

# MEMORANDUM

September 16, 2019

TO: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

FROM: Ann Rogers, Section 106 Coordinator, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League

RE: OEP/DG2E/Gas 3  
Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC.  
Southgate Project  
Docket No. CP19-14-000

SUBJECT: Request for realignment of Southgate ATWS to avoid impacts to Little Cherrystone property

## *Introduction to Little Cherrystone*

Little Cherrystone is a historic home located near Chatham, in Pittsylvania County, VA which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969. The portion that remains standing was described in the National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form in 1969 as follows:

... a circa 1800, two-story brick structure with gable roof and exterior and chimney. The brick is laid in three-course American bond with queen closers. The nine-over-nine sash windows have thin Federalist muntins, architrave framing and plaster flat arches with double keystones. The fine cornice with its dentils, mutules and guttae are matched by the arched entrance doorway on the east front which uses pilasters, strapwork and pierced detailings. The doorway is unfortunately in a deteriorated condition. A west porch, which until recently also existed in a deteriorated condition, was removed and replaced by a frame wing. . . . It is in the two rooms of the circa 1800 brick section where the exterior woodwork style is continued. The interior framing of the old entrance doorway, now a window, matches the exterior arch design, but the pilasters have been removed; architrave moldings frame all doors. The south room has a marbleized dado combined with imitation ashlar. The chair rail has a frieze of alternating reeded and fluted panels. The cornice combined a cable design with a corbel motif repeated from the exterior cornice. The mantel consists of twin turned colonnettes on either side of the fireplace with a frieze of three sunbursts above, each of which swells gently outward in a low convex curve. The marbleizing is repeated around the sunbursts, and at either end of the frieze are small lancet arched tabernacles."

The old frame wing of Little Cherrystone was probably on the land when Col. Robert Wooding of Halifax gave to Thomas Hill Wooding "a parcel of land containing 200 acres of Pittsylvania County on the draughts of Great Cherrystone Creek ..." just after the latter was married in 1790. Thomas Wooding, who probably build the brick addition, was commander of his home militia in Pittsylvania in 1806 and served in the House of Delegates between 1799 and 1821.

As a collection of traditional Virginia architectural styles, Little Cherrystone is a valuable example, especially considering the pleasant contrast of size and shape among the various units. Its finely carved and painted woodwork, especially on the interior, is exceptional not only for

the South Piedmont area but as an example of provincial Virginia design.

According to a Works Progress Administration of Virginia Historical Inventory published in 1938, the property owner, Col. Thomas H. Wooding was the son of Col. Robert Wooding of Halifax, commandant of Halifax's military forces during the Revolutionary War.

Please see photos of Little Cherrystone in **Attachment 1, Attachment 2, and Attachment 3.**

#### ***Cemetery and mound at Little Cherrystone***

The Little Cherrystone property includes a family cemetery located about 275 feet southwest of the Little Cherrystone dwelling. Please see photos in **Attachments 4 and 5.**

According to the same 1938 Works Progress Administration of Virginia Historic Inventory cited above, the cemetery at Little Cherrystone contains the graves of Thomas A. Wooding's son, George, born in 1813, and at least two other relatives, J.B. Wooding, born 1840, and Mary Nat Wooding, born 1849.

Adjacent to the stone wall on the western side of the cemetery is a mound. Please see photo of this mound in **Attachment 6.**

The mound is potentially significant from an archaeological standpoint in that it may contain unmarked graves, which can commonly be found on the perimeter of rural cemeteries of this era. Additionally, there is potential for the mound to have significance as a Native American burial site.

#### ***Proximity of proposed Southgate pipeline to Little Cherrystone, cemetery, and mound***

The Southgate pipeline has been routed in close proximity to Little Cherrystone, its cemetery, and the mound adjacent to the cemetery.

**Attachment 7**, a map of Little Cherrystone and the planned Southgate pipeline, illustrates that the Little Cherrystone structure, its cemetery, and the mound are all contained within the Southgate pipeline's Study Corridor Boundaries. An Additional Temporary Work Space (ATWS) is planned to be constructed and utilized within about 100 feet of the cemetery and 50 feet of the mound.

#### ***Request to FERC***

Little Cherrystone and its accompanying cemetery and mound make important contributions to the history of Pittsylvania County. They offer the visitor a glimpse into the landscapes and architecture of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Pittsylvania County, an area from which many farmers eventually migrated westward to form settlements in the Blue Ridge region of Virginia and elsewhere. It is very important for us to keep structures like Little Cherrystone and their surrounding landscape features intact, so as to inform future generations of how and where Americans lived in times past.

