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Hi Maureen,

It was nice meeting with you last week. Attached is the presentation that was shared during the public meeting in Amherst back in April 2026. The presentation provides a general overview of the project. Please note, some information is outdated at this time, particularly the listed FEIR anticipated filing date of Q2 2026, which has passed, and is currently anticipated Dec 2026/ Jan 2027.

Hope this is helpful and please reach out with any questions.

Best,
-Jonathan

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Hi Jonathan and Conor,

Thank you for meeting with me the other week regarding Eversource's proposed WT-11 TRRP project.

Please provide me with the slides you provided the Town of Amherst, with the updated dates, as applicable.

Once I have the slides, I plan to give the Montague Selectboard a status update. I do not plan to review all the slides at the meeting, but they will be included in the meeting packet.

Sincerely,

Maureen

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a landscape. In the foreground, there are bare, brown trees and a utility pole with power lines. The middle ground is filled with a dense forest of green and brown trees. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky.

**Eversource Vegetation Management Maintenance
WT-11 Transmission Right of Way Reliability Program
(TRRP) Project:
Western Massachusetts**

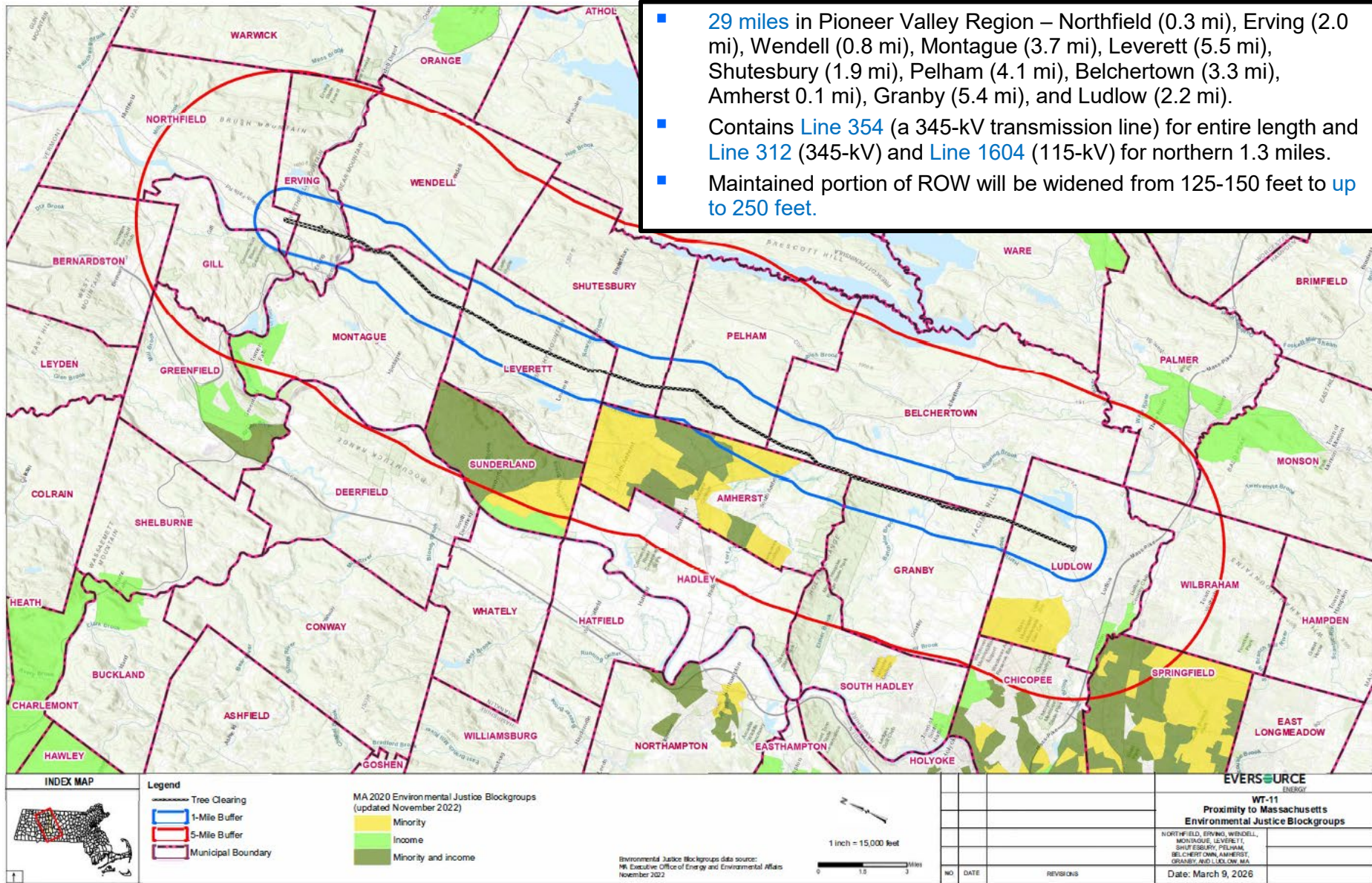
Public Meeting
April 14, 2026

Agenda

April 14, 2026

- Project Introduction
- Alternatives Analysis
- Permitting Overview
- Mitigation
- Public Outreach
- Contact Information

