

TOWN OF MILFORD, NH  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## **STAFF MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 16, 2022

**To:** Planning Board

**From:** Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director

**Subject: Scenic Road Public Hearing:** In accordance with NH RSA 231:158, the Milford Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing for Eversource to remove hazardous trees as part of routine maintenance, on the following scenic roads: Savage Road and Mason Road.

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### **BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

Eversource is before the board the Planning Board seeking approval to remove identified specific hazardous trees along Savage Road and Mason Road both designated scenic roads. Eversource has requested to trim and remove trees/brush adjacent and beneath some of its distribution power lines along Savage Road and Mason Road. The work is needed to ensure the safe distribution of power and to improve reliability of electric service to customers.

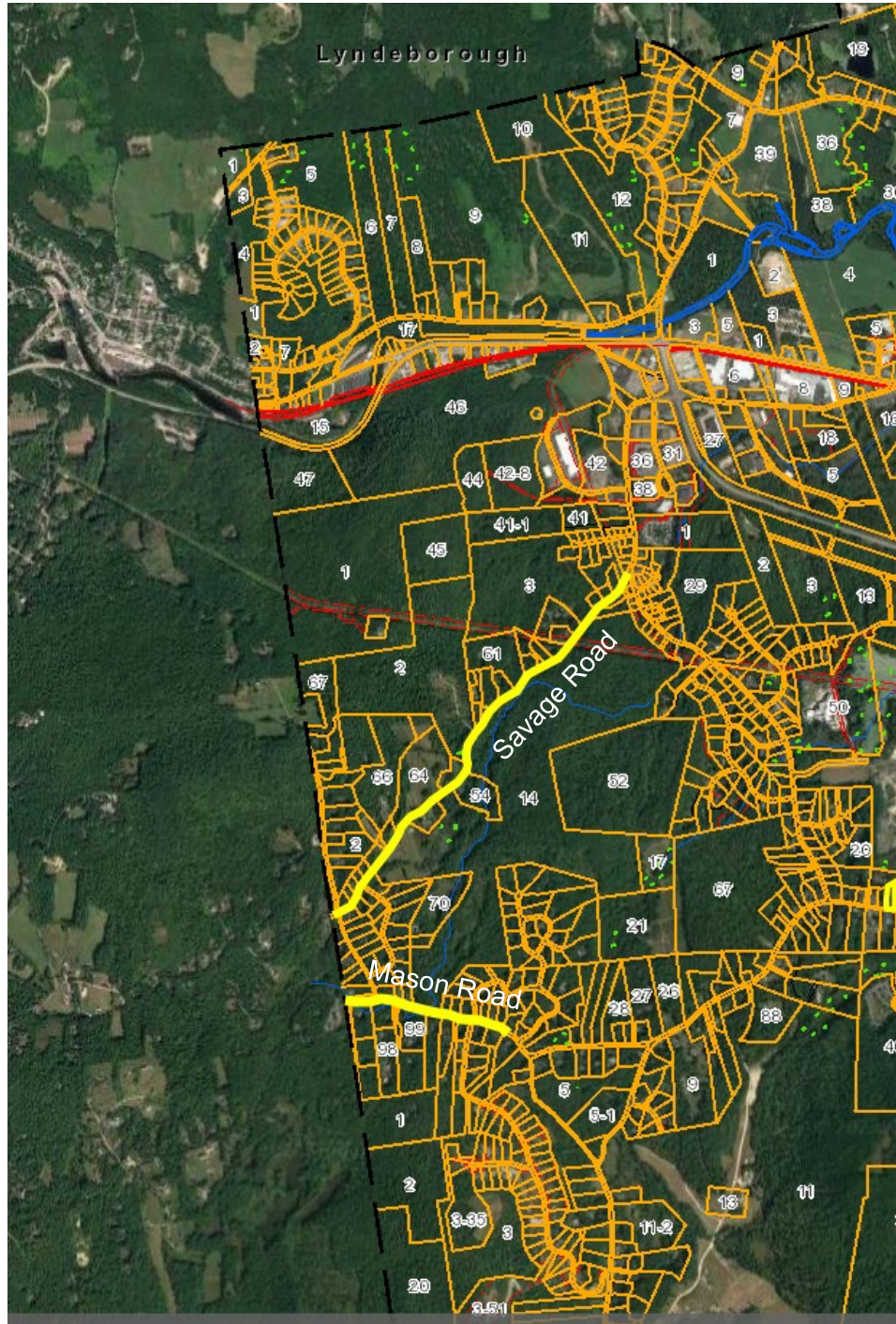
In accordance with NH Planning and Land Use Regulation 231:158, the Board can deny the Companies' request to install poles/distribution lines and trim/cut trees on a designated scenic road if the action would (1) "lead to the deterioration of the scenic quality of the road" and (2) "because the request failed to mark all of the trees to be removed and failed to present a study or documentation about how removing the trees would affect drainage for other trees on the road." (Webster v. Town of Candia (2001))

