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June 23, 2021

Inland Wetlands Commission

Town Hall Annex

238 Danbury Road

Wilton, CT 06897

Re: Significant Corrective Action Permit Application
230 Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT

Dear Commission Members:

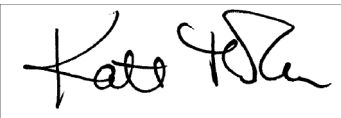
Following comments received at the Wetland Commission's June 10, 2021 meeting, the following responses are provided.

1. The exposed soil condition around the demolished house was requested to be seeded, and mulched and a silt fence erected. I meet the site contractor the day after the meeting to review this work. The area was seeded, mulched and a silt fence erected the following day. The Commission and staff noted at the June 21, 2021, site walk that the work had been completed and the seeds had begun to germinate.
2. There was a question raised by staff on the effect of the wood chip trail on the flood plain. I have attached an email from Joe Canas, P.E. stating "Since the path will be constructed such that the woodchips are at existing grade, there will be no impact." A detail of the woodchip surface is on sheet WP-6.
3. The staff raised a question regarding the wetland's line adjustment made by Eric Davidson. To help clarify this item I have resubmitted the wetland report with the wetland field sketch previously lacking, that provides the references adjustment in the wetland line. In addition, during the site walk on 6/21/21 the area was reviewed and I had a follow-up phone call with the staff. I believe we have addressed staff's concern. The survey has not been updated in part due to the backlog of surveying work, but the applicant is willing to do this as a part of final resolution.
4. Regarding the authorization from the neighbor for the dam work off the Smith property. Authorization was obtained by Trout Unlimited and provided to Mike Conkin on June 21, 2021, during the site walk.

5. The staff also requested we consider expanding the proposed planting plan in the northwestern wetland. The plan was revised to reflect additional shrubs and Yellow Birch within the wetland. Please refer to sheet WP-4.
6. The staff asked that we clarify the establishment of a 4' wide foot path to School Road. A note has been expanded to the plans to clarify that this pathway will only involve branch trimming to allow a person to walk through an opening in the vegetation. There will be no change to the ground surface to create this path. Please refer to sheet WP-3.
7. The staff requested that additional details and notes be added relating to the dam removal. Erosion and control notes have been expanded to clarify the area must be left with all areas stabilized, no soil will remain exposed, and that if any trees or shrubs are damaged during the removal that they are replaced on a one to one basis. Please refer to sheet WP-5.

