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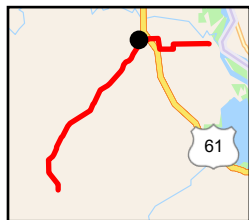


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Figure 8-1: Visualization of Highway 61 - West Side of Highway, Looking South
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Dairyland Power Cooperative
Wabasha County, Minnesota



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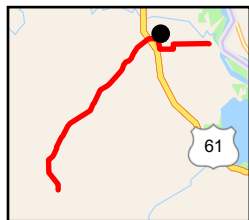
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Figure 8-2: Visualization of Highway 61 - West Side of Highway, Looking Southwest

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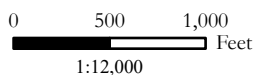
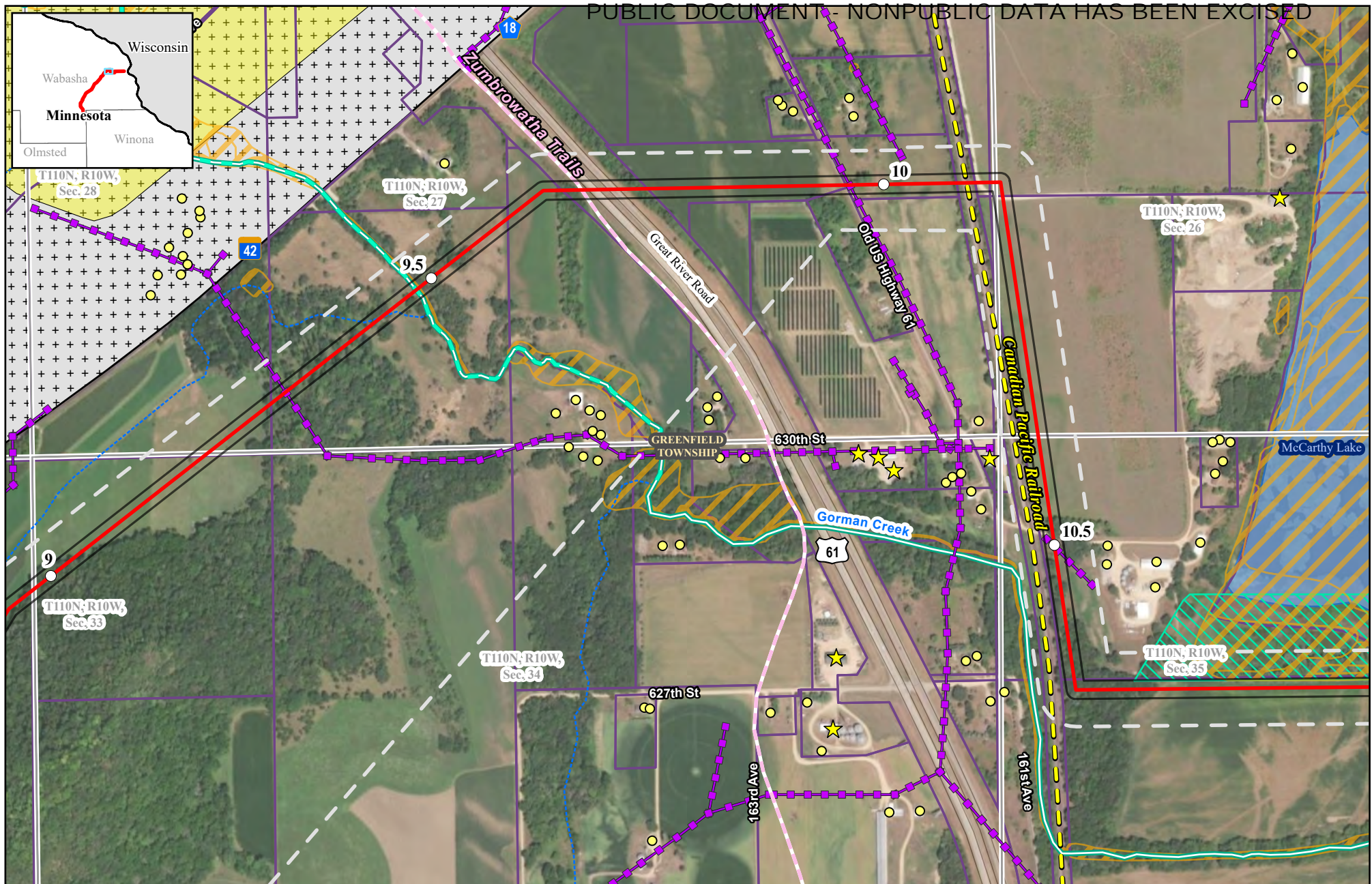


