

LOTT **138-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

WELCOME TO OUR VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), AEP Ohio invites you to attend this virtual open house in order to minimize in-person contact. AEP Ohio remains committed to listening to your concerns and answering your questions, but we are also committed to keeping our customers and employees safe and healthy. We welcome your feedback via telephone and email as we strive to make the most informed decisions possible.



PROJECT NEED & BENEFITS

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WHY IS THE PROJECT IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY?

THE IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed powerline provides an enhanced power source to Consolidated Cooperative's Lott Substation from AEP Ohio's Centerburg – Trent 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The existing 34.5-kV power line has experienced nearly 5 million customer minutes of interruption since 2013. By connecting a 138-kV power line to the Lott Substation, Consolidated Cooperative can better serve area customers.



PROJECT SCHEDULE

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	<u>2020</u>	2021	2022	2023	2024	<u>2025</u>
PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT Fall 2020		•				
OPEN HOUSE Fall 2020						
FIELD SURVEYS & ENGINEERING Fall 2020 - Summer 2025						
RIGHT-OF-WAY COMMUNICATIONS Fall 2021- End 2027						
SECOND OPEN HOUSE Fall 2022				•		
THIRD OPEN HOUSE Early 2023						
FILE APPLICATION WITH THE OPSB** Spring 2023						
OPSB** DECISION ON APPLICATION June 2024						
CONSTRUCTION Late 2026 - End 2027						
PROJECT COMPLETE End 2027						



**Timeline subject to change. *OPSB: Ohio Power Siting Board



PROPOSED STRUCTURES

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The project involves the use of single steel poles.

Structure Height: Approximately 80 feet* Right-of-Way Width: Approximately 80 feet*

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



RIGHT-OF-WAY

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AEP OHIO HAS TWO KEY PHILOSOPHIES THAT PERTAIN TO POWER LINE RIGHTS-OF-WAY:



1

Routes should cause the least possible disturbance to people and the environment.



2

Property owners should be fairly compensated for any land rights that must be acquired.





RIGHT-OF-WAY

AEP Ohio studies the land and proposes routes that reduce impacts on property owners. AEP Ohio reaches out to landowners in the following ways:

TO GAIN RIGHT-OF-ENTRY TO BEGIN:

- Environmental assessments
- Appraisal work
- Land surveying, soil boring and other field activities
- Cultural and historic resource reviews

TO SECURE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND COMMUNICATE:

- Landowner compensation
- Terms and conditions of easement
- Width of the right-of-way

TO OUTLINE AEP OHIO'S CONSTRUCTION PROCESS WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS ON:

- Property restoration
- Damage mitigation as appropriate



ROUTING PROCESS

AEP Ohio implements a comprehensive siting process that takes land use, the environment, public input and engineering guidelines into account to develop a transmission line route. The information below illustrates each stage of the routing process.



1) STUDY AREA

AEP Ohio develops a study area for the project that incorporates both end points of the power line and the area between.



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2) DATA GATHERING

Data is gathered for the defined study area including environmental, land use, historic and cultural resources, existing infrastructure and sensitive areas.



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3) CONCEPTUAL ROUTES

The routing team uses this information to develop conceptual routes adhering to a series of general routing and technical guidelines.

4) STUDY SEGMENTS

Conceptual routes are broken up into study segments. Where two or more potential study segments intersect, a node is created, and between two nodes, a link is formed. Together, the network formed by these links is referred to as potential study segments.

5) REFINED STUDY SEGMENTS

As more information is gathered, the study segments are refined. Some study segments are eliminated or modified, leaving the refined study segments for further consideration.

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After public input is gathered, study segments are further refined and evaluated. The most suitable segments are selected and assembled into alternative route options.



7) PROPOSED ROUTE

Alternative routes are assessed and a proposed route is chosen. The proposed route minimizes impact to the community and environment, while considering cost, line length and design requirements.



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THANK YOU!

Thank you for visiting the project virtual open house. For more information and project updates please visit the project website, or contact us with any additional questions.





