



Appendix F: Public Involvement Plan (PIP) and Complaint Resolution Plan

CHAMPLAIN HUDSON POWER EXPRESS (CHPE)



SEGMENT 19

HUDSON RIVER PRE-LAY MATTRESSING

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1 Project Overview

The Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) is a renewable energy transmission project that will deliver clean power to the New York City metropolitan area. The energy brought to New York consumers through this project will be hydropower produced by Hydro-Québec in the Canadian Province of Québec utilizing natural water flows to generate electricity. The project will play a key role in New York's energy transformation by lowering greenhouse gas emissions while creating jobs and generating billions of dollars in new investments. CHPE will span nearly 339 miles from the U.S.-Canadian border to the heart of New York City (detailed in Figures 1 and 2). The project will deliver enough power for more than one million New York homes and supply power to Quebec sections. CHPE will also provide significant economic benefits to The Empire State, including an estimated \$1.7 billion in tax revenue for local municipalities.

CHPE will construct the high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line (two 400kV cables with a fiber optic cable) in both marine (192 miles or 56.6% of total alignment) and overland (147 miles, 43.4%) environments, with approximately three-quarters of the overland alignment within railroad (CP, CSX, and PA) right-of-way (ROW) and the balance of the overland miles (24.5%) in NYSDOT, Thruway Authority, local road ROWs, recreational sites, and private lands. CHPE will place the HVDC transmission line underground in both the marine and overland alignments. In addition to the transmission line, CHPE will construct an HVDC Converter Station in Astoria, Queens, and a high voltage alternating current (HVAC) system including a 0.3-mile overhead line, modification of the Astoria Annex Substation, and a nearly 3.5 mile (two 345kV cables) from the Astoria Annex to the Rainey Substation, a.k.a. the Astoria-Rainey Cable (ARC). CHPE will construct the Converter Station and HVAC system on the Astoria Annex and underground city streets in Queens.

1.1 Impacted Municipalities:

- **Washington County:** Town of Putnam, Town of Dresden, Town of Whitehall, Village of Whitehall, Town of Fort Ann, Village of Fort Ann, Town of Kingsbury, Town of Fort Edward and Village of Fort Edward.
- **Saratoga County:** Town of Moreau, Town of Northumberland, Town of Wilton, Town of Greenfield, City of Saratoga Springs, Town of Milton, Town of Ballston, and Town of Clifton Park.
- **Schenectady County:** Town of Glenville, Village of Scotia, and Town of Rotterdam.
- **Albany County:** Town of Guilderland, Village of Voorheesville, Town of New Scotland, and Town of Coeymans.
- **Greene County:** Town of New Baltimore, Town of Coxsackie, Village of Coxsackie, Town of Catskill, and Village of Catskill.
- **Rockland County:** Town of Stony Point, Village of Haverstraw, Village of West Haverstraw, Town of Haverstraw, and Town of Clarkstown.

- **Bronx County:** Bronx
- **New York County:** Manhattan
- **Queens County:** Queens

