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CORD Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021
Time - 9:30 AM
This meeting will be condu-

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FINAL AGENDA

V. LAND & COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)

A. Request authorization to transfer funds from the Community Conservation Endowment

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Smart Growth Report update

Reminder – Tentative 2021 Meeting Dates

January 14 March 11 May 13 July 8 September 9 November 11

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<u>DRAFT Minutes – November 12, 2020</u>

MEMBERS PRESENT (via remote participation)

Jared Chicoine, Chair, Director, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives (with Michael Klass) Tracy Boisvert, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (alone) Tim Drew, Designee, NH Department of Environmental Services (alone) Shawn Jasper, Commissioners, Department of Agriculture (alone) John Martin, Designee, NH Department of Health and Human Services (alone) Stephen McLocklin, Designee, Department of Administrative Services (alone) Scott Mason, Director, NH Fish and Game Department (alone)

[NOTE: Adam Smith (NH Department of Transportation) was present telephonically at this meeting, but was unable to communicate with the council due to technological issues.]

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Michael Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives Steve Walker, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 9:32 AM by Chairman Chicoine who began with a right-to-know compliance checklist as this was a virtual meeting. He finished with a roll call for CORD member attendance.

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of September 24, 2020 draft minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Commissioner Jasper, the September 24, 2020 minutes were approved unanimously by the Council (via roll call vote).

III. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

A. Kelsey Notch Trail 3-Year Assessment

Chairman Chicoine reminded members that this is a continuation of a previously discussed item. CORD made findings in 2016 with regard to ATV/UTV use in Nash Stream Forest, including requiring a 3-year assessment of ATV use on the Kelsey Notch Trail, which has now passed. CORD is now tasked with determining whether: additional information is necessary; or if use of ATV/UTV on Kelsey Notch Trail is consistent with RSA 162-C:6; or if use of ATV/UTV on Kelsey Notch Trail is not consistent with RSA 162-C:6 and the trail should cease to be open for AV/UTV use. Chairman Chicoine also noted that CORD met with its attorneys since the last public meeting to address certain legal questions.

Chairman Chicoine referenced the specific language contained in RSA 162-C:6, II and III and said that CORD has received three legal memos to date, including one received the day before (which was a state holiday), disagreeing on what the Kelsey Notch easement allows as pertains to Section II of RSA 162-C:6. Chairman Chicoine suggested members focus discussion on Section III of the statute based on the additional data contained in the three-year assessment.

That said, Chairman Chicoine said that DNCR's annual assessment of the Kelsey Notch Trail was submitted on Tuesday. Mr. Klass also noted that a sizable book with information from a member of the public was also received earlier in the week. In light of the additional information submitted this week, Chairman Chicoine recommended taking the next two months to digest the additional information and deliberate on the issue at the next meeting (tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2021).

Mr. Klass said that he would circulate additional materials received during the past week to members and also post them on the CORD website.

Ms. Boisvert noted that there is an MOU between the DNCR Trails Bureau, DNCR Forest and Lands, and Fish Game, and another MOU between the Trails Bureau and the local ATV club. She noted that the MOUs are three-year agreements and will be expiring at the end of December 2020. She said that these need to be updated going into the new year and recommended that there is an agreement in place going into the new year.

Chairman Chicoine said that seemed like a decision for agencies to make in consultation with their staff and attorneys.

Ms. Boisvert noted that DNCR has committed to updating both agreements.

B. LCIP Annual Report Steve Walker, Conservation Land Stewardship Program Director

Mr. Steve Walker gave an overview of the LCIP Annual Report. He noted that the report changes little year to year, but that he added context on page 9 with being down a staff person. In general, the program is doing well, but like in past years there are a few properties that required some additional attention.

Mr. Walker summarized the content of the appendices in the annual report. Appendix A includes information on state-held easements. Appendix B includes municipal-held easements and notes how municipalities are doing their monitoring and responding. Mr. Walker noted that the program tries to visit municipal held easements and meet with conservation commission members every 4-6 years. Appendix C & D include LCIP fee-owned properties. Appendix C is prepared by Fish & Game and Appendix D is prepared by DNCR as these state agencies own and manage their own easements. Appendix E discusses the Land Conservation Investment Program Endowment, and Mr. Walker noted that he is still waiting for information that breaks down the LCIP endowment portion from non-LCIP Fish & Game/DNCR portions. Appendix F is a visual on where properties are located and how the Land Conservation Stewardship program is structured.

Mr. Walker noted that after adoption of the report, it will be distributed to various parties including the Governor, Legislature, and State Library.

John Martin asked if additional information in Appendix E is needed to adopt the FY2020 LCIP Annual Report. Mr. Walker said that this additional information was not a requirement of the report. Mr. Chicoine said that he felt that the report could be adopted without this information.

MOTION: Tim Drew moved for CORD to adopt the FY2020 LCIP Annual Report, which was seconded by John Martin. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council (via roll call vote).

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2021 at 9:30 AM
- B. Mr. Klass reminded members that he is working on the Smart Growth report and that it would be helpful to have material from all the agencies for the report, which is required under the Council's statute.

MOTION: With business completed, Commissioner Jasper moved to adjourn the meeting, which Director Mason seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council (via roll call vote).

