

ACTION ALERT:

May 13, 2020, 7 pm, Rockbridge County Planning Commission meeting.

At its May 13 meeting, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation on whether to approve the Atlantic Coast Pipeline plan to operate a contractor yard in Goshen, VA. The 26.9-acre yard will be an active hub for pipe welding, fuel storage, pipeline worker rendezvous, material storage, and construction vehicle travel to pipeline installation locations in neighboring Bath, Highland, and Augusta counties.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Send **YOUR COMMENT** to CitizenComment@rockbridgecountyva.gov

We recommend emailing comments to the Planning Commission before the meeting. To learn options for remote participation, visit the county website (www.rockbridgecountyva.gov) or call Director of Community Development, Sam Crickenberger at 540-464-9662 for more information.

You may use the information on this flyer to create your comments. Even if you don't live in Goshen, this contractor yard and its problems will affect you. This Yard is proposed at the wrong time and in the wrong place. The Planning Commission should deny ACP's request.

No Atlantic Coast Pipeline Contractor Yard in Goshen!

The Planning Commission should SAY NO to the Goshen site plan on May 13.

Why should Rockbridge risk the health and safety of its citizens (and visitors and neighbors) and risk polluting our streams and rivers for the convenience of Atlantic Coast Pipeline developers?

SAY NO!

Why this Yard, Now?



- The 42-inch natural gas Atlantic Coast Pipeline is missing 8 key permits.
- The overall FERC certificate is being challenged in court.
- ALL construction has been halted since December of 2018.
- County permitting is not consistent with the Virginia Clean Economy Act signed by Gov. Northam on 4/11/20, and which will go into effect on 7/1/2020.
- The Goshen site is on a flood plain but may be exempted from County flood plain requirements.

We are in a PANDEMIC! Now is not the time for:

- An influx of pipeline construction workers who are most certainly from out of state.
- Large groups converging on Goshen that may or may not practice social distancing and frequent handwashing.

SAY NO!

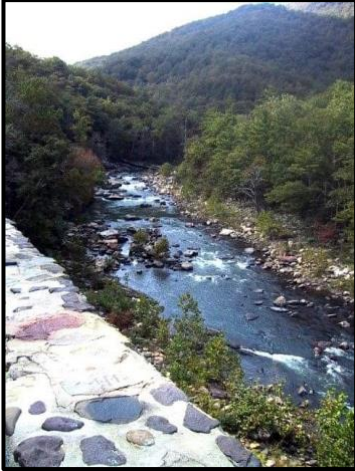
To traffic congestion and health and safety issues.



- The Goshen site is situated near the junction of rural Bratton's Road (Rt. 780) and Rts. 39 and 42, with narrow shoulders and lack of pull off areas.
- Can construction vehicles hauling large loads of pipes travel safely on these roads? Will there be road closures? Accidents?
- Will Goshen volunteer emergency services be first responders?
- Increased dust, diesel emissions, and noise.

SAY NO!

To polluting the environment and depleting our natural resources.



- ACP means massive deforestation, species loss, forest fragmentation, and destruction of wildlife habitat.
 - Toxic soil, water, and air pollutants and explosion potential from pipe coating degradation.
 - Increased sedimentation could have devastating effects on trout health in the Maury River.
 - 3M Scotchkote pipe coating can degrade in sunlight, wind, and rain, leaking chemicals which can cause birth defects, cancer, and other health problems.
- Duration of pipe storage at pipe laydown yards exceeds manufacturer's recommendation.

SAY NO!

To financial costs to our community:



- Potential site and water cleanup costs to public.
- Using up landfill capacity, costs to local government and services for inspection, health care, etc.

- Dominion is phasing out gas plants in VA. Local residents being stuck with environmental, health, and financial costs for Dominion export profits.
- Rockbridge has already permitted one contractor yard in Raphine. Let's not double the financial risks.
- To higher electric bills for customers in Virginia.

The evidence from the Mountain Valley Pipeline is clear



Does Rockbridge really want to encourage *this*?

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For information about how to participate following county COVID-19 pandemic meeting guidelines, please visit www.rockbridgecountyva.gov or contact Sam Crickenberger at 540-464-9662.

For more information about ACP, email the Environment Committee of 50 Ways Rockbridge: 50WaysEnvironmentComm@gmail.com, or Rockbridge Area Conservation Council at 540-463-2330 or racc@rockbridge.net.

