

AMP Creeks Council, et al. v. Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County (Dominion Cove Point, LNG, respondents) – “ORDERED, that Ordinance No. 46-13 is deemed to be invalid, having been passed by the Board of County Commissioners outside the bounds of the Board's authority. “

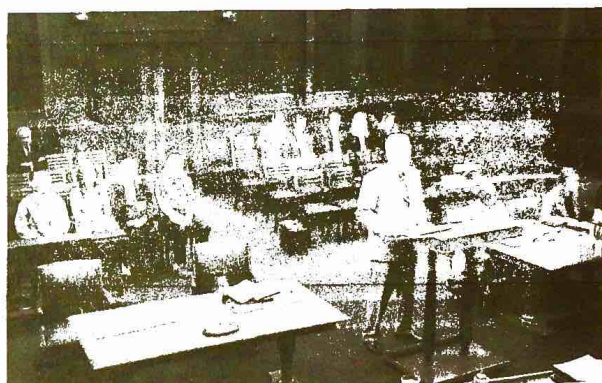
This case was a huge victory for us. Calvert County passed legislation to erase the zoning from DCP's property so that they could fast-track approval of the export facility without going through any of the local permitting processes. Following our win, Calvert County scrambled to catch up, but the project was already getting behind schedule. Of course they got their permits, but we won an important case for MD zoning law and threw Dominion for a loop.

AMP Creeks Council, et al. v. Maryland Board of Public Works (Dominion Cove Point, LNG, respondents) – “the actions of the Maryland Board of Public Works in granting a license to Dominion Cove Point LNG.LP is affirmed and the Petition for Judicial Review is dismissed .”

We lost this one. It was a long shot, but we gave it our best anyway. We were challenging a wetlands mitigation permit that allowed construction to move forward.

AMP Creeks Council, et al. v. John Norris, Calvert County Attorney; Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County; Calvert County Planning Board; Calvert County Department of Economic Development; Calvert County Community Planning and Building Department; Calvert County Administrator's Office; Calvert County Natural Resources Division; Calvert County Treasurer's Office; and Calvert County

This was a complicated partial victory. Most importantly, the case revealed that Calvert County had signed a nondisclosure agreement with Dominion Cove Point, and were concealing information from the public about their dealings. This was a Public Information Act case.



AMP Creeks Council, et al. v. Maryland Public Service Commission (Dominion Cove Point, LNG and Department Of Natural Resource/Power Plant Research Program, Interested Parties)

We lost this one in the Maryland Court of Appeals (Maryland's supreme court) on November 7, 2016. At issue was the PSC's decision to approve a 130 megawatt industrial power plant that would be used solely by Dominion to power the liquefaction turbines and other parts of the export facility. The plant will not plug into MD's grid; it will only benefit Dominion, but will create a great deal of air and noise pollution near a dense residential neighborhood. When Dominion offered to pay Maryland \$48 million, they got their permit, but not before. We were recently before the PSC again in new hearings related to this case. We are awaiting a ruling.

We are part of a multi-party lawsuit against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) over the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline. We are also helping train folks to engage in direct action to protect their land from eminent domain.

Approval of Williams's Transco Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline (ASP) was significantly delayed, but construction has now begun. If built, the huge pipeline would cut through Pennsylvania, bringing fracked gas to the Dominion Cove Point (DCP) export terminal that is under construction. Without DCP and some other infrastructure, the ASP has no function or purpose; it should not be considered by FERC as an isolated project. The cumulative effects of all the parts must be evaluated together.

We will take legal action against Dominion's Charles Station compressor station if it is approved, and are currently represented by counsel in the related Charles County zoning hearing process.

Who We Are

We are a small nonprofit organization established in 2007, focused originally on local land use. Our board members are all volunteers.

Mission Statement: The Accokeek, Mattawoman, Piscataway Creeks Communities Council, Inc. (AMP Creeks) is dedicated to protecting the environment, and ensuring the sustainability of natural resources and the basic human right to clean air and water. Through local, state, and national advocacy our approach is threefold: education, community outreach and collaboration, and legal action. Priority is given to local, root cause initiatives with specific impacts and outcomes that serve as catalysts to maximize other efforts for responsible environmental stewardship.



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The AMP Creeks Council is Working to Protect Maryland from Fracking Nightmares



Dominion Energy Cove Point, LNG is converting their fracked gas import facility in Cove Point into a liquefaction and export terminal. It's a huge risk to thousands of people living nearby. It threatens the health and safety of people from Cove Point to Virginia and Pennsylvania – the areas in which fracking will boom to provide gas to Dominion Cove Point (DCP), and from where the pipelines that will feed it fracked gas will come.

DECP is also proposing a dangerous 14 acre compressor station project on the Charles & Prince George's County border, by Mill Swamp near the Potomac River. It would feed a proposed power plant in Brandywine and the export terminal.

AMP Creeks focuses heavily on legal work and community organizing to stop these projects and other bad land use and zoning developments.

We partner with groups including We Are Cove Point (WACP), Stopping Extraction and Exports Destruction (SEED), The FANG Collective, Shalefield Organizing Committee, Clean Air for Prince George's County, Calvert Citizens for a Healthy Community (CCHC), the Moyaone Association, and Beyond Extreme Energy (BXE).

