

We won! Thanks to all your hard work and support, we prevailed before the Public Utility Commission. On Thursday, the Commissioners selected a CREZ utility route line that will run north of Lake Ray Roberts and spare the Denton Greenbelt entirely.

Unfortunately, this means that many of our neighbors to the north will have to deal with these transmission lines and we sincerely hope that those impacted landowners will be fairly and generously compensated for their sacrifice.

The PUC process thoroughly evaluated the evidence presented and came to a reasonable conclusion supported by a large majority of the intervenors. The process allowed our community to build relationships between neighbors, work together for a common cause, and make it known to the PUC that the Greenbelt is a vital public asset.

The U.S. Congress and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers made a promise when the Greenbelt was created that it would be kept in its present scenic natural state. We hope that this case has set a precedent that the Greenbelt Alliance of Denton County will vigorously defend the integrity of the Greenbelt against further encroachments.

Unlike many other parks that have a lake or canyon as an attraction, the Greenbelt's attraction is its wilderness experience. If you take the wilderness away, it's no different than a city sidewalk. Major power lines and development will obviously diminish the unique experience for users.

We wish to thank all of our members for their financial support, for their tireless participation in the case, and for pulling together from beginning to end. It was truly a united community-wide effort.

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