



What is the Hudson-Sudbury power line project?

Eversource is proposing to construct a new 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Sudbury and Hudson, Mass.

The new line would run between the Eversource substation in Sudbury, near Buddy Dog on route 20, and the Hudson Light and Power substation in Hudson, passing through our neighborhoods, our business district, and conservation lands of Sudbury, Marlborough, Stow, and Hudson.

The project would consist of 8.9 miles of both overhead and underground line. The 7.6-mile overhead portion would be located within an existing Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) railroad bed that runs through Sudbury neighborhoods as well as Hop Brook conservation area and Memorial State Forest. The underground portion is proposed for Hudson only.

What does this mean to me?

The project will cause irreparable damage to our residential neighborhoods, lower property values, increase our health risks, harm conservation land and the protected species that live there, as well as cut through the heart of one of the largest un-fragmented forests in Massachusetts.

The monopoles Eversource plans to use are anywhere from 75 to 105 feet tall. These poles require clearance in 3 dimensions:

Width: Eversource plans to clear-cut an 82 foot wide swath along the rail bed to accommodate the poles, their anchors, and the range of swing in the wires in windy situations. All old growth trees and everything else in the path will be decimated.

(Note: 82 feet wide is the length of a blue whale, or as wide as the Massachusetts Turnpike.)

Depth: Eversource poles will be anchored into the ground.

Height: The clear-cut affords room for the height of the poles and the accompanying swing of the wires in windy weather, as well as room should they fall. The 82 foot wide clear-cut scar and poles require regular and ongoing maintenance. Part of that means applications of herbicides in order to control (kill) the vegetation below and around the

poles, so Eversource technicians can maintain and repair the poles. These chemical applications are known to be harmful to humans, wildlife, and of course vegetation.

Eversource plans to create a gravel access road for their utility trucks to run in conservation areas, which compounds the damage this project will do, as Sudbury Valley Trustees currently places limitations on dogs, bicycles, ATV's in Memorial Forest. With this plan Eversource will have right to drive their trucks through our conservation land and neighborhoods to maintain the power lines.

How can I help?

Thanks for asking! You can help us fundraise, advocate, and educate!

Educate: We know that a large portion of the community still has yet to understand the impact of this project. We need to spread the word to the community that this is a town wide issue. The fundamental look and feel of the town and this community will change to a more industrial character with fewer green spaces and more wires.

Consider holding a meeting at your church, school, home and let your community know what is coming down the 82 foot wide pike. We can provide you with materials - check the "Learn More" section of our website. www.protectsudbury.org

Advocate:

- Write and call our elected officials to let them know how you feel about this proposal.
- Write a letter to the editor of the papers that cover our area.
- Contact Eversource and let them know you oppose the project.

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Fundraise:

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