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Good Afternoon,

Eversource is scheduled to begin replacing select existing wooden structures along one of the electric transmission corridors in your City. The work will take place in the transmission corridor that is located off of 5th Avenue, Weir Road, Autumn Lane, Lincoln Street, Silver Hill Lane, and High Rock Circle.

Work is scheduled to begin in late March and is expected to be complete (including restoration) by the end of the summer, 2020 (weather permitting). The hours for construction are typically 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you.

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Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, Eversource will be conducting maintenance work in its right of way (power line corridor) in Waltham starting in late March. This maintenance work includes replacing select wooden transmission structures with steel structures. Maintaining the infrastructure that supports electric lines is one of the many ways Eversource ensures the safe, secure transmission of electricity throughout the region.

We Are Always Working to Serve You Better

Starting soon, crews working for Eversource will begin replacing select transmission structures on or near your property.

What You Can Expect

Since your property is on or near the Project route, here is important information about how we will work in your neighborhood:

- **Reliable Service:** Be assured that this work will not interrupt electric service to your property.
- **Proper Identification:** All people working on this project carry identification. Eversource contractors will occasionally be in your neighborhood to tell you what to expect with the nearby inspection and maintenance work. They may leave an informational doorhanger at your home or knock on your door to talk to you about the project work. We're letting you know about this outreach in advance so you can be confident that the outreach is being conducted by a legitimate Eversource representative and is not a scam.
- **Where We Will Be Working:** Construction activity will take place within the existing right of way (transmission corridor) near these cross streets in the following towns:
 - **Waltham:** 5th Avenue, Weir Road, Autumn Lane, Lincoln Street, Silver Hill Lane, High Rock Circle
- **Communication:** Keeping the lines of communication open is important to us. Our field outreach representatives will be in touch, either in person or with door hanger notices updating you on construction activities.
- **Construction Hours:** The hours for construction are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Due to weather or other unexpected circumstances, from time to time the crews may need to work longer hours or work on weekends.
- **Construction Activities:** Project construction will include the following:
 - Construction vehicles on the right of way, including heavy equipment, though we will make every effort to minimize any impact to your property.
 - Site grading, mowing/vegetation removal, and adding gravel to access roads where needed, and setting timber mats in wetland and other applicable areas.
 - The wood structures will be replaced with steel structures of similar height
 - When the project is completed, crews will restore areas that were disturbed by the work.
- **Project Completion:** We expect these activities to be completed by the end of May 2020 with any additional site restoration occurring by the end of the summer.

Contact Us

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. Again, if you have any questions about this work, please call 1.800.793.2202 or email us at ProjectInfo@eversource.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian McDevitt

Brian McDevitt
Project Manager – Eversource Energy

Work Area Preparation

Construction vehicles and equipment must be able to access each transmission structure. For these vehicles, we will build or enhance gravel roads to provide access to structure locations. We'll also install level work pads to create a stable work area for equipment, such as drill rigs and cranes.

We use timber mats in or around wetlands to protect these environmentally sensitive areas. Temporary soil erosion and sedimentation controls (for example, silt fences and straw bales) and other environmental controls may be installed near the work areas during construction. We will maintain these controls as needed throughout the construction process. Typically, these environmental controls are removed after construction, though some may remain until the area is restored.



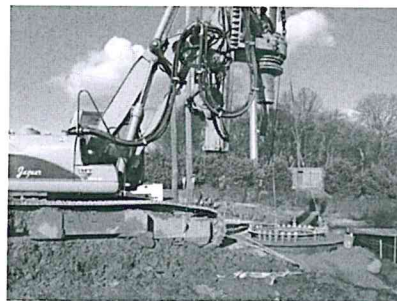
Foundation Drilling

When required, drilling activities usually take place for a few days at each location where structures are being replaced. Depending on soil conditions, the drilling may last longer. The size of the hole will also vary with the size of the new structure and soil conditions. At the end of the work day, any open foundation holes will be safely covered and secured. Once we complete the foundation installation, we will assemble and install the new structures.



New Structure Installations and Modifications to Existing Structures

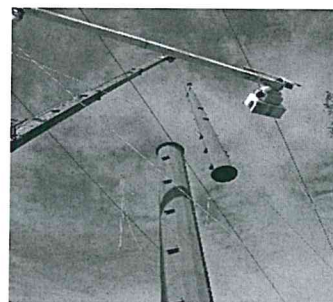
Once the foundations are complete, we'll begin installing the new steel replacement structures. Steel structures often come in sections that are assembled on site. The structure pieces will be delivered to the right of way in advance of this installation process. Cranes and/or bucket trucks are used to lift the structures and set them into position on the foundations.



Where existing structures are being modified, crews will climb the structure or use bucket trucks to make the necessary modifications. Generally, it takes one to three days to assemble and erect each new structure or modify an existing structure.

Preparation Existing Structure Removal

The existing structures being replaced will be taken apart and removed from the site. Where needed, the old concrete foundations will be removed and the hole filled with soil. We will recycle or properly dispose of all material removed from the site.



Photos show typical work areas and are for illustration only.