

MOUNT HERON -COAL CREEK

TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT

Appalachian Power representatives plan upgrades to the transmission system in Buchanan and Tazewell counties to improve the area's electric reliability. Construction begins late 2025 and concludes by late 2026.

WHAT

The project involves:

- Building about 3.5 miles of new transmission line and the new Mount Heron Substation
- Rebuilding about 11 miles of transmission line in or near the existing right-of-way
- Retiring about 4 miles of transmission line, the Skeggs Branch Substation and the Knox Creek Coal Substation

WHY

The upgrades:

- Allow crews to retire about 5 miles of transmission line in the area and replace aging equipment originally installed in 1935
- Bring a new power source to the area via the proposed 69/138-kV Mount Heron Substation in Oakwood to provide continued electric reliability and strengthen the area transmission system

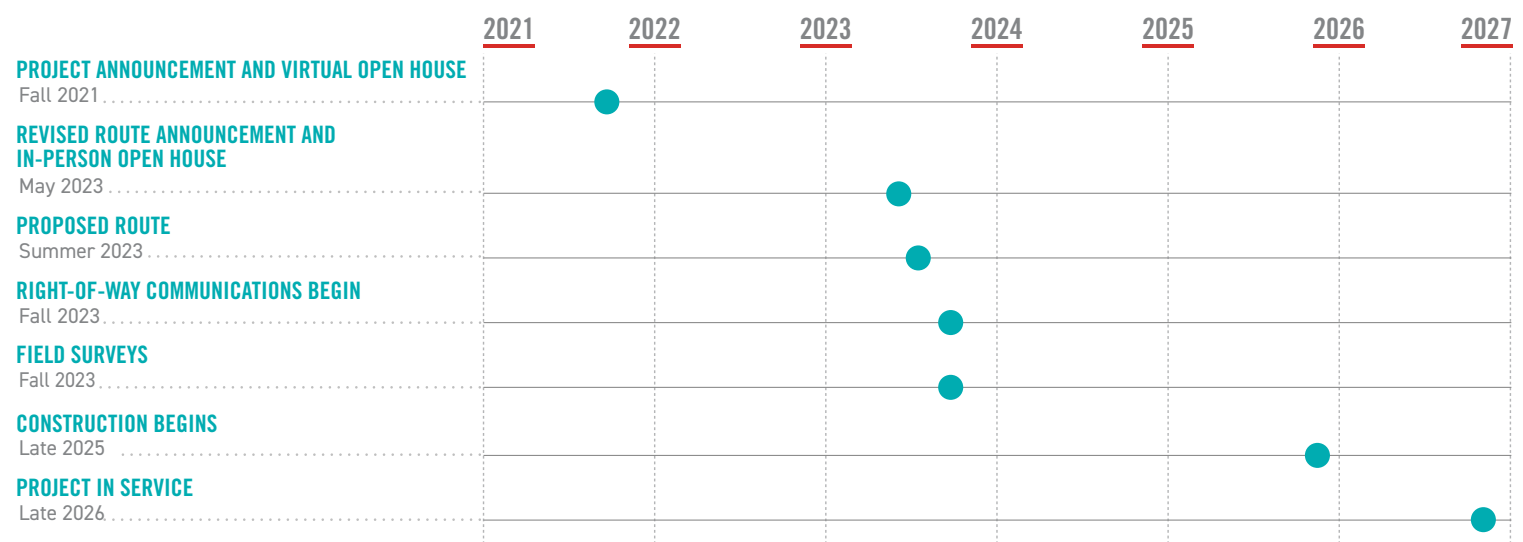
WHERE

The project area includes:

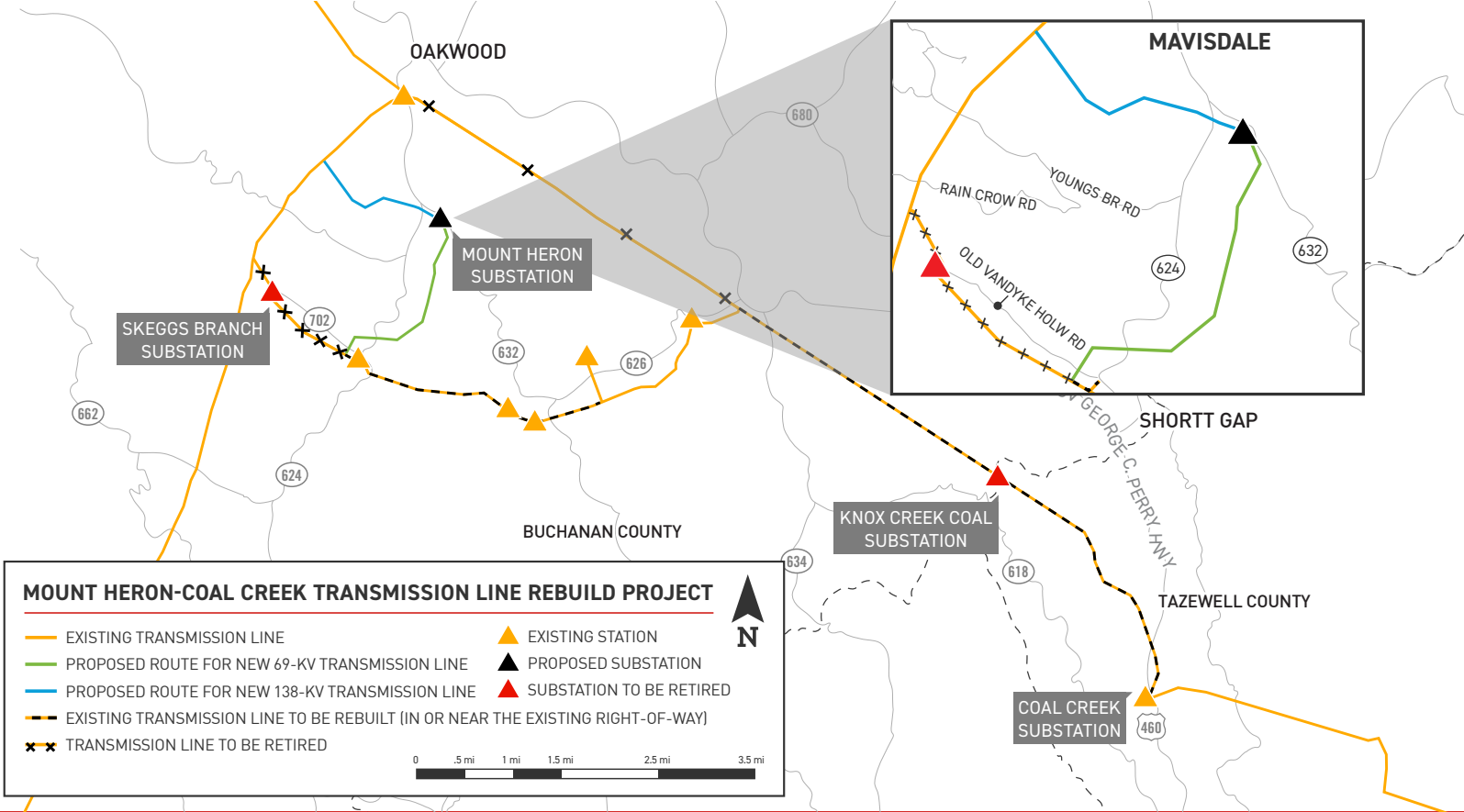
- Buchanan County
- Tazewell County
- The Garden Creek, Mavisdale and Oakwood communities

The proposed Mount Heron Substation will be located at the intersection of Garden Creek Road and Page Drive (Route 632) about 2 miles south of Oakwood.

PROJECT SCHEDULE



*Timeline subject to change.



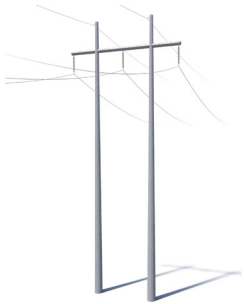
TYPICAL STRUCTURES

Crews plan to rebuild the line using steel H-frame structures and build the new line using steel single poles and lattice towers.

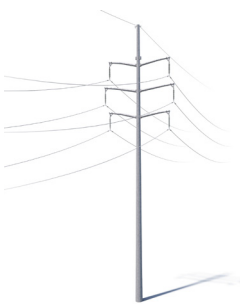
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Typical structure height: **75-85 feet***

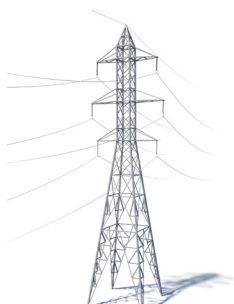
Typical right-of-way width: **100 feet***



H-Frame for Transmission Line to be Rebuilt



Single Pole for New Transmission Line



Lattice Tower for New Transmission Line

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

TYPICAL SUBSTATION

Substations serve as electrical intersections converting the power to voltage levels for use in homes, businesses and industrial facilities.

*Image does not depict final substation design. Final engineering and construction details are not complete.



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