

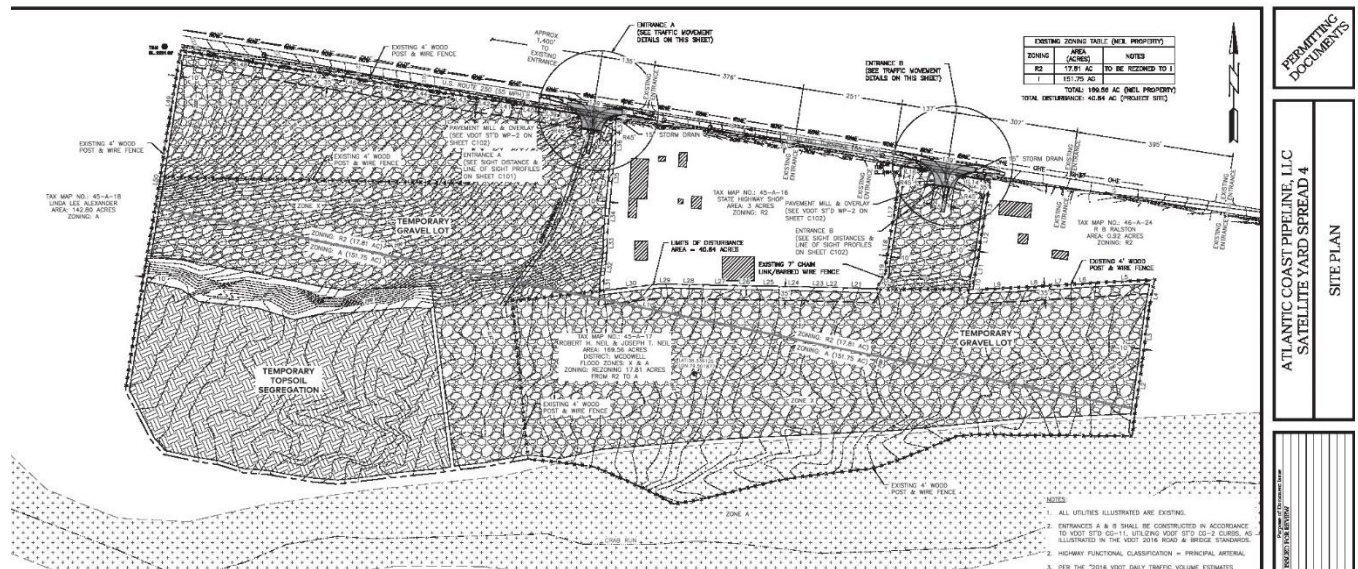
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Dominion applies for permits to create pipeline yards in Highland County

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MONTEREY — The Highland County building and zoning department has accepted conditional use permit applications from Dominion proposing to allow land in west of Veterans Bridge in McDowell and at Jack Mountain Village in Vanderpool to serve as satellite storage yards for the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

If the planning commission approves a public hearing for the permits, the hearing would take place Feb. 22.

Both proposed construction laydown yard sites are more than 10 miles from Dominion's proposed pipeline route, raising concerns over severe damage to the southern halves in Highland of two north-south arterial highways by heavy equipment during the yearlong project.

The highways are Route 671, Bullpasture River Road, and U.S. 220, Jackson River Road.

Zoning administrator Joshua Simmons noted project plans for McDowell incorrectly labeled the site zoning as industrial instead of agricultural.

Simmons entered initial review of the proposals for the commission's Jan. 25 meeting agenda. He noted the planners will not receive public comment at that meeting and would defer comment to a public hearing in February if scheduled then.