

# Welcome

#### White Oak Electric Transmission Project Community Meeting # 2

Elko Middle School Nov. 17, 2022 6-8 p.m.

### Agenda





- Welcome
- Project Update approximately 20-30 minutes
- Open House Style until 8 p.m. (there will be no formal Q&A Session)

\* The presentation will be recorded and placed on our website.

#### **Our Commitment**

- Explain project information clearly
- Listen and learn from the community
- Be respectful of questions and concerns from the community
- Act in the interest of our customers and neighbors

Thank you for being here









# White Oak Project



- Growth in the area has created the need for new substations
- North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) requires a new transmission line to support the growth
- New 230 kilovolt (kV) line must connect our White Oak Substation to an existing 230 kV line



# **Project Updates**



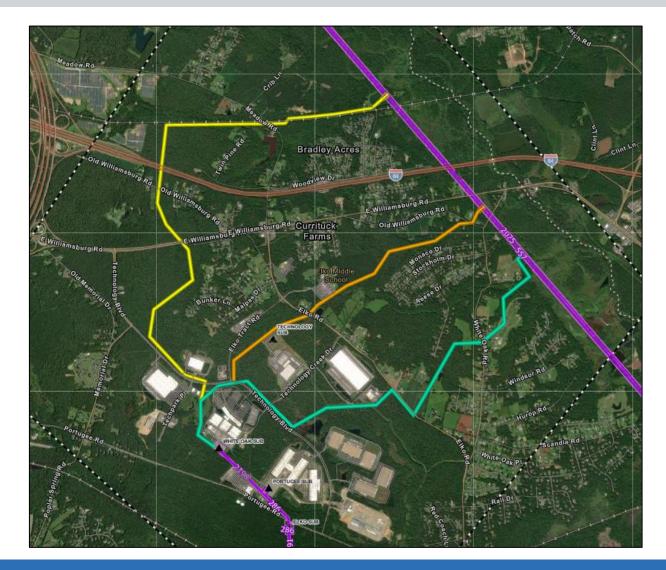
In September 2022, three overhead options were under consideration, and one hybrid option (overhead and underground)

Route adjustments have been made based on feedback

#### **Key Updates:**

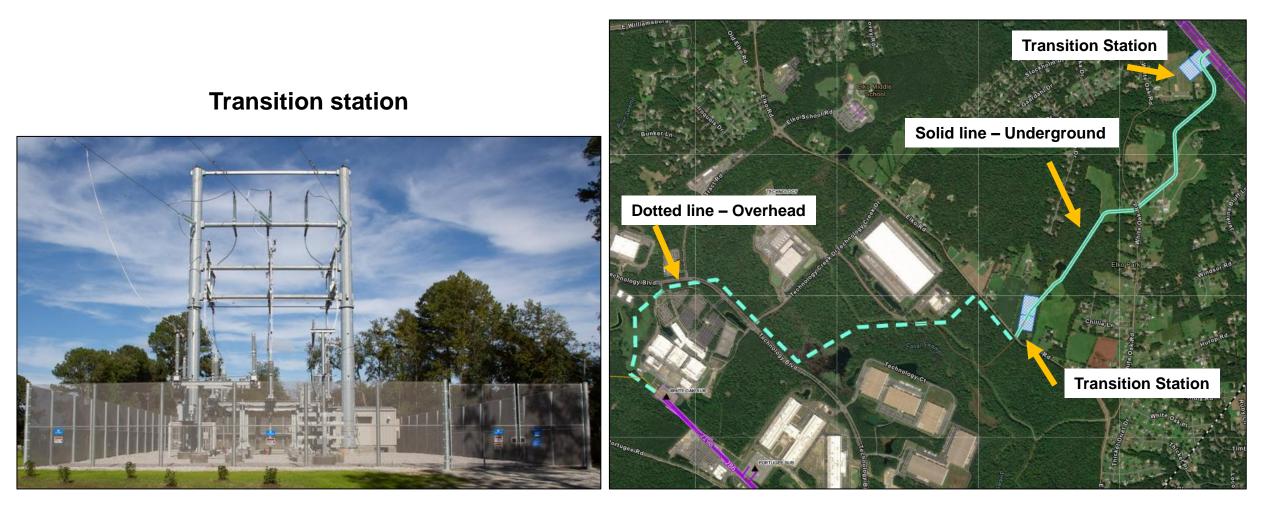
1. Hybrid option has been removed from consideration

