

November 2, 2020

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Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-BMM-01: 1765/1766 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project, Amendment

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On July 6, 2020, the Connecticut Siting Council (“Council”) acknowledged Eversource Energy’s notice of the subject Project, that the subject Project would not have an adverse environmental effect and would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

Since the time of the Council’s acknowledgement letter and in advance of construction, Eversource has identified two access road locations that require modifications;

Access to Structure 6148, Middletown, CT (Map Sheet 7)

It has been determined that access to Structure 6148 will require a longer span over an unnamed watercourse than originally anticipated. Therefore, a temporary bridge structure with a longer reach will be installed over the watercourse. There are no wetland or watercourse impacts associated with the temporary bridge placement. However, a crane will be utilized to install the bridge and a portion of the crane work pad will be located within Wetland 20, creating a temporary wetland impact of approximately 6,056 square feet (“SF”). Beyond the watercourse, an existing access road will be utilized to reach Structure 6148, eliminating the need to install a new access road as originally anticipated. A small portion of the revised access will still need to be matted at Wetland 19, reducing the amount of temporary impact to this wetland to approximately 192 SF. Please see the table below for changes to the location and square footage of temporary wetland impacts. In total, the proposed access road modifications and temporary crane work pad will result in a net increase of approximately 4,918 SF of additional wetland impact. See revised Attachment D; “1765/1766 Line - Structure Replacement Project”, (Map Sheet 7), dated June 1, 2020, revision October 27, 2020.

Wetland Number	Original Wetland Impact (SF)	Revised Wetland Impact (SF)	Change to Wetland Impact (SF)
W-17	±2,086	±5,000	±2,914 (net increase)
W-19	±2,717	±192	±2,525 (net decrease)
W-20	±1,527	±6,056	±4,529 (net increase)
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>±6,330</b>	<b>±11,248</b>	<b>±4,918 (net increase)</b>

In addition to access road modifications, revised Map Sheet 7 corrects discrepancies on the depiction of Wetlands 17, 18 and 19. Due to errors related to a GIS data import, the locations and boundaries of Wetlands 17, 18 and 19 were depicted incorrectly on the mapping that accompanied the Sub-Petition submittal but have since been field verified by a certified wetland scientist to confirm that they are now depicted accurately.

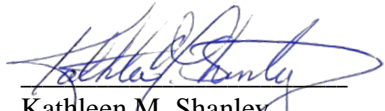
Access to Structure 6-228, Middletown, CT (Map Sheet 17)

Access to Structure 6-228 will be modified to avoid the risk of construction vehicles coming into contact with lower hanging wires associated with an existing distribution line within the right of way ("ROW"). The height of the wires prevents safe passage of construction vehicles and presents a safety hazard. To avoid the wires, Eversource will utilize an existing matted access road that leads to Structure 6-328, which is currently being utilized for an optical ground wire replacement project on the 1765 Line. Approximately 150 feet of new temporary construction matting will be installed in the ROW from Structure 6-328 to Structure 6-228. In total, the proposed access road modifications will create an additional temporary wetland impact at this location of approximately 5,396 SF. See revised Attachment D; "1765/1766 Line - Structure Replacement Project", (Map Sheet 17), dated June 1, 2020, revision October 27, 2020.

Prior to submitting this amendment an Eversource representative briefed officials in the town of Middletown concerning the project modifications. In addition, Eversource provided abutters with written notice of the filing of the Amendment.

Eversource herewith respectfully requests approval for the requested changes. Should you, the Council members or Council staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [kathleen.shanley@eversource.com](mailto:kathleen.shanley@eversource.com) or telephone at (860) 728-4527.

