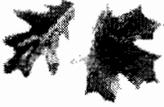


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RE: Finance Docket No. 35116, RJ Corman Railroad Co., Beech Creek Branch Line Construction and Operation - between Wallaceton and Gorton, Pennsylvania; Preliminary Consultation

Dear Ms. Rutson:

As members of People Protecting Communities and residents who have been opposing the Resource Recovery landfill for the past 4 years, we offer the following comments and information:

Every county, state and federal agency, including Centre County, PA Department of Environmental Protection, PA Fish and Boat Commission, PennDot, Federal Highway Administration, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and US Army Corps of Engineers, that has reviewed Resource Recovery's proposed project has halted review based on valid concerns. These concerns include inconsistency with local land use and transportation planning, endangered species, and the destruction of about 11 acres of wetlands.

The local tourism economy stands to be ruined by this project. Reactivating the railroad will destroy the Snow Shoe Rails to Trails, a major attraction. This multi-use trail is a popular destination and is home to 2 historic structures, the Peale Tunnel and Viaduct Bridge. These structures were constructed in 1883 and 1884 and are in no condition to accommodate trash trains because of their age. These structures should be preserved, not replaced or exploited.

This area is considered by many as the "Gateway to the Pennsylvania Wilds." The area is popular for fishing, hunting, canoeing, kayaking and camping. There are nearly 100 campsites and seasonal dwellings literally across a dirt road from the proposed landfill and industrial park. This area is a remote, mountainous area. Industrial development in this location and the current land use hardly mix.

We are also concerned about a conflict of interest with Resource Recovery, LLC using Skelly & Loy as an independent third party for the STB environmental review because they were engaged by RJ Corman Railroad and Resource Recovery in January for similar work.

If you continue to proceed with this request, we request a full environmental impact statement be prepared in order to assess the environmental impact of this proposal and the project it will serve. Even though this area was mined about 50 years ago, it is not the brownfield that some would like you to believe.

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