

Keeping the Transmission System Safe & Reliable



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Understanding the importance of the transmission rights-of-way and PECO's policies for accepted secondary use.

The National Electrical Safety Code sets minimum clearance distances between power lines and obstructions or the ground. In addition, the federal government has strict reliability standards for transmission lines. Obstructions in the rights-of-way can cause reliability and safety issues, and may impede our ability to maintain and upgrade our facilities.

The transmission system is the backbone of the regional electric grid, channeling high-voltage power from generating facilities to local distribution lines serving communities. This system is vital to our economic health and our nation's security. Keeping the areas beneath our transmission lines clear is critical for your safety and the safety of our employees, and it is an important part of maintaining the reliability of the power we provide to our customers.

Understanding what types of secondary uses are acceptable within our rights-of-way helps to ensure safety and protects our ability to deliver clean energy to meet the current and future needs of our customers and communities.

What is a right-of-way?

Transmission rights-of-way are typically identified by large steel poles or tower structures that are used to transport high-voltage electricity across long distances. PECO owns or has express property rights to operate, maintain and upgrade our equipment within our rights-of-way.

What types of secondary uses are acceptable on PECO rights-of-way?

Permitted secondary uses **may include**, but are not limited to:



Recreational trails

Not Permitted in 500kv and 500 kv-rated transmission line corridors



Agricultural crops/ livestock grazing



Roads/driveways/ parking lots



Sewer/water lines or underground facilities

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What types of secondary uses are not acceptable on PECO rights-of-way?

Prohibited secondary uses **may include**, but are not limited to:



Buildings/sheds/
garages/greenhouses



Water retention basins



Rain gardens



Billboards



Tents



Dumpsters



Storage/stockpiling

How do I apply for approval for secondary use?

PECO is here to help individuals and organizations understand the rules and guidelines related to secondary use of our rights-of-way.

Applicants are encouraged to send an email to **PECOLandRequests@exeloncorp.com** or contact their External Affairs Manager who can provide an application as well as a full list of restrictions and guidelines. By doing so, any potential issues can be addressed before an investment has been made.



Right-of-Way Trail Application Process

Applicants who are interested in developing a trail utilizing PECO's right-of-way (ROW) should contact their External Affairs Manager who can assist with the application process. A representative from PECO's Real Estate department will act as the main point of contact throughout the process, which is described below.

STEP 1



Applicant

- Applicant inquires about potential trail license on PECO ROW.
- Inquiries can be made to PECOLandRequests@exeloncorp.com.

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- PECO will review the request for any initial safety or property rights concerns.
- PECO will coordinate a meeting with the applicant for an initial review of the request.
 - **This will occur within 14 days of receipt of application.**

STEP 2



Applicant

- Applicant provides information to complete application for further review and submits the required application fee.

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- PECO receives application, completes property evaluation and determines potential impacts across various internal departments. This includes reviewing the application for potential safety, future planning, environmental, or community issues.
- PECO notifies the applicant when a determination has been made.
 - **This will occur within 90 days of receipt of application.**

STEP 3



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- PECO prepares a license agreement and provides it to applicant.
 - **This will occur within 21 days of approval**

Applicant

- Applicant signs license agreement and returns to PECO.

STEP 4



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- PECO signs agreement, applies for Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission approval, and provides a signed copy back to the applicant.
 - **This typically occurs within 7-14 days of receipt.**



STEP 5



Applicant

- Applicant provides PECO with final and stamped trail construction plans (Final Plans).
 - Note: Construction **cannot begin** until PECO signs off on Final Plans. A PECO representative will contact the applicant annually to review the plan and approval until the trail is constructed.
 - Final Plans must be presented within three years of the signed agreement. If plans are not presented during that timeframe, a new application must be submitted.

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- PECO reviews Final Plans, ensures they comply with design standards, and provides the applicant with signed approval.

STEP 6



Applicant

- Applicant receives approval to build trail and follows PECO construction standards.

Secondary Use Guidelines For PECO Transmission Rights-Of-Way

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✓ ACCEPTABLE

Agricultural pursuits including:

- Pastureland
- Farming (no tree farms)
- Vineyards

Wildlife preserves

Park lands

Recreational Trails with certain conditions

○ RESTRICTED

Fencing

Grading (cut or fill)

Parking lots

Benches (in limited situations)

Signs (in limited situations)

Roads, driveways, sewer/water lines, other utility lines or any underground facilities

✗ NOT ACCEPTABLE

Structures (including but not limited to the following):

- Buildings
- Manufactured/Mobile Homes
- Sheds
- Carports
- Greenhouses
- Tents
- Playhouses, playsets, trampolines, Satellite systems
- Swimming pools and associated equipment/decking
- Billboards
- Dumpster and trash receptacles
- Tree farms
- Propane/fuel tanks
- Septic systems of other tanks (above or below grade)
- Mulching operations
- Storage/stockpiling
- Light posts

Dumping debris of any type including but not limited to the following:

- Flammable or combustible materials
- Building material
- Wrecked or disabled vehicles
- Animal carcasses
- Fill or rubble piles
- Any other object that which may interfere with transmission line right-of-way use

Open fires or fire pits

Attachment to PECO structures

(without prior approval from PECO)

Any drainage feature that allows water to pond, causes erosion, directs storm water toward the right-of-way or limits access to or around PECO facilities is prohibited.

This includes storm drainage pipes, downspouts, wet-storm water basins, ponds & rain gardens.



Application For Secondary Use of PECO Transmission Rights-Of-Way

Date: _____ Applicant's Phone: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Describe Request: _____

Location (Street, County, Township, Etc.): _____

Application Fee: _____ Contact PECO For Application Fee

Phone: _____ (215)841-5381

File No. (Internal): _____ Map No. (Internal): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Instructions

1. Read Entire Application And Sign.
2. Provide marked-up aerial photo of area you would like to use to include the necessary information.
3. Return one signed copy of this application along with your plan and application fee and mail to:

PECO
Real Estate & Facilities
2301 Market Street, N3-3
Philadelphia, Pa 19103
Attention: Sales and Leasing
PECOLandRequest@exeloncorp.com

General Information

1. Upon receipt of this completed Application and the application fee, we will process your request for secondary use and will contact you as soon as possible.
2. Our Annual Fees Vary Based On The Use Requested; Your Contact Will Discuss These Fees With You.
3. Applicants are encouraged to send an email to PECOLandRequests@exeloncorp.com or contact their External Affairs Manager who can provide a full list of restrictions and guidelines.