

Mariner East Pipeline – Know Your Rights for Landowners!

The Mariner East 2 is not a done deal when a land agent comes to your home to get you to sign an easement agreement (an agreement between you and the company allowing a pipeline to cross your land.)

You have rights in the process for survey and right-of-way agreements:

- 1) You have the right to not sign any easement
- 2) You have the right to not sign immediately, this can give you more time for thinking about your goals, negotiating, and organizing with other residents to address your concerns.
- 3) You have the right to have other people in the room when talking with land agents, including lawyers, community organizers, family members, and friends to help witness discussions and help advocate for your goals.
- 4) You have the right to know all the potential impacts to your land and livelihood. This includes pipeline safety information that Sunoco is required to provide you with.
- 5) You have the right to negotiate with Sunoco about monetary compensation as well as terms and agreements for crossing your land.
- 6) You have the right to say NO, and the right to not let Sunoco's agents on your land.
- 7) You have the right to organize with neighbors and other landowners along the proposed pipeline route to advocate for your interests: whether they are protecting your land, getting as much compensation as possible, or stopping the pipeline.
- 8) You have the right to comment on, and request public hearings for any permits Sunoco applies for from the Department of Environmental Protection.
- 9) You have the right to consult with a lawyer to review any easement before signing.

Current landowner strategies:

- Researching and communicating your concerns with the DEP for permits needed
- Making collective statements to not lease your land or rescind approval if you have already signed.
- Negotiating for the best possible deal, getting Sunoco to give as much money and as many favorable terms as possible.
- Organizing with other landowners and concerned citizens to advocate for your interests and rally public support for landowner issues.

This information was compiled by the Clean Air Council, a non-profit organization working to protect air quality. This document is not intended as legal advice, and merely includes suggestions for landowners. Residents should contact a lawyer for specific legal advice regarding easements.

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Negotiation

Negotiation is one option for landowners. Through negotiation you are able to recognize your interests, and advocate for yourself so that any easement protects your safety, health, finances and land. Usually pipeline companies initial easements are heavily weighed in the company's favor. However, you are currently in a position of power to dictate your terms. In order for your interests to be legally protected, they must be *in writing in the easement*.

Ideas to Consider:

- Monetary Compensation
- Right of Way Concerns
- Air, Land & Water Protection
- Safety Concerns
- Access Concerns

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