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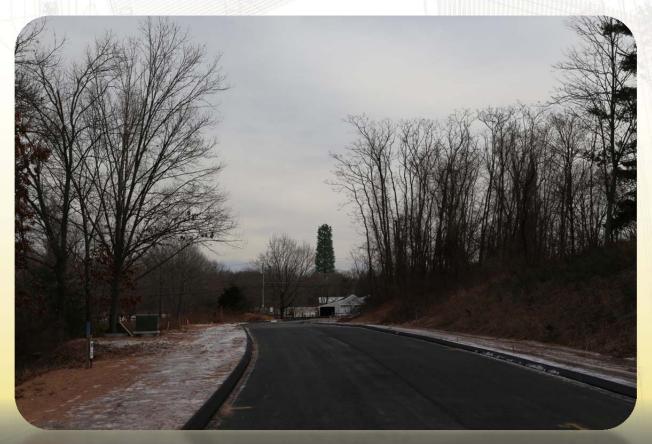


# VISIBILITY ANALYSIS

### **PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY**

### CANDLEWOOD ROAD

### **GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT**



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## **Project Introduction**

Message center Management ("MCM") is pursuing a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") for the development of a new wireless communications facility ("Facility") on a parcel of land off Candlewood Road in Glastonbury, Connecticut (the "Property"). At the request of MCM, All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. ("APT") prepared this Visibility Analysis to evaluate the viewshed associated with the proposed Facility from within a two-mile radius (the "Study Area"). In addition to the town of Glastonbury, part of the neighboring municipality of East Hartford is located in the northern portion of the Study Area.

#### **Site Description and Setting**

The Property is identified in Glastonbury Assessor records as Map E3, Block 0820, Lot E0002 and consists of an approximately 8.91-acre parcel located on the east side of Candlewood Road. The area proposed for the Facility (the "Site") is located in the west-central portion of the Property, adjacent to an existing barn, at an approximate ground elevation of 108 feet Above Mean Sea Level ("AMSL"). The proposed Facility would include a 120-foot tall steel monopole camouflaged as a pine tree ("monopine"). The monopine would also include an approximate 7-foot high extension of faux branching to provide a conical top, bringing the total Facility height up to 127 feet above ground level ("AGL"). Antenna arrays would be concealed within faux branching affixed to the monopole. The monopine would be surrounded by a 50-foot by 50-foot, gravel base, fence-enclosed equipment compound.

Land use within the immediate vicinity of the Property is primarily residential. The topography within the Study Area is characterized generally by relatively level ground to the west, gently rolling hills in the center, and steeper grades to the east. Ground elevations range from approximately 10 feet AMSL to over 390 feet AMSL. The tree cover within the Study Area (consisting of mixed deciduous hardwoods with interspersed stands of conifers) occupies approximately 2,832 acres of the 8,042-acre study area (±35%). The average tree canopy is estimated to be approximately 60 feet.

## Methodology

APT used the combination of a predictive computer model and in-field analysis to evaluate the visibility associated with the proposed Facility on both a quantitative and qualitative basis. The predictive model provides a measurable assessment of potential visibility throughout the entire Study Area including private properties and other areas inaccessible for direct observations. The in-field analyses included a balloon float and reconnaissance of the Study Area to record existing conditions, verify results of the model, inventory visible and nonvisible locations, and provide photographic documentation from publicly accessible areas. A description of the procedures used in the analysis is provided below.

#### **Preliminary Computer Modeling**

Two computer modeling tools were used to calculate those areas from which at least the top of the tower is estimated to be visible: IDRISI image analysis program (developed by Clark Labs, Clark University) and ArcGIS®, developed by Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. Project- and Study Area-specific data were incorporated into the computer model, including the tower's location, height, and ground elevation, as well as the surrounding topography and existing vegetation which are two primary features that can block direct lines of sight. Information used in the model included LiDAR<sup>1</sup>-based digital elevation and land use data. The LiDAR-based Digital Elevation Model ("DEM") represents topographic information for the state of Connecticut that was derived through the spatial interpolation of airborne LiDAR-based data collected in the year 2000 and has a horizontal resolution of ten (10) feet. In addition, multiple land use data layers were created from National Agricultural Imagery Program (USDA) aerial photography (1-foot resolution, flown in 2012) using IDRISI image processing tools. The IDRISI tools develop light reflective classes defined by statistical analysis of individual pixels, which are then grouped based on common reflective values such that distinctions can be made automatically between deciduous and coniferous tree species, as well as grassland, impervious surface areas, water and other distinct land use features. This information is manually cross-checked with the recent USGS topographic land characteristics to quality assure the imaging analysis.

Once the data layers were entered, image processing tools were applied and overlaid onto USGS topographic base maps and aerial photographs to achieve an estimate of locations where the Facility might be visible. Additional data was reviewed and incorporated into the visibility analysis, including protected private and public open space, parks, recreational facilities, hiking trails, schools, and historic districts. One trail system is located within the Study Area approximately 0.9 mile to the east at its nearest point east of the Site. Based on a review of publicly-available information, no designated state scenic roads exist within the Study Area.

#### **Field Reconnaissance**

To supplement and fine tune the results of the computer modeling efforts, APT completed in-field verification activities consisting of a balloon float, vehicular and pedestrian reconnaissance, and photo-documentation.

#### Balloon Float and Field Reconnaissance

A balloon float and field reconnaissance were conducted January 21, 2015 to evaluate the visibility associated with the proposed Facility and to obtain photographs for use in this report. The balloon float consisted of raising an approximately four-foot diameter, red helium-filled balloon tethered to a string height of 127 feet above ground level ("AGL") at the proposed Facility location. Weather conditions were favorable for the in-field activities, with calm winds (less than 3 miles per hour) and partly cloudy skies. Once the balloon was secured, APT conducted a Study Area reconnaissance by driving along the local and State roads and other publicly accessible locations to document and inventory where the balloon could be seen above/through

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>LiDAR is an acronym for Light Detection and Ranging. It is a technology that utilized lasers to determine the distance to an object or surface. LiDAR is similar to radar, but incorporates laser pulses rather than sound waves. It measures the time delay between transmission and reflection of the laser pulse.

the tree canopy. Visual observations from the reconnaissance were also used to evaluate the results of the preliminary visibility mapping and identify any discrepancies in the initial modeling.