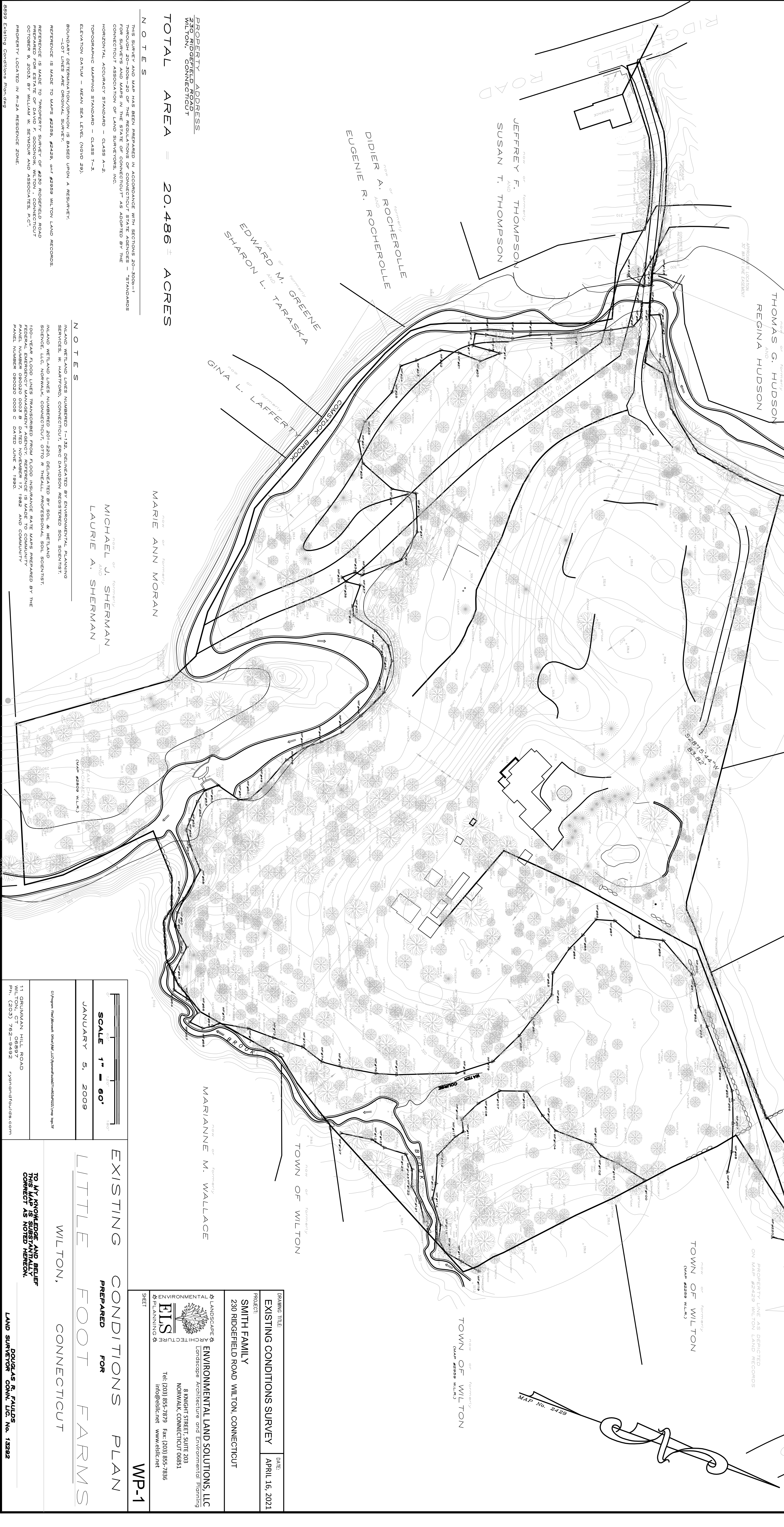
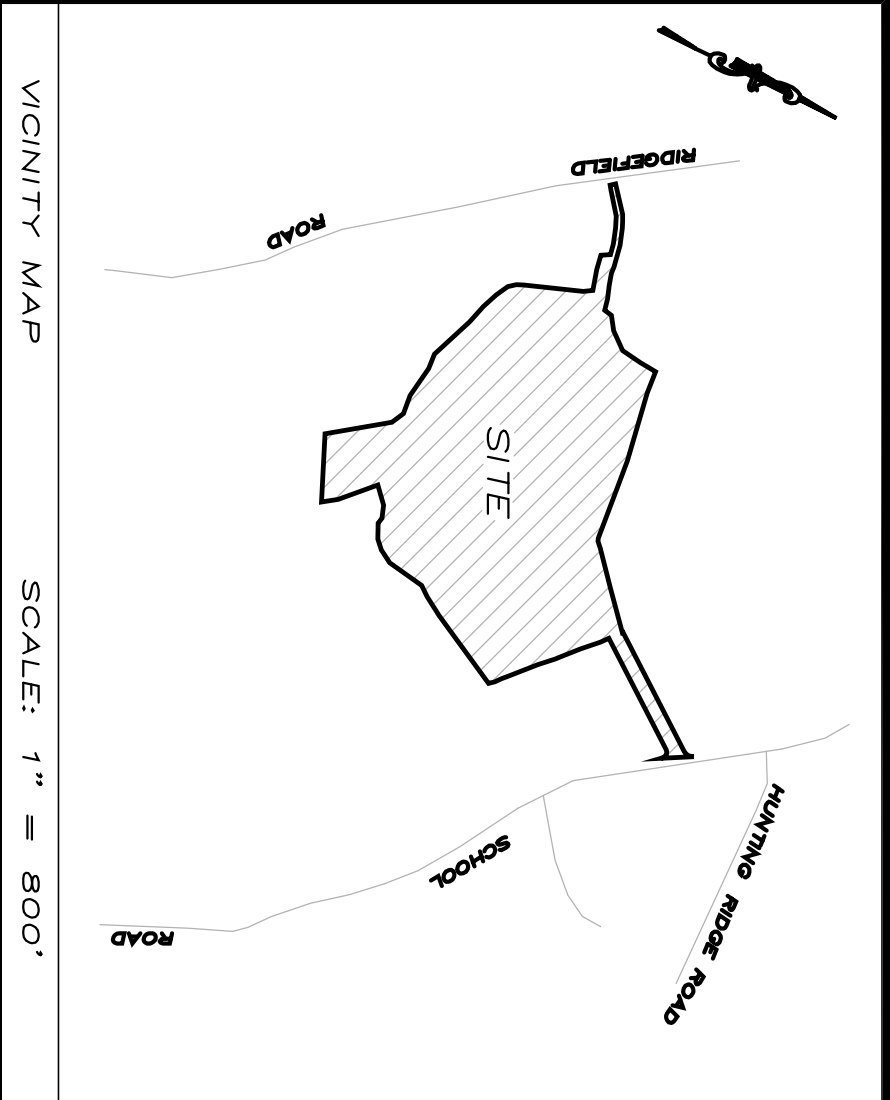
Thank you for consideration. I will be attending at the next meeting to review these changes in detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Throckmorton", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Kate Throckmorton, ASLA
Landscape Architect
Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Controls (CPESC)

Ridgefield Road 230-wilton-ltr.wpd



PROPERTY ADDRESS
230 RIDGEFIELD ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT

TOTAL AREA = 20.486 ± ACRES

NOTES

THIS SURVEY AND MAP HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 20-302b-1
AND 20-302b-2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, AND THE
STANDARDS FOR SURVEYS AND MAPS IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AS ADOPTED BY THE
CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF LAND SURVEYORS, INC.

HORIZONTAL ACCURACY STANDARD - CLASS A-2
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING STANDARD - CLASS T-3
ELEVATION DATUM - MEAN SEA LEVEL (NGVD 29).

BOUNDARY DETERMINATION/OPINION IS BASED UPON A RESUMEVET.
-LOT LINES ARE ORIGINAL SURVEY.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO MAPS #229, #242, and #252 WILTON LAND RECORDS.
REFERENCE IS MADE TO "PROPERTY SURVEY OF #230 RIDGEFIELD ROAD
PREPARED FOR ESTATE OF DAVID F. GOODNOW, WILTON, CONNECTICUT
OCTOBER 9, 2003, BY WILLIAM W. BEMOUR AND ASSOCIATES, P.C".
PROPERTY LOCATED IN R-2A RESIDENCE ZONE.

NOTES

MARIE ANN MORAN

MICHAEL J. SHERMAN
AND
LAURIE A. SHERMAN

INLAND WETLAND LINES NUMBERED 1-132, DELINEATED BY ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
SERVICES, W. HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, ERIC DAVIDSON REGISTERED SOIL SCIENTIST.
INLAND WETLAND LINES NUMBERED 201-220, DELINEATED BY SOIL & WETLAND
SCIENCE, LLC, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, OTTO R. THEALL, PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTIST.
100-YEAR FLOOD LINES TRANSCRIBED FROM FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS PREPARED BY THE
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, REFERENCE IS MADE TO COMMUNITY
FLOOD NUMBER 080020 0002 B DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1982 AND COMMUNITY
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SCALE 1" = 60'

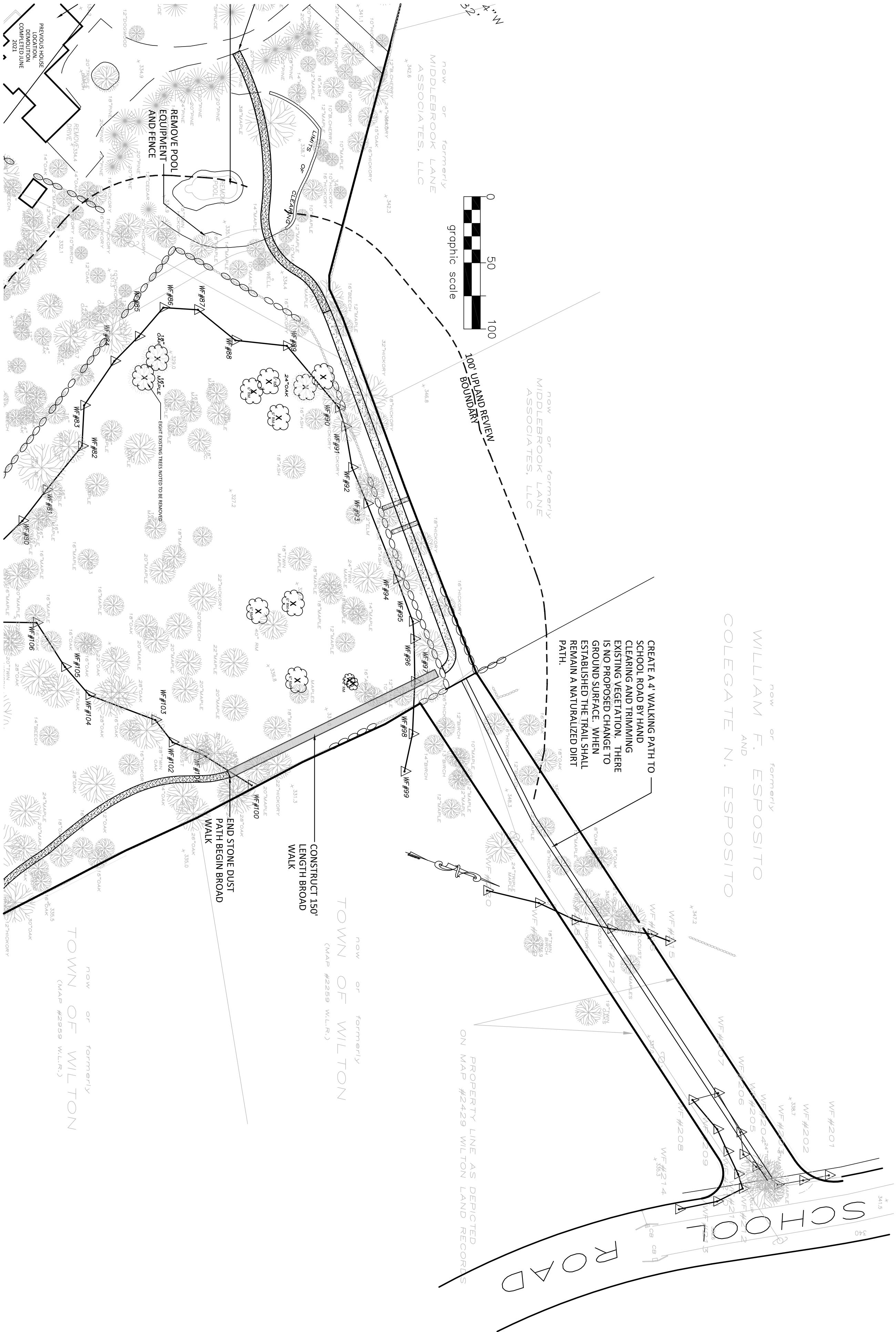
JANUARY 5, 2009

DRAWING TITLE	DATE
EXISTING CONDITIONS SURVEY	APRIL 16, 2021
PROJECT	
SMITH FAMILY	
230 RIDGEFIELD ROAD WILTON, CONNECTICUT	
LANDSCAPE & ENVIRONMENTAL LAND SOLUTIONS, LLC	
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SHEET	
WP-1	

EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN
PREPARED FOR
LITTLE FOOT FARMS
WILTON, CONNECTICUT

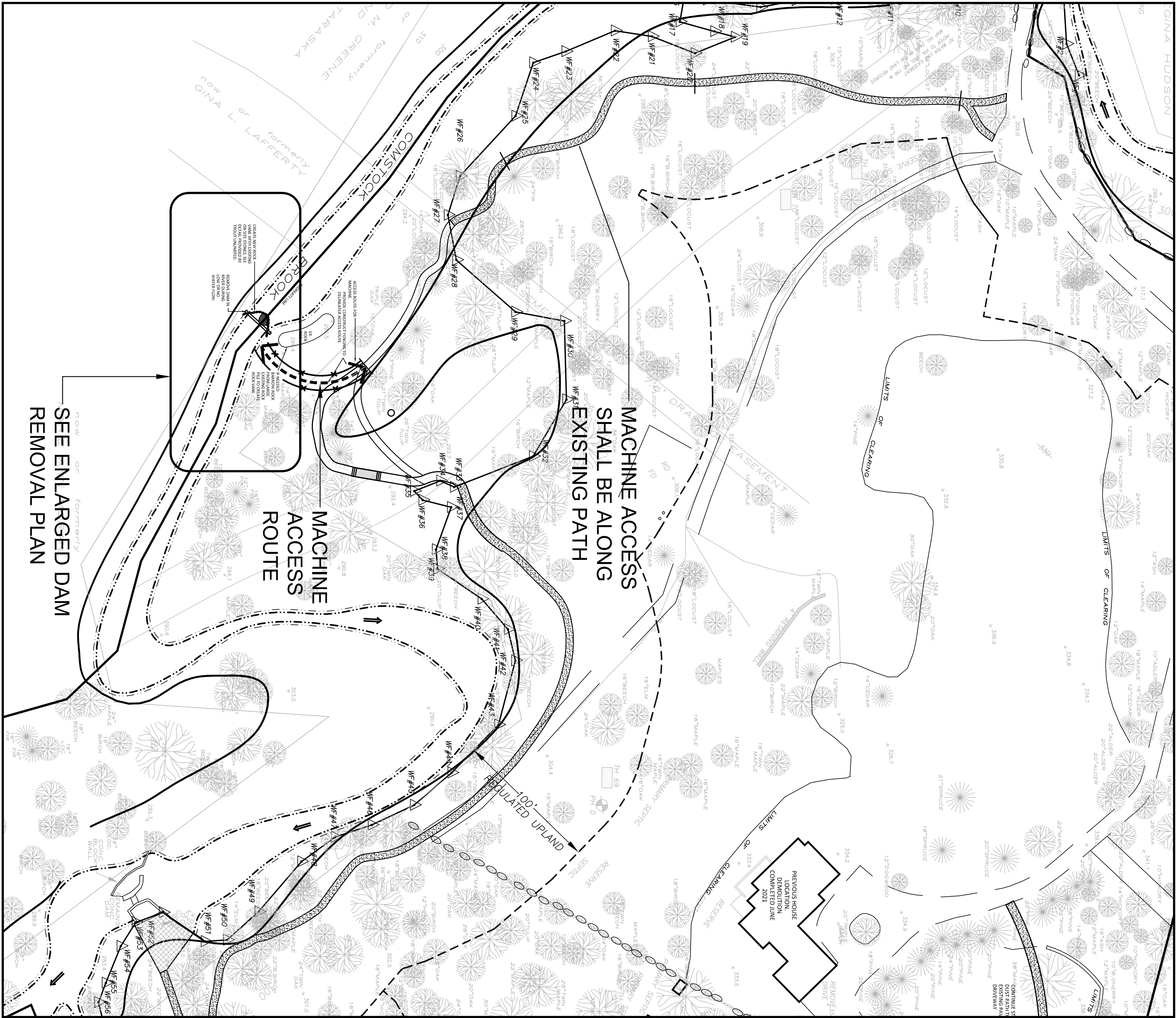
TO MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF
CORRECT AS NOTED HEREON.

DAVID R. FIELDS
LAND SURVEYOR, CONN. LT. NO. 12222



REVISIONS:		DRAWING TITLE:
		ACCESS TO MIDDLEBROOK ROAD
1	6-22-21	ADD NOTE FOR FOOT PATH CONSTRUCTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ELS	ENVIRONMENTAL LAND SOLUTIONS, LLC		SCALE:	DATE: MAY 7, 2021
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PROJECT: SMITH FAMILY 230 RIDGEFIELD ROAD WILTON, CONNECTICUT			SCALE: 1"=50'	
DRAWING NO.: WP-3				



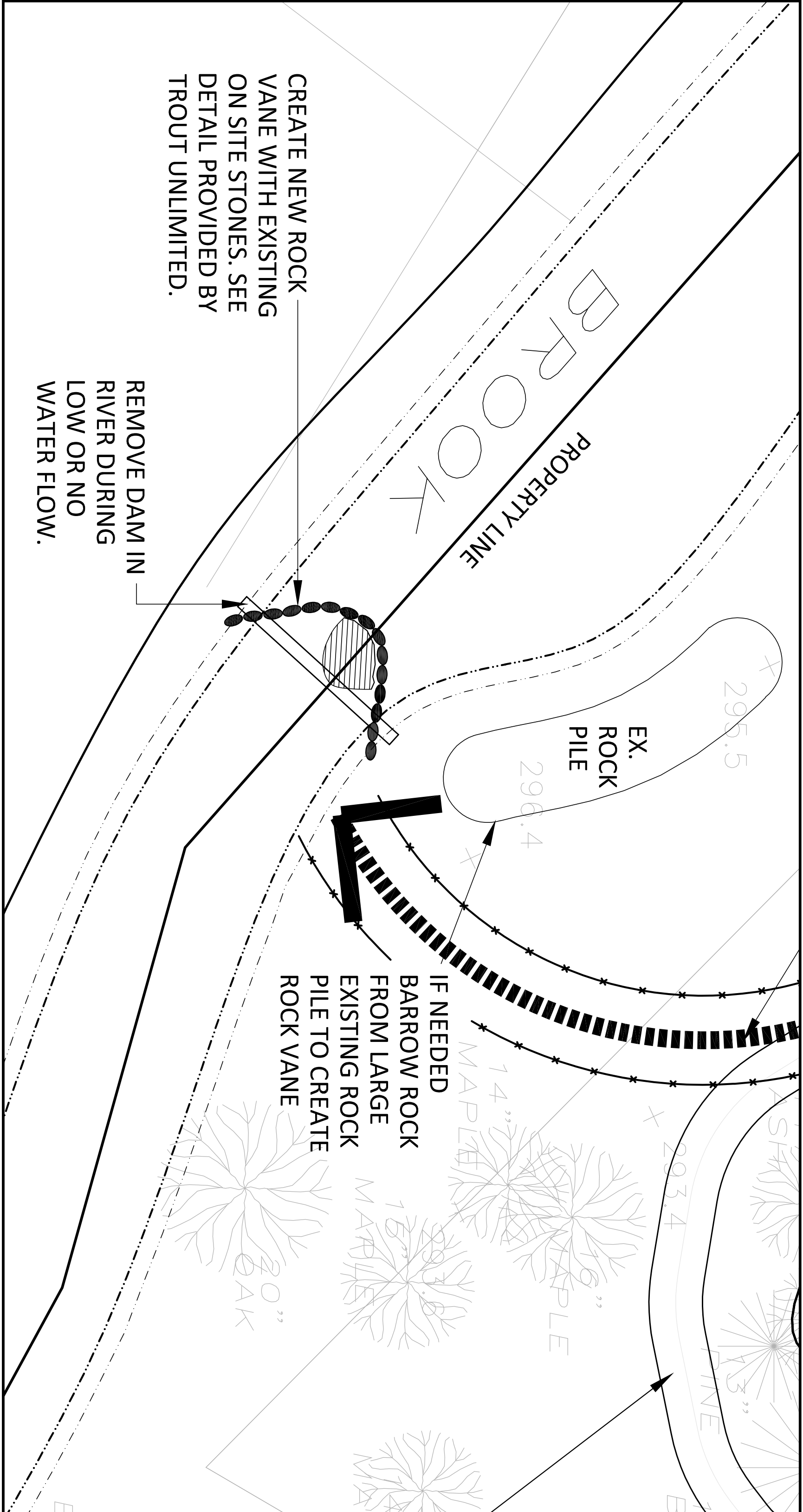
ACCESS ROUTE FOR MACHINE

SEEDING NOTES:

- IF EXPOSED SOIL IS CREATED DURING SITE WORK, ALL EXPOSED SOIL SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY SEEDED AND MULCHED WITH HAY FOR STABILIZATION.
- SEED AREAS AT THE METHODS AND 125% THE RATE RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER. A NURSE CROP OF PERENNIAL RYE GRASS (AT A RATE OF 50 LBS./ACRE) SHALL BE ADDED TO THE SEED MIX ON SLOPES OF 10% AND AS SPECIFIED. SEED SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM A REPUTABLE SOURCE. SEED MIX SUBSTITUTIONS SHALL BE EQUIVALENT TO THAT SPECIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OWNER PRIOR TO USE. SEED AREAS AS PER THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:
 - WETLAND BUFFERS (UPLAND AREAS):

SEED THIS AREA WITH "NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATION / WILDLIFE SEED MIX" BY FROM NEW ENGLAND WETLAND PLANTS, INC. (413-548-8000) OR APPROVED EQUIV.
 - WETLAND AREAS:

SEED THIS AREA WITH "WETMIX" BY NEW ENGLAND WETLAND PLANTS, INC. (413-548-8000).
- THE SEED SHALL BE SPREAD ON THE PREPARED SEEDING SOIL, RAKED LIGHTLY TO ESTABLISH GOOD SOIL CONTACT, AND MULCHED WITH A 2 INCH LAYER OF ORGANIC MULCH. UPLAND AREAS SHALL BE SEED BY HAND OR BY SPREADER ON SLOPES LESS THAN 10%. SEEDING SLOPES ON OR GREATER THAN 10 PERCENT SHALL BE COVERED WITH A PLASTIC-FREE EROSION CONTROL BLANKET.



DAM REMOVAL PLAN

CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE (GENERAL):

