

# Activities in Ag Lands

**Greentown-Reynolds**  
Electric System Improvement Project



*Where transmission lines span agricultural lands, NIPSCO and Pioneer Transmission work closely with property owners to protect their farmland while maintaining the right-of-way (ROW) for utility transmission and distribution uses.*

## WORKING IN CROP AND PASTURE LANDS

As NIPSCO and Pioneer Transmission work to improve the transmission system to better serve customers, we may need to temporarily work in crop and pasture lands located within the right-of-way (ROW). In some instances, this may affect ongoing agricultural activities in and around the ROW. While easement agreements typically grant rights to clear vegetation that may interfere with construction, operation or maintenance of the transmission system, we are committed to being good neighbors and partners. As such, we will work closely with landowners and tenants to minimize agricultural impacts.

## SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS

Construction will only begin after the necessary approvals and permits are secured. During construction, local communities and landowners shall be kept informed of activities such as right-of-way clearing, traffic from construction equipment, possible road closure, lay-down areas for materials and supplies and other issues that may raise concerns.

Whenever possible, reasonable efforts are made to coordinate the schedule of construction-related activities around the growing and harvest seasons to minimize the impacts on agricultural operations. When this is not possible, NIPSCO and Pioneer Transmission pursue reasonable measures to mitigate impacts.

## RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTORATION

NIPSCO and Pioneer Transmission will restore construction and maintenance damage caused along the transmission route in a responsible and consistent manner. Restoration will include the removal of all construction related materials and the restoration of ruts and depressions. Disturbed agricultural lands shall be restored to the pre-construction contours using stockpiled topsoil or bringing in new topsoil where the original topsoil was either lost or substantially mixed with existing subsoils.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE OR OTHER LOSSES

We work closely with landowners to develop and implement construction and maintenance methods that minimize or prevent damages. If a landowner believes construction and other project-related activities have caused property damage or other losses, the owners should contact their project representative.



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