

Video voice-over

Matt Steiner: “My job is managing contractors on our RG&E property that perform vegetation management on our transmission lines. So when it comes to transmission lines, that's what my focus is with our RG&E's vegetation management program.

Transmission lines carry a large amount of power. They impact the community fairly significantly. It's very important that our transmission lines are kept clear of vegetation.

I went to school for forestry. I got my bachelors, I had intended on traveling out west, working for a big company when I graduated that I've lived here my whole life. I really didn't want to leave when my roots are here, my family's here. I wanted to be a part of the community, establish a career here, found RG&E, open position in vegetation management. I've been doing this for 12 years now and I really like it.

Apart from doing our day-to-day vegetation management, myself and my colleagues, we also understand that we are land managers. There's a lot of property that we oversee with our transmission lines, our right-of-ways. A lot of our property is good wildlife habitat. We're interacting with the environment on a day-to-day basis. We want to be good stewards of the land. I love Rochester. I've grown up here. I've planted roots here, I now have a family here, kids, wife. It's a great community”.

