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## Film on pipeline effects in Bath County debuts Friday

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Seeking to illuminate how the proposed Atlantic Coast natural gas pipeline affects those living closest to it, professional photographer Lee Brauer, a recent Bath County resident, partnered with Barbara Adams, a member of Interfaith Climate Justice in Richmond, and Julian McBain and Sam Wright, student environmental activists at Virginia Commonwealth University, to create “Troubled Water: Voices from Bath.”

The project uses photography, audio interviews, and film to explore the personal and environmental issues in Bath County surrounding Dominion’s proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

A photo exhibit is on display through Oct. 30 at IX Art Park, 963 2nd Street, in Charlottesville.

A film presentation will be held Friday, Oct. 28 from 7-9 p.m.

“Many people take the industry sound bites about this pipeline at face value and are often unaware of the dangers and issues that are all too real for those faced with it coming through their property,” Adams explained. “This is one attempt to inform the public, in a more personal, relatable way.”

While proponents insist pipeline projects are necessary and universally beneficial, multiple studies have refuted this. Bath County residents are overwhelmingly united against the ACP and have joined others in the state sharing the same perspective.

“Troubled Water: Voices from Bath” uses a multi-media approach —photos, audio stories, and a documentary-style video — to share stories of Bath residents, their history and relationship with the land, and dreams for it. This creative venture highlights those with a deep understanding of the county’s environment – karst mountain topography and hydrology; scenic mountain roads, bridges and forests threatened by the need to transport large, heavy equipment; and unparalleled pristine springs, streams and rivers.