



## Memorandum

To: Katelin Nickerson, PWS, NHCWS  
Flycatcher LLC

Date: June 2, 2023

Project #: 43175.00

From: Steven J. Kochis, PE  
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Re: Drainage Memorandum  
KCE CT9 BESS Windsor Locks  
2 Ella Grasso Turnpike  
Windsor Locks, Connecticut

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### **Site & Project Description**

The Petitioner, Key Capture Energy, is proposing to construct a  $\pm 5$  MW battery energy storage system (BESS) on roughly 0.5 acres of an improved gravel parking area with all associated utilities and fencing to support this use (the Project).

The 0.5-acre site is a portion of a larger parcel totaling  $\pm 5.1$  acres, which will wholly be purchased by Key Capture Energy as part of the Project. Due to the fact that all site improvements are proposed within the existing compacted gravel parking area and the hydraulics/hydrology of the site will be unaffected, no stormwater management features (i.e. peak rate attenuation or water quality treatment) are required to be implemented. The Project Site will be constructed on approximately  $\pm 0.5$  acres on the parcel of 2 Ella Grasso Tpke, (Map, Block, Lot: 38-1-2) in Windsor Locks, Connecticut (see Figure 1). The site is bounded by Ella Grasso Tpke to the east, commercial development to the north, industrial development to the west and CT Route 20 to the south. The development site is all within the BUS-1 zone (Business).

The project area under existing conditions is a previously-installed gravel parking lot and is improved with an existing drainage network. Catch basin structures are present at the surface and appear to be in good working condition. There is also an existing 48" culvert that runs northeast/southwest through the site and an underground detention system to the west of the proposed BESS. There are interior portions of the site which have been field-delineated as wetlands. The southeastern portion of the subject parcel contains an existing access road into the site that is regulated by an ingress easement through the adjoining parcel, 8 Ella Grasso Tpke. It is proposed to reuse this existing access road without improvements. Under existing conditions, runoff from the project area generally flows overland to the interior wetlands in the south/southwestern portion of the subject parcel and ultimately culverted under CT Route 20 and towards Farmington River.

According to available soil mapping<sup>1</sup>, the majority of the site is fill classified as Hydrologic Soil Group "B", with surrounding areas to the site largely depicted as Hydrologic Soil Group "A". See Attachment 1 for NRCS Web Soil Survey output. Deep boring pits performed by GEI Consultants in April 2023 indicate the majority presence of sand across the development footprint which would support the assumption that the site would infiltrate well outside of the wetland or compacted gravel parking areas.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

According to available CTDEEP Groundwater Classification maps, groundwater at the site is GB (see Attachment 2). The CTDEEP Aquifer Protection Areas Mapping website displays that the Town of Windsor Locks does not contain any listed Aquifer Protection Areas.

Per available FEMA Map No. 09003C0216F dated 09/26/2008 the site is located within Zone X – area of minimal flood hazard (See Attachment 3).

### **Existing Drainage Conditions**

Under existing conditions, runoff from the project area generally flows overland to the onsite drainage system or wetlands before exiting the site. The Site is generally at its highest elevation around the perimeter of the development area. The majority of the Project area is comprised of compacted gravel parking area. Terrain slopes in the vicinity of the Project range from approximately 2% within the gravel parking area to approximately 60% at the surrounding cut embankments (of which the Project will not develop or alter). All wetland systems are associated with culvert structures or the detention basin on site and ultimately flow off the property by culvert to the southwest, under the Route 20 connector. See Figure 2 for Existing Drainage Conditions.

### **Proposed Drainage Conditions**

The Site has been designed to maintain existing topography and mimic existing drainage patterns to the maximum extents feasible. Mature vegetation will be preserved to the maximum extents practicable and no tree clearing is proposed. As a result, the Project will have minimal impact to surrounding ecologically sensitive areas or offsite areas. See Figure 3 for Proposed Drainage Conditions.

No new impervious surfaces are proposed as part of the Project and the existing gravel parking area will be used for the development footprint. Once the site is operational, vehicular access to the Project will be limited to infrequent maintenance visits. Accordingly, pre- and post-development peak rates of runoff will be maintained as part of the Project without the need for new stormwater detention measures.

### **Water Quality**

The project does not propose any new impervious areas or propose to alter any existing vegetated areas and, as such, no water quality measures are required or proposed.

