

# Longwood to Lakeshore Project Update – Fall 2023



Hello,

With the changing of the seasons, we wanted to take an opportunity to provide an update on the Longwood to Lakeshore Project. As you may recall from our communications last spring, this is a new project that includes two new single-circuit 500kV transmission lines between our Longwood Transmission Station (TS) in Strathroy-Caradoc to our Lakeshore TS in Lakeshore.

## Project planning

Earlier this year, we kicked off the planning for the project with an Environmental Assessment (EA). In Ontario, the *Environmental Assessment Act* and its regulations ensure environmental effects are taken into consideration for all phases of a project. This process is designed to assess the existing natural, economic, social, and cultural environment and identify mitigation measures to address potential effects prior to construction.

In March and April, we hosted our first round of community open houses, both in-person and virtual. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared feedback and questions. A copy of the information shared at our open houses and interactive map of the project area can be found by visiting [HydroOne.com/Longwood-to-Lakeshore](https://HydroOne.com/Longwood-to-Lakeshore).

## Route alternatives and what's next

Currently, we are still in the process of identifying route alternatives for the new project which includes the in-depth study of initial technical and environmental information. As part of this, we consider input received from the community and technical stakeholders including municipalities, conservation authorities and agriculture groups.

We anticipate sharing the routes that will be studied further in early 2024, and will update those on our project contact list and those in the study area to encourage feedback which will support the selection of the preferred routes.



We have also started some field work within the Route Selection Study Area, including a fall bird migration survey as shown in the photo on the left. This is one example of the field studies that will be used in the evaluation of the alternative routes, once identified.

## Stay in touch

We will provide updates as the project progresses and we encourage you to share your feedback. If you have any questions or would like to share any comments, connect with us at 1.877.345.6799 or [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com).

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