During the balloon float and in-field activities, several trees were randomly surveyed using a hand-held infrared laser range finder and a Suunto Tandem clinometer to ascertain their heights. The heights of trees adjacent to the site were field measured to document the surrounding canopy elevation. Numerous off-site locations were also selected to obtain tree canopy heights, including along roadways, wooded lots, and high-and low-lying areas to provide for the irregularities associated with different land characteristics and uses found within the Study Area. The average canopy height was developed based on measurements and comparative observations, in this case approximately 60 feet AGL. Throughout Connecticut, the tree canopy height varies from about 55 feet to in excess of 80 feet (where eastern white pine becomes a dominant component of the forest type, average tree heights may be even slightly higher). This general uniformity is most likely the result of historic state-wide clear cutting of forests for charcoal production in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Approximately 69% of Connecticut's forests are characterized as mature<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Photographic Documentation and Simulations**

During the balloon float and field reconnaissance, APT drove the public roads within the Study Area and recorded observations, including photo-documentation, of those areas where the balloon was and was not visible. Photographs were obtained from several vantage points to document the views of a proposed Facility. The geographic coordinates of the camera's position at each photo location were logged using global positioning system ("GPS") technology. Photographs were taken with a Canon EOS 6D digital camera body and Canon EF 24 to 105 millimeter ("mm") zoom lens, with the lens set to 50 mm.

"The lens that most closely approximates the view of the unaided human eye is known as the normal focal-length lens. For the 35 mm camera format, which gives a 24x36 mm image, the normal focal length is about 50 mm.<sup>3</sup>"

#### **Final Visibility Mapping**

Information obtained during the field reconnaissance was incorporated into the mapping data layers, including observations of the balloon float, the photo locations, areas that experienced recent land use changes and those places where the initial model was found to over-predict visibility. The revised average tree canopy height data (60 feet AGL) was merged with the DEM and added to the base ground elevations of the forested areas data layer. Once the additional data was integrated into the model, APT re-calculated the visibility of the proposed Facility from within the Study Area to assist in producing the final viewshed map.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> USDA Resource Bulletin NE-160, 2004.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Warren, Bruce. Photography, West Publishing Company, Eagan, MN, c. 1993, (page 70).

#### **Photographic Simulations**

Photographic simulations were generated to portray scaled renderings of the proposed Facility from representative locations where the proposed Facility would be visible on a year-round basis. Using field data, site plan information and 3-dimension (3D) modeling software, spatially referenced models of the site area and Facility were generated and merged. The geographic coordinates obtained in the field for the photograph locations were incorporated into the model to produce virtual camera positions within the spatial 3D model. Photo simulations were then created using a combination of renderings generated in the 3D model and photo-rendering software programs<sup>4</sup>.

For presentation purposes in this report, the photographs were taken with a 50 mm focal length and produced in an approximate 7-inch by 10.5-inch format. When viewing in this format size, we believe it is important to provide the largest representational image while maintaining an accurate relation of sizes between objects within the frame of the photograph.

Photo-documentation of the balloon float and photo-simulations of the proposed Facility are presented in the attachment at the end of this report. The balloon float photos provide visual reference points for the approximate height and location of the proposed Facility relative to the scene. The photo-simulations are intended to provide the reader with a general understanding of the different views that might be achieved of the Facility. It is important to consider that the publicly-accessible locations selected are typically representative of a "worst case" scenario. They were chosen to present unobstructed view lines (wherever possible), are static in nature and do not necessarily fairly characterize the prevailing views from all locations within a given area. From several locations, moving a few feet in any direction will result in a far different perspective of the Facility than what is presented in the photographs. In several cases, a view of the Facility may be limited to the immediate area of the specific photo location.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As a final step, the accuracy and scale of select simulations are tested against photographs of similar existing facilities with recorded camera position, focal length, photo location, and tower location.

#### **Photograph Locations**

The table below summarizes characteristics of the photographs and simulations presented in the attachment to this report including a description of each location, view orientation, the distance from where the photo was taken relative to the proposed Facility and the general characteristics of that view. The photo locations are depicted on the visibility analysis maps provided as attachments to this report.

View	Location	Orientation	Distance to Site	View Characteristics
1	Oakwood Sports Center	North	±0.92 Mile	Not Visible
2	Eastern Boulevard	Northwest	±0.68 Mile	Not Visible
3	330 Western Boulevard	North	±0.52 Mile	Seasonal
4	Addison Pond Road at Addison Road	Northwest	±0.67 Mile	Not Visible
5	UCONN Avenue	West	±1.35 Miles	Not Visible
6	Trinity Avenue	West	±1.34 Miles	Not Visible
7	Addison Park	Southwest	±0.46 Mile	Not Visible
8	Cobbs Mill Lane	Northwest	±0.24 Mile	Seasonal
9	Meadowrue Drive at Milestone Drive	Northwest	±0.24 Mile	Seasonal
10	12 Acre Lane	Northwest	±0.12 Mile	Year-round
11	Tarrybrook Drive	Northeast	±0.13 Mile	Year-round
12	Tarrybrook Drive	Northeast	±0.15 Miles	Seasonal
13	Griswold Street	Northeast	±0.16 Mile	Year-round
14	Griswold Street	Northeast	±0.34 Mile	Not Visible
15	Abbey Road	Northeast	±0.37 Mile	Year-round
16	Abbey Road	Northeast	±0.23 Mile	Year-round
17	Lancaster Road	Southeast	±0.33 Mile	Seasonal
18	Winthrop Drive	Southeast	±0.29 Mile	Seasonal
19	Long Hill Drive	Southeast	±0.24 Mile	Year-round
20	Candlewood Road	Southeast	±0.11 Mile	Year-round
21	Lindsay Lane	Southeast	±0.14 Mile	Seasonal
22	Lindsay Lane	Southwest	±0.16 Mile	Seasonal
23	Querido Drive	Southwest	±0.20 Mile	Seasonal
24	Duxbury Lane	Southwest	±0.25 Mile	Seasonal
25	Duxbury Lane	Southwest	±0.24 Mile	Seasonal
26	Duxbury Lane	Southwest	±0.31 Mile	Seasonal
27	Hancock Lane at Lexington Road	Southwest	±0.23 Mile	Seasonal
28	Manor Circle	Southwest	±0.29 Mile	Seasonal
29	Woodmont Drive	Southeast	±0.32 Mile	Seasonal
30	O'Connell Drive	Southwest	±0.52 Mile	Seasonal
31	Hillstown Road	Southwest	±1.42 Miles	Not Visible
32	Davis Road at Hill Street	Southwest	±1.16 Miles	Not Visible
33	Hill Street at Brookfield Drive	South	±0.99 Mile	Not Visible

