

January 18, 2018

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

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

Dear Ms. Bachman:

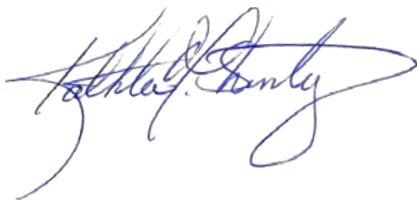
The Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource") is filing the attached Sub-Petition No.1293-WS-01 with the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"), regarding maintenance work within its transmission right-of-way in Wolcott and Southington, Connecticut. The work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

Eversource notified the officials of the municipalities of Wolcott and Southington 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  
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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**SUB-PETITION**

**THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY doing business  
as  
EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

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: Wolcott and Southington

Sub-Petition No. 1293-WS-01

Project: 329 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project

Structure Location: 7 Transmission Structures located in Wolcott and Southington, 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 329 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project is part of an ongoing maintenance program that evaluates the integrity of its utility structures and implements repair, upgrade or replacement in order to assure safe and reliable transmission of power to its customers. Due to asset condition, many structures require replacement on a portion of the 329 Line, which is a 345-kV transmission line that extends generally from Frost Bridge Substation in Watertown to Southington Substation in Southington, Connecticut. Of those replacements, 7 of the structures require a slight increase in structure height to comply with current clearance requirements.

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 7 existing direct-embedded wood H-frame structures with new, direct-embedded, weathering steel H-frame structures that will be slightly taller (9 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 access roads (collectively the "Work Areas").
- b) Work Activities would result in ±5,134 square feet ("SF") of temporary wetland impacts limited to temporary construction matting for the construction work pad at structure 8229 and to traverse a stream along the access road to structure 8229. Work within the wetland system and at the stream crossing would be conducted in accordance with Eversource's *Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts and Connecticut (Construction and Maintenance Environmental Requirements)*, September 2016 ("BMPs").
- c) A vernal pool is located in proximity to Structure 8246. The vernal pool is located across a paved public roadway and over 200 feet from the proposed construction work pad around Structure 8246. Given the distance from the vernal pool and that the pool is separated from the Work Area by a paved public roadway, it is not likely that an adverse impact to the vernal pool will result from the proposed Work Activities.
- d) According to Eversource's review of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural Diversity Data Base ("NDDB"), none of the Work Areas would be located within a NDDB buffered area.
- e) The structure replacements will not require any tree clearing. However, Eversource may need to undertake minor tree trimming and/or vegetation mowing within the managed ROW corridor to improve access to portions of the Work Areas.
- f) A review of previously recorded cultural resources on file with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") revealed that no 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 soil profiles, the proposed work pad locations for Structures 8229, 8240, 8243 and 8307 were identified as possessing a potential for moderate to high archaeological sensitivity. Shovel test pit testing performed at these structures revealed no cultural material or cultural features.
- g) Increased heights of the 7 replacement structures will average approximately 6 feet and none will exceed 9 feet.
- h) Replacement structures would be located within 15 feet of existing structures.
- i) With the exception of a limited section of the access road for structure 8307, there are no 100-year flood zones in the Work Areas. Eversource would utilize its BMPs to minimize any impacts to this section of the existing access road to Structure 8307 and Eversource proposes to use it "as is" to avoid any filling or grading within the 100-year flood zone. Therefore, it is not likely that an adverse impact to the vernal pool will result from the proposed Work Activities.
- j) No change in noise levels would result from 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. Mitigation:

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 watercourse crossing would be mitigated with the use of temporary construction matting and adherence to the BMPs.
- Eversource's contractor would 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:

No new access roads within the ROW would be constructed to facilitate access to these structures though existing access roads may be hardened and temporarily widened at turning areas to facilitate the safe passage of construction vehicles. Temporary construction matting would be used in wetlands as well as in agricultural/maintained lawn upland areas.

