

**(DRAFT COPY) RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE IN
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NC**

WHEREAS, Dominion Transmission, Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas, and AGL has submitted an application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to build a 550 mile pipeline from West Virginia, Virginia, to North Carolina known as the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP).

WHEREAS, the ACP is proposed to be 42 inches in diameter from WV to Virginia and 36 inches in North Carolina in which it will transport highly pressurized “fracked” natural gas from the Marcellus Shale Region in WV.

WHEREAS, the ACP proposed route will go through Cumberland County approximately along interstate 95 corridor directly impacting local residents, private landowners, and public property.

WHEREAS, the ACP will require approximately 100 foot wide easement during its construction phase and a 75 foot wide permanent easement with very limited practical use for the landowners.

WHEREAS, the ACP will clear away thousands of acres of natural habitat, mature trees, cross through environmentally sensitive wetlands, rivers, and streams, diminishing landscape appeal, and disrupting the quality of life for thousands of Cumberland County Residents.

WHEREAS, the ACP presents potential hazards to our environment, drinking water, wildlife, and the health to our citizens.

WHEREAS, highly pressurized natural gas pipelines are known to leak methane gas, contaminating the soil and groundwater. They also have exploded without notice and warning causing millions of dollars of damage and injuring and even killing the unsuspected.

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County emergency first responders especially in the rural districts do not possess the assets, resources, training, nor personnel to properly respond to a catastrophic explosion or leak of a pipeline of this magnitude.

WHEREAS, the proposed ACP route creates an undo economic hardship to private landowners directly affected and the surrounding properties. It potentially reduces property value significantly and decreases chances to refinance mortgage, sell and/or properly insure.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cumberland County Commissioners require that detailed maps of the proposed ACP route be openly displayed at the county's register of deeds office to inform potential property buyers, sellers, real estate brokers and lawyers, and others about the ACP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, hereby that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners officially opposes the Atlantic Coast Pipeline due to its negative environmental, economical, and health impact on its residents.

On motion of _____ to adopt the resolution, and carried by the following recorded vote:

AYES: Names of commissioners (oppose ACP)

NAYS: Names of commissioners

Adopted: _____ 2016