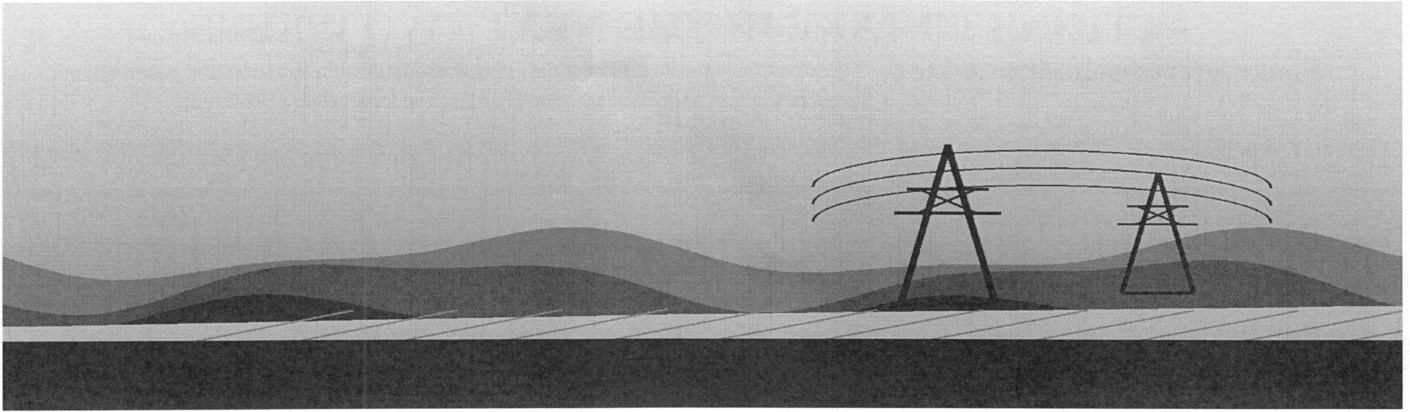




PROTECTING CLARKE COUNTY

VALLEY LINK CLAIMS

Enhanced service reliability for customers

Drives regional economic growth

Creates hundreds of local construction jobs.

THE REALITY

The minimum number of substations preclude general distribution support. Anticipate high power consumption motivating the high-voltage line to reach a limited number of non-industrial customers.

Yes, massive data centers provide relief for property taxes in the zones of use. The beneficiaries will primarily be in the counties where delivery and consumption occur. Communities and counties along the routing will see no real advantage.

The construction jobs likely to be held by transient specialized construction workers in temporary jobs. No residual economic advantage for the pass-through communities.

Property values

765kV transmission lines decrease property values between 17.9% and 44.9% depending upon the proximity to the lines and type and use of property parcel.

Farms and working lands

New corridors interfere with field layouts, fencing, equipment movement, livestock management, and long-term conservation goals.

Scenic and historic character

Viewsheds, rural roads, historic landscapes, and the protected countryside are part of Clarke County's identity and economic appeal.

Habitat and water resources

Vegetation clearing may fragment habitat, disturb pollinators and birds, increase erosion risk, and create pressure on streams and sensitive areas.

Health and medical-device concerns

EMF Radiation fields near homes, schools, farms, and public spaces, including questions for individuals with implanted medical devices. Many of the proposed Valley Link segments intend to cross active pastures and come close to residences, schools and daycares, and community spaces. Boyce Elementary and D. G. Cooley are not far from these proposed lines, and they run across the soccer fields at Chet Hobert Park. According to OSHA, it is not safe to come closer than 45 feet to a 765kV transmission line without protection. Unfortunately, the US has not established a standard safety distance between high voltage transmission lines and residences or schools; however, China and Russia require EMF exposure limits below 0.1 μ T, which is typically between 700 and 1000 feet from a high voltage transmission line.

ACTIONS TO TAKE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

☐ Attend the public information meeting	Attend the information meeting. Bring written questions about route, easements, construction access, vegetation clearing, and local reliability benefits. July 7, 2026 from 4:00 – 7:30 at the Clarke County Fairgrounds Ruritan Building, 890 W Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611
☐ Put concerns in writing	Fill out the comment card, and mail it to the Valley Link Transmission, LLC c/o WPS address or submit your comment card online. Keep a copy of all written communication. Focus on specific local impacts: property values, viewshed, farm operations, contamination to water and soil, wildlife habitat disruption, and health concerns. Also note any historic homes, battlefields, churches or scenic byways in addition to any schools or community spaces this proposal would impact.
☐ Speak with neighbors	A shared community voice is stronger than isolated objections. The initial mailing looked like junk-mail be sure all of your neighbors are aware of the Valley Link North proposal. Assist any elderly neighbors in receiving and submitting a comment card, as well of any neighbors who might be out of town and unable to attend the meeting on July 7th.
☐ Contact representatives and interested Departments and	Clarke County via email to info@clarkecounty.gov Delores Oates (VA Delegate for the 31st District): DelDOates@house.virginia.gov Timmy French (VA Senator for the 1st District): senatorfrench@senate.virginia.gov Share your concerns and request our county and elected officials protect rural character, property rights, agriculture, and conservation priorities.
☐ Protect property interests Notice of No Trespass and Conservation Easement	Send a Notice of No Trespass via certified mail to the Registered Agent, and have the sheriff serve a Notice of No Trespass to the Principal Office. Post No Trespassing Signs every 50 feet along your property line. Begin discussions with Clarke County about the possibility of placing your property in Conservation Easement.
☐ Additional Options	Farmers, Ranchers, and Agriculture producers can fill out the USDA lawfare questionnaire at the following website: https://www.usda.gov/lawfare#main-content

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WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT VALLEY LINK TRANSMISSION VIRGINIA, LLC UNDERSTANDS COMING THROUGH CLARKE COUNTY WILL BE A LENGTHY AND EXPENSIVE ENDEAVOR.

