# NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY Central to Western MA Energy Improvement Project E5/F6 Transmission Lines Soil Boring Program

### **Notice of Intent**

Pelham, MA Conservation Commission March 2024

Prepared for: New England Power Company 170 Data Drive Waltham, MA 02451

BSC Project No. 89599.46





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Pelham Conservation Commission 351 Amherst Road Pelham, MA 01002

RE: Notice of Intent

Central to Western MA Energy Improvement Project E5/F6 Transmission Lines Soil Boring Program Pelham, Massachusetts

**New England Power Company** 

Dear Members of the Pelham Conservation Commission:

BSC Group, Inc. (BSC) is filing this Notice of Intent (NOI) on behalf of the New England Power Company (NEP) for activities associated with exploratory geotechnical soil borings along the E5W/F6W Transmission Lines Right-of-Way (ROW) in Pelham, Massachusetts (the Project). The proposed borings are necessary for the planning and design of future improvements to the lines. Following guidance from MassDEP WERO, soil borings for planning and design of activities along an existing utility Transmission Line are considered exempt utility maintenance under the WPA and its implementing regulations 310 CMR 10.02(2)(a)(2). Therefore, this NOI is being submitted solely under the Town of Pelham Wetland Bylaw Chapter 119 and its Regulations.

Project activities include access to soil boring B-431 located in Shutesbury, MA from Old Pratts Corner Road in Pelham, MA, and soil borings at Structure 421 off of North Valley Road, Structure 407 off of Amherst Road, Structures 390, 397, 402 off Tower Road and Structure 377 located off Daniel Shays Highway. Project activities will be located within an existing, managed ROW and along historically used access. Activities will be located within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Riverfront Area associated with an unnamed stream, and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to BVW / Inland Bank. Refer to **Attachment B** for the Site Locus Map and Environmental Resource Map showing the locations of the borings and resource areas.

Temporary construction mats will be used within wetlands to create a stable travel and work surface area. Although the Project will result in temporary impacts to BVWs, the areas will be restored, and no permanent wetland impacts are proposed. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to avoid and minimize impacts to resource areas outside of the access route.

The E5/F6 ROW is one of NEP's oldest ROWs throughout its system. As a result, access conditions vary considerably throughout the ROW. Existing access is present in some areas, but in others, the historic access route is no longer discernible. In order to facilitate the safe passage of the soil boring equipment, including equipment needed to install temporary construction matting across wetlands, as indicated on the Environmental Resource Mapping in **Attachment B**, access and work area improvements will be required as described in Section 3 of the enclose Project Narrative.



Due to the nature and purpose of the proposed activities, there are no practical alternatives to the Project. However, no adverse impacts to wetland resource areas or values protected by the WPA are proposed. Construction mats associated with utility projects are regulated by the Comprehensive Water Quality Certification for Utility Maintenance (#23-WW10-0008-APP), between National Grid and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP"), which provides permit coverage under the 401 Water Quality Certification Program. As such, and as requested by MassDEP, construction mats are not included in the attached WPA Form 3. However, the approximate square footage of temporary impacts is included for reference within the enclosed Project Narrative.

This Project qualifies as a Limited Project in accordance with the WPA regulations (310 CMR 10.53(3)(d)) which allows for the "construction, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of... overhead public utilities..." provided there are no alternatives, best available measures are used to minimize adverse effects during construction, and that vegetation and existing grades are restored. Best Management Practices (BMPs), including sediment and erosion controls, will be implemented during construction, further minimizing the likelihood of adverse impacts to resource areas. NEP has performed an analysis of alternatives, and the Project has been designed to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to wetland resource areas to the greatest extent practicable. Therefore, this NOI serves as a request for an Order of Conditions for the activities described herein.

We respectfully request that this matter be heard at the next scheduled Conservation Commission hearing. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please contact me at (806) 452-9136 or Mike Tyrrell of National Grid at (603) 801-4140. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Thank you, BSC Group, Inc.

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Ecological Project Manager, BSC Group, Inc.

cc: Michael Tyrrell, New England Power Company

Pelham Board of Health (electronic copy)
Pelham Building Inspector (electronic copy)
Pelham Planning Board (electronic copy)

Pelham Superintendent of Public Work (electronic copy)

Quabbin Health District (electronic copy)

Enclosed: WPA Form 3

Copy of filing fee checks

Attachment A: Project Narrative

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Note: Before completing this form consult your local Conservation Commission regarding any municipal bylaw or ordinance.

#### A. General Information

. General information				
Project Location (Note: electronic filers v	vill click on button to lo	ocate project site):		
E5/F6 Transmission Lines Right-of-Way	(ROW) Pelham	01002		
a. Street Address	b. City/Town	n c. Zip Code		
Latitude and Longitude:	42.35232 42.40910			
see attached	see attac	hed		
f. Assessors Map/Plat Number	g. Parcel /L	ot Number		
Applicant:				
Michael	Tyrrell			
a. First Name	b. Last N	lame		
New England Power Company (NEP)				
c. Organization				
170 Data Drive				
d. Street Address	N.4.0	00.454		
Waltham	MA	02451		
e. City/Town	f. State	g. Zip Code		
(603) 801-4140 h. Phone Number i. Fax Number	michael.tyrrell j. Email Address	l@nationalgrid.com		
I da Hambol	j. Email Addices			
Property owner (required if different from applicant):  NEP has easement rights  Check if more than one owner				
a. First Name	b. Last N	lame		
c. Organization	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		
d. Street Address				
e. City/Town	f. State	g. Zip Code		
h. Phone Number i. Fax Number	j. Email address			
Representative (if any):				
Erasme	da Cru	Z		
a. First Name	b. Last N	lame		
BSC Group, Inc.				
c. Company				
One Mercantile Street, Suite 610				
d. Street Address	N 4 0	24222		
Worcester	MA f. State	01608		
e. City/Town		g. Zip Code		
806-452-9136 h. Phone Number i. Fax Number	edacruz@bsc	group.com		
n. Filone indinder i. Fax indinder	j. Email address			
Total WPA Fee Paid (from NOI Wetland	Fee Transmittal Form	ı):		
\$750.00 \$3	862.50	\$387.50		
	State Fee Paid	c. City/Town Fee Paid		
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Α.	General Information (continued)	
6.	General Project Description:	
	NEP is proposing to conduct exploratory soil borings with future improvements to the E5/F6 transmission located within BVW, RFA, and/or the 100-ft Buffer Z	lines. Borings and/or associated access will
<b>7</b> -	Duringt Time Objectives (Limited Duringt Times	Continu A 71
7a.	Project Type Checklist: (Limited Project Types see	Section A. 7b.)
	1. Single Family Home	2. Residential Subdivision
	3. Commercial/Industrial	4. Dock/Pier
	5. 🛛 Utilities	6. Coastal engineering Structure
	7. Agriculture (e.g., cranberries, forestry)	8. Transportation
	9. Other	
7b. Is any portion of the proposed activity eligible to be treated as a limited project (including Ecolo Restoration Limited Project) subject to 310 CMR 10.24 (coastal) or 310 CMR 10.53 (inland)?		
	If yes, describe which limite	d project applies to this project. (See 310 CMR
	— 10.24 and 10.53 for a comp	lete list and description of limited project types)
and	310 CMR 10.53(3)(d) - the construction, reconstruction overhead public utilities	ion, operation and maintenance of underground
	If the proposed activity is eligible to be treated as ar CMR10.24(8), 310 CMR 10.53(4)), complete and at Project Checklist and Signed Certification.	
8.	Property recorded at the Registry of Deeds for:	
	Hampshire	
	a. County	b. Certificate # (if registered land)

Hampshire	
a. County	b. Certificate # (if registered land)
see attached	see attached
c. Book	d. Page Number

## B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent)

- 1. Buffer Zone Only Check if the project is located only in the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Inland Bank, or Coastal Resource Area.
- 2. Inland Resource Areas (see 310 CMR 10.54-10.58; if not applicable, go to Section B.3, Coastal Resource Areas).

Check all that apply below. Attach narrative and any supporting documentation describing how the project will meet all performance standards for each of the resource areas altered, including standards requiring consideration of alternative project design or location.



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# B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent) (cont'd)

Resource Area	Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)
a. 🗌 Bank	1. linear feet	2. linear feet
b. Metland	<2 temporary  1. square feet	2. square feet
c. Land Under Waterbodies and	1. square feet	2. square feet
Waterways	3. cubic yards dredged	
Resource Area	Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)
d. Bordering Land		
Subject to Flooding	1. square feet	2. square feet
	3. cubic feet of flood storage lost	4. cubic feet replaced
e. Isolated Land		
Subject to Flooding	1. square feet	
	2. cubic feet of flood storage lost	3. cubic feet replaced
f. X Riverfront Area	unnamed inland	
i. 🖂 Myemont Alea	1. Name of Waterway (if available) - spe	ecify coastal or inland
<ol><li>Width of Riverfront Area (check one):</li></ol>		
☐ 25 ft Designated Densely Developed Areas only		
☐ 100 ft New agricultural projects only		
200 ft All other projects		
3. Total area of Riverfront Area on the site of the proposed project:   146,376  square feet		
4. Proposed alteration of the Riverfront Area:		
<1 temporary	<1 temporary	0
a. total square feet	b. square feet within 100 ft.	c. square feet between 100 ft. and 200 ft.
5. Has an alternatives analysis been done and is it attached to this NOI? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
6. Was the lot where the activ	vity is proposed created prior to Aug	gust 1, 1996? ⊠ Yes ☐ No
3. Coastal Resource Areas: (Se	e 310 CMR 10.25-10.35)	

For all projects affecting other Resource Areas, please attach a narrative explaining how the resource area was delineated.

**Note:** for coastal riverfront areas, please complete **Section B.2.f**. above.



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#### B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent) (cont'd)

Check all that apply below. Attach narrative and supporting documentation describing how the project will meet all performance standards for each of the resource areas altered, including standards requiring consideration of alternative project design or location.

4.

5.

Resour	ce Area	Size of Proposed	Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)
а. 🗌	Designated Port Areas	Indicate size under Land Under the Ocean, below		
b. 🗌	Land Under the Ocean	1. square feet		
		2. cubic yards dredge	ed	
c. 🗌	Barrier Beach	Indicate size und	er Coastal Beach	nes and/or Coastal Dunes below
d. 🗌	Coastal Beaches	1. square feet		2. cubic yards beach nourishment
е. 🗌	Coastal Dunes	1. square feet		2. cubic yards dune nourishment
		Size of Proposed	Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)
f	Coastal Banks	1. linear feet		
g. 📙	Rocky Intertidal Shores	1. square feet		
h. 🗌	Salt Marshes	1. square feet		2. sq ft restoration, rehab., creation
i. 🗌	Land Under Salt Ponds	1. square feet		
		2. cubic yards dredge	ed	
j. 📙	Land Containing Shellfish	1. square feet		
k. 🗌	Fish Runs	Indicate size under Coastal Banks, inland Bank, Land Under the Ocean, and/or inland Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, above		
		1. cubic yards dredge	ed	
I	Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	1. square feet		
Restoration/Enhancement If the project is for the purpose of restoring or enhancing a wetland resource area in addition to the square footage that has been entered in Section B.2.b or B.3.h above, please enter the additional amount here.				
`	e feet of BVW		b. square feet of Sa	lt Marsh
☐ Pro	pject Involves Stream Cross	sings		
a. numbe	er of new stream crossings		b. number of replace	ement stream crossings



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C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements

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(310 CMR 10.11).	d Species Act/Wetlands Protection Act Review
<del>_</del>	storation Limited Project. Skip Section C and oration Limited Project Checklists – Required Actions

1. Is any portion of the proposed project located in Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife as indicated on the most recent Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetland Wildlife published by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP)? To view habitat maps, see the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas or go to http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/PRI\_EST\_HAB/viewer.htm.

August 2021  August 2021	a. 🗌 Yes 🛛 No	If yes, include proof of mailing or hand delivery of NOI to	
b. Date of map	August 2021 b. Date of map	Division of Fisheries and Wildlife 1 Rabbit Hill Road	

If yes, the project is also subject to Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) review (321 CMR 10.18). To qualify for a streamlined, 30-day, MESA/Wetlands Protection Act review, please complete Section C.1.c, and include requested materials with this Notice of Intent (NOI); OR complete Section C.2.f, if applicable. If MESA supplemental information is not included with the NOI, by completing Section 1 of this form, the NHESP will require a separate MESA filing which may take up to 90 days to review (unless noted exceptions in Section 2 apply, see below).

	c. Submit Supplemental Information for Endangered Species Review*			
	Percentage/acreage of property to be altered:			Iltered:
		(a) \	within wetland Resource Area	percentage/acreage
		(b) (	outside Resource Area	percentage/acreage
	2.		Assessor's Map or right-of-way plan of	site
2. Project plans for entire project site, including wetland resource areas and areas outsid wetlands jurisdiction, showing existing and proposed conditions, existing and proposed tree/vegetation clearing line, and clearly demarcated limits of work **			ed conditions, existing and proposed	
(a) Project description (including description of impacts outside of wetland resour buffer zone)		on of impacts outside of wetland resource area &		
(b) Photographs representative of the site				

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<sup>\*</sup> Some projects **not** in Estimated Habitat may be located in Priority Habitat, and require NHESP review (see <a href="https://www.mass.gov/ma-red">https://www.mass.gov/ma-red</a> endangered-species-act-mesa-regulatory-review).

Priority Habitat includes habitat for state-listed plants and strictly upland species not protected by the Wetlands Protection Act.

<sup>\*\*</sup> MESA projects may not be segmented (321 CMR 10.16). The applicant must disclose full development plans even if such plans are not required as part of the Notice of Intent process.



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## C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements (cont'd)

(c) MESA filing fee (fee information availab <a href="mailto:a-mesa-project-review">a-mesa-project-review</a> ).  Make check payable to "Commonwealth of Mas above address	le at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/how-to-file-for-sachusetts">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/how-to-file-for-sachusetts</a> - NHESP" and <i>mail to NHESP</i> at		
Projects altering 10 or more acres of land, also subr	nit:		
(d) Vegetation cover type map of site			
(e) Project plans showing Priority & Estima	ted Habitat boundaries		
(f) OR Check One of the Following			
https://www.mass.gov/service-details/ex	MESA exemption applies. (See 321 CMR 10.14, <u>kemptions-from-review-for-projectsactivities-in-</u> nt to NHESP if the project is within estimated 10.59.)		
2. Separate MESA review ongoing.	a. NHESP Tracking # b. Date submitted to NHESP		
<ol> <li>Separate MESA review completed. Include copy of NHESP "no Take" deter Permit with approved plan.</li> </ol>	mination or valid Conservation & Management		
For coastal projects only, is any portion of the propo ine or in a fish run?	sed project located below the mean high water		
a.   Not applicable – project is in inland resource a	area only b.   Yes No		
If yes, include proof of mailing, hand delivery, or elec	ctronic delivery of NOI to either:		
South Shore - Bourne to Rhode Island border, and the Cape & Islands:	North Shore - Plymouth to New Hampshire border:		
Division of Marine Fisheries - Southeast Marine Fisheries Station Attn: Environmental Reviewer 336 South Rodney French Blvd. New Bedford, MA 02744 Email: dmf.envreview-south@mass.gov	Division of Marine Fisheries - North Shore Office Attn: Environmental Reviewer 30 Emerson Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930 Email: dmf.envreview-north@mass.gov		
Also if yes, the project may require a Chapter 91 license. For coastal towns in the Northeast Region, please contact MassDEP's Boston Office. For coastal towns in the Southeast Region, please contact MassDEP's Southeast Regional Office.			
e.  Is this an aquaculture project?	d. 🗌 Yes 🔲 No		
f yes, include a copy of the Division of Marine Fisheries Certification Letter (M.G.L. c. 130, § 57).			

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#### C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements (cont'd)

4. Is any portion of the proposed project within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC				
	a.   Yes No  If yes, provide name of ACEC (see instructions to WPA Form 3 or MassDEP Website for ACEC locations). <b>Note:</b> electronic filers click on Website.			
	b. ACEC			
5.	Is any portion of the proposed project within an area designated as an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) as designated in the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.00?			
	a. 🛛 Yes 🗌 No			
6.	Is any portion of the site subject to a Wetlands Restriction Order under the Inland Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A) or the Coastal Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 130, § 105)			
	a. 🗌 Yes 🗵 No			
7.	Is this project subject to provisions of the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards?			
	<ul> <li>a.  Yes. Attach a copy of the Stormwater Report as required by the Stormwater Management Standards per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k)-(q) and check if:</li> <li>1.  Applying for Low Impact Development (LID) site design credits (as described in Stormwater Management Handbook Vol. 2, Chapter 3)</li> </ul>			
	2. A portion of the site constitutes redevelopment			
	3. Proprietary BMPs are included in the Stormwater Management System.			
	b. No. Check why the project is exempt:			
	1. Single-family house			
	2. Emergency road repair			
	3. Small Residential Subdivision (less than or equal to 4 single-family houses or less than or equal to 4 units in multi-family housing project) with no discharge to Critical Areas.			
D.	Additional Information			
	This is a proposal for an Ecological Restoration Limited Project. Skip Section D and complete Appendix A: Ecological Restoration Notice of Intent – Minimum Required Documents (310 CMR 10.12).			
	Applicants must include the following with this Notice of Intent (NOI). See instructions for details.			
	<b>Online Users:</b> Attach the document transaction number (provided on your receipt page) for any of the following information you submit to the Department.			
	1. USGS or other map of the area (along with a narrative description, if necessary) containing sufficient information for the Conservation Commission and the Department to locate the site (Electronic filers may omit this item.)			