Please find the attached information from Eversource regarding trees to be removed and trimmed.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The maintenance plan is fairly straightforward and Staff finds no significant issues. The Planning Board will want to emphasize the need to preserve the rural character of these roads and trim only those trees/brush on approved roads which are necessary to ensure the public safety or pose a danger to the power lines. Further, the Board should direct Eversource to repair any stonewalls that may be disturbed during the tree/brush maintenance to their original state.

**Aerial Photo of the Project Area:**





PO Box 330  
Manchester, NH 03105

April 21, 2022

Town of Milford Planning Board

1 Union Square

Milford, NH 03055

Dear Planning Board Members:

This letter is to inform the town of Milford that Eversource is requesting the approval to remove certain hazard trees identified on two scenic roads of Milford. This work is necessary to ensure the safe distribution of power and improve reliability of electric service for our customers.

According to Eversource records, Savage Rd from utility pole 84/9 (Phelan Rd) to the Wilton town line at utility pole 551/25 and Mason Rd are scenic roads in the Town of Milford. Please consider this letter to be a request from Eversource for a public hearing for the purpose of removal of these hazardous trees, pursuant to RSA 231:158. This information will be presented to the board. Please inform this office of the date, time, and place of said meeting so that we may have a representative present.

All work will be performed in accordance with accepted arboriculture standards.

Eversource requires that our contractors contact each landowner where trees are to be trimmed prior to commencement of work on that property. If permission for removal has not been received from the property owner, Eversource will not remove any tree. Individual concerns will be addressed at this time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by work cell: 603-831-9806, or by email at [cfranciosi@acrtinc.com](mailto:cfranciosi@acrtinc.com), or [crystal.franciosi@eversource.com](mailto:crystal.franciosi@eversource.com)

