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MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at **4:00 p.m.**

This will be a virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025.

To participate virtually join the Zoom meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926128831?omn=84936941724>

Meeting id: 392 612 8831, Phone: 646.558.8656, 646 931 3860, 312.626.6799, 301 715 8592

Meeting materials are on BRPC's website: www.berkshireplanning.org. Click the calendar of events, then the meeting name, and follow the link to materials.

AGENDA

(all times approximate)

- I. Call to Order & Open Meeting Law Statement (4:00)
- II. Roll Call of Executive Committee Members Attending the Meeting
- III. Vote to Approve Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of June 20, 2024* (4:05)
- IV. Financial Reports (4:10)
 - A. Vote to Approve the May 31, 2024 – June 27, 2024, Expenditures Report*
 - B. Report on the Accounts Receivable/ Assessments – June 2024
 - C. Report on the Line of Credit
- V. Comments from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternate Delegates (4:15)
- VI. Items Requiring Action* (4:20)
 - A. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the Planning Assistance Grant Program with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). The application is for:
 - Berkshire County Priority Sites for Redevelopment Strategy Planning Project – estimated amount \$50,000*
- VII. Committee Reports and Discussion (4:50)
 - A. Commission Development Committee
 - B. Environmental Review Committee
 - C. Metropolitan Planning Organization
- VIII. Executive Director's Report (4:55)
 - A. Report on New Contracts / Agreements
 - B. Berkshires Tomorrow Inc. (BTI) Update

City and Town Clerks: Please post this notice pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A, §§ 18-25.

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- C. Staff Updates
- D. Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) Update
- E. Passenger Rail
- F. BEAD Challenge
- G. Transportation Funding Task Force Comments
- H. Reduction of Notice Period – Noel and Paule Wehl Reality Trust APR
- IX. Old Business (5:00)
 - A. Discussion about the Annual Meeting
 - B. Review of and Discussion about National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) Comments submitted on June 24, 2024
 - C. Discussion about a Potential Policy to Delete Recordings of Meetings Once Minutes have been Approved
 - D. Vote to Approve the FY 25 BRPC Meeting Schedule*
- X. New Business (5:05)
 - A. Discussion of August 1, 2024 Commission Meeting
- XI. Adjournment* (5:10)

BRPC has adopted the BRPC website www.berkshireplanning.org as its official posting method as allowed by 940 CMR29.00 section 29.03 (3) (b) since November 2010. The Meeting Notice, Agenda and meeting materials are on BRPC's website: www.berkshireplanning.org. Click the calendar of events, then the meeting name, and follow the link to materials.

* Items Requiring Action



DRAFT Executive Committee Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2024

Virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025.

I. Call to Order & Open Meeting Law Statement

Chair Malcolm Fick called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. as a virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025. He stated that BRPC was recording the meeting, and anyone else who wanted to record it needed to inform him.

II. Roll Call:

Read by Clerk

Malcolm Fick, Chair, Gt Barrington Alternate

John Duval, Vice Chair, Adams Alternate (muted throughout the meeting)

Buck Donovan, Treasurer, Lee Delegate

Sheila Irvin, Clerk, Pittsfield Delegate

Doug McNally, Commission Development Committee, Chair, Windsor Delegate

Roger Bolton, Environmental Review Committee Chair, Williamstown Alternate

Christine Rasmussen, Regional Issues Committee Chair, Stockbridge Alternate

Kyle Hanlon, At-Large, North Adams Delegate

Sam Haupt, At-Large, Peru Delegate

Staff Present: Thomas Matuszko, Executive Director; Marianne Snizek, Office Manager; Melissa Provencher, Environmental & Energy Program Manager

Others present: Robert Graves, Hinsdale Town Administrator; Cory Campbell, Williamstown Delegate (for the NIETC topic)

III. Approval of June 6, 2024 Minutes

Doug McNally moved to approve the June 6, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Roger Bolton with a correction regarding the Mount Williams Reservoir Dam and Notch Reservoir Dam Improvements Projects. These provide water for *North* Adams, not Adams.

The minutes with the correction were approved by a roll call vote from Malcolm Fick, Buck Donovan, Sheila Irvin, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

IV. Review of Open Meeting Law Complaint Filed by Catherine Foster on June 6, 2024, regarding the Executive Committee's June 6, 2024 Meeting(

The Executive Committee reviewed the Open Meeting Law Complaint received about its June 6, 2024 meeting from Catherine Foster. According to the Open Meeting Law Guide and Education Materials, December 2023, "Upon receipt, the Chair of the public body should distribute copies of the complaint to the members of the public body for their review. The public body has 14 business days from the date of receipt to meet to review the complainant's allegations, take remedial action if appropriate, notify the complainant of the remedial action, and forward a copy of the complaint and description of the remedial action taken to the complainant."

The Executive Director read the complaint which was included in the meeting materials. The Chair had authorized the Executive Director to distribute the Complaint to Executive Committee members.

The complaint is available to the public as it is part of this meeting's materials. Part of BRPC's response is that as a regional body, BRPC is allowed to adopt an alternative method of notice which is BRPC's website. The information sought via the complaint was included in the meeting material and therefore was available to the public.

The date the website was adopted as the alternative method of notice was not included and it will be added. There was agreement that the response addresses the complaint's concerns effectively addressed and suggests a remedy.

It was suggested that the alternative method of notice statement be included in all BRPC agendas as Tom did for this meeting's agenda. As noted above, the date this was adopted will be added to the statement.

V. Vote to Delegate the Responsibility to Respond to the Open Meeting Law Complaint Filed by Catherine Foster on June 6, 2024, to Counsel and the Executive Director

According to the Open Meeting Law Guide and Education Materials, December 2023, "While the public body may delegate responsibility for responding to the complaint to counsel or another individual, it must first meet to do so." Enclosed with this meeting's material was a draft Response to Open Meeting Law Complaint Filed on June 6, 2024.

Sam Haupt moved to delegate the response to the Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Catherine Foster on June 6, 2024, to the BRPC Executive Director and Counsel; Roger Bolton seconded the motion. It was approved by a roll call vote from Malcolm Fick, Sheila Irvin, Buck Donovan, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

VI. Items Requiring Action

A. Vote to Approve the Submission of Four Grant Applications to the

Planning Assistance Grant Program with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA).

The Executive Committee was requested to authorize the Executive Director to submit four grant applications and to sign any resulting contracts and agreements to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs FY2025 Planning Assistance Grant Program. The applications are as follows:

- 1) Town of Great Barrington Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) for \$37,500 to develop a town-wide OSRP. The District Local Technical Assistance program will provide the requisite matching funds.
- 2) Town of Lee Downtown and Housing Zoning for \$41,250 to assess alternatives and implement new zoning in the town's downtown area while also focusing on creating new housing opportunities. The District Local Technical Assistance program will provide matching funds.
- 3) City of Pittsfield Open Space and Recreation Plan for \$41,250 to develop a city-wide Open Space and Recreation Plan. The District Local Technical Assistance program will provide matching funds.
- 4) Town of Sheffield Zoning and Housing Advocacy for \$33,750 to develop housing-focused zoning changes, promote housing advocacy, and develop a greater understanding of methods for increasing housing diversity, especially in the town center. Community Planning Program Manager CJ Hoss, choss@berkshireplanning.org, is the project lead.

Doug McNally motioned to authorize the Executive Director to submit the following four grant applications and to sign any resulting contracts and agreements to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs FY2025 Planning Assistance Grant Program.

- 1) Town of Great Barrington Open Space and Recreation Plan for \$37,500
- 2) Town of Lee Downtown and Housing Zoning for \$41,250
- 3) City of Pittsfield Open Space and Recreation Plan for \$41,250
- 4) Town of Sheffield Zoning and Housing Advocacy for \$33,750

Christine Rasmussen seconded it. A roll vote was approved by Malcolm Fick, Buck Donovan, Sheila Irvin, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

B. Discussion and Vote to Ratify Comments to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office on the Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the City of North Adams Mount Williams Reservoir Dam and Notch Reservoir Dam Improvements Prepared by the BRPC Environmental Review Committee

The Executive Committee was requested to ratify comments to the MEPA Office on the EENF for improvements to the aging Mount Williams Reservoir

and Notch Reservoir dams and spillway and ancillary dam features in North Adams. Comments are due before June 21, 2024. A draft of the Environmental Review Report was in the meeting materials.

The Environmental Review Committee found the EENF a good discussion of the alternatives and they recommend going to a final EIR, skipping the draft stage. Melissa Provencher reported that a remote consultation session was well attended and the project was well received as designed. These dams are at risk and a high priority and the reservoirs supply water to North Adams. There is more design work to happen and dams will be worked on one at a time. The work will likely continue through 2026-27. The public will need to be kept informed.

Doug McNally motioned to ratify the comments the Environmental Review Committee prepared for the MEPA Office on the EENF regarding improvements to the aging Mount Williams Reservoir and Notch Reservoir dams and spillway and ancillary dam features in North Adams. Roger Bolton seconded it. A roll vote was approved by Malcolm Fick, Buck Donovan, Sheila Irvin, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

C. Discussion and Vote to Submit Comments on the US Department of Energy (DOE) process for "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor" (NIETC) designation and the proposed designation of the corridor that extends into New York state and traverses Windsor, Peru, Hinsdale, Dalton, Cheshire, Lanesborough, and Hancock in Berkshire County and before crossing into Franklin County

The US Department of Energy has a designation process called "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor" (NIETC). The designation is for certain transmission line corridors across the country that need greater grid capacity. One of the proposed NIETCs is the New York-New England corridor.

The designation is a 4 phase process. Phase 1 was completed December 2023, with DOE releasing the US DOE 2023 National Transmission Needs Study. The process is in Phase 2, which includes publishing the preliminary list of corridors for potential NIETC designation and providing the opportunity to comment on this list in advance of Phase 3. The next phase, Phase 3: Public Engagement, is described to refine the geographic boundaries of potential further NIETCs and conduct environment reviews, which is proposed to happen in Fall 2024 and led by DOE.

The public comment period on Phase 2 ends on Monday, June 24 at 5 p.m. Among other items, DOE is seeking comments on the geographic boundaries of the potential NIETCs and potential impacts on environmental, community, and other resources within the potential NIETCs.

A draft comment letter is included in the meeting materials. The Environmental Review Committee chose to defer to the Executive Committee

and did not develop comments of their own.

Windsor residents would like a comment that the rationale for the expansion is to promote the decarbonization of energy use and should include a ban of using the right-of-way for transporting fossil fuels.

Tom spoke with representatives of DOE. Their role is limited to defining the corridor to prevent environmental impacts. He needs a vote on the structure of the comments: a cover letter with highlights and town by town summaries and maps addressing where the corridor should NOT go, or where it should be minimized. Not expanding the existing corridor may also be an option.

A revised version of the comments was shared prior to the meeting. Roger asked that there be a comment on the effect on the economies of the communities which is in the revised draft. DOE said the mile-wide width is the starting point. Tom reviewed the region-wide impacts that are addressed in the comments. The process may end after this Phase 2. There is a need to connect New England to the grid.

The federal standards are different than MEPA. In Massachusetts, the proponent is responsible for preparing the environmental impact report. For federal projects, the federal agency puts together the documents.

BRPC staff will share the final document with Town Administrators and keep them informed.

Sam Haupt motioned to approve the proposed structure for submitting comments on the US Department of Energy (DOE) process for the "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor" (NIETC) designation and the proposed designation of the corridor that extends into New York state and traverses Windsor, Peru, Hinsdale, Dalton, Cheshire, Lanesborough, and Hancock in Berkshire County and before crossing into Franklin County, authorize the Executive Director and BRPC staff to complete and submit the document.

Doug McNally seconded it. A roll vote was approved by Malcolm Fick, Buck Donovan, Sheila Irvin, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

VII. Adjournment

Sam Haupt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m., seconded by Kyle Hanlon, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Malcolm Fick, Sheila Irvin, Buck Donovan, Doug McNally, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

Material accompanying the meeting:

- Meeting Notice and Agenda, Thursday June 20, 2024 meeting of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee

- Unapproved Minutes of the June 6, 2024 Executive Committee meeting
- Executive Directors Memorandum - Agenda Items – June 20, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting
- Open Meeting Law Complaint form about June 6, 2024 Executive Committee meeting
- Draft Response to Open Meeting Law Complaint about the June 6 Executive Committee meeting
- Environmental Review Report - Mount Williams Reservoir Dam and Notch Reservoir Dam Improvements
- Initial Draft – Comments on proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor - New York-New England corridor
- Revised Draft - Comments on proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor - New York-New England corridor
- Memorandum - May 2024 Assistance Activities

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18101	5/31/24	LAURA BRENNAN	61.18	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18102	5/31/24	CORNELIUS HOSS	142.04	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18103	5/31/24	MARK MALOY	148.96	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18104	5/31/24	KELLIE MEISL	1,280.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18105	5/31/24	DWAYNE MYERS	192.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18106	5/31/24	BRETT ROBERTS	74.64	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18107	6/1/24	THE COOPER CENTER, LLC	8,895.18	040 ADMIN	Admin	Rent
18108	6/1/24	NSHRC	100.00	746 AgeSpan/AAGE	Age Span - Accelerating Age- and Dementia-Friendly Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work	Resource Guide Book
18109	6/5/24	18 DEGREES INC	10,000.00	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Subcontractor
18110	6/5/24	BBE OFFICE INTERIORS	1,928.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Office Supplies & Labor
18111	6/5/24	BERKSHIRE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	55,000.00	659 DPH/LHSCT	Department of Public Health - Local Health Support Covid-19 Contact Tracing	Subcontractor
18112	6/5/24	VALERIE BIRD	241.20	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18113	6/5/24	BLUE 20/20	219.92	040 ADMIN	Admin	Vision Insurance
18114	6/5/24	MARIE BRADY	506.67	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18115	6/5/24	TIFFANY BROUILLETTE	192.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18116	6/5/24	MATTHEW BRYAN	170.18	516 FRCOG/EPP24	FRCOG Emergency Preparedness Planning 2024	Expense Form
18117	6/5/24	SOPHIE CARNES JANNEN	355.38	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18118	6/5/24	MONASIA CEASAR	45.19	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18119	6/5/24	BRITNEY DANIALS	275.90	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18120	6/5/24	REBECCA DODGE	480.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18121	6/5/24	LESLIE DRAGER	252.30	284 BPHA/PHN	Berkshire Public Health Alliance - Regional Public Health Nursing Program	Expense Form
18122	6/5/24	EDWARD FAHEY	443.29	283 BPHA/INSP	Berkshire Public Health Alliance - Regional Pub	Expense Form

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18123	6/5/24	FEDEX	16.38	284 BPHA/PHN	Berkshire Public Health Alliance - Regional Public Health Nursing Program	Postage
18124	6/5/24	KAMARA FLASCHER	640.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18125	6/5/24	SHARRON FRAZIER-MCCLAIN	192.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18126	6/5/24	GREENAGERS INC	4,000.00	713 MON/MVPA	Monterey - Municipal Vulnerability Action Grant Program	Subcontractor
18127	6/5/24	DANIEL HASSETT	319.33	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18128	6/5/24	SETH JENKINS	127.30	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18129	6/5/24	DAVID KELLEY	920.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Cleaning Services
18130	6/5/24	CHRISTOPHER KOWALSKI	256.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18131	6/5/24	PETER LAROCHELLE	64.99	690 DCR/OUTRECWEB	Department of Conservation and Recreation - Outdoor Recreation Website	Expense Form
18132	6/5/24	NIKKI LEWIS	237.18	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18133	6/5/24	MASS STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT	13,813.57	---	---	Retirement
18134	6/5/24	MAZZEO'S RISTORANTE	880.00	010 GEN	General	Deposit - 5th Thursday Event Space
18135	6/5/24	ANDREW MCKEEVER	133.67	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18136	6/5/24	CAITLIN MCKINNON	100.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18137	6/5/24	MAEGAN MOYNAHAN	3,031.25	---	Varied Projects	Subcontractor
18138	6/5/24	ANN MARIE MUTZ	1,000.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Subcontractor
18139	6/5/24	CITY OF PITTSFIELD	425.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Parking
18140	6/5/24	LIANA RICE	5.90	737 COMM/ARTBERK24	Communities/Organizations - Cultural Districts - ArtWeek Berkshires 2024	Expense Form
18141	6/5/24	LYDIA SHULMAN	54.02	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18142	6/5/24	JAZU STINE	198.99	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18143	6/5/24	COLIN SYKES	446.64	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18144	6/5/24	VALLEY GREEN SHREDDING, LLC	42.50	040 ADMIN	Admin	Recycling

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18145	6/5/24	KENNETH WALTO	23.18	756 EOHLC/SS	EOHLC - Shared Services Community Planning	Expense Form
18146	6/5/24	WESTSIDE LEGENDS INC	7,000.00	---	Varied Projects	Subcontractor
18147	6/5/24	JAYMIE ZAPATA	173.32	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Expense Form
18148	6/5/24	BACH HARRISON, LLC	300.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Assessment Data Reports
18149	6/5/24	THE BRIEN CENTER	12,792.20	---	Varied Projects	Subrecipient
18150	6/5/24	GROUP ARCHITECTURE & URBANISM CO	10,715.00	753 PTS/MVPA	Pittsfield Francis Ave Parklet and Routing Study	Subcontractor
18151	6/5/24	TAIMUR KHAN	500.00	640 NEAETC/CRI23	New England AIDS Education & Training Center - Community Research Initiative	Honorarium
18152	6/5/24	COURTENY MOREHOUSE	779.34	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18153	6/5/24	ANDREW OTTOSON	341.86	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18154	6/5/24	rites of passage and empowerment inc	12,500.00	652 DPH/SORPEC	Department of Public Health - Bureau of Substance Addiction - SOR-PEC	Subcontractor
18155	6/5/24	SHAMIA SHEPHERD	1,500.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Subcontractor
18156	6/5/24	NANCY SLATTERY	173.41	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18157	6/6/24	TD CARD SERVICES	9,228.67	---	---	May 2024 Credit Card Payment
18158	6/12/24	1BERKSHIRE	380.00	729 BGNG/MassSave/ADMNA D	Berkshire Gas / National Grid - Mass Save Community First Partnership - Adams & North Adams	Event Advertisement
18159	6/12/24	BOSTON SEA FOODS	1,330.00	752 BWD/MVP	Briggsville Water District - Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness	Event Catering
18160	6/12/24	COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL INC	8,864.80	592 DEP/319REGC	Department of Environmental Protection - 319 Regional Coordinator	Subcontractor
18161	6/12/24	HARRINGTON HEEP LLP	685.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Legal Services
18162	6/12/24	MIIA HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST	2,586.84	040 ADMIN	Admin	Dental Insurance
18163	6/12/24	MIIA HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST	66,435.70	040 ADMIN	Admin	Health Insurance
18164	6/12/24	NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPERS, INC	639.40	---	Varied Projects	Communications
18165	6/12/24	MELISSA PROVENCHER	915.89	716 EPA/RLF2	Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund 2022	Expense Form
18166	6/12/24	GABRIEL QUAGLIA	798.06	758 UBALT/COCLI	University of Baltimore - COCLI - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18167	6/12/24	RAINBOW DISTRIBUTING COMPANY INC	113.41	040 ADMIN	Admin	Water

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18169	6/12/24	TD CARD SERVICES	26,760.73	---	---	June 2024 Credit Card Payment #1
18170	6/12/24	TOWNSQUARE MEDIA BERKSHIRES	900.00	737 COMM/ARTBERK24	Communities/Organizations - Cultural Districts - ArtWeek Berkshires 2024	Communications
18171	6/12/24	TPX COMMUNICATIONS	1,486.40	040 ADMIN	Admin	Telephone
18172	6/12/24	WAMC NORTHEAST PUBLIC RADIO	864.00	737 COMM/ARTBERK24	Communities/Organizations - Cultural Districts - ArtWeek Berkshires 2024	Communications
18173	6/19/24	BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY	18,750.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subrecipient
18174	6/19/24	FULL CIRCLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	7,200.00	722 EOAF/OP	Executive Office for Administration & Finance - Online Permitting Upgrade	Subcontractor
18175	6/19/24	TOWN OF ADAMS	25,000.00	749 EOEEA/OCE	Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs - Outdoor Center Exhibit	GG Exhibit Municipal Grant
18176	6/20/24	JUAN BAENA	1,521.00	737 COMM/ARTBERK24	Communities/Organizations - Cultural Districts - ArtWeek Berkshires 2024	Communications
18177	6/20/24	FIELD GEOLOGY SERVICES	2,887.50	685 HVA/BCCCP	Housatonic Valley Association - Berkshire Clean Cold Connected Partnership	Subcontractor
18178	6/20/24	FLYING CLOUD INSTITUTE	10,000.00	664 CLK/MVPA	Clarksburg - Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness	Subcontractor
18179	6/20/24	FULL CIRCLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	950.00	722 EOAF/OP	Executive Office for Administration & Finance - Online Permitting Upgrade	Subcontractor
18180	6/20/24	RYAN GRIFFIS	71.69	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18181	6/20/24	KIDZONE CHILD CARE EDUCATIONAL CTR INC	590.00	652 DPH/SORPEC	Department of Public Health - Bureau of Substance Addiction - SOR-PEC	Communications
18182	6/20/24	MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC.	715.82	040 ADMIN	Admin	Printing
18183	6/20/24	MASS STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT	13,105.18	---	---	Retirement
18184	6/20/24	MAEGAN MOYNAHAN	1,500.00	664 CLK/MVPA	Clarksburg - Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness	Subcontractor
18185	6/20/24	ELIZABETH STRICKLER	2,140.00	---	Varied Projects	Subcontractor
18186	6/20/24	THE COOPER CENTER, LLC	1,479.18	040 ADMIN	Admin	Utilities
18187	6/20/24	VALLEY GREEN SHREDDING, LLC	42.50	040 ADMIN	Admin	Recycling
18188	6/20/24	WB MASON COMPANY INC	365.21	040 ADMIN	Admin	Supplies
18189	6/24/24	TD CARD SERVICES	7,500.19	---	---	June 2024 Credit Card Payment #2

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18190	6/24/24	MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	16,800.00	756 EOHLC/SS	EOHLC - Shared Services Community Planning	Certificate program tuition
18191	6/26/24	1BERKSHIRE	215.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Membership
18192	6/26/24	4IMPRINT INC	4,735.97	518 FRCOG/BMRC	FRCOG Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps	CPR Vests
18193	6/26/24	BERKSHIRE INNOVATION CENTER, INC.	50.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Meeting Space
18194	6/26/24	BERKSHIRE LANGUAGE MANAGEMENT INC	582.77	725.00 MassTech/DE-PTS	MA Technology Collaborative - Municipal Digital Equity Planning Services - Pittsfield	Subcontractor
18195	6/26/24	MONASIA CEASAR	47.24	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18196	6/26/24	ELIZABETH FREEMAN CENTER INC	1,270.00	748 MassTech/DE-FG	Massachusetts Technology Collaborative - Digital Equity Focus Group	Subcontractor
18197	6/26/24	EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHEAST	180.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Training - Bartley, K
18198	6/26/24	GROUP ARCHITECTURE & URBANISM CO	3,905.00	753 PTS/MVPA	Pittsfield Francis Ave Parklet and Routing Study	Subcontractor
18199	6/26/24	CHRISTIE LEWIS	53.60	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18200	6/26/24	MHOA	115.00	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Training - Stine, J
18201	6/26/24	MAEGAN MOYNAHAN	4,187.50	753 PTS/MVPA	Pittsfield Francis Ave Parklet and Routing Study	Subcontractor
18202	6/26/24	PATRICK STRECK	2,012.50	725.00 MassTech/DE-PTS	MA Technology Collaborative - Municipal Digital Equity Planning Services - Pittsfield	Subcontractor
18203	6/26/24	TERRA NOVA CHURCH - MA	100.00	733 USDOT/CSAP	USDOT - Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	Event Space
18204	6/26/24	WESTON & SAMPSON ENGINEERS INC	470.00	716 EPA/RLF2	Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund 2022	Subcontractor
17607V	6/24/24	MA ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING DIRECTORS	-90.00	---	---	Payment Already Received - Voided
17759V	6/24/24	ELIZABETH FREEMAN CENTER INC	-1,270.00	---	---	Lost Check - Voided & Reissued
17908V	6/24/24	MONASIA CEASAR	-47.24	---	---	Lost Check - Voided & Reissued
1014	6/1/24	101 MOBILITY	4,770.00	710 CEDAC/HMLP	CEDAC Home Modification Loan Program	Subcontractor

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1015	6/4/24	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	205.00	710 CEDAC/HMLP	CEDAC Home Modification Loan Program	Lien - Sirker
1203	6/18/24	BHDC-RLD LEE LLC	232,685.00	716 EPA/RLF2	Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund 2022	Requisition #03
1308	6/4/24	EMERALD LEAD TESTING	554.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Subcontractor

Total 663,701.18

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CCARD	4/30/24	SPLASHTOP	99.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Software
CCARD	4/30/24	SPLASHTOP	198.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Software
CCARD	5/1/24	LIBERTY PIZZA	62.68	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Meals - G2G Event
CCARD	5/1/24	AMAZON.COM	22.98	040 ADMIN	Admin	Supplies
CCARD	5/1/24	META PLATFORMS INC	51.34	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Advertisement Boost
CCARD	5/2/24	AMAZON.COM	0.38	040 ADMIN	Admin	Backup Archive
CCARD	5/2/24	STAPLES	333.55	735 MassCEC/EmPower	MA Clean Energy Technology Center - EmPower IMP	Printing
CCARD	5/3/24	AMAZON.COM	20.25	040 ADMIN	Admin	Supplies
CCARD	5/3/24	ALLHUNGRY.COM	39.95	653 BRPC/INSREB	BRPC Insurance Reimbursement - Covid- 19	Meals - Car Seat Event
CCARD	5/5/24	AMAZON.COM	131.48	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Supplies - G2G Event
CCARD	5/5/24	AMAZON.COM	65.89	040 ADMIN	Admin	Supplies
CCARD	5/6/24	ADCARE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE	25.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Training - Lewis, N
CCARD	5/6/24	ADOBE ACROBAT	81.89	040 ADMIN	Admin	Additional License
CCARD	5/6/24	AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION	516.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Membership - Hoss, C
CCARD	5/6/24	AMAZON.COM	88.16	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Supplies - G2G Event
CCARD	5/6/24	CODE42	9.99	040 ADMIN	Admin	Backup Software

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CCARD	5/6/24	BJS WHOLESALE CLUB	297.41	010 GEN	General	MIIA Grant - Healthy Snacks
CCARD	5/7/24	AMAZON.COM	76.92	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Supplies - G2G Event
CCARD	5/8/24	AMAZON.COM	2,949.69	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Healthy Homes Guide Giveaway Supplies
CCARD	5/8/24	HILTON INN	223.16	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Lodging - Carnes-Jannen, S
CCARD	5/8/24	HILTON INN	209.00	284 BPHA/PHN	Berkshire Public Health Alliance - Regional Public Health Nursing Program	Lodging - Drager, L
CCARD	5/9/24	STRAIGHT TALK WIRELESS	37.70	040 ADMIN	Admin	Telephone
CCARD	5/9/24	BIG Y SUPERMARKET	45.73	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Snacks - G2G Event
CCARD	5/9/24	BJS WHOLESALE CLUB	48.26	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Supplies - YAB Event
CCARD	5/9/24	NEWMOA	186.96	166 EPA/RLF	Environmental Protection Agency - Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund	Event Ticket - Provencher, M
CCARD	5/9/24	AMAZON.COM	189.04	040 ADMIN	Admin	Supplies
CCARD	5/10/24	NEW ENGLAND WETLAND PLANTS, INC.	1,177.50	713 MON/MVPA23	Monterey - Municipal Vulnerability Action Grant Program	Monterey Demo Project Supplies
CCARD	5/10/24	ZONTA BERKSHIRES	60.00	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Monthly Meeting
CCARD	5/12/24	ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	40.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Software Subscription
CCARD	5/13/24	BITWARDEN INC	20.82	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Software
CCARD	5/15/24	GRAMMARLY	108.58	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Software
CCARD	5/15/24	AMAZON.COM	161.85	040 ADMIN	Admin	Supplies
CCARD	5/16/24	BJS WHOLESALE CLUB	632.15	010 GEN	General	MIIA Grant - Healthy Snacks
CCARD	5/16/24	ARCMASS.ORG	25.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Inclusion Event - Hill-Tapia, K
CCARD	5/17/24	GOTPRINT.COM	47.23	040 ADMIN	Admin	Business Cards - Danials, B
CCARD	5/19/24	AMAZON.COM	28.18	040 ADMIN	Admin	Supplies
CCARD	5/20/24	DUNKIN DONUTS	27.56	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Meals - G2G Event
CCARD	5/20/24	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SVCS LLC	148.05	040 ADMIN	Admin	Postage
CCARD	5/20/24	AMAZON.COM	20.97	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Healthy Homes Guide Stickers

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CCARD	5/20/24	DOTTIES COFFEE LOUNGE	45.35	772 PHIWM/BCFG	Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts - Berkshire County Focus Group	Meals - PHIWM Meeting
CCARD	5/21/24	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	9.08	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Naloxone Kit Postage
CCARD	5/21/24	LIBERTY PIZZA	59.42	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Meals - G2G Event
CCARD	5/24/24	CONSTANT CONTACT, INC	81.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Newsletter Subscription
CCARD	5/25/24	GOTPRINT.COM	47.23	040 ADMIN	Admin	Business Cards - Pelto, K
CCARD	5/28/24	BJS WHOLESALE CLUB	279.36	010 GEN	General	MIIA Grant - Healthy Snacks
CCARD	5/28/24	AMAZON.COM	158.93	040 ADMIN	Admin	Supplies
CCARD	5/29/24	AMA JOURNALS	40.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Research Journal

Total 9,228.67

June 2024 Credit Card Payment #1 Support

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Department	Department Description	Expense
CCARD	5/29/24	LIBERTY PIZZA	85.09	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Meals - G2G Event
CCARD	5/30/24	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	5.52	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Naloxone Kit Postage
CCARD	5/31/24	LMA GRANT CONSULTING LLC	750.00	709 MMP/BFF24	Massachusetts Marketing Partnership / MA Office of Travel & Tourism - Berkshire Funding Focus	Specialized Grant Training Workshop
CCARD	6/2/24	AMAZON.COM	0.38	040 ADMIN	Admin	Backup Archive
CCARD	6/3/24	META PLATFORMS INC	9.91	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Advertisement Boost
CCARD	6/3/24	THE WARREN GROUP	349.00	515 BB/BUW	Berkshire United Way - Berkshire Benchmarks	Computer Software Subscription
CCARD	6/5/24	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	5.95	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Naloxone Kit Postage
CCARD	6/5/24	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	3.07	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Naloxone Kit Postage

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CCARD	6/5/24	ADCARE	455.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Conference - Lewis, N
CCARD	6/6/24	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	5.95	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Naloxone Kit Postage
CCARD	6/7/24	NBCC	60.00	---	Varied Projects	Ticket - Ottoson, A
CCARD	6/10/24	CODE42	9.99	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Software
CCARD	6/10/24	NBCC	30.00	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Ticket - Zapata, J
CCARD	6/10/24	GODADDY	199.98	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Software
CCARD	6/8/24	STRAIGHT TALK WIRELESS	37.70	040 ADMIN	Admin	Telephone
CCARD	6/11/24	AMAZON.COM	8,357.92	040 ADMIN	Admin	Laptops for Staff
CCARD	6/11/24	AMAZON.COM	339.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Equipment
CCARD	6/12/24	NEW ENGLAND WETLAND PLANTS	1,653.95	684 MON/DEP319	Monterey - DEP 319 Hupi Road Drainage Improvements	Supplies - Buffer Gardens
CCARD	6/12/24	AMAZON.COM	1,169.97	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Computer Equipment
CCARD	6/12/24	AMAZON.COM	1,049.98	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Computer Equipment
CCARD	6/24/24	ADOBE	12,182.37	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Software License

Total 26,760.73

June 2024 Credit Card Payment #2 Support

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount	Department	Department Description	Expense
CCARD	6/12/24	BAHEC	10.00	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Training - Hassett, D
CCARD	6/12/24	SERVSAFE	152.95	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Training - Hassett, D
CCARD	6/12/24	BIG Y	250.00	755 HNE/PHCOMO	Health New England - Public Health Community Outreach	Gift Cards - BVIR Event
CCARD	6/12/24	BBS HOTSPOT	370.00	755 HNE/PHCOMO	Health New England - Public Health Community Outreach	Meals - BVIR Event
CCARD	6/13/24	ZOOM	40.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Software Subscription

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CCARD	6/13/24	AMAZON.COM	46.84	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Supplies - G2G Event
CCARD	6/13/24	BJS WHOLESALE	80.61	010 GEN	General	MIIA Grant - Healthy Snacks
CCARD	6/18/24	CARR HARDWARE	131.66	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Supplies - G2G Event
CCARD	6/18/24	BBS HOTSPOT	535.00	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Meals - G2G Event
CCARD	6/18/24	CREDIT - CARR HARDWARE	(131.66)	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Credit Refund: Supplies - G2G Event
CCARD	6/19/24	LIBERTY PIZZA	77.06	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Meals - G2G Event
CCARD	6/20/24	MICHAELS STORES	28.43	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Supplies - G2G Event
CCARD	6/20/24	BIG Y	119.31	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Snacks - G2G Event
CCARD	6/20/24	CRAVINS ICE CREAM	1,000.00	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Snacks - G2G Event
CCARD	6/20/24	ADOBE	(716.61)	---	---	Less: Adobe Payment Difference
CCARD	6/24/24	BERKSHIRE CATERING	190.00	526 BCSO/OPIOID	Berkshire County Sheriff's Office - OPIOID	Meals - BCSO Convening
CCARD	6/24/24	CONSTANT CONTACT	81.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Newsletter Subscription
CCARD	6/24/24	BITLY.COM	369.75	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention Grant Program	Communications
CCARD	6/24/24	MAPHN	100.00	284 BPHA/PHN	Berkshire Public Health Alliance - Regional Public Health Nursing Program	Membership - Drager, L
CCARD	6/24/24	AED SUPERSTORES	4,765.85	518 FRCOG/BMRC	FRCOG Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps	CPR Supplies

7,500.19

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Customer ID	Customer	Over 90 days	Amount Due	Notes
166/EPA/RLF	EPA: EPA/RLF		15,425.08	
283 BPHA/INSP/DAL	TOWN OF DALTON		75.00	
283 BPHA/INSP/GTB	TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON		4,080.00	
283 BPHA/INSP/PTS	CITY OF PITTSFIELD		225.00	
284 BPHA/PHN/HAN	TOWN OF HANCOCK		551.25	
284 BPHA/PHN/RIV	RIVER RUN APARTMENTS		200.00	
284 BPHA/PHN/WMS	TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN		1,711.71	
326/BURN/OTS	TOWN OF OTIS	115.00	115.00	Alecia spoke w/ fire station, will let Chief know
440/TPL	MASSDOT#75425 - TPL		58,716.34	
466 LAN/SW	TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH		207.39	
514 ADM/EP	TOWN OF ADAMS	3,025.00	3,025.00	Laura B following up
524 DAL/SW	TOWN OF DALTON		291.22	
560 CORE & MAIN LP	CORE & MAIN LP		147.78	
561 LEN/EDP	TOWN OF LENOX	7,550.00	7,550.00	Laura B following up
640 NEATC/CRI/HCV	COMMUNITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE		11,445.62	
646 DPH/MASSCALLS	DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - MASSCALLS		46,822.72	
652 DPH/SORPEC	DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH		26,545.23	
672 DHCD/HOUSE	DHCD	7,426.46	7,426.46	To be billed by end of month for FY2024
679 EV/MASSSAVE/CFP	EVERSOURCE	8,333.34	8,333.34	Sherdyl F is following up
685 HVA/BCCCP	HOUSATONIC VALLEY ASSOCIATION		32,622.31	
688 WSH/MVP	TOWN OF WASHINGTON		6,481.70	
710 CEDAC	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CORP		93,410.00	
712 MAPC/WRHSAC/EEMC	WESTERN REGION HOMELAND SECURITY	2,524.88	6,356.71	Invoices resubmitted to FRCOG 5/30/24
714 LEE/HMMVP	TOWN OF LEE		3,569.43	
717 MAPC/MASSTRAILS	METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL		8,000.00	
718 LEE/SRPP	TOWN OF LEE		2,436.86	
725.00 MASSTECH/PTS	725.00 MASSTECH/PTS		53,305.00	
728 MAPC/MCSP	METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL		7,734.36	
731 SND/GC	TOWN OF SANDSFIELD	122.28	2,121.22	Sherdyl F is following up
733.01 SS4A	OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		1,085.12	
741 BMC/MBI/DEBERK	BAYSTATE MEDICAL CENTER		48.35	
742 MON/OSRP	TOWN OF MONTEREY	6,954.83	15,000.00	CJ following up

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745 SHF/CDBG	TOWN OF SHEFFIELD		39,662.84	
753 PTS/MVPA	CITY OF PITTSFIELD	4,452.28	4,452.28	Courteny to follow up
755 BTI/HNE/PHCOMO	BERKSHIRES TOMORROW, INC.		5,292.00	
757 NMB/OSRP	TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH	324.74	4,601.81	CJ following up
759 FRCOG	FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVT		3,358.40	
760 PHIWM/413CARES	PARTNERS FOR A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY		2,500.00	
771 PER/PROC	TOWN OF PERU		1,875.00	
COOK INSURANCE	CHARLES COOK		190.52	
MIIA GRANT	MIIA		1,208.92	
TOWN OF ALFORD	TOWN OF ALFORD		15,000.00	
TOWN OF LEE	TOWN OF LEE		45,000.00	
TOWN OF MONTEREY	TOWN OF MONTEREY		30,000.00	
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE	TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE		15.00	
TOWN OF WASHINGTON	TOWN OF WASHINGTON		3,000.00	

Report Total

40,828.81 581,221.97



Accounts

Current Balance
\$0.00

Available Credit	\$500,000.00
Amount Due	\$0.00
Payment Due Date	Jul 5, 2024



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FROM: Thomas Matuszko, Executive Director

DATE: June 26, 2024

SUBJ: Agenda Items – July 2, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting

VI. Items Requiring Action

A. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the Planning Assistance Grant Program with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA).

