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November 7, 2018

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

Re: Sub-Petition No. 1293-HM-01

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") is filing the attached Sub-Petition No. 1293-HM-01 with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"), regarding maintenance work within its transmission right-of-way in Haddam and Middletown, Connecticut. The work includes replacing 41 existing wooden transmission structures with new weathering steel transmission structures.

Eversource notified the officials of the municipalities of Haddam and Middletown 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 C: 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

Town: Haddam and Middleton

Sub-Petition No. 1293-HM-01

Project: 1620 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project

Structure Location: 41 Transmission Structures located in Haddam and Middletown, 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. Description of Transmission Work Activities:

Eversource's 1620 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 a portion of the 1620 Line between Oxbow Road in Haddam and River Road in Middletown, Connecticut. The 1620 Line in its entirety, is a 115-kV transmission line that extends from the Middletown Generation Station in Middletown to Haddam Substation in Haddam, Connecticut. Of these replacements, 41 structures require a slight increase in structure height to comply with current clearance requirements. The 41 wood structures to be replaced are a mixed design of H-frames and monopoles.

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

• Replace 41 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 structures.

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) Work Activities would take place in areas within Eversource's property and 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.
- b) Work Activities would result in ±10,505 square feet ("SF") of temporary wetland impacts limited to temporary construction matting required for the construction of access roads to structures 14003, 14010, 14026, 14036 and construction work pads for structures 14041, 14043, and 14046. See table below for wetland impact details.

Access Roads	Construction Work Pads	Temporary Wetland Impacts (SF)
Access to Structure 14003		±235
Access to Structure 14010		±1,835
Access to Structure 14026		±235
Access to Structure 14036		±1,115
	Structure 14041	±390
	Structure 14043	±2,640
	Structure 14046	±4,055
	·	Total: ±10,505 (SF)

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. However, portions of access roads, both existing and temporary, are located within vernal pool envelopes. Elevated construction matting will be utilized in these areas to allow amphibian movement.

Specifically, portions of the existing access roads for structures 14035 and 14026 are located within the vernal pool envelopes ("VPE") associated with PVP-1 and PVP-2 respectively; however, no access road improvements are needed within these areas. A portion of the proposed temporary access road for structure 14025 is located within the VPE associated with PVP-3. Portions of the construction work pad for structure 14021 are located within the VPEs associated with PVP-5 and PVP-6. Construction matting will be utilized for the work pad to avoid impacts to these VPEs. In addition, a portion of the existing access road for structure 14022 is located within the VPE associated with PVP-5.

Work Activities are expected to be completed before the amphibian breeding season begins. In addition, a herpetologist will be employed to monitor the Work Areas for activity associated with the amphibian breeding season. If amphibian migration activity starts during 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 access to structure 14026 is proposed within a NDDB buffered area and wetland jurisdictional area and therefore would be subject to a NDDB review request. Eversource is currently in consultation with CTDEEP regarding its proposed work in this area and will adhere to any state-listed species protection measures recommended by CTDEEP, as necessary. Any recommended measures will be incorporated into the Company'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 1A assessment review of previously recorded cultural resources on file with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office conducted by Heritage Consultants, LLC did not identify that any National or State Register of Historic Places properties/districts are located within 500 feet of the Work Areas. Based on a review of historic maps, aerial photographs, and available soil profiles, 22 of the proposed work pad locations were identified to possess a potential for moderate to high archaeological sensitivity. These locations were evaluated in the field with a pedestrian survey by a representative from Heritage and 10 of them were found to contain steep slopes, large bedrock formations, have been previously disturbed, or have previously installed gravel pads. They were reclassified as no or low sensitivity areas. A Phase 1B cultural reconnaissance survey (shovel pit testing) was conducted to evaluate the remaining 12 structure locations for cultural resources and no cultural resource were identified. Therefore, no further cultural investigation is recommended or warranted, and no protective measures are required.
- g) Increases in the heights of the 41 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 line would continue to comply with the State of Connecticut noise regulations.
- k) Any changes in electric and magnetic field levels off 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.

- NDDB recommended rare species protective measures will be incorporated into the Company's BMPs during construction.
- Eversource's contractor will perform construction sequencing such that any earth materials are exposed for a minimum amount 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. <u>Access:</u>

Some new permanent access roads would be constructed to facilitate access to structures within the ROW and existing access roads 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 ROW from existing access points on public roads as follows:

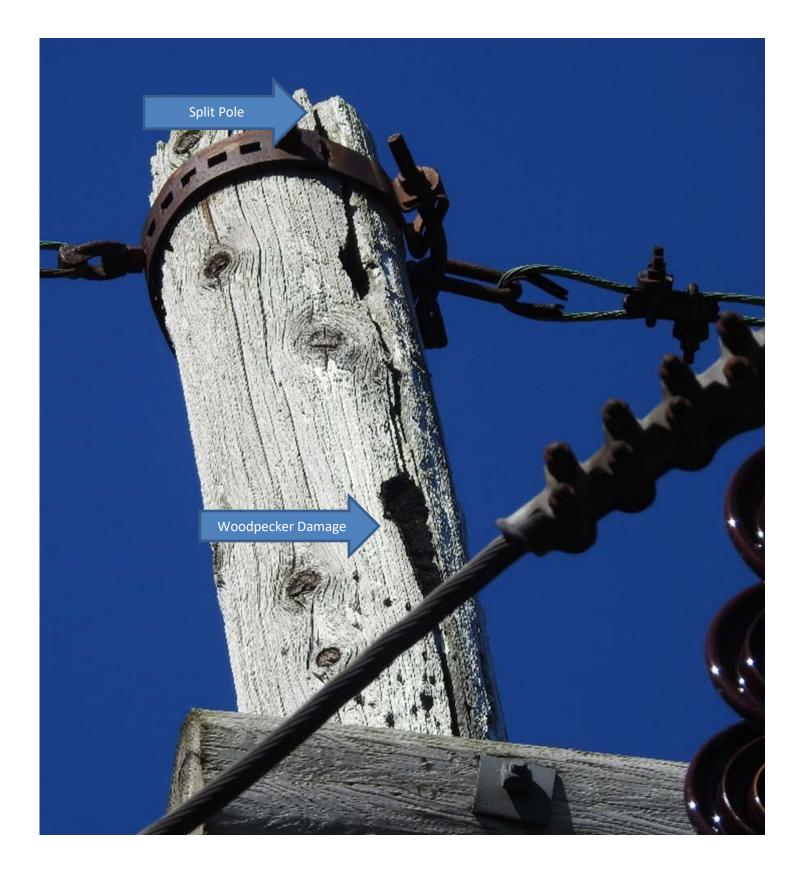
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- East Mount Road for Structures 14036, 14035, 14034, 14033, 14032, 14031, 14030, 14029, and 14028
- Bartholomew Road for Structure 14027 and 14026
- Saybrook Road for Structures 14025 and 14024
- Bear Hill Road for Structures 14023, 14022, 14021, 14020, 14019, 14018, 14017, and 14016
- Brooks Road for Structures 14015, 14014, and 14013
- River Road for Structures 14010, 14004, 14003, 14002, and 14001.