For these reasons, BREDL requests that the edge of the Southgate pipeline's Additional Temporary Work Space (ATWS) be moved a minimum of 500 feet west of its current location, in order to buffer Little Cherrystone and its cemetery and mound from ground disturbances and visual impairment which would likely result during pipeline construction with the current position of the ATWS, as illustrated on **Attachment 7.**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

















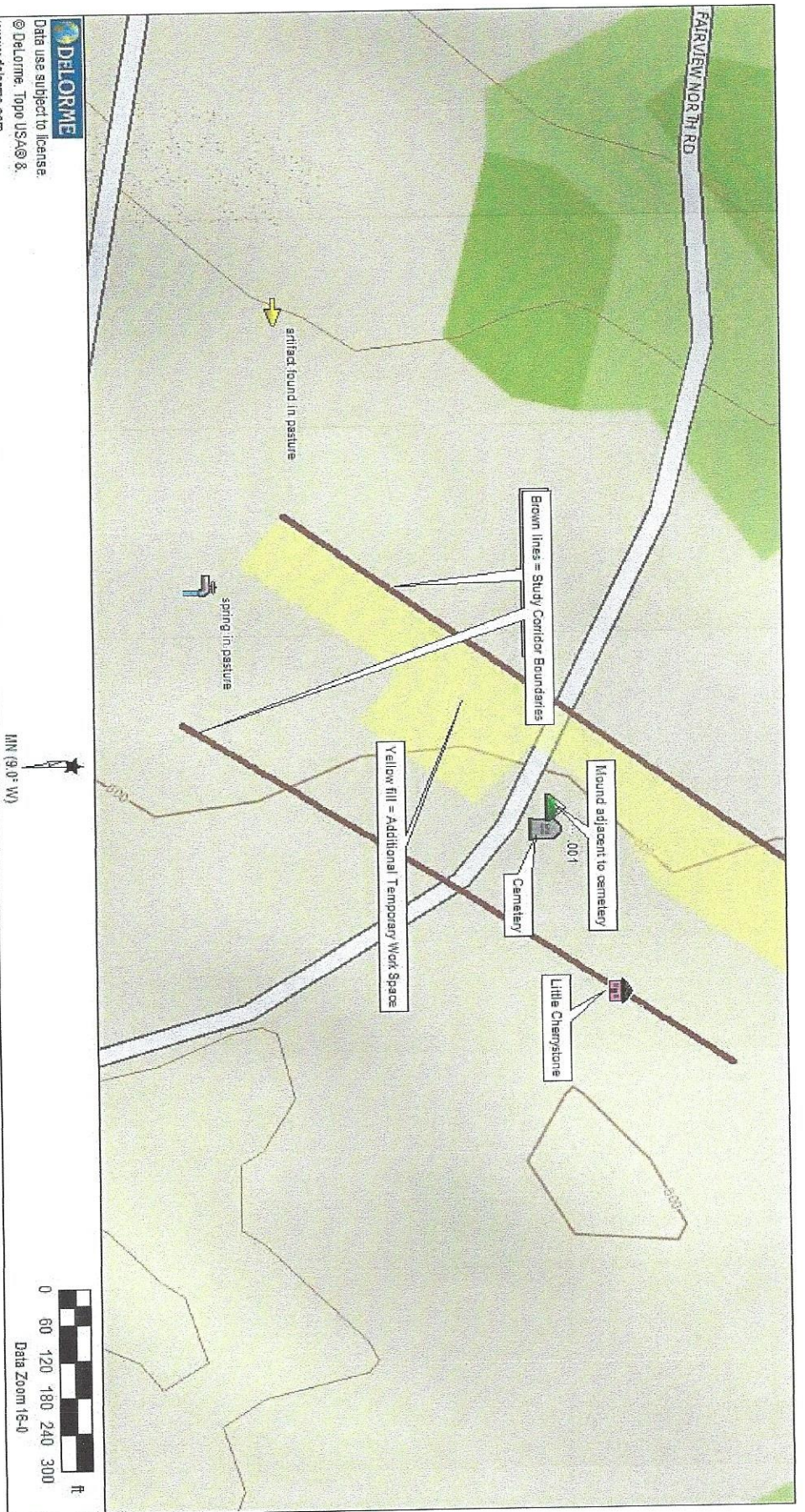












### Map of proposed route of the MWP Southgate pipeline

#### Legend →

- Brown lines** = Study Corridor Boundaries (source: map titled Mountain Valley Pipeline, Pipeline Alignment, MWP Southgate Project - H-650 Line, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 40+00; map obtained at Pittsylvania County Public Library)
- Yellow fill** = Additional Temporary Work Space (source: map titled Mountain Valley Pipeline, Pipeline Alignment, MWP Southgate Project - H-650 Line, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 40+00; map obtained at Pittsylvania County Public Library)
- House symbol** = location of Little Cherrystone, one of Pittsylvania County's oldest structures (source: waypoint recorded during survey conducted August 16, 2019 by Mark Joyner, Association for the Study of Archaeological Properties; Sonja Ingram, Preservation Virginia; and Ann Rogers, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League)
- Grave symbol** = location of Little Cherrystone's family cemetery (source: waypoint recorded during survey conducted August 16, 2019 by Mark Joyner, Association for the Study of Archaeological Properties; Sonja Ingram, Preservation Virginia; and Ann Rogers, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League)
- Mountain symbol** = location of mound adjoining cemetery (source: waypoint recorded during survey conducted August 16, 2019 by Mark Joyner, Association for the Study of Archaeological Properties; Sonja Ingram, Preservation Virginia; and Ann Rogers, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League).