



**Delaware County
Chamber of Commerce**

Driving Business Forward.

June 16, 2021

**Chapter 102 Permit No. ESG0100015001
105 Permit No. E15-862**

Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Region
Waterways and Wetlands Program
2 Main St.
Norristown, PA 19401

The Mariner East project is key to continued growth and opportunity in Delaware County, which is why the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed permit modification to construction at the Marsh Creek area in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County.

We have seen so many of the direct benefits from construction and operation of the pipeline and related Marcus Hook Industrial Complex in Delaware County, but the potential is even bigger once the network is fully completed.

The proposed modification to existing permitted activities is being pursued based on geological realities in the field, not uncommon among massive infrastructure projects like this one. The proposed changes will protect the environment and our communities, move the pipeline closer to ultimate completion, and continue to grow jobs and funding for Delaware County services.

Delaware County relies on the jobs and revenue provided by the Mariner East pipeline system and Marcus Hook Industrial Complex. So does all of Pennsylvania. With an estimated \$9.1 billion invested into our state's economy and more than 57,000 construction jobs, the Mariner East project is a boon to our economy and central to Pennsylvania's energy future.

At the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, we want what is best for our fellow community members --- environmentally, economically, and socially. In tandem with the Marcus Hook Industrial Complex, the Mariner East pipelines provide millions for our local tax base, which goes to fund schools, law enforcement and other essential services. They also provide great-paying jobs for our community and help power Pennsylvania's energy needs.

We urge DEP to approve the proposed permit modification to allow construction to move ahead and for work on this pipeline to finally finish. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trish McFarland".

Trish McFarland
President