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Hillje-Blu Lacy Transmission Improvement Project Open House

Investing in Critical Infrastructure

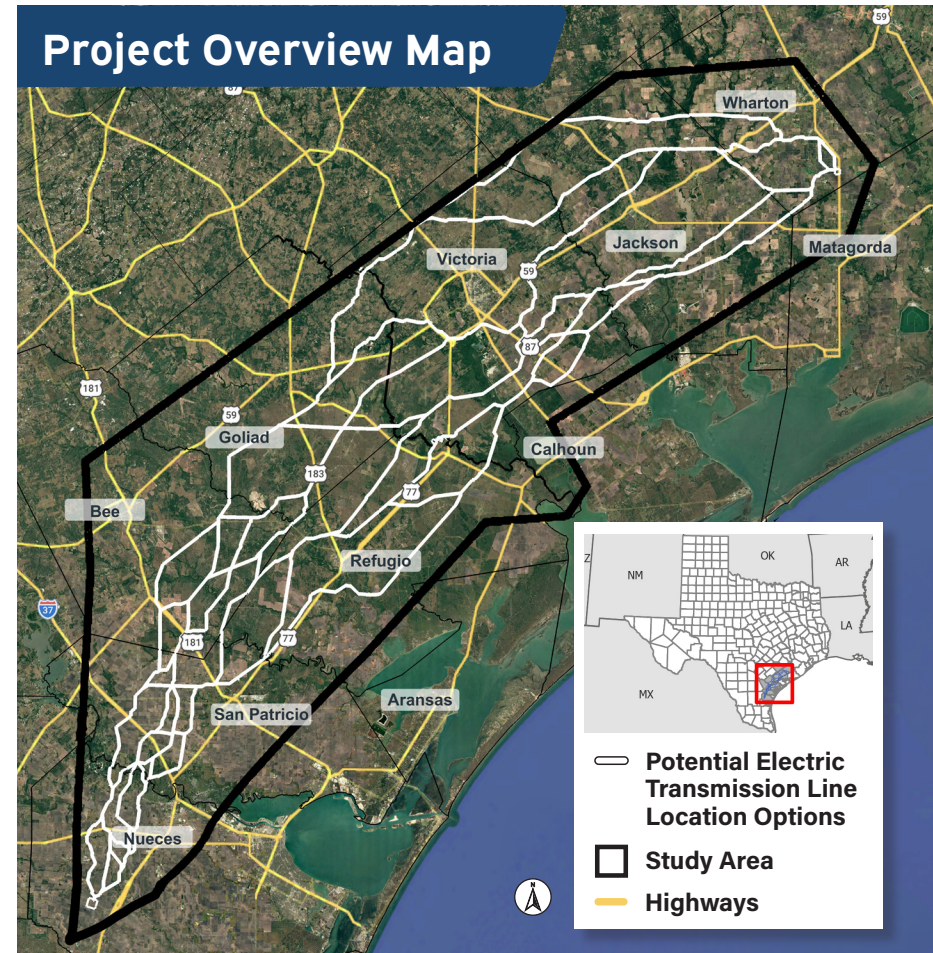
As part of our efforts to strengthen resiliency and reliability for local communities, we are planning:

~155 miles

of new, storm-resilient transmission lines from Wharton County to Nueces County

2 new substations (one in Wharton County and one in Nueces County)

Project Overview Map



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Strengthening Resiliency and Reliability

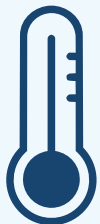
This local infrastructure improvement project includes:



Improving storm resiliency
by building stronger energy grid infrastructure capable of withstanding extreme weather.



Enhancing reliability
to reduce the frequency and impact of outages.



Reducing outage risks
during heat waves, winter storms and other high usage periods.



Increasing energy capacity
to support current and future local economic growth.

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Powering the Local Economy

This local infrastructure improvement project includes:



Saving customers
\$100M+
each year as local
economies expand and share
the costs of electric resiliency
and reliability improvements.



