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August 20, 2021

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Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-MGP-03

Dear Attorney Bachman:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") is filing the attached Sub-Petition No.1293-MGP-03 with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"), regarding maintenance work within its transmission right-of-way in Manchester, Glastonbury, and Portland, Connecticut. The work includes replacing 28 existing wood transmission structures with new weathering steel transmission structures.

Eversource notified the officials of the municipalities of Manchester, Glastonbury, and Portland of Eversource's submission of the Sub-Petition and sent copies of the Sub-Petition to owners of directly abutting properties (see Proof of Notice).

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of this filing.

Please contact me at 860-728-4527 if you have any questions regarding the enclosed Sub-Petition.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

Attachments: Exhibit A: Sub-Petition Exhibit B: Photographs Exhibit C: Maps Exhibit D: Abutter Letter and Proof of Notice

### ATTACHMENT A

### **SUB-PETITION**

### THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY doing business as <u>EVERSOURCE ENERGY</u>

### Sub-Petition CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL – PETITION NO. 1293 TRANSMISSION FACILITY ASSET CONDITION MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE UPDATED NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODE CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

Towns: Manchester, Glastonbury and Portland

Sub-Petition: 1293-MGP-03

Project: 3424/1767 Transmission Lines Structure Replacement Project

Structure Locations: 28 Transmission Line Structures in Manchester, Glastonbury and Portland, Connecticut

#### I. Introduction:

In accordance with Condition 1 of the March 30, 2017 ruling by the Connecticut Siting Council (the "Council") (as set forth in the Council's March 31, 2017 letter) regarding Petition No. 1293, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") submits this Sub-Petition.

#### II. Description of Transmission Work Activities:

Eversource's 3424/1767 Transmission Lines Structure Replacement Project is part of an ongoing maintenance program which evaluates the integrity of its utility structures and implements repair, upgrade or replacement in order to ensure the safe and reliable transmission of power to its customers. Due to asset condition, 28 structures require replacement on the 3424/1767 Lines between Manchester Substation in Manchester and a location just southeast of Portland Cobalt Road in Portland. The 3424 Line in its entirety, is a 345-killovolt ("kV") line that extends from the Kleen Energy Generation Station in Middletown to Manchester Substation. The 1767 Line, in its entirety, is a 115-kV line that extends from Hopewell Substation in Glastonbury to Manchester Substation. The structures to be replaced are a mix of wood H-frame structures and wood single-pole structures. Of the structures to be replaced, 28 will require an increase in structure height to comply with current clearance requirements.

Eversource plans to conduct transmission structure replacement work to remediate damage caused by structure age, weather, and woodpecker activity. The following work ("Work Activities") will be performed:

• Replace 28 existing wood structures with new weathering steel structures. Each replacement structure will be of the same design as its corresponding existing structure.

### III. No Substantial Adverse Environmental Effect:

Eversource respectfully submits that the proposed modifications would have no "substantial adverse environmental effect" pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50k, based on the following factors:

- a) All Work Activities would take place in areas within Eversource's property and existing right-ofway ("ROW") utilizing existing and proposed new permanent access roads, as well as some temporary access roads (collectively the "Work Areas"). Some of the existing access roads would be improved. Eversource can access each of the structure replacement locations utilizing its existing rights.
- b) Collectively, utilizing existing and temporary access roads, the Work Activities would result in approximately 48,335 square feet ("SF") of temporary wetland impacts from the temporary use of construction matting required for the construction of access roads to and work pads for structures as follows:

Wetland	Structure	Construction Work Pads Temporary	Access Roads
Number	Number	Impacts (SF)	Temporary Impacts (SF)
MA-W2	9185	±3,315	0
MA-W12	12223	±6,950	0
MA-W14	12218	±8,880	0
MA-W19	12215	0	±315
GL-W7	9141	±4,735	±1,680
GL-W16	12186	±3,985	0
GL-W28	12156	±4,790	0
PO-W17	12130	±1,030	±3,805
PO-W17	12130	±1,165	0
PO-W33	12118	±7,685	0
Subt	otals:	±42,535	±5,800
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Work would be conducted in accordance with Eversource's *Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts and Connecticut (Construction and Maintenance Environmental Requirements)*, September 2016 ("BMPs") to avoid impacts to nearby wetland and watercourse resources.

- c) No adverse impacts to vernal pools are anticipated from the proposed Work Activities. However, one Confirmed Vernal Pool ("CVP") habitat has been identified ("CVP-1") near a portion of the existing access road between Structures 9115 and 12181. The access road is located within the Vernal Pool Envelope ("VPE") associated with CVP-1. Vernal pool species protection measures will be implemented where Work Activities extend into the VPE. The existing access is established and would not be widened or altered and vegetation removal would be limited to hand clearing only. With the implementation of these protective measures, no adverse impacts to CVP-1or the VPE are anticipated from proposed Work Activities.
- d) Based on review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("CTDEEP") Natural Diversity Database ("NDDB"), the Work Activities associated with the access roads and work pads for Structures 12156, 12152, 12145, and 12118 are proposed

within a NDDB buffered area and are subject to a NDDB review request. Eversource is currently in consultation with CTDEEP regarding Eversource's proposed work in these areas and will adhere to any state-listed species protection measures recommended by CTDEEP, as necessary. Any recommended measures will be incorporated into the BMPs during construction. With these protective measures, no adverse impacts to state-listed rare species are anticipated.

- e) The Work Activities will not require any tree clearing. However, Eversource may need to undertake tree trimming and/or vegetation removal/mowing to establish required conductor clearance, to improve access roads and/or to install work pads within the Work Areas.
- f) A Phase 1A assessment review of previously recorded cultural resources on file with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office conducted by Heritage Consultants, LLC ("Heritage") did not identify any National Register of Historic Places properties/districts or archeological sites within 500 feet of the Work Areas. However, one historic home identified as the W.H. Bunce House is situated approximately 125 feet west of Structure 12227 and one prehistoric site known as the Multi-Use Path Transect 1 site is present approximately 450 feet southwest of Structure 9141. The home is a State registered Historic Places Property and is characterized as a Federal style home constructed in 1820 by Alpheus Quincy, an African American stonemason. The prehistoric site is interpreted as a short-term camp associated with hunting and foraging near wetlands. The historic structure and the prehistoric site will not be affected by the proposed Work Activities at Structure 12227 due to the like-for-like design, modest height increase of 4.5 feet and distance from the Work Area to the historical structure. Further, after review of historic data, soil profiles, and a pedestrian survey, none of the proposed work areas possess a potential for moderate to high archeological sensitivity. Therefore, the Project is not expected to have an effect on cultural resources.
- g) Increases in heights of the 28 replacement structures will average approximately 7 feet and none of the increases will exceed 10 feet.
- h) Twenty-five of the replacement structures would be installed within 15 feet or less of the existing structure locations. However, Structure 12230 is currently located inside Manchester Substation along the substation fence near an underground gas line and will be repositioned 20 feet outside of the substation to allow room for constructability and provide clearance from the gas line and the substation security fence/fence footings. Structures 12128 and 12131 will be repositioned 20 feet and 30 feet, respectively, from the existing structures to maintain required clearance distances.
- i) Work activities associated with the replacement of Structure 12227 are located partially within the 100-year flood zone associated with the South Fork of the Hockanum River. Work activities associated with Structure 12130 are located partially within the 100-year flood zone associated with Carr Brook. Eversource would utilize the BMPs to minimize any impacts to the flood zones by utilizing temporary construction matting and/or by not placing fill that would increase the elevations of the proposed access road surfaces or work pads to ensure that the floodplain hydrology would not be adversely affected. With these protective measures and the use of the BMPs, no adverse impacts to the 100-year flood zones are anticipated from the proposed Work Activities.
- j) No change in noise levels would result from the installation of the new structures and the applicable line would continue to comply with the State of Connecticut noise regulations.

k) Any changes in electric and magnetic field levels outside the ROW would be negligible.

### IV. <u>Mitigation:</u>

Temporary environmental effects from construction will be mitigated as follows:

- Erosion and sediment ("E&S") controls will be employed and maintained, as needed, for the duration of the Work Activities in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control and the BMPs.
- Potential impacts to wetlands and watercourses will be mitigated with the use of temporary matting and adherence to the BMPs.
- Vernal pool protective measures will be incorporated into the BMPs during construction.
- Any NDDB recommended rare species protective measures will be incorporated into the BMPs during construction.
- Potential impacts to the 100-year flood zones would be avoided with adherence to the BMPs and the use of temporary construction matting.
- Eversource's contractor will perform construction sequencing such that any earth materials are exposed for a minimum amount of time before they are covered, seeded, or otherwise stabilized to prevent erosion.
- During construction, when necessary, anti-tracking mats would be installed at construction entrances to public roads to prevent tracking of soil onto local roads.
- Upon completion of the Work Activities, all disturbed/exposed areas will be stabilized and revegetated as needed. After establishing permanent ground cover, Eversource's contractor would remove the temporary E&S controls and remove/dispose of any accumulated sediments and debris from areas where such measures were used.

### V. Access:

Some new permanent access roads would be constructed in upland areas to facilitate access to structures on Eversource property and/or within the ROW. Existing access roads in upland areas may be hardened and widened at turning areas to facilitate the safe passage of construction vehicles. Construction matting will be used for temporary access roads within wetlands. The matting will be removed upon completion of the Work Activities and the areas restored, as necessary.

Eversource will access the Work Areas by entering its ROW from existing access points on public roads as follows:

#### Manchester

- Olcott Street for structure 9185.
- West Center Street for structure 12230.
- Bidwell Street for structures 12227 and 12226.
- Wetherell Street for structures 12223, 12219 and 12218.
- Bush Hill Road for structures 12215 and 9141.

#### Glastonbury

- Neipsic Road for structure 12186.
- New London Turnpike for structures 9115, 12181 and 12179.
- Chestnut Hill Road for structure 12174.
- Coldbrook Road for structure 12170.
- Clark Hill Road for structures 12156,12154 and 12152.

#### Portland

- East Cotton Hill Road for structures 12145 and 12141
- Old Marlborough Turnpike for structures 12133, 12132, 12131 and 12130.
- Penfield Hill Road for structure 12128.
- Collins Hill Road for structure 12118.
- Portland-Cobalt Road for structure 12109.
- Sand Hill Road for Structure 12108.

