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## **Limestone Ridge Project Engagement Summary**

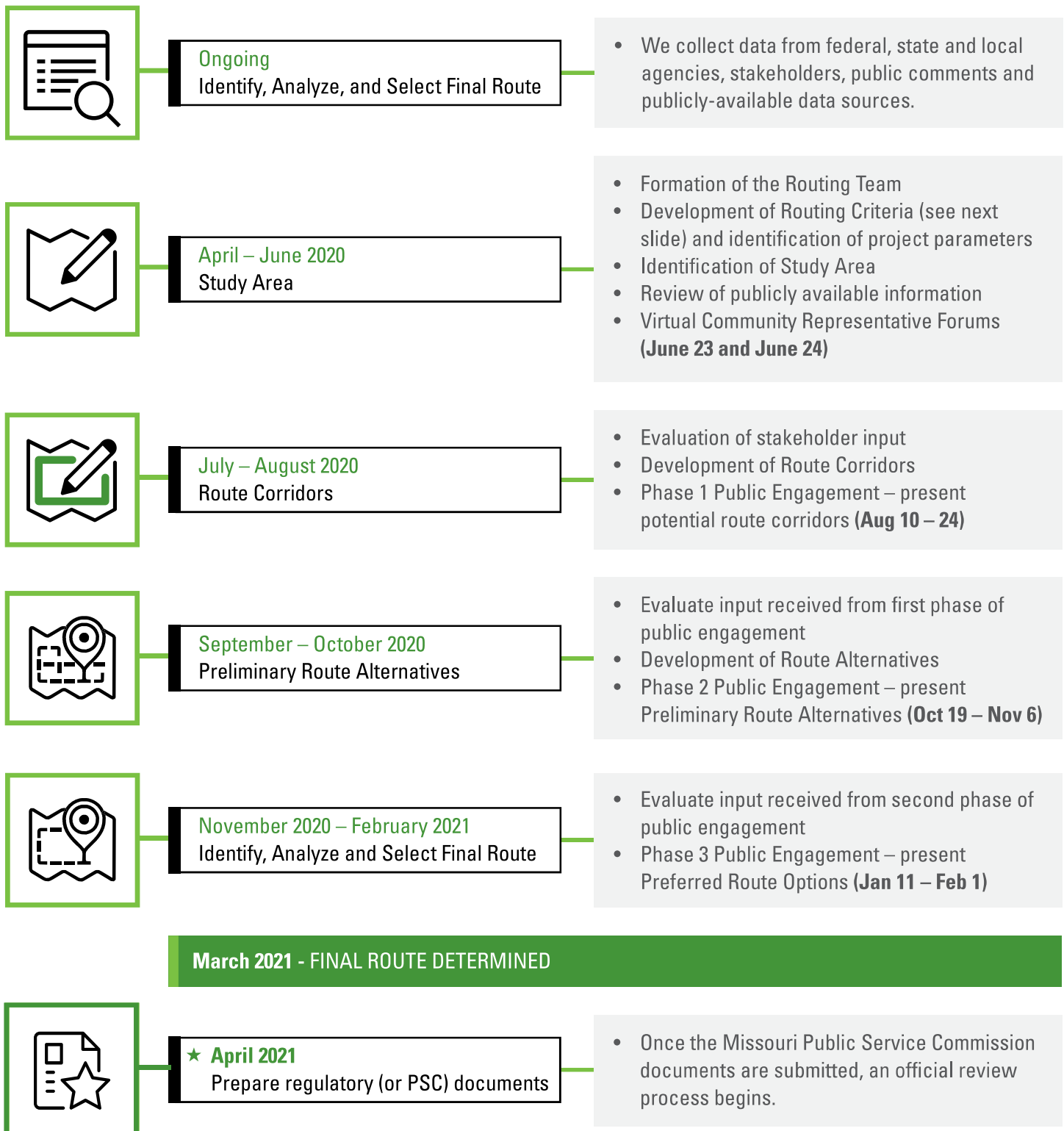
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# Limestone Ridge Project

## Routing Process and Stakeholder Outreach Schedule



## **Community Representative Forums**

### **June 2020**

- **Letter invitation**
- **Email invitation**
- **Study area map (enclosed with letters)**

June 9, 2020

NAME  
TITLE  
ORGANIZATION  
ADDRESS  
ADDRESS

**RE: Limestone Ridge Project – Community Representative Forum Invitation**

Dear [Insert Name],

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**Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 9 a.m.**

**WebEx Link\*:** <https://bit.ly/3cupNtm>

**Join by Phone:**

Call: 408-418-9388

Access Code: 146 265 7410

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 3 p.m.**

**WebEx Link\*:** <https://bit.ly/2Mnniyq>

**Join by Phone:**

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Access Code: 146 275 0230

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If you are unable to attend our virtual meeting, we will send a copy of the meeting materials for you to review at your convenience. Please watch for our email invitation for this meeting to verify you are on our contact list. **If you did not receive an email invitation for this meeting, please call the number listed above and leave a message with your email address to be added to our contacts list.** Should you wish to have materials mailed to you, please email us your preferred mailing address.

Thank you for your time and feedback as we develop this important energy project.

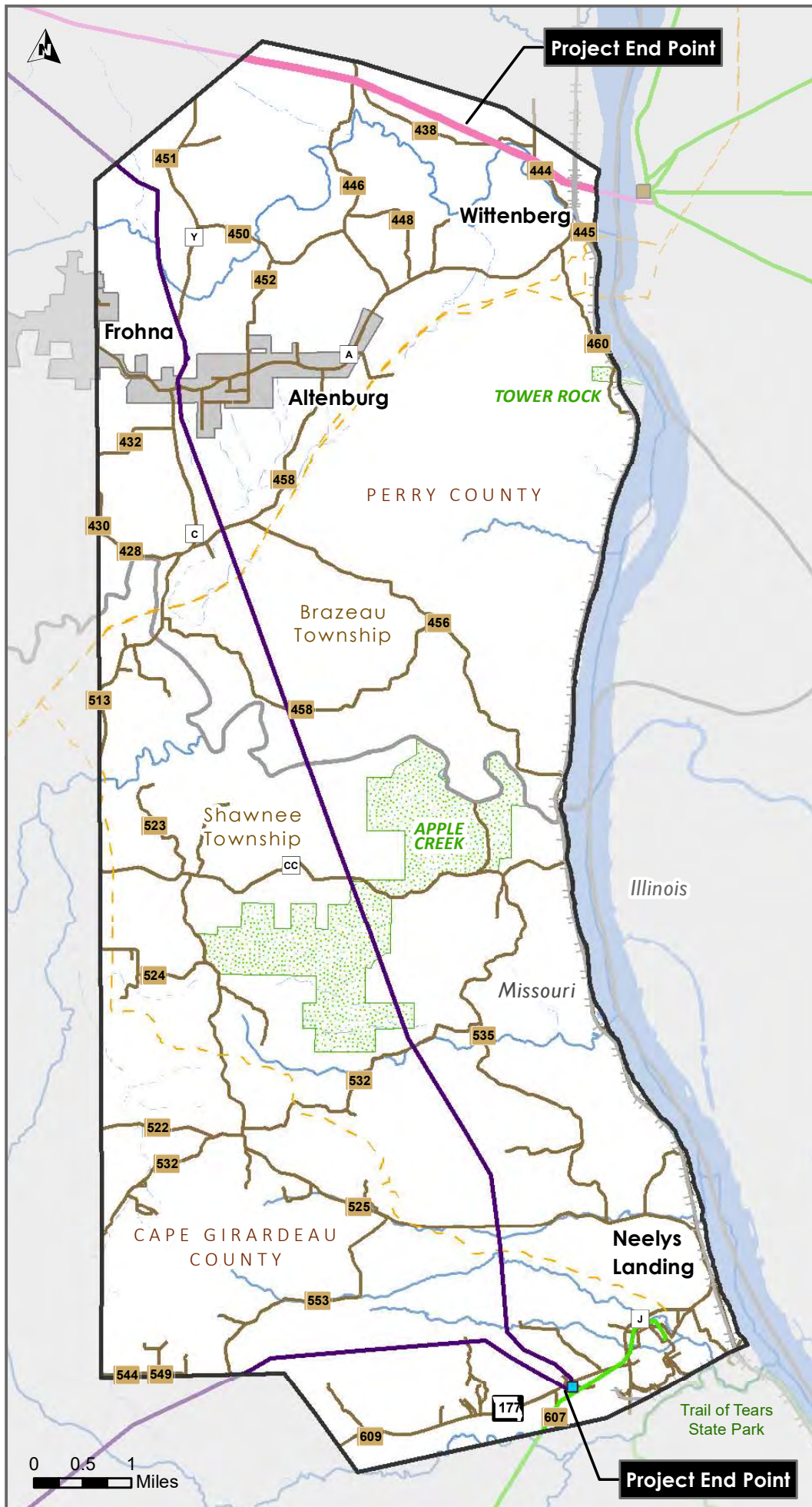
Sincerely,



Tracy Dencker  
Project Manager  
Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois



Martine-Denise Long  
Engineering Project Manager  
Wabash Valley Power Alliance



- Study Area
- Ameren Transmission Lines
- Wabash Transmission Lines
- Wabash Distribution Lines
- Wabash Substation
- Power Plant
- County
- City
- MO Conservation Land
- MO DNR Land
- Wetlands and Water
- Railroad
- Road
- Pipeline