2. Route 4 has been added



### Hybrid Option: Removed from Consideration





#### Actions Speak Louder®

# **New Routing Option: Route 4**

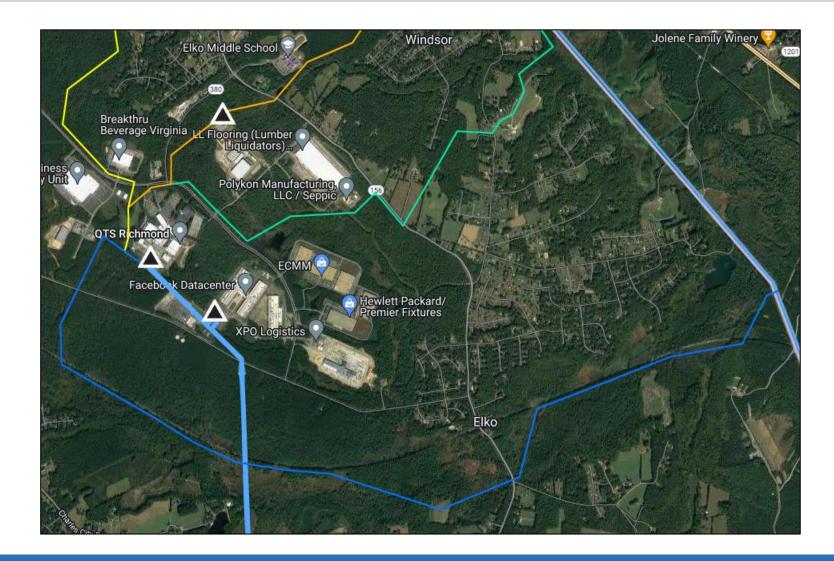


#### **Benefits**:

- Fewer residential areas crossed
- Parallels railroad

#### Challenges:

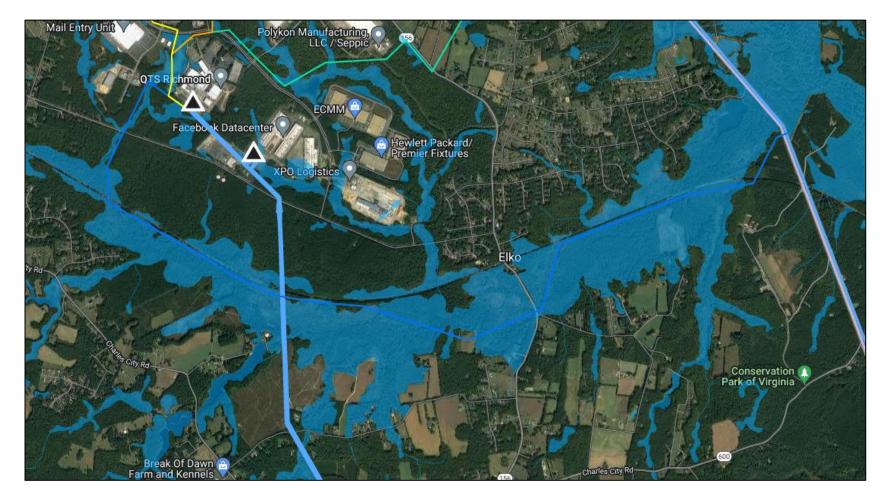
- Wetlands
- Swamp Pink
- Electrical challenges crossing existing line



#### Wetlands



- 66 percent of Route 4 is positioned in wetlands
- Approximately 52.59 acres of permanent wetland impacts
- High cost associated with mitigation
- Wetland credit availability



#### Swamp Pink

- Swamp pink (*Helonias bullata*) has been documented in the White Oak Swamp near Route 4
- Federally threatened plant protected by the Endangered Species Act
- Previous swamp pink survey reports show two significant swamp pink populations in wetlands associated with White Oak Swamp, located just north of the railroad and south of Portugee Road
- The route would have the potential to affect suitable swamp pink habitat found in White Oak Swamp





### **Proposed Structures**



- Monopole
   Structures
- Weathering Steel or Galvanized Steel
- Average height: 110 ft.

