

Environmental stewardship

At Duke Energy, we are committed to protecting and responsibly managing natural resources. We feel this is essential in contributing to a cleaner environment and the quality of life in the communities we serve.

As part of the development of any transmission project, Duke Energy consults with the *United States Fish & Wildlife Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, including the NC Division of Water Resources and the NC Division of Land Quality, and the NC Natural Heritage Program.*

Overhead transmission lines can be sited and built to span many environmentally sensitive areas without directly impacting them. For example, overhead transmission lines are able to span streams, rivers and wetlands, although streams and wetlands are avoided as much as possible to ensure these environments are not disturbed during construction and operation.

Duke Energy also surveys the right-of-way areas for rare plant species and avoids areas where these grow. Employees follow the optimal survey window for North Carolina's federally threatened and endangered plant species.

Our employees developed a successful assessment process to identify and protect endangered species and their habitats, including the bald eagle, American alligator, red knot, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's sparrow, Eastern painted bunting, mimic glass lizard, Carolina gopher frog, southern hognose snake and the piping plover in eastern North Carolina.

Duke Energy supports community efforts in environmental education, protection and conservation and engages in partnerships that address common issues and promote sound public policy.

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