

Power Outages

An update on a hot topic from last July (and in previous seasons). Storms with high winds occasionally have blown large trees in Woodward Nature Preserve onto power lines and poles behind Vinewood Dr. This cut power in the FPW area for many days as crews worked to access and replace the poles and lines among heavy woods. Crews have now cleared 15 feet of access space in this troublesome spot. You can view the work where Vinewood Ct. enters into the walking trail and footbridge over I-71. This will allow trucks and equipment to access the lines (and prevent some trees from falling). This should prevent long repair delays this winter and summer. On behalf of Area 5 residents and the FPCA, I contacted AEP and The City for months last summer without any direct promises or solutions from either, so it is nice to see they responded to the issue. I have not spoken to any residents on Vinewood who lost a bit of forest behind their fences, so they may have different opinions on that loss. I have contacted both the city and AEP to see if they have plans to landscape (plant grass) or maintain this area, as it is just mud currently. No responses yet.

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