



BGE will be re-clearing the Linden Church Gas Pipeline easement that travels through parts of five villages in Columbia – Harper’s Choice, Wilde Lake, Town Center, Oakland Mills and Long Reach – and terminates in Elkridge. There are segments of the easement that are on Columbia Association property and there will be some impact to trees and vegetation. There also will be some interruption to pathway access and there may be a need to detour around the work for your safety.

BGE plans to remove trees and vegetation along the easement and in close proximity to the pipeline – a width of 10’ on either side of the pipeline for a total width of 20’. This work will include the removal of tree limbs that overhang the pipeline. BGE is conducting this activity for several reasons:

- to enable a clear line of sight for routine aerial inspections of the pipeline
- to provide unimpeded access to the pipeline for inspection and maintenance
- to prevent tree roots from damaging the protective coating on the pipe

The work will begin in May. Residents may see activity occurring as there are numerous footpath crossings along the easement. Crews will post temporary signage to warn footpath users that vegetation management work is being conducted.

BGE understands the value of trees within communities and strives to balance that with the need to manage and operate our facilities safely and reliably. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we undertake this important work. Feel free to contact BGE at 410-685-0123 or online at

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