

My name is Lisa Tully and I am a homeowner in Horizons Village. My neighbors have told you about our subdivision – its environmentally based covenants, its streams, forests and wetlands, but I want to tell you a more personal story. My daughter and son in law also own property in Horizons. William and Melissa Barr would be here tonight but Will is an active duty soldier with the Marine Corps. He cannot leave his duty station to come and tell you that his property will be bisected by the proposed Appalachian Trail South route of the ACP. After his 10 month tour of duty in Afghanistan Will and Melissa sought a place for refuge from their stressful life as a military family. In February 2014 they spent their life savings on a property with a small cabin in Horizons. Their land is bounded by Spruce Creek, is covered with hardwoods, wetlands and wildlife. No matter where the Marine Corps sends them next, they know their sanctuary is waiting for them in the Rockfish Valley. The proposed pipeline will cut their property in half, impacting its use for building, cutting their trees, running through their stream and greatly devaluing their land.

My neighbors in Horizons will be equally economically impacted by the proposed pipeline. One neighbor has lost a purchaser because Horizons will not be a place the purchaser wants to live if the pipeline is built. Other neighbors have their building plans and their lives on hold until the route is determined.

I urge you tonight to protect the property of a serviceman who has risked his life to protect our freedom.

I urge you to re-route the pipe line away from Horizons Village and mostly I urge you to route the pipeline through existing rights of way.