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Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-WI-01

Dear Attorney Bachman:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") is filing the attached Sub-Petition No. 1293-WI-01 with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"), regarding maintenance work within its transmission right-of-way in Wilton, Connecticut. The work includes replacing four existing wood transmission structures with new weathering steel transmission structures.

Eversource notified the officials of the municipality of Wilton 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).

Per the Council's instructions in response to COVID-19, Eversource is submitting this filing electronically and will be providing one hard copy for the Council's records. Eversource further understands that the Council will invoice the Company for the requisite \$625 filing fee.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathleen M. Shanley", written in a cursive style.

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
EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

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

Town: Wilton

Sub-Petition: 1293-WI-01

Project: 1637/1720 Transmission Lines Structure Replacement Project

Structure Locations: Four Transmission Line Structures located in Wilton, 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 1637/1720 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 conditions, four structures require replacement on the 1637/1720 Lines off Kent Road in Wilton. The 1637 Line, in its entirety, is a 115-kilovolt line that extends from Norwalk Substation in Norwalk to Weston Substation in Weston. The 1720 Line, in its entirety, is a 115-kilovolt line that extends from Hawthorne Substation in Fairfield to Weston Substation and to Norwalk Substation. The four replacement structures 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 four 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 or existing right-of-way ("ROW") utilizing existing 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.
- a) The Work Activities would result in approximately 883 square feet ("SF") of temporary wetland impacts from the temporary use of matting required for the construction of a work pad at Structures 957 and 957B.

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.

- b) No vernal pools or vernal pool envelopes are located in proximity to the proposed Work Areas.
- c) Based on review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("CTDEEP") Natural Diversity Database ("NDDB"), no Work Areas are proposed within a NDDB buffered area and wetland jurisdictional area and/or CTDEEP owned/managed land. Therefore, the Work Areas would not be subject to an NDDB Review Request. Work would be conducted in accordance with Eversource's BMPs to avoid or minimize impact to terrestrial habitats that may support rare species. With these protective measures, no adverse impacts to state-listed rare species are anticipated.
- d) The Work Activities will not require any tree clearing. However, Eversource may need to undertake tree trimming and/or vegetation removal/mowing within the Work Areas for conductor clearance and/or to improve access to portions of the Work Areas.
- b) 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 or State Register of Historic Places properties/districts or archeological sites within 500 feet of the Work Areas. Based on a review of historic maps, aerial photographs, and available soil profiles, the proposed Work Areas were identified to possess no/low archaeological sensitivity; therefore, Heritage advised that no further examination is recommended or warranted.
- e) Each structure will be increased in height by 13.5 feet to 97.5 feet above ground level to comply with current clearance requirements.
- f) Work activities associated with Structures 957 and 957B are partially located within the 100-year flood zone associated with the Norwalk River. Eversource would utilize its BMPs to minimize any impacts to the flood zone by utilizing temporary construction matting and/or by not placing any fill that would increase the elevations of the existing road surfaces or proposed work pad to ensure that the floodplain hydrology would not be adversely affected. With these protective measures and the use of the BMPs, no adverse impact to the 100-year flood zone would result from the proposed Work Activities.

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

IV. Mitigation:

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 construction matting and adherence to the BMPs.
- Potential impacts to the 100-year flood zone will 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 onto 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 the establishment of 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:

No new permanent access roads would be constructed to facilitate access to structures within Eversource's property or its ROW. Existing access roads in upland areas may be hardened and widened at turning areas to facilitate the safe passage of construction vehicles.

Eversource will access the Work Areas by entering its property and ROW from two existing access points off Kent Road in Wilton.

