**BERNHEIM NEEDS YOUR VOICE**

**The public comment period for LG&E’s proposed natural gas pipeline is open until December 18, 2020!**

Bernheim Forest is still under threat from condemnation of our natural land and construction of the proposed LG&E natural gas pipeline. After more than 90 years of land protection and nature-based education, we still need your support to defend our forests, streams, springs, and wildlife from the proposed LG&E pipeline that would break our conservation easement to cut through our Cedar Creek Wildlife Corridor.

The KY Division of Water must approve any construction or other activity in or along a stream that could in any way obstruct waterways or adversely impact water quality. Based on review by an Environmental Engineer, this LG&E proposed natural gas pipeline as stated in this Water Quality Certification would create substantial impacts to water at Bernheim, of which may include:

-Hydrostatic wastewater discharge location proposed on Bernheim that would release pollutants into streams and groundwater

-Serious risk of landslides and slope destabilization

-Damage to streams and springs

-Permanent clearing of forests and damage to landforms

-Impacts to water quality and sensitive species

Additionally, we find the maps provided in the proposed Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan to be inaccurate for the number of springs, sinkholes, and bat roost trees impacted along the Bernheim section. We request further investigation into the number and location of features impacted by LG&E’s proposed pipeline along the full proposed route.

The issuance of a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the KY Division of Water should be denied because of these serious and permanent impacts to the Cedar Creek watershed, our forests, and sensitive aquatic life.

If you feel strongly about supporting Bernheim by opposing the WQC, please send your comments to the KY Division of Water for the following WQ 401 Certifications application.

Copies of the application and other support material may be viewed at: [https://dep.gateway.ky.gov/eSearch/search\_ai\_detail.aspx?AgencyID=120218](https://dep.gateway.ky.gov/eSearch/search_ai_detail.aspx?AgencyID=120218%20)

Comments must be received by the Kentucky Division of Water no later than 4:30 PM on December 18, 2020. Comments may be submitted by e-mail at: [DOWPublicNotice@ky.gov](mailto:DOWPublicNotice@ky.gov) or written comments may be submitted to the Division of Water at 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Thank you for your support.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Facility name: | LG&E Pipeline - Bullitt Co |
| AI No.: | 120218 |
| County: | Bullitt |
| Open of Comment Period: | 11-18-2020 |
| Close of Comment Period: | 12-18-2020 |