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Public input to the State Corporation Commission on the proposed locations for
Dominion Virginia Power's Power Line Project

Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy is an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the preservation and proliferation of healthy wildlife habitats throughout Loudoun. We believe that the W&OD trail provides not only critical wildlife habitat but also an important place for people to enjoy nature. Placing the power lines along this route is not acceptable. The alternative of placing the power lines through the rural properties also is not an acceptable option because of the wetland, grassland and forested habitats that will be destroyed there as well.

The alternative that we support is one where the power lines are buried along Route 7. This alternative results in the least environmental impact and is the best alternative for the residents of Loudoun. If the power lines cannot be buried along Route 7 at this time, then we recommend that development within the county be slowed until our infrastructure and the supporting technologies required to bury the power lines responsibly catches up

[Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy was founded in 1995. In addition to offering free speaker programs by local experts, field trips such as bird walks and wildflower walks, monitoring programs for streams, amphibians and bluebirds and habitat restoration projects; we also serve as a voice for wildlife, speaking out for habitat protection and conservation throughout Loudoun.]