

I live in Chester County PA on a 4 acre property - purchased 23 years ago.

The property WAS heavily wooded.

For the last 15+ years we have been involved in FOUR FERC controlled projects – energy companies with eminent domain power - Power that killed our trees – hundreds of trees.

We have three pipelines on our property.

Pipeline 1- built 1940; upgrade 1998

Pipeline 2- 2004

Pipeline project 3 (no pipeline) – 2006

Pipeline project 4- pipeline 3 - 2012

The pipelines cover 1 acre – pipeline field.

We use the field - Between the construction of pipeline 2 and pipeline 3 we built a small horse farm.

23 years ago we had one small path crossing the land – Pipeline 1. The land around the path – woods.

1998 -The first project – replace old pipeline- safety project.

We supported this endeavor.

2004- The second project - It “schooled” us.

Our treatment during the second project can best be summed up by the condition of our dog one night. Our dog rolled in human feces left on our land - the FERC controlled pipeline construction land.

Our property was a toilet.

2006 -The third project – (Sparrow Point) began and was eventually cancelled but not before we were served papers on the forth project - third pipeline.

FERC allowed two companies to actively submit proposals at the same time on the same path/space. You could lay the maps of the pipeline projects on top of each other. Sparrow Point was eventually cancelled by the energy company but FERC allowed both companies to plan their pipelines on the same space.

In fact during the public meetings on pipeline 3 (project 4) the FERC representative made a sarcastic statement stating that Sparrow Point pipeline was going to be cancelled. We did not “get” the humor about the time and energy we put into understanding the issues around a third pipeline on our property.

Our property was a joke.

2012 -The forth project - NiSource-PA-CH-130.000

We attended the FERC meetings. There were safety implications to this project - third pipeline being built next to two existing pipelines.

The FERC representative discussed the construction easement and called it a temporary easement and that the land would revert back after the project.

Our temporary easement land had approximately 200 trees – average age 100+ years. Woods. The loss of those trees was devastating and not temporary in our lifetime.

300 mature trees have been killed in 3 pipeline projects - 15 years.

We documented our horse issues to FERC and the land agent. Immediately after the negotiations the land agent was removed and a new company was hired with no knowledge of our horses. Bait and switch. The new agent was not required to visit our state or our land.

Our property and the trees were not relevant.

I am a witness to the destruction of trees that had no relevance to power company/FERC.

I am hopeful the pipelines were built correctly so my house and farm do not blow up.

I am fully aware that we may be dealing with pipelines 4, 5 and 6 in the future.

I am at worse- soulfully sad.