

# Environmental Impact Statement

Appalachian National Scenic Trail  
 Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area  
 Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River

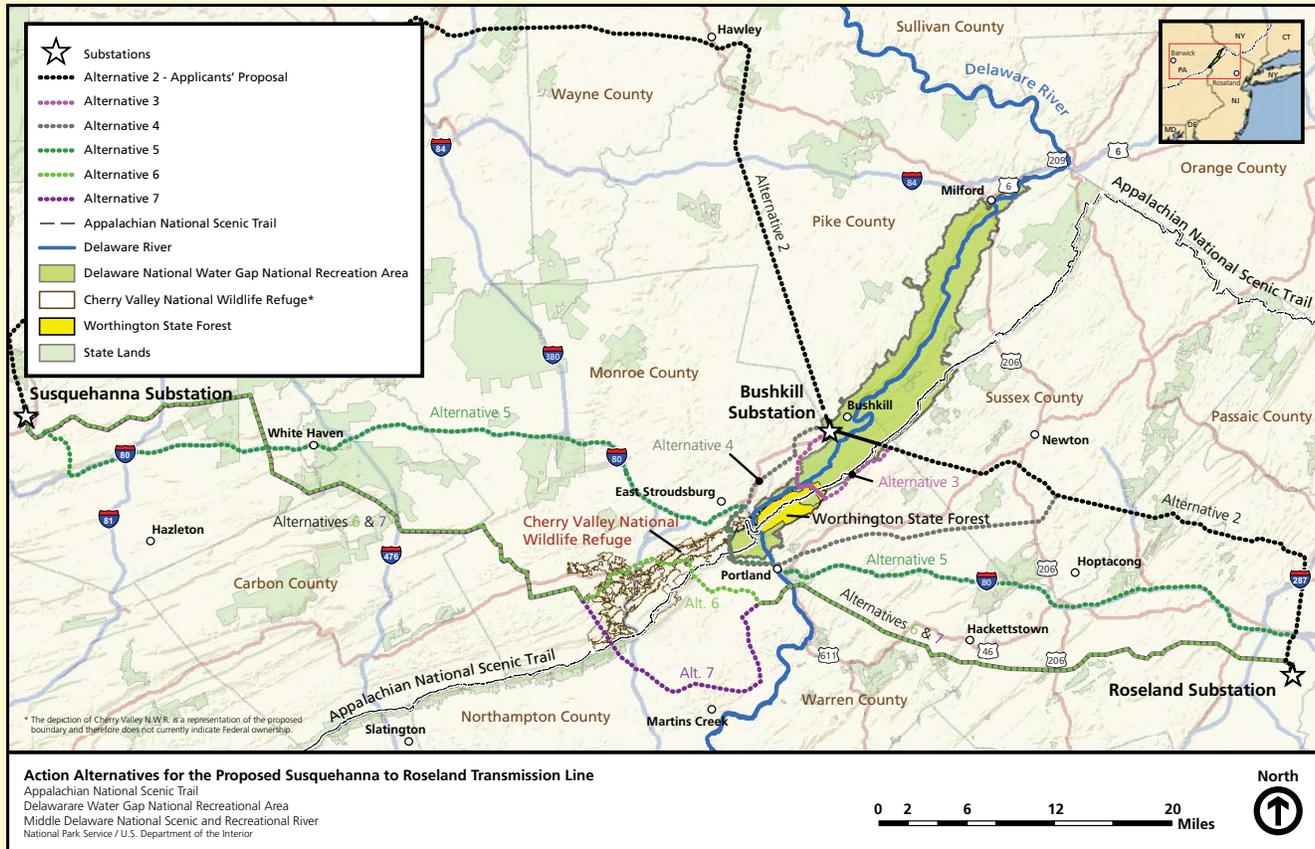
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## Preliminary Alternatives



Sections depicted as solid lines are within the National Park System and require NPS permits. Sections outside these crossings (depicted as dotted lines) represent NPS' analysis of possible feasible routes to get to these crossing points. The Applicants may choose and get approval from the states for other approaches to the crossing points if one of the alternative crossings is selected; thus the farther from the crossing point, the less certain it is that the line will actually follow the depicted route. There is no certainty that the Applicants would in fact adopt any of the routes identified as feasible in these National Park Service depictions.

After evaluating numerous alternatives, the NPS has selected seven preliminary alternatives based on specific criteria: six action alternatives and the "no action" alternative (Alternative 1).



Several actions are common to all of the action alternatives, except the Applicants' Proposed Alternative – Alternative 2.

- Utilization of existing ROW and river crossings
- Removal of the existing 230 kV transmission line
- Employment of a conservation-based strategy

**"No Action" Alternative**

Currently, a 230kV transmission line traverses APPA, DEWA, and MDSR. Access roads to the transmission line structures are unmaintained and overgrown.

This alternative would continue operation and maintenance of the existing line as-is with no major changes. It is required by law, serving as a baseline for analyzing the action alternatives.