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WETLANDS DELINEATION REPORT

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Date:	May 15, 2009			
Project No.:	40505.07			
Prepared For:	Mr. Scott Chasse All-Points Technology Corp., P.C. 3 Saddlebrook Drive Killingworth, Connecticut 06419			
Site Location:	T-Mobile Site No. CTNH01B - Amtrak Branford 123 Pine Orchard Road Branford, Connecticut			
Site Map:	VHB Wetland Sketch on APT Site Plan, 04/22/09			
Inspection Date:	April 22, 2009			
Field Conditions:	Weather: rain, low 50's Snow Depth: none	General Soil Moisture: moist Frost Depth: none		

Type of Wetlands Identified and Delineated:

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

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Inland Wetland Regulated Upland Review Areas: Wetlands: 100 feet Watercourses: 100 feet

Field Numbering Sequence of Wetlands Boundary: WF 1 - 14

[as depicted on attached wetland sketch map]

The classification systems of the National Cooperative Soil Survey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, County Soil Survey Identification Legend, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and United States Army Corps of Engineers New England District were used in this investigation.

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

The wetlands delineation was conducted and reviewed by:

Dean Gustafson Professional Soil Scientist

Enclosures

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Attachments

- ➢ Wetland Delineation Field Form
- ➢ Soil Map
- Soil Report
 Wetland Delineation Sketch Map

Wetland Delineation Field Form

Project Address:	123 Pine Orchard Road	Project Number:	40505.07
	Branford, CT		
Inspection Date:	4/22/09	Inspector:	Dean Gustafson, PSS
Wetland I.D.:	Wetland 1		

Field Conditions:	Weather: rain, low 50's			Snow Depth: none		
	General Soi	oil Moisture: moist		Frost Depth: none		
Type of Wetland Delineation:		CT Inland	\boxtimes			
		CT Tidal				
		ACOE				
Field Numbering Sequ	o 14					

WETLAND HYDROLOGY:

NONTIDAL

Regularly Flooded	Irregularly Flooded	Permanently Flooded
Semipermanently Flooded	Seasonally Flooded	Temporarily Flooded
Permanently Saturated	Seasonally Saturated – seepage	Seasonally Saturated - perched
Comments: man-made pond		

TIDAL

Subtidal	Regularly Flooded	Irregularly Flooded
Seasonally Flooded	Temporarily Flooded	
Comments: N/A		

WETLAND TYPE:

SYSTEM:

Estuarine	Riverine 🗌	Palustrine 🖂
Lacustrine	Marine	
Comments:		

CLASS:

Emergent 🖂	Scrub-shrub 🖂	Forested 🖂
Open Water 🔀	Disturbed	Wet Meadow
Comments:		

WATERCOURSE TYPE:

Perennial	Intermittent	Tidal 🗌
Comments: N/A		

SPECIAL AQUATIC HABITAT:

Vernal Pool	Other	
Comments: N/A		

Wetland Delineation Field Form (Cont.)

MAPPED SOILS:

SOIL SERIES (Map Unit Symbol)	WET	UP	NRCS MAPPED	FIELD IDD/ CONFIRMED
Branford silt loam (30)		\boxtimes	\square	\boxtimes
Ludlow silt loam (41)		\boxtimes	\square	\boxtimes
Cheshire-Holyoke complex(77)		\boxtimes	\square	\square
Udorthents (308)		\boxtimes	\square	\boxtimes
Water (W)	\square		\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Raypol silt loam (12)	\square			\boxtimes

DOMINANT PLANTS:

red maple (Acer rubrum)	common reed (<i>Phragmites australis</i>)
pin oak (Quercus palustris)	buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis)
tussock sedge (Carex stricta)	green bulrush (Scirpus atrovirens)

WETLAND NARRATIVE:

Wetland 1 follows the boundary of the existing man-made pond located just north of the railroad tracks and along the east property boundary apparently on the adjoining parcel. The subject property is developed as a trailer storage company (ACE Trailer Leasing, Inc.) and includes numerous trailer storage units, a maintenance building, mobile office trailer and associated paved and gravel parking area. The proposed T-Mobile Facility is located nearby to the west within an existing gravel parking lot that is occupied by mobile trailer storage units. The pond is characterized by a relatively steep cut bank bordered by mature forest canopy. The fringe of the pond and some interior areas are occupied by shrubs while the majority of the pond is dominated by aquatic bed/emergent marsh habitat. The dominant species found along the pond edge and within the marshy areas include common reed (*Phragmites australis*), buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), green bulrush (Scirpus atrovirens) and tussock sedge (*Carex stricta*). The pond edge is occupied by pin oak (*Quercus palustris*), and red maple (*Acer rubrum*).

