



**NORTH PLAINS
CONNECTOR**

A Grid United Project

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LANDOWNER OPEN HOUSE**

About Grid United

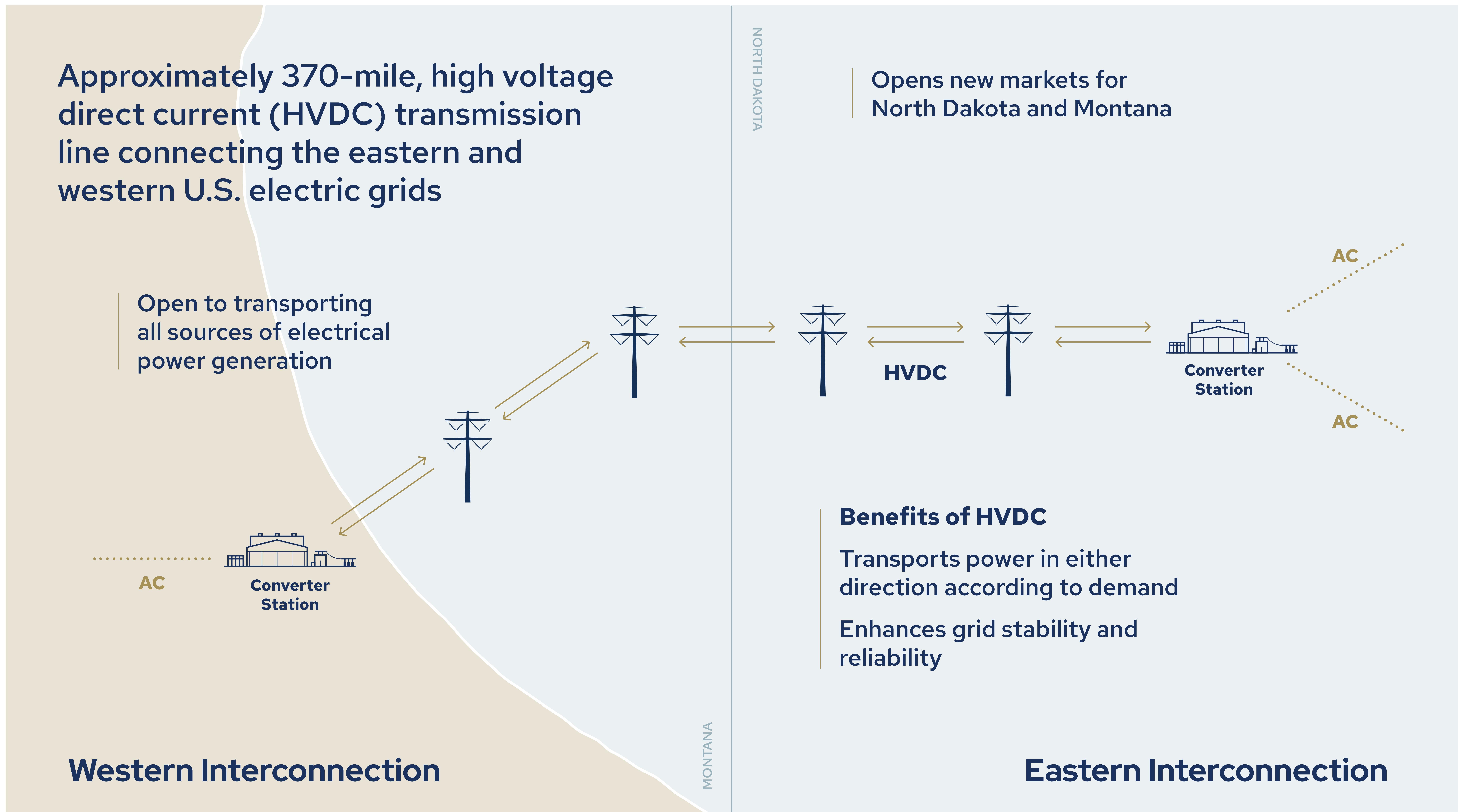


Our team is developing long-distance, utility-scale electric transmission projects that will unite the U.S. electric grid, ensuring Americans have access to **reliable power—whenever and wherever it's needed.**

