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## Community Briefing | Issue 6: Project Update

**The NEXUS team is committed to providing landowners and interested citizens with accurate and timely information about the NEXUS Gas Transmission pipeline project (NEXUS or Project).**

In addition to the many ways we already communicate with the public, we are providing a newsletter to help keep you informed. Through these newsletters, we seek to provide information regarding the company's safety practices, the importance of energy infrastructure, the reason and need for the Project, and the processes in place governing easement acquisition, certification, construction, operations, and maintenance of our facilities. Now that the pipeline has been placed into service, we want to provide you with important information about our ongoing community engagement efforts and upcoming restoration activities along the pipeline route. We hope that you find the information helpful and share it with your friends and neighbors who may also be interested in this project. If you have any questions about the Project, we encourage you to visit our website at [www.nexusgastransmission.com](http://www.nexusgastransmission.com).

**We are pleased to announce that NEXUS is operational and currently serving customers in Ohio, Michigan and Ontario.** The NEXUS facilities that were placed into commercial service in October 2018 included approximately 256-miles of 36-inch greenfield pipe and associated compression.

### Final Restoration

Crews are expected to return to complete final restoration of the NEXUS right-of-way in June 2019 once wet-soil conditions improve and allow for the work to be conducted. We appreciate your patience and understanding as it is imperative that restoration activities be done in the most optimal weather conditions. In the meantime, environmental inspectors will continue to monitor and maintain the NEXUS right-of-way. We anticipate that final restoration will be complete by Fall 2019.

Landowners with questions regarding final restoration activities are encouraged to call our Construction Hotline at (844) 589-3655.

### Restoration: Step by Step

We take numerous measures to minimize our long-term impact along our pipeline rights-of-way:

- Crews begin by removing equipment and construction debris, and de-compacting soil in farm fields while restoring rough grade;
- Next, crews pull separated topsoil back, seed, mulch, repair fences, and remove mats, bridges and access points;
- Environmental and utility crews will also be mobilized to respond to drainage issues that create access problems for farmers or landowners, public safety issues, or environmental compliance issues;
- Most restoration occurs within the first year following completion of construction. However, the process can take longer, depending on weather and other environmental impacts that may interrupt the restoration process.
- The initial phase involves a more visible presence of workers; crew sizes diminish as the work proceeds to completion.

Still have questions? Please call our [Construction Hotline](tel:844-589-3655) at (844) 589-3655.

### NEXUS Project Overview

**Project Scope:** Approximately 256 miles of new natural gas pipeline

**Location:** Ohio & Michigan

**Capacity:** 1.5 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d)

**Project Partners:** DTE Energy & Enbridge

**In-Service:** October 2018

**NEXUS Landowner Hotline:** (844) 589-3655

**FERC Landowner Helpline:** (877) 337-2237

**24 Hour Emergency Hotline:** (855) 329-1781



## Restoration and the Environment

After construction, our goal is to restore the NEXUS right-of-way to as close to pre-construction condition as possible, and minimize long-term impacts.

Our practice of segregating topsoil during construction enhances restoration by returning the nutrients and seed back to the ground surface after construction. We also mulch, seed, and monitor the right-of-way until vegetation is re-established.

In some cases, we work with landowners and environmental agencies to enhance restoration, such as planting trees along streams or managing invasive species.

Although most temporary workspaces will be allowed to grow back, we will generally maintain the permanent right-of-way free of structures, trees and shrubs so that the pipeline is visible during aerial inspections and accessible in the case of an emergency.

## Drain Tile Systems

We understand that farms are sophisticated businesses and that drain tile systems play an integral part in many agricultural operations. As necessary, follow-up inspections of all disturbed areas will be conducted to determine the success of revegetation, and address landowner concerns.

Depending on the arrangement with the landowner, any drain tiles damaged during construction will be repaired to the original state or replaced with one that is comparable. Drain tile restoration or repair work conducted by NEXUS will be monitored for three years, or until restoration is considered successful, to ensure the system functions properly.

