

Environmental Stewardship



Overview

At Duke Energy, we are committed to responsibly protecting and managing natural resources. We feel this is essential for contributing to a cleaner environment and the quality of life in the communities we serve.

Overhead transmission lines can be sited and built to span many environmentally sensitive areas without directly impacting them. For example, overhead transmission lines may span streams, rivers and wetlands, although streams and wetlands are avoided as much as possible to ensure these environments are not disturbed during construction and operation. Additional steps during construction are meant to minimize disturbances and prevent erosion.

Duke Energy also surveys the rights of way areas for rare plant species and avoids areas where these species grow. Employees follow the optimal survey window for the area's federally threatened and endangered plant species.

Our environmental team developed a successful process to identify and protect endangered animal species and their habitats.

Duke Energy supports community efforts in environmental education, protection and conservation and engages in collaborations that address common issues and promote sound public policy.



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