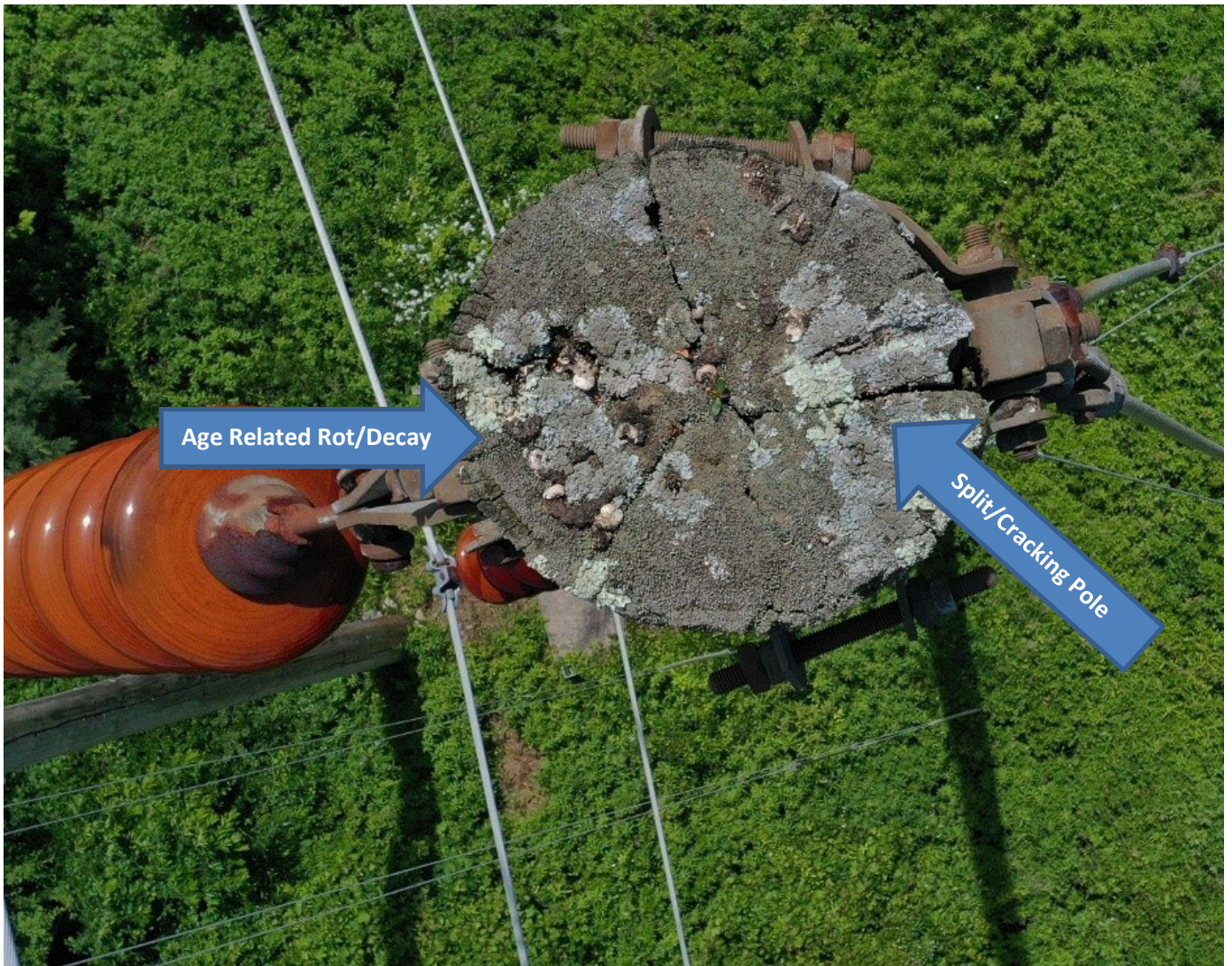
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Manager - Transmission Siting