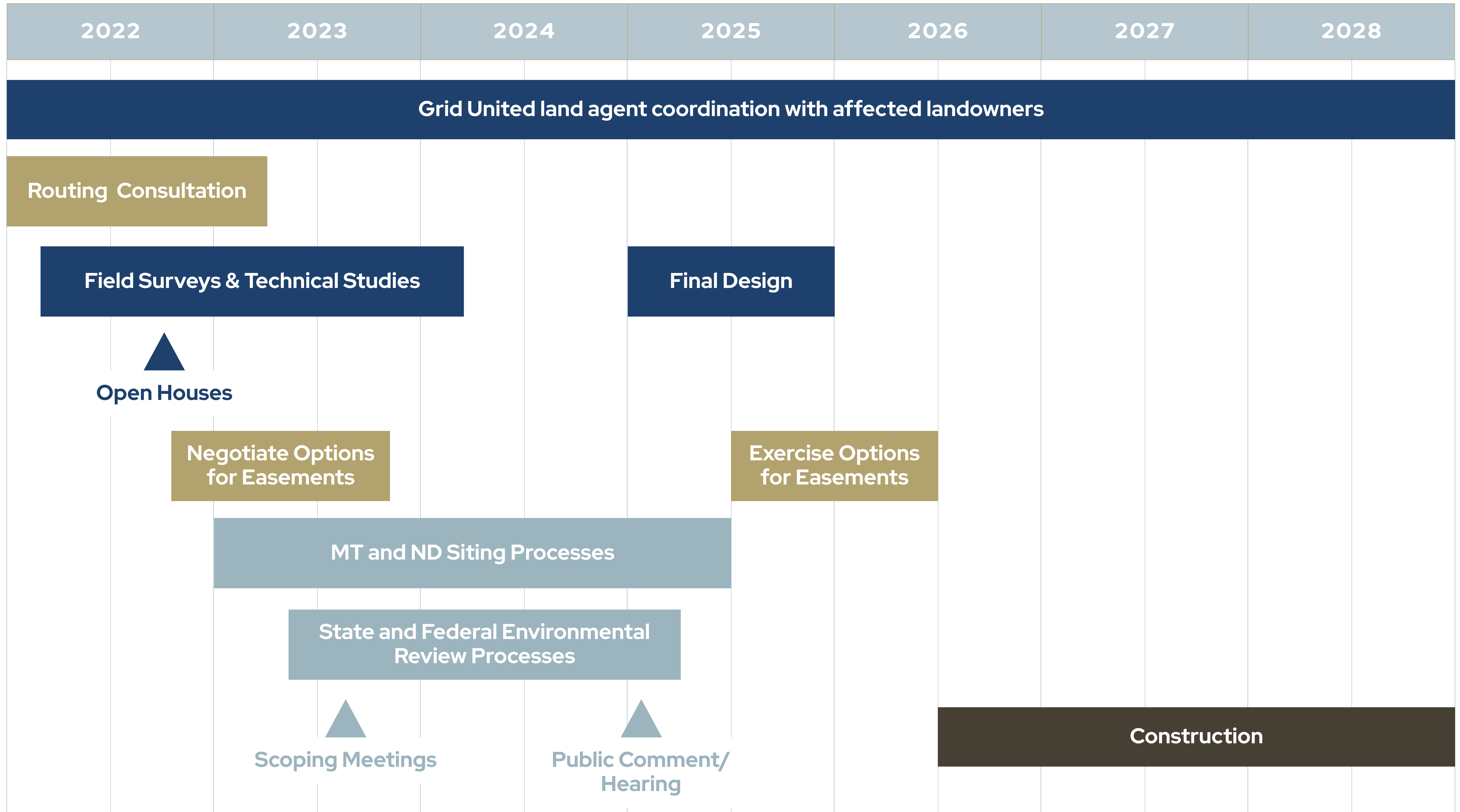
Our team is comprised of experienced professionals in the energy industry who have managed, built and financed large-scale infrastructure projects across North America.

Grid United is backed by Centaurus Capital, the investment vehicle of John Arnold. Centaurus Capital has invested billions of dollars in energy projects across the U.S.

About the North Plains Connector



Project Timeline



Siting and Environmental Review Processes

Approximately Two-Year Process

As the Applicant, Grid United will lead early project development and engage landowners and regulators for input on initial routing and design.

PROJECT SCOPING

- Agency Coordination
- Landowner Consultation
- Public Meeting(s)
- Resource Surveys

INITIAL REVIEW

- Alternatives Development
- Impact Analyses
- MFSA Application
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Public Hearing & Comment Period

FINAL REVIEW

- Response to Comments
- Modifications / Refinements
- Permit Conditions / Mitigation Commitments
- FINAL EIS

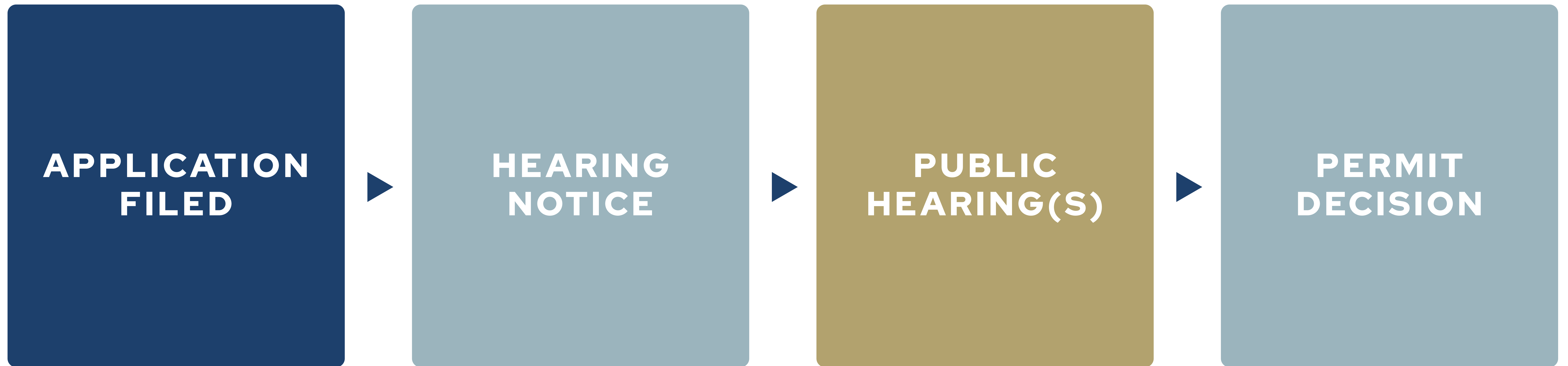
DECISION

- Record of Decision
- MFSA Certificate

Federal and State regulators will conduct independent analyses, potentially develop new alternatives, solicit formal public comment, and make final routing decisions.

North Dakota Public Service Commission Permitting Process

To obtain Certificate of Corridor Compatibility & Route Permit



Local zoning permits (e.g., conditional use permits) also required in some counties with separate public input opportunities.

Routing Constraints

Social

Residences; businesses; farming and ranching operations; churches; land use; parks and recreational areas; cultural, historic, and tribal resources; schools; airports/airstrips; landowner and community feedback

Economic

Construction cost; constructability; taxes; employment; mitigation costs; existing infrastructure; engineering constraints; land costs

