

## Atlantic Coastal Pipeline (ACP) Information In a Nutshell

– *What Dominion Won't Tell You:*

*Q: "But we already have two gas pipelines in Buckingham County --- What's one more?!"*

**A: This pipeline will carry an especially toxic gas mixture that is acquired through the controversial "fracking" or hydraulic-fracturing process.**

- This procedure injects massive amounts of undisclosed toxic chemicals, high-pressure water, and sand into numerous sites in neighboring states like Pennsylvania and West Virginia to force the gases to the surface. The poisons are then re-injected into the ground.
- Countless wells and land are now poisoned in fracked communities around the U.S, causing life-threatening illnesses and forcing families to walk away from their homes and the lives they know.
- The pipeline is routed to go **under not only the James River, but under/through other waterways and through our beautiful neighboring George Washington National Forest**, which will have devastating consequences on the wildlife as well as exposing these areas to toxic contamination and sediment issues.

Buckingham County has **been selected for placement of a "compressor station" which will run powerful, loud turbines 24 hours/7 days a week in order to push the gas along the pipeline.**

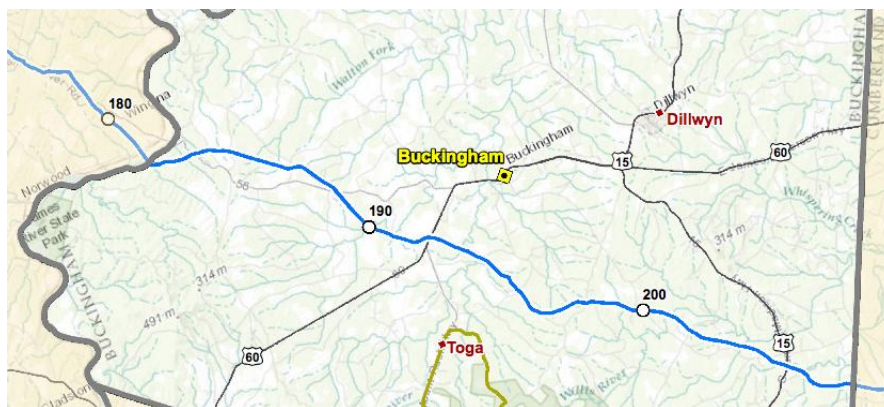
- Compressor stations regularly release the gases and fracking toxins into the air with "blow-downs," which causes elevated contamination of the air, water, and soil within fifteen miles of the stations.
- There have been numerous explosions and leaks at compressor stations.

**Proposed Pipeline route through Buckingham County:**

*Q: Isn't it better to use American natural gas than foreign oil dependence?*

**A: The gas will not be for our use. Most of the gas will be exported for use in other countries, and for the energy companies' profits.**

- Our land and neighboring affected counties are merely being *used* to get their product to *their* markets with all the risks to us, but no real lasting benefits.



*Q: Isn't it natural gas the "wave of the future" and projects like this inevitable?*

**A: No to both. Fossil fuels are on their way out. Letting our lands and rivers and roads be torn apart for two years for the ACP would be like building a massive horse-buggy factory just as the car industry is about to start. We need to get ahead of the curve.**

- There is a mass movement around the U.S. and in other nations to put an end to fracking and all the harm it does, once-and-for all.
- There is a growing momentum as various entities like the National Council of Churches and other religious organizations, foundations, pension funds, and universities withdraw their investments ("divest") from the fossil fuel industries.
- Many countries have over half of their energy sources from renewable energies. –That is the wave of the forward-thinking future, and smart investment looks ahead, NOT to a dying past.

*Q: Don't we need the jobs the pipeline will bring?*

**A: There will NOT be many employment opportunities, as these projects generally bring in their own experienced crews.**

*Q: Won't all of this activity bring business and needed economic development?*

**A: No. It will more likely have the opposite effect.**

- The pipeline **construction activities will last for approximately two years, disrupting our country roads with a LOT of heavy equipment.**
  - Many people will start driving around Buckingham County and go elsewhere to do their business.
  - Many businesses looking to expand or start-up will not be attracted to a county with clogged roads, heavy construction, elevated levels of toxins in the environment, and increased chances of explosions.

**Buckingham County needs *real, sustainable, economic development that will benefit all of us*, not more corporations from other states that want to use our land as a thoroughfare and endanger the people who live here and our resources.**

- We need to put our heads together and work together to attract businesses and industries that provide services that we can all use, that provide jobs, and that help us to protect healthy living in our rural landscape.
- **That's what "Friends of Buckingham County, Virginia" is now organizing to do.** We are working alongside other neighboring counties and building a coalition that not only stops the pipeline from ever happening, but also creates a pathway to sustainable, economic development.

*Q: Didn't the County Board of Supervisors already approve it? Isn't it a "done deal."*

**A: It definitely is NOT a done deal. We do need to work together to make sure this pipeline does not happen!**

- Yes, all but one of our Supervisors voted in favor, but given they did not investigate the many hazards of the ACP or allow the citizens sufficient time to learn about this major project and what it will mean to all of us, we are circulating petitions and writing letters and requesting a revote.
- Dominion has not yet filed for their permit, and we still have time to write/contact our elected officials and the federal regulators to stop this proposed project.
- Other counties have succeeded in stopping pipelines from scarring their lands, and so can we, if we work together.

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**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF FRACKING & ITS PIPELINES, PLEASE:**

- Attend a showing of the award-winning documentary "Gasland 2." (23 minute version: <http://tinyurl.com/lqd4wtt> )
- Go to the website of the The Allegheny Blue-Ridge Alliance: <http://www.abralliance.org/>
- Visit the soon-to-be-activated website of [www.friendsofbuckinghamva.org](http://www.friendsofbuckinghamva.org) to find numerous media resources.

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**Build a brighter future for our county –**

***We can preserve Buckingham!!***