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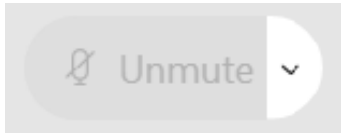
January 21, 2021  
12:00 p.m.

## Phase 3: Preferred Route Options

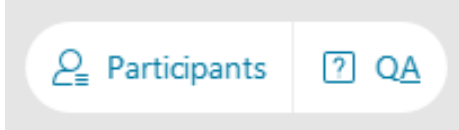
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# Welcome to Webex



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# Safety Moment



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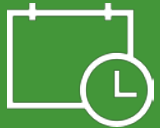
# Agenda



SAFETY MOMENT



INTRODUCTIONS



PROJECT OVERVIEW



INTEGRATED ROUTING PROCESS



ROUTING INPUT



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Q&A



WRAP-UP

# OPEN HOUSE & COVID-19

Due to Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties' current COVID-19 risk level and based upon the state of Missouri's community guidance, we are taking action to keep you and our staff safe and healthy and slow the spread of COVID-19. Similar to our previous phases of engagement, we're providing various no-contact, engagement opportunities to learn more about the project, connect with the project team and provide input on the Preferred Route Options.



# Route Alternatives Engagement

Thank you to everyone who attended our meetings and connected with our project team in October 2020.



All input received during the phase 1 engagement of Proposed Route Corridors in August 2020 and phase 2 engagement of Preliminary Route Alternatives in October 2020 was reviewed and considered during the Preferred Route Options.

# Presenters



Jim Jontry  
Ameren Project Manager



Gabe Goldsmith  
Ameren Stakeholder Relations



Dan Schmidt  
Routing Consultant

# Ameren Support Project Staff



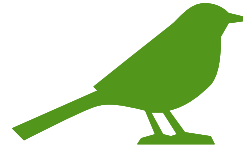
Carmen Bruns  
Transmission Line Design Engineering



Ralph Thurman  
Transmission Vegetation Management



Matt Killebrew  
Transmission Construction Manager



Kenny Lynn  
Principal Environmental Scientist

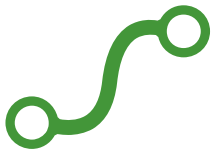


Craig Hiser  
Transmission Real Estate Supervisor

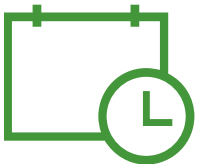
# Limestone Ridge Project



**Ameren Transmission** is proposing to construct a new, approximately 15-mile 138 kV transmission line and associated facilities in Southeast Missouri.



The new line is planned to connect a new substation in Perry County to a new substation in Cape Girardeau County proposed by **Wabash Valley Power Alliance**.

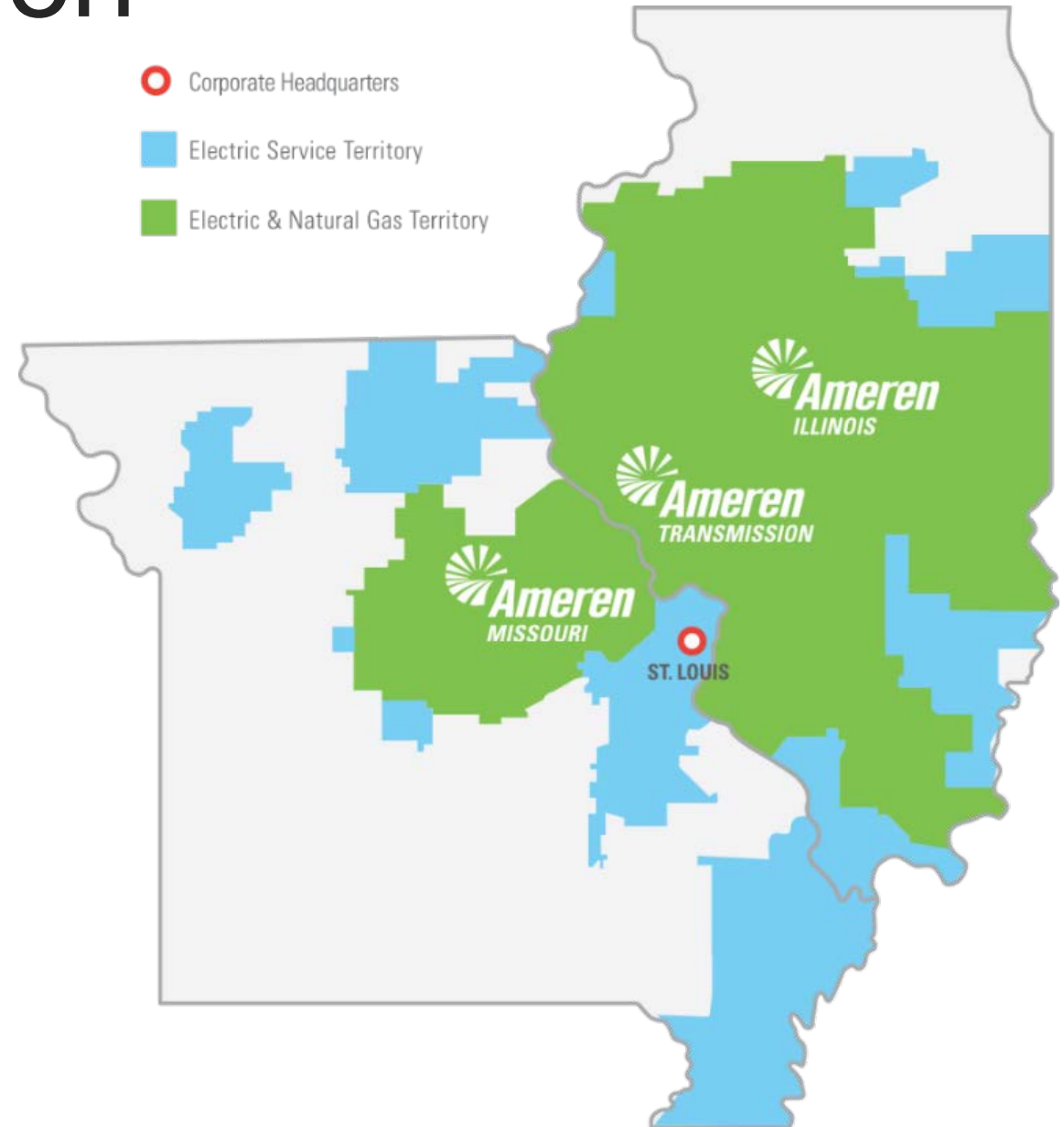


Our goal is to have this project completed and bringing project benefits to the community by 2023.