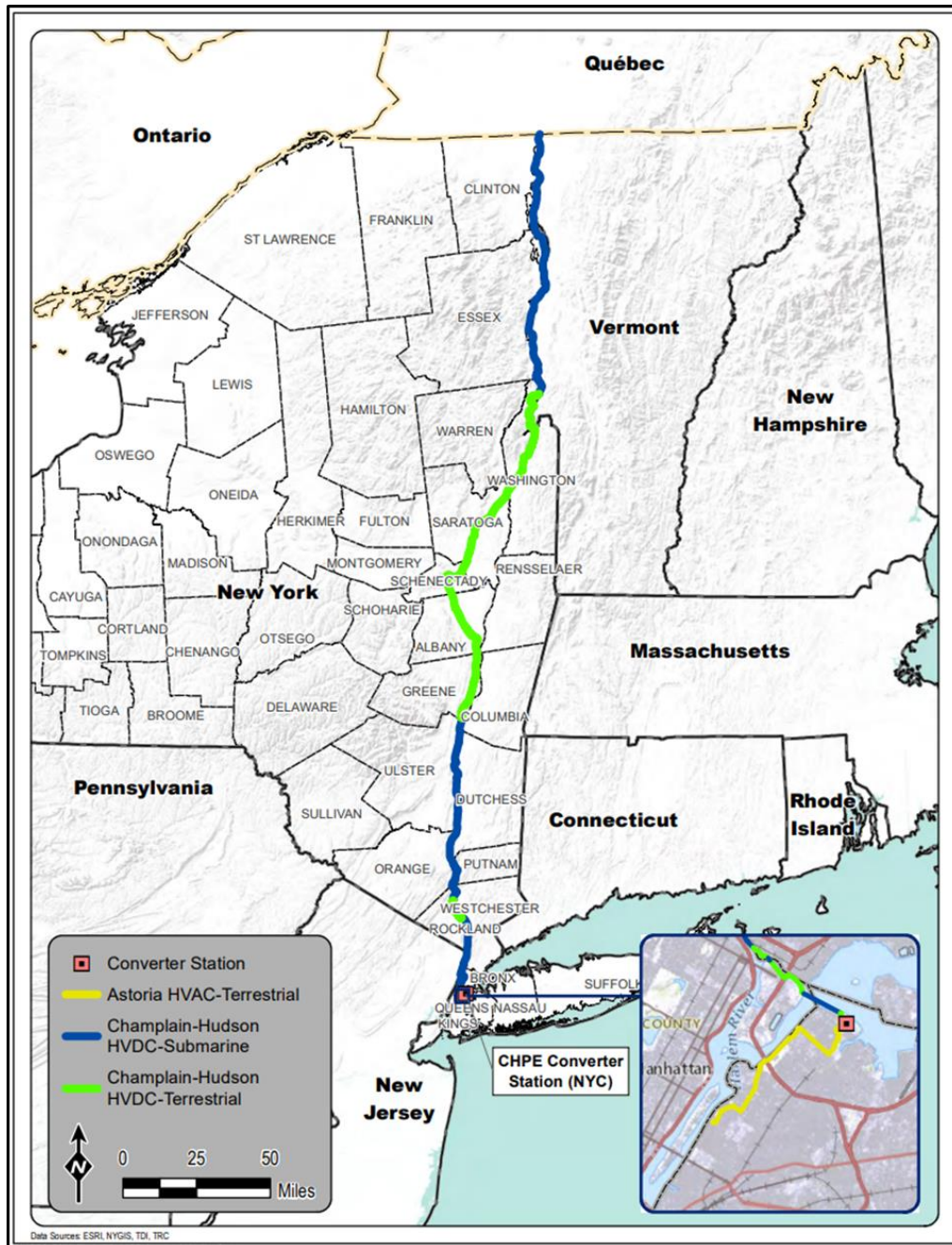


Figure 1 CHPE Project Route Map.

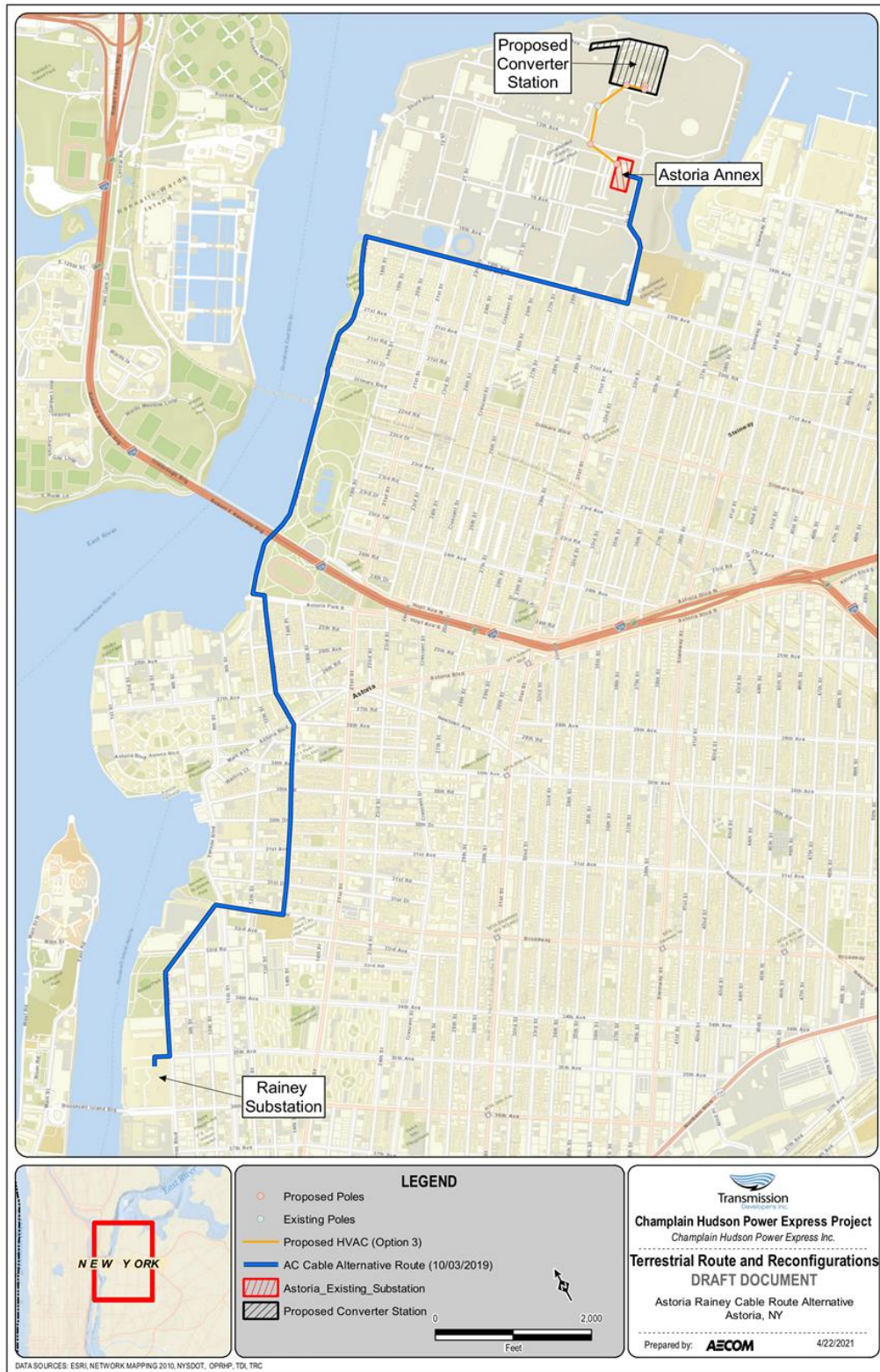


Figure 2 New York City: Astoria Annex.

2 Public Involvement Plan Overview:

The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is a living document and serves as a proposed set of actions, strategies, methodologies, and overarching timeline to guide the outreach process throughout construction and post-construction site restoration. CHPE will update the PIP throughout the project entering commercial operation.

CHPE has developed The Public Involvement Plan to encourage public awareness and understanding of the CHPE project. The overall goal of the PIP is to promote two-way communication between the project and residents, public officials, and business owners in each affected community.

