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The Nature Conservancy and Clean Line Energy Partner to Reduce Environmental Impacts of New Energy Transmission Line

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The Nature Conservancy Helps Plan New Energy Transmission Route



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The transmission line will

bring wind energy to Missouri and other markets. The Conservancy helped Clean Line Energy choose a route that would have limited impacts on wildlife, waterways, and natural areas.

The Nature Conservancy contributed technical expertise to Clean Line Energy's Grain Belt Express project, aiding with the selection of a proposed route so that impacts to the natural environment would be minimized. The project is a proposed 750-mile electric transmission line, which will deliver renewable wind energy from the central Great Plains to Missouri and other markets farther east. **The Conservancy is bringing conservation data and expertise into the planning process so the transmission line can be developed with consideration for wildlife, waterways, and natural areas.**

Across the United States and around the world, the Conservancy is working with governments, companies, and communities to make smarter decisions about energy and infrastructure development. **Development by Design** is the Conservancy's blueprint for engaging decision-makers and communities early in the planning process. In Missouri, we are doing just that. The opportunity to collaborate on the Grain Belt Express project is an example of this proactive approach. "This is a model for avoiding and mitigating potential conflicts in advance. It demonstrates how energy development can be compatible with effective conservation of

irreplaceable natural resources,” stated Doug Ladd, The Nature Conservancy’s Missouri director of conservation.

The Conservancy provided information and analyses of conservation and natural features, which were used for planning the Grain Belt Express route in Missouri. Clean Line Energy will continue to consult with the Conservancy on pre-development, construction, and post-construction activities to minimize impacts to sensitive species, natural communities, and habitats. Currently, the Grain Belt Express project is being reviewed by the Missouri Public Service Commission. To learn more or provide your comment on the project, you can attend one of eight **public hearings scheduled** across northern Missouri on August 12 and 14 and September 3 and 4.

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