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#### WETLANDS DELINEATION REPORT

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Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

Date:	September 16, 2009	
Project No.:	40999.30	
Prepared For:	Hollis M. Redding SBA Network Services, Inc. One Research Drive Suite 200C Westborough, MA 01581	
Site Location:	49 Brainerd Road East Lyme, Connecticut	
Site Map:	VHB Wetland Sketch Map, 7/29/0	9
Inspection Date:	7/29/09	
Field Conditions:	Weather: ptly. sunny, mid 80's Snow Depth: 0 inches	General Soil Moisture: moist Frost Depth: 0 inches

#### Type of Wetlands Identified and Delineated:

Connecticut Wetlands and Watercourses	$\boxtimes$
Tidal Wetlands	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	

# **Field Numbering Sequence of Wetlands Boundary:** WF 1 to 10, WF 11 to 18 [as depicted on attached wetland sketch map]

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

All established wetland and watercourse 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:	49 Brainerd Road East Lyme, Connecticut	Project Number:	40999.30
Inspection Date: 7/29/09		Inspector:	Dean Gustafson, PSS
Wetland I.D.:	Wetland 1		

Field Conditions:	Weather: pt	ly. sunny, mid 80's	Snow Depth: none
	General Soi	l Moisture: moist	Frost Depth: none
Type of Wetland Delineation:		Connecticut	
		ACOE	
		Tidal	
Field Numbering Sequence: WF 1 to 10, WF 11 to 18			

#### WETLAND HYDROLOGY:

#### NONTIDAL

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

#### 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: small seasonal intermi	Comments: small seasonal intermittent stream flows through interior of narrow wetland corridor			

# 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
Ridgebury, Leicester, and Whitman soils, extremely stony (3)	$\square$			$\boxtimes$
Charlton-Chatfield complex (73)		$\square$		$\square$

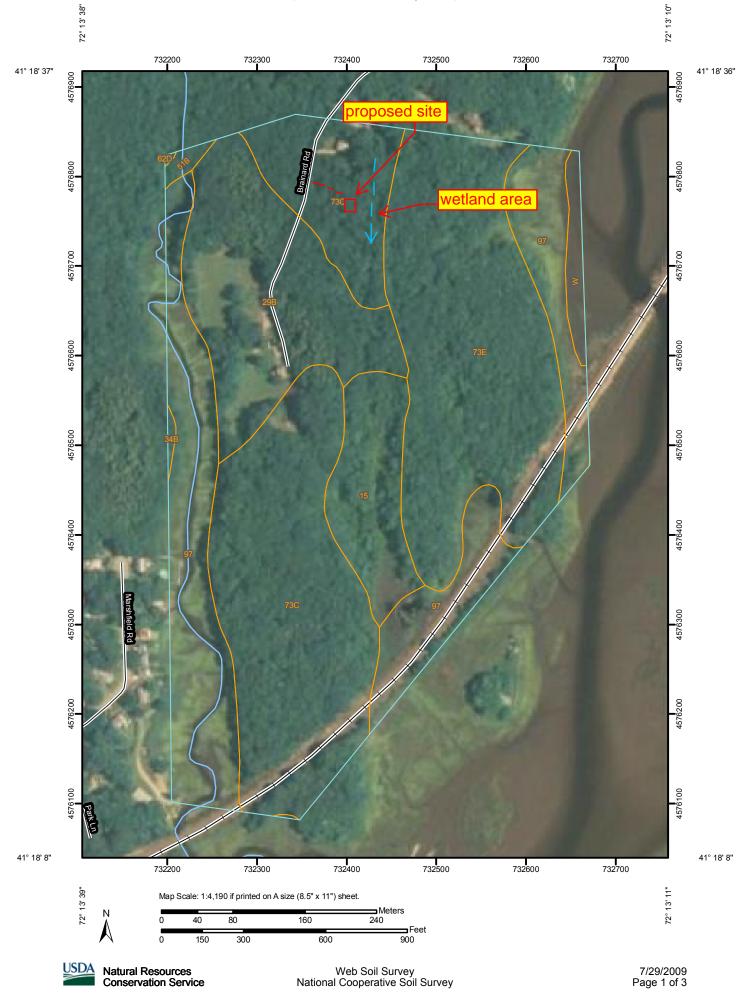
#### **DOMINANT PLANTS:**

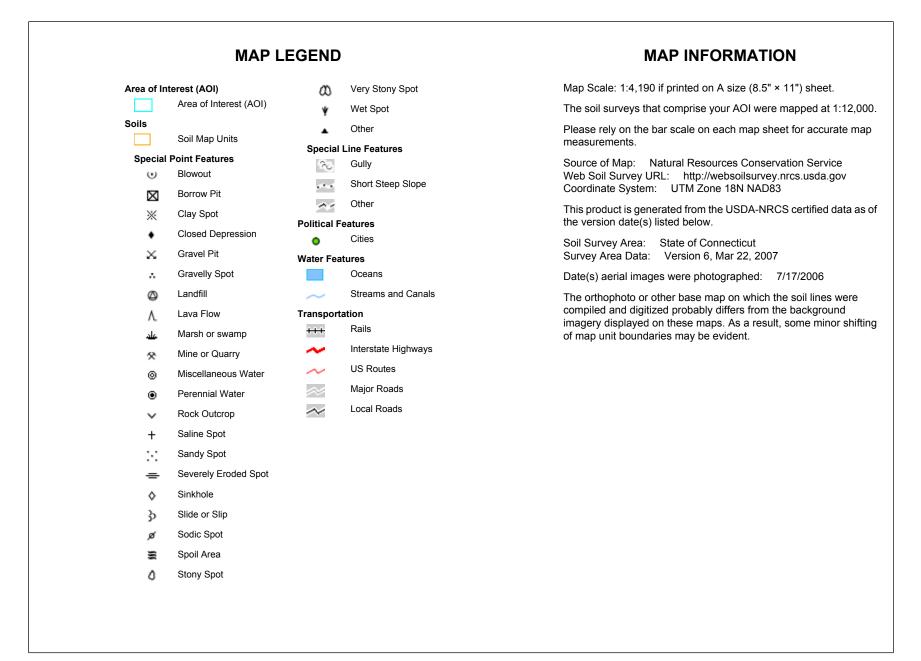
red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	
highbush blueberry (Vaccinium corymbosum)	
cinnamon fern (Osmunda cinnamomea)	
royal fern (Osmunda regalis)	
northern arrowwood (Viburnum dentatum)	

#### WETLAND NARRATIVE:

Wetland 1 is located approximately 50 feet east of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility. This wetland feature is well confined in a relatively narrow valley constrained by a shallow bedrock ridge to the west and a larger ridge to the east. The narrow wetland corridor extends off the subject property to the north, flowing south with surface flows conveyed through a relatively small shallow seasonal intermittent watercourse channel. The proposed wireless telecommunications facility is located on the west side of the shallow ridge with surface flows directed to the west and south away from direct discharge into the nearby wetland system.

#### Soil Map—State of Connecticut (49 Brainard Road, East Lyme, CT)





# Map Unit Legend

State of Connecticut (CT600)			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
15	Scarboro muck	4.7	6.5%
29B	Agawam fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	11.2	15.4%
34B	Merrimac sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	0.1	0.2%
51B	Sutton fine sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, very stony	0.3	0.4%
62D	Canton and Charlton soils, 15 to 35 percent slopes, extremely stony	0.0	0.0%
73C	Charlton-Chatfield complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky	21.3	29.5%
73E	Charlton-Chatfield complex, 15 to 45 percent slopes, very rocky	18.0	24.9%
97	Pawcatuck mucky peat	15.7	21.8%
W	Water	0.9	1.3%
Totals for Area of Interest		72.2	100.0%

# 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: 15—Scarboro muck

USDA

Scarboro Muck This map unit is in the New England and Eastern New York Upland, Southern Part 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 52 degrees F. (7 to 11 degrees C.) This map unit is 80 percent Scarboro soils. 20 percent minor components. Scarboro soils This component occurs on outwash plain terrace, depression, and drainageway landforms. The parent material consists of organic material over sandy glaciofluvial deposits derived from gneiss, granite, and schist. The slope ranges from 0 to 2 percent and the runoff class is very low. The depth to a restrictive feature is greater than 60 inches. The drainage class is very poorly drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 1.98 in/hr (moderately rapid), with about 4.8 inches (moderate) available water capacity. The weighted average shrink-swell potential in 10 to 60 inches is about 1.8 LEP (low). The flooding frequency for this component is none. The ponding hazard is occasional. The minimum depth to a seasonal water table, when present, is about 4 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 5w Typical Profile: 0 to 12 inches; muck 12 to 17 inches; loamy sand 17 to 31 inches; statified sand to loamy fine sand 31 to 72 inches; statified very gravelly coarse sand to loamy fine sand

Map Unit: 29B—Agawam fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Agawam Fine Sandy Loam, 3 To 8 Percent Slopes This map unit is in the Connecticut Valley New England and Eastern New York Upland, Southern Part 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 50 degrees F. (7 to 10 degrees C.) This map unit is 80 percent Agawam soils. 20 percent minor components. Agawam soils This component occurs on valley and outwash plain terrace landforms. The parent material consists of eolian deposits over glaciofluvial deposits derived from schist, granite, and gneiss. 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 lass is well drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 1.98 in/hr (moderately rapid), 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 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; fine sandy loam 8 to 14 inches; fine sandy loam 14 to 24 inches; fine sandy loam 24 to 60 inches; stratified very gravelly coarse sand to fine sand

Map Unit: 34B-Merrimac sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes



Merrimac Sandy Loam, 3 To 8 Percent Slopes 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 52 degrees F. (7 to 11 degrees C.) This map unit is 80 percent Merrimac soils. 20 percent minor components. Merrimac soils This component occurs on valley outwash plain, terrace, and kame landforms. The parent material consists of sandy glaciofluvial deposits derived from schist, granite, and gneiss. 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 somewhat excessively drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 1.98 in/hr (moderately rapid), with about 4.0 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 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 9 inches; sandy loam 9 to 16 inches; sandy loam 16 to 24 inches; gravelly sandy loam 24 to 60 inches; stratified very gravelly coarse sand to gravelly sand

**Map Unit:** 51B—Sutton fine sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, very stony

Sutton Fine Sandy Loam, 2 To 8 Percent Slopes, Very Stony This map unit is in the New England and Eastern New York Upland, Southern Part Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation is 37 to 49 inches (940 to 1244 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 45 to 52 degrees F. (7 to 11 degrees C.) This map unit is 80 percent Sutton soils. 20 percent minor components. Sutton soils This component occurs on upland hill landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from granite, gneiss, and schist. The slope ranges from 2 to 8 percent and the runoff class is very low. The depth to a restrictive feature is greater than 60 inches. The drainage class is moderately well drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 0.57 in/hr (moderate), with about 7.3 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 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 1 inches; moderately decomposed plant material 1 to 6 inches; fine sandy loam 6 to 12 inches; fine sandy loam 12 to 24 inches; fine sandy loam 24 to 28 inches; fine sandy loam 28 to 36 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 36 to 65 inches; gravelly sandy loam

**Map Unit:** 62D—Canton and Charlton soils, 15 to 35 percent slopes, extremely stony

Canton And Charlton Soils, 15 To 35 Percent Slopes, Extremely Stony This map unit is in the New England and Eastern New York Upland, Southern Part Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation is 37 to 49 inches (940 to 1244 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 45 to 52 degrees F. (7 to 11 degrees C.) This map unit is 45 percent Canton soils, 35 percent Charlton soils. 20 percent minor components Canton soils This component occurs on upland hill landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from schist, granite, and gneiss. 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 1.98 in/hr (moderately rapid), with about 5.6 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 1 inches; moderately decomposed plant material 1 to 3 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 3 to 15 inches; gravelly loam 15 to 24 inches; gravelly loam 24 to 30 inches; gravelly loam 30 to 60 inches; very gravelly loamy sand Charlton soils This component occurs on upland hill landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from granite, schist, and gneiss. 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 6.4 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 4 inches; fine sandy loam 4 to 7 inches; fine sandy loam 7 to 19 inches; fine sandy loam 19 to 27 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 27 to 65 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam

Map Unit: 73C—Charlton-Chatfield complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky

Charlton-Chatfield Complex, 3 To 15 Percent Slopes, Very Rocky This map unit is in the New England and Eastern New York Upland, Southern Part Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation is 37 to 49 inches (940 to 1244 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 45 to 52 degrees F. (7 to 11 degrees C.) This map unit is 45 percent Charlton soils, 30 percent Chatfield soils. 25 percent minor components. Charlton soils This component occurs on upland hill landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from granite, schist and gneiss. 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 6.4 inches (high) available water capacity. The weighted average shrinkswell 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 4 inches; fine sandy loam 4 to 7 inches; fine sandy loam 7 to 19 inches; fine sandy loam 19 to 27 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 27 to 65 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam Chatfield soils This component occurs on upland hill and ridge landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from gneiss, granite, and schist. The slope ranges from 3 to 15 percent and the runoff class is low. The depth to a restrictive feature is 20 to 40 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 3.3 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 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; highly decomposed plant material 1 to 6 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 6 to 15 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 15 to 29 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 29 to 36 inches; unweathered bedrock

Map Unit: 73E—Charlton-Chatfield complex, 15 to 45 percent slopes, very rocky

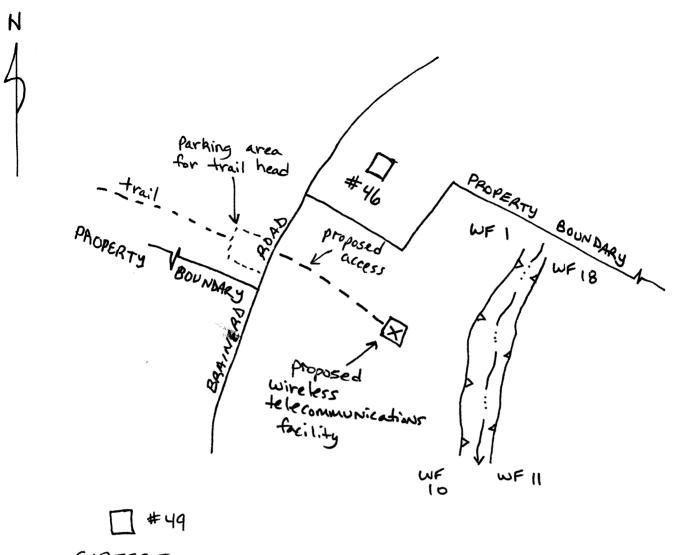
Charlton-Chatfield Complex, 15 To 45 Percent Slopes, Very Rocky This map unit is in the New England and Eastern New York Upland, Southern Part Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation is 37 to 49 inches (940 to 1244 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 45 to 52 degrees F. (7 to 11 degrees C.) This map unit is 45 percent Charlton soils, 30 percent Chatfield soils. 25 percent minor components. Charlton soils This component occurs on upland hill landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from granite, schist, and gneiss. The slope ranges from 15 to 45 percent and the runoff class is high. 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 6.4 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 4 inches; fine sandy loam 4 to 7 inches; fine sandy loam 7 to 19 inches; fine sandy loam 19 to 27 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 27 to 65 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam Chatfield soils This component occurs on upland hill and ridge landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from gneiss, granite, and schist. The slope ranges from 15 to 45 percent and the runoff class is high. The depth to a restrictive feature is 20 to 40 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 3.3 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 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; highly decomposed plant material 1 to 6 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 6 to 15 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 15 to 29 inches; gravelly fine sandy loam 29 to 36 inches; unweathered bedrock

Map Unit: 97—Pawcatuck mucky peat

Pawcatuck Mucky Peat This map unit is in the Connecticut Valley New England and Eastern New York Upland, Southern Part Major Land Resource Area. The mean annual precipitation Is 40 to 50 inches (1016 to 1270 millimeters) and the average annual air temperature is 48 to 52 degrees F. (9 to 11 degrees C.) This map unit is 85 percent Pawcatuck soils. 15 percent minor components. Pawcatuck soils This component occurs on coastal plain salt marsh and tidal marsh landforms. The parent material consists of herbaceous organic material over sandy glaciofluvial deposits. The slope ranges from 0 to 2 percent and the runoff class is negligible. The depth to a restrictive feature is greater than 60 inches. The drainage class is very poorly drained. The slowest permeability within 60 inches is about 0.57 in/hr (moderate), with about 4.1 inches (moderate) available water capacity. The weighted average shrink-swell potential in 10 to 60 inches is about 7.8 LEP (high). The flooding frequency for this component is frequent. The ponding hazard is frequent. The minimum depth to a seasonal water table, when present, is about 6 inches. The maximum calcium carbonate within 40 inches is none. The maximum amount of salinity in any layer is about 32 mmhos/cm (strongly saline). The Nonirrigated Land Capability Class is 8 Typical Profile: 0 to 12 inches; mucky peat 12 to 40 inches; mucky peat 40 to 46 inches; mucky peat 46 to 50 inches; very fine sandy loam 50 to 60 inches; loamy sand

### Data Source Information

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



SUBJECT PROPERTY RESIDENCE

VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.

WETLAND SKETCH

49 BRAINERD ROAD EAST LYME, CONNECTICUT 07/29/09 DEG



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Memorandum

To: Ms. Hollis M. Redding SBA Towers II LLC One Research Drive, Suite 200 C Westborough, MA 01581 Date: November 13, 2009

Project No.: 40999.30

From: Dean Gustafson Professional Soil Scientist Re: Wetland Impact Analysis East Lyme – Site No. CT11794 49 Brainerd Road Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) previously completed on-site investigations to determine if wetlands and/or watercourses are located on the above-referenced Site.

The Site was inspected on July 29, 2009. The property consists of a residential property improved with a single family residence that is primarily forested. The 51± acre parcel is located at the end of Brainerd Road in Niantic (East Lyme), Connecticut. Based on a review of plans prepared by Clough Harbour & Associated LLP (latest revised date 08/21/09) VHB understands that SBA Towers II LLC proposes to construct a wireless communications facility in the north-central portion of the subject property in an upland forested area. VHB also understands that the proposed access drive for the SBA Towers II LLC facility will occur in an upland forested area travelling approximately 130 feet east from the end of Brainerd Road to the proposed facility.

One wetland system was identified and delineated by VHB in the east-central portion of the subject property in proximity to the proposed SBA Towers II LLC project. This wetland is characterized as a palustrine forested inland wetland bordering along a seasonal intermittent watercourse. The headwaters to this relatively narrow wetland corridor starts on adjoining residential properties to the north. This wetland system is located approximately 48 feet east of the northeast corner of the proposed SBA Towers II LLC tower facility. The proposed facility will occupy approximately 0.13 acre of upland forest. However, due to the facility's small size, distance from the wetland and the fact that stormwater runoff from the facility, which is anticipated to be minimal, will flow to the south, it is anticipated that the proposed development will not result in a likely adverse impact to nearby wetland resources.

In addition, as no direct impact to federal wetlands is associated with SBA Towers II LLC construction activities, **NO significant change in surface features** (e.g., wetland fill, deforestation or water diversion) will result in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act Categorical Exclusion checklist.