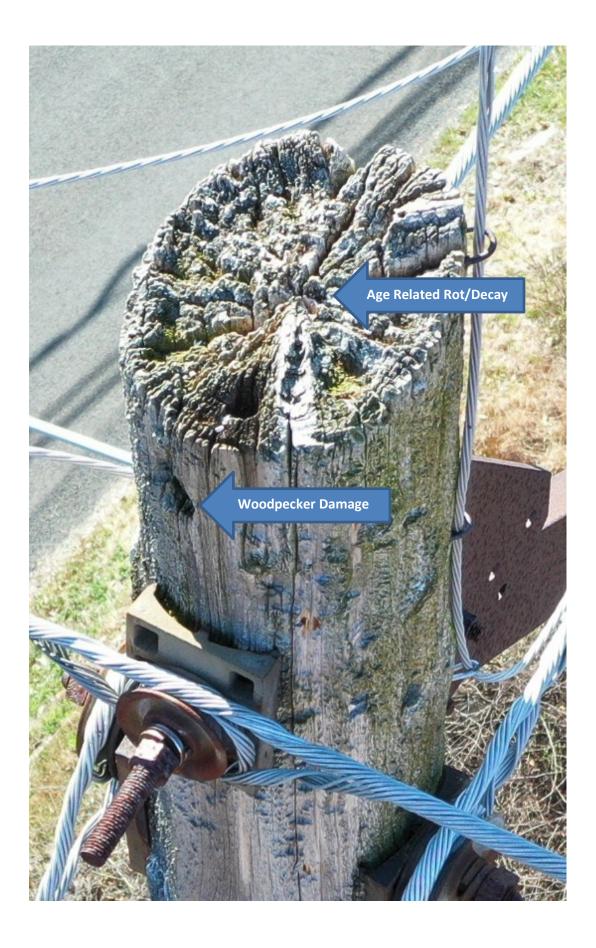
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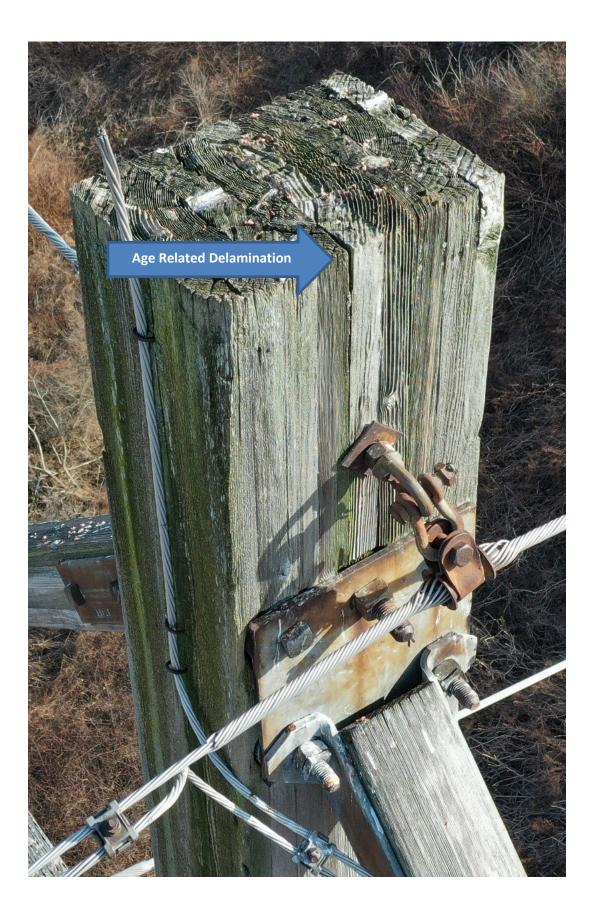
### ATTACHMENT B

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**







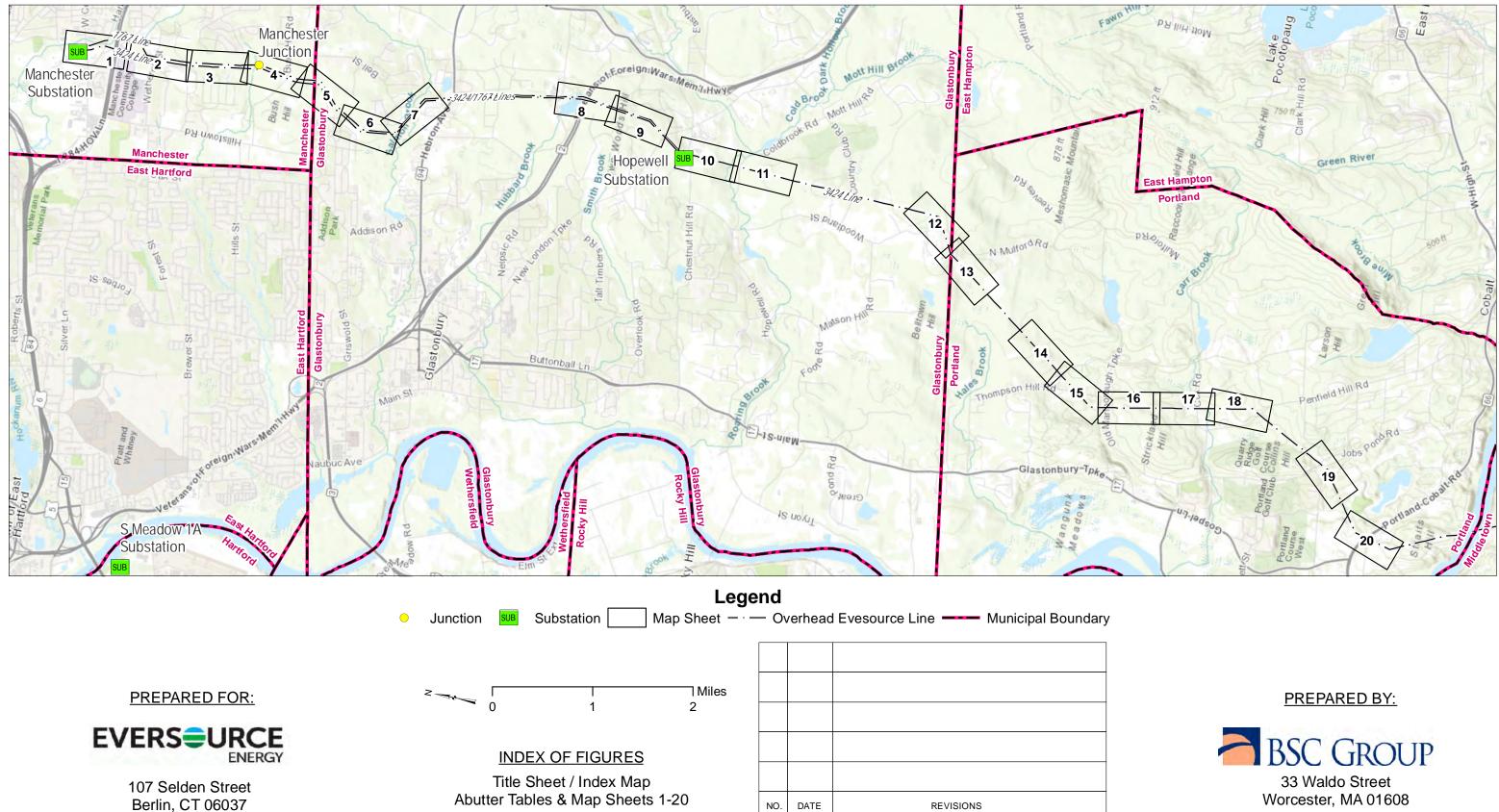


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MAPS

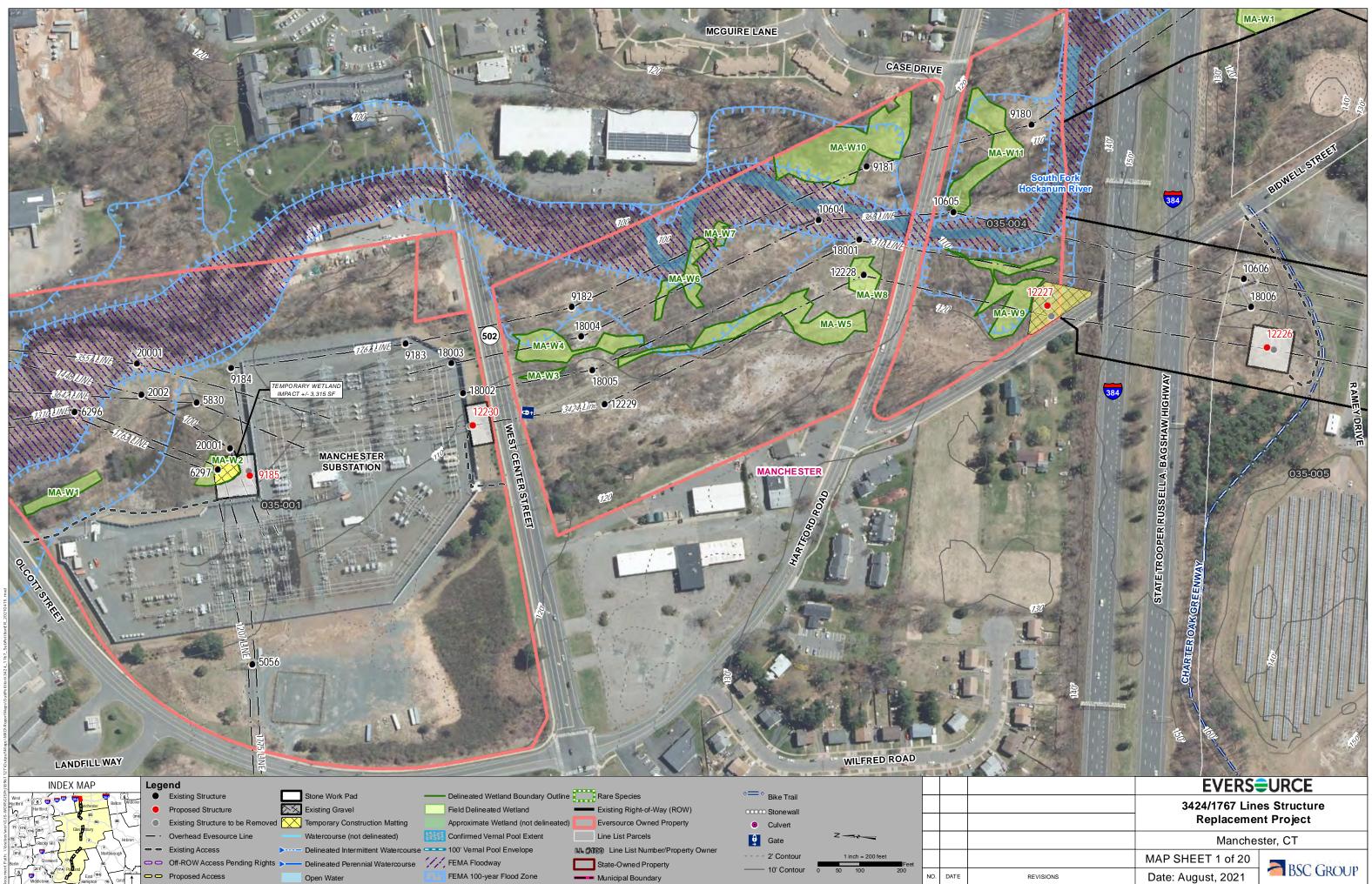
## 3424/1767 Lines Structure Replacement Project

Manchester, Glastonbury & Portland, CT Sub-Petition Map Set Date: August 13, 2021



# 3424/1767 Lines Structure Replacement Project Abutters List Map Sheet 1 of 20

Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-001	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	250 OLCOTT STREET	MANCHESTER	СТ
035-004	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	750 HARTFORD ROAD	MANCHESTER	СТ
035-005	STATE OF CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	60 BIDWELL STREET	MANCHESTER	СТ