## **Figures**

Figure 1: Site Location Map

Figure 2: Existing Conditions Drainage Areas

Figure 3: Proposed Conditions Drainage Areas

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1: NRCS Soil Survey Information

Attachment 2: CTDEEP Groundwater Classification map

Attachment 3: FEMA Flood Map



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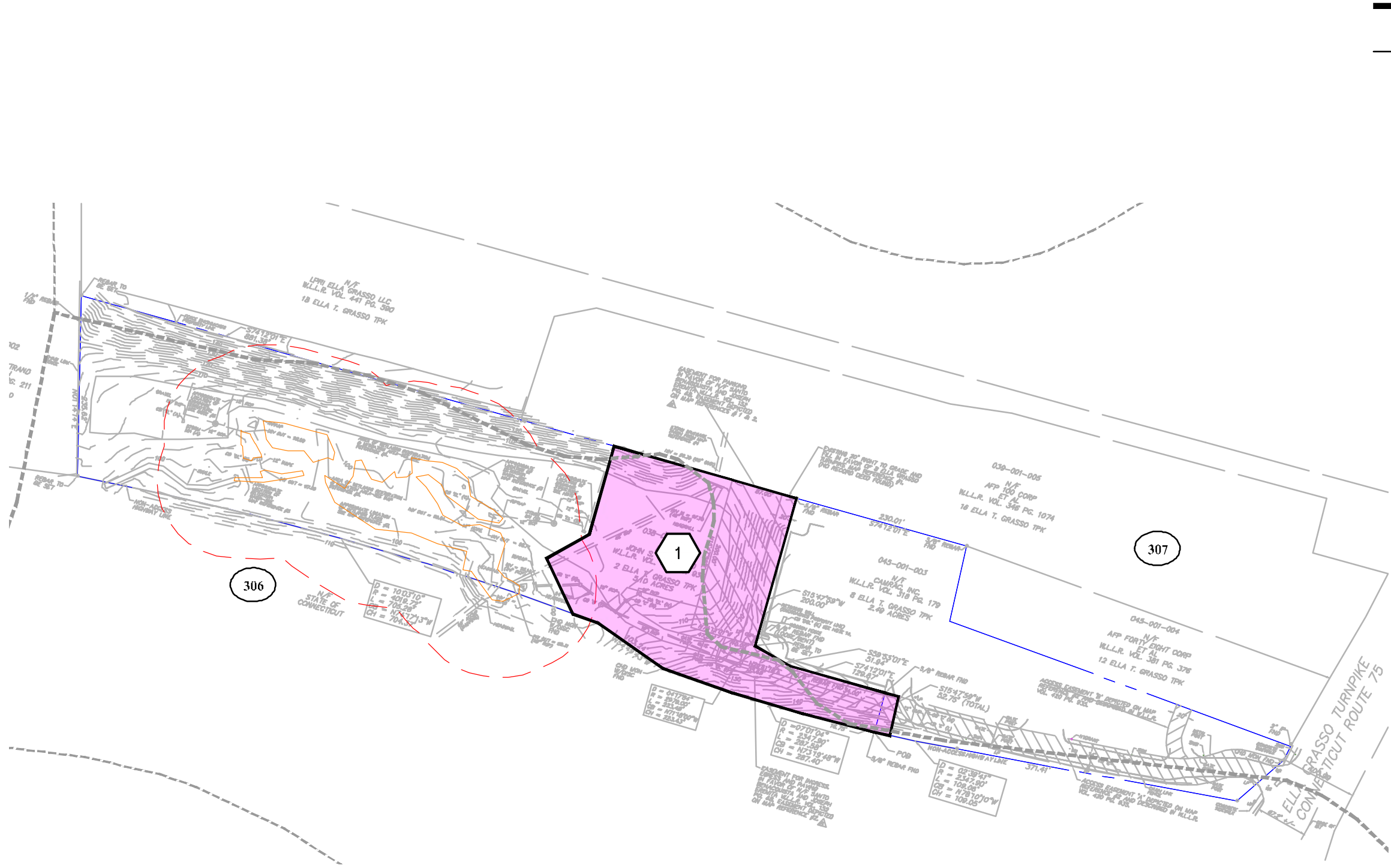
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### Site Location Map



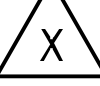
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Ella Grasso Turnpike  
Windsor Locks, Connecticut**





# Legend



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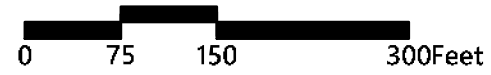
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-  SOIL TYPE BOUNDARY
-  WETLAND BOUNDARY

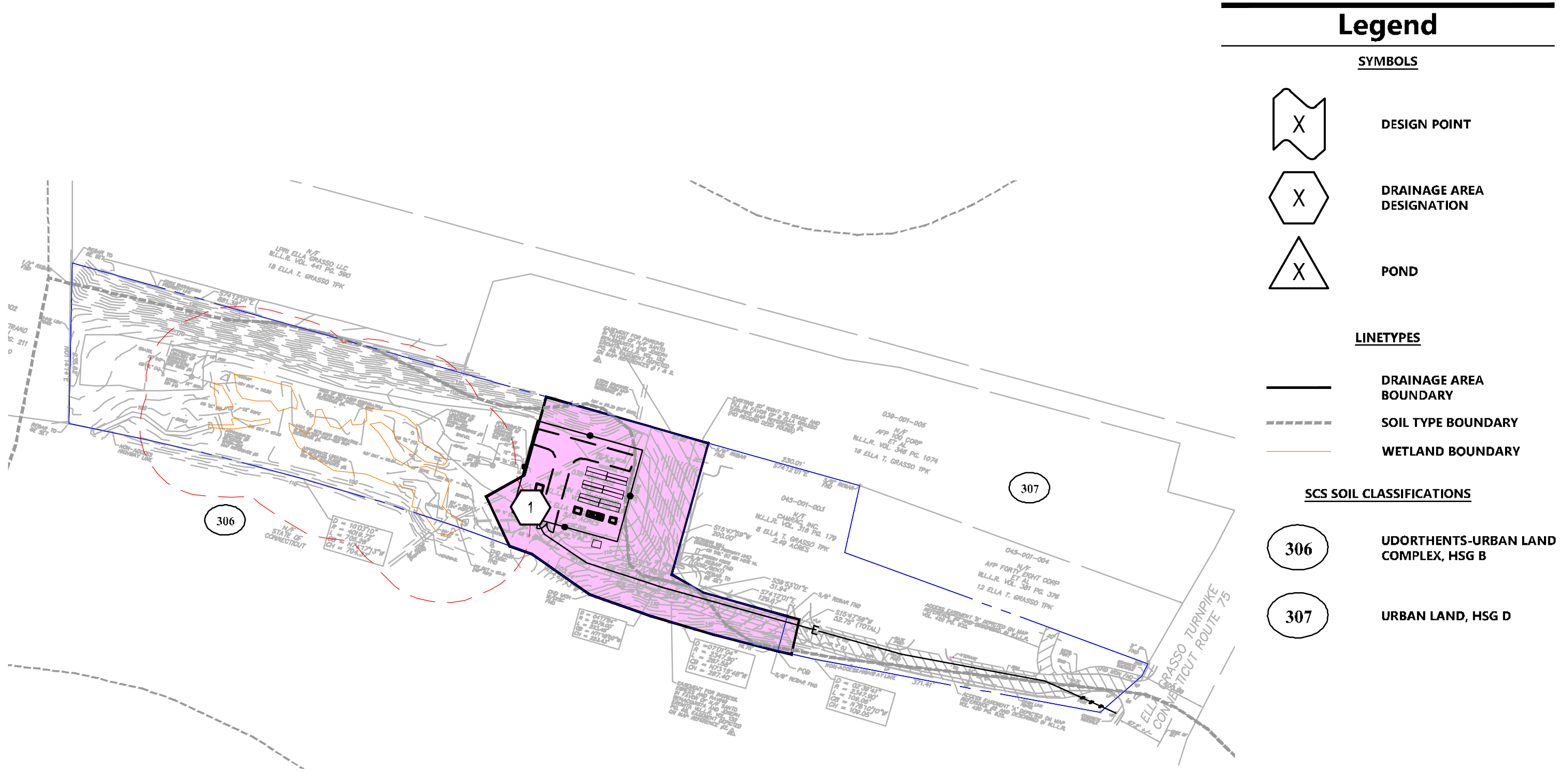
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-  URBAN LAND, HSG D





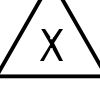
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Windsor Locks, CT

