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Heather Shank, Chair, Council on Resources and Development (CORD)
NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs
100 North Main Street, Suite 100
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

RE: CORD Surplus Land Review – Proposed Grant of Perpetual Utility Easement to Eversource Energy across Future Rochester Courthouse Land

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) proposes to dispose by transfer on behalf of the State of New Hampshire to Public Service Company of New Hampshire (d/b/a Eversource Energy) a perpetual utility line easement across a parcel of State land located at 296 Rochester Hill Road in the City of Rochester, New Hampshire, to accommodate the installation of a new subsurface electrical distribution line to serve the future Rochester Courthouse facility to be constructed on site. The proposed easement is to be granted to Eversource in exchange for making available and maintaining electrical utility services for the proposed new facility.

The parcel of land upon which the State intends to construct the Rochester Courthouse facility was acquired by the State from the City of Rochester in February 2025. The proposed easement area will run from abutting Rochester Hill Road along the easterly side of the proposed new driveway and will terminate at or near the courthouse building site. The proposed line and associated conduit, equipment, and apparatus will be installed underground within the host parcel except for a pull box and a transformer to be installed within the easement area.

Please submit the attached Surplus Land Review application to CORD for the requested review and recommendation for disposal of the proposed utility easement.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Nylund", is written over a horizontal line.

Jared J. Nylund
Real Property Asset Manager

Council on Resources and Development
REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Name of Requesting Agency: Department of Administrative Services

Agency Contact Person: Jared J. Nylund, Real Property Asset Manager
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Applicant Contact Person: (same as above)
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-Mail: _____

Location of Property: Future Site of Rochester Courthouse
296 Rochester Hill Road, Rochester, NH 03867
(Tax Map 255, Lot 21-1)

Acreage: Area of land to be subject to easement area unknown (20-foot-wide easement area)

Requested Action: Grant of subsurface utility line easement to Eversource across host parcel to serve new courthouse building to be constructed

Term of Lease or Easement: Perpetual utility line easement

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Please complete ALL questions below and submit one digital copy via email and one hardcopy with original signatures, of the completed application to:

NH Bureau of Economic Affairs
Attn: NH Office of Planning & Development
100 North Main St, Suite #100,
Concord, NH 03301
Attn: Stephanie N. Verdile, Principal Planner brendan.m.mcdowell@livefree.nh.gov

1. What is the current use of this property?

The host parcel is currently vacant land in the process of being redeveloped as the future site of a new courthouse.

2. What is the proposed use of this property if surplused? Please note if proposed use is intended to create a public benefit.

Proposed easement area:

Perpetual subsurface electrical utility line easement to accommodate new distribution line to be run from the abutting roadway to the site of the new courthouse building to be constructed.

- 1. Does the proposed use of this property entail new development?** ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- a. If yes, is it consistent with adjacent and existing development? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- 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 its surroundings.

The host parcel is part of a business/industrial park development adjacent to Skyhaven Airport. The redevelopment of the previously rural surrounding neighborhood into a business/industrial park has been coordinated by the City of Rochester over the past several years. When construction is complete, the new courthouse will be one of the smaller recently constructed buildings in the neighborhood. Abutters include a church and what appears to be a large warehouse and distribution trucking terminal.

2. Are there any structures located on this property? ☐ Yes ☒ No

a. If yes, please describe the structures including how many and what kind?

Not yet, but there will be a courthouse facility constructed on site.

3. Are there historical architectural or archaeological resources identified on this site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

a. If yes, describe the resource(s)?

b. If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to application submission.

4. Is there any existing development or structures on adjacent sites? ☒ Yes ☐ 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)

See item 1b. above for buildings on abutting parcels. Larger multi-acre commercial/industrial land parcels in the immediate neighborhood appear to include significant land and tree buffers between buildings on abutting sites.

5. 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 (percentage of total acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).

6. Is access to this property available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

a. If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across applicant's property, etc)

Directly from the abutting public road (Rochester Hill Road).

b. If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption? ☐ Yes ☒ No

7. Are there water resources related to this property, such as:
Lakes/Ponds - ☐ Yes ☒ No OR Rivers - ☐ Yes ☒ No OR Wetlands - ☐ Yes ☒ No?

a. If yes, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.

b. If yes, briefly describe how the requirements of RSA 483-B (Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act) apply to potential development of this property:

- c. If yes, briefly describe how any municipal zoning requirements for buffers or setbacks from lakes, rivers or wetlands apply to potential development of this property:

- d. Is the property within 250 feet of a lake/pond or river/stream? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- e. If lakes or rivers are related to this property, describe current public or private access from the site to the water body? ☐ Public ☐ Private ☐ No Access Available

Description:

- f. How would the proposal affect the access opportunities described in e?

8. Please identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known to be located on or adjacent to this property.

	Yes (property)	Yes (adjacent property)	No
a. Steep slopes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Wetlands (Prime and NWI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Threatened or endangered species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Increased impervious surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Potential stormwater flow changes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or local importance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Potential river channel change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Other special designations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.

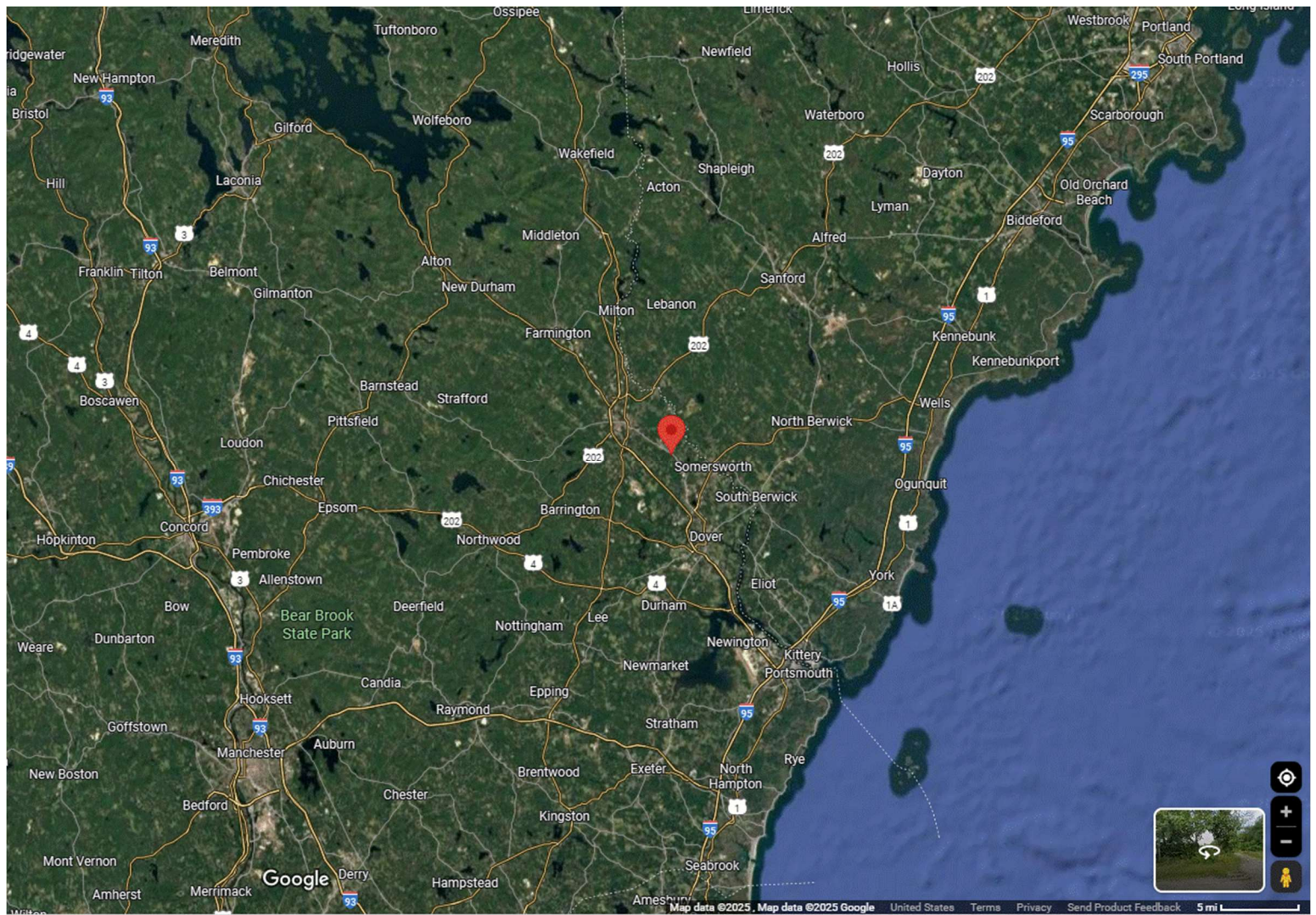
e. A paved parking lot and driveway will be constructed within the host parcel mostly outside of the proposed easement area.

f. It is assumed that surface water drainage infrastructure will be installed within the host parcel outside of the proposed easement area to facilitate drainage of stormwater from the building site, landscaping, parking lot, and driveway.

g. GRANITView shows two types of prime farmland soil throughout the host parcel: Charlton fine sandy loam, and Sutton fine sandy loam.

- 9. Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested property location and help to adequately place the property within the town.**
- 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, Mapquest, GRANIT data mapper, or any other readily available mapping service.

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



Site of Future Rochester Courthouse
296 Rochester Hill Road
Rochester, New Hampshire
Google Location Map

(approximate location marked by red pin near center of map detail above)



Site of Future Rochester Courthouse
296 Rochester Hill Road (Tax Map 255, Lot 21-1)
Rochester, New Hampshire
City of Rochester GIS Tax Map Detail

(host parcel appears marked by orange arrow above)



Site of Future Rochester Courthouse
296 Rochester Hill Road
Rochester, New Hampshire
City of Rochester GIS Aerial Imagery Map
(host parcel shown as Lot 21-1 at center above)

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NH Department of Public Works

ROCHESTER
COURTHOUSE

296 Rochester Hill Road
Rochester, New Hampshire, 03867

NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE



CONTENT: Utility Plan	
DRAWN BY:	SJF
PROJECT NO:	53052.00
DATE:	9/27/2024
REVISED:	
SCALE:	1" = 40' - 0"
C5.00	
Project Phase 100% CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS	
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