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## JOIN US

### at a Community Representative Forum

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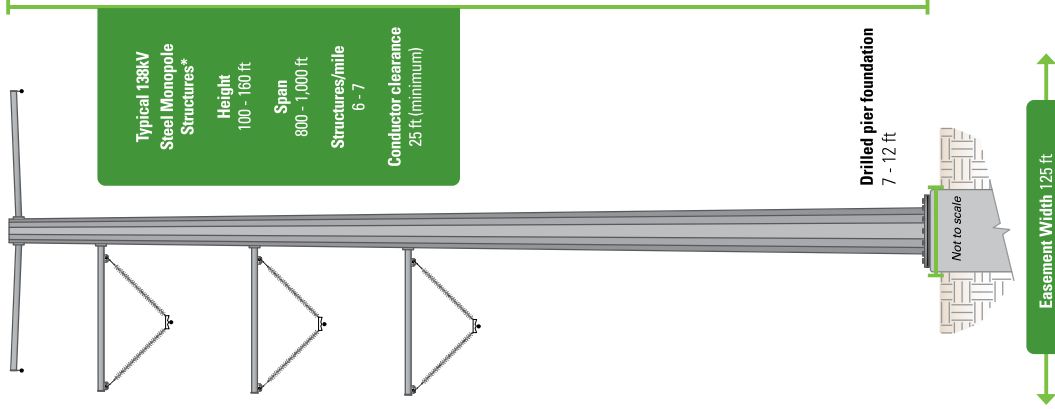
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## **Phase 1 - Route Corridors**

### **August 2020**

- **11x17 folded mailer**
- **Email notification**
- **Reminder email notification**
- **Paid newspaper advertisements and Affidavits**
- **Social Media (Facebook) advertisements**
- **Press release**
- **Online open house screen grabs**
- **Information packet**

# Limestone Ridge Project



## PROJECT BENEFITS



Improve energy reliability for local homes and businesses



Provide additional energy to local manufacturing facilities



Support continued area economic growth

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## ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

**2020**

- Collect data
- Gather public input
- Develop routes

**2021**

- Engineering & permitting
- File Certificate with PSC
- PSC review process

**2022**

- Engineering & permitting
- Field surveys
- Real estate acquisitions
- Preconstruction activities

**2023**

- Construction
- Project in-service (December)

## Visit us online to learn more about the project

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## REGISTER FOR OUR VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETINGS ON AUGUST 19!

Attend one of our virtual, Webex meetings on **Wednesday, August 19 at 12:00pm or 7:00pm**. These online meetings will provide attendees the opportunity to learn about the project, listen to subject matter experts discuss different elements of the project, ask questions and provide input. The same information will be available at each online open house. Detailed maps showing the potential route corridors will be available for review.

Visit our project website to register today: [limestoneridgeproject.com](http://limestoneridgeproject.com)



## ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES BEGINNING AUGUST 10 — AUGUST 24:

Explore our virtual, online open house that will be available from **August 10 – August 24**. Visit our project website for more information.



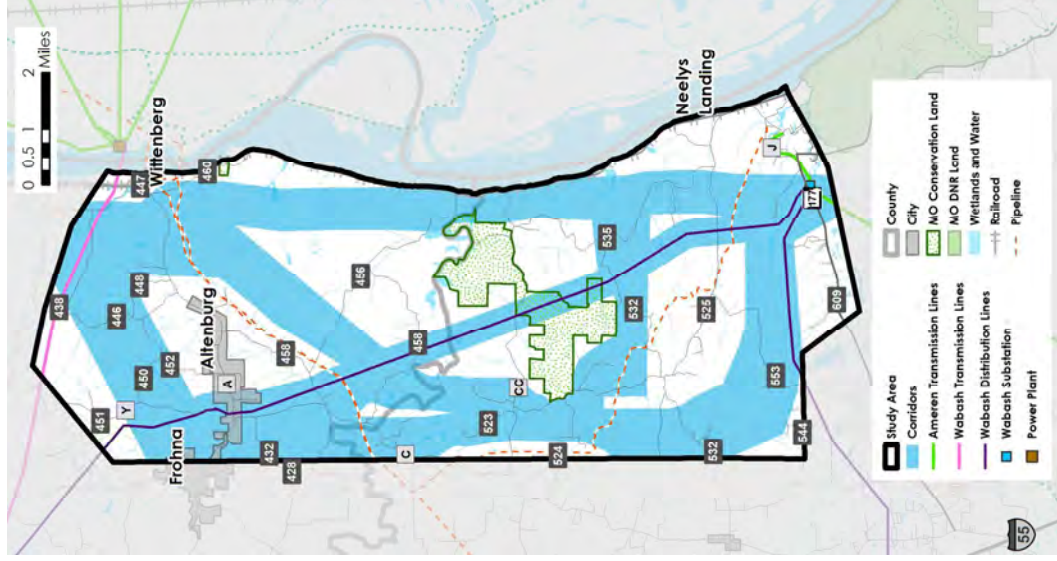
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Request a mailed packet by emailing us or leaving a message on our hotline with your preferred mailing address.



Contact our project team by leaving a message on our project hotline at **573.232.3003** and our project team will call you back within 24 hours or by email at [limestoneridgeproject@ameren.com](mailto:limestoneridgeproject@ameren.com).



Visit the project website and give your input to help our project team learn more about **Opportunities and Sensitivities** within the Potential Route Corridors.

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## ROUTING PROCESS

Our project team will review and gather data from stakeholders and community members during different phases of the project to select a final route. The goal of the routing process is to take advantage of Opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to Sensitivities and adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements.

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**  
Help us identify *Opportunities and Sensitivities* within the Study Area.

## OPPORTUNITIES



Linear features that are oriented in the direction of the project:

- Field lines
- Property lines
- Section lines
- Roads
- Utility corridors

## SENSITIVITIES



Area resources or conditions that can potentially limit transmission line development:

- Agricultural conflicts
- Airports/VOR
- Cemeteries
- Communication Towers
- Conservation Areas/Nature Preserves
- Cultural Resources
- Planned Development (future)
- Floodplains (more difficult construction and many times have sensitive species)
- Forest
- Hospitals
- Karst Areas
- Levees
- Mines/Quarries
- Pipelines\*
- Railroads\*
- Religious Facilities
- Residences (especially large clusters of homes)
- Scenic Highway
- Schools/Daycares
- Streams/Wetlands
- Wells

\*Linear features with additional precautions and studies needed

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Various online engagement opportunities are now available!

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## Share the information

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Hello!

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### About the project

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Sincerely,  
Gabe Goldsmith  
Ameren Stakeholder Relations

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Explore our virtual online open house



Study Area



City

Ameren Transmission Lines



MO Conservation Land



Wabash Transmission Lines



MO DNR Land



# Jackson to survey city's historic architecture

By JAY WOLZ  
SOUTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Residential and commercial buildings in more than a dozen square blocks in the center of Jackson will be included in a survey of the city's historic architecture expected to begin next month.

This is the first historic survey to be done by the City of Jackson in the recent past, noted Jackson building and planning superintendent Janet Sanders.

Jackson's Historic Preservation Commission is required to create and maintain a list of "historically significant" properties in the city in order for Jackson to keep its Certified Local Government (CLG) status, Sanders said.

"Two major benefits of being designated a Certified Local Government by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources are that it enables the city to have technical training related to historic preservation as well as priority over non-CLG com-

missions for historic preservation grant funding," she explained.

Sanders, along with Craig Mable of the Historic Preservation Commission and Jackson Alderman David Romberger, interviewed three consulting firms for the project. On the basis of those interviews and a review of proposal documents, the preservation commission is recommending the city hire RDG Planning and Design of Omaha, Nebraska, to do the survey at a cost of \$35,000.

A grant from the National Park Service and managed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will pay 60%, or \$21,000, of the project cost. The remaining \$14,000 will be paid by Jackson and is covered by the city budget.

Sanders said she expects the Board of Aldermen to consider the contract with RDG at next week's board meeting.

The survey area encompasses the uptown Jackson business district and is generally bordered by East Monroe Street on the south, Ohio Street on the east, Florence



The architecture of many homes and commercial buildings in Jackson, such as this one on the southeast corner of West Main and South Missouri streets, will be included in a historic architecture study that will begin next month.

Street to the north and Missouri Street to the west, Sanders said she is aware

of two other architectural surveys in Jackson over the past 40 years.

The city had an intensive architectural survey of properties on Cherry Street in 1984 in preparation for a community development block grant to improve those properties," she said. "And a private survey was done in 2006 as part of an application to establish the Jackson Uptown Commercial Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places."

The 2006 survey, Sanders said, allowed property owners to apply for tax credits for renovation projects in the district.

The new survey is expected to be completed by July and will include access to an geographic information system (GIS), which will allow online access to an interactive map providing information about each property in the study.

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## 32nd Judicial Circuit extends Phase Two of reopening, jury trials suspended through Oct. 31

SOUTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Jury trials will remain suspended until at least Oct. 31, according to a court order issued Wednesday by Presiding Judge Benjamin F. Lewis.

