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August 8, 2023

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1549** – The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed 1714 Line Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of approximately 9.4 miles of its existing Nos. 1714, 1720, and 1222 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines and one structure along its 1637 line within existing Eversource electric transmission right-of-way between Eversource's Weston Substation, 85 Weston Street in Weston and the United Illuminating Company's Old Town Substation, 122 Kaechele Place in Bridgeport, Connecticut traversing Weston, Fairfield, Easton and Bridgeport and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. **Request for Project Change.**

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated August 2, 2023 regarding project changes for the above-referenced declaratory ruling issued by the Council on February 16, 2023, as follows:

- a) Relocation of the work pad access road to Structures 926, 19790 and 19790A from the northwest side of the pad to the northeast side of the pad. The relocation will allow for a safe turning radius for construction equipment; and
- b) Utilize a new off-ROW access road across the property at 3120 North Street, Fairfield, and reconfigure temporary matting with an upland area within the ROW at the end of the new access road. The new off-ROW access road will utilize an existing driveway, allowing for a relocation of temporary matting within the ROW upland area.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's February 16, 2023 Declaratory Ruling, the specified requests for project changes are hereby approved. This approval applies only to the project changes in the correspondence dated August 2, 2023.

Please be advised that deviations from the standards established by the Council in the Declaratory Ruling are enforceable under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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August 2, 2023

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Re: Petition 1549: 1714 Line Rebuild Project
Access Road Modifications

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On February 16, 2023, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) approved Petition No. 1549 regarding the 1714 Line Rebuild Project (Project) in the City of Bridgeport and Towns of Easton, Weston and Fairfield. The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy (Eversource) submits to Council staff a request for review and approval of two access road modifications within the Towns of Weston and Fairfield.

Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) is seeking Connecticut Siting Council staff approval for the following new access roads:

- 1) New in-Right of Way (“ROW”) access road, from Old Weston Road to the work pad for Structure 926 and replacement Structures 19790 and 19790A. This new access road is needed since the approved off-ROW access road northeast of this work pad is not wide enough to accommodate the turning radius required for all the vehicles that will need to access this work pad. Attachment A (Map Sheet 1) shows the previously approved access road that will no longer be needed as crossed out, and the new proposed access road. Attachment B is the revised Map Sheet 1 of 17 with the new access road.
- 2) New off-ROW access road from North Street over the property of abutter 201-345 to the ROW. This new access road is shown as existing since it will be entirely on the existing driveway on this property. The approved in-ROW matted access road will be modified and part of it will not be needed due to this new off-ROW access road. This abutter recently granted an easement to Eversource for use of the driveway to minimize the impact of the approved in-ROW access road also on their property. Attachment C (Map Sheet 6) shows the new proposed access road and the modified in-ROW access road. Attachment D is the revised Map Sheet 6 of 17 with the new access road.

The proposed modifications to access road modifications will not result in any additional environmental effects as presented in the Petition.

Eversource representatives will brief officials in the Towns of Weston and Fairfield concerning the proposed project modifications.

Eversource requests approval for the requested modifications. Enclosed please find an original and two copies of this submission.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at deborah.denfeld@eversource.com or at 860-728-4654.