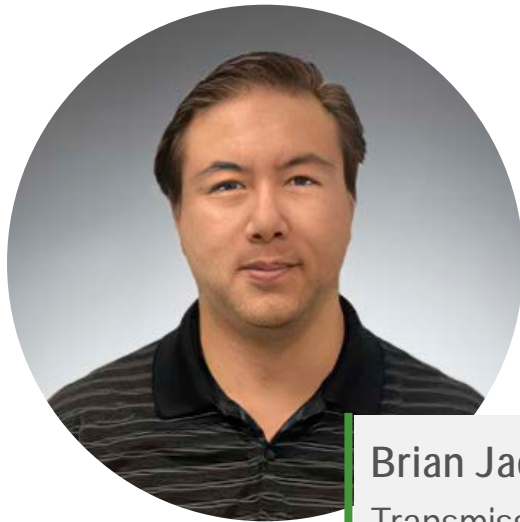


# Transmission at Ameren

- Electric transmission businesses (including ATXI) rate regulated by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Operates over 8,200 circuit miles of transmission
- ATXI develops regional transmission projects



# Project Partners



Brian Jack  
Transmission Line Design Engineer



Steve Elsea  
Member Services Manager



# Wabash Support Project Staff



Roger Varney  
Real Estate Manager



Greg Knuckles  
Construction Manager



Garret Coffman  
Consulting Design Engineer

# Wabash Valley Power Alliance

WABASH VALLEY POWER IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
AND WHOLESALE PROVIDER OF ELECTRICITY TO OUR MEMBERS:

23

LOCALLY OWNED  
DISTRIBUTION CO-OPS

SERVING MORE THAN

321,000



HOMES, SCHOOLS, FARMS, & BUSINESSES

300,000 RESIDENTIAL MEMBERS (93%) 21,000 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS (7%)

17<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE  
IN AMERICA

## ILLINOIS

CO-OPS 3  
COUNTIES 30  
MEMBERS SERVED 51,000

FOUNDED IN 1963  
PERU, IN

MOVED HQ IN 1976  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN



## MISSOURI

CO-OPS 1  
COUNTIES 4  
MEMBERS SERVED 27,000

## INDIANA

CO-OPS 19  
COUNTIES 50  
MEMBERS SERVED 243,000



# Wabash Valley Power Alliance

- Proposing to construct a new 138kV substation owned by Wabash Valley Power Alliance, which will be maintained and operated by Citizens Electric Corporation.
- Expansion and modifications to two existing WVPA-owned substations also maintained and operated by CEC.
- The project is proposed to be in service by December 2023.



# Project Partnership



Construct, operate and maintain a new  
15-mile 138 kV transmission line



Construct one new substation in Perry  
County and new substations in Cape  
Girardeau County

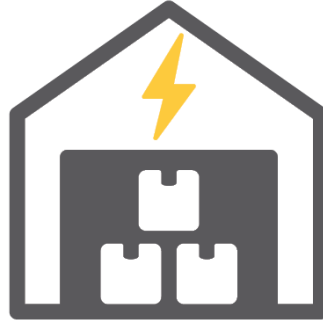


Receives power supply from  
Wabash Valley Power Alliance

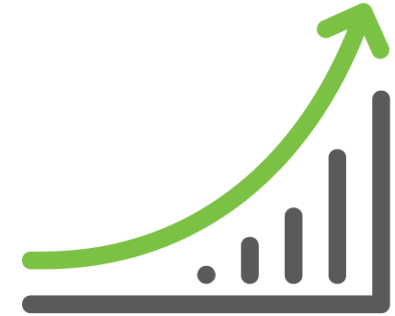
# Project Need



- Improve energy reliability for local homes and businesses



- Provide additional energy support to local manufacturing facilities



- Support continued area economic growth

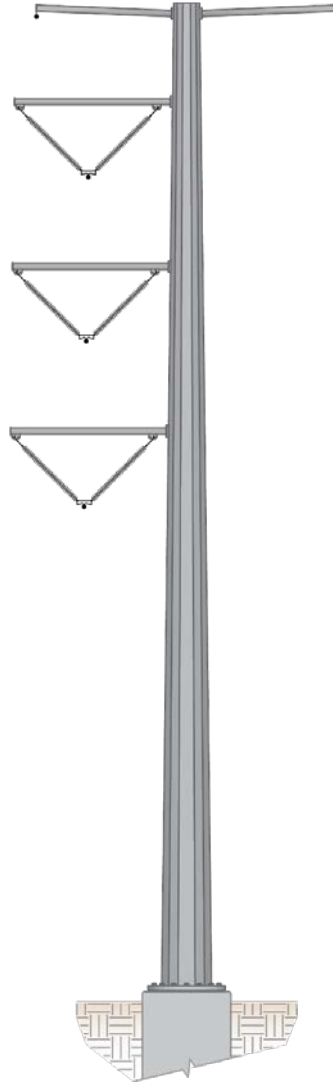
# Study Area



# Structures

## ? Benefits of galvanized steel monopoles:

- Compact footprint compared to H-frame and lattice tower
- Simple and quick construction
- Galvanized layer protects steel from corrosion
- Engineered to optimize performance