The court order extends the Phase Two operational directives for all

circuit, associate circuit and municipal divisions of the 32nd Judicial Circuit. The directives may be extended again unless the incidence of COVID-19 decreases significantly from the current level.

The attorneys, litigants and witnesses need to have some certainty

about whether their cases should be prepared for trial in the near future and that is why the order extends through October," Lewis stated. "We will evaluate the situation again in September and make a decision about what to do for the rest of the calendar year."

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## Nearly 60 new COVID-19 cases reported in region

By RICK FAHR  
SOUTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Nearly 60 new COVID-19 cases were reported in the region Wednesday, but no new deaths were attributed to the disease.

Scott County again saw the highest number of new cases — 18 — with the most cases on Tuesday (32). The county has recorded 462 cases of the disease associated with coronavirus. Of those, 297 patients have recovered. Thirteen deaths of county residents have been attributed to the virus.

Vernon County, Missouri, reported 15 additional virus cases cumulatively Tuesday (16) and Wednesday (11). The new cases bring the

county's total case count to 252, with 201 recoveries and four deaths.

Hollinger County, Missouri, reported seven new cases total, 59 recoveries (one death), while Stone County, Missouri, reported five new cases (288 total, 206 recoveries, nine deaths).

**Weekly snapshot**

Cape Girardeau County officials reported 11 new cases Wednesday, with five of those in Cape Girardeau, four in Jackson and two elsewhere in the county. The county's total number of cases is 708, with 675 recoveries and six deaths.

The county's public health order provided a weekly update on various statistics involving the virus cases.

- hospitalization rate: down 6%.
  - asymptomatic rate: 4.7%.
  - death rate: 0.50%.
  - test positivity rate: 5.7% compared to state rate of 11.5%.
  - antibody positivity rate: 0.57%, compared to state rate of 1.85%.
  - percent of county population tested: 16.8%, 13.9% increase from last week.
  - percent increase in cases: 12.4% increase from last week.
- Southern Seven Health Department in Illinois reported two new cases in Union County (116 total, 211 recoveries, 30 deaths) but no new cases in Alexander County (37 cases, 35 recoveries, zero deaths).

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**Puzzles**

From Page 1A

"I was a toddler when our family went to Wisconsin," said Stricker, recalling a long ago trip to California in a Model T Ford.

A daughter in Kagenek, Oregon, has sent him nearly two dozen boxes of puzzles over the years and Stricker has put all of them together except for one.

"You can't see 'em in their boxes," he said, holding his only unfinished puzzle, to date is a depiction of the Eiffel Tower.

Melissa Stricker, executive director of Community Partnership, said she is "honored" for her organization to receive Stricker's latest set of love.

"And thank you for this donation," said Stricker, who has headed the not-for-profit since 2012, "and it represents his obvious passion and dedication of time."

In a world dominated by cellphones and laptop computers, jigsaw puzzles may seem an outdated recreation to some.

"Think about waiting for a loved one in a hospital and all the interruptions you have as that waiting," Stricker said, "and you can go right back to (the puzzle) whenever you're ready."

Another of Stricker's daughters, who works at Saint Francis Medical Center, helped her father get the framed puzzles ready for an art show at Chateau this past Monday.

Community Partnership will move into the old Cape Girardeau police headquarters on South Spigo Street in mid-2021.

"We're not sure what we'll do with (the puzzles)," Stricker said. "We may hang them in our new offices or we may raffie them off as a fundraiser."

Either option is fine for Stricker, who adds a bit of advice for anyone contemplating the assembly of a 5,000 piece puzzle.

"Place the border first," he said, "and bring along with you a lot of patience."

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**ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

8:00am-5:00pm, 8/18-8/20

8:00am-5:00pm, 8/25-8/27

8:00am-5:00pm, 9/1-9/3

8:00am-5:00pm, 9/8-9/10

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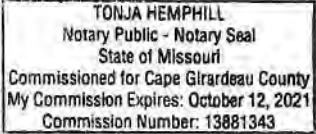
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# Ex-FBI lawyer admits to false statement during Russia probe

By ERIC TUCKER  
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WASHINGTON — A former FBI lawyer pleaded guilty Wednesday to altering a document related to the secret surveillance of a former Trump campaign adviser during the Russia investigation.

Kevin Cline-Smith is the first attorney or former official to be charged in a special

Justice Department review of the investigation into ties between Russia and Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. Attorney General William Barr appointed John Durham, the US attorney in Connecticut, to scrutinize decisions made by officials during that probe.

Cline-Smith pleaded guilty via audio conference to a single false statement charge, admitting that he doctored

an email that the FBI relied on as it sought court approval to eavesdrop on former Trump campaign aide Carter Page in 2017.

The sentencing guidelines calls for zero to six months in prison, but the punishment is ultimately up to U.S. District Judge James Boasberg, who accepted Cline-Smith's plea. Cline-Smith resigned from the FBI before an internal disciplinary process was completed.

The case highlights broader problems with the FBI's surveillance applications on Page, an issue that has incited animosity from the Russian investigation.

Changing documents filed Friday say Cline-Smith altered an email he received in June 2017 from another government agency to say that Page was "not a source" for that agency, then forwarded it along to a colleague. The document does not say which agency, but Page has publicly said that he had worked as a source for the CIA.

The FBI relied on Cline-Smith's representation in the email when it applied for a third and then final time to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to renew its secret surveillance of Page on suspicion

that he was a potential Russian agent. Information about any relationship Page had with another government agency would have been an important fact to disclose to the FISA court since it could have helped explain Page's interactions with Russians. Cline-Smith mostly answered formulate questions from the judge with brief responses, but he did elaborate to clarify the nature of his conduct and to make clear that he thought the information he had included in the email was factually accurate at the time he altered it.

"At the time I believed the information I was providing in the email was accurate, but I am agreeing that the information I inserted into the email was not originally there and I inserted that information," Cline-Smith said.

A Justice Department inspector general report issued last December found significant errors and omissions in the four applications that the FBI submitted to eavesdrop on Page, and said officials failed to update the court after receiving new information that undercut the original premise that Page may have been an agent of a foreign power.

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# Ballot drop boxes bypass the post office

By ASTRID GALVAN and CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY  
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PHOENIX — With the Trump administration openly trying to undermine mail-in voting this fall, some election officials around the country are hoping to bypass the Postal Service by installing lots of ballot drop boxes in libraries, community centers and other public places.

Such boxes have been used with success for several years in states like Oregon, Washington and Colorado that rely largely or entirely on ballots that must be sent in. But their use is being expanded because of the coronavirus outbreak and, more recently, concerns about the post office's ability to do its job.

State or local authorities in places such as Arizona, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania are pressing for more

boxes or drop-off sites that would enable ballots to reach election officials without going through the mail. "Donald Trump continues to undermine the legitimacy of mail-in absentee ballots by attacking the U.S. Postal Service," said New York state Sen. Brad Hoylman, a Democrat who is sponsoring legislation to set up drop boxes beyond the usual confines of voting sites and local election offices. "New York can hit back on this anti-democratic foraging by establishing absentee ballot drop boxes across the state to help ensure the integrity of these ballots."

In the potential battleground state of Wisconsin, the five biggest municipalities are vying for a \$6.5 million grant from the nonprofit Center for Tech and Civic Life to help administer the November election, including installation of drop boxes. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett said his city will use some of its \$2.1 million share to buy more than a dozen to install in libraries and other locations. Arizona's secretary of state is ordering about 70 more for the mostly rural areas that have requested them, and a spokeswoman said some counties are also purchasing extra ones. Washington state election officials said that they are 450 drop boxes statewide, and there are discussions about adding more. Last week, the Postal Service, having cut overtime and late deliveries, began warning states that it can't guarantee all mail ballots will be received in time to be



A person drops off a ballot for Washington state's primary election at a collection box at the King County Administration Building in Seattle earlier this month.

counted. President Donald Trump, who has been sowing unfounded fears of voting by mail, said he would block Postal Service funding so it would be harder to process the expected surge of millions of ballots.

Democratic Rep. Mark Pocan of Wisconsin said coronavirus-era post office delays are a big factor in communities looking to install drop boxes for the November election. "It's another way to be completely assured your ballot is getting dropped off as if you're going to the polls," the congressman said. "I think you're going to see a lot more of this happening."

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In a tweet Monday, Trump pointed to cast doubt on the security of such boxes, saying: "So who is going to collect the Ballots, and what might be done to them, prior to tabulation? A Staged Election?" So had for our Country?"

Typical security measures for drop boxes include video surveillance, locks, tamper-resistant seals and chain-of-custody logs that are completed each time ballots are collected. Local officials, at a minimum, should have a drop box at their main county or city office building, and it is recommended that they have one box for every 15,000 to 20,000 registered voters, according to a memo issued by federal authorities in response to the viral outbreak. The Brennan Center for Justice, a public policy institute at New York University Law School, has estimated that nearly 11,700 ballot drop-off boxes will be needed for November, at a cost of \$22 million to \$117 million for purchase and installation.

Washington state has been installing churches, fire stations, libraries, colleges, city halls, shopping centers and courthouses. In Oregon, they are not only inside libraries and government buildings but on the street outside high-traffic businesses such as Starbucks, McDonald's and movie theaters.

