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Fitzgerald Statement on Vote on Off-Site Gas Extraction Under Deer Lakes Park

PITTSBURGH – Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald released the following statement after County Council’s approval of an ordinance authorizing the off-site extraction of natural gas from underneath Deer Lakes Park:

“I thank the members of County Council who voted this evening/early morning to take advantage of this opportunity for our county residents.

“I particularly want to commend Council President John DeFazio for taking the initiative to address Council’s concerns through amendment, and Council Vice President Nick Futules, the Parks Committee Chair, for leading Council through this process as the body conducted its due diligence. The public hearing, committee meetings, and transparent process ensured that there were numerous opportunities for Council, as well as residents of this county, to educate themselves and have their questions answered.

“The County’s participation in this lease allows us to further protect our community with additional environmental enhancements while also bringing revenues to our parks. Allegheny County taxpayers benefit by having revenue that doesn’t come from our property taxes to invest in our parks and our county.”

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