TOWN OF MILFORD

Office of Community Development

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Administrative Review

Date: April 14, 2023

To: Zoning Board of Adjustment

From: Terrey Dolan, Community Development Director

Subject: Case #2023-02 689 North Main Street, LLC and Salt Creek Properties, LLC. for the property

located at Tax Map 43, Lot 20-2. Variance Application

The applicants are before the Board of Adjustment seeking a Variance from Milford Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, Sections 6.01.3.B.7 to allow the retail sale of petroleum products in the Groundwater Protection District on a property located in the Commercial and Limited Commercial Zoning Districts. In reviewing the files for this property, I offer the following comments:

1. Existing Conditions:

- a. The subject property is approximately two acres (87,120 sq. ft.) with approximately 324 feet of frontage on South Street and 234 linear feet of frontage on Nathaniel Drive. The property is undeveloped with a substantial forested area along the rear easter portion the property.
- b. The property would be serviced by municipal water and sewer.
- c. The subject property is primarily zoned Commercial with the remaining easterly portion falling in the Integrated Commercial Industrial Zoning District. The property is situated within the Town's southerly commercial corridor and close proximity to the Route 101 bypass (1,500 linear feet). To the north, the subject property abuts an existing commercial store, Electric Supply and undeveloped property. To the east, the property abuts undeveloped property and to the west, Kincaid Auto. To the south, the subject parcel abuts undeveloped land across Nathaniel Drive and to the southwest, a single-family residence.
- d. The property falls within the Level 1 Groundwater Protection District. The purpose of the district is to preserve, maintain, and protect from contamination existing and potential groundwater supply areas.
- 2. On March 9, 2023, the applicants appeared before the Milford Conservation Commission to present the proposal and receive input and comments. The Conservation Commission tabled the discussion seeking additional site information contained in the wetland permit. Since that time, the Commission held site walk and met to discuss application on April 13, 2023. See attached Commission memorandum.
- 3. The applicant is seeking relief from Milford Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, Sections 6.01.3.B.7 to allow the retail sale of petroleum products in the Groundwater Protection District. Although the Ordinance contains certain exemptions the use/storage of liquid petroleum products, the retails sale of petroleum products and exceeding the 5,000 gallon aggregate tank capacity is prohibited in the Level I Groundwater Protection District. Thus, the Applicant requires a Variance to permit such use.
- 4. The applicant has a filed a concurrent Special Exception Application (see Case #2023-01) from the Milford Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, Sections 6.02.6.A and B to disturb approximately 2,299 square feet of wetlands area and 7,202 square feet of wetland buffer area to allow the construction gas station store, pump stations, access driveway and parking areas, and related stormwater water management structures.



In addition to requiring a Special Exception and Variance, the project will also require approval by the Planning Board for a major site plan application, subdivision application (lot line adjustment) and local stormwater permit. It is recommended that the Board request formal input from the Planning Board.

In addition to local permitting, the project will require both a Wetlands Permit and Alteration of Terrain Permit from NHDES

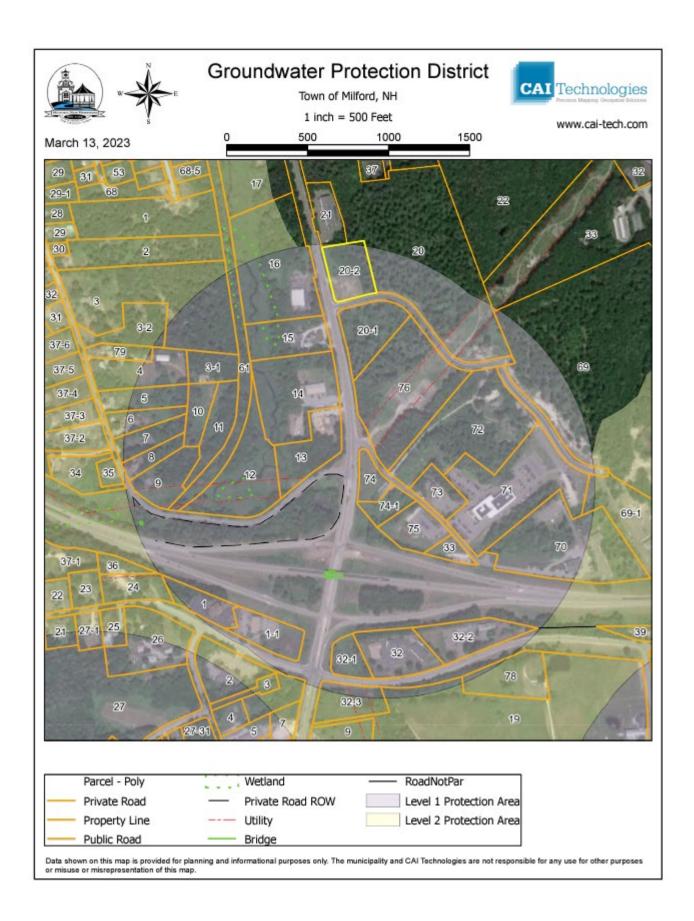
- 5. As part of the Board deliberation, the applicant should be prepared to discuss the following:
 - a. The applicant should explain what stormwater management design alternatives were considered to minimize the overall impact the Groundwater Protect District, the delineated wetland resource area, and buffer.
 - b. The applicant should details what spill prevention control countermeasures will be place. As a condition, it is recommended that the operator of the facility submit a spill prevention control countermeasures (SPCC) plan to be approved by both the Planning Board and the Fire Department.
 - c. The applicant should explain how the project will ensure the continued protection of the Town's groundwater and meet the Town's Stormwater Ordinance.
 - d. The applicant should demonstrate how the project will comply with the Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.01.2 Performance Standards (relevant sub-sections).

Aerial Photos of Subject Property:









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March 31, 2023

To: Zoning Board of Adjustment

Re: Case # 2023-01,02,03 Rashid South Street Gas Station project

Special Exception for Wetland and Buffer Impact

Variance for Prohibited Use of a Gas Station located in the Groundwater Protection Area

To the Board,

The Conservation Commission met with the applicant at their March 9 2023 meeting and at the March 30 scheduled site visit, which was also attended by members of the Planning and Zoning Boards. The MCC members have some questions and comments which are listed below.

Criteria for Evaluation (ZO 6.02.7):

- 1. **The need for the impact**. The MCC does not think that this is the best use for the parcel. It is located in the Groundwater Protection Zone 1 in which the storage of petroleum products is prohibited.
- 2. The plan is the least impact to the site. The plan proposes two access points in order to maximize the number of pumps while efficiently directing large trucks around a small parcel. There does not appear to be any thought to reduce the number of pumps so that one entrance would be sufficient, thus avoiding the wetland located on the northwest corner of the parcel. This gas station is not an appropriate location for this parcel, as it is located in the Groundwater Protection Zone 1, where underground petroleum storage units are prohibited.
- 3. The impact on plants, fish and wildlife. There is a small wetland which is 5% of the parcel. It is part of a potential wildlife corridor, as identified on the NH Wildlife Corridors Map produced by NH Fish and Game. Without a study, it is very difficult to state what the impact will be to wildlife moving across the landscape. Usually, wetlands are impacted by a crossing which often accommodates wildlife movement; not a complete fill, removing this natural resource from the landscape. Our observation at the site visit is that the landscape is 'directing' wildlife towards the culvert that carries drainage across South Street into the wetland/open space on the west side of South Street.
- 4. The impact on the quantity and quality of surface and ground water. This parcel is located in the Groundwater Protection Area 1, which prohibits the storage of liquid petroleum products. The applicant cannot guarantee that there will not be an accidental release of petroleum products. One of the criteria for determining a Groundwater Protection Area Level 1 is how quickly a substance can move across and into the aquifer. The Canton Fine Sandy

Loam (CaB) soil type found on this site is considered a well-drained soil, indicating that any spills will quickly infiltrate, making it harder to collect impacted soil. Using the data available on NH DES One Stop Mapper, the parcel is located approximately 370 feet from highly transmissible soils.

- 5. **The potential to cause or increase flooding, erosion or sedimentation**. Stormwater treatments are designed which will manage the stormwater for the site. However, the infiltration is being designed to handle the drainage from the adjacent property. Should this require additional environmental study by a third party?
- 6. The cumulative impact if all parties abutting this wetland or buffer were permitted to make equivalent alterations to the landscape. Typically, wetlands are temporarily impacted and mitigation is provided with wildlife friendly structures. This project requires the fill of the existing wetland. Essentially, removing a resource from the landscape. It is difficult to assess the damage to wildlife if every abutter were to fill the wetlands on their property, but it is hard to imagine that this would be beneficial for the wildlife using the landscape.
- 7. The impact of the proposed project on the values and functions of the total wetland or wetland complex. This project will remove the existing wetland from the landscape. We cannot determine how important this wetland is to the wildlife moving across the landscape. It appears to be the only refuge on this parcel for animals heading downslope to the wetlands on the west side of South Street. They are being 'funneled' towards the culvert from this wetland so that there is a safe passage under South Street. Removal of the wetland will change movement patterns, which may not be beneficial.