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County of Cape Girardeau )

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came **Cynthia Stone**

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**20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020**

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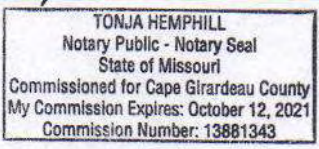
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- City
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- MO DNR Land
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Attend one of our virtual, online Webex meetings on Wednesday, August 19 at 12:00pm or 7:00pm. Each meeting will include a presentation, Q&A session and explanation of input opportunities.

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Visit the project website to register, view the online meeting, and learn more about upcoming engagement opportunities

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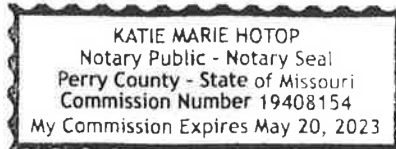
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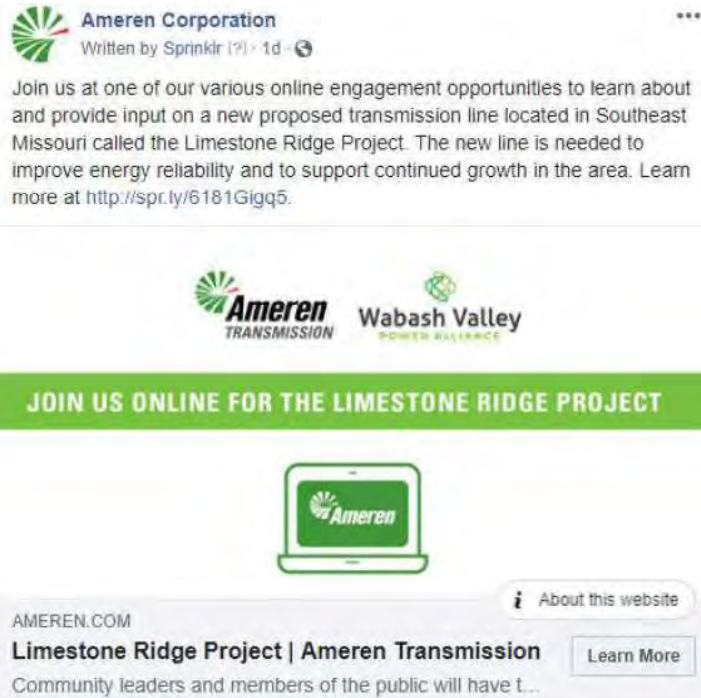


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Join us at one of our various online engagement opportunities to learn about and provide input on a new proposed transmission line located in Southeast Missouri called the Limestone Ridge Project. The new line is needed to improve energy reliability and to support continued growth in the area. Learn more at <http://spr.ly/6181Gigq5>.

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We want to hear from you!

Learn about and provide input on a new proposed transmission line in your area called the Limestone Ridge Project. Visit our virtual open house and share comments on the Route Corridors by Monday, August 24. Start exploring today.

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**PROVIDE INPUT ON POTENTIAL ROUTE CORRIDORS.**

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## **Virtual Open Houses set for Limestone Ridge Project**

*Project will bolster energy reliability for Southeast Missouri businesses and homes*

ST. LOUIS (Aug. 10, 2020) – **Ameren Transmission Company** of Illinois (ATXI), in collaboration with **Wabash Valley Power Alliance** (WVPA), **Citizens Electric Corporation** and **Ameren Missouri**, is proposing to construct a new, approximately 12-19 mile transmission line and state-of-the-art substations to improve energy reliability for local communities in Southeast Missouri. The 138-kilovolt line will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau counties.

The upgrades support continued growth for Southeast Missouri and are needed to provide additional energy to local manufacturing facilities while improving local energy reliability for homes and businesses. The proposed in-service date for the project is December 2023.

Due to COVID-19, the companies are taking action to keep the public and their employees safe and healthy. Rather than an in-person forum, the Limestone Ridge Project team will be hosting two virtual online Webex meetings to introduce the project and provide the public an opportunity to provide input on project development within the study area.

We invite you to attend one of our **virtual online Webex meetings on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at noon or 7 p.m.** Each meeting will include a presentation on the project, a Q&A session and an explanation of how you can provide input. To register, visit our website at [limestoneridgeproject.com](http://limestoneridgeproject.com). Additional engagement opportunities will also be available beginning Aug. 10 through Aug. 24.

**The virtual open house meetings are open to the public and interested stakeholders.**

Ameren will collect feedback from the public as part of a public outreach process in anticipation of filing a petition in January 2021 with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) seeking approval of the Limestone Ridge Project and a final recommended route.





"Listening and receiving input from the community is critical for us to learn about area sensitivities during the planning process," said Jim Jontry, project manager for ATXI's Limestone Ridge Project. "We're looking forward to the community participating in our virtual open house forums designed to gather information while keeping people safe during the pandemic."

Additional information is available on the project's website at [limestoneridgeproject.com](http://limestoneridgeproject.com), by sending an email to [LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com](mailto:LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com) or by calling the project hotline at 573-232-3003.

#### **About Ameren Corporation**

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## WELCOME

Thank you for your participation in our online engagement! The slides in this session are filled with information about Limestone Ridge Project. Please read the materials, submit responses to the survey questions and share valuable input with us through our interactive comment map.



### How to NAVIGATE

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## The Project Team

### Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

#### Show me another fact

Ameren will be supporting real estate, design and construction of the transmission line and substation. Ameren is adding the Whipple Substation in Cape Girardeau County right next to Trail of Tears Substation.

### Project Partners



Wabash Valley Power Alliance serves more than 321,000 members - including Citizens Electric Cooperation.

Wabash will be supporting the real estate, design and construction of the project substation.



Citizens Electric Cooperation serves more than 27,000 members (90% are residential), including Ste. Genevieve, Perry, eastern St. Francois and northern Cape Girardeau counties.

# Project Overview

The Limestone Ridge Project is a 138 kV transmission line and associated facilities located in Southeastern Missouri. The new line will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau counties.

The project is proposed to be in service by December 2023.

## Project Benefits



Improve energy reliability for local homes and businesses.



Provide additional energy support to local manufacturing facilities.



Support continued area economic growth.



Click on the image to enlarge.

# What is energy reliability?

Energy is generated at power plants, wind turbines and solar panels and transferred along transmission lines to areas where the electricity is needed. Transmission lines are similar to highways in the way they allow energy to travel short or long distances.

## Moving energy is like road construction.

Think of reliability like road construction. When your main route is closed you review your options and find an alternative.



But, some of these alternatives aren't able to handle the increased traffic. This is no different with the energy grid! Unfortunately, the problems can be much worse when more than one transmission "route" is out of service - for example, if a large storm were to take out multiple transmission or distribution lines.

## Reliability is providing more options.

The Study Area includes substations and transmission lines that connect them but is primarily supplied by a single 161 kV transmission line originating from the Cape Girardeau area. If this line is out of service, homes and businesses in the area would be served by the lower voltage system that has a much lower capacity to serve existing and future energy needs.





By adding more capacity or "alternative routes", we improve local reliability, add more energy to the system and support continued economic growth for businesses, homes and communities in Southeast Missouri. The Limestone Ridge Project will connect the existing 161 kV system in the south to the 138 kV system in the north, to provide safe, affordable and reliable energy for the local region.

## Structure Design

This project anticipates using a typical 138 kV steel monopole structure that will have the potential of carrying a 345 kV line in the future. The structures will be approximately 100 to 160 feet tall with 7 to 12 foot-diameter foundations.

A 125 foot easement will be needed for the project.



Click on the image to enlarge.

## Project Schedule

2020	2021	2022	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect data</li> <li>Gather public input</li> <li>Develop routes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering &amp; permitting</li> <li>File Certificate with PSC</li> <li>PSC review process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering &amp; permitting</li> <li>Field surveys</li> <li>Real estate acquisitions</li> <li>Preconstruction activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction</li> <li>Project in-service (December)</li> </ul>

All items shown are pending regulatory approvals. Schedule is subject to change.

## Routing Process & Stakeholder Outreach

Click or tap on the steps below to learn more!



Ongoing  
Gather and Review Data

- We collect data from federal, state and local agencies, stakeholders, public comments and publicly-available data sources.



April - June 2020  
Study Area



- Formation of the Routing Team
- Development of Routing Criteria (see next slide) and identification of project parameters
- Identification of Study Area
- Review of publicly available information
- Virtual Community Representative Forums (June 23 and June 24)



★ July - August 2020  
**Route Corridors**

- Evaluation of stakeholder input
- Development of Route Corridors
- **Phase 1 Public Engagement – present potential route corridors (we are here!)**



September – October 2020  
**Preliminary Route Alternatives**

- Evaluate input received from first phase of public engagement
- Development of Route Alternatives
- **Phase 2 Public Engagement – present preliminary route alternatives (early Fall 2020)**



Late Fall 2020  
**Identify, Analyze and Select Final Route**

- Evaluate input received from second phase of public engagement
- Develop a final route



Early 2021  
**Prepare regulatory (or PSC) documents**

- Once the regulatory documents are submitted, an official review process begins.

## Routing Criteria

Our goal is to take advantage of **Opportunities** while understanding and minimizing impacts to **Sensitivities** and adhering to **Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements**. We use these three categories to develop a preferred route.

