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As part of our ongoing commitment to deliver reliable energy and superior service to customers, Eversource has contracted with qualified tree contractors to perform routine vegetation maintenance within our electric system rights of way in the Town of Newington. The work, which is scheduled to occur this year, is part of Eversource's continuing efforts to ensure reliable electric service to you and to thousands of homes and businesses throughout the region, especially during extreme weather events.

Why Tree Work is Important

- To protect the electric system, we remove tall-growing species from the right of way and cut branches extending into the right-of-way. These trees and branches pose a serious safety hazard, now or in the future, if they contact energized equipment.
- Vegetation contact with electric facilities my lead to power outrages that could impact thousands of electric customers. The clearing of trees and branches in and along the right of way will improve system performance, especially during severe weather events.

Work in Your Neighborhood:

The vegetation management work may include:

- Clearing of incompatible trees and/or removal of branches that are encroaching into the right of way.
- Removing tall-growing tree species that are incompatible to the transmission system, using manual climbing crew or mechanical tree-harvesting equipment, and tree-chipping machinery.
- Removal of vegetation within the cleared areas of the right of way, through cutting, mowing, and/or application of approved herbicides.

What You Can Expect

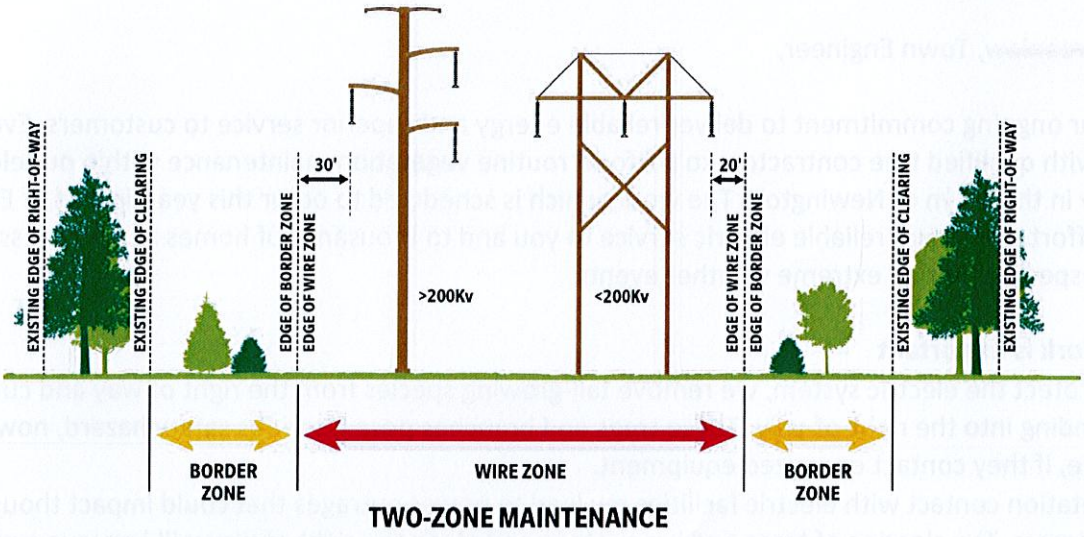
We want you to know that this work will not interrupt electric service to your community, and all people working in the area carry identification. Work hours will typically be 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday. Due to weather or other unexpected circumstances, from time to time crews may need to work longer hours or on a Sunday.

In certain areas, this vegetation management scope may be more than what has been experienced in the past.

Based on the width of the right-of-way, the type and number of transmission lines, the location of the lines within the right-of-way and the topography, Eversource employs a "one zone" or "two zone" vegetation maintenance method. This method establishes the following:

- **The wire zone** is the area directly under the transmission lines, extending out 20 to 30 feet outside the wires depending on voltage. Eversource manages the wire zone to promote a low-growing plant community dominated by grasses, flowers, ferns and small shrubs under 3 feet in height at maturity. Within this zone trees and brush are selectively removed to allow for the establishment and preservation of these native, low-growing plant communities in non-lawn areas. Only established compatible species with a mature height of 15 feet or less at maturity may be allowed to remain in the wire zone, depending on location. All other vegetation with a mature height of greater than 15 feet will be removed. Depending on the width of the right of way and the electric facilities within the right of way Eversource may determine an entire right of way to be a "one zone."
- **The border zone** is the area from outside the wire zone to the edge of the cleared area or the easement edge. In this zone, incompatible tall-growing trees are removed and native trees and shrubs that have a mature height of 25 feet or less may remain where possible.

The diagram illustrates a typical right-of-way condition. This work is occurring within the existing edge of clearing. Your neighborhood may have a different configuration of transmission structures.