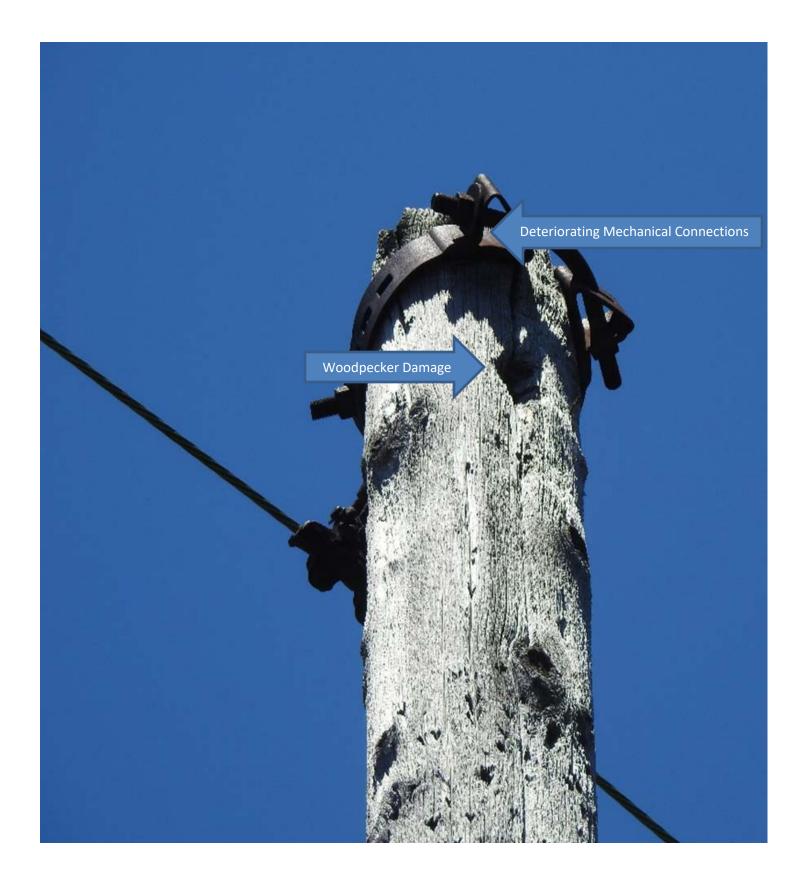
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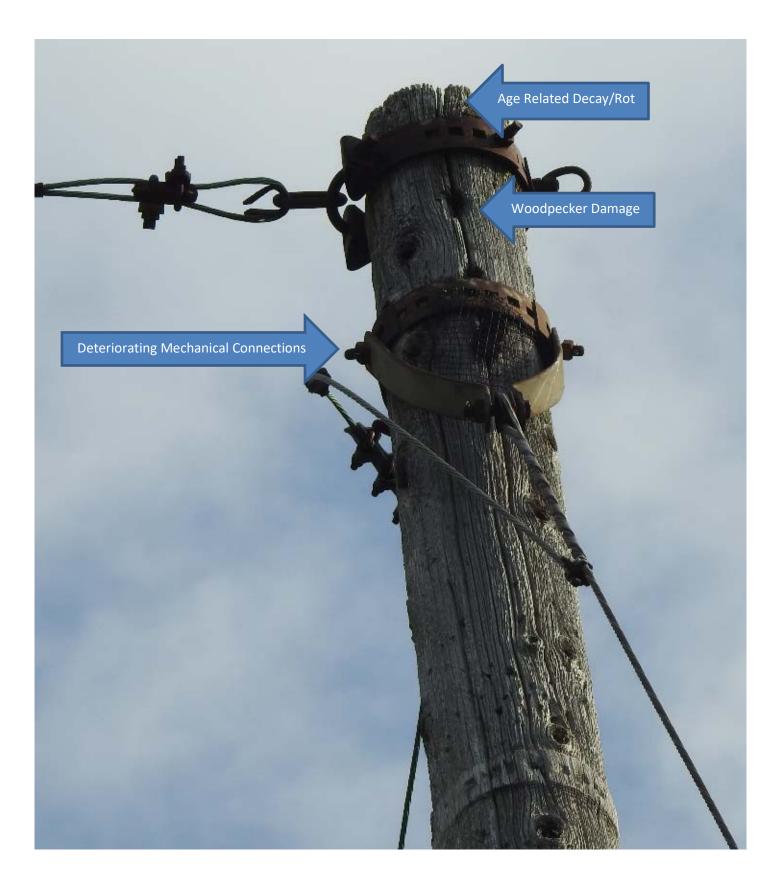
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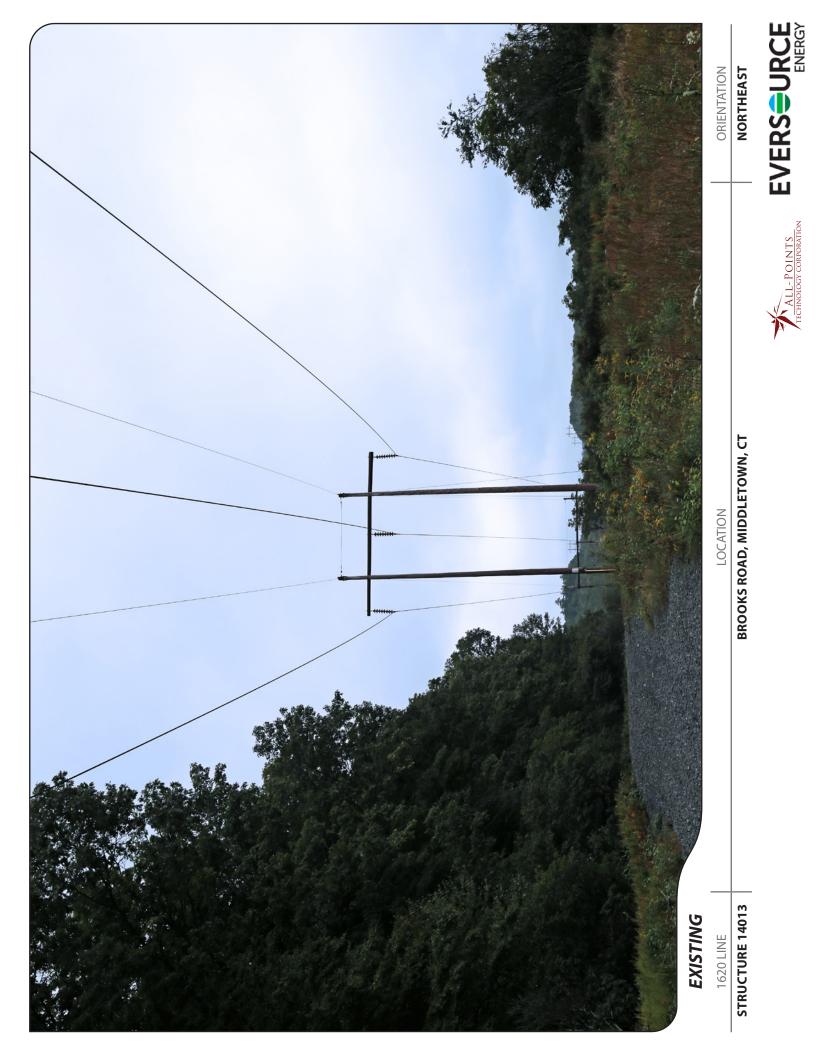
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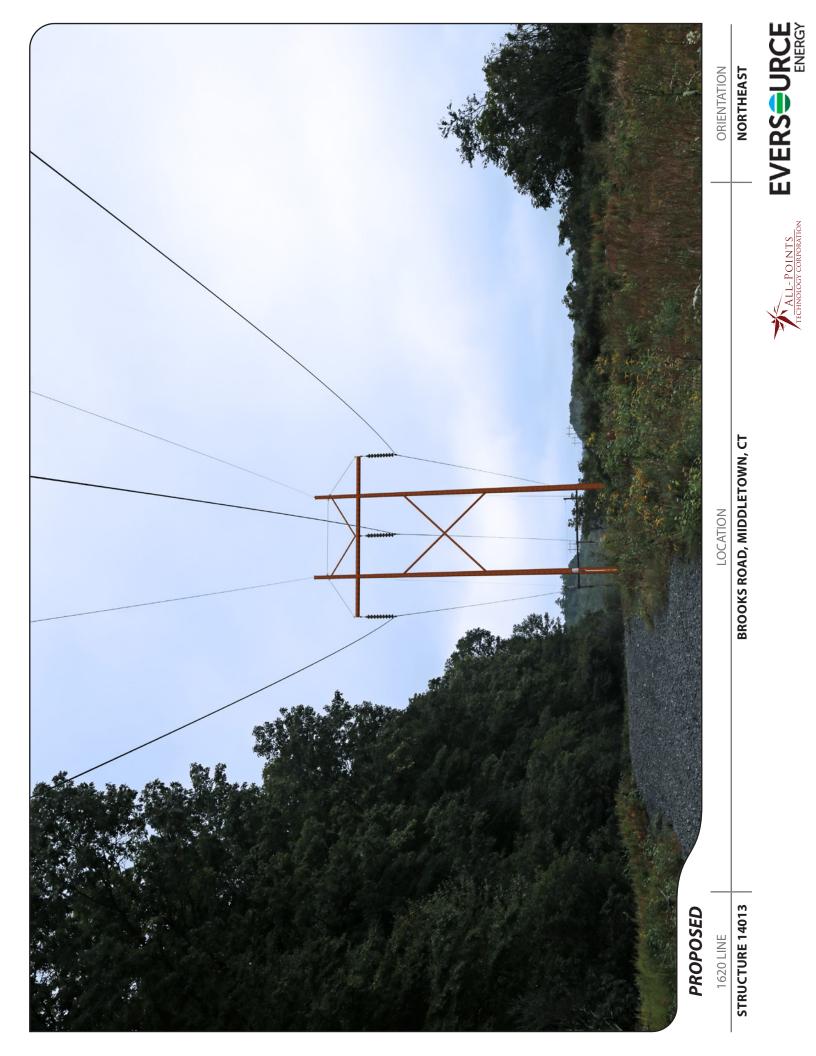