Providing over
\$10M
in **new tax revenue** for local
communities vital for schools
and other public services.



Creating approx.
1,400
new Texas jobs by recruiting
and hiring from the surrounding
area to support construction.



Empowering the
local economy
by partnering with local
vendors and small businesses
throughout construction.

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Project Planning: Key Factors

We respect the local community and are committed to working together to help preserve its character. Our planning process aims to minimize impacts to key areas, such as:



25+ Land Use Considerations

- ✓ Public and private parks, recreation areas, and agricultural or grazing land
- ✓ Existing homes, businesses and conservation easements
- ✓ Following existing infrastructure, such as roads, highways and railroads
- ✓ Following transmission lines, pipelines and road crossings
- ✓ Considering views from highways, roads, parks and recreational areas



15+ Environmental/Cultural Considerations

- ✓ Bodies of water and wetlands
- ✓ Wildlife, vegetation and fisheries
- ✓ Soils and geology
- ✓ Cemeteries and recorded cultural, historical and archaeological sites
- ✓ National Register of Historic Places listed or eligible properties

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Keeping You Informed Every Step of the Way

We're committed to engaging our customers and communities as we carefully plan and evaluate potential electric transmission line location options.

- 1** We start by carefully reviewing 40+ environmental and land use criteria to create potential electric transmission line location options that minimize local impacts.

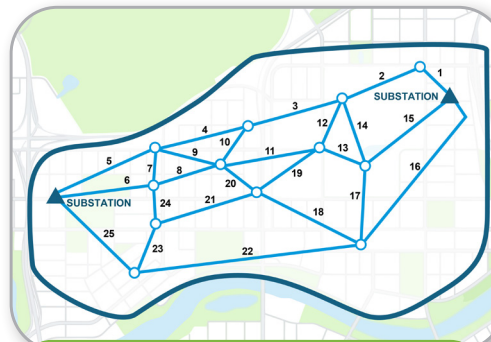


There is a state park and river in the area.

— Sue, Park Ranger



- 2** We engage local community members at open houses and webinars to help shape the design of the project and get their feedback on potential electric transmission line location options.

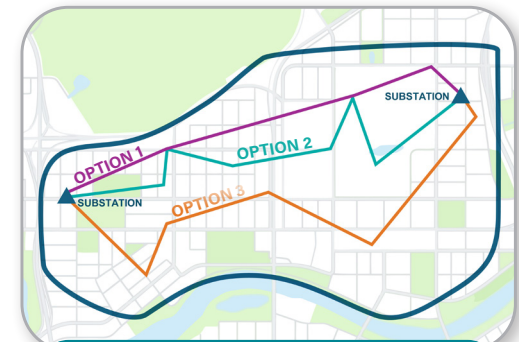


There is a school being built near line option 22.

— John, Local Community Member



- 3** We incorporate local feedback and develop potential routes for Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) consideration and approval.



We made adjustments to line option 22 based on local feedback.

