

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio officials schedule an open house to discuss a proposed transmission line project in Athens County.

AEP Ohio representatives announced the Athens Area Improvements Project in spring 2023. As the project continues to develop, the company is inviting Athens County residents to an open house to provide feedback on proposed study segments. Study segments, located in Alexander, Athens, Lee and Dover townships and the Village of Albany, are multiple alternatives presented to determine a line route. Company representatives do not build all segments, rather, they select one route to build based on public feedback and feasibility.

The project involves:

- Building approximately 2-5* miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) power line.
- Upgrading approximately 4-6* miles of 69-kV power line to 138-kV power line.
- Retiring approximately 15 miles of transmission facilities.
- Upgrading Lee Substation located off Virginia Street in Albany and Elliott Substation located off Blackburn Road in Athens.

*Mileage depends on proposed final line route determination.

By installing an additional power line in the area, company officials seek to enhance electric reliability so that if one line experiences an outage, the other line can continue to serve customers. Upgrading and retiring the existing deteriorating equipment improves the line's performance and reduces the need for frequent power line maintenance.

To learn more about the Athens Area Improvements Project and provide feedback on study segments, please join us on **Thursday, Nov. 14** from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at **Christ Community Wesleyan Church Gymnasium**, located at **6275 Kenney Memorial Lane in Albany**. Visitors can view detailed maps and talk with team members about the project. There is no formal presentation, so you can arrive at any time during the event.

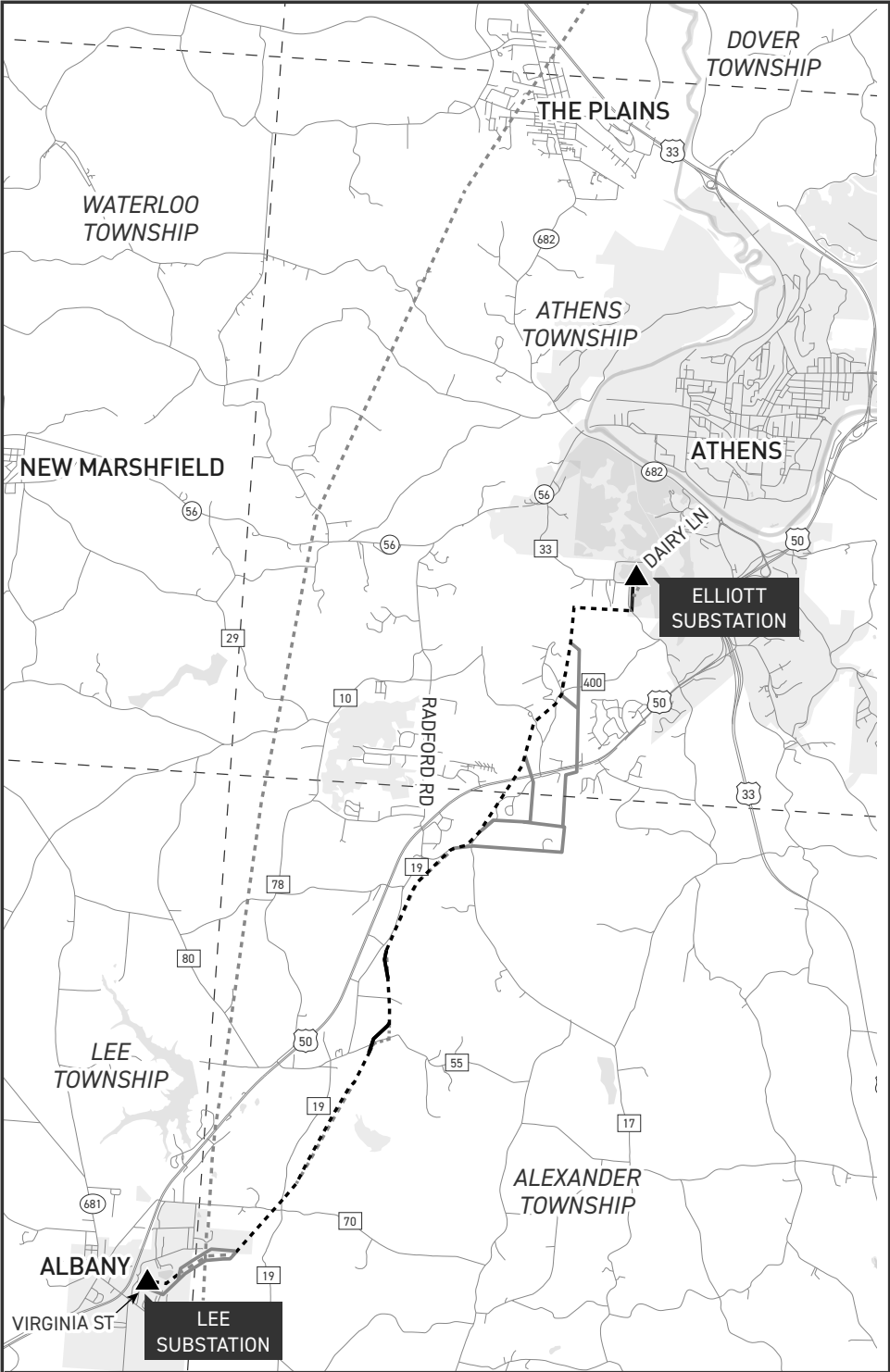
You may also visit the virtual open house at **AEPOhio.com/Athens** to access project information, view an interactive map, enter our virtual open house and submit comments. **The project team is accepting feedback through Friday, Dec. 6.**

AEP Ohio representatives plan to host an additional open house in early 2025 and expect to file its application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the project with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) as the Elliott-Lee 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project in spring 2025. This application has been assigned Case No. 24-0978-EL-BTX.

The OPSB is responsible for reviewing information related to the project – including input from the public – and determines approval of the proposed project. Company officials submit a preferred route corridor to the OPSB. If the application is approved, company representatives expect construction of the transmission line to begin fall 2027 and conclude summer 2029.

Please visit **AEPOhio.com/Athens** for more information. Please direct any questions or comments about this project to the Kia Clay at (614) 933-2998 or **AEPOhio_Outreach@aep.com**. You may send mail inquiries to the following address:

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ATHENS AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

- TRANSMISSION LINE TO BE BUILT
- - TRANSMISSION FACILITIES TO BE REMOVED
- ▲ EXISTING SUBSTATION
- STUDY SEGMENT* FOR TRANSMISSION LINE TO BE BUILT
- - STUDY SEGMENT* FOR EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINE TO BE REBUILT

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