LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOOLS

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

We protect wetlands, salmon, and endangered species – why not homo sapiens?!?



Mapping

Local government planning maps MUST include transmission pipeline infrastructure data!

Consultation Zone

- Early in the development process, REAL EARLY
- Educate developer regarding transmission pipeline issues
- Developer reviews proposed project with pipeline operator
- Pipeline operator makes decision concerning whether proposed action will impact pipeline integrity



Setbacks

Protect people by protecting the pipe

Construction Setbacks

□ Keep the equipment and materials off the easement!

Require a temporary barrier - fence

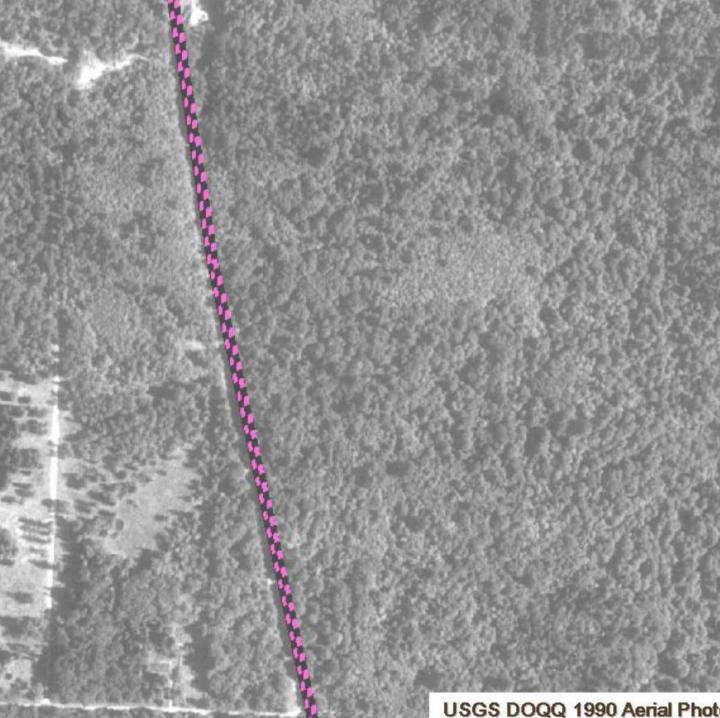
Permit Center Procedures

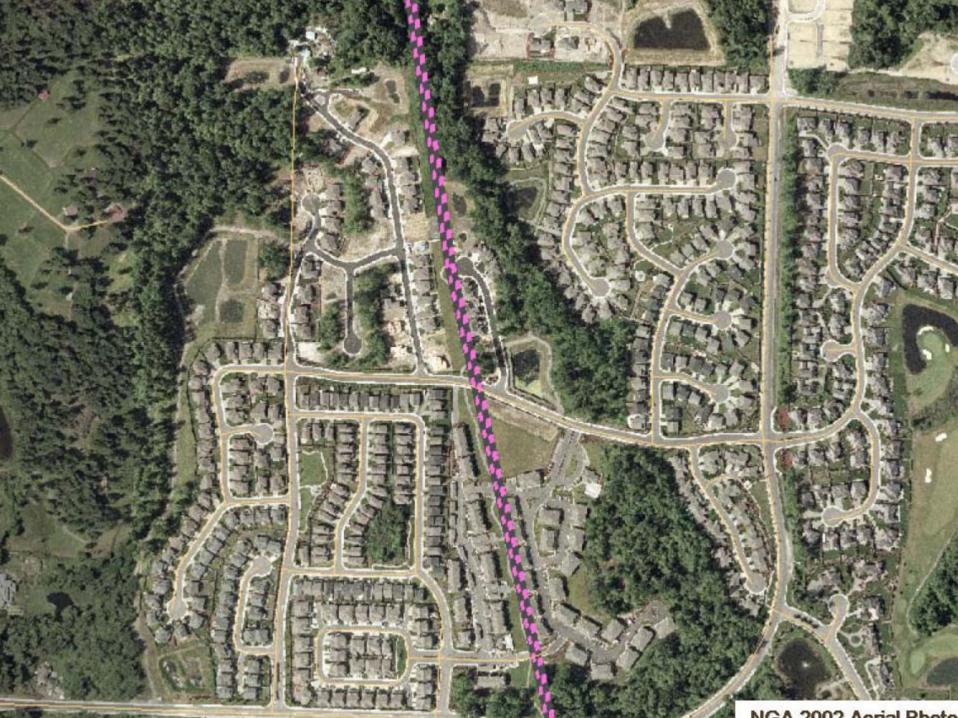
Brochures and websites explaining permit procedures must include one-call requirements

Relevant for fences, lawn irrigation, putting up basketball backstop, etc.

Clustering Development

Allow deviations from local government development regulations in situations where clustering will move residential or commercial development away from pipeline.





Emergency Services & Evacuation

Zoning – Prohibit emergency communications, fire services, police facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, jails and other such facilities from being built in a location that would put them at risk if there was a catastrophic rupture – or require construction and design that minimizes risk.



Real Estate Disclosure

- Easements off the property are not disclosed in a title search
- □ Easement disclosure is opaque at best
- Too often disclosure occurs late in the process

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