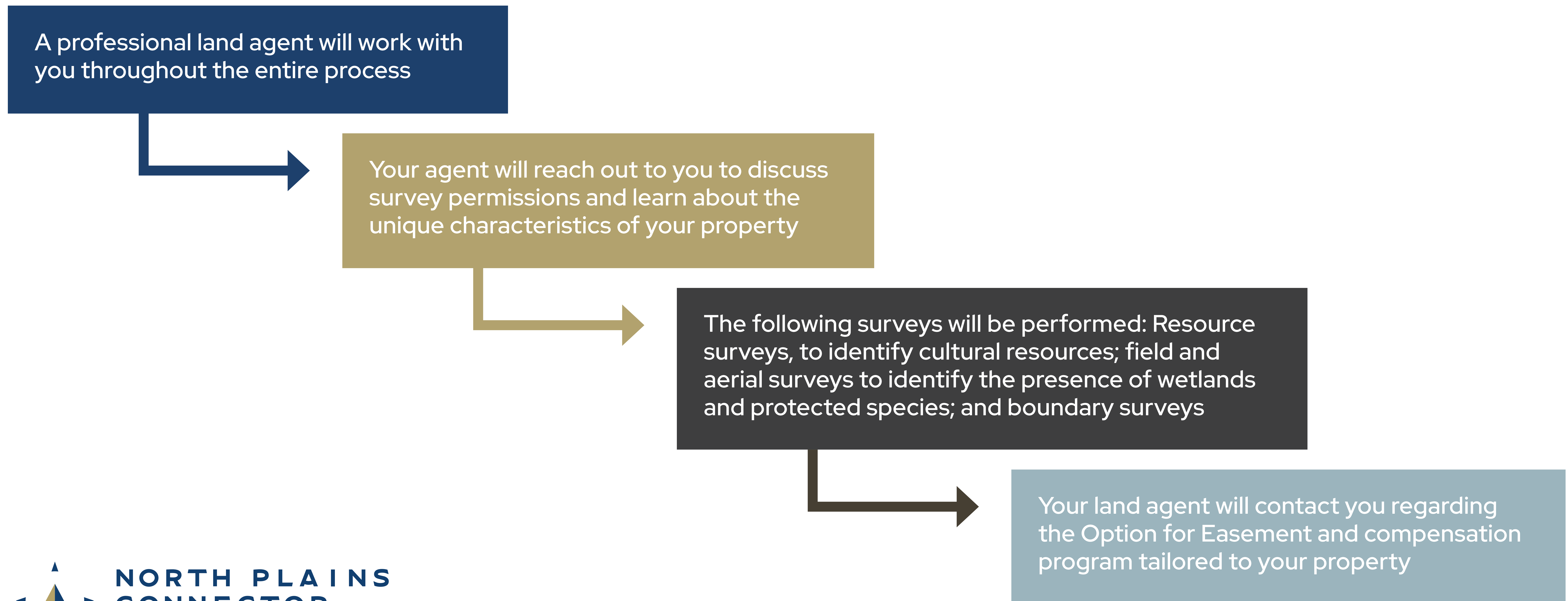
Environmental

Wetlands, floodplains, and other waters regulated by state/federal agencies; sensitive, threatened & endangered species; wildlife habitat

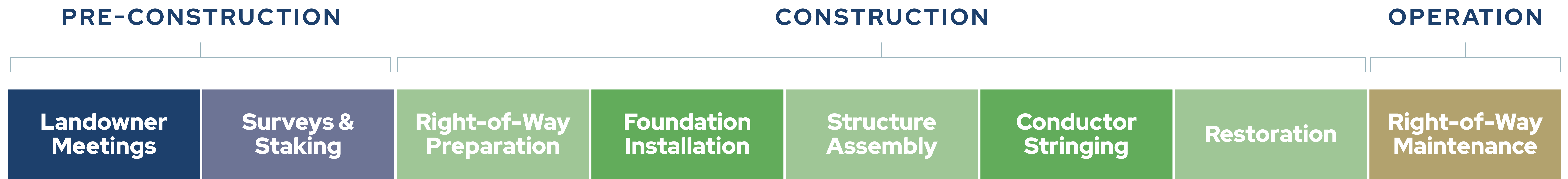
Our Approach

AVOIDANCE ► **MINIMIZATION** ► **MITIGATION**

Landowner Engagement: What can I expect?



Project Construction Sequence



Landowner Meetings: The project will meet with landowners to review construction plans, answer questions, and ensure appropriate construction phase contacts are in place.

