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NHDES WETLANDS BUREAU
EXPEDITED MINIMUM IMPACT
WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION
REPAIR OF HILL BRIDGE
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SA Project No. 113-13-003
August 21, 2020

Prepared for:

PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY

20 Main Street Exeter, NH 03833

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INSERT CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR PERMIT APPLICATION FEE

PAYABLE TO "Treasurer – State of NH"



EXPEDITED (EXP) MINIMUM IMPACT WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION



File No.:

Water Division/Land Resources Management Wetlands Bureau

Check the Status of your Application

RSA/Rule: RSA 482-A/Env-Wt 100-900

APPLICANT'S NAME: Phillips Exeter Academy TOWN NAME: Exeter

Administrative	Administrative	Administrative	Check No.:	
Use Only	Use Only	Use Only	Amount:	
			Initials:	
SECTION 1 - REQUIRED PLANNING FOR ALL PROJECTS (Env-Wt 306.05; Env-Wt 603.03; Env-Wt 603.05) Please use the Wetland Permit Planning Tool (WPPT), the Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) DataCheck Tool, the Aquatic Resource Mapper, or other sources to assist in identifying key features such as: priority resource areas (PRAs), protected species or habitats, coastal areas, designated rivers, or designated prime wetlands. Does the property contain a PRA? Yes No. If yes, provide the following information:				
 Does the project qualify for an Impact Classification Adjustment or a Project-Type Exception (See Env-Wt 407.02 and Env-Wt 407.04)?				
s the property within a Designated River corridor? Yes No. If yes, provide the following information: Name of Local River Management Advisory Committee (LAC): Exeter River A copy of the application was sent to the LAC on Month: Day: Year:				
For stream crossing projects, provide watershed size: 107 sq mi				
For dredging projects, is the subject property contaminated? Yes No If yes, list contaminant:				
Is there potential to impact impaired waters, class A waters, or outstanding resource waters? 🔲 Yes 🔀 No				

SECTION 2 - ELIGIBILITY (Env-Wt 306.03; 310.01; 310.03)

You must confirm that your project meets ALL of the following statements to qualify for the EXP process:

- The project qualifies as minimum impact project (See Env-Wt 306.03).
- The project does not include activities that are prohibited under RSA 482-A (See Env-Wt 306.03(a)).
- The project does not include any work in a jurisdictional area that was started without first obtaining the applicable approval (See Env-Wt 306.03(b)).
- No work has been done on the subject property pursuant to another EXP or a statutory permit-by-notification (SPN) within 12 months of the date this EXP will be issued. Alternatively, if any work has been done on the subject property pursuant to another EXP or a statutory permit-by-notification (SPN) within 12 months of the date this EXP will be issued, then you are submitting information, including a plan, with this application demonstrating that:
 - The work proposed in this EXP application is wholly unrelated to and separate from the work already done under the EXP or SPN; and
 - The work proposed in this EXP application, when combined with work that has been done under previously issued EXPs or SPNs within the last 12 months, does not constitute a project for which a standard permit is required (See Env-Wt 310.03(a)).
- If the project is located in a PRA, it also qualifies for an impact classification adjustment under Env-Wt 407.02 or a project-type exception (PTE) under Env-Wt 407.04 (See Env-Wt 310.01(d)(6)).

My project meets all statements above. (Proceed to Section 3.)	
My project does not meet all of the statements above. (Your project does not qualify for the EXP process. You project either is not permittable or requires a Standard Permit.)	our

SECTION 3 - INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT (Env-Wt 310.01(c))

Provide the following information on the proposed project.

Identification of the applicable minimum impact provision(s) in Env-Wt 500, Env-Wt 600, or Env-Wt 900 and the project-specific information required by those provision(s):

Based on our pre-application meeting with NHDES on February 26, 2020, the Project qualifies for a Minimum Impact – Expedited permit application for repair of an existing structure, i.e. the Bridge, per Env-Wt 904.09, and for bank stabilization upstream and downstream of the Bridge by bioengineering methods per Env-Wt 514.07(a)(2).

Bank stabilization: As shown in the attached photos, the existing banks upstream and downstream of the Bridge are generally vegetated, except where they are eroded (largely due to previous foot traffic, surface runoff, etc.). The bioengineered repairs, shown on the Drawings, include soil fill, staked logs, erosion control matting, planted shrubs and perennials, and grassy cover. The repairs will reduce the potential for erosion-causing foot traffic and encourage river access at other nearby locations.

Stream crossing (i.e. Bridge) repair: The proposed Bridge repairs maintain the existing Bridge opening and the riprap repairs maintain existing ground surface grades on the banks and the river bed. The repairs therefore maintain hydraulic capacity, wildlife and aquatic organism passage, and river connectivity, and do not increase upstream or downstream flood risk.

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A brief description of the project and the purpose of the project, outlining the scope of work to be performed and whether impacts are temporary or permanent. DO NOT reply "See attached" in the space provided below. The purpose of the Project is to repair the existing Hill Bridge crossing the Exeter River, enhance scour resistance, repair river bank erosion, and improve landscaping at the ends of the Bridge.

Scope of work in the delineated wetlands includes temporary sediment/erosion controls, staging, and cofferdams, riprap repair for erosion resistance, installation of vegetative bank stabilization, and concrete repairs to the Bridge.

The Project involves repair of an existing structure (the Bridge) and adjacent river banks. Repairs to the Bridge are needed to maintain structural capacity, public safety, emergency vehicle access across the bridge to an otherwise difficult-to-access location, and continued operation, including repairs to Bridge concrete surfaces, river bank erosion repair, and repair of erosion-resistant riprap at each end of the Bridge.

Permanent wetland impacts are needed to excavate and place the erosion-resistant riprap, place fill to restore bank erosion and stabilize banks, and restore vegetation. Temporary wetland imapacts are necessary for construction access and temporary sediment and erosion controls. No compensatory mitigation is required.

Identification of the type of wetland to be affected and the amount of wetland impacts (in square feet/linear feet): Perennial Stream: 750 sq ft / 85 lin ft (permanent), 3,340 sq ft / 110 lin ft (temporary) Bank - Perennial Stream: 1,160 sq ft / 175 lin ft (permanent), 490 sq ft / 220 lin ft (temporary)
Bank Perennal Stream. 1,100 3q ft/ 173 mrft (permanent), 130 3q ft/ 220 mrft (temporary)
(Not applicable)
(Not applicable)
The number of linear feet of shoreline frontage for projects located on water bodies: linear feet
(⊠ Not applicable)
SECTION 4 - PROJECT LOCATION (Env-Wt 310.01(b))
ADDRESS: 2 Gilman Lane
TOWN/CITY: Exeter
TAX MAP/LOT NUMBER: Map 71 Lot 119, Map 83 Lot 1
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TOPO MAP WATERBODY NAME: Exeter River N/A

Irm@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2147
NHDES Wetlands Bureau, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095
www.des.nh.gov

42.9767° North

70.9428° West

(Optional) LATITUDE/LONGITUDE in decimal degrees

(to five decimal places):

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		RMIT HOLDER) INFORMATION (Env-Wt 31 y, then the name of the trust or company s		as the applicant's
NAME: Ph	illips Exeter Academy, Facilit	ties, Attn: Mark Leighton and Ron Johnson		
MAILING	ADDRESS: 20 Main Street			
TOWN/CI	Y: Exeter		STATE: NH	ZIP CODE: 03833
PHONE: 60	03-777-4436	EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): mleight	on@exeter.edu,	rjohnson@exeter.edu
ELECTRON relative to	IC COMMUNICATION: By initial this application electronical	i <mark>tialing here</mark> : <u>M</u> , I hereby authorize	NHDES to comm	nunicate all matters
		ORMATION (Env-Wt 310.01(a)) me of the company should be written as th	e agent's name.	
		ens Associates Consulting Engineers, LLC		
MAILING A	ADDRESS: 60 Northrup Drive			
TOWN/CIT	Y: Brentwood		STATE: NH	ZIP CODE: 03833
PHONE: 60	03-772-1417	EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): rsstepho	ens@stephensen	gineers.com, cc:
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SECTION 8	- APPLICATION FEE (RSA 48	2-A:3, I)		
⊠ \$400 fc	or minimum impact projects.	. Please make your check or money order p	ayable to: "Treas	surer - State of NH".
SECTION 9	- REQUIRED CERTIFICATION	IS (Env-Wt 310.01(d))		
initial each	box below to certify:			
Initials:	The proposed project meets	the conditions and limits of the applicable m	ninimum impact p	roject rule.
Initials:	All abutters have been notifi	ied.		

