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Subject: Talston Expansion

Hello Myra,

I was speaking to Alan Ehrlich yesterday about the proposed Talston expansion that would cross through the Reliance area of the East Arm.

During the conversation, I mentioned the massive congregation of Geese that takes place each spring off of Maufelly Point; the Belle Isle narrows; and the Lockhart River mouth. These three locations (most significantly Maufelly Point) are the only open water in the area at that time of year where geese, returning north to the summer breeding grounds, land for approximately ten days each year.

It is my opinion, as someone who has been frequenting this area for my entire life (and a witness to these waterfowl congregations), that an overhead power line in either of the proposed routes would have a significant and direct negative impact on the Goose migration routes and their general well-being. For instance, the latest proposed route for the transmission line would be directly over-top the small area of open water off of Maufelly Point where the Geese gather.

Further, these locations have had numerous rare animal sightings, for instance I have a photo of a Turkey Vulture on the ice off of Maufelly Point.

I would like to discuss this matter in further detail with you.

Best Regards,
Spencer Decorby