WT-11 Transmission Right-of-Way Reliability Program (TRRP) Project



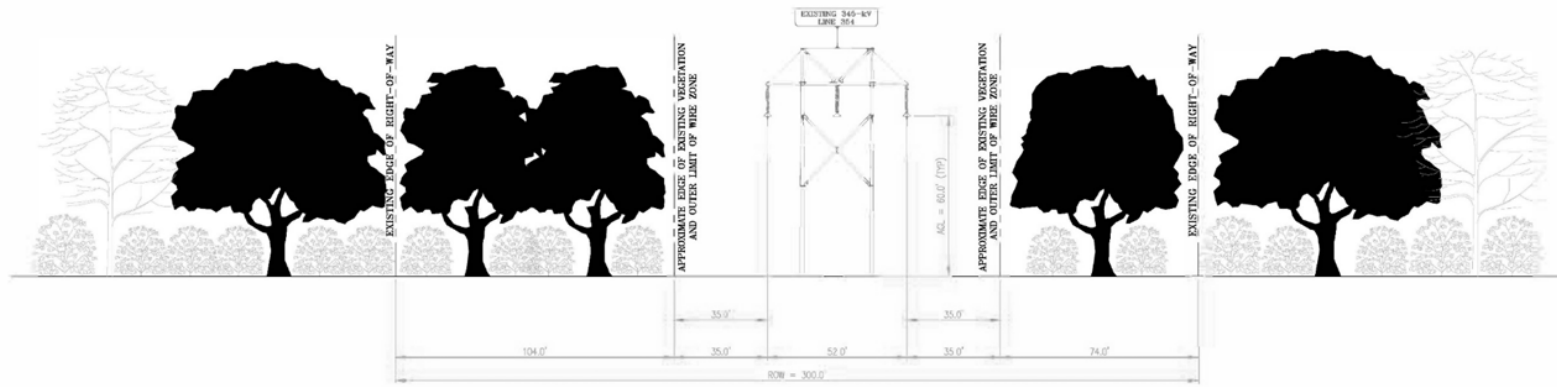
Why is this work needed?

To protect the electric system, we will be removing tall-growing tree species thereby expanding the cleared area of the transmission rights-of-way.

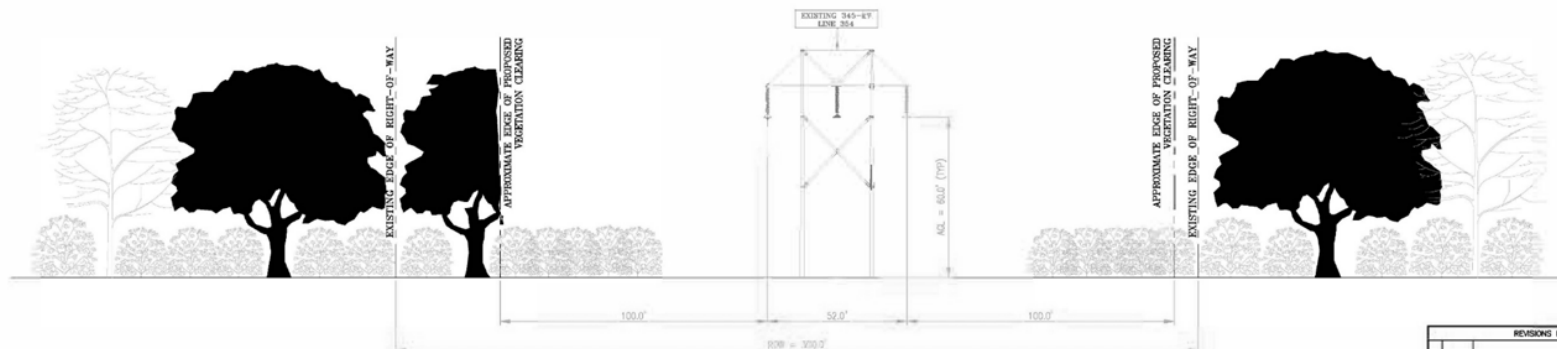
- Transmission Right of Way Reliability Program (TRRP) is a long-term transmission system **reliability and resiliency program** to address more frequent severe weather events, including storms and drought, and increasing insect damage to New England trees.
- Expands the current maintained width of the right-of-way (ROW) to the easement edge or 100' from outer conductors (whichever is less) **to reduce fall in risks.**
- **No work is outside Eversource's existing legal easement.**



