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# The Interstate Reliability Project Massachusetts Updates



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Project information for the communities of Millbury, Sutton, Northbridge, Uxbridge and Millville, Massachusetts

## Current and Future Activity

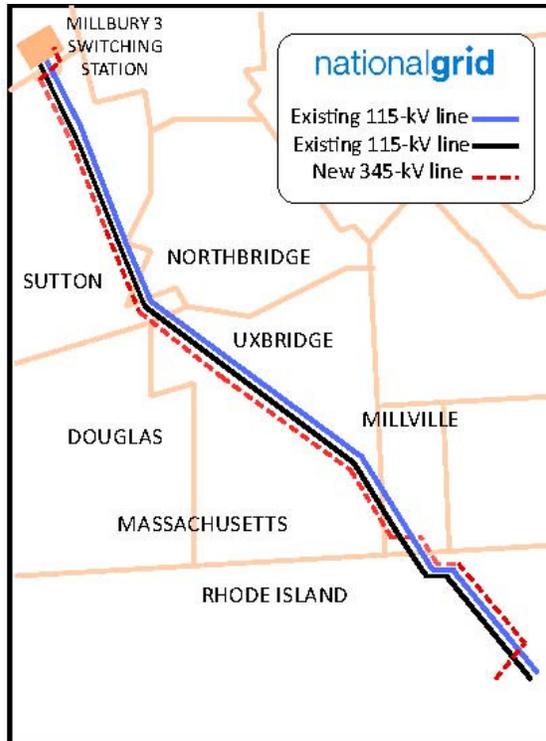
### Weeks of October 20 and October 27, 2014

*The above photo shows a view of the cleared right-of-way just off Smith Road in Sutton. The poles for the structure will be constructed on the ground and lifted into place with a crane.*

## TREE CLEARING IN MASSACHUSETTS NEARLY COMPLETED

Tree clearing from the Millbury #3 Substation to the Rhode Island border is 81% completed. The remaining sites are where environmental restrictions and access limit the work. These areas will be noted in future newsletters. The tree crews have moved across the Rhode Island border in Millville and

are now working in North Smithfield.



*This diagram shows the route of the existing right-of-way corridor from the Millbury #3 Switching Station into North Smithfield, Rhode Island. The new 366 Line (345-kV) will continue on to the West Farnum Substation in North Smithfield.*

#### CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND LOOK AHEAD



*The above photo was taken from the top of the hill just off Boston Road looking south. The structure in the background shows a three pole*

*installation. These provide the additional strength needed at locations on the route where a transmission line must change direction.*

The drilling stage of construction continues in a southerly direction following the tree clearing path with the foundation crews close behind. Structures have been erected starting at the Millbury #3 Switching Station moving across Providence Street, along the corridor behind Heritage Road, and continuing to Boston Road.

*The photo below shows the continuing work at the Millbury #3 Substation.*



Work is underway and will continue over the coming months at the Millbury #3 Switching Station, located off Cross Street in Millbury. National Grid's contractor is performing various equipment upgrades and additions within the existing fence line of the station. On occasion, due to electric system constraints, it will be necessary to perform some of this work on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Environmental Considerations

Interstate Reliability Project construction will cross a variety of inland waters, including vegetated wetlands, streams, creeks, brooks, rivers, ponds, lakes and reservoirs. The Project's design reflects National Grid's significant efforts to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to these water resources to the extent practicable. As part of the Project, National Grid will permanently preserve 34 acres of undeveloped forest land (wetlands and uplands) in Massachusetts. The land, located in the town of Uxbridge, will be given to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The parcel will be permanently protected as undeveloped forest land by the Department

*The photo below will be a parcel of preserved forest land in the Depot Street area of Uxbridge, MA.*



## Hunting Season and the Safety of Our Workers

With the onset of hunting seasons in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, we ask hunters to refrain from hunting on and around the Interstate Reliability Project rights-of-way and access corridors. The Project areas are active work zones for well over 100 workers through 2015.

**The safety of our workers is paramount, and we ask for your cooperation and consideration as you make your hunting plans.**

## Public Safety

**To ensure public safety during construction of this project, access to the right-of-way will be restricted to National Grid, its contractors and authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use of the right-of-way is prohibited at all times.**

- **All National Grid employees will have IDs and subcontractors will have contractor cards and IDs**
- **Signs and traffic controls will be in place to minimize any disruption and to protect public safety**
- **Please keep well away from active work areas and equipment**
- **If you have questions, please call (800) 506-0815**

## Our Continued Commitment To You

We continue to meet with abutters along the right-of-way. If you would like to meet with one of our stakeholder relations field representatives, please email or call us. You may also visit us at [www.interstatereliabilityproject.com](http://www.interstatereliabilityproject.com) or on [Facebook](#)



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