Initials: RSS M	If the project is to repair or replace a docking structure, the docking structure is an existing legal structure.
Initials: RSS M	The proposal is the alternative with the least adverse impact to jurisdictional areas, as required by Env-Wt 310.01(d)(4).
Initials: RSS M	The project is not an after-the-fact application.
Initials: RSS M	The project is: Not located in a PRA; or Is located in a PRA but is subject to a classification adjustment under Env-Wt 407.02 or a project-type exception (PTE) under Env-Wt 407.04.
Initials: RSS	The applicant is aware of the limits of the EXP and understands and will comply with all conditions in the EXP and all applicable conditions in Env-Wt 307.
Initials: RSS	To the best of the signer's knowledge and belief, all required notifications have been provided.
Initials: RSS M	The information submitted on or with the application is true, complete, and not misleading to the best of the signer's knowledge and belief.
Initials: RSC WW	 The signer understands that: The submission of false, incomplete, or misleading information constitutes grounds for NHDES to: Deny the application. Revoke any approval that is granted based on the information. If the signer is a certified wetland scientist, licensed surveyor, or professional engineer licensed to practice in New Hampshire, refer the matter to the joint board of licensure and certification established by RSA 310-A:1. The signer is subject to the penalties specified in New Hampshire law for falsification in official matters, currently RSA 641. The signature shall constitute authorization for the municipal conservation commission and the Department to inspect the site of the proposed project, except for minimum impact trail projects, where the signature shall authorize only the Department to inspect the site pursuant to RSA 482-A:6, II.
Initials:	If the applicant is not the owner of the property, each property owner signature shall constitute certification by the signer that he or she is aware of the application being filed and does not object to the filing.

SECTION 10 - REQUIRED SIGNATURES (Env-Wt 31	.0.01(d))			
SIGNATURE OWNER)*:	PRINT NAME LEG	eighton	DATE: 8/27/202	
*Note: if the applicant is not the owner of the proprovided that property owner signatures shall not way where an easement will be obtained prior to is your project meets this exception:	be required for tra	nsportation projects adjacent to	o existing rights-of-	
SIGNATURE (APPLICANT, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER):	PRINT NAME LEG	SIBLY:	DATE:	
SIGNATURE AGENT, IF APPLICABLE):	PRINT NAME LEG ROBERT	SIBLY: S STEPHENOS	DATE: 0/21/20	
SECTION 11 - CONSERVATION COMMISSION SIG	NATURE (Env-Wt 3	10.01(h))**	u 1	
The signature below certifies that the municipal (the local governing body, has reviewed this applie				
AUTHORIZED COMMISSION SIGNATURE:	COMMISSION SIGNATURE: PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:		DATE:	
SECTION 12 - LOCAL RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVI	SORY COMMITTEE	SIGNATURE (Env-Wt 310.01(i))	k*	
The signature below certifies that the LAC waives within a Designated River Corridor)	its right to interver	ne per RSA 482-A:11. (N/A	This project is <i>not</i>	
AUTHORIZED LAC REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:	PRINT NAME L	EGIBLY: MEZENVE	DATE: 9/23/20	
**Note: If the application is complete, except for twaiving their right to intervene on the project, the established in RSA 482-A:3, XIV (Env-Wt 310.02(h))	application will be			
SECTION 13 - COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT ONLY for projects under Env-Wt 522.06, please procertified wetland scientist (CWS) certifying complete.	rovide a signed stat	ement by the county conservati	on district or	
By signing below, the county conservation district of that rule.	or certified wetlan	d scientist certifies compliance	with all conditions	
AUTHORIZED COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT CWS SIGNATURE:	DISTRICT OR PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: DATE:		DATE:	
SKECTION 14 - TOWN / CITY CLERK SIGNATURE (E	nv-Wt 310.01(f))	1 1	I and the second	
As required by RSA 482-A:3, I(a)(1), I hereby certifinally all attachments.	fy that he municipa	ity has received 4 copies of the	application	
T'OWN/CITY CLERK SIGNATURE: PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:				
TC)WN/CITY:	OWN/CITY:			

DIRECTIONS FOR TOWN/CITY CLERK:

Per RSA 482-A:3, I(a)(1)

- 1. IMMEDIATELY sign the original application form and four copies in the signature space provided above.
- 2. Return the signed original application form and attachments to the applicant so that the applicant may submit the application form and attachments to NHDES by mail or hand delivery.
- 3. IMMEDIATELY distribute a copy of the application with one complete set of attachments to each of the following bodies: the municipal Conservation Commission, the local governing body (Board of Selectmen or Town/City Council), and the Planning Board.
- 4. Retain one copy of the application form and one complete set of attachments and make them reasonably accessible for public review.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANT:

Submit the single, original permit application form bearing the signature of the Town/City Clerk, additional materials, and the application fee to NHDES by mail or hand delivery at the address at the bottom of this page.

ABUTTER NOTIFICATION OF WETLANDS AND SHORELAND PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Via Certified Mail

August 21, 2020

Re: NHDES Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications

Hill Bridge, Phillips Exeter Academy 2 Gilman Lane Exeter, NH 03833 Tax Map/Lot: 71/119 and 83/1

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to inform you that permit applications for a *Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit* and a *Shoreland Impact Permit* will be submitted to the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetland and Shoreland Bureaus, respectively, to repair Hill Bridge, including concrete repairs, bank stabilization and erosion resistance improvements, and other minor landscaping and site improvements. Under state laws RSA 482-A:3 I (d)(1) and RSA 483-B:5-b, iv-a, via certified mail, I am required to notify you about this wetlands and shoreland permit applications, respectively, which propose work abutting your property.

Once the permit applications are submitted to NHDES, a copy of each permit application, including the plans associated with the project proposal, will be available for public review at the City or Town Clerk's Office within the City/Town where the proposed project is located. A copy of the permit application, including the plans associated with the project proposal, can also be reviewed at the NHDES headquarters in Concord by scheduling a file review by calling (603) 271-8808 or visiting online at: filereview@des.nh.gov.

