

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

for Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline (PATH) Right-of-Way Applications

Appalachian National Scenic Trail  
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park  
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park  
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail  
Monongahela National Forest  
West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

U.S. Forest Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Baltimore District



## CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

- The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal operated from the 1820s-1920s
  - Hundreds of original locks, lock houses, and aqueducts remain
- The canal’s towpath today provides:
  - A nearly level, continuous 184.5-mile trail through the spectacular scenery of the Potomac River Valley
- Three million visitors in 2008

## POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

- An 830-mile system of locally managed trails
  - From the mouth of the Potomac River to the Allegheny Highlands
  - Through Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania
- Includes the entire length of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal
- Provides access to many national historic sites