The PIP provides an overall framework for conducting a comprehensive and effective information exchange throughout the project. However, the framework is also flexible, scalable, and customizable, to meet the specific communication needs most effectively of each affected community. The PIP can also be modified based on suggestions from community members and officials.

CHPE has included specific public outreach activities and affected stakeholders for this segment, as well as a public meeting and notification information Attachment 1 at the end of this document.

2.1 Public Involvement Goals:

The goals of the construction-phase outreach program will be to:

- Communicate information, proposed schedules, and other matters to the public and stakeholders regarding Environmental Management and Construction Plans (EM&CPs) submitted for each segment and upcoming construction activities during the construction phase.
- Keep residents and officials in affected communities, local stakeholders, and interest groups; and the news media informed promptly of significant project activities.
- Provide a method for stakeholders to inquire and raise concerns with the project team.
- Work to create and maintain, through an active Public Involvement plan, a climate of understanding and trust aimed at providing information and responding to concerns promptly.
- Comply with Article VII public outreach requirements.

The term "stakeholders" includes a broad range of individuals and organizations, including agencies and community groups with specific interests in renewable energy, including elected and appointed officials, business owners, commercial entities, emergency responders, schools, transit companies, landowners (host and abutting), and others located within or having interests within the Project Area. This term also applies to the general public in the Project Area.

Design Package	Construction Segment	Route Detail, ROW Owner	Miles	PSC Status	Target NTP Date
1A / 1B	1 / 2	Putnam to Dresden (1A) Dresden to Whitehall (1B) Road ROW	17.8	Approved	Ryder: 12/9/22 (LNTP) 1A/1B: 2/27/23
3, 5B, 6	Laydown Yard	3 Laydown Yards	N/A	Approved	Ft Edward: 3/22/23 Bethlehem: 4/27/23 Coxsackie: 4/6/23
5A / 5B	8 / 9	Rotterdam to Bethlehem (5A) Selkirk Bypass (5B) CSX ROW	22.3	Approved	7/5/2023
1C / 2	3	Whitehall to Fort Ann (1C) Fort Ann to Kingsbury (2) CP / Old Route 4	20.8	Approved	5/22/2023
7A	11	Catskill to Germantown CSX ROW	8.6	Under Review	8/31/2023
3	4-5	Kingsbury to Milton CP / Old Route 4	26.5	Under Review	8/31/2023
7B	12	Stony Point to Haverstraw Rockland Route 9W	7.6	Under Review	8/31/2023
4A / 4B	6 / 7	Milton to Ballston - CP / Old Route 4 (4A) Ballston to Schenectady / Rotterdam - PanAm (4B)	19.8	Under Review	9/28/2023
8	13 -15	Randall's Island, HRY, Astoria	2.1	Under Review	9/28/2023
6	10	Ravena to Catskill CSX RR ROW	20.9	Under Review	10/26/2023
Marine					
9	16	Hudson / Stony Point Transitional HDD	N/A	Approved	5/16/2023
10	17	Other Transitional HDDs	N/A	Approved	
11A	18A	Lake Champlain (Pre-Lay Mattressing)	N/A	Approved	8/1/2023
12	19A	Hudson River (Pre-Lay Mattressing)	N/A	Under Review	9/28/2023
11B	18B	Lake Champlain	96.8	Pending Submittal	5/1/2024
13 / 14	19B/20/21?	Hudson & Harlem Rivers	95.3	Pending Submittal	7/10/2024
NYC/HVAC					
	22	Converter Station	N/A	Approved	6/1/2023
	23	ARC / AC Interconnection	3	Pending Submittal	5/1/2024
	22 ?	Astoria Annex Expansion	N/A	Pending Submittal	8/1/2024

2.2 Public Involvement Team:

The Public Involvement Plan will complement previous and ongoing outreach efforts by the Certificate Holder, CHPE LLC. WSP will support CHPE's Outreach and include several project partners. WSP is one of the world's leading engineering, environmental, and professional services firms comprised of engineers, planners, technical experts, construction managers, and communications and public involvement professionals. A clear division of roles and responsibilities will maximize CHPE's Outreach team communication efforts and provide consistency of messages and approach. The following highlights the delineation of primary responsibilities:

- Public Outreach Program Oversight, Public Relations & Media Engagement - CHPE LLC
- Public Outreach Program – WSP, with support from CHPE LLC
- Public Relations & Media Engagement along with oversight of Public Outreach Program – CHPE LLC
- Public Relations/Tech Support – Mower
- Press & Media Engagement – Risa Heller
- Regulatory Compliance – Young/Sommer LLC

2.3 Community Outreach Stages and Schedule:

Outreach for the CHPE project will be ongoing and be adjusted depending on the stage of the project, the geographic segment, and the construction method. This project has been broken into multiple segments and will include overland and marine construction.

Figure 3: Overland and Marine Segments/Packages: Project Construction and Sequencing and Scheduling 7/15/2023

Lake Champlain

Construction Expected: Spring, 2023 – Summer 2024

Outreach Anticipated: Q1 2023 – Q4 2024

Before the start of construction, CHPE will conduct Outreach at recreation centers, marinas, parks/visitors' centers, and ferry terminals. CHPE will post flyers and signage to notify recreators of potential access restrictions. CHPE will send official notice of construction to mariners, local officials, host/abutting property owners in the area, and relevant state and federal regulators. Although construction is on the New York side of Lake Champlain, Outreach may also be conducted on the Vermont side since construction will likely be visible from both shorelines at times and construction may impact access to Vermont recreators.

Outreach Tactics: Meetings with all key elected officials and other stakeholders (as guided by elected officials), direct mail, flyers, text messaging, and signage. Tactics are described in more detail in section 3.

Sequence of Outreach:

Pre-construction: Outreach to property owners and affected stakeholders; virtual meetings with local officials; Any required notifications sent according to regulations as outlined in Section 3.1.

Construction – Continued communication with the community through outreach tactics as construction progresses

Capital Region (Putnam Station to Catskill)

Construction Expected: Fall, 2022 – Summer, 2025

Outreach Anticipated: Q4 2022 – Q4 2025

Overland construction is primarily within railroad right of way in this corridor and traverses various rural, residential, and industrial areas. Overland construction has the potential to impact roadways as deliveries and equipment may need traffic control, which could impede the normal flow of traffic.

Outreach Tactics: Meetings with key elected officials and stakeholders identified through meetings, direct mail, flyers, text messaging, door hangers, variable message boards, and public meetings. Tactics are described in more detail in section 3.

Sequence of Outreach

Pre-construction – Individual Outreach to host property owners and meetings with local officials.

Two weeks before site preparation – Official notice to local officials and host/abutting property owners.

Construction – Kick-off open house public meeting; continued communication with the community through outreach tactics as construction progresses.

Upper Hudson River (Catskill to Stony Point)

Construction Expected: Summer, 2023 – Summer, 2025

Outreach Anticipated: Q1 2023 – Q4 2025

This project's Upper Hudson marine portion has many marinas, docks, parks, recreational sites, and businesses along the river.

Outreach Tactics: Direct mail, flyers, text messaging, signage. Tactics described in more detail in section 3

Sequence of Outreach:

Pre-construction – Individual Outreach to host property owners and meetings with local officials.

Two weeks before site preparation – Official notice to mariners, local officials, and host/abutting property owners.

Construction – Continued communication with the community through outreach tactics as construction progresses.

Rockland County (Stony Point to Clarkstown)

Construction Expected: Summer, 2023 – Summer, 2025

Outreach Anticipated: Q1 2023 – Q4 2025

As population density increases, the closer the project is to New York City, it will be essential to leverage relationships with local governments and community organizations to disseminate project messaging and updates. Overland construction in Rockland County will likely affect local traffic and access to businesses and residences. In addition to notifying individual businesses and homes, communication channels through local government and business or neighborhood organizations will help relay project notifications and construction impacts, reaching a larger audience. The project will coordinate step-by-step with those stakeholders that have previously been involved in project development.

Outreach Tactics: Direct mail, flyers, text messaging, variable message boards, public meetings. Tactics are described in more detail in section 3.

Sequence of Outreach:

Pre-construction – Individual Outreach to host property owners and virtual meetings with local officials.

Two weeks before site preparation – Official notice to local officials and host/abutting property owners.

Construction – Kick-off open house public meeting; continued communication with the community through outreach tactics as construction progresses.

Lower Hudson River and Harlem River (Clarkstown to New York City)

Construction Expected: Summer, 2024 – Summer, 2026

Outreach Anticipated: Q1 2024 – Q4 2026

Communications to local marinas, parks, piers, businesses, and environmental groups will continue to play an essential role in the project's success as submarine construction begins in the Lower Hudson River.

Outreach Tactics: Direct mail, flyers, text messaging, signage. Tactics are described in more detail in section 3.

Sequence of Outreach:

Pre-construction – Individual Outreach to host property owners and meetings with local officials.

Two weeks before site preparation – Official notice to mariners, local officials, and host/abutting property owners.

Construction – Continued communication with the community through outreach tactics as construction progresses.

New York City (Randall's Island and Queens)

Construction Expected:

Harlem River – Summer, 2024 – Fall, 2025

Randall's Island –Fall, 2023 – Fall, 2024

Queens – Spring, 2023 – Spring, 2025

Overland construction on Randall's Island will require close coordination with Randall's Island Park Alliance and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. Communicating through their channels will be beneficial to provide construction updates and impacts to a broad audience.

Coordination and communication with businesses, docks, and marinas along the Harlem and East Rivers are crucial in a dense area. Understanding the access needs of the businesses and waterways will help mitigate potential issues due to access constraints.

Overland construction in Astoria will require direct mailers, signage, and flyers to notify businesses, residents, and passersby of upcoming construction impacts.

Outreach Tactics: Direct mail, flyers, text messaging, signage, social media, public meetings, variable message boards. Tactics are described in more detail in section 3.

Sequence of Outreach:

Pre-construction – Individual Outreach to host property owners and meetings with local officials.

Two weeks before site preparation – Official notice to local officials and host/abutting property owners.

Construction – Kick-off open house public meeting; continued communication with the community through outreach tactics as construction progresses.

3 Public Involvement Outreach:

Throughout the project design and construction project, the Certificate Holders' Outreach team will create informational materials to be disseminated to the public during public meetings and events and as needed. Materials produced by the Certificate Holders' Outreach team will include materials for the existing project website www.chpexpress.com and project factsheets, project plans, and other materials deemed necessary by the project team with the Certificate Holders' approval. In addition, communication with affected communities will continue throughout construction as work progresses.

CHPE will translate materials into the most prevalently spoken languages in the community and additional languages as needed and upon request. In addition, virtual and in-person meetings have been held with officials to introduce the project, discuss the route through affected communities, answer questions and establish ongoing communication between municipalities and the project.

A total of nine virtual meetings have been held, with 59 local officials participating.

3.1 Notices and Public Inquiries:

Before beginning construction within a segment, CHPE will mail notifications to the following groups at least two weeks before the beginning of site preparation for construction:

- Local emergency personnel and local officials in the area where construction will occur
- Owners and occupants of properties within 100 feet of construction
- Public and private utilities within the construction area

In addition to mailed notifications to property owners, local officials, and emergency personnel listed in Attachment 1, notices will be posted in local media and displayed in public places also listed in Attachment 1. (Post offices, community centers, libraries, and bulletin boards) no less than two weeks before the beginning of site preparation. If site work is delayed significantly, CHPE will provide additional notice to the public before site work resumes. Notification materials will include a map of the construction zone, an anticipated date for the start of construction, a statement that the Facility is under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and which residents and stakeholders can contact directly, and the following information for stakeholders to inquire or express a concern about the project:

3.1.1 Toll-Free Phone Number

To provide the public and interested stakeholders with a direct line to the project, the Certificate Holders' Outreach team established a 1-800 number that will record calls and alert team members when that they have received a concern or comment. The established number for the project is 1-800-991-CHPE (2473).

CHPE will respond to messages received through the toll-free project number will be responded to within two business days. The voicemail box message acknowledges receipt of the message.

3.1.2 Project Email Address

To address comments and concerns from the public, the Certificate Holders' Outreach team has arranged for a project email address. The email account will receive public input and be accessible by members of the Public Involvement Team. The established project email address is publicoutreach@chpexpress.com. CHPE will respond to inquiries, comments, or concerns sent to the Project Email Address will be responded to within two business days. An automated reply acknowledges receipt of the message.

3.1.3 Website

CHPE will establish a comment form on the project website. CHPE will direct comments, concerns, and general feedback submitted through the website form to the project email account listed above, which will be checked regularly by the Public Outreach Team. The project webpage is <https://chpexpress.com/>

The website will include a form for visitors to sign up for email, text and USPS mail updates and alerts regarding the project.

CHPE will respond to inquiries, comments, or concerns forwarded to Project Email Address from the website comment form within two business days.

3.1.4 Points of Contact

CHPE has appointed Molly Hollister as the primary point of contact for the Project.

CHPE: Molly Hollister

WSP USA, One Pennsylvania Plaza, New York, New York 10119

Phone: 800-991-CHPE (2473)

Email: publicoutreach@chpexpress.com

DPS: Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary to the Commission, New York Department of Public Service

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Email: secretary@dps.ny.gov

DPS: Matthew Smith

Office of Electric, Gas and Water, New York State Department of Public Service,
Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223

Phone: (518)474-8702

Email: Matthew.Smith@dps.ny.gov.

Molly Hollister is the point of contact overseeing the Certificate Holders' Outreach team members assigned to check the toll-free phone number and project email address daily. WSP will be responsible for confirming receipt of the inquiry within two business days, routing it to the appropriate project team member for a response, following up on a resolution, and logging the communication in the stakeholder database.

CHPE will log communications with stakeholders in a database. The database will include any inquiries or comments received via the toll-free number, project email, or website and the project team's response and outgoing communication efforts, like construction notices. For complaints, CHPE will maintain a log that lists at least the date of any complaint, identity and contact information for the complaining party, the date of the Certificate Holders' response, and a description of the outcome. Call logs will be maintained and reported to the DPS in accordance with the Article VIII Certificate.

3.1.5 Test Message Alerts

CHPE will coordinate with NYS DOT and NY511.gov to provide to allow the public to sign up for text message notifications of construction activities in their region.

3.1.6 Website Materials:

To aid in public awareness of the CHPE project, the Certificate Holders' Outreach team will collaborate with the larger project team to develop relevant materials to keep the public and identified stakeholders apprised of project activities, both past, and future. The website includes maps of the project area, construction schedule, and complaint resolution procedures.

Materials produced by the Certificate Holders' Outreach team will not be limited to informational materials.

3.1.7 Informational Pamphlets and Factsheets:

The Certificate Holders' Outreach team will develop informational material throughout construction. A project factsheet has been created that explains the entire project and its impacts and benefits at the local level. It also includes project contact information, as well as how to file a complaint or concern with the Department of Public Service, and Frequently Asked Questions from the public about how construction will proceed. In addition, CHPE will deliver informational materials to points of interest along the corridor, including libraries and other community centers. Materials will be available in multiple languages based on the most frequently used languages in the host community. All materials will be posted on the CHPE website.

CHPE will develop flyers to notify the public of upcoming construction. Based on the needs of specific project segments and communities within the segment, these flyers will be distributed to local marinas, bait and tackle shops, recreation facilities, libraries, post offices, community bulletin boards, and other public facilities to provide notice of construction. Flyers will include CHPE contact information as well as how to file a complaint or concern with the Department of Public Service.

3.1.8 Doorhangers:

CHPE will develop door hangers for use in the field if contact needs to be made with a resident or business that other methods cannot reach. The Outreach Team can attach notification materials and a written note on the door hanger. Doorhangers will include applicable contact information, including how to file a complaint with the NYS Department of Public Service.

3.1.9 Contact Cards:

Contact cards, the business card size, will be developed and printed for use in the field. The contact cards will include:

- The toll-free number,
- Project email address, and
- Website for field personnel to distribute to the public if inquiries or concerns arise.

All inquiries and concerns need to be routed to the Certificate Holders' Outreach team to be responded to and cataloged in accordance with Article VII.

3.1.10 Signage:

CHPS will develop and print yard signs with applicable contact information and place them at construction sites. These signs will provide additional notice to the public and allow contact information to be easily accessed should questions or concerns arise.

3.1.11 Variable Message Boards:

As necessary, the Certificate Holders' Outreach team will work with the construction team to post variable message boards in advance of traffic impacts and in areas where ingress/egress may be affected.

3.1.12 Social Media:

CHPE will use social media to increase awareness, promote the project, and provide construction updates and notifications. The Certificate Holders' Outreach team will have accounts and develop content for use on social media channels like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. In addition, CHPE will use the hashtag #CHPE to make it easy for the public to find and engage with posts.

The Certificate Holders' Outreach team will identify related organizations, such as local municipalities and community organizations, and request their participation in sharing the CHPE social media posts to increase reach.

3.1.13 Document Repositories

CHPE will maintain printed document repositories at local libraries. The materials may be viewed during regular business hours. See Attachment 1 for locations. All documents will also be posted on the project website, www.chpexpress.com

4 Media

Due to the size and reach of the project, CHPE anticipates considerable media attention throughout the project's construction phases. The project Certificate Holders' Outreach team will coordinate media requests and availability with the Certificate Holders.

4.1 Media Opportunity Availability:

The project Certificate Holders' Outreach team will accept media requests and work with the larger project team to determine the appropriate project representative to respond to media availability requests.

Media requests will be evaluated case-by-case by the Certificate Holders' Outreach team to determine if members from the larger project team need to be involved in the response.

5 Open House Public Meetings

The Certificate Holders' Outreach team will coordinate and support open house public meetings for the overland construction areas to re-acquaint the public with the project, provide a timeline of upcoming construction, and inform the local community about what to expect during construction. There will be a series of in-person meetings in an open house format with informational boards, collateral materials like project factsheets, and project team members available to talk to the public and answer questions about the project.

In addition, CHPE will link an online virtual open house to the website and post the same materials and presentations available at the in-person open houses for members of the public who could not attend. CHPE will provide translators and translated materials for these meetings as necessary.

Public meeting notifications will also allow community members to request translators for their specific language needs. All open house materials will include CHPE contact information, how to file a complaint or concern with the State Department of Public Service and the process and timeline for how the inquiry will be addressed.

For each overland project Segment, CHPE will hold at least one public meeting at a location convenient to residents of the affected communities. In addition, CHPE will advertise meetings

in local print and online outlets, social media, and municipal calendars. Stakeholders and affected landowners be sent an invitation to the Open House.

5.1 Meeting Coordination

The Certificate Holders' Outreach team will arrange for meeting venues, secure a virtual platform, and manage all aspects of virtual meetings, advertise meetings in print and online, organize meeting materials, attend meetings to oversee and take notes, as well as work with the larger project team on relevant meeting aspects.

CHPE will include a meeting invitation with the notification mailing to affected landowners and interested stakeholders and post the invitation in public places.

5.2 Meeting Materials

The Certificate Holders' Outreach team will develop meeting materials ahead of each public meeting. Meeting materials will primarily include traditional meeting materials like sign-in sheets, comment cards, wayfinding signs, factsheets, and presentation boards, as applicable.

6 Complaint Resolution and Reporting:

CHPE will use a stakeholder management database to log calls, complaints, and inquiries received from the toll-free phone number, email address, and website, as outlined in Section 3.1. CHPE will log each correspondence listing the date of the inquiry, contact information for inquiring party, question or complaint, and description of the outcome. The inquiry log will be made available to Certificate Holders upon DPS request. The Certificate Holders' Outreach team will notify Certificate Holders if they cannot resolve a complaint after reasonable attempts, so Certificate Holders can report to DPS within three business days, as required by the Certificate.

The Certificate Holders' Outreach team will do its best to address all claims, track responses, and make the best effort to resolve all complaints. However, a resolution may not be possible in every circumstance.

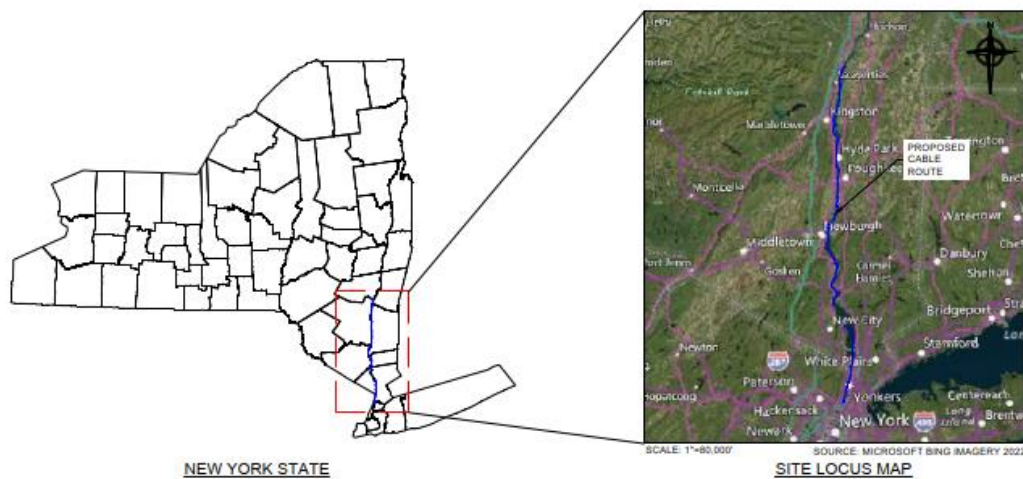
The Certificate Holders' Outreach team has begun to report public outreach activities to Certificate Holders monthly or as requested for submission to the DPS Project Manager. The public involvement report will include information tracked by each project partner supporting the public involvement plan. In addition, at the end of each year of construction, the Certificate Holders' Outreach team will provide a report of public outreach activities that year, as well as a look ahead for the next year until the Facility reaches commercial operation and any concerns that might arise during construction.

ATTACHMENT 1 *Public Outreach and Complaint Resolution Plan for Segment 19*

1. Summary

This attachment describes the public outreach strategy for “Segment 19” of the CHPE Project, which includes constructing and installing concrete mattresses to protect co-located submarine infrastructure in preparation for future submarine cable installation in the Hudson River.

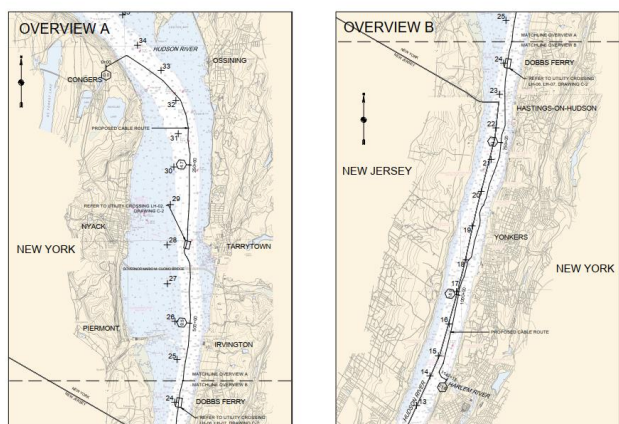
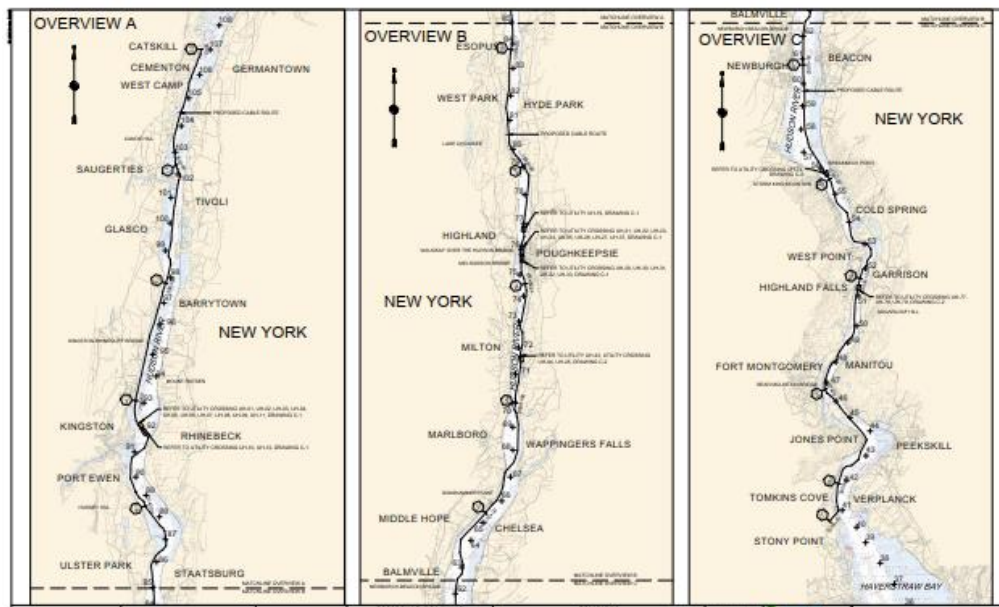
2. Segment Location and Description



The CHPE Project includes two segments of marine cable to be located in the Hudson River. The first segment, referred to herein as the Cementon-Stony Point Hudson Marine Segment, is approximately 67.6-miles long and begins in the Hamlet of Cementon, Town of Catskill, Greene County, and ends in the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County.

The second segment, the Congers-Harlem Hudson Maine Segment, is approximately 21.7 miles long and begins in the Hamlet of Congers, Town of Clarkstown, Rockland County, New York, and ends at the mouth of the Harlem River. Therefore, this segment may also be called the “Lower Hudson Marine Segment.”

The Tomkins Cove Laydown Yard, located in the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, as discussed in previous EM&CP filings, will be the proposed location for concrete mattress production before transport to each installation location.



Mattressing Locations

3. Community Profile

CHPE shares a common goal with nearby communities and those who enjoy the Hudson River’s history, recreational opportunities and natural beauty: a healthy and beneficial river. Many factors may impact this goal, including commerce, economic development, recreation, river navigation, agriculture, commercial and sport fishing, tourism, and historic preservation.

According to the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Management Plan, “Traveling down the Hudson River, named by Native Americans “the river that flows both ways,” you discover people, places, and events that made American history. This legacy led Congress to recognize the Hudson River Valley as a National Heritage Area in 1996, one of only 23 areas so designated. From Troy to Yonkers, over 150 miles and through 10 counties, the Hudson River defines a region of urban centers, country hamlets, and abundant rural landscapes.

The river in the Hudson River Valley is an estuary, tidal for all the Heritage Area. Consequently, the freshwater line varies throughout the year, with seawater tasted as far north as Newburgh during the summer months. Extending across 4 million acres, the Hudson River Valley is home to 2.5 million residents.

Yet despite being surrounded by one of North America's most concentrated human populations, the Hudson River estuary incorporates over 2,000 acres of tidal freshwater wetlands and many more acres of brackish tidal wetlands. There are five National Historical Sites in the Heritage Area, 57 National Historic Landmarks, 89 historic districts, and over 1,000 sites on the National Register of Historic Places. Every year visitors and residents spend \$2.5 billion exploring the Hudson River Valley's history, art, nature, and culture”.

(Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Management Plan, April 2002)

4. Public Involvement Activities

In addition to the activities detailed in this plan, for this Segment, CHPE will utilize its established relationships with communities along both sides of the Hudson to help protect and enhance this National Treasure. CHPE will continue to involve and communicate with residents and stakeholders about this Segment, including construction methods and schedules, safety precautions, and environmental safeguards.

Continuing its commitment to an open and participatory process, CHPE will solicit continuous feedback from the public and agencies, encourage open discussion of project details and issues, and provide opportunities for comments and questions.

