

RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2023

AS AMENDED

CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE TO DIVERT WATER FROM WABASH RIVER AQUIFERS TO THE PLANNED LEAP INNOVATION DISTRICT IN BOONE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) planned the LEAP (Limitless Exploration/Advanced Pace) Innovation District on 9,000 acres in Boone County without ensuring that there are sufficient water resources for the industries that they wish to recruit there; and,

WHEREAS, the IEDC has commenced construction planning for a pipeline that will transfer up to one hundred million (100,000,000) gallons of water each day from aquifers connected to the Wabash River in Tippecanoe County, upstream from Terre Haute, to the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County; and,

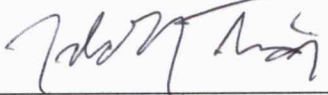
WHEREAS, many questions remain unanswered about the potential negative and unintended ecological and economic-development consequences Terre Haute may face if such large amounts of water are diverted from Wabash River aquifers; and,

WHEREAS, having the IEDC plan construction of a pipeline to remove such massive amounts of water from Wabash River aquifers without the knowledge or participation of communities downstream sets a troublesome precedent,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute that we join the Cities of Lafayette, West Lafayette, Monticello, Battleground, Shadeland, Attica and Covington, along with Fountain County, White County and Tippecanoe County, in expressing our firm opposition to construction of the proposed pipeline and diversion of tens of millions of gallons of water each day from the Wabash River aquifer upstream of us to the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call for third-party independent studies, public hearings and legislation from the Indiana General Assembly addressing these issues to take place prior to any further LEAP Project planning.

This resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

Introduced by:  Todd Nation, Councilperson

Passed in open Council this 8th day of December, 2023.

Curtis DeBaun Curtis DeBaun, President

ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this 8th day of December, 2023.

Michelle L. Edwards Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this 8th day of DECEMBER, 2023.

Duke A. Bennett Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk