

Frankfort Park District – ComEd Infrastructure Enhancements

ComEd 18-Mile Transmission Rebuild Project

ComEd is undertaking a major infrastructure project to modernize the 18-mile transmission line that runs from Frankfort, Illinois, to Demotte, Indiana—approximately one hour south of Chicago. This project involves removing 110 aging steel lattice transmission towers and replacing them with upgraded monopole steel structures and modern electrical wires.

Impact on Frankfort Park District Parks

As part of this large-scale project, ComEd will be working in Commissioner Park and Timbers Edge Park. The work includes:

- Removing the existing lattice towers
- Installing new monopole towers
- Pouring new foundations

During the week of July 21, ComEd’s contractors began laying protective matting throughout areas of the parks. These mats allow heavy equipment to safely access the site and will remain in place through February 2026.

In the coming weeks, crews will begin drilling and pouring the foundations for the new monopoles. Starting in September, the new tower sections will be delivered and temporarily stored in the park, near the location of the existing towers. Installation is expected to begin this fall.

Portions of the old towers may be removed later this year, but the full removal is anticipated to take place in spring 2026. Some demolition work may involve cranes or helicopters.

The Park District is working closely with ComEd and its contractors to coordinate construction while keeping the parks safe and accessible. While efforts will be made to minimize disruptions, some areas of the parks may be temporarily closed during active construction.

There will be no interruption to electrical service due to this project.

The Park District will continue to share updates and timeline changes as they become available.