From the start, CHPE project representatives have directly engaged with elected officials, public agency contacts, stakeholder and community groups, and individuals in the Hudson Valley. These efforts included hundreds of meetings and briefings, large and small.

CHPE has had and will continue to have an open and transparent dialogue with “Hudson 7,” a coalition of seven municipalities that draw drinking water from the Hudson River and serves 106,000 residents, three hospitals, three colleges, and major regional employers, providing safe water for human consumption, firefighting, and industry.

For example, beginning in July of 2017, CHPE committed to an extensive public outreach campaign in Rockland County to discuss route modifications in five municipalities, the Towns of Stony Point, Haverstraw, and Clarkstown and the Villages of West Haverstraw and Haverstraw, that would be affected by the change.

TDI/CHPE representatives met with over five hundred residents and public officials in Rockland County. Meetings included much time spent with elected officials, meetings with organizations ranging from Chambers of Commerce, Rotary's, Civic Associations, School Boards, Environmental Organizations, Senior Housing, Medical Facilities along the proposed terrestrial

route, and many one-on-one meetings with residents, condominium complexes and business owners along the route.

CHPE regularly updated its website to reflect these meetings and ensured that any meeting requests were followed up on promptly. In addition, CHPE dedicated many hours to visiting businesses, apartment complexes, and residents who live on or adjacent to the proposed new route.

CHPE representatives have also maintained ongoing and transparent dialogue with communities outside the CHPE alignment that have expressed interest in the impacts as well as benefits of the project.

Moving forward, CHPE anticipates that considerable direct communication with stakeholders, local agencies, and municipal leaders will be necessary to provide updates on the construction activities, including any potential issues which may impact them.

Targeted meetings: with stakeholders will be held throughout segment construction. Meetings include get-togethers with the villages and towns close to the matressing work, briefings with elected officials, and meetings with representatives of municipal agencies, special interest groups, community groups, and with other interested parties as appropriate.

Availability Sessions: CHPE is scheduling public availability sessions in the Spring and Summer of 2023 to update residents and stakeholders about the project, including Hudson River communities such as Catskill and Stony Point.

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4a. Outreach to Municipalities

CHPE maintains a rigorous schedule of meetings with village, town, city, and county officials and will discuss this Segment with municipalities in Greene, Columbia, Orange, Rockland, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester Bronx and Queens counties, as well as the City of New York. Also, before the start of construction and as part of the EM&CP process, CHPE will mail official notification and post all New York municipalities bordering the entire length of the Segment on both sides of the Hudson.

CHPE will also conduct a virtual pre-construction meeting with municipal officials in communities near mattressing locations. These include:

- City of Poughkeepsie, Towns of Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, and Rhinebeck, Dutchess County
- City of Kingston, Ulster County
- Towns of Highlands and Cornwall, Orange County
- Towns of Mount Pleasant and Greenburgh, Westchester County

4b. Document Repositories

All documents related to the Segment will be posted to the CHPE website. For those who do not have access to the Internet, CHPE will provide printed copies of public documents for public review at the following locations:

- **Kingston Library** 55 Franklin St. Kingston, NY 12401
- **Adriance Memorial Library** 93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
- **Mid-Hudson Library System**, Providing access to documents to 66 member libraries in the region.
- **Cornwall Public Library** 395 Hudson St, Cornwall, NY 12518,
- **Greenburgh Public Library**, 300 Tarrytown Rd, Elmsford, NY 10523

4c. Outreach to Boaters, Fishermen, and Mariners

CHPE will conduct targeted outreach to help those who enjoy on-water activities on the Hudson understand the importance of installing mattresses to protect co-located infrastructure and the environmental and safety precautions used during the installation.

CHPE will distribute a flyer at marinas, bait shops, boat launches, and visitor information stations that describe the Segment activities, safety information for boaters, how to learn more about the project, and how to file a comment with the Department of Public Service. The flyer will be in English and Spanish and translated into Haitian Creole and Mandarin Chinese in specific communities.

CHPE will work with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, The State Office of Parks and Historic Preservation to post a weather-resistant flyer at these boat launches.

CHPE will distribute the plain-language flyer describing the segment work to community centers, visitor information centers, and other public gathering places in communities along the Hudson.

4d. Outreach to Emergency Service Agencies

Before construction starts, CHPE will notify law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service agencies as required and provide CHPE and DPS contact information. In addition, CHPE will inform agencies of significant changes in construction schedules.

4e. Financial Support of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

- To ensure the environment is cleaner than when the project began, CHPE will provide \$117 million over 35 years to finance environmental protection programs through a new dedicated fund called the Hudson River and Lake Champlain Habitat Enhancement, Restoration, and Research/Habitat Improvement Trust Fund.
- CHPE will continue sponsoring community events throughout the Hudson Valley Region focusing on sustainability, environmental stewardship, and youth development.
- As part of the Champlain Hudson Power Express® project (CHPE), Hydro-Québec and Transmission Developers have created the Green Economy Fund (GEF), a \$40 million fund designed to support disadvantaged communities, low-income individuals, and transitioning fossil fuel workers in accessing and building careers in New York State's green economy. Funding priorities include, but are not limited to:
 - Workforce development training programs that link disadvantaged and low-income New Yorkers to good jobs in the green economy with sustainable wages.
 - Nonprofits providing wrap-around services to workers from the target communities that enable them to connect to and sustain themselves in good jobs and training programs in the green economy. Some examples of eligible wrap-around services include transportation, technology, participant stipends, mentorship, and childcare.
 - Community colleges or other educational institutions providing adult primary education and the qualifications needed to become eligible for union apprenticeships and training programs for jobs in the green economy
 - Organizations may apply for funding for direct training costs, wrap-around services, and general operating expenses.

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