



WETLAND INSPECTION

November 8, 2019

APT Project No.: CT544100

Prepared For: The First Taxing District of the City of Norwalk
12 New Canaan Avenue, P.O. Box 27
Norwalk, CT 06852

Site Address: 173 ½ West Rocks Road
Norwalk, Connecticut

Date(s) of Investigation: 10/18/2019

Field Conditions: **Weather:** partly cloudy, mid 50's
Soil Moisture: dry to moist

Wetland/Watercourse Delineation Methodology*:

- Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses
- Connecticut Tidal Wetlands
- Massachusetts Wetlands
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Municipal Upland Review Area:

Wetlands: 50 feet
Watercourses: 100 feet

The wetlands inspection was performed by[†]:

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Enclosures: Wetland Inspection Field Form & Wetland Inspection Map

This report is provided as a brief summary of findings from APT's wetland investigation of the referenced Study Area that consists of proposed development activities and areas generally within 200 feet.[‡] If applicable, APT is available to provide a more comprehensive wetland impact analysis upon receipt of site plans depicting the proposed development activities and surveyed location of identified wetland and watercourse resources.

* Wetlands and watercourses were delineated in accordance with applicable local, state and federal statutes, regulations and guidance.

† All established wetlands boundary lines are subject to change until officially adopted by local, state, or federal regulatory agencies.

‡ APT has relied upon the accuracy of information provided by The First Taxing District of the City of Norwalk and its contractors regarding proposed telecommunications tower lease area and access road/utility easement locations for identifying wetlands and watercourses within the study area.

Attachments

- Wetland Inspection Field Form
- Wetland Inspection Map

Wetland Inspection Field Form

Wetlands Identified within Study Area:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Nearest Wetland Resource:	905 feet to the west	
Identification Method:	Remote sensing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type: CTDEEP Wetland Mapping	Field identified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SITE CONDITIONS:

DEVELOPED

Paved <input type="checkbox"/>	Gravel <input type="checkbox"/>	Maintained Lawn <input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Cultivated <input type="checkbox"/>	Hayfield/Pasture <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Existing gravel access road stub to existing 100,000 gallon elevated water reservoir and associated chain-link fenced gravel compound.		

UNDEVELOPED UPLAND HABITAT

Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scrub/Shrub <input type="checkbox"/>	Field <input type="checkbox"/>
Other: None		
Comments: None		

SOILS:

Are field identified soils consistent with NRCS mapped soils?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, describe field identified soils		

NEAREST WETLAND TYPE:

SYSTEM:

Estuarine <input type="checkbox"/>	Riverine <input type="checkbox"/>	Palustrine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lacustrine <input type="checkbox"/>	Marine <input type="checkbox"/>	
Comments: None		

CLASS:

Emergent <input type="checkbox"/>	Scrub-shrub <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Forested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Open Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disturbed <input type="checkbox"/>	Wet Meadow <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Historically constructed open water feature with scrub/shrub and forested margins.		

WATERCOURSE TYPE:

Perennial <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermittent <input type="checkbox"/>	Tidal <input type="checkbox"/>
Watercourse Name: None		
Comments: None		

Wetland Inspection Field Form (Cont.)

SPECIAL AQUATIC HABITAT:

