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Fwd: Funding for mitigation of the polluting effects of the Conowingo Dam

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Wed, Aug 2, 2023 at 9:31 AM

To: robin.todd@mdbirds.org

Bcc: MDE WEBMASTER -MDE- <mde.webmaster@maryland.gov>, Renee Matthews -MDE-<renee.matthews@maryland.gov>

Comments received, thank you.

On Tue, Aug 1, 2023 at 7:25 AM MDE WEBMASTER -MDE- <mde.webmaster@maryland.gov> wrote:

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From: Robin Todd <robin.todd@mdbirds.org>

Date: Mon, Jul 31, 2023 at 9:39 PM

Subject: Funding for mitigation of the polluting effects of the Conowingo Dam

To: <mde.webmaster@maryland.gov>

Dear MDE Team,

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Ornithological Society, an 1800-strong volunteer organization which is devoted to the study, conservation and enjoyment of birds, with special reference to birds that are found in Maryland.

We read with astonishment that Constellation Power Generation, LLC (formerly Exelon) is offering to pay only \$200,000 for mitigation of the downstream polluting impacts of the Conowingo Dam. One can now hardly buy a single family house for \$200,000. Since Constellation is largely responsible for the polluting impacts of the dam, and since it generates considerable revenues from the power generated by the dam, the company should be required to pay much more. A recent study shows that the company could afford to pay \$27,000,000 to \$44,000,000 annually for such mitigation.

Please do all in your power to require Constellation to pay their fare share of the cost of mitigating the polluting effects of the Conowingo Dam. The taxpayers of Maryland will thank you because, if Constellation gets off paying a mere \$200,000, we will be the ones paying for the bulk of it

Yours sincerely,

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