

Northland Reliability Project



Minnesota Power and Great River Energy hosted in person and virtual engagement opportunities for stakeholders and community members to learn about the Northland Reliability Project and provide input to help our team route the transmission line.

How we asked for your input

In person open houses

213

Total open house attendees

6

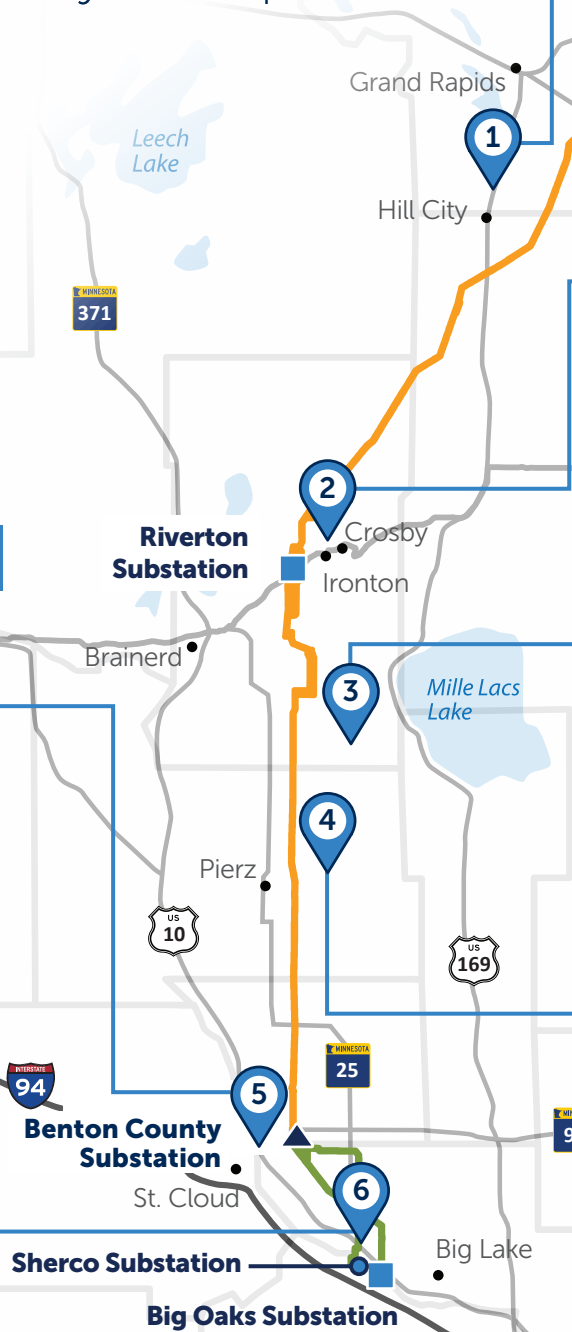
Locations

21
Attendees

Sauk Rapids
Sauk Rapids Government Center

33
Attendees

Palmer
Palmer Township Hall



29
Attendees

Hill City
Spang Town Hall

52
Attendees

Ironton
Taconite Canteen

53
Attendees

Brainerd
Daggett Brook Town Hall

25
Attendees

Morrison
Pierz Ballroom

Virtual engagement

234

Self-paced virtual engagement viewers

1,273

Website visits from April 1 to May 15

Communication channels



Email



Phone calls

Detailed information packets

Detailed information packets were available for request from community members via the mail or email. Packets included similar information as the in person open house and online engagement. A total of **34** packets were requested.

How we got the word out

Minnesota Power and Great River Energy conducted outreach in several ways about the public open houses and additional engagement opportunities.

1. Postcard mailing

to **8,802** landowners along the preliminary route

Anticipated schedule*

- 2022 Project planning and initial stakeholder engagement
- 2023 - we are here! Project planning, public engagement and permitting
- 2024 - 2026 Permitting, engineering, environmental surveys, real estate and public engagement
- 2027 - 2030 Construction
- 2030 Anticipated in-service

*The schedule is subject to change.

Open this notice to learn about how you can provide input to help us route the transmission line.

Join us during a second phase of open houses or participate in virtual engagement opportunities to provide your feedback.

We want to hear from you.

