

# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDHIP

## PROTECTING OUR WETLANDS



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Helping preserve and protect wetland areas within our service area is a core part of our commitment to environmental stewardship. Not only do we work closely with government agencies and others to maintain compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, but we also take a proactive approach to conservation and protection. We employ state-of-the-art wetland protection measures and technologies in much of our work to minimize our footprint and protect these sensitive habitats.

We maintain thousands of miles of energy infrastructure across our service area and, in some locations, we are required to build or maintain energy infrastructure near or within a wetland area. When this occurs, we take a number of steps to protect these environmentally sensitive areas, minimize our impact, and restore areas where work has been completed. When we design, build and operate our infrastructure and equipment,



our team of environmental experts uses the latest site assessment and planning techniques to protect the surrounding habitat.

When planning for new projects within regulated wetland areas, we obtain the appropriate permits from federal, state, regional and local agencies which helps further protect and preserve these locations.

By working closely with and following guidelines set by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as state, regional and local agencies, we regulate the amount of material that is introduced into any U.S. body of water, including wetlands. These efforts help us comply with strict requirements for avoiding, minimizing or mitigating wetland impacts.



## FOCUSING ON BEST PRACTICES

We employ best practices for construction and wetland protection methods when building, repairing or upgrading energy infrastructure located near or within wetlands areas. These include:

- Increasing the distance between utility poles to minimize those installed in wetlands
- Placing equipment to avoid in-wetland work
- Installing soil erosion controls, such as silt fencing, to prevent sediment from entering wetlands or waterways

- Using special equipment and technologies, such as equipment matting, sky-crane helicopters and horizontal directional drilling, to minimize disturbance in wetland areas

## PARTNERING FOR PROTECTION

As part of our ongoing commitment to protecting wetlands, we partner with dozens of environmental organizations. We sponsor and participate in a variety of programs aimed at restoring and protecting wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas. Many employees volunteer time helping clean up rivers and watershed areas at events throughout the year.

## WHAT ARE WETLANDS

Wetlands are areas where the ongoing presence of water determines the ecosystem. Composed of the soils, plants and wildlife that use the habitat, wetlands are valuable resources that provide numerous benefits for humans and wildlife. Well-known types of wetlands include swamps, marshes and bogs.



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