

Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline: Unnecessary, irresponsible, and not for us.

Duke Energy wants to run a massive natural gas transmission pipeline, called the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension, directly through our neighborhoods. Compared to the gas distribution lines that supply natural gas to our homes, Duke's transmission line is much larger, and operates under significantly higher pressure to move lots of gas over long distances.

This pipeline is not necessary to serve the area's energy needs, yet Duke expects us to shoulder the costs, safety risks, economic burdens, and environmental destruction:

Safety: With a 20-inch diameter, high-pressure pipeline, anyone within 900 feet on either side could face serious injury or death from an explosion. Duke's proposed pipeline routes run directly in front of homes, schools, businesses, and places of worship, putting thousands of residents at risk. Pipeline explosions around the country prove that ***even the most well-designed transmission lines aren't immune to accidents, negligence, and weak oversight.*** ([See NOPE Mapping Tool](#) to learn more.)

Environment: Duke requires up to 80 feet of clearance to construct the pipeline, meaning it may need to dig up entire yards and remove trees. Even after the pipeline is in place, Duke requires 30 feet of permanent clearance. Your home and neighborhood may be permanently transformed by this demolition (mature trees are lost, and new trees cannot be planted).

Costs: To pay for the pipeline, Duke will raise energy bills in an area that already pays the highest rates in the state for natural gas. Meanwhile, the construction process will disrupt local businesses and may affect home values. Municipalities may even have to increase spending to prepare their police and fire departments for a pipeline emergency.

Doesn't it have to go somewhere? Despite Duke's insistence, this pipeline far exceeds what's necessary to supply greater Cincinnati and Hamilton County with natural gas. Duke already has viable ways to serve the area's energy needs, and the area's population is declining with stagnant projections for natural gas use. Even Duke's own model for how much gas we need is excessive according to third-party analysis. This pipeline might be nice to have for Duke, but it's overkill for us.

What can I do? -- **ACT NOW!**

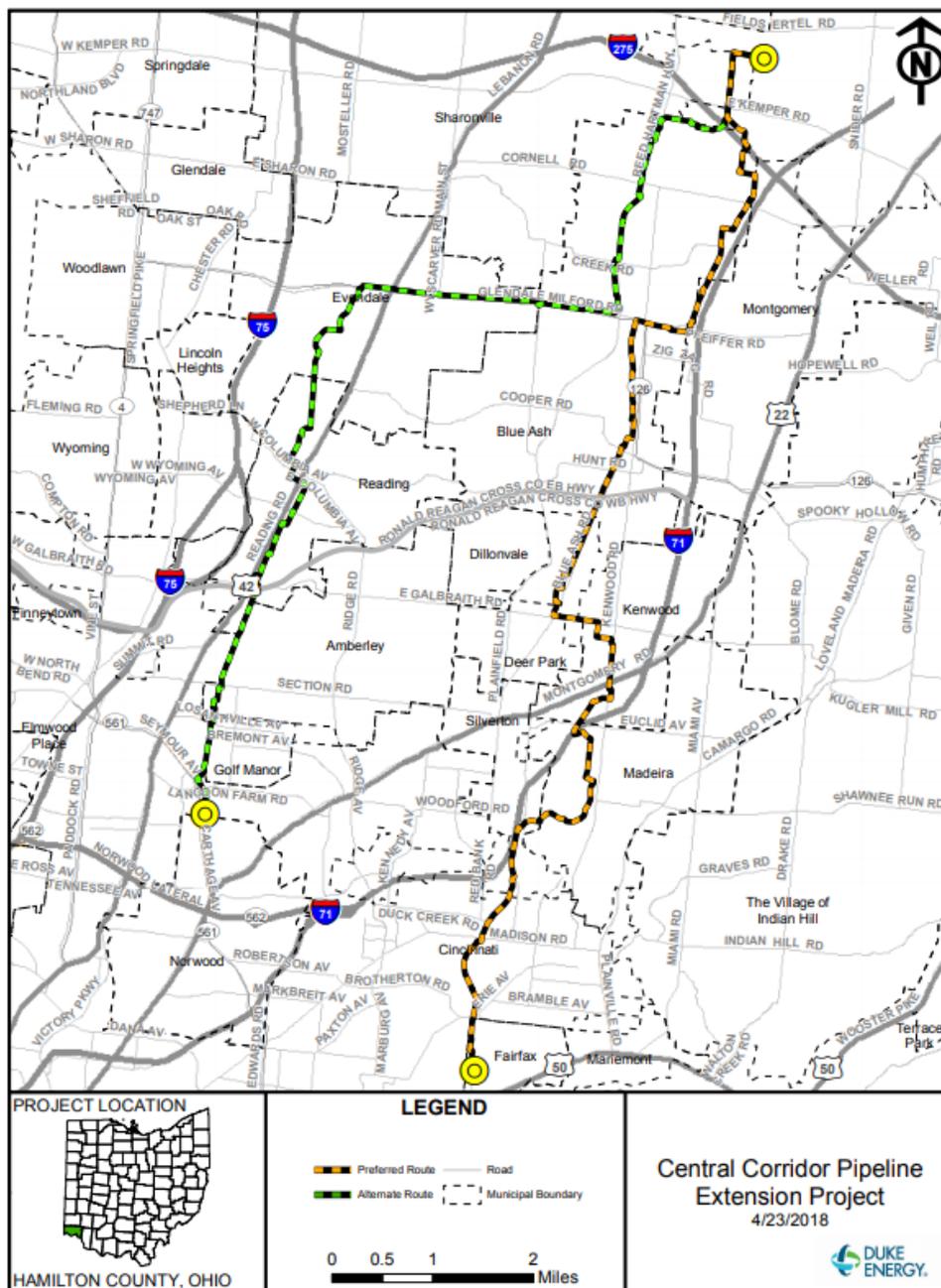
- 1) Contact key influencers and decision makers** and let them know how you feel about Duke's Pipeline Plans and the impact they have on you personally. Ask them to insist upon an independent and thorough evaluation of Duke's application, basis for need and available alternatives. Influencers/decision makers to contact include:
 - the Ohio Power Siting Board at contactOPSB@puc.state.oh.us and reference case number 16-0253-GA-BTX.
 - your Ohio State Representative (ohiohouse.gov) and State Senator (ohiosenate.gov) for your district
 - Governor Mike DeWine (governor.ohio.gov), as he appoints all the decision makers involved in this case and can insist upon due diligence.
- 2) Donate to NOPECincy's legal fund**, so that we can represent the interests of all our communities in the upcoming legal proceedings beginning April 9th. Visit our GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/295gh4dw> or checks can be made out to NOPE and sent c/o Glenn Rosen, 9228 Bluewing Ter, Blue Ash, OH 45236.
- 3) Mark your calendars and attend Ohio Power Siting Board's Public Hearing on Thursday, March 21st** from 3PM-8PM at UC Blue Ash Muntz Hall (9555 Plainfield Rd, Blue Ash, OH 45236)

What's next?

Although Duke and the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) have delayed the project several times, the application process is still underway. Duke has proposed two routes for the pipeline--one labeled Green, the other labeled Orange--and has asked the OPSB to approve one of them (see attached map). The OPSB staff has recommended that the board approve the Green route, but **both routes remain on the table and the board may still select either one.**

An adjudicatory hearing will be held in Columbus, OH with the OPSB beginning April 9th. Duke and parties who have legally intervened on the pipeline (including NOPE) present their cases. Just like many legal proceedings there will be expert witnesses who testify and are cross examined by attorneys.

Map of Routing Alternatives for Central Corridor Pipeline



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