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

- Allentown Road for structure 8227
- Spindle Hill Road for structure 8229
- Wolcott Road for structures 8240 and 8241
- August Avenue for structures 8243 and 8246
- Peters Circle for structure 8307

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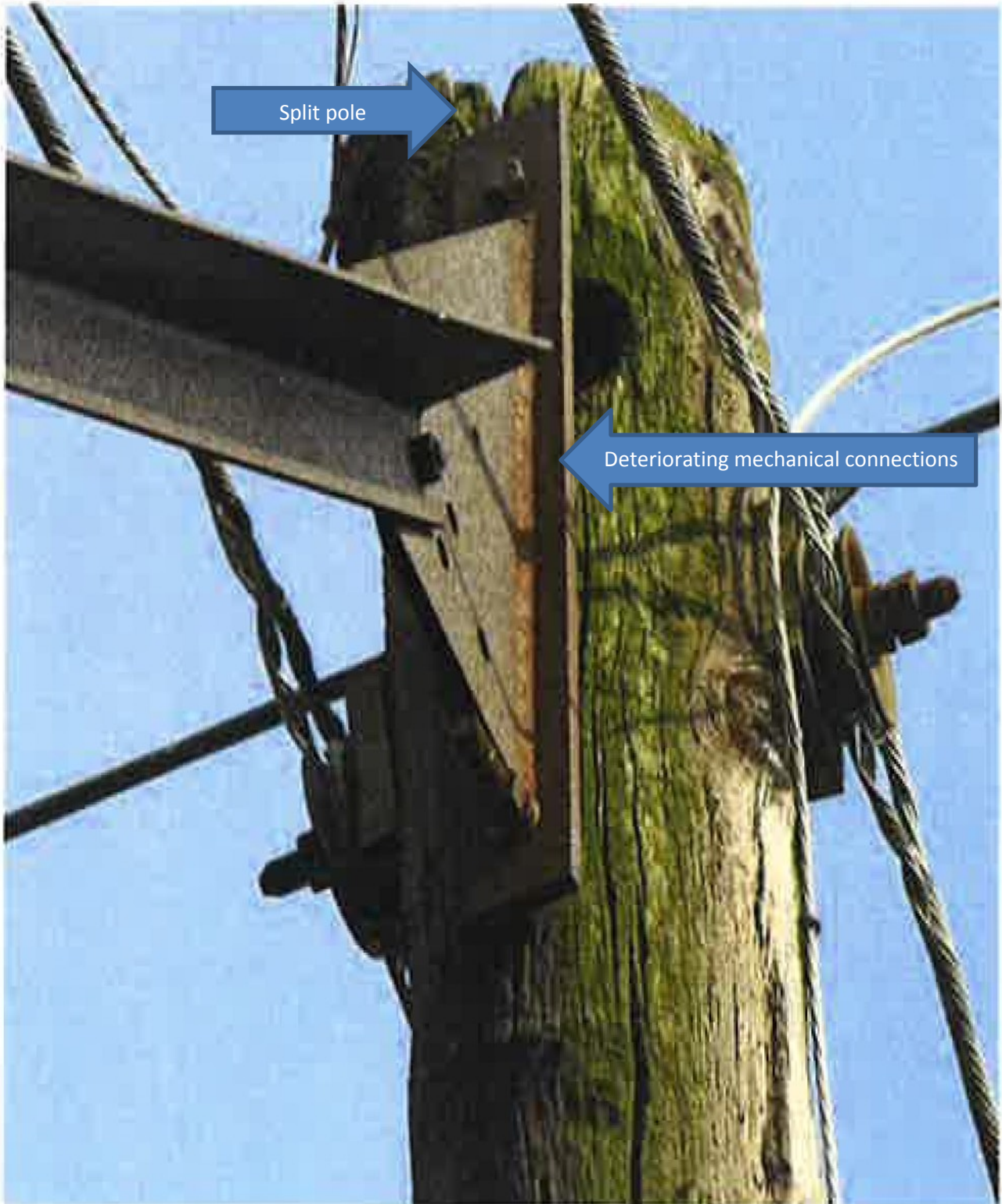
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Manager, Transmission Siting

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**PHOTOGRAPHS AND**  
**PHOTO SIMULATION**

Structure #8227



Structure #8240

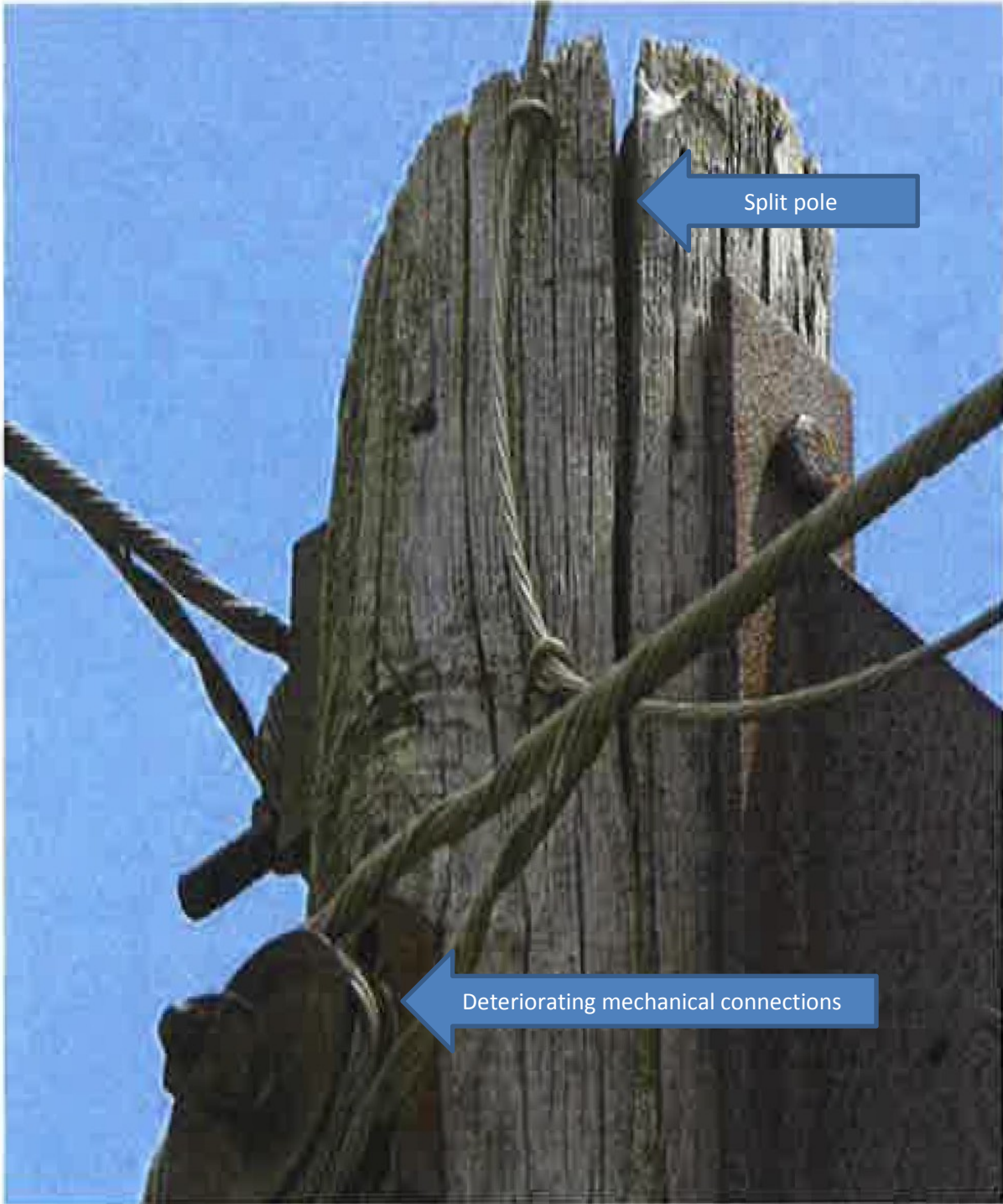




Structure #8243



Structure #8246





**EXISTING**