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Figure 8-3: Visualization of Highway 61 - East Side of Highway, Looking North
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| ○ Milepost | ★ NSR Commercial/Industrial | Wellhead Protection Area | Land Ownership |
| — Proposed Alignment | ○ NSR Private | DWSMA | Private Land |
| — Proposed Right-of-Way | — MDNR PWI Watercourse | MDNR Hydrography Dataset | BWSR Conservation Easement |
| — Proposed Kellogg Substation | — Impaired Stream (Draft 2024) | Stream (Perennial) | |
| — Proposed Route Width | — MDNR PWI Basin/Wetland | Stream (Intermittent) | |
| — Existing Transmission Line | ○ NWI Wetland | | |
| — Section Boundary | — Canadian Pacific Railroad | | |
| | — Snowmobile Trail | | |

From: Chris Miller <chris@togpartners.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:33 AM
To: Britta Bergland
Cc: Kristin Lenz; 'John Anfinson'; 'Marni Karnowski'; 'Sage Williams'; 'Kate Carlson'
Subject: RE: RE: Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN

Hi Britta,

Thanks so much for sending the update and visualizations. We do not have additional questions or comments at this time. If there are changes to this crossing of the Great River Road, please let us know. Our team members noted that they appreciated the opportunity to discuss this project and its potential impact to the Great River Road in early stages along with the consideration and responses that have been provided.

Thanks again and have a great weekend,

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Subject: SPAM-LOW: RE: Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN

Good afternoon –

I'm writing today with an update on Dairyland's Wabasha Relocation Project (the Project) in Wabasha County, Minnesota.

Dairyland has prepared visualizations of the Highway 61/Great River Road crossing– please see attached. I've also attached an overview map with a close-up of the Project relative to the highway crossing.

As the visualizations show, there would be a new visual impact because of the Project. On the west side of U.S. Highway 61, although some trees will be cleared within the 100-foot-wide right-of-way, Dairyland placed the Proposed Alignment to minimize tree clearing. The westerly pole will be shielded from view to some extent by the remaining forested area (see Diagram 8-3). Regarding the east side of U.S. Highway 61, Dairyland has placed the easterly alignment in an area where minimal large tree removal will occur on the north side of the Proposed Alignment (see Diagrams 8-1 and 8-2). The south side of the alignment is presently sparsely vegetated. The span length between the two poles is approximately 800 feet, which is near the maximum span length of 1,000 feet. The poles will be red/brown (weathered steel), which will allow them to blend with existing colors in the area. The crossing will also occur perpendicular to the road.

Dairyland intends to file its Certificate of Need and Route Permit application near the end of March 2024. We will also be sending these visualizations along to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Stacy Kotch Egstad) as part of their ENM review process.

We'd be happy to discuss the Project and these visualizations with you if that would be helpful. Please reach out if there is anything we can provide.

Thank you!

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Subject: RE: Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN

Thanks for the reply - We will keep you posted. Happy New Year as well!

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[<kcarlson@visitwinona.com>](mailto:kcarlson@visitwinona.com)

Subject: RE: Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN

Hi Britta,

Thanks so much for the additional information. Our team looks forward to reviewing the visual simulations when available and doesn't have further questions right now.

Happy New Year!
Chris

From: Britta Bergland <britta.bergland@merjent.com>

Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 1:26 PM

To: Chris Miller <chris@togpartners.com>

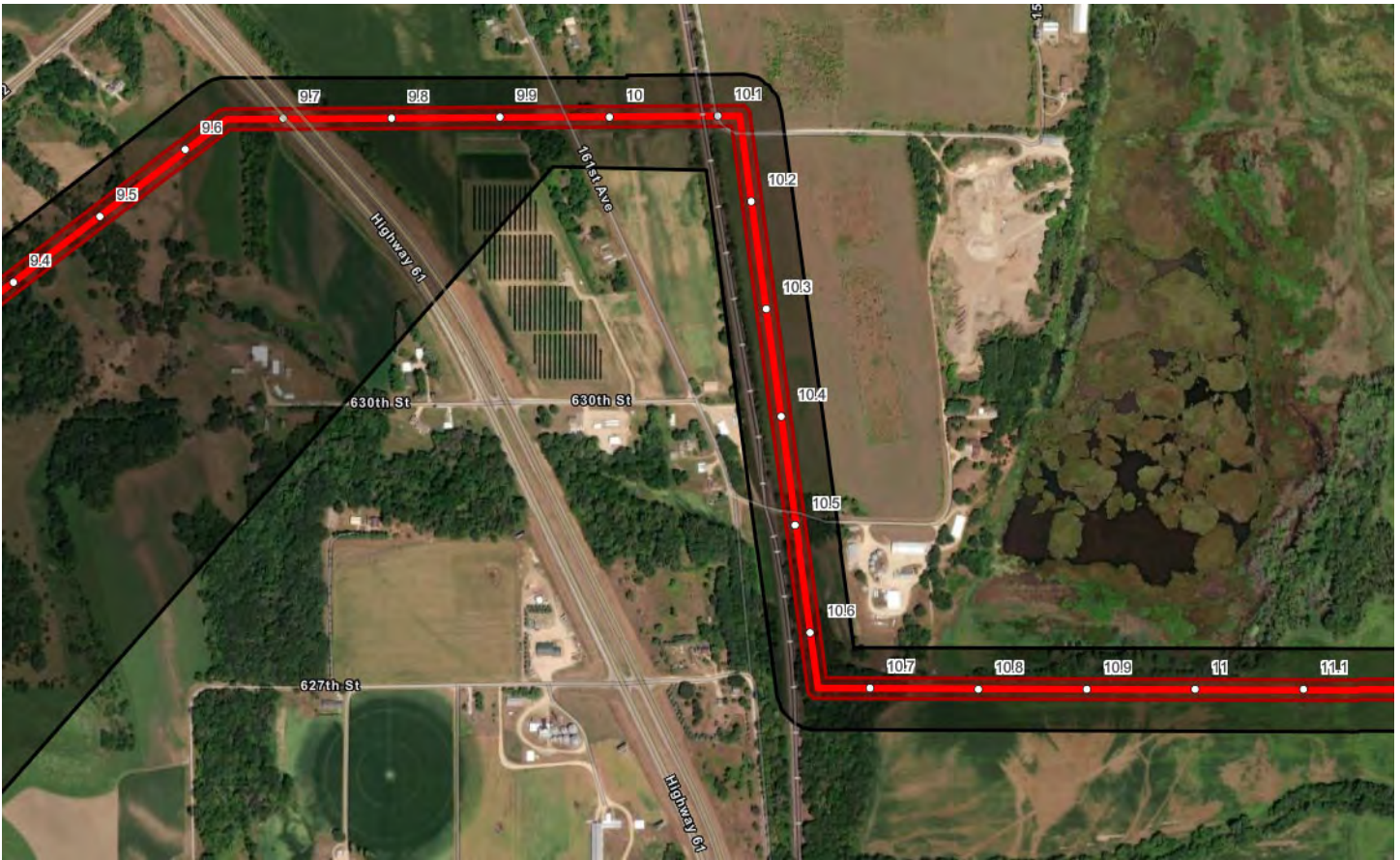
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Subject: RE: Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN

Hi Chris,

Thank you for your prompt response!

Dairyland did choose to modify the route east of the Great River Road crossing since we last met, and that change is a result of a subsequent meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). USACE staff preferred a route that crossed south of their interests on the north side of County Road 84 because it would have been difficult for them to realize their plans for development of that land with new transmission infrastructure. This change had the added benefit of avoiding the curves along County Road 84, which we know that Wabasha County would like to straighten in the future and avoids impacts to homeowners along County Road 84 and center-pivot irrigation systems. A snip of the area is included below, but we could make additional maps, if you'd like. Note the numbers on the line are "milepost markers"-not pole locations. Dairyland has not finalized pole locations.



Regarding your remaining questions, the crossing of Great River Road has remained unchanged since we met. We are in the process of creating visualizations of the proposed crossing location with images of the pole design, as requested. The route now crosses the Canadian Pacific Railroad east of 161st Avenue and then parallels the railroad north-south on the east side. The route is 820 feet from the northbound portion of Great River Road at its closest point, and 0.4 miles at its furthest point. In between the route and the road are numerous wooded areas, a tree line, the railroad, a solar array, and various buildings and businesses.

