

Duke Energy Craggy-Enka Reliability Project

Meeting the Growing Energy Needs of the Region



Duke Energy is committed to providing safe, reliable and increasingly clean energy to better serve the Asheville region.

About the Craggy-Enka Reliability Project

Over the past 20 years, the Asheville region has grown and so has the need for reliable energy. That's why we're making important energy grid improvements to reliably power homes, schools and businesses in this region now and in the years ahead. The Craggy-Enka Reliability Project is an important part of our plan to improve service to customers by upgrading 9 miles of transmission lines along an existing right of way.

Project Description

By using an existing corridor that contains electrical poles and wires – otherwise known as the right of way – from the Craggy substation, off Olivette Road, to the Enka substation, near Sardis Road, we can make vital transmission upgrades while minimizing the impact to the surrounding community and environment. This includes:

- Upgrading equipment at several substations, including Craggy, Enka and Monte Vista, to increase capacity and improve reliability
- Upgrading an existing 9-mile transmission and adding a new 230-kilovolt transmission line within the existing right of way in western Buncombe County
- Remove and replace the existing wood H-frame structures with weathering steel single poles (monopoles) to hold both lines. See photo above.
- The new monopoles holding both lines will have an average height of just over 100 feet and will provide stronger, more resilient support for the lines.

Benefits to the Community

The Craggy-Enka Reliability Project will improve the reliability and resiliency of the energy supply in the Asheville area. The new configuration will help avoid outages and speed restoration when an outage does occur – especially during periods of severe weather and high customer demand for electricity. The project will also significantly increase the electric transmission capacity serving the area without the need to develop a new transmission corridor.

Project Updates

Duke Energy is committed to keeping the public updated on project developments and construction activities. Please use the contact information below to let us know if you have questions or concerns. Visit our website for a virtual open house and interactive map of the project location. For ongoing project updates, please text ASHEVILLE to 71729* or visit our website.

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Key Project Dates



There may be lulls between phases, and weather delays could affect the timing of the construction activities.

Project Map