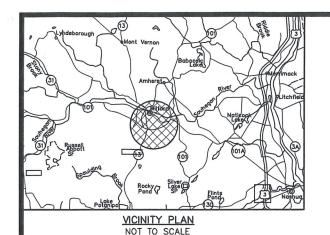
MCC questions/thoughts

- 1. Please ask the applicant to demonstrate how the applicant attempted to avoid or minimize the impact. What mitigation measures will be taken to provide any of the resources that are provided by this wetland? What efforts were made to reduce the site size so that the wetland could remain?
- 2. What is the proposed treatment for the invasives that are present on the property?
- 3. How will the applicant demonstrate that the stormwater recharge meets Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (Env-wm 1403.05)`
- 4. The MCC members do not think that this is the appropriate use for this parcel. Map43-20-2 is located in the Groundwater Protection Zone 1, which prohibits the storage of liquid petroleum products. There are other uses for which this parcel could be used which would not require the filling of this wetland and would reduce the risk for a major impairment to the aguifer.

The Milford Conservation Commission members do not support this application for the above stated use to build and operate a gas station and convenience store on a parcel located in the Groundwater Protection Area Level 1.

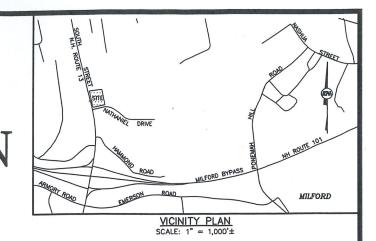
Respectfully

John Yule, Chair Milford Conservation Commission



ZBA EXHIBIT IMPACT PLAN SET MILFORD RASHID GAS STATION

MAP 43 LOT 20-2 SOUTH STREET MILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE



OWNER
SALT CREEK PROPERTIES, LLC
PO BOX 967
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03031

APPLICANT
689 NORTH MAIN STREET, LLC
689 NORTH MAIN STREET
LEOMEINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS 10453

PREPARED BY:
KEACH-NORDSTROM ASSOCIATES, INC.
10 COMMERCE PARK NORTH, SUITE 3
BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03110
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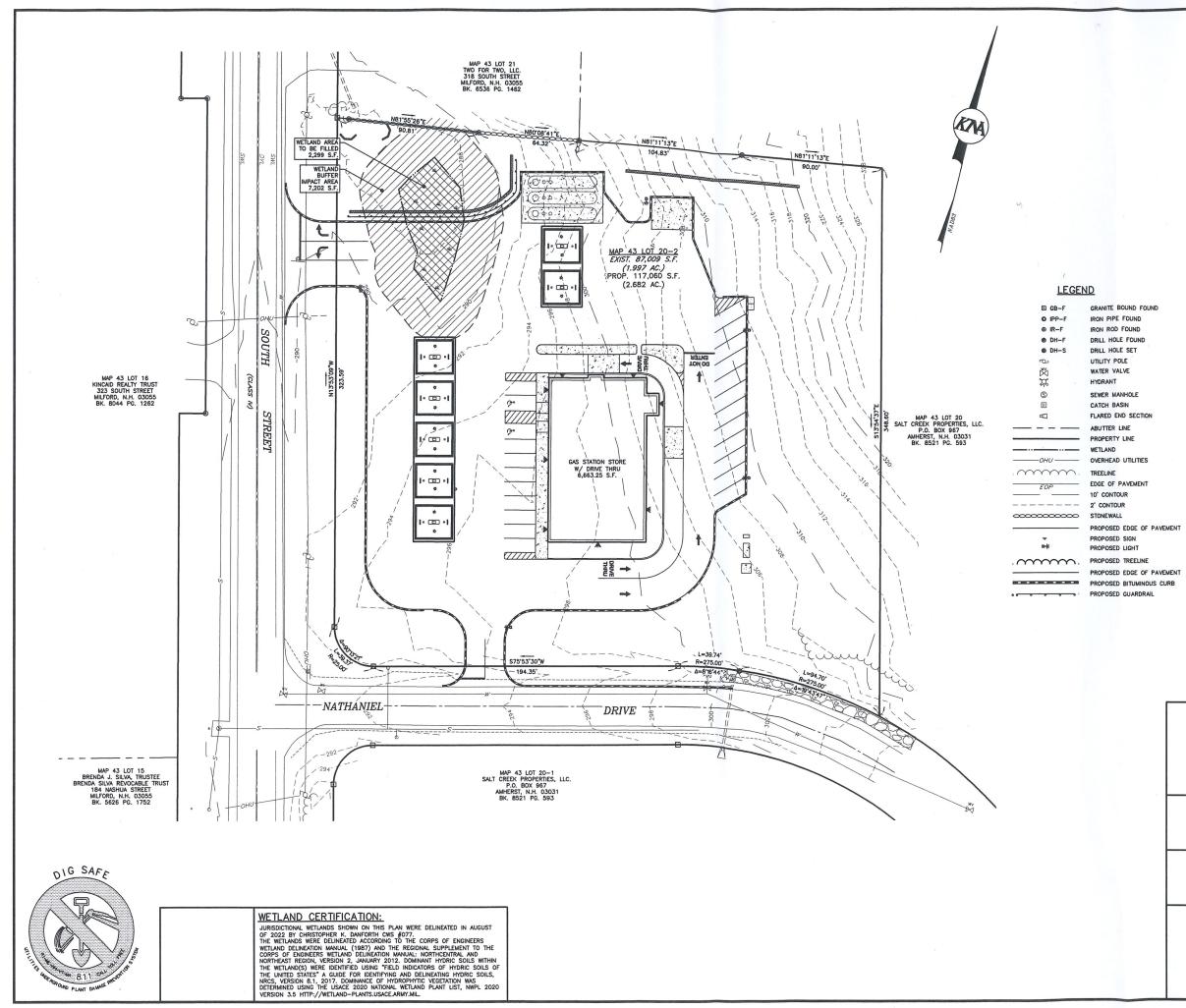
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WETLAND IMPACT PLAN	2
NON-RESIDENTIAL SITE PLAN	3
GRADING & DRAINAGE PLAN	4
EROSION CONTROL DETAILS	5

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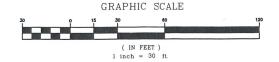
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REMOVALS/DEMOLITION NOTES:

- 1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW THE PROPOSED REMOVALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAP 43 LOTS 20-2.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING "DIG SAFE" AT 811 AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE DIGGING.
- ALL STUMPS, ROOTS, BRANCHES, BRUSH, WOODS AND OTHER PERISHABLE MATERIAL RESULTING FROM THE CLEARING AND GRUBBING OPERATIONS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY AN APPROVED METHOD.
- STRIP, STOCKPILE AND REUSE ONSITE GRAVEL AND FILL AREAS WHERE APPROPRIATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DESIGN ENGINEER.
- REMOVE ALL ASPHALT, CURBING, CONCRETE, VEGETATION, TREES, SHRUBS, LIGHT POLES, SIGNAGE AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE HATCHED AREA, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- DEBRIS REMOVED FROM THE SITE SHALL BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.



WETLAND IMPACT PLAN MILFORD RASHID GAS STATION

MAP 43 LOT 20-2 SOUTH STREET MILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

OWNER:

SALT CREEK PROPERTIES, LLC P.O. BOX 967 AMHERST, NH 03031 BK. 8521 PG. 593

689 NORTH MAIN STREET LLC 689 NORTH MAIN STREET LEOMINSTER, MA 10453



Civil Engineering Land Surveying Landscape Architecture 10 Commerce Park North, Suite 3B, Bedford, NH 03110 Phone (603) 627-2881

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TANKS (TYP.)

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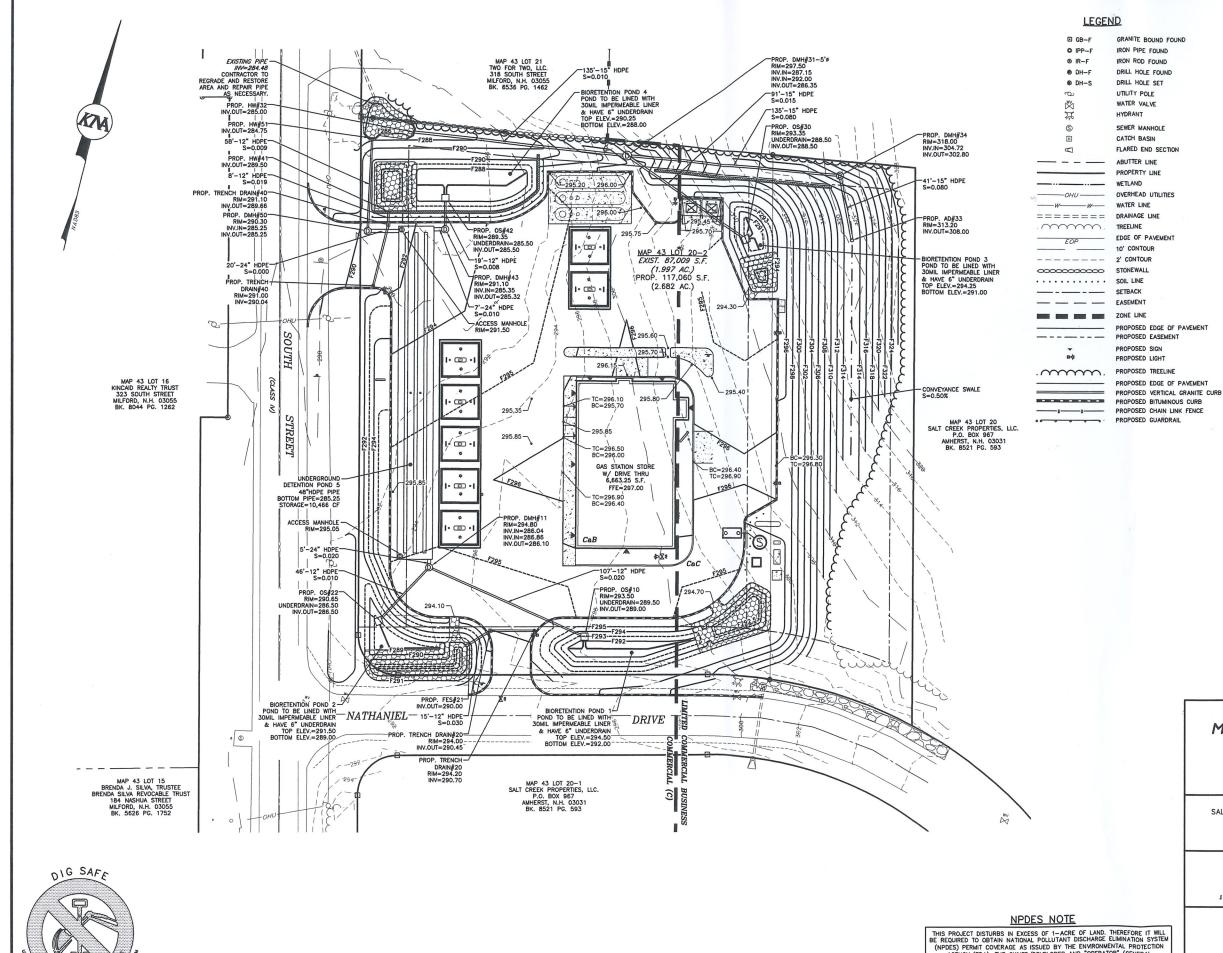
GENERAL NOTES:

A. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO DEPICT THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS STATION AND RETAIL STORE WITH DRIVE—THRU WINDOW ON MAP 43 LOT 20-2.

MAP 43 LOT 20-2 INDICATES TOWN OF MILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE TAX ASSESSOR'S MAP AND LOT NUMBER.

2. AREA OF PARCEL:

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CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

1. ALL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS OF THE TOWN OF MILEORD, AND SHALL BE BUILT IN A WORKMANLIKE MANNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. ALL WORK PERFORMED IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY SHALL CONFORM TO THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, APPROVED AND ADDPTED 2010 ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

2. CONSTRUCTION SHALL CONFORM TO THE TYPICAL SECTIONS AND DETAILS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. ALL DRAINAGE PIPES SHOWN SHALL BE HOPE. CATCH BASINS SHALL BE TYPE B. AND HAVE 3' SUMPS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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4. ALL DRAINAGE PIPE SHALL BE INSTALLED FOLLOWING MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION

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3. A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL SHALL BE RETAINED TO PERFORM THE INFILTRATION TESTING AT THE BIORETENTION POIND POST CONSTRUCTION, AND SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND TEST RESULTS TO THE TOWN OF MILFORD TO VERIFY THE ASSUMED INFILTRATION RATES USED IN THE STORMWATER MODEL.

LOAM & SEED ALL DISTURBED AREAS (TYP.)



GRADING & DRAINAGE PLAN MILFORD RASHID GAS STATION

MAP 43 LOT 20-2 SOUTH STREET

MILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

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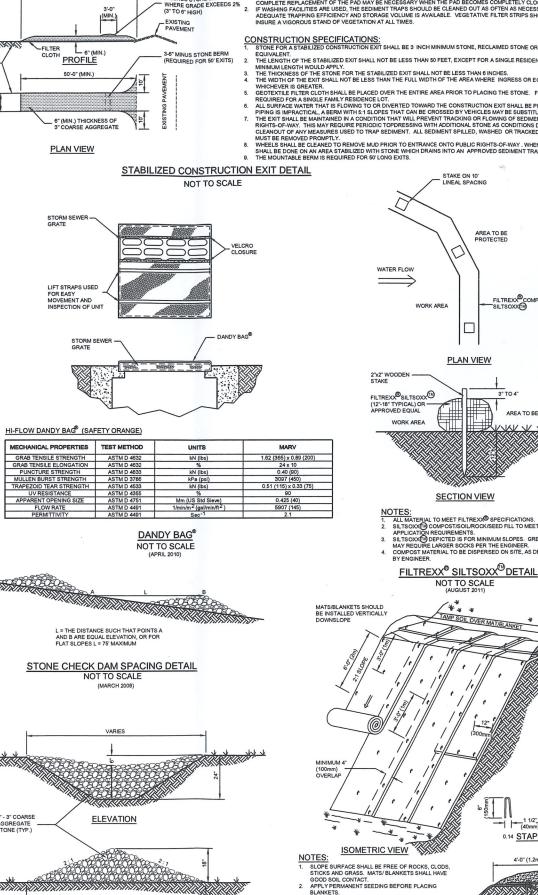
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WHERE GRADE EXCEEDS 2%
(3" TO 6" HIGH) CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS:

1. STONE FOR A STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION EXIT SHALL BE 3 INCH MINIMUM STONE, RECLAIMED STONE OR RECYCLED CONCRETE EQUIVALENT.
THE LENGTH OF THE STABILIZED EXIT SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 50 FEET, EXCEPT FOR A SINGLE RESIDENTIAL LOT WHERE A 30 FCOT MINIMUM LENGTH WOULD APPLY.
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5. GEOTEXTILE FILTER CLOTH SHALL BE PLACED OVER THE ENTIRE AREA PRIOR TO PLACING THE STONE. FILTER CLOTH IS NOT REQUIRED FOR A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE LOT.

6. ALL SURFACE WATER THAT IS FLOWING TO OR DIVERTED TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION EXIT SHALL BE PIPED BENEATH THE EXIT. IF PIPING IS IMPRACTICAL, A BERM WITH 61 SLOPES THAT CAN BE CROSSED BY VEHICLES MAY BE SUBMITIONED FOR THE PIPING.

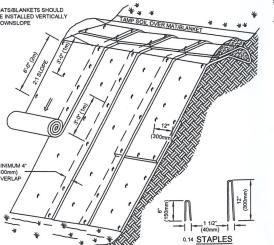
7. THE EXIT SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A CONDITION THAT WILL PREVENT TRACKING OR FLOWING OF SEDIMENT ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY. THIS MAY REQUIRE PERIODIC TOPERESSING WITH ADDITIONAL STONE AS CONDITION BEAMON AND REPAIR AND/OR CLEANOUT OF ANY MEASURES USED TO TRAP SEDIMENT. ALL SEDIMENT SPILLED, WASHED OR TRACKED ONTO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY MUST BE REMOVED PROMPHLY.

8. WHEELS SHALL BE CLEANED TO REMOVE MUD PRIOR TO ENTRANCE ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WHEN WASHING IS REQUIRED, IT SHALL BE DONE ON AN AREA STABILIZED WITH STONE WHICH DRAINS INTO AN APPROVED SEDIMENT TRAPPING DEVICE.

9. THE MOUNTABLE BERM IS REQUIRED FOR 50 LONG EXITS. ISOMETRIC VIEW VARIARI F AREA TO BE **PROFILE** WEIR CREST

2. SILTSOACING COMPOSTISSION CONSECUTION TILL TO MEET APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.
3. SILTSOACING DEPICTED IS FOR MINIMUM SLOPES. GREAT SLOPES MAY REQUIRE LARGER SOCKS PER THE ENGINEER.
4. COMPOST MATERIAL TO BE DISPERSED ON SITE, AS DETERMINED.

FILTREXX® SILTSOXX®DETAIL



BLANKETS.

LAY BLANKETS LOOSELY AND STAKE OR STAPLE TO MAINTAIN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE SOIL. DO NOT STRETCH.

EROSION BLANKETS TO BE A BCN150 OR AN APPROVED ALTERNATIVE WHICH MUST CONSIST OF ALL NATURAL.

EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS - SLOPE INSTALLATION NOT TO SCALE

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WINTER CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

1. ALL PROPOSED POST-DELYEL OPHENT VEGETATED AREAS WHICH DO NOT EXHIBIT A MINIMUM OF 85% VEGETATIVE GROWTH BY OCTOBER 15TH, OWNICH ARE US STURBED AFTER OCTOBER 15TH, SWALL BIG STABILIZED BY SEEDING AND INSTALLING EROSION CONTROL BLANKERTS 15TH, OWNICH ARE US STABILIZED AND INSTALLING EROSION CONTROL BLANKERTS OR MILL OF HER ACRE. SECURED WITH ANCHORED METTING. ELSEWHERE THE PLACEMENT OF EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS OR MULCH AND NETTING SHALL NOT COUR OVER ACCUMULATED SNOW OR ON FROZEN GROUND AND SHALL BE COMPLETED IN ADVANCE OF THAW OR SPRING MELT EVENTS.

2. ALL DITCHES OR SWALES WHICH DO NOT EXHIBIT A MINIMUM OF 85% VEGETATIVE GROWTH BY OCTOBER 15TH, OR WHICH ARE DISTURBED AFTER OCTOBER 15TH, SHALL BE STABILIZED WITH STONE OR EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS APPROPRIATE FOR THE DESIGN FLOW CONDITIONS.

