

## 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

Approximately 0.85 miles of existing power lines will be rebuild within the boundaries of Lebanon Hills. The power lines originate from a substation near the Cliff/Dodd intersection and travels west approximately .85 miles along the south border of Cliff Rd. before turning north.

- 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.

*Existing power lines adjacent to the south border Cliff Road. The proposed project includes a request for an easement, instead of a permit, along this corridor.*



At the Nov. 7 Physical Development Meeting, a representative from GRE introduced this project to the Dakota County Board. As part of the presentation, it was suggested that in lieu of an 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 as part of Lebanon Hills Regional Park.**

*The existing easement through Lebanon Hills, potentially would have the power lines removed, the land restored, and ownership granted to Dakota County Parks.*



### Our Conclusion

In the best interest of Lebanon Hills—the new easement being requested should be conditional upon the current easement (from Cliff Rd. to 120th St. W) being granted back to Dakota County Parks, including removal of the existing infrastructure as stated in the Nov. 7 presentation, and the landscape restored as determined by Dakota County Parks Natural Resources Department. In addition, documentation for the new easement south of Cliff Rd. must include language which defines land management for that corridor as determined by the natural resources department. ***With these two conditions met, this project would be beneficial to Lebanon Hills.***