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

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MEMORANDUM

то:	CORD Members and Other Interested Parties Via Email Distribution Lists	Coos County Board of Commissioners c/o Jennifer Fish P.O. Box 10 West Stewartstown, NH 03597 Via Email (jennifer.fish@cooscountynh.us)
	Edward Samson, Town Manager Town of Lancaster 25 Main Street Lancaster, NH Via Email (townmanager@lancasternh.org)	Michelle Moren-Grey, Executive Director North Country Council 161 Main Street Littleton, NH 03561 Via Email (mmoren@nccouncil.org)

FROM: Michael A. Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives

DATE: December 11, 2020

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Lancaster, NH

2021 SLR 001

RESPONSE DEADLINE: Monday, January 11, 2021

Please review the attached information to determine if your organization has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please provide this office with any comment(s) in writing by the response deadline indicated above. Responses may be emailed to Michael.klass@osi.nh.gov.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

STATE MILITARY RESERVATION 4 PEMBROKE ROAD CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-5652

David J. Mikolaities, Major General The Adjutant General

Warren M. Perry Deputy Adjutant General Phone: 603-225-1360 Fax: 603-225-1341

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December 9, 2020

Jared Chicoine, Director New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives Governor Hugh J. Gallen State Office Park Johnson Hall, 3rd Floor 107 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

Dear Director Chicoine:

Please find the enclosed Request for Surplus Land Review Action from the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services. The Adjutant General has determined that the Department no longer has a need for the Lancaster Armory. The department proposes to convey the property to New Hampshire Fish and Game.

Please submit this proposal to the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) for review. We respectfully request that this item be placed on the agenda for the January 11, 2021 meeting of CORD in order to ensure timely subsequent review by the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee and the Governor and Executive Council. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-225-1361.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Zayac Administrator

Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Nam	ie of Requesting Agency:	Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Servi	ces		
Agency Contact Person:		Erin Zayac			
	Address:	4 Pembroke Road Concord, NH 03301			
	Phone Number:	603-225-1361			
E-Mail:		erin.m.zayac@DMAVS.nh.gov			
Applicant Contact Person:		Same as above			
	Address:				
	Phone Number:				
	E-Mail:				
Loco	ition of Property:	532 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584			
Acre	eage:	2.78			
Requ	uested Action:	State disposal of property			
Term	of Lease or Easement:	n/a			
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com	• •	s below, submit one digital copy and one hardco Office of Strategic Initiatives, Johnson Hall, 3 rd Floor Chael.klass@osi.nh.gov.	, •		
1. V	Vhat is the current use of t	his property?			
	Armory				
	What is the proposed use of this property if surplused? Please note if proposed use is at tended to create a public benefit.				
	Storage Facility for Fish & Game				
3. [oes the proposed use of t	this property entail new development? Yes	⊠ No		
C	a. If yes, is it consistent wit	rh adjacent and existing development? Yes	□No		
b		ne proposed new development differs from or is sir cate how it may initiate a future change in the use			
	n/a				
4. A	are there any structures lo	cated on this property?	☐ No		
C	a. If yes, please describe	the structures including how many and what kind.			
	Armory building; out l	puilding			
5. A	Are there historical archite	ctural or archaeological resources identified on th	is site?		
		∑ Yes	☐ No		
C	a. If yes, describe the reso	Durce(s)?			
		mined Eligible for listing on the National Register A and C) on 09/27/2006. The eligible boundary is			

property's tax parcel (Map R-2, Parcel 31), as mapped by the Town of Lancaster. The property was surveyed for archaeological resources including: a Ph1A in 1999), a combined Ph1A/Ph1B survey of 1.5 acres (along the southernmost extent of the property (including a portion of the 65-acre Lancaster Fairgrounds property) in 2015 and a Ph1B of 1.0 acres in 2017, focusing on undisturbed portions of the Lancaster Armory property not previously investigated. No artifacts were recovered in 2015 and 2017. It was concluded from the 2015 and 2017 surveys combined that the 2.78 acre Lancaster Armory property is no longer considered to be archaeologically sensitive.

