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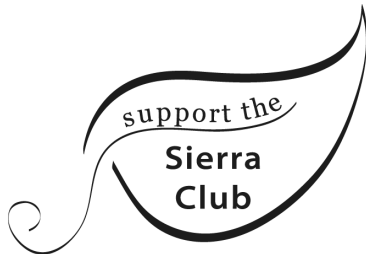
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Do Pipelines Benefit Pennsylvanians?

A report prepared by Key-Log Economics for the Sierra Club in connection with the proposed Atlantic Sunrise pipeline shows little economic benefit to Pennsylvania and enormous ecological damage. Key-Log Economics explains the true costs of the Atlantic-Sunrise pipeline, finding that proponents overstated the pipeline’s economic benefits while FERC discounted or ignored some of its environmental costs. These costs include the effects of the pipeline on property values, the diminished value of ecosystem services, economic damages associated with increases in greenhouse gas emissions, and public health costs due to the release of toxins and smog-forming pollutants.

The Atlantic Sunrise pipeline runs North-South from Susquehanna County to the PA-MD border. The project would clear cut its way through eight Pennsylvania counties, impacting 2,000 acres of forested land and crossing hundreds of wetlands and water bodies. The proposed route includes nearly 200 miles of new pipeline in Pennsylvania. This pipeline would transport gas for export overseas.

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The GVP Group meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. To be added to our email list or for the meeting location, visit the GVP website at <https://gvpsierraclub.wordpress.com>

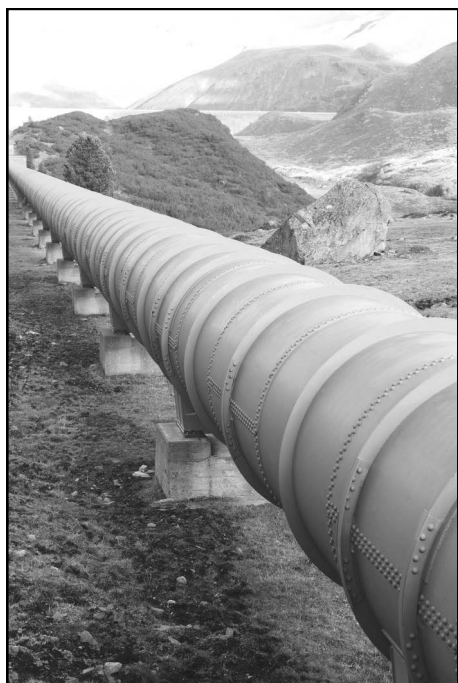
Bring the GVP Group to Your Local Area

Would you like more Sierra Club events near your home? Are there local issues the Sierra Club can assist with? We are inviting persons outside of the Harrisburg area to let us know what your local interests are.



Do you live in York, Adams, Lebanon, Franklin, Perry or Fulton counties? Would you like to serve as a local GVP contact for your area? We would like to hear from you, and hear about what's going on where you live! Please contact Amy at amf194@gmail.com.

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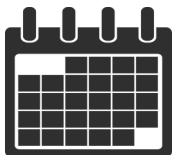


The report estimates the pipeline's total costs to the environment (the initial cost plus the discounted value of all future annual costs) at between \$21.3 and \$91.6 billion. The annual cost associated with the social cost of carbon from the project's greenhouse gas emissions would be \$2.3 to \$3.5 billion per year. One-time costs (during construction) for lost ecosystem functions, such as wetlands filtering, tree cover, and flow control, are estimated to be \$6.2 to \$22.7 million. Annual costs for this diminished ecosystem would total approximately \$2.9 to \$11.4 million per year.

Although the pipeline may create some temporary construction jobs along the pipeline route, the pipeline only creates 29 permanent jobs and \$1.8 million in new income resulting from the operation of the project per year. These figures include 15 direct jobs and spending necessary for operation of the pipeline itself. This is a miniscule benefit for a claimed \$2.6 billion project. When pipeline advocates claim great economic benefit for Pennsylvania from these projects, we rightfully should be skeptical of their touted figures.

