

Good Afternoon Commission members: Welcome to Wayne County.

My name is Jane Varcoe. I am V-P of the Waymart Borough Council (my 38th year) and President of the Waymart Area Historical Society

I am proud to say I am a 4th generation Wayne County resident. My great grandfather immigrated to Wayne County from Cornwall in 1865, to preach from the Good Book, riding horseback around our county, crossing the Delaware River at Narrowsburg, serving different congregations. His homestead was a farm raising chickens and growing apples and corn. He supplemented his income by shoveling coal on the rail cars of D&H Gravity Railroad.*He also cut Bluestone along the Delaware. His lesson, passed through generations is: "we are one with this land and its bounty is provided to us through His word and hard work." Since 1798 Wayne County residents have loved this impossibly, sometimes unforgiving, rocky land.

Daily we read about the Marcellus Shale and the 1,147 gas wells today in Pennsylvania asking ourselves, when will Wayne County become part of this immense find? The largest producer of gas in our Commonwealth is our western bordering county of Susquehanna.* What is the difference between Susquehanna County and Wayne County? Only one geological fact. Their water shed is the Susquehanna River and ours is the Delaware River.

Those who have moved into Wayne County in the last couple of years and those who are attending today's hearing, who do not live here, profess it is their mission to save our environment, our water and us.

For the last 200 years, we, who live here, have protected our land and water.

'Thank you' but we do not need saving, we have in place the Wayne County Conservation District and the Department of Environmental Resources.

What we do need are decent, good-paying jobs. The gas industry can provide them.

I respectfully ask the Delaware River Commission to adopt similar regulations as set forth by the Susquehanna River Commission and please do not place on our land another layer of rules and regulations.

Thank you.



* The D&H Canal Co. & Gravity RR extended from Carbondale, PA to Kingston, NY * Data from the DER
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