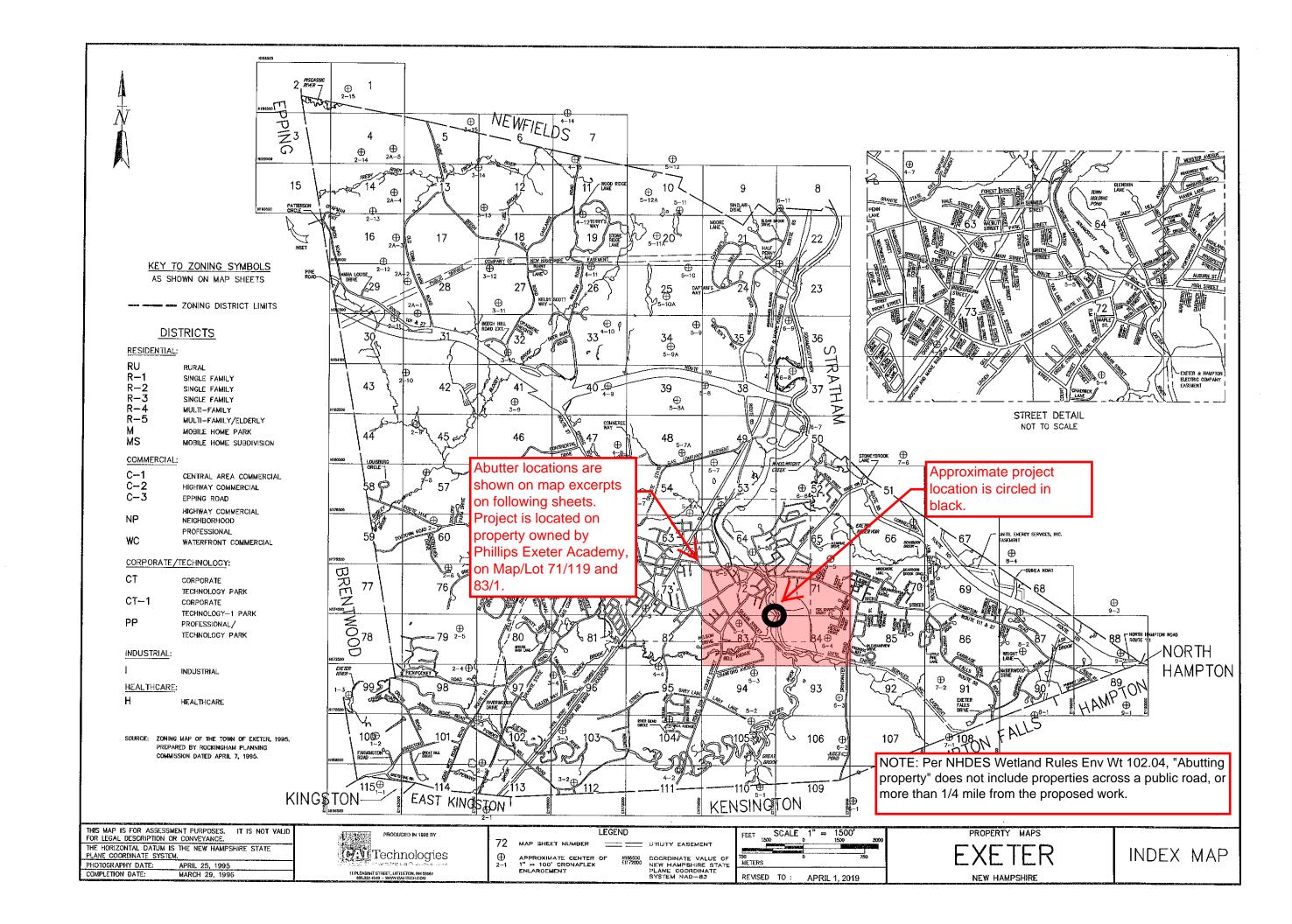
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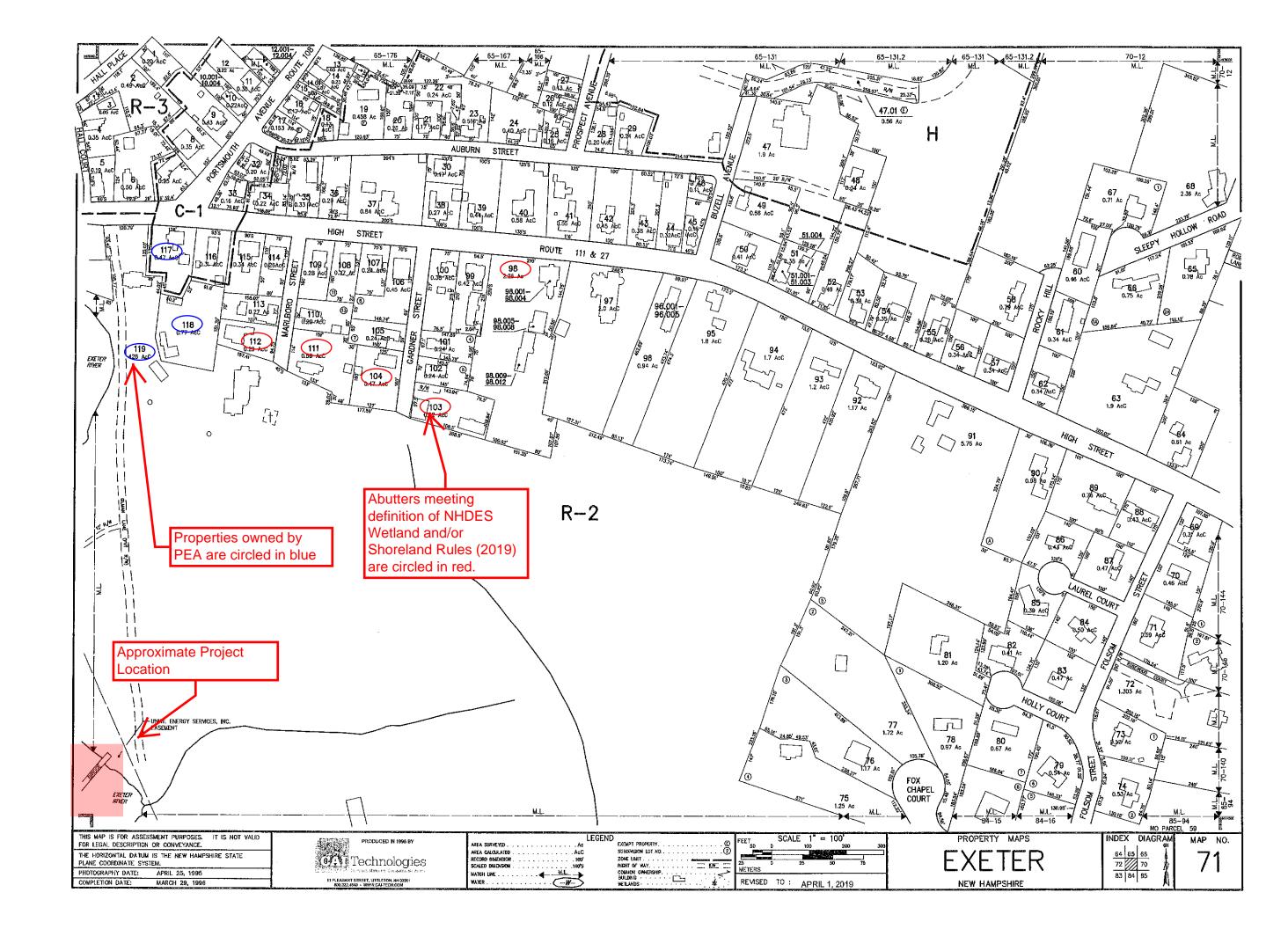
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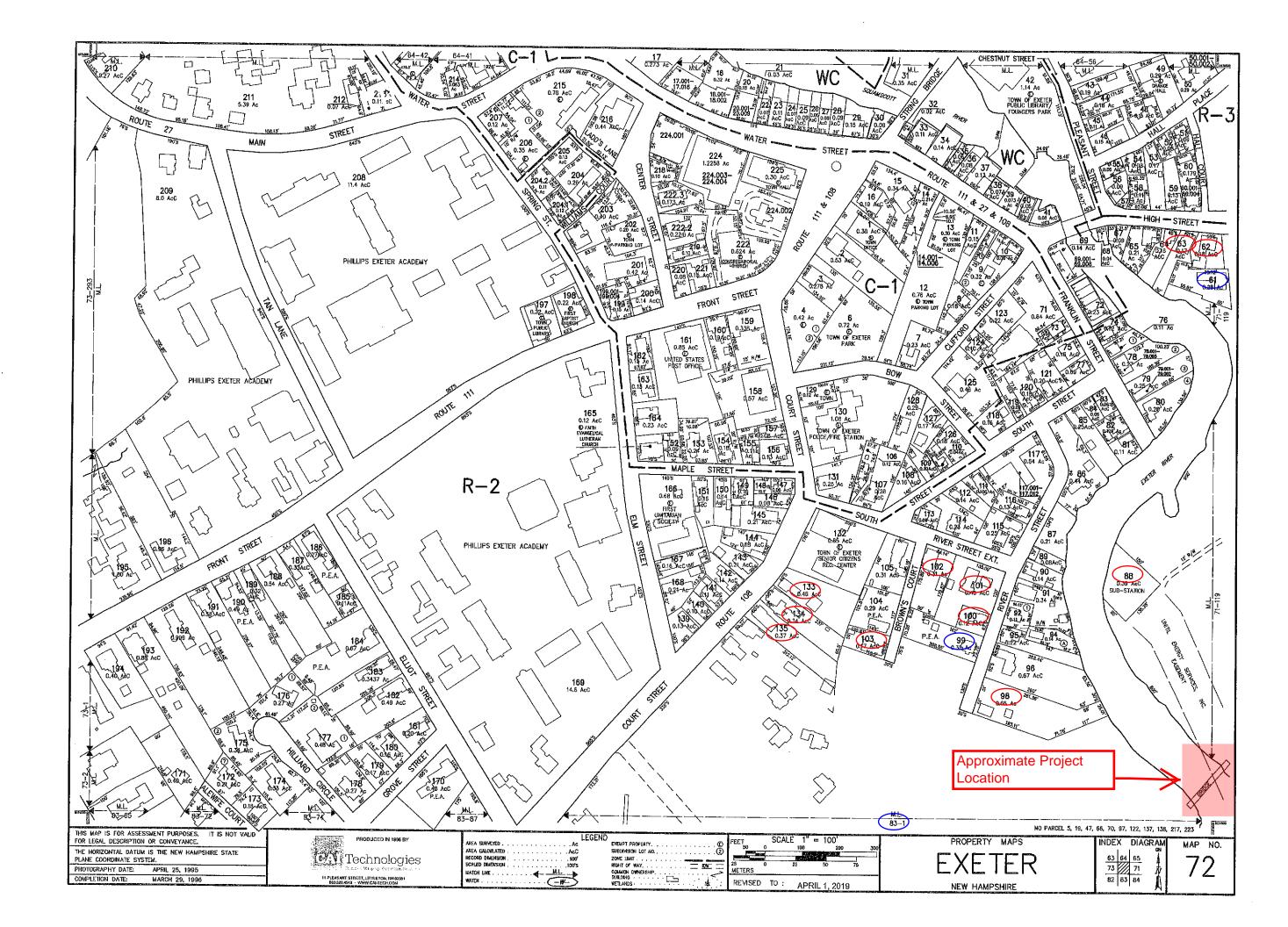
Ron Johnson, Facilities Phillips Exeter Academy

