

POWERING BIODIVERSITY IN THE ROW

Thursday, August 13, 2026 9:30-12:00noon

Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch Native Plant Emporium

315 Barneyville Road, Swansea, MA

Light refreshments will be served - RSVP details below



Edge habitats - where forests and fields meet - are vital and increasingly rare ecosystems in Southern New England. They foster high plant diversity, offer essential wildlife cover, and provide crucial forage for pollinators. Human-made disturbances such as electrical transmission corridors present unique opportunities to nurture these successional environments and the diverse flora and fauna that flourish in them. By collaborating with property owners to cultivate low-growing native plant communities, utility companies can fulfill their obligation to maintain safe access to transmission lines while simultaneously creating essential habitats where nature can thrive.

National Grid, Tetra Energy Sciences, and Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch Native Plant Emporium invite you to join us for an engaging morning of presentation, conversation, demonstration, and exploration along a conservation focused Right of Way corridor running between Barneyville & New Meadow Roads in Swansea, MA. Program facilitators include:

- Dr. Anand Persad (founder) & team members from Tetra Energy Sciences**
- Maryclaire Rigby, Vegetation Strategy Specialist and Jonathan Duval, Senior Supervisor of Transmission Forestry at National Grid**
- Cindy & Ed Moura, Owners of Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch Native Plant Emporium**

Participants will learn more about National Grid's efforts to promote and study biodiverse habitats in "ROWS" and how those lessons and efforts can translate to creating vital edge habitats across our region. Explore the importance of Native Plants and their relationship to healthy ecosystems and the pollinators and wildlife that call these habitats home. Learn more about how to create self-sustaining native plant communities including planting and maintaining spaces for long-term success and ecological impact. A tree planting, time to explore the nursery, and plenty of opportunities to chat with presenters and fellow attendees will round out the event.

**SPACE IS LIMITED - RSVP TO PRICKLYEDSCACTUSPATCH@GMAIL.COM
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Dress and plan for walking on uneven terrain in and near high vegetation