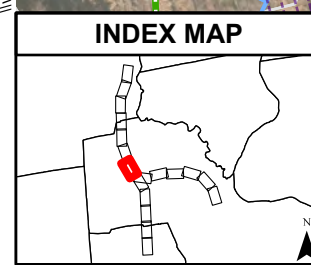
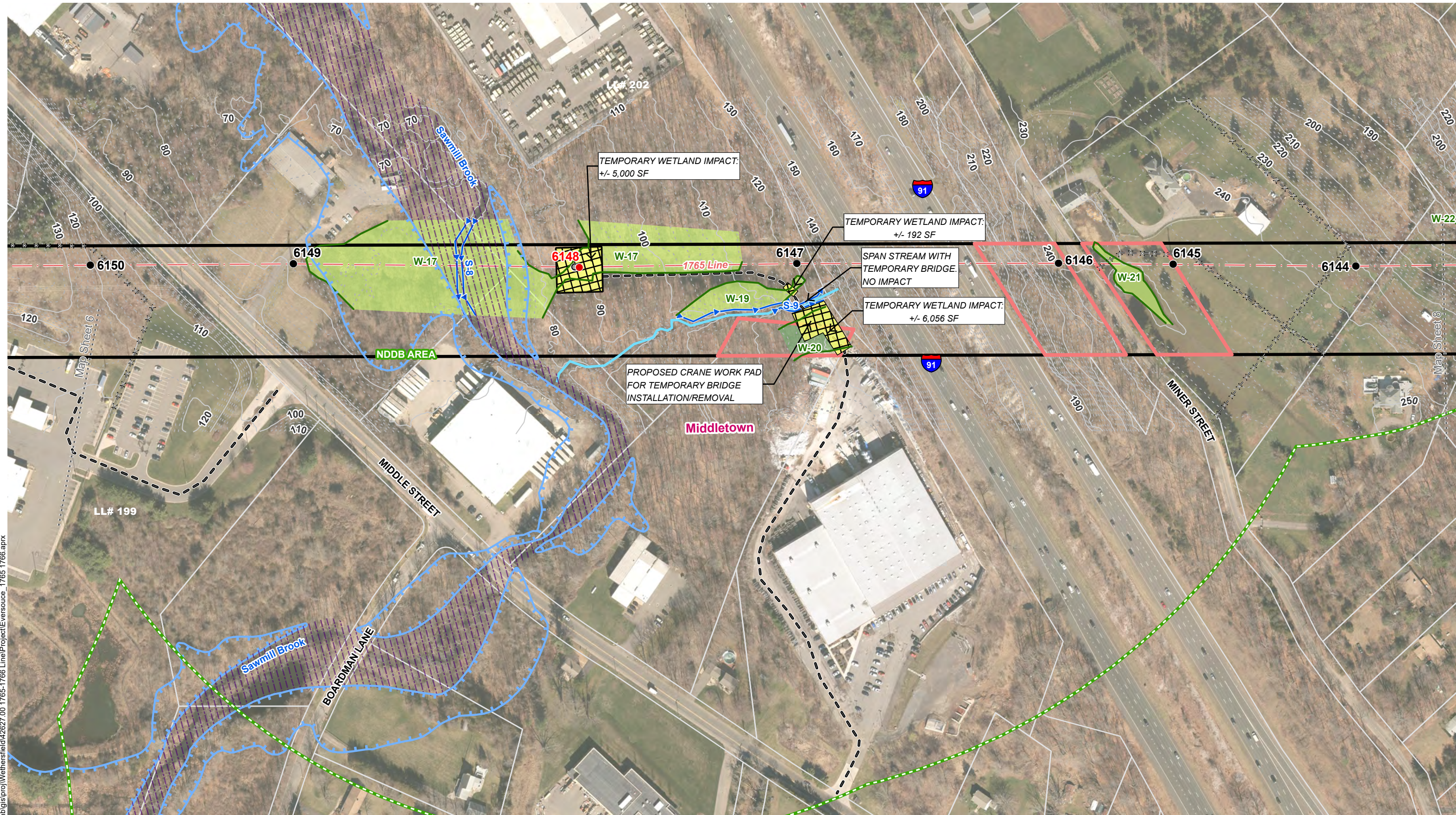
Sincerely,



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Manager - Transmission Siting