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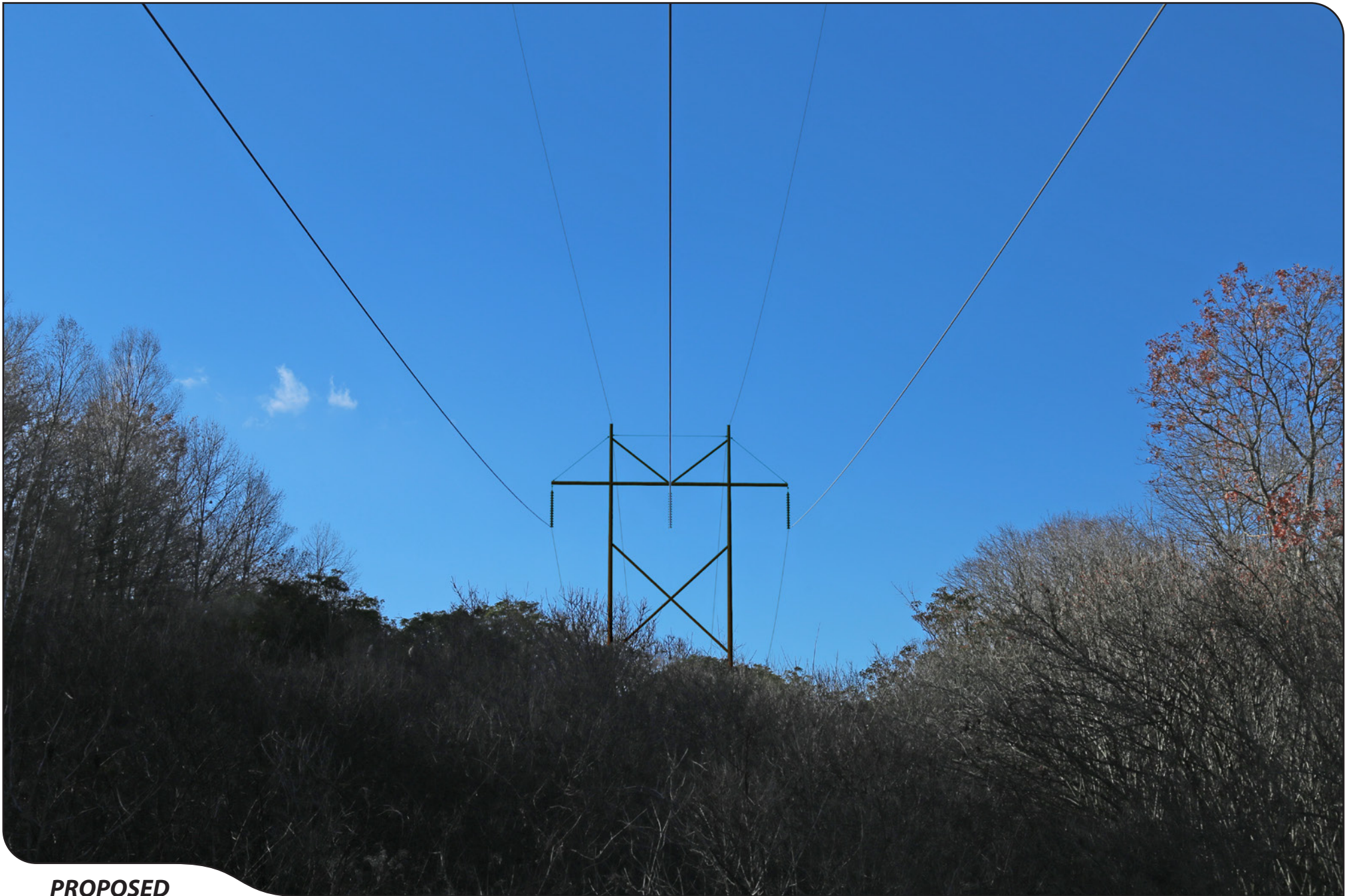
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**PROPOSED**