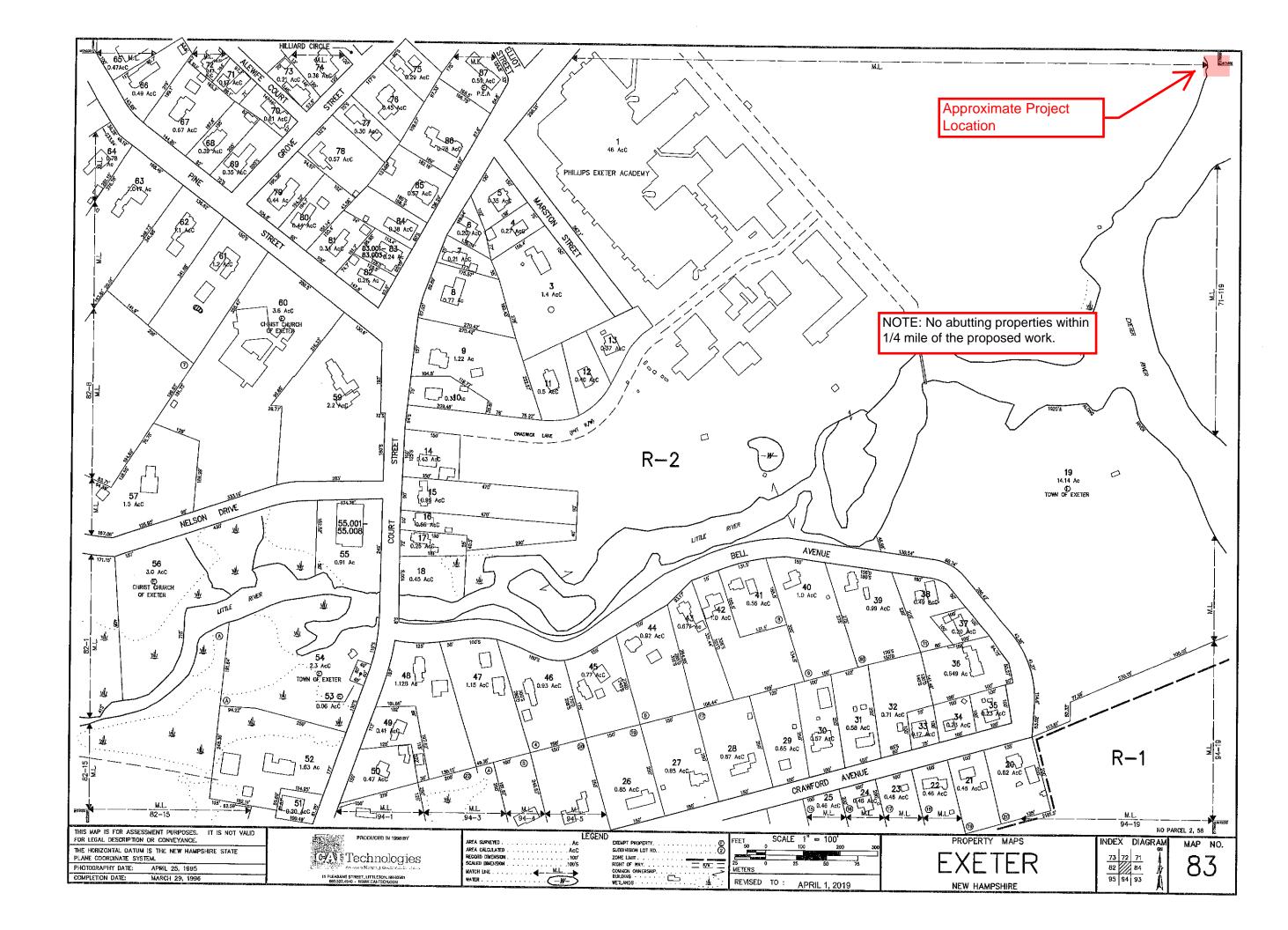
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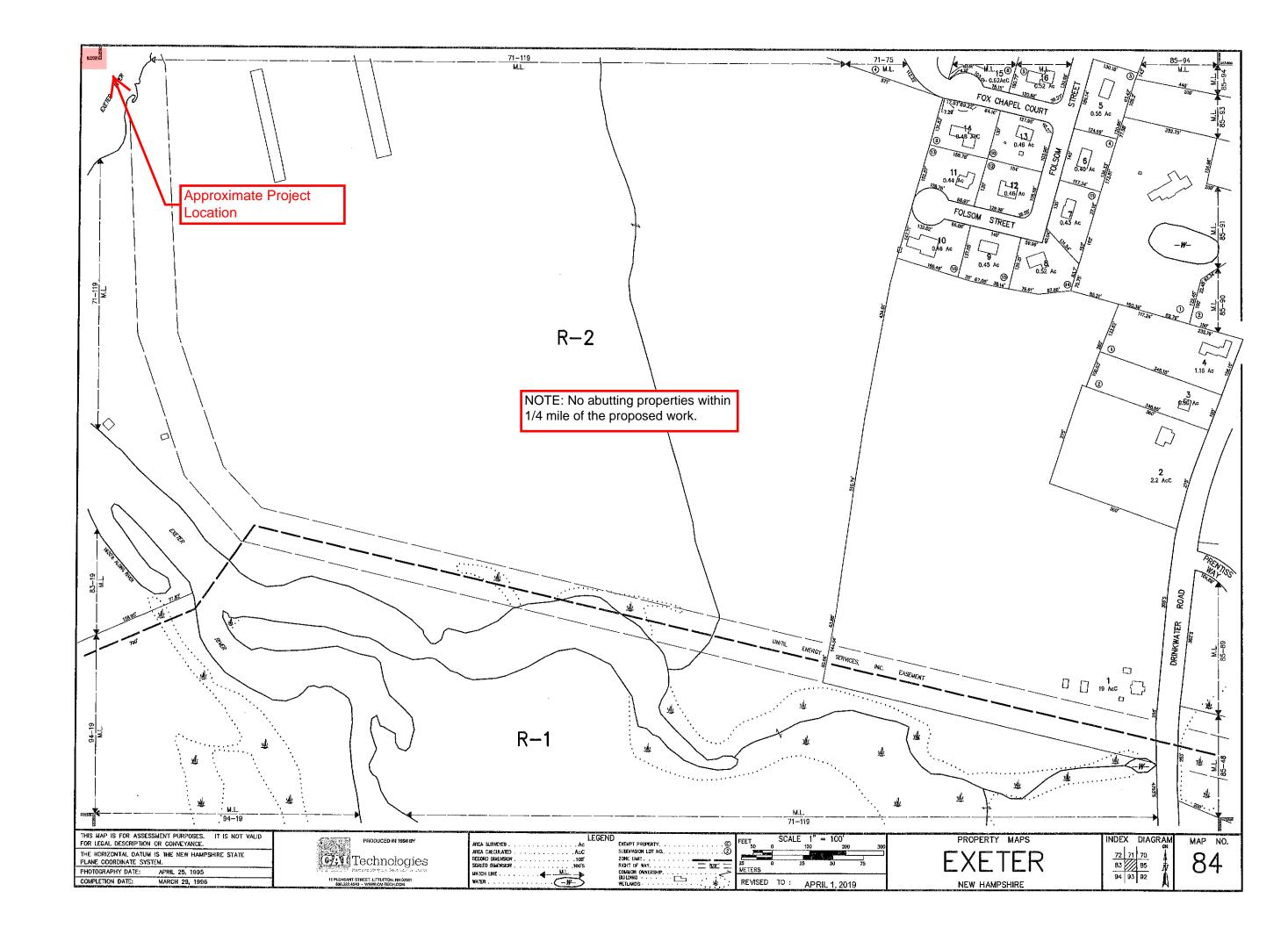
rjohnson@exeter.edu











NHDES WETLAND AND SHORELAND PERMIT APPLICATIONS - ABUTTER LIST

MAP	LOT	UNIT	OWNER 1	OWNER 2	MAILING ADDRESS 1	MAILING ADDRESS 2
71	98	1	BLEAKLEY AUDREY I		75 HIGH ST-EM/U1	EXETER, NH 03833
71	98	2	HARRISON FAMILY REV TR	HARRISON DONNA L TRUSTEE	75 HIGH ST-EM/U2	EXETER, NH 03833
71	98	3	JACOBSON SONJA A		68 BALD HILL RD	NEWFIELDS, NH 03856
71	98	4	TRAVER CYNTHIA L		75 HIGH ST EM-U4	EXETER, NH 03833
71	98	5	BISSONNETTE TODD R		75 HIGH ST-GA/U1	EXETER, NH 03833
71	98	6	TUTTLE MICHAEL J REV TR	TUTTLE MICHAEL J TRUSTEE	6 SPRUCE ST	EXETER, NH 03833
71	98	7	OLBRICHT LANDON T		75 HIGH ST-GA/U3	EXETER, NH 03833
71	98	8	HEPP CRISTIN R		75 HIGH ST GA/4	EXETER, NH 03833
71	98	9	PEDIATRIC PHARMACEUTICAL CONSULTANTS		5215 S DURANGO SUITE 3	LAS VEGAS, NV 89113
71	98	10	MEANEY JUDITH		14 SHERMAN AVE	BRENTWOOD, NH 03833
71	98	11	BARLOW CHRISTIAN		75 HIGH ST-JA/U3	EXETER, NH 03833
71	98	12	RODIER CASSANDRA H		75 HIGH ST J4	EXETER, NH 03833-2928
71	103		GILMORE VIRGINIA REV TR	GILMORE VIRGINIA F TRUSTEE	39 HAMPTON FALLS RD	EXETER, NH 03833
71	104		SLOAN BENJAMIN & JILL REV TR	SLOAN BENJAMIN & JILL TEES	11 GARDNER ST	EXETER, NH 03833
71	111		LUZADRE JOHN C	BULLEN REBECCA P	10 MARLBORO ST	EXETER, NH 03833
71	112		TOLENTINO NICHOLAS JAMES		9 MARLBORO ST	EXETER, NH 03833
71	117		PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY (No notification sent beca	use abutter is also Owner of property on which Project	s proposed.)	
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72	62		DONNELL J REV TR		25 HIGH ST	EXETER, NH 03833
72	63		HOGG TROY J		PO BOX 987	EXETER, NH 03833
72	88		UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS INC		6 LIBERTY LANE WEST	HAMPTON, NH 03842
72	98		GANLEY EDWARD P	GANLEY DIANE	44 RIVER ST	EXETER, NH 03833
72	99		PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY (No notification sent beca	use abutter is also Owner of property on which Project	s proposed.)	
72	100		MCLAUGHLIN SHEILA M TRUST	MCLAUGHLIN KATHLEEN & KEVIN TTEES	PO BOX 654	EXETER, NH 03833
72	101		SUNSHINE REALTY TRUST	HOVANESIAN JUDITH M	100 FIRST ST #302	DOVER, NH 03802
72	102		SEVENTY-ONE HIGH STREET REALTY TRUST	KAZANTZIDIS PETER TRUSTEE	7 HERITAGE WAY	EXETER, NH 03833
72	103		JACKSON PROPERTIES LLC		761 WASHINGTON ST	RYE, NH 03870
72	133		LEMERIS SAMUEL J		34 COURT ST	EXETER, NH 03833
72	134		THREE BULLDOGS LLC		10 NORTH RD	EAST KINGSTON, NH 03827
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7 HERITAGE WAY
EXETER, NH 03833

761 WASHINGTON ST RYE, NH 03870

LEMERIS SAMUEL J 34 COURT ST EXETER, NH 03833 THREE BULLDOGS LLC 10 NORTH RD EAST KINGSTON, NH 03827 Exeter-Squamscott River LAC Chair: William Meserve c/o Theresa Walker, RPC 156 Water Street Exeter, NH 03833

