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May 29, 2019

Melanie Bachman, Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-HCDREOS-02

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") is filing the attached Sub-Petition No. 1293-HCDREOS-02 with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"), regarding maintenance work within its transmission right-of-way in Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex and Old Saybrook, Connecticut. The work includes replacing 23 existing wooden transmission structures with new weathering steel transmission structures.

Eversource notified the officials of the municipalities of Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex and Old Saybrook of Eversource's submission of the Sub-Petition and sent copies of the Sub-Petition to owners of directly abutting properties (see Proof of Notice).

Enclosed please find an original and 3 copies of this filing.

Please contact me at 860-728-4527 if you have any questions regarding the enclosed Sub-Petition.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Sub-Petition

Exhibit B: Photographs and Photo Simulation

Exhibit C: Maps

Exhibit D: Abutter Letter and Proof of Notice

ATTACHMENT A SUB-PETITION

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY doing business as <u>EVERSOURCE ENERGY</u>

Sub-Petition
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL – PETITION NO. 1293
TRANSMISSION FACILITY ASSET CONDITION
MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH
THE UPDATED NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY CODE
CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

Towns: Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex and Old Saybrook

Sub-Petition No. 1293-HCDREOS-02

Project: 1261/1598 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project

Structure Locations: 23 transmission structures located in Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex and Old

Saybrook, Connecticut

I. Introduction:

In accordance with Condition 1 of the March 30, 2017 ruling by the Connecticut Siting Council (the "Council") (as set forth in the Council's March 31, 2017 letter) regarding Petition No. 1293, The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") submits this Sub-Petition.

II. <u>Description of Transmission Work Activities:</u>

Eversource's 1261/1598 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project is part of an ongoing maintenance program which evaluates the integrity of its utility structures and implements repair, upgrade or replacement in order to ensure the safe and reliable transmission of power to its customers. Due to asset condition, many structures require replacement on portions of the 1261/1598 Line between Smith Hill Road in Haddam and Bokum Substation in Old Saybrook. The 1261/1598 Line, in its entirety, is a double circuit 115-killovolt line that extends from Haddam Substation in Haddam to Bokum Substation. Of these replacements, 23 structures require a slight increase in structure height to comply with current clearance requirements. The 23 structures to be replaced are a mix of wood H-frame and monopole structures.

Eversource plans to conduct transmission structure replacement work to remediate wood structure damage caused by structure age, weather, and woodpecker activity. The following work ("Work Activities") will be performed:

 Replace 23 existing wood structures with new weathering steel structures. Each replacement structure will be of the same design as its corresponding existing structure, though slightly taller (10 feet or less) than the existing structures. The replacement structures will be installed within 15 feet of the existing structure locations.

III. No Substantial Adverse Environmental Effect:

Eversource respectfully submits that the proposed modifications would have no "substantial adverse environmental effect" pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50k, based on the following factors:

- a) All Work Activities would take place in areas within Eversource's property or existing right-of-way ("ROW") utilizing existing and proposed new permanent access roads, as well as some temporary access roads (collectively the "Work Areas"). Some of the existing access roads will be improved. Eversource can access the structure replacement locations utilizing its existing rights but is currently working with private landowners to obtain rights to utilize alternative off-ROW access routes that would minimize the amount of proposed temporary access roads that would need to be installed within the ROW. In some areas, alternative off-ROW access routes would lessen the impact to wetlands and/or residential areas.
- b) Work Activities would currently result in approximately 63,842 square feet ("SF") of temporary wetland/watercourse impacts, limited to temporary construction matting required for the construction of access roads and work pads for nine structures as follows:

Wetland Number	Structure Number	Construction Work Pads Temporary Impacts (SF)	Access Roads Temporary Impacts (SF)
W1/S1	6888	0	±179
W7	6924	±6,962	0
W14	6942 & 6945	±9,611	±1,500
W15	6951 & 6952	±19,277	±1,840
W16	6958	±1,395	0
W17	6982 & 6986	±23,078	0
Subtotals:		±60,323	±3,519
TOTAL:		±63	,842

Work would be conducted in accordance with Eversource's *Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts and Connecticut (Construction and Maintenance Environmental Requirements)*, September 2016 ("BMPs") to avoid impact to nearby wetland and watercourse resources.

c) No direct impacts to vernal pools ("VP") would result from the proposed Work Activities. Vernal pool species protection measures will be implemented where Work Activities extend into vernal pool envelopes ("VPE"). A total of seven VP habitats have been identified near Work Activities. Each VP has been assigned a successive number from north to south, respectively (VP1 through VP7). There are no proposed Work Activities within the VPEs of VP1, VP2, VP3, VP4, VP5, and VP7. Existing access roads will not be widened or altered where they extend into the VPEs of isolated VP habitats, including: VP1, VP2, VP3, VP4, VP5 and VP7. A portion of the work pad for structure 6946 is located within VPE6. Non-elevated construction matting will be utilized on this temporary work pad to avert amphibian access and avoid entrapment.

An environmental monitor will oversee the Work Areas for activities conducted during the amphibian breeding season. If amphibian migration activity starts during the Work Activities, additional BMPs will be implemented to protect vernal pool species. With the implementation of these protective measures, no adverse impact to vernal pools would result from the proposed Work Activities.

d) As a result of Eversource's review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("CTDEEP") Natural Diversity Data Base ("NDDB"), only the Work Activities associated with the work pads for structures 6982 and 6986 are proposed within a NDDB buffered area and wetland jurisdictional area and/or CTDEEP owned/managed land and therefore would be subject to a NDDB review request. Eversource is currently in consultation with CTDEEP regarding Eversource's proposed work in these areas and will adhere to any state-listed species protection measures recommended by CTDEEP, as necessary. Any recommended measures will be incorporated into Eversource's BMPs during construction. With these protection measures, no adverse impacts to state-listed rare species are anticipated.

- e) The Work Activities will not require any tree clearing. However, Eversource may need to undertake minor tree trimming and/or vegetation removal/mowing within the managed ROW corridor to improve access to portions of the Work Areas.
- f) A Phase IA assessment review of previously recorded cultural resources on file with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office conducted by Heritage Consultants, LLC did not identify any National or State Register of Historic Places properties/districts located within 500 feet of the Work Areas. Based on a review of historic maps, aerial photographs and available soil profiles, eight of the proposed work pad locations were identified to possess a potential for moderate to high archaeological sensitivity. A Phase 1B cultural reconnaissance survey (shovel pit testing) at these locations found no physical evidence of archaeological significance, therefore, no further investigation is recommended or warranted.
- g) Increases in the heights of the 23 replacement structures will average approximately 6 feet and none will exceed 10 feet.
- h) Replacement structures would be located within 15 feet of existing structures.
- i) There are no 100-year flood zones in the Work Areas.
- j) No change in noise levels would result from the installation of the new structures and the applicable lines would continue to comply with the State of Connecticut noise regulations.
- k) Any changes in electric and magnetic field levels outside the ROW would be negligible.

IV. <u>Mitigation:</u>

Temporary environmental effects from construction will be mitigated as follows:

- Erosion and sediment controls ("E&S") will be employed and maintained, as needed, throughout the execution of the Work Activities in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control and the BMPs.
- Potential impacts to wetlands and watercourses will be mitigated with the use of temporary construction matting and adherence to the BMPs.
- Vernal pool protective measures will be incorporated into the Eversource's BMPs during construction.
- Any NDDB recommended rare species protective measures will be incorporated into Eversource's BMPs during construction.
- Eversource's contractor will perform construction sequencing such that any earth materials
 are exposed for a minimum of time before they are covered, seeded, or otherwise stabilized
 to prevent erosion.
- During construction, when necessary, anti-tracking mats would be installed at construction entrances onto public roads to prevent tracking of soil onto local streets.
- Upon completion of the Work Activities, all disturbed/exposed areas would be stabilized and revegetated. After the establishment of permanent ground cover, Eversource's contractor would remove the temporary E&S controls and remove/dispose of any accumulated sediments and debris from areas where such measures were used.

V. Access:

Some new permanent access roads would be constructed to facilitate access to structures within the ROW and existing access roads in upland areas may be hardened and temporarily widened at turning areas to facilitate the safe passage of construction vehicles. Construction matting would be used on temporary access roads in wetlands as well as in agricultural/maintained lawn upland areas. The matting will be removed upon completion of the Work Activities and the areas restored, as necessary.

Eversource would access the Work Areas by entering its property and/or ROW from existing access points on public roads as follows:

<u>Haddam</u>

- Smith Hill Road for structure 6888
- Ruth Hill Road for structures 6899 and 6909 (alternate off-ROW access route if rights are obtained)

Chester

- Deep Hollow Road for structures 6899 and 6909
- Wig Hill Road for structure 6919
- Bokum Road for structure 6924

Deep River

- Bridge Street for structures 6931, 6932 and 6934
- Hillside Terrace for structure 6942
- Kelsey Hill Road for structures 6945, 6946, 6947 and 6951 (off-ROW access from an alternative location on Kelsey Hill Road would be used for structure 6951 if rights are obtained)
- Middlesex Turnpike for structure 6952

Essex

- Dump Road and Eagle Ridge Drive for structures 6954, 6958, 6959 and 6960
- Bokum Road for structures 6973, 6975 and 6976

Old Saybrook

Bokum Road for structures 6982 and 6986

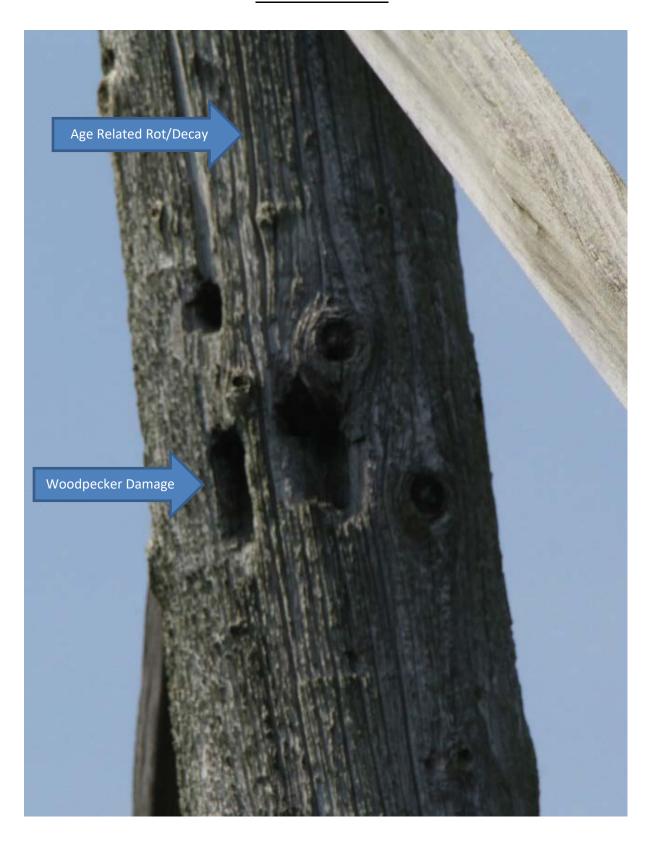
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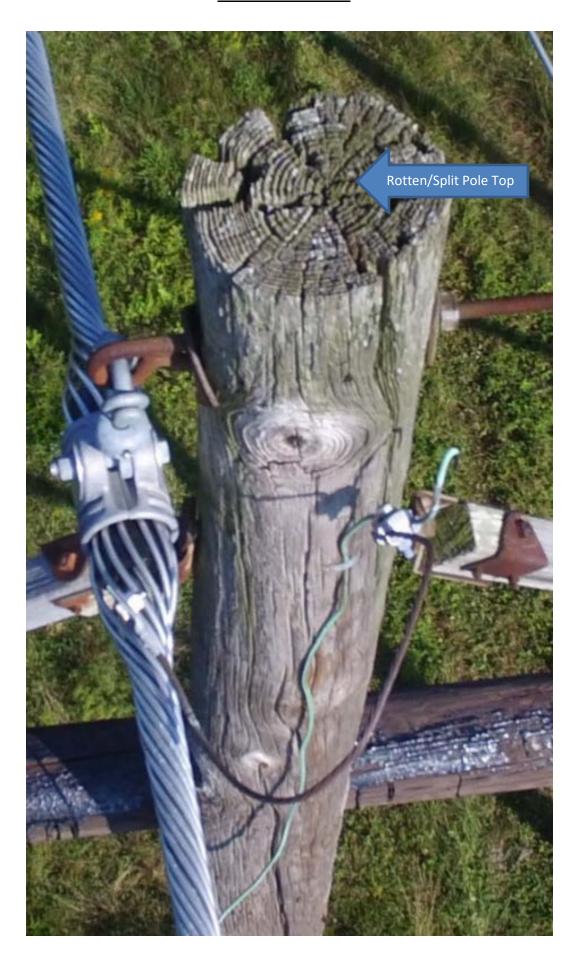
Manager - Transmission Siting

ATTACHMENT B PHOTOGRAPHS AND PHOTO SIMULATION











1261-1598 LINE

RIGHT-OF-WAY ROUTE 82, HADDAM, CT ORIENTATION







RIGHT-OF-WAY ROUTE 82, HADDAM, CT ORIENTATION

SOUTHEAST



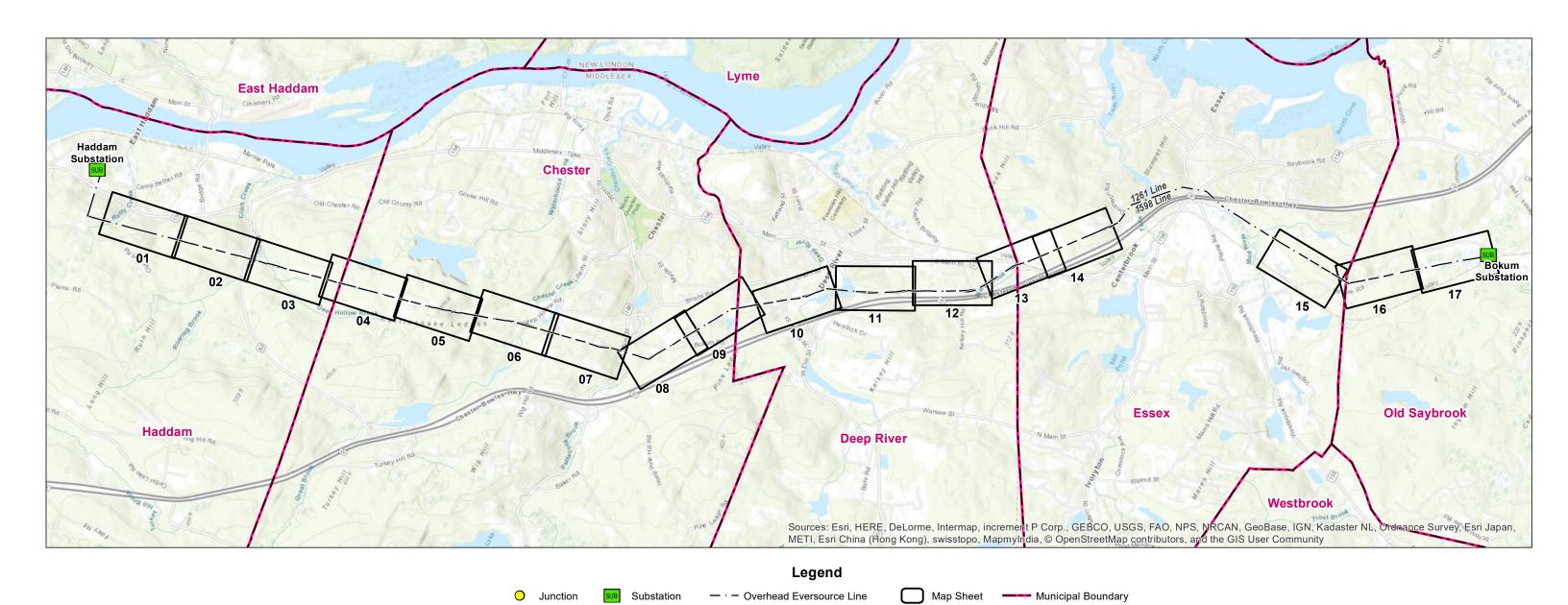


ATTACHMENT C MAPS

1261/1598 Line - Structure Replacement Project

Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Old Saybrook, CT Sub-Petition Map Set

Date: May 17, 2019



PREPARED FOR:



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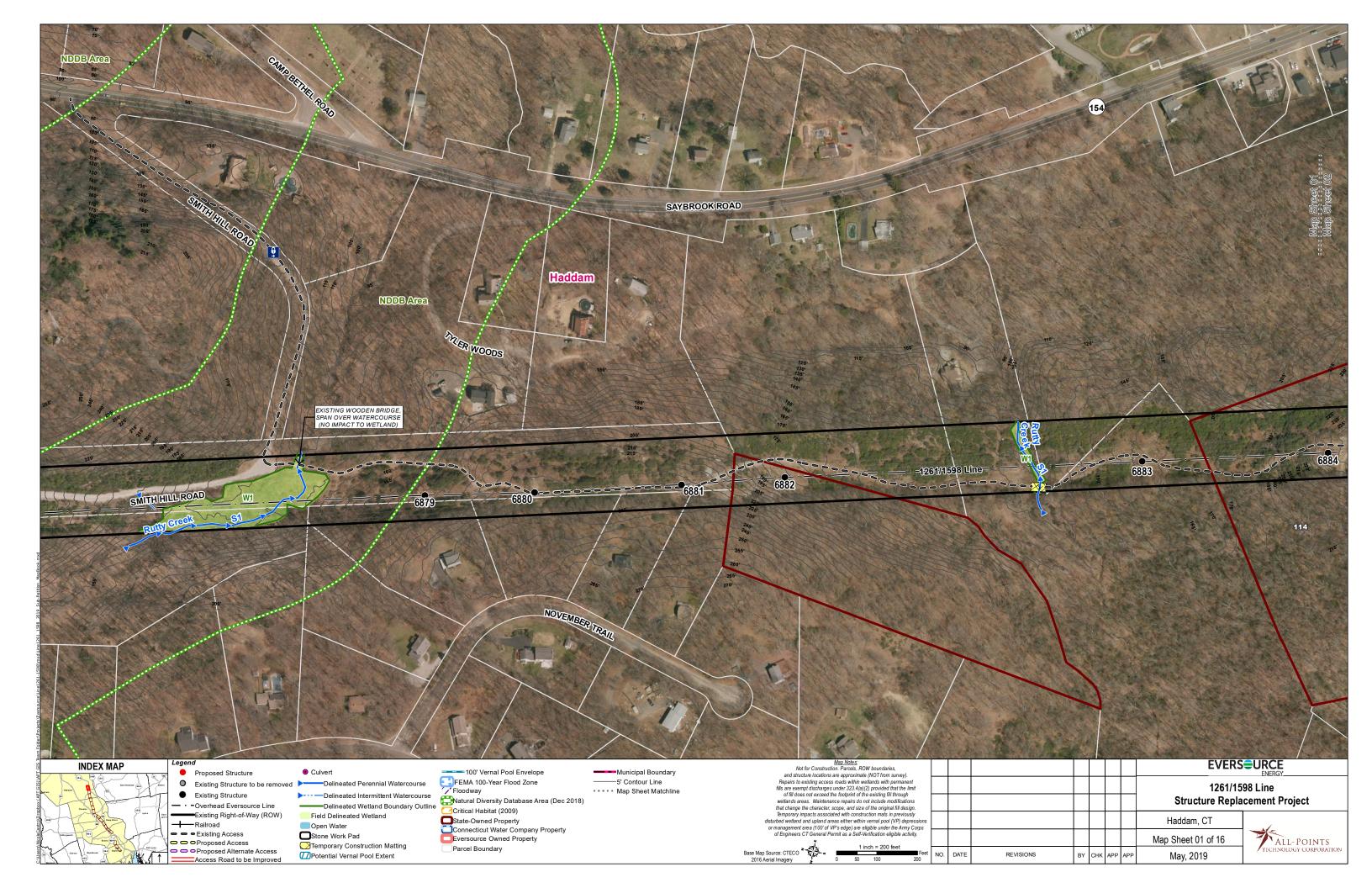
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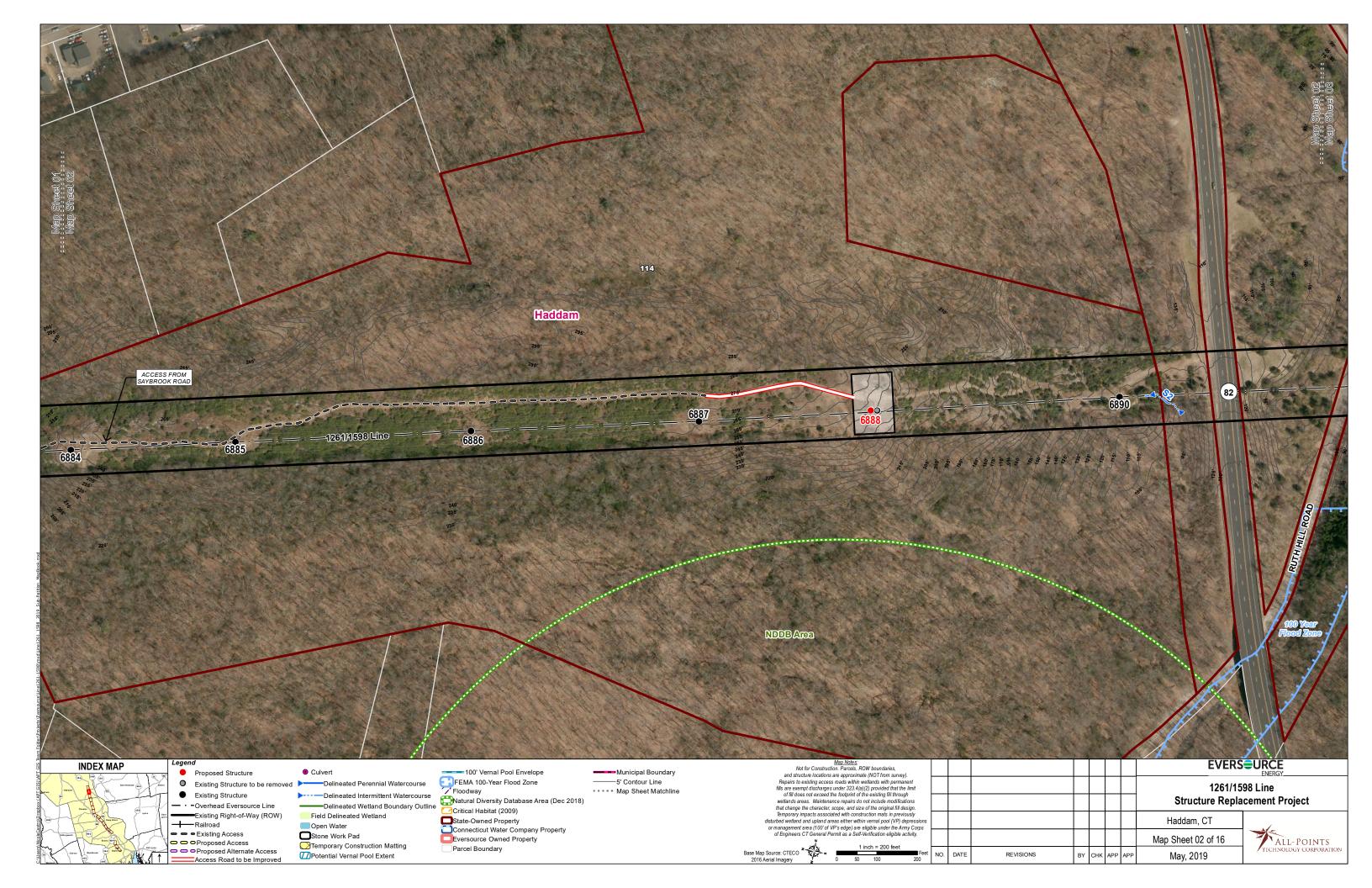
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No Abutters to Jurisdictional Work Areas