### Opportunities

Linear features that are oriented in the direction of the project, such as:

- Field lines
- Property lines
- Section lines
- Roads
- Utility corridors

### Sensitivities

Area resources or conditions that can potentially limit transmission line development:

- Agricultural conflicts
- Airports/VOR
- Cemeteries
- Communication Towers
- Conservation Areas/Nature Preserves

### Technical Guidelines

Ameren also evaluates cost, construction, operation and maintenance when routing a transmission line. The following guidelines are considered when building transmission lines:

- Minimize length
- Ensure adequate access for construction and maintenance activities

- Cultural Resources
- Planned Development (future)
- Floodplains (more difficult construction and many times have sensitive species)
- Forest
- Hospitals
- Karst Areas
- Levees
- Mines/Quarries
- Pipelines\*
- Railroads\*
- Religious Facilities
- Residences (especially large clusters of homes)
- Scenic Highway
- Schools/Daycares
- Streams/Wetlands
- Wells

\*Linear features with additional precautions and studies needed.

## Route Corridors

Our team started by using data from federal, state and local agencies, stakeholders and publicly-available data sources to create our study area. We take into account existing utility corridors, resource areas, natural environment data and field survey data to help minimize impacts while providing a feasible route opportunity.

We start with a study area that meets the purpose and need of the project.



[Click on the image to enlarge.](#)

Then we take all that data and input from our stakeholders, evaluate it and create route corridors.



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## Detailed Corridor Maps



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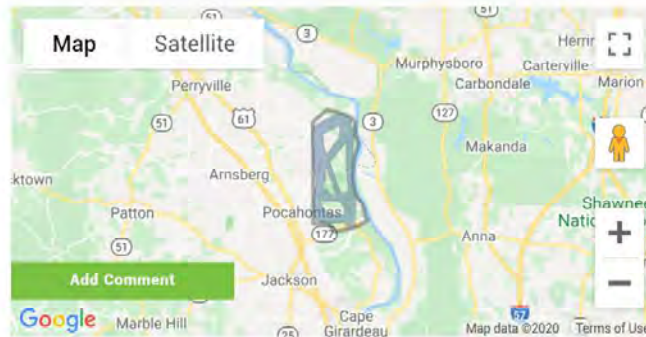
## Input Opportunity! Comment Map

Now that you've learned about the project, routing criteria and how the route corridors were identified, we'd like your input to identify opportunities and sensitivities within the Study Area.

The Route Corridors are shown on the map below.

Click on the 'Add a Comment' button below to provide our team information about your area. You can submit several comments. If you have a general comment - use the comment form button at the top of your screen.

For best results, view map in Chrome, Firefox, or Edge.



Consider the routing criteria when submitting your comments on the interactive map. Click on the boxes below for review.

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- Comply with horizontal and vertical clearance requirements
- Maintain required or sufficient setbacks from roads and highways

- Minimize angle structures
- Minimize crossing of existing transmission lines
- Minimize impractical construction requirements (e.g. steep slopes)
- Minimize non-standard designs

## Agency Coordination

Our project team coordinates with federal, state and local agencies regarding protected or sensitive resources in a project area when siting a new transmission line. Sometimes additional permits or approvals from these agencies are necessary to construct a project.

### Coordinating Agencies

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Missouri Public Service Commission



Missouri Department of Conservation

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Missouri Department of Transportation



Cape Girardeau County



Perry County



## Real Estate

Once the Missouri Public Service Commission reviews and approves a final route (anticipated 2021), notification letters will be mailed to all landowners along the route. Ameren will request access to landowner's property to conduct land, environmental and civil (soil) surveys and studies.

Once a final route has been approved, Ameren will begin negotiations for acquiring easements.

### Easement Discussions

Project representatives will meeting with affected landowners to discuss:

- Land surveys and studies
- Proposed easement
- Right-of-way clearing
- Type(s) of structures
- Compensation

### What is an easement?

An easement is an interest or right to use the land of another for a specific purpose. Ameren and our partners will be seeking to obtain easements from affected landowners for the construction, operation and maintenance of the electric transmission line.

- Property restoration
- Damage settlements



Click on the image to enlarge.

## Preconstruction Activities

### Field Surveys

The field data we collect allows our scientists and engineers to plan and design the line with the information necessary for construction.

[Field Survey Handout](#)

### Wildlife Surveys

Wildlife surveys provide important data about the species living in the area, helping us plan how to minimize impacts to wildlife species and habitat.

### Archaeological Surveys

Archaeological surveys consist of walking the easement area to look for cultural artifacts on the ground. If artifacts are found, they are collected for further analysis.

### Wetland and Stream Surveys

The purpose of the surveys is to determine if these features can be classified as a wetland or a stream based on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers guidelines. The crew will collect data on vegetation, hydrology and soil characteristics.

### Soil Surveys

The design process requires information about the soil where the structure will be located. Collecting soil information is completed using the following steps by our geotechnical field survey crews:

- Gather samples from each site by digging a 4-6 inch wide hole into the ground, known as a soil boring. Soil boring areas will be filled back in after the survey.
- Review samples to determine the physical properties and layering of the soil.
- Use soil information to design each structure.

## Construction

### Construction Phases

A one-year construction season is anticipated in 2023. There will be six major stages of construction including:



Survey structure locations



Auger holes and pour foundation



Assemble structure on the ground



Lift and place structure on foundation



### What to expect during construction

We will do our best to minimize impacts during construction. However, the following temporary impacts may occur:

- Noise, dust and lights for nearby landowners
- Equipment, materials and construction crews located along the road and in project right-of-way
- Crews will be working during daylight hours with potential for some work to be completed after dusk
- Temporary, intermittent lane and road closures
- Removal of all incompatible vegetation within the easement area
- Installation of erosion control measures to reduce impacts to streams and wetland areas

We will provide more information before construction begins.



String wires



Restore easement and energize line

Construction of the transmission line occurs in phases and will not be constant on a landowner's property for a full year.

## Get Involved & Stay Updated

Thank you for your interest in the Limestone Ridge Project! It is important to understand the project, its benefits to Southeast Missouri and be informed of what's happening in your community.

Now is the right time to provide your feedback to Ameren Transmission as we begin creating preliminary route alternatives.

### Join our MAILING LIST

Our team has engagement opportunities tentatively scheduled for later this fall, pending the status of COVID-19 restrictions. Be sure to sign up for updates to be informed of scheduled engagement opportunities.

[Join the Mailing List](#)

### Submit a COMMENT

Submit a comment form by clicking the "submit a comment" button at the top of your screen. Routing comments will be accepted through August 21.

### Share THIS INFO

Please pass along the link to this online open house to family, friends and coworkers who live in the area.



(573) 232-3003

### **Online Open House #1 Statistics**

Web Traffic: Aug 5 – Aug 24 (20 days):

- Total Users (MO): 46
- Total Sessions (MO): 53
- Avg time on site: 7:47
- Sessions by Device (MO only):
  - Desktop: 37
  - Mobile: 12
  - Tablet: 4

# PACKET OVERVIEW

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## PACKET MATERIALS

### Your packet of information includes the following materials:

- ▶ Project Factsheet
- ▶ Virtual Public Meeting Materials
- ▶ Comment Map
- ▶ Comment Form and Survey
- ▶ Prepaid Return Envelope

Please read the materials, provide your comments on the map and submit responses to the survey questions to share your valuable input with us.

You can:

- **Mail** the comment form, survey and map back to our team using the prepaid return envelope
- **Drop it** back off at Citizens Electric
- **Scan and email** it to us  
[limestoneridgeproject@ameren.com](mailto:limestoneridgeproject@ameren.com)

Comments will be accepted through **AUGUST 24**.

## CONNECT WITH THE PROJECT TEAM

# Limestone Ridge PROJECT

In collaboration with Wabash Valley Power Alliance (WVPA), Citizens Electric Corporation and Ameren Missouri, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) is proposing to construct a new, approximately 12-19 mile 138 kV transmission line and state-of-the-art substations to improve energy reliability for local communities in Southeast Missouri. The new line will connect two new substations in Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties. The proposed in-service date for the project is December 2023.