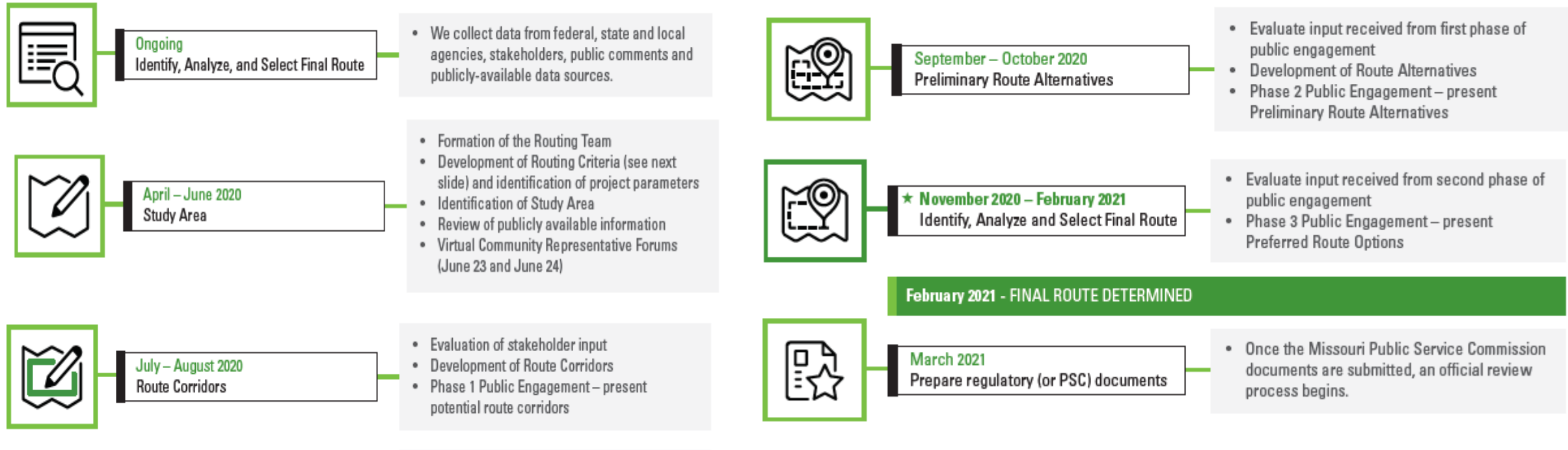


## Typical 138kV Steel Monopole Structures\*

- Height: 100 - 160 ft
- Span: 800 - 1,000 ft
- Structures/mile: 6 - 7
- Conductor clearance: 25 ft (minimum)
- Drilled concrete pier foundation: 7 - 12 ft diameter
- Easement width: 125 ft
- Above-ground foundation: 2 ft

\*138kV with the potential of a future 345kV circuit

# Anticipated Schedule



# Routing Criteria

Our goal is to take advantage of Opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to Sensitivities and adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements.

Opportunities



Sensitivities



Technical Guidelines



Statutory Requirements



# Routing Criteria



## OPPORTUNITIES

Linear features that are oriented in the direction of the project:

- Field lines
- Property lines
- Section lines
- Roads
- Utility corridors



## SENSITIVITIES

Area resources or conditions that can potentially limit transmission line development:

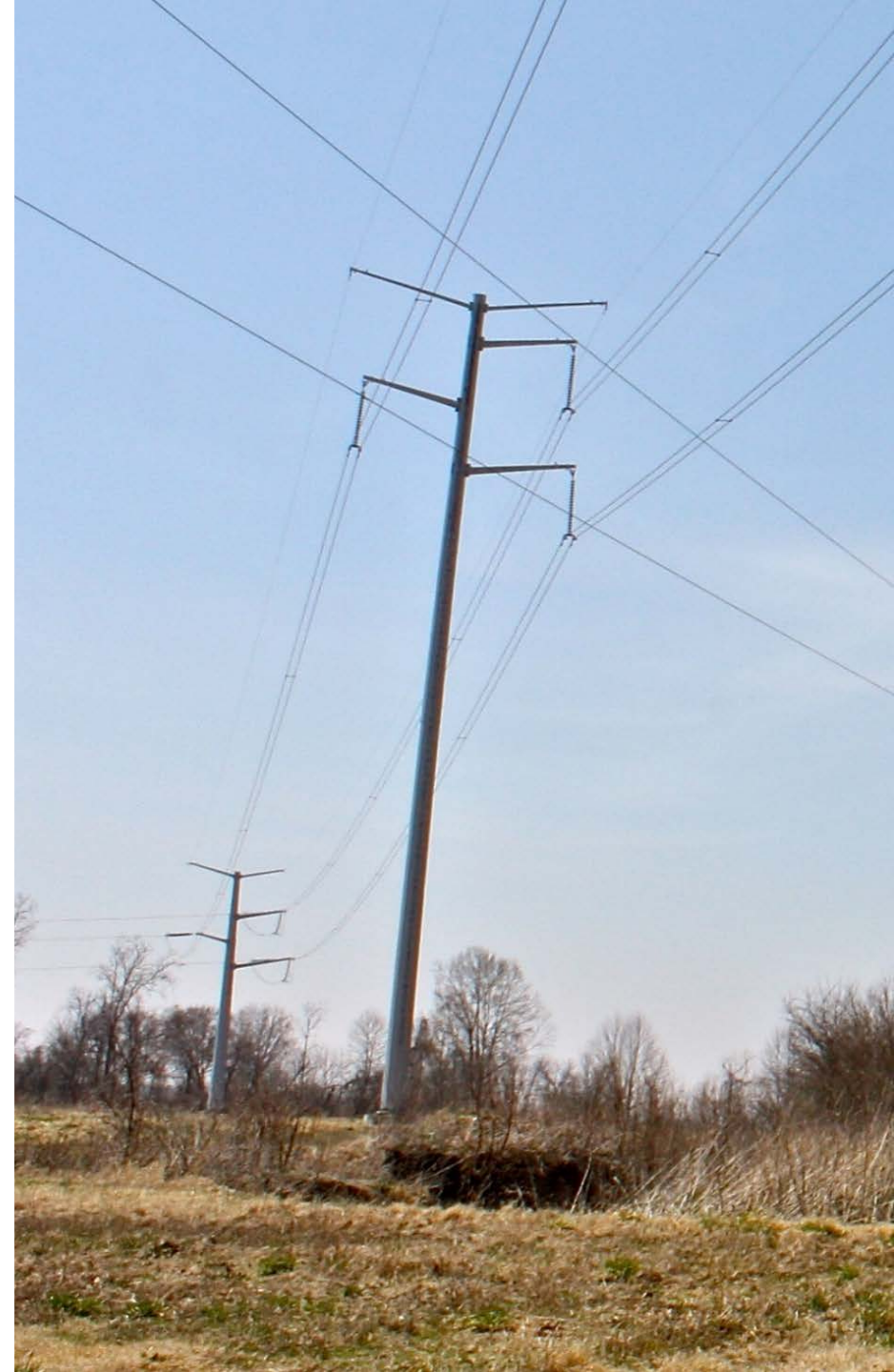
- Agricultural conflicts
- Airports/VOR
- Cemeteries
- Communication Towers
- Conservation Areas/Nature Preserves
- Cultural Resources
- Planned Development (future)
- Floodplains  
(more difficult construction and many times have sensitive species)
- Forest
- Hospitals
- Karst Areas
- Levees
- Mines/Quarries
- Pipelines\*
- Railroads\*
- Religious Facilities
- Residences  
(especially large clusters of homes)
- Scenic Highway
- Schools/Daycares
- Streams/Wetlands
- Wells

