be constructed LNG plant in Wyalusing Township, a facility that will bring huge amounts of truck traffic to the site, both while the plant is being constructed, and beyond, as the liquefied natural gas is transported out of town for export.

According to the May 4 post on the *PA Bulletin* by your Department, the project "will result in 203 linear feet of permanent stream impacts, 18,449 ft² (0.42ac) of permanent floodway impact, 2,427 ft² (0.06ac) of temporary wetland impacts, and 28,615 ft² (d.66ac) of permanent wetland impact." The original (December 2018) planning application that also lists projected air pollution amounts can also be found on the DEP's website.

One of the EMHR's many objectives is historic preservation while our mission is "to maintain and enhance the unique rural character and culture of our Endless Mountains." If this proposed trench and discharge pipe were to cut through the site of the former Friedenshutzen village, it would not only jeopardize the historic integrity of the property, but further desecrate a Native American culture that most would agree has already been disrespected enough over the last several centuries.

While the site may look empty to most with the exception of the 1871 Moravian Monument that stands at the center of the field, this area was once a thriving village that brought together European settlers and Native Americans (Mahicans, Le nape, and members of the Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee) in the confusing and tumultuous period not long before the American Revolution in the 18th Century. Manuscript diaries kept by the Moravian missionaries still exist and paint a picture of a once vibrant community with a multi-lingual school, a Gemeinhaus (church) complete with oil paintings and a bell, log houses with glass windows, bark houses for those who preferred them, fertile kitchen gardens, and canoes tied up along the river bank.

If you visit the site today, you can see the stakes already planted in the ground to mark off the edges of a nearly 50-foot wide trench for the proposed discharge pipe, which would cut directly through the heart of this incredible heritage asset. Because the EMHR cannot stand idly by and

let this happen, our organization has asked that the PHMC carry out a full historical site survey according to Section 106 of the NHPA to ensure the preservation of "the Jewel of the Susquehanna." Damaging this site would further erase the past of Native Americans who were pushed out of the area by the infamous Sullivan's March, the final military act that violently forced these people out of Pennsylvania, making it an important place in American history.

We would also request that your Department consider denying the aforementioned permit request for the discharge pipe installation and require New Fortress Energy to find an alternative route for the drainage that would ultimately circumvent the Friedenshutzen site. Thank you for your consideration.

5. Comment

I am writing to you regarding the New Fortress Energy's proposed construction of an LNG plant in Browntown, PA. As a concerned citizen who cares about the negative impacts that these types of industries have on our environment, I am urging that the Pennsylvania DEP not allow such a plant to move forward. The Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit submitted by Bradford County Real Estate to carry such a plant would only continue to degrade the environment in this area of the county. Bradford County has already seen such destruction from all the Unconventional Gas Wells being built there. This would only exacerbate the negative environmental impacts on a once beautiful and peaceful county.

This site is not only a pristine and environmentally fragile area, it is also an historical site. This site was the Friedenshutzen Flats and was home to Native people from pre-historic times into the Colonial period. The Flats were a site of the Indian Moravian town of Friedenshutzen also called the Jewel of the Susquehanna by contemporary luminaries. The beauty of this area has inspired writers, most notably, the world-famous writer, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, to write a poem about the banks of the Susquehanna River.

Now the beauty of this area is being threatened. The land on which this historical and sacred site lies has been sold to New Fortress Energy as part of their plan to build an environmentally and historically destructive LNG plant. This plant will bring huge amounts of truck traffic to this area during construction and while the plant is in operation as they prepare their LNG for export via tractor trailer trucks.

New Fortress is also proposing to build a huge storm water drain that would split in half this sacred and historical site. The size of this trench, over 50 feet wide, would be used as a storm drain for run-off around the LNG plant. The plant and storm drain by New Fortress would ruin this site and erase the history of this place. This site is part of our history here in North Central Pennsylvania and we need to preserve it now and for future generations.

We have endured many problems with gas exploration in this part of Pennsylvania, much to the dismay of so many Pennsylvanians. This site needs protection by DEP to help keep our history and environment in tact with at least this one site. Therefore, we are insisting that DEP deny the New Fortress Energy permit and preserve the Friedenshutzen beautiful and historic site from further destruction.

Response (1-5)

The Department thanks you for your comments and has reviewed Application E08-506 to ensure the impacts proposed meet the requirements of Chapter 105 of the Pa Code. The Department has proposed the following three permit conditions to address concerns related to cultural resources:

- (1) Fifteen days prior of the permittee's intent to initiate ground disturbance activities of those areas associated with placement of the stormwater drain pipe located south of the railroad tracks and within the project's limit of disturbance, the permittee shall in writing notify the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission at the Bureau for Historic Preservation, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093.
- (2) The permittee and his agents will be watchful for archaeological artifacts and will assure that ground disturbance activities will cease immediately upon discovery of archaeological artifacts, and immediately notify the DEP Regional Office and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission at the Bureau for Historic Preservation, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093, telephone (717) 783-8947.
- (3) During construction of those areas associated with placement of the stormwater drain pipe located south of the railroad tracks and within the project's limit of disturbance, a qualified archaeologist shall be present to help protect and document any potential historic artifacts.