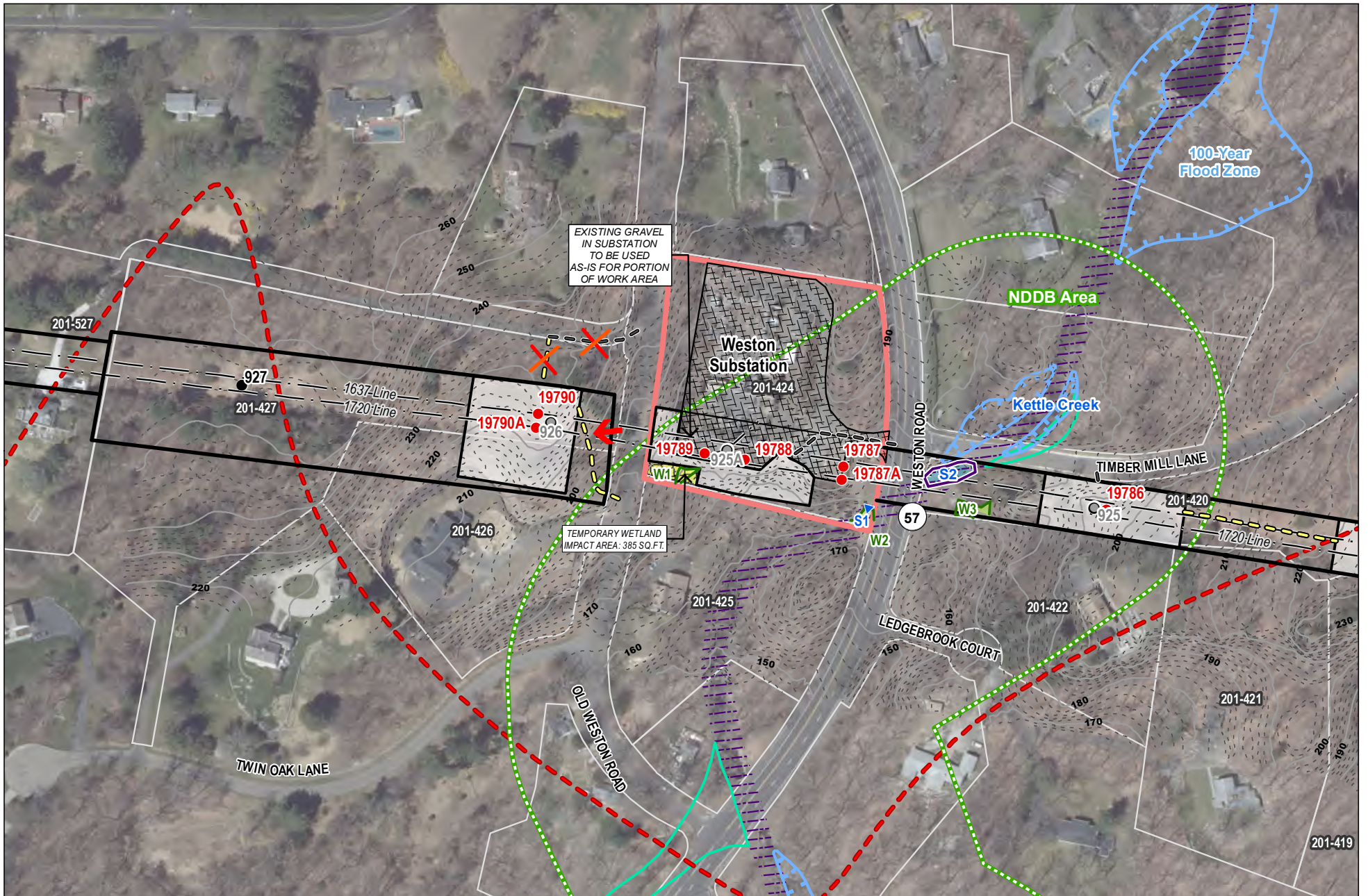
Sincerely,

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Deborah Denfeld

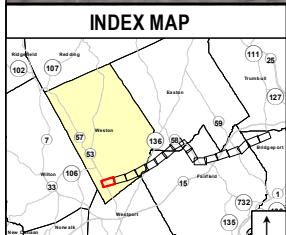
Attachments

ATTACHMENT A



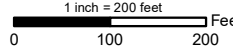
EXISTING GRAVEL IN SUBSTATION TO BE USED AS-IS FOR PORTION OF WORK AREA

TEMPORARY WETLAND IMPACT AREA: 385 SQ.FT.