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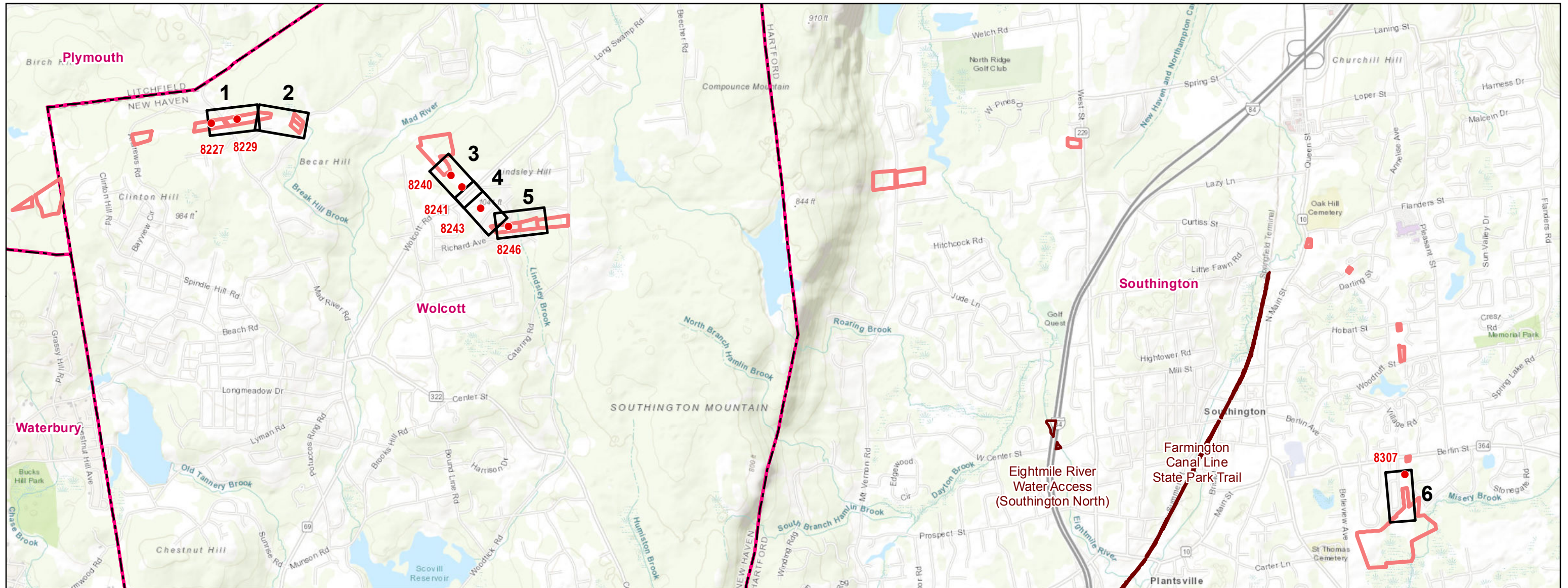
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# (329 Line) Structure Replacement Project

## Southington & Wolcott, CT

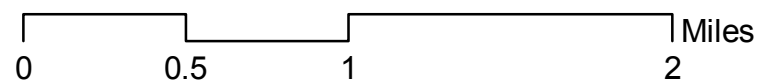
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#### Legend

