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## Franklin County Line Upgrade Project - Community Update

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## Franklin County Line Upgrade Project Community Update

Hello Cheryl,

We're pleased to share the latest updates on the Franklin County Line Upgrade Project. With the work now about halfway complete, we'll highlight what's been accomplished so far and what's ahead. Thank you for your ongoing patience and collaboration throughout this important project. As always, we value our neighbors' input and encourage you to please reach out if you have any questions or concerns about the project.

Sincerely,

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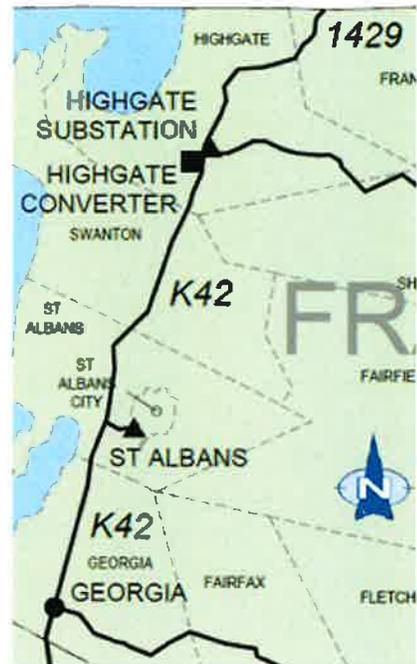
Construction work is taking place in phases, beginning in the southern section and moving north.

## **Southern Section**

Georgia to St. Albans

## **Northern Section**

St. Albans to Highgate



## **Progress to Date**

We have completed installation of the southern segment of line from VELCO's Georgia substation to VELCO's St. Albans Tap facility. Crews are currently working on restoration in this area, including removal of retired materials and construction matting, as well as seeding and mulching affected areas among other things. We anticipate completing most of the southern segment restoration by the end of the year.

Work is also underway on the northern line segment, from VELCO's St. Albans Tap facility to VELCO's Highgate Substation. Drilling and new access construction is complete as of mid-September 2025. New pole installation will continue through mid-December 2025. Conductor wire installation (or "pulling") will begin in January of 2026, except for one section crossing I-89 (between Bachand Road and Woods Hill Road), which will be completed in October 2025. While crews will remain active through the fall and early winter, construction activity will be lighter during October, November and December. We anticipate line installation in the northern segment to be completed by June 2026, with restoration work completed in fall 2026.

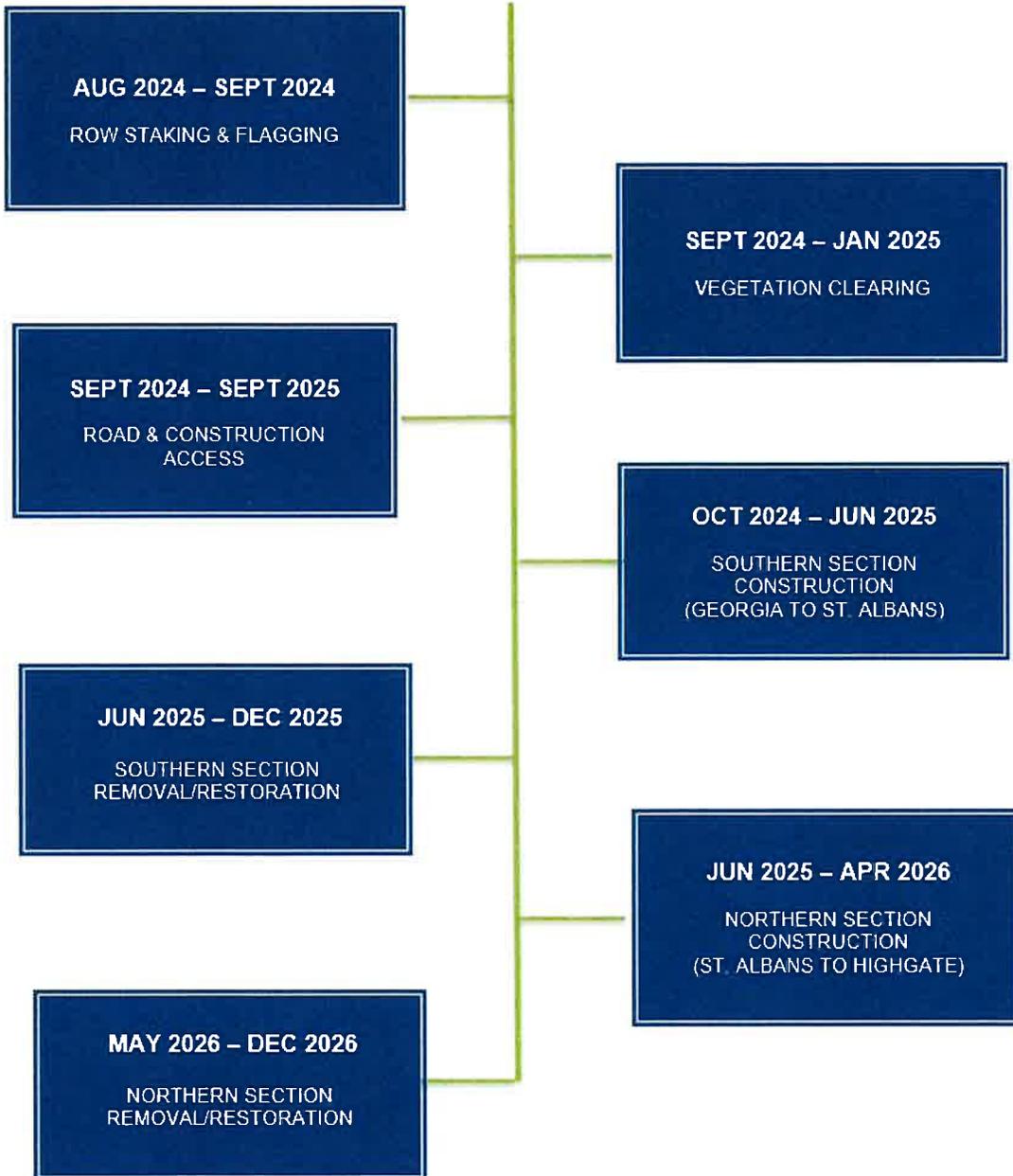
We ask that you please continue to leave any ribbons or signage on your property in place through the remainder of the project. Our crews will remove ribbons and signs as we complete our work.



The southern section of the line from Georgia to St. Albans was successfully energized earlier this year. Restoration work has begun and will continue through the end of the year.

## **Construction Timeline**

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## Right-of-Way Planting and Conditional Use Guidance

VELCO provides a **Plant Compatibility List** to guide landowners in selecting tree and shrub species that are safe to plant near transmission lines. When planning any planting, it's important to consider the



growth rate and mature height of species to avoid conflicts with transmission infrastructure.

VELCO also has guidelines for conditional uses of our transmission corridors, which may be considered and approved by VELCO engineers and managers. The first step is to contact a VELCO Real Estate & Right-of-Way representative to discuss preliminary plans—call 802.770.6357 or email [row@velco.com](mailto:row@velco.com). After this consultation, a formal request can be submitted following the procedures in VELCO's **Electric Transmission Right-of-Way Usage Policy**. During the review, we may request revisions or additional documentation. Based on our evaluation, VELCO will determine whether the requested use is permitted, outline any conditions, or explain the reasons for denial.

To ensure safe and compliant use of the right-of-way, please review the guidelines on the website and contact us before beginning any work.

**Visit website**

## Mapping Resources Available

To help the public visualize the project, VELCO has an interactive website, which is best viewed on a laptop or desktop computer. Two visualizations are available below. A guided tour that allows you to select your town of interest and then click the left and right arrows to navigate forward (north) and backward (south) along the line. Or you can explore the 3D model and search for a specific location. Please note that load times for the 3D model may vary depending on internet connections and viewing device. These models may not represent the final structure location and design. A Project Overview Map Book is also available to see construction plan details.



**3D Visualization & Guided Tour**  
Select your town of interest, and click the left & right arrows to navigate forward and backward along the line.



**Explore the 3D Model**  
Navigate the 3D model and search for a specific location.



### **Project Overview Map Book**

**Review access routes and points, pole locations, access route types (matting, stone, overland). VELCO crews use this map on a day-to-day basis to execute construction work within and along the ROW.**



### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Learn more about the project with these frequently asked questions.

**[Click here for more information](#)**



### **Rob Naramore, ROW Specialist**

Meet Rob Naramore, your dedicated right-of-way specialist for the Franklin County Line Upgrade. If you have any questions or concerns about how this project might affect your property, please don't hesitate to contact Rob.

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### **Contact Information**

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We need to do everything we can to ensure you are kept informed on our work. It is important to us and we will continue to provide project updates. A project website is available at **[www.velco.com/fclu](http://www.velco.com/fclu)** where more project information can be

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found. Please reach out if you have any questions and/or suggestions on how we can make our future community updates better.

**Thank you!**

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