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RE: Post-Construction Report - **DOCKET NO. 414** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 36 Ritch Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut.

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On July 14, 2011, the Council approved an application from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction of a 77-foot monopole wireless telecommunications facility designed as an 84-foot pine tree at 36 Ritch Avenue in Greenwich, Connecticut. The Development and Management Plan for the site was approved on October 20, 2011.

Construction of the site commenced on March 1, 2012. The Council granted a six-month extension of time (to July 19, 2013) on December 13, 2012. Staff conducted several inspections of the site during construction relating to erosion control issues and alleged trespassing and property damage concerns. Cellco provided notice of site completion on July 9, 2013.

A post-construction field review of the site was conducted on October 3, 2014.

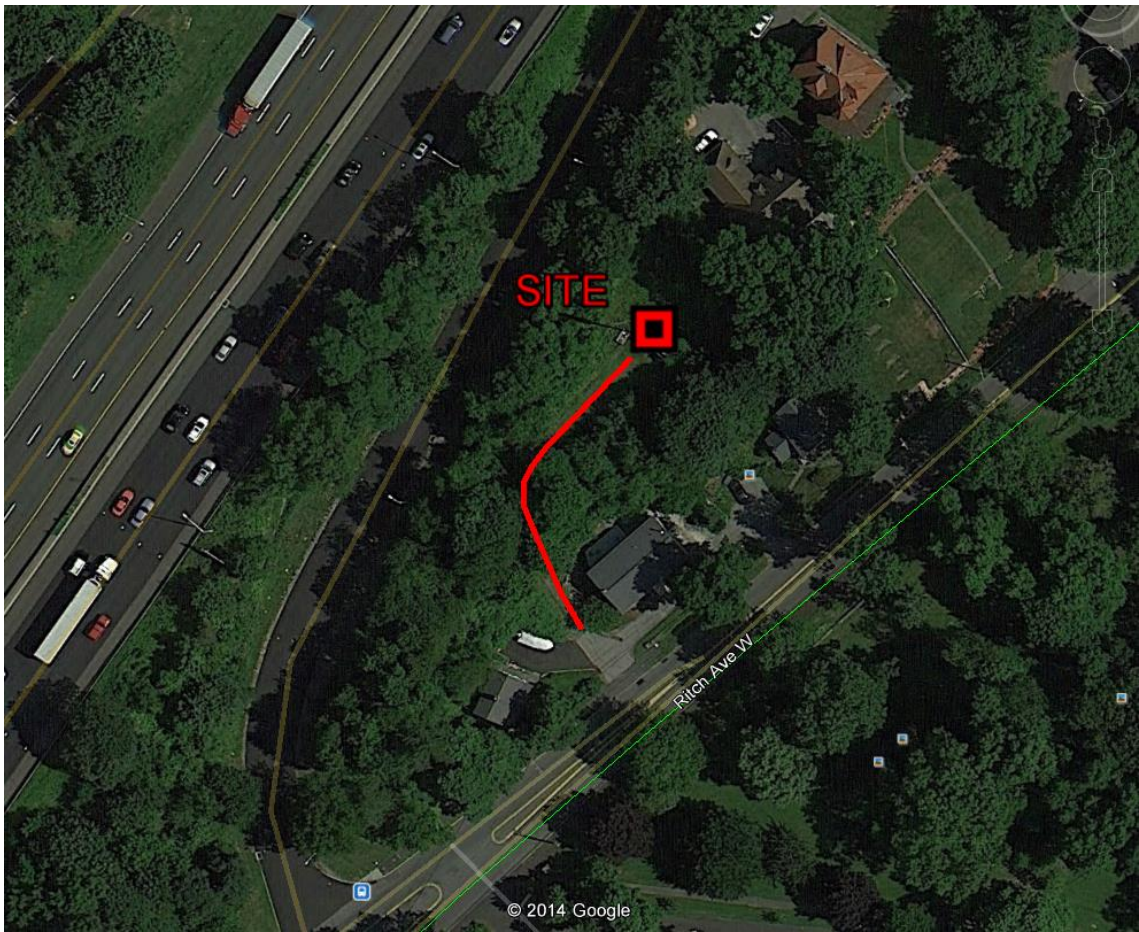
The facility is located on a 0.26-acre flag lot between residential property fronting Ritch Avenue and the Interstate 95 Interchange 2 northbound on-ramp. The site is accessed by a paved driveway that ascends from Ritch Avenue to a plateau area where the compound and tower are located. The driveway features a guardrail and vinyl fencing along the east retaining wall. The wall forms the property line of the abutter at 42 Ritch Avenue, John Hartwell.

The monopine has faux branches that extend just above the compound fence. The tower supports AT&T at 67 feet and Cellco at 57 feet. All of the antennas are painted green and are within the faux branches/needles.

The equipment shelter consists of a single compartmentalized building designed as a wood-frame structure. An eight-foot high vinyl fence extends from the building, forming a secured courtyard that is accessible by a swing gate. The electrical panel and associated transformer are located adjacent to the gate, protected by bollards. Tall weeds have grown within the courtyard and around the electrical components, indicating the lack of a sufficient barrier between the ground and overlying gravel. A rain garden consisting of a depressed drainage area planted with arborvitae is located along the south edge of the compound.

Existing views of the tower generally conform to predicted views with visibility mostly occurring from Ritch Avenue adjacent to the site and from Byram Park, a town park south of Ritch Avenue.

No site construction-related issues were evident at the time of the inspection. With the exception of weed growth, the observed physical conditions of this site conform to the D&M Plan approved by the Council.



Site location at 36 Ritch Avenue, Greenwich. Red line is access drive.



Access Drive extending from Ritch Avenue. Property to left (east) is 42 Ritch Avenue (Hartwell).



Compound view from access road as it reaches plateau above 42 Ritch Avenue.



View from compound parking. Note weed growth.



Interior compound area. Note weed growth.



“Rain garden” on south side of compound



East side of compound/building wall. Property line to right.



View across from access drive, adjacent to 42 Ritch Avenue



48 Ritch Avenue. Tower compound is on plateau behind this residence.



Tower view from front of 56 Ritch Avenue.



Tower view from knoll in Byrum Park.