— Mary, CenterPoint Representative



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We Want Your Input

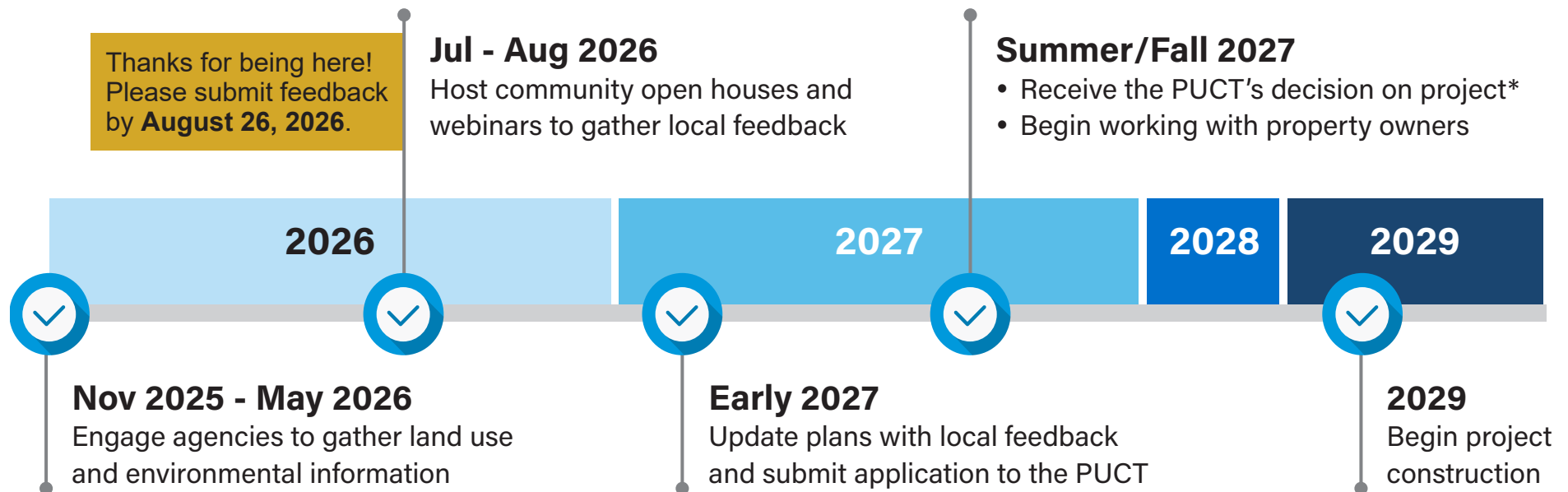
- ✓ Your feedback is an essential part of the route planning process.
- ✓ It's important to note that **no final route has been selected.**
- ✓ No final decision will be made by the Public Utility Commission of Texas without considering local public input.
- ✓ You can provide us with your input in the following ways:
in person, website, mail, phone.



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Key Project Dates & Milestones



*Once local feedback is gathered and analyzed over the coming months, as part of the route planning process, it is the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) that will determine the final route.

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What to Expect During Construction



Pre-Construction Activities

- Building access roads
- Marking utilities and structure locations using flags and stakes
- Removing trees and vegetation, only as needed
- Utilizing safety measures, like fencing work areas



Structure & Wire Installation

- Assembling, installing and securing new structures
- Installing new wires to structures
- Conducting work with large equipment
- Utilizing safety measures, like traffic control



Energize Equipment

- Testing and energizing new equipment
- Note: We don't anticipate any impact to electric service during this process



Post-Construction & Site Restoration

- Restoring properties to like-kind conditions or better
- Restoring public roads to meet city/county standards

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Potential Transmission Structures

We will be building stronger energy grid infrastructure, including transmission lines and structures that are designed to better withstand extreme weather while meeting local energy needs.

Typical Structure Height:

160 - 180 feet

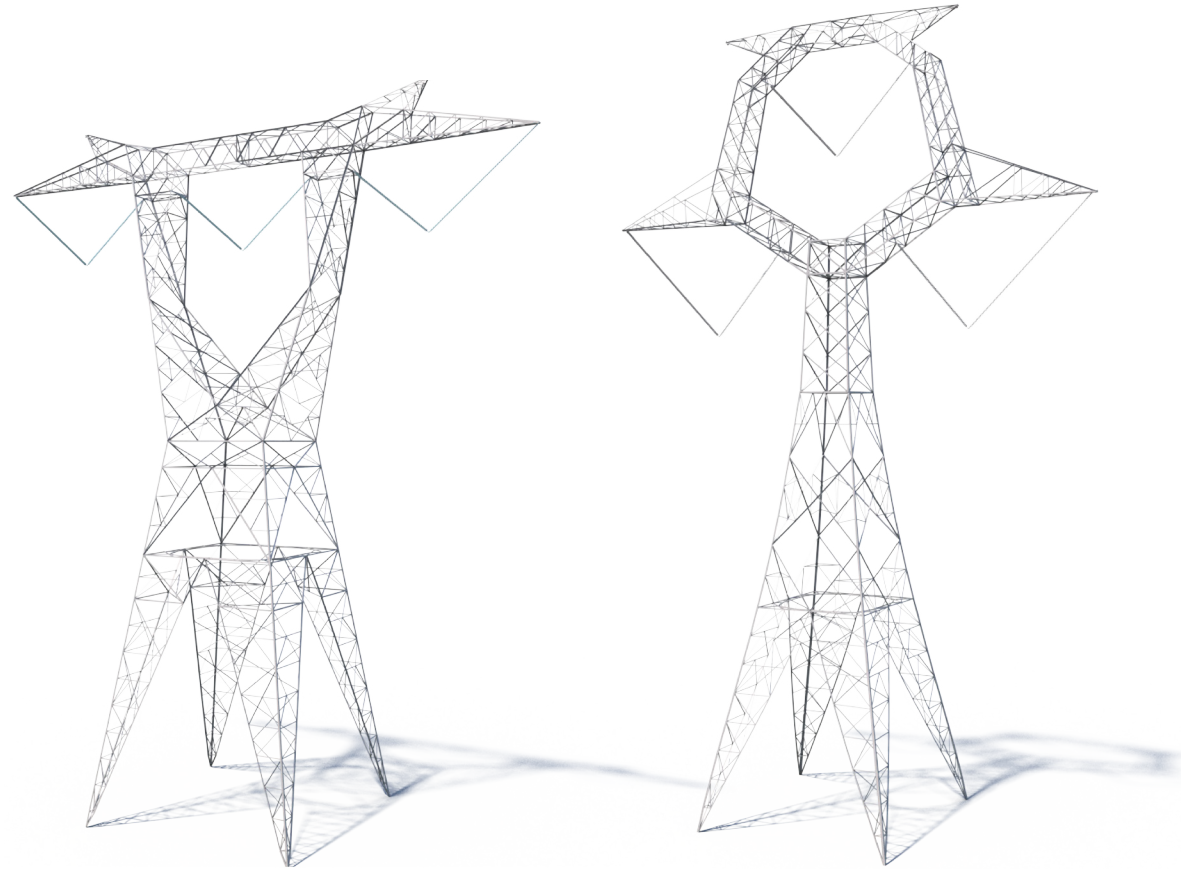
Typical Right-of-Way Width:

200 feet

Typical Distance Between Structures:

1,200 feet

These images represent a typical structure for the project. Final design is subject to change pending public, engineering, and regulatory review.



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Prioritizing Health and Safety

The health and safety of nearby customers and communities is our highest priority.

- Our equipment is designed to ensure that areas near power lines are safe for the public, including anyone using an implanted medical device.
- As part of our commitment to our customers, we offer free EMF testing at your home, business or property.
- We use advanced tools capable of measuring EMF levels as low as 0.1 mG, or background or ambient exposure.
- Our goal is to be transparent, and make clear our commitment to you, your family, and the community.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, scan the QR code to visit CenterPointEnergy.com/EMF



Partnering With Property Owners

We deeply respect private property owners and property rights. After a route is selected, we are committed to working with property owners by:



Taking the
time needed
to answer
your questions



Relying on
independent,
professional
appraisals



Providing
above-market
valuations



Offering payment
options depending
on your needs

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Engaging Local Experts and Agencies

As part of our planning efforts, we are working together with the following agencies to gather their local intel and feedback on this project:

Federal

- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse
- National Parks Service
- NRCS Texas State Office
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Galveston District
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

State

- Railroad Commission of Texas
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas General Land Office
- Texas Historical Commission
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Water Development Board

Local

- Austwell-Tivoli ISD
- Aransas County
- Aransas County Commissioners Court
- Aransas County Historical Commission
- Aransas County Partnership Economic Development Corporation
- Banquete ISD
- Bee County
- Bee County Commissioners Court
- Bee County Historical Commission
- Bee Development Authority
- Bee Groundwater Conservation District
- Beeville ISD
- Bishop Consolidated ISD
- Bloomington ISD

Local (continued)

- Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
- Calallen ISD
- Calhoun County
- Calhoun County Commissioners Court
- Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District
- Calhoun County Historical Commission
- Calhoun County ISD
- City of Beeville
- City of Corpus Christi
- City of Edna
- City of El Campo
- City of Ganado
- City of Goliad
- City of Mathis
- City of Odem
- City of Odem Economic Development Commission
- City of Point Comfort
- City of Port Lavaca
- City of Robstown
- City of Sinton
- City of Taft
- City of Victoria
- Coastal Conservation Association
- Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- Coastal Prairie Conservancy
- Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District
- Corpus Christi ISD
- Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation
- Driscoll ISD
- Edna ISD
- El Campo ISD
- Ezzell ISD
- Ganado ISD
- Goliad County
- Goliad County Airpark
- Goliad County Commissioners Court
- Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
- Goliad County Historical Commission
- Goliad ISD
- Gregory-Portland ISD
- Guadalupe Valley Economic Development
- Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
- Hallettsville ISD
- Industrial ISD
- Jackson County
- Jackson County Commissioners Court
- Jackson County Historical Commission
- Jim Wells County
- Jim Wells County Commissioners Court
- Jim Wells County Historical Commission
- Lavaca County
- Lavaca County Commissioners Court
- Lavaca County Historical Commission
- Lavaca-Navidad River Authority
- Live Oak County
- Live Oak County Commissioners Court
- Live Oak County Historical Commission
- Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
- Louise ISD
- Matagorda County
- Matagorda County Commissioners Court
- Matagorda County Historical Commission
- Matagorda Economic Development Corporation
- Mathis ISD
- Meyersville ISD
- Nueces County
- Nueces County Commissioners Court
- Nueces County Historical Commission
- Nueces County Public Works
- Nueces River Authority
- Nursery ISD
- Odem-Edroy ISD
- Orange Grove ISD
- Palacios ISD
- Pettus ISD
- Refugio County
- Refugio County Commissioners Court
- Refugio County Community Development Foundation
- Refugio County Historical Commission
- Refugio Groundwater Conservation District
- Refugio ISD
- Robstown ISD
- Rockport-Fulton ISD
- San Patricio County
- San Patricio County Commissioners Court
- San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation
- San Patricio County Engineering/Right of Way
- San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District
- San Patricio County Historical Commission
- Sinton ISD
- Skidmore-Tynan ISD
- Taft ISD
- Texana Groundwater Conservation District
- Texas Agricultural Land Trust
- Texas Cave Management Association
- Texas Land Conservancy
- Texas Land Trust Council
- The Nature Conservancy
- Tidehaven ISD
- Town of Bayside
- Town of Woodsboro
- Tuloso-Midway ISD
- Victoria County
- Victoria County Commissioners Court
- Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District
- Victoria County Historical Commission
- Victoria Economic Development Corporation
- Victoria ISD
- West Oso ISD
- Wharton County
- Wharton County Commissioners Court
- Wharton County Historical Commission
- Wharton Economic Development Corporation
- Woodsboro ISD

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Environmental and Land Use Criteria for Transmission Line Evaluation

Land Use

- Length of alternative route
- Number of habitable structures¹ within 500 feet of centerline of the route
- Length of route using existing transmission line easement
- Length of ROW parallel and adjacent to existing transmission line ROW
- Length of ROW parallel and adjacent to other existing ROW (highway, pipeline, canals, etc.)
- Length of ROW parallel and adjacent to apparent property lines² or natural or cultural features
- Length of ROW across parks/recreational areas³
- Number of additional parks/recreational areas³ within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline
- Length of ROW across agricultural land/cropland
- Length of ROW across pastureland/rangeland
- Length of ROW across land irrigated by traveling systems (rolling or pivot type)
- Length of ROW across conservation easements and/or mitigation banks (Special Management Area)
- Length of ROW across gravel pits, mines, or quarries
- Length of ROW parallel to existing pipeline ROW <500 feet from ROW centerline
- Number of pipeline crossings
- Number of transmission line crossings
- Number of US interstate and state highway crossings

Land Use (continued)

- Number of FM road crossings
- Number of FAA registered airports⁴ with at least one runway more than 3,200 feet in length located within 20,000 feet of ROW centerline
- Number of FAA registered airports⁴ having no runway more than 3,200 feet in length located within 10,000 feet of ROW centerline
- Number of private airstrips within 10,000 feet of the ROW centerline
- Number of heliports within 5,000 feet of the ROW centerline
- Number of commercial AM radio transmitters within 10,000 feet of the ROW centerline
- Number of FM radio transmitters, microwave towers, and other electronic installations within 2,000 feet of the ROW centerline
- Number of recorded water wells within 200 feet of ROW centerline
- Number of recorded oil and gas wells within 400 feet of ROW centerline

Aesthetics

- Estimated length of ROW within foreground visual zone⁵ of US interstate and state highways
- Estimated length of ROW within foreground visual zone⁵ of FM roads
- Estimated length of ROW within foreground visual zone⁵⁽⁶⁾ of recreational or park areas⁹

Ecology

- Length of ROW through upland woodlands/brushlands
- Length of ROW through bottomland/riparian woodlands
- Length of ROW across NWI mapped wetlands
- Length of ROW across NWI-mapped forested/scrub-shrub wetlands
- Length of ROW across NWI-mapped estuarine/marine wetlands
- Length of ROW across USFWS designated critical habitat of federally-listed threatened or endangered species
- Number of stream and river crossings
- Length of ROW parallel (within 100 feet) to streams and rivers
- Length of ROW across open water (ponds, lakes, etc.)
- Length of ROW across FEMA mapped 100-year floodplain
- Length of ROW within Coastal Management Zone boundary

Cultural Resources

- Number of cemeteries within 1,000 feet of the ROW centerline
- Number of recorded cultural resource sites crossed by ROW
- Number of additional recorded cultural resource sites within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline
- Number of National Register of Historic Places listed or determined eligible properties crossed by ROW
- Number of additional National Register of Historic Places listed or determined eligible properties within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline
- Length of ROW across areas of high archaeological site potential

¹Single-family and multi-family dwellings, and related structures, mobile homes, apartment buildings, commercial structures, industrial structures, business structures, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, or other structures normally inhabited by humans or intended to be inhabited by humans on a daily or regular basis within 500 feet of the centerline of a transmission project of 230 kV or more.

²Apparent property boundaries created by existing roads, highways, or railroad ROWs are not "double-counted" in the length of ROW parallel to apparent property boundaries criteria.

³Defined as parks and recreational areas owned by a governmental body or an organized group, club, or church within 1,000 feet of the centerline of the Project.

⁴As listed in the Chart Supplement South Central US (FAA 2026b formerly known as the Airport/Facility Directory South Central US) and FAA 2026a.

⁵One-half mile, unobstructed. Lengths of ROW within the visual foreground zone of interstates, US and state highway criteria are not "double-counted" in the length of ROW within the visual foreground zone of FM roads criteria.

⁶One-half mile, unobstructed. Lengths of ROW within the visual foreground zone of parks/recreational areas may overlap with the total length of ROW within the visual foreground zone of interstates, US, and state highway criteria and/or with the total length of ROW within the visual foreground zone of FM roads criteria.

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Investing in the Community

We are supporting our communities in Wharton County through community grants, donations and volunteering.

Since 2024, we have:

Awarded
\$30,000+
in community
grants

Completed
500+
volunteer
hours

Donated
\$50,000
to Barbara Bush Literacy
Foundation benefitting
Wharton Elementary Schools

