

# 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.

## Background and what to expect: Our team will contact you soon.

This past spring, our team began reviewing existing transmission corridors and collecting information for project design. During these reviews, we identified alternative routes that could help us decrease some of our construction and project impacts in the community. We are now exploring the viability of those routes. You are receiving this notification because one of the potential alternative routes is located on your land.

Soon, members of our Real Estate team will reach out to you to request permission to enter your land to perform non-invasive field studies (e.g., wetland delineations, surveys, etc.). They also will talk with you about the process and answer any questions you may have. Our field studies will be done on foot and contractors will mark areas as needed. The information they collect may be used for environmental permitting and engineering design.

## Next steps & updates

Please be on the lookout for communications from our Real Estate team. Field reviews, environmental assessments, surveys, and team walkdowns will happen throughout 2023. 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 **(800) 390-6634**.

## 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 – 2025  
Tentative Construction: 2025 – 2029

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?

 **(800) 390-6634**

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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.