

Community Forum

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Unless you take to the air, there is absolutely nowhere else in this entire region that affords anything like the spectacular view from our Robert O. Norris Bridge.

It is high enough for you to be able to take in the dazzling, panoramic vistas across open, tide-tossed waters on either side—to the east, where our mighty river merges with the Chesapeake Bay and, to the west, where you can actually see to the distant horizon, the hazy shorelines of Middlesex and Lancaster counties spread out before you in all weather, stunning views unique to each day or evening and for every crossing.

I value and love the sight of its silhouette, too, seen from the surface of the river by boat, or from the shores at either end and points up and down the high banks on both sides. It matters to me, and I suspect to so many others, who appreciate the scenic beauty of this area.

If we are to protect these views from the bridge and of the bridge, there is no time to waste. We need to pull together as a community, on both sides of our river, to make our voices heard before the Virginia State Corporation Commission, standing firm against Dominion VA Power's plan to install ugly, 18-story tall towers, when transmission lines can be run under the river instead.

Let's stick together and support the winning team of concerned citizens who won back our right to be heard. Instruct your district representative to tell the board of supervisors to serve our shared interest.

I urge you to read the latest updates on what has been achieved already by your fellow citizens at SaveTheRappahannock.org and get involved in this grassroots coalition now.

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