

Advocate Talking Points
LG&E Pipeline

Here are talking points that may be helpful in talking about the LG&E Pipeline proposal

Pipeline:

- LG&E wants to run a natural gas pipeline across conservation land, impacting natural springs and wildlife.
 - Bernheim opposes the proposed route due to the environmental impact it will have on this land.
 - The land in question is North of Bernheim's main entrance, in the newly purchased Cedar Grove Tract
 - The land in question is protected by conservation easements and deed restrictions, which specifically prohibit use for gas pipelines and other utilities.
 - This issue is bigger than Bernheim - if courts allow the seizure of our land despite the easements, it could set a legal precedent that would jeopardize all conservation easements, both in the state and the country.
- LG&E officially filed a condemnation suit in Bullitt County Circuit Court on July 30, 2019.
- Bernheim filed an official complaint with the Public Services Commission on August 2, 2019 claiming it allowed LG&E to keep the news of the pipeline hidden from the public while potential routes were under study.
- On August 16, the Kentucky Attorney General's office announced that they would like to expand the scope of Bernheim's complaint with the PSC. The motion says LG&E has willfully violated safety standards and landowners deserve to know the pipelines running across their property meet these standards. It further argues that LG&E used its status as a monopoly to pressure landowners and others to agree to its projects.

Additional Messages

- Bernheim is not opposed to development but is opposed to the use of conservation land for these purposes.
- Bernheim's 16,000+ acres protect the clean air, clean water and critical wildlife habitats the forest provides. Sections of the land, including those threatened by LG&E, have conservation easements and deed restrictions set in place specifically to protect the forest.

- Bernheim is a national treasure, providing scenic beauty, brings joy to hundreds of thousands of visitors each year and promotes tourism for our region.
- Bernheim is your forest too! Help us fight to protect our conservation lands. You can find an advocacy tool kit with letters, emails, a petition, and more at forestunderthreat.com.

What can your friends and family do to help?

- Visit the website forestunderthreat.com
 - Send emails directly to key people/organizations related to the threat
 - Sign a petition
 - Learn about where they can get a yard sign
 - View the calendar of upcoming Bernheim Under Threat Roadshows
 - Find the Advocacy Toolkit, where they can find everything they need to spread the word including talking points, email templates, social media images and more.
- Attend a Roadshow - we want to show strong community support at each event.
- SPREAD THE WORD! Talk to friends, friends of friends, family, and more.