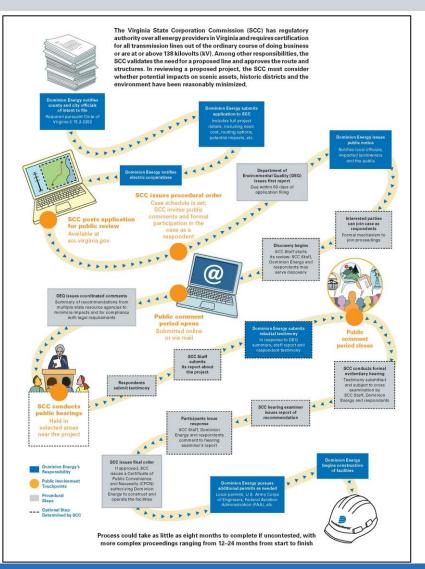


# SCC Process



- Dominion Energy files application with SCC
  - Application available on project website and SCC.virginia.gov
- SCC issues a procedural order
  - Link available on project website
  - $\circ~$  Explains how and when public can participate
- Public comment period opens
- SCC conducts public hearings
- Public comment period closes
- SCC conducts formal evidentiary hearing
- Hearing Examiner Report
- SCC issues final order
- If approved, Dominion Energy will pursue remaining permits needed to begin construction









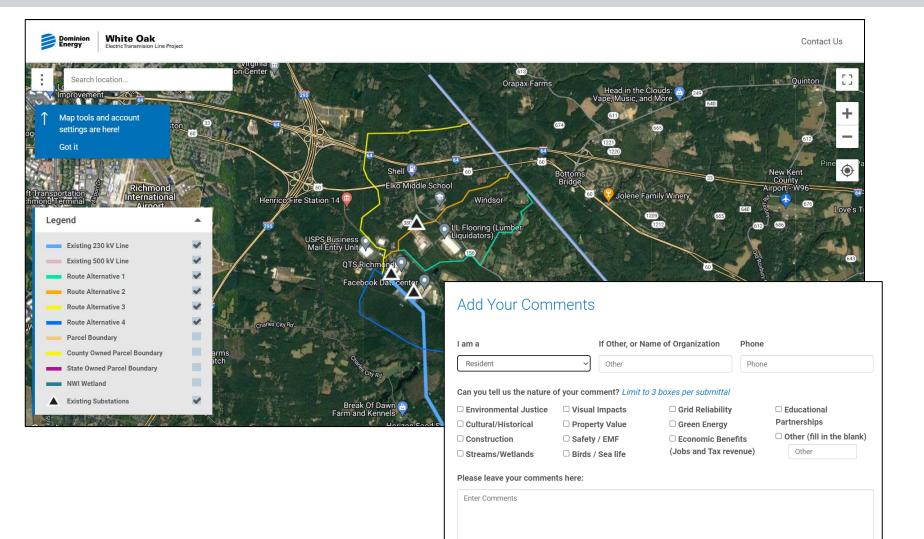
August 2022	Project announcement, public engagement begins
Sept. 15, 2022	Community Meeting #1
Nov. 17, 2022	Community Meeting #2
Late 2022	<ul> <li>File application with SCC</li> </ul>
Late 2023	Requested SCC approval date
2024	<ul> <li>Finalize engineering/ permitting</li> </ul>
Early 2025	Anticipated construction start date

\* This schedule is subject to change based on permits, etc.

# GeoVoice and Sharing Feedback



- DominionEnergy.com/whiteoak
- Interactive mapping tool
- Evolves as routing options are refined
- Add comments, provide input or share insight on the location of important personal concerns or natural and historical resources
- Track project development and receive updates



#### Thank you

The meeting will now transition to open house format.

Have questions after the meeting?

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