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Crystal Franciosi

Consulting Utility Forester with ACRT

Certified Utility Arborist contracted with Eversource Energy

603-831-9806

Scenic Rd. Savage Rd



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**Circuit Mileage**

Backhome	0.00
Lateral	6.14
Total	6.14



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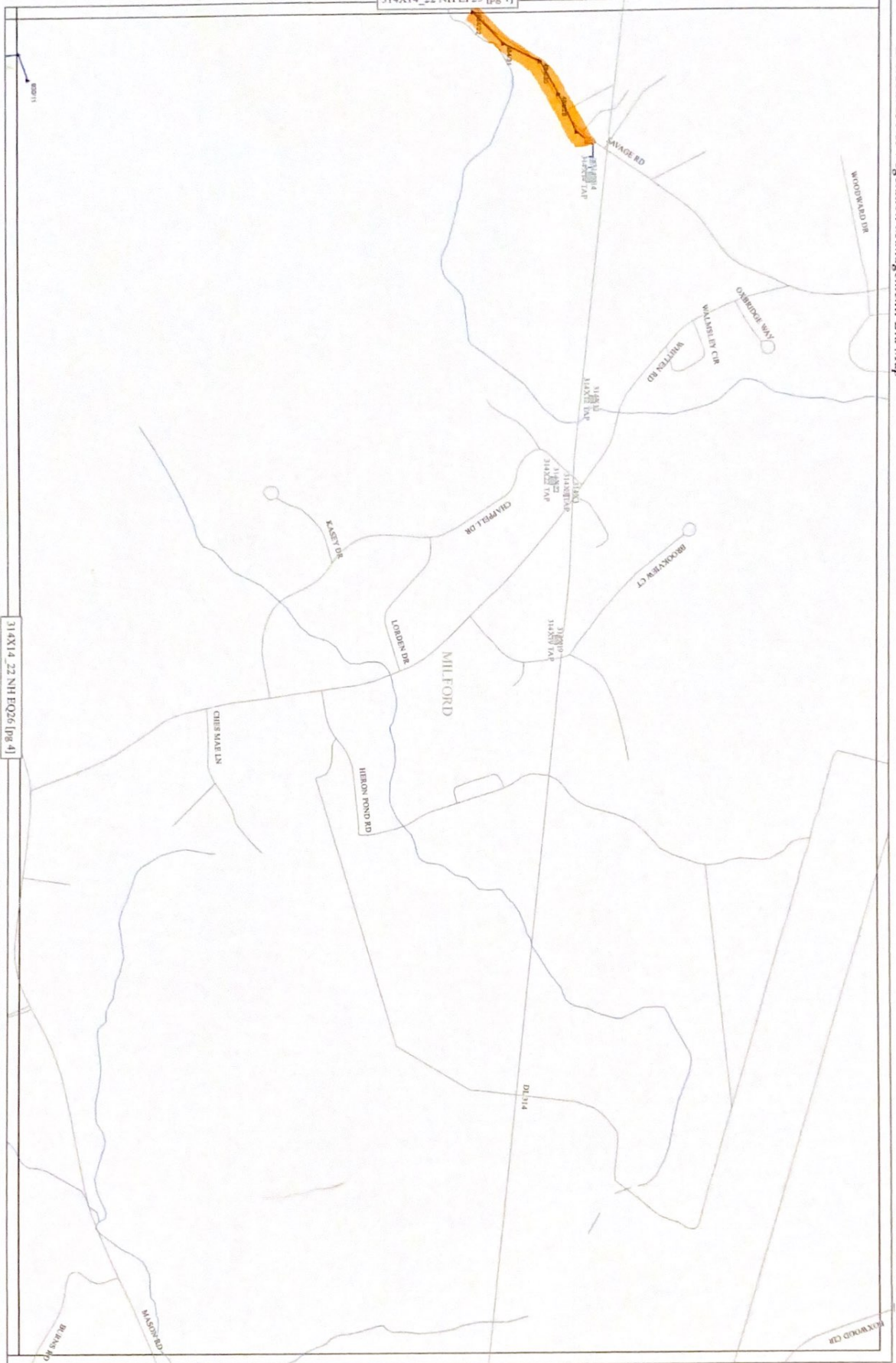


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Scenic road - Savage Rd

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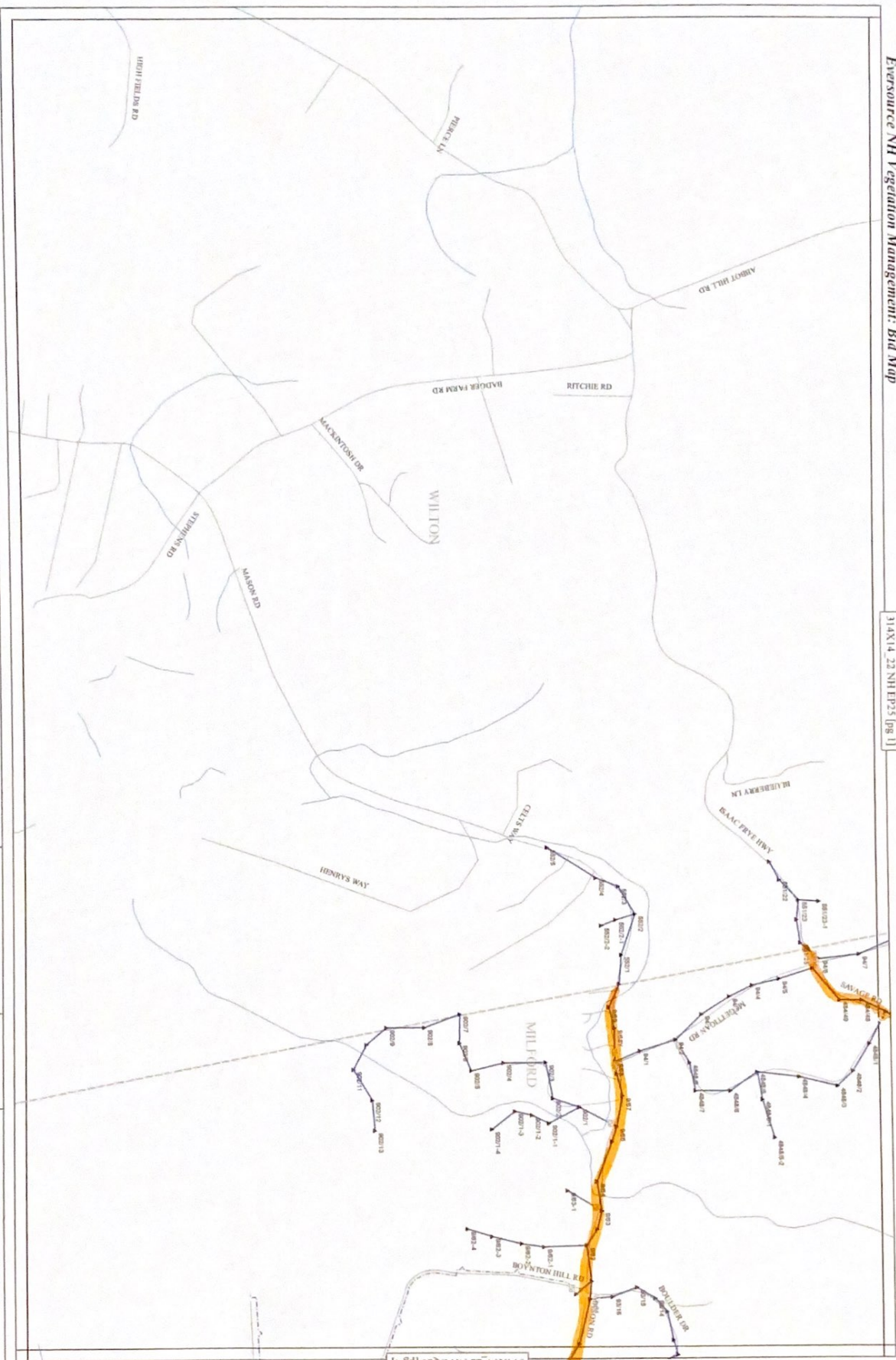
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Scenic roads - mason Rd, Savage Rd



