



# Albemarle County

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**Title:** Dominion Energy's Request for Easement - Parcel 093B0-01-0A-000D0. To consider granting an underground easement to Virginia Electric and Power Company, doing business as Dominion Energy Virginia, across property owned by the County located at the intersection of Ashton Road and Winding Road in the Rivanna Village subdivision (TMP 093B0-01-0A-000D0). The easement has been proposed to relocate overhead electric lines underground.

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**Attachments:** 1. Att.A - Dominion Energy Easement Request (Parcel 093B0010A000D0)

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**AGENDA DATE:** 11/6/2019

**TITLE:**

Dominion Energy's Request for Easement on Tax Parcel 093B0-01-0A-000D0

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Public hearing to receive comments from the public on Dominion Energy's request for an underground easement on Tax Parcel 093B0-01-0A-000D0.

**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Henry, Kamptner, Herrick, Stewart, Freitas

**PRESENTER (S):** Michael Freitas

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** Dominion Energy has requested an underground easement (Attachment A) on County owned property, parcel 093B0-01-0A-000D0, to further its Strategic Underground Program. The goal of this program is to improve electrical service reliability by undergrounding certain overhead electric lines. The program is voluntary, and if the requisite easements are not obtained, the project will be placed on hold indefinitely. Dominion Energy will not use eminent domain to acquire easements to further the project.

Virginia Code § 15.2-1800(B) requires a public hearing for this proposed disposal of County property.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Mission: To enhance the well-being and quality of life for all citizens through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds.

**DISCUSSION:** This 0.17-acre parcel is in the Rivanna Village subdivision and was conveyed to the County for use as a public access trail and greenway. There is an existing underground utility easement on the property. Staff from Albemarle County Parks and Recreation, Community Development, Office of Economic Development, Albemarle County Public Schools, Albemarle County Police Department, and Albemarle County Fire Rescue have reviewed this easement request and have no issues or concerns with it.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There are no budget impacts associated with this request.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

After conducting a public hearing on the proposed easement, staff recommends that the Board approve the request for easement and authorize the County Executive to sign the easement agreement.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Dominion Energy's Request for Easement