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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
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Dear Secretary Bose,

Jim Bissell, Curator of Botany for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH), contacted us with concerns of surveying activity in close proximity to the Singer Lake Bog. He has been contacted by a few property owners who abut the CMNH property who said they have been contacted by Nexus for surveys on their properties. Along with Mr. Bissell, we are concerned about any impact to the Singer Lake Bog. Over the years the City has partnered with CMNH to preserve over 330 acres of the Bog and delicate ecosystem. Following is some information provided by Mr. Bissell about the significance of the Singer Lake Bog:

Singer Lake Bog is considered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, to be one of the most important Poor Fens within the State of Ohio. Poor Fens are a type of bog which is considered globally rare within the United States. Forty-one state-listed species within the Singer Lake Basin are listed as endangered, threatened or rare by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. In addition, the museum tracks seven rare beetles within the Singer Lake Basin because they are unknown anywhere else in Ohio. Singer Lake supports 70 species of dragonflies and damselflies. This is a higher number of dragonfly and damselfly species known from any wetland within the State of Ohio. State-listed plant and animal species are present within the Singer Lake Bog from the northern shoreline of the basin, just south of Koons Road in Green, Summit County, Ohio south to the southern shoreline of the basin, just north of Mount Pleasant Road in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio.

Singer Lake supports 34 species of plants listed as Endangered, Threatened or Potentially Threatened (Rare) within Ohio. An Endangered plant species in Ohio is known from only one to three locations or there are less than 100 individuals known within the state from four or more locations. A Threatened plant species in Ohio is known from four to ten sites in the state and a Potentially Threatened plant species is known from eleven to 30 locations within Ohio.

One endangered plant species at Singer Lake is no longer present anywhere else in Ohio. That species is known from the central and northern sections of the basin. Three endangered plant species within Singer Lake Bog are present at only one other site within Ohio.

One of the three endangered dragonfly species at Singer Lake is only present within one other wetland in Ohio in the Dayton region.

Singer Lake supports three bird species tracked as rare by the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources.

Seven of the rare beetles at Singer Lake are unknown anywhere else in Ohio.

The state-listed moth at Singer Lake is unknown anywhere else in Ohio.

Information about specific species can be made available upon request.

It is apparent that Nexus is considering a localized reroute that could impact the Bog. This area is too sensitive and too valuable of a natural resource to bear the burden of any disturbance for the sake of a pipeline. The original study area for the Nexus pipeline would also potentially impact several wetlands in close proximity to Singer Lake Bog. These wetlands possibly have hydrologic connections to Singer Lake Bog. The entire southwest area of the City has several wetlands along with the Nimisila Reservoir (part of the Portage Lakes State Park). These water features have had an increasing importance to our City as storm water, both quality and quantity, have been a growing concern in the past several years.

At this time we would request FERC to take a deeper look at the value of Singer Lake Bog and to not allow a pipeline to impact the area.

Sincerely,



Chrissy Lingenfelter

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