Example Before and After Cross-sections: Shutesbury



**EXISTING R.O.W. CONFIGURATION
LOOKING SOUTH FROM STR. #34125 TO STR. #34126
IN THE TOWN OF SHUTESBURY, MA**



**PROPOSED R.O.W. CONFIGURATION
LOOKING SOUTH FROM STR. #34125 TO STR. #34126
IN THE TOWN OF SHUTESBURY, MA**

REVISIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION											
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Anticipated Program Benefits

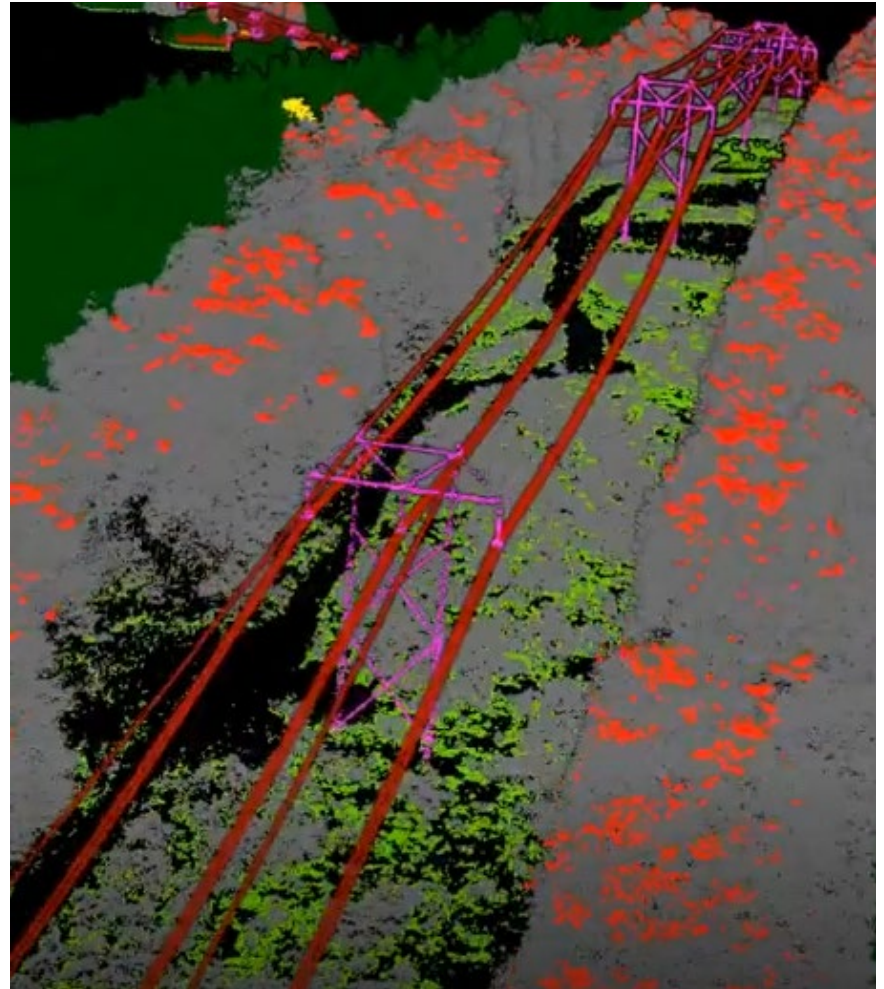
Enhancing Reliability, Increasing Habitats