## **Visibility Analysis Results**

Results of this analysis are graphically displayed on the viewshed maps provided in the attachment at the end of this report. Areas from where the proposed Facility would be visible above the tree canopy year-round comprise a total of approximately 71 acres. When the leaves are off the trees, seasonal views through intervening tree trunks and branches are anticipated to occur over some locations within an area of  $119\pm$  acres.

In general, year-round views of portions of the Facility appear limited to select locations within ±0.25 mile of the Property. Year-round views extend slightly farther to the west as demonstrated in photo location 15. We estimate that approximately 30 residential properties<sup>5</sup> may achieve year-rounds of at least a portion of the monopine.

The majority of views associated with the proposed Facility would be limited seasonally to those times of year when the leaves are off the deciduous trees. We estimate that approximately 70 residential properties could achieve seasonal views of the monopine.

#### Proximity to Schools And Commercial Child Day Care Centers

No schools or commercial child day care centers are located within 250 feet of the Property. The nearest school (Goddard School) is located at 208 Eastern Boulevard in Glastonbury, approximately 0.44 mile to the southeast. The nearest commercial child day care center (YMCA O'Connell School) is located at 305 May Road in East Hartford, approximately 0.5 mile to the north. No views of the Facility are anticipated from either of these locations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Field verification activities during the balloon float are restricted to publicly accessible areas, so the computer model is used to compile a list of residential properties that could have views of the tower. The model has limitations because it is designed to answer a very simple yes-no question: can the tower be seen from any point within a 2-mile radius (Study Area), given the intervening topography and vegetation. Theoretically, if one inch of the tower is detected from any point X in the Study Area, it is considered visible, although in real world conditions the tower might not be discernable to the human eye. Therefore, the calculations tend to over predict visibility. This is a conservative analysis that evaluates potential visibility from a residential property by interpreting if a property falls within shaded areas of potential visibility on the viewshed maps. It does not necessarily mean that views would be achieved from within residential dwellings, exterior decks, porches or patios that might be located on such properties. It may be possible to view the tower from within portions of shaded areas on the viewshed maps, but not necessarily from all locations within those shaded areas.

## LIMITATIONS

The viewshed maps presented in the attachment to this report depict areas where the proposed Facility may potentially be visible to the human eye without the aid of magnification based on a viewer eye-height of 5 feet above the ground and intervening topography and an assumed tree canopy height of 60 feet. This analysis may not necessarily account for all visible locations, as it is based on the combination of computer modeling, incorporating 2012 aerial photographs, and in-field observations from publicly-accessible locations. No access to private properties was provided to APT personnel. This analysis does not claim to depict the only areas, or all locations, where visibility may occur; it is intended to provide a representation of those areas where the Facility is likely to be seen.

The simulations provide a representation of the Facility under similar settings as those encountered during the balloon floats and reconnaissance. Views of the Facility can change throughout the seasons and the time of day, and are dependent on weather and other atmospheric conditions (e.g., haze, fog, clouds); the location, angle and intensity of the sun; and the specific viewer location. Weather conditions on the day of the balloon float included partly cloudy skies and the photo-simulations presented in this report provide an accurate portrayal of the Facility during comparable conditions.

## ATTACHMENTS

















рното	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
2	EASTERN BOULEVARD	NORTHWEST	+/- 0.68 MILE	NOT VISIBLE







рното	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
3	330 WESTERN BOULEVARD	NORTH	+/- 0.52 MILE	SEASONAL







PHOTO	330 WESTERN BOULEVARD			SEASONAL
3	330 WESTERN BOULEVARD	NORTH	+/- 0.52 MILE	SEASONAL







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5	UCONN AVENUE	WEST	+/- 1.35 MILES	NOT VISIBLE







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8	COBBS MILL LANE	NORTHWEST	+/- 0.24 MILE	SEASONAL