SECTION A-A

NOTES:

1. THE TRAP SHALL BE INSTALLED AS CLOSE TO THE DISTURBED AREA OR SOURCE OF SEDIMENT AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTING DRAINAGE AREA TO THE TRAP SHALL BE LESS THAN 5 ACRES.

3. THE MINIMUM VOLUME OF THE TRAP SHALL BE 3.00 CUBIC FEET OF STORAGE FOR EACH ACRE OF DRAINAGE AREA.

4. THE SIDE SLOPES OF THE TRAP SHALL BE 3.1 OR FLATTER, AND SHALL BE STABILIZED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR CONSTRUCTION.

5. THE OUTLET OF THE TRAP SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF ONE FOOT BELOW THE CREST OF THE TRAP AND SHALL DISCHARGE TO A CYADILIZED AREA.

TEMPORARY SEDIMENT TRAP DETAIL

NOT TO SCALE

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THE MATERIALS REMOVED FROM THE TRAP SHALL BE PROPERLY DISPOSED OF AND STABILIZED.
SEDIMENT TRAPS AND/OR BASINS SHOULD BE USED AS NECESSARY TO CONTAIN RUNOFF UNTIL BASINS/PONDS ARE STABILIZED.

CONDITIONS.
AFTER OCTOBER 15TH, INCOMPLETE ROAD OR PARKING SURFACES SHALL BE PROTECTED WITH A MINIMUM OF 3 INCHES OF CRUSHED GRAVEL PER NHDOT ITEM 304.3 OR, IF CONSTRUCTION IS TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE WINTER SEASON, BE CLEARED OF ANY

CRAVEL PER NI-DOT ITEM 304.3 OR, IF CONSTRUCTION IS TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE WIN LET SEASON, DE CLEA ACCUMULATED SNOW AFTER EACH STORM EVENT. AN AREA SHALL BE CONSIDERED STABLE IF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING HAS OCCURRED: A. BASE COURSE GRAVELS ARE INSTALLED IN AREAS TO BE PAVED; B. A MINIMUM OF 85% VECETATED GROWTH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED; C. A MINIMUM OF 80° OF NON-EROSIVE MATERIAL SUCH AS STONE OR RIP RAP HAS BEEN INSTALLED; OR D. EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY INSTALLED.

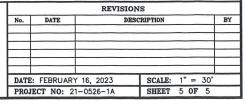
EROSION CONTROL DETAILS MILFORD RASHID GAS STATION

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OWNER: SALT CREEK PROPERTIES, LLC P.O. BOX 967 AMHERST, NH 03031 BK. 8521 PG. 593

APPLICANT: 689 NORTH MAIN STREET LLC 689 NORTH MAIN STREET

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February 16, 2023

Town of Milford Planning Development Zoning Board of Adjustments 1 Union Square Milford, New Hampshire 03055



Re: Variance & Special Exception Application

Route 13 Gas Station - Tax Map 43; Lot 20-2

Corner of South Street (Route 13) & Nathaniel Drive

Milford, New Hampshire 03101 - KNA Project # 21-0526-1A

Dear Chairman and Board Members:

The above referenced parcel is being submitted for a Variance and Special Exception from the Milford Zoning Board. The property is located at the corner of South Street and Nathaniel Drive. The variance requested is from Article VI Overlay Districts; Section 6.01.3 Uses; B.7.a Prohibited Uses to allow for the retail sale of petroleum projects and Special Exceptions are from Article VI Overlay Districts; Section 6.02.6.A & B Special Exception is Required for to fill the existing wetland pocket and wetland buffer areas on the parcel for site circulation. The included documents outline the applicants request for this variance and Special Exception. All required information has been included within the submittal package. KNA will be present to further discuss the variance at the scheduled hearing,

Enclosed is the following material for your review and approval:

- 1. Applications for 1 Variance & 2 Special Exceptions.
- 2. Application fee:

Total Fee's Submitted:

ZBA Base Fee (Counts): = \$225.00 Abutters @ 4.75 per (20 abutters) = \$95.00 Total Fee: = \$320.00

- 3. 5 sets of Variance & Special Exception application.
- 4. Variance letter, Abutter's list & Label, Tax Map, Property Card, and ZBA exhibits

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (603) 627-2881.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Peterson

Senior Project Manager

Keach Nordstrom Associates

10 Commerce Park North, Suite 3B

Bedford, NH 03110

Land Surveying

Landscape Architecture

Civil Engineering



ZBA Application MILFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

GENERAL PROPERTY INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

PROPER	RTY INFORMATION
Street Address: South Street	
Tax Map / Parcel #: 43-20-2	Lot Size: 2.001
PROPERTY	CURRENTLY USED AS
Vacant Land	
If the application involves multiple l	ots with different owners, attach additional
	PPERTY OWNER
Name: Salt Creek Propertie	s, LLC
Address: P.O. Box 967	
City/State/Zip:Amherst, NH 030	31
Phone: ()	
Email:	
the owner or a third party. This is u might be a tenant, someone who p	making this proposal on behalf of themselves, sually the same as the property owner, but lans to purchase the property, an engineer or ame as the owner, just check "Same as owner" ank.
APPLICA	NT/REPRESENTATIVE
☐ SAME AS OWNER	
Name: 689 North Main Street,	LLC
Address: 689 North Main Str	reet
City/State/Zip:Leomeinster, MA	10453
Email:	
Phone: ()1-978-549-2222	Cell: ()
The undersigned property owner(s) has agree to comply with all code	nereby authorize(s) the filing of this application and requirements applicable to this application.
Property Owner's signature	e Date:
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Date Received:	
	MILFORD
Application Number : RECE	IVED
Hearing Date: FEB 1	6 2023
Decision Date:	
Decision: PB ZBA	Office

Zoning District (check one):
☐ Residence A
☐ Residence B ☐ Residence R
■ Commercial□ Limited Commercial□ Industrial
☐ Integrated Commercial-Industrial☐ Integrated Commercial-Industrial-2
Overlay District (check any that apply):
☐ West Elm Street Overlay
☐ Nashua/Elm Street Overlay
☐ Commerce & Community Overlay
☐ Open Space & Conservation
☐ Wetlands Conservation
Groundwater Protection
☐ Floodplain Management

APPLICATION FEES

Application Fee: \$75.00

Abutters Fee: \$4 x 20

Amount received: \$33.00

Date Received: \$4 x 20

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The fees associated with this application do not apply to any other fees required for approval of this project. Planning, impact, building and other fees may apply.



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	PROPERTY INFORMATION	Application #:
Street A	Address: South Street	Date Complete:
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	be the variance you are requesting under the above section of the	
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To allow	y a gas station at this location.	
	General Criteria Section 10.01	
Explain	n how the proposal meets the following conditions per New Hampshire RSA	A 674:33.I
1.	Granting the Variance would not be contrary to the public interest because:	
	See enclosed letter	
2.	If the Variance were granted, the spirit of the ordinance would be observed becau	ise:
	See enclosed letter	
3.	Granting the Variance would do substantial justice because:	
	See enclosed letter	
4.	Granting the Variance would not diminish the value of surrounding properties be	cause:
	See enclosed letter	
5.	Unnecessary Hardship:	
This sec	ction is the central portion of your argument and is the critical factor that the Zoning	g Board of Adjustment will need to

determine what is unique to your property and not generally applicable to other properties in the area or in town.

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A. Owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area; denial of the Vawould result in unnecessary hardship because:	riance
i. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision a specific application of that provision to the property because :	ind the
See enclosed letter	
AND	
ii. The proposed use is a reasonable one because:	
See enclosed letter	
(B) Explain how, if the criteria in paragraph (A) are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only is special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in conformance with the Ordinance, and a Variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it:	f, owing to a strict
(C) Not withstanding paragraph (B) above, a Variance may be granted without finding a hardship arising from the terms of the Zo Ordinance when reasonable accommodations are necessary to allow a person or persons with a recognized physical disability to or regularly use the premises, provided that:	ning reside in
 The Variance requested under this paragraph shall be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning O because: 	rdinance
In addition, Variances may have extra criteria that must be met. This includes, but is not limited to: 6.03.5 Floodplain Management: The criteria for evaluation is listed in 6.03.5:B General Conditions and the applicable of are listed in 6.03.5:C. If your project is covered by this regulation, include your answers to the required criteria as spec referenced Section of the Milford Zoning Ordinance as an attachment under Section 3 C. of this application.	conditions ified in the
ATTACHMENTS – additional information may be needed to help the Zoning Board of Adjustment fully understand your petiti A. A plan of the property and all buildings, drawn to scale, is required. B. A Building Permit Application as needed (to be determined by the building official.) C. Additional explanations, justification, abutters' statements, letters, etc.	on.



February 15, 2023

Town of Milford Planning Development - Zoning Board of Adjustments 1 Union Square Milford, New Hampshire 03055

Re:

Variance & Special Exception Application Route 13 Gas Station - Tax Map 43; Lot 20-2 Corner of South Street (Route 13) & Nathaniel Drive Milford, New Hampshire 03101 - KNA Project # 21-0526-1A

Dear Chairman and Board Members:

The above referenced parcel is being submitted for a Variance and Special Exception from the Milford Zoning Board. The property is located at the corner of South Street and Nathaniel Drive. The variance requested is from **Article VI Overlay Districts**; **Section 6.01.3 Uses**; **B.7.a Prohibited Uses** to allow for the retail sale of petroleum projects. The included documents outline the applicants request for this variance and Special Exception. All required information has been included within the submittal package. KNA will be present to further discuss the variance at the scheduled hearing.

1. Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest because:

Granting the will not be contrary to the public interest. More specifically, the requested variance will not unduly conflict with the basic purposes of the relevant zoning provisions and a new station being built to today's standards would neither alter the essential character of the area nor threaten public health, safety, or welfare.

The location of this request at the interchange of Route 101 and Route 13 were you already have vehicles coming and going from this location to access travel routes to the north, south, east, and west would suggest this location is perfect to assist the general public. Also due to advances in permitting, construction and monitoring of any type of potential containment to the State of New Hampshire water supply these facilities pose a very minor risk to the ground waters of New Hampshire and I would suggest due to other issue facing the State that this type of use has shown to be a very safe and efficient way to service the public while protection it at the same time with all the required station standards that are in place these days. As such the applicant does not believe this variance would be contrary to the public interest.

2. If the variance were granted, the spirit of the ordinance would be observed because;

The applicant believes that the spirit of the ordinance would be to protect the Groundwater of the State of NH from possible pollutants and in 2023 Gas station are designed, permitted, constructed and monitored to the highest of standards to protect all of the ground water in the state and not just Milford so with an proposed new state of the art facility the applicant believes this variance would be in the spirit of the ordinance.

Civil Engineering

Land Surveying

Landscape Architecture

3. Granting the variance would do substantial justice because;

Due to the location of this parcel at the interchange of two major State Routes and on the outer end of the protective well radius substantial justice would be done for the current owner and the applicant to develop the parcel in a manner that serves the communities at the appropriate roadway interchanges.

4. Granting the variance would not diminish the value of surrounding properties because; .

The construction of a state of the art million dollar facility that is designed, permitted, constructed and monitored per current regulations would not diminish the value of surrounding properties and in reality this type of development usually increases the values of surrounding properties when located in an appropriate location like this.

- 5. Owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area; denial of the variance would result in unnecessary hardship because;
 - i. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property because:

The location of this parcel at the interchange of Route 101 and Route 13 distinguish it from other locations in Town, that were allowed gas stations, and its location on the very outer limits of the protective radius also distinguish it from other properties in town. Not allowing a state-of-the-art gas station at a location that see the majority of commuter traffic pass by it again distinguishes it from other parcel in Town and is why the applicant feels there is no substantial relationship between the general purposes of the ordinance and the specific violation being applied to the property for all variances being requested.

ii. The proposed use is a reasonable one.

The applicant believes a proposed state of the art gas station at the interchange of two major state routes in Milford is a reasonable one.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (603) 627-2881.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Peterson Senior Project Manager

Keach Nordstrom Associates

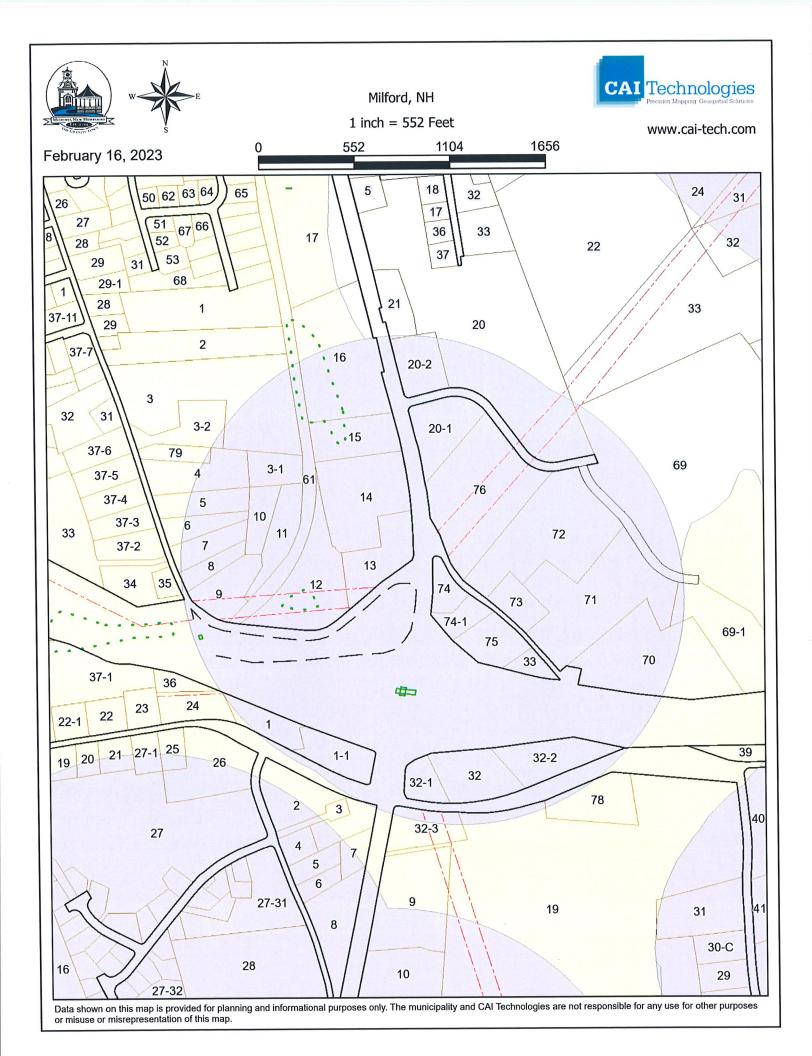
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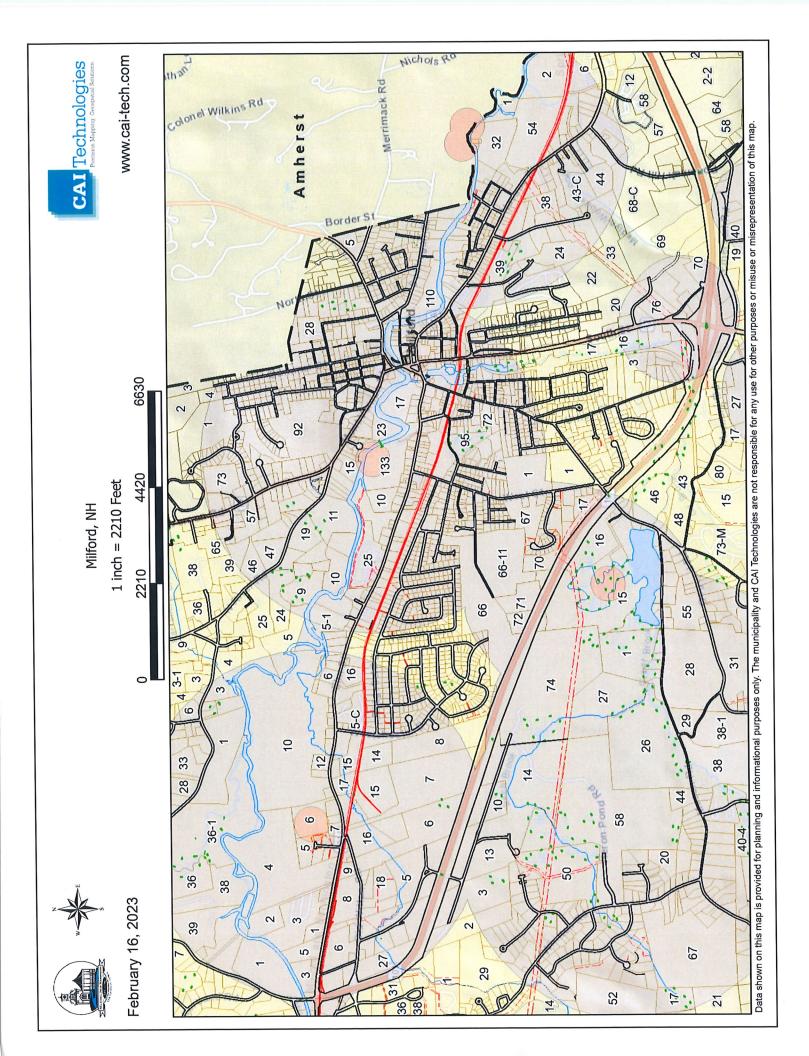




Photo #1: looking north into wetland. 9/28/2022



Photo #2: Looking south into wetland. 9/28/2022



Photo #3: Looking east into lot. Cleared area. 9/28/2022



Photo #4: Looking north into brush area. 9/28/2022



Photo #5: Looking north on NH Route 13. 9/28/2022

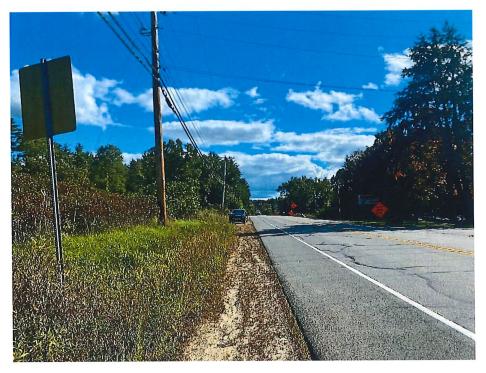


Photo #6: Looking south on NH Route 13. 9/28/2022

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Wetland Functions and Values

A Descriptive Approach

Wetland Function-Value Evaluation Form

Total area of wetland 2, 299\$ Human made? NO		. Is wetland part of a wildlife corridor? $\overline{ ext{NO}}$	NO	or a "habitat island"? \es	Wetland I.D. 书 \ Latitude 42 8226 Longitude 71.1641615
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How many tributaries contribute to the wetland? NONE	Jone	Wildlife & vegetation diversity/abundance (see attached list)	y/abunda	ance (see attached list)	Office Field Corps manual wetland delineation
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Other					

* Refer to backup list of numbered considerations.