Mark Your Calendar

Save the dates so that you can attend the 2017 GVP Group meetings:



- Tues., April 25 — **GVP General Meeting @** 6:30 pm, MOM Library, 2410 North Third St. Harrisburg
- Tues., May 30 — **GVP General Meeting @** 6:30 pm, MOM Library, 2410 North Third St. Harrisburg
- Tues., June 27 — **GVP General Meeting @** 6:30 pm, MOM Library, 2410 North Third St. Harrisburg
- Tues., July 25 — **GVP General Meeting @** 6:30 pm. Check the GVP website for location.
- Tues., Aug. 29 — **GVP General Meeting @** 6:30 pm. Check the GVP website for location.
- Tues., Sept. 26 — **GVP General Meeting @** 6:30 pm. Check the GVP website for location.
- Tues., Oct. 31 — **GVP General Meeting @** 6:30 pm. Check the GVP website for location.

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Social Media Guru

The Governor Pinchot Group needs help getting info out to members on Facebook and Twitter.

If you want to volunteer, even if you aren't a "guru," please visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/governorpinchotgroup like us and leave a comment.





**2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SIERRA CLUB - GVP GROUP
COME MEET US & JOIN IN THE WORK AND FUN!**



Our local GVP meetings are open to all and are held at 6:30 p.m., on the last Tuesday of each month. We usually meet at the MOM library (2410 North Third St, Harrisburg), or the East Shore Library (4501 Ethel St, Harrisburg). Check the GVP website for meeting locations: GVPSIERRACLUB.WORDPRESS.COM/EVENTS/

April

- Sat., April 29: **Climate March in Washington, DC**. Sign up at <http://sc.org/pcm>
- Sat., April 29 through Fri., May 5: **Yard sale item collection**. Drop off your contributions on the porch: 3244 Green St, Harrisburg.

May

- Saturday, May 6: **Shop the Yard Sale!** Proceeds go to GVP local activities. 3244 Green Street, Harrisburg. Contact rbroderick1@email.com
- Sunday, May 7: **Adopt a Highway Cleanup** from 9-10 am, on the Harrisburg Airport connector route. Contact kerrouac@msn.com
- Saturday, May 13: **South Allison Hill Multicultural Festival & Parade**. Contact cdviti@gmail.com
- Saturday, May 20: **Bike Ride on the York Rail-Trail** (10 miles). Contact thomxau@yahoo.com
- Tuesday, May 30: **GVP General Meeting** at 6:30pm, MOM Library, 2410 North Third St, Harrisburg

June

- Saturday, June 3: **Adopt a Highway Cleanup** from 9-10 am, on the Harrisburg Airport connector route. Contact Kerrouac@msn.com
- Wednesday, June 21: **Happy Hour** at 6 pm, Duke's Riverside, 313 S. Front St, Wormleysburg. Contact buzbyJ9@gmail.com

July

- Saturday, July 29: **Harrisburg's 25th PRIDE Festival**. Volunteers needed— would you like to sit at the GVP booth and pass out literature? Contact David@queryquest.us
- Weekend, July 28-30: **Annual Statewide Chapter Outing** at Hickory Run State Park, near Jim Thorpe, PA. Come enjoy the fun! Register at <http://www.pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/>

August

- Sunday, August 6: **York EQUALITY Festival** from noon to 6 pm. Volunteers needed—would you like to sit at our booth for an hour or two and pass along brochures? Contact: cdviti@gmail.com

September

- Sunday, Sept. 10: **Susquehanna River Canoe Clean-Up**. Contact rbroderick1@email.com
- Saturday, Sept. 23: **Adopt a Highway Cleanup** from 9-10 am, on the Harrisburg Airport connector route. Contact Kerrouac@msn.com

October

- Sunday, October 15: **Nature Talk** by Gene Wingert at 1pm, at Wildwood Park. Check GVP website for details.

December

- Friday, December 8: **Holiday Party** — all are welcome! Contact buzbyJ9@gmail.com



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