

ATHENS AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

AEP Ohio representatives plan power grid upgrades in Athens County. The upgrades address the growing power demand in the area and reduce larger, sustained community outages. Crews expect to begin construction fall 2027 and conclude by 2029.

WHAT

The project involves:

- Building approximately 1.5 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) power line.
- Upgrading about 6.5 miles of 69-kV power line to 138-kV power line.
- Retiring approximately 15 miles of transmission facilities.
- Upgrading Lee Substation located off Virginia Street in Albany and Elliott Substation located off Blackburn Road in Athens.

The project requires Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) approval.

WHY

The improvements:

- Ensure the area's growing power demand does not exceed the line's operational capacity in the event of future power outages or power line maintenance.
- Reduce the likelihood of larger, sustained community outages by upgrading and retiring existing, deteriorating equipment.

WHERE

The project area involves:

- Dover Township
- Lee Township
- City of Athens
- Village of Albany
- Athens Township

BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

AEP Ohio right-of-way representatives plan to contact affected landowners regarding surveys, field work inside easements along the transmission line route and construction access. Some pre-construction activities include:

- Trimming or removing woody-stemmed vegetation and removing or relocating non-habitable structures from the right-of-way.
- Installing temporary gates, fencing and access roads.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT AND OPEN HOUSE

Spring 2023

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACTIVITIES

Summer 2023 - Spring 2027

FIELD SURVEYS & ENGINEERING

Summer 2023 - Spring 2024

OPSB* JURISDICTIONAL OPEN HOUSE 1

Fall 2024

OPSB* JURISDICTIONAL OPEN HOUSE 2

Summer 2025

SUBMIT REGULATORY FILING WITH OPSB

Fall 2025

OPSB PUBLIC HEARINGS

February - March 2026

ANTICIPATED DECISION FROM OPSB

Fall 2026

PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES BEGIN

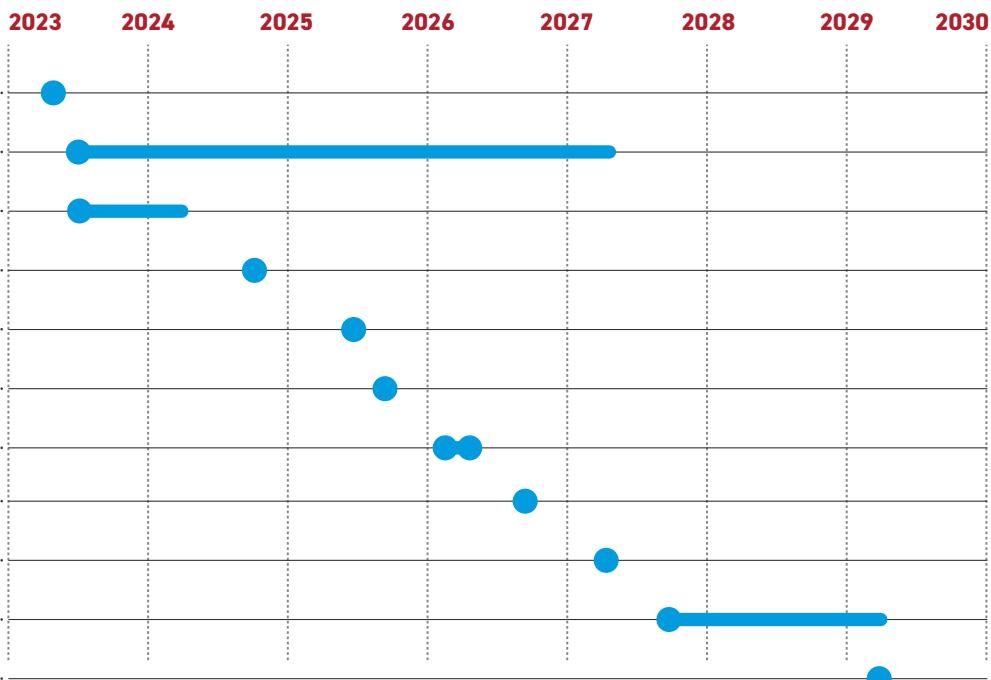
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TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

