

Dear Governor Baker,

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Sudbury who are seeking your help. Eversource is planning to use the MBTA right-of-way to run high voltage powerlines through Sudbury and Hudson neighborhoods. This will cause irreparable damage to the conservation land and ecology of both communities. Recently, I attended a Sudbury meeting and talked with Eversource representatives. I listened to their plan and viewed their visuals.

The proposed route will go through the Hop Brook reservation land, the Sudbury Valley Trustees Memorial Forest and the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge. It will travel through multiple DEP Wetland areas, through vernal pools identified by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species. The damage to ecology and conservation is unmeasurable.

Over 500 Sudbury homes and approximately 100 Hudson homes will be negatively affected by the proposed 8.9 mile long local cut, running through this historic area.

Lines through Sudbury's neighborhoods will clear cut 8.9 mile long 82 foot wide swath along an MBTA right-of-way and erect 75-100 ft towers carrying overhead high voltage wires through Sudbury into Hudson.

The high voltage powerlines will continue into Hudson along the Marlborough State Forest, past wetlands that drain into the Cranberry Bog Well which is Hudson's drinking source, past White Pond and run along the edge of the Charter Oak Golf Course and past Ferjulians's Farm.

**Eversource plans to file with the EFSB in April.** This matter is time sensitive as Ever source is moving very quickly . Your intervention is extremely needed. This plan would completely destroy the conservation areas.

There is an alternate option- to put the power lines **under the street**. This has been rejected by Eversource. Yes, it is more expensive but we in the Massachusetts Communities place a value on preserving the environment in Sudbury and Hudson- rather than the shortest cheapest route.

Governor Baker, I am respectfully requesting that you meet with Eversource and the Energy Facilities Site Board regarding the route selection of this utility project .

I ask you to consider the short-term savings of taking the shortest, cheapest route versus the long-term cost of the quality of life of the residents. I look forward to your response.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

Governor's Councillor Marilyn M. Petitto Devaney