

Appalachians Against Pipelines



[Appalachians Against Pipelines](#) is committed to fighting hazardous fossil fuel projects in Appalachia. They have led the most active direct resistance against the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP), but also oppose the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP). The MVP is a 300-mile, 42-inch-diameter proposed pipeline threatening to cross northern West Virginia and central Virginia. Appalachians Against Pipelines has significantly delayed this pipeline by organizing aerial blockades and other obstacles to physically prevent tree clearing or construction along the path:

- Tree sits that protected Peters Mountain and the Jefferson National Forest for 95 days
- A monopod and skypod duo that was still standing after 57 days
- Pipeline fighters locked themselves to MVP equipment and blocked easements

The Yellow Finch tree stands near Elliston, Virginia have been the longest lasting blockade. Law enforcement and MVP employees routinely warn the tree sitters to leave and attempt to evict them. Yet through these confrontations, tough weather, and the great discomfort of being cramped in a tiny space suspended in the air, Appalachians Against Pipelines volunteers have held down this blockade for more than 6 months (275 days as of June 6, 2019). Altogether, actions by this group of committed activists have delayed MVP construction by over a year, and they show no signs of giving up. Appalachians Against Pipelines proudly declares that they will “take to the forests, streets and rivers until this pipeline is stopped!”

These brave pipeline fighters rely on public donations to sustain their opposition. [Donations](#) keep pipeline fighters in trees and pipelines out of the ground! Money donated to Appalachians Against Pipelines goes toward tree-sitter and support teams’ food supply, travel costs, climbing gear and other essentials. It also defrays court costs and legal fees for those who face charges for their sacrifices in defense of our forests and future.

Tax Deduction Info:

Direct donations to Appalachians Against Pipelines are not tax-deductible. Their crowdfunding campaign is sponsored by [Rising Tides North America](#), an all-volunteer network of climate activist groups, but Rising Tides itself has a Fiscal Sponsor, [Media Island International](#). So donations are only tax-deductible if they are made directly to Media Island, with Rising Tides selected as the recipient. We would probably have to get in touch with Rising Tides personnel to inquire about making a donation directed toward AAP that is eligible for tax-deductible, if that is desired.

This article describes the organization that will receive funds from sale of The Defenders sculpture. - Rosie Lynch 6/8/2019