



It's hard to believe it has now been over two years since Dominion Transmission, Inc. reared its ugly head in the Middletown Valley. The Community came together in full force for the public hearing in February 2008 sharing our voices on our thoughts of a gas compressor station being erected on Marker Road. Dominion is now silent, but Dominion has not gone away. The threat remains stronger than ever as they OWN the land on Marker Road. In March 2009, the CPMV requested an update from Dominion's Managing Director, State Government Affairs, Ms. Carolyn Moss who responded to say "We purchased that land in order to preserve the option to have this site as a potential location for the compressor station."

When the initial FERC Pre-Application was pulled in the fall of 2008, Dominion did so to address concerns at the beginning of the pipeline. They estimated this would be resolved by 2012. While we wait patiently in the wings for Dominion to address their pipeline issues, we must remain vigilant. No news is NOT good news for us. Dominion was very quiet during the first round of the application process, we can only assume they will be even more silent this time.

Now is not the time to close up shop and assume all has gone away. Please continue to know this threat continues to exist. Our Board of County Commissioners has made a statement through their Draft Comprehensive Plan that they want to protect the agriculture in Frederick County. They are pushing for smart growth. Does a gas compressor station, with jet turbine engines blasting and echoing through the valley, and billows of smoke hanging in the valley on a hot summer afternoon sound like smart growth?

Become involved, support the CPMV. We will be holding listening sessions at The Main Cup on Saturday, March 13th and again on March 27th from 9:00 am until 11:00 am to hear your thoughts and share what we know. Watch for further updates.

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