

# Peoples Gas Infrastructure Upgrades at Indian Ridge Marsh

## **The Natural Gas Infrastructure Upgrade Program**

Peoples Gas is undertaking a major upgrade to its natural gas delivery infrastructure throughout Chicago. Over the next 20 years, our crews will replace nearly 2,000 miles of natural gas pipes. That's more than 40 percent of our system. By making these improvements sooner rather than later, we will increase the safety and efficiency of our system and reduce long-term costs to our customers.

A natural gas line runs under Indian Ridge Marsh, and portions of this pipeline need to be inspected, repaired and replaced to keep it safe and reliable in the years to come. Our work at the marsh will take place in two limited areas – one on 122nd Street and one on Torrence Avenue.

## **Indian Ridge Marsh**

Indian Ridge Marsh is part of the Calumet Open Space Reserve. Once an industrial site used for the disposal of slag from steelmaking operations, it has become an important site for wildlife habitat restoration and wildlife conservation. It is home to one state-endangered species, the Blanding's Turtle, and it is an important bird habitat. Peoples Gas has worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the City of Chicago to make sure that the work we're performing on our infrastructure protects the environment at Indian Ridge Marsh and complies with all environmental laws and regulations. In order to protect the Indian Ridge Marsh, we will:

1. Perform work between August 1 and December 31, 2014 to limit disruption to birds' nesting season. Most construction will take place between October 20 and November 2, 2014.
2. Educate all workers about this sensitive natural resource area.
3. Limit site access to the narrow work area shown on the diagram.
4. Provide extra protection to Blanding's Turtles on the site. We will:
  - Educate workers about Blanding's Turtle, including posting photos of the turtles on the site.
  - Install fencing that is dug into the ground to keep turtles from entering the work area.
  - Conduct daily inspections for turtles. If a turtle is present, all work will stop until the turtle has moved out of the way.
  - Cover trenches and excavated areas each evening to avoid trapping turtles or other animals.
  - Routinely inspect trenches and excavations to make sure no turtles have become trapped within them.
5. Comply with a site-specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

## **For More Information**

If you have any questions or concerns about the work Peoples Gas is performing at Indian Ridge Marsh, please call 312-240-3800. If you have questions about Peoples Gas Infrastructure Upgrade Program, visit [www.peoplesgasdelivery.com](http://www.peoplesgasdelivery.com).