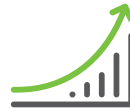
## PROJECT BENEFITS



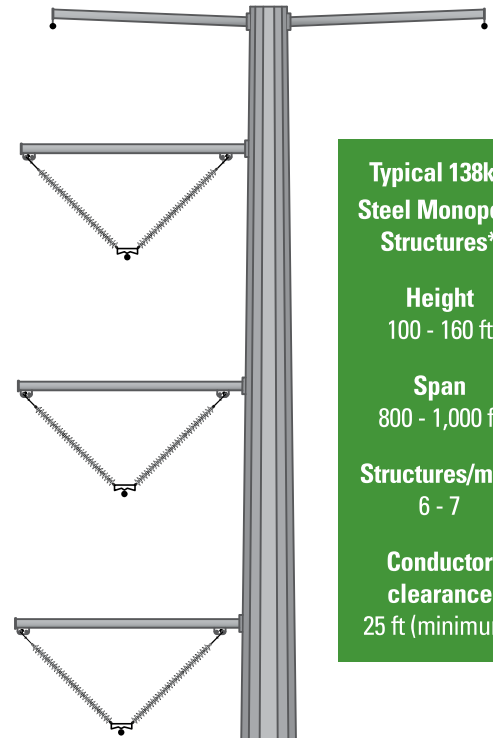
Improve energy reliability for local homes and businesses



Provide additional energy to local manufacturing facilities



Support continued area economic growth



**Typical 138kV Steel Monopole Structures\***

**Height**  
100 - 160 ft

**Span**  
800 - 1,000 ft

**Structures/mile**  
6 - 7

**Conductor clearance**  
25 ft (minimum)

## SCHEDULE

### 2020

- Collect data
- Gather public input
- Develop routes

### 2021

- Engineering & permitting
- File Certificate with PSC
- PSC review process

### 2022

- Engineering & permitting
- Field surveys
- Real estate acquisitions
- Preconstruction activities

### 2023

- Construction
- Project in-service (December)

## GET INVOLVED & STAY UPDATED

Community leaders and members of the public will have the opportunity to provide input on the development of the preliminary routes. Engagement opportunities are anticipated later this fall with further information becoming available as events are scheduled. For more information about the project and to sign up to receive email updates on engagement opportunities, please visit: [LimestoneRidgeProject.com](http://LimestoneRidgeProject.com).

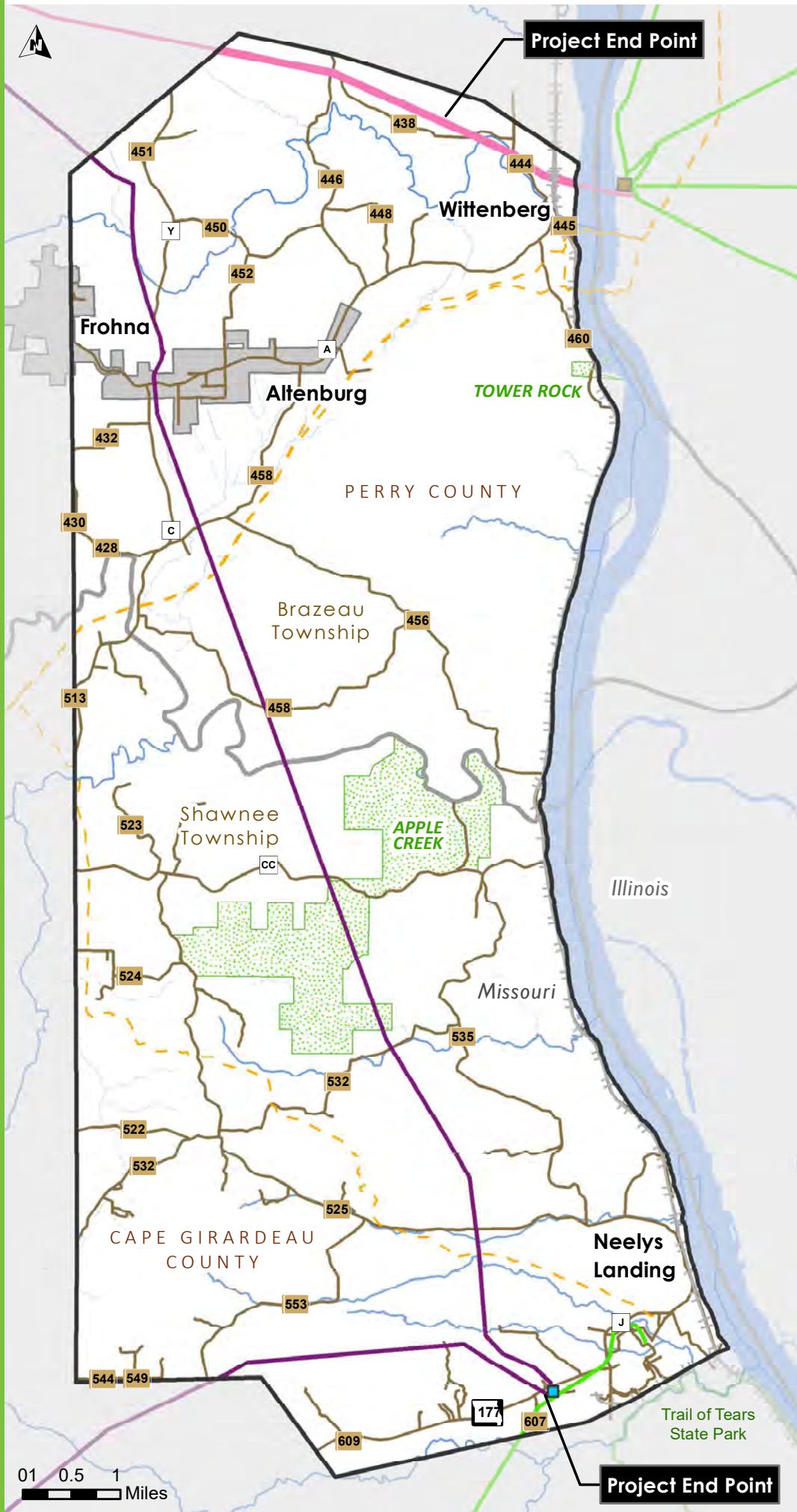
**Drilled pier foundation**  
7 - 12 ft



**Easement Width 125 ft**  
46

*\*138kV with the potential of a future 345kV circuit*

# STUDY AREA



- Study Area
- Ameren Transmission Lines
- Wabash Transmission Lines
- Wabash Distribution Lines
- Wabash Substation
- Power Plant
- County
- City
- MO Conservation Land
- MO DNR Land
- Wetlands and Water
- Railroad
- Road
- Pipeline

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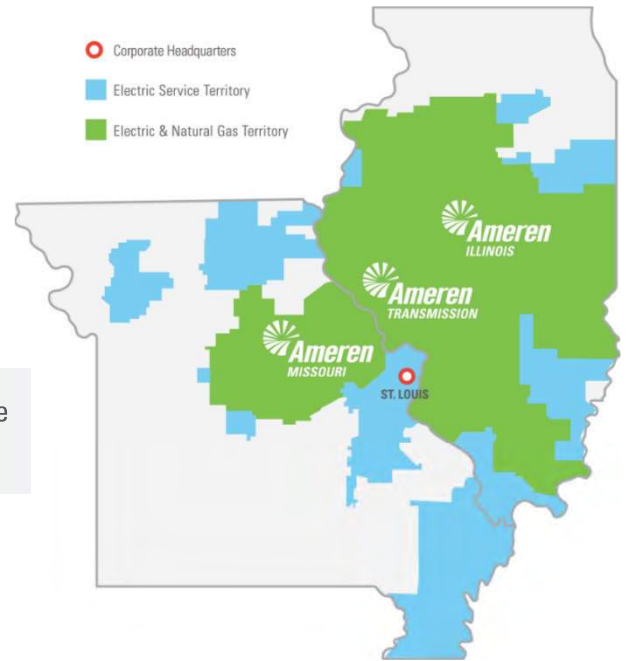
## The Project Team

### Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

- Electric transmission businesses of Ameren Illinois and ATXI are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Ameren invests in regional multi-value projects
- Operates over 8,200 circuit miles of transmission

Ameren will be supporting real estate, design and construction of the transmission line and substation.

Ameren is partnering with Wabash Valley Power Alliance for this project. Wabash Valley Power Alliance provides power to Citizens Electric Corporation.



### Learn more about our project partners:



- Serves more than 321,000 Members.
- Supplies electric cooperatives with power to Member-owners in their service territory, such as Citizens Electric Corporation
- Supporting the real estate, construction, and design for the substation portion of the project



- Serves more than 27,000 members (90% are residential members), including Ste. Genevieve, Perry Counties, eastern St. Francois and northern Cape Girardeau Counties
- Receives power supply from Wabash Valley Power Alliance

Wabash will be supporting the real estate, design and construction of the project substation.

