

Protect our natural assets

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said, "The only thing that is constant is change." So we can either choose to direct that change or do nothing while the world changes around us.

Whether a born here, a come here, or a come back here we should all work together for the common good. It's amazing what can be achieved in government as well as in the private sector when we put aside our egos and desire for personal gain and work together on a common vision for the future.

Seems far to often today that our elected officials are more interested in deals that lead to personal gain and power over the benefits of doing what's right for everyone they represent.

Locally the Town of Kilmarnock exemplifies what working together can achieve. The "River Realm" is the product of that effort.

We are so fortunate here that we have so many God given assets. The natural beauty of our coastal community is among the most valuable of those assets. Protecting these natural assets is key to our county's future success.

Dominion's proposed towers across the Rappahannock represent a major threat to our county's vision for the future. We should not allow this despoiling when there are alternatives that can achieve both protection and reliable/affordable power.

The claims of those supporting the building of the towers are largely based on mis-information about costs, rates and reliability provided only by Dominion. A more careful examination shows the alternatives to the towers are not only affordable and more reliable but also protect our natural assets.

Lets all work together to continue moving our county forward, not just for a few but, for all. The great Yogi Berra said it best, "If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else."

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