**Figure 2**  
June 2023



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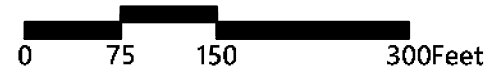
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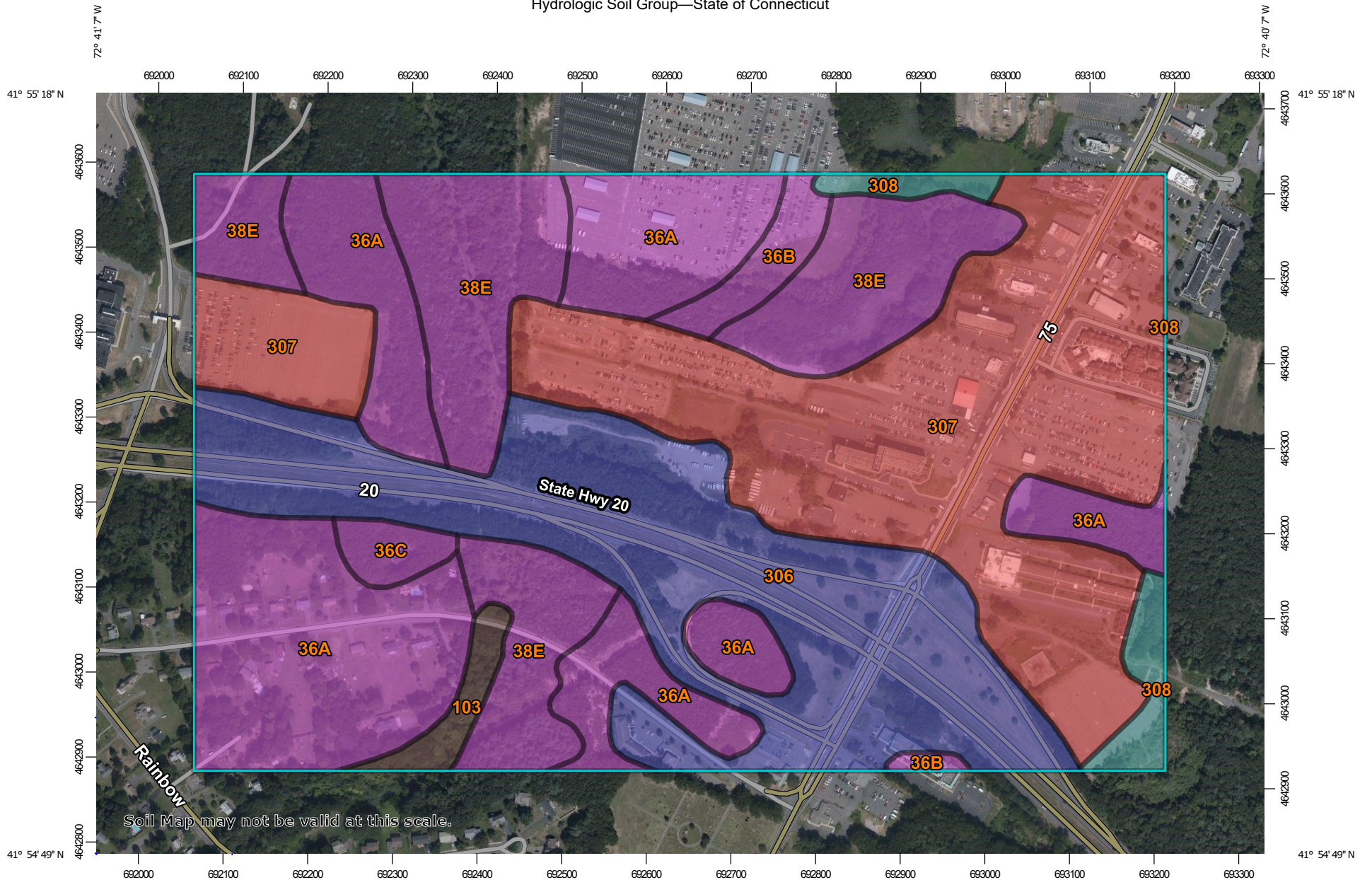
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Hydrologic Soil Group—State of Connecticut



Map Scale: 1:6,310 if printed on A landscape (11" x 8.5") sheet.



Map projection: Web Mercator Corner coordinates: WGS84 Edge tics: UTM Zone 18N WGS84



## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)

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### Soils

#### Soil Rating Polygons

 A  
 A/D  
 B  
 B/D  
 C  
 C/D  
 D  
 Not rated or not available

#### Soil Rating Lines


 A  
 A/D  
 B  
 B/D  
 C  
 C/D  
 D  
 Not rated or not available

#### Soil Rating Points

 A  
 A/D  
 B  
 B/D

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### Water Features

 Streams and Canals

### Transportation

 Rails  
 Interstate Highways  
 US Routes  
 Major Roads  
 Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:12,000.

**Warning:** Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 Web Soil Survey URL:  
 Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: State of Connecticut  
 Survey Area Data: Version 22, Sep 12, 2022

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Aug 24, 2019—Oct 24, 2019

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Hydrologic Soil Group

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
36A	Windsor loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	A	47.7	23.8%
36B	Windsor loamy sand, 3 to 8 percent slopes	A	3.7	1.8%
36C	Windsor loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes	A	2.1	1.0%
38E	Hinckley loamy sand, 15 to 45 percent slopes	A	33.6	16.8%
103	Rippowam fine sandy loam	B/D	2.4	1.2%
306	Udorthents-Urban land complex	B	45.4	22.7%
307	Urban land	D	61.1	30.5%
308	Udorthents, smoothed	C	4.1	2.1%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>			<b>200.1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Description

Hydrologic soil groups are based on estimates of runoff potential. Soils are assigned to one of four groups according to the rate of water infiltration when the soils are not protected by vegetation, are thoroughly wet, and receive precipitation from long-duration storms.

The soils in the United States are assigned to four groups (A, B, C, and D) and three dual classes (A/D, B/D, and C/D). The groups are defined as follows:

Group A. Soils having a high infiltration rate (low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of deep, well drained to excessively drained sands or gravelly sands. These soils have a high rate of water transmission.

Group B. Soils having a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of moderately deep or deep, moderately well drained or well drained soils that have moderately fine texture to moderately coarse texture. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission.

Group C. Soils having a slow infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of soils having a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or soils of moderately fine texture or fine texture. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.

Group D. Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a high water table, soils that have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

If a soil is assigned to a dual hydrologic group (A/D, B/D, or C/D), the first letter is for drained areas and the second is for undrained areas. Only the soils that in their natural condition are in group D are assigned to dual classes.

## Rating Options

*Aggregation Method:* Dominant Condition

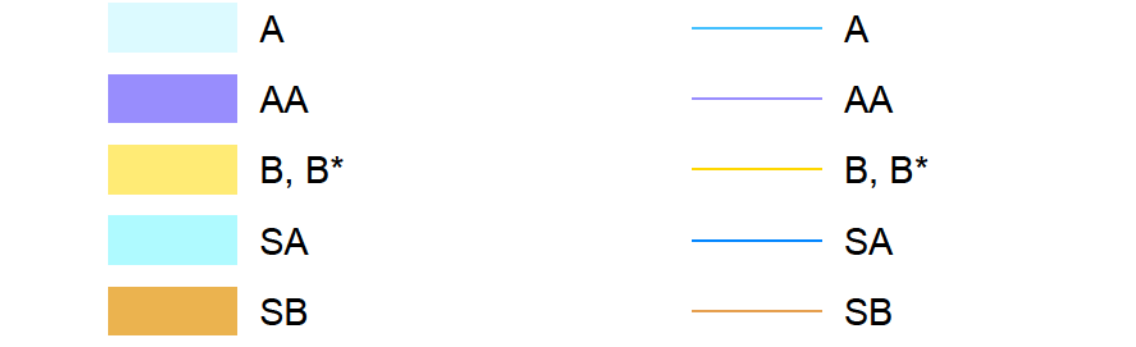
*Component Percent Cutoff:* None Specified

*Tie-break Rule:* Higher



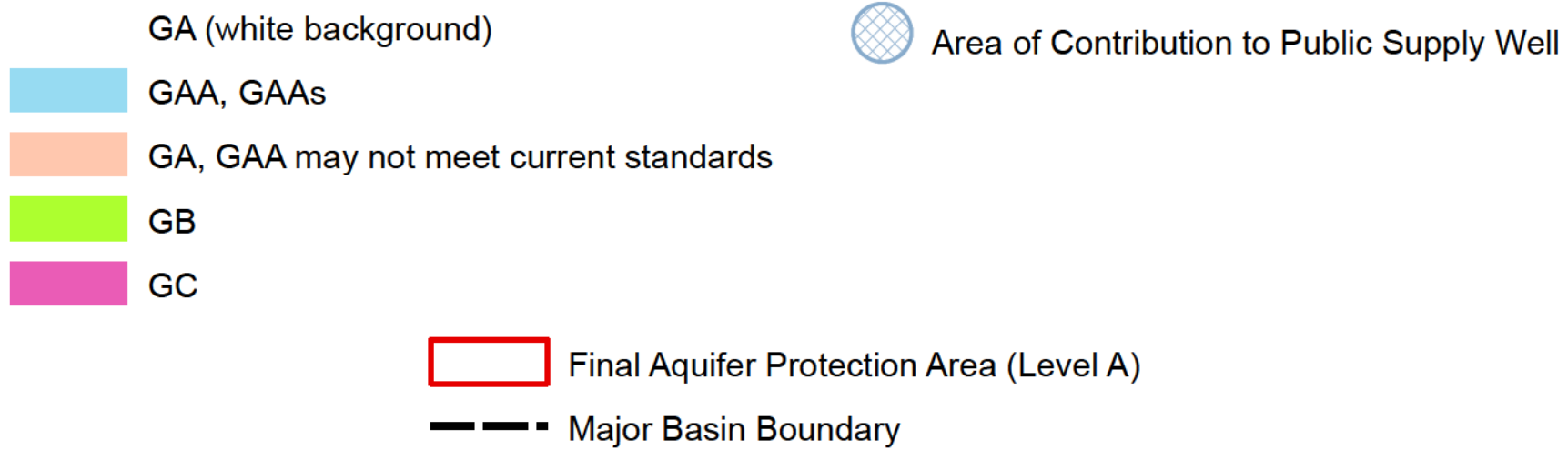
# WATER QUALITY CLASSIFICATIONS WINDSOR LOCKS, CT

## SURFACE WATER QUALITY CLASSES



**NOTES:**  
Surface Water Classifications beginning with S refer to Coastal and Marine Surface Water. B\* is a subset of Class B where no direct wastewater discharges are allowed other than those consistent with Class AA, A, and SA surface waters.

## GROUND WATER QUALITY CLASSES



## EXPLANATION

WATER QUALITY CLASSIFICATIONS (WQC) MAPS are one of the elements of the Water Quality Standards (WQS) for the State of Connecticut. The WQS are a part of Connecticut's clean water program and are essential for protecting and improving water quality. The WQS follow the principles of Connecticut's Clean Water Act which is in Chapter 440k of the Connecticut General Statutes. The WQS provide policy guidance in many areas, for example decisions on acceptable discharges to water resources, siting of landfills, remediation or prioritization of municipal sewerage system projects. The first two elements of the WQS are the Standards, which set an overall policy for management of water quality, and the Criteria, which are descriptive and numerical standards that describe the allowable parameters and goals for various water quality classifications. A discussion of these two elements is found in the Water Quality Standards document available on the CT DEEP website. The third element is the Classifications and the Water Quality Classification Maps which show the Classification assigned to each surface and groundwater resource throughout the State. The WQS are adopted using a public participation process but go through hearings separately from the Standards and Criteria hearings. Revision and adoption of the WQC data occurs in accordance with the public participation procedures contained in Section 22a-125 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Ground WQC is subject to Connecticut regulation and changes must be reviewed and adopted. All changes to the Surface WQC require an adoption process which is subject to federal review and approval in addition to CT regulation. The adoption dates for the WQC by major drainage basin are: Housatonic River, Hudson River and Southwest Coastal Basins - March 1999; Connecticut River and South Central Coastal Basins - February 1993; Thames River, Pawcatuck River and Southeast Coastal Basins - December 1986. Surface Water Classifications do not change after the adoption date until the next major revision. Ground Water Classifications may change after the adoption date under specific circumstances. The map may have more than one WQC adoption date because a town may be in more than one major drainage basin.

SURFACE WATERS in Connecticut are divided into freshwater classified as AA, A, B or B\* and saline waters classified as SA or SB. Class AA designated uses are existing or proposed drinking water supplies; habitat for fish and other aquatic life and wildlife; recreation; and water supply for industry and agriculture. Class A designated uses are habitat for fish and other aquatic life and wildlife; potential drinking water supplies; recreation; navigation; and water supply for industry and agriculture. Class SA designated uses are habitat for marine fish, other aquatic life and wildlife; shellfish harvesting for direct human consumption; recreation; industrial water supply; and navigation. Class B designated uses are habitat for fish and aquatic life and wildlife; recreation; navigation; and industrial and agricultural water supply. Class B\*, applicable to Candlewood Lake, is a subset of Class B and is identical in all ways to the designated uses, criteria and standards for Class B waters except for the restriction on direct discharges. Class SB designated uses are habitat for marine fish and aquatic life and wildlife; commercial shellfish harvesting; recreation; industrial water supply; and navigation.