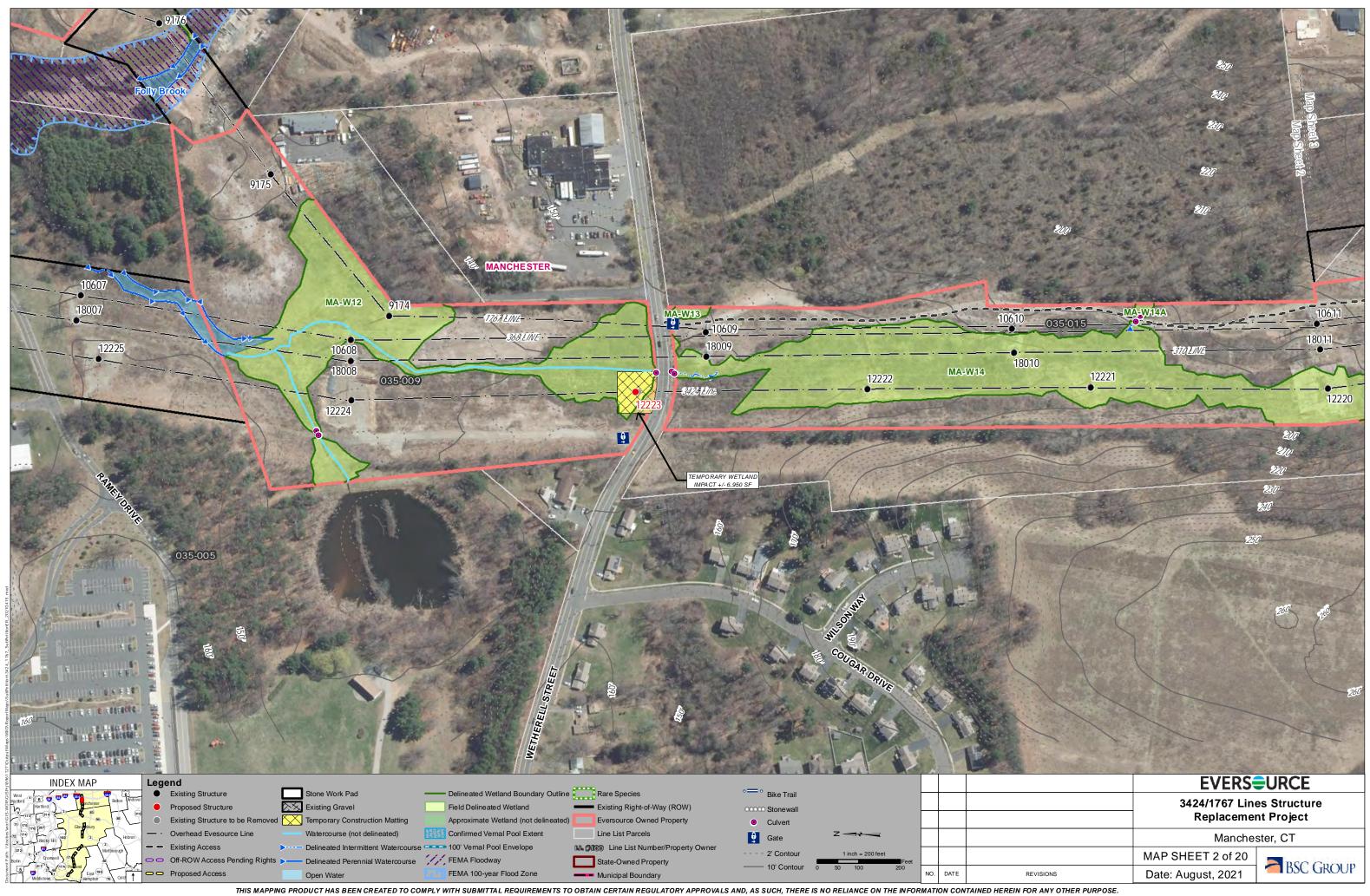


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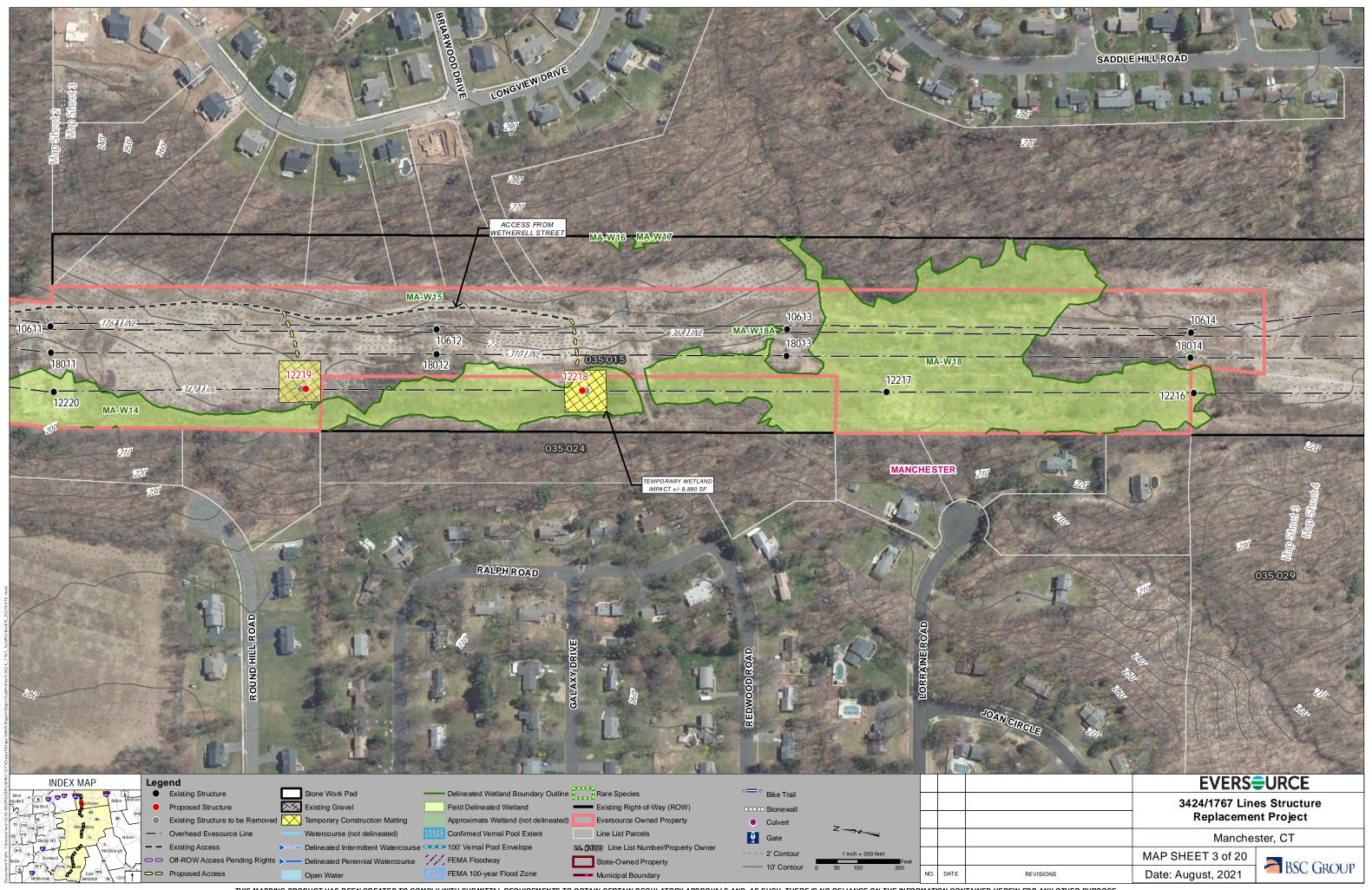
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Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-005	STATE OF CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	60 BIDWELL STREET	MANCHESTER	СТ
035-009	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	409 WETHERELL STREET	MANCHESTER	СТ
035-015	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	410 WETHERELL STREET	MANCHESTER	СТ



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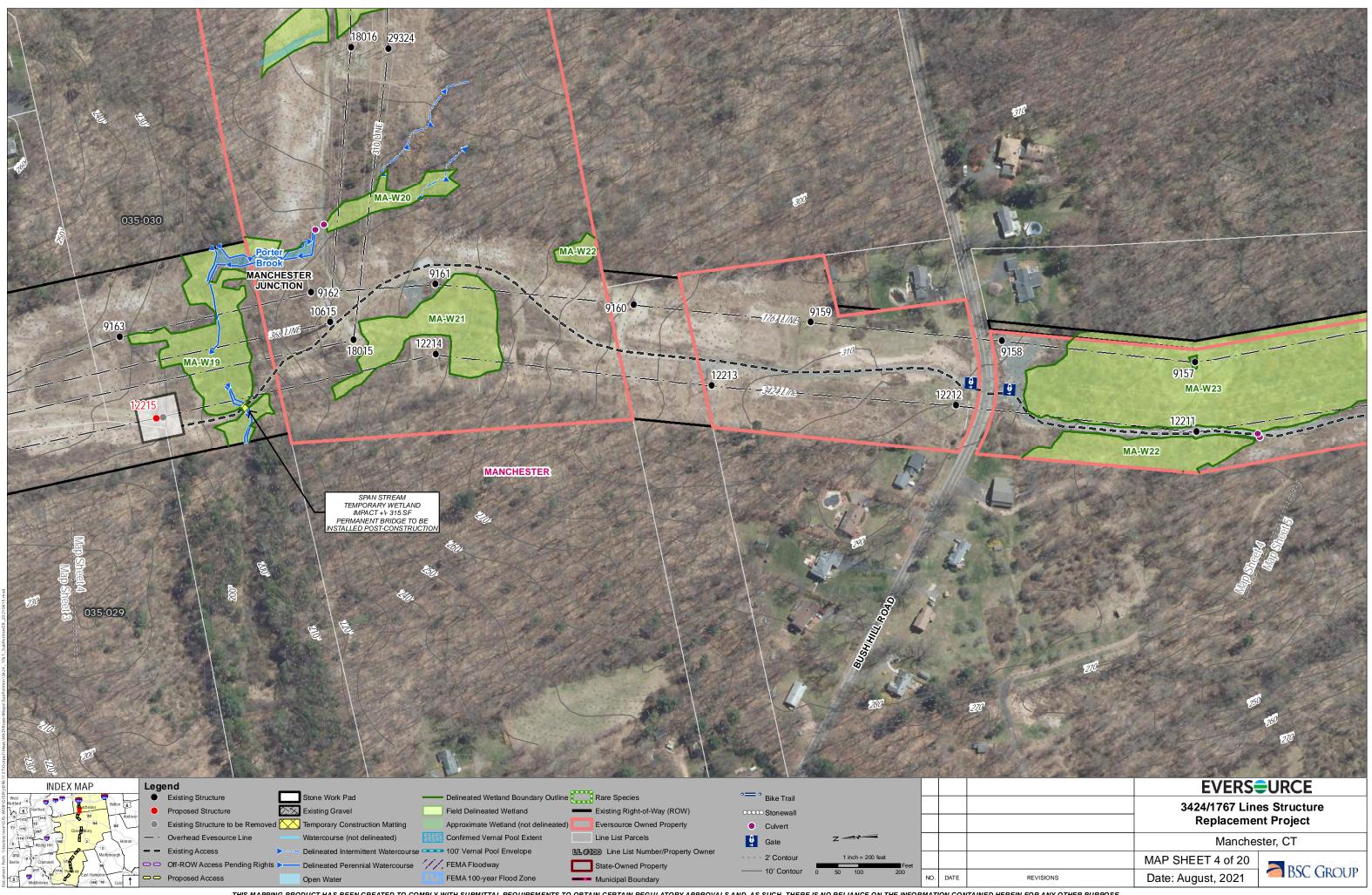
Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-015	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	410 WETHERELL STREET	MANCHESTER	СТ
035-024	TOWN OF MANCHESTER OPEN SPACE	346 REDWOOD ROAD	MANCHESTER	СТ
035-029	ERNEST J III MARCOUX	173 BUSH HILL ROAD	MANCHESTER	СТ