Regarding the substation, Dairyland has advanced conversations with the landowner and will be pursuing purchase of an approximately 10-acre portion of the larger parcel that was initially reviewed, so you are correct, this map now shows that smaller area. I attached the same map from the Fact Sheet here so you can have it at a larger scale.

We'd be happy to meet with you again to discuss the project or provide additional information.

Take care –

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Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN

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Hi Sage,

Thank you to Britta for the notice below and new mapping. A route modification was mentioned when MN Mississippi River Parkway Commission representatives met with you and others on December 8, and it's helpful to see it on a map. I've shared the new map with those MN-MRPC members (copied on this email), and we have a few comments and questions –

- Looking at the two maps, it appears that the new route will have more impact on the Great River Road.
- The new route will parallel the Great River Road for a stretch – what is the distance, how many poles will be along the Great River Road, and could we get images of what that might look like?
- Could you share more information on the landowner concerns that resulted in the change from the previous proposed route?
- On the new map, it looks like the area for the proposed Kellogg substation is now substantially smaller. Is that correct? It's helpful in comparing the overall changes from the previous map.

Let me know if you have questions for us, and/or would like to set up a meeting and I'll be happy to help coordinate.

Thanks again,

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From: Britta Bergland <britta.bergland@merjent.com>

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:55 PM

To: chris@togpartners.com

Cc: Sage Williams <Sage.Williams@DairylandPower.com>; Kristin Lenz <kristin.lenz@merjent.com>

Subject: Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN

Dear Chris Miller:

Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) is proposing to relocate approximately 13.3 miles of 161-kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line and construct a new substation in Wabasha County, Minnesota (the Wabasha Relocation Project, or the Project). The Project starts in Plainview Township, northeast of the Town of Plainview, and traverses northeast through Highland, Watopa, and Greenfield Townships, ending east of the City of Kellogg near the Mississippi River. More information on the Project, along with a Project map, is available in the attached fact sheet.

Dairyland plans to file a joint Certificate of Need and Route Permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in March 2024. Dairyland would appreciate any input you may have on the Project. Please reach out to Sage Williams with Dairyland at 608-791-2993 or Sage.Williams@Dairylandpower.com with questions, written comments, or a request for a meeting.

Thank you –

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Wabasha County

From: [Kristin Lenz](#)
To: [Flesch, Dietrich](#)
Cc: [Sage Williams](#); [Oates, Travis M](#); [Tom Hillstrom \(Contractor\)](#)
Subject: RE: Dairyland Power Transmission Project
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 1:37:00 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Good afternoon Dietrich,

Would you have availability in the next couple of weeks to review Dairyland's initial alignment along County Road 84 in Wabasha County and discuss upcoming road projects? If you are available, we would set up a virtual meeting so we can show you the preliminary design and see if you have any initial questions, concerns or feedback.

Let us know what dates or times might work for you!

Thank you,
Kristin

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Subject: RE: Dairyland Power Transmission Project

Kristin

Proposed work within Wabasha County Highway right of way (including crossing or adjacent to and within the County's right of way) would require a utility permit from Wabasha County Highway Department. Hwy 42 and Hwy 61 are State Highways, owned and operated by Minnesota Department of Transportation which is responsible for its own permitting. If township roads are affected please contact the appropriate township; if you are unsure please don't hesitate to ask me.

A contact list for townships can be found at the following webpage:

https://www.co.wabasha.mn.us/document_center/directory.pdf

Regards,

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From: Edstrom, Robert K CIV USARMY CEMVP (USA) [<mailto:Robert.K.Edstrom@usace.army.mil>]
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To: Kristin Lenz <kristin.lenz@merjent.com>
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Subject: RE: Dairyland Power Transmission Project

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Kristin,

Are you staying in the County Road 84 ROW? If so, this would be strictly a Wabasha County question for Mr. Dietrich Flesch (copied), their Highway Engineer. It should also be noted at some point in the future, there is a proposal to soften the "S" curve on CR84. If you need to extend outside of the County ROW, we would need to engage our Real Estate Office on next steps.

