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Scoping meeting on PATH set for Wednesday

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A public scoping meeting on the Potomac Appalachian Transmission Highline will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Tuscarora High School.

"Scoping," according to a release by the organizers of the event, is to identify the environmental impact of PATH.

The National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service are sponsoring the event.

The open house format will allow visitors to learn about the proposed 275-mile high voltage electric line and the impact of a 200-foot-wide right of way through five area national parks and a proposed substation at the end of the line near Mount Airy.

Participants can help create an Environmental Impact Statement that could deny the line permission to cross federal lands, according to the prepared statement.

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