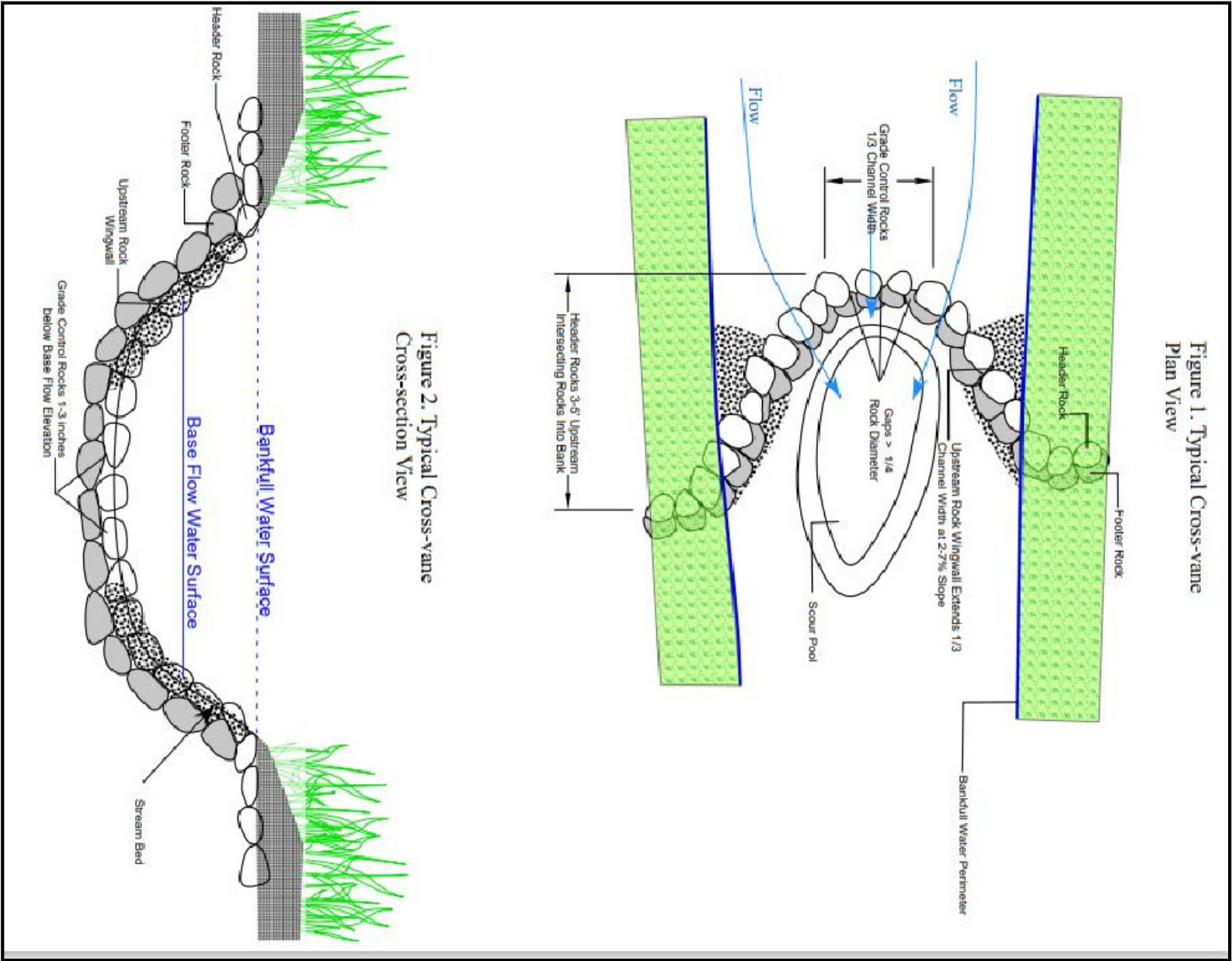
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL READ AND COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIRED PRE-CONSTRUCTION PERMIT CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SCHEDULE A PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE MEETING WITH STAFF FROM THE TOWN'S INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAND SOLUTIONS, LLC TO REVIEW THE PROJECT SCOPE.
- WORK SHALL TAKE PLACE DURING LOW OR NO FLOW CONDITIONS.
- INSTALL TREE PROTECTION FENCING AROUND SIGNIFICANT TREES TO REMAIN AND AS SHOWN ON THE SITE PLAN. IT IS THE INTEND TO RETAIN ALL TREES IN AND AROUND THE WORK AREA. IF ANY SHRUBS ARE REMOVED FOR THE MACHINE ACCESS, THEY SHALL BE REPLACED ON A ONE TO ONE BASIS.
- DISMANTLE EXISTING CONCRETE BLOCK SLABS INTO 4 PIECES FOR REMOVAL.
- REMOVE DEBRIS TO DUMPSTER OFF PAVED DRIVEWAY.
- CONSTRUCT ROCK VANE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DETAIL PROVIDED BY TROUT UNLIMITED. EXPECTED TIME FRAME TO WEEK.
- STABILIZE ALL STREAM AREA PRIOR TO COMPLETION USING IN STREAM ROCK AND STONE.
- ANY EXPOSED SOIL CREATED DURING DAM REMOVAL SHALL BE SEEDED, AND MULCHED TO ESTABLISHED VEGETATION COVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- SITE CLEAN-UP.

EROSION CONTROL NOTES:

- LAND DISTURBANCE SHALL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. RESTABILIZATION OF DISTURBED SOILS SHALL BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- ALL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS NOTED IN THE "CONNECTICUT GUIDELINES FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL", DEP BULLETIN 34, 2002.
- ADDITIONAL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE INSTALLED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD AS NEEDED AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE. THE TOWN WETLAND DEPARTMENT STAFF AND THE PROJECT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY IN DETERMINING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CONTROLS.
- DISTURBED AREAS TO BE LEFT EXPOSED FOR MORE THAN 21 DAYS SHALL BE SEEDED WITH PERGRASS AT THE RATE OF 1 LBS PER 1000 DISTURBED SQUARE FEET. SEEDING SHALL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ESTABLISH A DENSE, UNIFORM AND HEALTHY VEGETATION STAND OVER SEEDED AREAS.
- IF CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS ARE DELAYED FOR ANY REASON ONCE SITE DISTURBANCE HAS OCCURRED, THE SITE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF THE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES DURING THIS PERIOD.
- HYDRO-SEED DISTURBED LANDSCAPE AREAS WITH A HYDRAULIC MULCH (SUCH AS FLEXITERA BY PROTILE) AND A HIGH QUALITY FAST GROWING TURF MIXTURE.
- SEEDED AREAS THAT ARE ON SLOPES ON OR GREATER THAN 10% SHALL BE COVERED WITH AN EROSION CONTROL BLANKET (INCLUDING ANCHOR STAPLES) THAT IS PLASTIC-FREE AND 100% BIODEGRADABLE OR PHOTODEGRADABLE WITHIN TWO YEARS.