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Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
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035-030	ERNEST J JR MARCOUX	175 BUSH HILL ROAD	IMAN(`HESTER	СТ



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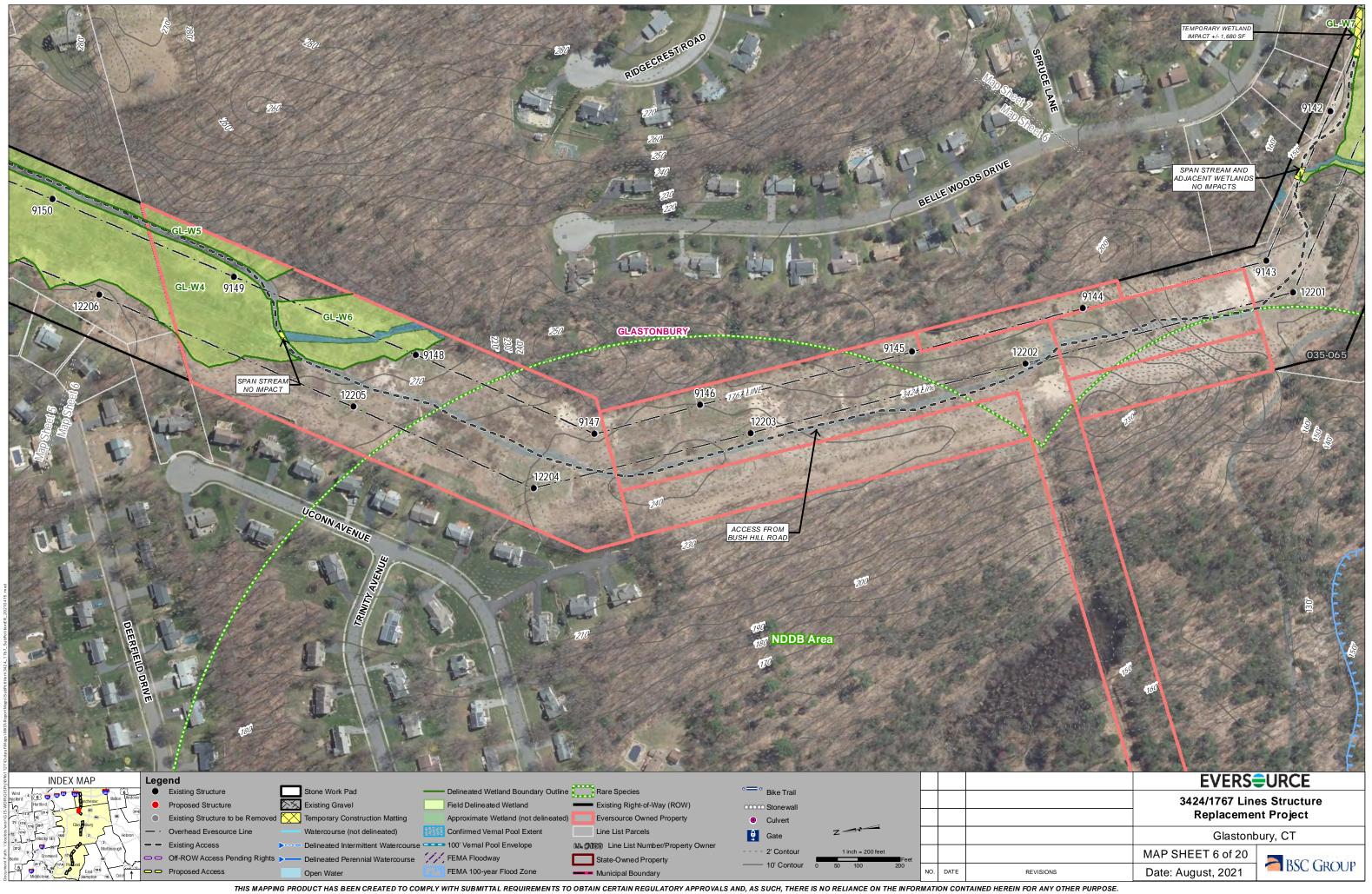
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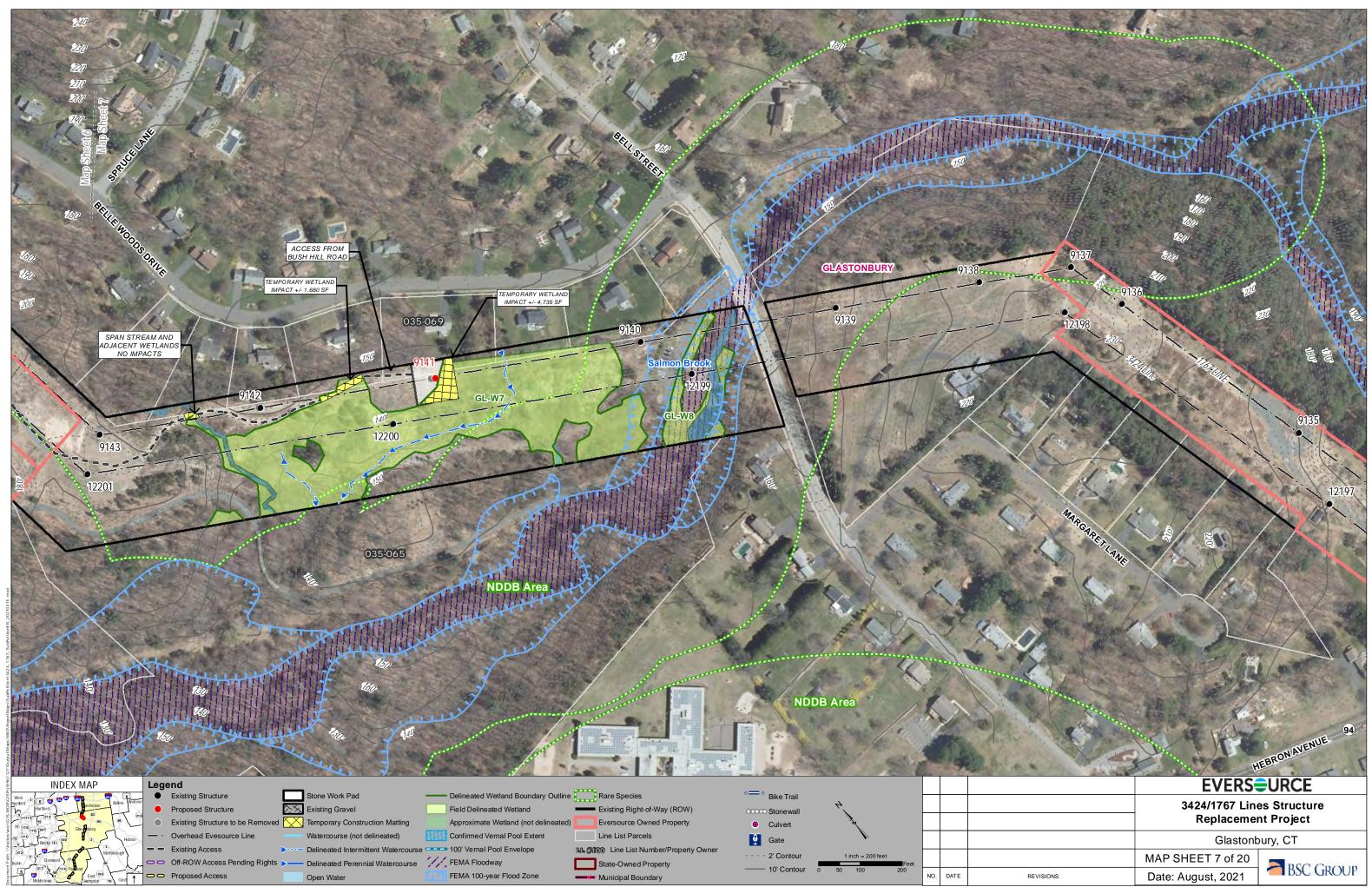
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Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-065	TOWN OF GLASTONBURY	LOT W-1H BELL STREET	GLASTONBURY	СТ



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Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-065	TOWN OF GLASTONBURY	LOT W-1H BELL STREET	GLASTONBURY	СТ
035-069	BRIAN C & AUDREY L SMITH	53 BELLE WOODS DRIVE	IGLASTONBURY	СТ



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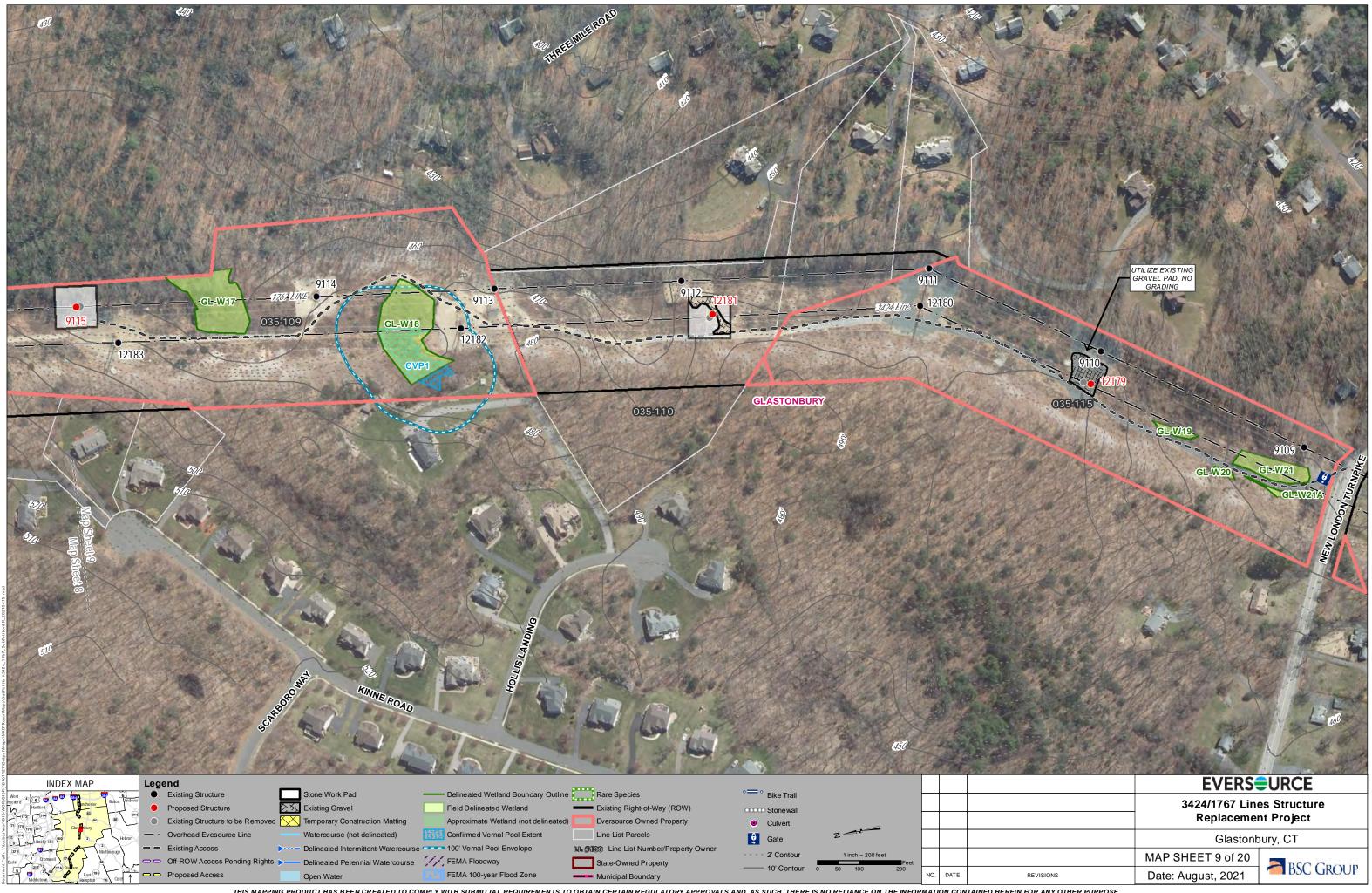
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035-102	RESOURCE PROPERTIES LLC	990 NEIPSIC ROAD	GLASTONBURY	СТ
035-109	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	LOT N-59A NEW LONDON TPKE		СТ