Plans identifying the location of proposed activities (including activities proposed to serve as a Bordering Vegetated Wetland [BVW] replication area or other mitigating measure) relative to

the boundaries of each affected resource area.

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#### D.

Additional Information (cont'd)				
	ermination of Applicability, Ord	boundary delineations (MassDEP BVW ler of Resource Area Delineation, etc.),		
4. List the titles and dates	for all plans and other material	s submitted with this NOI.		
Environmental Resources M	Лар			
a. Plan Title	·			
BSC Group, Inc.	N/A			
b. Prepared By	c. Signed ar	nd Stamped by		
02/20/2024	1"=100'	1"=100'		
d. Final Revision Date	e. Scale	e. Scale		
USGS Site Locus Map		02/01/2024		
f. Additional Plan or Document Title	е	g. Date		
<ol> <li>If there is more than one listed on this form.</li> </ol>	e property owner, please attach	h a list of these property owners not		
6. Attach proof of mailing f	or Natural Heritage and Endan	ngered Species Program, if needed.		
7. Attach proof of mailing f	for Massachusetts Division of N	Marine Fisheries, if needed.		
8. 🛛 Attach NOI Wetland Fee	e Transmittal Form			
9. Attach Stormwater Repo	ort, if needed.			

## E. Fees

1.	Fee Exempt: No filing fee shall be assessed for projects of any city, town, county, or district
	of the Commonwealth, federally recognized Indian tribe housing authority, municipal housing
aut	hority, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Applicants must submit the following information (in addition to pages 1 and 2 of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form) to confirm fee payment:

3617	02/26/24
2. Municipal Check Number	3. Check date
N/A	
4. State Check Number	5. Check date
BSC Companies, Inc.	
6. Payor name on check: First Name	7. Payor name on check: Last Name

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#### F. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Notice of Intent and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Conservation Commission will place notification of this Notice in a local newspaper at the expense of the applicant in accordance with the wetlands regulations, 310 CMR 10.05(5)(a).

I further certify under penalties of perjury that all abutters were notified of this application, pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 131, § 40. Notice must be made by Certificate of Mailing or in writing by hand delivery or certified mail (return receipt requested) to all abutters within 100 feet of the property line of the project location.

1 the Section of the	02/26/2024
1. Signature of Applicant	2. Date
3. Signature of Property Owner (if different)	4. Date
	02/26/2024
5. Signature of Representative (if any)	6. Date

#### For Conservation Commission:

Two copies of the completed Notice of Intent (Form 3), including supporting plans and documents, two copies of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, and the city/town fee payment, to the Conservation Commission by certified mail or hand delivery.

#### For MassDEP:

One copy of the completed Notice of Intent (Form 3), including supporting plans and documents, one copy of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, and a **copy** of the state fee payment to the MassDEP Regional Office (see Instructions) by certified mail or hand delivery.

#### Other

If the applicant has checked the "yes" box in any part of Section C, Item 3, above, refer to that section and the Instructions for additional submittal requirements.

The original and copies must be sent simultaneously. Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Notice of Intent.



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#### **NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form**

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Α.	Applicant Information				
1.	Location of Project:				
	E5/F6 Transmission Lines Right-of-Way (ROW)	Pelham			
	a. Street Address	b. City/Town			
	N/A eDEP	\$362.50			
	c. Check number	d. Fee amount			
2.	Applicant Mailing Address:				
	Michael	Tyrrell			
	a. First Name	b. Last Name			
	New England Power Company (NEP)				
	c. Organization				
	170 Data Drive				
	d. Mailing Address				
	Waltham	MA	02451		
	e. City/Town	f. State	g. Zip Code		
	(603) 801-4140	michael.tyrrell@nationalgrid.com			
	h. Phone Number i. Fax Number	j. Email Address			
3.	Property Owner (if different):				
	NEP has easement rights				
	a. First Name	b. Last Name			
	c. Organization				
	d. Mailing Address				
	e. City/Town	f. State	g. Zip Code		

To calculate filing fees, refer to the category fee list and examples in the instructions for filling out WPA Form 3 (Notice of Intent).

#### B. Fees

h. Phone Number

Fee should be calculated using the following process & worksheet. *Please see Instructions before filling out worksheet.* 

j. Email Address

Step 1/Type of Activity: Describe each type of activity that will occur in wetland resource area and buffer zone.

Step 2/Number of Activities: Identify the number of each type of activity.

i. Fax Number

Step 3/Individual Activity Fee: Identify each activity fee from the six project categories listed in the instructions.

**Step 4/Subtotal Activity Fee:** Multiply the number of activities (identified in Step 2) times the fee per category (identified in Step 3) to reach a subtotal fee amount. Note: If any of these activities are in a Riverfront Area in addition to another Resource Area or the Buffer Zone, the fee per activity should be multiplied by 1.5 and then added to the subtotal amount.

Step 5/Total Project Fee: Determine the total project fee by adding the subtotal amounts from Step 4.

**Step 6/Fee Payments:** To calculate the state share of the fee, divide the total fee in half and subtract \$12.50. To calculate the city/town share of the fee, divide the total fee in half and add \$12.50.



#### **Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**

Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

#### **NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form**

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

. Fees (continued)				
Step 1/Type of Activity	Step 2/Number of Activities	Step 3/Individual Activity Fee	Step 4/Subtotal Activity Fee  \$750	
Category 2e	1	\$500 x 1.5		
	Step 5/Te	otal Project Fee:	\$750	
	Step 6/			
	Total	Project Fee:	\$750 a. Total Fee from Step 5	
	State share	State share of filing Fee:		
	City/Town share of filling Fee:		\$387.50 c. 1/2 Total Fee <b>plus</b> \$12.50	

## C. Submittal Requirements

a.) Complete pages 1 and 2 and send with a check or money order for the state share of the fee, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Department of Environmental Protection Box 4062 Boston, MA 02211

b.) **To the Conservation Commission:** Send the Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent; a **copy** of this form; and the city/town fee payment.

**To MassDEP Regional Office** (see Instructions): Send a copy of the Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent; a **copy** of this form; and a **copy** of the state fee payment. (E-filers of Notices of Intent may submit these electronically.)



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#### **RE: WPA Form 3 Section A.8**

Boring ID#s	Parcel ID	Closest Cross Road	Book, Page of Easement
Access to B-431	10-5-6	Old Pratts Corner Road	682, 356
B-421	9-28	North Valley Road	682, 342
B-407	15-12	Amherst Road	683, 169
B-402	15-2	Tawar Dand	682, 357
B-390	14-2	Tower Road	682, 345
B-377	20-2.A	Daniel Shays Highway	682, 344

# **COPY OF FILING FEE CHECK**

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# **Attachment A**

Central to Western MA Energy Improvement Project E5/F6 Transmission Lines Soil Boring Program Pelham, Massachusetts Notice of Intent

PROJECT NARRATIVE



CENTRAL TO WESTERN MA ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT E5/F6 TRANSMISSION LINES SOIL BORING PROGRAM NOTICE OF INTENT PAGE 1 OF 7

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

BSC Group, Inc. (BSC) is filing this Notice of Intent (NOI) on behalf of the New England Power Company (NEP) for activities associated with exploratory geotechnical soil borings along the E5W/F6W Transmission Lines Right-of-Way (ROW) in Pelham, Massachusetts (the Project). The proposed borings are necessary for the planning and design of future improvements to the lines. Following guidance from MassDEP WERO, soil borings for planning and design of activities along an existing utility Transmission Line are considered exempt utility maintenance under the WPA and its implementing regulations 310 CMR 10.02(2)(a)(2). Therefore, this NOI is being submitted solely under the Town of Pelham Wetland Bylaw Chapter 119 and its Regulations.

Project activities include access to soil boring B-431 located in Shutesbury, MA from Old Pratts Corner Road in Pelham, MA, and soil borings at Structure 421 off of North Valley Road, Structure 407 off of Amherst Road, Structures 390, 397, 402 off Tower Road and Structure 377 located off Daniel Shays Highway. Project activities will be located within an existing, managed ROW and along historically used access. Activities will be located within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Riverfront Area associated with an unnamed stream, and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to BVW / Inland Bank. Refer to **Attachment B** for the Site Locus Map and Environmental Resource Map showing the locations of the borings and resource areas.

Temporary construction mats will be used within wetlands to create a stable travel and work surface area. Although the Project will result in temporary impacts to BVWs, the areas will be restored, and no permanent wetland impacts are proposed. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to avoid and minimize impacts to resource areas outside of the access route.

The E5/F6 ROW is one of NEP's oldest ROWs throughout its system. As a result, access conditions vary considerably throughout the ROW. Existing access is present in some areas, but in others, the historic access route is no longer discernible. In order to facilitate the safe passage of the soil boring equipment, including equipment needed to install temporary construction matting across wetlands, as indicated on the Environmental Resource Mapping in **Attachment B,** access and work area improvements will be required as described in Section 3 of the enclose Project Narrative.

Due to the nature and purpose of the proposed activities, there are no practical alternatives to the Project. However, no adverse impacts to wetland resource areas or values protected by the WPA are proposed. Construction mats associated with utility projects are regulated by the Comprehensive Water Quality Certification for Utility Maintenance (#23-WW10-0008-APP), between National Grid and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP"), which provides permit coverage under the 401 Water Quality Certification Program. As such, and as requested by MassDEP, construction mats are not included in the attached WPA Form 3. However, the approximate square footage of temporary impacts is included for reference within the enclosed Project Narrative.



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This Project qualifies as a Limited Project in accordance with the WPA regulations (310 CMR 10.53(3)(d)) which allows for the "construction, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of... overhead public utilities..." provided there are no alternatives, best available measures are used to minimize adverse effects during construction, and that vegetation and existing grades are restored.

Best Management Practices (BMPs), including sediment and erosion controls, will be implemented during construction, further minimizing the likelihood of adverse impacts to resource areas. NEP has performed an analysis of alternatives, and the Project has been designed to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to wetland resource areas to the greatest extent practicable. Therefore, this NOI serves as a request for an Order of Conditions for the activities described herein.

#### 2 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Project activities are proposed at structures along the E5/F6 Transmission Lines ROW in Pelham, MA. The ROW is generally oriented northwest to southeast and is currently used for overhead electric utility transmission operations. Vegetation within the ROW is regularly maintained for compatibility with the facilities. The upland and wetland areas within the ROW are dominated by scrub-shrub/herbaceous communities, typical of transmission line ROWs. Dominant land uses adjacent to the ROW primarily include forested land and single-family properties.

#### 2.1 Resource Area Summary

BSC conducted both a Desktop Analysis (using MassGIS data layers, FEMA Firmette, and other publicly available data), and wetland field delineations, to assess permitting requirements pursuant to the WPA. Wetland delineations were conducted in 2022 and 2023 in accordance with the methodology described in the MassDEP Handbook for Delineating Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (Published in March 1995) and the updated MassDEP Handbook for Delineation of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (Published in September 2022).

The Environmental Resources Map in **Attachment B** depicts existing conditions, wetland resource areas, and buffer zones, in relation to the proposed activities. Temporary impacts are proposed within Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) BVW, RFA and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to BVW / Inland Bank.

#### 2.2 Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW)

BVW within the E5/F6 ROW is generally a mixture of scrub/shrub and emergent wetland types, typical of managed ROWs. Less than 1 square feet (sf) of temporary impacts per boring are anticipated within BVW for the soil borings, for a total of < 2 sf. No permanent impacts to BVW are proposed.



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#### 2.3 Riverfront Area

The boring at Structure 407 is located within inner RFA associated with an unnamed perennial stream. The stream is located south of the structure on the opposite side of North Valley Road. Less than 1 sf of temporary impacts from the boring are proposed. No permanent impacts to RFA are proposed.

#### 2.4 100-ft Buffer Zone

The Town of Pelham also regulates the 100-ft Buffer Zone to "any freshwater wetland, including isolated wetlands, any marsh, wet meadows, bog or swamp; any surface, subsurface or intermitted stream or headwaters to a stream, any pond, land under water bodies;" as a resource area under Section 119-2 (A) (1) & (2) of the Pelham Wetland Bylaw. Boring at Structure 402 is located the 100-Buffer Zone, less than 1 sf of temporary impacts from the boring are proposed. No permanent impacts to the Buffer Zone are proposed.

#### 2.5 Other Resource Areas

Other resource areas identified within or near the Project area include Surface Water Protection Zones and municipal and state Article 97 Lands. No other resource areas were identified within or near the Project area, including Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF), Certified Vernal Pools, Natural Heritage & Endangered Species (NHESP) Priority/Estimated Habitat, or Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

#### 3 PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

The Project activities include soil borings and/or associated access for seven (7) locations requiring temporary wetland matting for work envelope and access within BVW and required access and workpad grading are outside of jurisdictional areas. Minor permanent alterations are associated with workpad grading and boulder removals and grading along access road required to perform the work safely. Temporary Project impacts are associated with soil boring activities and the use of construction matting within BVW for access.

The purpose of the borings is to evaluate subsurface conditions for foundation design associated with the future replacement of these structures. A small drill rig will be used to perform the soil borings. Each boring hole will be approximately four (4) to six (6) inches in diameter and is typically completed within 1-2 days. Soils from the boring hole will be temporarily stored adjacent to the boring location. Within wetlands, soil will be placed on construction mats, underlain with filter fabric. If the soil remains overnight, it will be properly contained (fiber rolls, etc.). Upon completion of the work, bored-out soil will be used to backfill the hole. The soil boring contractor has the discretion to shift the boring site within 10 feet of the staked location based on site/field conditions.



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Access roads along the ROW allow NEP and contractor personnel to construct, inspect, and maintain the existing transmission line facilities. After careful planning and field investigations, NEP has determined that existing and previously used access routes can be utilized to complete the proposed soil boring activities. Grading at select locations of access and work pads will be required; however, these activities are proposed outside of WPA and Pelham Wetland Protection Bylaw and Regulations.

Approximately 30,196 sf of temporary construction mats will be used to provide access through and a stable work area within BVW. No permanent impacts are proposed to BVW.

Temporary impacts to BVW are identified in Table 1 below. There are no temporary impacts in BVW, RFA or Buffer Zone associated with Structure 397.

**Table 1. Jurisdictional Areas Temporary Impacts Summary** 

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Boring ID	Activities	Access	BVW	100-ft Buffer Zone to BVW	RFA		
B-431(in Shutesbury)	Temporary access only	Old Pratts Corner Road	465 sf (temporary matting) for access to boring	ı	-		
B-421	Temporary access only	North Valley Road	4,122 sf (temporary matting) for access to boring	ı	ı		
B- 407	Soil boring and temporary access	Amherst Road	1,242 sf (temporary matting) for work envelope & <0.2 sf (soil boring)	ı	<1 sf (soil boring)		
B- 402	Soil boring and temporary access	Tower Road	1290 sf (temporary matting) for access to boring	<1 sf (soil boring)	ı		
B- 390	Temporary access only		12,083 sf (temporary matting) for access to boring	1	1		
B- 377	Soil boring and temporary access	Daniel Shays Highway	10,647 sf (temporary matting) for access to boring and work envelope, and <0.2 sf (soil boring)	-	-		



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# 4 CONFORMANCE WITH PELHAM WETLAND BYLAW REGULATIONS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

#### 4.1 No Net Loss Policy for Natural Wetlands

[5.2.1] Natural wetlands perform many functions and it is not possible to replicate all of them. Furthermore, it is difficult even to determine which functions are most probably or exclusively being performed in a given wetland area. Therefore, destruction or alteration of wetlands should only be undertaken most cautiously and only as a last resort. Applicants are advised that the Commission will require wetland replication based on the latest available scientific information and practices and where practicable may require mitigation beyond the 1:1 minimum in order to increase the likelihood of success of the replication effort. Design of replacement wetlands should be based upon a quantitative showing of the functions operating in the natural wetland. Guidelines for replication are available from the Commission and are subject to updating and change as technology improves.

All impacts within vegetated wetlands are temporary, and the placement of temporary matting and collection of sediment samples via the borings will not result in the long-term ability of the wetland to be significant to wildlife, public or private water supply, to ground water supply, to flood control, to storm damage prevention, to the prevention of pollution, and to the protection of fisheries.

#### 4.2 Areas within 100 feet of wetlands and waterbodies (BUFFER AREA)

[5.3.1] The Pelham Wetlands Bylaw recognizes the Buffer Area as being necessary to the protection of the wetland resources and values protected by the Bylaw. Without protected Buffer Areas degradation of wetlands is inevitable. In addition, many wetland species require adjacent uplands for nesting or feeding and therefore from a wildlife perspective Buffer areas are critical. The Commission holds that minimum intrusion into this area best protects the resources. The burden is on the applicant to prove to the satisfaction of the Commission that the project will not harm the interests protected by the Bylaw.