Notes:



Appendix A

Wetland evaluation supporting documentation; Reproducible forms.

Below is an example list of considerations that was used for a New Hampshire highway project. Considerations are flexible, based on best professional judgment and interdisciplinary team consensus. This example provides a comprehensive base, however, and may only need slight modifications for use in other projects.



GROUNDWATER RECHARGE/DISCHARGE— This function considers the potential for a wetland to serve as a groundwater recharge and/or discharge area. It refers to the fundamental interaction between wetlands and aquifers, regardless of the size or importance of either.

CONSIDERATIONS/QUALIFIERS

- Public or private wells occur downstream of the wetland.
- Potential exists for public or private wells downstream of the wetland.
- Wetland is underlain by stratified drift.
- 4. Gravel or sandy soils present in or adjacent to the wetland.
- 5. Fragipan does not occur in the wetland.
- 6. Fragipan, impervious soils, or bedrock does occur in the wetland.
- Wetland is associated with a perennial or intermittent watercourse.
- Signs of groundwater recharge are present or piezometer data demonstrates recharge.
- Wetland is associated with a watercourse but lacks a defined outlet or contains a constricted outlet.
- 10. Wetland contains only an outlet, no inlet.
- 11. Groundwater quality of stratified drift aquifer within or downstream of wetland meets drinking water standards.
- 12. Quality of water associated with the wetland is high.
- 13. Signs of groundwater discharge are present (e.g., springs).
- 14. Water temperature suggests it is a discharge site.
- 15. Wetland shows signs of variable water levels.
- 16. Piezometer data demonstrates discharge.
- 17. Other



FLOODFLOW ALTERATION (Storage & Desynchronization) — This function considers the effectiveness of the wetland in reducing flood damage by water retention for prolonged periods following precipitation events and the gradual release of floodwaters. It adds to the stability of the wetland ecological system or its buffering characteristics and provides social or economic value relative to erosion and/or flood prone areas.

CONSIDERATIONS/QUALIFIERS

- Area of this wetland is large relative to its watershed.
- Wetland occurs in the upper portions of its watershed.
- Effective flood storage is small or non-existent upslope of or above the wetland. 3. 4.
- Wetland watershed contains a high percent of impervious surfaces. 5.
- Wetland contains hydric soils which are able to absorb and detain water.
- Wetland exists in a relatively flat area that has flood storage potential. 6. 7.
- Wetland has an intermittent outlet, ponded water, or signs are present of variable water level.
- During flood events, this wetland can retain higher volumes of water than under normal or average 9.
- Wetland receives and retains overland or sheet flow runoff from surrounding uplands.
- 10. In the event of a large storm, this wetland may receive and detain excessive flood water from
- 11. Valuable properties, structures, or resources are located in or near the floodplain downstream from the wetland.
- 12. The watershed has a history of economic loss due to flooding.
- 13. This wetland is associated with one or more watercourses.
- 14. This wetland watercourse is sinuous or diffuse.
- 15. This wetland outlet is constricted.
- 16. Channel flow velocity is affected by this wetland.
- 17. Land uses downstream are protected by this wetland.
- 18. This wetland contains a high density of vegetation.
- 19. Other

FISH AND SHELLFISH HABITAT (FRESHWATER) — This function considers the effectiveness of seasonal or permanent watercourses associated with the wetland in question for fish and

CONSIDERATIONS/QUALIFIERS

- Forest land dominant in the watershed above this wetland.
- Abundance of cover objects present.

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- Size of this wetland is able to support large fish/shellfish populations.
- Wetland is part of a larger, contiguous watercourse. 4.
- Wetland has sufficient size and depth in open water areas so as not to freeze solid and retain 5. some open water during winter.
- Stream width (bank to bank) is more than 50 feet. 6.
- Quality of the watercourse associated with this wetland is able to support healthy fish/shellfish 7.
- Streamside vegetation provides shade for the watercourse. 8.
- Spawning areas are present (submerged vegetation or gravel beds). 9. 10.
- Food is available to fish/shellfish populations within this wetland.
- Barrier(s) to anadromous fish (such as dams, including beaver dams, waterfalls, road crossing) are absent from the stream reach associated with this wetland. 12.
- Evidence of fish is present.
- Wetland is stocked with fish. 13.
- 14. The watercourse is persistent.
- Man-made streams are absent. 15.
- Water velocities are not too excessive for fish usage. 16.
- Defined stream channel is present. 17.
- 18. Other

Although the above example refers to freshwater wetlands, it can also be adapted for marine ecosystems. The following is an example provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) of an adaptation for the fish and shellfish function.

FISH AND SHELLFISH HABITAT (MARINE) — This function considers the effectiveness of wetlands, embayments, tidal flats, vegetated shallows, and other environments in supporting marine resources such as fish, shellfish, marine mammals, and sea turtles.

CONSIDERATIONS/QUALIFIERS

- 1. Special aquatic sites (tidal marsh, mud flats, eelgrass beds) are present.
- 2. Suitable spawning habitat is present at the site or in the area.
- 3. Commercially or recreationally important species are present or suitable habitat exists.
- 4. The wetland/waterway supports prey for higher trophic level marine organisms.
- 5. The waterway provides migratory habitat for anadromous fish.
- 6. Essential fish habitat, as defined by the 1996 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery & Conservation Act, is present (consultation with NMFS may be necessary).
- 7. Other



SEDIMENT/TOXICANT/PATHOGEN RETENTION — This function reduces or prevents degradation of water quality. It relates to the effectiveness of the wetland as a trap for sediments, toxicants, or pathogens in runoff water from surrounding uplands or upstream eroding wetland areas.

CONSIDERATIONS/QUALIFIERS

- 1. Potential sources of excess sediment are in the watershed above the wetland.
- 2. Potential or known sources of toxicants are in the watershed above the wetland.
- 3. Opportunity for sediment trapping by slow moving water or deepwater habitat are present in this wetland.
- 4. Fine grained mineral or organic soils are present.
- 5. Long duration water retention time is present in this wetland.
- 6. Public or private water sources occur downstream.
- 7. The wetland edge is broad and intermittently aerobic.
- 8. The wetland is known to have existed for more than 50 years.
- 9. Drainage ditches have not been constructed in the wetland.

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- 10. Wetland is associated with an intermittent or perennial stream or a lake.
- 11. Channelized flows have visible velocity decreases in the wetland.
- 12. Effective floodwater storage in wetland is occurring. Areas of impounded open water are present.
- 13. No indicators of erosive forces are present. No high water velocities are present.
- 14. Diffuse water flows are present in the wetland.
- 15. Wetland has a high degree of water and vegetation interspersion.
- 16. Dense vegetation provides opportunity for sediment trapping and/or signs of sediment accumulation by dense vegetation is present.
- 17. Other



NUTRIENT REMOVAL/RETENTION/TRANSFORMATION — This function considers the effectiveness of the wetland as a trap for nutrients in runoff water from surrounding uplands or contiguous wetlands and the ability of the wetland to process these nutrients into other forms or trophic levels. One aspect of this function is to prevent ill effects of nutrients entering aquifers or surface waters such as ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, or estuaries.

- 1. Wetland is large relative to the size of its watershed.
- 2. Deep water or open water habitat exists.
- 3. Overall potential for sediment trapping exists in the wetland.

- Potential sources of excess nutrients are present in the watershed above the wetland. 5.
- Wetland saturated for most of the season. Ponded water is present in the wetland. 6.
- Deep organic/sediment deposits are present.
- Slowly drained fine grained mineral or organic soils are present. 7.
- Dense vegetation is present. 8.
- Emergent vegetation and/or dense woody stems are dominant. 9.
- 10. Opportunity for nutrient attenuation exists.
- 11. Vegetation diversity/abundance sufficient to utilize nutrients.

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- 12. Waterflow through this wetland is diffuse.
- 13. Water retention/detention time in this wetland is increased by constricted outlet or thick vegetation.
- 14. Water moves slowly through this wetland.
- 15. Other

PRODUCTION EXPORT (Nutrient) — This function evaluates the effectiveness of the wetland to produce food or usable products for humans or other living organisms.



CONSIDERATIONS/QUALIFIERS

- Wildlife food sources grow within this wetland. 1.
- 2. Detritus development is present within this wetland
- Economically or commercially used products found in this wetland. 3.
- Evidence of wildlife use found within this wetland. 4.
- Higher trophic level consumers are utilizing this wetland. 5.
- Fish or shellfish develop or occur in this wetland. 6.
- 7. High vegetation density is present.
- Wetland exhibits high degree of plant community structure/species diversity.
- High aquatic vegetative diversity/abundance is present. 9.
- Nutrients exported in wetland watercourses (permanent outlet present). 10. 11.
- "Flushing" of relatively large amounts of organic plant material occurs from this wetland. 12.
- Wetland contains flowering plants that are used by nectar-gathering insects.
- Indications of export are present.
- High production levels occurring, however, no visible signs of export (assumes export is attenuated). 14. 15.

SEDIMENT/SHORELINE STABILIZATION — This function considers the effectiveness of a wetland to stabilize streambanks and shorelines against erosion.



- Indications of erosion or siltation are present. 1.
- Topographical gradient is present in wetland. 2.
- 3. Potential sediment sources are present up-slope.
- Potential sediment sources are present upstream. 4.
- No distinct shoreline or bank is evident between the waterbody and the wetland or upland. 5.
- A distinct step between the open waterbody or stream and the adjacent land exists (i.e., sharp 6. bank) with dense roots throughout. 7.
- Wide wetland (>10') borders watercourse, lake, or pond.
- High flow velocities in the wetland. 8.
- The watershed is of sufficient size to produce channelized flow. 9.
- Open water fetch is present.
- Boating activity is present. 11.
- Dense vegetation is bordering watercourse, lake, or pond. 12.
- High percentage of energy-absorbing emergents and/or shrubs border a watercourse, lake, or pond. 13.
- Vegetation is comprised of large trees and shrubs that withstand major flood events or erosive incidents and stabilize the shoreline on a large scale (feet).
- Vegetation is comprised of a dense resilient herbaceous layer that stabilizes sediments and the 15. shoreline on a small scale (inches) during minor flood events or potentially erosive events. 16. Other .



WILDLIFE HABITAT — This function considers the effectiveness of the wetland to provide habitat for various types and populations of animals typically associated with wetlands and the wetland edge. Both resident and/or migrating species must be considered. Species lists of observed and potential animals should be included in the wetland assessment report.¹

CONSIDERATIONS/QUALIFIERS

- 1. Wetland is not degraded by human activity.
- Water quality of the watercourse, pond, or lake associated with this wetland meets or exceeds Class A or B standards.
- 3. Wetland is not fragmented by development.
- 4. Upland surrounding this wetland is undeveloped.
- 5. More than 40% of this wetland edge is bordered by upland wildlife habitat (e.g., brushland, woodland, active farmland, or idle land) at least 500 feet in width.
- Wetland is contiguous with other wetland systems connected by a watercourse or lake.
- 7. Wildlife overland access to other wetlands is present.
- 8. Wildlife food sources are within this wetland or are nearby.
- 9. Wetland exhibits a high degree of interspersion of vegetation classes and/or open water.
- 10. Two or more islands or inclusions of upland within the wetland are present.
- 11. Dominant wetland class includes deep or shallow marsh or wooded swamp.
- 12. More than three acres of shallow permanent open water (less than 6.6 feet deep), including streams in or adjacent to wetland, are present.
- 13. Density of the wetland vegetation is high.
- 14. Wetland exhibits a high degree of plant species diversity.
- 15. Wetland exhibits a high degree of diversity in plant community structure (e.g., tree/shrub/vine/grasses/mosses)
- 16. Plant/animal indicator species are present. (List species for project)
- 17. Animal signs observed (tracks, scats, nesting areas, etc.)
- 18. Seasonal uses vary for wildlife and wetland appears to support varied population diversity/abundance during different seasons.
- 19. Wetland contains or has potential to contain a high population of insects.
- 20. Wetland contains or has potential to contain large amphibian populations.
- 21. Wetland has a high avian utilization or its potential.
- 22. Indications of less disturbance-tolerant species are present.
- 23. Signs of wildlife habitat enhancement are present (birdhouses, nesting boxes, food sources, etc.).
- 24. Other

In March 1995, a rapid wildlife habitat assessment method was completed by a University of Massachusetts research team with funding and oversight provided by the New England Transportation Consortium. The method is called WEThings (wetland habitat indicators for non-game species). It produces a list of potential wetland-dependent mammal, reptile, and amphibian species that may be present in the wetland. The output is based on observable habitat characteristics documented on the field data form. This method may be used to generate the wildlife species list recommended as backup information to the wetland evaluation form and to augment the considerations. Use of this method should first be coordinated with the Corps project manager. A computer program is also available to expedite this process.

RECREATION (Consumptive and Non-Consumptive) — This value considers the suitability of the wetland and associated watercourses to provide recreational opportunities such as hiking, canoeing, boating, fishing, hunting, and other active or passive recreational activities. Consumptive opportunities consume or diminish the plants, animals, or other resources that are intrinsic to the wetland. Non-consumptive opportunities do not consume or diminish



CONSIDERATIONS/QUALIFIERS

- Wetland is part of a recreation area, park, forest, or refuge. 1.
- 2. Fishing is available within or from the wetland.
- Hunting is permitted in the wetland. 3.
- Hiking occurs or has potential to occur within the wetland.
- Wetland is a valuable wildlife habitat.
- The watercourse, pond, or lake associated with the wetland is unpolluted. 6. 7.
- High visual/aesthetic quality of this potential recreation site. 8.
- Access to water is available at this potential recreation site for boating, canoeing, or fishing.
- The watercourse associated with this wetland is wide and deep enough to accommodate canoeing and/or non-powered boating.
- 10. Off-road public parking available at the potential recreation site.
- 11. Accessibility and travel ease is present at this site.
- 12. The wetland is within a short drive or safe walk from highly populated public and private areas.

EDUCATIONAL/SCIENTIFIC VALUE — This value considers the suitability of the wetland as a site for an "outdoor classroom" or as a location for scientific study or research.



- 1. Wetland contains or is known to contain threatened, rare, or endangered species. 2.
- Little or no disturbance is occurring in this wetland.
- Potential educational site contains a diversity of wetland classes which are accessible 4.
- Potential educational site is undisturbed and natural.
- Wetland is considered to be a valuable wildlife habitat. 5. 6.
- Wetland is located within a nature preserve or wildlife management area. 7.
- Signs of wildlife habitat enhancement present (bird houses, nesting boxes, food sources, etc.).
- Off-road parking at potential educational site suitable for school bus access in or near wetland. 9.
- Potential educational site is within safe walking distance or a short drive to schools. 10.
- Potential educational site is within safe walking distance to other plant communities.
- Direct access to perennial stream at potential educational site is available.
- Direct access to pond or lake at potential educational site is available. 13.
- No known safety hazards exist within the potential educational site.
- Public access to the potential educational site is controlled.
- Handicap accessibility is available.
- Site is currently used for educational or scientific purposes. 16.
- 17.



UNIQUENESS/HERITAGE — This value considers the effectiveness of the wetland or its associated waterbodies to provide certain special values. These may include archaeological sites, critical habitat for endangered species, its overall health and appearance, its role in the ecological system of the area, its relative importance as a typical wetland class for this geographic location. These functions are clearly valuable wetland attributes relative to aspects of public health, recreation, and habitat diversity.

- Upland surrounding wetland is primarily urban.
- 2. Upland surrounding wetland is developing rapidly.
- More than 3 acres of shallow permanent open water (less than 6.6 feet deep), including streams, occur in wetlands. 4.
- Three or more wetland classes are present.
- Deep and/or shallow marsh or wooded swamp dominate. 5.
- High degree of interspersion of vegetation and/or open water occur in this wetland. 6. 7.
- Well-vegetated stream corridor (15 feet on each side of the stream) occurs in this
- Potential educational site is within a short drive or a safe walk from schools. 8. 9.
- Off-road parking at potential educational site is suitable for school buses.
- No known safety hazards exist within this potential educational site. 10. 11.
- Direct access to perennial stream or lake exists at potential educational site. 12.
- Two or more wetland classes are visible from primary viewing locations. 13.
- Low-growing wetlands (marshes, scrub-shrub, bogs, open water) are visible from primary viewing locations.
- Half an acre of open water or 200 feet of stream is visible from the primary viewing 14.
- Large area of wetland is dominated by flowering plants or plants that turn vibrant 15. colors in different seasons.
- General appearance of the wetland visible from primary viewing locations is unpolluted and/or undisturbed. 17.
- Overall view of the wetland is available from the surrounding upland.
- Quality of the water associated with the wetland is high.
- Opportunities for wildlife observations are available. 19.
- Historical buildings are found within the wetland. 20.
- Presence of pond or pond site and remains of a dam occur within the wetland. 21.
- Wetland is within 50 yards of the nearest perennial watercourse. 22.
- Visible stone or earthen foundations, berms, dams, standing structures, or 23. associated features occur within the wetland. 24.
- Wetland contains critical habitat for a state- or federally-listed threatened or endangered species.
- Wetland is known to be a study site for scientific research.
- Wetland is a natural landmark or recognized by the state natural heritage inventory authority as an exemplary natural community. 27.
- Wetland has local significance because it serves several functional values.
- Wetland has local significance because it has biological, geological, or other features that are locally rare or unique. 29.
- Wetland is known to contain an important archaeological site. 30.
- Wetland is hydrologically connected to a state or federally designated scenic river. 31.
- Wetland is located in an area experiencing a high wetland loss rate.
- 32. Other

VISUAL QUALITY/AESTHETICS — This value considers the visual and aesthetic quality or usefulness of the wetland.

