

## N.C. Walk to Protect Our Peoples and the Places We Live March 4-19, 2017

The North Carolina Alliance to Protect Our Peoples and the Places We Live (APPPL) is organizing a Walk along the 205 mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline route in NC, beginning on Saturday March 4 at the Virginia-North Carolina border in Northhampton County, and ending two weeks later in Pembroke and then in Hamlet.



**Indigenous people in North Carolina call the Atlantic Coast Pipeline the DAPL of the southeast.** It's a linchpin of Dominion's plans to control energy supplies in Virginia (and to export gas to Asia from Cove Point, Maryland), and of Duke Energy's plans to build 12,000 MW of gas fired electricity in NC. This \$5.5 billion project will cross many rivers, tear up mountains and national forests, go under several public water supplies, impact much farmland and miles of wetlands. It will bring toxic, dangerous gas from the fracked sacrifice zones of West Virginia through many cities and towns, and into historically Afro-American and indigenous communities of eastern North Carolina. It will exacerbate global warming which just this year has contributed to one of the worst hurricanes and floods in eastern North Carolina history, and to one of the worst droughts and wildfires ever to ravage the Smokey Mountains in the west (70,000 acres burned). It will enable Duke to increase its monopoly over energy supplies in NC, skyrocketing

shareholder profits, further impoverishing North Carolina ratepayers, and lead to even greater Duke control of environmental and energy policy in North Carolina, where fossil fuels are promoted and renewables discouraged. It will endanger water, homes and families, farms, schools and churches close to the pipeline route.

During the Walk, which will pass through several cities as well as through farmland and small communities, we are organizing as many educational activities as possible in schools, churches, community centers, city planning and public official's offices. At the Virginia border on March 4 we will have an orientation and training session, and then a rally, celebration and prayer ceremony to send our Walkers off. This will be led by Afro Americans, indigenous people, church folks and activists. We plan to participate in a Clean Energy Summit in Fayetteville (Sponsored by Sustainable Sandhills) on March 11. On March 17-19 we will join the Lumbee in Robeson County in their traditional celebration of the Spring Equinox.

**How to contribute:** There are various ways people can participate in and contribute to the Walk. We hope to recruit about 50 through-walkers, who will walk the entire route. Others may walk for an hour, a day, a weekend, or through their own county or town. A few participants may choose to ride a bicycle (bike riders also can help hold the Walk together when it spreads out). We also need a bus driver, and others to drive cars to shuttle short-term walkers back to their vehicles. We are identifying places to spend the nights along the way. Healthy inexpensive meals will be provided. Seeds of Peace, a great group of activist cooks with a mobile kitchen

We'll raise money for this in various ways. We want participants to raise money from their friends, families, neighbors and others to support the Walk. We suggest that donors give 50 cents a mile walked. No one will be turned away however for inability to raise money.

Much other support is needed. We're looking for cultural workers and musicians; banner makers; street medics; people with counseling skills; vans and a bus; a truck that can carry a porta-john, water tank and photovoltaic array (to charge cell phones at night). Social media gurus will be essential. Photographers, videographers, storytellers too.

For more information, for weekly updates, to register, and to donate to the Walk, please visit our website at [2017acpwalk.org](http://2017acpwalk.org) or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/2017acpwalk/>. You can also call or email Steven Norris, [earthsun2@gmail.com](mailto:earthsun2@gmail.com). All potential participants are encouraged to register early.