

Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC has canceled their 1,300-mile hazardous liquid CO2 pipeline!

This is great news for our landowners who were most concerned about eminent domain being used against them improperly--especially those along the proposed route near Lawton and Sergeant Bluff. These are private projects that almost everyone except the Iowa governor's office seemed to realize are not real public utilities. We applaud the legal processes and citizen engagement that brought about this resolution.

Granting eminent domain for private companies sets a dangerous precedent.

On January 11, 2022, the Woodbury County Board sent a letter to the Iowa Utilities Board that said in part, "This Board, as the undersigned, having been elected to represent the county residents and taxpayers, do hereby support them in their efforts to resist the pipelines proposed and ask the Iowa Utilities Board to deny any and all permits and/or eminent domain declarations against the landowners in Woodbury County."

On May 25, 2023, the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors filed a petition to intervene with the Iowa Utilities Board. In our petition, we asserted Iowa Code § 331.301 grants the authority to "exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents."

On July 18, 2023 the Woodbury County Board approved a resolution asserting "An absolute right for private property land rights with a rejection of the use of eminent domain to force landowners to place pipelines, turbines, solar panels, or any other energy commodity on their land against their will and consent."