Fall 2027 - Spring 2029

FACILITIES PLACED IN SERVICE

Spring 2029

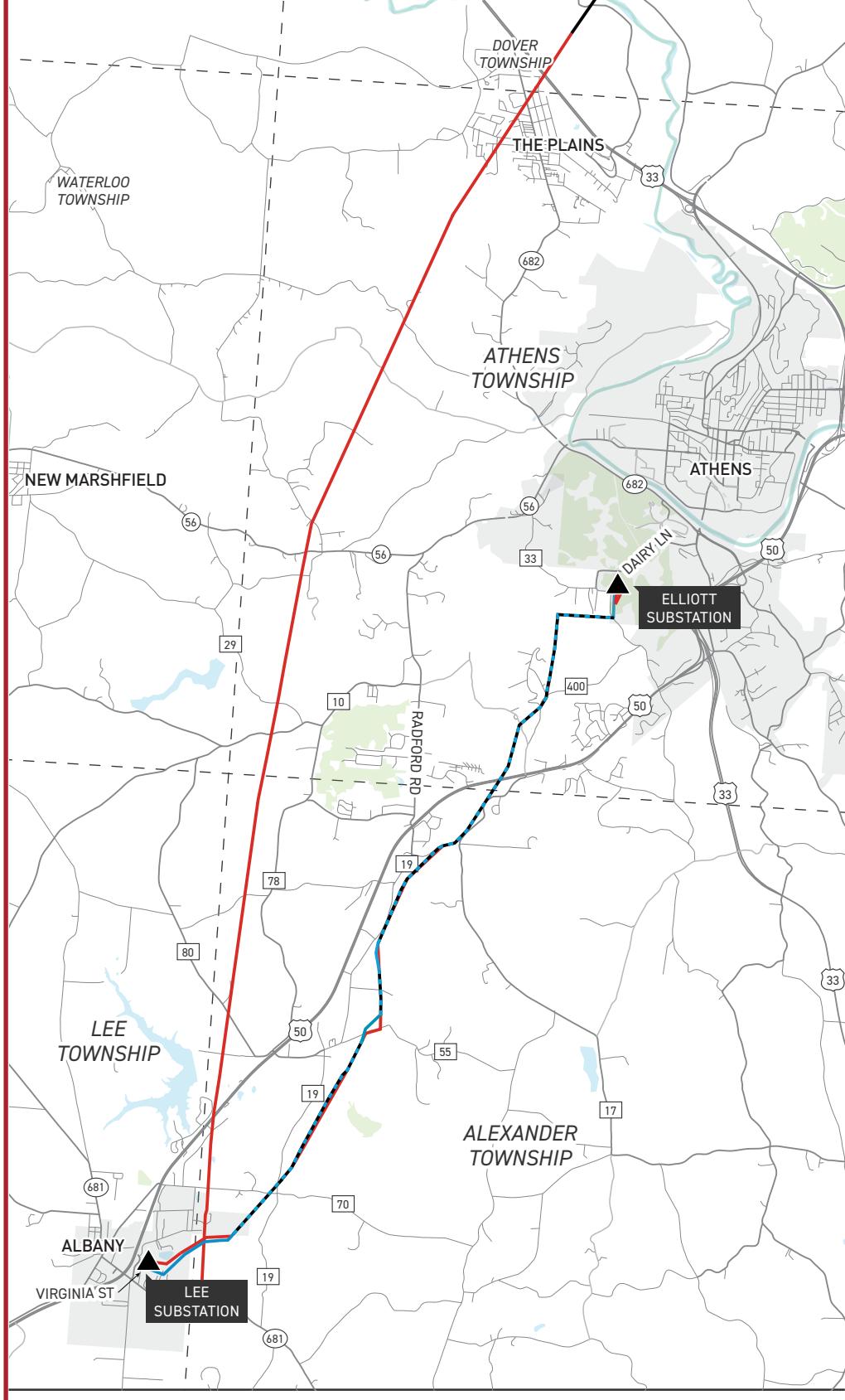
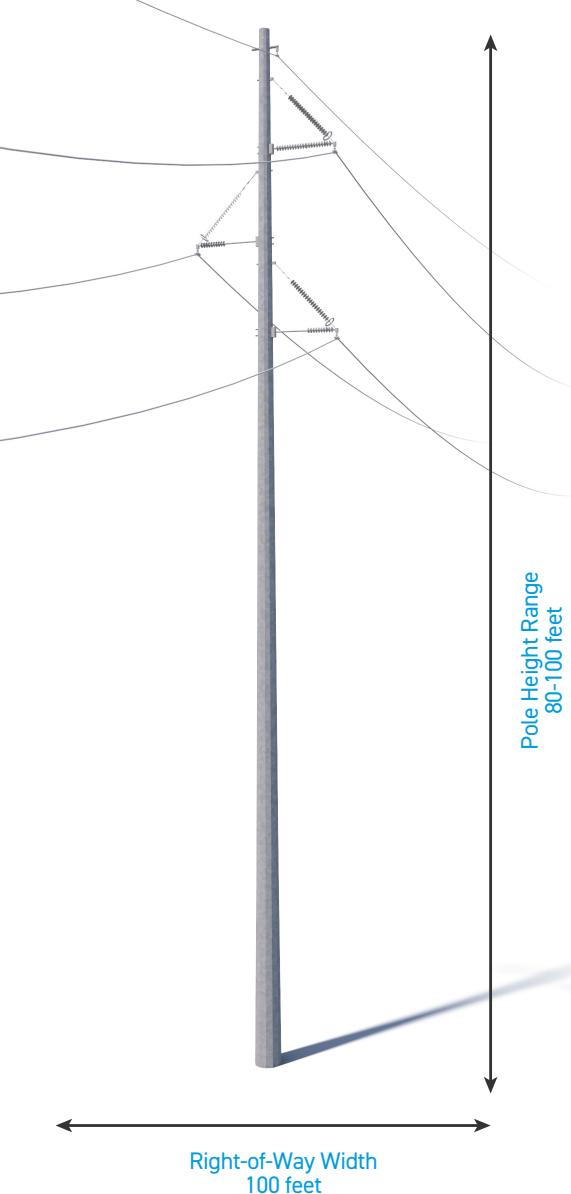


TYPICAL STRUCTURES

The project involves the use of single steel poles.

Pole Height Range: 80-100 feet

Right-of-Way Width: 100 feet



*Exact structure, height, and right-of-way requirements may vary.

WE VALUE YOUR INPUT. PLEASE SEND COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO:

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