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Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-109	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	LOT N-59A NEW LONDON TPKE	GLASTONBURY	СТ
035-110	CARMELO & MARIA DAGOSTINO	478 THREE MILE ROAD	GLASTONBURY	СТ
035-115	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	LOT N-69 NEW LONDON TPKE	GLASTONBURY	СТ



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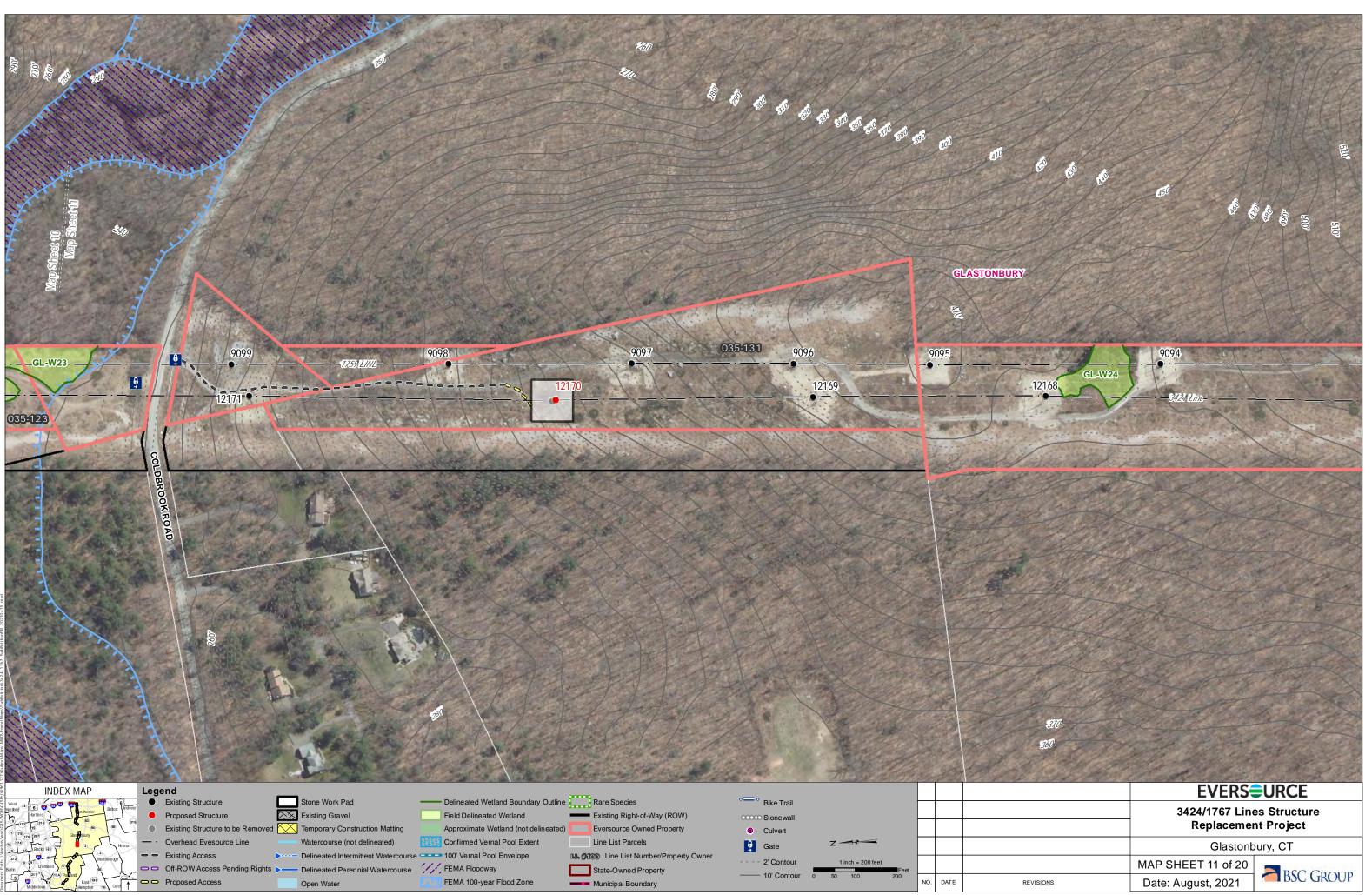
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035-123	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	1024 CHESTNUT HILL ROAD	GLASTONBURY	СТ



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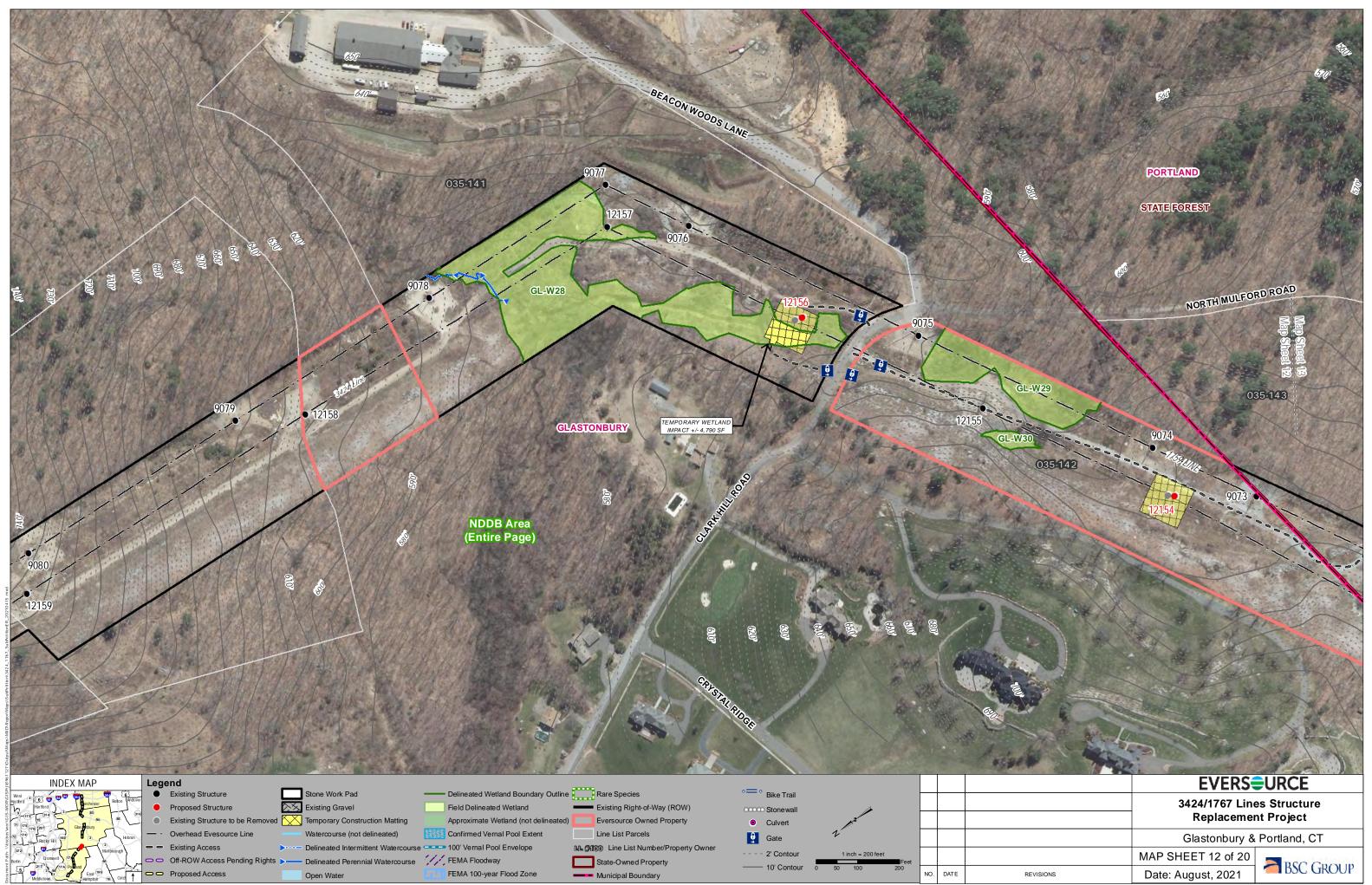
Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-123	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	1024 CHESTNUT HILL ROAD	GLASTONBURY	СТ
035-131	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	LOT E-2A WOODLAND STREET		СТ