*\*Linear features with additional precautions and studies needed*

# Routing Criteria

## Technical Guidelines:

- Minimize length
- Ensure adequate access for construction and maintenance activities
- Comply with horizontal and vertical clearance requirements
- Maintain required or sufficient setbacks from roads and highways
- Minimize angle structures
- Minimize crossing of existing transmission lines
- Minimize impractical construction requirements (e.g. steep slopes)
- Minimize non-standard designs
- Ensure safety and compatibility with existing infrastructure



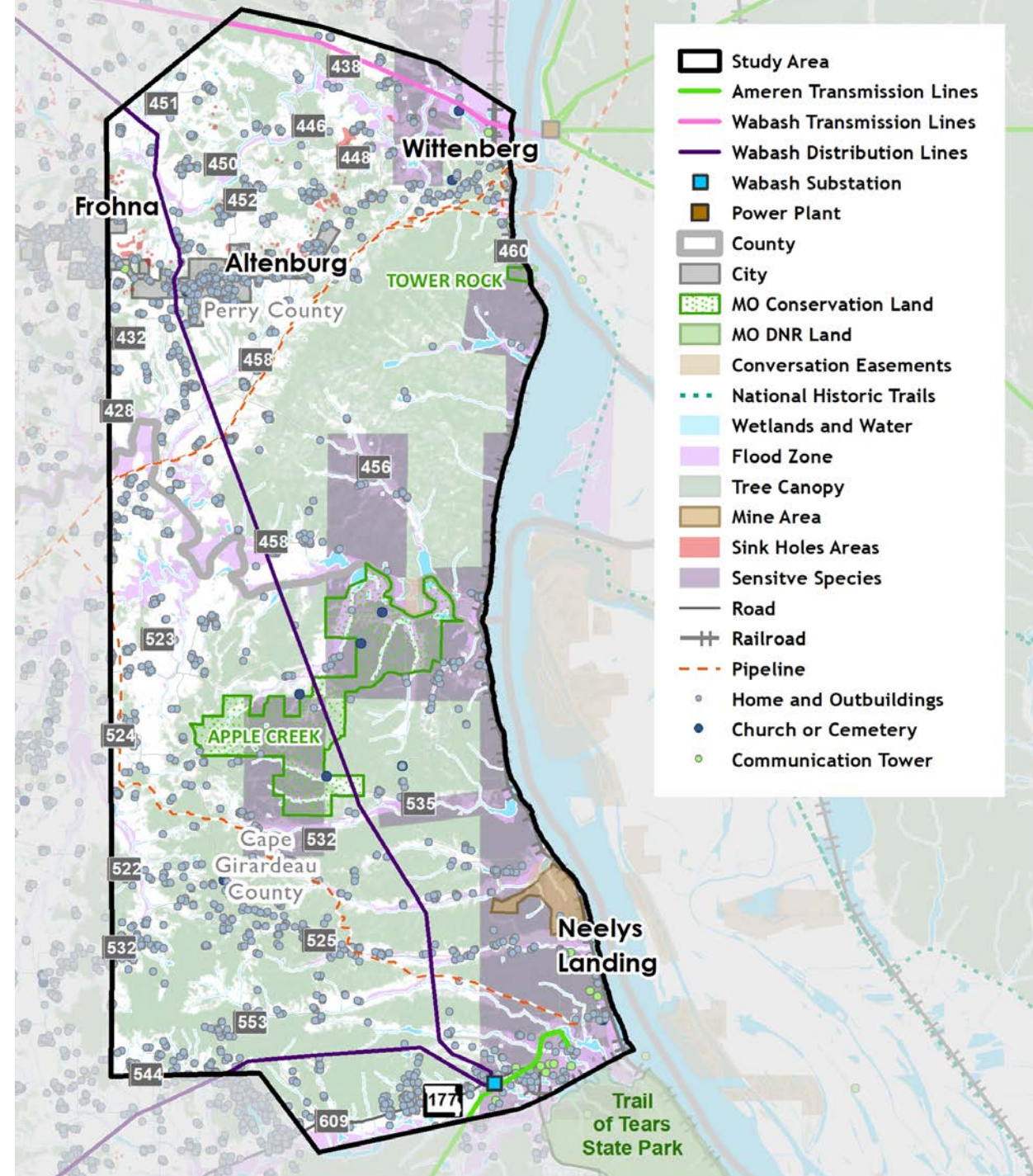
# Routing Criteria

## Agency Coordination:



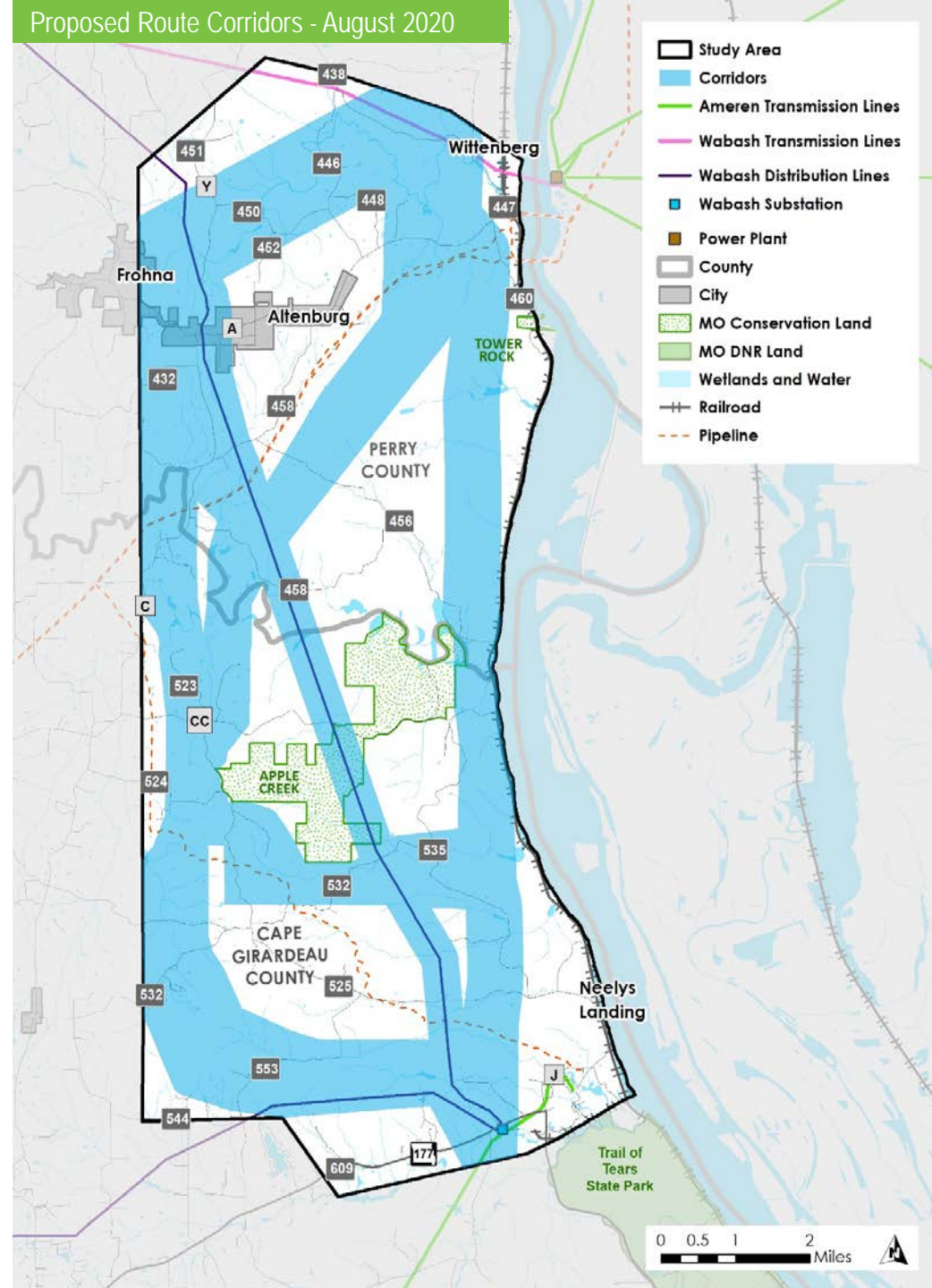
# Initial Opportunities & Sensitivities

- Structures
- Resources Areas
- Sensitive Species
- Floodplain/Wetlands
- Forested Areas
- Steep slope



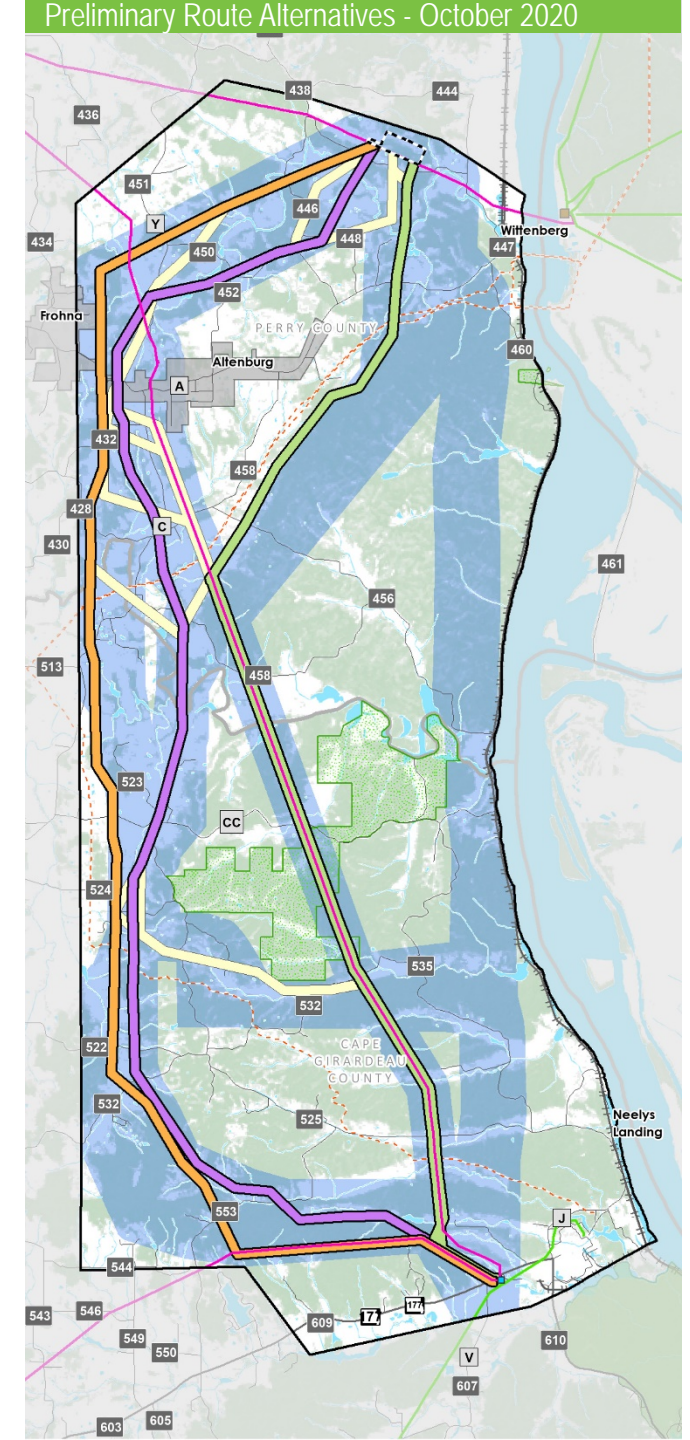
# Proposed Route Corridors

- Maximize Opportunities
- Minimize Sensitivities
- Follow Technical Guidelines
- Adhere to Statutory and Regulatory Requirements



