## LG&E / KU Transmission Vegetation Management Program

FAC – 003 – 4 Transmission Vegetation Management

• To maintain a reliable electric transmission system by using a defense-in-depth strategy to manage vegetation located on transmission rights of way (ROW) and minimize encroachments from vegetation located adjacent to the ROW, thus preventing the risk of those vegetation related outages that could lead to cascading.

#### 2017 & 2018 PSC Rate Case Incorporation

• Between January 2012 and June 2016, tree interference caused 19% of transmission outages. These outages were caused by trees falling into lines. A significant percentage of additional momentary outages were caused from brush undergrowth, limbs and trees swaying into and making temporary contact with our lines resulting from narrow corridors and overgrown rights of ways. These situations are especially vulnerable to these types of outages. To reduce outages and improve the overall reliability to our customers, the companies created a cycle based Integrated vegetation management program. Integrated Vegetation Management is considered an industry standard.

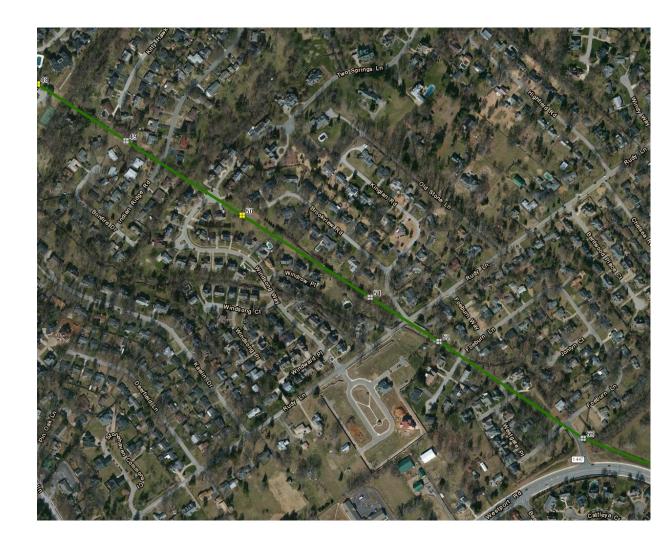
LGE/KU Transmission Vegetation Management Implementation

- Cycle Based Maintenance
- Establishes Wire Zone / Border Zone Approach to maintain Transmission Rights of Ways
- Implementation of Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM)
- Customer Experience and Mitigation Program

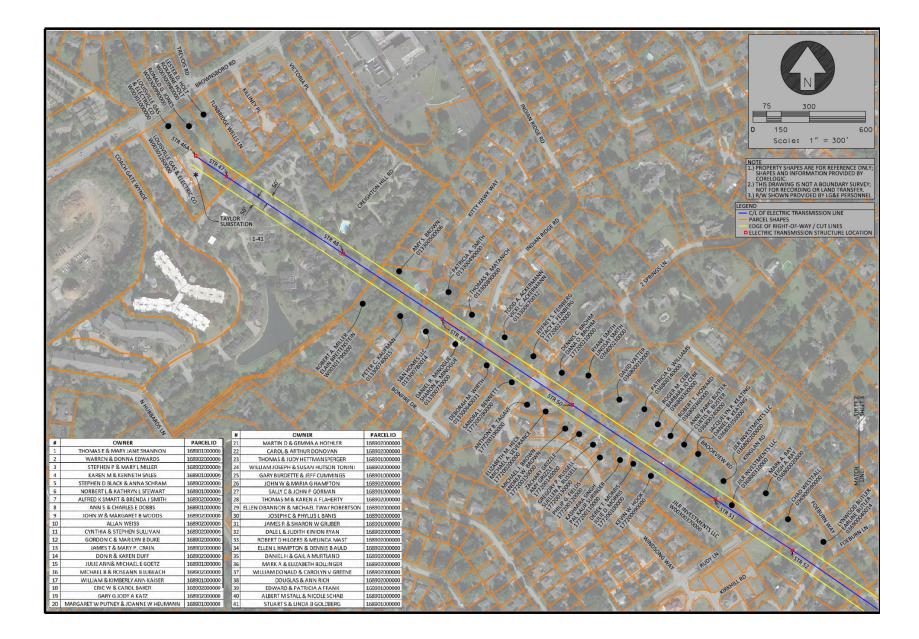


### Windy Hills Project Overview

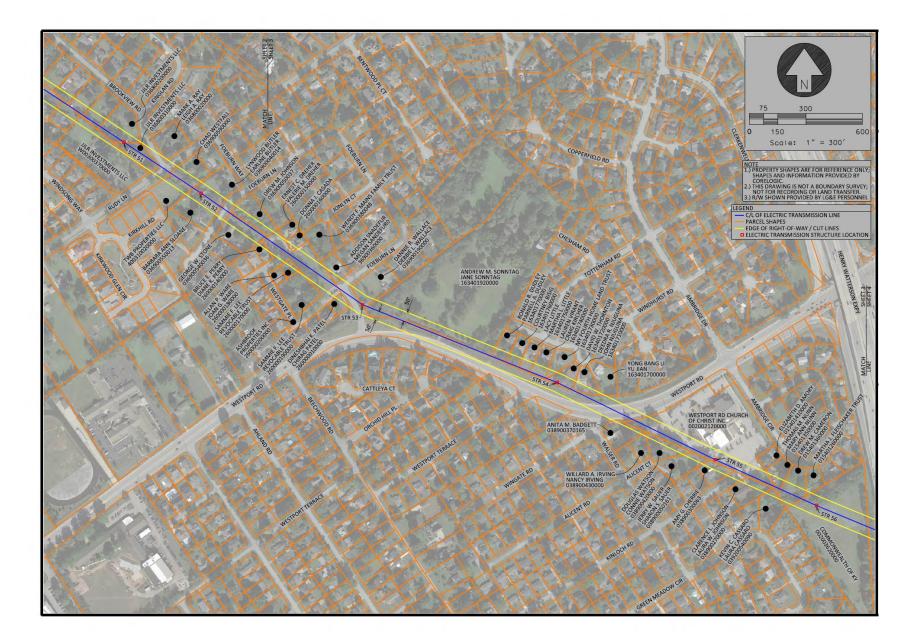
- ~.73 Line Miles
- ~48 Homeowners / Customers
- Project Impacts
  - 100ft. Easement
  - 82ft. Removal Cut Line (Wire Zone)
  - Trim Remaining Trees (Border Zone)
    - If more than 30% of tree is removed, tree may be removed if it is determined it will create a hazard for line or homeowner
  - Assess Border Trees for Health
    - Make determination on risk based to trim or remove













# **Communications & Customer Experience**

- Letters to affected property owners

   Includes Property owners whom views are affected
- Arborist to visit each customer to explain process following letter distribution
- Compatible Yard Trees 10' Foot Maximum Grow Height at Maturity
  - Bushes and Shrubs will remain
- Tree Mitigation Plan
  - Project specific due to extraordinary nature
  - Yard Trees Removed = \$250 per tree (max \$1,500)
  - Wooded Areas = \$1,500 per acre
- Dedicated project phone number and email address
- Customer Experience Survey



## **Project Timeline**

- Property Owner Letters = June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Arborist Door Knocking = June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Surveying (Cut Line Staking) = June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Contractor Mobilization =
- Expected Completion =

August 10<sup>th</sup>

June 25<sup>th</sup>

