

RESOLUTION 12-D-14

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE TOWN OF BLACKSBURG'S CONCERNS AND
OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE

WHEREAS, the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline is planned to cut through parts of Montgomery County, Virginia, close to the Town of Blacksburg;

WHEREAS, Blacksburg's economic strength is closely tied to tourism and the surrounding natural environment and the clearing of the land for right-of-way would adversely impact the natural environment;

WHEREAS, Blacksburg sits in a karst area and the blasting and clearing could adversely affect our water quality;

WHEREAS, numerous accidents and explosions involving pipelines similar to the one proposed have occurred in the past;

WHEREAS, many parts of Montgomery County are served by the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department who would be first responders to any accident;

WHEREAS, it appears the pipeline will add no positive economic benefit to either Blacksburg or Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council sees no benefit to the Town and surrounding community and believes there are many potential adverse impacts if this pipeline is approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Blacksburg that the Council hereby calls on the appropriate regulating agencies to deny the request to build the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

Mayor

ATTEST: