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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

February 13, 2023

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RE: **PETITION NO. 1582** - 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 Pootatuck to West Devon Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 3.3 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1580, 1241, 1483 and 1545 Lines between The United Illuminating Company's (UI) Pootatuck Substation in Shelton, UI's Trap Falls Substation in Shelton and Eversource's West Devon Junction in Stratford, traversing the municipalities of Shelton and Stratford, Connecticut, and related electric transmission lines and substation improvements. **Request for Project Changes.**

Dear Deborah Denfeld:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated February 9, 2024 regarding project changes for the above-referenced declaratory ruling issued by the Council on October 13, 2023, as follows:

- a) Utilize a parking area for a pull pad (near the ROW crossing of Beard Sawmill Road) in lieu of the matted pull pad (north of Beard Sawmill Road) and its associated matted access road (off Bridgeport Avenue);
- b) Expand pull pad (located north of Armstrong Road) by about 30 feet to the north; and
- c) Convert the matted access road south of Harvest Ridge Road to a pull pad in lieu of installing a pull pad north of Harvest Ridge Road.

Pursuant to Condition No. 1 of the Council's October 13, 2023 Declaratory Ruling, the specified requests for project changes are hereby approved. This approval applies only to the project changes in the correspondence dated February 9, 2024.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

MAB/MP

c: Kathleen Shanley, Eversource Energy (Kathleen.shanley@eversource.com)

February 9, 2024

Melanie Bachman, Esq.  
Executive Director  
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**Re:** PETITION NO. 1582 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed Pootatuck to West Devon Rebuild Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of electric transmission line structures along approximately 3.3 miles of its existing electric transmission line right-of-way shared by its existing 115-kilovolt (kV) 1580, 1241, 1483 and 1545 Lines between The United Illuminating Company's (UI) Pootatuck Substation in Shelton, UI's Trap Falls Substation in Shelton and Eversource's West Devon Junction in Stratford, traversing the municipalities of Shelton and Stratford, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. **Request for minor project changes.**

Dear Attorney Bachman:

On October 13, 2023, the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") ruled that the above referenced Petition would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect and would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. Condition 1 of the ruling indicates any project changes be delegated to Council staff for approval. The following three changes are proposed:

1. **Modify Pull Pad Location** (Refer to Map Sheet 1 of 7 - revised):  
After consulting with the property owner of Line List 200A-141, Eversource has obtained a Temporary Access Agreement to utilize an off right-of-way ("ROW") existing gravel parking area on the parcel, adjacent to the transmission line ROW crossing of Beard Sawmill Road. Since the parking area can be used as a pull pad, the previously identified matted access road off Bridgeport Avenue and matted pull pad within the agricultural field of Line List 200A-142 (north of Beard Sawmill Road) is no longer needed.
2. **Widen Matted Pull Pad** (Refer to Map Sheet 3 of 7 - revised):  
After further review of the pull pad dimensions at this location, it was determined that an additional 30-foot width to the north side of the matted area is needed to adequately fit the wire pulling equipment. . This would result in an approximate additional 1,200 square feet (0.03 acres) increase of temporary impacts to wetlands (W5).

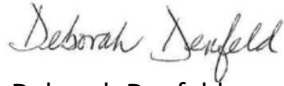
3. **Modify Pull Pad Location** (Refer to Map Sheet 6 of 7 - revised):

After further assessing the line pull crossing conditions across Harvest Ridge Road, it was determined that to reduce a potential conflict during wire pulling activities over distribution lines, the pull pad location would be modified from north of the roadway to south of the roadway. A matted access road already proposed on the south side of the road would have additional matting added to establish the temporary pull pad. As a result, the previously identified matted pull pad on the north side of Harvest Ridge Road, will no longer be needed.

The above changes are located within the City of Shelton and Town of Stratford. Municipal officials and the abutters have been notified of the proposed minor project changes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Deborah Denfeld

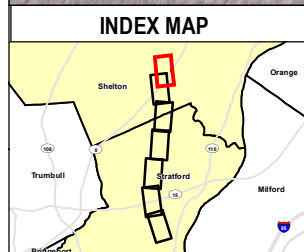
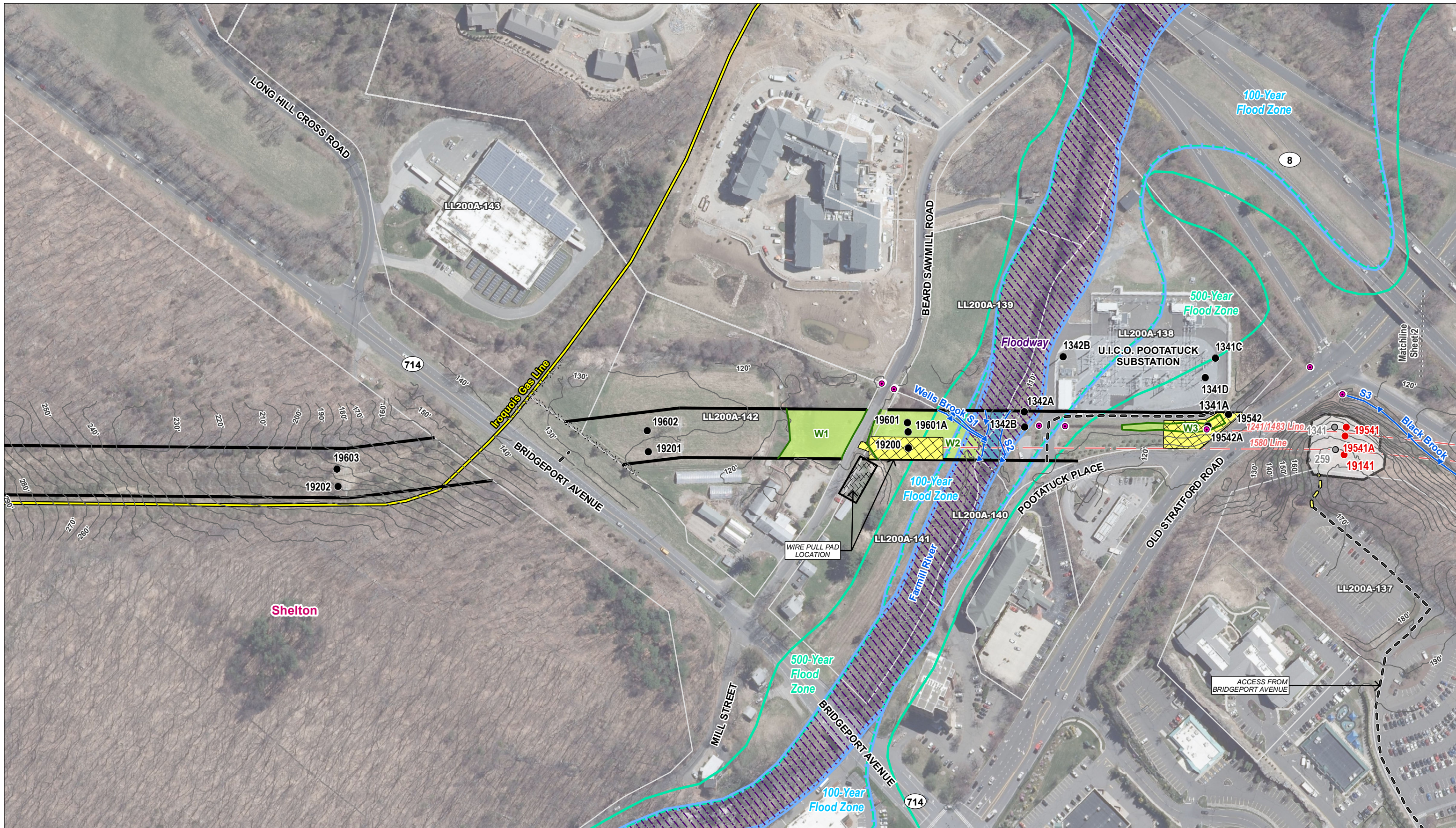
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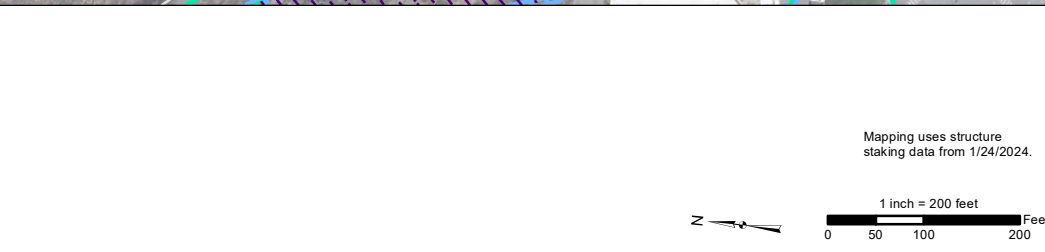
Attachments: Revised Map Sheets 1, 3 and 6

## Attachments

Revised Map Sheets 1, 3 and 6

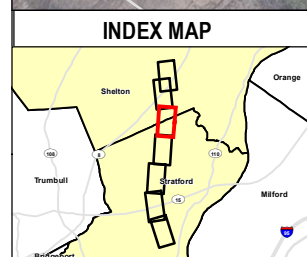
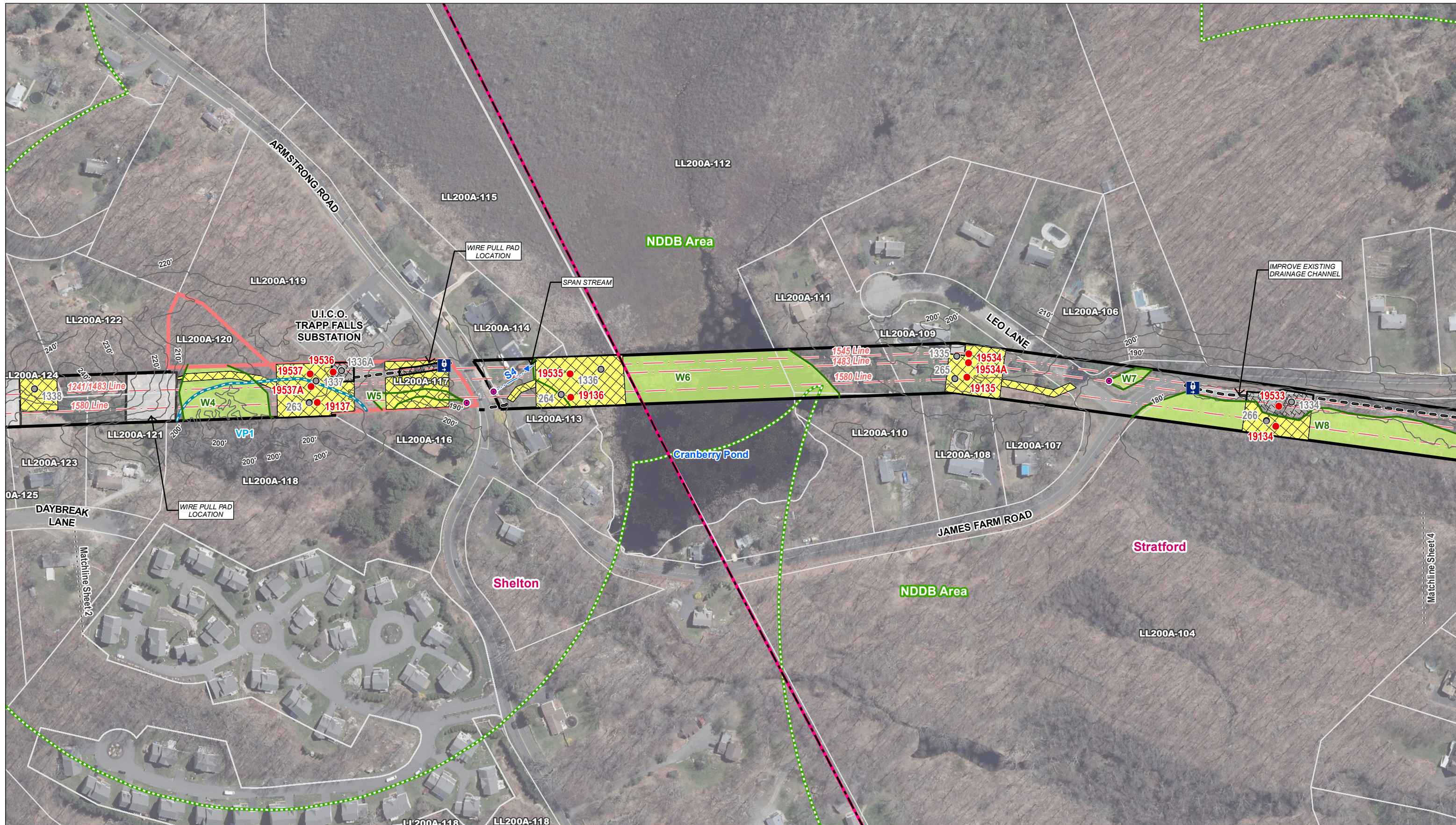


