

INVITATION TO BID ON STANDING TIMBER

Sale# W-468

9/2/2026

Description: The Aquarion Water Authority, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and The Nature Conservancy are offering approximately 126,918 board feet (Int'l. ¼") of standing timber and 158 cords of hardwood firewood that have been marked for harvesting. This timber is located on 20 acres in the town of Easton, Connecticut, on the Aspetuck-Hemlock Reservoir Block of Centennial Watershed State Forest. Trees to be purchased and harvested are marked with orange paint at approximate head height and at stump level.

Location: The area of marked timber is bounded to the north by Silver Hill Road, to the east by Bibbins Road, to the west by Staples Road, and to the south by private properties. Google Maps coordinates are approximately 41.268505, -73.310878.

Bid Process: Mail the attached bid form to Aquarion Water Authority, 714 Black Rock Turnpike, Easton, Connecticut 06612-1146, **Attn: SALE-W-468 Rob Turnbull, Forester**. All bids must be received by 4PM on the closing date of **October 1st, 2026**. The bids will be opened at the convenience of Aquarion Water Authority.

The timber sale agreement must be signed within 21 days of notification of the bid award.

After the sale has been awarded, all bidders will receive bid results via email.

The buyer will enter into a formal, written sales agreement with Aquarion Water Authority which includes, but is not limited to, the following obligations:

1. **PAYMENTS:** One-fourth (1/4) of the payment will be due before harvest, but no later than the close of business on **January 2nd, 2027**. One-fourth (1/4) of the payment will be due when trees have been cut on 25% of the sale area, but no later than the close of business on **April 2nd, 2027**. The balance will be due in full when in the opinion of the Aquarion Forester, trees have been cut on 50% of the harvest site, but no later than the close of business on **January 2nd, 2028**. Contract duration: *(Two years from date of bid award)*
2. **PERFORMANCE DEPOSIT:** The BUYER shall post a performance deposit to the Aquarion Water Authority in the amount of \$2000 or 10% of the bid amount, whichever is greater, before starting harvest operations, but no later than thirty (30) days after the Agreement has been executed by Aquarion Water Authority.
3. **WORK REQUIREMENTS:**
 1. **Gravel Requirement:**
 - a. Buyer will be responsible for installing a 4,000 ft² access road (250 feet by 15 feet) and landing area of 6" deep clean gravel or process to protect landing soils from erosion. This amounts to roughly 75 cubic yards of material. Buyer will also maintain a tracking pad onto Bibbins Road consisting of 3" crushed stone.

2. Restrictions:

- a. Trees will not be cut between May 15 and August 15. Trucking may continue.
- b. Work must be done when the ground is dry or frozen.
- c. Hours of operation are restricted to Monday-Friday, 7 AM to 5 PM unless otherwise approved by Aquarion Forester.

3. Other Work requirements:

- a. The Buyer will be required to adhere to Connecticut's Best Management Practices for Water Quality While Harvesting Forest Products, and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- b. The Buyer will remove or return to the harvest area any unused wood, chunks, and limbs brought to the landings and will smooth landing areas.
- c. Corduroy will be used to cross wet areas as designated by the forester.
- d. No slash will be left within 25 feet of Bibbins Road, Staples Road, or Silver Hill Road.
- e. Skid trails and landings will be back bladed and water bars installed, as needed. Skid trails that could allow illegal vehicular access will be blocked after the harvest.
- f. Care will be taken to protect advance regeneration on forest floor.
- g. The Buyer will leave whole tree tops spread across each of the 11 patches that will be created in association with this harvest. Whole tops will be pulled 25 feet back from Bibbins and Staples Roads even if a patch is located closer to the road than that.

All information pertaining to payment schedule, additional work requirements, and other agreement specifications may be obtained at the time of the showing or by contacting Aquarion Forester, Rob Turnbull 203-209-0060.

The Bidder has the responsibility to submit their written bid in the required format, using the attached bid response form, by the time and date indicated above. The attached tally sheets are estimates only and not a guarantee of board foot or cordwood volume. Aquarion Water Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and accept the bid which is in the best interest of the Authority.

Timber Showing: This timber will be shown to interested parties on **September 16th, 2026 at 9:30 AM** by Aquarion Water Authority, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and The Nature Conservancy. The group will meet on Bibbins Rd in Easton, CT, on the above date, at the location described in the bid map. Bidders must attend this showing as the property is regulated watershed land that is not open to the public.

