

To the Energy Facility Siting Board,

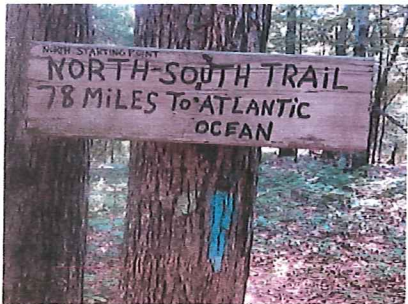
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I am writing in opposition for Invenergy's proposed, natural fracked gas power plant, which would be constructed behind my property. I have attached the map which outlines the site of the proposed plant. X marks the spot where my home is located. As you can see, behind my home, are the high pressure gas pipelines.

As you look at the map, it only shows the roadway markings. In this quiet neighborhood there are many homes with families, as well as Round Lake.

In the area of where I reside you will see signs posted. They are not signs warning to keep out, they are signs welcoming hikers. You see, my house is right on the infamous North/South Trail, which runs the entire length of RI. It starts here in our northwest corner of the state and traverses all the way to the Atlantic Ocean.



In addition, part of the area is home to the Boy Scouts of America who have a camp right on Wakefield Pond, The Feinstein Youth Camp. It is a place where children explore, learn how to appreciate nature, hold Klondike Derby's, learn to camp and survive in the wilderness, as well as, a host of other skills scouting teaches our young boys.

How an enormous power plant fits into this setting bewilders me. How it would even be considered for this area of our state seems outright

contradictory to what any logical person would envision. It is like some giant puzzle piece attempting to force itself to fit into an entirely wrong puzzle that will **never** be accepting of it.

I also echo many of the sentiments other townspeople have given testimony to, and will continue to give, in opposition. One such big complaint I already have is the noise level of the gas compression station which since its expansion, has ruined the peacefulness I once had living here.

The value of my home is sure to plummet, and as I approach retirement age I will not have the equity/investment I've worked so hard all these years for. Again, where is the sense in this? Common sense is needed here. People matter. People's lives matter. People's rights matter. I am but one of the many in opposition of destroying so much of what's right in this state.

I am also including a copy of a press release from 2012 that I am sure Janet Coit is familiar with. Four years ago she certainly had things right, had insight, and her statements were spot on. I hope she would not contradict what she said four years ago, for nothing has changed back in the forest for her to have her mind changed. Except for the new power lines that have been put in, except for the increased noise from the gas expansion, except for all the surveyors markings, except for the intrusion of those seeking to disturb **one of the largest undisturbed areas in all of RI**, which, as she said, is particularly **valuable for wildlife**. Ms. Coit added that this **special natural area holds an amazing amount of rare and uncommon species** and that DEM was pleased to work with the scouts to **protect this valuable habitat**.

Ms. Coit saw things clearly for what they were four short years ago. Let's hope nothing has clouded her vision and the board agrees to continue to protect one of the largest, valuable, undisturbed, natural areas in RI. We owe it to our state and the forest to do just that. We owe it to the people and wildlife who call this home.

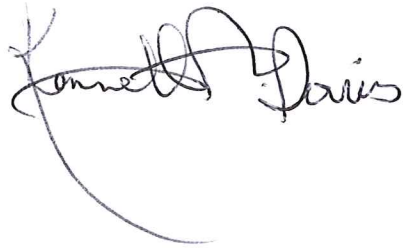
I sincerely ask you to oppose Invenergy's application to build this monster that would create nightmares for so many, for so many years.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Davis

