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BGE ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ALL SAINTS ROAD WOOD POLE PROJECT

BGE routinely inspects its infrastructure and provides upgrades when necessary to further ensure the safe and reliable delivery of gas and electricity for customers. As part of this commitment, we have identified the need to upgrade a half-mile segment of overhead electric distribution lines in Howard County, Maryland along All Saints Road, between Route 216 and Old Scaggsville Road.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are distribution lines?

Distribution lines are lower voltage power cables that distribute electricity from substations to local customers.

When and where will the project take place?

This project will be completed in two phases: Phase one will include the installation of a short section of an underground electric cable at Old Scaggsville Road, the replacement of 15 wood poles on All Saints Road, and the installation of three new wood poles on All Saints Road. Construction for phase one is expected to begin in November 2021 and continue through February 2022, weather permitting.

Phase two will include the installation of new underground electric circuits at the intersection of Route 216 and All Saints Road and is expected to begin construction in spring 2022. We will provide more information on phase two closer to the start of construction.

Why are the poles being replaced and why are new poles being installed?

The existing poles are reaching the end of their useful life and aging poles are more likely to cause service outages. To ensure service reliability, BGE is investing in improvements to the existing infrastructure. New poles are being installed as part of the upgrade process to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of electricity for customers.

What is the pole replacement and installation process?

Most construction will take place Monday through Friday, generally between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., with extended hours as needed. Construction crews may mobilize earlier than 8:30 a.m. if necessary. There will be occasional weekend work.

The process for installing new poles is as follows:

- 1) BGE crews begin staging equipment and machinery in permitted areas.
- 2) The new poles are set in the ground.
- 3) Once all new poles are placed, the power lines are reattached.

If a pole is being replaced, a new pole will be placed adjacent to the old pole. Poles with communication lines will remain in place until Verizon schedules their removal, approximately 6 to 8 months after project completion.

What is the purpose of drilling and what will it entail?

Different environments present various solutions for best installation methods. It has been determined that for a portion of the north and south ends of the project corridor, horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will be the most beneficial installation method. This method also has the potential to reduce construction time. This drilling will entail an equipment staging area as well as a pipe lay down area to assemble the pipes.



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Is pole replacement and installation dangerous?

This work is not typically dangerous to the public. Our crews will establish a construction zone to protect pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and neighbors but all should still take caution when passing the construction zone. This is a hard hat area, which means falling debris and heavy machinery can still pose a potential hazard.

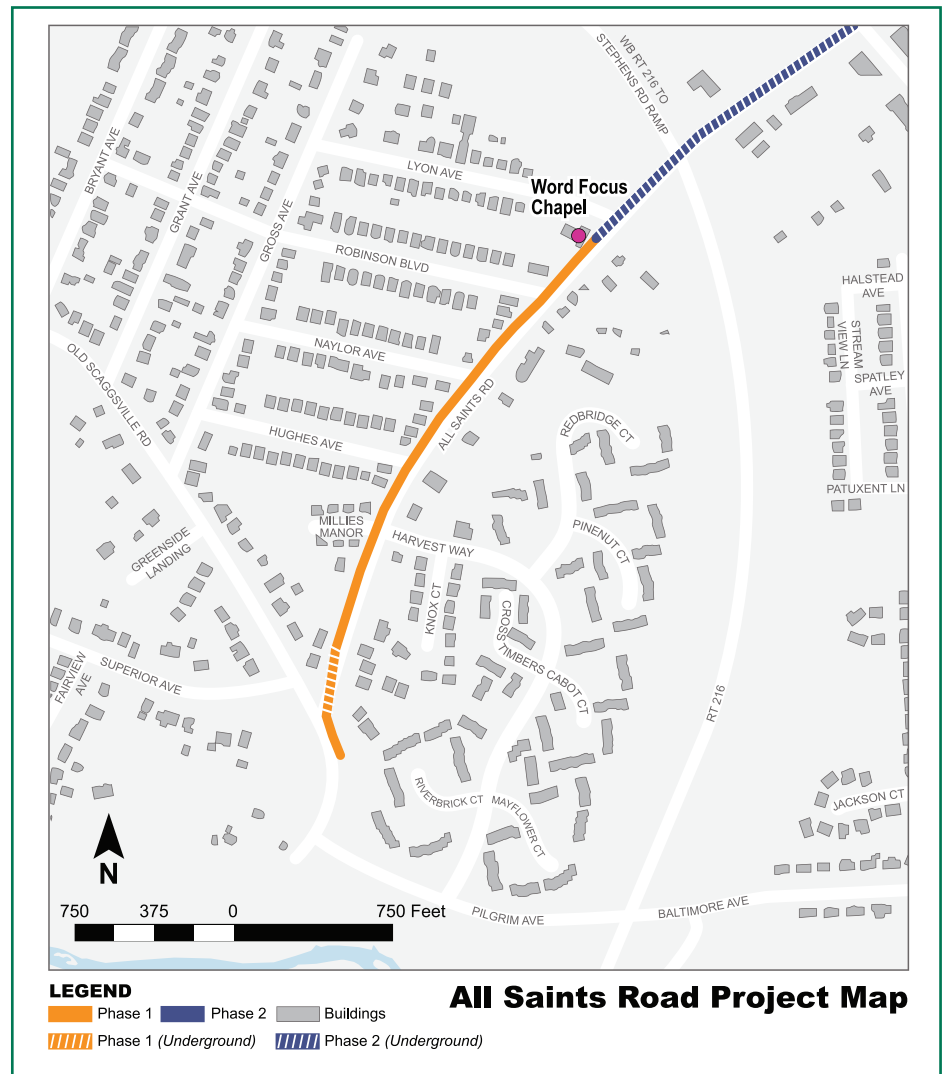
Safety is our top priority. Please help BGE maintain a safe work environment by keeping children and pets out of work zones and observing all traffic control signage and flagger directions. We appreciate your cooperation.

How are you informing the public about this project?

BGE strives to be a good neighbor to the communities they serve. As part of this project, members of our team will mail notifications to and meet with residents, business owners, and other stakeholders in the area to educate them about the project.

How will construction impact traffic along All Saints Road?

Construction activity on this project will result in temporary lane closures. Prior to any closures, our team will notify area residents, businesses and faith-based organizations of expected work activity and potential impacts. Temporary detours or driveway closures may be required but our crews will work to ensure that access is reinstated within the same business day.



Will customers in the area experience interruptions to their service during this process?

Currently, BGE is not planning any service interruptions because of this work. If a temporary interruption is required, we will notify you in advance.

What is the process for site restoration?

Site restoration activity, including pavement and sidewalk repair, will occur at the end of the project in the summer of 2022.

Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns?

Your questions and concerns are very important to us. Please contact our Outreach Manager, Kristina Bigby, at 240-583-7926 or Brendan Benton, at 410-618-0108 to learn more about this project. You may also send an email to BGEPProject@bge.com and reference All Saints Road Wood Pole Project.