ATTACHMENT B
PHOTOGRAPHS

Structure #958



Age Related Rot/Decay

Split/Cracking Pole

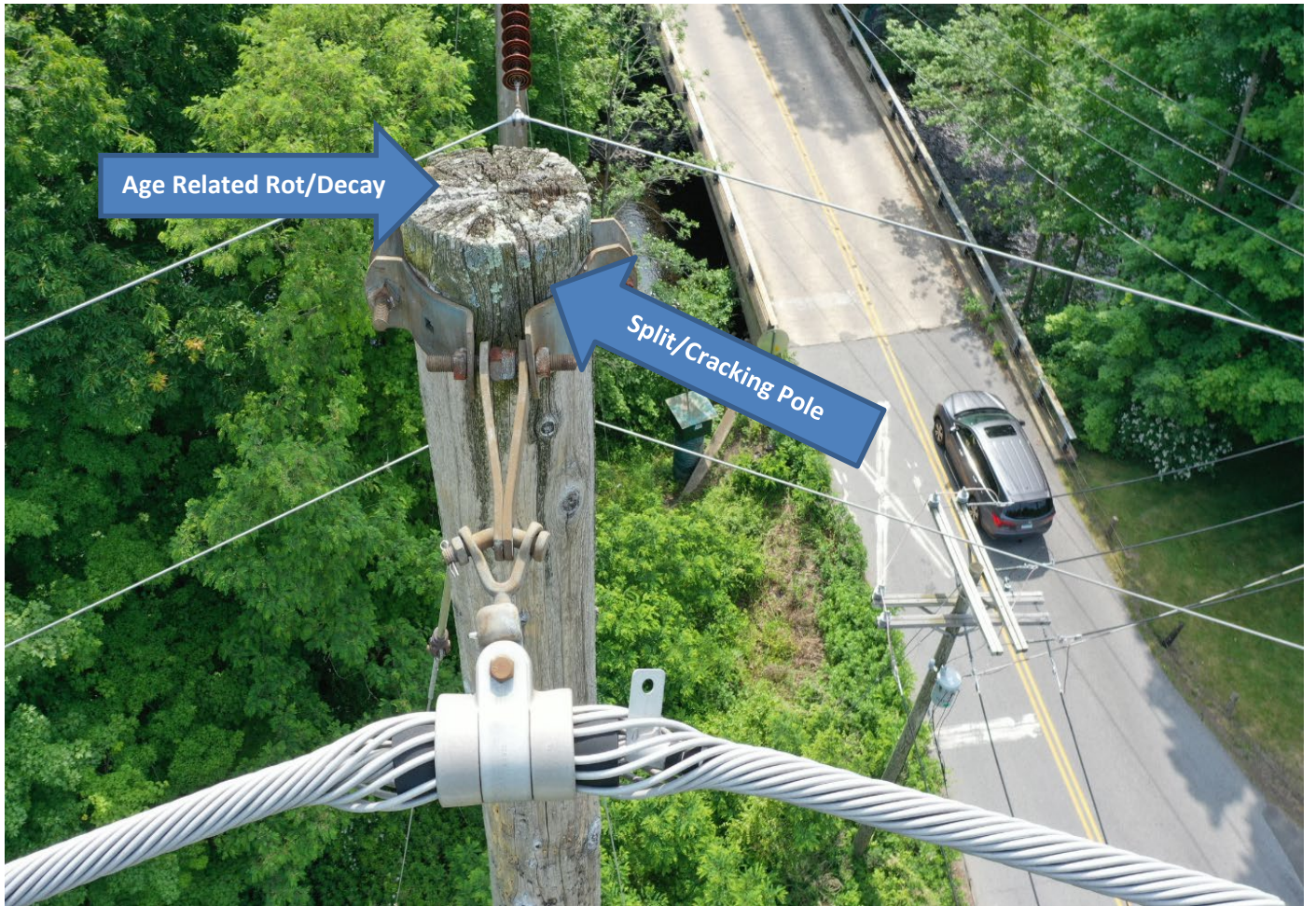
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Structure #957



