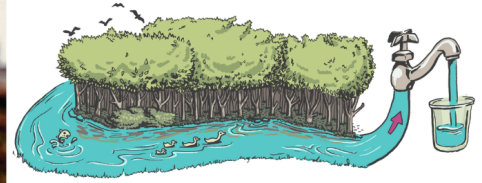




# Protect PT



Hi Neighbor,

I love the natural beauty of Southwestern Pennsylvania. I grew up in Plum Borough on my parents' farm, where they still get their water from a natural spring. Later, my husband and I moved into the house where my grandparents lived. I remember the taste of a cool glass of water straight from the tap when I was little. However, oil and gas companies are destroying our clean water with fracking waste. They're putting our many lives in danger. I won't stand for it, and neither should you.

**Will you join me in the fight for clean water by supporting Protect PT today?**

I'd heard that fracking could be dangerous to the water supply, but didn't do any research until 2016, when Penneco Oil and Gas applied for a permit for a wastewater injection well right here in Plum. My neighbors and I were concerned and we tried to fight it, but Penneco got their way. As soon as the Sedat 3A injection well started operating in 2021, my family felt the impact. The water from our tap began to taste foul, and there was a terrible chemical smell in the air. I knew in my gut it had to be related to the well activity, but needed help to understand all the impacts.

That's when I turned to Protect PT. Gillian and her team helped us understand what was happening—and gave us the tools to fight back. With Protect PT's help, we tested our water and proved that it has elevated levels of total coliform, iron, manganese, sodium, E. coli, methane, and hexachlorocyclopentadiene. You don't have to be able to pronounce these chemicals to know they're harmful to human health and the environment! Protect PT also helped us set up air quality monitoring. It turns out those chemical smells were caused by spikes in volatile organic compounds, which are released when tank batteries onsite containing polluted waste are vented

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into the atmosphere. These contaminants are carcinogenic, and exposure to them has been proven to have short- and long-term health effects. My neighbors and I have experienced upper respiratory symptoms, eye, nose, and throat irritation, headaches, nausea, asthma attacks, and dizziness. And we worry about the potential for cancer and pulmonary disease in the future.

I'm proud to support Protect PT because they have stood with us and amplified our voices as we fight for our safety and quality of life. Together with Protect PT, we've filed complaints to the EPA, PA Department of Environmental Protection, and other regulatory agencies. Protect PT is also helping us prepare comments against Penneco's application for a second well permit, which will increase the harm to our community. This harm is economic as well as environmental. Since I can't use the water from my well anymore, I have to pay for water to be hauled in and stored in a water buffalo every three months, which is around \$350 for 2500 gallons. My parents have had to spend \$3,500 on a filtration system for their spring. Another daily stressor is the truck traffic, which brings carcinogenic waste through our town, around 1,000 trucks monthly, and has caused the road to collapse in some areas. This is not the life I want for my family. I am standing up and saying NO to fracking waste in my community. I know Protect PT will stand with me until we get environmental justice.

Will you join me by donating to Protect PT this giving season? Better yet, become a member, for only \$25 a year. Together we will ensure that no one in our community is alone when facing environmental hazards in their backyard. Invest today in our community's power to fight back.

In gratitude,

*Katie Sheehan*

Katie Sheehan, Protect PT Member  
Plum Borough, PA

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