

# Dept. of Natural Resources: Incidental take notice for Waushara County

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**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to issue a permit for the incidental taking of a rare lizard, which may result from the X11 Transmission Line Upgrade project.

Incidental take refers to the unintentional loss of individual endangered or threatened animals or plants that does not put the species' overall population at risk.

American Transmission Company (ATC) proposes a project resolving clearance issues associated with the X-11 138kV transmission line from the Seven-Mile Creek substation to the Wautoma substation. The project entails upgrading the approximately nine-mile transmission line. Much of the project will be located within existing transmission line or existing highway right-of-way.

The presence of the state endangered slender glass lizard is confirmed in the vicinity of the project site. DNR staff determined that the proposed project may result in the incidental taking of some lizards.

The DNR concludes that the proposed project is not likely to appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival or recovery of the species within the state, the whole plant-animal community of which it is a part of or the habitat that is critical to its existence.

Conservation measures to minimize the adverse effect on the endangered species will be incorporated into the proposed Incidental Take Permit. Copies of the

jeopardy assessment and background information on the slender glass lizard are available by visiting the [DNR Incidental Take Public Notices webpage](#) or upon request from [DNR Conservation Biologist Rori Paloski](#).

The public is encouraged to submit written comments regarding project-related impacts to the slender glass lizard by Sept. 1, 2023 to:

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