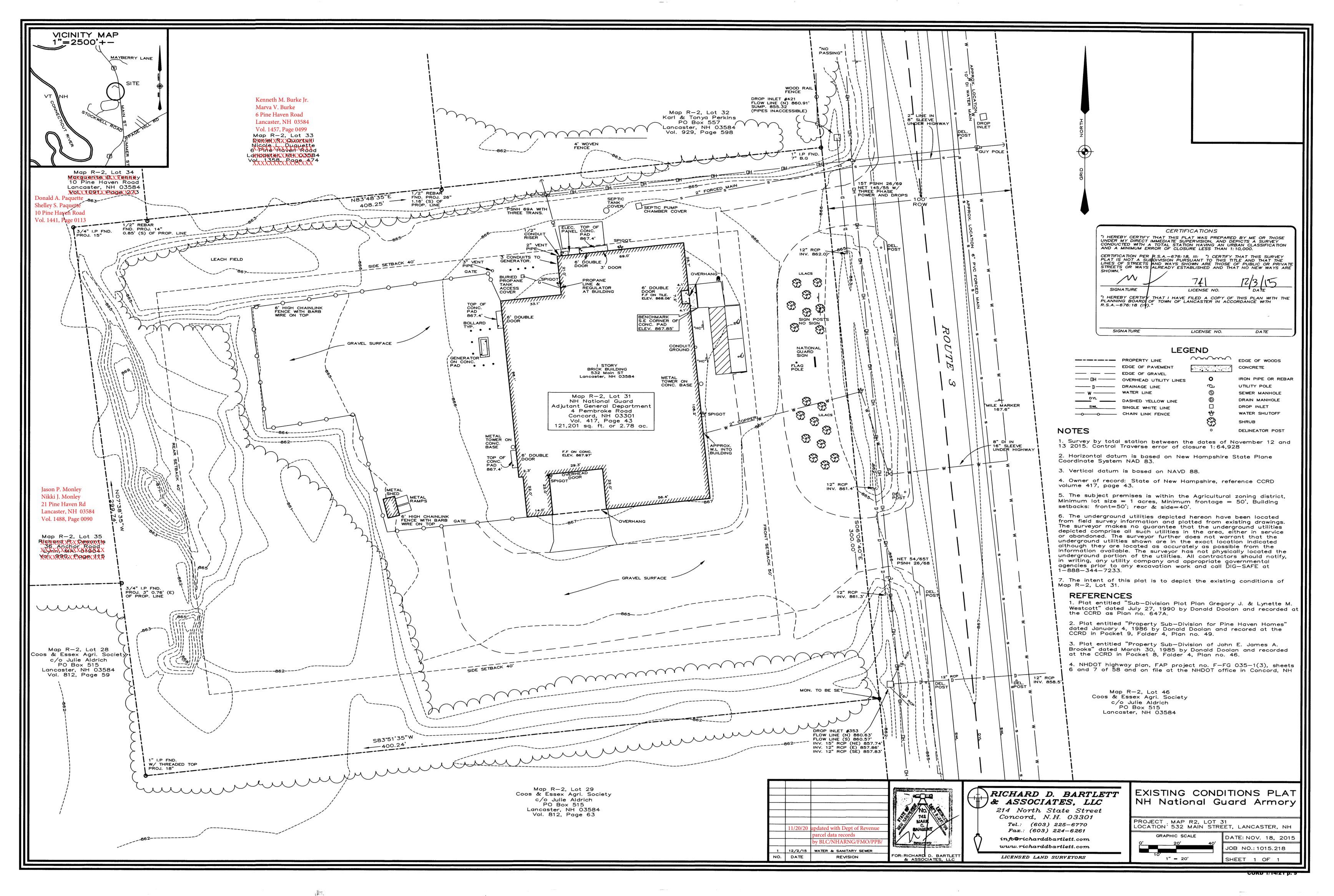
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	b.	If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to application submission.
6.	ls i	there any existing development or structures on adjacent sites? $oximes$ Yes $oxdot$ No
	a.	If yes, describe the use and number of structures of adjacent sites. If no, where is the nearest development? (Describe distance, use, and number)
		Adjacent residential housing to the north and northwest; fair grounds with structures to the South and East.
7.	Do	bes the site represent the entire state property in this location? $oxed{oxed}$ Yes $oxed{oxed}$ No
	a.	If no, please describe its relationship to the entire state holding (percentage of total acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).
8.	ls (access to this property available? $oxed{oxed}$ Yes $oxed{oxed}$ No
	a.	If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across applicant's property, etc)
		Road
	b.	If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption?
9.	Ar	e there water resources related to this property such as:
		kes/Ponds - ☐ Yes ☐ No Rivers - ☐ Yes ☐ No Wetlands - ☒ Yes ☐ No
		If yes, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.
		Approximately 0.25 acres of wetlands exist behind the military vehicle parking area. Wetlands were delineated in 2017.
	b.	If yes, is the property located within 250 feet of a lake/pond or river?
		It is not located within 250 feet of a lake pond or river. It is located within 250 feet of another wetland.
	C.	If yes, please describe any municipal regulations and/or Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (RSA 483-B) provisions that apply to the development of the property.

d. _	If there are water resources, please describe current public or private access from the site to the water body. \square Public \square Private \boxtimes No Access Available	!
e.	How would the proposal affect the access opportunities described in d?	
	n/a	
	ase identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known located on or adjacent to this property.	to
	Yes (property) Yes (adjacent property) N	0
a.	Steep slopes	abla
b.	Wetlands (Prime and NWI)	
c.	Threatened or endangered species	abla
d.	Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats	
e.	Increased impervious surface	abla
f.	Potential stormwater flow changes	abla
g.	Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or	
	local importance	
h.	Potential river channel change	
i.	Other special designations	
Ple	ase provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.	
	Less than 1 acres (0.25 acres) of wetlands exist behind the military vehicle parking area Wetlands were delineated in 2017. Agricultural soils of local importance exist on the Armory property. Prime farmland soils and agricultural soils of local importance exist on adjacent properties. Grasslands (Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitat) are directly adjacent to the site, but are utilized as part of the Lancaster Fairgrounds.	•

