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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
Solid Waste Management Bureau  
**Memo to File**

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**TO:** File

**FROM:** Jaime M. Colby, P.E., Supervisor, Engineering & Permitting,  
Solid Waste Management Bureau, NHDES

**SUBJECT:** Campton-Thornton Landfill  
Eversource Pole Replacement Project

**DATE:** April 24, 2024

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On this date, I spoke with Town of Thornton personnel Desiree Mahurin, Town Administrator, and Jamin Levasseur, Transfer Station Manager, regarding a proposed project by Eversource to replace utility poles located in the landfill. Jamin described the project as replacing the three existing wooden pole structures (2 poles each structure) with concrete footings and metal pole structures. The central poles would be cut and left in place, but the north and south end pole structures would be removed and replaced. Excavation of waste is expected, and Eversource intends to ship it offsite for disposal.

The Town's understanding is that Eversource intends to start the pole replacement project in July 2024, but that the timing of when the project will reach the landfill is unclear. The project is proposed to span from a Campton substation to a Whitefield substation. The Town stated that Eversource indicated that moving the easement would be either cost prohibitive or not cost effective (Town personnel used both phrases to describe Eversource's response to the Town's request that the poles be relocated to outside the landfill footprint).

The Town requested to know what its liability might be if there were issues when Eversource disturbs the landfill, and what its level of involvement could or would be. I stated that, if there were issues, NHDES would interact with the Town because the Town is the landfill permittee – Eversource is not the permittee of the landfill, and NHDES' regulatory relationship is with the landfill permittee. Further, I stated that the project, as described, likely requires a solid waste permit modification and the Town would need to sign that application as the permittee.

I recommended that the Town find a copy of the utility easement agreement and review it. The Town stated they would find the agreement and likely engage legal counsel in understanding the requirements and potential liabilities involved in the project.

I asked if the Town knew which other approvals were required for the project, and they did not. The Town provided some history, stating that the town dump existed in this location, then poles were added, landfill operations continued in this location, and eventually the landfill was closed/capped around the utility poles.

During and after the phone call, the Town emailed me copies of postcard notifications made by Eversource. The Town's emails and Eversource's postcards are attached.

JMC;jmc

## Colby, Jaime

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**From:** Thornton Town Administrator <townadmin@thorntonnh.gov>  
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FYI

*Desiree L. Mahurin*

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Good afternoon Desiree,

Attached is the postcard we spoke of.

**Matthew Koehler**

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# Community Information Session

