

Building a Smarter, Stronger, Cleaner Energy Future for Upstate New York



National Grid is building a smarter, stronger, cleaner energy grid to deliver a more robust, resilient, and secure energy network for our customers and communities. Our work involves upgrading the local transmission grid to improve resiliency and reliability, and connect clean energy produced right here in New York. These initiatives will improve your service and benefit the local economy by bringing new construction jobs and associated spending to your community.

Today's electric grid works around the clock to deliver safe, reliable power to our customers and communities, but it faces several challenges. Climate change is making extreme temperatures and severe weather conditions more common, which can increase outages and cause damage to wires, poles and other equipment that delivers energy to our homes and businesses. In addition, today's infrastructure requires improvements and modernization to meet the expanded electricity needs of our growing economy and to power more electronic devices than ever before. And, while the current transmission system has served upstate New York well for more than a century, it wasn't designed to connect and transport the wind and solar power now produced in our region.

At National Grid, we're building a smarter, stronger, cleaner energy system to improve reliability and resilience, deliver more renewable energy, connect you to innovative energy solutions that meet your needs, and support the goals of New York's Climate Act.

SMARTER



More Intelligence, More Choice

A more intelligent, modernized network that enhances grid resiliency, enables greater access to information and choices for customers, and efficiently transports clean energy to where it's needed, when it's needed.

STRONGER



More Robust, More Resilient, More Secure

An energy grid that reliably delivers power in the face of more extreme weather and other threats by hardening our physical infrastructure, securing our networks and data, and continuously maintaining the system to identify and prevent potential issues.

CLEANER



More Renewables, More Access

A network that helps achieve New York's climate goals by connecting more renewable energy, efficiently delivering clean power to increasingly electrified households, and reaffirming Upstate New York as a clean energy powerhouse – and a magnet for investment.

Our goal at National Grid is to keep you, your family and your community safe, as well as informed and up to date on the status of projects in your region. The back of this fact sheet contains more details about these local initiatives, the timelines of progress being made, and the benefits these improvements will deliver for you and your community.



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Delivering a more robust, resilient and secure electricity network for you.

National Grid will soon begin upgrades to the electricity transmission network in your region. This work includes replacing and updating transmission lines, constructing and reconfiguring substations, and deploying state-of-the-art technologies that will enable more access to information and choices for customers. These initiatives will result in improved, more reliable service for you. In addition, the regional economy will benefit from new construction jobs and associated spending at local businesses.

What to expect: Our team will soon be in the community performing initial project reviews, field studies

Our first step is to conduct an in-person review of transmission corridors and substation locations beginning in October 2023. These transmission rights-of-way (ROW) will be accessed by foot and/or light-duty vehicles. Mowing and select vegetation removal may occur along National Grid's ROW to allow for field investigation, and only with authorization of landowners outside of our ROW.

Along with these field reviews, our contractors will identify wetlands and perform environmental assessments and surveys. This work will be done on foot and contractors will mark areas as needed. The information they collect will be used for environmental permitting and engineering design.

Next steps & updates

Field reviews, environmental assessments, surveys, and team walkdowns will happen throughout 2023 and 2024. As the project moves closer to the active permitting stage, you'll receive more information on specific project locations and mapping, design, timelines, and how to participate in the permitting process.

Please keep safety a priority

Our staff and contractors are required to carry photo IDs. For your safety and the safety of our workers, please stay clear of vehicles and any active field work. If you have any questions, please contact us at **(716) 508-2061**.

Quick Project Facts:

What: Electric infrastructure upgrades in your community to deliver a smarter, stronger, cleaner energy grid

Phase: Pre-design field reviews and studies

When: Field Studies: 2023 (in progress)
Design & Permitting: 2023 – 2024
Tentative Construction: 2025 – 2026

Updates and specific project locations will be sent to you and your neighbors as the projects become more defined. Please watch your mailbox for updates and more information.

Questions?

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Benefits for you and your community: These initiatives will deliver improved reliability and resilience, new jobs and investments, and they support the goals of New York's Climate Act.