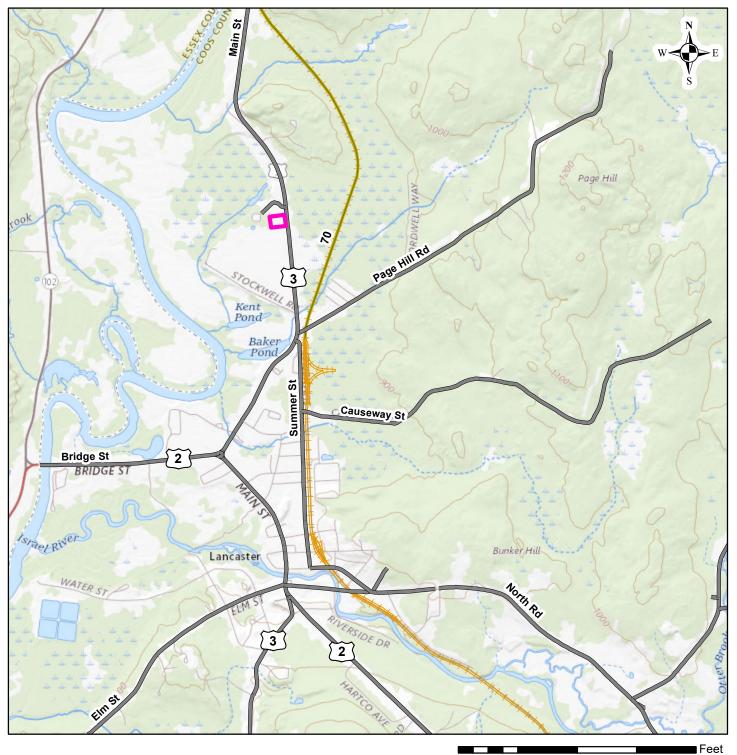
- - a. Municipal tax map copy showing all abutters
 - b. General location map with scale, north arrow, nearby roads, and water bodies/features*
 - c. Aerial Photograph*
 - d. Any site plans for new or proposed development prepared at the time of application
 - e. Maps depicting rail lines, wetlands, conservation lands, rare species and exemplary natural communities or topographic features are welcome but not required

Please paste any maps and photographs submitted as part of this application here.

^{*} Maps can be created with GIS, Google, NH GRANIT, or any other readily available mapping service.



Lancaster Armory General Vicinity



0 800 1,600 3,200 4,800 6,400 1:31,000 scale, NAD 1983 State Plane New Hampshire FIPS 2800 feet

Legend

Site Boundary

—— Roads

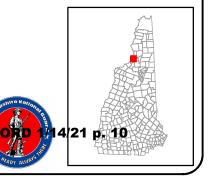
Railroad

Map depicting the general vicinity of the Lancaster Armory.

Data Source: ESRI, NHARNG

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Lancaster Armory Aerial Imagery



1:6,000 scale, NAD 1983 State Plane New Hampshire FIPS 2800 feet

Legend

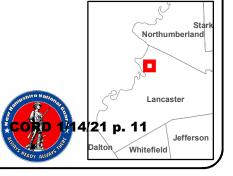
Site Boundary

Aerial imagery depicting Lancaster Armory and surrounding area.

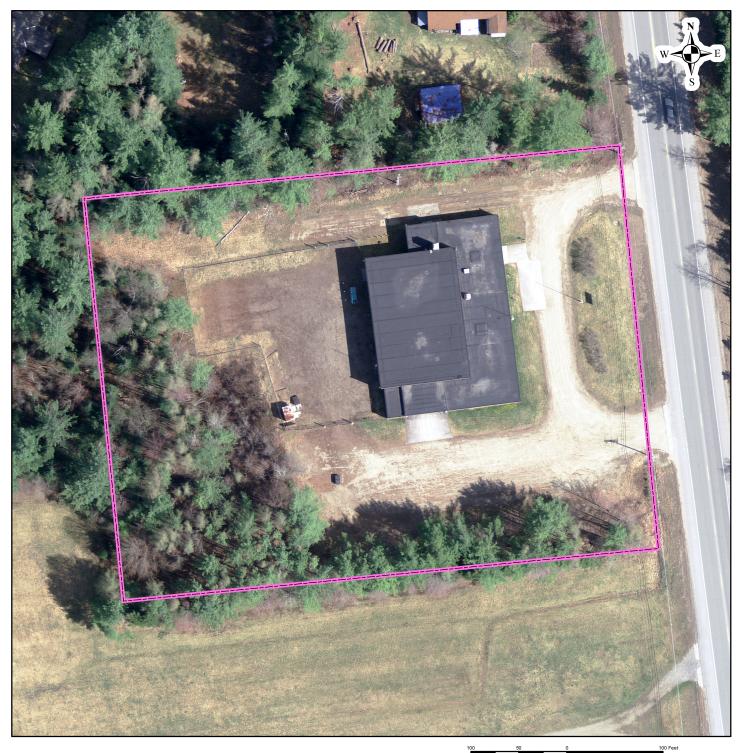
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Lancaster Readiness Center



Legend

Installation Boundary

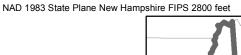
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Date: 9/18/2015 by Becky Carr, NGNH-FMO-PPB







Klass, Michael

From:

Sales, Tracie

Sent:

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 8:41 AM

To:

Klass, Michael

Cc:

Michele L. Tremblay (MLT@naturesource.net); Larry Spencer; David W. Packard

(appliedforce52@gmail.com); Graaskamp, Garret; Drew, Tim

Subject:

RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 001 (Lancaster)

Dear Mike,

On behalf of both the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) and the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on CORD SLR 2021-001, a proposed transfer of the state-owned armory in Lancaster to New Hampshire Fish and Game.