Beebe River to Whitefield (X178) Line Rebuild Project

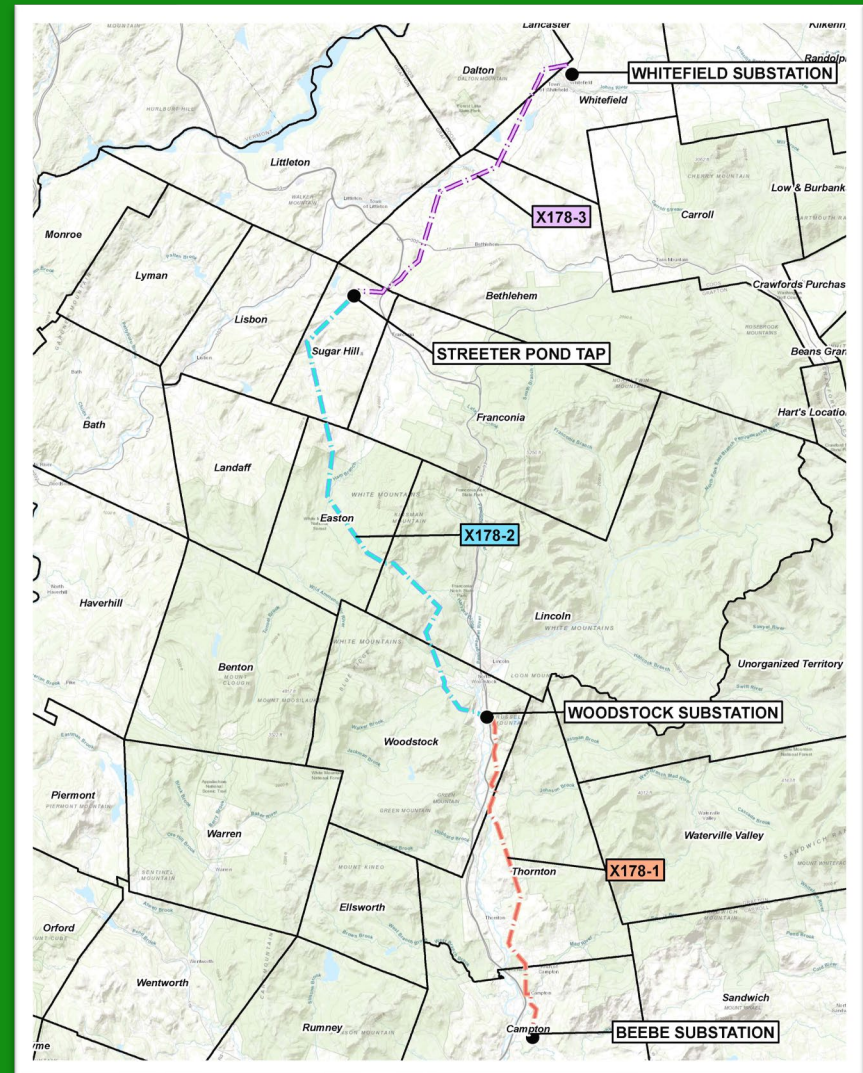
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## You are invited!

As part of our ongoing investments to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, Eversource will be replacing existing wooden pole structures in Campton, Thornton, Woodstock, Lincoln, Easton, Sugar Hill, Bethlehem, Dalton, and Whitefield, N.H. This work will be taking place within the existing right-of-way (power line corridor) of the X178 Line, a 115kV transmission line.

We'd like to invite you to an upcoming series of Information Sessions to brief you on this project and answer any questions you may have.

More information can also be found at [www.eversource.com/X178-Line-Project](http://www.eversource.com/X178-Line-Project)



## Beebe River to Whitefield (X178) Line Rebuild Project

This transmission line is 49 miles long and is located between the Beebe River Substation in Campton and the Whitefield Substation in Whitefield, N.H. In total, 470 wooden H-frame structures will be replaced, and new conductor (power line) and fiber optic cable, known as Optical Ground Wire (OPGW), will be installed the length of the line. The project also includes replacing poles along the Streeter Pond Tap, a 225-foot-long power line that connects the U199 transmission line to the X178 line in Sugar Hill.

Please join us to discuss this project at one of the below Information Sessions where project team members will be available to provide information and answer any questions.

### Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Drop in between 4:00 – 6:30  
p.m.

Sugar Hill Meeting House  
1448 NH-117, Sugar Hill NH

### Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Drop in between 4:00 – 6:30  
p.m.

Campton Town Municipal Bldg  
12 Gearty Way, Campton NH

Questions? Email [NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com](mailto:NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com) or  
Call 888-926-5334

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Good morning,

A postcard is being mailed to property owners along the X178 line this week to provide a project update and encourage folks to reach out to us should they have questions or are interested in scheduling a site visit with us. You'll also note we added an item to the schedule, *Regional Pre-Construction Information Session: Spring 2024!*

Please contact me if there are any questions,  
Matt.