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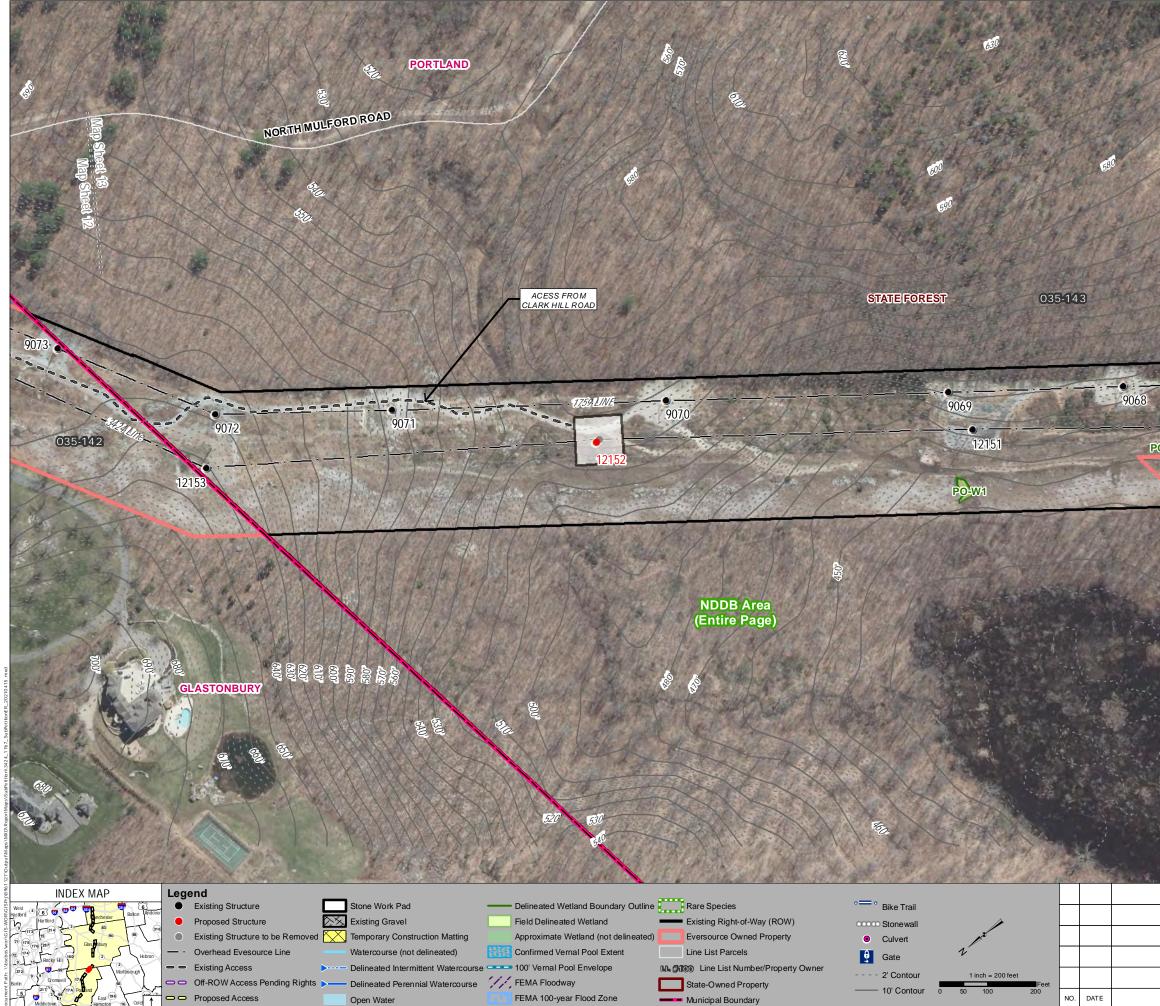
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Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-141	BEACON WOODS LLC	99 BEACON WOODS LANE	SOUTH GLASTONBURY	СТ
035-142	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	LOT W-6AA CLARK HILL ROAD	SOUTH GLASTONBURY	СТ
035-143	STATE OF CONNECTICUT	EAST COTTON HILL ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ



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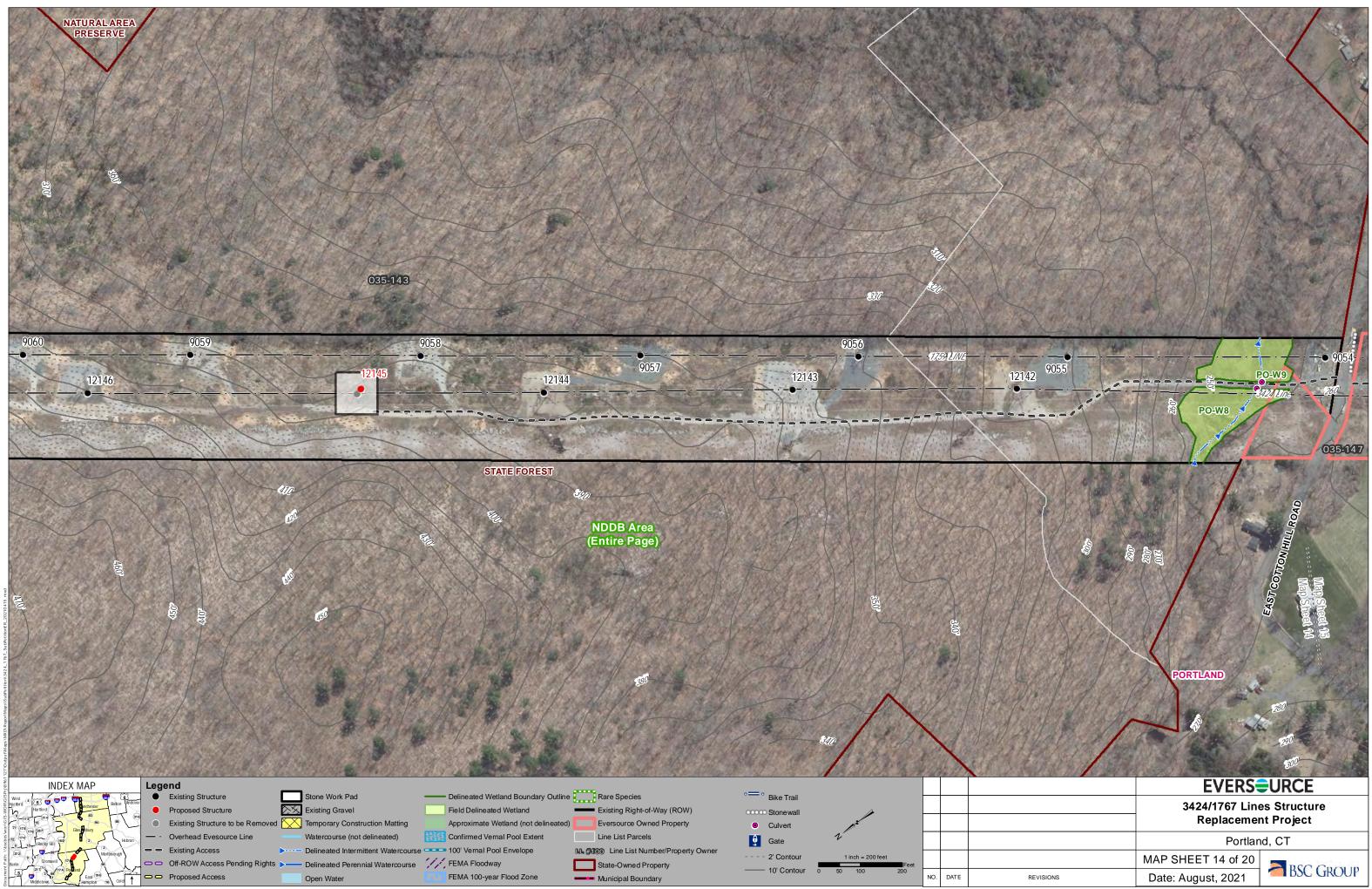
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035-143	STATE OF CONNECTICUT	EAST COTTON HILL ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ



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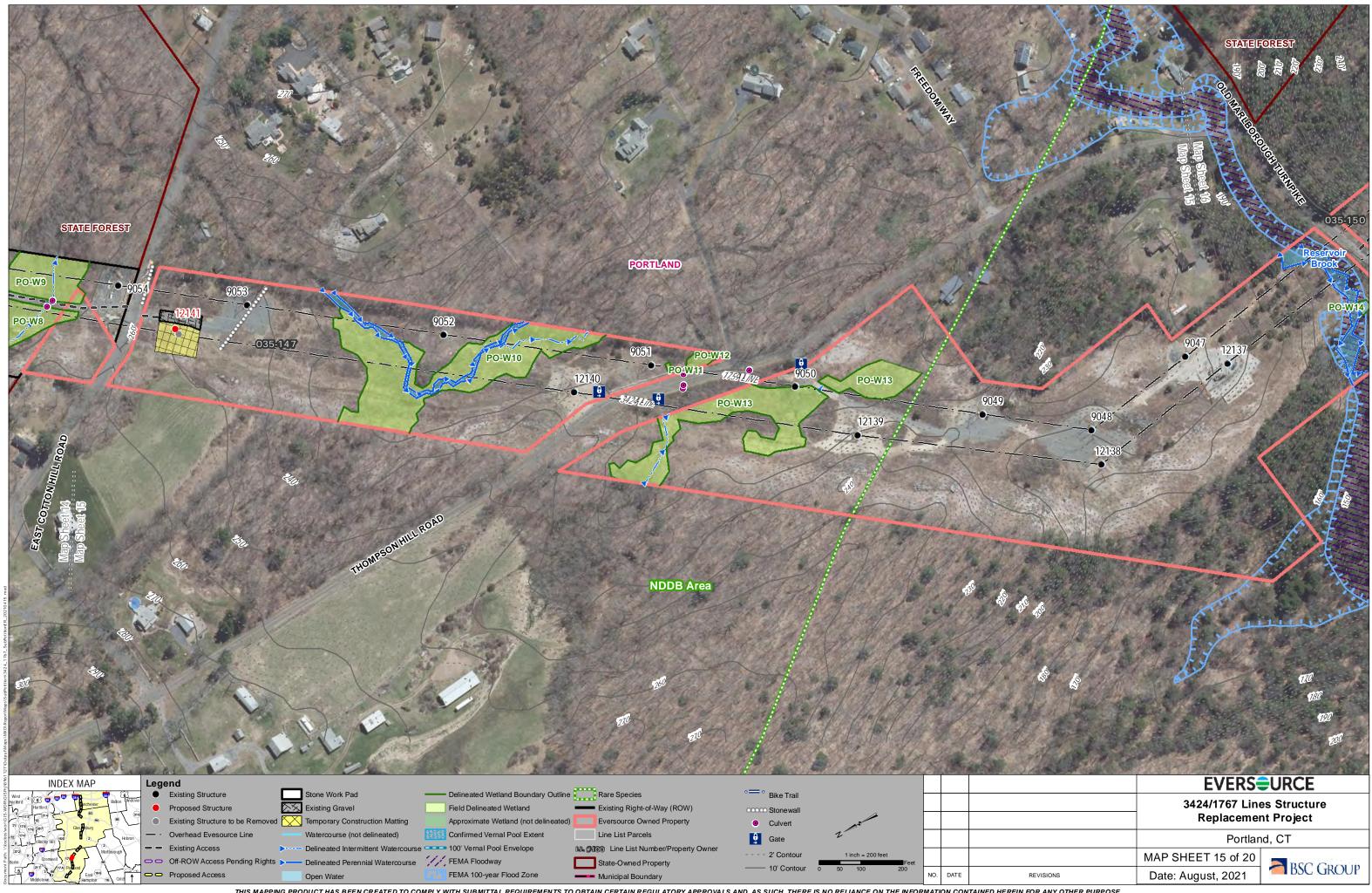
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035-147	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	EAST COTTON HILL ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ



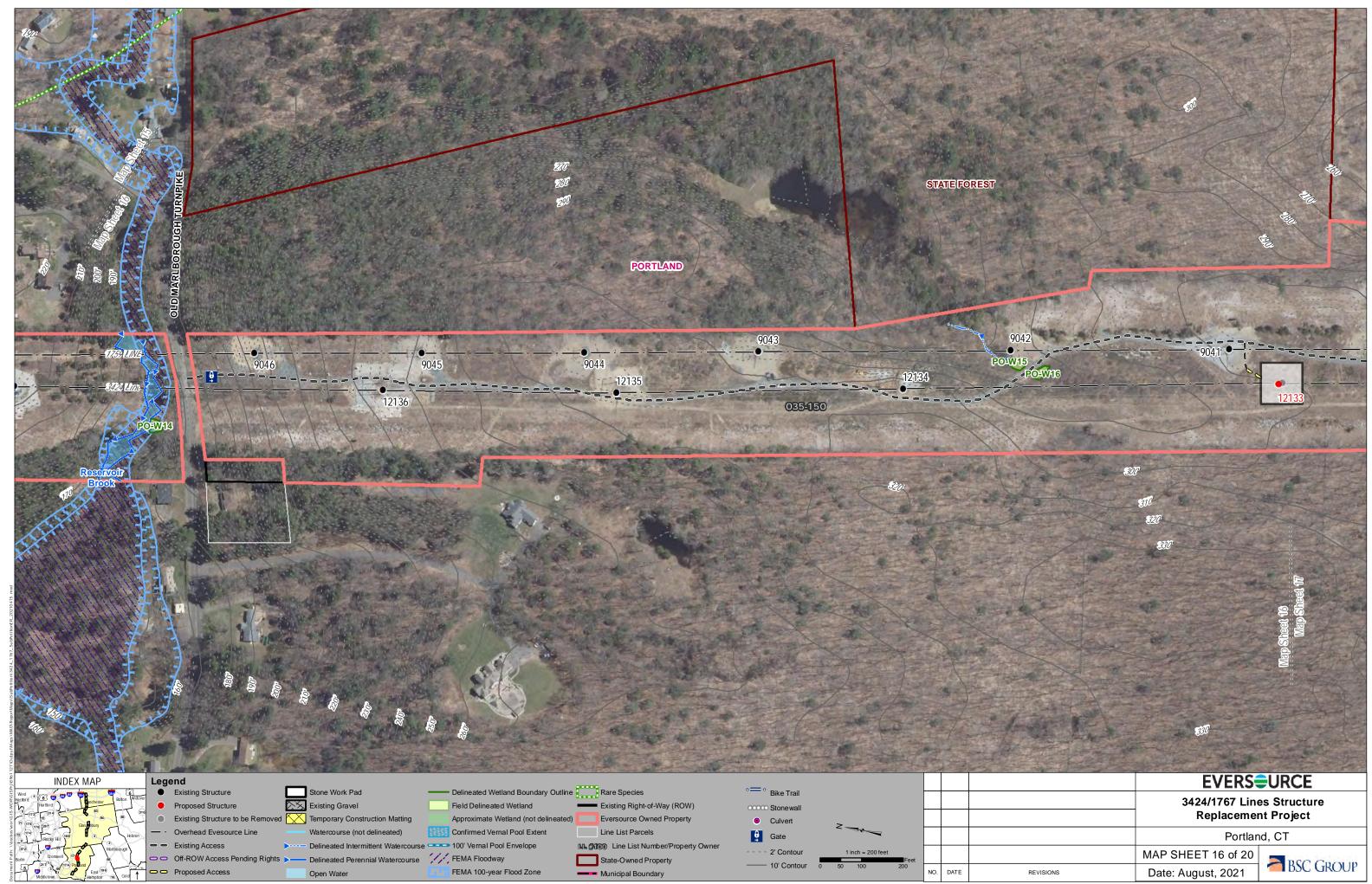
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Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
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035-150	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	COX ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ



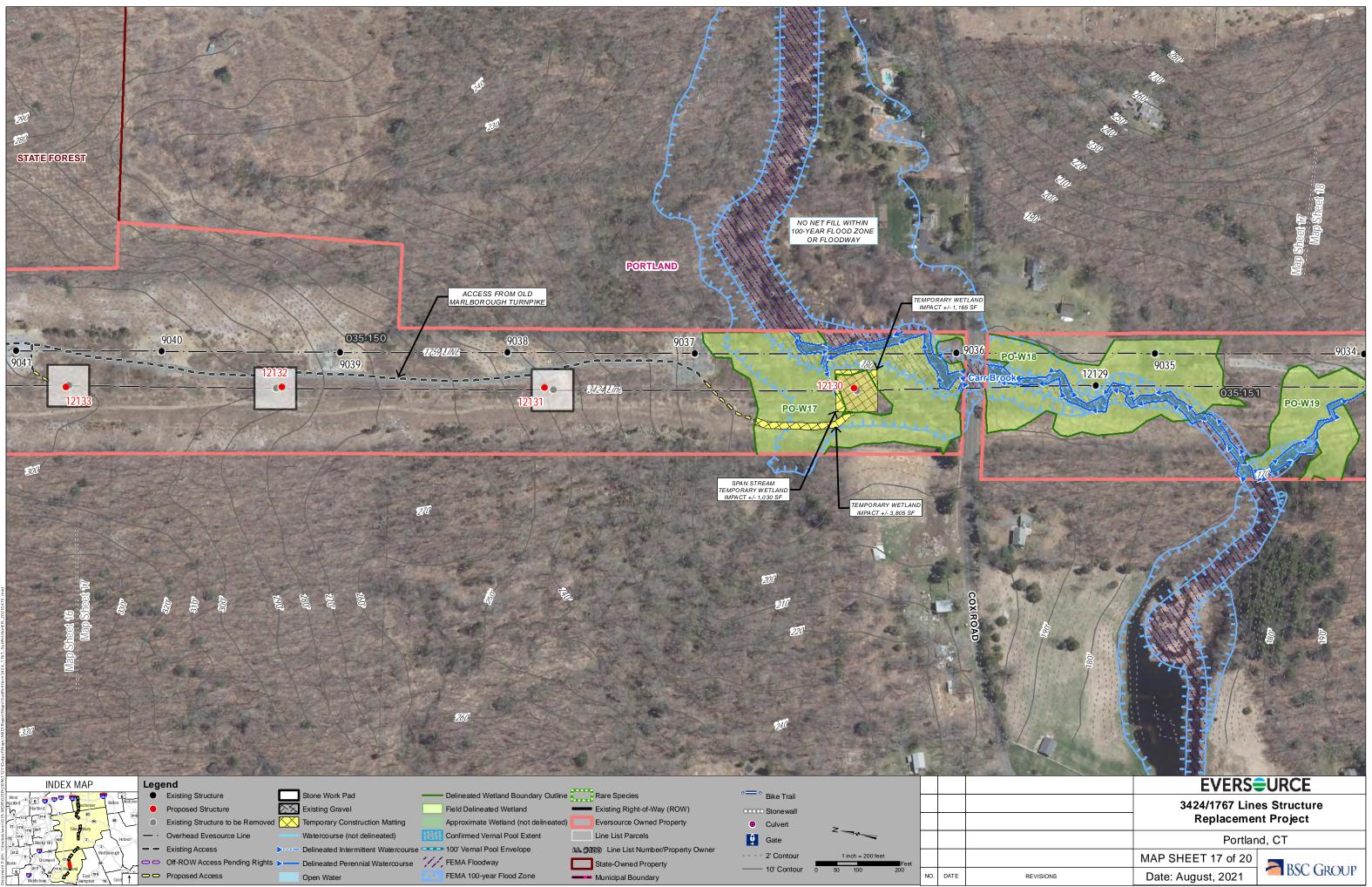
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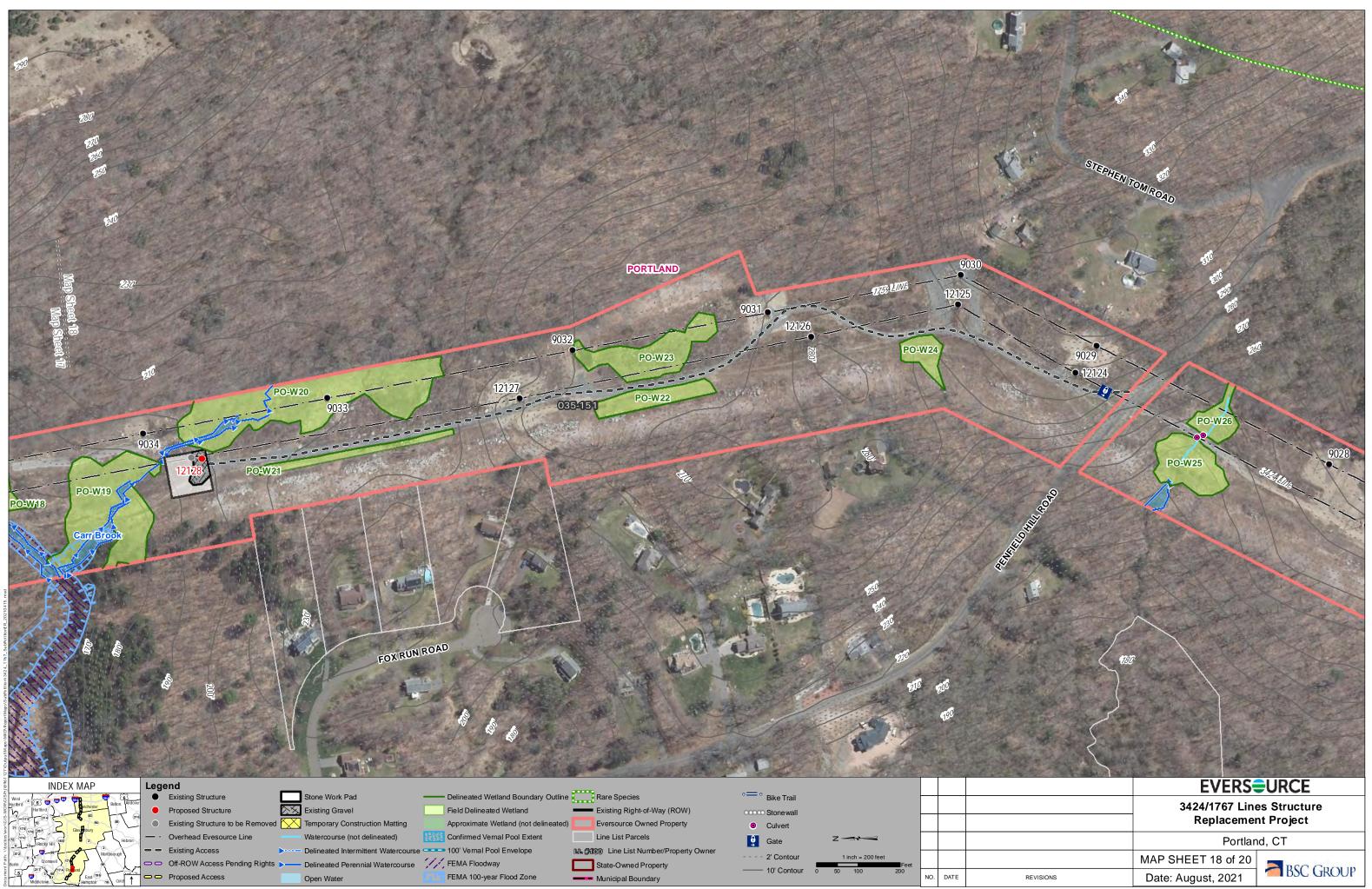
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035-151	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	COX ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ



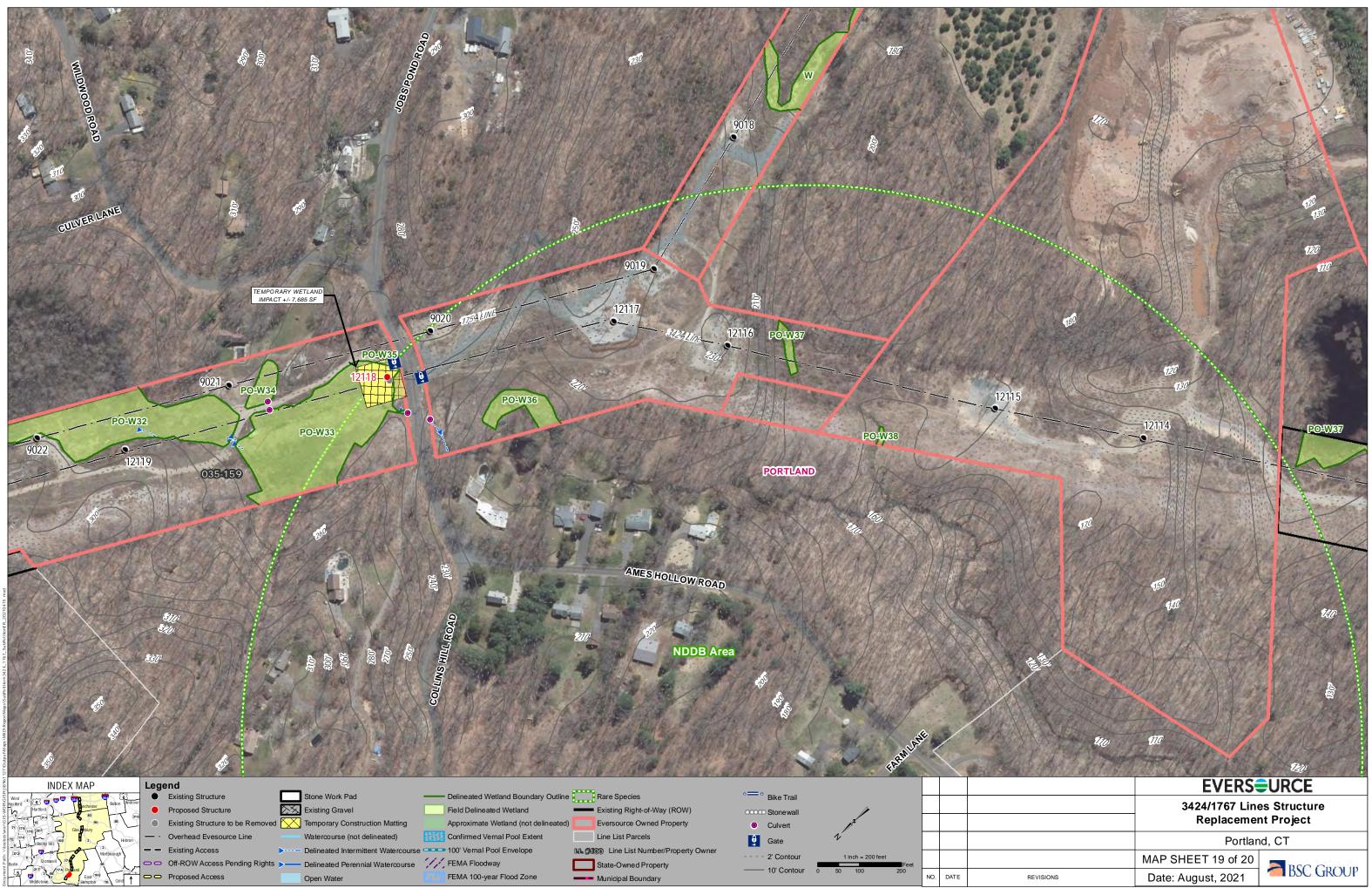
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035-151	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	COX ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ



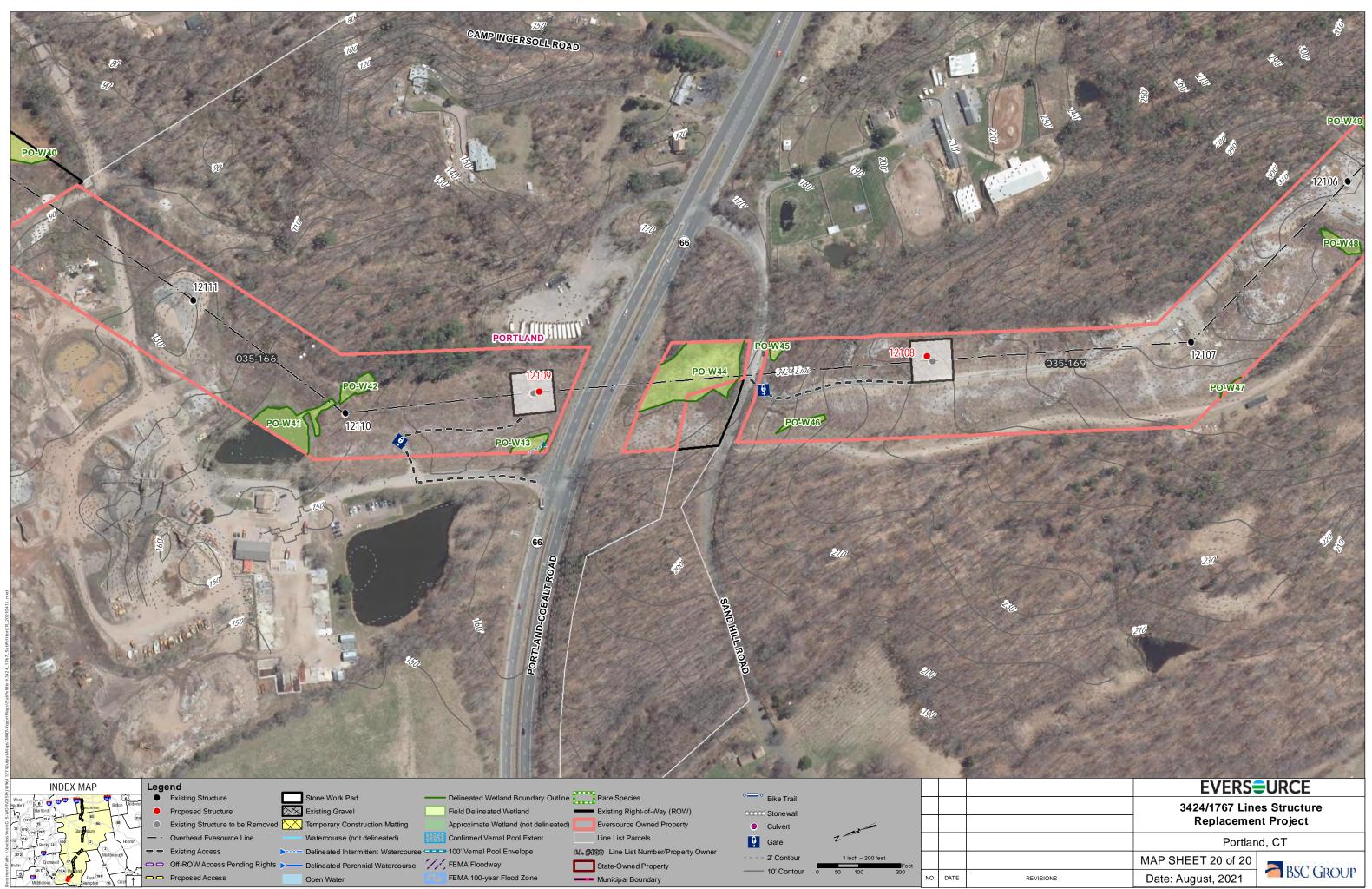
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Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-159	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	JOBS POND ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ
035-160	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	JOBS POND ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ



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Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
035-166	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	PORTLAND COBALT ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ
035-169	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	SAND HILL ROAD	PORTLAND	СТ



ATTACHMENT D ABUTTER LETTER AND PROOF OF NOTICE



August 20, 2021

Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, we're planning work in your area to replace electric transmission structures. Maintaining the infrastructure that supports the electric lines is one of the ways Eversource ensures the safe, secure transmission of electricity throughout the region.

You're receiving this letter and a copy of the Sub-Petition because the proposed work would be taking place within the Eversource right-of-way in Manchester, Glastonbury, and Portland. A Sub-Petition is a document with detailed information about the proposed upgrades. Eversource is submitting <u>Sub-Petition No. 1293-MGP-03</u> this week to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) for its review.

#### About This Electric System Improvement: What You Can Expect

First, we want you to know that this work will not interrupt electric service to your area.

As part of this project, we are proposing to replace 28 structures due to structure age, weather, and/or woodpecker activity. The new structures will comply with current clearance requirements and provide continued reliability of the transmission system.

We are proposing to do the work within the existing rights-of-way on or near your property. The new structures will provide continued reliability of the transmission system.

#### **Connecticut Siting Council Process and Timing**

With this letter, Eversource is providing notice to you of its proposed work activity, as described in the enclosed Sub-Petition. If you have any comments or concerns about the project, please send them to the CSC at the following address within 30 days of the date of this letter: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director; Connecticut Siting Council; Ten Franklin Square; New Britain, CT 06051. You may also email them to the <u>siting.council@ct.gov</u>. If you choose to send comments to the CSC, please reference <u>Sub-Petition No. 1293-MGP-03</u> in your correspondence.

#### Our Commitment to You

We are committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. If you would like more information about this work please call 1-800-793-2202, or send an email to <u>ProjectInfo@eversource.com</u>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Franco Saporoso

Franco Saporoso Eversource Project Manager – Transmission Projects

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF NOTICE

#### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

) ss. Hartford

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

In accordance with Condition 2 of the Connecticut Siting Council's ("Council") March 31, 2017 declaratory ruling on Petition No. 1293, I hereby certify that on August 20, 2021, I caused notice of the proposed maintenance activities including a copy of the Sub-Petition No.1293-MGP-03 of The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy ("Eversource") to be served on the municipalities listed below and 10 abutters. The notice of the proposed maintenance activities states that comments or concerns regarding the maintenance activities described in the Sub-Petition should be submitted to the Council within 30 days of the date of such notice.

Municipal Officials:

Town of Manchester Steve Stephanou, Acting General Manager 41 Center Street Manchester, CT 06040

Town of Glastonbury Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Town of Portland Susan Bransfield, First Selectwoman 33 East Main Street Portland, CT 06480

James L. Smith Project Siting Specialist

On this the  $20^{+h}$  day of August 20, 2021, before me, the undersigned representative, personally appeared, James L. Smith, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

andre W. Lol

Signature

Notary Public / My Commission expires Officer of the Superior Court / Juris No. 413393