The application is for:

- **Berkshire County Priority Sites for Redevelopment Strategy Planning Project – estimated amount \$50,000***
- The Executive Committee is requested to authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application and sign any resulting contracts and agreements to the MA EEA Planning Assistance Grant program.
- The Berkshire County Priority Sites for Redevelopment Strategy will update and expand upon a Sites Strategy created by BRPC in 2014. Locations will be identified using thresholds such as buildable acreage and square footage of extant buildings, then analyzed for a wide range of factors pertinent to redevelopment potential, including proximity to water/sewer, major roadways and/or rail access, current zoning, and quality of utilities including broadband. While the 2014 version of this study focused on industrial/manufacturing sites and imposed a large acreage and square footage requirement for sites to be included, this update will also scrutinize locations for potential mixed-use and housing potential at smaller locations. This project will also identify and remove those locations that have been successfully redeveloped or where redevelopment is underway since the previous iteration.
- The total amount requested is \$50,000.00. A 25% match is required, to be provided as in-kind services through other contracts. Staff lead on this project will be Laura Brennan, Assistant Director & Economic Development Program Manager, lbrennan@berkshireplanning.org, x14.

VII. Committee Reports and Discussion

A. Commission Development Committee

The Commission Development Committee met on June 6, 2024 and discussed the success of the 5th Thursday Microtransit event, the formation of a government relations working group, and plans for a combined Commission and Annual Meetings in September. Draft minutes are in the meeting materials.

B. Environmental Review Committee

The Environmental Review Committee met on June 17, 2024 to discuss the Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the City of North Adams Mount Williams Reservoir Dam and Notch Reservoir Dam Improvements and agree on comments. They also discussed the US Department of Energy (DOE) process for "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor" (NIETC) designation. Draft minutes are not yet available.

C. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

The MPO met on June 25, 2024. Amendments were made to the 2025 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was approved. The Chair was authorized to sign certification documents on behalf of the MPO members. There was an update about Safe Streets for All (SS4A) activities. Draft unapproved minutes are in the meeting materials.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

A. Report on New Contracts/Agreements

New Grants and Contracts received/initiated from 05/30/2024 to 06/27/2024.

- Sheffield - Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities - \$216,000
- Massachusetts Technology Collaborative - Municipal Digital Equity Planning Services – New Marlborough - \$28,701.92
- Adams – Brownfields Assessment Services - \$53,412
- Adams – Economic Development Planning - \$10,000
- Lanesborough – Pavement Management - \$5,432
- Berkshire Benchmarks – BUW - \$10,000
- Berkshires Tomorrow Inc – Berkshire Benchmarks - \$14,700
- Berkshire Public Health Alliance – Inspection Services FY25:
 - Dalton - \$3,000
 - Savoy - \$7,500
 - Windsor - \$9,482

Grants and Contracts not received.

We did not receive the following:

- Contract for the MassCEC Empower capacity building project

- RAISE grant application for the Adventure Trail

B. Berkshires Tomorrow Inc. (B.T.I.) Update

The B.T.I. Board of Directors authorized submission of a \$50,000 grant application to the Blue Cross Blue Shield MA Foundation Special Initiatives grant. BRPC's Public Health Department will use this to develop and pilot a sustainable infrastructure to provide field services to rural residents of Southern Berkshire County, MA that will better connect them to medical and behavioral health services while reducing the need for emergency care.

C. Staff Update

- Retirements:
 - Patricia Mullins
 - Nancy Slattery
- Open Positions:
 - Public Health Community Social Worker
 - Public Health Trainer

D. Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) Update

The Rural Policy Advisory Commission did not meet in June, 2024.

E. Passenger Rail

- West-East Rail – No known activity over the past month.
- Berkshire Flyer – The Berkshire Flyer had its inaugural run of the season on June 21st. Ridership was similar to last year's first weekend. The train again was late getting into Pittsfield. We were able to secure a last mile shuttle service option thanks to funding Representative Farley Bouvier secured.
- Northern Tier Passenger Rail – No known activity over the past month.

F. BEAD Challenge

BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) is a federal funding program for internet infrastructure to ensure residents and businesses are getting the high-speed internet connection needed for today's world. Between June 20th and July 20th, 2024, residents and businesses are asked to test their internet speed by taking the following steps:

- **VISIT** [HowYourInternet.org](https://www.howsyourinternet.org) and click on the Broadband Map to search for your home address.
- **SELECT** Take a Speed Test under the Service Challenges window in the bottom left corner of the screen to complete the speed test.
- **COMPLETE** the speed test and enter your personal information, if prompted. **Check your inbox for reminders to take two additional required speed tests**

This test is necessary to be eligible for BEAD funding to improve internet speeds. Email digital@berkshireplanning.org for more information or assistance.

G. Transportation Funding Task Force Comments

The mission of the Transportation Funding Task Force is to explore “how we can create a long-term, sustainable transportation finance plan that will ensure a safe, reliable, equitable, and efficient transportation system.” The meeting material contains comments sent to two Western Mass representatives to the Task Force.

H. Reduction of Notice Period – Noel and Paule Weihl Reality Trust APR

Following the actions of the Sheffield Select Board I consented to reducing the notice period on a proposed purchase of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on farmland in Sheffield, the 32.4 acres Noel and Paul Wiehl Reality Trust, at Hewins Street.

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion about the Annual Meeting

Staff will provide an update about the Annual Meeting planning.

B. Review of and Discussion about National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) Comments submitted on June 24, 2024

Included in this meeting material is a copy of the comments submitted on June 24, 2024 to the Department of Energy about the Proposed New York – New England Review of and Discussion about National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC).

C. Discussion about a Potential Policy to Delete Recordings of Meetings Once Minutes have been Approved

At the June 6th Executive Committee meeting we initially discussed codifying and standardizing a practice we had done more consistently prior to virtual meetings with a policy of deleting recordings of meetings once minutes, which become the official record of the meeting, have been adopted. On June 25, 2024 BRPC received a public records request for “all video or audio recordings of meetings of any and all BRPC meetings, BRPC executive committee meetings, and Housatonic Rest of River meetings from 2018 till today, June 25, 2025”. We have paused action on this item until the public records request is resolved.

D. Vote to Approve the FY 25 BRPC Meeting Schedule*

At a previous meeting, the Executive Committee only set the meeting date for the July 2, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee is requested to vote to set the FY meeting schedule for Executive Committee and Full Commission meetings for the rest of FY 25

X. New Business

A. Discussion of August 1, 2024 Commission Meeting

Potential Topics for consideration include:

- Berkshire Brownfields Program

Additional Meeting Material:

- 2024.06.20 Unapproved Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
- June 2024 Expenditures Report
- June 2024 Aged Receivables Report
- 2024.06.24 Line of Report
- 2024.07.02 Executive Director Memorandum
- 2024.06.06 Unapproved Commission Development Committee Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
- 2024.06.25 Unapproved Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
- 2024.06.24 Memorandum to Transportation Funding Task Force members
- Hewins APR Waiver Request
- Proposed BRPC Meeting Schedule FY2025
- New York-New England NIETC Phase 2 comments



DRAFT Commission Development Committee

Minutes from June 6, 2024

This was a virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023, extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025.

The meeting was held via Zoom and was recorded.

Chair Douglas McNally called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

I. Roll call:

Present:

Douglas McNally, Windsor, Committee Chair

Buck Donovan, Lee

Pedro Pachano, Great Barrington (left at 3:45 for another meeting)

Malcolm Fick, Great Barrington (non-voting Commission Chair)

Christine Rasmussen, Stockbridge, Chair of Regional Issues Committee

BRPC Staff: Tom Matuszko, Laura Brennan

II. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2024

Pedro Pachano moved to approve the March 14, 2024 minutes; Buck Donovan seconded. A roll call vote approved it: Doug McNally, Buck Donovan, and Pedro Pachano.

III. 5th Thursday: May 30, 2024 Debrief

It was agreed the presentations were very good. Doug thought the models presented could be repeated in other parts of the county.

A question was raised about whether the TriTown Connector's funding sources are secure. Only \$40,000 of the \$300,000+ budget is from fares. Tate Coleman mentioned ongoing grant writing. BRPC is not familiar with the funding model. Regional transit services have to fight for funding. The increase in ridership on fixed routes may be a return to pre-COVID levels.

It was also agreed that the time, food arrangement, and room at Mazzeo's were great for this event.

IV. 2024 Annual Meeting

BRPC staff do not think breakfast is a good time for our participants.

It was discussed that a Commission meeting should be combined with the annual meeting, starting at 4:00 p.m. September 25 is a tentative date.

It will be the first meeting for new Planning Board Delegates. The Kusik award(s) will be part of the event. We are considering inviting Congressman Neal as the main speaker.

V. BRPC Legislative Relations Working Group

A draft outline for a government affairs or legislative relations working group as a subcommittee of the Regional Issues Committee was discussed. This group would identify and advocate for legislation and funding.

Christine suggested that the working group identify the specific needs of the county and be ready to advocate for them through the legislative process, including earmarks.

Malcolm noted that communicating back to the towns needs to be part of the working group's responsibilities. He asked if there were staff resources to support the group. Tom said that has to be explored. Tom asked if an ad hoc committee with fluctuating membership depending on the topics addressed might be a workable model instead of a subcommittee of the Commission.

There was agreement that forming such a group makes sense, and we will keep exploring the best way to set it up. The September Commission meeting could focus on identifying priorities. <https://welcome.instatrac.com/> is a tool for tracking legislation.

VI. Discussion of potential bylaw adjustments re: committee vice chair positions

BRPC bylaws include mention vice chairs, but the process to appoint them needs clarification. Tom said there are several bylaws that we should work on, including gender-neutral language, and suggested we do that a few at a time.

VII. Next meeting

After the Executive Committee at 5:30 p.m. on July 2, to be confirmed.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.



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MINUTES OF THE Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Meeting Held Via Zoom Video Communications

Meeting Materials: <https://berkshireplanning.org/event/berkshire-mpo-meeting-3/>

MPO Representatives/Alternates Present:

David Mohler	MassDOT (Representing Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt)
Mark Moore	MassDOT District 1 (Representing Highway Administrator Gulliver)
Malcolm Fick	BRPC
Sarah Vallieres	BRTA
Ricardo Morales	City of Pittsfield
Tim Lescarbeau	City of North Adams
Christine Hoyt	North Subregion Delegate
John Boyle	North Central Subregion Delegate
Gordon Bailey	Southeast Subregion Delegate

Others Present:

Tom Matuszko	BRPC
Clete Kus	BRPC
Anuja Koirala	BRPC
Nick Russo	BRPC
Ryan Griffis	BRPC
Chris Klem	MassDOT
Peter Frieri	MassDOT
Derek Shooster	MassDOT
Joshua Barber	FHWA

I. Call to Order – Introductions

Mr. Mohler called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Meeting attendees introduced themselves via a roll call conducted by Mr. Kus.

II. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2024

ACTION: Mr. Boyle introduced a motion, seconded by Mr. Fick, to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 MPO meeting.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

Mr. Mohler:	Yea
Mr. Moore:	Yea
Mr. Fick:	Yea
Ms. Vallieres:	Yea
Mr. Morales	Abstain
Mr. Lescarbeau	Yea

Ms. Hoyt	Yea
Mr. Boyle	Yea
Mr. Bailey	Yea

IV. Approval of an amendment (3rd amendment) to the 2024-2028 TIP to add funding (\$940,720) for the N Adams Route 2 Overpass Study and authorize the Chairman to sign the certification documents on behalf of the MPO members

Ms. Koirala stated that the third amendment to the highway site was released by the MPO on May 28, amounting to \$940,720 for an overpass study of Royte 2 in North Adams. No comments were received during the public comment period.

ACTION: Ms. Boyle introduced a motion, seconded by Ms. Vallieres, to approve an amendment (3rd amendment) to the 2024-2028 TIP to add funding (\$940,720) for the N Adams Route 2 Overpass Study and authorize the Chairman to sign the certification documents on behalf of the MPO members.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

Mr. Mohler:	Yea
Mr. Moore:	Yea
Mr. Fick:	Yea
Ms. Vallieres:	Yea
Mr. Morales	Yea
Mr. Lescarbeau	Yea
Ms. Hoyt	Yea
Mr. Boyle	Yea
Mr. Bailey	Yea

V. Consideration of an amendment (4th amendment) to the 2024-2028 TIP

HIGHWAY: 1) Increase funding for Project 609078 New Marlborough Keyes Hill Road bridge and change funding source. 2) Remove Lee, Meadow Street bridge replacement project (607597) and reprogram in FFY 2025, increase cost to \$3,653,679 with On-System non-NHS NGBP funds.

TRANSIT: 1) Add 5311 Operating Assistance funds (BRTA011862), 2) add 5310 funds (BRTA011844) and local funds for vehicle purchase, 3) add \$364,104 GOBOND funding for 3 Type E2A Vans in FFY 2025 and 4) add \$970,611 GOBOND funding in FFY 2026 for 5 low floor vans (BRTA011845). Authorize a 21-day comment period.

ACTION: Mr. Fick introduced a motion, seconded by Ms. Hoyt, to approve amendment to the 2024-2028 TIP to add funding for the N Adams Route 2 Overpass Study and authorize a 21-day public comment period.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

Mr. Krevat:	Yea
Ms. Heming:	Yea

Mr. Fick:	Yea
Ms. Vallieres:	Yea
Mr. Lescarbeau	Yea
Ms. Hoyt	Yea
Mr. Boyle	Yea

VI. Approval of the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and authorize the Chairman to sign the certification document on behalf of the MPO members

Ms. Koirala began the presentation stating that at the previous meeting a 21-day public comment period was initiated, however no comments from the public have been received, except for one by MassDOT in combination with the FHWA. However, these comments were related to formatting and minor changes to costs. Mr. Boyle asked whether these changes would impact upcoming roadway improvements in Dalton, which Ms. Koirala said they would not.

ACTION: Mr. Boyle introduced a motion, seconded by Ms. Hoyt, to approve the 2025 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program and authorize the Chairman to sign the certification documents on behalf of the MPO members.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

Mr. Krevat:	Yea
Ms. Heming:	Yea
Mr. Fick:	Yea
Ms. Vallieres:	Yea
Mr. Lescarbeau	Yea
Ms. Hoyt	Yea
Mr. Boyle	Yea

VII. Receive an update on SS4A activities

Mr. Russo provided a expedited version of the presentation given to attendees of the recent public meetings for the SS4A program.

VIII. Status reports from Member Agencies

Mr. Frieri provided an update on District 1 improvements currently scheduled. The bridge replacement in Alford is currently being advertised, and EPA approval for stormwater design on Rte 9 of Pittsfield has been secured. The bid for a bridge replacement in Cheshire has begun, and bridge replacements for Lee and New Marlborough are both at 75% complete in the design phase.

Ms. Vallieres noted that BRTA is celebrating its 50th anniversary of operation, and thanks to a grant from MassDOT, is now temporarily offering fare-free

Mr. Kus noted that BRPC is currently preparing contract documents for traffic counts in the region. Member communities interested in utilizing this service should . This Thursday Ms. Koirala and Mr. Frieri will be attending a seminar on MassDOT TIP. North Adams reconnecting communities has completed the request for proposal process and will be before providing recommendation to the mayor.

IX. Other Business

There was no other business.

X. Next Meeting date – July 23rd, 2024

The next MPO meeting is scheduled to be held on July 23rd, 2024.

ACTION: Mr. Boyle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Mr. Mohler adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Documents and Exhibits Used:

- [Agenda](#)
- [BMPO May 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes – DRAFT](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2024-2028 Highway TIP 4th Amendment](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2024-2028 Transit TIP 4th Amendment](#)
- [FFY 25 UPWP FINAL DOCUMENT](#)

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Memorandum

TO: Jonathan Butler, Linda Dunlavy, Western Mass Transportation Funding Task Force Members

FROM: Thomas Matuszko, Executive Director 

SUBJ: Berkshire County Transportation Funding Needs & Funding Options

DATE: June 24, 2024

Cc. Clete Kus, Transportation Program Manager

It is my understanding that the work of the Transportation Funding Task Force will begin in earnest over the next several months. As the Western Mass representatives to the Transportation Funding Task Force I am providing some information for your consideration and possible use in the Task Force Discussions.

Berkshire County Transportation Funding Needs

Funding for Berkshire County's transportation improvements are predominantly provided by MassDOT and the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. At the local level, funding is limited due to budgetary constraints as well as the inability to generate revenue for transportation projects. Currently, all 32 municipalities share \$7.6 M in Chapter 90 funds for local road improvements. The recently enacted Fair Share initiative provides an additional \$4.6 M to the towns. This extra revenue will certainly assist in efforts to improve transportation infrastructure. Unfortunately, this extra amount will not cover the ever-increasing transportation improvement costs.

Local roads in Berkshire County are in various conditions. The goal is to maintain all roads so that they are in a state of good repair. The following analysis was performed to determine the total cost to bring all local roads up to a good state of repair.

Assumptions were made for the percentages of roads in broad conditions categories, based on ranges acquired from the countywide federal-aid survey taken in 2022, the ongoing MassDOT PSI ratings for state highways, and the local PM contracts that BRPC has conducted over the past 5 years. Mileage comes from queries made in the Roadsoft pavement management system. Costs are based on MassDOT and local road improvement contracts.

Countywide accepted streets and roads: **1,913.5 miles**

Avg percentage in excellent condition: assume 25% = **478.4 miles**

Avg percentage in good condition: assume 33% = **631.5 miles**

Avg percentage in fair condition: assume 25% = **478.4 miles**

Avg percentage in poor condition: assume 17% = **325.3 miles**

Total estimate = \$482,712,637

ALL ROADS						
Current PASER Rating	Length (miles)	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Sq Yards	Avg \$/SY	Total Estimate
8-10 (Excellent)	478.4	2525952	24	6735872	\$0.60	\$ 4,041,523
6-7 (Good)	631.5	3334320	24	8891520	\$9.00	\$ 80,023,680
4-5 (Fair)	478.4	2525952	24	6735872	\$18.00	\$ 121,245,696
1-3 (Poor)	325.3	1717584	24	4580224	\$43.00	\$ 196,949,632
SUBTOTAL	1913.6	10103808				\$ 402,260,531
CONTINGENCY (20%)						\$ 80,452,106
TOTAL						\$ 482,712,637

It is estimated that \$483,000,000 is needed to bring all local roads in Berkshire County up to a state of good repair. This estimate includes contingency to offset price increases and inflation.

The Berkshire County 2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) contains information on unfunded transportation and transit projects. Figure 5-8 identifies 19 unfunded highway projects having an estimated cost of \$80.9 M. Figure 5-7 also identifies the need for \$14 M to cover unfunded transit projects. Over time, these needs will increase as will costs. Addition funding is necessary to maintain equity amongst other areas of the Commonwealth.

Funding Options

While the primary focus of the Task Force is to identify additional funding for transportation projects, it is recommended that the Task Force also look at measures to identify means which can provide cost savings and to reduce costs associated with current practices. Below are several items for consideration.

- Standardized bridge designs and prefabricated components can reduce bridge costs and construction time.
- Regarding smaller, low-cost projects, the requirements that prevailing wages be paid should be eliminated. Not only will this provide cost savings, but it may also increase the number of smaller construction companies to work on projects. In turn, more work can be completed, and this may stir competition and result in lower prices.
- More attention should be given to removing Complete Streets requirements for rural roads. Requiring sidewalks and bike lanes in remote rural areas where they will not be used is not a prudent use of public funds.
- It is strongly recommended that legislation be passed to tie an inflationary index to Chapter 90 funds. Without this, the purchasing power of the funding is reduced each year. Having these funds indexed reduces the need for additional funding in future years.
- Consideration should be given to changing the procurement (bidding) process. Instead of asking construction companies for a price on a project, MassDOT could

establish a fair price for a project, and companies can decide if they are willing to undertake the project for the stated price. Companies could also be encouraged to bid a lower price in order to receive the contract.

- The practice of utilizing manned police vehicles in advance or within a construction zone must be re-evaluated. Utilizing a law enforcement officer to sit in a vehicle while emergency lights are flashing comes at a significant cost. There are more cost-effective ways to achieve the same effect of this practice.

The MBTA is a significant consumer of transportation funding. Most residents of Berkshire County use the MBTA only infrequently, if ever, yet Berkshire County residents help subsidize the MBTA through the state sales tax. This subsidy is inequitable, especially since those revenues are much needed to maintain Berkshire County Roads. Some suggestions related to MBTA are:

- MBTA fares should be indexed to inflation; rates should be adjusted annually. This will assist with keeping revenue in line with annual cost increases.
- Providing free transit service increases the need for additional funding to offset this expense. This practice should only be allowed if an alternative funding source is available to offset this loss in operational revenue.
- MBTA continues to operate with a significant amount of debt. Service expansion plans should be halted until operational finances are in order.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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May 29, 2024

Via: MAIL

Thomas Matuszko, Executive Director
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
1 Fenn Street, Suite 201
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Re: *APR Project Name: Noel and Paul Wiehl Realty Trust, Hewins Street, Sheffield*

Dear Executive Director Thomas Matuszko:

Pursuant to General Laws Chapter 7C, Section 37, enclosed please find a “*NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION*” informing you that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Department of Agricultural Resources (“MDAR”), proposes to purchase an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (“APR”) on farmland within the Town of Sheffield as described in the enclosed notice.

The enclosed notice was submitted to the Town of Sheffield on May 29, 2024 and is for your informational purposes only. MDAR must receive confirmation that the “Notice of Proposed Acquisition” was announced, as mandated by Section 37, and conducted within the Municipality not later than 120 days prior to the planned acquisition. No action is required by you for this municipal notice.

Also attached is “*CONSENT TO REDUCTION OF NOTICE PERIOD*” for this project for which your signature is required. The law allows for reduction of the notification period if local public officials, legislators, and the applicable Regional Planning Agency agree to that reduction in time. Because of MDAR’s agricultural priority classification of said farmland, I am requesting that your office agree to reduce the 120-day notification period to 60 days by signing this consent form. The closing for this project is a time-sensitive matter, and your cooperation in this request is very much appreciated by the Department.

If you have any question regarding this proposed acquisition, I can be contacted at 857-507-5367. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jay Rosa
APR Regional Planner

Enclosures: Notice of Proposed Acquisition; Consent to Reduction of Notice Period;
 Areal map of proposed APR property

Cc: Dorothy Du, APR Administrator Assistant

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION
OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION
ON PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF SHEFFIELD

Date of this Notice: May 29, 2024

Notice of proposed acquisition is hereby given to:

- (X) Chairman of the Select Board of the Town of Sheffield, or
() Mayor or City Manager of the Town of Sheffield

Separate notice will be given by the Department to the appropriate: County Commissioners, Regional Planning Agency, and the members of the General Court representing the district in which the land is located.

In compliance with G. L. c. 7C, Section 37, the Commonwealth Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Agricultural Resources (the "Department"), hereby gives notice that it proposes to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction ("APR") on the real property identified herein for the purpose of protecting in perpetuity its superior and productive agricultural resources by preventing their conversion to other uses.

The application received by MDAR indicates that the property is owned by the Noel and Paul Wiehl Realty trust, and consists of a single parcel (previously two parcels) located at Hewins Streett in Sheffield **as approximately represented on the attached map**. The APR may encompass all or parts of the area shown.

The current use of the property is primarily for **Hay and forage production**

Following the recording of the APR, the use of the subject property is limited to agricultural use as more particularly set forth in the APR document, the General Laws [Chapter 184, Sections 31], and the Regulations of the Department [330 CMR 22.00 et seq].

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, by:



Jay Rosa, APR Regional Planner

Project Name: Wiehl - Landcover
Sheffield, MA



Land Cover	Acreage	% Land Cover
Open Agriculture	16.3	50.3%

APR Project = 32.4 acres

0 185 370 740 Feet

Center: 73.326506°W 42.09297°N

Data Provided by MassGIS, MDAR, Maxar 2023 imagery, and LCLU (2016)

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Exclusion

APR Project

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Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Attn: Gretchen Kershaw
VIA EMAIL: nietc@hq.doe.gov

June 24, 2024

RE: National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETC) Designation
New York-New England potential NIETC

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) welcomes the opportunity to submit comments and provide additional information about the potential New York-New England National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) Designation. It is our understanding that the Department of Energy (DOE) has established a goal to facilitate electric transmission development by setting forth a nonbinding process that DOE plans to follow to designate NIETCs pursuant to section 216(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Within Berkshire County, the New York-New England corridor traverses the Towns of Hancock, Lanesborough, Cheshire, Dalton, Hinsdale, Windsor, and Peru.

The information provided within the attached town summaries is intended to assist the DOE in fulfilling its statutory requirements for NIETC designation under the FPA and ensure a well thought out, planned corridor that meets the region's energy goals while minimizing and mitigating impacts. In part, the attached summaries are intended to aid DOE in conducting a study of environmental impacts pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal statutes, as efficiently and effectively as possible. To the maximum extent practicable, the town summaries are organized consistent with the required resource reports to include the following:

- General description of geographic boundaries,
- Water use and quality,
- Fish, wildlife, and vegetation,
- Cultural resources,
- Socioeconomics,
- Communities of interest,
- Geological resources
- Soils, and
- Land use recreation, and aesthetics.

Within each summary BRPC has highlighted and mapped specific areas that should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable by adjusting the width of the corridor or limiting the corridor to the existing transmission right-of-way. In addition, BRPC also calls to attention notable areas of interest within the corridor which should be given special consideration.

