

# Upcoming Aerial Raptor Nest Surveys

Dear valued partners,

Aerial raptor nest surveys will be conducted in select portions of Montgomery County from **March 5–8, 2026**. These surveys are an important part of Pattern Energy’s environmental stewardship efforts and will help us ensure responsible planning for wildlife protection.



## Survey Schedule

**Dates:** March 5–8

**Survey Type:** Aerial helicopter-based nest survey

**Timing:** Approximately 3 days of flight time

**Flight Activities:**

~7 hours of nest searching

~2 hours for refueling

~5.5 hours of ferry time

## What to Expect

A small helicopter will fly north–south transects approximately 1 mile apart. During typical cruising, the helicopter operates at 30–40 MPH at roughly 200 feet above ground level, with slightly lower altitudes and speeds when biologists are inspecting potential nesting habitat. Residents may occasionally notice the helicopter flying lower than usual, which is normal during nest identification work.

## Questions?

If you are aware of sensitive landowners or locations that should be avoided, or if you have any concerns, please reach out to Karen Castleberry, Representing Pattern Energy, at the number below. We are happy to provide more details or address questions about the survey process. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we complete this important environmental work.

## Survey Purpose

Experienced wildlife biologists will be on board the helicopter to identify and record active and inactive raptor nests. This work supports ongoing environmental compliance, wildlife conservation, and engineering design for our proposed Shoals Renewable Energy project.

## Minimizing Disturbance

The crew is committed to avoiding disruption to:

- Residences
- Livestock
- Corralled animals or animals with young

The subcontractor has coordinated with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department, so they are aware of the planned activity.