



**It's happening now! Help stop the NEW! EVERSOURCE pipeline in Longmeadow.**

**Eversource is moving ahead with a gas meter station and high-pressure pipeline.**

In 2019, Longmeadow residents overwhelmingly voted to stop construction of a Tennessee/Columbia Gas meter station and high-pressure pipeline. Since that time, **Columbia Gas was sold to Eversource—and now, the same project is back on.**

**You will not be informed by Eversource about these plans.**

Eversource will send their project announcement only to abutters of properties along the pipeline route. These residents will receive invitations to Eversource virtual “Open Houses” on November 9 at 6 PM or November 10 at 1 PM. But the “Open Houses” won’t allow for an honest and open exchange of ideas—rather, they’ll be devoted to project description and rationale, plus a **presentation of their project map\***.

**Here's their rationale:**

Eversource claims they're making our gas delivery system “more reliable” by building a new high-pressure main to push more gas to Springfield from a Tennessee Gas/Eversource meter station to be built at Longmeadow Country Club. In fact, Eversource is expanding their infrastructure to make more profit. We all agree that aging pipes are dangerous and need to be repaired. But building an unnecessary industrial gas facility and a new high-pressure pipeline in a residential neighborhood is not the solution.

**EVERSOURCE DOESN'T PAY FOR THIS—WE DO.**

**We get higher costs and exposure to more danger—from a new pipeline that won't be delivering gas to our town.**

**Metering stations can be deadly.**

*Metering stations relieve pipeline pressure by blowing off gas and its toxic components as standard operating procedure. If the meter station is built where intended, **methane and other pollutants will be released into residential areas including the Wolf Swamp School site.** Children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable as these chemicals can trigger asthma and worsen allergies, congestive heart failure, and diabetes.*

**Explosions happen!**

We've seen the devastation caused by gas explosions in Springfield and in Merrimack Valley, as well as throughout the country. Building a meter station that connects to a high-pressure pipeline increases the possibility of leaks and explosions. **It could happen here, and now is our only chance to stop it.**

**Contact [longmeadowpipelineawareness@gmail.com](mailto:longmeadowpipelineawareness@gmail.com) to join the effort.**

**Longmeadow doesn't need expanded gas service.**

The existing town pipeline is sufficient for delivering gas to town households. The new high-pressure main is designed to push more gas to other towns and regions, at the expense of our health and safety—and our pocketbooks. As in the past, ratepayers will be expected to foot the bill.

**EVERSOURCE WANTS TO EXPAND ITS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROFIT FROM BUILDING MORE PIPELINES! Let's tell them “NO”! CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AND NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED NOW.**

**\*See the project map at <https://www.stophetoxicpipeline.org>**

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