Boring at Structure 402 is located the 100-Buffer Zone, less than 1 sf of temporary impacts from the boring are proposed. No permanent impacts to the Buffer Zone are proposed. Impacts to the Buffer Area for the collection of sediment samples via the borings will allow existing conditions to re-establish within the impacted areas. Protective measures and BMPs will be in place to avoid and minimize impacts to water quality. No permanent impacts in Buffer Area are proposed.



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#### 5 PROPOSED MITIGATION TECHNIQUES

NEP has established procedures that are to be followed by all employees and contractors performing construction and maintenance activities on transmission ROWs. These procedures, or BMPs, are outlined in National Grid's Environmental Guidance document Access, Maintenance and Construction Best Management Practices (EG-303NE) to ensure that all NEP projects are completed in accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations as well as company policies and compliance objectives. The following sections provide a summary of BMPs that will be implemented for this Project. See **Attachment E** for an excerpt of National Grid's Environmental Guidance Document, Access, Maintenance and Construction Best Management Practices, Sediment and Erosion Controls.

#### 5.1 Sediment and Erosion Controls

Erosion and sediment control measures will be installed prior to the commencement of work as necessary. These controls will function to mitigate work-related erosion and sedimentation, and to serve as a physical boundary that delineates work areas and contains construction activities within approved locations. Erosion and sediment control measures may include silt fence, weed-free straw bale barriers, straw wattles, or similar treatment.

BMPs will be inspected and maintained in working order until all disturbed areas are stabilized. Please refer to **Attachment E** for erosion and sediment control details.

#### 5.2 Construction Access

Existing and historically used access routes will be utilized to the greatest extent practicable, as shown on the Environmental Resources Map in **Attachment B**. Temporary construction mats will be used to provide access through BVW. Construction mats are a typical BMP used by NEP to protect the wetland substrate, root systems/seed banks and existing vegetation. Construction mats will be placed on top of existing vegetation and will be removed upon completion of work. If necessary, the wetland area will be restored through seeding and stabilization.

#### 5.3 Mowing and Vegetation Management

Prior to the commencement of work, upland vegetation within the ROW will be mowed to provide access for vehicles and personnel.



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#### 5.4 Restoration of Disturbed Areas

Disturbed areas, outside the footprint of the access routes, will be returned to preconstruction elevations and conditions to the extent practicable. In areas of vegetated ground, disturbed areas will be seeded with an appropriate conservation seed mixture and/or mulched and allowed to re-vegetate.

Temporary soil erosion and sediment control devices will be removed following the stabilization of disturbed areas. Temporary construction mats will be removed from wetlands. In addition, construction debris and non-biodegradable controls will be removed from the site following construction and site stabilization.

#### 6 CONCLUSION

Although portions of the Project will occur within wetland resource areas, the proposed Project will:

- Minimize disturbance by utilizing an existing disturbed ROW to the greatest extent practicable;
- Maximize use of upland access roads to the greatest extent practicable.
- Result in only minor and temporary impacts to BVW, RFA and the 100-foot Buffer to BVW/Inland Bank;
- And utilize appropriate BMPs to protect wetland resource areas from sedimentation and soil disturbance during boring activities.

Therefore, NEP requests the Pelham Conservation Commission find this proposal adequately protective of the public interests identified in the Pelham Wetland Bylaw and Regulations, and issue an Order of Conditions for the activities described in this narrative.

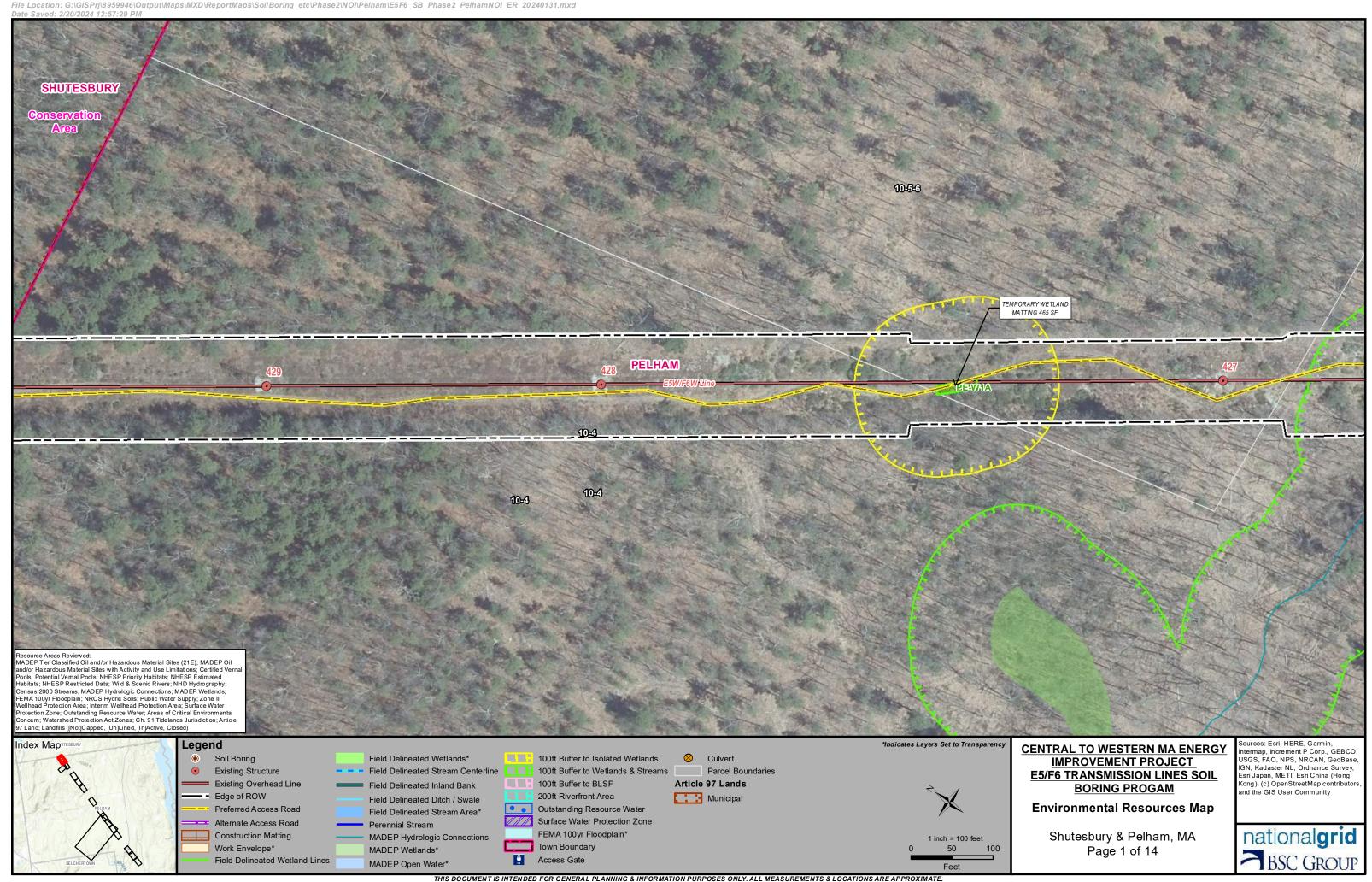


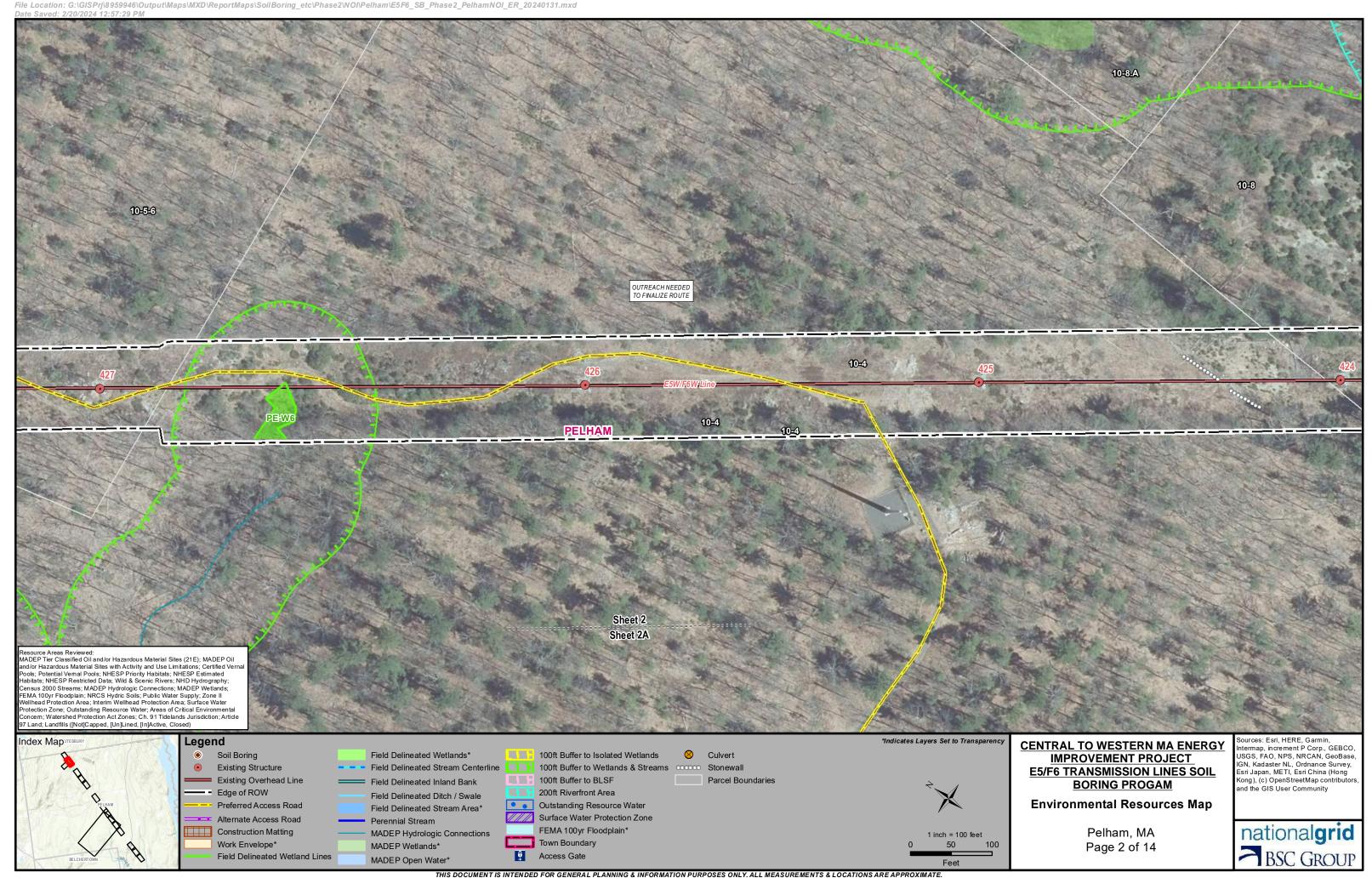
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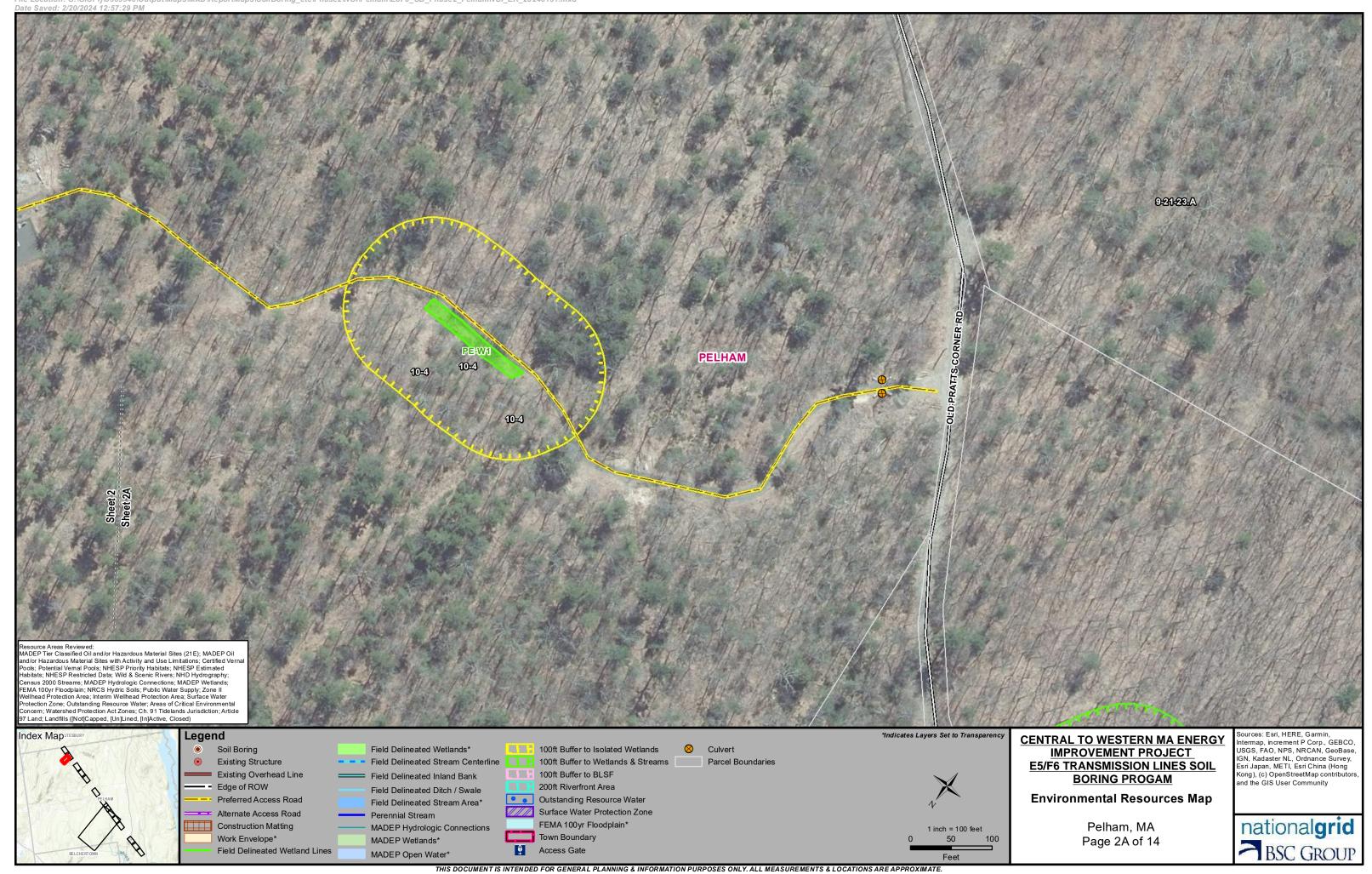
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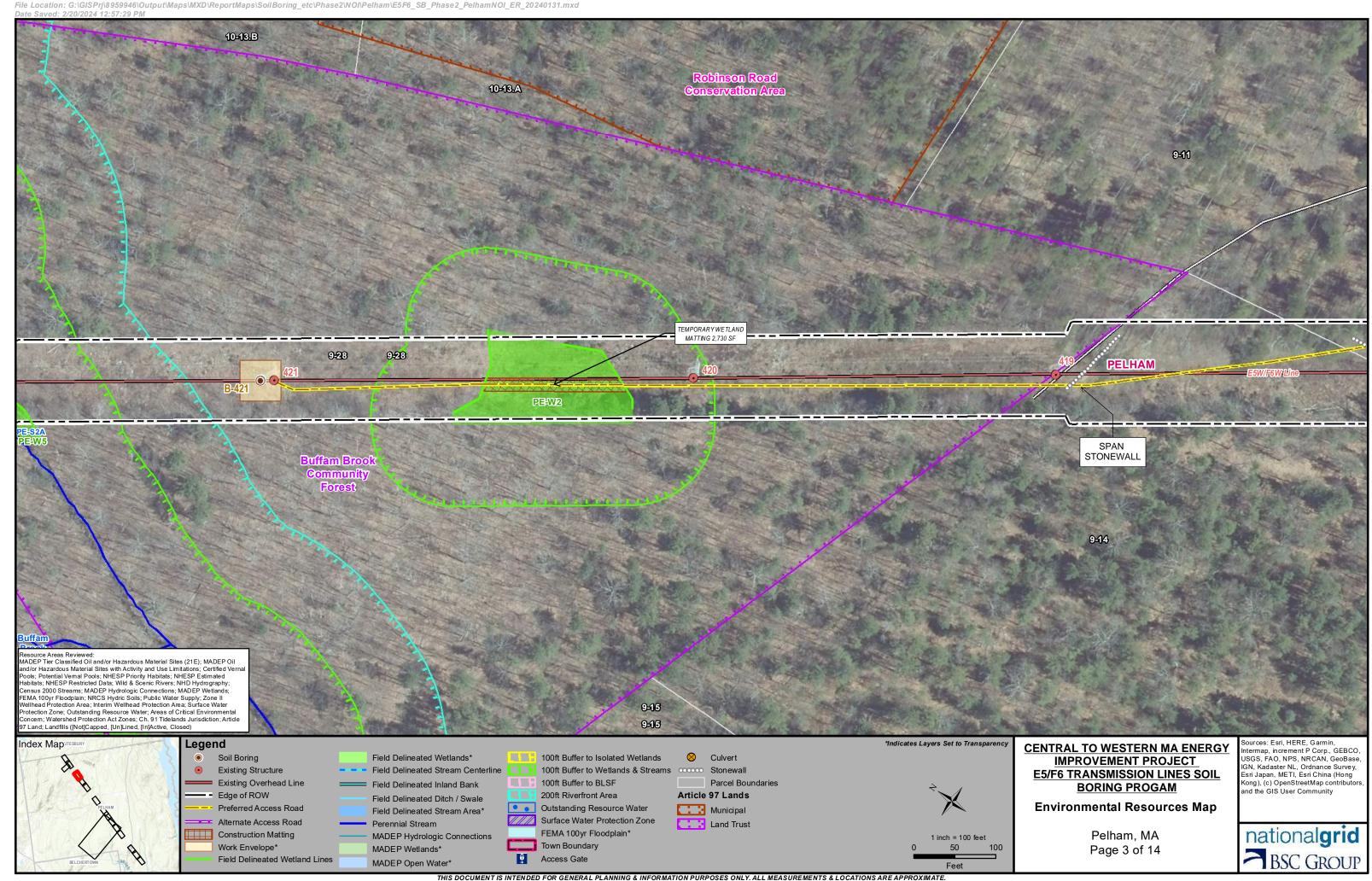
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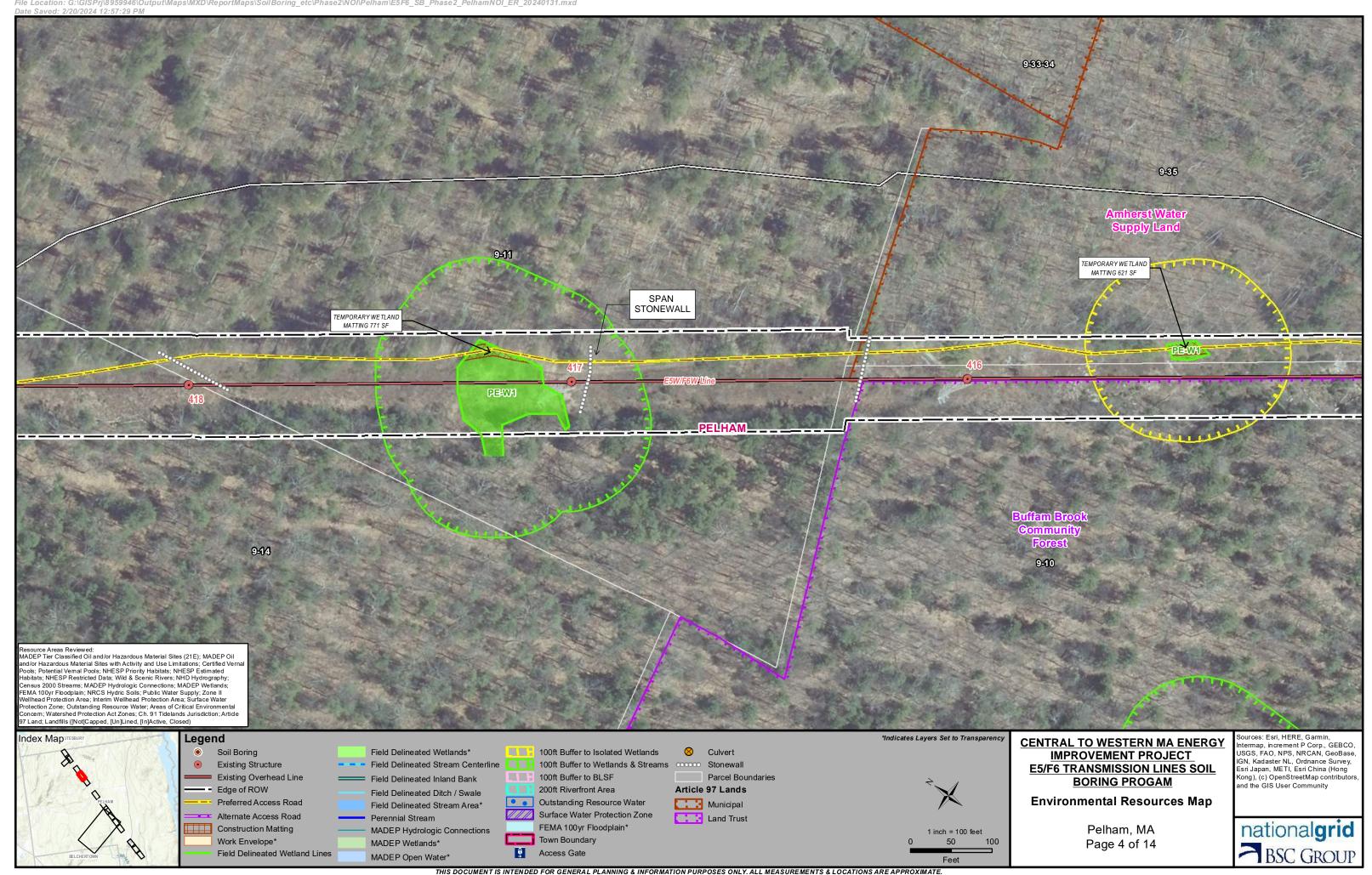


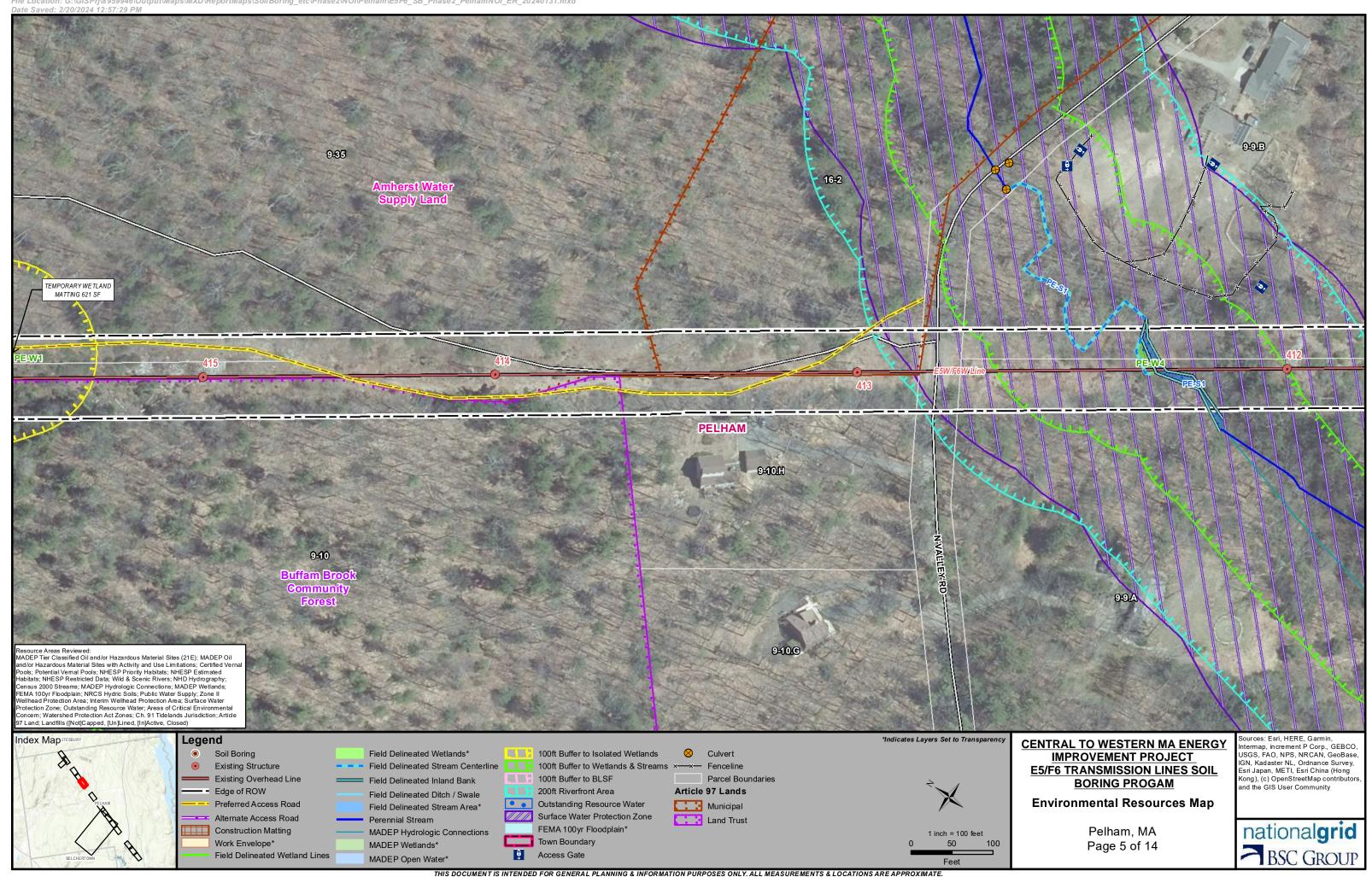


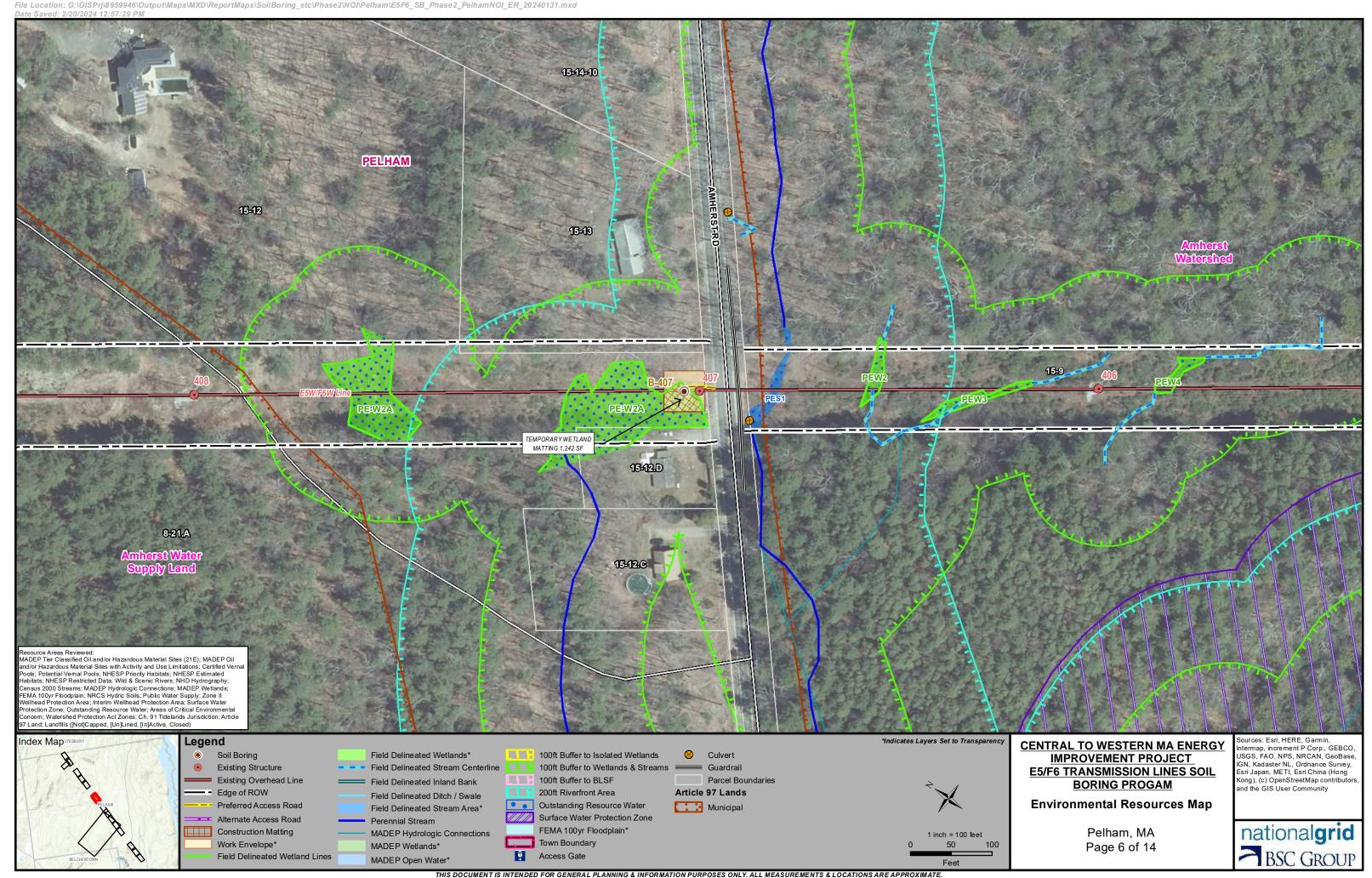


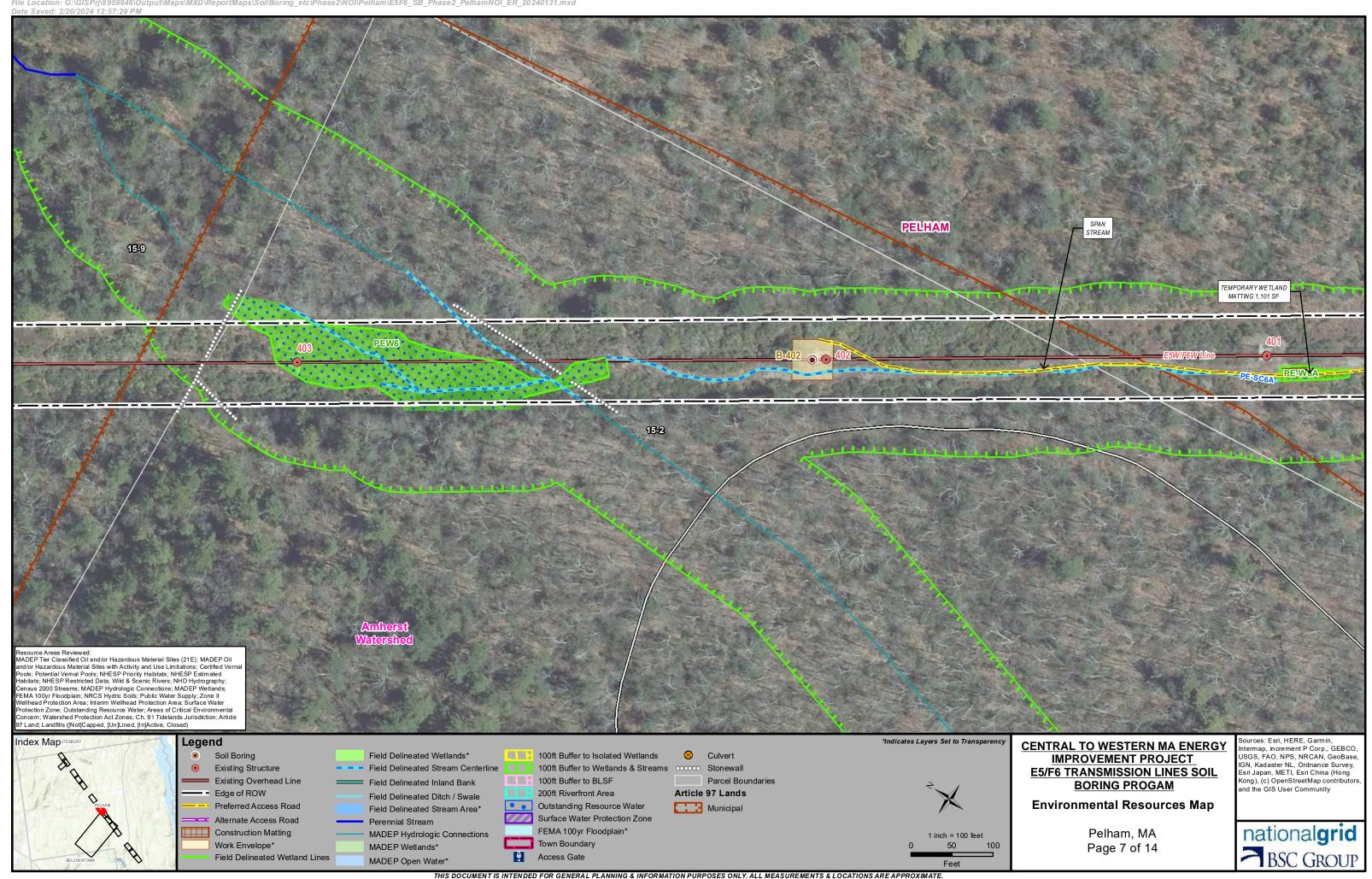


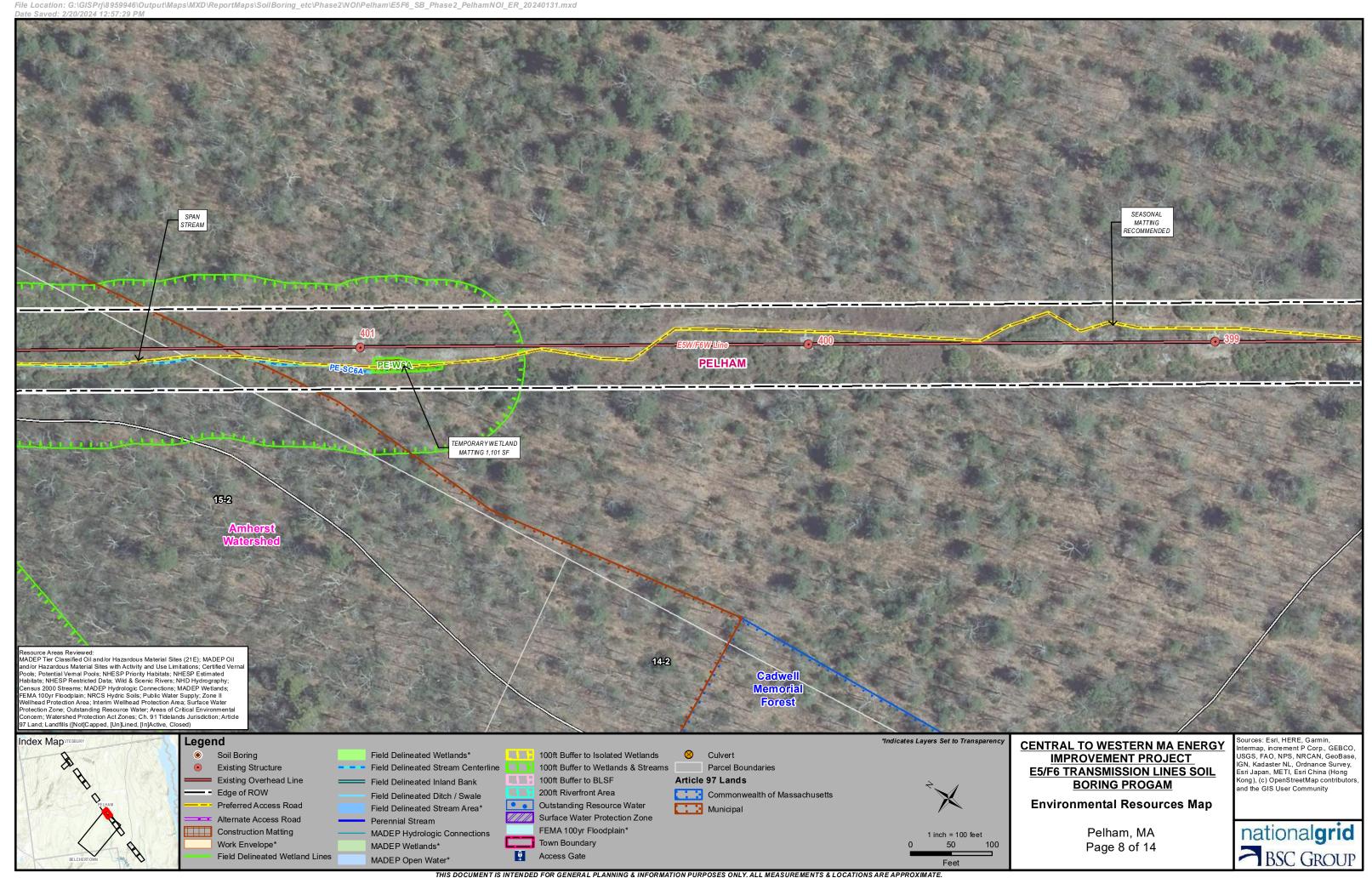


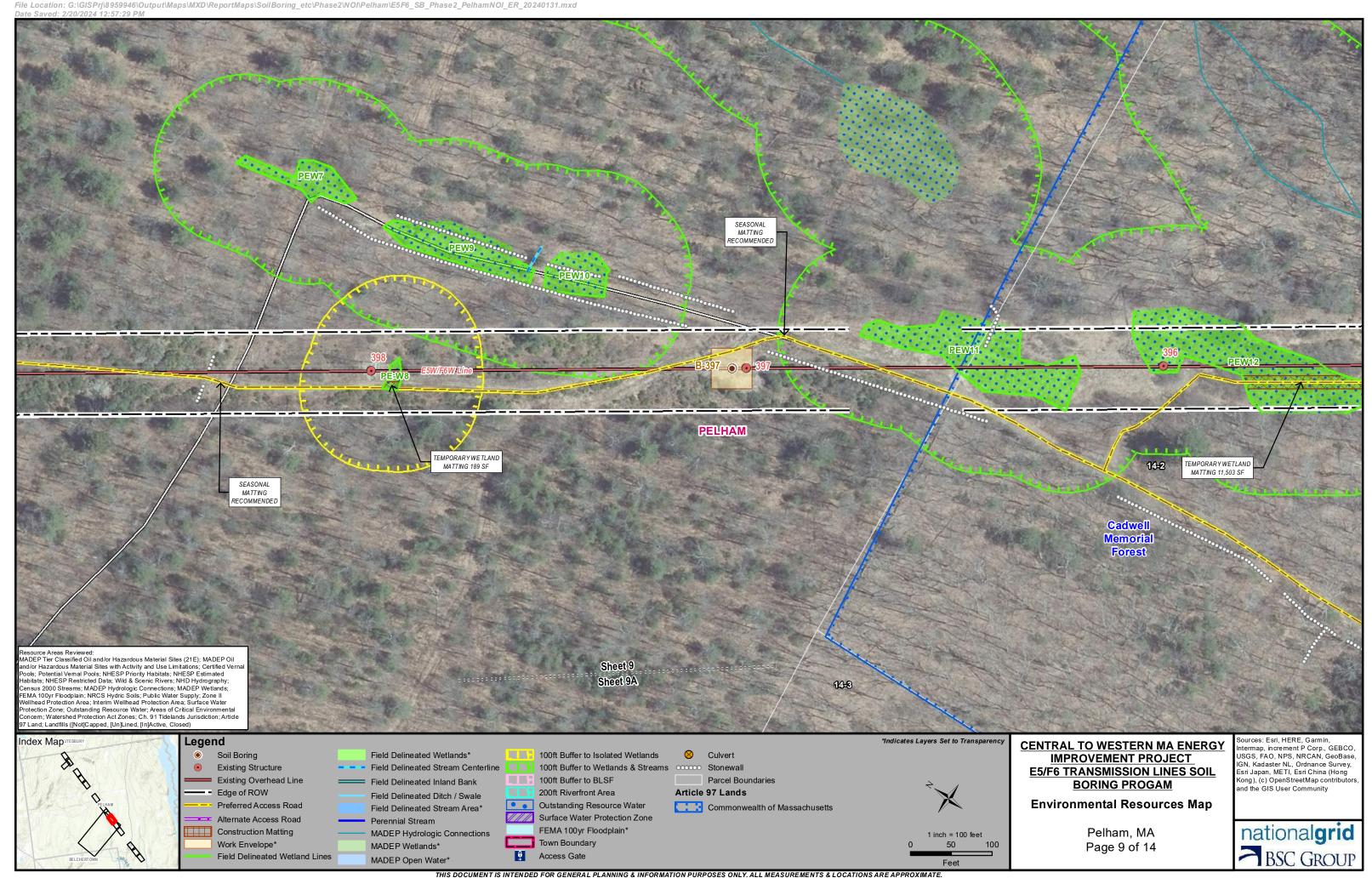


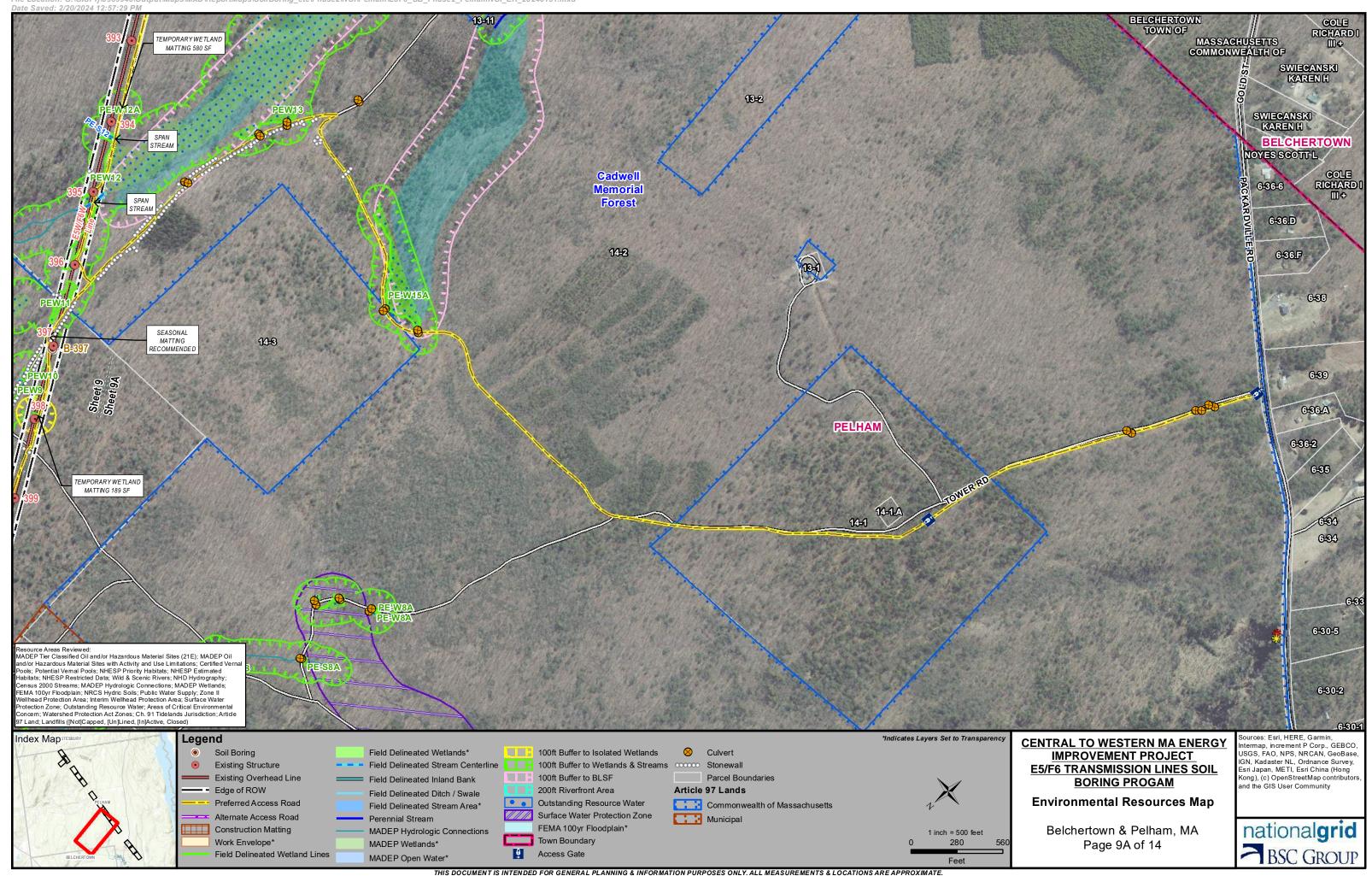


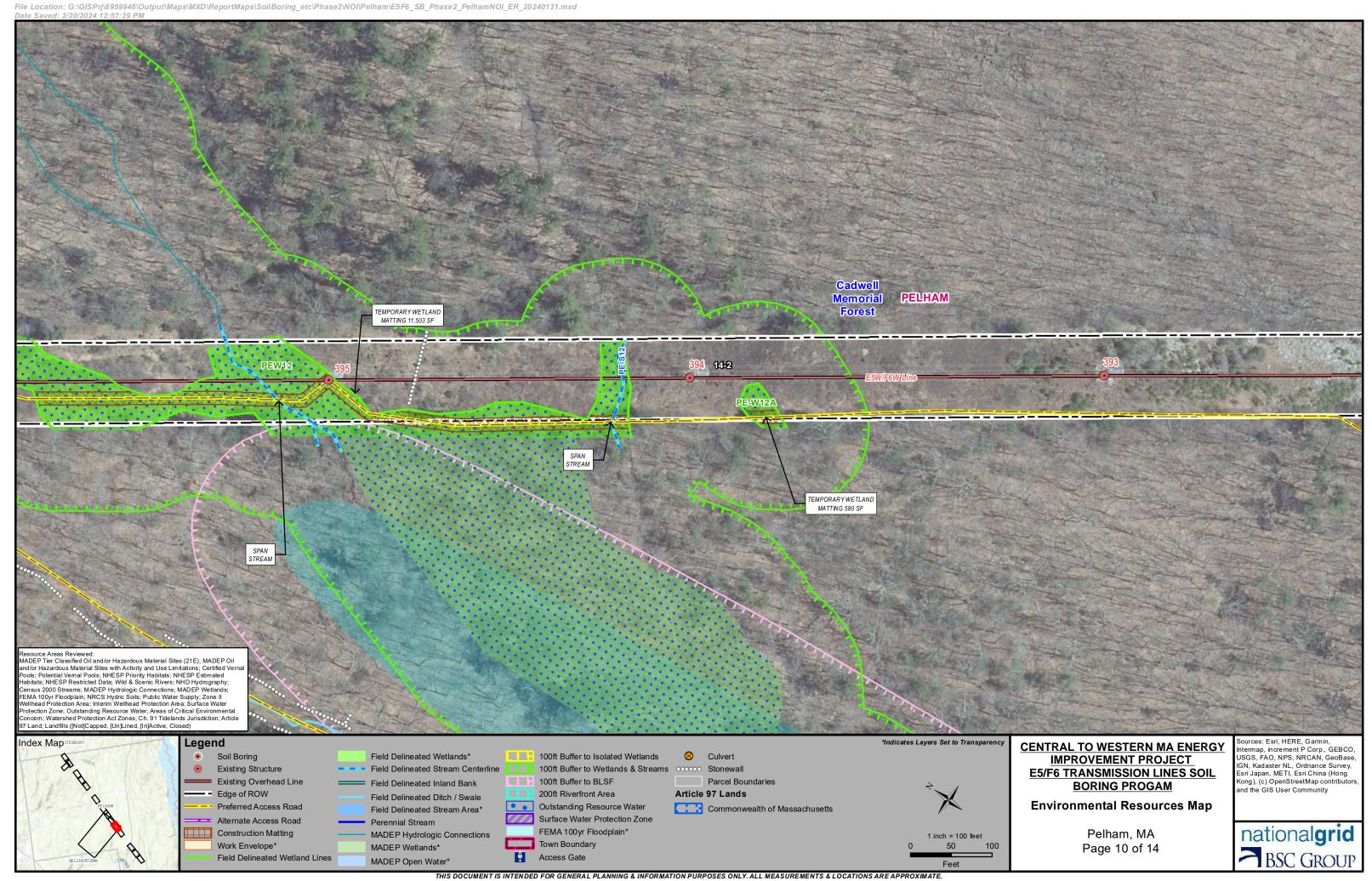


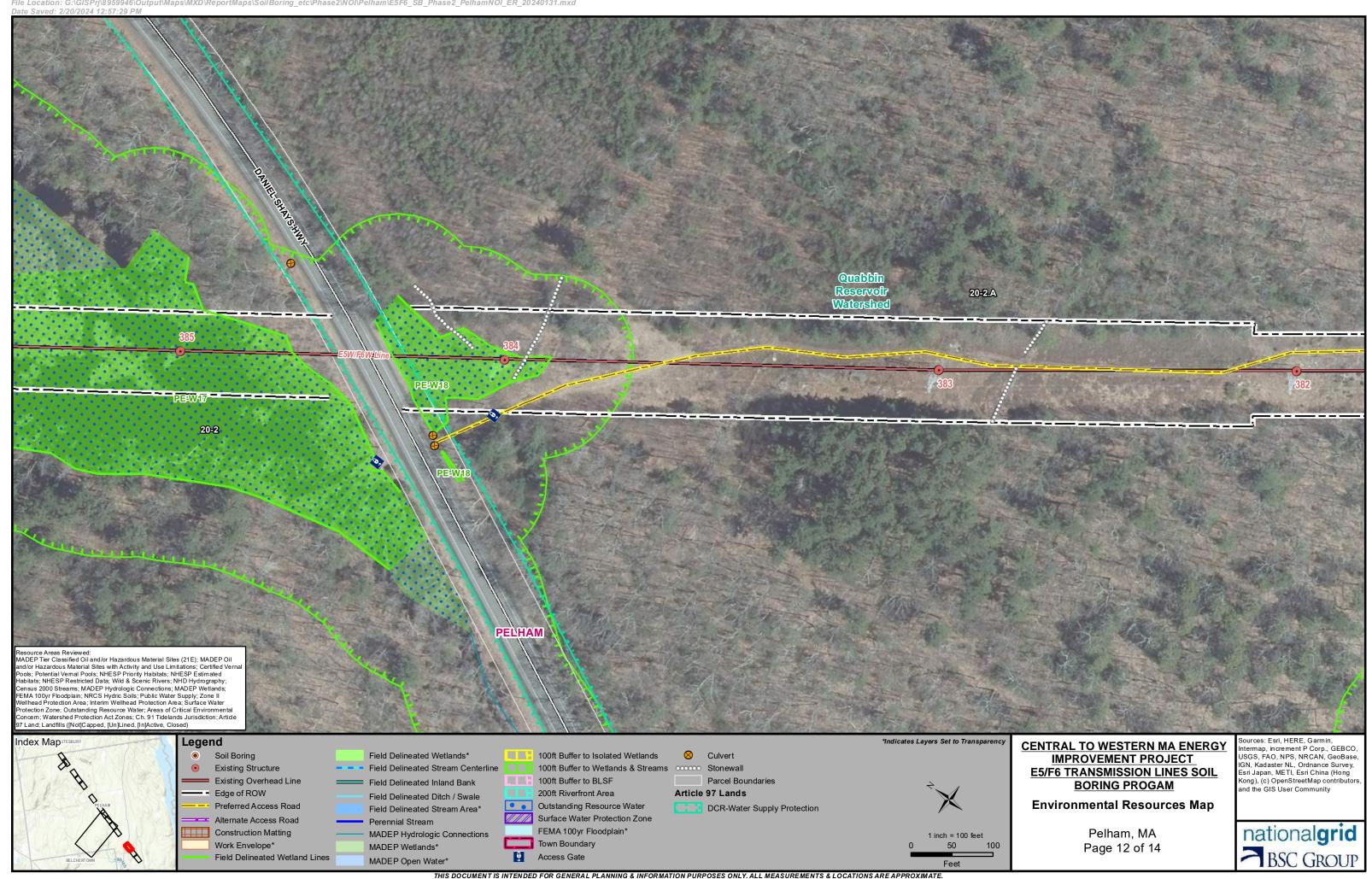


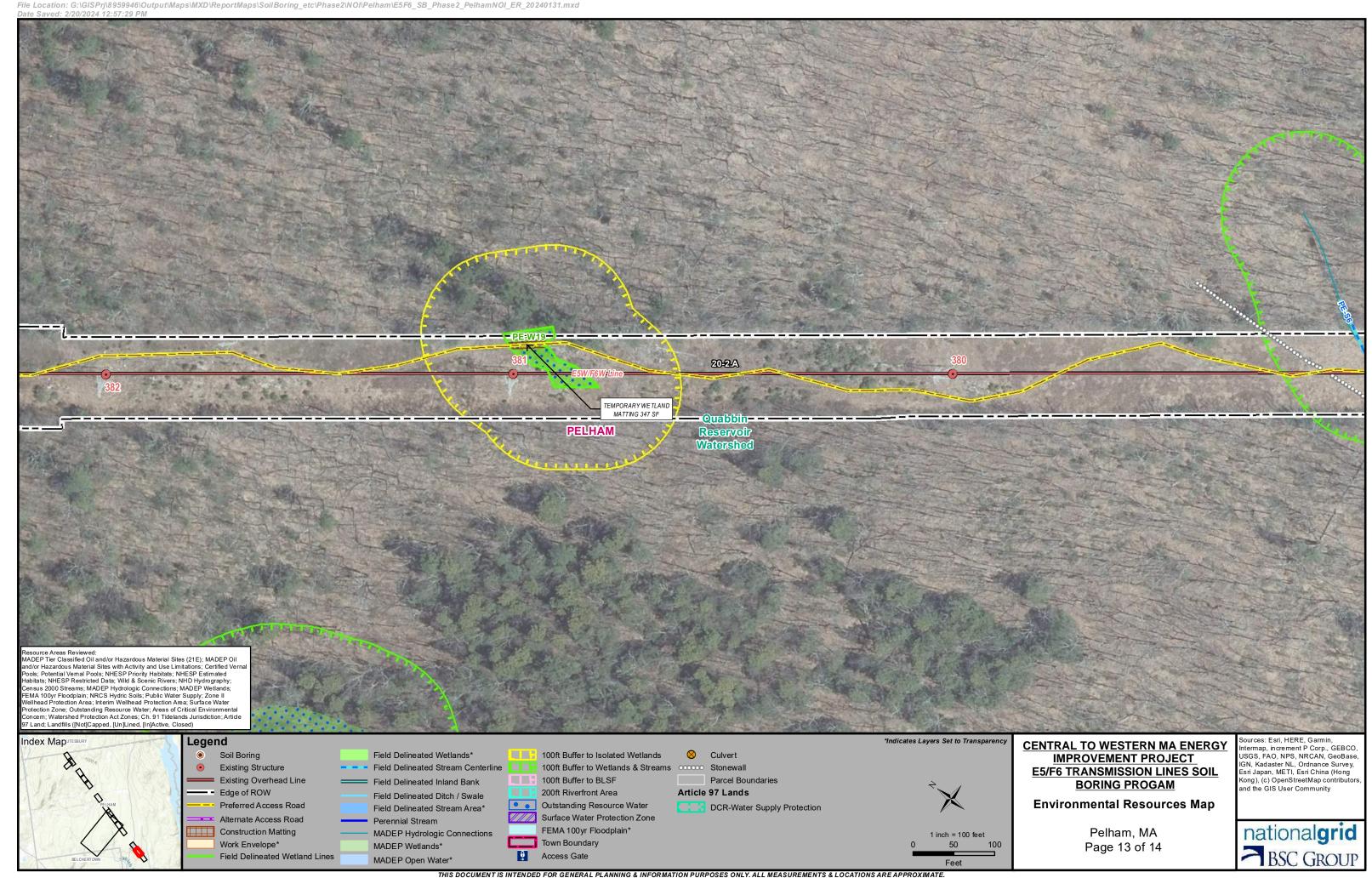












## **Attachment C**

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SITE PHOTOGRAPHS







**Photo #1:** View of existing Structure 377 located within ORW BVW PE-W20. B-377 is proposed approximately 18 feet southeast of the existing structure. Temporary construction matting in BVW is required in order to access and create a work envelope for the work. The access to the boring will also span intermitted stream PE-S6. *Facing southeast*.



**Photo #2:** View of existing Structure 396 and ORW BVW PE-W6 (Str 395 in background). Temporary construction matting in ORW BVWs including PE-W6 is required in order to access B-390 located in upland. *Facing southeast*.





**Photo #3:** View of existing Structure 398 and ORW BVW PE-W8 (Str 397 in background). Temporary construction matting in ORW BVWs including PE-W8 is required in order to access B-377 located in upland. *Facing southeast*.



**Photo #4:** View of existing Structure 401, ORW BVW PE-W6A and intermittent stream PE-SC6A (Str 402 in background). B-402 is proposed approximately 18 feet northwest of the existing structure. Temporary construction matting in ORW BVW PE-W6A is required in order to access B-402 located in the 100-ft Buffer Zone. The access to the boring will also span PE-SC6A. *Facing northwest*.





**Photo #5:** View of existing Structure 407 located within ORW BVW PE-W2A, B-407 is proposed approximately 19 feet northwest of the existing structure. Temporary construction matting in BVW is required in order to create a work envelope for the work. *Facing south.* 



**Photo #6:** View of BVW PE-W2 (Str 421 in background). Temporary construction matting in ORW BVWs including PE-W2 is required in order to access B-421 located in upland. Facing northwest.







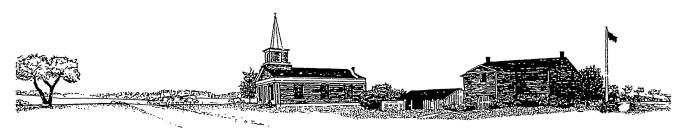
**Photo #7:** View of BVW PE-W1A. Temporary construction matting in ORW BVW PE-W1A is required in order to access B-431 located in Shutesbury. Facing northwest.

## **Attachment D**

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CERTIFIED ABUTTERS LIST ABUTTERS NOTIFICATION LETTER





### Town of Pelham

Board of Assessors \$351 Amherst Road \$Pelham MA 01002 Phone-413-253-0734\$Fax 413-253-0847 pelhamassessor@comcast.net

MAP/BLOCK/PARCEL: See Attached Request form

APPLICANT: New England Power

DATE: 2-21-24

BOARD: CONSERVATION

PLANNING

SELECTBOARD

**ZONING** 

#### **CERTIFIED LIST OF ABUTTORS**

The Assessor's Office, Town of Pelham, hereby certifies the attached list of names and addresses. This list reflects the current names and addresses as they appear in our records as of January 1, 2020

