

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2023 (Amended)

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE TO DIVERT WATER
FROM WABASH RIVER AQUIFER TO LEAP INNOVATION DISTRICT**

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

WHEREAS, the IEDC began activities in secret directed towards constructing a pipeline to transfer tens of millions of gallons a day from the Wabash River aquifer and the Teays River aquifer in Tippecanoe County to the LEAP Innovation District; and

WHEREAS, there are both negative ecological and economic-development consequences for Tippecanoe County because of the proposed diversion of large amounts of water through the pipeline;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette that we express our firm opposition to the construction of the pipeline and the diversion of water from the Wabash River aquifer and the Teays River aquifer in Tippecanoe County to the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County.

This resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

This resolution will be communicated by the Office of the Clerk of the City of West Lafayette to the Tippecanoe County Commissioners, all Indiana General Assembly members who represent any part of Tippecanoe County, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, and the Indiana Secretary of Commerce.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST AND ONLY READING ON THE 2 DAY OF October, 2023.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR DeBoer, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Thomas.

DULY RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 2 DAY OF October, 2023, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 9 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED, AND THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blanco	✓			
Brown	✓			
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Lee	✓			
Leverenz	✓			
Parker	✓			
Sanders	✓			
Thomas	✓			

Peter Bunder
Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA
ON THE 3 DAY OF October, 2023.

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 4 DAY OF
October, 2023.

John R. Dennis
John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk