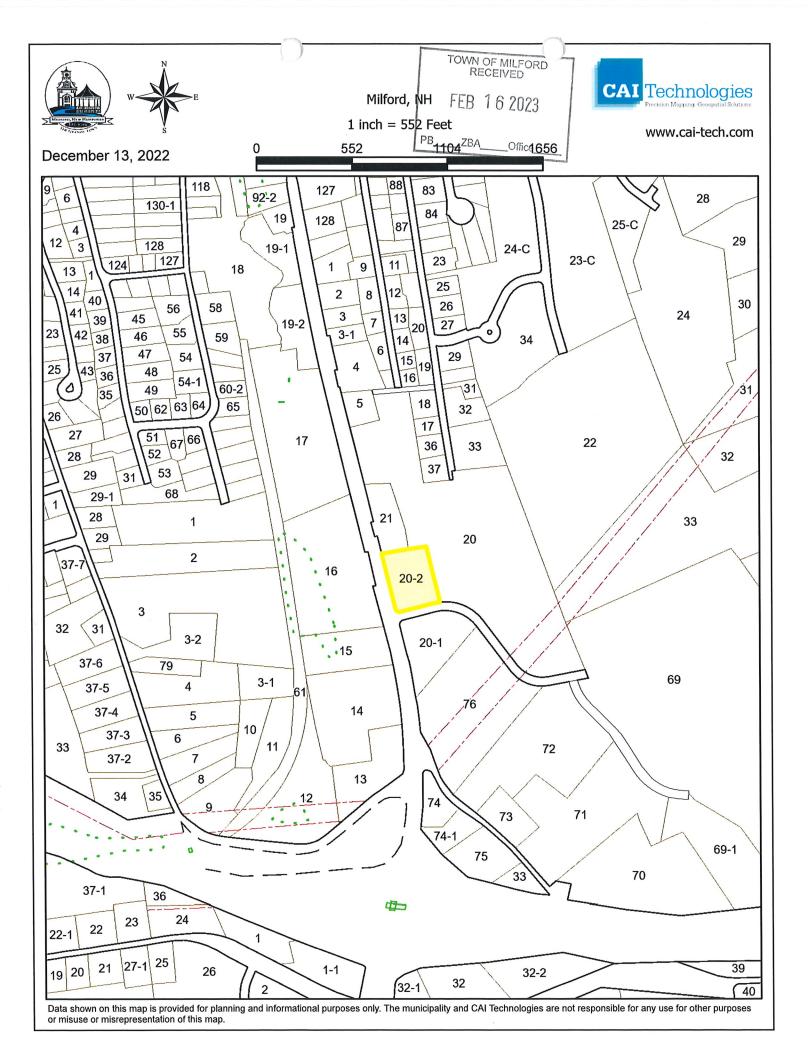


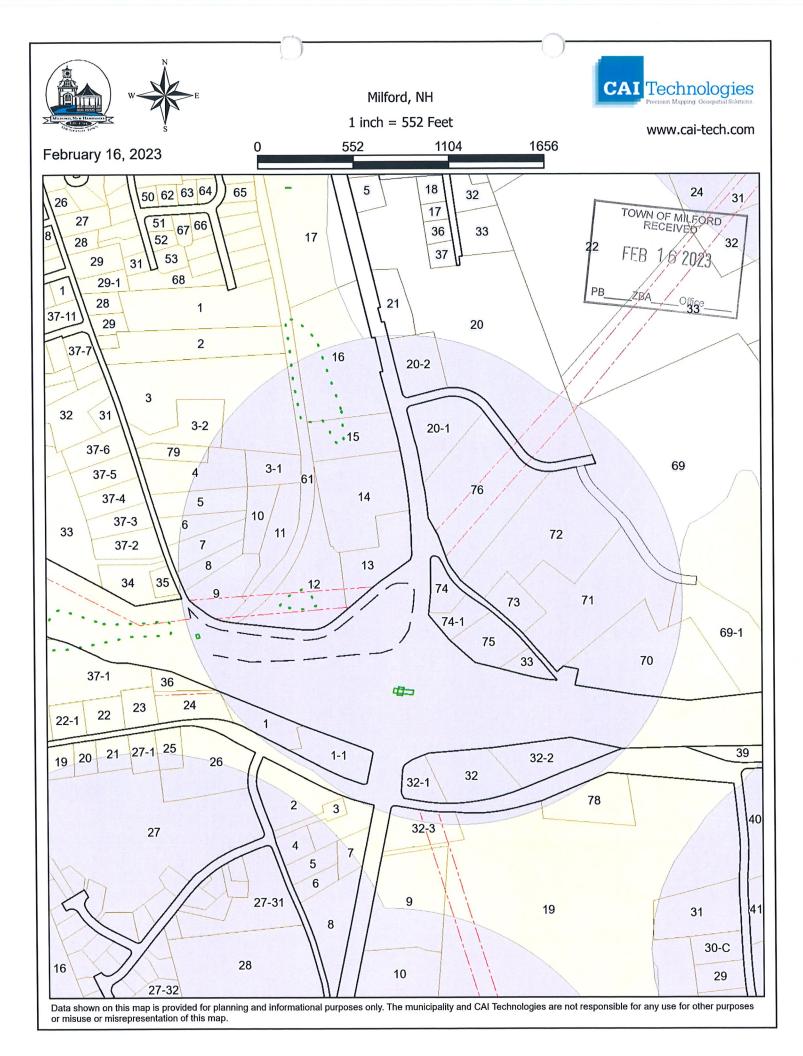
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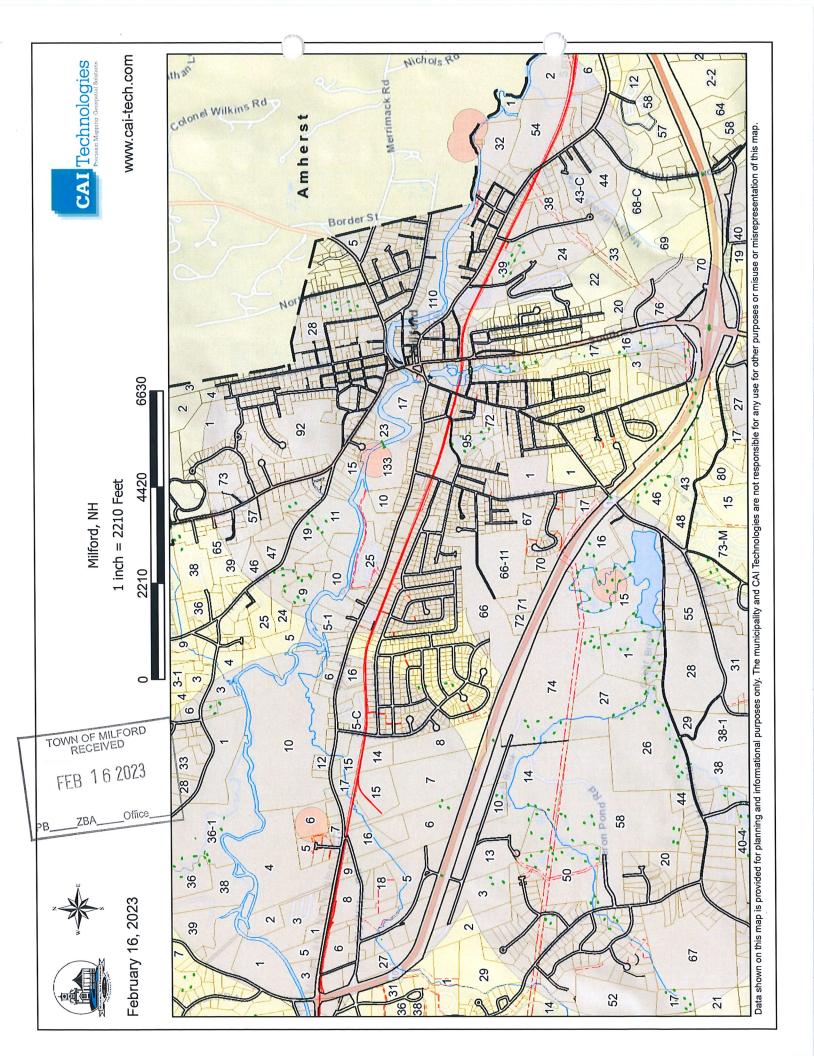
- Multiple wetland classes are visible from primary viewing locations.
- Emergent marsh and/or open water are visible from primary viewing locations. 2. 3.
- A diversity of vegetative species is visible from primary viewing locations. 4.
- Wetland is dominated by flowering plants or plants that turn vibrant colors in different seasons.
- Land use surrounding the wetland is undeveloped as seen from primary viewing locations.
- Visible surrounding land use form contrasts with wetland.
- Wetland views absent of trash, debris, and signs of disturbance. 7.
- Wetland is considered to be a valuable wildlife habitat.
- 9. Wetland is easily accessed.
- Low noise level at primary viewing locations. 10.
- Unpleasant odors absent at primary viewing locations.
- Relatively unobstructed sight line exists through wetland.
- 13. Other

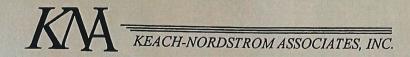
ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT — This value considers the suitability of the wetland to support threatened or endangered species.

- Wetland contains or is known to contain threatened or endangered species. 1. 2.
- Wetland contains critical habitat for a state or federally listed threatened or endangered species.









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OWNER AFFIDAVIT

I, Salt Creek Properties, LLC, owner of Map 43; Lot 20-2 on South Street in Milford, NH, hereby verify that we have authorized Keach-Nordstrom Associates, Inc. to submit on our behalf, any and all applicable State and local permit applications as they pertain to Map 43; Lot 20-2 South Street, Milford, NH.

Additionally, we hereby authorize Keach-Nordstrom Associates, Inc. to aid in the representation of these applications throughout the approval process.

Signature of Owner:

Address of Owner:

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Date:

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