

Open House FAQs

When will the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) work begin?

→ HDD site prep and mobilization of equipment will begin on October 3rd. HDD drilling will begin in November.

How deep will the cables be buried along the landfall and onshore route?

→ The cable depth under the beach will be approximately 80 feet. Onshore cables will be buried a minimum of three feet beneath existing roads and other rights-of-way like a typical underground utility.

How will snow removal be taken care of near the work area on Beach Lane?

→ Snow removal will be handled by the Town except for along the access road and HDD work zone where the project will be responsible.

How long will the vessel be visible for?

→ The larger offshore jack-up vessel associated with the HDD work will arrive in early November and is planned up through early March. The vessel has been selected to maximize the working ability associated with the weather to ensure we are able to perform the work needed as quickly as possible compared with a smaller vessel or a series of vessels operating together. The vessel includes accommodations which enables the crew to stay out and therefore is less dependent on crew transits which are largely influenced by weather conditions offshore and also logistic arrangements.

A cable laying vessel will arrive in early March to offload the cable that will be pulled into the HDD conduit and onshore to Beach Lane. This vessel will be off the Wainscott Beach for a few days as it starts its cable laying out to the windfarm. There will be several support and scout vessels for each phase of the project.

How long will construction last on Beach Lane?

→ Construction activities are planned through April 30, 2023 with a two-week extension only if needed to May 15th. Restoration activities including paving the entire roadway are scheduled for April 2023. If time is insufficient, it will occur after October 1st of 2023.

Will onshore construction have any impact on the water supply?

→ No – drinking water supply will not be affected. the only water encountered to date has been at the TJB vault on Beach Lane. This vault may have filled with groundwater and runoff water since installed this spring. If so when we pull in the export cable from offshore and perform the splicing to the onshore cable, the water will be pumped into tanks, tested, treated, and disposed in a public wastewater treatment facility out of Town.

How will the sound be mitigated?

→ The project will be erecting a sound wall varying in height from 8 to 16-feet along the west side of the HDD work zone to mitigate the noise levels.

Will the area along the cable route be revegetated?

→ Yes, areas along the route, including property used for the laydown process will be revegetated/restored and the paved road fully surfaced.