

1. STARLITE DRIVE / PATRICIA DRIVE / NANCY AVENUE / JOEY ROAD

My name is Warren Lemerich and I am here to represent New Moon estates & Tri View estates, the development that includes Starlite Drive, Patricia Drive, Nancy Avenue, and Joey Road, which I will refer to as the Starlite Community.

We are a community consisting of 16 households and many more people who live in them – all Larimer county citizens, working folks, children, retirees, grandparents, and grandchildren.

We are **UNITED in our opposition** to Thornton's 1041 proposal for the following reasons:

- A. **Thornton NEVER adequately communicated** with our community. Aside from a few neighbors that received notice in 2017 of an open house conducted by the folks of Thornton, we have NEVER received any correspondence from Thornton and when we did attend public meetings (here) and listed our email Thornton would send an occasional email with their 1041 plans but when we responded they NEVER replied to any of us.
- B. **HOMESTEADING:** The residents of the Starlite Community reside here for a common reason, and that is the tranquility and peace that north FTC (Larimer County) brings us. Approximately one-half of our community has been here for several generations, dating back to the first homes built in 1960. These folks have children and grandchildren. From there we have added new families with children. The folks that live in the Starlite Community live here for these reasons and would never want their way of life compromised.
- C. **VIEW/OBSTRUCTION:** The Starlite Community enjoys beautiful, dark nights that are mostly unobstructed from artificial lighting. A pump house would consist of lights, likely on 24/7, which would permanently alter the landscape and views of its residents.
- D. **CONSTRUCTION/SAFETY:** The residents of the Starlite Community engage in recreation, biking, running, lake use, and general recreation that a community such as ours can bring. We have children playing on our dirt road. There are no sidewalks. We have a substantially large senior population that resides and the inability for emergency and other service

vehicles to enter and exit will only be worsened. We do NOT want Thornton bringing in traffic and construction to our pristine environment.

- E. **HOMES/SHALE:** Our homes are built upon a large shale deposits. Some residents have already had problems with their foundations and basements cracking. Thornton's proposed pump house would likely lead to further disruption. A large generator, whether run by electrical or diesel, would cause vibrations that may further damage the homes in the Starlite Community.
- F. **PROPERTY VALUES:** A pump house and the construction of a pipeline would likely cause significant reductions to our property values for all the reasons we live along the Douglas Road corridor.
- G. **JOEY ROAD/BRAIDWOOD:** In the early 1990's when Braidwood was developed the residents of Starlite Community fought tooth and nail to prevent Joey Road from connecting with Braidwood (via Vista Lakes Drive). The reasons were simple, but very important. We didn't want the traffic. We live on dirt roads with no sidewalks. The traffic would create dust continuously penetrating homes and endangering the residents, not to mention the toll on a privately maintained road that Starlite Drive and Joey Road and the others are made up of. Our neighborhood is historical.
- H. **TOO MANY HOMES & TOO MANY PEOPLE:** Where there was a time that running pipelines or creating other significant impacts on the landscape would have been met with few people to resist, that is simply no longer the case. There are too many people, too many homes, and too many investments in our quality of life.
- I. **NO BENEFIT TO RESIDENTS:** There is absolutely no benefit to the people of the Starlite Community. Thornton provides nothing in return for coming in and tearing up our land and forever changing our way of life. Nature will not rebound anytime soon nor will the people who live here for the reasons they do.
- J. **BOTTOM LINE:** The BCC's represent US, the residents of Larimer County, NOT Adams County. BCC MUST be aware of the massive opposition to Thornton's proposal. We, the residents of the Starlite Community, are asking the BCC's to VOTE NO (DENY) Thornton's current 1041 proposal and instead encourage Thornton to embrace the Poudre River Option.

2. WORKING GROUP

- A. **Back on August 01, 2018**, the BCC's tabled Thornton's 1041 proposal, asking them to participate in a Working Group (WG) so that they may find a more VIABLE route, a better alternative, than the 1041 proposal at that time that would take the pipeline down Douglas Road.
- B. **Thornton NEVER showed themselves to be open to viable alternatives**, only pushed routes involving pipelines situated around the Douglas Road corridor. The "NEW" 1041 is not really any different than the previous Douglas Road proposal.
- C. **Throughout the WG** we (including myself) posed questions and sought responses from Thornton all designed to better enable Thornton to find alternative routes. Our questions were met with silence, answers that were evasive or incomplete, or complete silence, a refusal to answer.
- D. The Working Group (WG) met five (5) times, as well as a November 15, 2018, Community Open House. **Thornton's Dog & Pony show.**
- E. **BCC's December 17, 2018 hearing.** Thornton brought in a book for a new 1041 proposal, one that obviously took them significant time to prepare, yet here we were as the WG just concluding in late November (27th) but came with an idea that obviously was in the working before the WG concluded. The point being, the efforts of the WG never mattered.
- F. The **majority of the WG** supports the Poudre River Option, ignored by Thornton.
- G. **Thornton states** the PRO will cost too much (to clean the water) and take too long (permitting process). The WG pledged to support Thornton in their efforts to obtain permits as soon as possible.
- H. **In June, 2014, Thornton** proposed to their own City Council the plan that IS the PRO. Why abandon it? The answer – they want their water NOW and they don't want to wait for additional permitting processes and now use the fact that a water treatment plant is too much to handle. How are they not going to treat the water wherever they take it?

- I. The bottom line is that Thornton doesn't want the hardships, only the easy route, yet the easy route severely negatively impacts the residents of Larimer County.

3. BCC'S DIRECTIVES

- A. .
- B. "I recommend that you sit down with staff and improve the public process, make sure we include the people on these alternative routes." Lew Gaiter
- C. "We have a duty to the citizens of Larimer County." Steve Johnson
- D. "We will come up with different opinions on what's the best alternatives for our citizens as compared to your (Thornton's) citizens." Steve Johnson
- E. "The quantity of water may be diminished, not our criteria. The quality of water may be diminished, not our criteria. The COST may be higher, not our criteria." Steve Johnson