Enclosure

Attachment A: Revised Sub-Petition Map Sheets 7 and 17

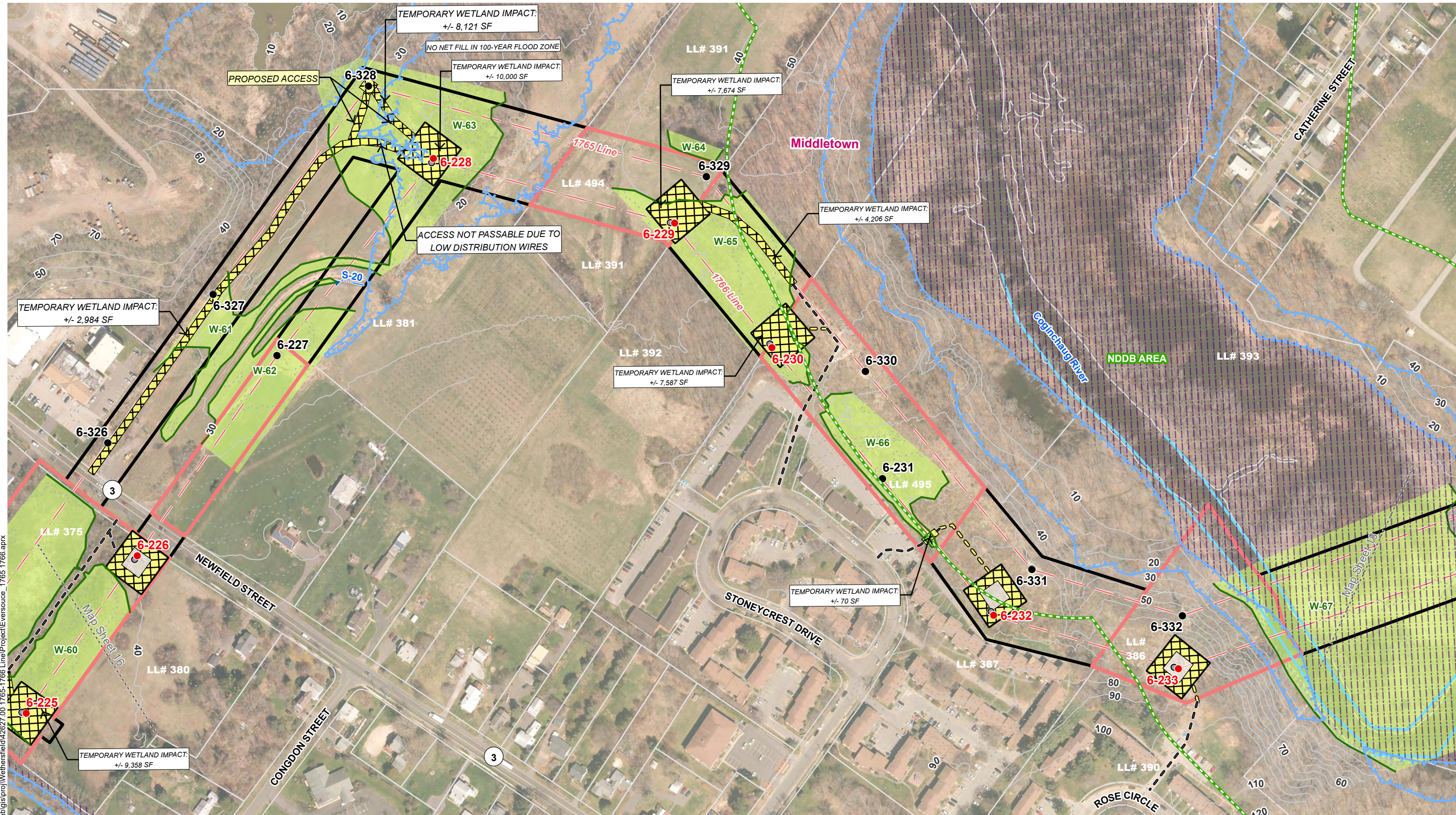


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--- Stone Work Pad	--- Delineated Perennial Watercourse
■ Field Delineated Wetland	● Potential Vernal Pool
■ Open Water	--- Gas Line
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--- Municipal Boundary	□ Eversource Owned Parcel
○ Stone Wall	□ Municipal Boundary
--- Fence	
■ Gate	

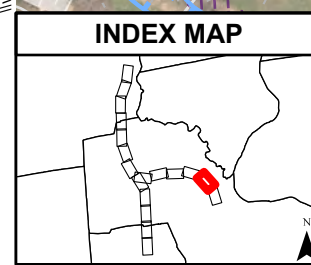
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1 Inch = 200 feet  
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 Base Map Source: 2016 Aerial Imagery (CTDEP)

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