



Memorandum

To: Optasite Towers LLC

Date: June 18, 2007

Project No.: 40999.20

From: Mike Libertine

Re: 425 Litchfield Road (Route 25)
New Milford, Connecticut

At the request of Optasite Towers LLC, and in conformance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), VHB has initiated consultation with State and federal agencies regarding the proposed project site referenced above. For purposes of filing with the Connecticut Siting Council, two of these agencies, specifically the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB), require consultation.

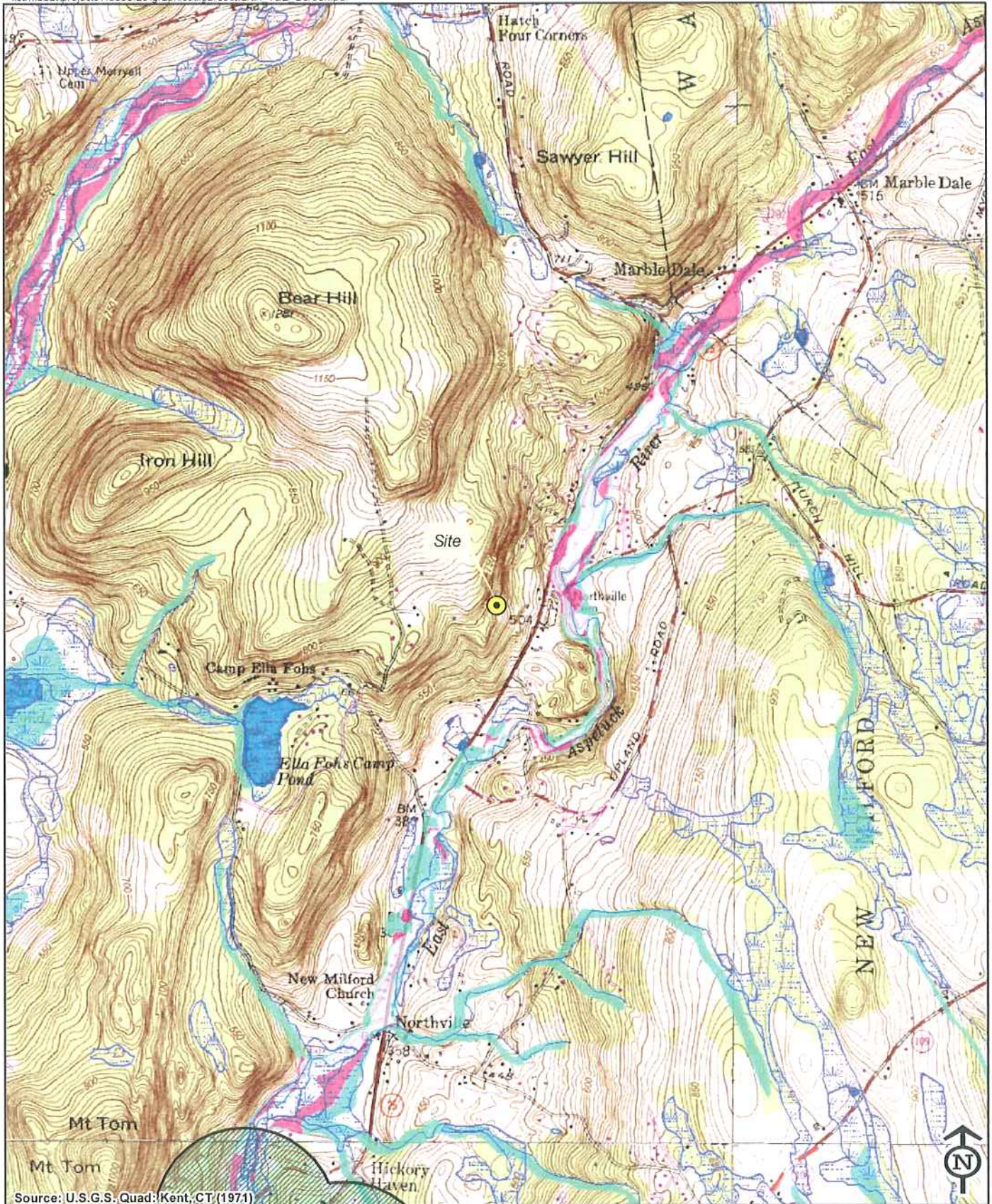
We have forwarded these agencies the accompanying information to assist in their reviews of the project. At this time, we have not received correspondence from either agency. However, as depicted on the attached maps, no known resources have been identified at or within the vicinity of the project site.

We are confident that both the SHPO and CTDEP will concur with our preliminary findings. Copies of correspondence from both agencies will be forwarded to you immediately upon receipt.

In the meantime, we offer a brief summary of the review process for each of the agencies in an effort to support our opinion that no adverse effects will occur as a result of development of the site.

SHPO - The attached Cultural Resources Screen provides geo-referenced data pertaining to previously completed cultural resources investigations, National Register of Historic Places properties, State Register of Historic Places & Local Historic Districts, archeological sites, locations of Native American burials, and historic cemeteries. These electronic data layers show locations that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places or are eligible for such listing. We intersect these data layers with the project plans for proposed projects and the output results in a "snapshot" of all previously identified cultural resources situated within a site's vicinity. This preliminary evaluation assists us in identifying possible impacts the proposed construction may have on previously identified cultural resources. The SHPO is familiar with this format (which we have been using for over 8 years) and, in our experience, generally concurs with our preliminary findings; in this case, there appears to be a low probability of the existence of potential historic and/or cultural resources at the proposed project site.

CTDEP NDDB – The CTDEP has created and manages a GIS data layer of its database and produced a set of maps that serve as a preliminary screening tool to assist in the evaluation of impacts to endangered and threatened species that are publicly available for review. Specific locations of listed threatened/endangered species are buffered (i.e., they are not identified; rather, these are represented by shaded areas) and somewhere within which a species of concern is known to exist or have existed. To establish whether a proposed project has the potential to impact a listed species, one must locate the project site and determine if the project lies either: within a shaded area; overlapping a water body that has any shading; or, upstream or downstream (by less than 0.5 mile) from a shaded area. In the case of the New Milford project, none of these criteria are met and, therefore, the project will not impact any known occurrence of listed species or significant natural community. Because no potential conflicts have been identified, based on the preliminary review, no formal submittal with the DEP is necessary. However, as a matter of course, VHB typically requests that the agency concur with this finding in writing.



Source: U.S.G.S. Quad: Kent, CT (1971)

Legend

-  Site
-  NDDB Threatened and Endangered Species (buffered; June 2007)
-  Wetlands
-  Open Water
- Floodplains**
-  100 Year Floodplain
-  500 Year Floodplain
-  Floodway

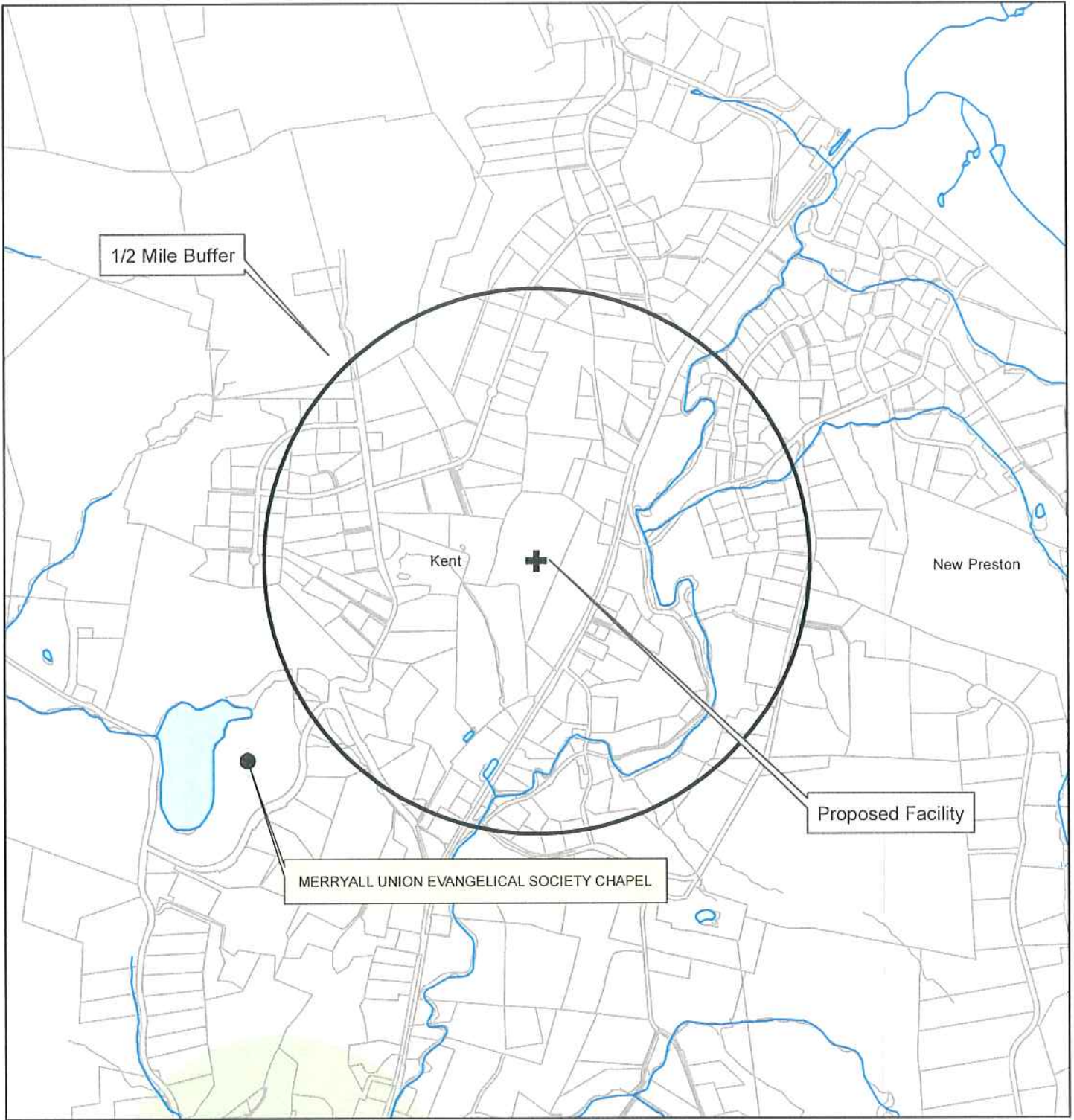


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Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) Screen
 Proposed Optasite Facility
 CT-999-0105 - New Milford
 425 Litchfield Road
 New Milford, Connecticut

June 12, 2007





Legend

-  Project Area
-  National Register (points)
-  National Register (polygon)
-  Reported Archaeological Sites Buffered
-  1/2 Mile Buffer

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Cultural Resources Screen
PROPOSED FACILITY
 425 LITCHFIELD ROAD
 NEW MILFORD , CONNECTICUT
 MARCH 12,2007
 USGS QUAD: KENT

