

Port Ambrose LNG Project

- **PROJECT TYPE:**
LNG import terminal
- **LOCATION:**
Offshore in federal waters; off the coast of New York and New Jersey
- **INVESTMENT COST:**
\$600 million
- **ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DATE:**
2017
- **ORIGINAL OPERATING DATE:**
December 2018

OVERVIEW

- In September 2012, Liberty Natural Gas submitted a license application for the Port Ambrose LNG Deepwater Port to the U.S. Maritime Administration.
- In the succeeding years, KIITG activists organized a public relations campaign to attack the project, focusing on key elected officials.
- In March 2015, Food & Water Watch sent a letter signed by 217 state, national and local environmental organizations opposing the project to Governors Chris Christie (New Jersey) and Andrew Cuomo (New York). The letter stated in part, "The project's threats would be compounded by the extent it would drive demand for drilling and fracking for natural gas."¹
- A 2015 *Politico* story summarized the opposition campaign: "The state's potent anti-fracking movement is also using its network of activists to fight the plan. 'The grassroots campaign to reject the proposed offshore liquefied natural gas terminal has clearly become the 'next step' for the victorious anti-fracking movement in the state,' Seth Gladstone, a spokesman for Food and Water Watch, said in an emailed statement."²
- *Politico* added that, "The draft federal [environmental] review of the plant was largely benign, but hundreds of opponents filled public hearings in January to voice disapproval."
- In October 2015, 14 environmental groups including 350NYC, the Anti-LNG Coalition, NY/NJ Baykeeper, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter and the Surfrider Foundation organized a protest outside a Cuomo fundraiser to "call for the governor to exercise his veto power this fall" against the Port Ambrose project, on the basis that it would "also increase dependence on fossil fuels throughout the region."³

POLITICO

Opposition to offshore L.N.G. facility gears up

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By the end of this year, developers of a controversial offshore liquefied natural gas plant are expected to release an environmental impact statement for the project, starting the clock for federal approval and the potential veto of governors Chris Christie and Andrew Cuomo.

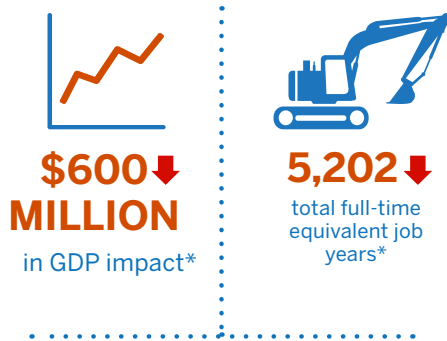
Opponents on Long Island and in New York City and New Jersey are already planning their attack.

Image from [Politico](#)

STATUS:

In November 2015, Governor Andrew Cuomo rejected the proposed project.⁴

LOST OPPORTUNITY ECONOMIC IMPACT



\$130 MILLION↓
in lost annual tax revenue*

* Number refers to total economic impact from construction/operations/upstream, through August 2018

Sources:
Global Energy Institute analysis
[2015 Final Environmental Impact Statement](#)

1. [Hundreds of National, State and Local Groups Urge Govs. Christie and Cuomo to Veto Port Ambrose LNG Plan](#), Food and Water Watch press release, 3/16/15
2. [Opposition to Port Ambrose project gathers political steam](#), *Politico*, 3/16/15
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4. [Cuomo Rejects Natural Gas Port Proposed Off Long Island](#), *New York Times*, 11/12/15