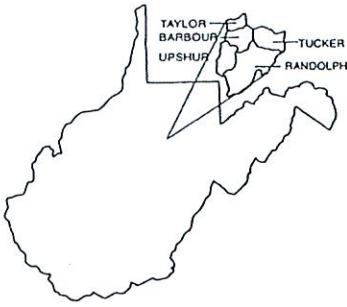




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RESOLUTION: Valley North Transmission Line Project

WHEREAS, the Valley North Transmission Line Project proposes a new 765 kV high-voltage transmission line crossing through multiple West Virginia counties, including those in the Tygarts Valley Conservation District, requiring extensive right-of-way clearing and tall towers; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia's conservation districts are charged with conserving soil, water, and natural resources for the benefit of current and future generations, and this project threatens productive farmland, forested habitats, rivers, and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the project would impact sensitive wildlife, including recovering populations of species such as whippoorwills and potential habitat for federally listed species like the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat, as well as aquatic species in affected watersheds; and

WHEREAS, independent analyses indicate the primary driver of this infrastructure is electricity demand from data centers in neighboring states, placing disproportionate environmental and economic burdens on West Virginia's rural landscapes and ratepayers with limited local benefit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed routes risk soil erosion, sedimentation of waterways, fragmentation of wildlife corridors, and long-term degradation of the scenic and ecological values that conservation districts work to protect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tygarts Valley Conservation District formally opposes the construction of the Valley North Transmission Line Project through West Virginia in its currently proposed form due to its significant adverse impacts on natural resources, wildlife habitat, water quality, and agricultural lands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge Valley Link Transmission and state officials to pursue truly superior alternatives, such as microgrids, behind-the-meter generation at data centers, upgrades to existing corridors, or other distributed solutions, that minimize impacts on the land, water and wildlife while addressing regional energy needs more efficiently; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call for comprehensive environmental, agricultural, and cumulative impact studies, including full consideration of effects on rare, threatened, and endangered species, before any further project advancement, and meaningful engagement with local conservation districts and landowners; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, Public Service Commission, Valley Link Transmission, and appropriate legislative committees.

Adopted this 10th day of August 2026, by the Tygarts Valley Conservation District.


James Dean, Chair