

September 4, 2009

Fred Gougler
Village President
Village of Northfield
361 Happ Road
Northfield, Illinois 60093-3482

Dear Mr. Gougler,

Thank you for meeting with us on September 1 to review vegetation management activity along the ComEd owned high-voltage transmission corridor transecting the Village of Northfield. We believe our discussions have established the basis for a solid plan moving forward.

As we discussed with you, we are committed to providing the Village of Northfield with advance notice of upcoming vegetation management activity along ComEd's high-voltage transmission corridor. Additionally, as part of our commitment to continuous improvement, ComEd is developing a process to provide advance notification of planned vegetation management work along high-voltage transmission corridors to all municipalities in our service territory. As you know, ComEd currently provides advance notification to municipalities of vegetation management activity along distribution lines—the lower-voltage lines that serve neighborhoods with electricity.

ComEd is ready to begin mowing operations along the transmission corridor in Northfield. Following conclusion of mowing operations this fall, ComEd will plant native wildflower and prairie grass seed that will benefit the habitat. The elimination of non-indigenous and invasive plant species also will ensure visibility and clear access for ComEd crews. Our vegetation management staff will contact your designee to provide advance notice of this upcoming work.

Lastly, pursuant to state and federal guidelines and mandates, ComEd is obligated to trim trees adjacent to and remove tall-growing trees in the transmission corridor. We look forward to continuing our working relationship to address the tall growing trees planted on the Village's leased ComEd property in the transmission corridor north and south of Willow Road. As we develop plans around this important work, we will partner with you to develop an approach that takes into account the interests of your community and one that incorporates public education about planting the right species of trees near power lines.

Our partnership with you and the residents of Northfield is valued and taken seriously. As we move forward with the plans identified here, our collaborative efforts will enable us to be most successful in yielding positive results for all stakeholders while ensuring the delivery of reliable electricity to residents and businesses.

Sincerely,



Arthur R. Barsema
Director of External Affairs
ComEd