

*Chippewa Township
Mecosta County, Michigan*

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Burn Permits: (866) 922-2876 or www.michigan.gov/burnpermit

The Township Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Chippewa Township Community Bldg.

Fire Board meets the 3rd Monday each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Chippewa Township Community Bldg.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday 9am to 1pm (unless posted)

Dear Property Owner:

Information regarding the Copperton Project: Three transmission lines will ultimately be constructed, connecting the Copperton substation to each of the following substations: Nelson Road, Ludington, Tittabawassee. The current map depicts a network of ***potential*** route segments being evaluated as part of the early planning process. **During this early portion of the project, please note that the proposed route networks, all route segments, and proposed substation location are preliminary and subject to change. These routes or segments have not yet been submitted or approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission.**

The Copperton Projects, ITC, consists of:

COPPERTON-LUDINGTON

- Add 345 kV equipment to Salt River substation (Copperton) in Midland County.
- Build an approximately 159-mile, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line from Ludington substation in Mason County to Copperton substation in Midland County.

COPPERTON-NELSON ROAD

- Build an approximately 55-mile, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line from Nelson Road substation in Gratiot County to Copperton substation in Midland County.
- **COPPERTON-TITTABAWASSEE** Build an approximately 40-mile, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line from Tittabawassee substation in Midland County to Copperton substation in Midland County.

TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT – AS PROVIDED BY ITC – Information in parenthesis was added by the Township

In Fall of 2026 – **Multiple Landowner Open Houses:** ITC will share potential route options and invite landowners to attend and provide feedback. (The dates and times of these open houses are shared on page two. Please note that you may attend any or all the Open Houses, it does not have to be the date nearest your home.)

In Spring of 2027 -**Landowner Open Houses:** ITC will share potential route options and invite landowners to attend and provide feedback. (The proposed routes from 2026 will have been reduced.)

In Fall of 2027 **Public Meetings:** Public Meetings will be held to share the proposed and alternate routes and receive public comment.

In 2028 **Submit an application to the Michigan Public Service Commission** After the Public Meetings, we (ITC) will seek siting authority to construct the project. (A preferred route and one alternative route will be part of the application.) Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) will review and approve a final route. The MPSC will have one year to review the application. (The MPSC has the final authority over what the route final route will be.)

The Chippewa Township Office has received information that letters regarding the ITC Copperton project have been received by multiple property owners in Chippewa Township. Some of our Property Owners have

also received a letter if they are within a mile of one of the potential route segments. Chippewa Township Board Members J.Austin and K.Lytle attended the Local Leader Listening Sessions (March 2026) and are communicating with ITC directly. We were given the opportunity to list all pertinent areas of our Township. We also expressed our opinion that we did not feel that routes through Chippewa Township was ITC's best options. Whether you approve or disapprove of this project, whether this project will directly affect you or not; You are **STRONGLY** encouraged to voice your opinions, let your voice be heard. Community Listening Sessions are 'Open-House' type informational meetings, and they are coming up locally (See Chart Below). You can also mail letters to Chippewa Township, or email letters to Julie@Chippewawtp.org or Kristin@Chippewawtp.org. We can then forward them to ITC directly. ITC also has a direct email copperton@itctransco.com.

Chippewa Township Board Members have already been in contact with ITC asking multiple questions and received direct answers from ITC. Below are just a few of the questions asked:

1. Is there a safe distance determined from how far these towers/lines can be from a home or structure?

The transmission lines during this routing process are setback at least 100-feet from known residential structures. Again, stressing that in this early part of the process, we have reached out to landowners and residents for feedback like this, so we continue to build out all routing considerations on the preliminary route networks.

2. What is the easement width for current and future structures and how far of a distance will the project stay away from these structures? ITC will seek to acquire easements to support the approved route. Each project will request approval of a right-of-way ("ROW") extending out from the proposed centerline of the transmission line. A ROW provides ITC with clearance for construction and maintenance, as well as ensures safety and reliability. The current expected right of ROW for the Copperton Projects is 200-foot-wide.

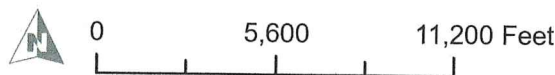
3. What is the decibel of sound coming from the lines... is it constant or is there peak hours that you can hear the sounds? Concerning sound, the design of the projects is similar to other double circuit 345 kV AC transmission lines presently in use throughout Michigan and the United States. Like those projects, potential audible noise from a typical structure for a Project at the edge of the right-of-way would be less than or comparable to the noise level expected from rainfall, a refrigerator, or a quiet library. To the extent there may be noise from the Projects after they are in-service, that noise will be no different than the noise experienced from everyday items and environments.

If you have questions that you would like answered, it is important to attend the Landowner Open House or search the webpages listed. These pages are where you will find the most up-to-date and correct information. You may always contact the Chippewa Township Offices with any questions, concerns, or comments.

<https://www.mifuturegrid.com/copperton-projects/>

https://www.chippewawtp.org/community_info.asp

Monday, October 5, 2026	Tuesday, October 6, 2026	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	Thursday, October 8, 2026
12 – 7 p.m. DOIG CONFERENCE CENTER 1200 Wright Ave., Alma, MI 48801	12 – 7 p.m. GREAT HALL BANQUET AND CONVENTION CENTER 5121 Bay City Rd., Midland, MI 48642	12 – 7 p.m. WHITEFISH LAKE GOLF CLUB 2241 Bass Lake Rd., Pierson, MI 49339	12 – 7 p.m. HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTER 5278 E. Pickard St., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
Monday, October 12, 2026	Tuesday, October 13, 2026	Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Thursday, October 15, 2026
12 – 7 p.m. DOHERTY HOTEL 604 N. McEwan St., Clare, MI 48617	12 – 7 p.m. OSCEOLA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY BUILDING 101 Recreation Ave., Ewart, MI 49631	12 – 7 p.m. IDLEWILD HISTORIC AND CULTURAL CENTER 7025 S., Broadway St., Idlewild, MI 49642	12 – 7 p.m. THE PEAKS EVENT CENTER 11515 Northland Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307
Monday, October 19, 2026	Tuesday, October 20, 2026	Wednesday, October 21, 2026	Thursday, October 22, 2026
12 – 7 p.m. HOPE HALL 601 N. Evergreen Dr., White Cloud, MI 49349	12 – 7 p.m. DOGWOOD CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS 4734 S. Campus Ct., Fremont, MI 49412	12 – 7 p.m. GRAYSTONE EVENT CENTER 4079 W. US -10, Ludington, MI 49431	12 – 7 p.m. EARL AND LINDA PETERSON MSU RESEARCH STATION 5185 N. Oceana Dr., Hart, MI 49420



CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP

- Ludington Route Segment Network
- County Boundaries
- Township Boundaries
- City or Town



Earthstar Geographics, Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, and OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

COPPERTON PROJECT, ITC

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP, MECOSTA COUNTY

THE CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP PARCELS LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN DETERMINED, USING THE MAP, PROVIDED BY ITC, FOR CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP. THESE PARCELS ARE DIRECTLY IN THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTING MAP. ***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MAP IS PART OF THEIR PRELIMINARY STUDY. NONE OF THE ROUTES HAVE BEEN FINALIZED.*** THE "LU" PRECEDING THE PARCELS IS A NUMBER ASSIGNED TO PROPOSED TRANSMISSION ROUTES.

LINE NUMBER	SECTION #	PARCEL #	LINE NUMBER	SECTION #	PARCEL #
LU1479	25		LU1506	07	03-007-010-000
	ALSO LU1494 LU1504	03-025-004-004			03-007-014-000
		03-025-005-502			03-007-015-004
		03-025-005-702		08	03-008-007-000
		03-025-014-000			03-008-008-000
		03-025-014-500		17	03-017-001-000
		03-025-014-600			
		03-025-016-000	LU1519	05	03-005-008-000
LU1494	24				03-005-009-500
	ALSO LU2091	03-024-013-000		06	03-006-005-000
		03-025-004-003			03-006-006-100
				08	03-008-003-000
LU1495					03-008-004-000
	22			NE CORNER OF PROPERTY	03-008-005-000
	ALSO LU1504	03-022-005-000			03-008-009-000
	ALSO LU1504	03-022-007-100		17	
	ALSO LU1504	03-022-008-000		ALSO LU1506/LU2092	03-017-001-000
	23	03-023-003-500			
	ALSO LU1504	03-023-007-000	LU1531	11	03-011-001-000
					03-011-008-000
LU1496	24	03-024-003-002		12	03-012-001-000
		03-024-004-000			03-012-002-000
		03-024-012-000			03-012-004-000
	NW CORNER	03-024-017-001			03-012-005-000
					03-012-006-000
LU1504	22			14	03-014-001-000
	ALSO LU1495	03-022-005-000			03-014-011-000
	ALSO LU1495	03-022-007-001		23	03-023-002-000
	ALSO LU1495	03-022-008-000		ALSO INTERSECTS WITH LU2091	03-023-003-500
	23	03-023-007-000			
	26	03-026-004-002	LU2091	23	03-023-003-000
		03-026-005-000		ALSO LU1531	03-023-003-500
		03-026-007-000		24	
		03-026-008-000		ALSO LU1494	03-024-013-000
		03-026-014-000	LU2092	16	03-016-005-200
					03-016-005-301
					03-016-005-370
					03-016-005-390
					03-016-007-000
				17	
				ALSO LU1506/LU1519	03-017-001-000