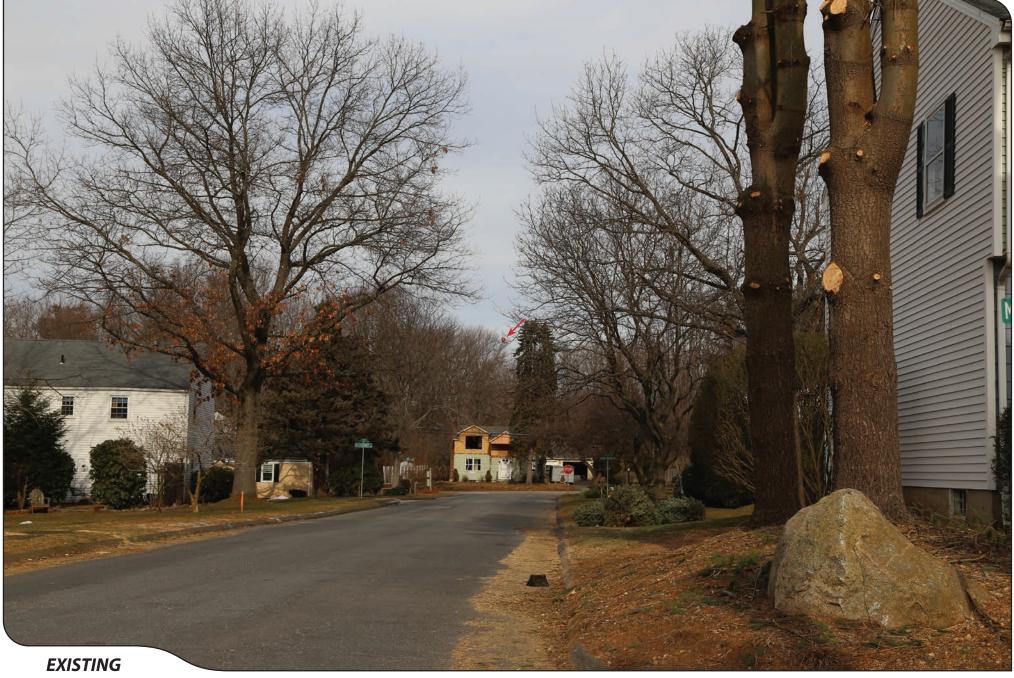




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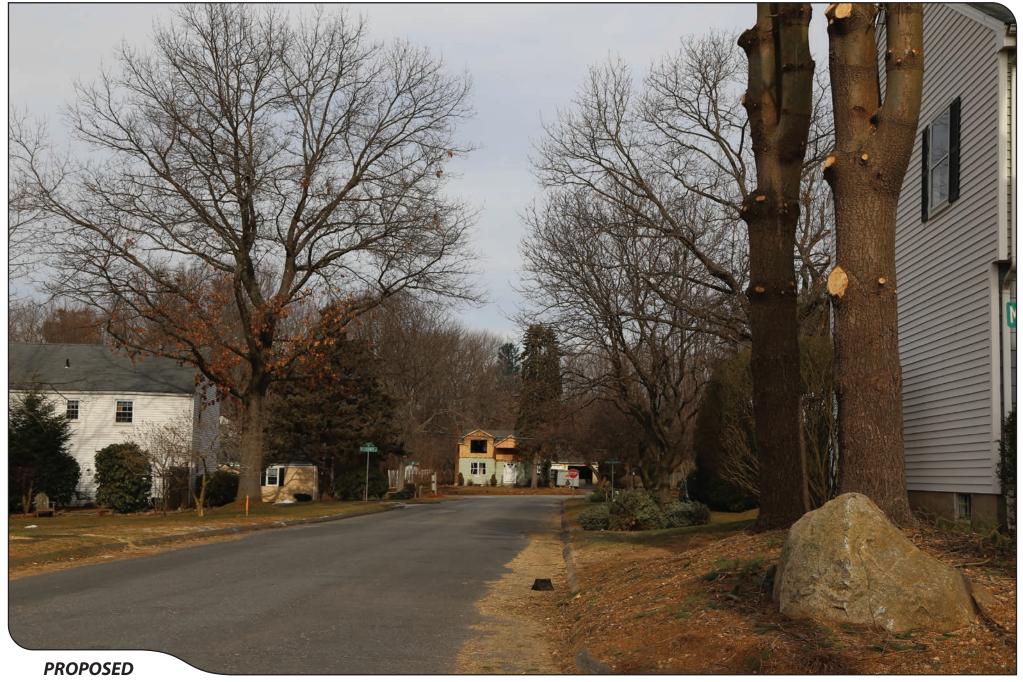




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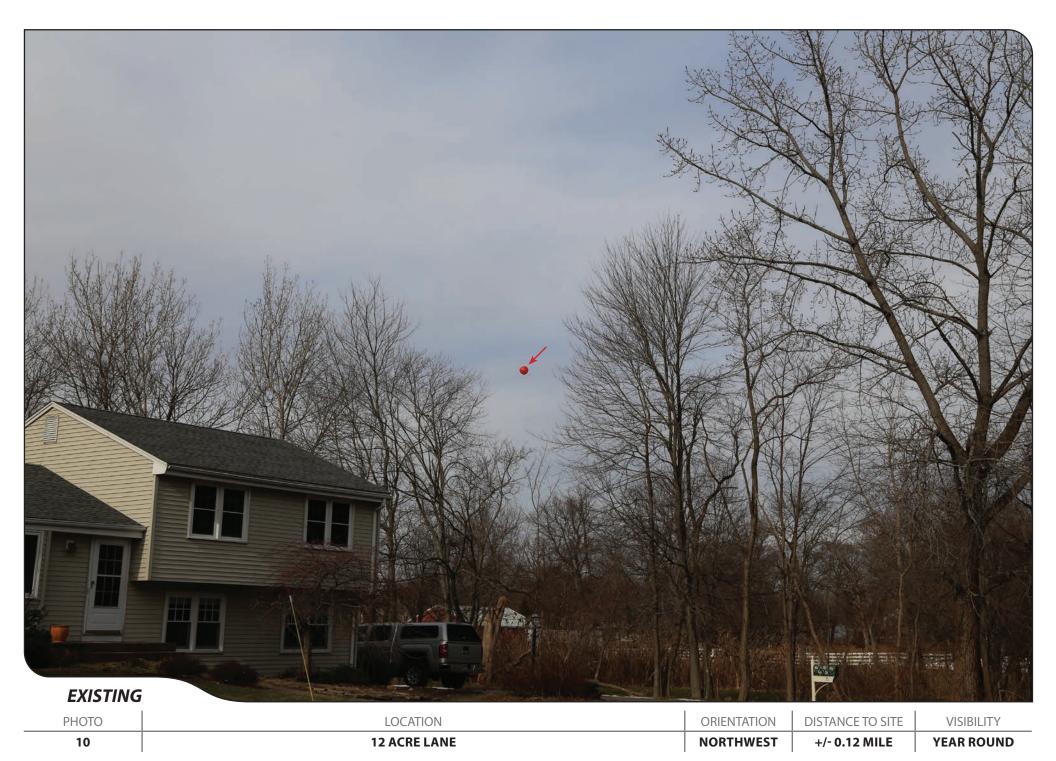




9	MEADOWRUE DRIVE AT MILESTONE DRIVE	NORTHWEST	+/- 0.24 MILE	SEASONAL
PHOTO	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY







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РНОТО	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
10	12 ACRE LANE	NORTHWEST	+/- 0.12 MILE	YEAR ROUND







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11	TARRYBROOK DRIVE	NORTHEAST	+/- 0.13 MILE	YEAR ROUND







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11	TARRYBROOK DRIVE	NORTHEAST	+/- 0.13 MILE	YEAR ROUND







12		NORTHEAST	+/- 0.15 MILE	SEASONAL	
PHOTO	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY	







РНОТО	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
12	TARRYBROOK DRIVE	NORTHEAST	+/- 0.15 MILE	SEASONAL







**GRISWOLD STREET** 

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+/- 0.16 MILE

NORTHEAST



YEAR ROUND

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13	GRISWOLD STREET	NORTHEAST	+/- 0.16 MILE	YEAR ROUND
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PHOTO	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
16	ABBEY ROAD	NORTHEAST	+/- 0.23 MILE	YEAR ROUND







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PHOTO	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY







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18	WINTHROP DRIVE	SOUTHEAST	+/- 0.29 MILE	SEASONAL





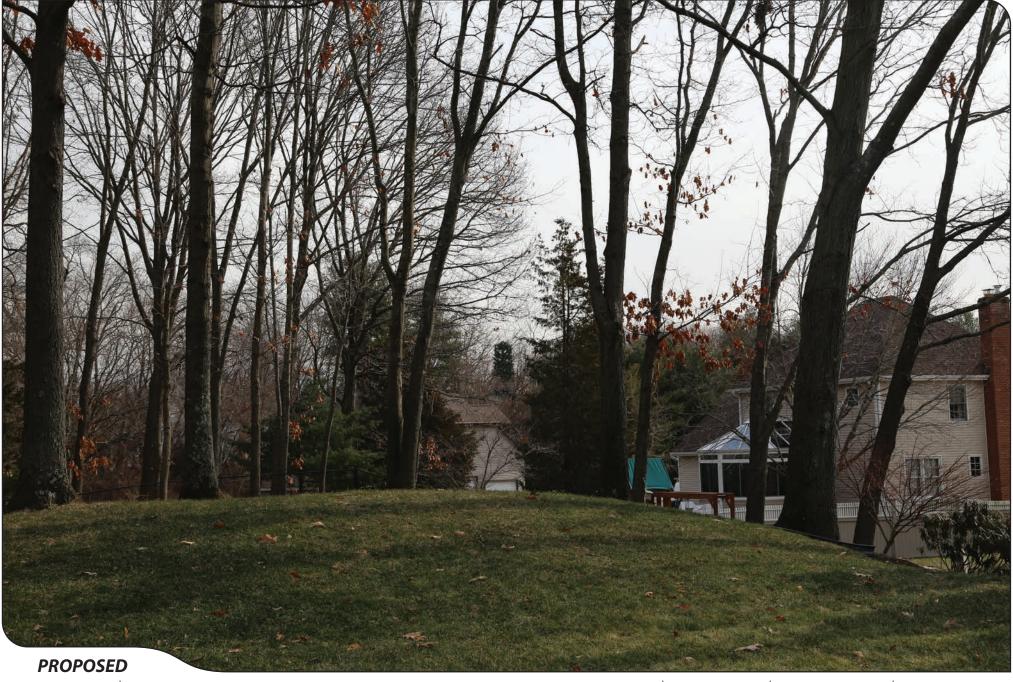


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18	WINTHROP DRIVE	SOUTHEAST	+/- 0.29 MILE	SEASONAL







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19	LONG HILL DRIVE	SOUTHEAST	+/- 0.24 MILE	YEAR ROUND