Soil Map—State of Connecticut (123 Pine Orchard Road, Branford, CT)



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Map Unit Legend

100.0%	25.0	4	Totals for Area of Interes
4.6%	1.2	Water	W
57.0%	14.3	Udorthents, smoothed	308
0.8%	0.2	Cheshire-Holyoke complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very rocky	77D
8.6%	2.2	Cheshire-Holyoke complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky	77C
6.3%	1.6	Ludlow silt loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	41B
22.7%	5.7	Branford silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	30B
Percent of AOI	Acres in AOI	Map Unit Name	Map Unit Symbol
	500)	State of Connecticut (CT	

USDA

Map Unit Description (Brief)

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the selected area. The map unit descriptions in this report, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit. A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

The "Map Unit Description (Brief)" report gives a brief, general description of the major soils that occur in a map unit. Descriptions of nonsoil (miscellaneous areas) and minor map unit components may or may not be included. This description is written by the local soil scientists responsible for the respective soil survey area data. A more detailed description can be generated by the "Map Unit Description" report.

Additional information about the map units described in this report is available in other Soil Data Mart reports, which give properties of the soils and the limitations, capabilities, and potentials for many uses. Also, the narratives that accompany the Soil Data Mart reports define some of the properties included in the map unit descriptions.

Report—Map Unit Description (Brief)

State of Connecticut

Description Category: SOI

Map Unit: 30B—Branford silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

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Branford Silt Loam, 3 To 8 Percent Slopes This map unit is in the Connecticut Valley Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation is 38 to 50 inches (965) to 1270 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 45 to 52 degrees F. (7 to 11 degrees C.) This map unit is 80 percent Branford soils. 20 percent minor components. Branford soils This component occurs on valley and outwash plain terrace landforms. The parent material consists of eolian deposits over glaciofluvial deposits derived from basalt, sandstone, and shale. The slope ranges from 3 to 8 percent and the runoff class is low. The depth to a restrictive feature is greater than 60 inches. The drainage class is well drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 0.57 in/hr (moderate), with about 6.3 inches (high) available water capacity. The weighted average shrink-swell potential in 10 to 60 inches is about 1.5 LEP (low). The flooding frequency for this component is none. The ponding hazard is none. The minimum depth to a seasonal water table, when present, is greater than 6 feet. The maximum calcium carbonate within 40 inches is none. The maximum amount of salinity in any layer is about 0 mmhos/cm (nonsaline). The Nonirrigated Land Capability Class is 2e Typical Profile: 0 to 8 inches; silt loam 8 to 18 inches; loam 18 to 24 inches; gravelly loam 24 to 65 inches; stratified very gravelly coarse sand to loamy fine sand

Map Unit: 41B—Ludlow silt loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, very stony

Ludlow Silt Loam, 2 To 8 Percent Slopes, Very Stony This map unit is in the Connecticut Valley Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation is 40 to 50 inches (1016 to 1270 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 45 to 52 degrees F. (7 to 11 degrees C.) This map unit is 80 percent Ludlow soils. 20 percent minor components. Ludlow soils This component occurs on upland drumlin and hill landforms. The parent material consists of lodgement till derived from sandstone, shale, and basalt. The slope ranges from 2 to 8 percent and the runoff class is low. The depth to a restrictive feature is 20 to 40 inches to densic material. The drainage class is moderately well drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 0.00 in/hr (very slow), with about 4.8 inches (moderate) available water capacity. The weighted average shrink-swell potential in 10 to 60 inches is about 1.5 LEP (low). The flooding frequency for this component is none. The ponding hazard is none. The minimum depth to a seasonal water table, when present, is about 24 inches. The maximum calcium carbonate within 40 inches is none. The maximum amount of salinity in any layer is about 0 mmhos/cm (nonsaline). The Nonirrigated Land Capability Class is 6s Typical Profile: 0 to 8 inches; silt loam 8 to 20 inches; silt loam 20 to 26 inches; silt loam 26 to 65 inches; gravelly loam

Map Unit: 77C—Cheshire-Holyoke complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky



Cheshire-Holyoke Complex, 3 To 15 Percent Slopes, Very Rocky This map unit is in the Connecticut Valley Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation is 40 to 50 inches (1016 to 1270 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 45 to 54 degrees F. (7 to 12 degrees C.) This map unit is 45 percent Cheshire soils, 35 percent Holyoke soils. 20 percent minor components. Cheshire soils This component occurs on till plain and upland landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from sandstone, shale, and basalt. The slope ranges from 3 to 15 percent and the runoff class is low. The depth to a restrictive feature is greater than 60 inches. The drainage class is well drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 0.57 in/hr (moderate), with about 8.4 inches (high) available water capacity. The weighted average shrink-swell potential in 10 to 60 inches is about 1.5 LEP (low). The flooding frequency for this component is none. The ponding hazard is none. The minimum depth to a seasonal water table, when present, is greater than 6 feet. The maximum calcium carbonate within 40 inches is none. The maximum amount of salinity in any layer is about 0 mmhos/cm (nonsaline). The Nonirrigated Land Capability Class is 6s Typical Profile: 0 to 8 inches; fine sandy loam 8 to 16 inches; fine sandy loam 16 to 26 inches; fine sandy loam 26 to 65 inches; gravelly sandy loam Holyoke soils This component occurs on ridge and upland landforms. The parent material consists of eolian deposits over melt-out till derived from sandstone, shale, and basalt. The slope ranges from 3 to 15 percent and the runoff class is medium. The depth to a restrictive feature is 10 to 20 inches to bedrock (lithic). The drainage class is well drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 0.57 in/hr (moderate), with about 2.7 inches (low) available water capacity. The weighted average shrink-swell potential in 10 to 60 inches is about 1.5 LEP (low). The flooding frequency for this component is none. The ponding hazard is none. The minimum depth to a seasonal water table, when present, is greater than 6 feet. The maximum calcium carbonate within 40 inches is none. The maximum amount of salinity in any layer is about 0 mmhos/cm (nonsaline). The Nonirrigated Land Capability Class is 6s Typical Profile: 0 to 1 inches; moderately decomposed plant material 1 to 3 inches; silt loam 3 to 8 inches; silt loam 8 to 18 inches; gravelly silt loam 18 to 28 inches; unweathered bedrock

Map Unit: 77D—Cheshire-Holyoke complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes, very rocky

Cheshire-Holyoke Complex, 15 To 35 Percent Slopes, Very Rocky This map unit is in the Connecticut Valley Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation is 40 to 50 inches (1016 to 1270 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 45 to 54 degrees F. (7 to 12 degrees C.) This map unit is 45 percent Cheshire soils, 35 percent Holyoke soils. 20 percent minor components. Cheshire soils This component occurs on till plain and upland landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from sandstone, shale, and basalt. The slope ranges from 15 to 35 percent and the runoff class is medium. The depth to a restrictive feature is greater than 60 inches. The drainage class is well drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 0.57 in/hr (moderate), with about 8.4 inches (high) available water capacity. The weighted average shrink-swell potential in 10 to 60 inches is about 1.5 LEP (low). The flooding frequency for this component is none. The ponding hazard is none. The minimum depth to a seasonal water table, when present, is greater than 6 feet. The maximum calcium carbonate within 40 inches is none. The maximum amount of salinity in any layer is about 0 mmhos/cm (nonsaline). The Nonirrigated Land Capability Class is 7s Typical Profile: 0 to 8 inches; fine sandy loam 8 to 16 inches; fine sandy loam 16 to 26 inches; fine sandy loam 26 to 65 inches; gravelly sandy loam Holyoke soils This component occurs on ridge and upland landforms. The parent material consists of eolian deposits over melt-out till derived from sandstone, shale, and basalt. The slope ranges from 15 to 35 percent and the runoff class is high. The depth to a restrictive feature is 10 to 20 inches to bedrock (lithic). The drainage class is well drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 0.57 in/hr (moderate), with about 2.7 inches (low) available water capacity. The weighted average shrink-swell potential in 10 to 60 inches is about 1.5 LEP (low). The flooding frequency for this component is none. The ponding hazard is none. The minimum depth to a seasonal water table, when present, is greater than 6 feet. The maximum calcium carbonate within 40 inches is none. The maximum amount of salinity in any layer is about 0 mmhos/cm (nonsaline). The Nonirrigated Land Capability Class is 7s Typical Profile: 0 to 1 inches; moderately decomposed plant material 1 to 3 inches; silt loam 3 to 8 inches; silt loam 8 to 18 inches; gravelly silt loam 18 to 28 inches; unweathered bedrock

Map Unit: 308—Udorthents, smoothed

Udorthents, Smoothed This map unit is in the New England and Eastern New York Upland, Southern Part Connecticut Valley Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation is 32 to 50 inches (813 to 1270 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 45 to 55 degrees F. (7 to 13 degrees C.) This map unit is 80 percent Udorthents soils. 20 percent minor components. Udorthents soils This component occurs on leveled land and fill landforms. The slope ranges from 0 to 35 percent and the runoff class is medium. The depth to a restrictive feature varies, but is commonly greater than 60 inches. The drainage class is typically well drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 0.00 in/hr (very slow), with about 9.0 inches (high) available water capacity. The weighted average shrink-swell potential in 10 to 60 inches is about 1.4 LEP (low). The flooding frequency for this component is none. The ponding hazard is none. The minimum depth to a seasonal water table is greater than 60 inches. The maximum calcium carbonate within 40 inches is none. The maximum amount of salinity in any layer is about 0 mmhos/cm (nonsaline). The Nonirrigated Land Capability Class is 3e Typical Profile: 0 to 5 inches; loam 5 to 21 inches; gravelly loam 21 to 80 inches; very gravelly sandy loam

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: State of Connecticut Survey Area Data: Version 6, Mar 22, 2007