Connect with us

- connect@northlandreliabilityproject.com
- 218-864-6059
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Join us at an open house

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, May 2	10 a.m. - Noon	Spang Town Hall 15402 Spang Road Hill City, MN 56458
Tuesday, May 2	4 - 6 p.m.	Facette Carlen 240 Curtis Ave. Totmes, MN 56453
Wednesday, May 3	10 a.m. - Noon	Shepley Brook Town Hall 14024 County Road 2 Barnes, MN 56452
Wednesday, May 3	4 - 6 p.m.	Pierz Ballroom 133 Main St. S. Pierz, MN 56364
Thursday, May 4	10 a.m. - Noon	Stark Health Government Center 255 Stevens Ave. N. Stark Works, MN 56379
Thursday, May 4	4 - 6 p.m.	Pierz Township Hall 1400 Union Ave. Clear Lake, MN 56329

We welcome your attendance at our open houses held throughout the project area. There will be no formal presentation. Come anytime during the listed time. Each open house will provide the same information including project displays and detailed maps to review and collect input.

Additional engagement opportunities:

- Explore our virtual, self-guided open house available May 2 at northlandreliabilityproject.com.
- Leave a comment on our interactive map.
- Request a mailed packet with more information by emailing us or leaving a message on our hotline with your mailing address.
- Schedule a meeting with the project team by emailing us or leaving a message on our hotline.

Routing process

This project requires a robust stakeholder input process. We gathered public feedback and have presented the route corridor to identify a preliminary route. The routing process will help us identify a proposed route that will be included in the Certificate of Need and Route Permit application which will be filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

We need your input

Visit our interactive comment map at northlandreliabilityproject.com or participate in one of our engagement opportunities to provide your input.

Segment one
Extend approximately 240 miles of a new double-circuit 345 kV transmission line from the Big Lake Substation to the Iron Range Substation.

Segment two
Replace two existing transmission lines:
1. Replace an approximately 20-mile 230 kV line with two 345 kV circuits from Benton County Substation to Iron Range Substation.
2. Replace an approximately 20-mile 230 kV line with two 345 kV circuits from Benton County Substation to the new Sherco Substation in Sherburne County. Existing transmission corridors along double-circuit 345 kV lines will be part of a separate project.

Additional project improvements:

- Expand the existing Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids and near St. Cloud.
- Install a new substation at or near the existing Riverton Substation and reconstruct existing transmission lines in the Riverton area.

2. Social media

posts and advertisements reaching over **27,563** people

3. Notification

sent to key stakeholders through mail and email

4. Press release

sent to **275** local media outlets

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5. Advertisements

placed in **25** local newspapers

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Maintaining reliability

Creating resiliency

Enabling clean energy

Providing flexibility

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Join us at an in-person open house

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Join us during our second phase of open houses

Learn about how Minnesota Power and Great River Energy are investing in a 180-mile transmission line from northern Minnesota to central Minnesota to support grid reliability and resilience in the Upper Midwest.

May 3, 2023 | 4 - 6 p.m. | **Pierz Ballroom**
133 Main St. S., Pierz, MN 56364

See the full list of open houses on our website or call our project hotline for more information.

Can't be there in person?
Explore the virtual, self-guided open house on our website to learn more and provide feedback. Available from May 1-12.

