

Minnesota Valley Refuge Bluff Trail Impacted by Center Point Energy Project Work

The CenterPoint Energy Lyndale High Pressure 24-inch high pressure natural gas pipeline replacement project is being conducted this spring and summer on a narrow corridor of Refuge land under conditions of a Special Use Permit monitored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This utility corridor work will impact users on the Bluff trail at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Long Meadow Lake Unit between the Lyndale Avenue and Cedar Avenue Trailheads. The project is anticipated to run from March through early September.

Tree clearing has already begun on the Refuge in the narrow corridor where the pipeline is being replaced. CenterPoint Energy has contracted with Asplundh for the tree removal work. Some of the trees being removed are being recycled at Wood From the Hood (<http://woodfromthehood.com/>) and some smaller limbs are being given to neighbors for residential heat.

In addition, some of the wood is being chipped and used for temporary erosion control on the slopes of the river valley to protect water quality of the Refuge wetlands and reduce damage to the bluff lands. As part of the mitigation plan, CenterPoint will plant native tree species on the bluff lands and use a pollinator friendly seed mix for the herbaceous community restoration.

This is part of a much larger pipeline replacement project for CenterPoint Energy. For more information on CenterPoint Energy projects, please visit <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/community/inthecommunity/constructionzone/3b02f17b4a95b410VgnVCM10000026a10d0aRCRD/MN/>



Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, USGS, Intermap, increment P Corp., NRCAN, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri (Thailand), TomTom, MapmyIndia, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