TWO-ZONE MAINTENANCE

Eversource is using approved contractors to conduct this work. The work may be completed in several stages, or at various times during the year. Work may also be performed by different contractors depending on the scope of work required in the particular rights of way. Trimming and tree removal is performed throughout the year. Herbicide application may be used to treat cut tree stumps or stems throughout the year, and selective leaf treatment can be performed when leaves are present.

Always Working to Serve You Better

Keeping the lines of communication open is an important part of our work in your community. Please contact us with any questions you might have. If you have any questions concerning this work, please contact Marcia Wellman at 860.728.4547 or marcia.wellman@eversource.com.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while Eversource performs this important system reliability work.

Sincerely,

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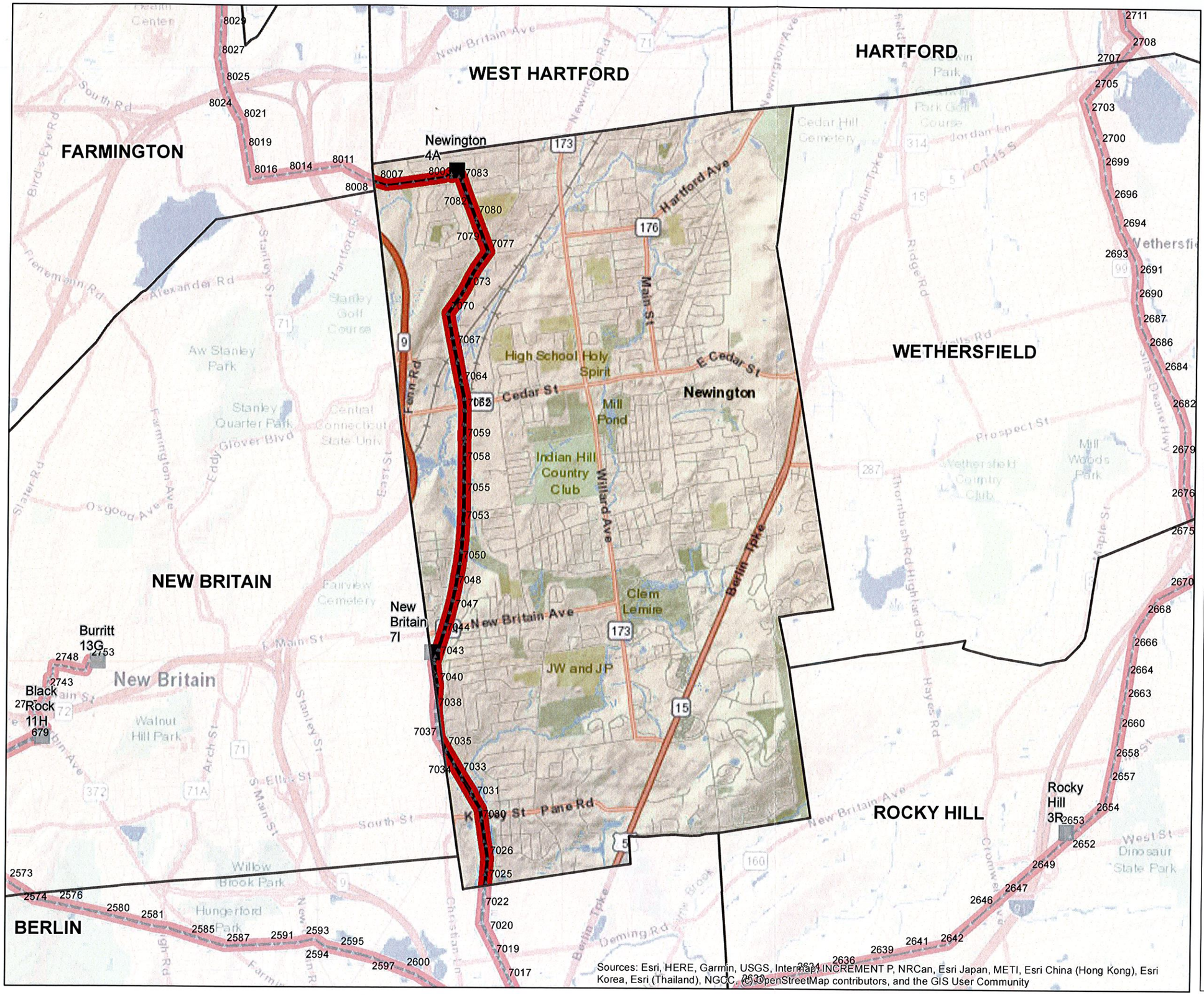

NEWINGTON

- Town Boundary
- Transmission Structures
- Transmission Spans
- Substations
- Transmission ROW

ROW Trimming in the town of NEWINGTON

5.32 miles

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