

**Lebanon Hills Transmission Line Project - Open House**  
**Tues., 11/28, 5-7pm**  
**Eagan City Hall, 3830 Pilot Knob Rd., Eagan**

Great River Energy (GRE) and Dakota Electric Association will host an open house meeting to collect public input on the proposed rebuild of a 1.35-mile-long transmission line and conversion of the Lebanon Hills Substation to 115 kV. *No formal presentation is planned -- you are welcome to attend at anytime.*

### Potential Impacts to Lebanon Hills

(1) As part of the upgrade, approximately 0.85 miles of existing power lines will be rebuilt within the boundaries of Lebanon Hills. GRE is requesting a new easement along this corridor.

- The power lines originate from a substation near the Cliff/Dodd intersection and travel west approximately .85 miles within park boundaries along Cliff Rd.
- Currently this line is *permitted* to be on Dakota County Park property -- Dakota County owns the land and is responsible for land management along the corridor.
- With the proposal, GRE is requesting an *easement* along this corridor -- GRE would own the land and be responsible for land management along the corridor.
- Upon completion of the upgrade, several miles of existing 69 kV transmission lines will be retired -- including potentially a north-south line through Lebanon Hills.



*Transmission lines to be rebuilt and requested location of new easement along Cliff Rd.*

(2) In lieu of easement payment, GRE in partnership with Xcel Energy will commit to provide to Dakota County Parks:

- A native prairie specialist to establish native, pollinator friendly habitat within the transmission line easement area.
- Removal of the existing Xcel Energy transmission line which runs through the park from Cliff Road south to 120th Street West. The removal will consist of all above ground infrastructure, and the release of the associated easements" — *which means ownership of that 1-mile corridor will be granted back to Dakota County Parks.*



*Existing transmission lines along north-south easement through Lebanon Hills.*

### Our Conclusion

It would be in the best interest of Lebanon Hills Regional Park if the following conditions are met:

- The easement being requested should only be considered as conditional upon the current easement (from Cliff Rd. to 120th St. W) formally being granted back to Dakota County Parks, including removal of the existing infrastructure and the landscape restored as determined by the Park Natural Resources Department.
- Documentation for this new easement along Cliff Rd. must include language which defines land management for that corridor as determined by the Natural Resources Department.
- The new easement should not compromise the greenway bike trail as per the recently approved Central Greenway Connectivity Study— in particular, the utility easement must not create a need to relocate the greenway through the park.