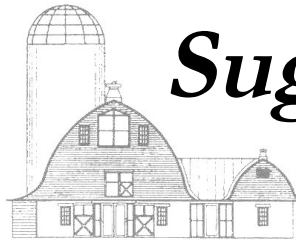


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# Sugarloaf Citizens' Association

"Fighting to protect our rural legacy"

## YOU ARE INVITED!

### Sugarloaf tracks power plant expansion

As is widely known, Sugarloaf formally intervened in the Mirant generating station expansion project with the Maryland Public Service Commission last fall.

Since that time, the Association and its volunteers have attended many briefings on this proposed doubling of the Dickerson facility, which includes the construction of two new gas turbines adding 740 megawatts of capacity.

However, under deregulation this new power will be sold out of state to the highest bidder, leaving us with more pollution but no real benefit.

The facility not only will further expand the industrial footprint in the Agriculture Reserve, but will substantially increase ozone and other pollutants.

A recent Harvard  
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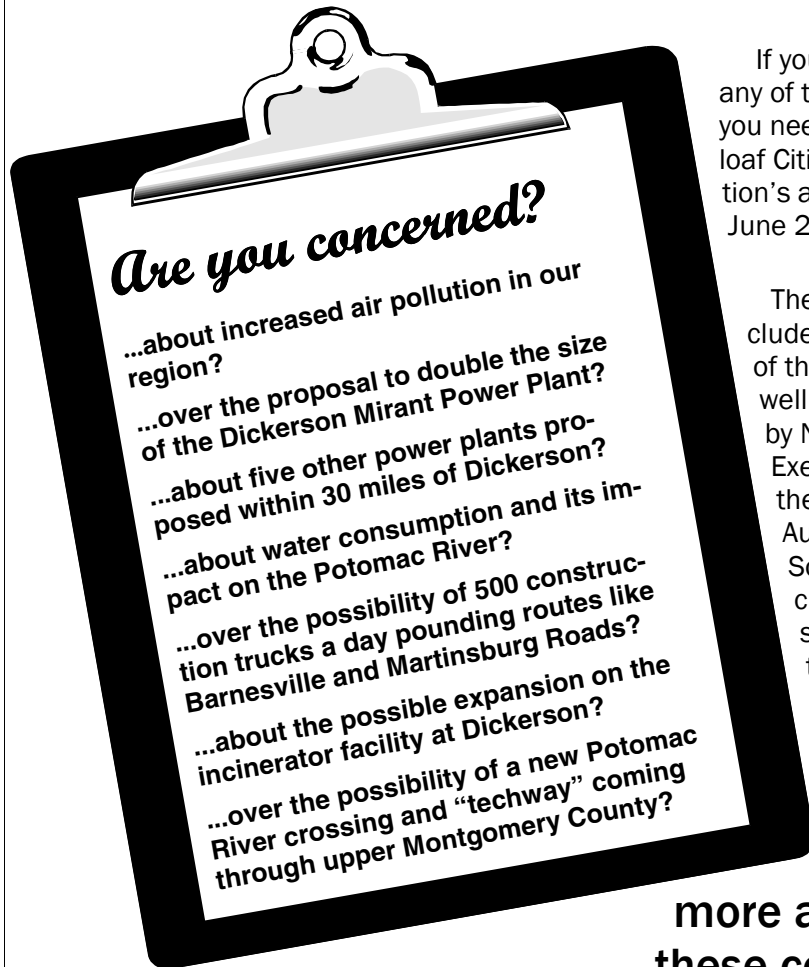
### SUGARLOAF'S ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 29th Pot Luck Dinner • 6:00 p.m. at the Barn

Guest speaker:  
Neil Fitzpatrick  
*Audubon Naturalist Society*

Main course/Fried chicken provided.  
Beer and wine available.

Please RSVP by 6/25

Bev Thoms...301-972-7318 Jim Brown...301-428-8350  
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### Are you concerned?

- ...about increased air pollution in our region?
- ...over the proposal to double the size of the Dickerson Mirant Power Plant?
- ...about five other power plants proposed within 30 miles of Dickerson?
- ...about water consumption and its impact on the Potomac River?
- ...over the possibility of 500 construction trucks a day pounding routes like Barnesville and Martinsburg Roads?
- ...about the possible expansion on the incinerator facility at Dickerson?
- ...over the possibility of a new Potomac River crossing and "techway" coming through upper Montgomery County?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you need to attend Sugarloaf Citizens' Association's annual meeting on June 29th.

The agenda will include an update on all of these issues as well as a presentation by Neil Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the highly respected Audubon Naturalist Society. He will discuss water consumption and water quality issues facing our region.

Join in...  
Learn  
more about  
these concerns!



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## Sugarloaf Neighbor

**COMING UP!**  
**Annual Meeting**  
&  
**Pot Luck Dinner**  
**June 29**  
(see inside for details)

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**  
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### **Sugarloaf reviews fire aftermath**

The area surrounding the Montgomery County composting facility was seriously threatened by a recent fire that took over ten hours to put out and involved hundreds of fire fighters from several up-county fire departments.

As a result, the County has agreed to install permanent fire hydrants and establish a 24 hour guard on the site.

### **Techway foes seek Sugarloaf help**

Even though Congressman Frank Wolf dropped his federal study of a new Potomac Bridge and Techway, the campaign has intensified in other arenas: 1. The State of Virginia announced that \$400,000 will be devoted to yet another study of a new bridge crossing. 2. An origin and destination pair study was proposed at a recent Council of Governments (COG) meeting. It was stated that since specific proposed routes in the Wolf study got everyone excited, VA DOT suggested an origin and destination study that would be

invisible to the public. 3. Virginia DOT has a study underway of an outer beltway with a potential bridge. 4. Congressman Moran & Davis of VA, and Cong. Wynn of MD have all expressed interest in seeing the bridge studies go forward.

The bottom line is: several different studies calling for a new bridge and techway. "Solution Not Sprawl" is the regional organization fighting the bridge and techway and are appealing for help from Sugarloaf members to wage this important fight. Tina Brown, the campaign director, can be reached at [tina@smartergrowth.net](mailto:tina@smartergrowth.net).

The bridge studies to date have had unanimous opposition by our local elected officials. However, a RTA "Regional Transportation Authority" study is underway in the Maryland State Legislature, this authority could have the power to tax, the power to override elected officials, and the power of eminent domain. It would be a perfect vehicle for developers who are trying to expedite major bridge and highway projects that face local opposition. SNS is waging a battle to expand the study scope and to raise serious questions about how a new authority would benefit our region. Virginia has already passed its RTA law, and is pushing for a sales tax to fund it. The danger of an RTA is that it is usually appointed by the Governor and can override local zoning and elected officials in order to push through various transportation projects.

### **Sugarloaf applauds Aqueduct funding**

Since 1999, Sugarloaf lobbied Congress to provide funding for the restoration of the 170 year old Monocacy Aqueduct. We are pleased to report that the Congress appropriated \$6.4 million in FY'02 funding through the National Park Service. In 1998 the Aqueduct was designated one of America's 11 most endangered historic sites.

## **Mirant**

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School of Public Health study of five power plants in the D.C. area revealed that the Dickerson plant alone is responsible for over 3700 asthma attacks and over 50 premature deaths annually in our area.

Sugarloaf, at great expense, is taking Mirant Inc. on and challenging every aspect of their application. At the administrative hearing in July, we will field expert witnesses on air pollution, traffic management, as well as security.