WABASH VALLEY POWER IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND WHOLESALE PROVIDER OF ELECTRICITY TO OUR MEMBERS:

**23**

LOCALLY OWNED  
DISTRIBUTION CO-OPS

300,000 RESIDENTIAL MEMBERS (97%)

SERVING MORE THAN  
**321,000**



HOMES, SCHOOLS, FARMS, & BUSINESSES

21,000 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS (7%)

**17<sup>TH</sup>** LARGEST GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE IN AMERICA

**ILLINOIS**

CO-OPS: 3  
COUNTIES: 30  
MEMBERS SERVED: 51,000



**MISSOURI**

CO-OPS: 1  
COUNTIES: 4  
MEMBERS SERVED: 27,000

FOUNDED IN 1963  
WABASH, IN

MOVED HQ IN 1976  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

**INDIANA**

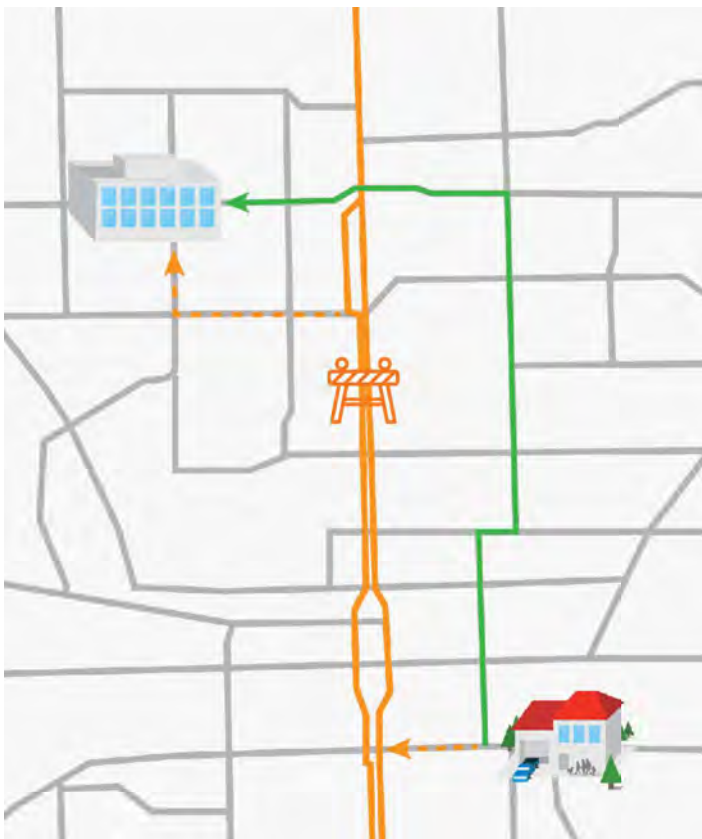
CO-OPS: 19  
COUNTIES: 50  
MEMBERS SERVED: 248,000

## What is Energy Reliability?

Energy is generated at power plants, wind turbines and solar panels and transferred along transmission lines to areas where the electricity is needed. Transmission lines are similar to highways in the way they allow energy to travel short or long distances.

Moving energy is like road construction.

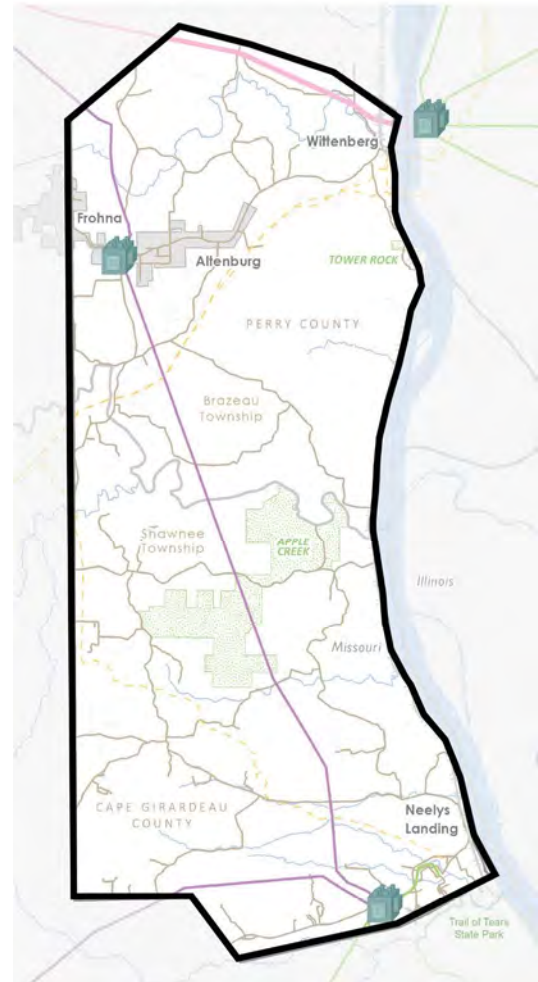
Think of reliability like road construction. When your main route is closed you review your options and find an alternative.



But, some of these alternatives aren't able to handle the increased traffic. This is no difference with the energy grid! Unfortunately, the problems can be much worse when more than one transmission "route" is out of service - for example, if a large storm were to take out multiple transmission or distribution lines.

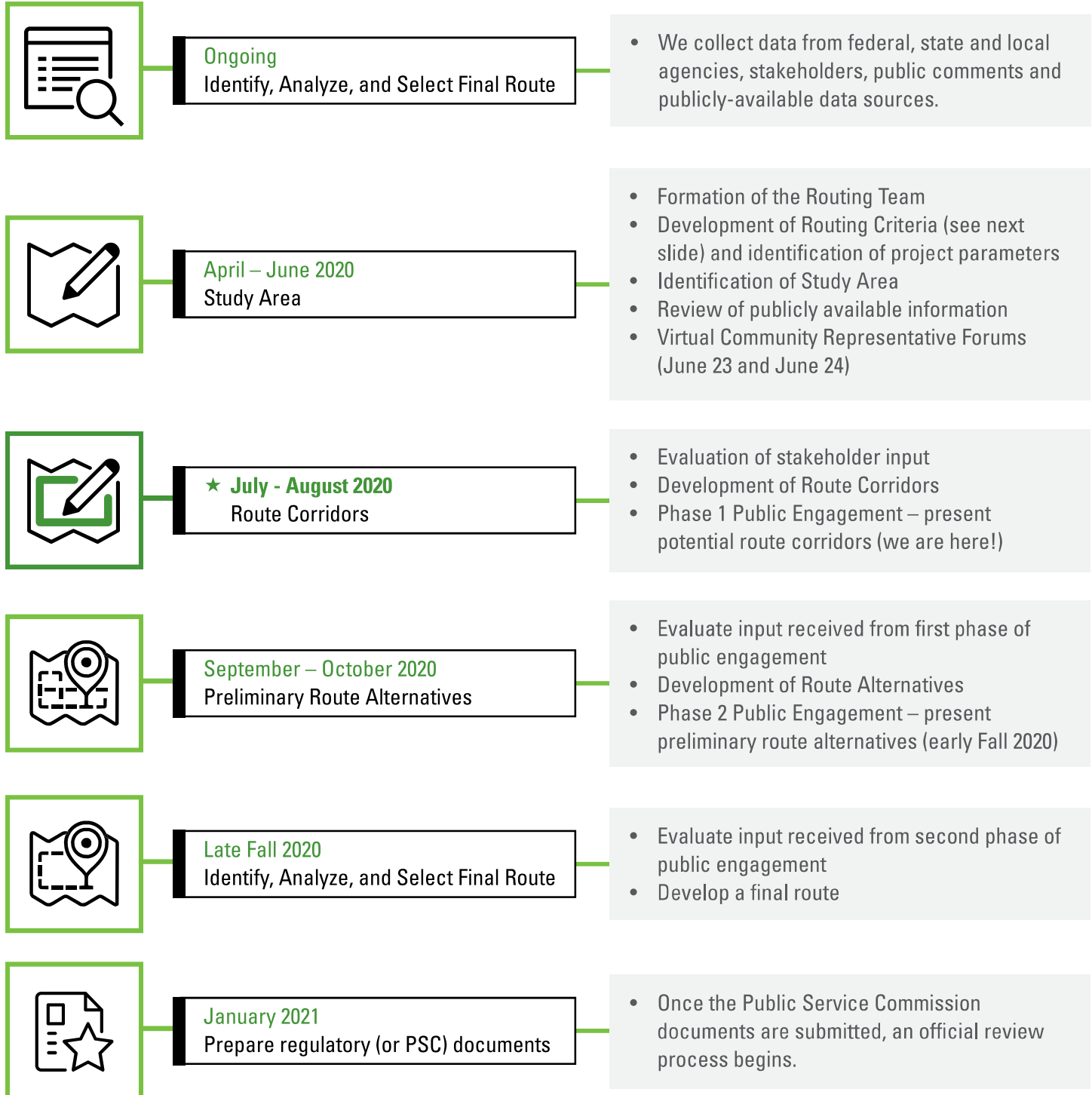
Reliability is providing more options.

The Study Area includes substations and transmission lines that connect them but is primarily supplied by a single 161 kV transmission line originating from the Cape Girardeau area. If this line is out of service, homes and businesses in the area would be served by the lower voltage system that has a much lower capacity to serve existing and future energy needs.



By adding more capacity or "alternative routes", we improve local reliability, add more energy to the system and support continued economic growth for businesses, homes and communities in Southeast Missouri. The Limestone Ridge Project will connect the existing 161 kV system in the south to the 138 kV system in the north, to provide safe, affordable and reliable energy for the local region<sup>49</sup>

## Routing Process & Stakeholder Outreach



Make sure you fill out the comment map included in your packet to give your input to help our project team learn more about Opportunities and Sensitivities within the Route Corridors.

## Agency Coordination

Our project team coordinates with federal, state and local agencies regarding protected or sensitive resources in a project area when siting a new transmission line. Sometimes additional permits or approvals from these agencies are necessary to construct a project.

Missouri Public Service Commission



Missouri Department of Conservation



Missouri Department of Natural Resources



Missouri Department of Transportation



Cape Girardeau County



Perry County



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



## Real Estate

Once the Public Service Commission (PSC) reviews and approves a final route (anticipated 2021), notification letters will be mailed to all landowners along the route. Ameren will request access to landowner's property to conduct land, environmental and civil (soil) surveys and studies.

Once a final route has been approved, Ameren will begin negotiations for acquiring easements.