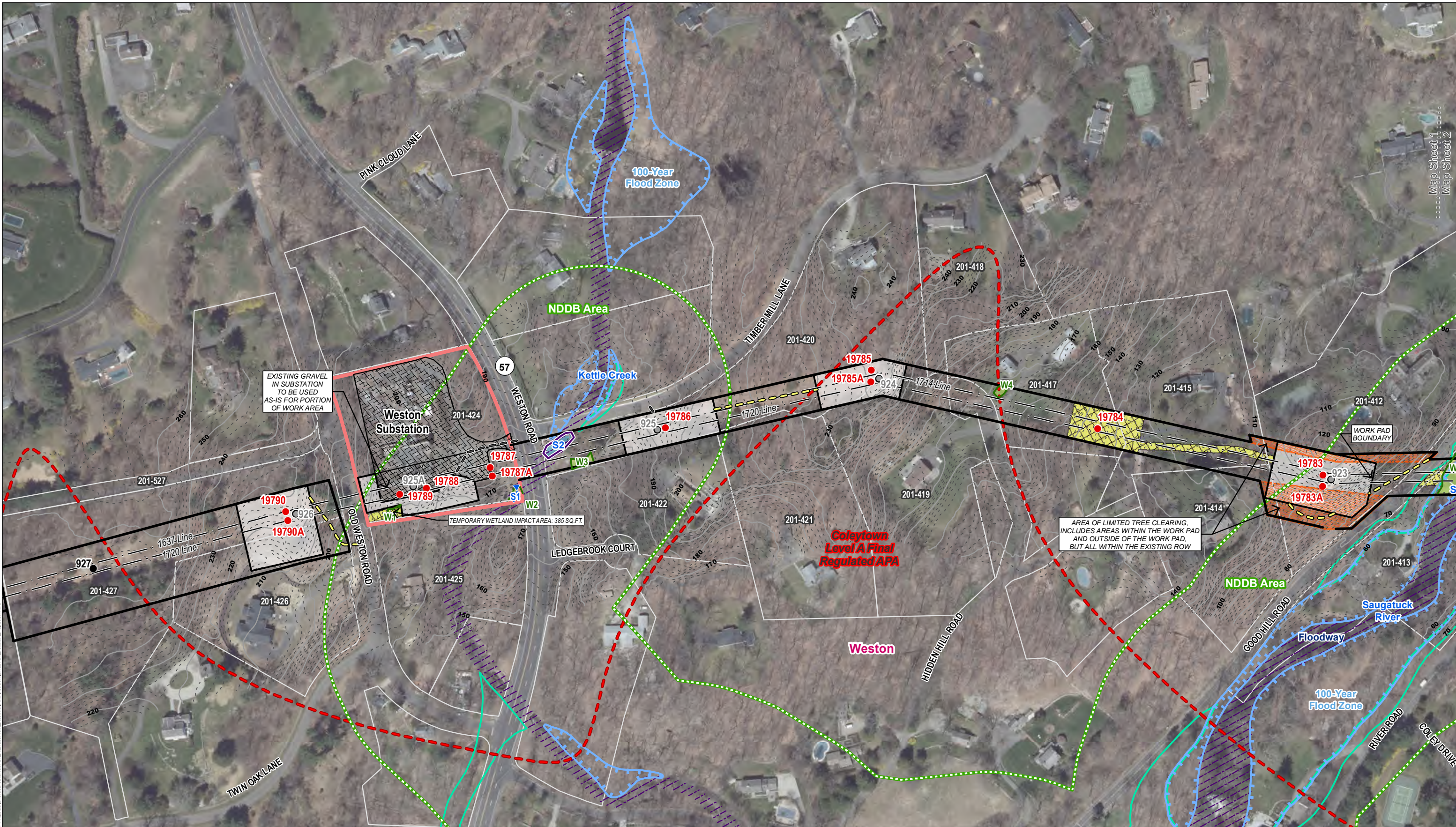
Legend	
● Proposed Structure	○ Off-ROW Access Pending Rights
● Existing Structure	○ Proposed Access
● Existing Structure to be Removed	■ Stone Work Pad
— Overhead Eversource Line	■ Existing Gravel
— Existing Right-of-Way (ROW)	■ Temporary Construction Matting
— 10' Contour Line	■ Field Delineated Wetland
— 2' Contour Line	— Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline
— Existing Access	— Delineated Intermittent Watercourse
— Delineated Perennial Watercourse	— Ordinary High Water Mark
— Open Water	— Confirmed Vernal Pool Extent
— 100' Vernal Pool Envelope	— FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone
— FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone	— FEMA Floodway
— NDDB (CTDEEP, 06/2023)	— NE Cottontail Focus Area
— Aquifer Protection Area (APA)	— Eversource Owned Property
— Open Space / Land Trust	— Hiking Trail
— Parcel Boundary	

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Base Map Source: 2019 Orthophotography (CTECO Map Service)