Thanks,

Bob

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Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] RE: Dairyland Power Transmission Project

Good afternoon Robert,

Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) is in the planning process to reroute approximately 10.4 miles of their existing 161-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that is currently located on the CapX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse (CapX) structures that extend from the Plainview, Minnesota area northeast toward the Mississippi River east of Kellogg, Minnesota. This existing 161-kV circuit must be removed to make room for a new 345-kV circuit on the existing CapX 2020 structures. Dairyland

must build a new transmission line to continue to provide power to their existing infrastructure and customers and therefore are in the process of evaluating feasible routes in this area. One of the routes that is in consideration would start at the existing CapX structures near Plainview, Minnesota and would parallel County Highway 42 northeast until crossing Highway 61 southwest of Kellogg. The route would then continue east following County Road 84 to tie-in with existing infrastructure on the west side of the Mississippi River. I've attached a snip of a preliminary potential route through this area where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may have made recent land purchases.

We are currently trying to identify environmental constraints and potential permitting needs in order to evaluate the feasibility of this route. Dairyland will be preparing a Route Permit application for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) and these considerations would be discussed within that application. We would appreciate any information that you may have on the USACE ownership and the permitting pathway that may be required for Dairyland to route the transmission line through these properties (e.g., Section 408 authorization?).

Thank you – and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: Dairyland Power Transmission Project

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Tom,

Can you send me a brief synopsis of your proposal/needs in the Kellogg area? I want to make sure I get it right when transferring these questions to our Real Estate group. I am working on getting a map of our properties now.

Thanks,

Bob

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Cc: Kristin Lenz <kristin.lenz@merjent.com>
Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Dairyland Power Transmission Project

Hi Bob,

Thanks for talking to me today. I'll look forward to seeing whatever information you can send pertaining to the recent Corps land purchase.

We'll be in touch.

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Wabasha County Highway Department Meeting Notes
October 5, 2023

Participants: Sage Williams (Dairyland Power Cooperative), Kristin Lenz (Merjent), Tom Hillstrom (Merjent), Travis Oates (S&L), Matthew Thompson (S&L), Britta Bergland (Merjent), Dietrich Flesch (Wabasha County Highway Dept)

Lenz provided an overview of the Project status and purpose and general review of the route along State Highway 42 and crossing of State Highway 61.

Flesch inquired on whether the proposed alignment would be located within the road ROW. The ROW width along County Road 84 is only approximately 33 feet (66 feet edge to edge); any improvements made in the future that involve expansion would require pole movement and may be at least partially at the expense of Dairyland. County preference to keep the line out of the road ROW. Flesch indicated it may be possible to route the alignment within road ROW but may require deeper pole foundations.

Oates showed the initial route along County Road 84 with the Viewer. Oates inquired on whether there were plans to do any road improvements within or outside of the current road ROW. Flesch indicated improvements would not occur for another 8-10 years until the road is at the end of the pavement life. Not sure if any improvements could occur within the existing road ROW; likely would occur outside of the road ROW. Generally, the new road ROW would be 50-60 from center in each direction (120 feet total).

Oates also inquired on whether the County is planning to flatten out any of the S-curves on this road; County provided comments to the USACE on their beneficial reuse project that they are eventually planning to soften the 3 90-degree curves along the road. The curve farthest to the east would likely move to the southwest. The curves to the west would need to avoid the wetlands, so likely would be pushed further to the east (see snip below with conceptual idea of the improvements). At this point there are no formal plans in place for these road improvements; likely 3-4 years in an advance of construction; 8-10 years until construction would likely start. Design work likely will not be completed for 5-6 years. Also depends on whether they have funding sources – there are potential outside funding sources for completion.



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Flesch inquired if the 161-kV line will go back on the CapX structures to cross the river – Oates/Williams clarified it will be partially on CapX west of the river and go into the substation, then be on its own structures to the west.

Dairyland to discuss further, but approach likely will be to expand the route width through this area to allow flexibility in the final alignment as conversations progress with both the County and USACE. Flesch inquired on whether it was possible to seek a permit from the USACE; Lenz responded that the assumption is that this is a Section 408 civil works project and that there is a process by which the USACE can grant an authorization. Dairyland will be talking with the USACE next to understand this process better. Dairyland will also continue to follow-up with the County on potential future planning for this road.

Britta Bergland

From: Britta Bergland
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 3:49 PM
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Cc: sage.williams@dairylandpower.com
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: Comments on - Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN
Attachments: Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN

Hi Matt,

Thanks so much for your note! I am sorry the original letter did not make its way to you directly, but I have attached it here for your reference.