Based on the information provided, the property proposed for transfer does not lie within 250 feet of any river or lake, nor does it provide access to any river or lake. As a result, this property lies outside of the RMAC's and the LMAC's area of interest for review of surplus land disposals.

If you have any questions about the RMAC or the LMAC response, please contact RMAC Chair Michele L. Tremblay at mlt@naturesource.net or LMAC Chair David Packard at appliedforce52@gmail.com.

Thank you, Tracie Sales

Tracie Sales Rivers & Lakes Programs Manager NH Department of Environmental Services (603) 271-2959

From: Klass, Michael < Michael. A. Klass@osi.nh.gov>

Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 1:47 PM

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best,

Mike

Michael A. Klass

Principal Planner
New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives – Division of Planning
107 Pleasant Street, Johnson Hall, 3rd Floor, Concord, NH 03301

Klass, Michael

From:

Winters, Shelley

Sent:

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:23 AM

To:

Klass, Michael

Subject:

RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 001 (Lancaster)

Michael,

The NH Department of Transportation's Bureau of Rail & Transit appreciates the opportunity to review this. The Bureau of Rail & Transit does not need this property now or in the foreseeable future for railroad or transit purposes and is not adverse to the conveyance of the property to the NH Fish & Game.

Thank you, Shelley

Shelley Winters

Administrator, Bureau of Rail & Transit New Hampshire Department of Transportation PO Box 483 Concord, NH 03302-0483 Tel: (603) 271-3497

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The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

December 24, 2020

Michael A. Klass Principal Planner Division of Planning New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives 3rd Floor, Johnson Hall 107 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

RE: CORD SURPLUS LAND REVIEW (SLR 21-001) – REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE LANCASTER ARMORY FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Dear Mr. Klass:

In response to your recent request, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has completed its review of the subject proposal. Based on a review of pertinent files, Geographic Information System databases, and staff discussions, NHDES offers the following findings and recommendations. The New Hampshire Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services (NHDMAVS) has proposed to convey the existing Lancaster armory to the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game. The facility has been declared as surplus to the needs of the NHDMAVS.

The NHDMAVS armory is currently registered by NHDES as a Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generator, and its status is listed under the designation "active" for the New Hampshire Army National Guard (NHANG). Since the facility is to be transferred to another operator, the NHANG will need to submit an Inactivation/Declassification form to close out its current registration number. After checking with the NHDES One Stop database (Site# 199502009), the facility doesn't have an active underground or aboveground petroleum storage tank system registered to serve the armory. From the description of the proposed transfer between State agencies, it appears that the future use of the armory will continue similar operations as currently described. Therefore, NHDES has no further interests or concerns with this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Timothy W. Drew Administrator

Public Information & Permitting

Office of the Commissioner

Enc.

cc: Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES

John Duclos, Administrator, Office of the Commissioner, NHDES

Tracie Sales, Rivers & Lakes Programs Manager, NHDES



New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources

State of New Hampshire, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources 19 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301-3570 Voice/TTY RELAY ACCESS 1-800-735-2964 FAX 603-271-3433 http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr preservation@nh.gov

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

December 23, 2020

Michael A. Klass NH Council on Resources Development NH Office of Strategic Initiatives 107 Pleasant Street, Johnson Hall Concord, NH 03301

Re:

Request for Surplus Land Review, Lancaster, NH, 2021 SLR 001

(DHR# 12287)

Dear Mr. Klass:

In accordance with RSA 227C-9, the Division of Historical Resources has reviewed the stateowned property referenced above and provides the following comments.

Based on Division records, the Lancaster Armory located at 532 Main Street in Lancaster, was determined eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The boundary for this property and its eligibility includes the 2.78-arce parcel on which the facility is situated.

Whereas the property will remain in state ownership and the Division has a relationship with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department under RSA 227-C:9, the Division does not object to the proposed conveyance of this property from the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services to the Fish and Game Department.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact David Trubey, Review & Compliance Coordinator, at 271-2813.

Sincerely,

Nadine Miller

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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		Via Email: Tara Reardon (treardon@merrimackcounty.net) Stuart Trachy (strachy@merrimackcounty.net) Peter Spaulding (pspaulding@merrimackcounty.net) Ross Cunningham (rcunningham@mcdoc.net)
	Thomas J. Aspell, Jr. Concord City Manager 41 Green Street Concord, NH 03301	Michael Tardiff, Executive Director Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Com. 28 Commercial Street, Ste. 3 Concord, NH 03301
	Via Email (citymanager@concordnh.gov)	Via Email (<u>mtardiff@cnhrpc.org</u>)

FROM: Michael A. Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives

DATE: December 14, 2020

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Concord, NH

2021 SLR 002

RESPONSE DEADLINE: Wednesday, January 13, 2021

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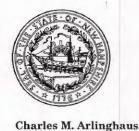
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Commissioner

(603) 271-3201

State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Joseph B. Bouchard Assistant Commissioner (603) 271-3204

Catherine A. Keane Deputy Commissioner (603) 271-2059

December 8, 2020

Jared Chicoine, Director Office of Strategic Initiatives 107 Pleasant Street Johnson Hall, 3rd Floor Concord, NH 03301

RE: Grant of Utility Easement to Unitil and Consolidated Communications
DES Silk Farm Road Parcel, Concord, NH

Dear Director Chicoine:

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS), acting on behalf of the Department of Environmental Services (DES), proposes to grant to Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC (d/b/a Consolidated Communications – NNE), as tenants in common, a perpetual utility easement on State land for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and replacement of subsurface transmission and distribution lines and other supporting facilities and apparatus, including, without limitation, a new pad mount transformer, as needed to provide electrical and telecommunications utility service to the DES parcel located adjacent to the south side of the Interstate 89 right-of-way corridor on Silk Farm Road in Concord.

Unitil proposes to extend the existing utility pole line south along Silk Farm Road and to install a subsurface electrical distribution line extending from Silk Farm Road across part of the DES parcel to a new pad mount transformer, also to be installed by Unitil. These facilities are required for DES to be able to construct its planned new Dam Bureau Construction and Operations Facility on the 6.56-acre (+/-) Silk Farm Road parcel recently acquired by DES by interagency transfer from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. The proposed easement area will be a 20-foot-wide strip of land with its center line fixed upon the proposed subsurface distribution line. The proposed easement is required to allow Unitil to begin installing the new electrical distribution facilities on site. In order to keep the DES construction project more or less on schedule, we request that this item be placed on the agenda for the January 14 meeting of the Council on Resources and Development (CORD).

Please submit this proposal to the Council on Resources and Development for review. If you have any questions, then please contact Jared Nylund, DAS Real Property Asset Manager at 271-7644.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Arlinghaus, Commissioner

Enclosures

Cc: Gary Lunetta, Director of Procurement and Support Services

Jared Nylund, Real Property Asset Manager

James Gallagher, Chief Engineer, DES Dam Bureau

Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Name of Requesting Agency:		Department of Administrative Services		
Agency Contact Person:		Jared Nylund, Real Property Asset Manager		
	Address:	25 Capitol Street, Concord, NH 03301		
	Phone Number:	271-7644		
	E-Mail:	<u>iared.nylund@das.nh.gov</u>		
Apı	plicant Contact Person:	same as above		
	Address: Phone Number:			
	E-Mail:			
Loc	cation of Property:	Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH (abutting I-89 LAROW)		
	anon or repon,			
		Unknown (proposed easement area is a 20-foot-wide strip of land running from Silk Farm Road to a new pad mount		
Acı	reage:	transformer to be installed on the host parcel)		
Rec	quested Action:	Grant of utility easement to electric and telecoms utilities		
Teri	m of Lease or Easement:	Perpetual		
		Terpetual		
1.	from utility pole 543/26 a parcel of land abutting the (LAROW) to a pad mour of land shall be fixed upon the parcel of land within Interstate 89 LAROW. Sa acquired by the NH Department	dement area defined as a strip of land 20 feet in width extending along Silk Farm Road across part of a 6.56-acre (+/-) State owned he south side of the Interstate 89 limited access right-of-way not transformer to be installed therein. The center line of said strip on a subsurface electrical distribution line to be installed on site. In which the "property" is located was previously part of the laid parcel is largely undeveloped at present but recently has been artment of Environmental Services (DES) by interagency transfer to for Transportation (DOT) for the construction of a new DES on and Operations Facility.		
2.	The "property" would re and eventually would income and pad mount transform the perpetual right to confixtures and equipment of	emain part of the Silk Farm Road DES parcel as it is developed clude the proposed new subsurface electrical distribution line mer. Unitil and Consolidated Communications also would gain astruct, install, operate, replace, repair, and maintain such on the "property" as needed to be able to provide electrical and		
		ty services to the new DES facility to be constructed.		
3.		this property entail new development? Yes UNO		
	 a. If yes, is it consistent wit 	h adjacent and existing development? 🗌 Yes 🔻 🛛 No		

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b. Please describe how the proposed new development differs from or is similar to its surroundings. Also indicate how it may initiate a future change in the use of the property or surroundings.

The proposed new subsurface supply line and transformer will be installed as part of the utility work to be done in connection with the development of the Silk Farm Road DES parcel and construction of the new DES facility on site. As indicated above, the DES parcel presently is largely undeveloped and abuts the Interstate 89 LAROW on three sides: the Interstate 89 corridor abuts to the north and west, and a paved bicycle path corridor constructed on a strip of LAROW land abuts to the south. Beyond the interstate highway and the bike path, the site is otherwise surrounded by a large open field to the south and other open space and undeveloped forest land owned by St. Paul's School and the Audubon Society of New Hampshire. While the grant of the proposed utility easement certainly portends development of the host parcel, it does not appear that the development of the host parcel is necessarily likely to initiate or inspire any adjacent development in the near future given the identities of the abutting landowners, their current use of the surrounding land, and its largely undeveloped "open space" character.