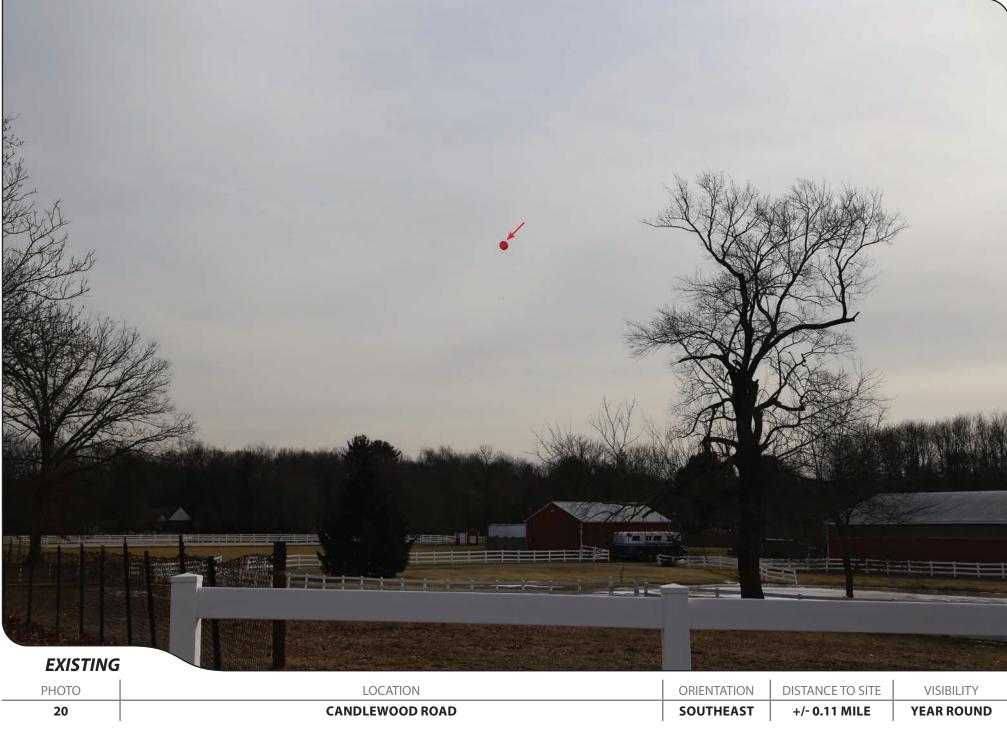




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19	LONG HILL DRIVE	SOUTHEAST	+/- 0.24 MILE	YEAR ROUND



















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21	LINDSAY LANE	SOUTHEAST	+/- 0.14 MILE	SEASONAL







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РНОТО	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
23	QUERIDO DRIVE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.20 MILE	SEASONAL







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24	DUXBURY LANE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.25 MILE	SEASONAL
РНОТО	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY







24	DUXBURY LANE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.25 MILE	SEASONAL
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PHOTO	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
25	DUXBURY LANE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.24 MILE	SEASONAL







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25	DUXBURY LANE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.24 MILE	SEASONAL







РНОТО	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
26	DUXBURY LANE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.31 MILE	SEASONAL







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26	DUXBURY LANE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.31 MILE	SEASONAL







рното	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
27	HANCOCK LANE AT LEXINGTON ROAD	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.23 MILE	SEASONAL







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27	HANCOCK LANE AT LEXINGTON ROAD	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.23 MILE	SEASONAL



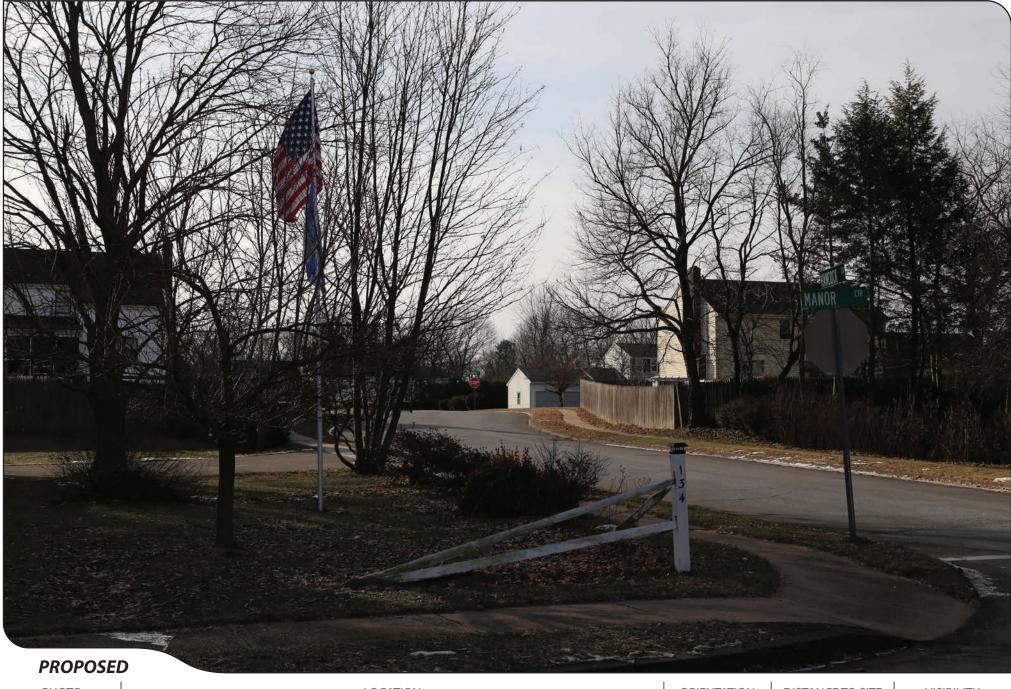




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28	MANOR CIRCLE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.29 MILE	SEASONAL







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28	MANOR CIRCLE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.29 MILE	SEASONAL







РНОТО	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
29	WOODMONT DRIVE	SOUTHEAST	+/- 0.32 MILE	SEASONAL









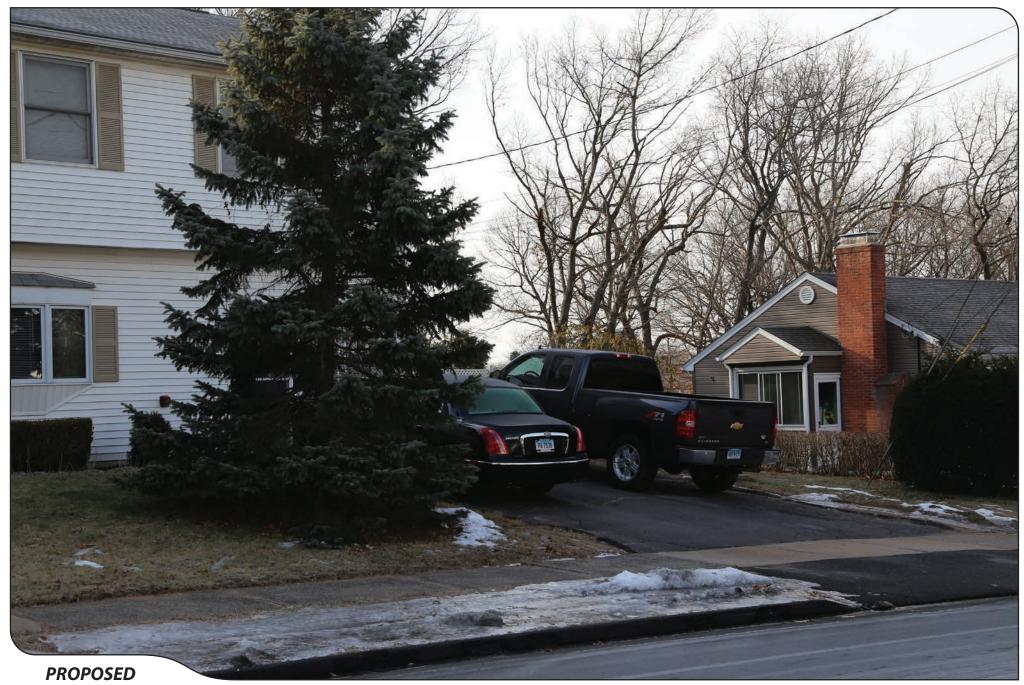




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30	O'CONNELL DRIVE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.52 MILE	SEASONAL







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30	O'CONNELL DRIVE	SOUTHWEST	+/- 0.52 MILE	SEASONAL







РНОТО	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
31	HILLSTOWN ROAD	SOUTHWEST	+/- 1.42 MILES	NOT VISIBLE







РНОТО	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
32	DAVIS ROAD AT HILL STREET	SOUTHWEST	+/- 1.16 MILES	NOT VISIBLE