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Engaging Partners

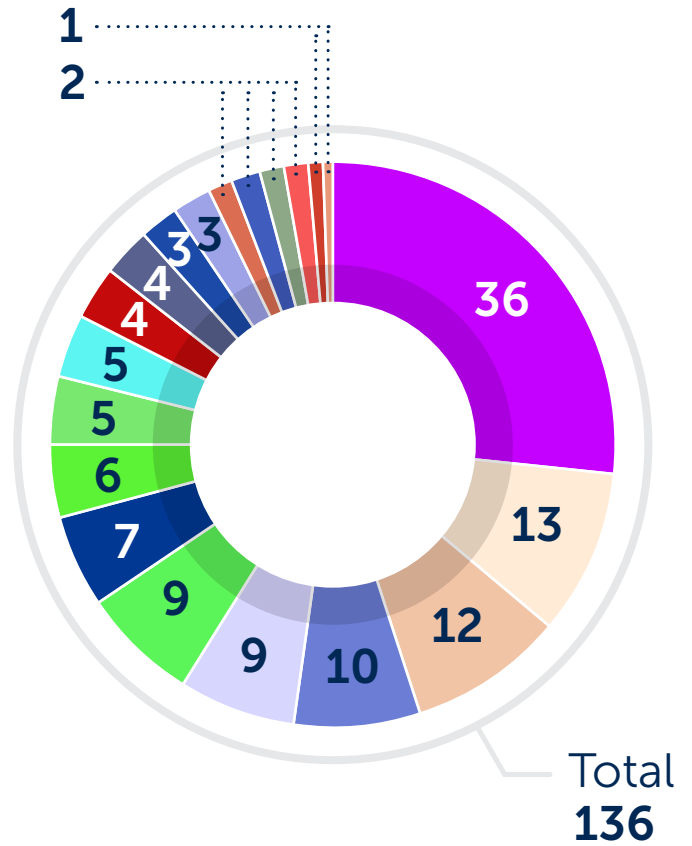
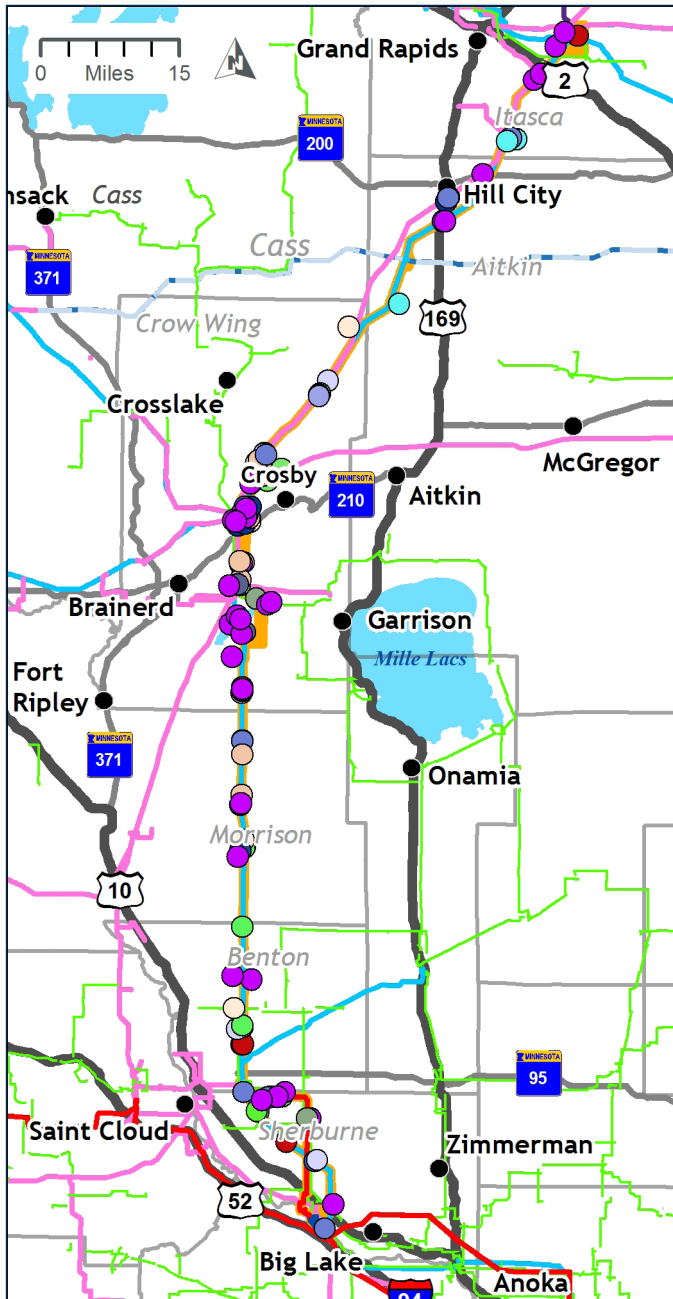
We've engaged agencies, local governments, Tribes and Tribal Organizations in regular and meaningful conversations to build a cooperative relationship and to collaborate, provide project information and gather information. Examples of organizations we've worked with include: Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office.

How we heard from you – 136 total comments

Public comments were collected in a variety of ways, both in person and virtually.

- In person board interactions (opportunities and constraints)
- Online survey responses (opportunities and constraints)
- Paper comment forms
- Online map comments
- Tabletop map comments
- Email comments
- Hotline calls

What we heard



- Communication
- Residence
- Routing
- Land Use
- Environmental
- Agriculture
- Recreation
- Engineering
- Cultural
- Construction
- Water Resources
- Aesthetics
- Planned Development
- Health and Safety
- Transportation
- Out building
- Easement
- Business
- Veg Management
- Topography



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