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4.	Are there any structures located on this property?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
	a. If yes, please describe the structures including how many and	I what kind.		
	The proposed easement area currently includes no structures. mount transformer (to be installed), subsurface electrical and to and associated fixtures and equipment. The host parcel will includity to be constructed, including at least one building, paved areas, and outdoor lighting.	elecommunicat clude the entir	tions lines, e new DES	
5.	Are there historical architectural or archaeological resources identified on this site?			
	a. If yes, describe the resource(s)?	Yes	⊠ No	
	b. If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to a		mission.	
6.	Is there any existing development or structures on adjacent sites?	? ⊠ Yes	☐ No	
	a. If yes, describe the use and number of structures of adjacent If no, where is the nearest development? (Describe distance,		oer)	
	Adjacent sites include the Interstate 89 corridor, Silk Farm Road and the Audubon Society of New Hampshire's McLane Center to the southeast of the host parcel).		•	
7.	Does the site represent the entire state property in this location?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
	a. If no, please describe its relationship to the entire state holding acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).	g (percentage	of total	
	See items 1, 3, and 6 above. The area of the "property" is a small of the host DES Silk Farm Road parcel.	ıll fraction of tl	ne total area	
8.	Is access to this property available?	⊠ Yes	□ No	

a. If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across applicant's property 1/14/21 p. 21

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	The "property" will be accessed directly from Silk Farm Road.		
	b.	If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption?	
9.	Are	e there water resources related to this property such as:	
	<u>Lal</u>	kes/Ponds - \square Yes \boxtimes No Rivers - \square Yes \boxtimes No Wetlands - \square Yes X No	
	a.	If yes, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.	
	b.	If yes, is the property located within 250 feet of a lake/pond or river?	
	C.	If yes, please describe any municipal regulations and/or Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (RSA 483-B) provisions that apply to the development of the property.	
	d.	If there are water resources, please describe current public or private access from the site to the water body. Public Private No Access Available	
	e.	How would the proposal affect the access opportunities described in d?	
10.		ease identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known to located on or adjacent to this property.	
	0	Yes (property) Yes (adjacent property) No	
	a. b.	Steep slopes	
	D. C.	Threatened or endangered species	
	d.	Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats	
	e.	Increased impervious surface	
	f.	Potential stormwater flow changes	
	g.	Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or local importance	
	h.	Potential river channel change	
	i.	Other special designations	
	Ple	ease provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.	
	b	o. The large St. Paul's School parcel abutting the paved bicycle path to the south of the host parcel includes thousands of feet of Great Turkey Pond shoreline. However, the Turkey Pond is over 1,000 feet away from the host parcel at its nearest point.	
	g	g. According to GRANITView, the host parcel and all adjacent parcels include CORD 1/14/21 p. 22	

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agricultural soils of prime and local importance.

11. Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested property location and help to adequately place the property within its municipality.

- a. Municipal tax map copy showing all abutters
- b. General location map with scale, north arrow, nearby roads, and water bodies/features*
- c. Aerial Photograph*
- d. Any site plans for new or proposed development prepared at the time of application
- e. Maps depicting rail lines, wetlands, conservation lands, rare species and exemplary natural communities or topographic features are welcome but not required
- * Maps can be created with GIS, Google, NH GRANIT, or any other readily available mapping service.

Please paste any maps and photographs submitted as part of this application here.

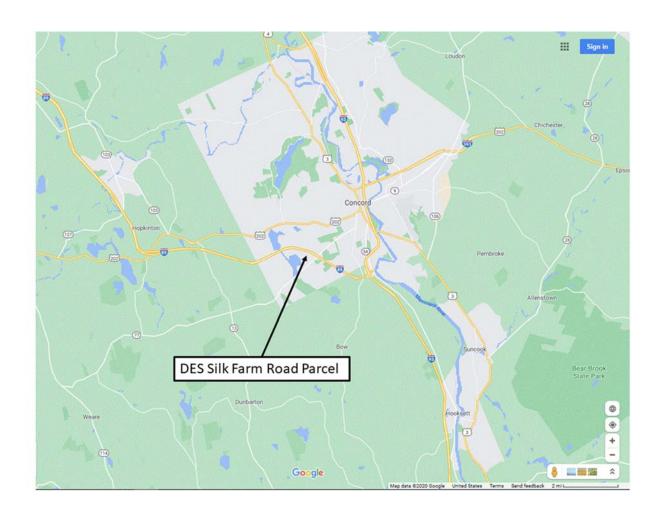
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DES Silk Farm Road Parcel Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH

Tax Map Detail (Proposed easement area located within highlighted parcel with no tax map/lot number)

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General Location of DES Silk Farm Road Parcel Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH

Google Maps

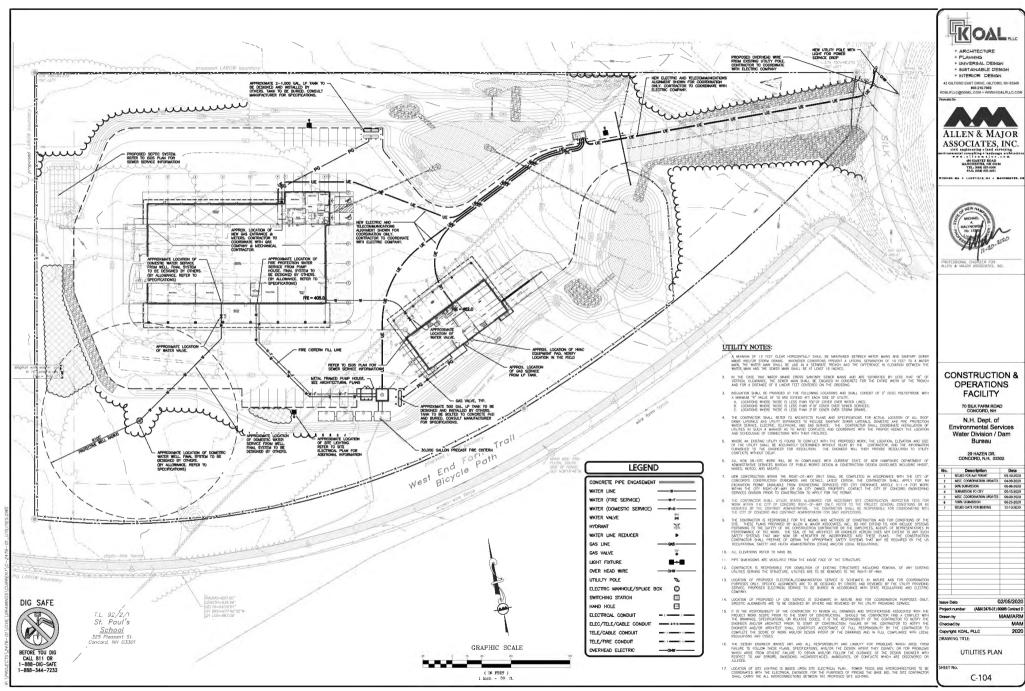
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DES Silk Farm Road Parcel Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH

Aerial View (Proposed easement area located within highlighted parcel with no tax map/lot number)

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Klass, Michael

From:

Sales, Tracie

Sent:

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 8:48 AM

To:

Klass, Michael

Cc:

Michele L. Tremblay (MLT@naturesource.net); Larry Spencer; David W. Packard

(appliedforce52@gmail.com); Graaskamp, Garret; Drew, Tim

Subject:

RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 002 (Concord)

Dear Mike,

On behalf of both the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) and the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on CORD SLR 2021-002, a proposed utility easement on NHDES property in Concord.

Based on the information provided, the property proposed for the easement does not lie within 250 feet of any lake or river, nor does it provide access to any lake or river. As a result, this property lies outside of the LMAC's and the RMAC's areas of interest for review of surplus land disposals.

If you have any questions about the LMAC or the RMAC response, please contact LMAC Chair David Packard at appliedforce52@gmail.com or RMAC Chair Michele L. Tremblay at mlt@naturesource.net.

Thank you, Tracie Sales

Tracie Sales Rivers & Lakes Programs Manager NH Department of Environmental Services (603) 271-2959

From: Klass, Michael < Michael. A. Klass@osi.nh.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 3:12 PM

To: 'citymanager@concordnh.gov' <citymanager@concordnh.gov>; Mike Tardiff <mtardiff@cnhrpc.org>; 'treardon@merrimackcounty.net' <treardon@merrimackcounty.net>; 'strachy@merrimackcounty.net' <strachy@merrimackcounty.net>; 'pspaulding@merrimackcounty.net' <pspaulding@merrimackcounty.net>; Ross Cunningham <rcunningham@mcdoc.net>

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Dear All,

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best,

Mike

Michael A. Klass Principal Planner

Klass, Michael

From:

Winters, Shelley

Sent:

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:31 AM

To:

Klass, Michael

Subject:

RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 002 (Concord)

Michael,

The NH Department of Transportation's Bureau of Rail & Transit appreciates the opportunity to review this. The Bureau of Rail & Transit does not need this property now or in the foreseeable future for railroad or transit purposes and is not adverse to the issuance of the proposed easement to Unitil and Consolidated Communications near Silk Farm Road in Concord.

Thank you, Shelley

Shelley Winters

Administrator, Bureau of Rail & Transit New Hampshire Department of Transportation PO Box 483 Concord, NH 03302-0483 Tel: (603) 271-3497

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Mike

Michael A. Klass

Principal Planner
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December 23, 2020

Mr. Michael A. Klass NH Office of Strategic Initiatives 107 Pleasant Street, Johnson Hall Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Mr. Klass:

The Merrimack County Board of Commissioners' at their meeting December 22, 2020 reviewed and declared no interest in 2021 SLR 002.

If you have any questions, please feel to contact this office at the above number.

Sincerely,

Ross L. Cunningham County Administrator

RLC:mah



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January 5, 2021

Michael A. Klass NH Council on Resources Development NH Office of Strategic Initiatives 107 Pleasant Street, Johnson Hall Concord, NH 03301

Re: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Concord, NH, 2021 SLR 002

(DHR# 12292)

Dear Mr. Klass:

In accordance with RSA 227C-9, the Division of Historical Resources has reviewed the proposed granting to Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and Consolidated Communications-NNE a perpetual utility easement on state-owned land. This utility easement would provide for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and replacement of subsurface transmission and distribution lines and other supporting facilities and apparatus as needed to provide electrical and telecommunications utility service to the DES parcel located on Silk Farm Road.

Based on the topography of this parcel, its proximity to Great Turkey Pond and associated wetlands, the subject land is considered sensitive for the occurrence of pre-contact archaeological deposits. A Phase IA archaeological survey of the proposed utility easement is necessary before the DHR can provide informed comment on the property transfer.

Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact David Trubey, Review & Compliance Coordinator, at 271-2813.

Sincerely,

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Nadine Miller

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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