## DATA SOURCES

WATER QUALITY CLASSIFICATIONS DATA - Water quality classifications shown on this map are based on information from the following digital spatial datasets that are typically shown together - Ground Water Quality Classifications Poly, Surface Water Quality Classifications Line, and Surface Water Quality Classifications Poly. The map legend above reflects the content of these three data sources. These WQC data were originally compiled on 1:24,000-scale 7.5 minute USGS topographic quadrangle maps and later digitized at 1:24,000 scale. For example, the Surface Water Quality Classifications Line and Surface Water Quality Classifications Poly digital data assigns surface water quality classifications to water bodies such as rivers, streams, reservoirs, lakes, ponds and covers found in 1:24,000-scale hydrography data available from CT DEEP. The hydrography data does not include all the waterbodies in Connecticut. The Ground Water Quality Classifications Poly data assigns ground water quality classifications, at 1:24,000 scale, to the remaining land areas in Connecticut.

AQUIFER PROTECTION AREA DATA - Aquifer Protection Areas shown on this map are from the Aquifer Protection Area digital dataset which contains polygon data intended to be used at 1:24,000 scale. The dataset contains regulated areas classified as Level A Aquifer Protection Area (Final) and Level B Aquifer Protection Area (Preliminary). The Level B areas are not shown on the WQC maps. The data was collected from 1991 to the present and is actively updated as Final area mapping replaces earlier Preliminary areas. The Aquifer Protection Areas are delineated by

the individual water companies owning the well fields and submitted to the CT DEEP for approval. Preliminary mapping provides a general estimate of the area contributing ground water to the well field. Final mapping is based on extensive, site-specific detailed modeling of the ground water flow system. CT DEEP may adjust Final area boundaries to be consistent with 1:24,000 scale topography and use map data where appropriate during the approval process.

MAJOR DRAINAGE BASIN DATA - Major drainage basins shown on this map are from Major Basin Line data developed by CT DEEP and intended to be used at 1:24,000 scale.

BASE MAP DATA - Based on data originally from 1:24,000-scale USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle maps published between 1969 and 1992. It includes political boundaries, railroads, airports, hydrography, geographic names and geographic places. Streets and street names are from Tele Atlas' copyrighted data. Base map information is neither current nor complete.

RELATED INFORMATION  
This map is intended to be printed at its original dimensions in order to maintain the 1:24,000 scale (1 inch = 2000 feet).  
WATER QUALITY STANDARDS - Go to the CT DEEP website for a summary and the full text of the "Water Quality Standards" and for other information on water quality.  
AQUIFER PROTECTION AREAS - Go to the CT DEEP website for more information.

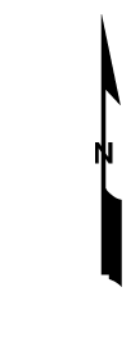
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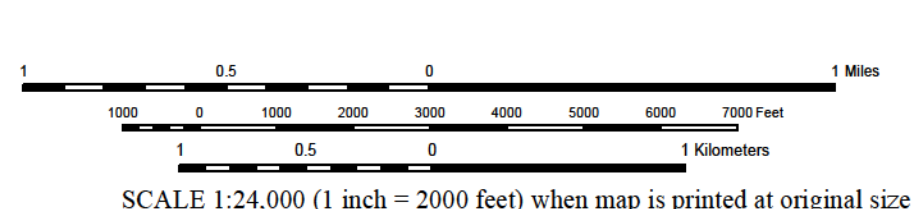
### MAJOR BASINS

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- Thames
- Connecticut
- South Central Coast
- Housatonic
- Southeast Coast
- Hudson

