

# Stop the Mountain Valley Pipeline!

## Bad for Virginians and the Climate Every Step of the Way

Big Gas wants to build a monstrous fracked-gas pipeline through the Blue Ridge and Appalachian regions of Virginia and West Virginia, all the way to North Carolina, that would boost their bottom line at the expense of our best interests. It's called the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and from fueling toxic fracking, to destroying people's land, to leaking heat-trapping methane, **this pipeline would harm our communities and our climate every step of the way.**

### An Unprecedented Expansion of Fracked-Gas Infrastructure in Virginia

EQT and NextEra's proposed 301-mile **Mountain Valley Pipeline** is larger in circumference than the infamous Keystone XL pipeline. It would require up to four new compressor stations – facilities that keep the gas pressurized as it travels – subjecting communities to air pollution, groundwater contamination and more. The pipeline would also cut through about five miles of the Jefferson National Forest and bisect the iconic Appalachian Trail and Blue Ridge Parkway. Afterwards, it would leave a 50-foot wide strip of permanently cleared land along the entire route.



### The stakes for our communities and our climate are high

**CLIMATE:** According to growing scientific data, **fracked gas could disrupt the climate on par with coal**, when factoring in the full cycle of emissions from extraction to piping to and burning. With rising seas already flooding Virginia's coastal communities, this is a risk we can't afford to take.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** A pipeline "blowout" near Appomattox, Virginia in 2008 created a fireball reported to be ¼ mile high, injuring residents, and damaging nearly 100 homes.

**WATER QUALITY:** Run-off and sedimentation during construction, as well as chemical additives used to keep rights-of-way clear, can impact local surface water and groundwater.

**ICONIC MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS:** The proposed route would permanently damage some of the most beautiful and critical land in Virginia, including the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Monongahela National Forest.

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:** The developers are proposing to site a dirty compressor station for the project in a vulnerable, majority-Black community of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. And the Southgate expansion would run through indigenous communities in Virginia and North Carolina, impacting sacred rivers for the Monacan and Occaneechi Tribes.

## Virginia needs wind and solar solutions – not dirty and dangerous pipelines

The Mountain Valley Pipeline's cost projections have increased from \$3.7 billion to [\\$6.2 billion](#). A 2015 Chesapeake Climate Action Network [analysis](#) found that with about \$5 billion, we could conservatively install enough solar panels to power nearly 400,000 Virginia homes and reduce carbon emissions at a rate equal to taking 600,000 cars off the road, while creating 2,494 short-term construction jobs and 216 permanent ones.

MVP is continuing construction in a race to inevitability. Its stakeholders hope that with enough environmental destruction and pipeline miles completed, they will build something that is 'too big to fail.' Because our national laws still classify this interstate pipeline as critical infrastructure, the companies can continue to clear trees and seize land even though the project has not fully wound its way through legal challenges. That is why CCAN engages in direct action in addition to legal, regulatory and advocacy efforts--under our current system, that is the only way to actually stop the companies from cutting trees and connecting pipes.



# Join the Movement: No New Pipelines!



## Beating back the pipelines

The good news is, we are NOT powerless to stop these projects. Since they were approved, we've been fighting these pipelines at every opportunity we can. In decision after decision, courts have been rightfully throwing out key permits that were forced through without taking stock of the scope of destruction. As a result, the pipeline companies have delayed their construction and increased costs. Fracked-gas pipelines are looking more unviable in Virginia every day.

A groundswell of resistance to these projects is spreading across Virginia and the country. We won't stand by as Dominion and their allies destroy our neighbors' dreams and dig us into a deeper hole on climate change. We need our leaders to stop stumping for these dangerous new pipelines and instead stand with us to bring clean energy solutions to Virginia.

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