Any plans to repair or replace drain tile will be discussed with the landowner in advance, and NEXUS will assume responsibility for the cost associated with mitigating and repairing any impact to drain tile systems stemming from construction-related activities.

If you have specific questions or concerns regarding your drain tile system, please feel free to contact our Construction Hotline at (844) 589-3655.

## Invasive Species

Invasive plants tend to be opportunistic and will often be the first species to colonize disturbed areas. However, invasive plants are already present across much of the Project work areas and adjacent areas.

In order to determine if NEXUS construction has introduced new invasive species to an area or is allowing existing species to cover more area than they would have had the Project not been developed, NEXUS compares Project work area invasive species data with that of adjacent land areas.

Comparisons of invasive species data within Project work areas and adjacent areas will form the basis for decision making regarding remediation and management efforts to be conducted. If necessary, NEXUS will utilize the FERC approved Invasive Species Control Plan for the NEXUS Project to minimize and control the spread of noxious and invasive species.

## Call or Click Before You Dig

Whether you plan on digging around your house, in your backyard or out in the field, it's important to call 811 or visit [ClickBeforeYouDig.com](http://ClickBeforeYouDig.com) to have the area marked for buried utilities before you disturb the soil. These are free services that are designed to keep you safe while digging. Calling or clicking is always the safest option every time you dig and it's the law. At least two to three business days before your project—any time you are disturbing the soil, call 811 or visit [ClickBeforeYouDig.com](http://ClickBeforeYouDig.com)

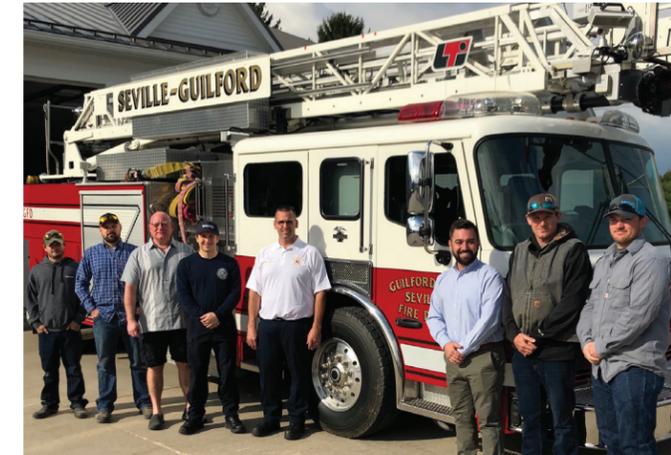
Within two to three business days, professional locators will come to your location and mark underground utility lines—including pipelines (marked with yellow flags or paint)—so you can work around them, saving yourself from possible injury or property damage. If you see someone digging or disturbing the soil and there are no flags or marks on the ground, please stop the activity and ask the person to call 811 before continuing.

If an emergency is suspected, call our 24 Hour emergency hotline number **1-855-329-1781** (or an emergency number that you see on a pipeline marker).



## NEXUS Community Partnership Program

We recognize that operating in communities is a privilege. We manage our business in a way that promotes social, environmental and economic benefits for all of our stakeholders. As part of our stakeholder engagement efforts, we have worked with local partners along the pipeline route to support programs in education, workforce development, community vitality and environmental stewardship.



In Ohio and Michigan, NEXUS has contributed nearly \$1 million in community grant funding.

## Supporting Tomorrow's Workforce

As the economy continues to grow in the Great Lakes region, so does the demand for construction and engineering workforce development programs. As a community partner, we were proud to step up to help meet this demand with broad support for educational initiatives at various schools located along the pipeline route.

NEXUS recently partnered with Stark State College, Owens Community College, Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers, Eastern Michigan University, Monroe County Community College, and Washtenaw Community College for the NEXUS College Scholarship Program. In total, NEXUS donated approximately \$300,000 to the program which helped fund scholarship opportunities, safety equipment, training, travel and other workforce preparation expenses.

