



— SMART PATH CONNECT AND PHASE II

SERVICES PROVIDED:

-  NYSDEC Endangered and Threatened Species Monitoring
-  Wetland Habitat Inspections
-  Daily Reporting - NYSDEC and Environmental Inspector Reports

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The New York Power Authority's (NYPA) Smart Path Connect and Smart Path Phase II projects involve the replacement of approximately 186 linear miles of existing 230 kilovolt ("kV") transmission lines with either 230 kV or 345 kV lines, including associated substation construction and upgrades. The Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*), a New York State-listed threatened species, has the potential to occur within areas of the Project. CC Environment & Planning, working in conjunction with TRC's Environmental Inspectors, is providing licensed wildlife biologist staff to monitor these areas during construction activities.

CC Environment & Planning also assisted with the development of a Blanding's turtle education program for construction staff and field personnel.