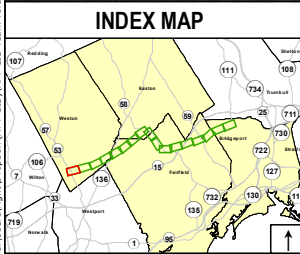
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1714 Line Rebuild Project	
Access Road Change to Strs 926 & 19790/19790A	
Map Sheet 1	
Weston, CT	
Date: July, 2023	
Map Author: N. Castro	

ATTACHMENT B



Map Sheet 1
Map Sheet 2

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Legend	
● Proposed Structure	Off-ROW Access Pending Rights
● Existing Structure	Proposed Access
Existing Structure to be Removed	Stone Work Pad
Overhead Eversource Line	Existing Gravel
Existing Right-of-Way (ROW)	Temporary Construction Matting
10' Contour Line	Area of Limited Tree Clearing
2' Contour Line	Field Delineated Wetland
Gate	Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline
Existing Access	Delineated Intermittent Watercourse
Delineated Perennial Watercourse	Natural Diversity Database Area (CTDEEP, 06/2023)
Culvert	NE Cottontail Focus Area
Ordinary High Water Mark	Public Water Supply Watershed (PWSW)
Open Water	Aquifer Protection Area (APA)
Confirmed Vernal Pool Extent	Eversource Owned Property
100' Vernal Pool Envelope	State Owned Property
FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone	Open Space / Land Trust
FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone	Hiking Trail
FEMA Floodway	Parcel Boundary
Municipal Boundary	Map Sheet Matchline

Map Notes:
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Wetlands field delineated by APT Jan. 2022.
Vernal Pools delineated by APT April 2022. ROW, Parcel and abutter data provided by Eversource and are approximate.
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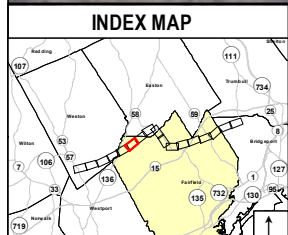
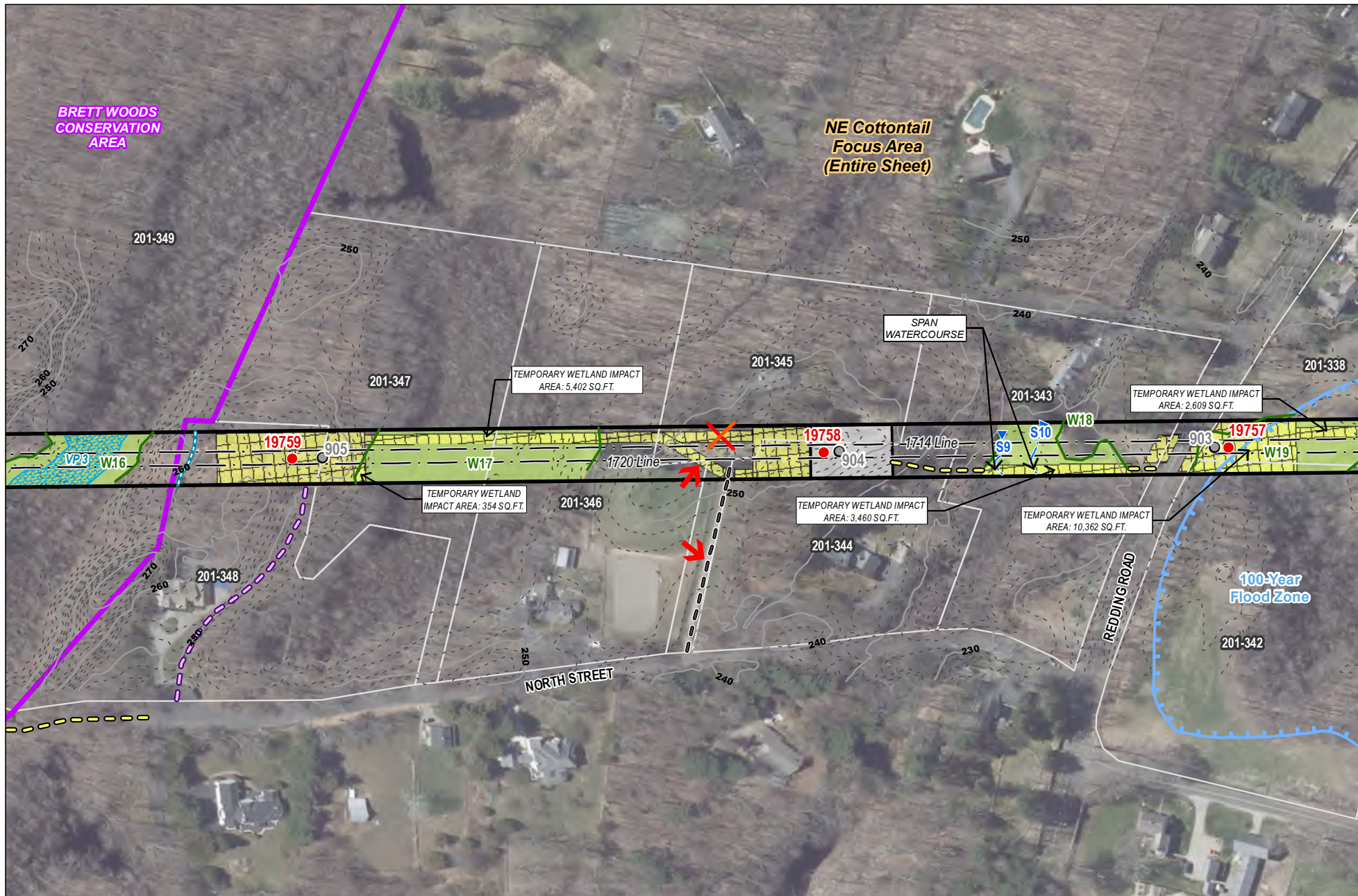
NO.	DATE	REVISIONS
1	7/12/2023	ADDED PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD TO STRS 926 & 19790/19790A