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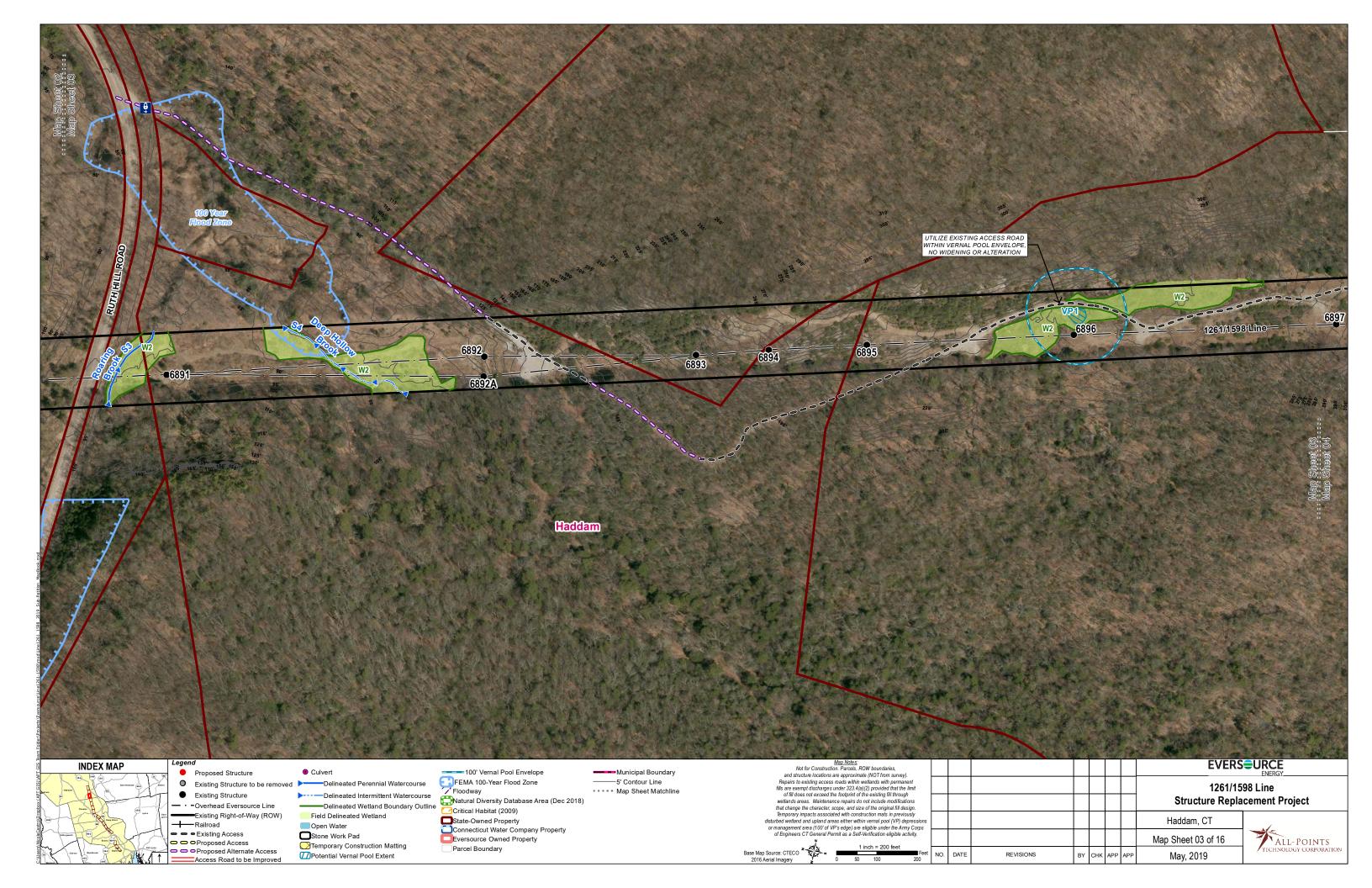
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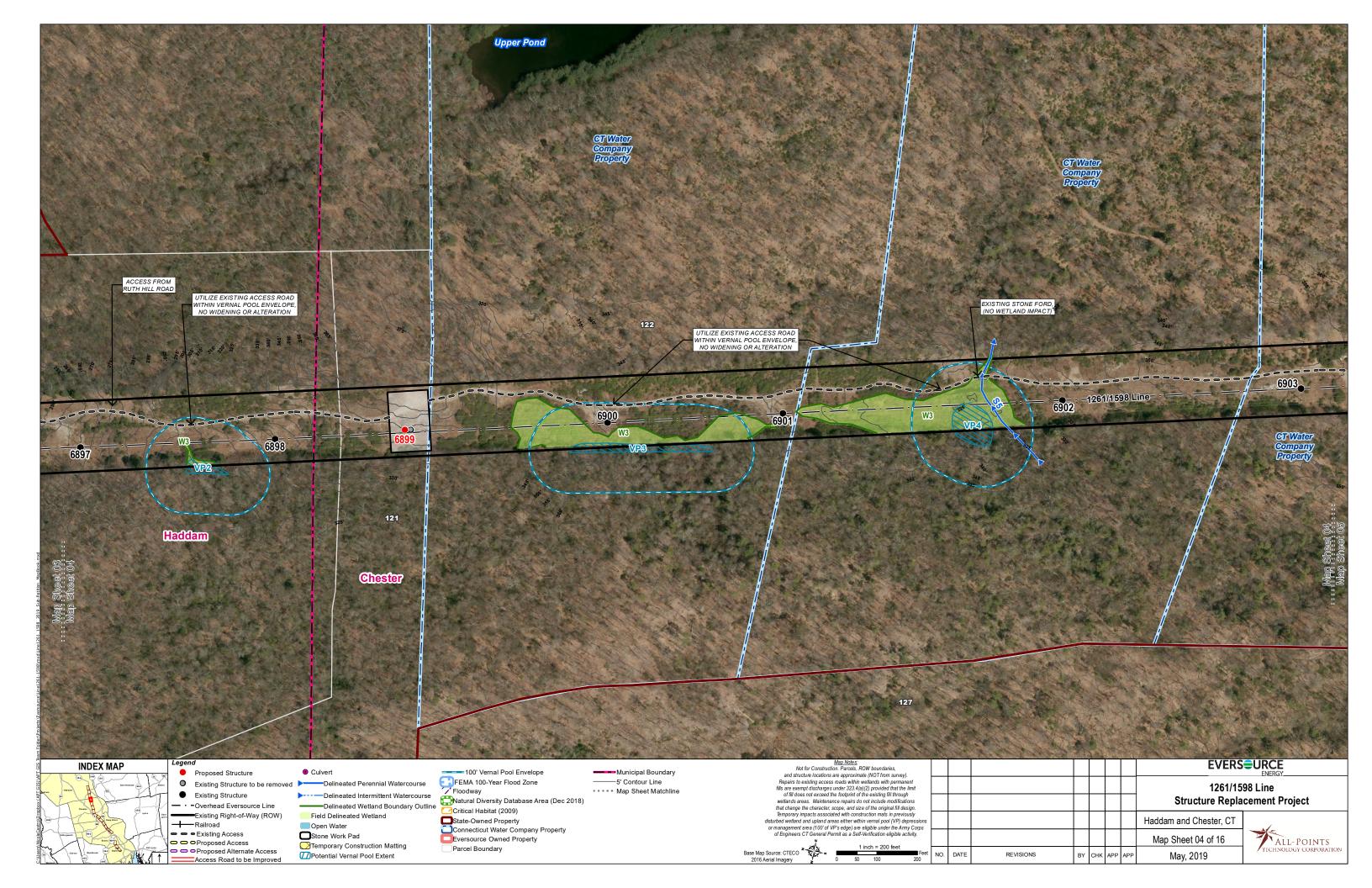
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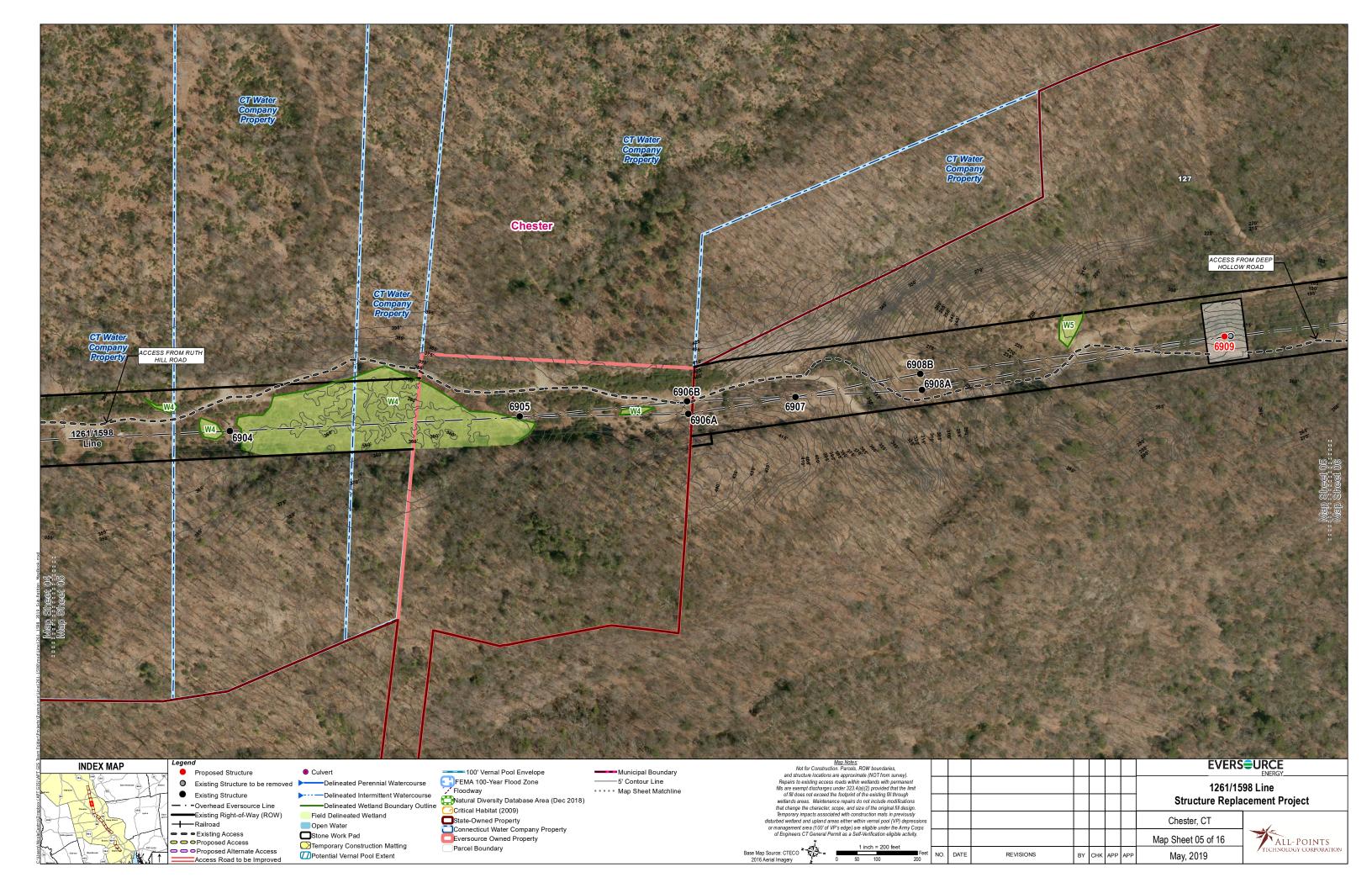
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121	RUSSELL A & ANN W MCNUTT	HADDAM CHESTER LINE	HADDAM	СТ
122	CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY	OLD COUNTY ROAD	CHESTER	СТ