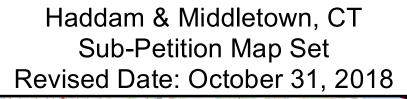


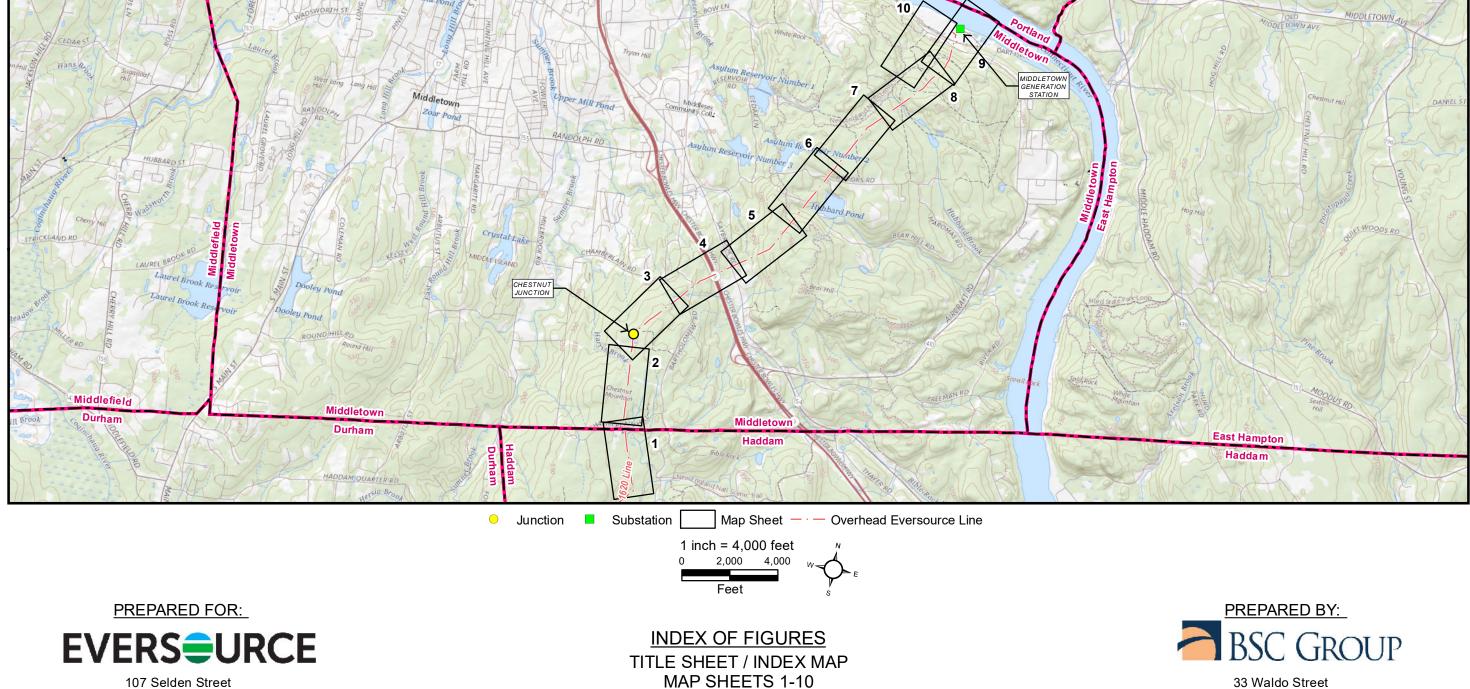


ATTACHMENT C

MAPS

1620 LINE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT





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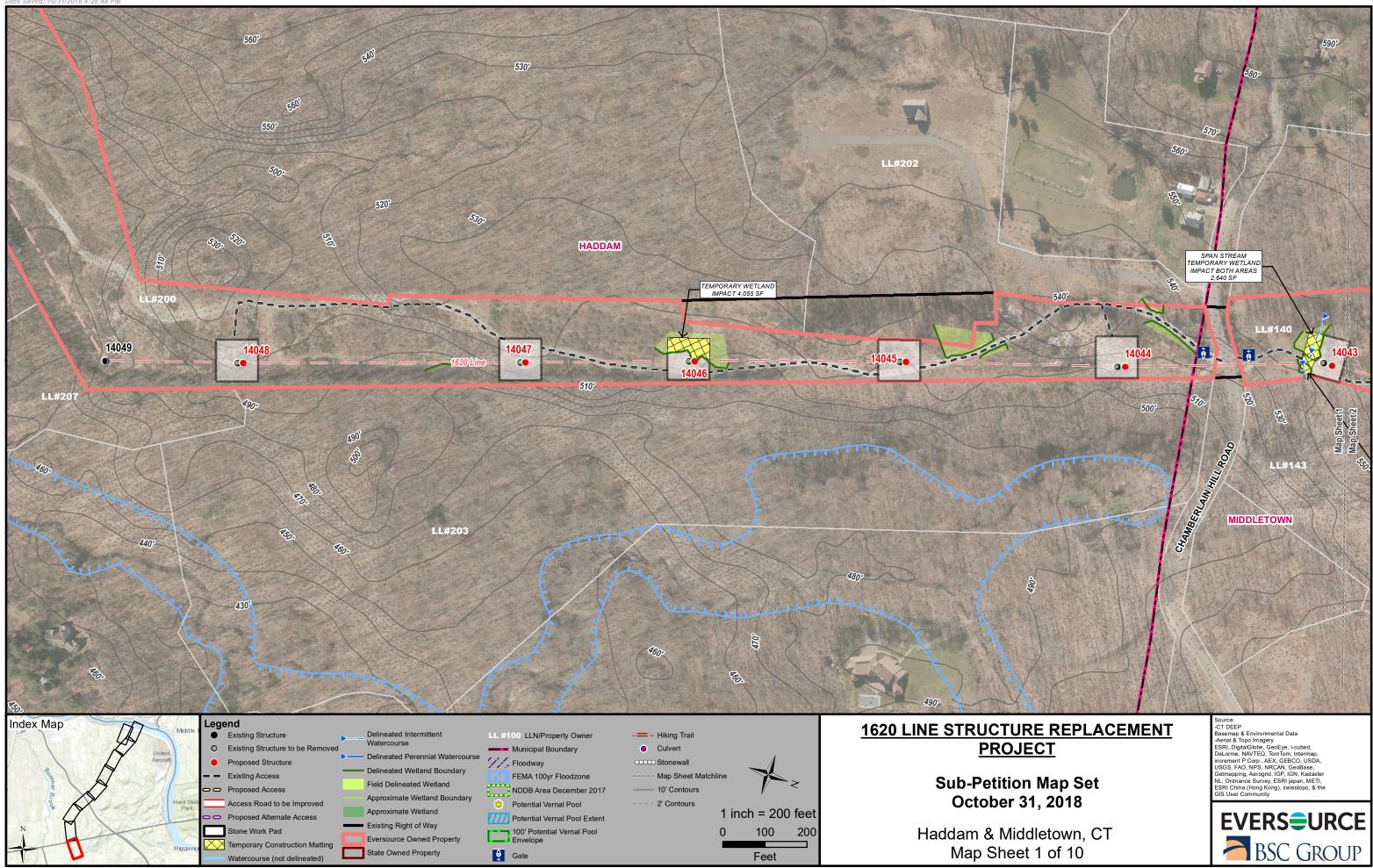
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1620 Line Structure Replacement Project Map Sheet 1 Abutters List

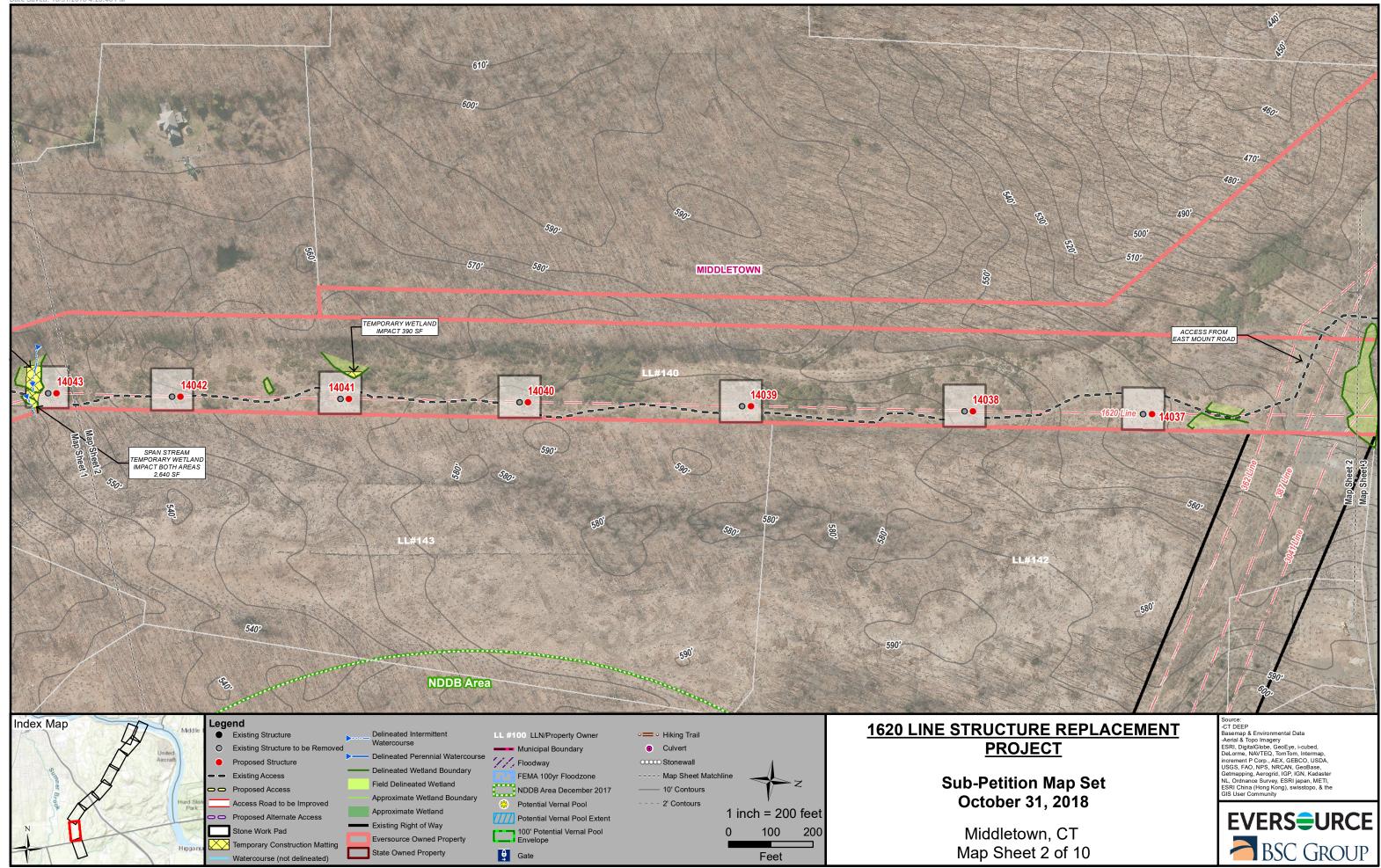
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200	CONN LIGHT + POWER CO	CHAMBERLAIN HILL RD	HADDAM	СТ	06438
202	CHAMBERLAIN HILL LLC	215 CHAMBERLAIN HILL RD	HADDAM	СТ	06438
203	EPRIGHT MARK W & JANINE	CHAMBERLAIN HILL RD	HADDAM	СТ	06438
207	COOK GARRET & SUSANNE FIGUEREDO COOK	66 OXBOW RD	HADDAM	СТ	06438



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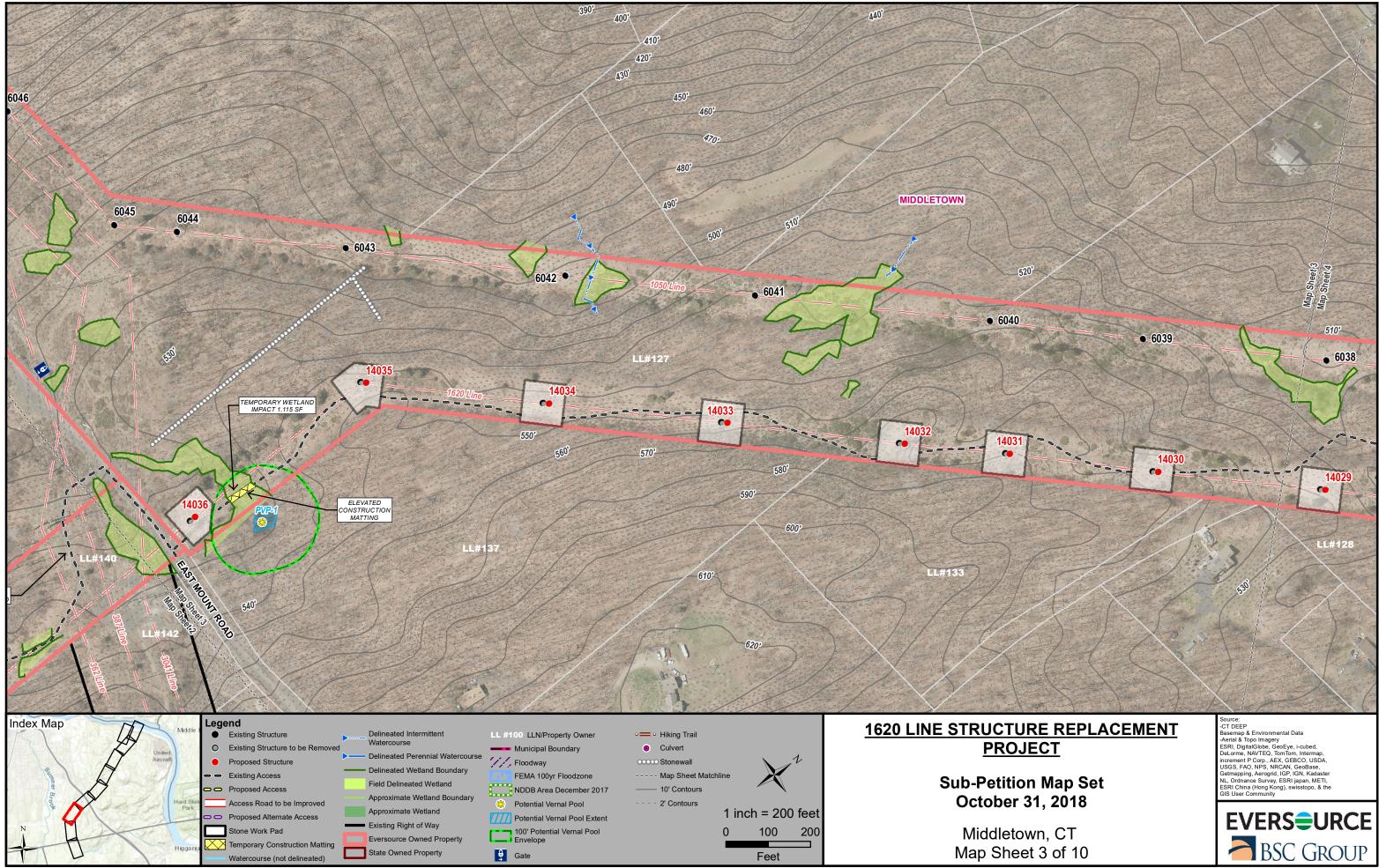
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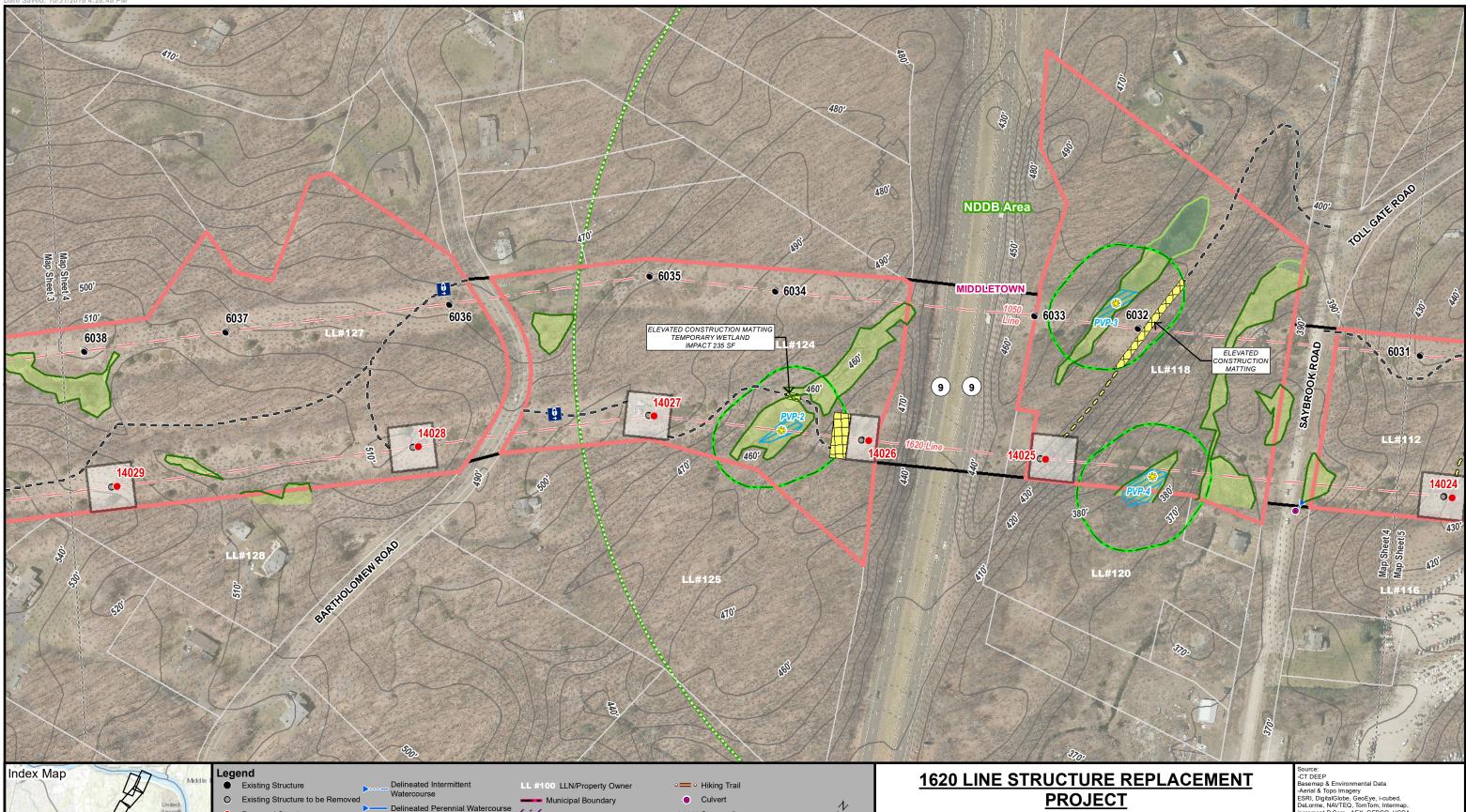
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137	PLANTE EILEEN HENRY & HENRY JEFFREY COTR	52 EAST MOUNT RD	MIDDLETOWN	СТ	06457
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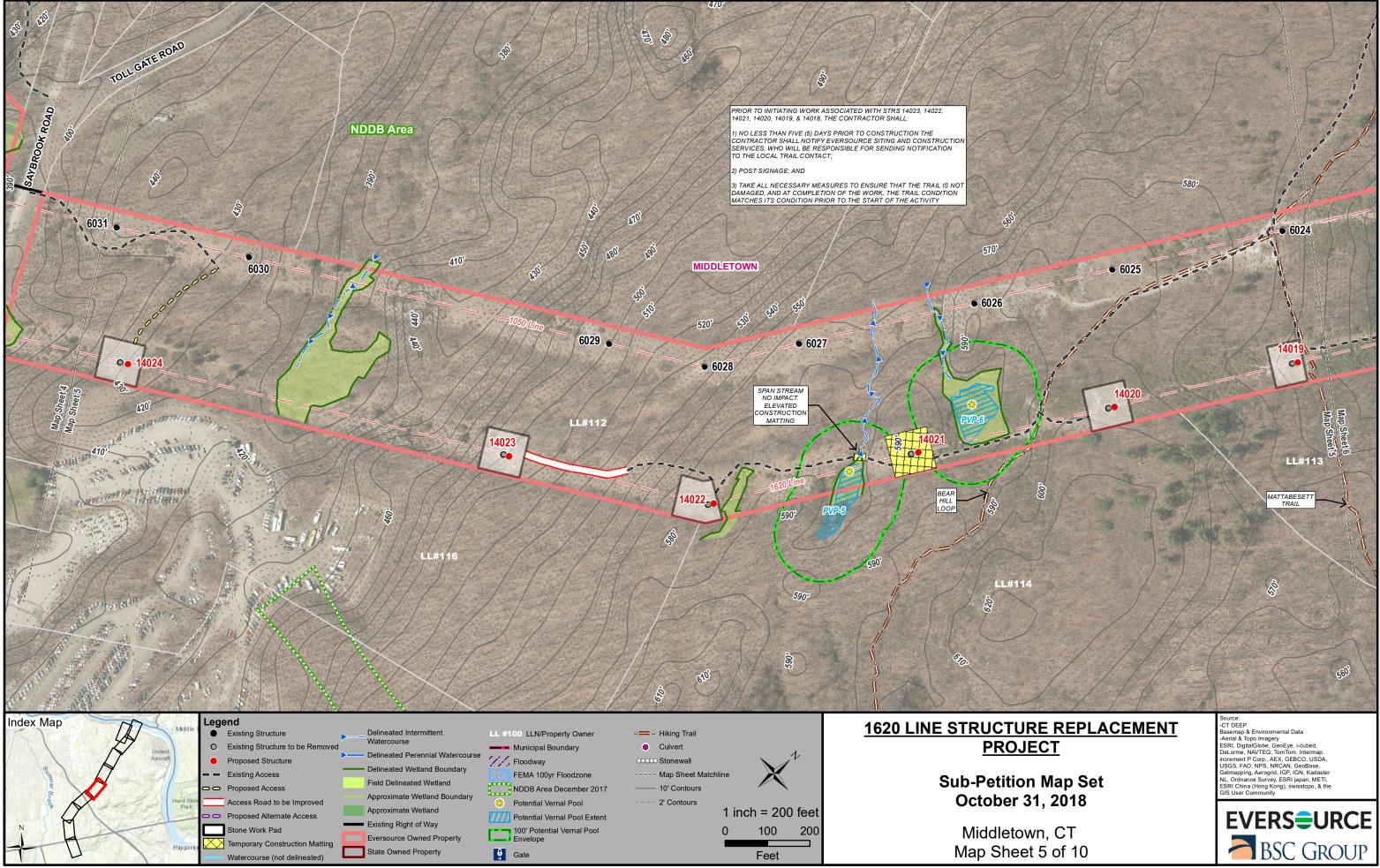
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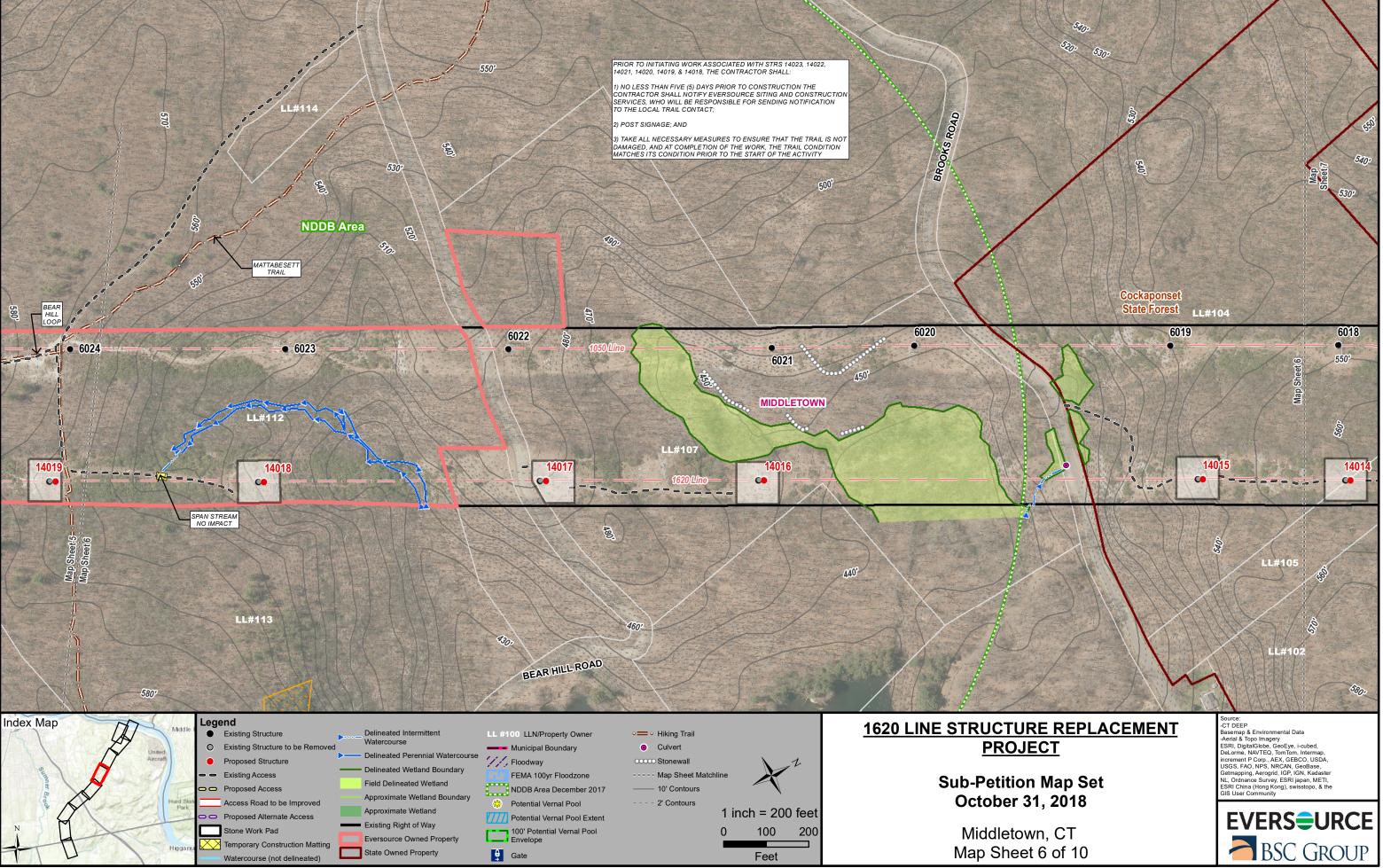