ROCK VANE DETAIL

NTS
NOTES
1. DETAIL PROVIDED BY TROUT UNLIMITED



REVISIONS:		DRAWING TITLE:
1	6-22-21	NOTES EXPANDED FOR STABILIZATION
PROJECT:		SMITH FAMILY 230 RIDGEFIELD ROAD WILTON, CONNECTICUT
DATE:		APRIL 26, 2021
SCALE:		AS NOTED
DRAWING NO.:		WP-5

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WETLANDS / WATERCOURSES DELINEATION REPORT

Date of Work: 5/6/2021

Client:

Kate Throckmorton

Project
Location: 230 Ridgefield Rd, Wilton

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IDENTIFICATION OF WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES RESOURCES

Wetlands and watercourses present on property? Yes ☒ No ☐

Wetlands:

Inland Wetlands ☒

Tidal Wetlands ☐

Watercourses:

Perennial Streams ☒

Intermittent Watercourses ☐

Identification Method:

Auger and Spade ☒

Backhoe Pits ☐

Numbering Sequences:

1-119

Wetland Plant Communities Present:

Forest ☒

Sapling/Shrub ☐

Wet Meadow ☐

Marsh ☐

Pond ☐

Definitions and methodology for identification of state regulated wetlands & watercourses

Wetlands and watercourses are regulated in the State of Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 440, sections 22a-28 to 22a-45. The Statutes are divided into the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act (sections 22a-36 to 22a-45) and the Tidal Wetlands Act (sections 22a-28 to 22a-35). Inland Wetlands "means land, including submerged land, not regulated pursuant to sections 22a-28 to 22a-35, inclusive, which consists of any of the soil types designated as poorly drained, very poorly drained, alluvial, and floodplain by the National Cooperative Soils Survey, as may be amended from time to time, of the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the United States Department of Agriculture" section 22a-38(15). Watercourses "means rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs and all other bodies of water, natural or artificial, vernal or intermittent, public or private which are contained within, flow through or border upon this state or any portion thereof, not regulated pursuant to sections 22a-28 to 22a-35, inclusive. Intermittent watercourses shall be delineated by a defined permanent channel and bank and the occurrence of two or more of the following characteristics: (A) Evidence of scour or deposits of recent alluvium or detritus, (B) the presence of standing or flowing water for a duration longer than a particular storm incident, and (C) the presence of hydrophytic vegetation" section 22a-38(16). Tidal Wetlands are defined as "those areas which border on or lie beneath tidal waters, such as, but not limited to banks, bogs, salt marsh, swamps, meadows, flats, or other low lands subject to tidal action, including those areas now or formerly connected to tidal waters, and whose surface is at or below an elevation of one foot above local extreme high water; and upon which may grow or be capable of growing some, but not necessarily all of the following" (includes plant list) section 22a-29(2).

WETLAND SOIL TYPES

Wetland soils consist of the Ridgebury, Leicester and Whitman complex, as well as the Pootatuck series. Ridgebury, Leicester and Whitman is an undifferentiated mapping unit consisting of two poorly drained (Ridgebury and Leicester) and one very poorly drained (Whitman) soil developed on glacial till in depressions and drainageways in uplands and valleys. Their use interpretations are very similar, and they typically are so intermingled on the landscape that separation is not practical. The Ridgebury and Leicester series have a seasonal high water table at or near the surface (0-6") from fall through spring. They differ in that the Leicester soil has a more friable compact layer or hardpan, while the Ridgebury soils have a dense to very dense compact layer. The Whitman soil has a high water table for much of the year and may frequently be ponded.

The Pootatuck series consists of very deep, moderately well drained loamy soils formed in alluvial sediments. They are nearly level soils on floodplains subject to common flooding. Slope ranges from 0 to 3 percent. Permeability is moderate or moderately rapid in the loamy upper horizons and rapid or very rapid in the sandy substratum layers.

NON-WETLAND SOILS

Non-wetland soils consist of Udorthents, the Canton and Charlton complex, and the Woodbridge series. Udorthents is a miscellaneous land type used to denote moderately well to excessively drained earthen material which has been so disturbed by cutting, filling, or grading that the original soil profile can no longer be discerned.

The Canton series consists of very deep, well drained soils formed in a loamy mantle underlain by sandy glacial till. They are on nearly level to very steep glaciated plains, hills, and ridges. Slope ranges from 0 to 35 percent. Permeability is moderately rapid in the solum and rapid in the substratum. The soils developed in a fine sandy loam mantle over acid sandy glacial till of Wisconsin age derived mainly from granite and gneiss and some fine-grained sandstone.

The Charlton series is a very deep, well drained loamy soil formed in friable till. They are nearly level to very steep soils on till plains and hills. Depth to bedrock and the seasonal high water table is commonly more than 6 feet.

The Woodbridge series consists of moderately well drained loamy soils formed in compact, subglacial till. They are very deep to bedrock. They are nearly level to moderately steep soils

on till plains, hills, and drumlins. Depth to the compact layer (hardpan) is 18 to 40 inches. Depth to bedrock is commonly more than 6 feet. Woodbridge soils have a seasonal high water table on top of the compact layer (18-40") from fall through late spring.

