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**Kennebunk Plains Restoration Project
sponsored by CMP – Kennebunk, Maine**

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Central Maine Power (CMP), along with their partner the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District (KKWWD) are working to address severe soil erosion occurring on a portion of the CMP powerline corridor in the Kennebunk Plains, located within the Branch Brook Watershed. As part of the Project, CMP is working with other stakeholders including The Nature Conservancy; local, state, and federal environmental agencies; and other partners to restore and permanently stabilize the eroded areas.

CMP has implemented an interim solution to stop the worsening erosion on the property and has voluntarily engaged a local, experienced team of engineers, contractors, and restoration specialists to design, permit, and implement the restoration Project.

CMP is working with communities and reaching out to neighbors to ensure that all improvements are performed safely and with minimal disruptions to their daily lives, the community, and the environment.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

Branch Brook is an important water source for the KKWWD. Portions of the watershed, particularly within CMP's corridors, have been frequently used by ATV and dirt bike riders. These riders are not only trespassing in some areas (for example, the Kennebunk Plains), but they are also causing long-term damage. The sensitive habitats in this area have very sandy soil and little organic matter to help hold the soil in place.

This type of soil is easily disturbed when the vegetation is stripped away by motorized vehicles, thus seriously increasing the potential for erosion and, eventually, leading to larger landslides. Over time, large-scale soil erosion can negatively impact water quality.



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PROJECT SCOPE

CMP and the Project partners and stakeholders hope to preserve the ecological functions and watershed values that make the Branch Brook watershed unique and regionally important. To do this, CMP has determined that the appropriate long-term solution is to repair the existing damage and implement strategies to permanently stabilize the area. However, for restoration to be effective, ATV traffic in these sensitive areas must not continue.

CMP will be adding signage in the Project area and will be installing additional barriers to discourage riders from traveling in these sensitive areas. We ask that local recreational riders take time to consider their impacts on this fragile area, to please observe signage, and limit their off-road recreation to areas appropriate for riding.

During construction, CMP's contractors and crews will respect speed limits and use caution when traveling through your neighborhood. Also, CMP will be working during daylight hours and construction noise will be present. Property owners who live closer to the project will hear heavy equipment as well as excavators during some construction activities. This may include beeping noises when vehicles are backing up. This signal cannot be turned off as it is an alert to our crews that a vehicle is moving and to stay away from it.

BENEFITS TO THE REGION

- Restoration of fragile land area
- Erosion control to assist in limiting the negative impact on water quality

PROJECT FACTS

- Municipality – Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Ogunquit and Wells
- County – York
- Permitting Required – Local Municipal Permit and Maine Department of Environmental Protection

PROJECT FEATURES

The following components will be constructed and installed at Section 113/Kennebunk Plains location:

- Remediation of eroded area(s).
- Boulders, gates and barriers to reduce access to fragile areas.
- Warning signs along previously accessed routes.

WORK HOURS

No work will be done in the dark. Construction noise will be present. CMP follows local noise ordinances.

ESTIMATED TIMETABLE *subject to change*

- Construction Start: September 2022
- Completion Date: May 2024