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Berlin, CT 06037

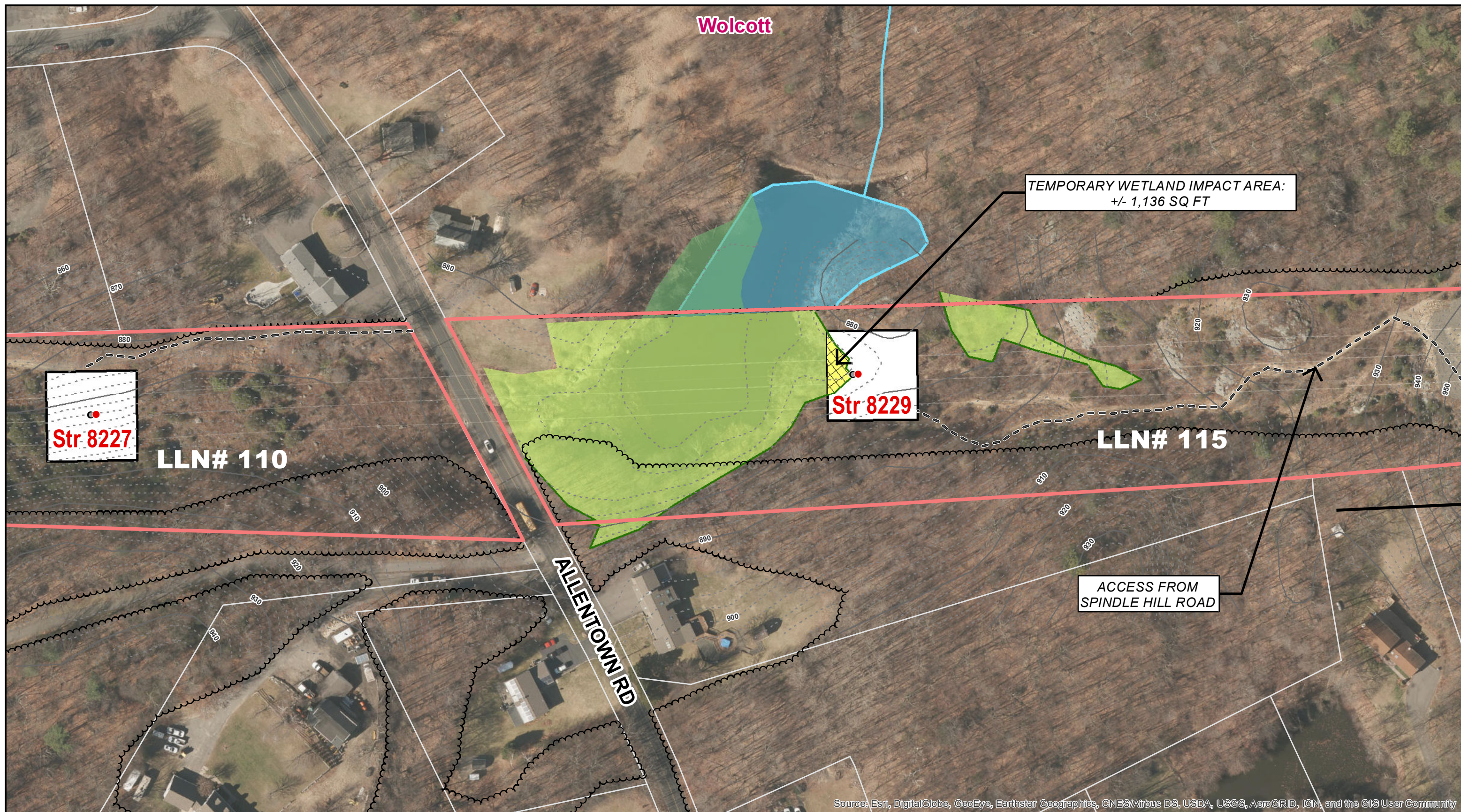
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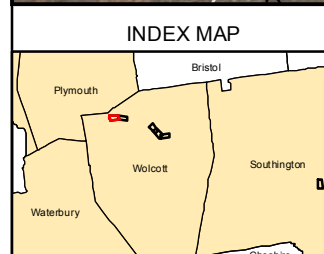
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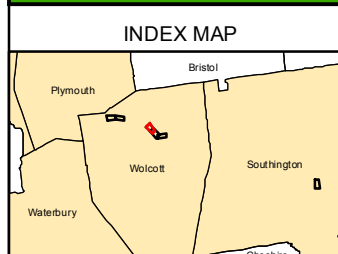


