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Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:12 PM
To: Meilan, Richard
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Subject: EXTERNAL -Re: LEAP pipeline
Attachments: ATT00001.htm; ATT00002.htm; RS-17-23final.docx.html; Monticello Res 2023-27 LEAP.pdf.html

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Hi Dr. Meilan,

Thanks for contacting us about the flawed and misguided effort to divert up to 100 million gallons of water per day from aquifers supplying the Wabash River. I have personally reached out to our State Senator Greg Goode and our State Representative Tonya Pfaff about this issue, urging them to file and support durable water rights legislation. I have also signed the petition that you provided a link to.

I am proud of Terre Haute's City Council for passing the attached resolution opposing LEAP and calling for more study and increased transparency. We did that in December 2023, making us the tenth government body to go on record in opposition to the proposed pipelines.

I appreciate the leadership you and others in the Lafayette area are providing on this important issue. Keep up your good work!

Sincerely,

Todd Nation
 mobile 812-870-4986

Terre Haute City Councilperson, 4th District

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 27

**MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OPPOSING
THE LEAP PIPELINE WATER DIVERSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (the “*IEDC*”) has planned a “LEAP (Limitless Exploration/Advanced Pace) Innovation District” located on more than 9,000 acres in Boone County without ensuring sufficient water resources were available for the businesses and industries to be recruited for locating in the Leap Innovation District; and,

WHEREAS, the IEDC has commenced construction planning of a pipeline to divert as much as 100 million gallons of water per day from aquifers connected to the Wabash River in Tippecanoe County to the LEAP Innovation District; and

WHEREAS, due to the proposed diversion of such large amounts of water through the pipeline, there are potential negative and unconsidered consequences for Monticello residents depending upon aquifers connected to the Wabash River, including the Teays Valley underground aquifer, for their primary source of water; and,

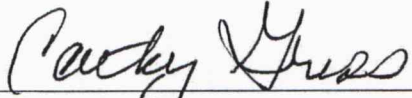
WHEREAS, though on November 13, 2023, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb directed the Indiana Finance Authority to oversee the completion and validation of a water supply study being completed for the Leap Project, further independent third-party studies, public hearings, and legislation from the Indiana General Assembly addressing these issues must take place prior to any further Leap Project planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Monticello City Council expresses its firm opposition to the construction of the pipeline and the diversion of water from the Wabash River aquifer in Tippecanoe County to the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to all Indiana General Assembly members representing any part of White County, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the Indiana Finance Authority, the Indiana Secretary of Commerce, and Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb.

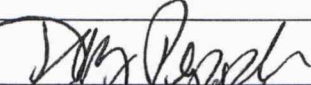
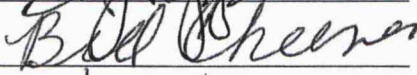
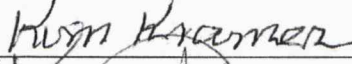

APPROVED AND RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Monticello,
Indiana, on the 20th day of November, 2023.

Attest: 
James D. Mann, Clerk-Treasurer


Cathy Gross, Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2023

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, Attica and Covington; the towns of Battleground and Shadeland; and Fountain County, White County and Tippecanoe County, in expressing our firm opposition to the current plans to construct this proposed pipeline and divert 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 a third-party independent study on the potential impact of this project on downstream communities, 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 _____ day of _____, 2023.

_____ Curtis DeBaun, President

ATTEST: _____ Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2023.

_____ Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

_____ Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk