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Subject: Central Corridor Pipeline Extension

Hello,

Alleman 24 Par 1:45 My name is Patrick Ross and I am the Safety Service Director for the City of Reading. I am writing in opposition of a specific portion of the Pipeline Extension Project. There is a portion of the green route on Pages 5 and 7 of Duke's detailed maps where the main route and the alternate route are not acceptable whatsoever to the City of Reading. I have circled the portion on Duke's maps and I also printed two maps from CAGIS. The first map shows a parcel ID of the main plot of land the City owns. We also own parcels east of 3rd street. The second CAGIS map shows an outline of land of future development that is currently being discussed with a private company.

For a little background, the State of Ohio awarded the City of Reading a 2.3 Million Dollar Jobs Ready Sites Grant. We purchased an old dilapidated property, demolished it, abated the property and were given a NFA letter from OEPA. Utilities were brought to the site and two new roadways were built with the plan to bring new high paying life science jobs here. You can read a short amount of info with the following link: https://development.ohio.gov/redev/JRS\_readingsite.htm

Due to confidential nature of the project at this time, I can not give information about the company or nature of the project. However, after meeting with them yesterday and seeing their site plans, their overall project would bring a major life science company to this site and bring great economic development to not just the City of Reading, but the State of Ohio. Having the pipeline as shown on Duke's plans would completely make this site unfeasible for development. The pipeline extension would not be possible here and Duke would have to find alternative route.

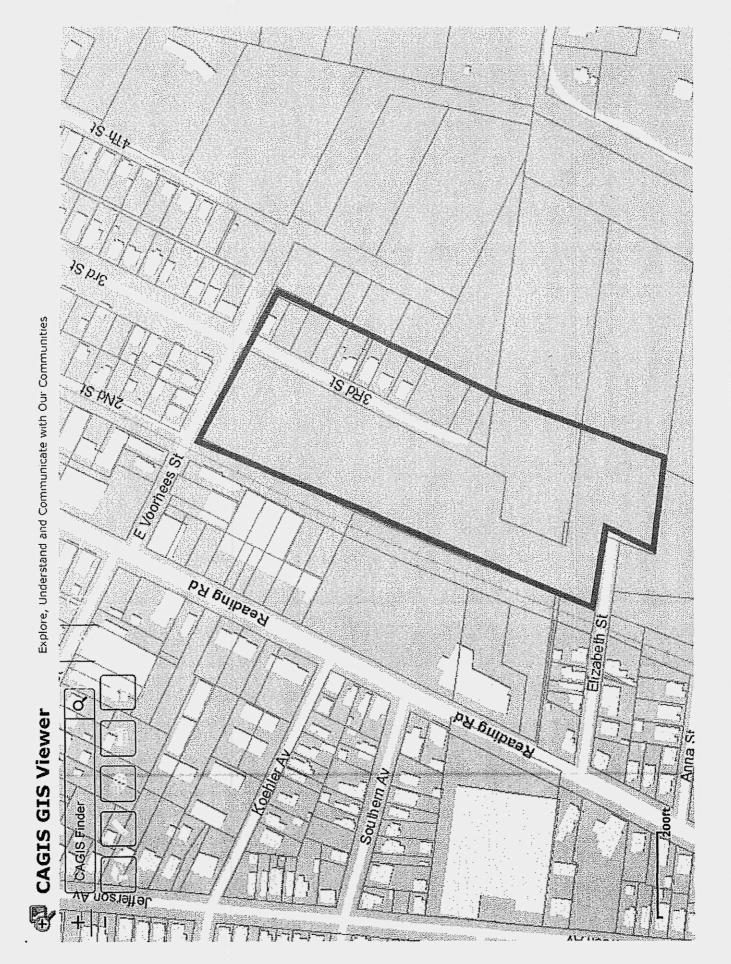
We do also have some safety concerns as a community as many other have most likely expressed having a major pipeline such as this so close to residences in the community and would hope this is taken into account when factoring any decision. But I would like to reiterate that the route as shown through the City of Reading is not acceptable at all as it would completely stop development of this area and keep 100s of new high paying jobs from the State and City.

Sincerely,

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