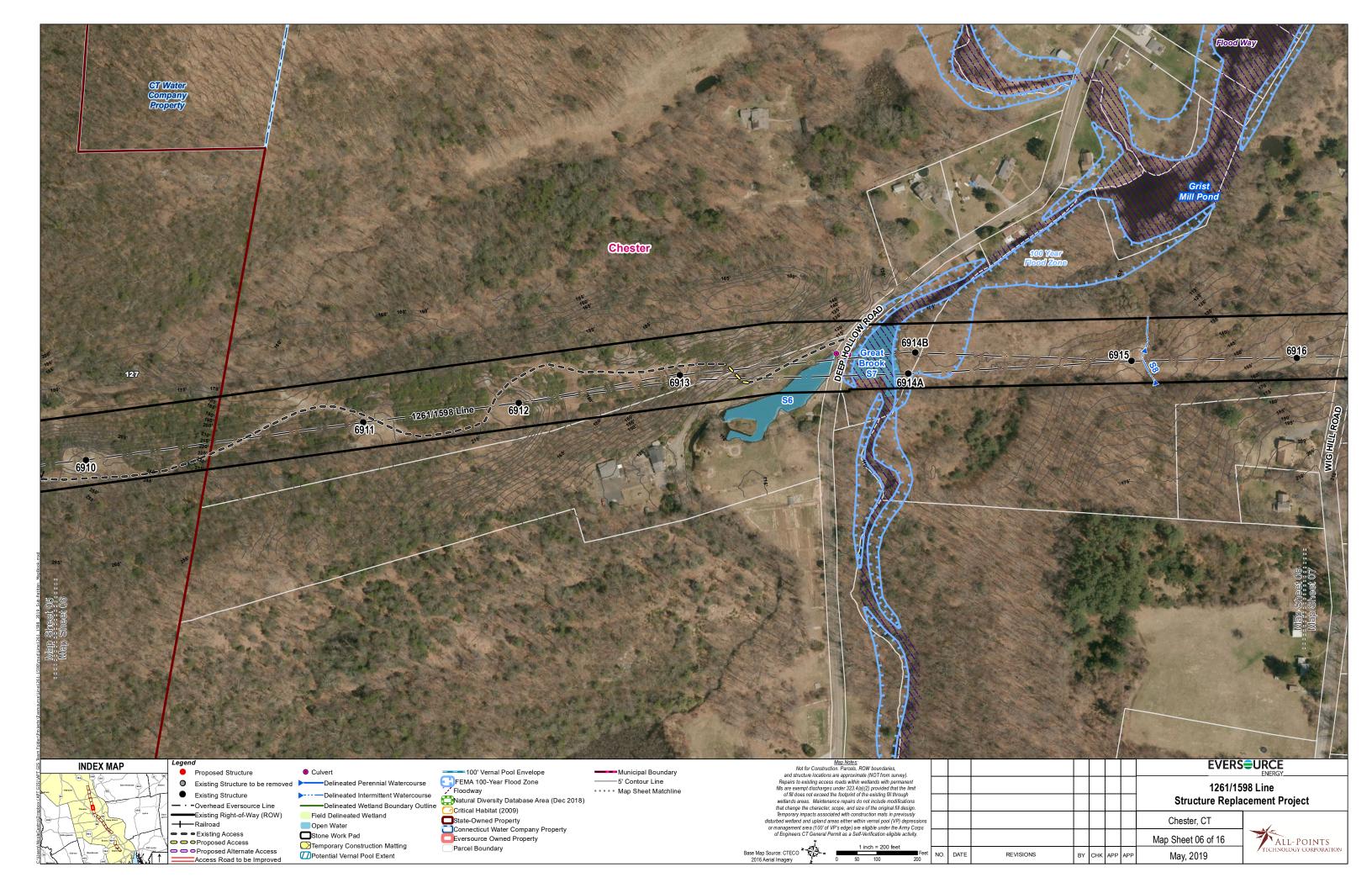
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127	STATE OF CONNECTICUT C/O DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTCTION	DEEP HOLLOW ROAD	CHESTER	СТ



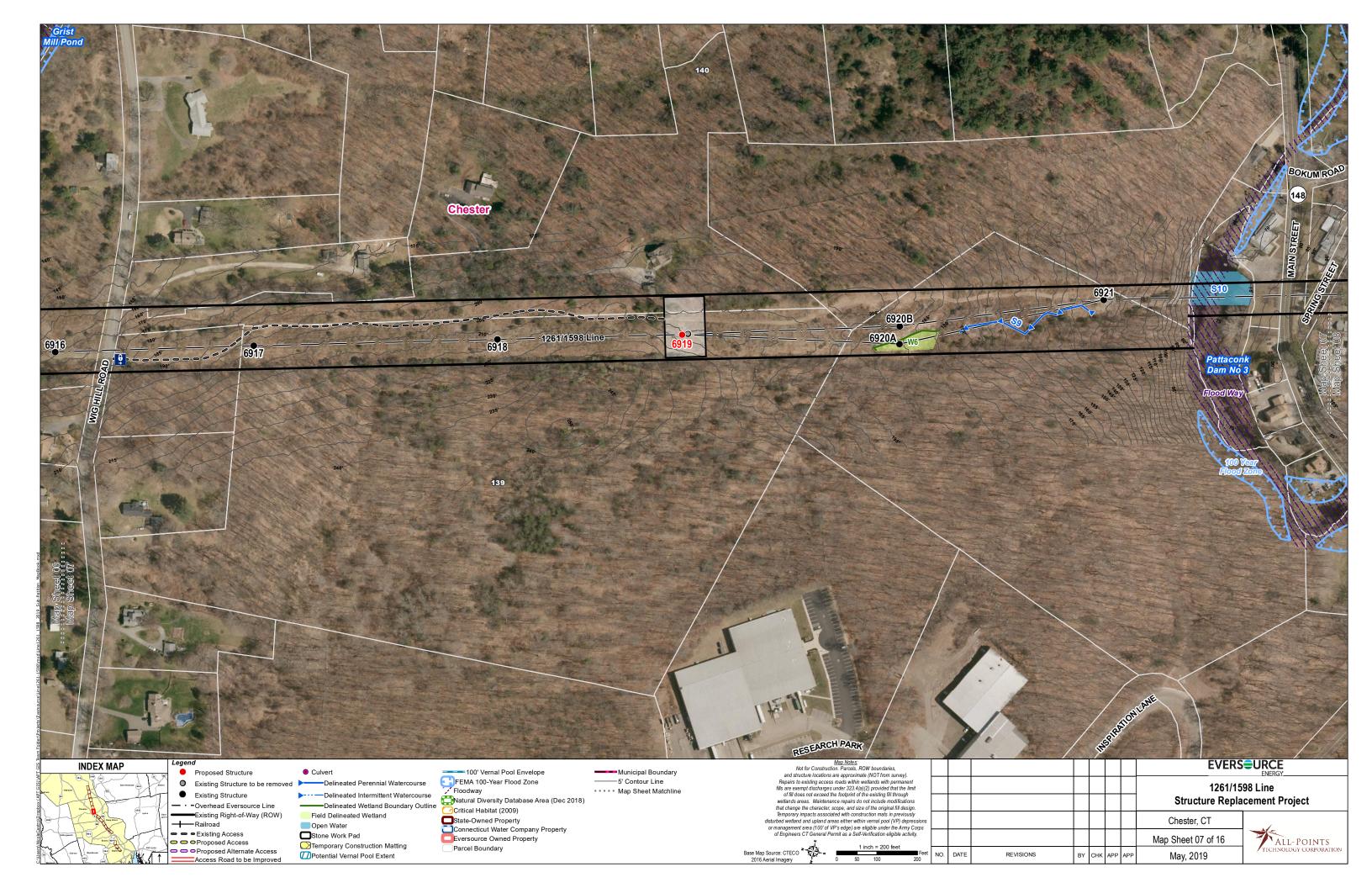
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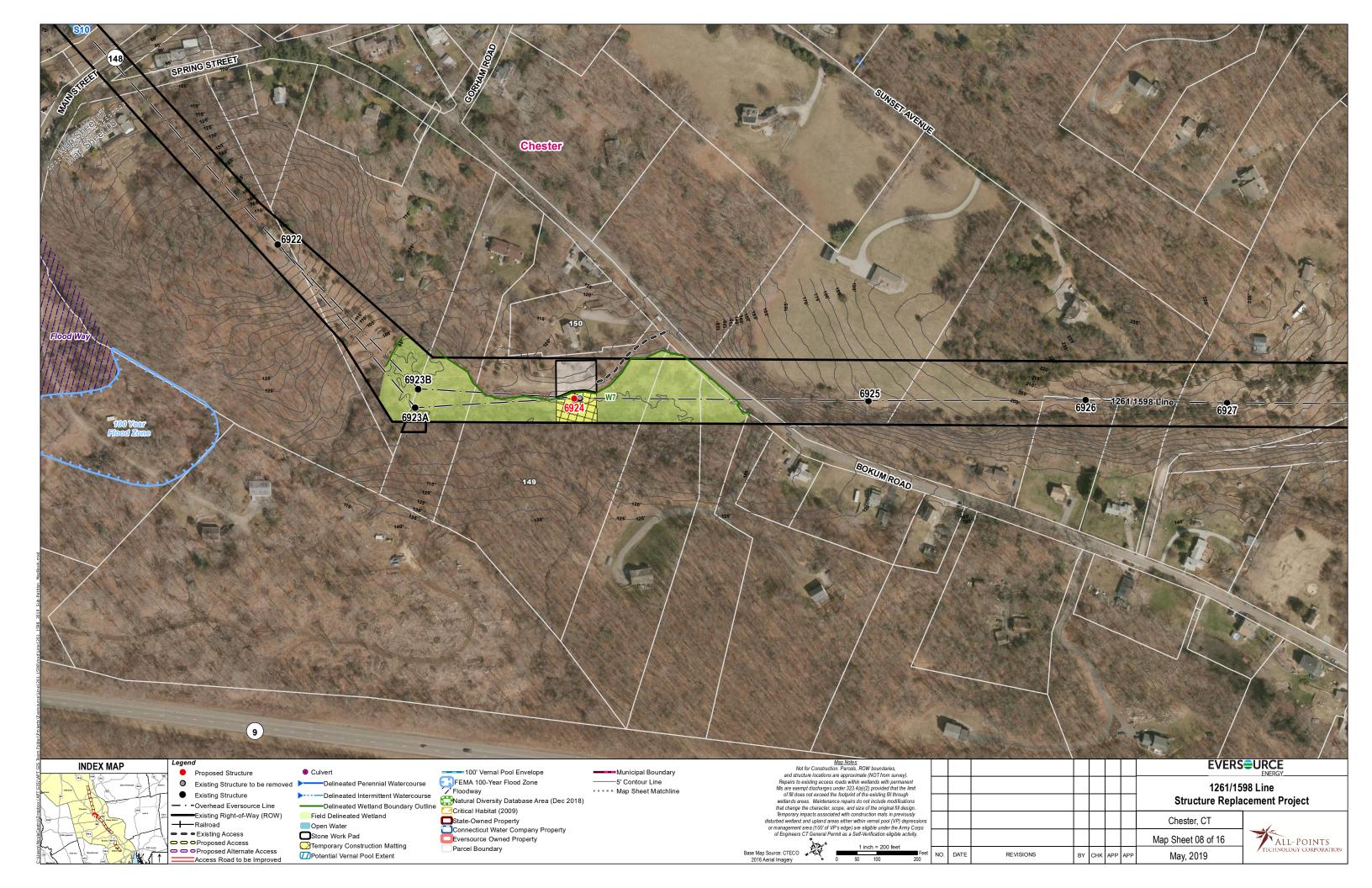
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139	BRUCE H WATROUS & BETSEY A PASINELLA TRS	WIG HILL ROAD	CHESTER	СТ
140	KAREN & ANDREW PERNA	17 WIG HILL ROAD	CHESTER	СТ



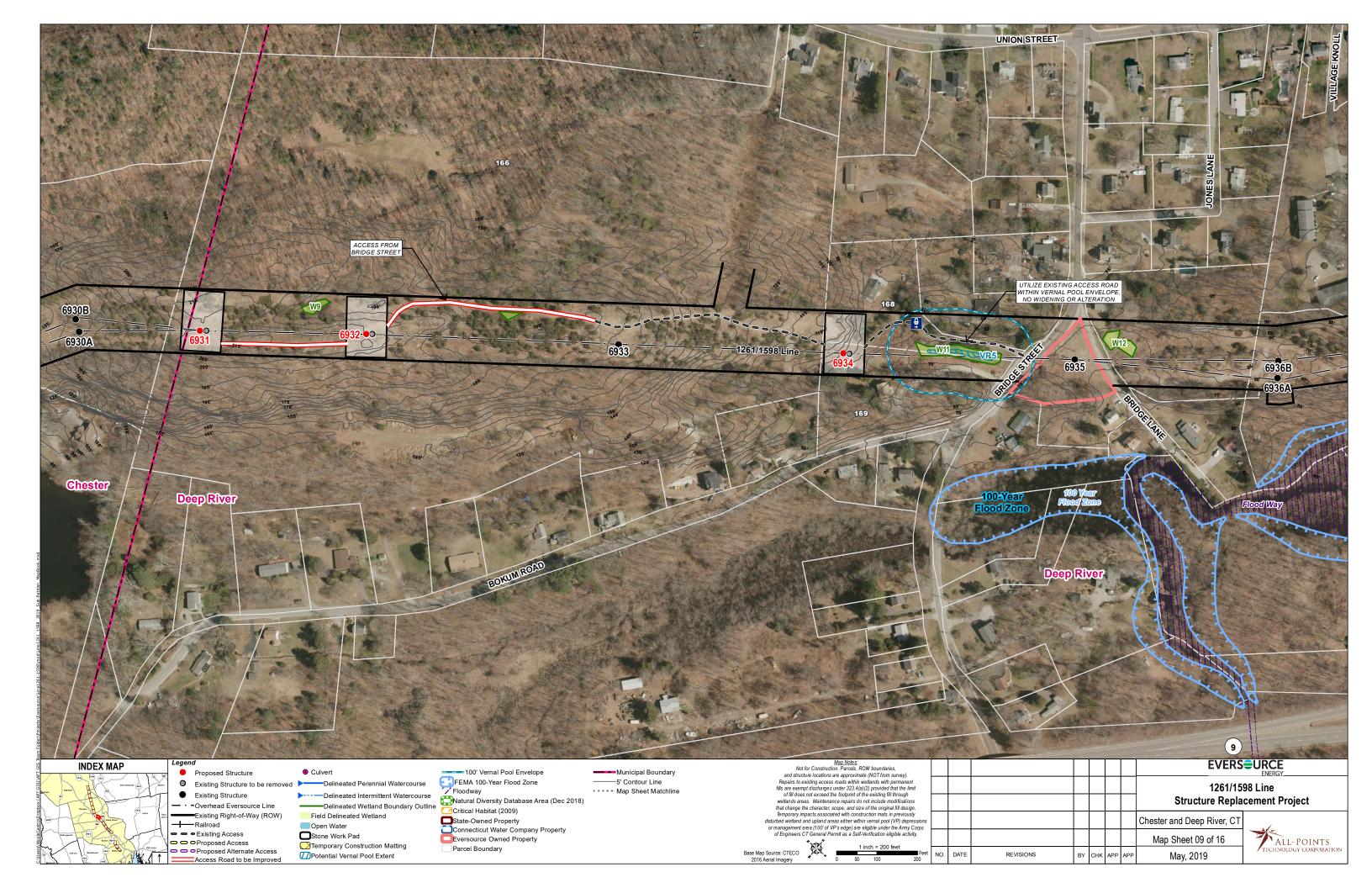
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149	IRWIN GRIFFITH & CHARLEEN CARFI	16 BOKUM ROAD	CHESTER	СТ
150	JESSICA E FUNKE	18 BOKUM ROAD	CHESTER	СТ