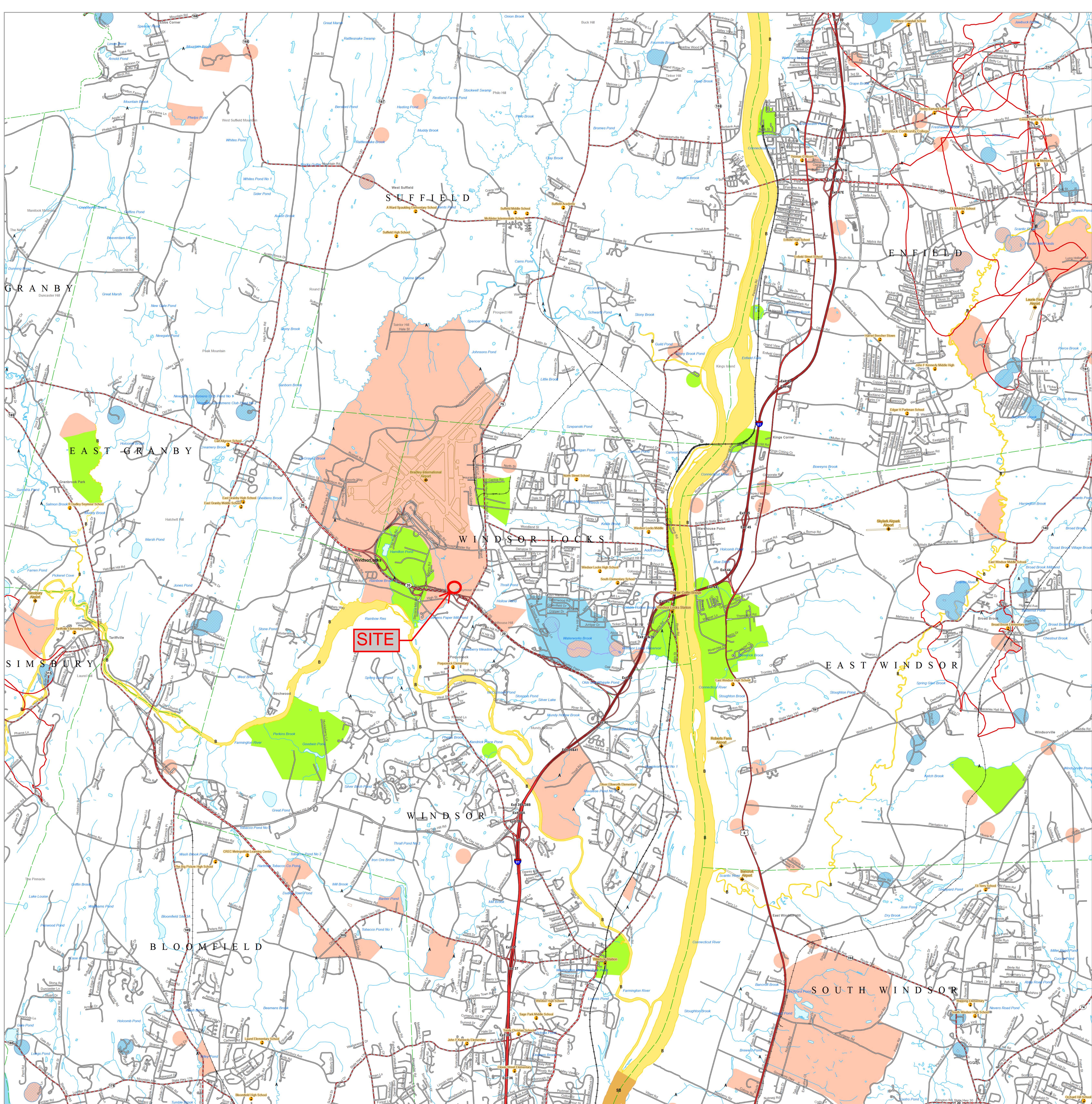
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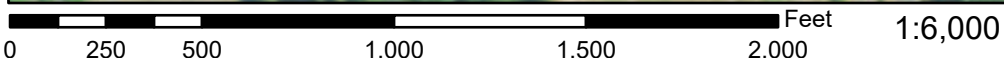




# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMMette



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Basemap: USGS National Map: Orthoimagery: Data refreshed October, 2020

## Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

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|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS</b>  | Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)<br><i>Zone A, V, A99</i><br>With BFE or Depth <i>Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR</i><br>Regulatory Floodway  |
| <b>OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD</b> | 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile <i>Zone X</i><br>Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard <i>Zone X</i><br>Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. <i>Zone X</i><br>Area with Flood Risk due to Levee <i>Zone D</i> |
| <b>OTHER AREAS</b>                 | NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard <i>Zone X</i><br>Effective LOMRs<br>Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard <i>Zone D</i>  |
| <b>GENERAL STRUCTURES</b>          | Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer<br>Levee, Dike, or Floodwall   |
| <b>OTHER FEATURES</b>              | Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation<br>Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation<br>Coastal Transect<br>Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)<br>Limit of Study<br>Jurisdiction Boundary<br>Coastal Transect Baseline<br>Profile Baseline<br>Hydrographic Feature   |
| <b>MAP PANELS</b>                  | Digital Data Available<br>No Digital Data Available<br>Unmapped   |
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- The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

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The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on **12/20/2022 at 12:01 PM** and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

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