Structure #957B



ATTACHMENT C

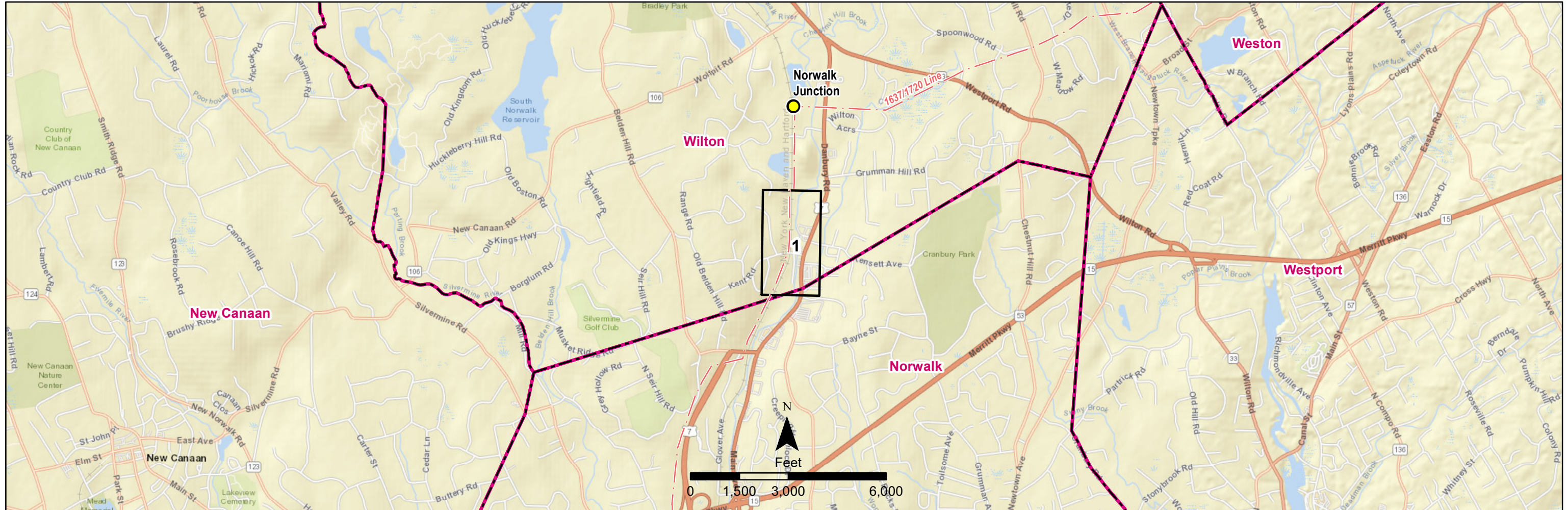
MAPS

1637/1720 Lines Structure Replacement Project

Wilton, CT

Sub-Petition Map Set

April 12, 2021



Legend

- Junction
- - - Overhead Eversource Line
- Map Sheet
- ▭ Municipal Boundary

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107 Selden Street
Berlin, CT 06037

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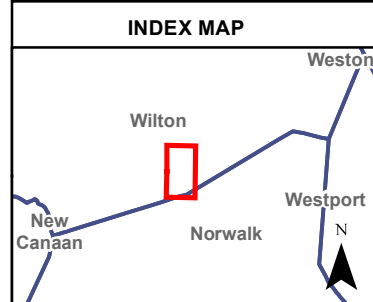
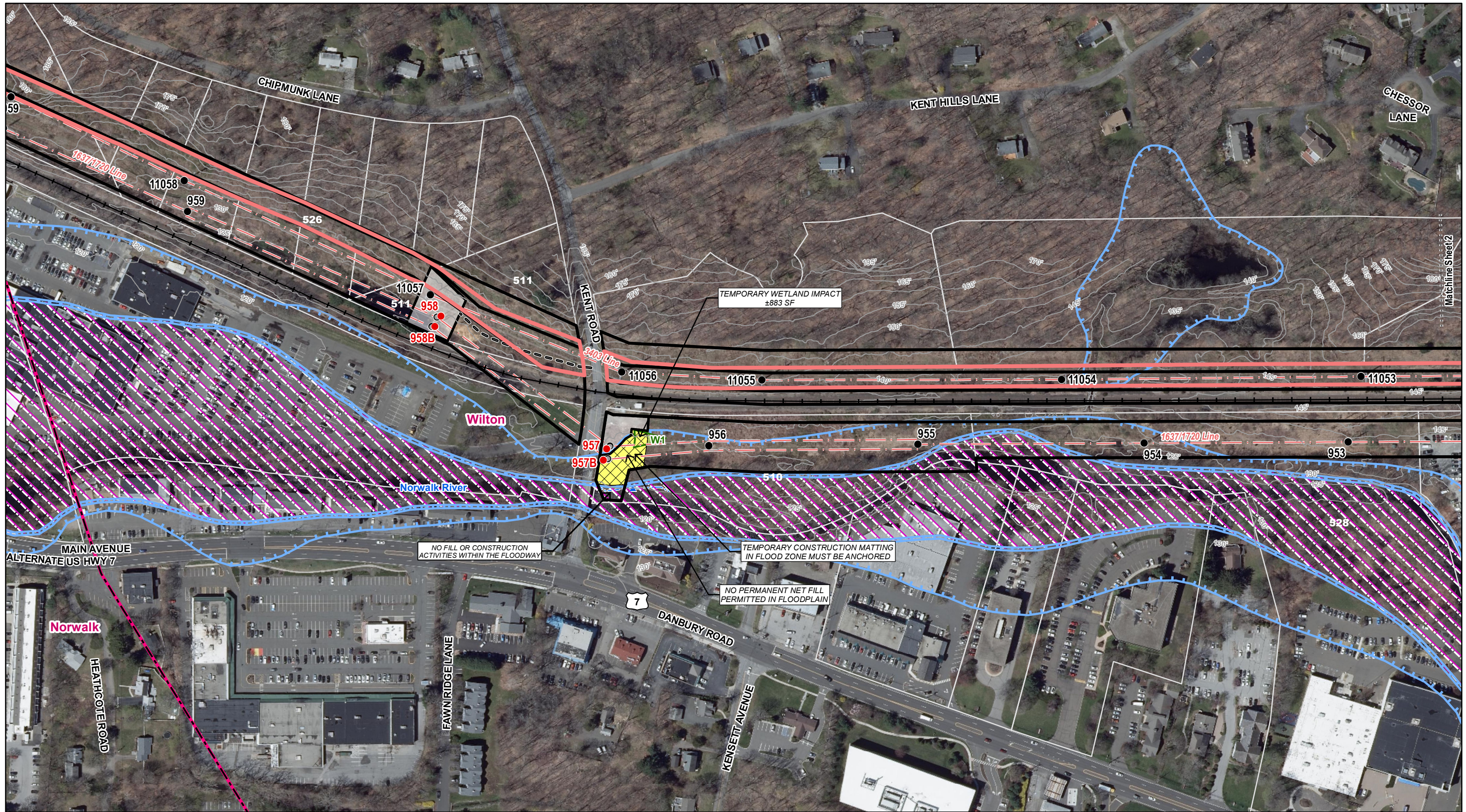


213 Court Street
Middletown, CT 06457

1637/1720 Lines Structure Replacement Project

Map Sheet 1 Abutters List

Line List	Owner Name	Parcel Address	Town	State
510	STATE OF CONNECTICUT	KENT ROAD	WILTON	CT
511	STATE OF CONNECTICUT	17 KENT ROAD	WILTON	CT
526	THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (EVERSOURCE)	KENT ROAD	WILTON	CT



Legend			
● Proposed Structure	— Existing Access	— Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline	■ Eversource Owned Property
● Existing Structure	— Existing Right-of-Way	■ Field Delineated Wetland	■ Parcel Boundary
○ Existing Structure to be Removed	■ Stone Work Pad	■ Temporary Construction Matting	■ State-Owned Property (CTDEEP)
— Overhead Eversource Line	— Delineated Watercourse	■ FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone*	— Municipal Boundary*
— 5' Contour	—	■ FEMA Floodway*	
— Railroad*			

Map Notes:
 Base Map: CT ECO Map Service, Ortho Imagery (2019).
 Data: *Data acquired by CTDEEP GIS Eversource Property and Parcel data provided by Eversource, August 17, 2020.
 This mapping product has been created to comply with submittal requirements to obtain certain regulatory approvals and, as such, there is no reliance on the information contained herein for any other purpose.

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1637/1720 Lines
Structure Replacement Project
 Wilton, Connecticut
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April 2021

ATTACHMENT D
ABUTTER LETTER AND
PROOF OF NOTICE

April 16, 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 right-of-way in Wilton. A Sub-Petition is a document with detailed information about the proposed upgrades. Eversource is submitting Sub-Petition No. 1293-WI-01 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 wood structures due to structure age, weather, and/or woodpecker activity. The new weathering steel structures will comply with current clearance requirements and provide continued reliability of the transmission system.

The safety of our employees, our customers, and the public is our top priority during the ongoing coronavirus public health crisis. Our commitment to safety, first and always, is continuous.

At the same time, Eversource must fulfill its foundational mission to deliver safe, reliable services to our customers. We continue to call on our employees and contractors to perform essential work, such as this proposed project, that maintains and improves the reliability of our networks, while also adapting our work practices to incorporate social distancing, heightened hygiene, and other best practices to protect their, and the public's, health.

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 siting.council@ct.gov. If you choose to send comments to the CSC, please reference Sub-Petition No. 1293-WI-01 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 ProjectInfo@eversource.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Franco Saporoso

Franco Saporoso
Eversource Project Manager – Transmission Projects