TELL VALLEY LINK: “NOT THROUGH CLARKE COUNTY!”

The route for the proposed Valley North power line is not final. Your comment becomes part of the official record — but only if you file it.

GROUNDINGS FOR OBJECTION

The Proposed Transmission Line Route Will:

- Violate the Clarke County Comprehensive Plan
- Violate existing conservation easements
- Run across Chet Hobert Park and youth sports fields
- Violate two National Register Rural Historic Districts: Chapel District & Long Marsh Run
- Violate existing Virginia-designated Scenic Byways
- Violate existing Agricultural and Forestal Districts
- Threaten water wells and aquifer – 160+ foot tall towers, every 1,200 feet, require drilling and blasting our karst topography
- Disrupts prime agricultural soils
- *Add any additional objection factors you feel are important*

FILE YOUR PROTEST ON-LINE: 5 MINUTES

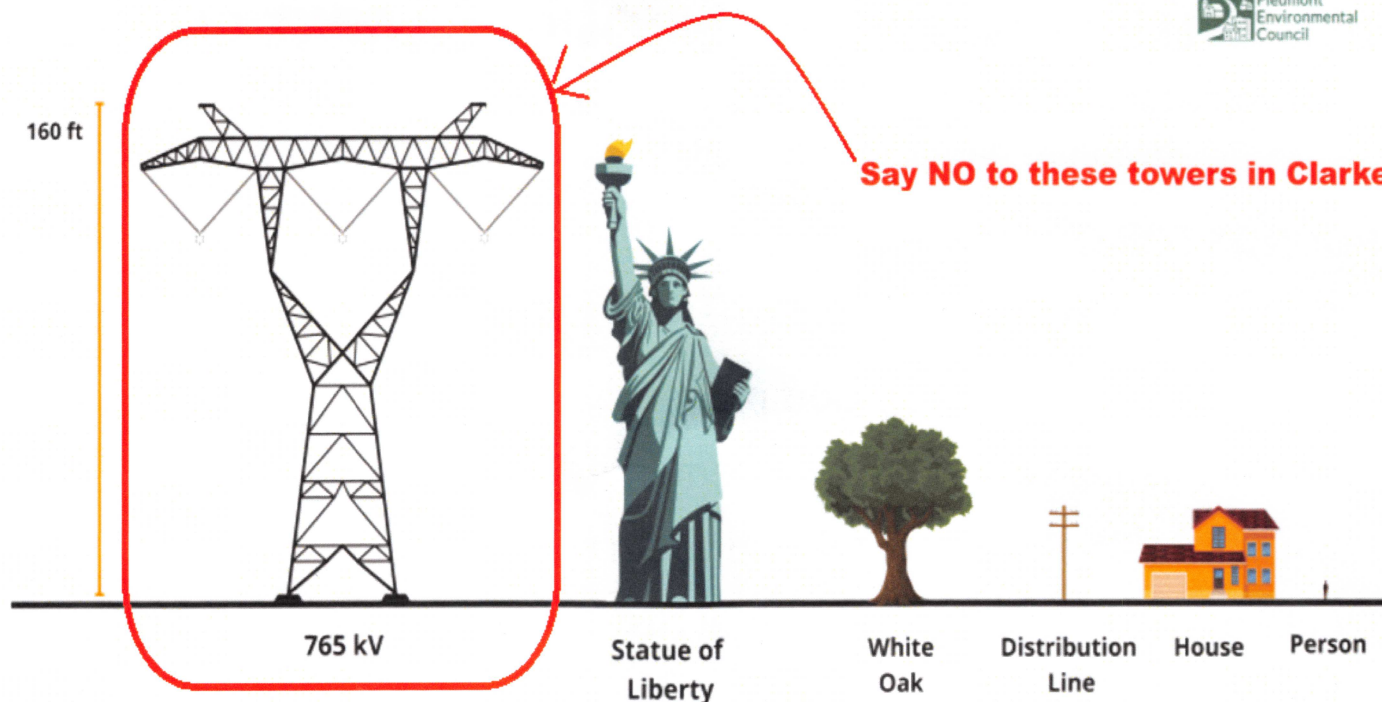
1. Scan the QR Code and select “*The Valley North Project.*”
2. In comment box, enter your objections from grounds above - in your own words – to explain how the project impacts you.
3. Submit.
4. Prefer to call? Valley North Hotline: 1-304-207-0120.

FILE YOUR COMMENT TODAY

Prepared as a public information resource for Clarke County residents.
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An illustration created by the Piedmont Environmental Council showing the potential scale of a 765-kilovolt electrical tower. Valley Link – a partnership between Dominion Energy, Transource Energy and FirstEnergy Transmission – hopes to build a 765-kv electric transmission line spanning 115 miles across parts of central Virginia. According to materials on Valley Link’s website, it has not determined what type of structures would be used if the project moves ahead, but towers can vary in size from 130 feet to 164 feet tall. Courtesy of the Piedmont Environmental Council

- **UNDERSTAND BETTER** how Clarke County will be impacted by the proposed Valley North transmission line routes.

Scan QR code to open official Clarke County Gov’t Mapping Web Site and enter your address



SCAN: Type your Address to See Path of Transmission Line in Official Clarke County Gov’t Map Site

- **STAY INFORMED!**

Scan the QR code or go to:

www.BlockValleyLinkNorth.org



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