This list is only valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of certification by the Assessor.

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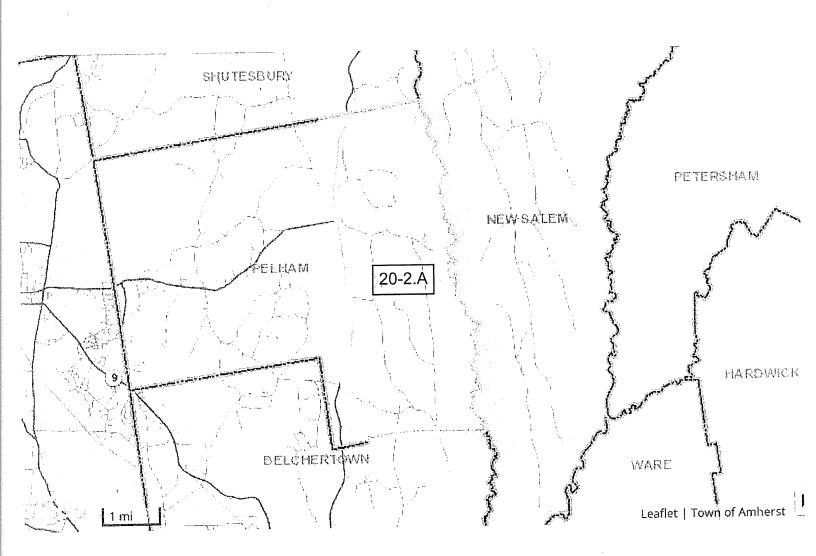
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# PELHAM BOARD OF ASSESSORS REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED LIST OF ABUTTERS

Note: THE ASSESSORS OFFICE REQUIRES 10 BUSINESS DAYS TO PREPARE AN ABUTTERS LIST. WE THEREFORE ADVISE YOU NOT TO SCHEDULE A HEARING UNTIL YOU HAVE THIS LIST.

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NEP has easement rights on these parcels			New England Power Company (NEP) -Represented by BSC Group			
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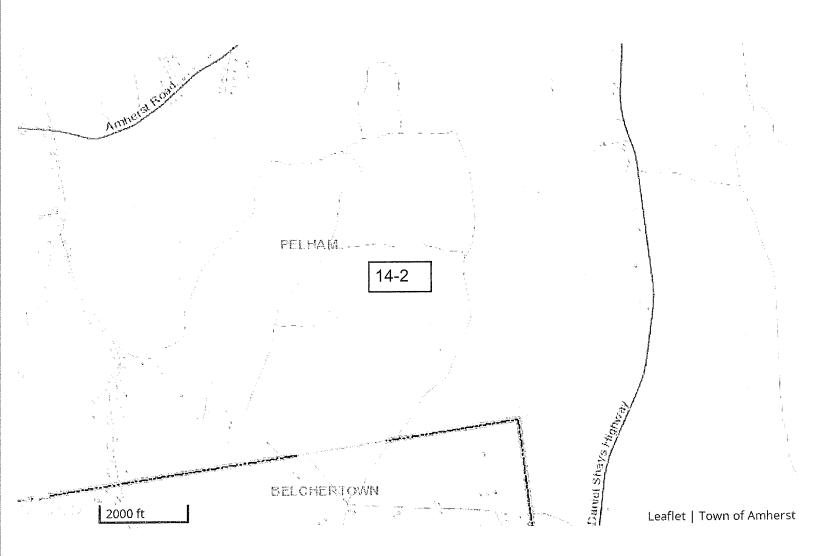
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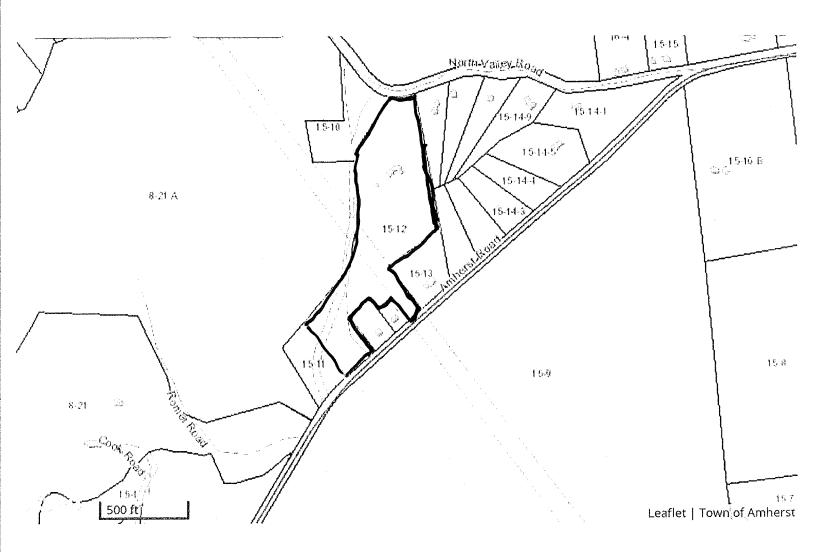
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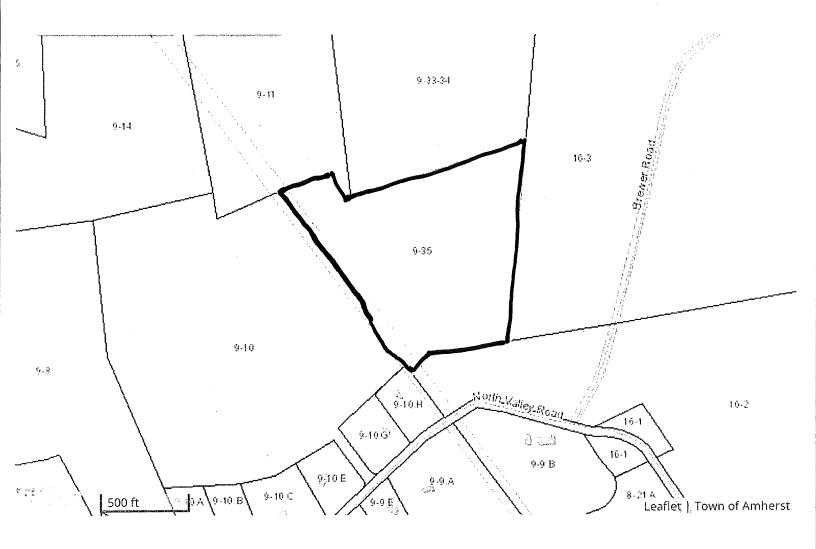
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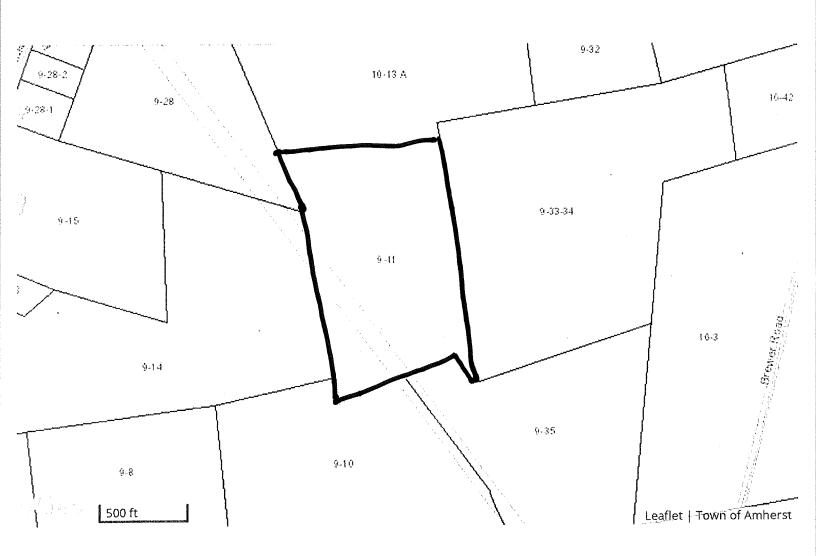
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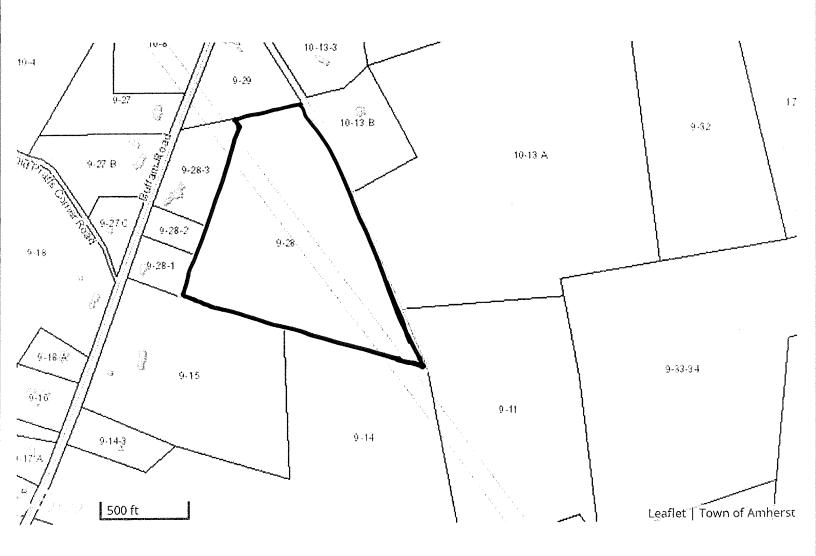
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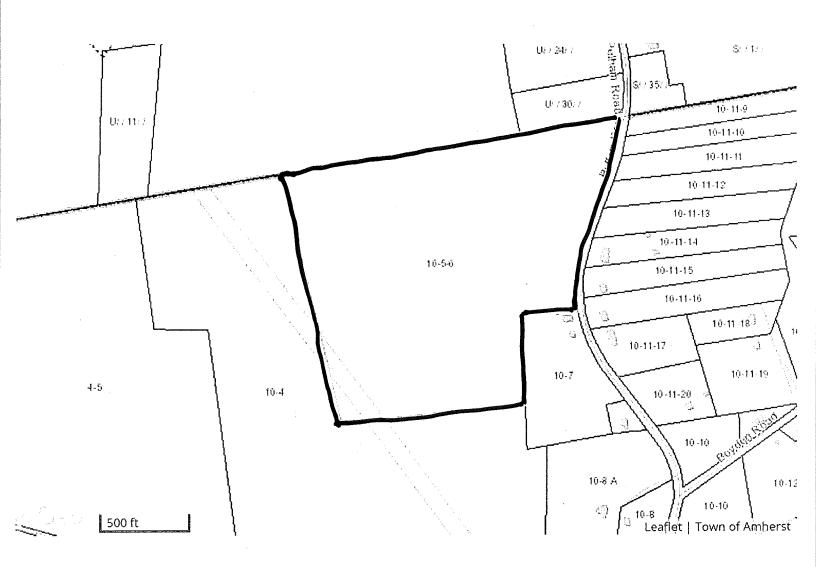
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#### **Notification to Abutters**

