



# LASALLE LINK PROJECT

Improving energy reliability in your community

Ameren Illinois is proposing the LaSalle Link Project to improve energy reliability for local customers in the LaSalle County area. This Project includes the construction of a new 138 kV transmission line to connect the new Corbin substation in Oglesby, Illinois to the existing North Utica substation near North Utica, Illinois. Our goal is to have this new line in service and providing benefits to the local community by the summer of 2025.

Communities in this area are currently supported by only two Ameren Illinois transmission lines that serve as the backbone for the energy system in this area.



Continuing to rely on these transmission sources in the event of a power outage could result in extended restoration times and community-wide impacts.



This project will help minimize power outage impacts to the local communities by creating additional pathways to support current and future energy needs.



As we continue to serve and invest in our communities, new projects - like the LaSalle Link Project – allow us to continue supporting the needs of our customers in your area.

## **SCHEDULE**

\*All items shown are pending regulatory approvals. Schedule is subject to change.

2022

- Gather public, stakeholder and agency input
- Final route(s) identified
- File final route(s) with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)

2024

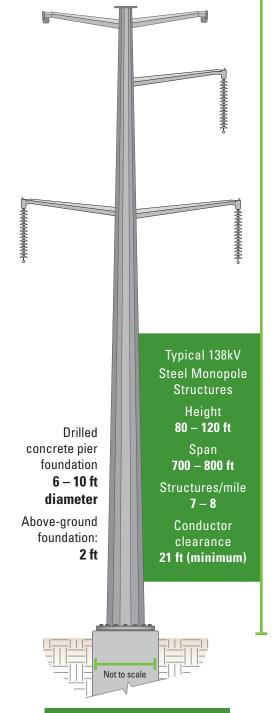
- Preconstruction activities
- Construction begins

2023

- Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CPCN) decision
- Engineering and permitting
- Easement acquisition process
- Environmental surveys and permitting

2025

- Construction continues
- New line in service



#### Typical Easement Width 100 ft

Note, this graphic is not to scale. The number of arms on a typical structure and the sizing of the structure may vary depending on the final route. Currently, there are existing Ameren transmission corridors in area that may provide an opportunity to co-locate lines along the same corridor or combine transmission lines onto one set of larger steel structures. This will be determined during the routing process.

## ROUTING PROCESS

#### STEP 1:

## **Define Study Area**

Our team started by using data from publicly available data sources to create our study area. We considered existing utility corridors, resource areas, natural environment data and field survey data to help minimize impacts while providing a feasible route opportunity.

#### WE ARE HERE!

Tell us about your thoughts on this study area.

#### 2 STEP 2:

## **Develop Route Segments**

Then our team will use data collected from our stakeholders and federal, state and local agencies and the three categories of routing criteria—Opportunities, Sensitivities and Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements—to develop potential Route Segments.

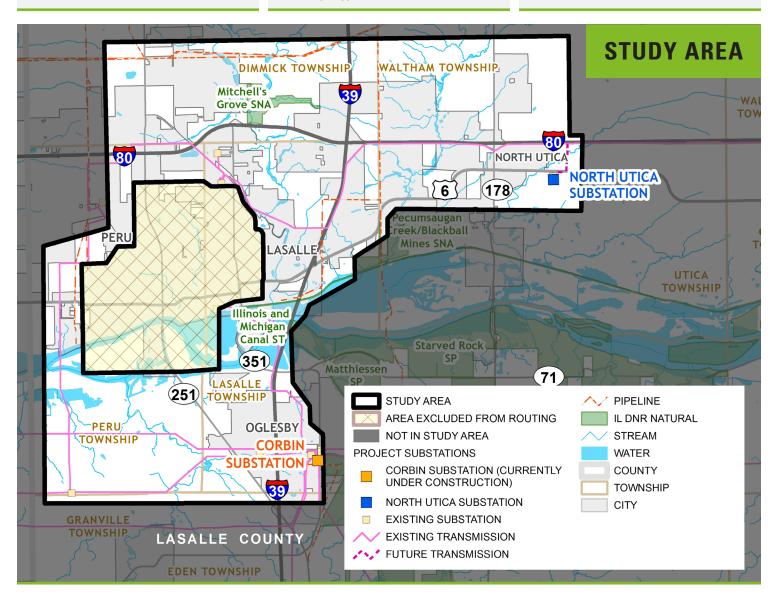
Public input opportunities beginning in mid-June

#### STEP 3:

## **Develop Route Alternatives**

Using the routing criteria, as well as input received from stakeholders and community members during our phase 1 of public involvement, our team will develop Route Alternatives.

Continued public input opportunities through late-July



## PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

Community leaders and members of the public will have various opportunities to provide input during each phase of the routing process as a preferred and alternate route are defined and submitted for certification by the Illinois Commerce Commission later this year. The goal of the routing process is to identify and take advantage of Opportunities while understanding and minimizing impacts to Sensitivities while adhering to Technical Guidelines and Statutory Requirements. The project team will continue to engage local community as the project progresses.