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1714 Line Rebuild Project

Weston, CT	Map Sheet 1 of 17
Date: July, 2023	
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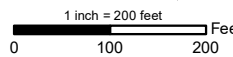
ATTACHMENT C



Legend

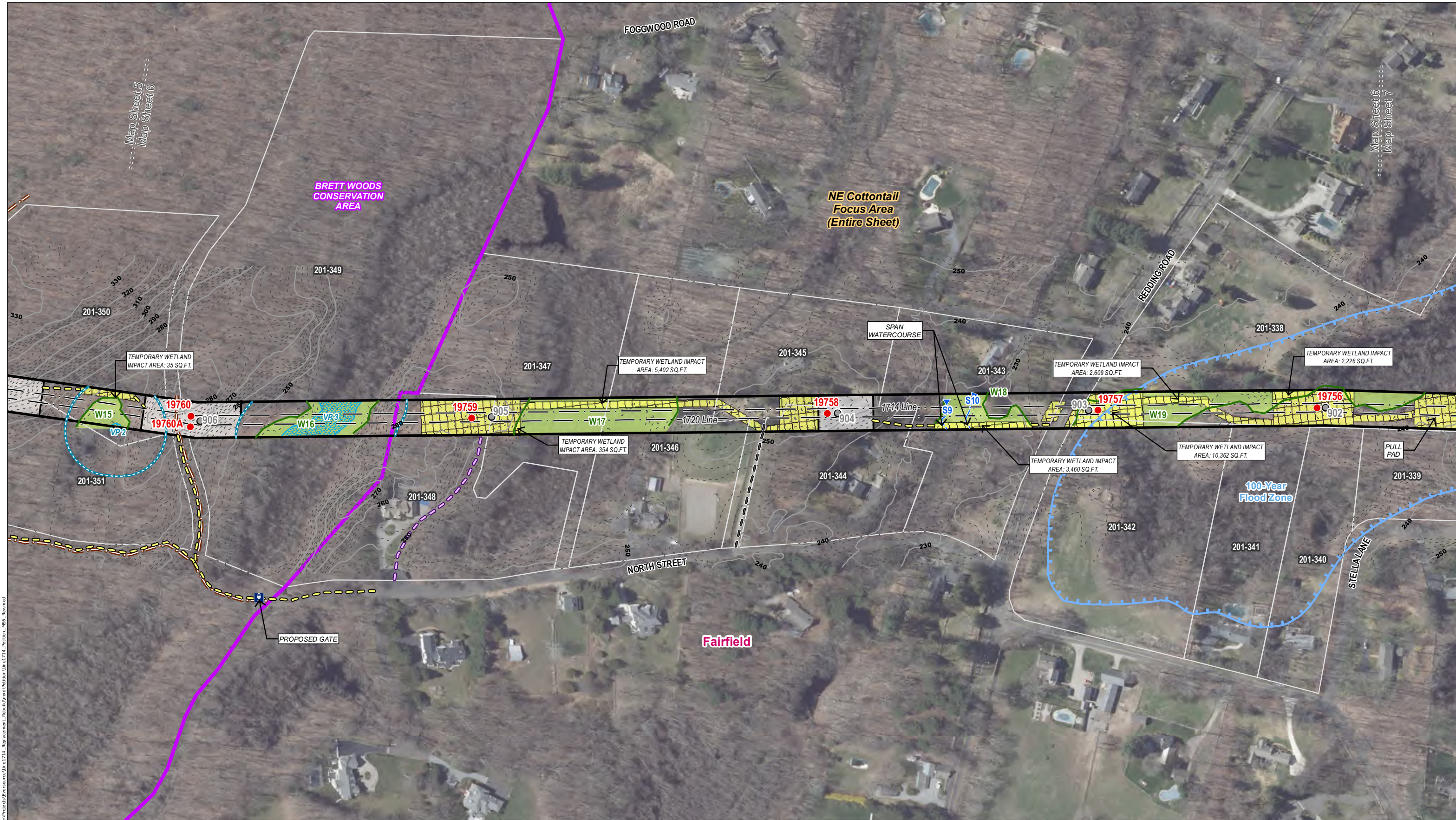
- Proposed Structure
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- 10' Contour Line
- - - 2' Contour Line
- Existing Access
- Off-ROW Access Pending Rights
- Proposed Access
- Stone Work Pad
- Existing Gravel
- Temporary Construction Matting
- Field Delineated Wetland
- Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline
- Delineated Intermittent Watercourse
- Delineated Perennial Watercourse
- Ordinary High Water Mark
- Open Water
- Confirmed Vernal Pool Extent
- 100' Vernal Pool Envelope
- FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone
- FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone
- FEMA Floodway
- NDDB (CTDEEP, 06/2023)
- NE Cottontail Focus Area (APA)
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- Eversource Owned Property
- Open Space / Land Trust
- Hiking Trail
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1714 Line Rebuild Project	
Added off ROW access road off of North Street and slight adjustments to the connecting in-ROW matted access	
Map Sheet 6	
Fairfield, CT	
Date: July, 2023	
Map Author: N. Castro	

ATTACHMENT D



Legend	
● Proposed Structure	○ Off-ROW Access Pending Rights
