

April 6, 2022

Dear Neighbor,

We are preparing to conduct pre-construction field surveys and assessments on or near your property within the existing power line corridor in Merrimack and Amherst, N.H. Pursuant to state and federal regulatory requirements, the surveys and assessments are being conducted in support of an upcoming project, which includes field work involving hand excavations of small tests to look for artifacts in the area. While the preliminary surveys and assessments are now complete, results indicate that additional archaeological investigations need to be conducted on or near your property.

We're Always Working to Serve You Better

These investigations support the projects that allow us to deliver reliable energy and superior service to our customers and communities. We want to keep you informed of all construction activities taking place in your neighborhood.

We are now preparing for the pre-construction field work that includes testing locations within the power line corridor for the identification and evaluation of archaeological sites. During these investigations, artifacts may be identified on your property by professional archaeologists. Typically, after they are identified, the artifacts would be collected and transported to an archaeological laboratory for processing and analysis. During that time, the artifacts would remain the property of the landowner. Upon conclusion of the investigations, which typically includes field work, artifact analysis, reporting, and agency review and approval, the artifacts would be appropriately packaged and returned to the landowner, the legal owner of the artifacts, unless the landowner chooses to donate the artifacts to the State of New Hampshire to be carefully preserved and available to future researchers and educators. If the landowner chooses to donate the artifacts, the consulting archaeologist would submit the artifacts to the State's curation facility along with documentation of the transfer of ownership.

If any artifacts are found during these investigations, you will be promptly notified and informed of next steps to either keep the artifacts or have them stored at the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources' (NHDHR) permanent curation facility. If you do not hear from us again, you can assume no artifacts were collected from your property.

What You Can Expect

We want you to know that this work will not interrupt electric service to your property, and that people working on the project always carry proper identification.

Over the next several weeks, Eversource's archaeological consultant, Normandean Associates, will be performing these investigations which may include the hand excavation of shovel test pits or excavation units. All soils are excavated by hand and are screened for artifacts. All shovel test pits and excavation units will be backfilled and the area restored to its original condition, as best as possible, after excavation.

Field crews of up to six personnel will work only within the power line corridor during daylight hours. Work hours will be Monday through Saturday, from 7:00am to 5:00pm. If longer work hours are needed, we will request permission from municipal officials as applicable. These investigations are expected to be completed by spring 2022. Please keep in mind that the schedule may change due to weather and other unexpected circumstances.

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Health and Safety Is Our Top Priority

Please know that Eversource remains committed to prioritizing public health as well as the health of employees and contractors. All Eversource personnel follow applicable health and safety guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For More Information

Keeping the lines of communication open is important to us. We would like to connect with you to discuss the project, as well as obtain the best contact phone number and e-mail address to reach you moving forward.

Please contact Syrena Falkengren at 603-721-2032 or email syrena.falkengren@eversource.com to provide that information or to discuss the proposed project. You can also contact our project hotline at 1-888-926-5334 or send an email to NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com.

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. Thank you for your patience as this important project moves forward.

Sincerely,

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