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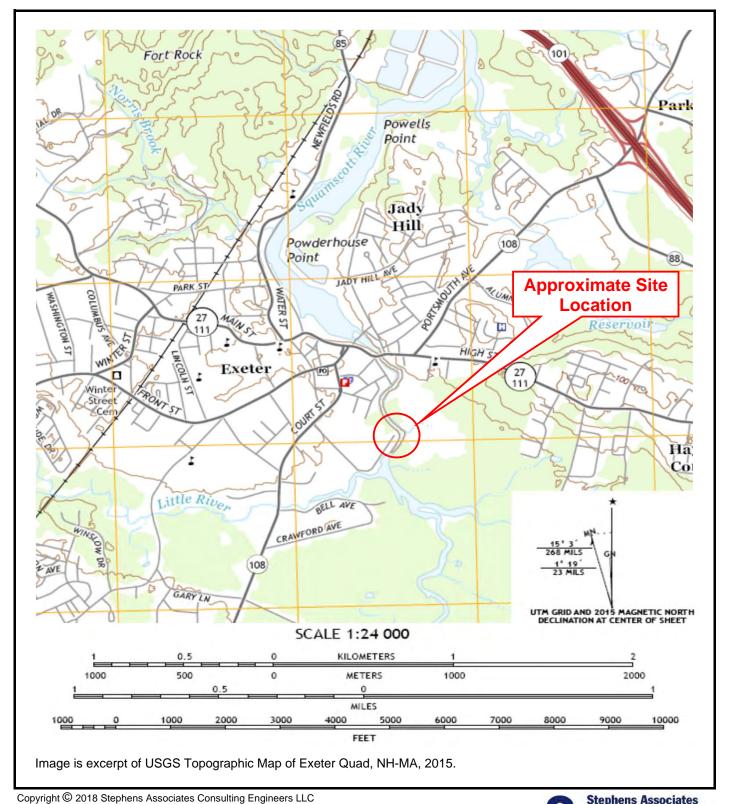
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12, 2018 Subject: FIGURE 1 - Site Location Map

Original Work:

By: J. Turner Date: June 12, 2018 Subject:

Checked By: NAO Date: June 12, 2018



113-13-003 Project: Number: Sheet 1 of Hill Bridge over Exeter River

Name:

Phillips Exeter Academy Campus, Exeter, NH

Representative Photographs

Original Work: Ву: NAO

Date: September 17, 2019 Subject:

Date: September 17, 2019 Checked By:

Photo No. 1 **Description:** 4/24/2018 Photo Date:

Overview of bridge upstream face



Photo No. Description: Overview of bridge downstream face 4/24/2018 Photo Date:



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Phillips Exeter Academy Campus, Exeter, NH

Representative Photographs

Original Work: By: NAO

Checked By: JET

Date: September 17, 2019 Subject:

JET Date: September 17, 2019

Photo No. 3 Description:
Photo Date: 4/24/2018

Upstream right river bank



Photo No. 4 Description:

Photo Date: 4/24/2018

Upstream left river bank



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Hill Bridge over Exeter River

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By: Checked By: JET Date: September 17, 2019 **Representative Photographs**

Photo No. 5 **Description:** Downstream left river bank 4/24/2018 Photo Date:



Photo No. 6 Description: Downstream right river bank 4/24/2018 Photo Date:



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Name: Hill Bridge over Exeter River

Phillips Exeter Academy Campus, Exeter, NH

Date: September 17, 2019 Subject: Representative Photographs

Checked By: JET Date: September 17, 2019

Original Work:

NAO

Ву:

Photo No. 7 Description:
Photo Date: 11/30/2018 Erosion at upstream left river bank



Photo No. 8 Description:
Photo Date: 12/3/2018 Erosion at downstream right bridge abutment



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Project: Number: 113-13-003 Sheet 5 of Hill Bridge over Exeter River

Name:

Phillips Exeter Academy Campus, Exeter, NH

Ву: NAO Date: September 17, 2019 Subject: **Representative Photographs** Checked By: Date: September 17, 2019

Photo No. 9 **Description:** Overview of area left (southwest) of bridge

Original Work:



Photo No. Description: Overview of area right (northeast) of bridge 12/3/2018 Photo Date:



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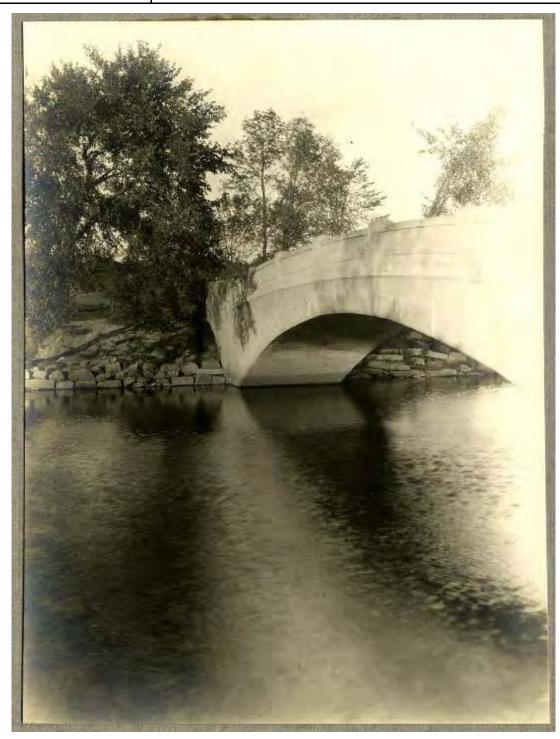
Project: Number: 113-13-003 Sheet 6 of 6
Name: Hill Bridge over Exeter River
Phillips Exeter Academy Campus, Exeter, NH

Date: September 17, 2019 Subject: Representative Photographs

By: NAO Date: September 17, 2019 Subj Checked By: JET Date: September 17, 2019

Original Work:

Photo No. 11 Description:
Photo Date: Undated Historical Photograph of bridge, showing riprap and rock blocks at the abutment.



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Memo



To: Nathaniel Olson, Stephens Associates Consulting Engineers, LLC

60 Northrup Drive Brentwood, NH 03833

From: Amy Lamb, NH Natural Heritage Bureau
 Date: 3/31/2020 (valid for one year from this date)
 Re: Review by NH Natural Heritage Bureau

NHB File ID: NHB20-0823 Town: Exeter Location: Tax Maps: Map 71 Lot 119, Map 83 Lot

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Description: The Project is to repair the existing Hill Bridge crossing the Exeter River, repair river bank erosion by bioengineering methods, and

improve landscaping at the ends of the Bridge. Work in and adjacent to jurisdictional wetlands includes temporary sediment/erosion

controls, temporary cofferdams, repair of riprap for erosion resistance, installation of vegetative bank stabilization by

bioengineering methods, and concrete surface repairs to the Bridge.

cc: Kim Tuttle

As requested, I have searched our database for records of rare species and exemplary natural communities, with the following results.

Comments: There is a record for climbing hempvine, a State-Endangered species, south of the project area. This species was documented on a riverine island, but can also occur on vegetated riverbanks, and uses shrub species to support its vining growth habitat. Please send NHB photos of the existing riverbank conditions at the bridge location so that we may determine whether there is habitat for this species in the project area. Please also send existing and proposed conditions plans including any proposed planting plan. Information can be sent to me at Amy,Lamb@dncr.nh.gov. Contact the NH Fish & Game Department to address wildlife concerns.

Plant species	State ¹	Federal	Notes
climbing hempvine (Mikania scandens)	E	-	Threats include changes to the hydrology (e.g., water levels) of its habitat and increased sedimentation or nutrients and pollutants in stormwater runoff.
Vertebrate species	State ¹	Federal	Notes
American Eel (Anguilla rostrata)	SC		Contact the NH Fish & Game Dept (see below).
Blanding's Turtle (<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>)	E		Contact the NH Fish & Game Dept (see below).

¹Codes: "E" = Endangered, "T" = Threatened, "SC" = Special Concern, "--" = an exemplary natural community, or a rare species tracked by NH Natural Heritage that has not yet been added to the official state list. An asterisk (*) indicates that the most recent report for that occurrence was more than 20 years ago.

Contact for all animal reviews: Kim Tuttle, NH F&G, (603) 271-6544.

A negative result (no record in our database) does not mean that a sensitive species is not present. Our data can only tell you of known occurrences, based on

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Division of Forests and Lands (603) 271-2214 fax: 271-6488

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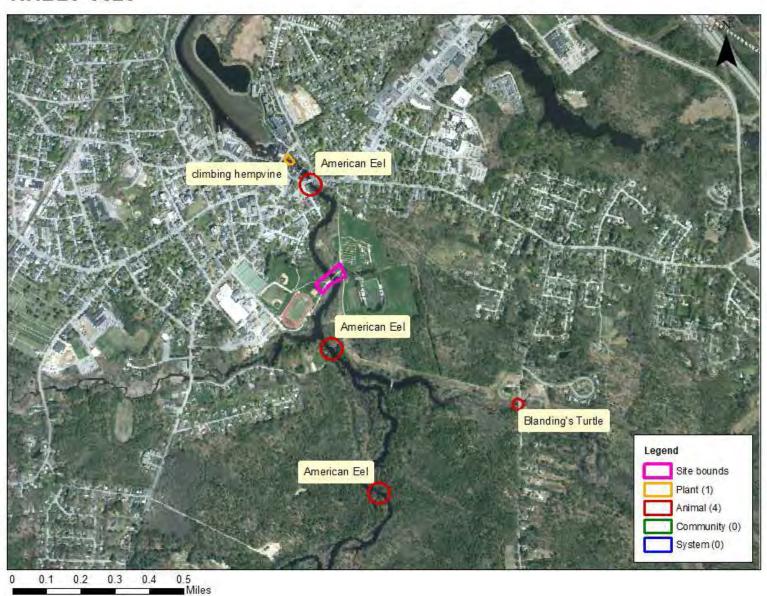


information gathered by qualified biologists and reported to our office. However, many areas have never been surveyed, or have only been surveyed for certain species. An on-site survey would provide better information on what species and communities are indeed present.



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NHB20-0823



NHB20-0823 EOCODE: PDAST6F070*005*NH

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau - Plant Record

climbing hempvine (Mikania scandens)

Legal Status Conservation Status

Federal: Not listed Global: Demonstrably widespread, abundant, and secure State: Listed Endangered State: Critically imperiled due to rarity or vulnerability

Description at this Location

Conservation Rank: Not ranked

Comments on Rank: --

Detailed Description: 2019: More than 100 individuals observed. Occupied approximately 3% cover within 20x40

meter area. 2001: Searched for 40 feet upstream and 150 feet downstream of Great Bridge on Spring Street. Not found. 1984: One large twining clump (present in 1983) and two new small plants. Numerous inflorescences. 1983: A single large clump of healthy, trailing and

climbing stems. Numerous clusters of fertile heads. Specimens collected.

General Area: 2019: Vegetated island in Squamscott River. Associated species include silver maple (Acer

saccharinum), American elm (Ulmus americana), red maple (Acer rubrum), silky dogwood (Swida amomum), reed canary grass (Phalaris arundinacea), purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria), white turtlehead (Chelone glabra), yellow iris (Iris pseudacorus), spotted touchme-not (Impatiens capensis), robust bluejoint (Calamagrostis canadensis var. canadensis), and dodder (Cuscuta sp.). 1984: Rock outcrop covered in part and surrounded with river mud (silt). 1983: Supported by one boulder near the center of the exposed rocky river bed. Growing with water willow (Decodon verticillatus) and water-pepper smartweed (Persicaria

hydropiper) nearby.

General Comments: -

Management Comments:

1983: Extreme fluctuations of water level (operation of the dam sluice gate) could destroy this colony, as could human activity (such as playing children) in the exposed river bed.

Location

Survey Site Name: Squamscott River at Exeter

Managed By:

County: Rockingham Town(s): Exeter

Size: .2 acres Elevation:

Precision: Within (but not necessarily restricted to) the area indicated on the map.

Directions: 2019: Vegetated island in Squamscott River on east side of String Bridge, Exeter. 1983: Squamscott

River bed, below dam and above High Street Bridge (Rte. 101C), [ca. 250 feet downstream of (north

of) Rte. 101 bridge].

Dates documented

First reported: 1983-08-25 Last reported: 2019-09-05

NHB20-0823 EOCODE: AFCEA01010*099*NH

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau - Animal Record

American Eel (Anguilla rostrata)

Legal Status Conservation Status

Federal: Not listed Global: Apparently secure but with cause for concern

State: Special Concern State: Rare or uncommon

Description at this Location

Conservation Rank: Not ranked

Comments on Rank: --

Detailed Description: 2008: Area 13324: 15 observed.

General Area: --General Comments: --Management --

Comments:

Location

Survey Site Name: Great Brook-Exeter River

Managed By:

County: Rockingham Town(s): Exeter

Size: 1.9 acres Elevation:

Precision: Within (but not necessarily restricted to) the area indicated on the map.

Directions: 2008: Exeter River

Dates documented

First reported: 2008-08-29 Last reported: 2008-08-29

NHB20-0823 EOCODE: AFCEA01010*100*NH

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau - Animal Record

American Eel (Anguilla rostrata)

Legal Status Conservation Status

Federal: Not listed Global: Apparently secure but with cause for concern

State: Special Concern State: Rare or uncommon

Description at this Location

Conservation Rank: Not ranked

Comments on Rank: --

Detailed Description: 2008: Area 13325: 9 observed.

General Area: --General Comments: --Management --

Comments:

Location

Survey Site Name: Great Brook-Exeter River

Managed By: Gilman Park

County: Rockingham Town(s): Exeter

Size: 1.9 acres Elevation:

Precision: Within (but not necessarily restricted to) the area indicated on the map.

Directions: 2008: Exeter River

Dates documented

First reported: 2008-08-29 Last reported: 2008-08-29

NHB20-0823 EOCODE: AFCEA01010*101*NH

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau - Animal Record

American Eel (Anguilla rostrata)

Legal Status Conservation Status

Federal: Not listed Global: Apparently secure but with cause for concern

State: Special Concern State: Rare or uncommon

Description at this Location

Conservation Rank: Not ranked

Comments on Rank: --

Detailed Description: 2008: Area 13326: 13 observed.

General Area: --General Comments: --Management --

Comments:

Location

Survey Site Name: Great Brook-Exeter River
Managed By: Phillips Exeter Academy Land

County: Rockingham Town(s): Exeter

Size: 1.9 acres Elevation:

Precision: Within (but not necessarily restricted to) the area indicated on the map.

Directions: 2008: Exeter River

Dates documented

First reported: 2008-08-29 Last reported: 2008-08-29

NHB20-0823 EOCODE: ARAAD04010*183*NH

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau - Animal Record

Blanding's Turtle (Emydoidea blandingii)

Legal Status Conservation Status

Federal: Not listed Global: Apparently secure but with cause for concern State: Listed Endangered State: Critically imperiled due to rarity or vulnerability

Description at this Location

Conservation Rank: Good quality, condition and landscape context ('B' on a scale of A-D).

Comments on Rank: --

Detailed Description: 2007: Area 11793: Female laying eggs.

General Area: 2007: Area 11793: Wetlands on both sides of the road.

General Comments: --Management --

Comments:

Location

Survey Site Name: Great Meadows

Managed By: Phillips Exeter Academy Land

County: Rockingham Town(s): Exeter

Size: .4 acres Elevation:

Precision: Within (but not necessarily restricted to) the area indicated on the map.

Directions: 2007: Area 11793: Shoulder of Drinkwater Road where it crosses the outlet stream of The Cove.

