Garden City PTA Advocacy Information
Propel NY Energy Project

The New York Power Authority and New York Transco are collaborating on a plan to run new 90-mile-long underground transmission lines connecting nine existing and new substations through Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, Bronx, and Westchester Counties. Project advocates claim the project is necessary to bolster grid reliability and deliver energy, including offshore wind energy, into the statewide electric grid. On Long Island this underground transmission line will run across Stewart Avenue, parallel to Stewart School, as well as across Franklin Avenue. Construction, if approved, is estimated to begin in **late 2026 and run through May 2030.**

The NY Propel Energy Project is currently in the late Permitting phase. Under the NYS Article VII process**,** Propel NY Energy must go through a variety of local, state, and federal review and permitting processes to ensure that the work is performed in a safe, environmentally responsible, and community-minded way. Propel NY has stated that qualified contractors will be selected to build the new lines in compliance with all permits and in a manner that is "as least disruptive as possible" to residents and the surrounding environment.

The Garden City Unified School District has joined neighboring districts in filing a letter opposing the project. The district is concerned with the effect of the project on our schools, specifically Stewart School, including increased traffic congestion, disruptions to transportation routes, and potential risks associated with construction near schools. The district believes that additional environmental studies are necessary to determine the impact of high voltage transmission lines on the health and safety of students, staff, and school facilities.

The Garden City PTA is considering joining the GCUFSD by filing a letter of opposition, as well as organizing a parent petition to be sent to local lawmakers requesting that the project not be approved until a more thorough environmental study has been conducted.

Are you concerned about this issue and interested in getting involved? Contact legislation@gardencitypta.org to learn how you can help!