

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful Maine summer. Our crews are busy with a number of projects meant to improve reliability, enhance resiliency, meet the growing demand for electricity and support the State's clean energy goals. This newsletter includes an update on a few of the projects.

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A Stronger Transmission Line in Central Maine

This summer, we energized a newly built segment of transmission line in Winslow as part of a 22-mile transmission line rebuild in central Maine. The project is upgrading the more than 100-year-old line (built in 1920) with steel poles and covered tree wire to better prepare the line for extreme storms. The original transmission line has wooden structures that are being replaced with stronger, more storm-resilient steel poles.

The upgraded line will benefit over 7,000 CMP customers in Kennebec County in the towns of Augusta, Vassalboro and Winslow. Once work on the entire new line is complete, the older segment will be decommissioned and removed.

The photo above shows the taller steel poles that are replacing the smaller, wooden poles along a section of the line in Winslow.

The photos below show CMP's use of wooden mats (photo left), to protect the environmentally sensitive ground below from damage during construction. When the work is done, the mats will be removed and the area restored as shown in photo to the right.



Transmission Line Upgrade Complete in Sanford

We recently completed an upgrade to a 1.5 mile transmission line in Sanford to improve service for approximately 3,600 customers and increase capacity to accommodate future growth. Our upgrades included installing new, stronger steel poles and covered tree wire that protects against our number one cause of outages at CMP, falling trees or branches.



Photo above shows a pole setting crew with an excavator, preparing to set a new steel pole in Sanford in April 2025.

Resiliency Improvements along the Midcoast

We're bringing stronger, modern wooden poles, automated smart devices and covered tree wire to Woolwich and Wiscasset to improve service in these coastal communities and better protect our local grid in this area from extreme storms. These strengthening improvements are being made along a route running from a substation on Old Ferry Road in Wiscasset to Route 1 then to the George Wright Road in Woolwich with additional upgrades along George Wright Road.



Safety is always our priority. Here crews work along busy Route 1 in Woolwich.

Grid and Climate Planning Update

Work on CMP's Integrated Grid Plan is progressing, and the project has achieved its second milestone with the completion of the needs assessment which was presented publicly on August 25th.

This important milestone models how the system will evolve and perform to identify potential needs or potential areas of risk in the current and planned grid infrastructure. Thermal overloads, out-of-range voltage, aging assets, and grid infrastructure susceptible to storms are some of the needs we're assessing during this phase of the grid planning process. During the next phase of the planning, we will consider a range of possible solutions to the needs identified.

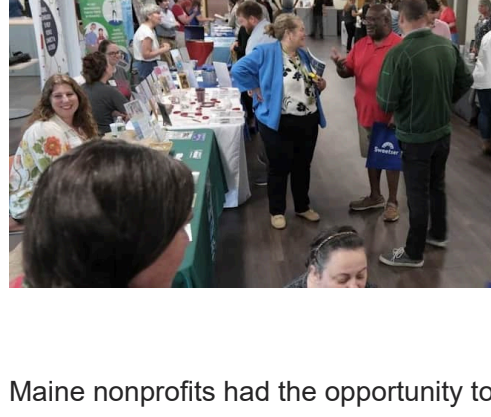
We invite you to visit our [website](#) and subscribe to our grid planning updates to stay informed throughout the planning process. You'll also find the presentation of our needs assessment work online.



Community: Partnerships Celebrated!

CMP hosted **Nonprofit Networking Day** on July 31, 2025 at our Augusta headquarters with more than a dozen Maine nonprofit organizations to increase community collaboration and promote future opportunities to volunteer across the state.

"We believe in the power of connection and community. Hosting a nonprofit networking day with more than a dozen Maine organizations is more than an event—it's a celebration of shared purpose," said **Katie Yates, Director of Community Relations for Central Maine Power**. "By coming together to exchange stories, foster collaboration, and explore volunteer opportunities, we amplify the missions of our nonprofit partners and strengthen the fabric of Maine. Our commitment to these partnerships reflects our belief that when we support those who serve our communities, we all thrive."

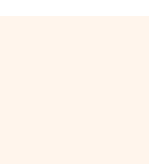


"CMP powers our mental health mission," said **Jodie Hansen, Sweetser's Development Director**. "The ability to connect with fellow nonprofits and CMP team members creates positive momentum to do good across Maine. CMP is a valuable partner, and you can tell their staff deeply care about the impact they are making through community engagements like this annual event."

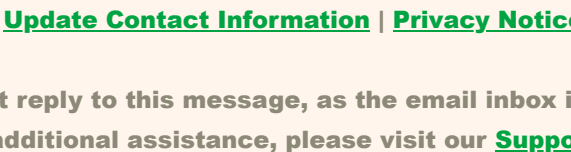
Maine nonprofits had the opportunity to engage directly with CMP leaders and employees through an interactive fair, a panel discussion, and volunteer sign-up opportunities—sharing their missions, stories, and ways to get involved. Nonprofits supported by CMP and attending the event included Outdoors Again, Kennebec Valley Humane Society, American Heart Association, Sweetser, Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, State YMCA Camp of Maine, Maine Discovery Museum, Mission Working Dogs, Portland Trails, Junior Achievement of Maine, Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec, Pine Tree Society, The LifeFlight Foundation, Ketcha Outdoor, Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, YWCA Central Maine, Best Buddies, Give IT Get IT, Boys & Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley, and Greenlight Maine.

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