We will be sure to keep you posted regarding Project developments. Dairyland plans to file a joint application for a Route Permit and Certificate of Need with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in March of this year. There will be opportunities for public comment as part of that process. Dairyland will then pursue additional environmental permits once a route is determined. Please let us know if you'd like to set a meeting with you and your coworkers before those milestones, however – we'd be happy to meet anytime to discuss the Project.

Take care,

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Subject: EXTERNAL: Comments on - Dairyland Power - Wabasha Relocation Project in Wabasha County, MN

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Britta and Sage,

Your project intro letter to the USDA for the Dairyland Power relocation project in Wabasha County was forwarded to me and other Wabasha SWCD staff. I understand that there is a lot already in the works and that likely includes the things I am about to mention. Wabasha SWCD is the LGU for the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). If there are any potential wetland impacts from this project we would need to be included in those conversations and we would require a [Joint Application](#) to review your plan in relation to WCA. In addition to this, the SWCD would like to be

included in public comment periods as more details come out. Some of my coworkers mentioned interest in reviewing plans related to forest clearing and vegetative management.

In summary, I just wanted to introduce myself as a contact for the Wabasha SWCD and state our interest in being involved in comment periods and wetland reviews as this project moves forward.

Thank you,

Matt Kempinger
District Technician / WCA LGU
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Re: **In the Matter of the Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative to Relocate an Existing 161-kV Transmission Line in Wabasha County, Minnesota
MPUC Docket Nos. ET3/CN-23-504 and ET3/TL23-388**

Dear Matt Kempinger:

Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) is proposing to relocate approximately 13.3 miles of 161-kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) and construct a new substation in Wabasha County, Minnesota (the Wabasha Relocation Project, or the Project). The Project starts in Plainview Township, northeast of the Town of Plainview, and traverses northeast through Highland, Watopa, and Greenfield Townships, ending east of the City of Kellogg near the Mississippi River.

The Project is a reroute of approximately 10.4 miles of the existing Dairyland LQ34 161-kV transmission line which is presently located on the existing CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse 345-kV structures. In July 2020, the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) approved a long-range transmission portfolio including a new Wilmarth-North Rochester-Tremval transmission line. This new 345-kV line would utilize the double circuit capability of the CapX2020 system between North Rochester and Alma, Wisconsin. Therefore, Dairyland's existing 161-kV transmission line must be removed from the existing CapX2020 structures and relocated to make room for the new 345-kV circuit on the CapX2020 structures.

The Project would involve installation of 70- to 110-foot-high steel monopoles placed 400 to 800 feet apart within a 100-foot-wide right-of-way, and construction of a new substation east of the City of Kellogg, Minnesota. The enclosed Project Fact Sheet provides additional information on the Project, including a map of the Project area and proposed route.

Dairyland plans to file a joint Certificate of Need and Route Permit application (Application) with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in March 2024. Dairyland would appreciate any input you may have on the Project and the proposed route. This letter, and any responses received, will be submitted along with Dairyland's Application. There will also be numerous public input opportunities as part of the Commission's Certificate of Need and Route Permit process.



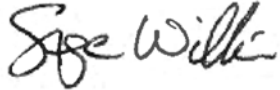
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We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you regarding the proposed Project. If you would like to request a meeting, please contact me at 608-791-2993 or Sage.Williams@Dairylandpower.com.¹ We also welcome written comments, and I am available to answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,

DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sage Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sage Williams
Manager, Transmission Operations and Development

Cc: Jed Chesnut, BWSR

Encl: Project Fact Sheet

¹ This letter is intended to serve as notice of the opportunity for a pre-application consultation meeting under Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 3a.



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Wabasha Relocation Project

Project Overview

Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) is proposing to relocate approximately 13.3 miles of 161-kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) in Wabasha County (the Project). The Project will make room for a second 345-kV circuit to be attached to the existing CapX Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse (CapX) structures, which extend diagonally northeast from the Town of Plainview to the City of Kellogg, Minnesota. The Project will allow Dairyland to maintain its transmission system, supply the Wabaco Substation, and provide power to the Town of Plainview and neighboring areas. Once the 161-kV transmission line has been relocated to the new right of way, the existing transmission circuit located on the CapX 2020 345-kV structures will be transferred to Xcel Energy. Structures would consist of 70- to 110-foot steel monopoles with spans of 400 to 800 feet apart. Dairyland will seek a 100-foot-wide right-of-way – 50 feet on each side of the centerline.