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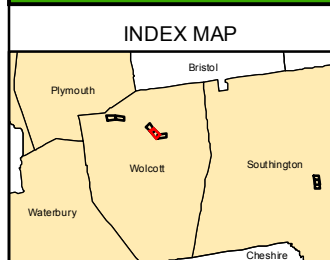
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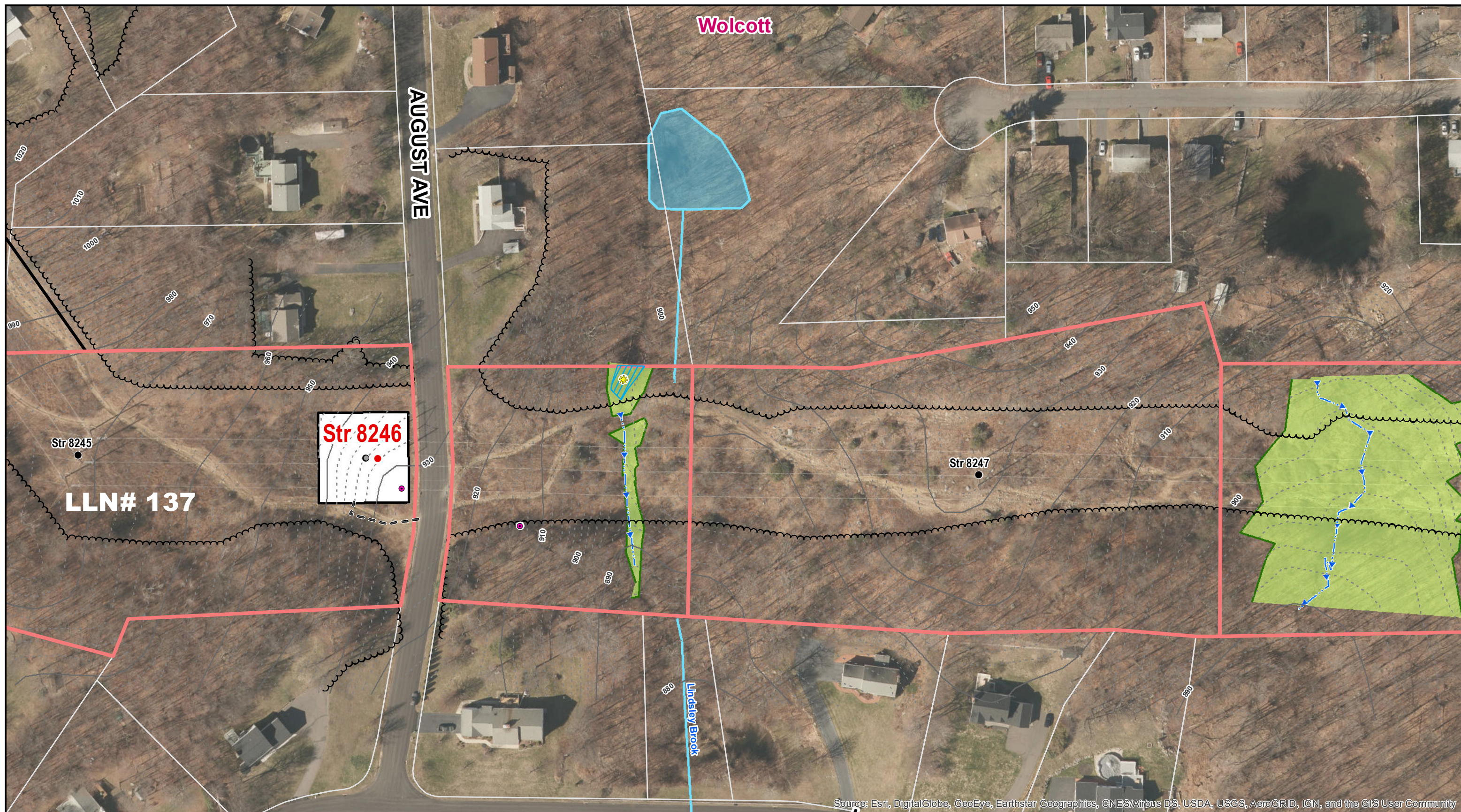
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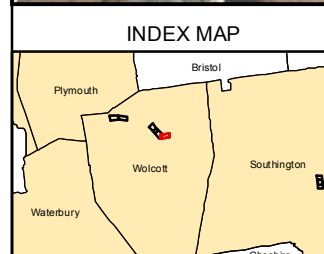
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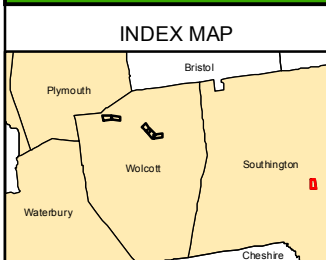
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165	45 PLUM ORCHARD RD	SOUTHINGTON	CT	VO ANTOINE
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January 18, 2018

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 Southington and Wolcott. A Sub-Petition is a document with detailed information about the proposed upgrades. Eversource is submitting Sub-Petition No. 1293-WS-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](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov). If you choose to send comments to the CSC, please reference Sub-Petition No. 1293-WS-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 [TransmissionInfo@eversource.com](mailto:TransmissionInfo@eversource.com). Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Brian Ragozzine*

Brian Ragozzine  
Eversource Project Manager – Transmission Projects

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF NOTICE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT    )  
  ) ss. Hartford  
COUNTY OF 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 January 18, 2018, I caused notice of the proposed maintenance activities including a copy of the Sub-Petition No.1293-WS-01 of The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy ("Eversource") to be served on the municipality listed below and 8 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 Wolcott  
The Honorable Thomas G. Dunn, Mayor  
10 Kenea Avenue  
Wolcott, CT 06716

Town of Southington  
Mark J. Sciota, Interim Town Manager  
PO Box 610  
Southington, CT 06489

  
James L. Smith  
Project Siting Specialist

On this the 18 day of January, 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



CYNTHIA A. ARTHUR  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MY COMM. EXP. 09-30-2018