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Natural Diversity Data Base

September 17, 2008

Ms. Nicole Dentamaro  
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.  
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Re: Proposed Construction of a New Wireless Telecommunications Facility, Maple Hill Farms Inc., 12 Burr Rd., Bloomfield, CT

Dear Ms. Dentamaro:

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map you provided for the proposed construction of a new wireless telecommunications facility at Maple Hill Farms, Inc., 12 Burr Rd., Bloomfield, CT. According to our information there are no extant populations of Federal or State Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern Species that occur on this property.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

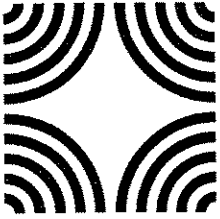
Please contact me if you have further questions at (860) 424-3592. Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base. Also be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to DEP for the proposed site.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities  
Maple Hill Farms Inc. (12 Burr Road)  
Bloomfield, CT  
Optasite Towers LLC – Site 999-0058

Dear Ms. Dentamaro:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above-named project. This office notes that the proposed telecommunications facilities are located in immediate proximity to the Southwest District School, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and Auer Farm, which appears eligible for the National Register.

In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, the proposed undertaking will effect the historic ambiance of the Southwest District School and Auer Farm. However, this office believes that the proposed undertaking will constitute no adverse effect upon these historic properties. This comment is conditional upon the following measures:

- Optasite shall examine the feasibility of installing a turn-steel monopole that weathers to a non-reflective natural brown/rust color. If this option is not feasible, Optasite shall paint the proposed monopole brown.
- Omnipoint antennas shall be flush-mounted to the top of the monopole. All additional future wireless service transmission/reception antenna shall also be flush-mounted.
- If not use for six consecutive months, the monopole and associated equipment shall be removed by the telecommunications facility owner within 90 days of the six month non-use time frame.

This office appreciates the opportunity to have reviewed and commented upon the proposed undertaking.

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We look forward to further coordination with all interested parties regarding the expeditious furtherance of the proposed undertaking as well as the professional management of Connecticut's cultural heritage.

This comment updates and supersedes all previous correspondence regarding the proposed telecommunications facilities.

For further assistance please contact Dr. David A. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer

