

## Xcel Energy Access to Transmission Line #3205 from North end of Myrick Park

### Questions/Answers from La Crosse Board of Public Works Meeting

Mike Herro, Xcel Energy 2/5/19

Xcel is requesting access and staging from Myrick Park Lane for soil boring work in four locations of Xcel Energy owned land in the La Crosse River Marsh.

1. Did we look at a smaller unit to accomplish the work?

Yes, but this is the smallest machine our Geotechnical Consultant (AET) is aware of that will be able to handle our drill rig in a safe manner.

2. Please verify that access from Xcel Energy's La Crosse substation will not work.

Correct. Our Marsh Master subcontractor (JF Brennan) looked at the substation and determined there is not enough room there to assemble the Marsh Master.

3. Where will the soil borings be done and what route will the soil boring rig take?

There will be four soil borings near locations XA, XB, XC, and XD (see attached). XA and XB are located in the west side of the paved trail and XC and XD are on east side. We plan to cross the paved trail at the low spot near our transmission lines and will also have to cross the gravel trail to the east to access site XD. We plan to cross this trail on our property. Note: We now plan to take four soil borings; our original request to the Board of Public Works on 2/4 was for five borings.

4. Where is the entry point of the Marsh Master?

We plan to assemble the Marsh Master in Myrick Park, in the gravel areas on the north end. We will pick an entry location where we do the least tree damage, but still have a surface that isn't too steep.

5. Will we do required restoration work?

Restoration work will be done and is a condition of our State of WI permit to replace the transmission line.

6. Do we need to remove any trees?

We do not anticipate removing any trees.

7. Where will the Marsh Master cross the paved trail?

We plan to cross the trail near the low spot underneath our transmission lines.

8. Are we aware of the Eagles nest and the potential Takings permit that would be required?

We are aware of the eagle nest and do not plan to take soil borings within 500' of this nesting site.