
Town of Sudbury Press Release, Developments Continue in Sudbury's Fight Against Eversource, April 13, 2017

"The Town of Sudbury continues to oppose any project along the MBTA right of way. We will not accept any project in our Town, which comes with a power line running through our conservation land, along back yards and endangering our way of life."

US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex, [Letter to Bev Schultz, January 11, 2017](#)

"We sincerely hope that Eversource... develops an alternative proposal that would route electrical transmission cables underground through local streets, thus avoiding... environmental impacts including potential impacts to endangered species."

Environmental League of Massachusetts, Letter to Governor Baker, December 15, 2016

"Eversource did not accurately consider the environmental impacts of its Preferred Routes ... and the Environmental League of Massachusetts believes that the permanent damage to topography, wildlife, and vegetation in this unique area cannot be understated."

Clean Water Action, Letter to Governor Baker, December 15, 2016

"Clean Water Action has serious concerns with the siting of the proposed project and urges Eversource to pursue an under-street, buried version of the project or otherwise consider non-wires alternatives to addressing area power grid needs. Should they decline to do so, we urge the state to reject the project."

Sudbury Valley Trustees, Letter to Governor Baker, December 7, 2016

"Routing this utility line along the right-of-way would undo much of the significant investment that the Commonwealth, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Town of Sudbury, the City of Marlborough, private foundations, and individual donors have already made in protecting and caring for one of the metrowest region's most important natural areas. For this reason, it appears that Eversource did not accurately consider the environmental impacts of its Preferred Routes when evaluating the three options. The permanent damage to topography, the wildlife, and the vegetation in this unique area cannot be understated. This impact is forever. The impacts of street-based route (none of which are environmental), while real, are temporary..."

Senator Markey, Letter to Governor Baker, October 21, 2016

"Continuing to strengthen our regional electric grid... should be done in a way that does not harm the environment and conservation land and is respectful of local communities."

Mass Sierra Club, Letter to Jim Hunt, VP Regulatory Affairs & Community Relations, and Bev Schultz, Eversource Project Manager, September 27, 2016

“Any siting of a transmission line – either above or below ground – will have significant and permanent deleterious effects on protected lands, threaten the town water supply and devalue residential neighborhoods and historic districts...”

Mass Audubon Advocacy Department, Letter to Bev Schultz, Eversource Project Manager, September 12, 2016

“...the full costs of overhead vs. underground lines should be considered in lifecycle terms. Underground lines, including lines constructed within roadways, are more expensive initially. However, they are more reliable, especially in the context of increasingly frequent extreme weather events associated with climate change. Over the many-decades-long service life of the lines, the costs associated with maintaining overhead lines and associated ROW are significant and should be taken into account.”

OARS for the Assabet, Sudbury, and Concord Rivers, Letter to Bev Schultz, Eversource Project Manager, September 6, 2016

“OARS (has) concerns regarding the proposed Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Line which would run through and along several parcels of conservation land in Sudbury and Marlborough to Hudson. Alternatives to this ecologically-damaging route must be considered.”

Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, Letter to Bev Schultz, Eversource Project Manager, August 14, 2016

“The Refuge is a remarkably prized resource to Eastern Massachusetts, and in particular to the surrounding communities of Maynard, Hudson, Marlborough, Stow and Sudbury.”

Sudbury Board of Selectmen: Eversource Project Financial Impact Press Release, August 2, 2016

“Proposed Eversource Project would be an exorbitant Financial Burden for Town of Sudbury. Our residents and businesses are being asked to shoulder an enormous financial burden. Not only does this fundamentally flawed Eversource project negatively impact the quality of life in our community, it presents a number of very serious financial, environmental and public health risks.”



US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex, [Letter to Bev Schultz, Eversource Project Manager, June 28, 2016](#)

“...it cannot occur at the expense of the few remaining undeveloped open spaces with premier wildlife habitats in this part of Massachusetts.”

Sudbury Board of Selectmen: Letter to Matthew Beaton, MA State Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, May 24, 2016

“The entire [Eversource Project] is fundamentally flawed due to its environmental, health and safety risks, significant visual pollution, and adverse financial and safety impacts on residents and businesses.”

Sudbury Water District, Public Comment to EFSB, June 2017

“The District is concerned that the construction of the transmission main and the future use of herbicides to keep the right of way clear may contaminate our water supply.”

Marlboro Conservation Commission: Letter to Bev Schultz, Eversource Project Manager, March 30, 2016

“...it will bisect a large area which has contiguous open space and harbors diverse wildlife with several different habitat types within its boundaries. It is home to several threatened and endangered species of animals and plants which we have worked hard to protect over the years.”

Sudbury Valley Trustees: Letter to Bev Schultz, Eversource Project Manager, March 28 2016

“Impacts would likely include the wholesale destruction... of key natural features...”

State Senator Jamie Eldridge & State Representatives Kate Hogan and Carmine Gentile: [Letter to State Office of Energy Affairs and Dept. of Public Utilities](#)

“...what price do you put on the clear-cutting and despoiling of precious conservation land, beautiful views, ecological diversity, and taxpayer-funded open space?”



Sudbury Historical Society: Letter to Sudbury Board of Selectmen,
March 18, 2016

“The plan of clear cutting through one of the most historic towns in the state is an assault on Sudbury’s historic character and natural environment.”

Sudbury Conservation Commission:

“We believe that the (project) within the MBTA rail line property is a **significantly** flawed alternative regardless of whether or not the transmission line is above or below ground.”

“An effect on the wetlands is ultimately an effect on human health and the effect won’t be localized. It’s going to spread beyond the local area.”

Sudbury Town Manager, Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues: [Letter to Governor Baker](#), March 14, 2016

“The burden on Sudbury is unacceptable, the plan is unacceptable and I urge Eversource, our legislators and the State to stand with Sudbury to demand better for our town.”

