

GREENLINES

Welcome to the April 2007 edition of ATC's Environmental Newsletter.

A newsletter from ATC's Environmental Department - April 2007

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2006 Annual Environmental Report

ATC is proud to issue its 2006 Environmental Annual Report: **Better Because We're Here.**

The report is a review of ATC's environmental commitment throughout 2006. It summarizes the activities we have taken over the past year to protect and enhance the environment and align ourselves with our environmental commitment to protect and enhance the places we live and do business.



To view ATC's 2006 Annual Environmental Report click on the following link:
http://www.atcllc.com/documents/Environ_AR07.pdf

ATC Environmental Stewardship Fund

In January 2007, ATC made its second annual contribution to the ATC Environmental Stewardship Fund, which is managed by the Natural Resources Foundation. This annual contribution is part of ATC's commitment to the Green Tier program managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The fund provides support to conservation programs involving habitat protection and management, endangered species protection, community-based



conservation, and environmental education. Future editions of GREENLINES will highlight some of the projects this fund supports, such as the Mequon Nature Preserve featured this month.

ATC's Environmental Management System: Fred

One of the ways that ATC lives its environmental commitment on a daily basis is through the implementation of our Environmental Management System named Fred. Fred consists of various interrelated management practices in the form of written policies, procedures, work instructions and performance standards which translate ATC's Environmental Commitment into the daily operations of ATC, employees and contractors. By utilizing Fred in ATC's daily functions, we ensure that our environmental commitment is practiced throughout every aspect of our business which allows us to continually strive for ever-increasing environmental excellence.



Fred

To learn more about ATC's Environmental Management System, please visit our website by clicking on the following link:
<http://www.atcllc.com/IT3f.shtml>

Mequon Nature Preserve

Working together, the Mequon Nature Preserve and ATC are putting to good use a transmission line right-of-way in Mequon, Wis. by installing a recreational trail along the 345-kilovolt transmission line that runs through the Preserve.



With drain tiles removed, water is now ponding at the Mequon Nature Preserve.

Founded in 2000 and located on the urban edge of metropolitan Milwaukee, the 438 acre

Mequon Nature Preserve is currently undergoing a transformation, returning the Preserve's lands back to the beech-maple hardwood forest and wetlands which were characteristic of the area



A year old oak tree planted by volunteers at the Preserve.

pre-settlement. By completing this restoration, and installing facilities such as buildings, trails, and access points, the Mequon Nature

Preserve offers as a unique place for ongoing environmental education, research, and outdoor

recreation to a rapidly growing urban population.

"We are always striving to find ways in which our transmission line corridors can benefit the communities in multiple ways and creating a trail along this right-of-way benefits all of us," says Rita Hayen, manager of ATC's Environmental Department. "It helps us to keep the right-of-way free of tall growing vegetation which can interfere with the transmission line, but also creates an avenue which allows people to enjoy and learn from the Preserve."



Funds donated to the Mequon Nature preserve directly from ATC, and from ATC's Environmental Stewardship Fund are helping to ensure the completion of this trail, currently scheduled for construction during the second half of 2007. The trail, which will follow ATC's transmission line, will be part of a larger system in the Preserve that will provide public access for recreational and educational opportunities to thousands of visitors each year. In addition, the trail will connect the 106-mile Milwaukee County Oak Leaf Trail and the 30-mile Ozaukee Interurban Trail, which provides additional educational and recreational options.

For more information on the Mequon Nature Preserve visit <http://mequon.govoffice.com> and click on "Mequon Nature Preserve" in top menu bar.

Project Updates

Curious about the transmission line projects ATC is working on? Here are a few examples of current projects.

Rockdale - West Middleton 345 kV Transmission Line

Dane County, Wisconsin

ATC is in the final stages of choosing route options that will be proposed for the new Rockdale - West Middleton 345 kV transmission line. We have conducted a great deal of public outreach over the last two years, and heard from citizens, businesses, government officials, regulatory agencies, non-profit groups, and others about the need for and siting of the new line.

We expect to file an application with the PSCW in fall 2007. The application will include at least two route options to connect southern Dane county substations. The PSCW will evaluate the need for the project and, if the project is approved, select one of the proposed routes after completing an Environmental Impact Statement and conducting both technical and public hearings.

Gardner Park-Central Wisconsin Morgan-Werner West transmission line Marathon, Shawano, Oconto, Waupaca, and Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin

ATC has launched a website to keep people informed about the GCMW transmission line project during the construction phase. All construction activities are expected to be complete by December of 2009.

Learn more by visiting the project website at:
<http://www.atc-gcmw.com/>

Fitchburg-Verona 138kV power line Dane County, Wisconsin

In January 2007, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin began the regulatory review of ATC's application to construct a new electric substation, called Oak Ridge Substation, in the city of Fitchburg and a proposal to construct a new 138kV transmission line that would connect the proposed Oak Ridge Substation and the existing Verona Substation in Verona. The roughly six-month regulatory review process will include engineering and environmental scrutiny and a public hearing. ATC hopes to have a decision on the project from the PSC later this summer or fall, but it is not unusual for the regulatory review to extend beyond six months.

Laurium #1 (Atlantic Mine - Osceola) Upper Peninsula, Michigan

To improve reliability of service in the upper Keweenaw Peninsula, ATC is proposing to rebuild the 13.8 mile Laurium #1 line connecting the Atlantic Mine Substation in Houghton, Mich., and the Osceola Substation in Laurium, Mich. Originally constructed in 1956, the Laurium #1 line crosses a number of environmentally and culturally sensitive areas including more than 50 wetlands and streams, the Keweenaw National Historic Park, and the Portage Canal shipping channel in Houghton, all of which will be given special consideration during construction. Environmental studies and preliminary engineering have been completed, and construction is expected to begin this summer. The reconstructed line is scheduled to be placed in-service during the summer of 2008.

What's coming in the next issue?

Watch for ATC's special Earth Day edition of **GREENLINES** in May 2007. Topics will include:

- Earth Day Events
- Participation in the Wisconsin Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat Conservation Plan
- ATC's New De Pere Office
- Project Updates

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ATC's Environmental Commitment: ATC is committed to environmental leadership in all aspects of our business. ATC supports sustainable environmental policies and actions through balancing environmental stewardship with financial, engineering and maintenance requirements, and social impacts. Pairing our environmental commitment with partnerships among regulators, stakeholders, and employees provides a powerful venue for creative innovative and entrepreneurial resolution of issues.

ATC is a Green Tier Organization