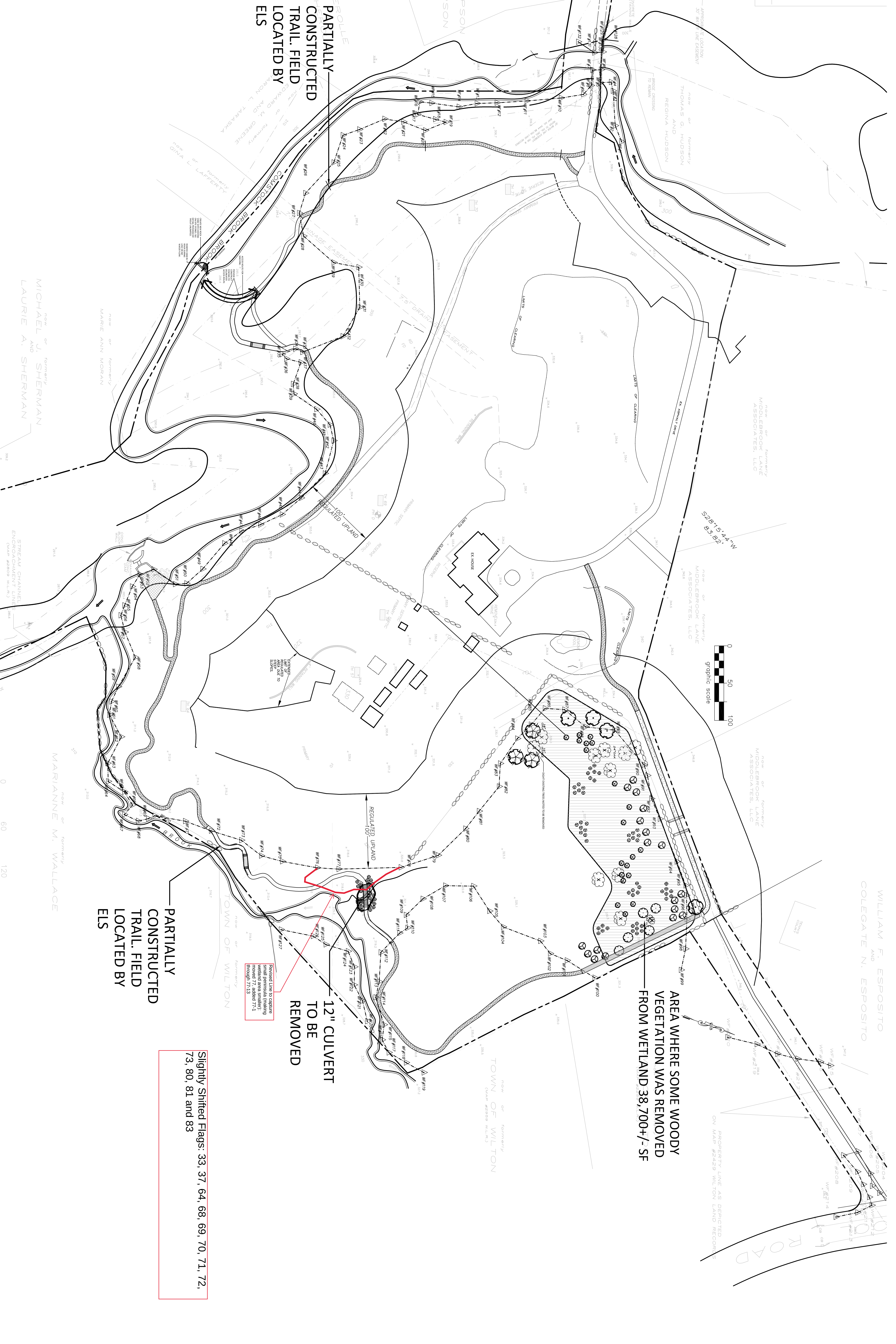
SUMMARY of FINDINGS

Wetlands present on the site consist of forested wetlands and floodplain wetlands (alluvial soils) that border upon or drain to Comstock Brook. This was a reconfirmation of a delineation I completed over ten years ago. The previous flag locations were reset in the field by survey, and I walked the limits and examined the flag locations. I made a minor ($\pm$ 15ft) adjustment to the following flags: 33, 37, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 80, 81 and 83. In addition, I refined the flagging between #76 and #78, to include a narrow upland peninsula that had previously been undefined.

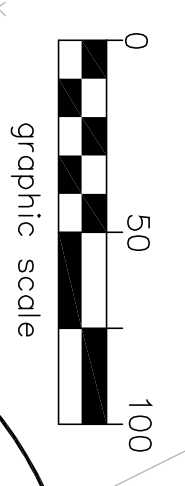
If you have any questions regarding my findings, please feel free to contact me.



Eric Davison
Certified Professional Wetland Scientist
Registered Soil Scientist



WILLIAM F. ESPOSITO
AND
COLEGATE N. ESPOSITO



AREA WHERE SOME WOODY
VEGETATION WAS REMOVED
FROM WETLAND 38,700+/- SF

12" CULVERT
TO BE
REMOVED

Revised Line to capture
small peninsula (making
wetland 38,700+/- SF)
moved 77 added 77.1
through 77.13

PARTIALLY
CONSTRUCTED
TRAIL FIELD
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ELS

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Slightly Shifted Flags: 33, 37, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72,
73, 80, 81 and 83

Kate Throckmorton

From: Joseph A. Canas <JACanas@tighebond.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:14 PM
To: Kate Throckmorton
Subject: 230 Ridgefield Road - Woodchips and Floodplain

Hi Kate-

As a follow-up to your earlier voicemail and our conversation, you had asked about the impact of the woodchip path within the floodplain. Since the path will be constructed such that the woodchips are at existing grade, there will be no impact on the base flood elevation of the floodplain.

The reason that there will be no impact is that the path will be constructed such that existing grade will be excavated to the width and depth to accommodate the placement of woodchips in the excavated footprint. In other words, there will be no loss of floodplain volume since the existing grade is not changing.

Joseph Canas, PE, LEED AP, CFM | Principal Engineer

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