### Easement Discussions

Project representatives will meeting with affected landowners to discuss:

- Land surveys and studies
- Proposed easement
- Type(s) of structures
- Compensation
- Property restoration
- Damage settlements

### What is an easement?

An easement is an interest or right to use the land of another for a specific purpose. Ameren and our partners will be seeking to obtain easements from affected landowners for the construction, operation and maintenance of the electric transmission line.



## Pre-construction

### Field Surveys

The field data we collect allows our scientists and engineers to plan and design the line with the information necessary for construction.

#### Wildlife Surveys

Wildlife surveys provide important data about the species living in the area, helping us plan how to minimize impacts to wildlife species and habitat.

#### Wetland and Stream Surveys

To survey wetlands and streams, our field staff visits locations that we identified through analysis of maps and aerial imagery as streams or potential wetland areas. The purpose of the surveys is to determine if these features can be classified as a wetland or a stream based on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers guidelines. The crew will collect data on vegetation, hydrology and soil characteristics.

#### Archaeological Surveys

Archaeological surveys consist of walking the easement area to look for cultural artifacts on the ground. If artifacts are found, they are collected for further analysis. To access areas where visibility is limited, such as woody or grassy areas, archaeologists may hand-dig a small hole to screen soils for artifacts. All excavated shovel test areas will be filled back in after the survey is completed. If a culturally-significant site is identified, additional testing may be required to determine if it is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.



### Soil Surveys

As a part of the project, engineering staff will design each transmission line structure. The field data we collect will help our engineers determine the final design and structure locations, and will help to minimize impacts to cultural and biological resources during construction.

The design process requires information about the soil where the structure will be located. Collecting soil information is completed using the following steps by our geotechnical field survey crews:

- Gather samples from each site by digging a 4-6 inch wide hole into the ground, known as a soil boring. Soil boring areas will be filled back in after the survey.
- Review samples to determine the physical properties and layering of the soil.
- Use soil information to design each structure.

## Construction

### Construction Phases

A one-year construction season is anticipated in 2023. There will be six major stages of construction including:



1 Survey structure locations



2 Auger holes and pour foundation



3 Assemble structure on the ground



4 Lift and place structure on foundation



5 String wires



6 Restore easement and energize line

Construction of the transmission line occurs in phases and will not be constant on a landowner's property for a full year

### What to expect during construction

We will do our best to minimize impacts during construction. However, the following temporary impacts may occur:

- Noise, dust, and lights for nearby landowners
- Equipment, materials and construction crews located along the road and in project right-of-way
- Crews will be working during daylight hours with potential for some work to be completed after dusk
- Temporary, intermittent lane and road closures
- Removal of all incompatible vegetation within the easement area
- Installation of erosion control measures to reduce impacts to streams and wetland areas

We will provide more information before construction begins.

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## ROUTING PROCESS

Our project team will review and gather data from stakeholders and community members during different phases of the project to select a final route. The goal of the routing process is to take advantage of Opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to Sensitivities and adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements.

### WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

*Use the information on this handout to help us identify Opportunities and Sensitivities on the large map included in your packet.*



## OPPORTUNITIES

Linear features that are oriented in the direction of the project:

- Field lines
- Property lines
- Section lines
- Roads
- Utility corridors



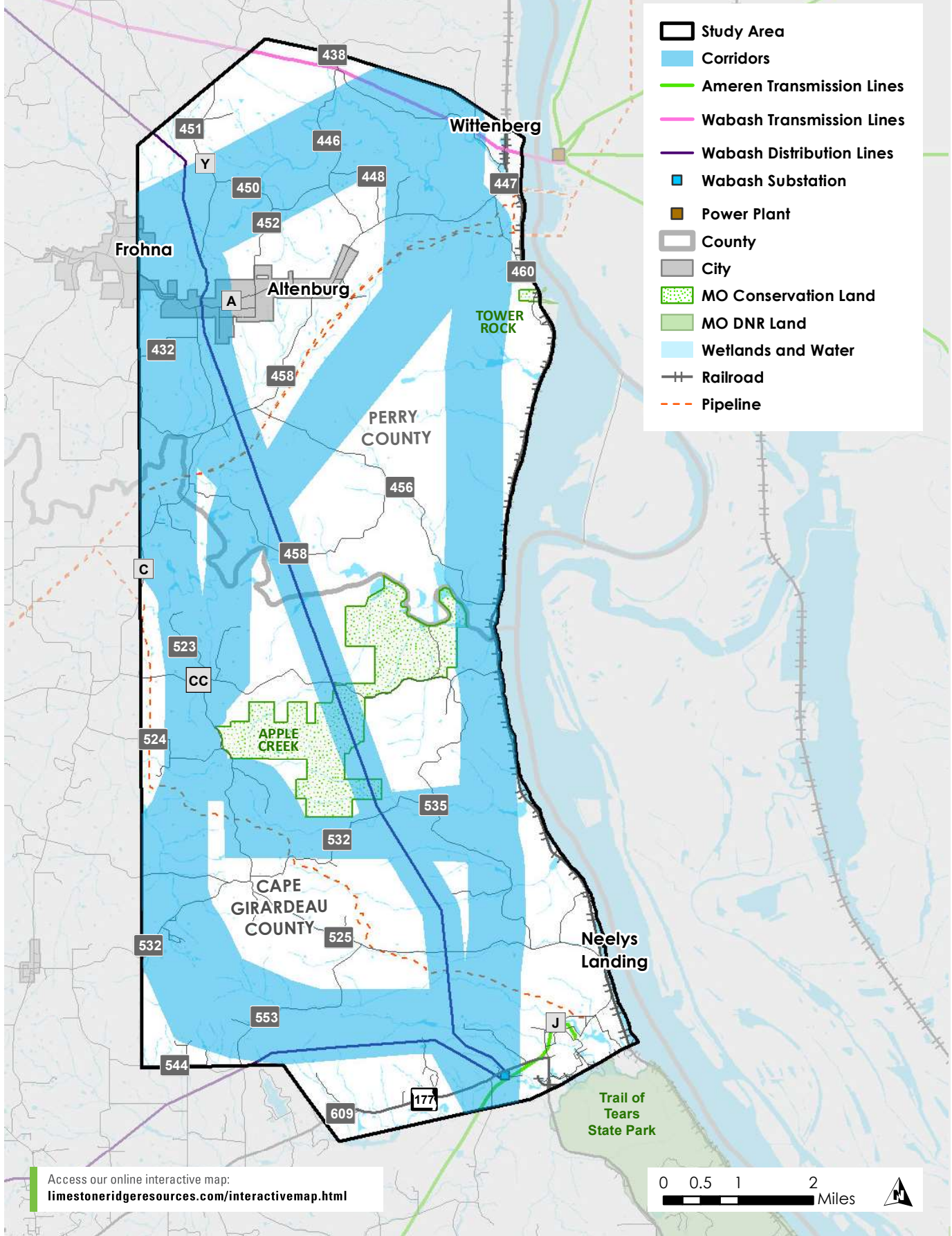
## SENSITIVITIES

Area resources or conditions that can potentially limit transmission line development:

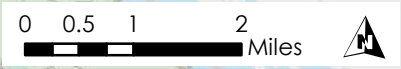
- Agricultural conflicts
- Airports/VOR
- Cemeteries
- Communication Towers
- Conservation Areas/Nature Preserves
- Cultural Resources
- Planned Development (future)
- Floodplains  
(more difficult construction and many times have sensitive species)
- Forest
- Hospitals
- Karst Areas
- Levees
- Mines/Quarries
- Pipelines\*
- Railroads\*
- Religious Facilities
- Residences  
(especially large clusters of homes)
- Scenic Highway
- Schools/Daycares
- Streams/Wetlands
- Wells

\*Linear features with additional precautions and studies needed





Access our online interactive map:  
[limestoneridgeresources.com/interactivemap.html](http://limestoneridgeresources.com/interactivemap.html)



## TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS

Select the top three Sensitivities that are most important to you:

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural conflicts                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest             | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airports/VOR                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals          | <input type="checkbox"/> Residences           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemeteries                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Karst Areas        | (especially large clusters of homes)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Towers                         | (more difficult construction and many times | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic Highway       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplains (more difficult construction and | <input type="checkbox"/> Pipelines*         |   |
| many times have sensitive species)                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroads*         |   |

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**I am interested in the Limestone Ridge Project because:**  
(Check all that apply)

- I live in the area
- I own or manage a nearby business
- I work at a local business
- I own property in the area
- I work for an agency
- Other:

**In general, how do you prefer to hear about project information? (up to two)**

- Direct mail
- Email
- Social media
- Radio
- Newspaper
- Packet pickups

**Did you like the option of picking up project information at Citizens Electric?**

- Yes
- No

**What information did you find most helpful from your packet of materials?**

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**Is there any additional information we need to cover in our materials?**

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## THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING FEEDBACK ON THE LIMESTONE RIDGE PROJECT.

Please fill out the information below if you would like someone from our project team to contact you or if you would like to join the mailing list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Contact Me
- Join the Mailing List

**Comment:**

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Please send this comment form back to the project team using the prepaid return envelope that was included in your packet of information, drop it off at Citizens Electric or scan it and email it to us [LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com](mailto:LimestoneRidgeProject@ameren.com) by August 24, 2020

## CONNECT WITH THE PROJECT TEAM

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