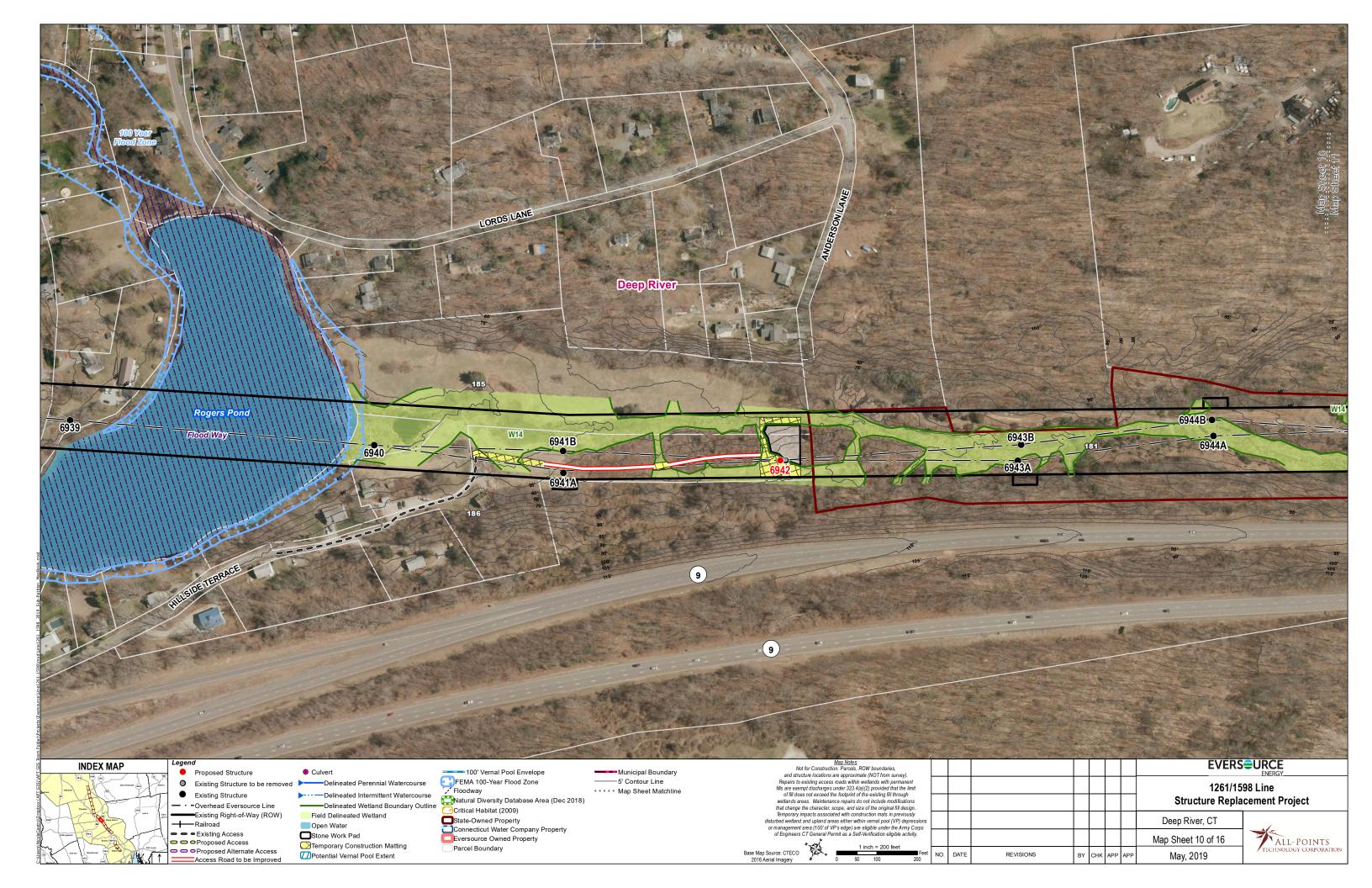
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166	RICHARD J PYTLIK	BOKUM ROAD	DEEP RIVER	СТ
168	ADAM HARRIS & ASHLEY BARTEK	106 WEST BRIDGE STREET	DEEP RIVER	СТ
169	LISA MARIE WICKSTROM & JOHN DUREK	110 WEST BRIDGE STREET	DEEP RIVER	СТ



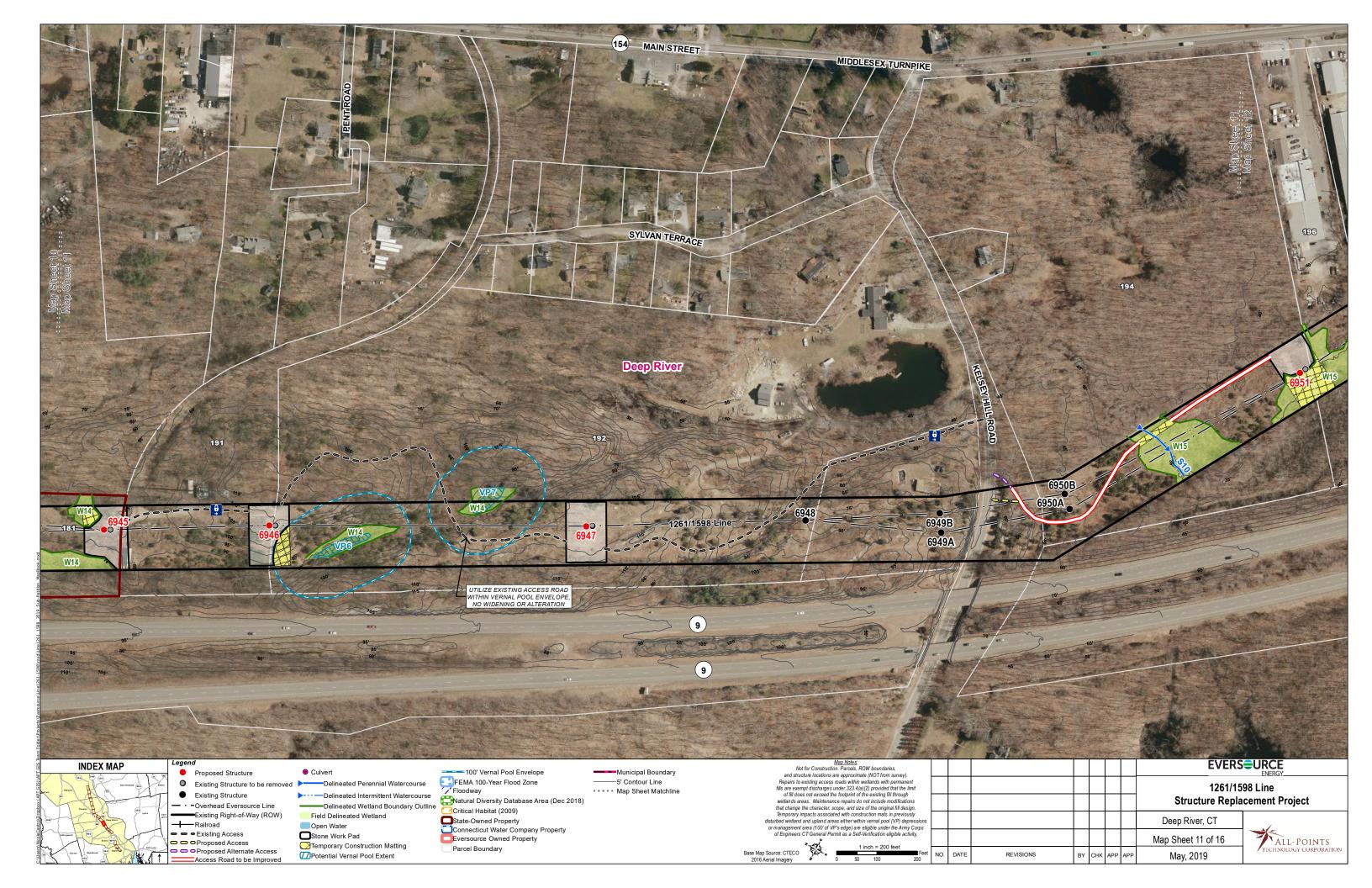
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185	PETER E HAASE	23 HILLSIDE TERRACE	DEEP RIVER	СТ
186	TYLER G. WHITE	36 HILLSIDE TERRACE	DEEP RIVER	СТ



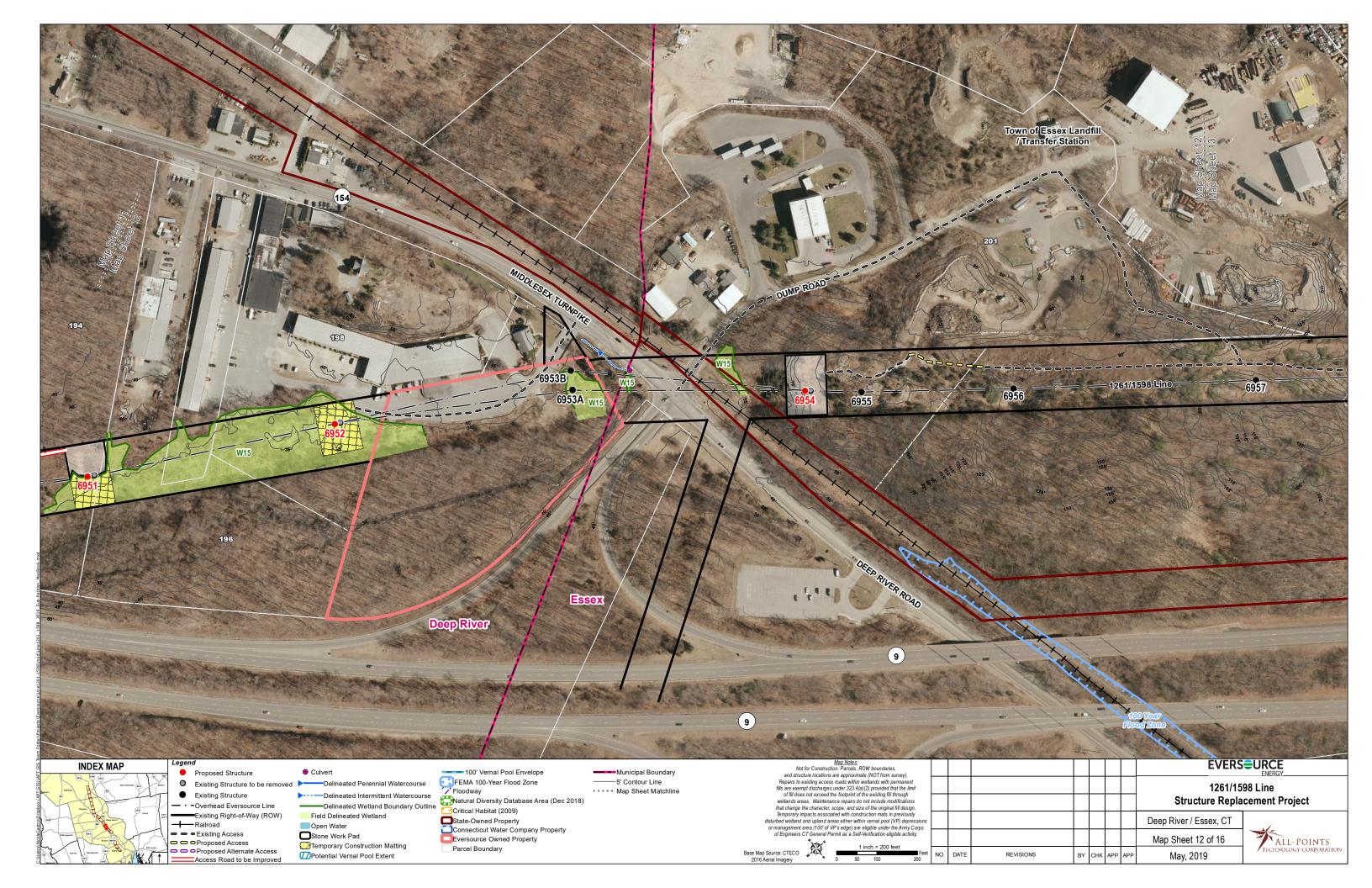
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181	STATE OF CONNECTICUT	ANDERSON LANE	DEEP RIVER	СТ
191	ROBERT R STALSBURG, JR &SHERI L. TRUSTEES	366 MAIN STREET	DEEP RIVER	СТ
192	SEAN & JENNIFER SCOTT	22 KELSEY HILL ROAD	DEEP RIVER	СТ
194	EUNICE H. HOWARD	414 MAIN STREET	DEEP RIVER	СТ
196	GEORGE G BARRLETT, JR	444 MAIN STREET	DEEP RIVER	СТ