# Preliminary Route Alternatives

- Maximize Opportunities
- Minimize Sensitivities
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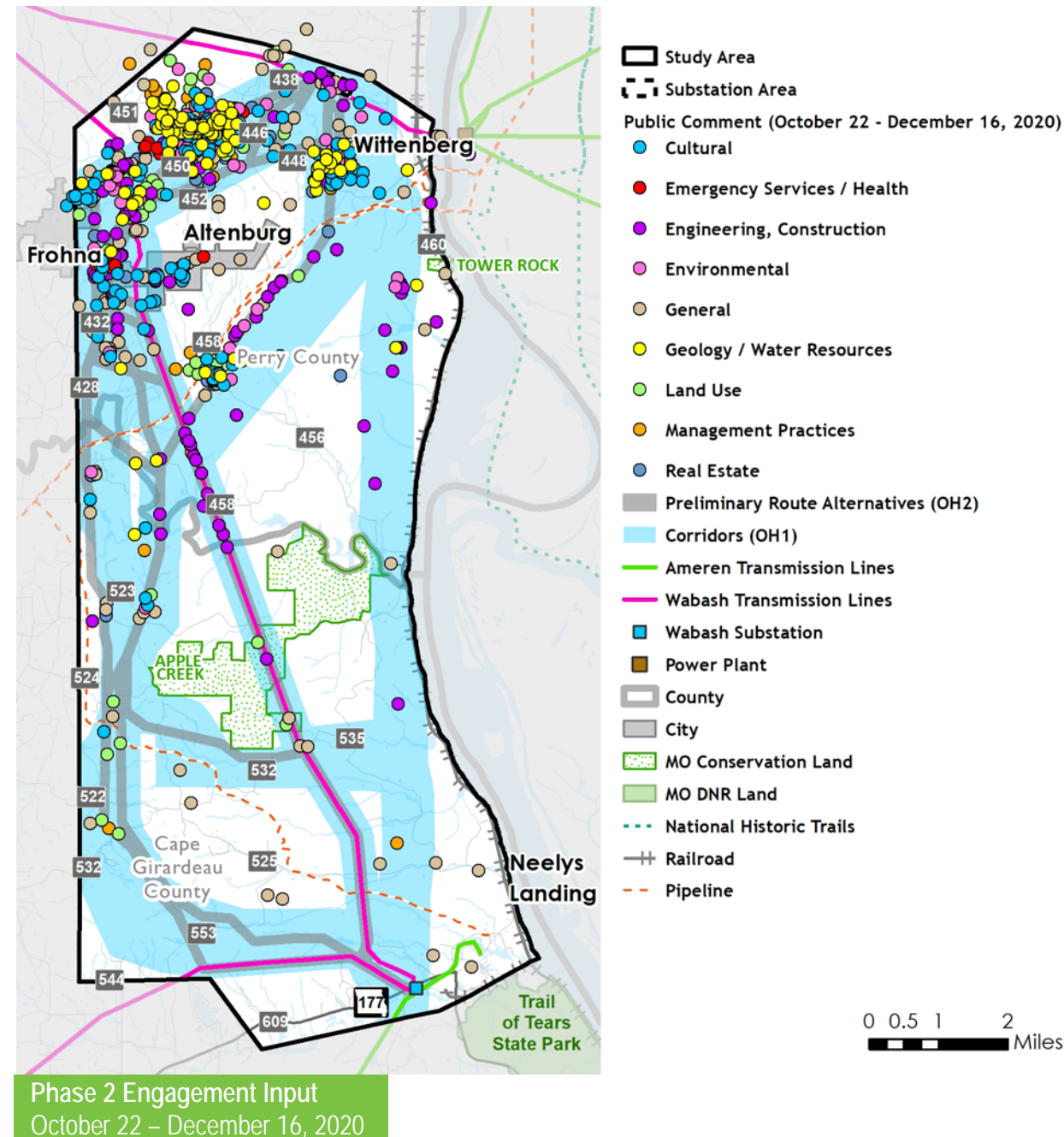


# What We Heard

We appreciate the active participation and input community members have provided during the phase 1 engagement of the Proposed Route Corridors in August 2020 and the phase 2 engagement of the Preliminary Route Alternatives in October 2020. All input received was reviewed and considered during the development of the Preferred Route Options.

In general, most comments from phase 2 fit into the following categories:

- Aesthetics
- General
- Engineering and construction
- Agriculture
- Geology and water resources
- Environmental

