At Pepco, our purpose is delivering safe, reliable, and affordable energy to our customers and communities in Maryland and the District of Columbia. We are committed to managing, maintaining, and updating the existing electric system and planning for the future needs of our customers.

BACKGROUND
As part of our ongoing commitment to continuously improve reliability, we will replace 2.25 miles of distribution lines along existing Pepco right-of-way to make it more resilient. When completed, the project will benefit customers by providing increased protection to our distribution line in Montgomery County. This improvement will reduce the response time for outages and increase the reliability of the overall system.

OPERATION PROCESS: WHAT TO EXPECT
The distribution substation supply line improvement plan consists of three elements:
- Vegetation Management
- Installation of remotely managed, motor-operated disconnect switches
- Hardening of assets

PROJECT SCOPE AND TIMELINE*
This fall, we will start mobilization for the replacement of wooden distribution poles with stronger, steel poles. These upgraded poles are more resilient and are also considerably more damage-resistant than wood. The work will span approximately 2.25 miles and will take place between Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village. This upgrade project will take approximately nine months to complete with the majority of the work in public spaces and in our existing right-of-way.

September 2020 – May 2021: Replace wood poles with new steel poles in our right-of-way between Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village, crossing over I-270 and MD-355.

HOW THE PROJECT BENEFITS THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE
This work is part of our commitment to provide safe and reliable electric service to our more than 560,000 Maryland customers. As part of this promise, we’ve identified the need to replace and upgrade equipment such as wooden poles and circuits.

WE VALUE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
We welcome the opportunity to work with residents and business owners to gather feedback and input. We are committed to keeping customers informed every step of the way through the project webpage, community meetings, and social media. To find a community meeting in your neighborhood, please visit pepco.com.