

Sowers-Lockwood Transmission Line Rebuild Project

AEP Ohio plans to strengthen the electric transmission system in Defiance County. The Sowers-Lockwood Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves rebuilding about 15 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Company representatives anticipate construction to begin early 2028 and conclude Spring 2029.

What

The project involves:

- Rebuilding about 15 miles of 138-kV transmission line between Sowers Substation off State Line Road, passing through South Hicksville, and ending at Lockwood Rd Substation in Defiance County. Substation in Defiance County.
- Replacing aging wooden poles with modern facilities.

*This project requires approval by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB).

Why

The existing power line consists of nearly 60-year-old wooden poles and damaged equipment. Upgrading the line with modern equipment helps improve the facilities, reduce the likelihood of extended power outages and speed up the outage recovery process in the event of an outage.

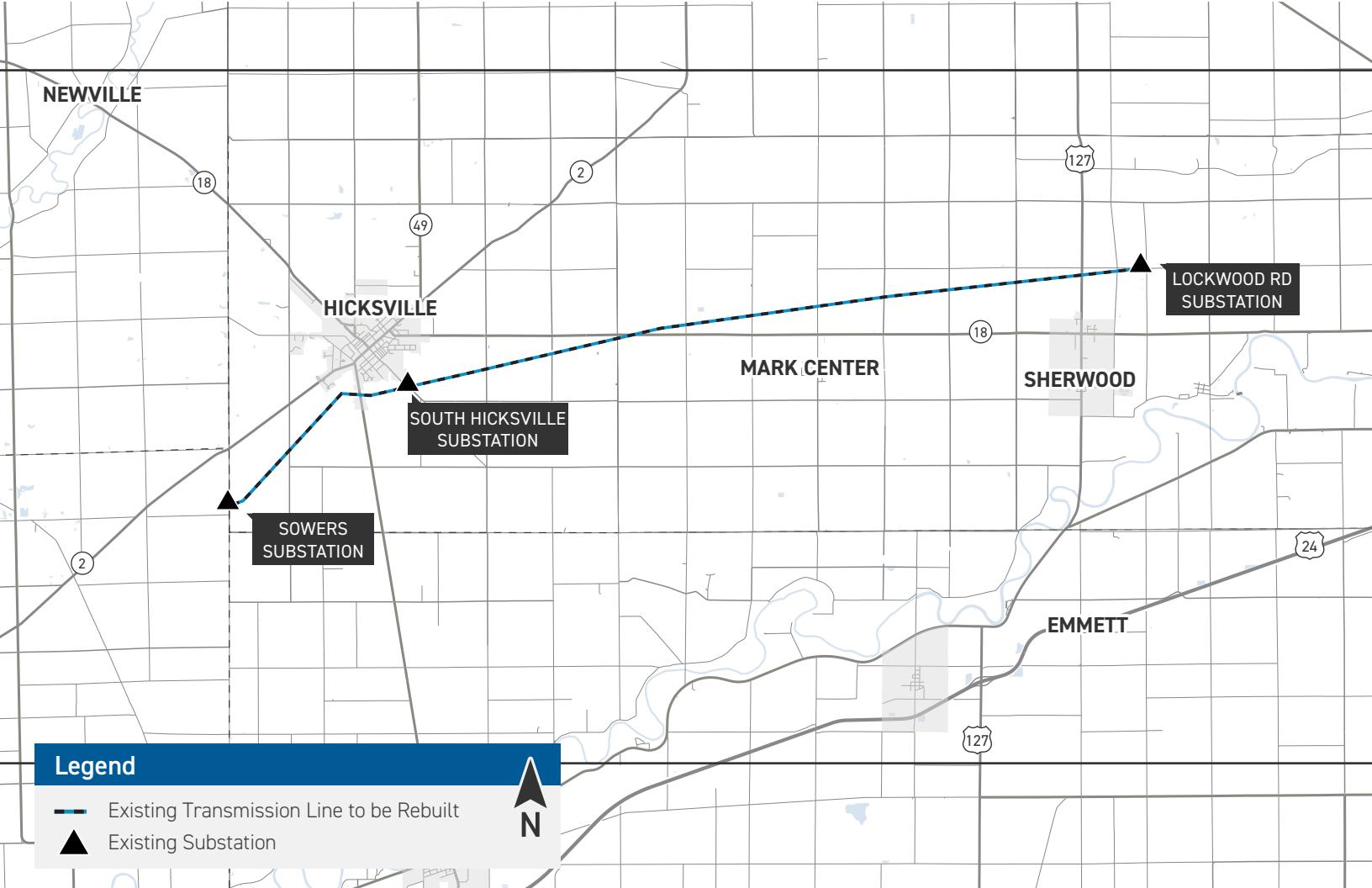
Where

- Village of Hicksville
- Hicksville, Mark and Delaware townships in Defiance County

Company representatives plan to rebuild most of the power line in the existing right-of-way corridor.

Project Schedule

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Project Announcement					
Fall 2025	●				
Right-of-Way Communications Begin					
Fall 2025	●				
Field Surveys & Engineering					
Fall 2025 - Spring 2027	●	—	—		
Submit Regulatory Filing with OPSB**					
Early 2027			●		
Anticipated Regulatory OPSB** Decision					
Spring 2027			●		
Pre-Construction Activities					
Fall 2027 - Early 2028				●	—
Transmission Line Construction					
Early 2028 - Spring 2029				●	—
Facilities Placed In Service					●
Spring 2029					

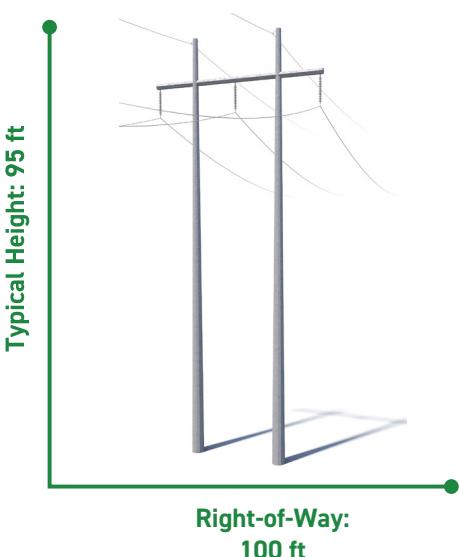
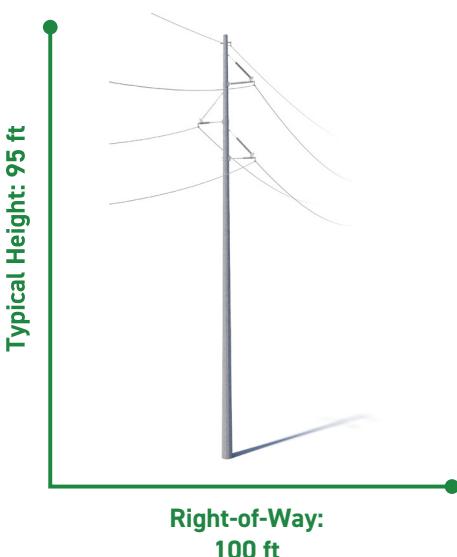


Typical Structures

The project involves the use of steel, single poles and H-frame structures.

Typical Pole Height:
Approximately 95 feet*
Right-of-Way Width:
Approximately 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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