

Atlantic Coast Pipeline

PROJECT TYPE

Gas pipeline

LOCATION:

Harrison County, West Virginia, through Virginia to Robeson County, North Carolina

INVESTMENT COST:

\$6.25 billion

ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Late 2016 → construction has begun but legal challenges continue¹

ORIGINAL OPERATING DATE:

Late 2018

OVERVIEW

- In September 2014, Dominion Energy, Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and AGL Resources formally announced a joint venture to construct the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP).¹ The plan calls for Dominion to construct and operate the 600-mile pipeline that would deliver natural gas from West Virginia to areas with rapidly growing demand for affordable supplies of energy in Virginia and North Carolina.
- Just months after announcement of the project, local opposition groups formed² and focused on encouraging activists to write letters to FERC, contact representatives and politicians, sign petitions and join protests opposing the pipeline.³ Larger regional and national KIITG opposition groups, such as the Southern Environmental Law Center, Appalachian Voices, 350.org, the Bold Alliance and the Sierra Club, lent their resources and support to the opposition.
- In addition to working with FERC, the ACP has been working with local, state and federal agencies to receive more than 2,500 other permits before the pipeline opens.⁴
- In December 2017, just before the Virginia Water Control Board (VWCB) conditionally approved ACP permits, KIITG protesters hung an anti-pipeline banner on the home of a VWCB official.⁵



Image from [Washington Examiner](#)

LOST OPPORTUNITY ECONOMIC IMPACT



\$2.3 ↓
BILLION
in GDP impact*



21,079 ↓
total full-time
equivalent job
years*



\$500 ↓
MILLION
in lost tax
revenue*



\$377 ↓
MILLION
in annual energy
cost savings
across the region
for consumers**

- A story about the banner found on the "It's Going Down" website – "a digital community for anarchists, anti-fascists, autonomous anti-capitalist and anti-colonial movements" – stated, "When we have done everything we can to prevent this pipeline within legal means, we will resort to sabotage and we will defeat this symbol of domination, exploitation, globalized capital, earth pillage and outright [expletive]."⁶
- In early 2018, the Alliance To Protect Our People And The Places We Live held a sit-in in North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's office,⁷ while protesters set up resistance camps ("Three Sisters Camp") along the pipeline route in Buckingham County, Va.⁸
- In August 2018, the Southern Environmental Law Center filed lawsuits against permits issued by the National Park Service⁹ and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

STATUS:

While ACP has secured key state and federal permits necessary to begin construction, KIITG opponents continue to pursue legal challenges in an attempt to further delay the project.

* Number refers to total economic impact from construction/operations/upstream, through August 2018

**Self-reported by project sponsor

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