### By Hand Delivery, Certified Mail (return receipt requested), or Certificates of Mailing

This is a notification required by law. You are receiving this notification because you have been identified as the owner of land abutting another parcel of land for which certain activities are proposed. Those activities require a permit under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40).

In accordance with the second paragraph of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, and 310 CMR 10.05(4)(a) of the Wetlands Regulations, you are hereby notified that:

A. A Notice of Intent was filed with the Pelham Conservation Commission on 03/20/2024 seeking permission to remove, fill, dredge, or alter an area subject to protection under M.G.L. c. 131 §40. The following is a description of the proposed activity/activities:

The New England Power Company (NEP) is proposing to conduct exploratory geotechnical soil borings for planning and design of future improvements to the E5/F6 Transmission Lines at six existing structures within Pelham, and one boring in Shutesbury requiring a wetland crossing in Pelham. Borings are proposed within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Riverfront Area, and the 100-ft Buffer Zone. Access and work area improvements are proposed outside of BVW and temporary construction matting within BVW will be used to access the boring locations.

- B. The name of the applicant is: New England Power Company.
- C. The address of the land where the activity is proposed is: Various parcels along the E5/F6 Transmission Lines ROW off of Old Pratts Corner, North Valley Road, Amherst Road, Tower Road and Daniel Shays Highway in Pelham, MA.
- D. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined or obtained at the office of the Pelham Conservation Commission, located at 351 Amherst Road, Pelham, MA. The Commission may be reached at 413-461-8224 to confirm office hours.
- E. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be obtained from the applicant or their representative by calling Erasme da Cruz, representative at (617) 896-4589. An administrative fee may be applied for providing copies of the NOI and plans.
- F. Information regarding the date, time, and location of the public hearing regarding the Notice of Intent may be obtained from the Pelham Conservation Commission. Notice of the public hearing will be published at least five business days in advance, in the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

## **Attachment E**

Central to Western MA Energy Improvement Project E5/F6 Transmission Lines Soil Boring Program Pelham, Massachusetts Notice of Intent

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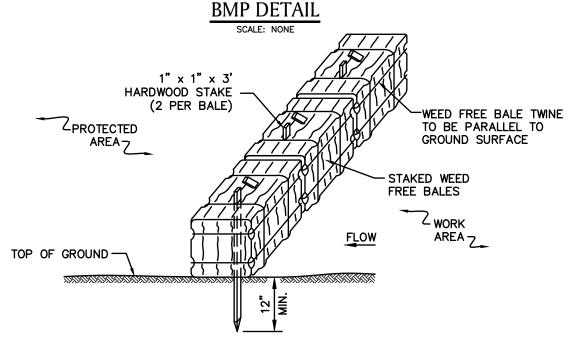


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### **NOTES:**

1. THE GROUND SHALL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE COMPLETE CONTACT WITH THE BALES.

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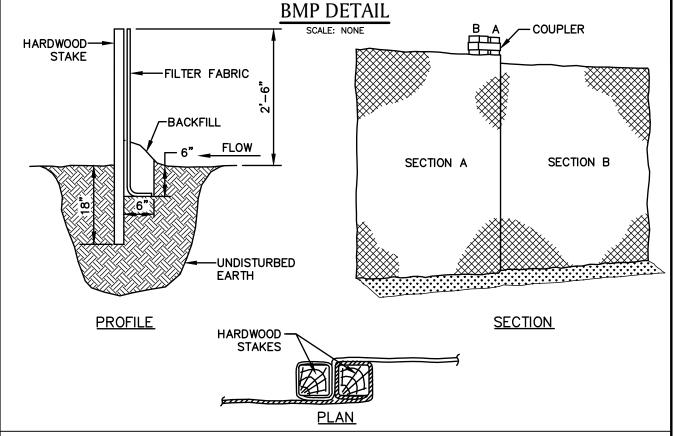
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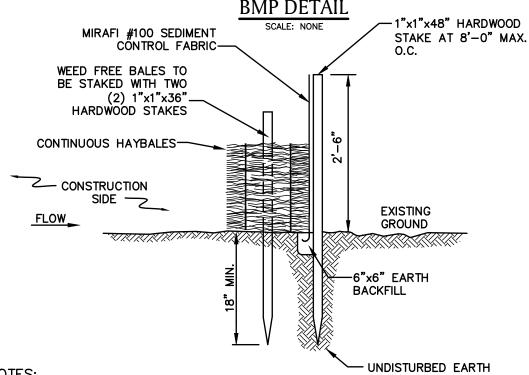
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**NOTES:** 

- BALES SHALL BE PLACED IN A ROW WITH THE ENDS TIGHTLY ABUTTING THE ADJACENT BALES.
- BALES SHALL BE SECURELY ANCHORED IN PLACE BY TWO (2) 1"X1"X36" HARDWOOD STAKES 2. DRIVEN THROUGH THE BALES. THE FIRST STAKE IN EACH BALE SHALL BE ANGLED TOWARD PREVIOUSLY LAID BALE TO FORCE BALES TOGETHER.
- INSPECTION SHALL BE FREQUENT AND REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT SHALL BE MADE PROMPTLY 3. AS NEEDED.
- BALES SHALL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WHEN THEY BECOME FILLED WITH SEDIMENT AND BLOCK OR IMPEDE STORM FLOW OR DRAINAGE.
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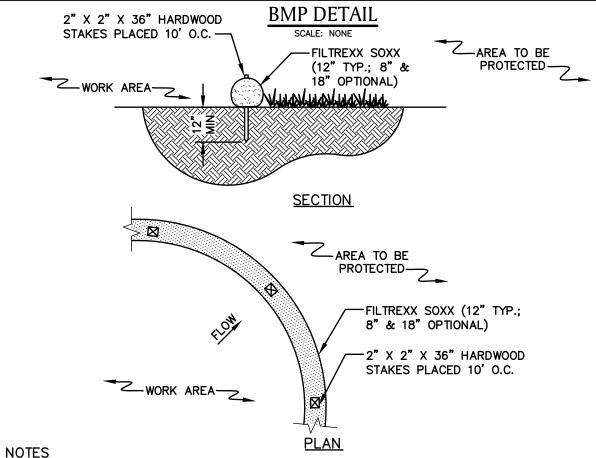
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- ALL MATERIAL TO MEET FILTREXX SPECIFICATIONS. FILTER MEDIA FILL TO MEET APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.
- 4. MESH CONTAINMENT MATERIAL SHOULD BE KNITTED PHOTODEGRADABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL, WITH OPENING SIZES BETWEEN 1/8" - 3/8".
- 5. COMPOST MEDIA SHOULD HAVE PARTICLE SIZE WHERE 99% < 2", 50% > 1/2".
   6. COMPOST MATERIAL TO BE DISPERSED ON SITE, AS DETERMINED BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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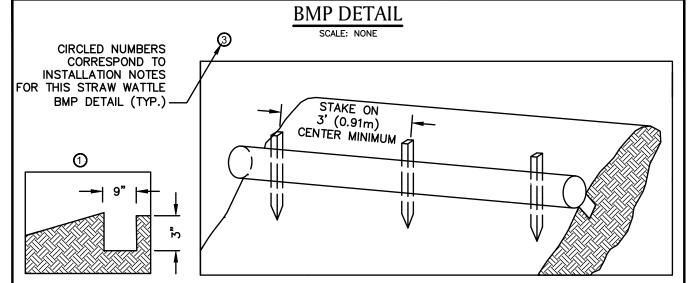
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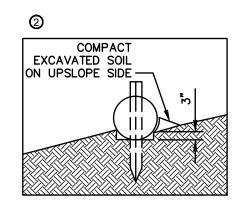
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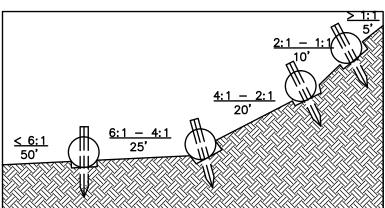
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TYPICAL WATTLE SPACING DETAIL

#### NOTES:

- PRODUCT TO BE TENSAR NORTH AMERICAN GREEN STRAW WATTLE OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
- TYPICAL WATTLE SPACING BASED ON SLOPE GRADIENT. COORDINATE SPACING AND LOCATION WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
- MINIMUM 12" DIAMETER WATTLES SHOULD BE USED FOR HIGHLY DISTURBED AREAS (I.E., HEAVILY USED ACCESS ROAD WITH ADJACENT WETLAND) AND MINIMUM 9-10" WATTLES SHOULD BE USED FOR LESS DISTURBED SOILS.

### **INSTALLATION** NOTES:

- BEGIN AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE WATTLE IS TO BE INSTALLED BY EXCAVATING A 2-3" DEEP X 9" WIDE TRENCH ALONG THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE. EXCAVATED SOIL SHOULD BE PLACED UPSLOPE FROM THE ANCHOR TRENCH.
- PLACE THE WATTLE IN THE TRENCH SO THAT IT CONTOURS TO THE SOIL SURFACE. COMPACT SOIL FROM THE EXCAVATED TRENCH AGAINST THE WATTLE ON THE UPHILL SIDE. ADJACENT WATTLES SHOULD TIGHTLY ABUT.
- 3. SECURE THE WATTLE WITH 18-24" HARDWOOD STAKES EVERY 3-4' AND WITH A STAKE ON EACH END. STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE WATTLE LEAVING AT LEAST 2-3" OF STAKE EXTENDING ABOVE THE WATTLE. STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN PERPENDICULAR TO THE SLOPE FACE.

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### **BMP PICTURE**



STRAW WATTLE - SHALLOW SLOPE (≤4:1) (ALTERNATE STAKING)

### ALTERNATE STAKING INSTALLATION NOTES:

- ON SHALLOW SLOPES ( $\leq$ 4:1), STRAW WATTLE MAY BE SECURED WITH 18-24" HARDWOOD STAKES DRIVEN AGAINST THE SIDES OF THE WATTLE INSTEAD OF THROUGH. STAKES SHALL ALTERNATE
- SIDES, AND BE SPACED 3-4' MAX.
  2. TWINE SHALL BE TIED FROM STAKE TO STAKE, CRISS-CROSSING THE STRAW WATTLE. TIE TWINE TO STAKES BELOW THE HEIGHT OF THE WATTLE.

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### <u>BMP</u>

### **Definition**

Applying coarse plant residue or chips, or other suitable materials, to cover the soil surface.

### Purpose

The primary purpose is to provide initial erosion control while a seeding or shrub planting is establishing. Mulch will conserve moisture and modify the surface soil temperature and reduce fluctuation of both. Mulch will prevent soil surface crusting and aid in weed control. Mulch is also used alone for temporary stabilization in nongrowing months.

### **Conditions Where Practice Applies**

On soils subject to erosion and on new seedings and shrub plantings. Mulch is useful on soils with low infiltration rates by retarding runoff.

### Criteria

Site preparation prior to mulching requires the installation of necessary erosion control or water management practices and drainage systems.

Slope, grade and smooth the site to fit needs of selected mulch products.

Remove all undesirable stones and other debris to meet the needs of the anticipated land use and maintenance required.

Apply mulch after soil amendments and planting is accomplished or simultaneously if hydroseeding is used.

Select appropriate mulch material and application rate or material needs. Determine local availability.

Select appropriate mulch anchoring material.

NOTE: The best combination for grass/legume establishment is straw (cereal grain) mulch applied at 2 ton/acre (90 lbs./1000sq.ft.) and anchored with wood fiber mulch (hydromulch) at 500 - 750 lbs./acre (11 – 17 lbs./1000 sq. ft.). The wood fiber mulch must be applied through a hydroseeder immediately after mulching.



### NOTE:

- PICTURE DEPICTS STRAW MULCH APPLICATION (FROM MULCH SPREADER) ON STEEP SLOPE WITH AN IMPROVED DRAINAGE SWALE.
- 2. COORDINATE MULCH MATERIALS AND RATES WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
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SEC-9 MULCH MATERIALS, RATES AND USES (FROM NY) \*

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### UPLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX - GENERAL

#### Species Composition Options:

- Andropogon gerardii; Niagra Big Bluestem
- Schizachyrium scoparium; Little Bluestem
- Elymus Canadensis; Canada Wild Rye
- Elymus virginicus; Virginia Wildrye
- Lolium multiflorum; Annual Ryegrass
- Sorghastrum nutans; Indiangrass
- Chamaecrista fasciculate; Partridge Pea
- Desmodium canadense; Showy Tick Trefoil
- Helioposis helianthoides; Ox-Eye Sunflower
- Panicum virgatum; Switchgrass
- Rudbeckia hirta; Black Eyed Susan
- Poa palustris; Fowl Bluegrass
- Agrostis perennans; Upland Bentgrass
- Agrostis alba; Redtop
- Festuca rubra; Red Fescue
- Lotus corniculatus; Birds-Foot Trefoil
- Chrysanthemum leucanthem; Ox—Eye Daisy
- Aster novae-angliae; New England Aster

#### Example Seed Mixes:

- Native Upland wildlife forage and Cover Meadow Mix Ernst Conservation Seeds (ERNMX-123)
- 2. Eastern Ecotype Native Grass Mix— Ernst Conservation Seeds (ERNMX—177)
- 3. New England Native Warm Season Grass Mix New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
- 4. New England Logging Road Mix New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
- Northeast Upland Wildflower/Restoration Erosion Mix Southern Tier Consulting (STCMX-2)

### UPLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX - DRY/ROCKY SITES

#### Species Composition Options:

- Festuca rubra; Red Fescue
- Schizachyrium scoparium; Little Bluestem
- Elymus Canadensis; Canada Wild Rye
- Bouteloua gracillis; Blue Grama
- Lolium multiflorum; Annual Ryegrass
- Lolium perenne; Perennial Ryegrass
- Agrostics scabra; Rough Bentgrass
- Agrostis perennans; Upland Bentgrass
- Sorghastrum nutans; Indiangrass

#### **Example Seed Mixes:**

- 1. New England Erosion Control/Restoration Mix for Dry Sites New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
- 2. Ernst Conservation Seeds and similar companies can create a custom seed mix matching the composition above (with site specific additions if necessary).