**Matthew Koehler**

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# Project Update

## Beebe River to Whitefield (X178) Line Rebuild Project

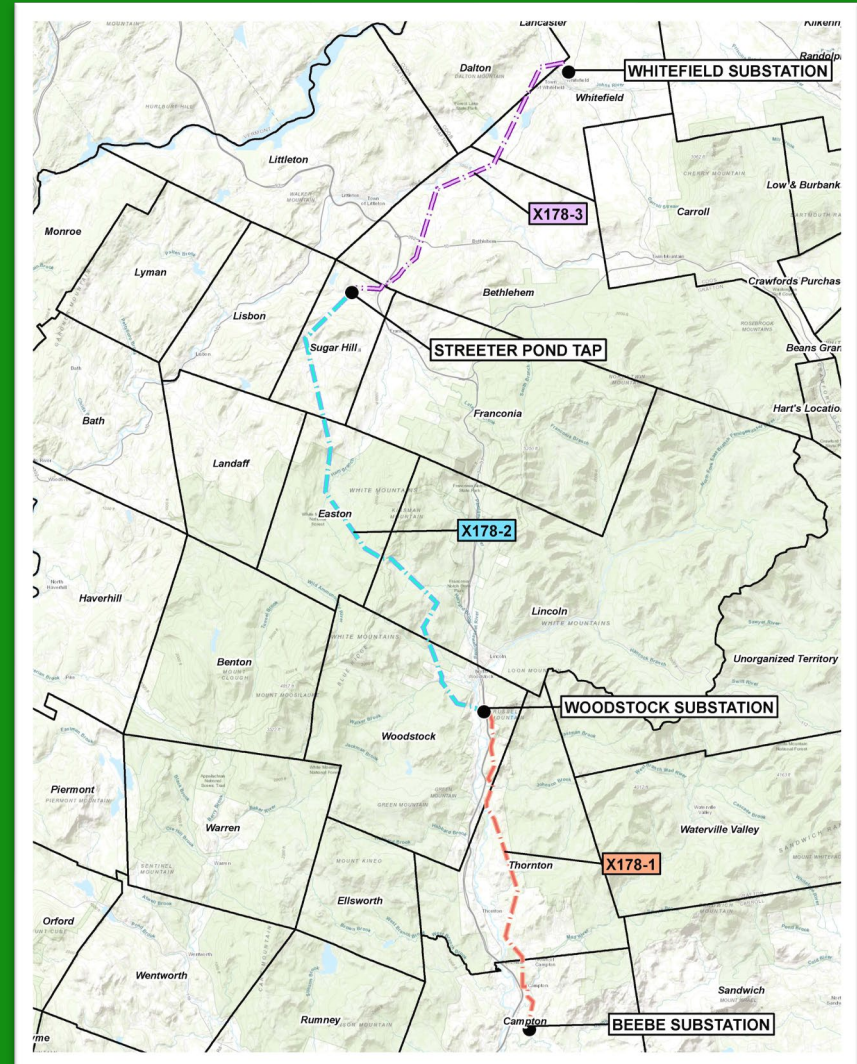
EVERSOURCE

### We want to hear from you!

In August we sent you a postcard to invite you to learn about the upcoming line rebuild project taking place within the existing right-of-way (power line corridor) of the X178 Line, a 115kV transmission line.

We'd like to speak with you to brief you on this project or meet you on your property to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have.

Please contact us at our Projects Hotline  
1-888-926-5334 or email  
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# Beebe River to Whitefield (X178) Line Rebuild Project

## Project Information

This transmission line is 49 miles long and is located between the Beebe River Substation in Campton and the Whitefield Substation in Whitefield, N.H. In total, 570 wooden H-frame structures will be replaced, and new conductor (power line) and fiber optic cable, known as Optical Ground Wire (OPGW), will be installed the length of the line. The project also includes replacing poles along the Streeter Pond Tap, a 225-foot-long power line that connects the U199 transmission line to the X178 line in Sugar Hill.

## Project Schedule *(subject to change)*

Regional Pre-Construction Information Session: Spring 2024

Construction: July 2024 through December 2026 (duration includes all three segments)

Site Restoration: Ongoing through construction for stabilization and upon completion

## More Information & Sign Up for Email Updates

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