This Project also includes the construction of a new substation proposed near the City of Kellogg. This substation is required because the new CapX 345-kV circuit across the Mississippi River will eliminate Dairyland's existing 69-kV transmission line crossing and connection to the Alma Station in Wisconsin. The new Kellogg Substation will supply power to Dairyland's existing north-south 69-kV transmission line supplying the Weaver Substation, which provides power to communities within the southeast Minnesota area.

Permitting and Public Involvement

Dairyland plans to submit a Certificate of Need and Route Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in March 2024. During this process, the public and regulatory agencies will have several opportunities to review and provide input on the Project, including public meetings hosted by the Commission and the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC-EERA). DOC-EERA will also prepare an environmental assessment for the Project that will be available for public review. Once the Commission issues a decision, Dairyland will finalize the Project route and obtain any additional permits needed from federal, state, and local agencies.

Landowner Coordination and Easement Negotiation

After Dairyland submits the Certificate of Need and Route Permit application to the Commission, a representative from Dairyland will contact property owners to discuss access to the Proposed Route and the process for acquisition of easements. Dairyland will continue to engage with landowners throughout the permitting process to answer any questions they may have regarding the easement process or the Project, including those with respect to construction or operation of the transmission line.

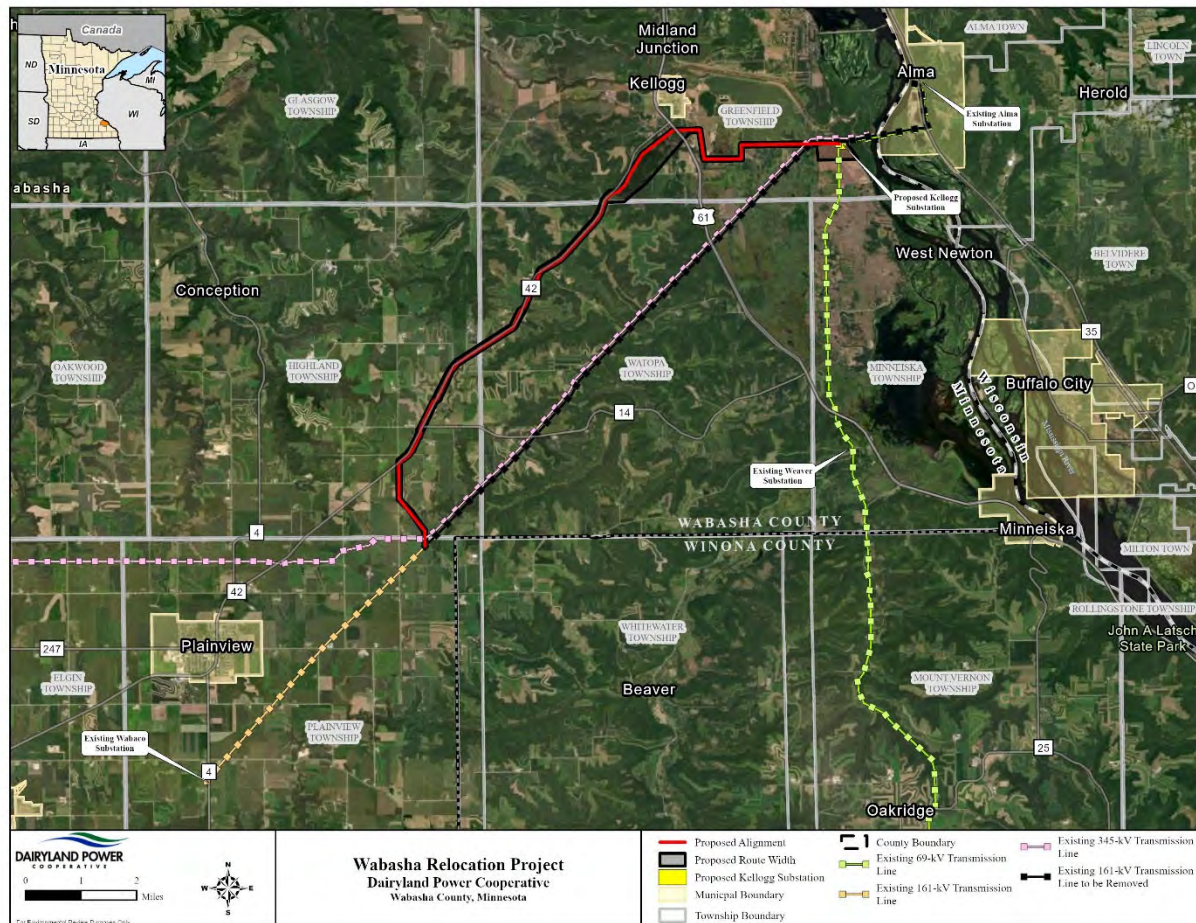
About Dairyland

Dairyland is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative formed in December 1941 and based in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Dairyland provides wholesale electrical requirements to more than 700,000 people through its 24 distribution cooperatives and 27 municipals in a four-state area including Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois.