● Existing Structure	○ Proposed Access
○ Existing Structure to be Removed	□ Stone Work Pad
— Overhead Eversource Line	□ Existing Gravel
— Existing Right-of-Way (ROW)	□ Temporary Construction Matting
— 10' Contour Line	□ Area of Limited Tree Clearing
— 2' Contour Line	□ Field Delineated Wetland
□ Gate	— Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline
— Existing Access	— Delineated Intermittent Watercourse
— Delineated Perennial Watercourse	— Delineated Perennial Watercourse
○ Culvert	— Ordinary High Water Mark
— Open Water	— Confirmed Vernal Pool Extent
— 100' Vernal Pool Envelope	— 100' Vernal Pool Envelope
— FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone	— FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone
— FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone	— FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone
— FEMA Floodway	— FEMA Floodway
— Natural Diversity Database Area (CTDEEP, 06/2023)	— NE Cottontail Focus Area
— Public Water Supply Watershed (PWSW)	— Aquifer Protection Area (APA)
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NO.	DATE	REVISIONS
1	7/12/2023	ADDED OFF ROW ACCESS ROAD OFF OF NORTH STREET AND SLIGHT ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CONNECTING IN-ROW MATTED ACCESS

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1714 Line Rebuild Project
 Fairfield, CT Map Sheet 6 of 17
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