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### **Lindbergh/Phillips High Voltage Project Update**

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your patience as we continue upgrading the Lindbergh/Phillips High Voltage Distribution line in your neighborhood. While the primary rebuild is complete in most areas, our work will continue through the summer. Please contact me, Derek Nofz, with any concerns.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

##### **Project Timeline**

We've completed the primary rebuild of the Lindbergh/Phillips HVD line along Broadway and will continue construction along Whites/Parkview moving east. Primary construction will be completed on the line in early June 2020. Several additional activities will take place over the spring and summer including stump removal and restoration. **The project is scheduled to be fully completed in fall 2020.**

##### **COVID-19**

The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented circumstances for our company, customers and state. Our number one priority at Consumers Energy is the safety of both our co-workers and customers. We have taken all precautionary measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state of Michigan as well as creating our own protocols to keep our co-workers and customers safe.

**Some of these precautions have caused our working methods to change, which has slowed our work in some cases.** We have also encountered obstacles with procuring materials, creating construction delays. We thank you for your patience as we work through these unprecedented times. As we practice social distancing while going about our work, we also ask that you keep at least 6 feet away from members of our crews.

##### **Restoration**

We continue to move forward with property restoration efforts, including areas where stump removal will occur. **The plan is to procure all materials (primarily fill dirt) and equipment prior to starting the job so we can move through the entire neighborhood quickly and efficiently. Obtaining the fill dirt has been one of the supply chain challenges presented by the Covid-19 epidemic.**



## **MISS DIG**

Once all restoration supplies are procured, restoration work will be scheduled and MISS DIG will arrive. If you're planning digging projects this spring, please call MISS DIG at **8-1-1** before you begin or visit [MISSDIG.org](http://MISSDIG.org). At this time, MISS DIG is asking that all non-essential projects are postponed until after May 15 to comply with the current Stay At Home order issued by Gov. Whitmer.

## **New Poles**

Regarding the mounded dirt around the new poles: this is a normal practice that allows the dirt to settle over time. Typically waiting approximately one year a freeze/thaw cycle, will enable the dirt to settle completely. Once the dirt has settled grass may be planted.

## **Communications Equipment**

The old poles will be removed once telecommunications companies have finished transferring their equipment to the new poles. We notify the companies of the change and necessary work, but we can't move their equipment.

## **Right-of-Way Trees**

If you have questions about replacing trees along the city right-of-way, please call 3-1-1 or visit the City of Kalamazoo's [Forestry website](#).

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