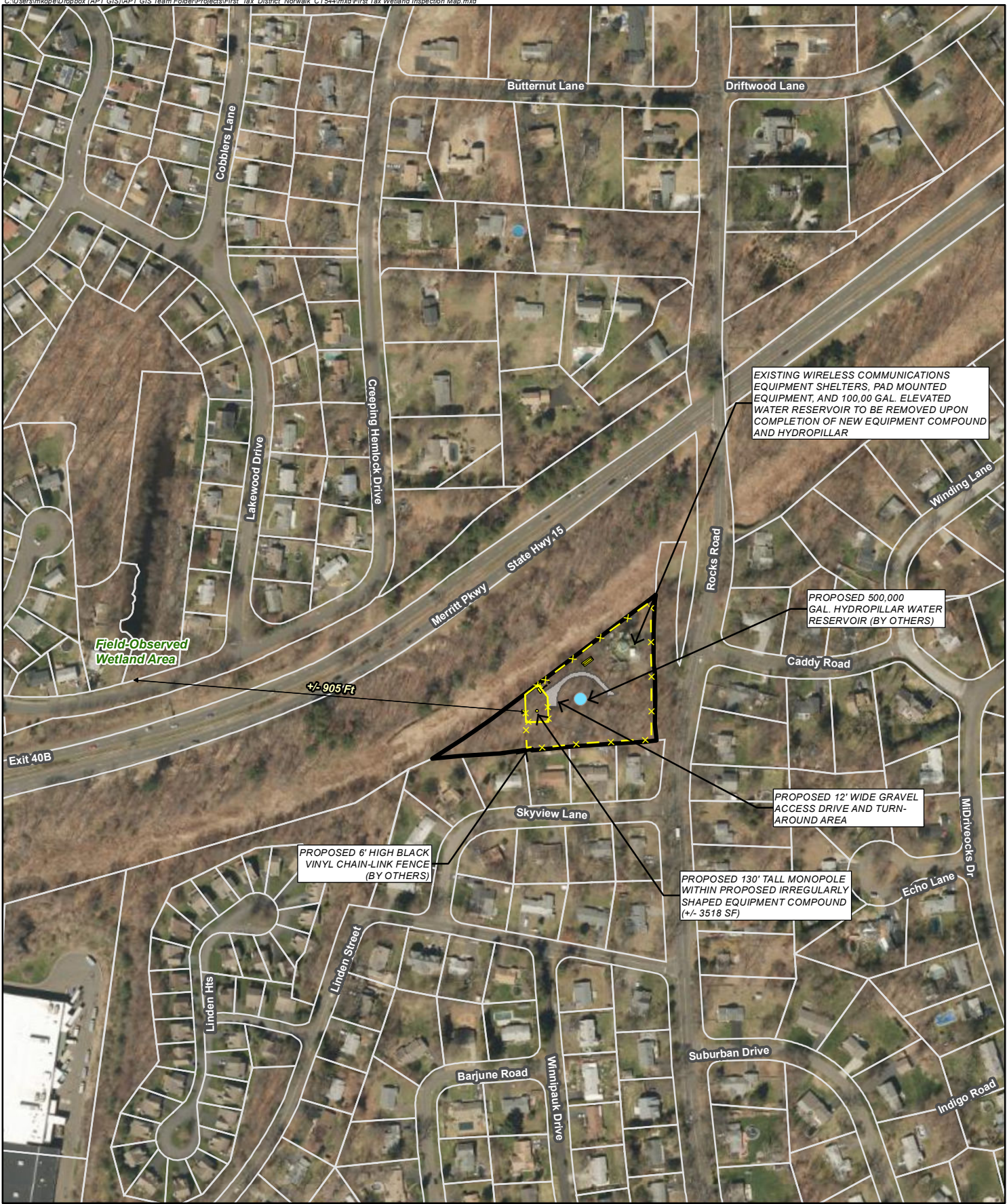
Vernal Pool Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Vernal Pool Habitat Type: None	
Comments: None	

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The First Taxing District of the City of Norwalk ("District") is proposing to construct a new communications facility in the western portion of the subject property. The proposed facility will include a ±130-foot tall monopole within a ±3,518 square foot gravel based fenced equipment compound. The new monopole and equipment compound will allow for the collocation of multiple service providers currently located on the District's existing water tank at that location, which is scheduled to be demolished and replaced.

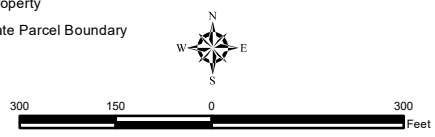
No wetlands or watercourses were identified on the subject property. The nearest wetland to the proposed telecommunications tower project is located approximately 905 feet to the west across the Merritt Parkway associated with a large open water feature. This feature generally consists of a man-made pond with limited bordering wetlands. No outfall was noted to the resource located along Creeping Hemlock Drive.

As a result of these findings, the proposed telecommunications tower project will not result in an adverse impact to wetland or watercourse resources.



- Legend**
- Proposed Lease Area
 - Proposed Equipment
 - Proposed Gravel Access Drive and Turn-Around Area
 - Proposed Hydropillar Water Reservoir (By Others)
 - Proposed Fence (By Others)
 - ▲ Wetland Flag*
 - Delineated Wetland Boundary*
 - Approximate Wetland Area*
 - Subject Property
 - Approximate Parcel Boundary

Map Notes:
 *Legend Item Not Located Within Mapped Area
 Base Map Source: 2016 CT Aerial Imagery (CTECO)
 Map Scale: 1 inch = 300 feet
 Map Date: October 2019



Wetland Inspection Map

Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility
 First Taxing District of
 The City of Norwalk
 173 1/2 West Rocks Road
 Norwalk, Connecticut

