The Natural Gas Capacity Expansion project will address natural gas capacity issues facing portions of Franklin, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties. The project will construct a natural gas line from the Rockies Express (REX) Pipeline in Pickaway County north into the four-county area to support business expansion and attraction.

**Project Type:**
Energy Systems

**Estimated Cost:**
$100 million

**Lead Agencies:**
Union County-Marysville Economic Development Partnership. Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Franklin County Department of Economic Development and Planning

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**Partner Agencies:**
Pickaway County, Columbia Gas of Ohio

**Jobs Supported:**
10,000+ created and 28,000 retained

**Project Benefits**
- Maintains competitive infrastructure by extending natural gas lines into underserved areas
- Serves existing and future commercial and industrial employers
- Provides for creation of shovel-ready sites with utility and transportation infrastructure
- Supports Honda of America Manufacturing and its supplier network of more than 50 companies, including firms like Stanley Electric and Jefferson Industries
- Aligns with existing planning documents, including a 2016 study of natural gas capacity by Union County partners

**Project Location**
Portions of Franklin, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties (specific pipeline routes and service areas not yet determined)

**Prioritized by:**
UNION, MADISON, & FRANKLIN COUNTIES

**Rockies Express (REX) Pipeline corridor through Ohio**
(source: Tallgrass Energy)