

Community Forum

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New transmission cables could bring unwanted results

I'm writing regarding the reconstruction of transmission cables along the Norris Bridge.

I understand the importance of the Rappahannock River and its role in surrounding communities. If the transmission cables are constructed, I understand that there will be cheaper, more reliable electricity for the Northern Neck.

The transmission cable construction could bring about many positives, but the only positive I see is the fact that it will bring about more reliable, cheaper electricity. Since it will make electricity cheaper, the transmission cable construction could mean that the community has the ability to expand.

My perspective on this is that it's a good thing and could help local economies, but it will change the culture of the area.

The Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula take pride in the beauty of the area and the culture. The culture of the area is a small town, the "everybody knows everybody" town. I've heard many say that they wished we had a Target or Lowes, or another major corporation, but do they really?

If a major corporation opened its doors here, it would shift the culture. Having to drive 45 minutes just to go to the movies sounds dreadful, but it's outweighed by the small-town feel it brings.

If the transmission cables are built, the Northern Neck will lose one of the primary aspects of the community that many citizens take pride in. Those who haven't experienced the community don't understand the importance a small-town community or the surprising upside to being at least 45 minutes from many major corporations. So, the transmission cable construction could potentially bring about more changes than the power company originally planned.

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