

We operate in a service territory with a rich diversity of habitats that support an abundance of wildlife, including



Our business minimizes its impact on areas of biological or cultural sensitivity during the construction or operation of these facilities and rights-of-way.

## **Biodiversity and Land Use**

**CenterPoint Energy's biodiversity and conservation initiatives include habitat restoration projects, endangered species conservation activities, and native wildlife rescue and release efforts.**

CenterPoint Energy:

- Assesses proposed locations for electric transmission facilities and pipeline routes and identifies sensitive areas, including protected species and habitats;
- Avoids environmentally or culturally sensitive areas when practical and when alternative locations or routes are feasible;
- Minimizes project footprints and ecological impacts to facilities;
- Mitigates impacts through restoration and careful vegetation management of pipeline rights-of-way, avoiding active bird nests during the breeding season;
- Monitors and works collaboratively with regulatory agencies in the management of affected listed species and ecosystems; and
- Partners with federal and state regulatory agencies and nonprofit conservation groups to

support biodiversity conservation efforts beyond our operational footprint.

Our Electric Operations' facilities and construction activities typically consist of narrow linear power lines and substations, along with service centers with relatively small footprints. Our Natural Gas Operations business reviews projects during the design phase using an Environmental Review Worksheet to assess potential impacts to air, water and land. Based on the review, it may be necessary to survey habitats for the presence or absence of species that are threatened, protected or endangered. In these cases, we coordinate with state and federal agencies prior to initiating construction.

### [Vegetation Management](#)

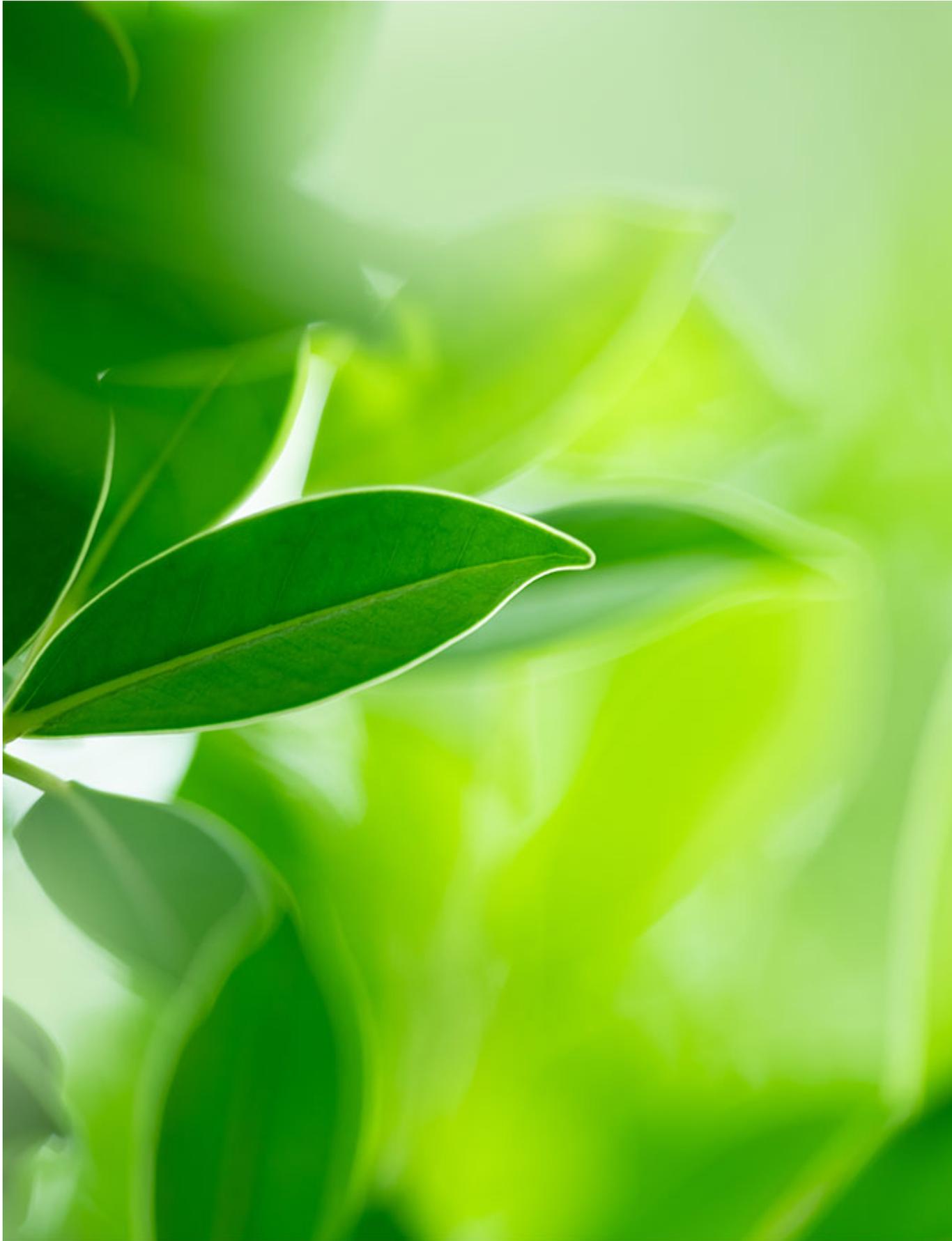
### [Pollinator Initiatives](#)

### **CenterPoint Energy has developed a robust avian protection program, taking great care to prevent harm to birds.**

We develop and implement appropriate avian protection management guidelines, such as conducting avian risk assessments that include mitigation measures, employing avian-friendly infrastructure design and upgrades, and providing alternate nesting structures.

Our interdepartmental avian protection team works to identify and address avian concerns in a comprehensive, coordinated and effective manner. The team comprises managers and professionals representing businesses and functions across the company. Our Environmental Operations Manager coordinates the avian protection team and avian activities.







## 2021 Great Texas Birding Classic

- Hosted by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the state's wildlife and habitat management agency.
- Each year, CenterPoint Energy sponsors the classic and employee teams participate.
- Senior leadership from SCENIC GALVESTON, Inc., a local coastal conservation organization, and other agencies serve on CenterPoint Energy's team.
- Winning teams help direct conservation funds raised through the event.

## CenterPoint Energy MAKES A DIFFERENCE

### Voluntary Partnerships and Contributions

Galveston Bay Foundation

Board service, financial contributions, Marsh Mania volunteer conservation activities

Native Prairies Association of Texas

Financial contributions, conservation project collaboration