Surveys and Staking: Pre-construction environmental surveys will be performed. Staking will be completed along right-of-way, at structure locations, and along limits of disturbance.

Clearing and Grading: Tree clearing and vegetation removal will occur along access roads, around structure locations, and along the right-of-way as needed.

Foundation Installation: Construction crews will drill structure foundation excavations, which are expected to be 7-12 feet in diameter and 25-50 feet deep. The excavations are reinforced with steel and then concrete is poured.

Structure Assembly: Steel poles are assembled at each location, each section being set in place with a crane. Steel lattice towers are typically assembled in sections and then bolted together. Structure erection is usually performed by crane, but helicopters can be used in areas with access or environmental constraints.

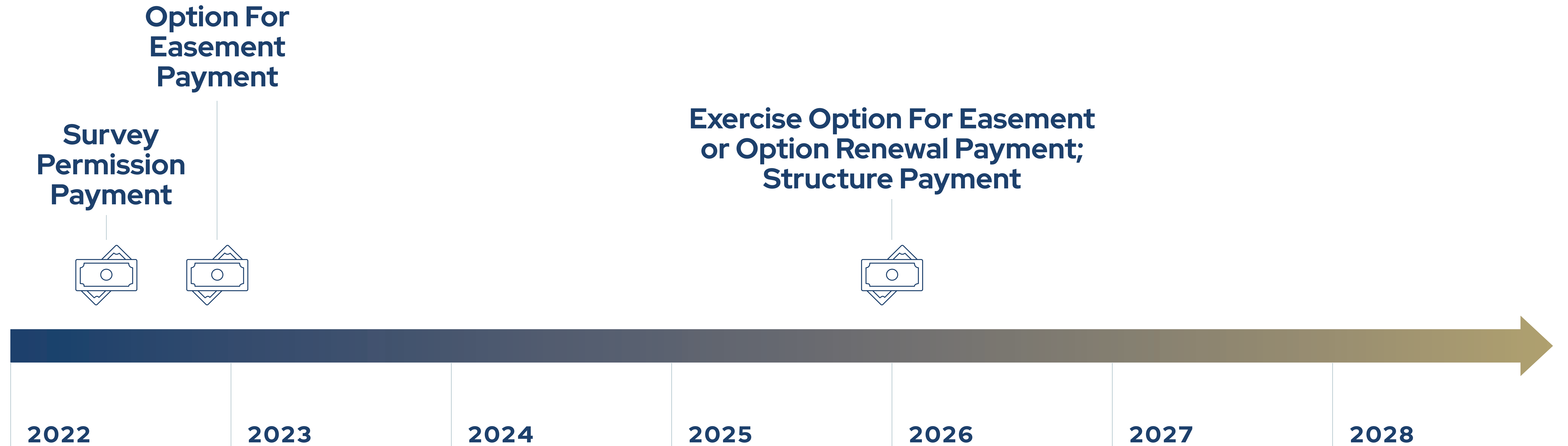
Conductor Stringing: A pulley system is used to pull conductor (wire) from structure to structure. Crews then use a tensioner to ensure the conductor is sagged to the correct tension. The conductor is then attached to the insulators on each structure and pulleys are removed.

Restoration: The right-of-way is cleaned up and restored, which could include repairing fences, removing ruts, decompaction, seeding, and other restoration activities that will be outlined in the project's construction mitigation and restoration plan.

Right-of-Way Maintenance: The line will periodically be inspected— aerially or by ground—to determine if any equipment needs to be replaced and to ensure appropriate vegetation management.

**construction is expected to occur in 2026 or later*

Payment Milestones



Note: The structure payment will come at the time of construction

- Options may be exercised after the regulatory process concludes. If not, they may be renewed
- Grantors will be paid for structures approximately 90 days before construction
- Should damages occur, those damages will be assessed in collaboration with the landowner and any resulting compensation due or repairs made promptly

How We Got Here

Our process incorporates stakeholder feedback prior to seeking regulatory approval—hoping to foster positive relationships with landowners and communities during early planning.