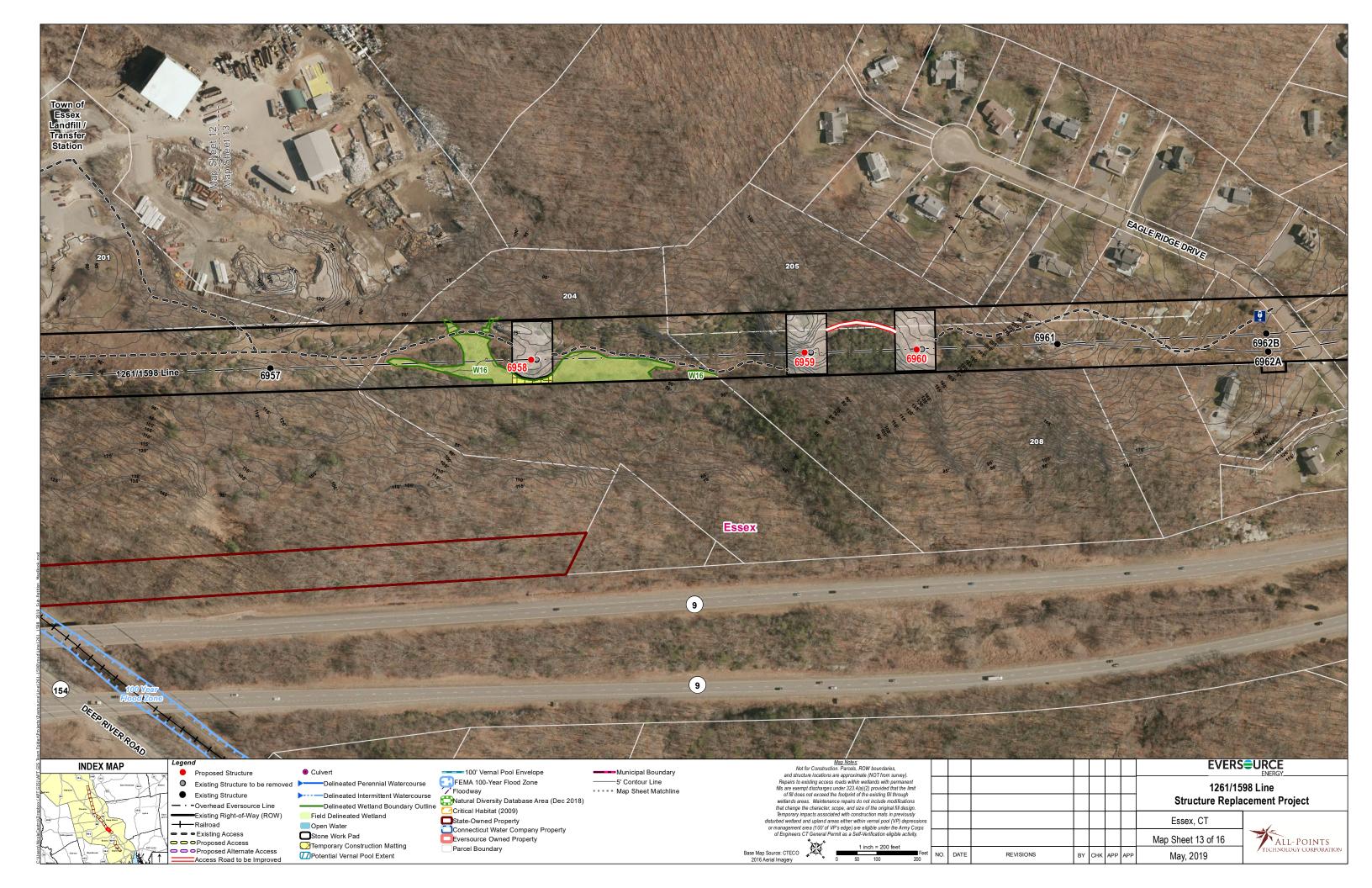
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194	EUNICE H. HOWARD	414 MAIN STREET	DEEP RIVER	СТ
196	GEORGE G BARRLETT, JR	444 MAIN STREET	DEEP RIVER	СТ
198	MISLICK FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, CONNECTICUT VALLEY INDUST & PARTNER	500 MAIN STREET	DEEP RIVER	СТ
201	TOWN OF ESSEX	1 DUMP ROAD	ESSEX	СТ



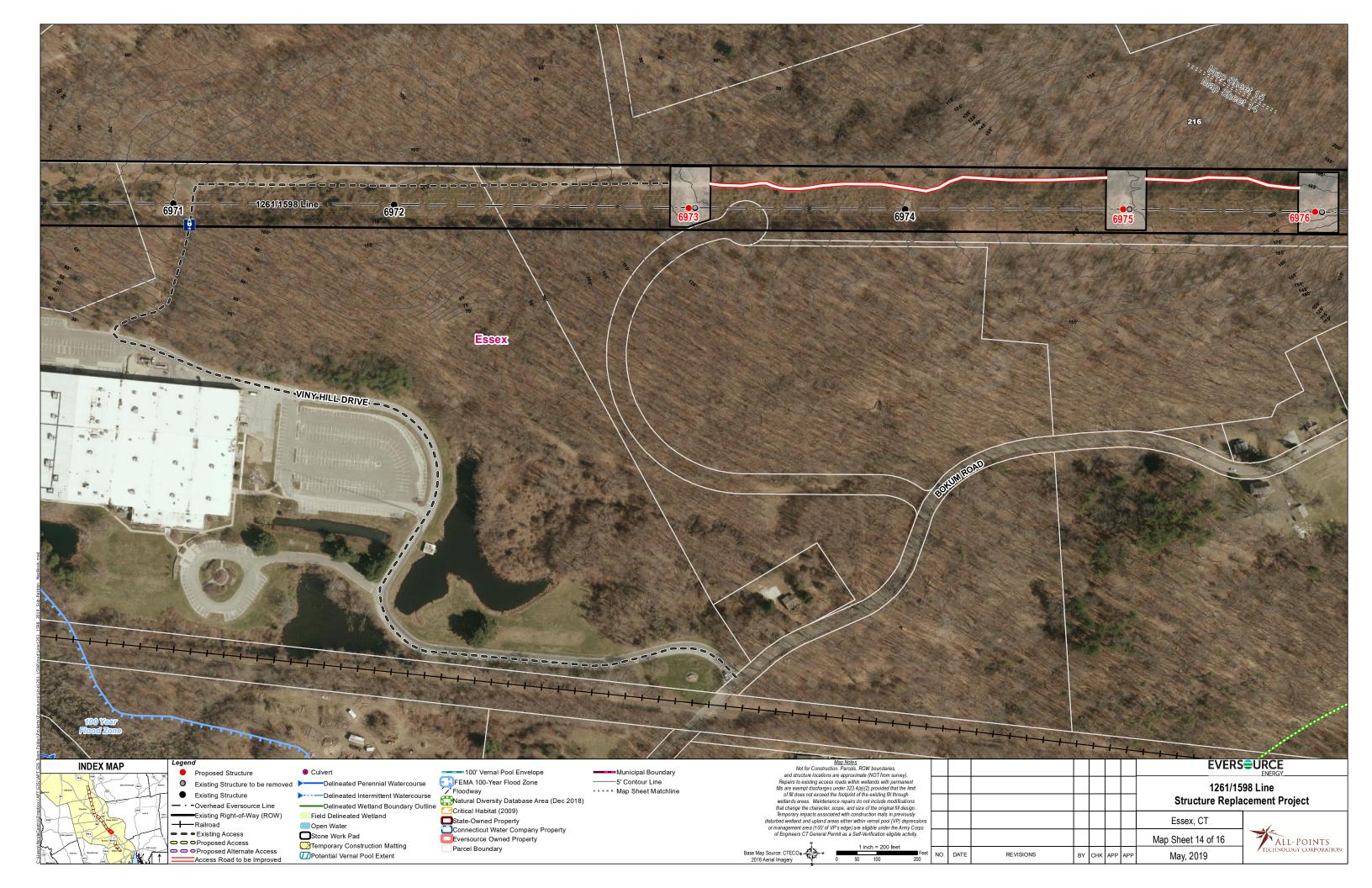
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201	TOWN OF ESSEX	1 DUMP ROAD	ESSEX	СТ
204	ESSEX LAND TRUST INC	EAGLE RIDGE DRIVE	ESSEX	СТ
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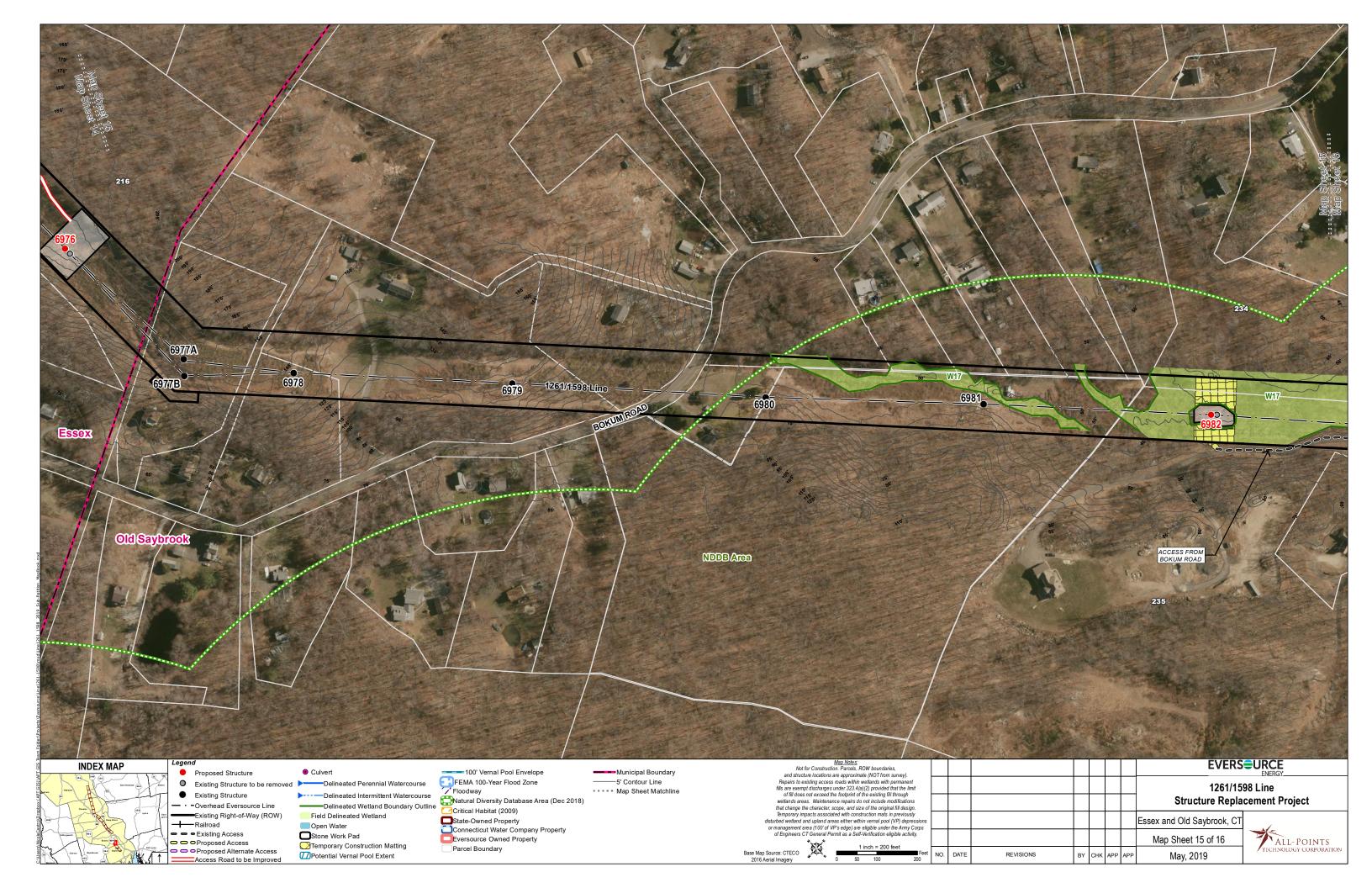
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216	STEPHEN R CLINE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATE IRREVOCABLE TRUST	BOKUM ROAD	ESSEX	СТ



