

When you consider introducing HVHF to this rural community, you must assess the negative consequences that will occur. Western Maryland is an isolated local without the advantage of adequate healthcare system that are predominate in the Washington metro area. Even, without acknowledging the actual dangers that may occur if fracking is introduced to the region, we know that there will be an extreme increase of traffic. Numerous trucks carrying toxic chemicals, will be traveling down rural roads. You can count on accidental chemical spills, and the stirring up of dust and gravel. Consequently, expect a monumental increase in respiratory disease and many other related health problems.

Another issue is the effect on the local economy. The tourist industry is the major source of income for Western Maryland residents. This area is famous for its pristine wilderness, enjoyed by many vacationers, and revered by environmental activists.

Is the need for HVHF that great that we can risk the disruption of the livelihood of the citizens of this region, and the destruction of a beautiful wilderness area?