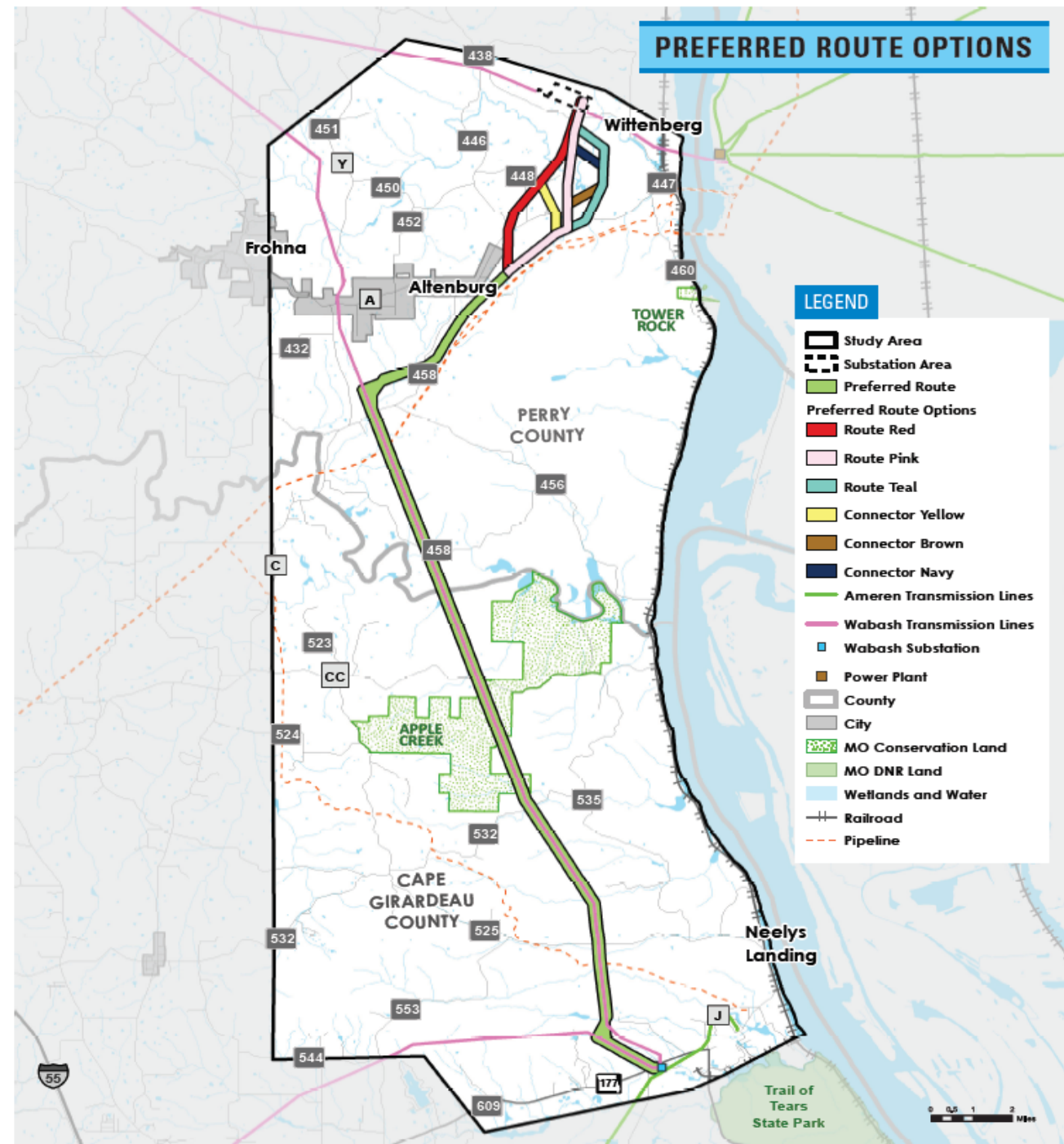


# Preferred Route Options

- Developed based on continued analysis, input from stakeholders and community members
- Maximize Opportunities
- Minimize Sensitivities
- Follow Technical Guidelines
- Adhere to Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

## Public Input Opportunity!

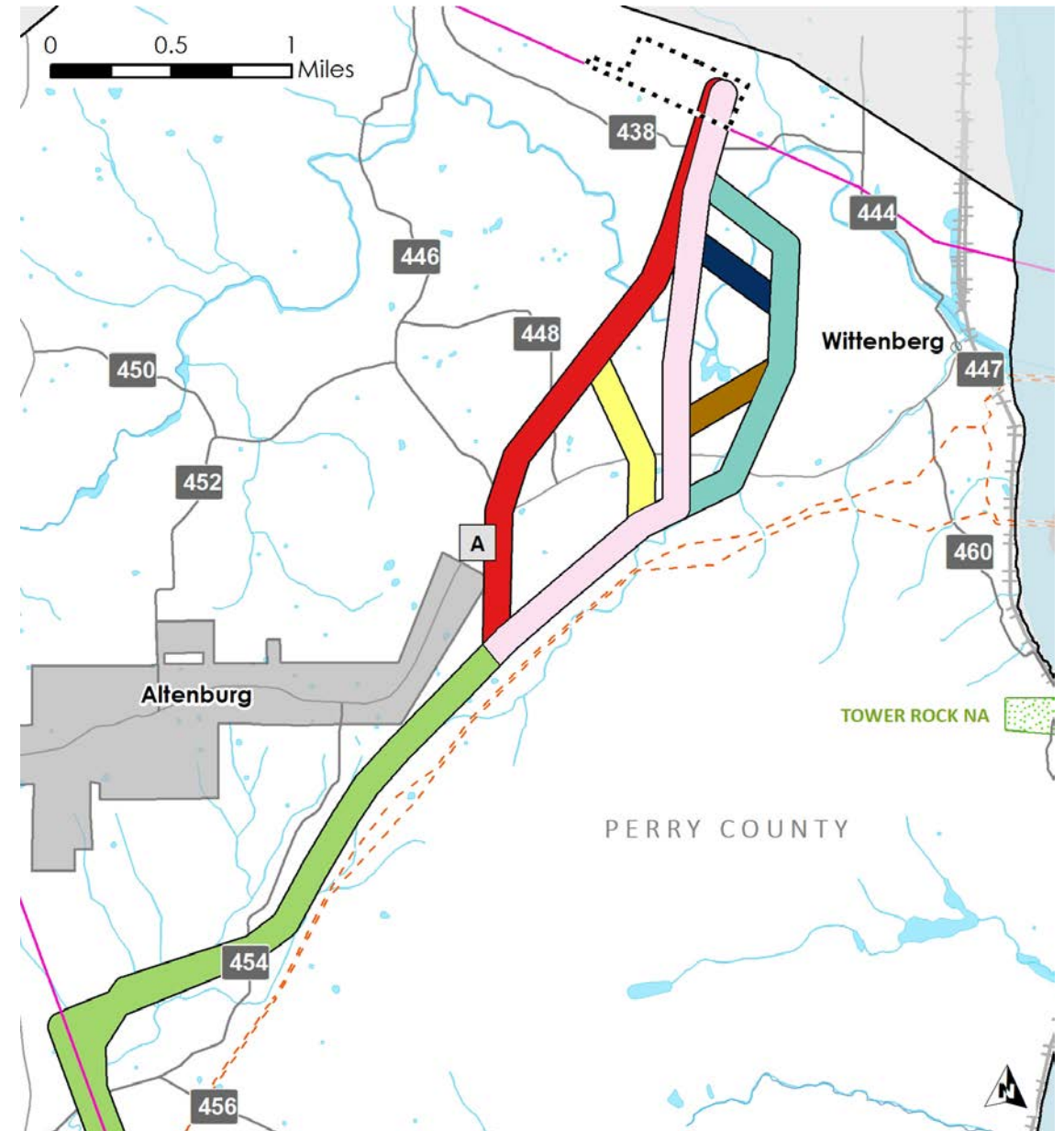
VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW AND ADD A COMMENT TO OUR ONLINE PROJECT MAP.



# Connectors

There are a number of different Connectors that allow for the combination of different route options.

- Red Route
- Pink Route
- Teal Route
- Yellow Connector
- Brown Connector
- Navy Connector



# Real Estate

Once a final route has been approved, Ameren will begin negotiations for acquiring easements.

## Easement Discussions

Project representatives will meet with affected landowners to discuss:

- Land surveys and studies
- Proposed easement
- Type(s) of structures
- Compensation
- Property restoration
- Damage settlements
- Right-of-way clearing



## What is an easement?

An easement is an interest or right to use the land of another for a specific purpose. Ameren and our partners will be seeking to obtain easements from affected landowners for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the electric transmission line.



# Preconstruction Activities



## Field Surveys

The field data we collect allows our scientists and engineers to plan and design the line with the information necessary for construction.



## Archaeological Surveys

Archaeological surveys consist of walking the easement area to look for cultural artifacts on the ground. If artifacts are found, they are collected for further analysis.



## Wildlife Surveys

Wildlife surveys provide important data about the species living in the area, helping us plan how to minimize impacts to wildlife species and habitat.



## Soil Surveys

The design process requires information about the soil where the structure will be located. Collecting soil information is completed using the following steps by our geotechnical field survey crews:

- Gather samples from each site by digging a 4-6 inch wide hole into the ground, known as a soil boring. Soil boring areas will be filled back in after the survey.
- Review samples to determine the physical properties and layering of the soil.
- Use soil information to design each structure.



## Wetland and Stream Surveys

The purpose of the surveys is to determine if these features can be classified as a wetland or a stream based on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers guidelines. The crew will collect data on vegetation, hydrology and soil characteristics.

# Construction Phases

A one-year construction season is anticipated in 2023. There will be six major stages of construction including:



1  
Survey structure locations and vegetation clearing



2  
Auger holes and pour foundation



3  
Assemble structure on the ground



4  
Lift and place structure on foundation



5  
String wires



6  
Restore easement and energize line

# Engagement Opportunities



## Receive a Detailed Information Packet

- Pick up Monday-Friday between 7:30am-5pm at Citizens Electric Corporation, 1500 Rand Avenue, Perryville MO 63775
- Request a mailed packet by emailing or calling the project hotline with your preferred mailing address
- Download and print a packet from our virtual open house



## Telephone Public Meeting tonight at 6pm!

- Call: 855.756.7520, Extension: 70581# on a land line telephone or cell phone
- If you would like the telephone public meeting to call you, registration is available on the project website
- There will be a brief presentation followed by a Q&A with the project team



## Schedule a call with the project team to discuss your property

- Call or email the project team to setup a time that works with your schedule



## Visit the Virtual Open House

- Available through our website at [limestoneridgeproject.com](http://limestoneridgeproject.com)

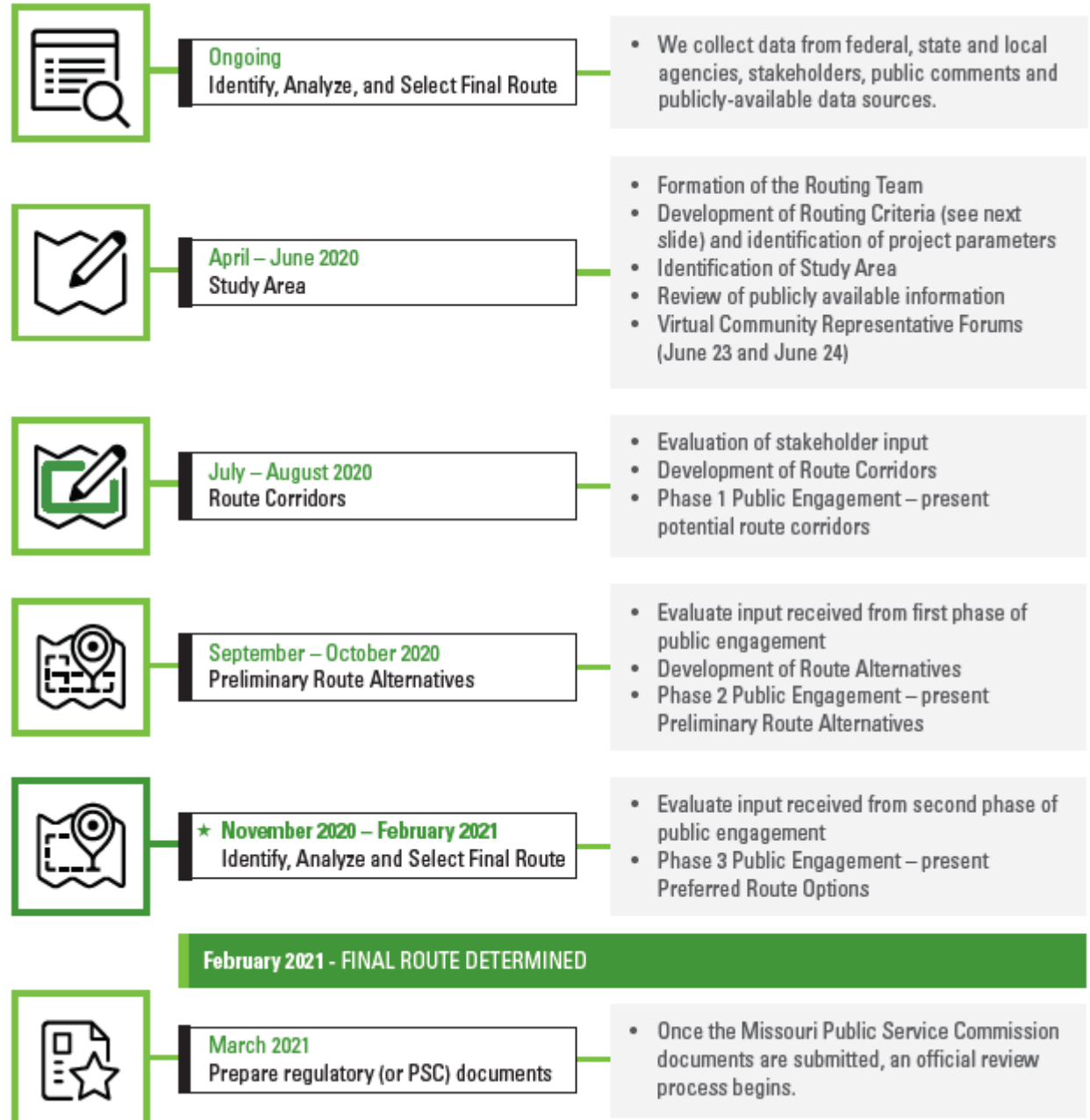


**COMMENTS ON THE PREFERRED  
ROUTE OPTIONS WILL BE  
COLLECTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 1.**

# Next Steps

We anticipate submitting a final route to the Missouri Public Service Commission in March 2021.

Visit our project website and sign up to receive project email updates.



# More Opportunities to Connect


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QUESTIONS?





LEAVE US A NOTE IN THE  
CHAT BOX TO SCHEDULE A  
FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH A  
PROJECT TEAM MEMBER.



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THANK YOU

