

COST SHARING AGREEMENT

This Cost Sharing Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day of February 2021, by and between the following parties (the “Parties”): the Town of Hopedale, by and through its Board of Selectmen (“Board”) and its Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners (“Commissioners,” together with the Board, the “Town”), Jon Delli Priscoli and Michael Milanoski, Trustees of the One Hundred Forty Realty Trust (the “Trust”), and Grafton and Upton Railroad Company (“G&U”) (the Trust and G&U may be referred to collectively as “GURR”).

WHEREAS, the Board and GURR are parties to a Settlement Agreement dated February __, 2021, which, among other things:

- a. resolved outstanding claims in:
 - i. Town of Hopedale v. Jon Delli Priscoli, et al, Massachusetts Land Court No. 20MISC00467 (the “Land Court Matter”); and
 - ii. a Petition for Declaratory Order filed by G&U with the federal Surface Transportation Board, Docket No. FD 36464, (the “STB Matter”, together with the Land Court Matter, the “Litigations”);
- b. established an amicable division of property that was the subject of the Litigations, including the partition of 364 West Street into Parcels A, B, C and E as shown on a document entitled Conceptual Lotting Exhibit – January 26, 2021, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1;
- c. provided for the conveyance of land registered under G.L. c. 61 within Parcel A by quitclaim deed(s) from GURR to the Town, or its designee, reserving to the grantor(s) and their successors a slope, grading, and utility easement in the

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general location depicted on Exhibit 1, and further reserving to the grantor(s) a 100-foot wide easement for a bridge to facilitate the stream crossing over the Mill River at the general location depicted on Parcel A in Exhibit 1, and an easement for installation of a water supply well(s) or well fields for the benefit of the grantors and their successors;

- d. acknowledged that G&U will donate the non-Chapter 61 land within Parcel A to the Town, or its designee, as is, including but not limited to with all existing encumbrances;
- e. provided that the Town, in its discretion, may perform any hydrogeological analysis for the purpose of establishing a public drinking water supply well on Parcel A pursuant to 310 CMR 22.00, including, but not limited to, activities to support a Site Screening for Siting a New Public Water Supply and a pumping test pursuant to applicable state regulations (collectively the “Hydrological Analysis”) at any location on Parcel A that is more than 400 feet (or 250 feet for a wellfield) from Parcel E, Parcel C, and Parcel B;
- f. provided that in the event the Hydrological Analysis performed by the Town indicates the feasibility and financial viability of a public water supply well or wellfield, GURR and its successors will work in good faith with the Town to satisfy Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“MassDEP”) drinking water regulations so that a well or well field may be developed; provided however, that nothing herein shall require the Trust, or its successors, to convey any land in Parcel B, Parcel C, or Parcel E to the Town, or its designee, to satisfy GURR’s commitment to work in good faith; and

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- g. provided that GURR shall abandon any water supply well(s) or wellfields it may have installed on any of the subject parcel when a public water supply becomes available and operational on Parcel A, and that GURR shall have the right to connect to the public water supply in consideration for its abandonment of its private well.

WHEREAS, both GURR and the Town have an interest in exploring the water resources in Parcel A to determine whether the aquifer will support either a bedrock well or wells, or a well or well field within the groundwater in the shallow overburden in Parcel A;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Description of Work: The Parties agree to work cooperatively and collaboratively for their mutual benefit in: (a) performing a Hydrogeological Analysis to assess the viability of a well or wells for water supply from the groundwater located in the shallow overburden in the areas shown as “Potential Aquifer Material” on the Figure prepared by Environmental Partners Group, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit 2; (b) performing a Hydrogeological Analysis to assess the viability of a well or wells for water supply from bedrock sources in the three areas shown as “Potential Bedrock Well Location” in Exhibit 2; and (c) performing such other work as they mutually agree to undertake to assess the viability of a water supply and/or public drinking water supply on Parcel A (tasks (a), (b), and (c) collectively are referred to as the “Work”).

- a. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly acknowledged that the Work subject to this Cost Sharing Agreement is restricted to the Hydrogeological Analysis, and does not include costs associated with the permitting, construction, or operation of any water supply well, including, but not limited to, the costs for any other associated infrastructure for any well. All such costs for the permitting (beyond

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the Site Screening and pumping test activity), construction, and operation of a water supply well(s), including any public water supply well(s), shall be borne by the Party deciding to pursue to the permitting, construction, and operation of such water supply well(s). Any Party deciding to pursue the permitting, construction, and operation of a water supply well(s) based on the information generated through the Work shall inform the other Parties in writing of their intent to establish a well or wells, including the precise location and anticipated yield from the well or wells.

- b. In the event the Parties seek to share any costs for the permitting, construction, and operation of a water supply well beyond the scope of the Work, such activity shall be separately negotiated and subject to a separate cost sharing agreement.

2. Cost Share.

- a. “Cost of Work” means the following costs associated with the Work: Joint Contractor (as that term is defined in Paragraph 3.b) fees consistent with the scope and budgets approved under Paragraph 1 and all other direct expenses mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties. Subject to Paragraph 5 below regarding the Term of the Agreement, the Parties shall pay for the Cost of Work according to the following percentage shares: GURR shall pay 50% and the Commissioners shall pay 50%.
- b. The Parties agree that the Joint Contractors shall be retained by, and shall be invoiced by, both G&U and the Commissioners for each Party’s respective share of the Cost of Work. Retention of any Joint Contractors shall be in compliance with any applicable state law relating to public contracting.

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3. Responsibility for Management Work.
 - a. In furtherance of the Work and the purpose of this Cost Sharing Agreement, the Parties will coordinate their communications with third parties, including Joint Contractors, and to the extent necessary, MassDEP. Each Party shall have the right to be present in all meetings and telephone conferences with MassDEP with respect to matters involving the Work. All work plans, proposals, reports, and other written communication with MassDEP concerning the Work must be mutually approved in writing in advance by both Parties and will be jointly submitted to MassDEP.
 - b. The Parties will jointly select and manage technical consultants, advisors, and contractors, including a licensed professional engineer (collectively “Joint Contractors”), to perform the Work. Each Party will have open access to all Joint Contractors and will have the right to be present in meetings and telephone conferences with Joint Contractors. The Parties may jointly determine to terminate a Joint Contractor at any time and without cause.
 - c. All data, written analysis, reports, or laboratory results performed by or at the direction of a Joint Contractor shall be shared with all Parties.
 - d. Each Party will give the other Parties at least ten (10) days advance notice of any meeting and 20-hour advance notice (at least one business day) of any telephone conference scheduled with MassDEP or a Joint Contractor relating to matters involving the Work. Each Party, however, may contact the Joint Contractors independently regarding routine matters or to obtain information without providing advance notice to the other Party and without seeking to involve the

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other Party in the communication, provided that the Parties shall instruct the Joint Contractors that such contacts are not confidential with respect to the other Party and that both Parties are to be involved in all calls involving non-routine matters and matters of strategic importance.

- e. Nothing in Paragraph 3.d. or Paragraph 3.a shall prevent either Party from accepting telephone calls from MassDEP. Each Party shall promptly report to the other Party the substance of any telephone calls or other communications with MassDEP relating to the Work that involve non-routine matters or matters of strategic importance.

4. Unilateral Assessment Work. If either Party unilaterally undertakes assessment activities beyond the scope of the Work, that Party shall be solely responsible for the cost of any such assessment. It is expressly acknowledged that there are Potential Aquifer Material areas show on Exhibit 2 that are located exclusively within Parcel B. Any Hydrological Analysis work performed by GURR on Parcel B is not subject to this Cost Sharing Agreement.

5. Term. This Agreement shall be effective on the date first written above (the “Effective Date”) and shall remain in effect until such time as the Work is completed, unless terminated earlier as provided herein. The Agreement may be extended only by written agreement of the Parties.

6. Termination. Any Party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other Parties. The terminating Party shall remain responsible for all of that Party’s share of the Cost of Work incurred through the effective date of the termination. The Agreement may also be terminated for breach pursuant to the terms of Paragraph 8.

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7. Internal Costs. Each Party shall be fully responsible for its own internal costs, including but not limited to legal and consulting fees or the internal costs of the Hopedale Water Department, in implementing this Agreement. Such costs shall not be subject to the cost sharing outlined in Paragraph 2.

8. Breach. The Parties agree that in the event of a breach of this Agreement by any Party, the Parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute through a dialogue between responsible representatives of the Parties. If the Parties are unable to resolve any such dispute during the two-week period immediately following commencement of the discussion, then, at the written request of any Party, the Parties shall attempt to settle the dispute by non-binding mediation under the procedures of REBA Dispute Resolution, Inc. The neutral in any such proceeding shall be selected by and agreed to by both Parties, shall be an expert in the particular matter, and shall be available to serve on short notice. All statements of any nature made in connection with the non-binding mediation shall be privileged and shall be inadmissible in any subsequent court or other legal proceeding involving or relating to the same claim. The mediation process shall continue until the first to occur of: (a) resolution of the dispute; (b) the forty-fifth (45th) day after the Parties agree on the identity of the neutral for such mediation; or (c) a determination by the neutral that resolution is not reasonably possible in a mediation proceeding. The costs of the neutral shall be borne by the Parties jointly on an equal basis. The Parties shall pay their own attorneys' fees, consultant fees, and other costs of mediation. If at the end of the mediation process the Parties fail to resolve the dispute, the Party or Parties claiming breach shall have the right to take any action, in law or equity, available to such Party, including, but not limited to, bringing suit in the Massachusetts Superior Court or other court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive or other relief.

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9. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Parties. No assignment or delegation to make any payment or reimbursement hereunder will release the assigning Party without prior written consent of the other Parties hereto, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

10. Waiver. The failure of any Party to enforce at any time or for any period of time any of the provision of this Agreement will not be construed to be a waiver of such provisions or of its right thereafter to enforce such provisions and each and every provision thereafter. Termination of this Agreement does not affect the accrued rights and remedies a Party may have prior to such termination.

11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement with respect to the subject matter addressed herein and supersedes any prior written and/or verbal agreements between the Parties.

12. Third Parties. This Agreement is not intended for the benefit of any third party and is not enforceable by any third party, including, but not limited to, federal and state regulatory authorities.

13. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable and should any provision be deemed for any reason to be unenforceable the remaining provisions shall nonetheless be of full force and effect; provided however, that should any provision be deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to cure any such defect(s) in the subject provision(s).

14. Amendments: This Agreement may not be orally modified. This Agreement may only be modified or amended in a writing signed by all of the Parties.

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15. Headings. All headings and captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be interpreted to enlarge or restrict the provisions of the Agreement.

16. Execution in Counterparts; Execution by Facsimile or PDF. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and all such counterparts when so executed shall together constitute the final Agreement as if one document had been signed by all of the Parties. The Parties agree that facsimile or Portable Document Format (“PDF”) signatures shall have the same binding force as original signatures, again as if all Parties had executed a single original document.

17. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This Agreement shall not be construed against any of the Parties, including the drafter thereof, but shall be given a reasonable interpretation under the circumstances. Nothing in this Agreement shall abrogate the application of any applicable federal or state law, including, but not limited to, the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, to the extent applicable.

18. Notice. All notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, electronic mail with proof of receipt, facsimile, or mailed by certified or registered mail, to the respective addresses as follows:

To the Trust:

One Hundred Forty Realty Trust
c/o Michael Milanoski, Trustee
Grafton & Upton Railroad Company
P.O. Box 952
Carver, MA 02330
mmilanoski@firstcolonydev.com

With a copy to:

Donald C. Keavany, Esq.
Christopher Hays Wojcik &
Mavricos, LLP
370 Main Street, Suite 970
Worcester, MA 01608
dkeavany@chwmlaw.com

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To G&U:

Michael Milanoski, President
Grafton & Upton Railroad Company
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Carver, MA 02330
mmilanoski@firstcolonydev.com

With a copy to:

Donald C. Keavany, Esq.
Christopher Hays Wojcik &
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370 Main Street, Suite 970
Worcester, MA 01608
dkeavany@chwmlaw.com

To the Board of Selectmen:

Brian R. Keyes, Chair
Board of Selectmen
78 Hopedale Street
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747
bkeyes@hopedale-ma.gov

With a copy to:

Diana Schindler
Town Administrator
Town of Hopedale
78 Hopedale Street
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747
dschindler@hopedale-ma.gov

To the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners:

Edward J. Burt, Chair
Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer
Commissioners
78 Hopedale Street
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747
eburt.hd@gmail.com

With a copy to:


Tim Watson, Manager
Town of Hopedale Water &
Sewer Department
78 Hopedale Street
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747
twatson@hopedale-ma.gov

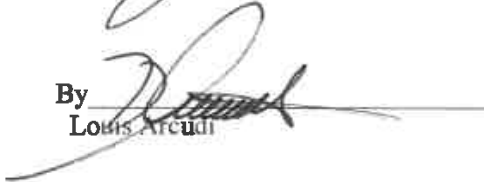
[signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed or have caused their proper representatives to duly execute this Agreement as of the Effective Date first written above.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

By its Board of Selectmen

By  _____
Brian Keyes

By  _____
Louis Arcudi

By _____
Glenda Hazard

By its Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

By _____
Ed Burt

By _____
James Morin

By _____

**JON DELLI PRISCOLI and
MICHAEL R. MILANOSKI, as
TRUSTEES of the ONE HUNDRED
FORTY REALTY TRUST**

By  _____
Jon Delli Priscoli, Trustee

By  _____
Michael Milanoski, Trustee

**GRAFTON & UPTON RAILROAD
COMPANY**

By  _____
Michael Milanoski, President

EXHIBIT

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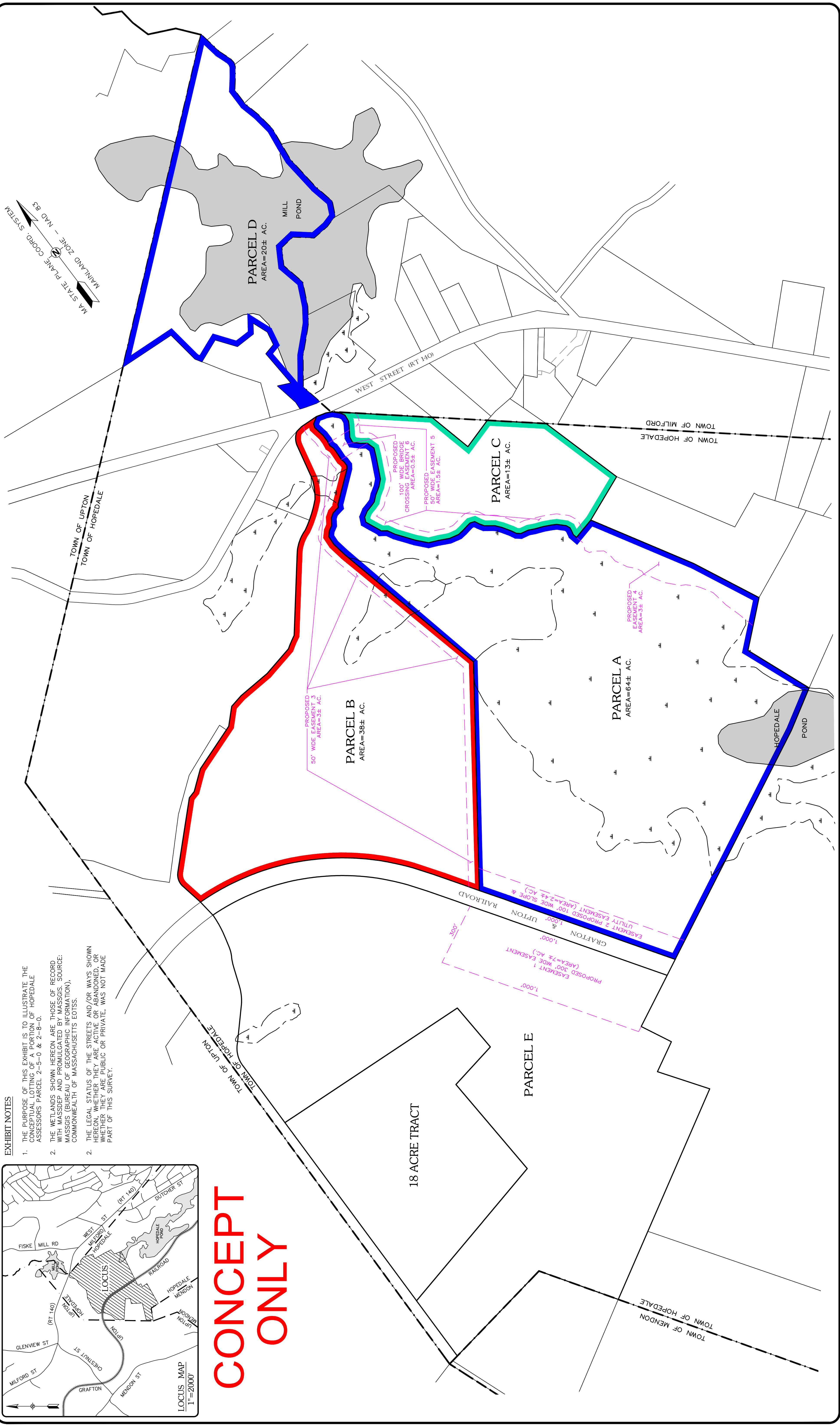
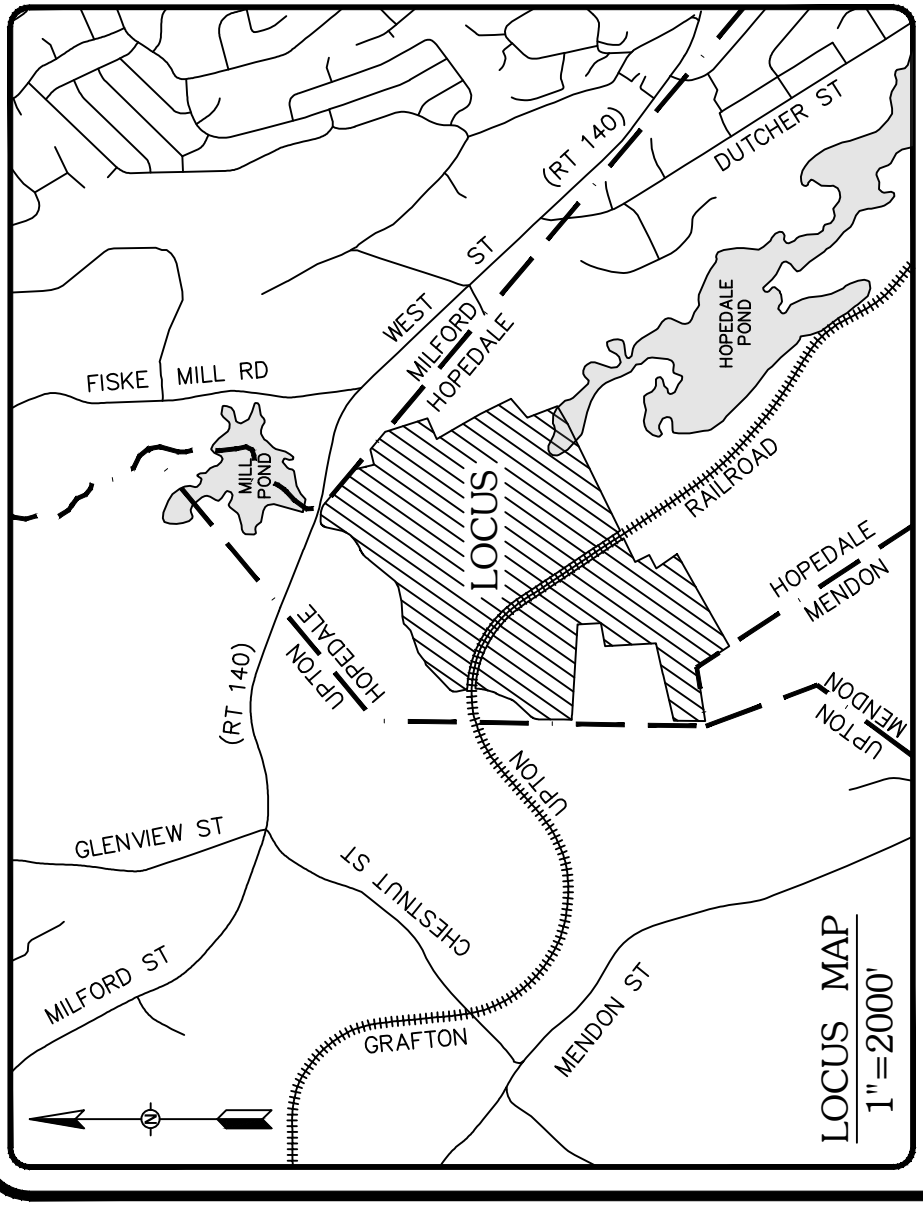


EXHIBIT NOTES

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXHIBIT IS TO ILLUSTRATE THE CONCEPTUAL LOTTING OF A PORTION OF HOPEDALE ASSESSORS PARCEL 2-5-0 & 2-8-0.
2. THE WETLANDS SHOWN HEREON ARE THOSE OF RECORD WITH MASSDEP AND PROMULGATED BY MASSGIS. SOURCE: MASSGIS (BUREAU OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION), COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EOTIS.
2. THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE STREETS AND/OR WAYS SHOWN HEREON, WHETHER THEY ARE ACTIVE OR ABANDONED, OR WHETHER THEY ARE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, WAS NOT MADE PART OF THIS SURVEY.

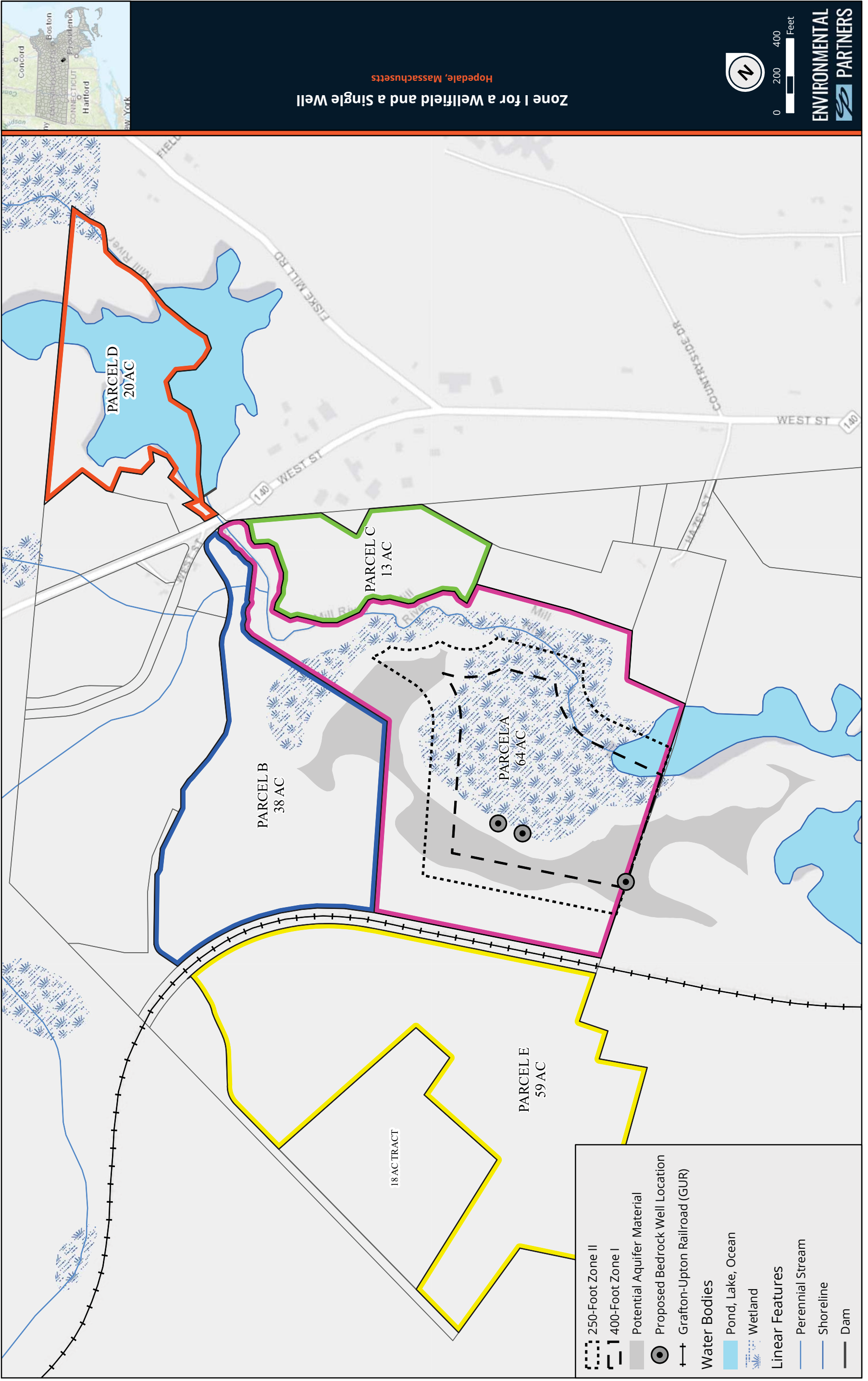


CONCEPT ONLY

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Zone I for a Wellfield and a Single Well
 Hopdale, Massachusetts

0 200 400 Feet

ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS