

Environmental Justice Screening Form

Project Name	Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC Reliable Affordable Resilient Enhancement (AGT Enhancement)
Anticipated Date of MEPA Filing	June 1, 2026
Proponent Name	Matthew Hanna Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC Matthew.Hanna@enbridge.com
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Public website for project or other physical location where project materials can be obtained (if available)	https://www.enbridge.com/agtenhancement
Municipality and Zip Code for Project (if known)	Mendon (01756) Bellingham (02019) Franklin (02038) Wrentham (02093)
Project Type* (list all that apply)	Other: Utility
Is the project site within a mapped 100-year FEMA flood plain? Y/N/ unknown	Yes
Estimated GHG emissions of conditioned spaces (click here for GHG Estimation tool)	The Project consists of a natural gas pipeline. Accordingly, the estimated greenhouse gas emissions cannot be quantified at this time, as the applicable analytical tool permits only assumptions related to conditioned spaces and does not accommodate infrastructure of this nature.

Project Description

<p>1. Provide a brief project description, including overall size of the project site and square footage of proposed buildings and structures if known.</p> <p>The Project includes the replacement of 8.3 miles of existing 16-inch-diameter G-1 pipeline with new 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Worcester and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts, and Providence County, Rhode Island (“G-1 36-inch Pipeline Replacement”); the installation of 2.2 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline loop next to Algonquin’s existing 6-inch G-2 pipeline in Newport County, Rhode Island (“G-2 12-inch Pipeline Loop”); and the installation of 3.0 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline loop next to Algonquin’s existing 24-inch-diameter Mainline and 30-inch-diameter L30B pipeline in Providence County, Rhode Island (“L36D Pipeline Loop”). The Project will also include installation of pipeline appurtenances in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and software modifications at Algonquin’s existing Cromwell Compressor Station in Middlesex County, Connecticut.</p> <p>In Massachusetts, the project will take-up and relay 6.0 miles of existing 16-inch-diameter G-1 pipeline with a new 36-inch-diameter pipeline within Algonquin’s existing Right of Way (ROW). The G-1 36-inch Pipeline Replacement begins in the Town of Mendon at Algonquin’s existing metering and regulating (“M&R”) Station 00306 off Thayer Road at milepost (“MP”) 0.0 in Worcester County, Massachusetts and extend 6.0 miles southeast through the Towns of Bellingham, Franklin, and Wrentham (Norfolk County), Massachusetts, and continue 2.3 miles into the Town of Cumberland, Providence County, Rhode Island. Although Algonquin has avoided and minimized the requirement for additional permanent easement to the extent practicable, Algonquin does anticipate that additional permanent ROW will be required to accommodate the pipeline operation of the G-1 36-inch Pipeline Replacement segment and additional permanent ROW will be required for the expanded M&R 00306 facility at MP 0.0.</p>

2. List anticipated MEPA review thresholds (301 CMR 11.03) (if known)

- 301 CMR 11.03(1)(a)(1): Direct alteration of 50 or more acres of land.
- 301 CMR 11.03(1)(b)(3): Disposition or change in use of land or an interest in land subject to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. **(Applicability to be determined)**
- 301 CMR 311.03(2)(b)(2): Greater than 2 acres of disturbance to designated priority habitat that results in a take of a state-listed endangered or threatened species or species of special concern. **(Applicability to be determined)**
- 301 CMR 311.03(3)(b)(f): alteration of ½ or more acres of any other wetlands

3. List all anticipated state, local and federal permits needed for the project (if known)

Please see Attachment A.

4. Identify EJ populations and characteristics (Minority, Income, English Isolation) within 5 miles of project site (can attach map identifying 5-mile radius from [EJ Maps Viewer](#) in lieu of narrative)

Within 5 miles of the Project Site, there are 14 EJ populations in the towns of Bellingham, Milford, and Blackstone that have been characterized as:

1. Minority
2. Income
3. Minority and Income
4. Minority, Income, and English Isolation

As the Project is not anticipated to exceed 150 diesel truck trips per day and does not exceed an air quality threshold, the Project is only subject to a 1-mile Designated Geographic Area (“DGA”). Within one mile of the Project Site, there is only one EJ population, located in Bellingham (Census Tract 4431.04, Block Group 3), that has been identified as a minority population. Please see Attachment B to view EJ populations within a 1-mile and 5-mile radius of the Project.

5. Identify any municipality or census tract meeting the definition of “vulnerable health EJ criteria” in the [DPH EJ Tool](#) located in whole or in part within a 1 mile radius of the project site

Within one mile of the Project Site, there are no municipalities or census tracts located in whole or in part that have been identified as “vulnerable health EJ criteria”.

6. Identify potential short-term and long-term environmental and public health impacts that may affect EJ Populations and any anticipated mitigation

The adverse effects anticipated on the EJ population within 1 mile of the Project Site will be limited to construction period impacts that are anticipated to include soil disturbance and increased traffic, noise, and dust. Upon construction completion, these impacts are anticipated to cease and any additional impacts to residential properties, where present, will be addressed through site-specific restoration measures. Disturbed lawns may be reseeded with appropriate seed mixtures, and ornamental plantings or other landscaping features may be restored as specified in written landowner agreements.

7. Identify project benefits, including “Environmental Benefits” as defined in 301 CMR 11.02, that may improve environmental conditions or public health of the EJ population

The Project is designed to improve natural gas system reliability and reduce delivery constraints that contribute to price volatility across New England. Improved reliability and cost stability may provide indirect benefits to EJ populations who can be disproportionately affected by energy affordability. Enhanced system reliability reduces the risk of pipeline failures or leaks that could adversely affect the environment and public health.

By increasing natural gas delivery capacity during peak demand periods, the Project may help reduce regional reliance on higher-emitting fuels such as fuel oil and coal during periods of constrained pipeline capacity, particularly on the coldest and hottest days of the year. Reduced use of these fuels can contribute to broader air quality benefits.

8. Describe how the community can request a meeting to discuss the project, and how the community can request oral language interpretation services at the meeting . Specify how to request other accommodations, including meetings after business hours and at locations near public transportation.

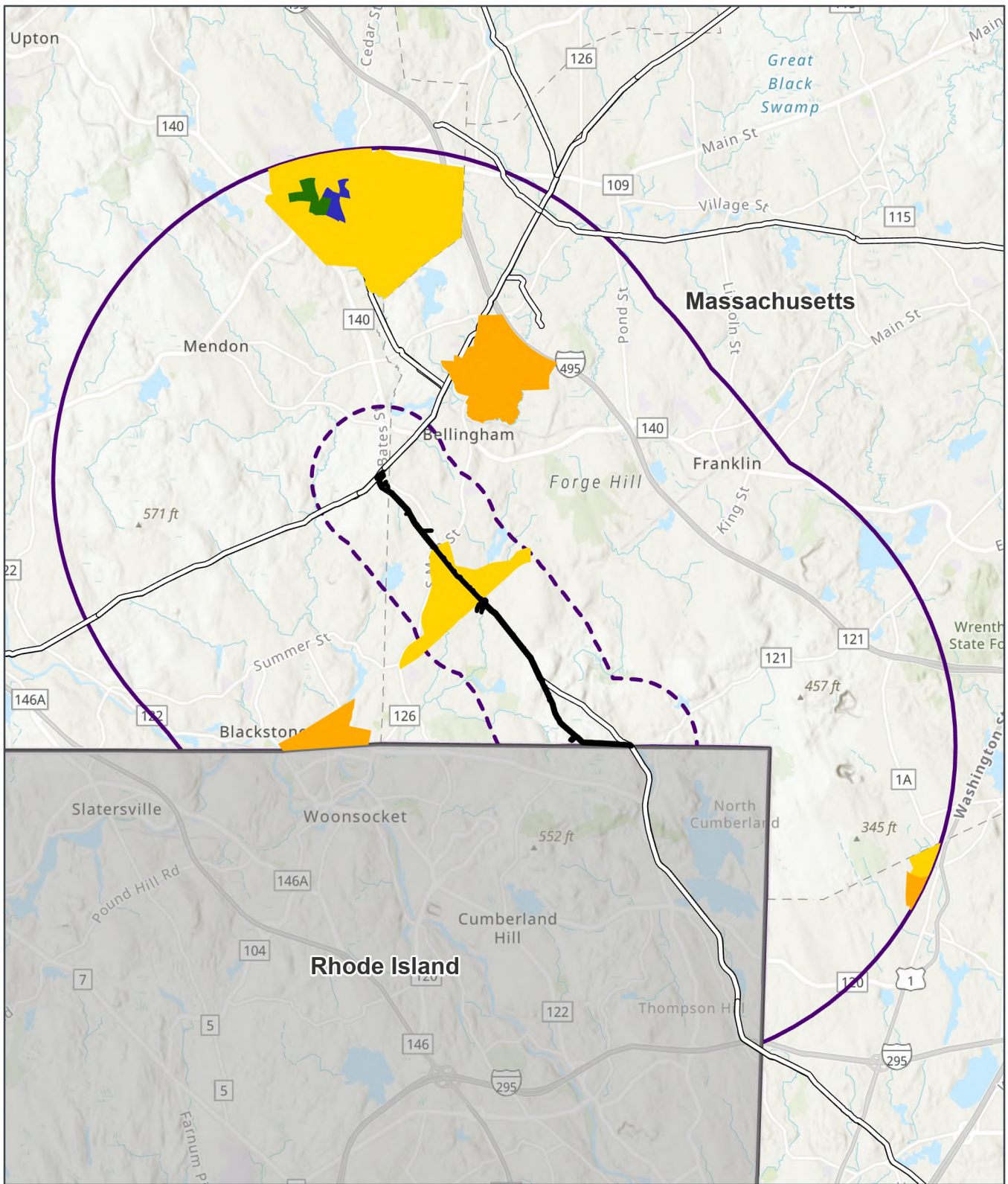
Algonquin outreach is enhanced to target EJ community members within 1-mile radius. This outreach allows for important feedback to appropriately evaluate any proposed adjustments to the plans based on feedback from the community. Invitations to in person Open House (with virtual component) will be sent to allow maximum participation. Algonquin is planning an Open House to occur at Coachman's Lodge located at 273 Wrentham Road in Belingham, Massachusetts from 3:30 - 6:30pm on May 14, 2026.