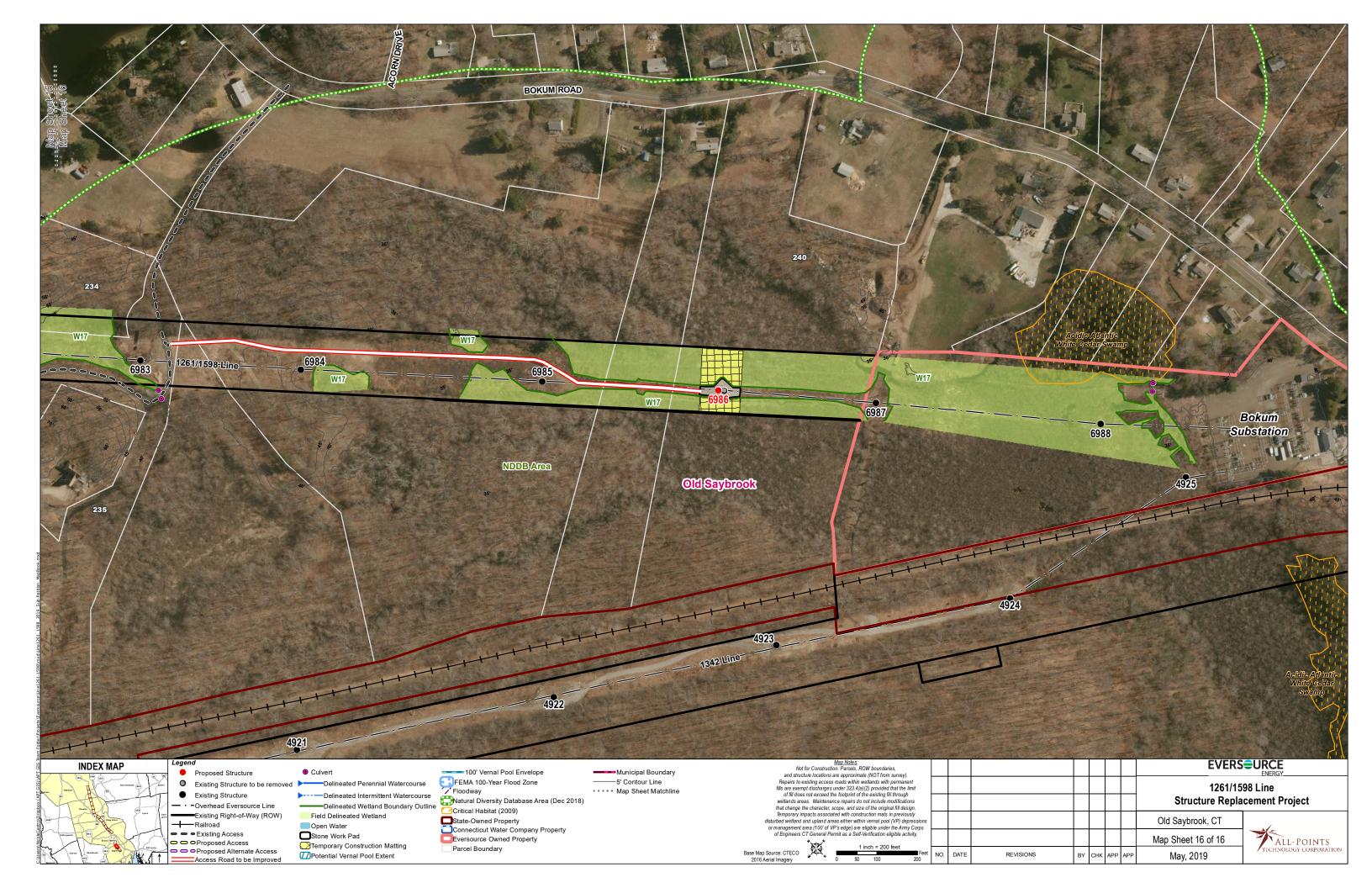
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216	STEPHEN R CLINE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATE IRREVOCABLE TRUST	BOKUM ROAD	ESSEX	СТ
234	THERESA L & WAYNE L MARTIN JR	129 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	СТ
235	MICHAEL A SPERA	107 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	СТ



Map Sheet 16 of 16 1261/1598 Line - Structure Replacement Project Abutters List

<u>Line List</u> <u>Number</u>	Owner Name	Parcel Address	City	<u>State</u>
234	THERESA L & WAYNE L MARTIN JR	129 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	СТ
235	MICHAEL A SPERA	107 BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	СТ
240	EUGENE M & LISA ANN EVANGELISTI	BOKUM ROAD	OLD SAYBROOK	СТ



ATTACHMENT D ABUTTER LETTER AND PROOF OF NOTICE



May 29, 2019

Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, we're planning work in your area to replace electric transmission structures. Maintaining the infrastructure that supports the electric lines is one of the ways Eversource ensures the safe, secure transmission of electricity throughout the region.

You're receiving this letter and a copy of the Sub-Petition because the proposed work would be taking place within the right of way on or near your property in Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Old Saybrook. A Sub-Petition is a document with detailed information about the proposed upgrades. Eversource is submitting Sub-Petition No. 1293-HCDREOS-02 this week to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) for its review and approval.

About This Electric System Improvement: What You Can Expect

First, we want you to know that this work will not interrupt electric service to your property.

As part of this project, we are proposing to replace, and slightly increase the height of the existing wood structures. The new, weathering steel structures will increase in height by 10 feet or less, depending on the location.

We are proposing to do the work within the existing rights of way on or near your property. The new structures will provide continued reliability of the transmission system.

Connecticut Siting Council Process and Timing

With this letter, Eversource is providing notice to you of its proposed work activity, as described in the enclosed Sub-Petition. If you have any comments or concerns about the project, please send them to the CSC at the following address within 30 days of the date of this letter: Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director; Connecticut Siting Council; Ten Franklin Square; New Britain, CT 06051. You may also email them to the siting.council@ct.gov. If you choose to send comments to the CSC, please reference Sub-Petition No. 1293-HCDREOS-02 in your correspondence.

Our Commitment to You

We are committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. If you would like more information about this work please call 1-800-793-2202, or send an email to TransmissionInfo@eversource.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eric LeBlanc

Eric LeBlanc

Eversource Project Manager - Transmission Projects

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF NOTICE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
COUNTY OF HADTEODD) ss. Hartford
COUNTY OF HARTFORD	1

In accordance with Condition 2 of the Connecticut Siting Council's ("Council") March 31, 2017 declaratory ruling on Petition No. 1293, I hereby certify that on May 29, 2019, I caused notice of the proposed maintenance activities including a copy of the Sub-Petition No.1293-HCDREOS-02 of The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy ("Eversource") to be served on the municipalities listed below and 27 abutters. The notice of the proposed maintenance activities states that comments or concerns regarding the maintenance activities described in the Sub-Petition should be submitted to the Council within 30 days of the date of such notice.

Municipal Officials:

Town of Haddam Lizz Milardo, First Selectman 30 Field Park Drive Haddam, CT 06438

Town of Chester Lauren Gister, First Selectwoman 203 Middlesex Avenue Chester, CT 06412

Town of Deep River Angus L. McDonald, Jr., First Selectman 174 Main Street Deep River, CT 06417 Town of Essex Norman Neddleman, First Selectman 29 West Avenue Essex, CT 06426

Town of Old Saybrook Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman 302 Main Street Old Saybrook, CT 06475

James L. Smith
Project Siting Specialist

On this the _____ day of May, 2019, before me, the undersigned representative, personally appeared, James L. Smith, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

FERNANDA MARIA BARROS
NOTARY PUBLIC. STATE OF CONNECTICUT
My Commission Expires September 30 2022