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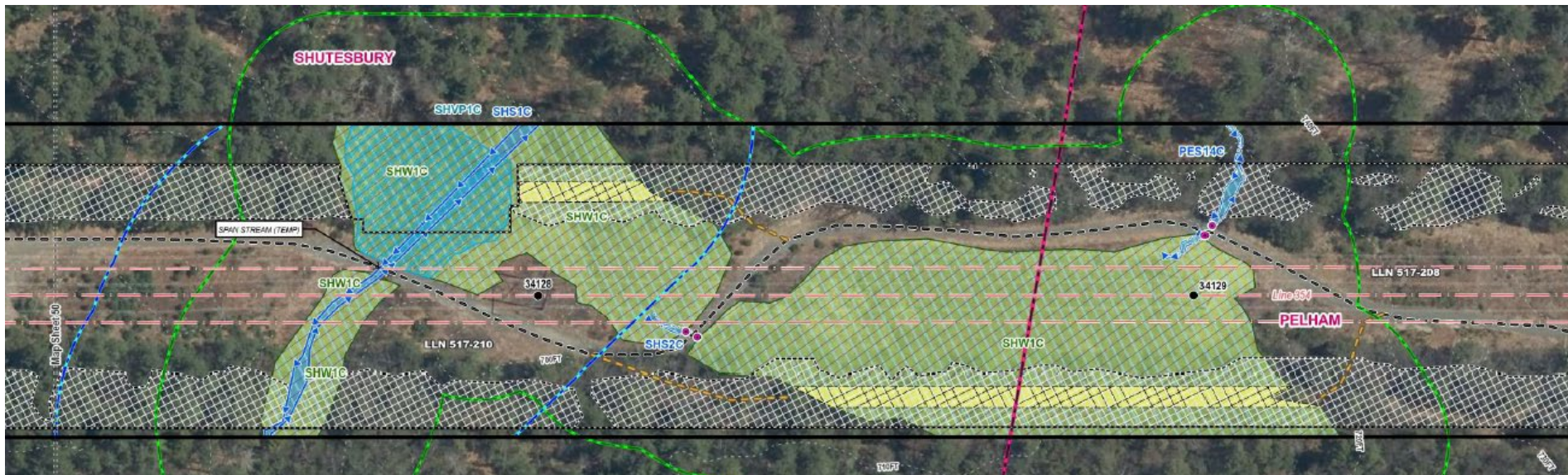


- Increase **reliability and climate resiliency** of the electrical grid by **reducing the risk of fall-ins** along the corridor.
- Expand and **sustainably manage the early successional** habitat of our ROWs which is becoming increasingly rare due to development, but which is **critical for a variety of wildlife**, including numerous pollinators and rare and endangered species.
- Reduce **potential entries into the ROW** and **disturbance to sensitive resources** while making emergency repairs after storm events.

- No Action Alternative
- Transmission Re-build Alternatives
- Targeted Reduction of Tree Removal Widths in Sensitive Areas
- LiDAR Analysis-based Width Modifications
 - 100 feet from outer conductors
 - “100-ft Modified”
- Field reviews to confirm LiDAR analysis



100-ft Modified Alternative



Federal Environmental Permitting:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Section 404 General Permit
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services – Endangered Species Act coordination

State Environmental Permitting:

- EOEEA – MEPA Review:
 - ENF filed June and August 2022 / ENF Certificate issued September 2022
 - DEIR filed August 2025 / DEIR Certificate issued November 2025
 - FEIR anticipated Q2 2026
- DEP – 401 Water Quality Certificate and Wetlands Protection Act
- NHESP – Conservation and Management Permit

Local Environmental Permitting:

- Municipal Conservation Commissions – Wetlands Protection Act and Wetland Bylaws
- Local Stormwater Bylaws, as applicable

- Primary Goal: Meet wetland mitigation and state-listed species mitigation that is required under our permits
- Coordination of mitigation with Kestrel Land Trust, town conservation commissions, MassDEP, and the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program
- Priorities:
 1. Permanent land preservation
 2. Focus on **communities** directly impacted by the Project
 3. Focus on mitigation projects with a **benefit to Environmental Justice populations**
 4. Preference to mitigation projects that **benefit multiple environmental resources**
 5. Preference to sites within mapped **Biomap** habitats
 6. **Timing** of funding needs
 7. Mitigation in each **major watershed**

Public Outreach and Opportunities for Public Comment

■ **Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)**

- Advance Notification of ENF provided to Community Based Organizations and tribes in March 2022
- ENF advertised in local newspapers in June 2022
- MEPA Public Meeting and Site Visit held July 2022
- Link to filings is sent to all commenters
- Public comment period: 30 days following publication of the FEIR can be submitted through the MEPA Public Comment portal at:
<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicComment/Landing/>

■ **Environmental Justice Community Outreach**

- **Direct Notification:** February 2025 – letters were mailed to all abutters within 1 mile in EJ communities and door hangers left at all EJ community residents directly abutting in the Project in Wendell and Amherst; March-April 2026 – letters were mailed out to all abutters within 1 mile in EJ communities and door hangers left at all abutters within 1-mile in EJ communities in Amherst.
- **Pop-up Events / Community Meetings** - held in EJ communities in May 2022 and January 2025, and planned on April 17, 2026 at Munson Memorial Library (Amherst)

■ **Coordination with trails / open space lands**

■ **Conservation Commission meetings**

- Include notification to project abutters and public hearings



Project website:

<https://www.eversource.com/residential/about/reliability/vegetation-management/transmission-system-vegetation-management-projects/transmission-vegetation-ma/trrp-program-wt-11>

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