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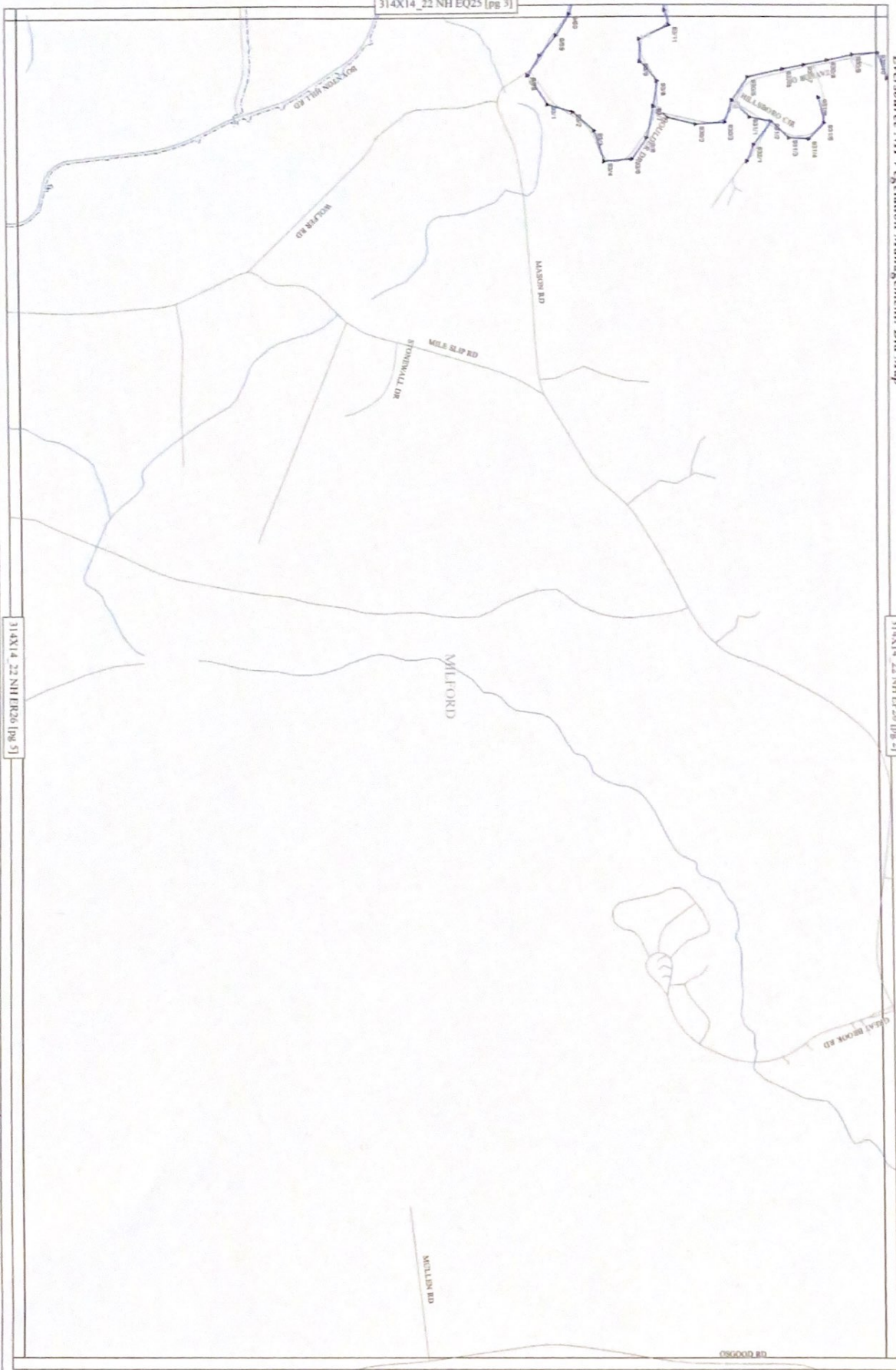
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North Arrow

