



Three Rivers Estates Property Owners, Inc.

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Position Statement on Sabal Trail/Spectra Energy Methane Pipeline

The Three River Estates Property Owners (TREPO) Board of Directors joins with other homeowners and conservation groups in strongly opposing the placement of the Sabal Trail Methane gas pipeline, anywhere in the Ichetucknee Springs Basin & Ichetucknee Trace & surrounding areas. We specifically oppose crossing the Santa Fe River at the proposed Davis Landing Park/33rd Road site, due to the danger it poses not only to the ecology, flora & fauna, & drinking water, but also the danger it poses to our community and our way of life. The rivers and springs here are valuable ecological and cultural treasures and we, as the only real stewards of this beautiful basin, stand committed to its protection. The potential for irreversible devastation to our ecology, our water sources and our residents is too great not to request a reasonable change in the routing of the pipeline to the already existing “Western Alternative” which is the Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) pipeline corridor, where a “successful” pipeline was laid just 4 years ago. Even in that short time, that line has already experienced a “minor” explosion near a dairy farm, so sadly, it is not a leap to assume explosions will occur.

Since 1970, both the State of Florida & private citizen groups have spent more than \$118M dollars to protect the Ichetucknee River & surrounding Springs Basin & its rivers. The Ichetucknee was designated a Natural National Landmark in 1972, and in 1984 was named an Outstanding Florida Waterway. Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission has recognized the Ichetucknee as a significant site on the Great Florida Birding Trail & the National Audubon Society recognizes the Ichetucknee as a birding area of “Global Significance”. We cannot ignore that we have already made a significant investment in protection and restoration of our rivers & springs. This year, our representatives in Tallahassee will be writing legislation to further protect our springs and waterways. In addition to that, the state has also committed nearly \$56M dollars in grants to springs, wetlands & waterway protection. Considering that substantial investment in protecting this fragile area already exists, we stand ready to continue that protection by opposing Sabal Trail Methane Pipeline in areas that are already at risk for extinction of already endangered species of fauna and flora. Pipeline construction carries with it the risk of irreversible damage to the river and springs, which provides jobs for our residents, tax revenues & recreational opportunities for both our residents and tourists. Crossing the Santa Fe only a half mile downstream from the confluence of the Ichetucknee & the Santa Fe, puts the Ichetucknee at great risk of irreversible damage.

TREPO Board of Directors, hereby, strongly opposes this proposed route for the methane pipeline, and urges Sabal Trail/Spectra Energy to enact the “Western Alternative” route, along the already existing FGT corridor, that bypasses areas in and around the full length of the Ichetucknee Trace, Springshed, and River.

For your reference, here’s a short list of other organizations opposing the pipeline, most of which have posted position papers on their websites. We are not alone in our opposition, and NOW is the time to make the changes to the route, before any pipe is even laid in the ground.

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Environmental Awareness Organization of Auburn University (EAOAU).
<https://auburn.collegiatelink.net/organization/eao>

Food & Water Watch
<https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org>

Greenlaw protects clean air and water.
<http://greenlaw.org/>

Ichetucknee River Estates Landowners Association:
“This is a monster of a pipeline. If this thing was to somehow rupture, leak, explode, you could possibly be putting the water source for this whole state in jeopardy.”
—David Hanna, President, in [Ichetucknee River Estates Landowners Association against the Sabal Trail pipeline](#).

Lowndes Area Knowledge Exchange: [On the LAKE Front \(Pipeline category\)](#).
<http://www.l-a-k-e.org/blog/category/pipeline-2>

Lowndes County Democratic Party “...a moral obligation to leave our children and grandchildren with an earth as safe, beautiful, and majestic as the one bequeathed to us by our parents and grandparents... The taking of privately owned property by a private company is a property rights issue.”
<http://www.lowndesdems.org/>
[Lowndes County Democratic Committee Opposes Sabal Trail Methane Pipeline](#)

New York Climate Action Group (NYCAG): the Spectra struggle (and Williams Transco Rockaway Lateral Pipeline in the Rockaways of Queens, NY and the LNG port resistance in Long Beach, NY).

No Fracked Gas in Mass.: Fighting Kinder Morgan/TGP’s Northeast Expansion across the Berkshires and Northern Massachusetts. Our mission is to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and to create a comprehensive renewable energy infrastructure.
<http://www.nofrackedgasinmass.org/>

Occupy the Pipeline: who fought the NYC extension on the Spectra Pipeline.
<http://occupythepipeline.blogspot.com>

Our Santa Fe River: protecting our most vital and vulnerable natural resource...water.
<http://www.oursantaferiver.org/wp/>

Ryder, Inc., Brooks Co. Pipeline: E Pluribus Unum: united we stand.
<http://ryderinc.com/BrooksCoPipeLine/>

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Sane Energy Project: to fight fossil fuel and nuclear infrastructure, and encourage renewable infrastructure.

<http://www.SaneEnergyProject.org>

Shale Property Rights: formerly Spectra Energy Watch.

<http://www.shalepropertyrights.com/blog/>

Sierra Club:

<http://www.sierraclub.org>

[Sierra Club Chapters Oppose Sabal Trail Gas Pipeline](#)

Stop the Pipeline: No eminent domain, preserve local character and environment, and pipelines == fracking.

<http://www.StopThePipeline.org>

Students Against Violating the Environment (S.A.V.E.): Valdosta State U.

<http://ww2.valdosta.edu/vsu/stuorg/save/>

Un-Natural Gas.org: because there is nothing natural about what the methane extraction process invented by Halliburton does to water, air, & living things

<http://un-naturalgas.org/> and [Natural Gas Pipeline Easement and Right-of-Way Agreements: A Landowner's List of Terms to Negotiate](#) by Eric C. Camp

Wiregrass Activists for Clean Energy (WACE): clean and sustainable energy sources.

<http://www.wiregrass-ace.org/>

WWALS Watershed Coalition: an advocacy organization working for watershed conservation of the Willacoochee, Withlacoochee, Alapaha, and Little River Systems watershed in south Georgia and north Florida through awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen advocacy.

<http://www.wwals.net/>

[WWALS files as intervenor to oppose the Sabal Trail Transmission gas pipeline](#)

Occupy the pipeline:

<http://www.occupythepipeline.blogspot.com>

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