



Large Projects Working Definition

A Large Project is a single excavation occurring over a long period or consisting of a large/complex area. It may also be a series of repetitive, related-scope, short-term excavations. Large projects have a significant impact on facility owners.

Conditions/Specific Criteria for Large Project

An excavation is a Large Project if it meets ANY of the following criteria:

1. LONG PERIOD: Excavation where the project is widely recognized and expected to exceed the life of an initial locate request.
2. LARGE AREA: Excavation where the project will extend for a distance of greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile within a municipality or greater than 1 mile; or exceeds $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$ square mile section within a municipality or 1 mile by 1 mile section in an unincorporated area which includes townships.
3. COMPLEX:
 - a. Excavation in a congested area requiring more work time to locate the utilities than can be reasonably completed in 48 hours.
 - b. An excavation that involves more work than can be described in a single locate request.
 - c. Any project designated as such by mutual agreement of stakeholders as a consequence of its complexity or potential to cause significant disruption to lines/facilities and the public, including excavations that require scheduling locates over an extended time frame.

Examples of Large Projects Include, but are not limited to:

- Road Construction (new, reconstruction, bridge, lane widening, resurfacing, realigning etc.)
- Infrastructure Upgrades Railroad/Railway
- New Commercial/Industrial Development
- New Residential Subdivision Infrastructure
- Utility Work
 - Power pole replacement/Pole inspections
 - Long distance gas and service main replacements/upgrades
 - Fiber optic long haul installation/buildouts
 - Pipeline installations/construction
- Wind Farms/Solar Array Farms
- Municipal Projects
 - Water/sewer replacements/installations
 - Sidewalk and Curb Removal/Replacement
 - Ditch cleaning/Installation of Pipe Culverts
 - Bike Trail Construction
 - Sign installation
 - Tree replacements/landscape planting in multiple locations
- Other
 - Project located in a congested municipal area over a long period of time that requires multiple contractors with multiple remark requests
 - Soil borings