Dates documented

First reported: 2007-06-11 Last reported: 2007-06-11

James Turner

From: Tuttle, Kim < Kim.Tuttle@wildlife.nh.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:23 AM

To: James Turner

Subject: RE: NHB20-0823 Repair of Hill Bridge over Exeter River Exeter

Attachments: SEEKING REPORTS OF RARE TURTLES.PDF

Jim,

The NHFG Nongame and Endangered Species Program has reviewed NHB20-0823 for the repair of the existing Hill Bridge crossing the Exeter River, and the repair of river bank erosion by bioengineering methods, and landscaping at the ends of the bridge. The NHB database identified the following protected wildlife species in the vicinity of the bridge:

American Eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) SC –

Blanding's Turtle (Emydoidea blandingii) E -

1Codes: "E" = Endangered, "T" = Threatened, "SC" = Special Concern

Also, according to the NHFG Inland Fisheries fish survey database, there are also sea lamprey and redfin pickerel present in the Exeter River, both of which are NH species pf concern.

In order to avoid impacts to the state endangered Blanding's turtle, avoid the use of welded plastic or 'biodegradable plastic' netting or thread in erosion control matting. There are numerous documented cases of snakes and other wildlife being trapped and killed in erosion control matting with synthetic netting and thread. The use of erosion control berm, white Filtrexx Degradable Woven Silt Sock, or several 'wildlife friendly' options such as woven organic material (e.g. coco or jute matting such as North American Green SC150BN or equivalent) are readily available. Please let us know what specific product you intend on using.

The Drawings specify Filtrexx Degradable Woven Silt Sock on sheet G-4, detail 1

The following note should be prominently added to the plans along with a photo of Blanding's and spotted turtle (which is also a possibility here) that you may copy from the attached flyer:

Construction personnel should be aware of the potential to encounter spotted and Blanding's turtles, especially during turtle nesting season which extends from late May through the beginning of July. IF SPOTTED OR BLANDING'S TURTLES ARE FOUND LAYING EGGS IN THE WORK AREA, PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA DOPERALSKI (603-479-1129 cell) or JOSH MEGYESY (cell 978-578-0802 or 271-1125 office) FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

The Drawings include this note and photograph on sheet G-4, detail 4

Chemical fertilizer and pesticide use (including herbicide) should be eliminated in the riparian zone as the Exeter River suffers from impaired water quality from nutrient and chemical runoff. Redfin pickerel depend on aquatic vegetation and can be eliminated by herbicide runoff from field applications. If any fertilizer use is planned, avoid chemical fertilizers in favor of products such as North Country Organics Pro-Gro 5-3-4, a general-purpose, slow release natural fertilizer.

The Drawings include this requirement on sheet L-3, note 13

Regards,

Kim Tuttle Wildlife Biologist NH Fish and Game 11 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 603-271-6544 From: James Turner < jeturner@stephensengineers.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:55 AM

To: Tuttle, Kim <Kim.Tuttle@wildlife.nh.gov>; Lamb, Amy <Amy.Lamb@dncr.nh.gov>

Cc: Robert Stephens <rsstephens@stephensengineers.com>; Johnson, Ronald V. <rjohnson@exeter.edu>

Subject: NHB 20-0823 Repair of Hill Bridge over Exeter River

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Hi Kim and Amy,

The results of initial NHB File 20-0823 review (attached) requested that we coordinate and further review the project with NHF&G and NHB. Please find attached a narrative and drawings for your use in reviewing the subject NHB file. If you need anything else, or have any questions, please call my mobile number below or contact us by email. Thanks,

Jim

James E. Turner (PE registration in MA, CT, RI, NJ, PA, DE) Stephens Associates Consulting Engineers, LLC 60 Northrup Dr. Brentwood, NH 03833

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August 14, 2020

James E. Turner Stephens Associates Consulting Engineers, LLC 60 Northrup Dr. Brentwood, NH 03833 jeturner@stephensengineers.com

Re: Proposed repair of Hill Bridge over the Exeter River (NHB20-0823)

Mr. Turner:

The NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB), through the Rare Plant Protection Act of 1987 (RSA 217-A), works to study, protect, and provide information on native plant species and natural communities in New Hampshire. NHB determines the list of State Threatened and Endangered plants in New Hampshire, and maintains a comprehensive statewide database of these species, as well as exemplary natural communities and natural community systems. In cooperation with the NH Fish & Game Department's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program (Nongame Program), NHB also maintains the statewide database of threatened, endangered and special concern wildlife species.

NHB also provides environmental review letters (DataChecks) to screen projects subject to local, state, and federal permitting for potential impacts to threatened, endangered, and tracked species and exemplary natural communities. NHB provided a DataCheck, NHB20-0823, for the repair of the existing Hill Bridge that crosses the Exeter River, as well as repair of river bank erosion by bioengineering methods, and improving landscaping at the ends of the bridge. This work requires both NHDES Shoreland and Wetlands permits. The DataCheck letter included the following State-Listed plant species and State-Listed and tracked wildlife species:

Plant:

climbing hempvine (Mikania scandens), State Endangered

Wildlife:

American Eel (*Anguilla rostrata*), Special Concern Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*), State Endangered

Please note, the remainder of this review will only address climbing hempvine, as the NH Fish & Game Department has jurisdiction over wildlife species.

Climbing hempvine is a plant species with a vining habit that grows on vegetation along riverbanks and on vegetated islands within rivers. There is a population of this species downstream from the project area. NHB requested a plant survey for climbing hempvine since the vegetated banks of the Exeter River in the vicinity of the bridge would be impacted by the proposed project.

Brendan Quigley of Gove Environmental Services completed the survey on July 10, 2020. Prior to reviewing the site, Mr. Quigley first reviewed the known population downstream to obtain a search image of the plant and verify that it would be identifiable at that time. The downstream population was confirmed and photographed. Impact areas surrounding Hill Bridge were then surveyed, but no climbing

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hempvine was observed. NHB concurs with the surveyor's assessment that no climbing hempvine occurs within the project area, and has no further concerns about impacts to this species.

NHB also reviewed the proposed planting plan for the site to ensure that the proposed seed mix contained only native species, if possible. The originally proposed seed mix contained New York ironweed, which does not occur naturally in NH. NHB recommended that the proposed seed mix be changed to a "New England Roadside Matrix Wet Meadow" seed mix that does not contain New York ironweed. Provided that this species mix, as specified in the attachment, is utilized onsite, NHB has no further concerns about the project.

Please contact me if the project should change to include additional impact areas, or if the proposed seed mix is not available.

Sincerely,

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Amy Lamb, Ecological Information Specialist, Natural Heritage Bureau

Attachment

GOVE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.



September 20, 2018

Ron Johnson Senior Manager for Grounds & Athletics Phillips Exeter Academy 20 Main Street Exeter, NH 03833

Re: Hill Bridge, Phillips Exeter Academy

Subject: Wetland Survey

Dear Mr. Johnson;

Per your request, this letter is to verify that Gove Environmental Services, Inc., performed a site inspection to identify wetlands at the above-referenced Location. Wetlands were evaluated utilizing the following standards:

- 1. US Army Corps of Engineers Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: North central and Northeast Region, Technical Report ERDC/EL TR-10-19 (Oct 2010).
- 2. Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, A Guide for Identifying and Delineating Hydric Soils, Version 7.0.
 United States Department of Agriculture (2010).
- 3. North American Digital Flora: National Wetland Plant List, Version 2.2.1 (2009).
- 4. Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States. USFW Manual FWS/OBS-79/31 (1979).

As you are aware I delineated this same area in 2014, prior to the removal of the dam in the center of town. Some question remained as to whether or not the delineation would change based on the resulting lowering of the river. Based on the requirements of the NH DES Wetlands Bureau and the jurisdiction of Rivers occurring at the level of either the ordinary high water mark or the top of bank, the delineation of 2014 is till accurate and should be used for any project moving forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Sincerely,

Luke D. Hurley, CWS, CSS

Vice President

Gove Environmental Services, Inc.