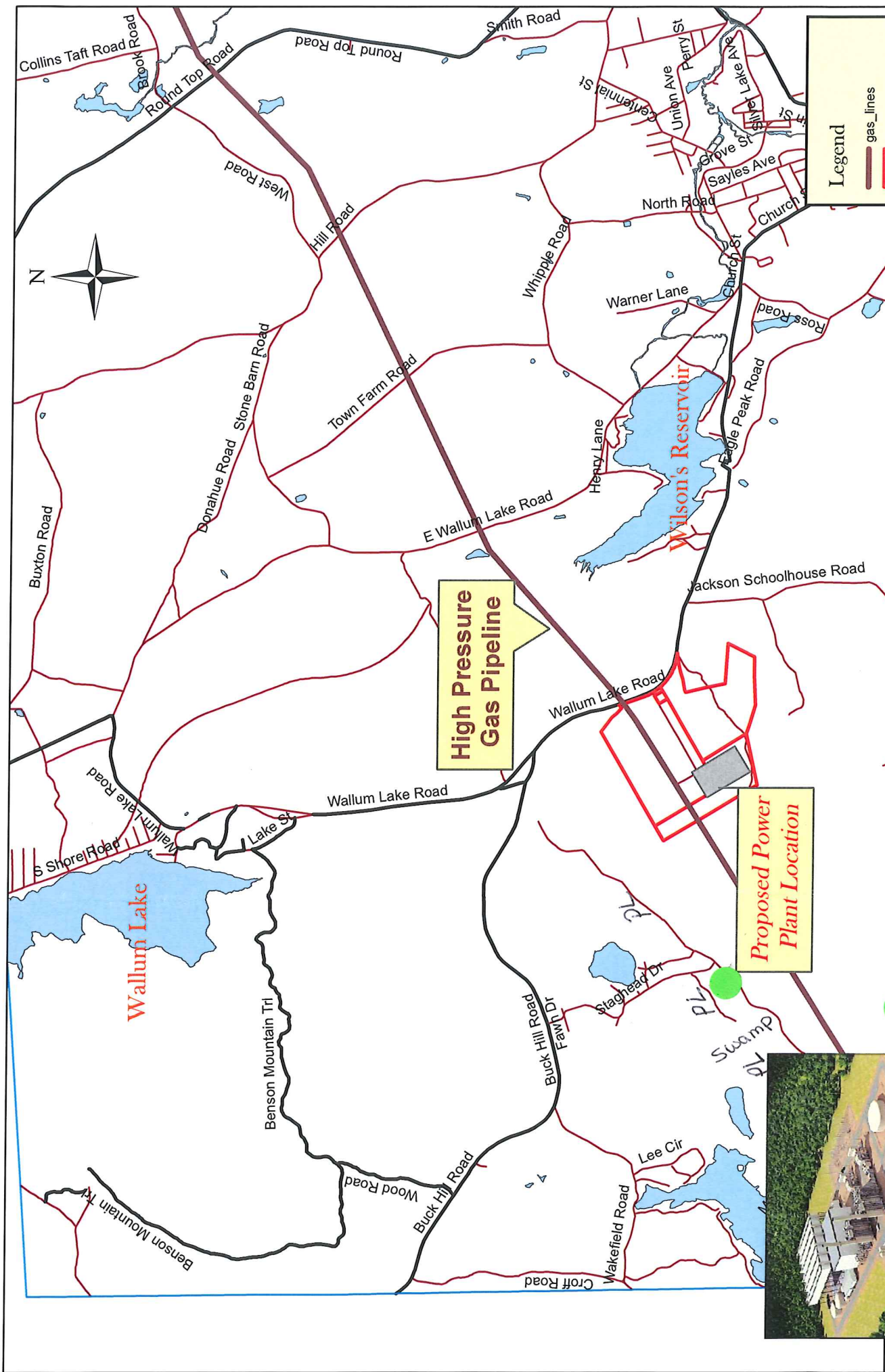
351 Wilson Trail

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth A. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish that extends downwards and to the left.



# Invenergy LLC. proposed Clear River Energy Center



**High Pressure Gas Pipeline**

**Proposed Power Plant Location**



*My home on the North South Trail  
 ~ last house before it turns to gravel  
 P.L. power lines*



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## News Release

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**For Release: July 2, 2012**

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### DEM PURCHASES CRITICAL 189-ACRE PARCEL IN BURRILLVILLE, CONNECTING OVER 7,000 ACRES OF PROTECTED LAND

PROVIDENCE - The Department of Environmental Management has acquired 189 acres of land in Burrillville from the Boy Scouts of Rhode Island. The parcel is situated adjacent to over 7,000 acres of state-preserved land. To the north of the property lies the 2,084-acre Buck Hill Management Area, and to the south is the 5,203-acre George Washington/Durfee Hill Management Area. The property also abuts Connecticut's Quaddick State Forest to the west. This property is considered among the highest priority conservation parcels in the state, and the high concentration of protected land in the area allows for increased habitat protection with minimal disturbance.

The land features a myriad of uncommon species and habitats of both plants and animals. Plant species include locally-common conifers such as White Pine and Eastern Hemlock and tree species such as American Larch and Black Spruce, which are typically associated with northern forest habitats. Many rare plants have been identified on the property including Common Oak Fern, Round-leaved Orchid, One-flowered Pyrola. Identifying and protecting these species helps ensure that diverse habitats such as that of the Burrillville property are sustained.

Preservation of the property strongly aligns with the state's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, which aims to identify and conserve those species in greatest need for conservation while retaining a holistic view of all wildlife within the state. Croff Farm Brook runs through the property and fosters an array of aquatic habitats that are not typically found in Rhode Island. The Croff Farm Brook area contains springs which are considered uncommon, isolated habitats, as well as several rare species identified by the conservation strategy as Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

"DEM was so pleased to work in partnership with the Boy Scouts to protect this valuable habitat," said DEM Director Janet Coit. "This acquisition is particularly exciting because it will ensure that Rhode Islanders will be able to continue to use this property, a place where many scouts and others have enjoyed this spectacular natural area. Because this parcel sits within one of the largest undisturbed areas in all of Rhode Island, it is particularly valuable for wildlife. The amount of rare and uncommon species on this property is amazing!"



The property acquired by DEM is connected to larger conservation areas that surround it, providing increased land protection in the northwest corner of the state.

"The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is proud to work with our longtime partners the DEM and Champlin Foundations to assist with the conservation of this very important property," said TNC State Director Terry Sullivan. "The forests in the northwest of our state provide so many benefits to the people of RI, including wonderful recreation opportunities, protection of freshwater supplies and room for wildlife to thrive. It is perfectly fitting that this place, where so many young men learned to appreciate the importance of nature, will now be protected for many more generations of Rhode Islanders to enjoy."

John H. Mosby, Scout Executive/CEO, Narragansett Council Boy Scouts of America said, "We are pleased to collaborate with the Department of Environmental Management to preserve this important habitat and protect the many rare species living in this part of the state. The Boy Scouts of America has always been a leader in conservation, and has been teaching our Scouts about Leave No Trace camping since 1910, so it is only natural that we would work with the DEM to put those ideals into practice in Rhode Island. As one of the largest land conservation organizations in Rhode Island, we are proud to be able to continue our century-old tradition of providing protected environments for our Scouts to enjoy and learn about through our Scouting educational programs."

The State's contribution to this conservation project from voter approved bond funds accounted for less than 10 percent of the total purchase price. The total cost of the acquisition was \$900,000. DEM provided \$83,000 from state Open Space Bond funds, \$367,000 was provided by a federal wildlife incentive grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and \$450,000 came from grant funds provided by The Nature Conservancy and The Champlin Foundations.

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