

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 invite Athens County residents to participate in an open house regarding a proposed transmission line project in Alexander, Athens, Dover and Lee townships. Company representatives announced the Athens Area Improvements Project in spring 2023. As the project continues to develop, Athens County residents are invited to participate in an open house to learn more and provide feedback.

The Athens Area Improvements Project involves:

- Building approximately 1.5 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) power line.
- Upgrading about 6.5 miles of 69-kV power line to 138-kV power line.
- Retiring around 15 miles of transmission line.
- Upgrading two area substations.

Upgrading and retiring the existing deteriorating equipment improves the line's performance, increases electric capacity and reduces the need for frequent power line maintenance.

To learn more about the Athens Area Improvements Project and provide feedback on the proposed route, please join us on **Thursday, Aug. 21** 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 **[AEPOhio.com/Athens](https://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, Sept. 5.**

In order to construct the project, AEP Ohio representatives must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). Company representatives plan to file the improvements with the OPSB as the Elliott-Lee 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project this fall. 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 spring 2029.

Please visit **[AEPOhio.com/Athens](https://aepohio.com/Athens)** for more information. Please direct any questions or comments about this project to Micaela Harris at 833-689-3375 or Outreach@AEPTransmission.com. You may send mail inquiries to the following address:

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