Legend	
● (Red)	Proposed Structure
● (Black)	Existing Structure
● (Grey)	Existing Structure to be Removed
● (Pink)	Culvert
X-X	Fence
— (Red)	Overhead Eversource Line
— (Yellow)	Approximate Gas Line
— (Black)	5' Contours
— (Black)	Existing Right-of-Way (ROW)
— (Black)	Existing Access
— (Black)	Proposed Access
— (Blue)	Delineated Perennial Watercourse
— (Blue)	Open Water
— (Green)	Field Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline
— (Green)	Field Delineated Wetland
— (Black)	Proposed Stone Work Pad
— (Black)	Existing Gravel
— (Yellow)	Temporary Construction Matting
— (Purple)	FEMA Floodway
— (Blue)	FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone
— (Green)	FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone
— (Black)	Parcel Boundary



EVERSOURCE					
Pootuck to West Devon Junction Rebuild Project					
Shelton, CT			Map Sheet 1 of 7		
Date: February 08, 2024					
NO.	DATE	REVISIONS	BY	CHK	APP
1	1/17/24	Revised pull pad location	LF	RC	SF





Legend	
● Proposed Structure	— Proposed Access
● Existing Structure to be Removed	— Delineated Intermittent Watercourse
● Culvert	— Field Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline
Ⓜ Gate	— Field Delineated Wetland
— Overhead Eversource Line	— Proposed Stone Work Pad
— 5' Contours	— Existing Gravel
— Existing Right-of-Way (ROW)	— 100' Vernal Pool Envelope
— Existing Access	— Temporary Construction Matting
	— Natural Diversity Database Area (June 2023)
	— Eversource Owned Property
	— Parcel Boundary
	— Municipal Boundary

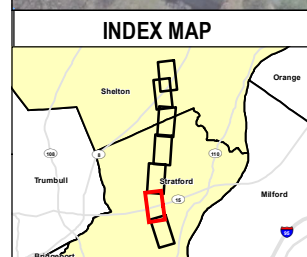
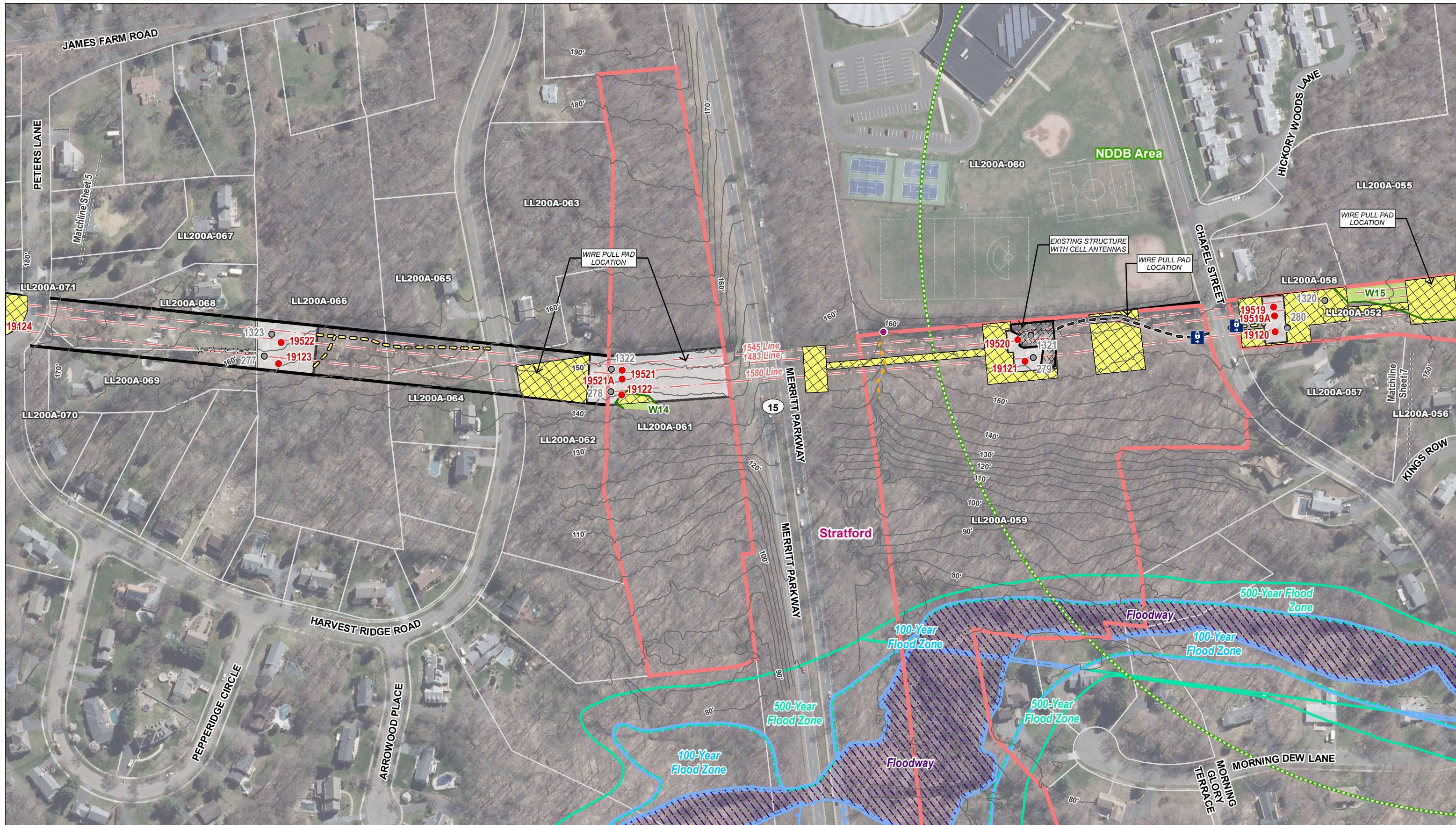
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1 inch = 200 feet

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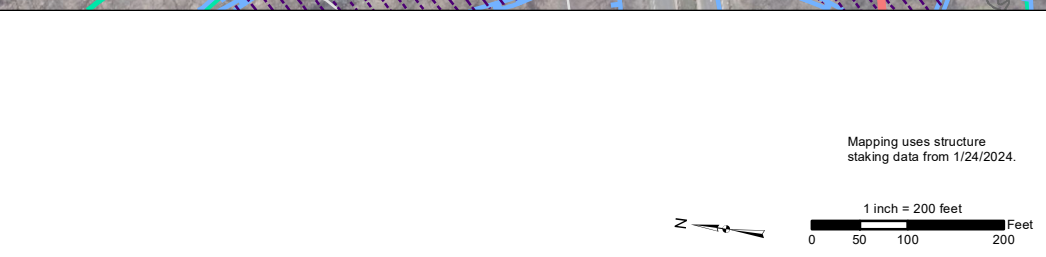
North Arrow

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Pootuck to West Devon Junction Rebuild Project					
Shelton & Stratford, CT			Map Sheet 3 of 7		
Date: February 08, 2024					
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1	1/17/24	Expanded matted pull pad	LF	RC	SF



**Legend**

- Proposed Structure
- Existing Structure to be Removed
- Culvert
- Gate
- Fence
- Overhead Eversource Line
- 5' Contours
- Existing Right-of-Way (ROW)
- Existing Access
- Proposed Access
- Drainage Channel
- Field Delineated Wetland Boundary Outline
- Field Delineated Wetland
- Proposed Stone Work Pad
- Existing Gravel
- Temporary Construction Matting
- Natural Diversity Database Area (June 2023)
- FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone
- FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone
- Eversource Owned Property
- Parcel Boundary



<b>EVERSOURCE</b>					
<b>Pootuck to West Devon Junction Rebuild Project</b>					
Stratford, CT			Map Sheet 6 of 7		
Date: February 08, 2024					
1	1/17/24	Revised pull pad location	LF	RC	SF
NO.	DATE	REVISIONS	BY	CHK	APP

