

The Harborton "Reliability" Project

PGE proposes to upgrade electrical transmission lines through Forest Park to connect its Northwest Portland Harborton substation to substations in Beaverton and Hillsboro. This will negatively affect 4.7 acres of natural resources within Forest Park with removal of 376 trees, permanent fill of two wetlands, and disruption of two streams. The lines shouldn't be there in the first place and shouldn't be further expanded in Forest Park.

- PGE maximizes profits: It has increased its dividend by 36% in 5 years. Most Oregonians will pay about 50% more for electricity than they did 5 years ago after rate increases; demand for data centers and semiconductor manufacturers grew 34% in the last 5 years, while residential demand is up 5%.
- We must protect natural resources from commercial expansions to slow global warming.
- The Portland DSA held a public hike in Forest Park to raise awareness of Harborton's impacts.
- In January 2025, Portland Permitting and Development urged rejection of the Project with support from the Forest Park Conservancy, Bird Alliance, Sierra Club, and others. Portland Planning and Development rejected PP&D's conclusions and recommended acceptance of PGE's proposal.
- On April 17, 2025, a coalition of environmental and community organizations, including Portland DSA, the Forest Park Conservancy, and the Forest Park Neighborhood Association, organized a rally outside Portland City Hall.
- On May 7, 2025, the Portland City Council rejected PGE's Harborton Reliability Project. PGE is appealing that decision.

