

WASHINGTON COUNTY
CHAMBER 
OF COMMERCE

March 9, 2022

Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office
Waterways and Wetlands Program
2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Re: Chapter 102 Permit Amendment

On behalf of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to urge the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to approve the major permit amendment request from Sunoco Pipeline LP for work near Marsh Creek Lake. The Mariner East pipeline network has brought immense economic benefits and thousands of family-sustaining jobs to the Greater Pittsburgh Region and will bring even more prosperity now that construction is complete. The final step is restoration of work sites and areas disrupted by that construction.

Approval of this permit amendment would enable restoration work at the site to move forward - allowing for full cleanup and bringing additional environmental benefits to the area. This restoration plan goes above and beyond what would typically be done following an inadvertent return of drilling fluid, which occurred there in August 2020, and it will leave the lake in better condition than its original state. However, the company needs access to dewater sediment dredged from an area of the lake. All the work here is temporary, and all areas use in this project will be restored back to existing conditions, grades, and elevations once the work is completed. In addition, the planned work goes beyond what is essential for restoration. It will also improve the local environment through the construction of additional habitats, the removal of nuisance wildlife, and an increase in water depth as well as reservoir storage capacity - once again proving that economic growth and environmental protection are complementary.

Given these facts, we strongly urge the DEP to approve the major permit amendment request for the Marsh Creek Lake work. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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