

Wildlife Protection

Energy East recognizes the value of wildlife and wildlife habitat. In order to understand all of the potential interactions between wildlife and the construction and operation of the project, Energy East has reviewed and interpreted information gathered during environmental studies as well as through consultation with regulatory agencies, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders. This information has been used to evaluate any potential effects and develop appropriate mitigation strategies to avoid or minimize impact on wildlife and its habitat.

Energy East is Committed to the Protection of Wildlife Species and Habitats During the Construction of the Project

Project planning will include environmental desktop and field studies, as well as engagement activities to gather site specific and regional data that will be incorporated into the Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment. This information will be considered during route selection and design of the new-build section of the pipeline, and will inform the development of mitigation strategies to be used during construction.

Mitigation Strategies

The Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment (ESA) and Environmental Protection Plans (EPP) will include monitoring, mitigation strategies and response plans that will be implemented during construction. Post-construction monitoring will be conducted to confirm the effectiveness of mitigation strategies, reclamation and habitat restoration activities.

Mitigation may include measures such as avoidance of sensitive areas and life-cycle stages, conducting pre-construction surveys, having wildlife monitors on site during construction, and employing short-term and long-term reclamation strategies. Energy East is committed to developing effective mitigation strategies and other protective measures that comply with federally and provincially published recovery strategies (i.e. Species at Risk Act listed and provincially listed species).

Wildlife Species will be Protected During Operation of the Project

Due to the low-impact nature of most operation and maintenance activities, the risk of impact on wildlife species during operation of the project is extremely low and in most cases non-existent. Prior to operations, wherever there is work that requires ground disturbance along the route, project data will be reviewed, and TransCanada's Technical Operations Procedures will be employed to ensure that effects on wildlife and their habitat are minimized.

Vegetation Management and Protection of Wildlife Species

To manage vegetation growth and ensure the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat during operations, herbicides may only be used within certain areas. Vegetation control may occur on the permanent right-of way, ensuring the pipeline is easily visible to prevent accidental third-party damage, while at the same time allowing regrowth of vegetation on right-of-way edges, conducive to providing wildlife habitat.

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