

# EASTERN SHORE

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## a Glance

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AMBRIDGE — The Marva Community Services will host a Dinner Dance 6-9 p.m. at the DCS building in Cambridge. Dance music is provided by Robert Batt and his band. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance at Marva Community Services on Rt. 19 and the Center Community Action Center on High Street. For more information call 215-219-1920 or 410-219-1900.

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AMBRIDGE — The University of Maryland Eastern Shore Alumni Association, Upper and Lower Shore Alumni Chapter are holding an information meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday at Dorchester Elks Lodge No. 1000, Pine Street, Cambridge. For information contact 215-219-1920 or 240-687-0526.

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# Residents speak out against MAPP

**Pepco said area could have energy shortages**

**By Erin Mann**  
The Herald

AMBRIDGE — Officials from Pepco Power's parent company, Pepco Holdings Inc., outlined the proposed plan for the Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway through Dorchester County. Company representatives made the presentation for hundreds of people Tuesday during a county council meeting at the Cambridge-South Dorchester High School.

The Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway, also known as MAPP, would extend from the Western Shore, beyond the Chesapeake Bay, across the Eastern Shore and into Delaware and New Jersey. In Dorchester County, there would be 27 miles of the 230-mile long transmission.

Bill Gausman, Pepco's senior vice president for the assessment, management and planning, said the final route has not yet been selected, but the project needs to start now since it will take several years to complete. It will cost \$1.43 billion to construct and will provide power throughout the Mid-Atlantic region including

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The Board of County Officials from Pepco Holdings Inc. shared a presentation with the Dorchester County Council (pictured here) and residents who packed the Cambridge-South Dorchester High School auditorium in Cambridge Tuesday.



## Council to get COOP briefing

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# MAPP

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MAPP is one of the major transmission projects to strengthen the electric grid, said Mr. Gausman. "In 25 years since the last interstate transmission line built in the region," he said, "projections show that the city won't be there when it is as early as 2011 if it isn't done now."

After Mr. Gausman presented the plan to the county and members of the audience spoke. A few people opposed the plan, but were downright opposing the transmission line in the county.

Of the approximately 100 people that signed up to give their opinion on MAPP, many expressed concerns about potential impacts to the environment, tourism and agriculture.

Kirk Rodgers, the fiercest voice against the project, asked those against it to stand up. Nearly 100 people filled the room.

He then listed the probable impacts over the next four or five years if the project is approved, including a loss of 300-400 acres of land fragmentation and loss of private land.

Meredith Lathbury, director of Land Conservation at the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, said that what is at stake with this project is the landscape of Dorchester County. "This community has dedicated millions to protecting this sacred landscape that provides food, fiber and jobs, and we are asking for reconsideration of alternatives as well as a thorough look at the impacts to cultural, historical and natural resources," she said.

Ms. Lathbury continued saying the MAPP project could have a significant negative economic impact to tourism, farming and timber operations.

Shelton Lankford of Salisbury said he has been concerned for some time that the MAPP program, as proposed, works in the interest of the power industry and against the interests of the residents of Wicomico and Dorchester County, and of Delaware. "We are living in the 21st century. We should take a 21st century approach to producing power."

He recommended distributed generation, which he explained as simply locating generators near or on the grid.

Already, Delmarva Power has held eight community information meetings and received input from 500 residents.

Mr. Gausman pledged to continue to have more community meetings, and said "We need your ongoing input now and in

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Meredith Lathbury, the director of Land Conservation for the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, spoke Tuesday to the Dorchester County Council and officials of Pepco Holdings Inc. about her concerns of the MAPP project. She said such a project could have significant negative economic impacts to tourism, farming and timber operations.

the future at every major decision point along the way."

All environmental concerns are first, he said. "We are going to be doing very extensive environmental studies of the route we decide on."

## Founder

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