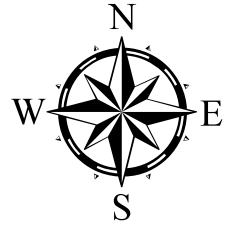
Please call or email Rob Turnbull (203-209-0060, rturnbull@aquarionwater.com) if you have any questions or need to schedule a different showing date.

SPECIES	TOTAL	TOTAL	Red oak		Black Oak		Red maple		Sugar maple		Hickory		White oak		Black Birch	
DBH	TREES	VOLUME	# TREES	VOLUME	# TREES	VOLUME	# TREES	VOLUME	TREES	VOLUME	# TREES	VOLUME	# TREES	VOLUME	# TREES	VOLUME
12	72	3006	0	0	0	0	6	180	30	1160	6	354	7	288	23	1024
14	130	11039	6	546	11	1041	5	315	35	3042	11	1199	11	1155	51	3741
16	120	16077	5	717	19	2865	8	832	17	2256	11	1896	9	1367	51	6144
18	95	19516	8	1870	15	3539	5	1127	11	2245	6	1539	19	3544	31	5652
20	80	18466	4	1117	29	7066	7	1428	11	2181	2	531	9	2153	18	3990
22	47	14845	4	1783	12	4317	4	987	9	2960	1	430	8	2132	9	2236
24	48	18385	5	2040	23	9171	6	2317	3	1112	1	430	4	1168	6	2147
26	25	11760	0	0	17	7706	0	0	2	917	1	603	3	1520	2	1014
28	6	3659	1	707	4	2604	0	0	1	348	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	6	3832	2	1500	4	2332	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	8	5603	0	0	8	5603	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	637	126918	36	11010	142	46244	41	7186	119	16221	39	6982	70	13327	191	25948
Avg.BF/tree		198		306		326		175		136		179		190		136

Hardwood Culls		
Diameter	Trees	Cords
6	220	9
8	222	19
10	241	39
12	123	30
14	33	10
16	24	9
18	21	11
20	23	14
22	8	6
24	13	11
6"-10"	928	66
12"+	245	92
Total	1173	158
<i>* 5 culls larger than 24"</i>		

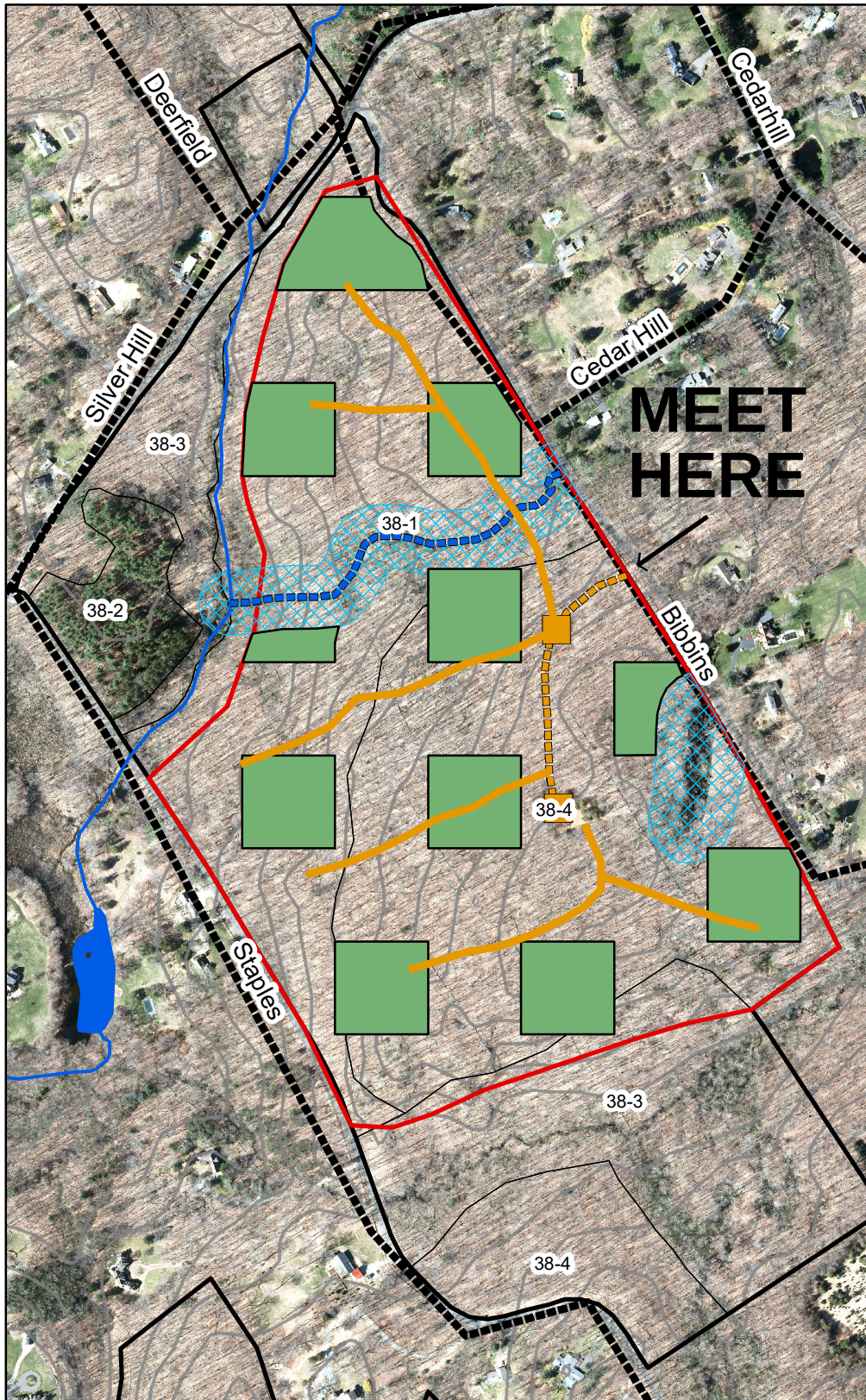
W-468 Base Map

Centennial Watershed State Forest (CWSF)
Aspetuck-Hemlock Reservoir Block
Stands 38-1 and 38-4
Easton, CT
Approx. 20 Acres



Prepared by: R. Turnbull
2026

0 0.075 0.15 0.3 Miles



Legend

- Potential Landing Sites
- Roads
- 20 Foot contours
- Skid Trail
- Intermittent Stream
- Acces Road
- Watercourses
- Patch Harvests
- 100-foot Buffer
- Harvest Area
- Forest Stands
- CWSF Property Boundary

Silvicultural Purpose: To establish a diverse cohort of tree regeneration within 2-acre forest gaps. Currently, the understory of these stands lacks a strong component of seedling and sapling-sized trees. There is ample diversity in the canopy, however this diversity is not reflected in the understory. Creating patches throughout stands 38-1 and 38-4 will allow a diverse new generation of trees to establish. Between the patches, the forest will remain in its current condition. Over the past 2 years, invasive plants have been removed in preparation for this project. 100-foot no-cut buffers have been established around Ballwall brook, the pond, and the intermittent stream.

Forest Products to be Harvested: 126,000 board feet of hardwood sawtimber & 160 cords of hardwood firewood.

Historically, stands 38-1 and 38-4 were primarily used for agriculture prior to the reestablishment of the forest. Centennial Watershed State Forest has a long history of active forest management dating back to the early 1900s.

BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF STANDING TIMBER ON ASPETUCK RESERVOIR WATERSHED, CENTENNIAL
WATERSHED STATE FOREST

SALE W-468

BIDS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM.

1. **Bidders MUST provide their complete legal name and that of the company or individual they represent in offering the bid. The names and address on this form must be exact, correct and identical to any corporate resolutions, authorizations or affidavits that may be required.**
2. **Successful bidders must complete a Vendor Form with Aquarion Water Authority before signing the completed Sales Agreement.**
3. **The name of the insured on the insurance certificate must match the name of the company or individual on the completed Sales Agreement.**

To Aquarion Water Authority,

The undersigned agrees to purchase for the lump sum of _____ dollars
(\$_____) approximately 126,918 board feet (Int'l. ¼") of marked timber and 158 cords
of hardwood listed on the tally sheet attached to the foregoing "Invitation to Bid – Sale #W-468" and to
remove same from the property of Centennial Watershed State Forest in strict accordance with all of
the terms and conditions in the sale agreement.

Name of Entity_____

Signature of Bidder_____

(print name)_____

CT Certification Number_____

Address_____

Contact Phone Number_____

Email Address_____

Date_____