

Open House Q&A

Timeline

When will construction begin?

→ We anticipate that construction will begin in early 2022, starting with work on the onshore cable route.

What is your current timeline for completion?

→ We anticipate that South Fork Wind will achieve commercial operation by the end of 2023.

Cable Route

How will the wind energy get to the grid?

→ A buried electrical cable will connect the offshore wind farm to the existing East Hampton substation located off Cove Hollow Road. Offshore, the cable will be buried six feet beneath the seafloor. Onshore, the cable will be buried a minimum of three feet beneath existing roads and other rights-of-way like a typical underground utility. In the sea-to-shore transition area, the cable will be set more than 30 feet under the beach and encased in a plastic conduit.

Where will the cable come ashore? And what route will it take to the substation?

→ The cable will come ashore deep under Wainscott Beach at the end of Beach Lane. Power from South Fork Wind will be delivered to the existing substation located off Cove Hollow Road in East Hampton. The route from Wainscott Beach was identified as the preferred route because it would result in less impact to the environment and minimize community disruption by following lightly traveled roads and the Long Island Railroad right-of-way.

Will installation of the cable impact the beach?

→ No. We will use a very common technique known as horizontal directional drilling (HDD) that allows us to drill deep under the beach without disturbing its surface. It also allows us to maintain public access to the beach throughout the construction process.

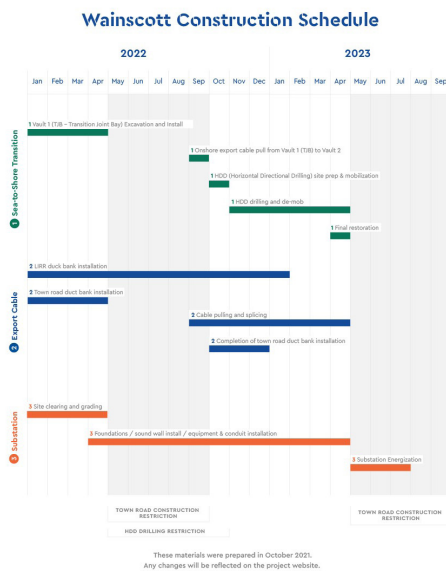
HDD is a well-proven process that will enable the installation of an underground conduit (a plastic pipe) connecting the upland road to a point more than .3 miles offshore from the mean high-water mark. The submarine cable will be pulled through the conduit. As proposed, the conduit will be installed at least 30 feet under the beach and deep under the nearshore area, ensuring it is well protected from erosion and impacts from major storms. The only visible evidence of a cable landing post-installation will be a set of standard manhole covers in the parking lot and a nicely restored road.

How deep will the cables be buried along the landfall and onshore route?

→ The cable depth under the beach will be at least 30 feet, measured from the edge of pavement in the parking lot and from mean low-water along the shoreline. Onshore cables will be buried a minimum of three feet beneath existing roads and other rights-of-way like a typical underground utility.

Construction

How long does onshore construction take? How long is the disruption to the roads?



How long will construction last on Beach Lane?

→ Construction on Beach Lane will take place initially between January and April of 2022. This phase of work will entail installation of two underground vaults located approximately 2,500 feet apart, followed by installation of concrete encased conduit pipes connecting the two vaults.

No excavation activities will occur on Beach Lane during May through September of 2022.

Beginning in October of 2022, mobilization of the HDD equipment will begin, though active drilling will not start until November 15th, 2022. HDD is authorized to continue until May 1st, 2023 but is likely to conclude earlier. The conduit pipe in the Sea-to-Shore transition area will also be installed within this time frame once active drilling is finished.

The HDD work must be complete and equipment removed by May 2023 to avoid a hefty fine. No ground disturbing activity is permitted between May 15th, 2023 and October 2023, ensuring the area is cleared for the summer season.

Resurfacing of the asphalt on Beach Lane and restoration of the grassy shoulder is scheduled for April of 2023. If time is insufficient, it will occur after October 1 of 2023.

Splicing work is authorized to occur during the summer months on weekdays only. This work could occur only at the two vault locations on Beach Lane and would entail the presence of two to three utility trucks over a few days.

During what hours will crews be working?

- Most onshore construction activities will occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. At certain locations, such as the Sea-to-Shore HDD zone and the Montauk Highway crossing, construction outside of these hours may be required.

Will the construction of the project require our beach to be closed?

- There will be no impact to the beach during cable installation or operation. Access to Wainscott Beach from Beach Lane will be maintained throughout construction with the exception of brief, temporary restrictions during specific activities, such as vault installation.

Why have you chosen the onshore route that you have, why not take a different route?

- South Fork Wind has conducted extensive technical and environmental surveys, evaluated several landing locations on the north and south shores of East Hampton, and consulted with local stakeholders to determine the best route for the cable connecting the wind farm to the substation. Based on this evaluation, a cable landing at Beach Lane in Wainscott and the route shown have been identified as the preferred route and has been approved by the State Public Service Commission, as it allows us to minimize disruption, avoid environmentally sensitive areas, and stay within existing rights-of-way; and minimize disruption to homes, businesses and residents. Additionally, roughly half of the route is along the LIRR corridor, further reducing potential traffic impacts.

What safety practices will be implemented during the onshore construction work?

- Safety is of paramount importance to the South Fork Wind team. All Contractors are required to comply with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and all other applicable federal, state, local laws, ordinances, regulations, and other project and site-specific permits. The program management document which guides the aforementioned expectations is the Contractor Safety Policy.

The project will have safety professionals on site, to monitor and measure the implementation of the Contractor Safety Policy and, as necessary, develop corrective actions to ensure that worksite health and safety is not compromised.

Will there be any impacts to our emergency response times? What will you be doing to ensure that your project does not hinder our first responders?

- We will work closely with Town Officials and emergency responders to inform them of the planned construction activities and ensure minimal disruption. In addition, work in town roads is planned to take place during off-peak season to take advantage of times with less traffic on the road.

Will there be any impacts to businesses along the route?

- The project has been designed to limit impacts to businesses in the area to the maximum extent practicable. Access to local businesses will be maintained during the construction activities but there may be some short term, localized and temporary impacts. South Fork Wind will provide residents and businesses with weekly updates via email of when and where construction is anticipated for the duration of the project.

Will Eversource and Ørsted repair property damage as a result of crews working on onshore construction activities?

- Yes, any property damage resulting from construction activities will be repaired to previous conditions.

Oversight

Is there any oversight? Who makes sure you do what you say you're going to?

→ A number of state and local regulatory authorities are heavily involved in this project. Before we can begin construction, the project must earn approvals from multiple federal and state authorities. At the federal level, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) leads a review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that will include the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and the Department of Defense (DOD), among others. At the state level, the Public Service Commission (PSC) leads a review under the Article VII of the Public Service Act that will include the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO), among others. The Article VII process has included participation by the Town of East Hampton and the East Hampton Town Trustees, in addition to dozens of other intervenors including local community groups and interested residents. The permits will require monitoring and reporting both while we're constructing the project and after construction is complete.

Contact Information

Where can I find additional information about the project?

Additional information on the project can be found on our project website at southforkwind.com or by visiting our Open House Virtual View Room at southforkwindvirtual.com

Who do I contact with questions that go beyond the information on the website?

Questions can be submitted on our project website at southforkwind.com/contact-us or by email at info@southforkwind.com

Will there be a project hotline?

Yes. Questions or concerns can be directed to 631-887-5470.

Can I sign up for project alerts?

Yes, please feel free to sign up for our mailing list to stay up to date on all project announcements and milestones at southforkwind.com/contact-us