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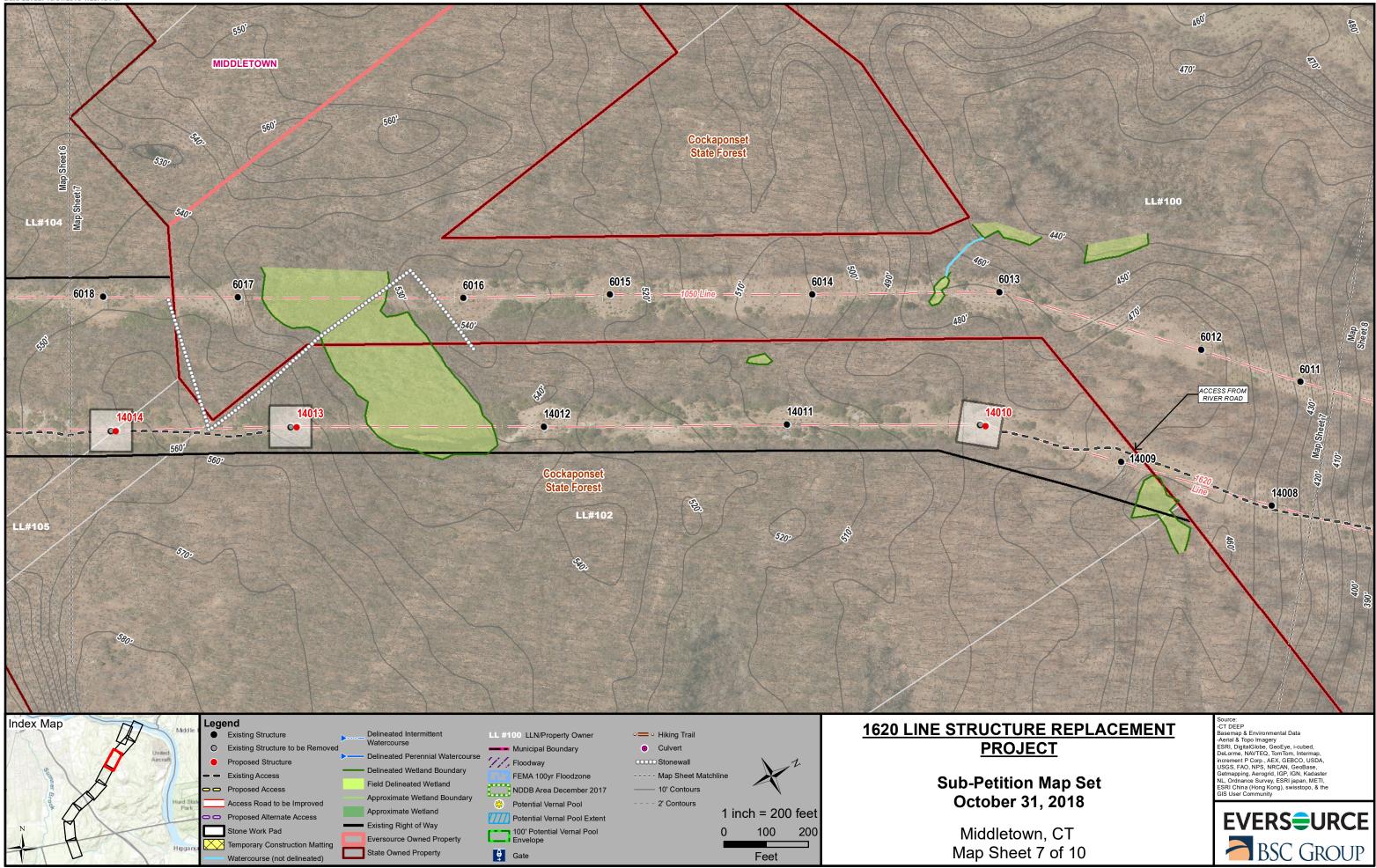
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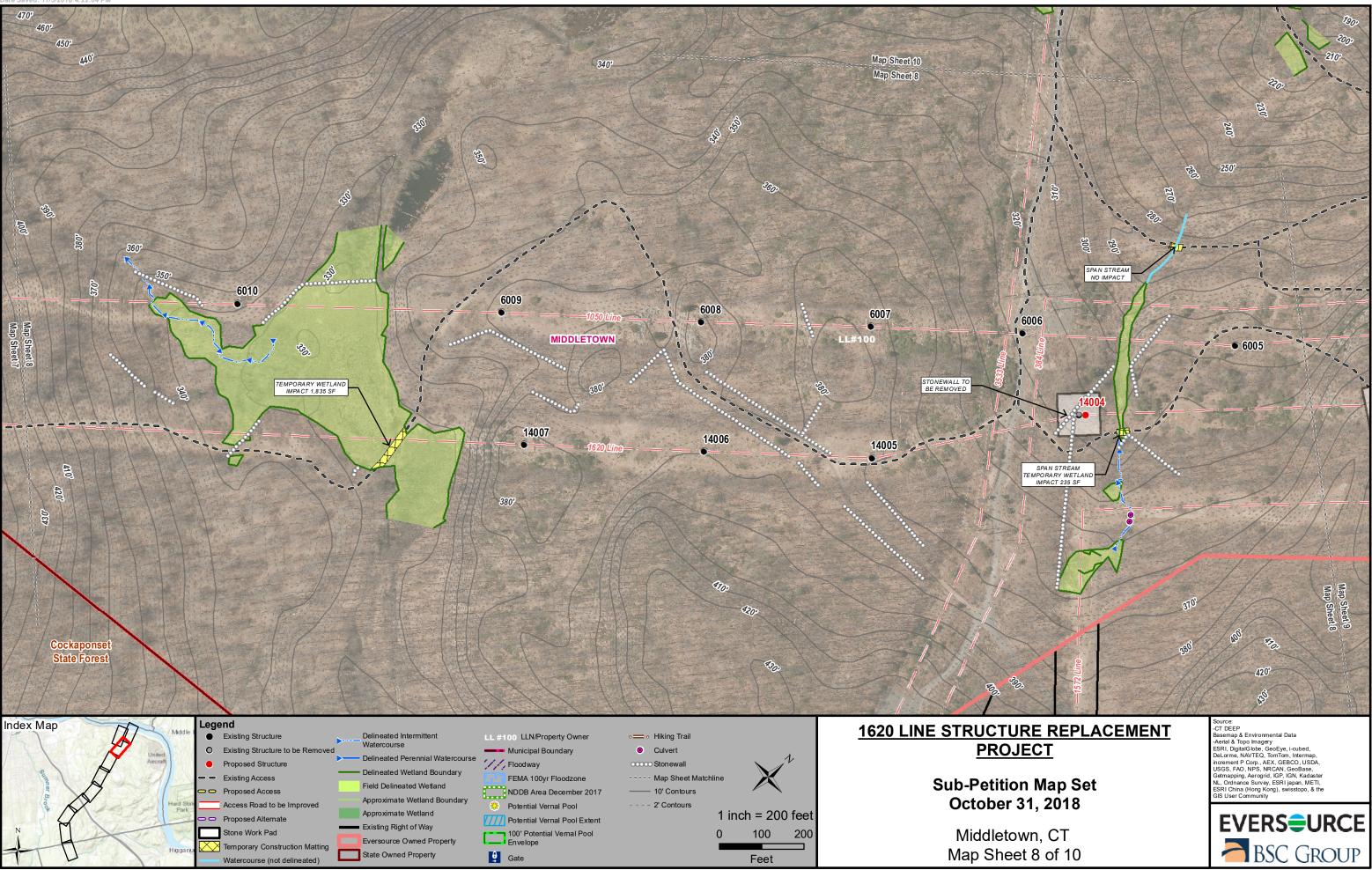
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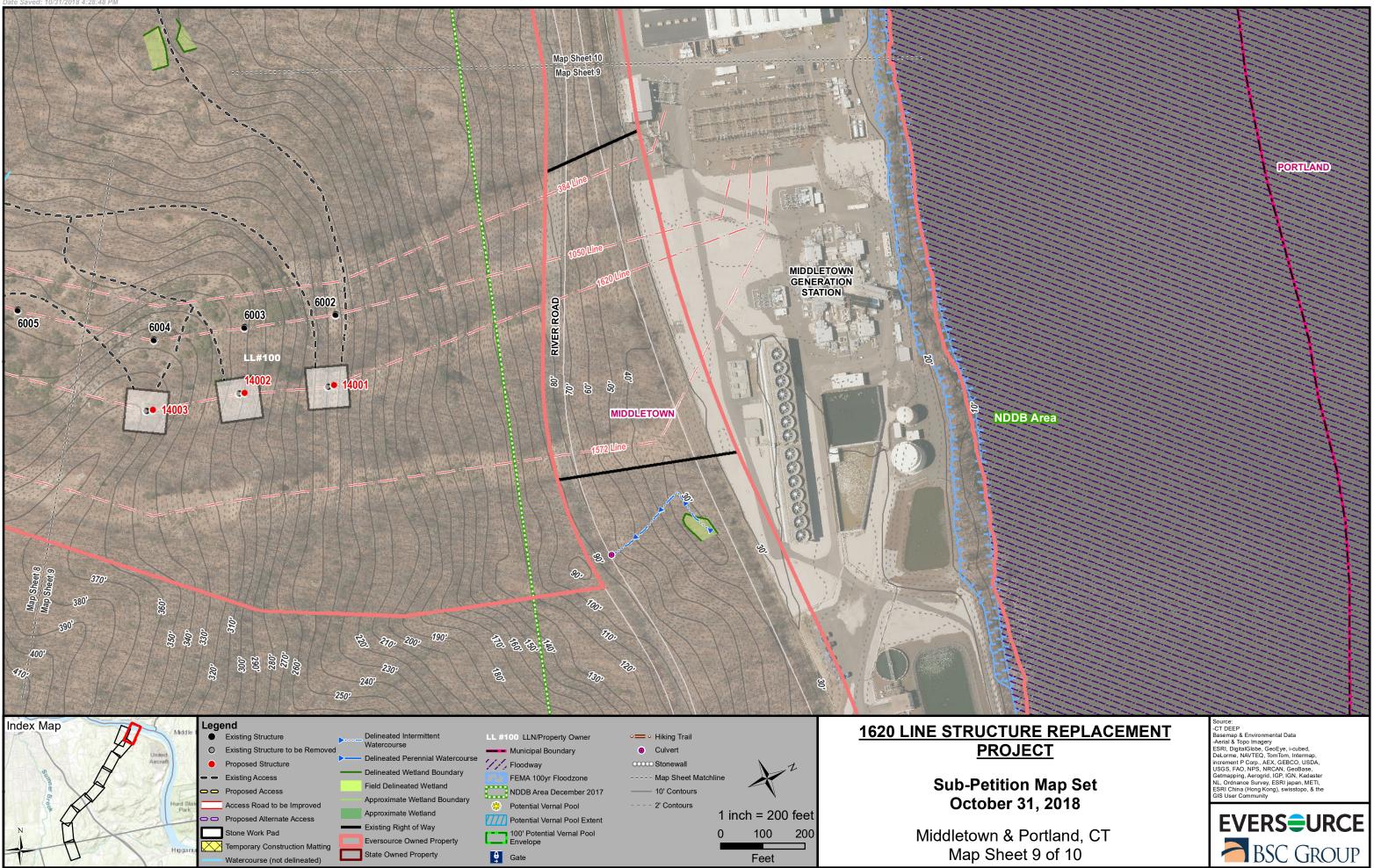