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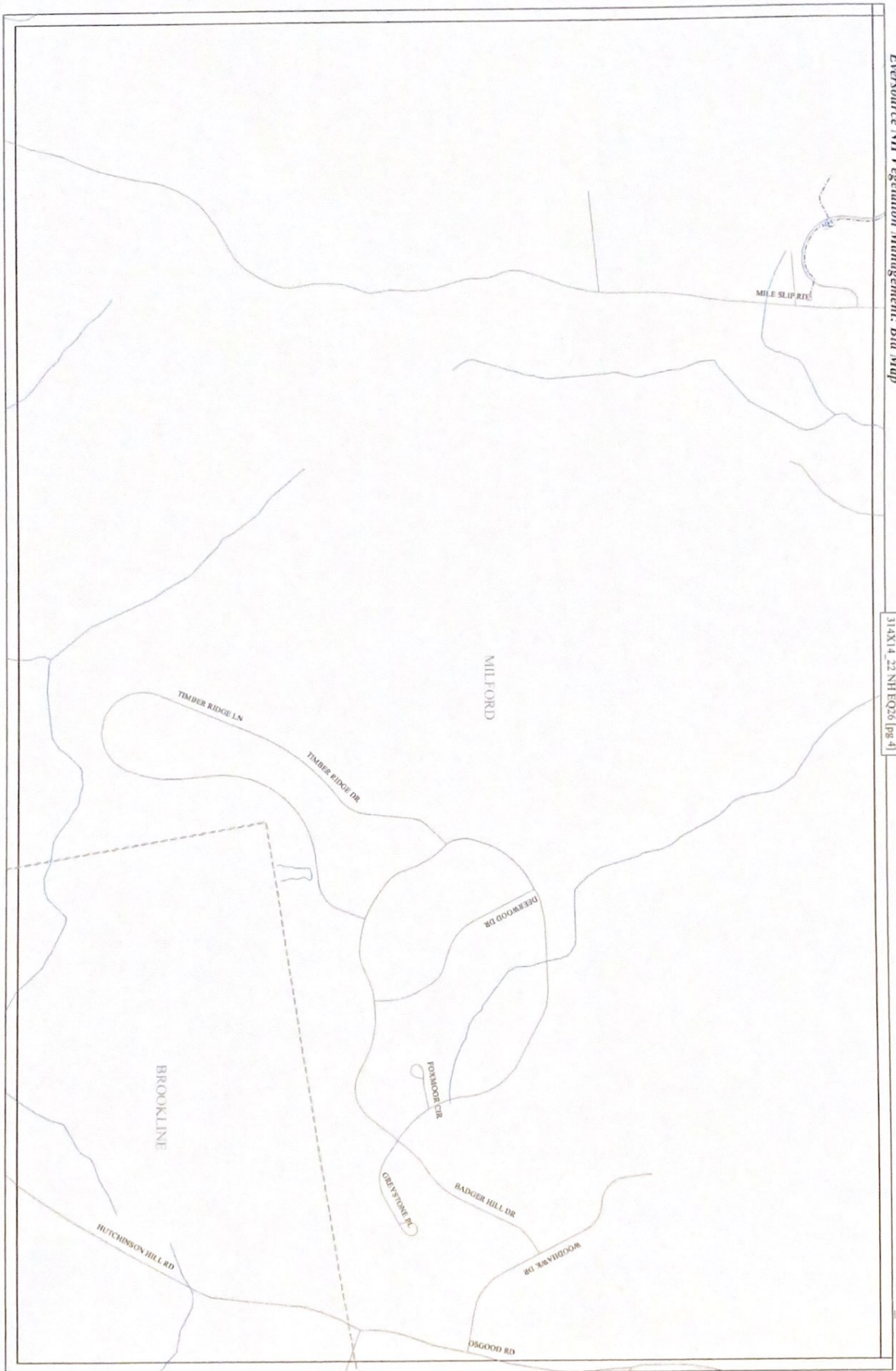
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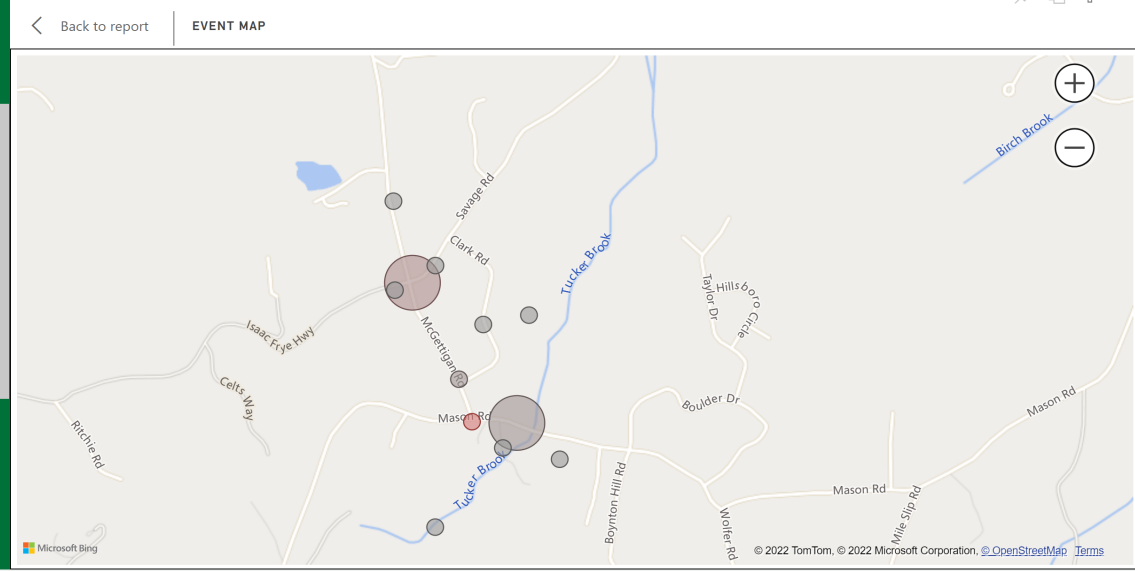


Circuit	Tree ID	Permission Status (Y/N)	Route #	Pole From	Pole To	Address	City	Description	Wood Removal (Y/N)	Property Owner/Contact Information	Comments
314X14	1	yes	484	27Y	28	221 Savage Rd	Milford	Oak 6-12	no	David Sampson	
314X14	2	yes	484	28	29	227 Savage rd	Milford	Oak 12-18	yes	Jeffrey Curless	
314X14	3	yes	484	30	31	227 savage rd	Milford	Hemlock 6-12	yes	Jeffrey Curless	
314X14	4	yes	484	30	31	227 savage rd	Milford	Hemlock 18-24	yes	Jeffrey Curless	
314X14	5	yes	484	30	31	227 savage rd	Milford	Hemlock 18-24	yes	Jeffrey Curless	
314X14	6		484	30	31	Savage Rd	Milford	Hemlock 12-18		Town of Milford	
314X14	7		484	30	31	Savage Rd	Milford	Hemlock 18-24		Town of Milford	
314X14	8	yes	484	31	32	261 savage rd	Milford	Ash 6-12	yes	William Flemming	
314X14	9	yes	484	31	32	261 savage rd	Milford	12-18" ?	yes	William Flemming	
314X14	10		484	32	33	Savage Rd	Milford	Pine 6-12		Town of Milford	
314X14	11		484	32	33	Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 6-12		Town of Milford	
314X14	12		484	32	33	Savage Rd	Milford	Birch 6-12		Town of Milford	
314X14	13	yes	484	34	35	277 savage rd	Milford	Ash 12-18	no	Mitchell Fournier	
314X14	14	yes	484	34	35	277 savage rd	Milford	Maple 6-12	no	Mitchell Fournier	
314X14	15		484	34	35	Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 12-18		Town of Milford	
314X14	16		484	35	36	Savage Rd	Milford	Ash 12-18		Town of Milford	
314X14	17	yes	484	35	36	295 Savage Rd	Milford	Hickory 12-18	no	Robert Philbrick	
314X14	18	yes	484	36	37	295 Savage Rd	Milford	Cherry 6-12	no	Robert Philbrick	
314X14	19	yes	484	36	37	333 Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 6-12	no	John Steele	
314X14	20	yes	484	36	37	333 Savage Rd	Milford	Hickory 6-12	no	John Steele	
314X14	21	yes	484	37	38	333 Savage Rd	Milford	Poplar 6-12	no	John Steele	
314X14	22	yes	484	37	38	333 Savage Rd	Milford	Birch 6-12	no	John Steele	
314X14	23	yes	484	37	38	333 Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 24-30	no	John Steele	
314X14	24	yes	484	38	39	333 Savage Rd	Milford	Ash 30-36	no	John Steele	
314X14	25	yes	484	38	39	333 Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 6-12	no	John Steele	
314X14	26	yes	484	42	43	362 Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 12-18	yes	Amy	
314X14	27		484	43	44	Savage Rd	Milford	Ash 18-24		Town of Milford	
314X14	28		484	46	47	Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 6-12		Town of Milford	
314X14	29	yes	484	46	47	415 Savage Rd	Milford	Birch 30-36	no	John Grant	
314X14	30	yes	484	47	47 1/2	415 Savage Rd	Milford	Birch 12-18	no	John Grant	
314X14	31	yes	484	47 1/2	48	429 Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 18-24	yes	Archambault	
314X14	32	yes	484	47 1/2	48	429 Savage Rd	Milford	Poplar 12-18	yes	Archambault	
314X14	33	yes	484	47 1/2	48	429 Savage Rd	Milford	Birch 6-12	yes	Archambault	
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314X14	35	yes	484	48	49	435 Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 6-12	yes	Michael Reed	
314X14	36	yes	484	48	49	435 Savage Rd	Milford	Maple 6-12	yes	Michael Reed	
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314X14	39	yes	484	48	49	430 Savage Rd	Milford	Pine 6-12	yes	Bobby Hoyt	
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