

My name is Kenda Hanuman and I'm a 24-year resident of Buckingham County.

I hope to offer a slightly different perspective on the pipeline's property and economic impacts. My past 3 years of attending and contributing to numerous meetings, hearings, demonstrations, and letters to the editor leave me feeling appalled at the disrespect and disregard for human rights shown to my fellow citizens by elected officials and agencies.

I've linked documents addressing a few of these issues at the bottom of this testimony.

I would like to give two examples from the Buckingham Board of Supervisors (BOS) members:

Donnie Bryan, the BOS chair at the time the ACP resolution was passed without citizen input, stated in a National Public Radio interview titled 'For Some, The Atlantic Coast Pipeline Spells P-R-O-M-I-S-E' *1.

' I certainly wouldn't want it to come through my backyard, ... but if it does go through their property, then it's up to them to work out the best compensation that they can from Dominion. And I strongly urge them to do that. '

Cassandra Stish, the District 5 representative for Yogaville and surrounding area, told commenters at a regular BOS monthly meeting, before she was replaced, that they needed to just 'suck it up' because the ACP was going to happen.

I question the capability of these public servants to access their moral compass when responding to--- people over profit.

The Key-Log Economics report on the Economic Impact of the ACP on Buckingham forecasts millions of dollars of loss to property and the ecosystem:*2.

Baseline property value at risk (and expected one-time cost due to the ACP):

- o In the ROW: \$23.7 million (\$1.0 to \$3.1 million)
- o In the evacuation zone: \$75.9 million (\$2.9 million)
- o **Near the compressor station: \$4.9 million (\$1.2 million)**
 - o In the viewshed: \$1.17 billion (to avoid double counting with lost aesthetic value under ecosystem services, this effect is not separately estimated) –

Total property value effect lost: Between \$5.1 and \$7.2 million –

Resulting loss in property tax revenue (annual): \$28,500 to \$40,200 –

Lost ecosystem service value, such as for water and air purification, recreational benefits, and others:

- o **Over the two-year construction period: between \$3.7 and \$13.6 million (a one-time cost)**
- o **Annually for the life of the ACP: between \$1.1 and \$4.0 million**
 - **Lost economic development opportunities due to the erosion of Buckingham County’s comparative advantages as an attractive place to visit, reside, and do business. Under the scenarios described below, these could include:**
 - o **Annual loss of recreation tourism expenditures of \$1.2 million that would support 12 jobs, \$240,000 in payroll, and generate \$54,000 in state and \$33,000 in local taxes**
 - o **Annual loss of personal income of \$544,000 due to slower growth in the number of retirees**
 - o **An annual loss of \$202,000 in personal income due to slower growth in sole proprietorships –**

One-time costs (*property value and ecosystem services during construction*) would total between \$8.8 and \$20.8 million –

Annual costs (all other costs above) would range from \$3.0 to \$5.9 million

This brings me to the work of the Community Environmental League Defense Fund (CELDF) which states: Environmental degradation is advancing around the world. The United Nations

has warned that we are heading toward “major planetary catastrophe.” There is a growing recognition that we must fundamentally change the relationship between humankind and nature.

Making this fundamental shift means recognizing our dependence on nature and respecting our need to live in harmony with the natural world. This means securing the highest legal protection and the highest societal value on nature through the recognition of rights.*3.

In closing I quote —Martin Luther King Jr “Cowardice asks the question - is it safe? Expediency asks the question - is it politic? Vanity asks the question - is it popular? But conscience asks the question - is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because it is right.”

***1.NPR interview:**

<http://wmra.org/post/some-atlantic-coast-pipeline-spells-p-r-o-m-i-s-e#stream/0>

Video coverage of Buckingham hearing statements:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=david+martin+buckingham+compressor

Conservation easements:

<https://www.newsleader.com/story/news/local/2017/10/18/pipeline-increasing-certainty-outdoors-foundation-bargains-swap-access-rights-3-parcels/775535001/>

***2.Key Log Economic study:**

http://www.friendsofbuckinghamva.org/friends/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ACPCosts_BuckinghamCounty_Summary_REVISED_20160516.pdf

***3.CELDF:**<https://celdf.org/rights/rights-of-nature/>
https://celdf.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CommonSense_2nd_ed.pdf

Paper copy of Buckingham BOS ACP Resolution included