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Project Schedule	
Timeframe	Project Phase/Activity
November 2023	Notifications and Open Houses
Winter 2024 – Summer 2025	Certificate of Need and Route Permit
Summer/Fall 2025	Survey/Design
Winter 2025 – Fall 2025	Easements/Additional Permits
Spring 2026 – Summer 2027	Construction
Summer 2028	Energization



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From: Kaltenbach, Joseph <jkaltenbach@co.wabasha.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 12:04 PM
To: Jessica Sandry
Subject: [EXT] RE: Questions Regarding Setbacks and Parcel Dimension Requirements for Proposed Substation Site

Jessica,

In regards to the setback from the county road, here is the response from our Highway Engineer:

The ROW is width of actual use/prescriptive and is approx. 35' on the easterly side, except near the curve at the section 31/30 line which we would claim a line extending north to the section line aligned with the north/south running power line.

An access permit would be required. For this road, a 30 feet setback from ROW is required, but for a substation a greater setback would be encouraged.

For any structures (that are not dwellings) there would be a 10 foot setback from any property lines. You are correct with respect to the fence height requirements. If the facilities are up near the road, the facility would not be in shoreland or the 100-year floodplain.

The 10 acres portion could be split off through an administrative subdivision. The 10 acre portion that would be split off would need to be deed restricted for dwellings due to Wabasha County's dwelling density and lot size requirements for the A-1 district.

If you have more questions please let me know.

Thanks,

Joe Kaltenbach

Zoning Administrator

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From: Jessica Sandry [mailto:Jessica.Sandry@DairylandPower.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2023 11:13 AM
To: Kaltenbach, Joseph <jkaltenbach@co.wabasha.mn.us>
Subject: Questions Regarding Setbacks and Parcel Dimension Requirements for Proposed Substation Site

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Mr. Kaltenbach,

Thank you for taking my telephone call this morning. As I mentioned, Dairyland Power Cooperative has made some initial contact with a landowner in the Town of Greenfield along County Highway 84 regarding the potential purchase of property for a substation site. The subject location being within that portion of parcel number R05.00411.00 lying easterly of Highway 84. Dairyland is interested in purchasing approximately 10 acres from that portion of property. Dairyland's substation design engineers are interested in better understanding any setbacks or parcel dimension requirements that would be applicable to the proposed parcel or substation facility, in the interest of confirming that the dimensions of the proposed 10 acre property will allow for ready placement of the required facilities.

The substation facilities would be enclosed by a chain link fence panels minimum 7 feet high with posts extending taller to support barbed strands. The chain link fence enclosure being approximately 350' x 350' (the initial estimate was actually 304' X 360'). The surface within the fenced area would be gravel (raised above existing grade) and the gravel would extend beyond the chain link fence for between 5' and 10' with a gradual slope back to existing grade extending from gravel edge.

There would be a control shed on a concrete pad within the fence with dimensions approximately 20' x 40'. There would also be various wooden and steel poles on the property, but outside of the fence. There could be the potential for some of the poles to have individual concrete foundations, others would be directly embedded. There would also be a gravel parking area outside of the fence.

Per our conversation, I understand that the fence (at a height in excess of 7 feet) and the control building would both be subject to the Setback Ordinance and thus a highway setback of 50 feet from the road right-of-way, which said right-of-way limits would be by prescription if not of record.

It would be my present understanding that the proposed area is not considered Shoreland or Floodplain, that essential services are generally exempt from the Wabasha County Zoning Ordinance or requirement for a conditional use permit and that the land division would fall in the classification of an administrative subdivision. Would there be any property line setbacks or subdivision design standards within the Wabasha County Zoning or Subdivision Regulations Ordinances that would remain applicable to the placement of facilities on or the dimensions of the proposed parcel?

Thank you again for your assistance. My full contact information follows.

Regards,

Jessica A. Sandry, SR/WA

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