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American Clean Skies Foundation releases report on repurposing old coal plant sites

Washington, DC – A new report by the American Clean Skies Foundation says that the site of the Potomac River Generating Station in Alexandria, Virginia could be transformed from a dirty coal plant into a multi-use commercial and residential site. This proposal would yield significantly more jobs and tax revenue than the plant currently sited there. Potomac Generating Station produces dangerous levels of smog that affect many of the region's residents especially in Washington D.C.'s Ward 8.

Statement by Bruce Nilles, Deputy Conservation Director

“Each retirement of an aging coal-fired power plant is already a victory for public health and the environment. The American Clean Skies Foundation “Potomac River Green” report shows a way to repurpose those retired plants so that they benefit the local communities and taxpayers who once lived in their shadows.

Visionary leaders in places like Salem, Massachusetts and Alexandria, Virginia are already studying ways to turn yesterday's dirty plants into tomorrow's parks, homes and businesses. But planning for the future needs to start today. As we begin to transition to clean energy sources, we need to work with local elected officials whose communities have coal-fired power plants to find ways to repurpose those sites.”