

Critics of proposed power line plan rally, picnic for Saturday in Delaware Water Gap

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Critics of the Susquehanna Roseland power line expansion project are hosting a rally, hike and picnic Saturday at the Millbrook Village in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Save the Park, a community awareness group, will host the event jointly with the [Sierra Club](#), the Delaware Riverkeepers, **the NJ Highlands Coalition** and Stop the Lines. There will be speakers, music and a walk to the Watergate picnic area.

Save the Park is concerned about the cultural, historic and natural beauty effects of the the Susquehanna Roseland transmission line project, being undertaken by Public Service [Electric & Gas](#). The project would add 500-kilovolt wires on towers double the current height of those that cut through the park, although it needs the approval of the National Park Service.

The group believes tree removal will negatively impact greenhouse gasses and local feeding streams. They are also concerned over road closures and other economic effects on tourism and those using the Appalachian Trail, the Delaware River, and picnic areas. Hunters, hikers, and bird-watchers will also be affected.

A website, www.savethepark.org has been created to keep the public aware of upcoming hearings and the status of the NPS evaluation of the PSE&G proposal.

Save The Park focuses on education and information and offers resources to [schools](#), businesses, organizations and the general public. The group offers "on site" tours and information about where the new towers will be placed, the proposed access roads, the relocation of the AT and the closing of the Delaware River during the [construction](#) period.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. The walk is open to the public, families are invited to bring a lunch and snacks will be served.

For further information, contact Laura Dempsey at 908-362-6791 or visit www.savethepark.org.

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