



Greater Houston Resiliency Initiative 2026 Plan

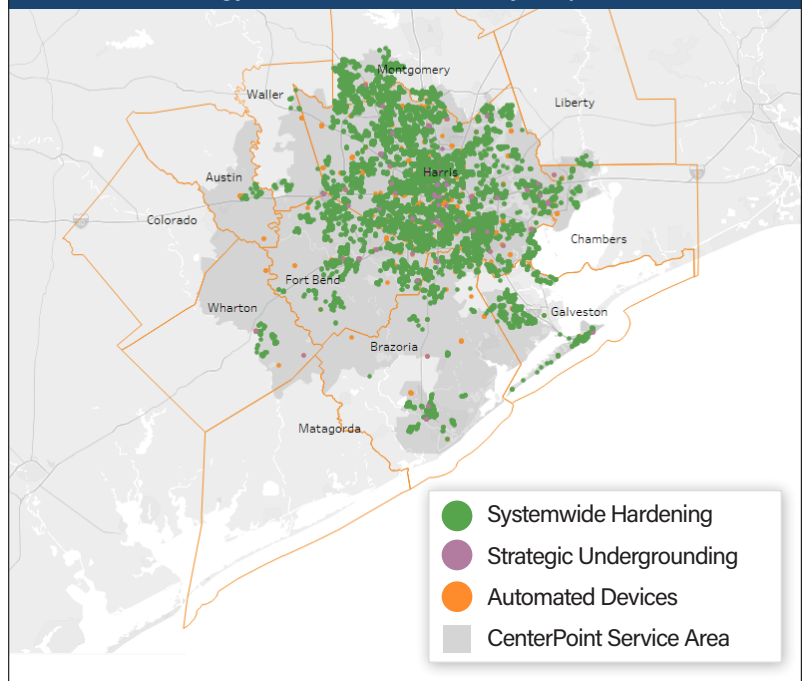


Overview

CenterPoint Energy has the enormous responsibility and privilege of providing safe, reliable and affordable energy to our 2.9 million electric customers across the Greater Houston area. Meeting the energy needs of this fast-growing region, which faces the highest weather hazard risk of any U.S. major metro area, demands an electric system that is stronger, smarter and more resilient in the face of extreme weather events like powerful storms and hurricanes.

To address the risks of extreme weather, CenterPoint Energy launched the Greater Houston Resiliency Initiative (GHRI) in August 2024, which includes a series of critical infrastructure improvements as part of a company-wide commitment to build the most resilient coastal grid in the country. Since then, our 2,800+ local team members and third-party experts have worked every day to strengthen the system, reduce the impact of storm-related outages, increase day-to-day reliability, improve restoration times for our customers, and enhance how we prepare for and respond to major storms and weather events.

CenterPoint Energy's 2026-2028 Resiliency Projects



**Enhanced vegetation management to be conducted across entire service area.*

CenterPoint is pleased to present the following 2026 GHRI Plan, detailing our ongoing and future cost-effective improvements for our customers that build on the historic progress made over the last 16 months.

Historic GHRI Progress

Since 2024, the GHRI has resulted in historic, systemwide upgrades and improvements, such as installing more storm-resilient poles, clearing more high-risk vegetation, targeted undergrounding of power lines and other critical resiliency actions. These actions are focused on strengthening the electric grid against more powerful storms and extreme weather. Our progress to date includes:

- ✓ Installed **55,000+** stronger, more storm resilient poles
- ✓ Installed **500+** automation devices capable of self-healing
- ✓ Completed **8,000+** miles of vegetation clearing near power lines
- ✓ Undergrounded **430+** miles of powerlines
- ✓ Installed **150** advanced weather stations

In 2025, these actions resulted in:

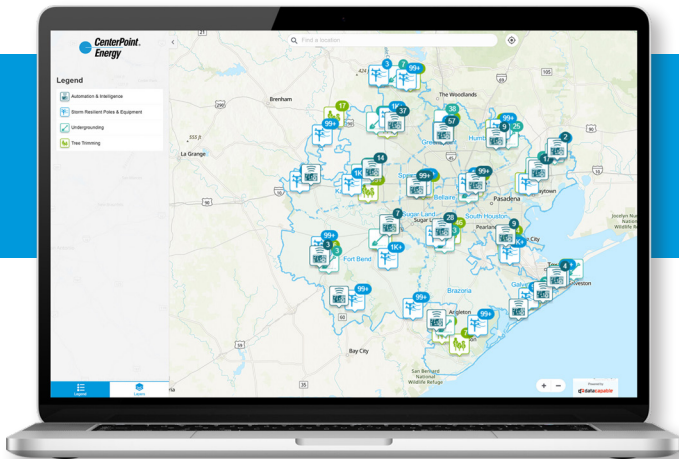
100 million
overall fewer customer
outage minutes



50%
approximate reduction in
customer outage minutes
related to trees and vegetation



See Our Progress in Your Community



Scan here to view
our **Community
Progress Tracker.**










The Community Progress Tracker, a web-based map, allows customers to track our completed work in their neighborhood and across Greater Houston.

GHRI 2026 Annual Plan

As we build on the significant and multifaceted progress made to date, our GHRI efforts will continue to evolve and expand with our customers' and communities' energy needs in mind.

In 2026, we will focus on the next phase of our efforts to strengthen critical infrastructure and improve the resiliency of the transmission and distribution system. This includes implementing an industry-leading, three-year vegetation management cycle across our 12-county service area, as well as resiliency actions designed to address a wider range of extreme weather risks, from floods to wildfires.

2026 GHRI Actions

| 2026 GHRI Actions | | 2026 Goals |
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|  | Installing stronger, storm-resilient poles to better withstand extreme weather | 35,000 POLES |
|  | Trimming and clearing higher-risk vegetation near power lines to reduce storm-related outages | 8,000 MILES |
|  | Undergrounding power lines to strengthen overall resiliency | 400 MILES |
|  | Hardening power lines to improve local and systemwide resiliency | 750 MILES |
|  | Upgrading transmission towers and structures to withstand extreme weather and enhance reliability | 500+ TOWERS |
|  | Installing automation devices capable of self-healing to reduce the impact of outages and improve restoration times | 300 DEVICES |
|  | Installing advanced weather stations to enhance situational awareness and storm preparation | 50 STATIONS |

Key benefits for our customers include:

150 million

fewer customer outage minutes overall by the end of 2026.

57%

total reduction in customer outage minutes related to vegetation by the end of 2026.

These improvements are estimated.

Local Emergency Preparedness

To help improve our overall public coordination and customer communications that reinforce the effectiveness of our GHRI efforts, CenterPoint partners with first responders to prepare for emergencies. This year, we will complete a series of preparedness activities and to help communities better prepare for emergencies, including:



Opening a New Emergency Operations Center



Hosting a joint preparedness full-scale exercise with emergency management offices, local partners and key stakeholders



Hosting preparedness webinars for multilingual customers and critical facilities



Completing FEMA trainings for **1,453** employees



Resiliency Technology Summit



Community Open House

Engaging with Customers and Communities Across Houston

As we invest in hardening critical infrastructure and strengthening the system, our CenterPoint teams are equally committed to showing up in the communities we proudly serve. In 2026, we will be conducting year-round outreach to further improve how we communicate with our customers, strengthen emergency preparedness and enhance local partnership. This includes:



Hosting and participating in **11** community preparedness events with customers and local partners



Meeting with local governments to discuss emergency preparedness and planned resiliency work in their community



Providing support for community preparedness efforts, including a **\$1 million grant** to The Salvation Army to strengthen disaster response capabilities

Building the Most Resilient Coastal Grid in the Country

As the population, economy and energy needs of our region evolve, so do the challenges we face. Our entire CenterPoint team is more committed than ever to taking the bold actions required to build a stronger, more resilient electric system to better serve our customers for decades to come. As part of this effort, we will continue to work closely with our customers, elected leaders and stakeholders to identify specific local needs, prioritize vital infrastructure projects, and ensure that we are taking every possible cost-effective action to benefit the communities we proudly call home.