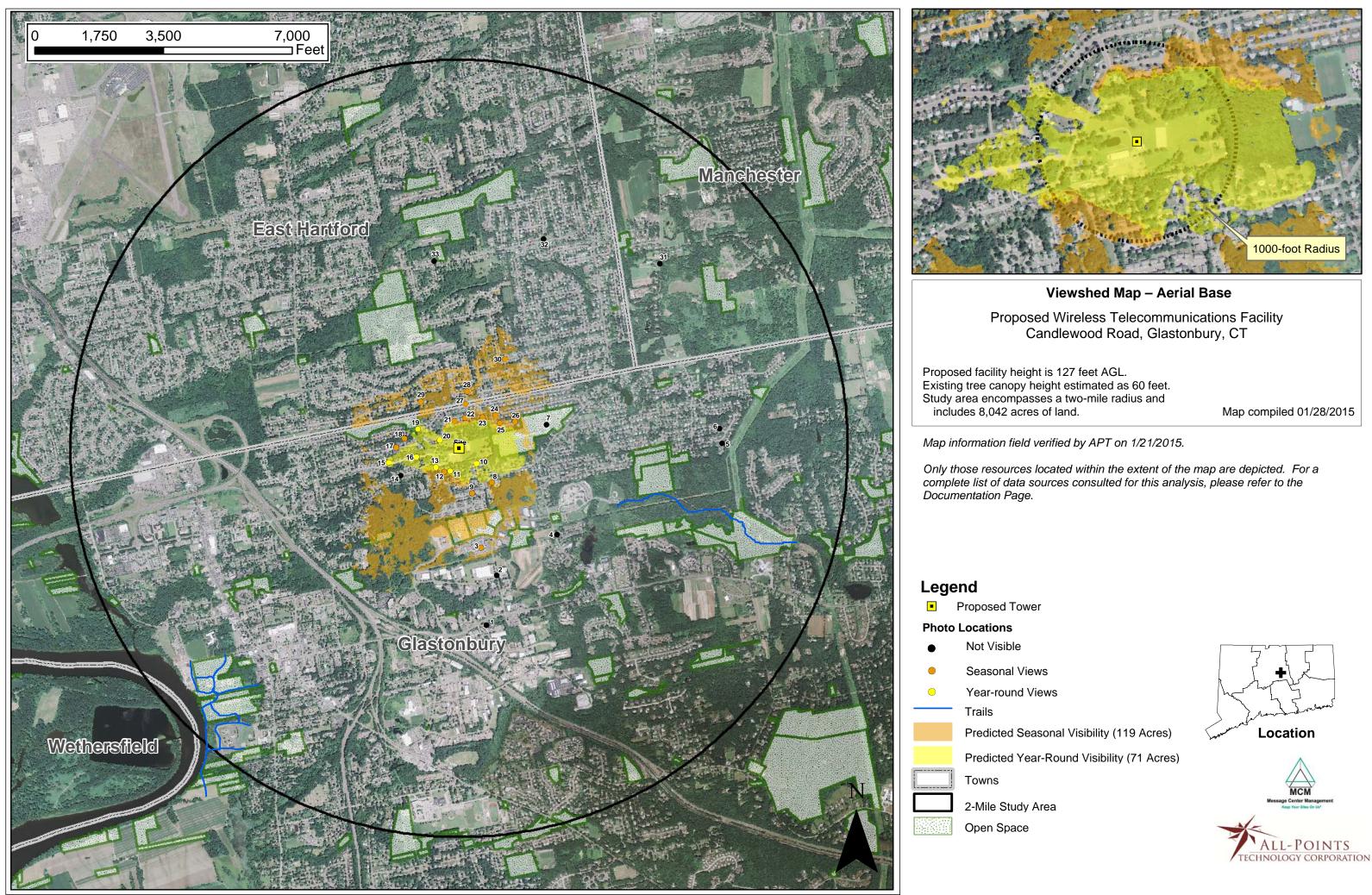


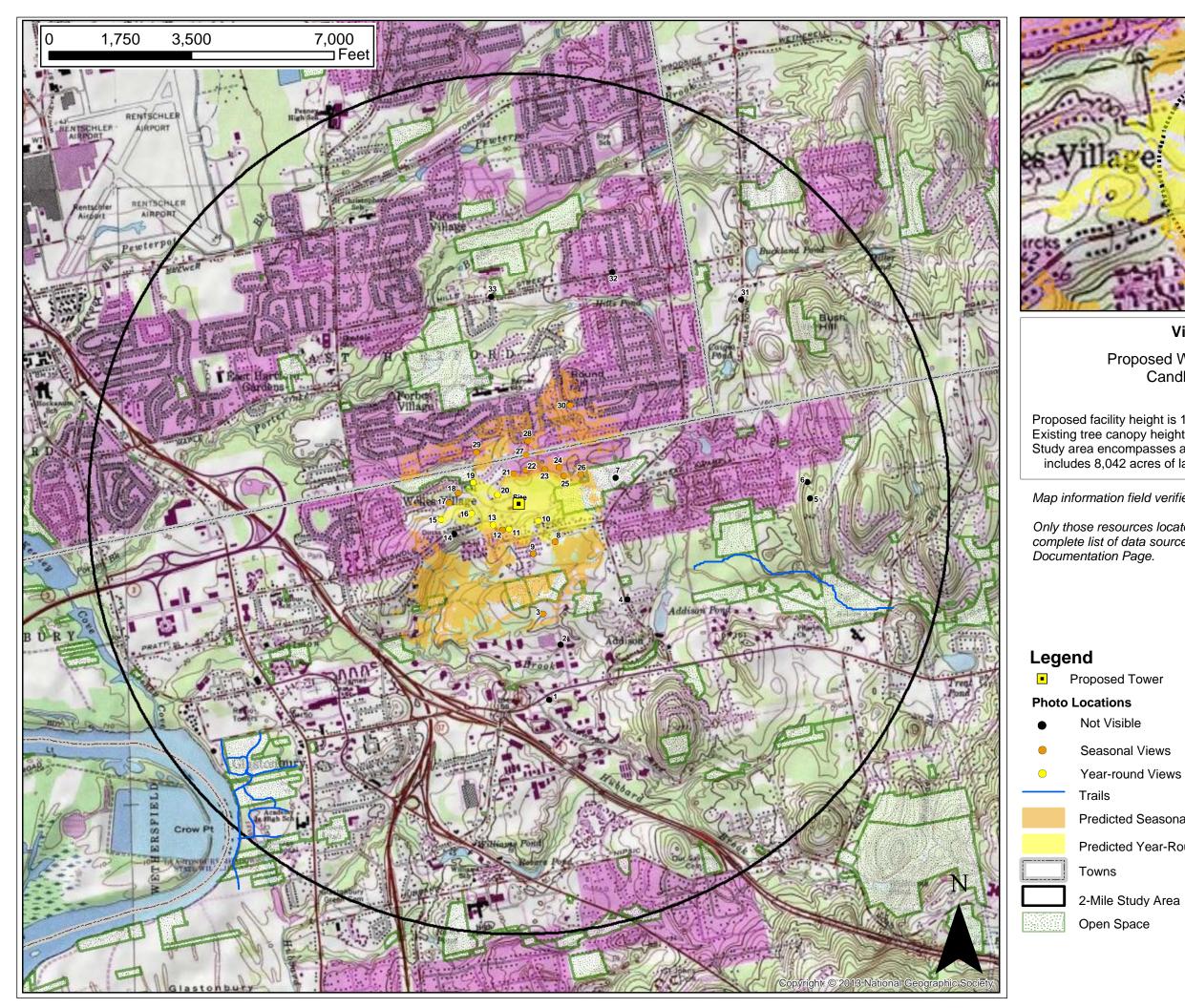


РНОТО	LOCATION	ORIENTATION	DISTANCE TO SITE	VISIBILITY
33	HILL STREET AT BROOKFIELD DRIVE	SOUTH	+/- 0.99 MILE	NOT VISIBLE











### Viewshed Map – Topo Base

Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility Candlewood Road, Glastonbury, CT

Proposed facility height is 127 feet AGL. Existing tree canopy height estimated as 60 feet. Study area encompasses a two-mile radius and includes 8,042 acres of land.

Map compiled 01/28/2015

Map information field verified by APT on 1/21/2015.

Only those resources located within the extent of the map are depicted. For a complete list of data sources consulted for this analysis, please refer to the

Predicted Seasonal Visibility (119 Acres)

Predicted Year-Round Visibility (71 Acres)



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### DOCUMENTATION

#### SOURCES CONSULTED FOR VIEWSHED MAPS Candlewood Road Glastonbury, Connecticut

#### Physical Geography / Background Data

Center for Land Use Education and Research, University of Connecticut (http://clear.uconn.edu) \*Land Use / Land Cover (2006) \*Coniferous and Deciduous Forest (2006) \*LiDAR data – topography (2000) United States Geological Survey \*USGS topographic quadrangle maps – Glastonbury, Manchester (1984) National Resource Conservation Service \*NAIP aerial photography (2012) Department of Transportation data ^State Scenic Highways (updated monthly) Heritage Consultants ^Municipal Scenic Roads

#### **Cultural Resources**

Heritage Consultants ^National Register ^ Local Survey Data

#### **Dedicated Open Space & Recreation Areas**

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

\*DEEP Property (May 2007) \*Federal Open Space (1997) \*Municipal and Private Open Space (1997) \*DEEP Boat Launches (1994)

Connecticut Forest & Parks Association ^Connecticut Walk Books East & West – *The Guide to the Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails of Eastern Connecticut Western Connecticut, 19th Edition, 2006.* 

#### Other

^ConnDOT Scenic Strips (based on Department of Transportation data)

\*Available to the public in GIS-compatible format (some require fees). ^ Data not available to general public in GIS format. Reviewed independently and, where applicable, GIS data later prepared specifically for this Study Area.

*NOTE* Not all the sources listed above appear on the Viewshed Maps. Only those features within the scale of the graphic are shown.

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The photo-simulations in this report are provided for visual representation only. Actual visibility depends on various environmental conditions, including (but not necessarily limited to) weather, season, time of day, and viewer location.