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Watercourse (not delineated)



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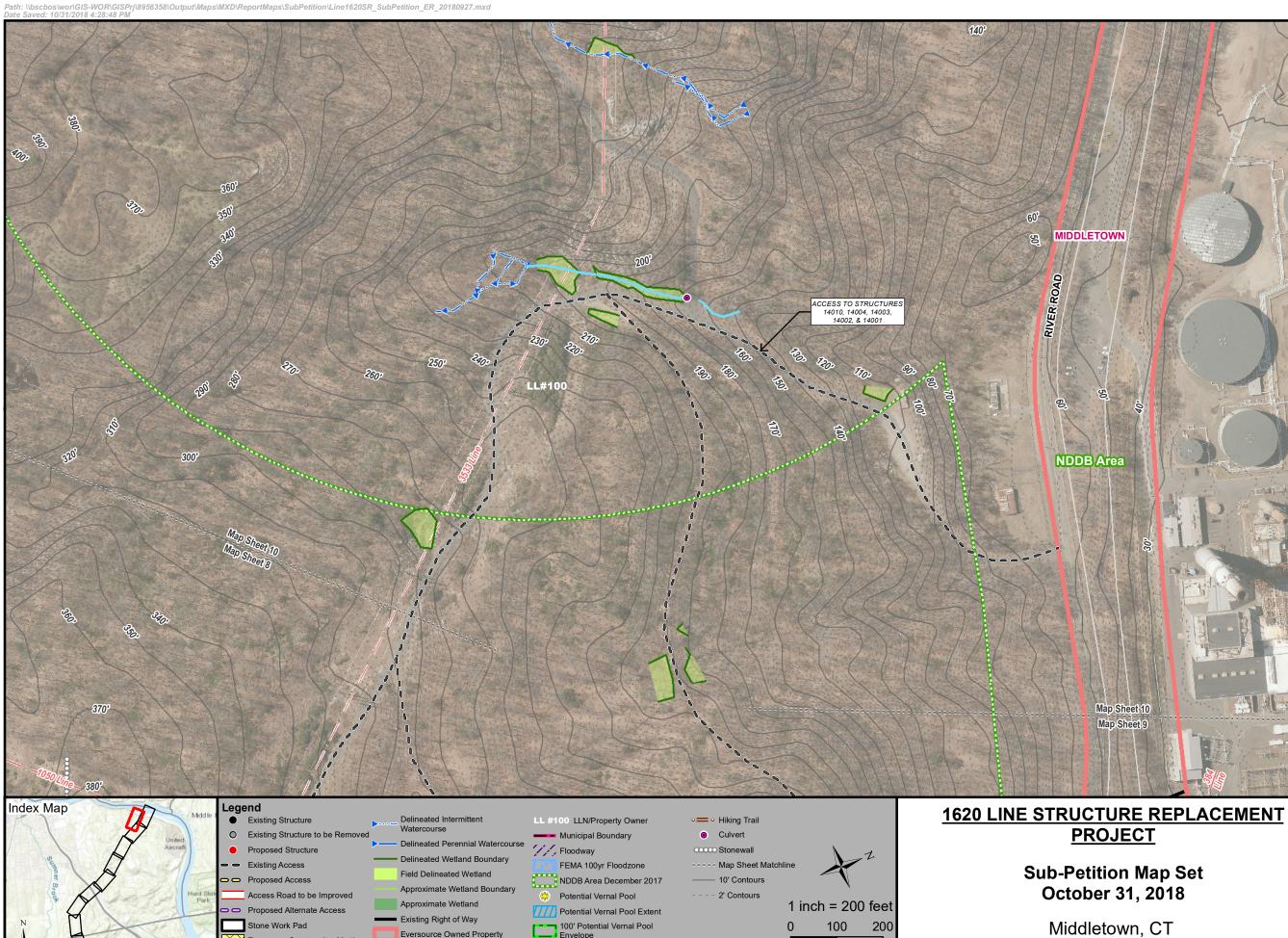
Stone Work Pad

Temporary Construction Matting

Watercourse (not delineated)

Eversource Owned Property

State Owned Property



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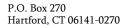
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ATTACHMENT D ABUTTER LETTER AND PROOF OF NOTICE





November 7, 2018

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 and/or Middletown. A Sub-Petition is a document with detailed information about the proposed upgrades. Every source is submitting Sub-Petition No. 1293-HM-01 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 9 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-HM-01 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 <u>TransmissionInfo@eversource.com</u>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Ragozzine

Brian Ragozzine Eversource Project Manager – Transmission Projects

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF NOTICE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

ss. Hartford

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 November 07, 2018, I caused notice of the proposed maintenance activities including a copy of the Sub-Petition No.1293-HM-01 of The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy ("Eversource") to be served on the municipalities listed below and 17 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 Official:

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

City of Middletown The Honorable Daniel Drew, Mayor Middletown City Hall 245 deKoven Drive Middletown, CT 06457

James L. Smith Project Siting Specialist

On this the $2^{\mu\nu}$ day of November, 2018, 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: 7/31/2023

LISA J. BUSH NOTARY PUBLIC MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 31, 2023