Additionally, Algonquin maintains a Project website ([Algonquin Reliable Affordable Resilient Enhancement - Enbridge Inc.](#)) with contact information to speak with a Project representative.

Attachment A
Federal, State and Local Permits

Agency	Permit/Approval/Consultation	Submittal Date (Anticipated)	Approval Date (Anticipated)
Federal			
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC")	<i>Approval:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural Gas Act, Section 7c - Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ○ National Environmental Policy Act – Environmental Assessment Review 	(October 2026)	(June 2027)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - New England District	<i>Authorizations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 404 Clean Water Act (anticipated via nationwide permit with preconstruction notification) 	(November 2026)	(July 2027)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1 (New England)	<i>Consultation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wetland review during U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit process ○ Consultation during National Environmental Policy Act review 	(November 2026)	(June 2027)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - New England Field Office	<i>Consultation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act ○ Migratory Bird Treaty Act ○ Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act 	(September 2026)	(June 2027)
Massachusetts			
Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board	<i>Consultation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review and comment on FERC-regulated energy projects Note, Siting Board approval not required for FERC-regulated projects.	(October 2026)	(June 2027)
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs – Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act ("MEPA") Unit	<i>Permit:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MEPA Certificate (310 Code of Massachusetts Regulations ("CMR") 11.00) 	(May 2026)	(July 2027)
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") – Central and Southeast Regional Offices	<i>Permits:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual 401 Water Quality Certification (314 CMR 9.00) 	(November 2026)	(July 2027)
MassDEP Asbestos, Construction and Demolition Notifications	Project requires a Pre-Demolition Inspection (310 CMR 7.15)	To be determined	To be determined
Management of Hazardous Material			
Massachusetts Division of Wildlife and Fisheries – Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program ("NHESP")	<i>Consultation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and NHESP Clearances pursuant to 321 CMR 10.00 	(October 2026)	(July 2027)
Division of Wildlife and Fisheries Field Headquarters			
Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act – Permits from Local Municipal Conservation Commission (Town of Mendon, Bellingham, Franklin, Wrentham)	<i>Permit:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Order of Conditions – Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act 	(August 2026)	(December 2026)
Massachusetts Historical Commission	<i>Consultation:</i>	February 2026	(June 2027)
Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs	Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act ("NHPA")		

Attachment B
Environmental Justice Population Figure



ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION
 LLC ALGONQUIN RELIABLE
 AFFORDABLE RESILIENT
 ENHANCEMENT (AGT
 ENHANCEMENT)
**Attachment B -
 Algonquin
 Enhancement Project
 Environmental Justice
 Populations**

- Existing Algonquin Gas Transmission Pipeline
- 1-Mile Buffer
- 5-Mile Buffer
- Project Location
- State Boundary
- Rhode Island

- MA Environmental Justice Population**
- Income
 - Minority
 - Minority and Income
 - Minority, Income and English isolation

Massachusetts and Rhode Island
 NAD 1983 2011 UTM Zone 19N
 42.0514°N 71.4625°W

Base Map: Esri ArcGIS Online,
 accessed April 2026
 Updated: 4/8/2026
 Project No. 98188
 Layout: MA EJ Pop
 Aprx:
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