Seeding Options.dwg

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#### WETLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX

#### Species Composition Options:

- Agrostis stolonifera; Creeping Bentgrass
- Poa trivialis; Rough Bluegrass
- Alopecurus arundinaceus; Creeping Meadow Foxtail
- Lolium multiflorum; Annual Ryegrass
- Festuca rubra; Creeping Red Fescue
- Elymus virginicus; Virginia Wildrye
- Schizachyrium scoparium; Little Bluestem
- Andropogon gerardii; Niagra Big Bluestem
- Carex vulpinoidea; Fox sedge Panicum virgatum; Switchgrass
- Agrostis scabra; Rough Bentgrass
- Aster novae-angliae; New England Aster
- Eupatorium perfoliatum; Boneset
- Euthamia graminifolia; Grass Leaved Goldenrod
- Scirpus atrovirens; Green Bulrush
- Verbene hastate; Blue Vervain
- Juncus effusus; Soft Rush
- Scirpus cyperinus; Wool Grass
- Panicum clandestinum; Deertongue

#### Example Seed Mixes

- New England Erosion Control/Restoration Mix for Detention Basins and Moist Sites New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
- Northeast Wetland Grass Seed Mix Southern Tier Consulting (STCMX-7)
- 3. Ernst Conservation Seeds and similar companies can create a custom seed mix matching the composition above (with site specific additions if necessary).

#### **GERNERAL NOTES:**

- Seed mixes described herein are intended to cover a variety of typical new england landscapes. However, site specific seed mixes will need to be evaluated in coastal or mountainous regions.
- Seed mixes described herein are intended for general ROW restoration. Site specific wetland seed mixes may be required by local, state and/or federal regulators for certain impacts to wetlands.
- 3. All seed mixes are to be approved by National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to construction and must conform with all project permits.
- Seedbed preparation and maintenance as well as temporary erosion and sediment controls are crucial to the establishment of newly seeded areas. Coordinate with National Grid Environmental Scientist on seed bed preparation and maintenance as well as temporary erosion and sediment controls prior to construction.

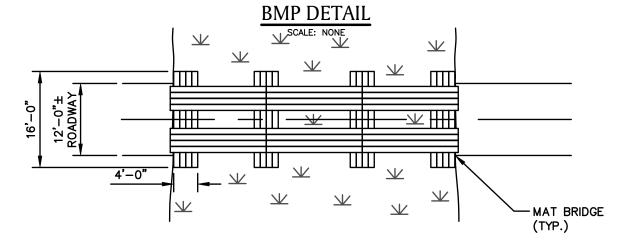
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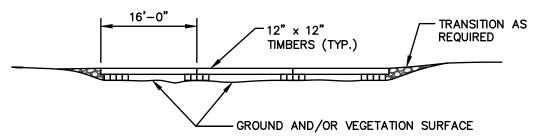
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### **NOTES:**

1. IF MATS ARE INSTALLED IN A WETLAND AREA, INSTALL EROSION CONTROLS TO CONTAIN MATERIAL UTILIZED IN THE MAT TRANSITIONS.

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CM-2 **CONSTRUCTION MAT BRIDGE** (1 OF 2)

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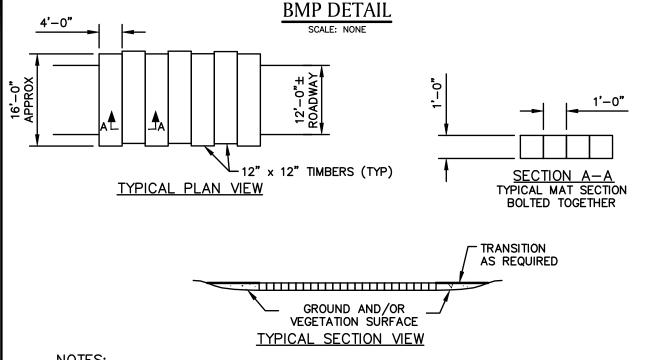
#### NOTES:

- 1. WHERE STREAM WIDTH ALLOWS, INSTALL CONSTRUCTION MATS TO SPAN THE WATERCOURSE IN ITS ENTIRETY WITHOUT STRINGER PLACEMENT IN THE WATER OR ANY RESTRICTION OF STREAM FLOW.
- 2. INSTALLATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION MAT BRIDGE SHALL NOT DAMAGE THE STREAM BED AND BANKS. WHERE POSSIBLE, FOOTERS SHALL BE PLACED PARALLEL TO THE TOP OF THE STREAM BANKS, WITH ACCESS MATTING PLACED ACROSS THE TOP OF THE STRINGERS DISTRIBUTING THE WEIGHT OF THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT.
- 3. AT STREAM CROSSINGS THAT CANNOT BE SPANNED BY A SINGLE SECTION OF CONSTRUCTION MATTING, AND WHERE PERMITS ALLOW, STRINGERS SHALL BE PLACED ATOP THE STREAM BED PARALLEL TO THE FLOW OF WATER.

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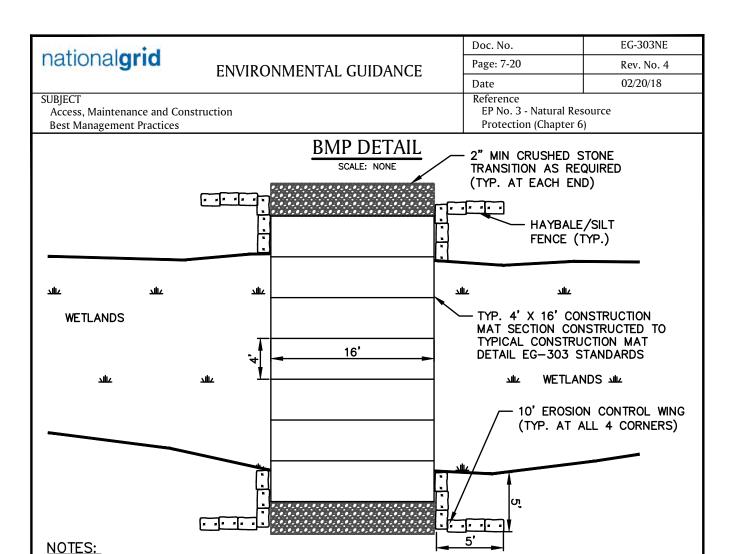
- TO BE INSTALLED IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT RUTTING, TO ACCESS STRUCTURES.
- THIS DETAIL SHOWS TYPICAL DIMENSIONS. SOME CONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION MATS ARE DIMENSIONALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IS SHOWN HERE.
- 3. DEPENDENT ON SITE CONDITIONS, MULTIPLE LAYERS OF CONSTRUCTION MATS MAY BE INSTALLED.

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<u>CM</u>-3 CONSTRUCTION MAT LAYOUT (WITH TRANSITION)



### **BMP PICTURE**

ADD FILTER FABRIC AS NEEDED UNDER STONE TRANSITION RAMPS.

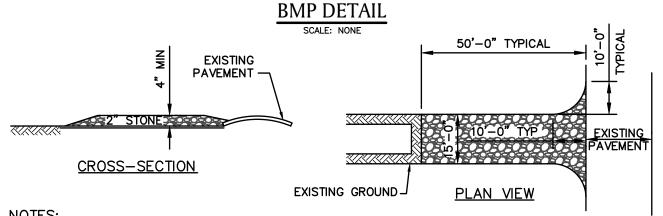
2. ALL MEASUREMENTS AND LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.



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CONSTRUCTION MAT LAYOUT (WITH TRANSITION AND BMPs)

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#### NOTES:

- STONE SIZE USE 2" STONE (MINIMUM) TO 6" STONE (MAXIMUM)
- LENGTH GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 50 FEET
- THICKNESS 4"
- WIDTH FIFTEEN (15) FOOT TYP., BUT NOT LESS THAN FULL WIDTH AT POINTS WHERE INGRESS OR EGRESS OCCURS.
- SURFACE WATER ALL SURFACE WATER FLOWING OR DIVERTED TOWARD CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES SHALL BE PIPED ACROSS ENTRANCE. IF PIPING IS IMPRACTICAL, MOUNTABLE BERM SHALL BE PERMITTED.
- MAINTENANCE THE ENTRANCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A CONDITION WHICH SHALL PREVENT TRACKING OR FLOWING OF SEDIMENT ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY. THIS MAY REQUIRE PERIODIC TOP DRESSING WITH ADDITIONAL STONE AS CONDITIONS DEMAND AND REPAIR OR CLEANOUT OF ANY MEASURES USED TO TRAP SEDIMENT. ALL SEDIMENT SPILLED, DROPPED, WASHED OR TRACKED ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY.
- 7. PERIODIC INSPECTION AND NEEDED MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED.
- THE CLEAN STONE SHOULD BE INSTALLED OVER A GEOTEXTILE FABRIC. GEOTEXTILE FABRIC MAY BE OMITTED FOR PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES/EXITS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
- 9. FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION, THE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE/EXIT SHALL BE REMOVED AND THE AREA GRADED, SEEDED, AND MULCHED AS NEEDED. ENTRANCE/EXITS MAY REMAIN DEPENDING UPON FUTURE ACCESS NEEDS AND/OR PROJECT-SPECIFIC APPROVALS BUT REQUIRES APPROVALS FROM THE NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AND PROPERTY LEGAL.

### BMP PICTURE



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CM-8 **TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION** ENTRANCE/ EXIT

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### **BMP PICTURE**



### NOTE:

- 1. PICTURE SHOWS VIEW OF ACCESS WAY STABILIZATION ADJACENT TO A WETLAND.
- 2. COORDINATE STABILIZATION DESIGN AND PRODUCT WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

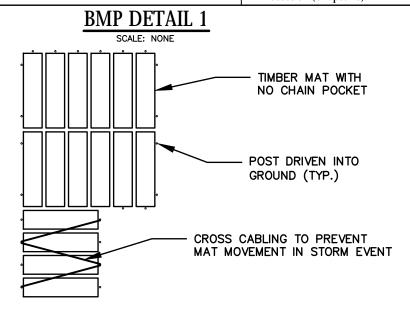
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### TYPICAL PLAN VIEW

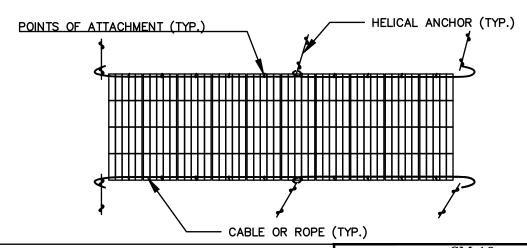
#### NOTES:

- EXAMPLES OF ANCHORING ONLY. MATTING CONTRACTOR SHALL PROPOSE THE METHOD OF ANCHORING BASED ON FIELD CONDITIONS.
- ANCHORING METHOD TO BE APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AND TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR.

### **NOTES:**

## BMP DETAIL 2

- TYPICAL HELICAL ANCHOR AND CABLE CONFIGURATION FOR MAT CONTAINMENT IN FLOODPLAINS/LAND SUBJECT TO FLOODING.
- 2. TYPICAL POINTS OF ATTACHMENT HEAVY STAPLES, EYE BOLTS OR OTHER SUITABLE HARDWARE TO SECURE ATTACHMENT OF MAT TO LINEAR CABLE. IF CHAIN POCKETS ARE PRESENT IN THE MATS CABLE OR ROPE CAN BE LOOPED THROUGH RODS.



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CM-12 **EXAMPLE OF CONSTRUCTION MAT ANCHORING (1 OF 2)** 

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## **BMP PICTURE 1**



## **BMP PICTURE 2**



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EXAMPLE OF CONSTRUCTION MAT ANCHORING (2 OF 2)

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### **BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

## WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE



### MUTUAL INDUSTRIES WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE

PART # 1776-14-24

36" X 100'

36" MISF 1776 FABRIC

24" 14GA WIRE MESH

OPENING OF MESH 2" X 4"

FABRIC HOG RINGED EVERY 12"-18" ALONG THE TOP OF THE FENCE

**ROLL WEIGHT 40 LBS** 

32 ROLLS PER PALLET

### **NOTES:**

- 1. PRODUCT TO BE MUTUAL INDUSTRIES' WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
- 2. COORDINATE INSTALLATION METHOD AND LOCATION WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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### **BMP PICTURE**



### NOTE:

1. PICTURE SHOWS SEDIMENT FILTER WITHIN A WETLAND.

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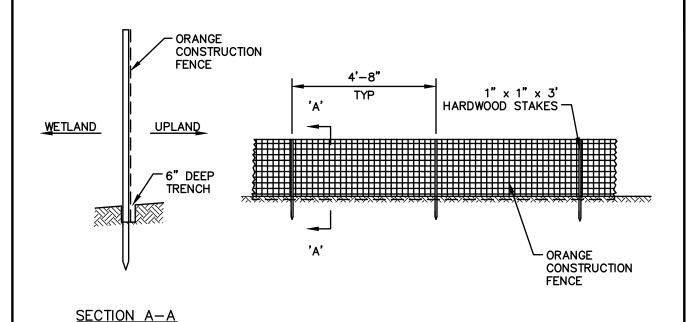
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<u>AA-15</u> BARRIER FENCE (CONSTRUCTION FENCE)

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### **BMP**



#### Definition

The control of dust resulting from land-disturbing activities.

### **Purpose**

To prevent surface and air movement of dust from disturbed soil surfaces that may cause off-site damage, health hazards, and traffic safety problems.

### **Conditions Where Practice Applies**

On construction roads, access points, and other disturbed areas subject to surface dust movement and dust blowing where off-site damage may occur if dust is not controlled.

### Design Criteria

Construction operations should be scheduled to minimize the amount of area disturbed at one time. Buffer areas of vegetation should be left where practical. Temporary or permanent stabilization measures shall be installed. No specific design criteria is given; see construction specifications below for common methods of dust control.

Water quality must be considered when materials are selected for dust control. Where there is a potential for the material to wash off to a stream, ingredient information must be provided to the local permitting authority.

#### Construction Specifications

**A. Non-driving Areas** – These areas use products and materials applied or placed on soil surfaces to prevent airborne migration of soil particles.

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**Vegetative Cover** – For disturbed areas not subject to traffic, vegetation provides the most practical method of dust control (see Section 3).

**Mulch** (including gravel mulch) – Mulch offers a fast effective means of controlling dust. This can also include rolled erosion control blankets.

Spray adhesives – These are products generally composed of polymers in a liquid or solid form that are mixed with water to form an emulsion that is sprayed on the soil surface with typical hydroseeding equipment. The mixing ratios and application rates will be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations for the specific soils on the site. In no case should the application of these adhesives be made on wet soils or if there is a probability of precipitation within 48 hours of its proposed use. Material Safety Data Sheets will be provided to all applicators and others working with the material.

B. Driving Areas – These areas utilize water, polymer emulsions, and barriers to prevent dust movement from the traffic surface into the air.

**Sprinkling** – The site may be sprayed with water until the surface is wet. This is especially effective on haul roads and access routes.

Polymer Additives – These polymers are mixed with water and applied to the driving surface by a water truck with a gravity feed drip bar, spray bar or automated distributor truck. The mixing ratios and application rates will be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Incorporation of the emulsion into the soil will be done to the appropriate depth based on expected traffic. Compaction after incorporation will be by vibratory roller to a minimum of 95%. The prepared surface shall be moist and no application of the polymer will be made if there is a probability of precipitation within 48 hours of its proposed use. Material Safety Data Sheets will be provided to all applicators working with the material.

**Barriers** – Woven geotextiles can be placed on the driving surface to effectively reduce dust throw and particle migration on haul roads. Stone can also be used for construction roads for effective dust control.

**Windbreak** – A silt fence or similar barrier can control air currents at intervals equal to ten times the barrier height. Preserve existing wind barrier vegetation as much as practical.

<u>AA-18</u> DUST CONTROL (FROM NY) \*

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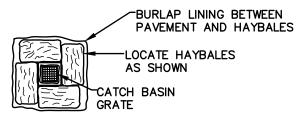
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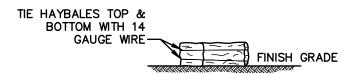
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### **BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE





### **NOTES:**

- SURROUND STREET DRAINAGE STRUCTURE INLET WITH HAY BALES PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAIN UNTIL CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED. ACCUMULATED SEDIMENTS SHALL BE REMOVED.

  2. HAYBALES PLACED ON PAVEMENT SHALL HAVE BURLAP PLACED BETWEEN PAVEMENT AND HAYBALE

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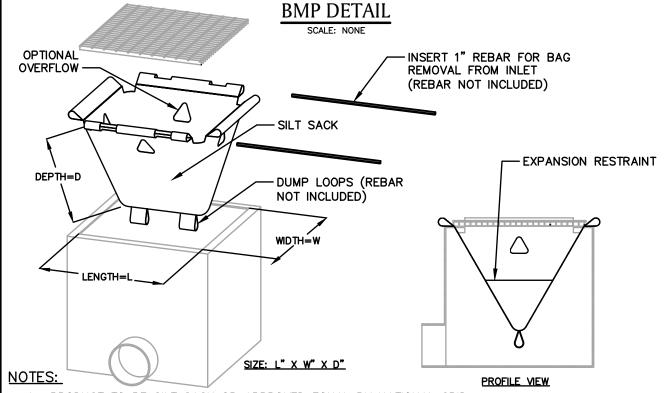


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- PRODUCT TO BE SILT SACK OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
- 2. THE USE OF A SILT SACK OPTIONAL OVERFLOW AND OVERALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO BE COORDINATED WITH A NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

### **BMP PICTURE**



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