

Greenville County Reliability Project

South Carolina

Project background

In recent years, Piedmont Natural Gas has experienced increased demand for natural gas in the Greenville, S.C., area. The Greenville County Reliability Project provides the additional capacity needed to address this increased demand and continue providing affordable, reliable natural gas to the area. Our goal is to minimize the impact on property owners and the environment. We are taking many factors into consideration, including sensitive environmental areas, impacts on rare plant and animal species and landowner concerns and requests.

We are discussing the project with local officials, landowners, conservancy groups and others, making sure we listen to the many voices in the community. Our goal is to learn and then adjust the project to help ensure it takes community concerns into consideration while helping to meet the needs of natural gas customers.

Safety is our top priority

Our top priority is the safety of our customers, our communities and our natural gas system. We design multiple, reliable safety mechanisms into our natural gas infrastructure, we continually monitor system operation, and we maintain a rigorous maintenance schedule to help our system operate at the highest safety standards. Safety features include:

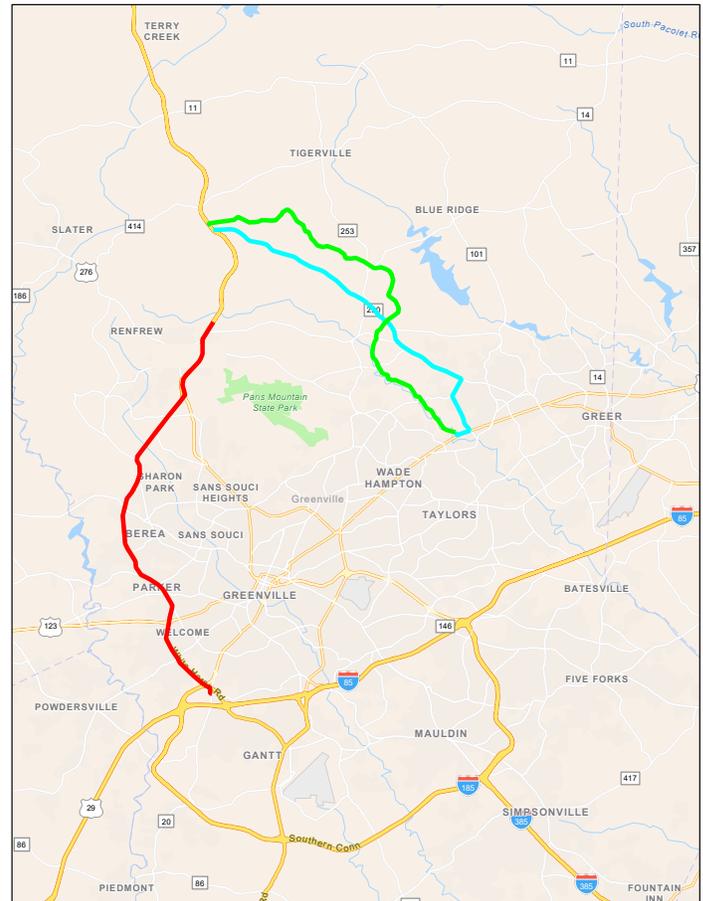
- Sophisticated, in-line inspection tools to monitor infrastructure
- Continuously monitoring the pipeline pressure from within a 24/7 staffed natural gas control facility
- Remote control shut-off valves to support maintenance activities and to shut off the natural gas supply, if needed

Who deserves access to natural gas?

The answer is everyone. We believe every home and business should have access to the same affordable, safe and reliable energy enjoyed by more than 1 million Piedmont Natural Gas customers across the Carolinas and Tennessee.

Proposed route options

The map below shows three proposed route options for the Greenville County Reliability Project.



- **Green:** Northernmost proposed route, presenting significantly fewer constructability challenges than all other routes (not along a Department of Transportation right of way)
- **Blue:** Proposed route runs along Highway 290 (DOT right of way)
- **Red:** Southernmost proposed route along Highway 25 (DOT right of way)
- Deviations from the routes are possible, based on considerations including stakeholder input and environmental and/or constructability concerns.

Facts about Piedmont Natural Gas

Natural gas is safe

- Natural gas utilities, including Piedmont Natural Gas, are subject to rigorous federal and state oversight for safety.
- The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is the federal regulatory agency responsible for the oversight of pipeline safety in the United States.

Recent growth is driving demand for natural gas

- Economic growth in the southern and central areas of the county is requiring more from our current infrastructure:
 - **92K+**: Number of Piedmont Natural Gas customers in Greenville County.
 - **498K+**: Population of Greenville County.
- This project is needed to increase capacity and ensure reliable natural gas service for all customers in Greenville County.

Easements and your land

- An easement is an agreement allowing Piedmont Natural Gas to construct infrastructure on a portion of your land, periodically accessible for routine inspections and maintenance.
- You retain control of your land with certain restrictions designed to protect the safety and integrity of the natural gas facilities on your land, and you may still use it for farming, grazing, recreation, gardening, hunting, etc.
- Piedmont Natural Gas will negotiate a fair price with you for use of your land.

Universities and industrial customers

- This project helps ensure Piedmont Natural Gas can continue serving large customers reliably, given recent growth and demand on our system.
- Piedmont Natural Gas already operates infrastructure serving North Greenville University and Furman University.

Protecting the environment

- We work diligently to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements.
- We complete extensive studies prior to the beginning of any construction activity.
- Our design process and construction teams focus on protecting cultural sites, sensitive areas and protected species.

Transparency

- We will hold a virtual meeting to share project information with impacted landowners and provide them with an opportunity to ask questions and get answers.

Piedmont in the community

- ☑ We want to be a good neighbor because we live and work here too.
- ☑ We will listen to your feedback and keep you informed about our work.
- ☑ We will treat you with respect and listen to your concerns.
- ☑ We will continue investing in this community.
 - Piedmont invests in more than 40 community-focused, charitable and economic development organizations serving Greenville County and the upstate.



Construction

Our goal is to minimize construction impacts, so much of our time is dedicated to planning and evaluating each step of the process, from pre-construction through completion. We will:

- Communicate with property owners to negotiate easements and discuss expectations before, during and after construction.
- Work closely with local communities to help safeguard pedestrian and traffic safety during construction.
- Restore our neighborhoods to their pre-construction condition, within acceptable parameters.
- Notify all property owners about upcoming field survey work via postcard or letter.

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