

# WHEATON NATURAL GAS PROJECT



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## Overview

We are installing two miles of natural gas line and a regulator station which regulates natural gas pressure in the Town of Wheaton and City of Eau Claire for the Wheaton Natural Gas Project. The natural gas line will be installed in County Road F, north of 30th Avenue in the Town of Wheaton and South of County Line Road in the City of Eau Claire.

This work is our commitment to system revitalization, allowing us to continue to provide you safe, reliable service. It also accommodates and supports growth and enhances resiliency during extreme cold weather.

## Schedule

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2022 and be completed in fall 2022. Please note that the project schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or other factors.

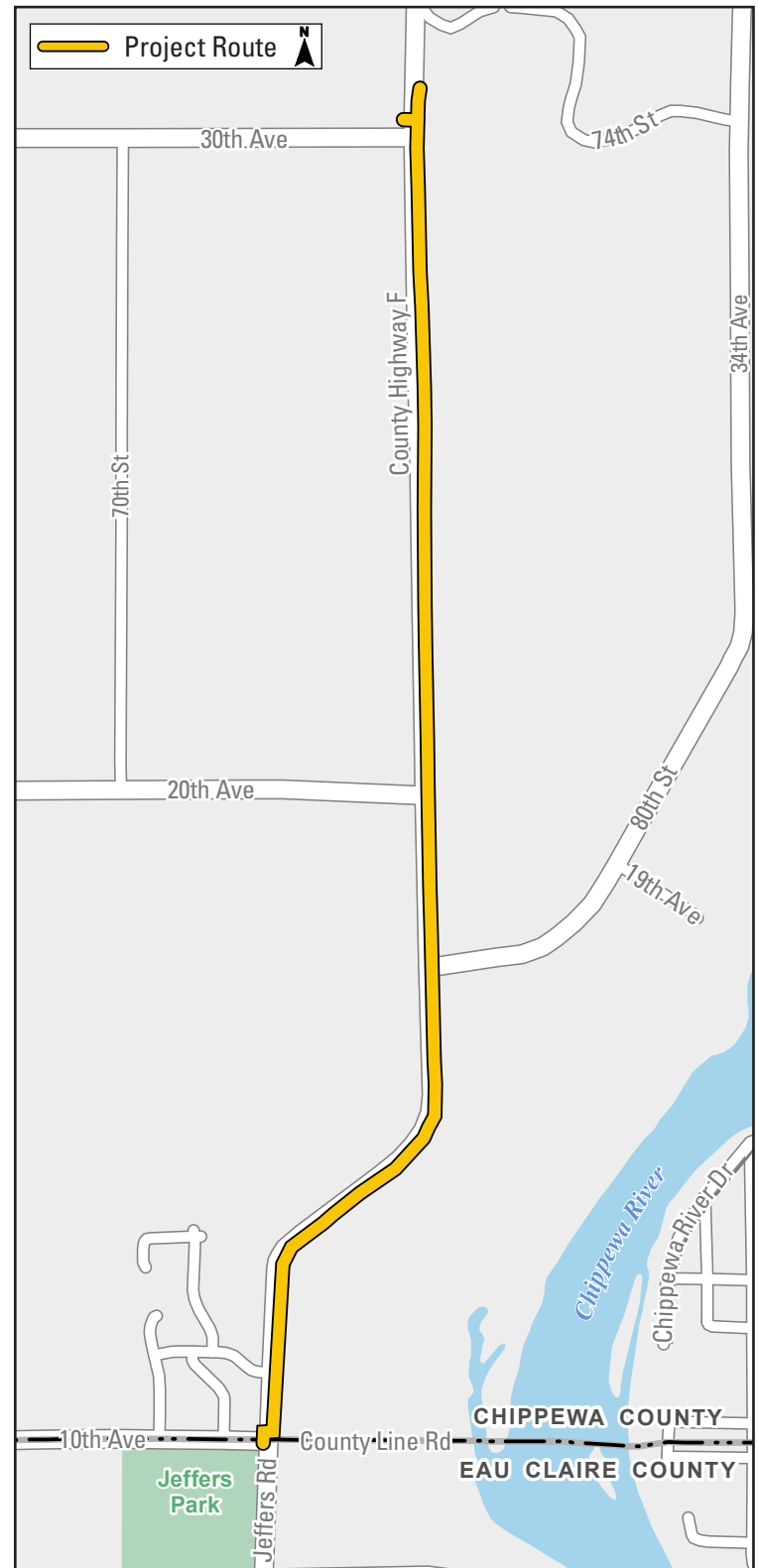
## Construction

We will install the natural gas line in two ways. Open trenching involves digging a trench and placing the line in the trench. Boring uses a bore machine to create an underground pathway through which the line is pulled or drilled.

During construction, you may notice:

- Marking of utility lines and utility survey holes.
- Road closures.
- Traffic control.
- Parking restrictions.
- Potential access changes.
- Construction noise.

We work to reduce construction-related inconveniences and will temporarily restore work areas following natural gas line installation. Final restoration will occur when conditions allow.



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## Safety overview

Public safety is at the foundation of all we do. The safety of the public around Xcel Energy's natural gas system influences every decision we make. We take a proactive approach to public safety by implementing safety measures before, during and after construction.

The project has been designed to meet federal and state standards and safety requirements for installing, maintaining and operating natural gas infrastructure.

## Learn to recognize a natural gas leak

If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, leave your home or business immediately. Once you are safely away, call **911**, then Xcel Energy at [800-895-2999](tel:800-895-2999).

It is important to know how to recognize potentially dangerous natural gas leaks, so use your senses. Signs of a natural gas leak include:

- A "rotten egg" or sulfur-like odor, although it may smell differently to you.
- Hissing, whistling or roaring sounds outside near the natural gas line or inside near an appliance.
- Dirt spraying into the air or continuous bubbling in a pond or creek.
- Unexplained dead or dying vegetation.

## Natural gas construction safety

During construction and installation of the natural gas line, we protect your safety by:

- Implementing a corrosion prevention system designed to eliminate metal loss.
- Verifying pipe weld integrity by an independent third party.

Once the natural gas line has been installed and prior to putting it into service, the following steps are taken:

- Internal inspection of the natural gas line with state-of-the-art equipment.
- Performance of internal pressure tests to verify the line's integrity.

During the lifetime of the natural gas line, the following occurs:

- Internal inspection of natural gas lines regularly with "in-line" inspection technology.
- Conduct annual hazard patrols and leak surveys.
- Continuous remote monitoring (24/7) of the natural gas line and facility operations by Xcel Energy's staffed gas control center.

## Call before you dig

A common cause of natural gas incidents results from improper or unauthorized digging near underground utilities. Prior to digging, call **811** or visit [diggershotline.org](http://diggershotline.org) to have buried utility lines located and marked.

Locating buried lines before digging prevents potentially dangerous natural gas conditions that result from digging into or nicking a buried gas line.



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