Area of Interest	Municipality	Landowner
Pittsfield State Forest	Hancock and Lanesborough	Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
Constitution Hill and Farnhams Hill	Lanesborough	Berkshire Natural Resources Council (BNRC)
Farmland	Lanesborough	BNRC / Agricultural Preservation Restrictions (APRs) from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR)
Chalet Wildlife Management Area	Cheshire, Dalton	MassWildlife
Appalachian Trail	Dalton	National Park Service / DCR
Holiday Brook Farm	Dalton	Crane Family BNRC holds Conservation Restriction (CR), DAR holds APR
Wahconah Falls State Park	Dalton, Windsor	DCR
Dalton Watershed	Hinsdale, Peru	MassWildlife holds CR
Pittsfield Watershed	Hinsdale	City of Pittsfield
Peru Wildlife Management Area	Peru, Windsor	Dalton Water District MassWildlife holds CR
Notchview	Windsor	Trustees of Reservations
Westfield River Access	Windsor	MassWildlife

We appreciate that each NIETC is a geographic area where DOE has identified present or expected transmission capacity constraints or congestion that adversely affects consumers based on its triennial National Transmission Needs Study (Needs Study) or other relevant information. The high cost of electricity is a detriment to the residents and businesses in Berkshire County. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), in Massachusetts the average commercial electricity rate is 17.46 ¢/kWh (36% higher than the national average) while the average residential electricity rate is 23.64 ¢/kWh (41% higher than the national average). The 2023-2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Berkshire County approved by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, states “The high cost of utilities, most notably electricity, remains a threat to the growth of our Manufacturing sector” as one of the greatest threats to the Berkshire economy. ([2023-2027-Berkshire-County-CEDS.pdf \(berkshireplanning.org\)](#)) As identified by 1Berkshire, the official Regional Economic Development Organization and Regional Tourism Council of Berkshire County in their Berkshire Blueprint 2.0 and Five Year Benchmark report, the cluster of advanced manufacturing and digital enterprise cluster is one of the largest contributors of GDP to the regional economy. This report also stresses the need to reduce energy costs. [Blueprint 2.0|The Future of Berkshire County|1Berkshire](#) Current electricity rates have significant impacts to the socioeconomic within Berkshire County. While there is the potential that new transmission would allow load in high-priced markets to draw energy from a larger set of generators and lower electricity costs in high-priced regions, the need to balance the benefits and the impacts should not be lost and it is critical that benefits of any new transmission be realized within Berkshire County.

The Berkshire County economy is heavily dependent upon our natural resources and outdoor recreation. Again, the Berkshire Blueprint Five Year Benchmark report identifies the Outdoor Recreation

sector as a quickly growing and evolving regional driver. Significant public and private investments have been made recently, especially following the pandemic when use of outdoor recreational facilities soared. Reducing electric burdens and increasing reliability has the potential to unlock new economic opportunities but the outdoor economy that Berkshire County currently relies on should not suffer detrimental effects in the process. The Town of Windsor serves as the headwaters of the congressionally designated Wild and Scenic Westfield River. The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is in the towns of Hinsdale, Dalton and Cheshire. Impacts to these two nationally significant outdoor recreational assets must be minimized.

The majority of land within the proposed corridor is forested. The towns of Peru, Windsor and Cheshire are members of the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts, [ABOUT MOHAWK TRAIL WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP \(mohawktrailwoodlandspartnership.org\)](http://mohawktrailwoodlandspartnership.org). Authorized by the Massachusetts legislature and recognized by the U.S. Forest Service the Woodlands Partnership is a public body that exists to conserve the forests in the region and enhance the region's rural, land based economy. A large largely clear cut corridor would be contrary to those goals. Further, it is important to acknowledge that the Healey-Driscoll Administration recently pursued the *Forests as Climate Solutions Initiative*, [Forests as Climate Solutions | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/forests-as-climate-solutions), due to the critical role forests play in addressing climate change. Conservation and effective management of forest land, based on the latest science, are an essential element to ensuring crucial carbon storage and advancing climate change resilience and should be given due consideration.

Phase 3 of the NIETC designation process is described as the public engagement phase, which includes refining geographic boundaries of potential NIETCs and conducting community engagement. It will be of the utmost importance that DOE works with each town if the designation advances toward Phase 3. As a Home Rule state, self-governance in Massachusetts is important to take into consideration and each Select Board must be engaged with ample notice as the designation process progresses. When initiating Phase 3, BRPC encourages DOE to engage in a robust public outreach process, including the following:

- In-person meetings with each Select Board
- A minimum of one regional convening
- Extended public comment periods on public review documents (minimum 60-90 days)
- The preparation of a draft NEPA filing for public review and comment
- Press releases and announcements as appropriate
- Individual information mailings to each property owner
- Consultation with the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (MassWildlife), MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, MA Department of Agricultural Resources, National Park Service, US Forest Service, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Trustees of Reservations, and the Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)

In summary, BRPC recommends that if the New York-New England potential National Interest Energy Transmission Corridor moves to Phase 3 the following items be addressed:

- A clear explanation why the existing Eversource Right of Way corridor is not adequate to accommodate additional transmission capacity
- A clear explanation and rationale for expanding the corridor beyond the existing Eversource Right of Way
- If the existing Eversource Right of Way is not deemed adequate and the corridor needs to be expanded the corridor should be narrowed to include the minimum width necessary and not include those areas in the attached maps labeled "Avoidance Areas"

- A clear description of the economic benefits the residents of Berkshire County would realize through an expanded corridor.

Finally, The National Transmission Needs Study – Final 2023.12.1 identifies variable energy resource (VER) generation (solar, wind) as causing unique grid reliability concerns and specifically calls out ISO-NE as being impacted, leading to the initial designation of the New York-New England NIETC.

Massachusetts is at the forefront of developing and utilizing VER generation to accomplish ambitious Greenhouse Gas Emission reduction goals. If the corridor needs to be expanded to accommodate additional transmission, that energy should be generated by non-fossil fuel sources.

The BRPC Executive Committee endorsed these comments at their meeting on June 20, 2024.

Sincerely,



Thomas Matuszko
Executive Director

Cc. Congressman Richard Neal
Senator Elizabeth Warren
Senator Edward Markey
Governor Maura Healey
Secretary Rebecca Tepper, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Melissa Hoffer, Climate Chief, Massachusetts Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience
Select Boards, Towns of Peru, Windsor, Dalton, Hinsdale, Cheshire, Lanesborough, Hancock

Attachments:

- Town Summaries
- Maps
- Data Tables

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National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETC) Designation

New York-New England Potential NIETC

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Summary of Town Resources

It is BRPC's understanding that DOE intends to conduct a study of impacts on resources, as appropriate, as part of DOE's designation of a NIETC. To assist DOE in assessing the impacts of a potential NIETC designation, BRPC provides the following Phase 2 information submission. The intent is to provide descriptions of any known or potential environmental and cumulative effects resulting from a potential NIETC designation, including visual, historic, cultural, economic, social, or health effects thereof. BRPC has organized the information with town-by-town summaries including resources consistent with those described on pages 48-54 of the Guidance on Implementing Section 216(a) of the Federal Power Act to Designate National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors. In addition, BRPC has provided town-by-town maps of suggested avoidance areas where DOE is encouraged to reduce the width of the corridor or limit the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way to avoid impacts to natural resources, significant features or densely developed neighborhoods. A detailed series of town maps and supporting data are included as Appendix A.

Town of Cheshire, Massachusetts

The Town of Cheshire is a rural northern Berkshire County community with 3,258 residents. Nestled in the valley of the South Branch Hoosic River, most of the center of Town is built around this river and its tributaries. Mount Greylock rises to the west of town which contains parts of Mount Greylock State Reservation. To the southeast the Appalachian Trail crosses through North Mountain of the Hoosac Range and continues the center of town toward Mount Greylock. The Cobbles, Ashuwillticook Trail, and Appalachian Trail offer scenic hiking and viewing opportunities within the town. Cheshire is one of roughly 40 towns designated as an Appalachian Trail community, with 6 miles of trail running through the town that can take northbound explorers to Mount Greylock's summit. The 418-acre Cheshire Reservoir provides additional outdoor activities.

Resource Report 1—General description of geographic boundaries

The Town of Cheshire has a population of 3,258 based on the 2020 US Census. The total town area is 17,610.64 acres with 957.17 acres located within the proposed 1 mile corridor. While the area is primarily forested there are 64 parcels and 69 buildings located within the proposed corridor.

Resource Report 2—Water use and quality

Within the 1 mile corridor there are 34.04 acres of Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II and two public water supplies.¹ These water supplies should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize potential impacts to drinking water supplies.

¹ Source: MassGIS Public Water Supplies (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massgis-data-public-water-supplies>)

Resource Report 3—Fish, wildlife, and vegetation

There are 2.39 miles of cold water fisheries and 16.94 acres of state listed endangered species habitat according to the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.² In addition, over 49% of the corridor is considered BioMap 2 Core Habitat (410.82 acres) and BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (471.35 acres). Within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, BioMap identifies areas that are most critical for biodiversity conservation at multiple spatial scales. Core Habitats are areas that are critical for the long-term survival of rare species, natural communities, and ecosystems. They include habitats for a variety of species, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, and plants. Core habitats also include high-quality wetlands, vernal pools, aquatic habitats, coastal habitats, and intact forest ecosystems. Critical Natural Landscape identifies large landscape blocks that are minimally impacted by development, as well as buffers to core habitats which enhance connectivity and resilience. Endangered species habitat should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to habitat, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 7—Communities of interest

As a rural community that could be affected by a NIETC designation, the Town of Cheshire is considered a community of interest.

Resource Report 8—Geological resources

Nearly 36% of the land within the corridor is Carbonite Karst Geology (343.29 acres). Karst landscapes feature caves, underground streams and sinkholes on the surface. Karst terrain poses potential geological hazards and areas of nonroutine geotechnical concern. Karst terrain should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize potential hazards, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 9—Soils³

Prime agricultural soils (240.5 acres) and unique soils (29.09 acres) make up 28% of the corridor. Unique soils are defined as soils confined to mucks, peats, and coarse sands.

Resource Report 10—Land use, recreation, and aesthetics

There are 343.88 acres of protected land, which make up nearly 36% of the corridor. The majority of the protected lands are state protected lands (338 acres) with 5.88 acres protected by land trusts. The corridor is primarily forest, however, densely developed areas can be found within the corridor along Brough Road and Route 8.⁴ Densely developed areas should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to both residential and commercial areas, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way.

The Chalet Wildlife Management Area (Chalet WMA) is owned and managed by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) and is within the Towns of Cheshire, Dalton,

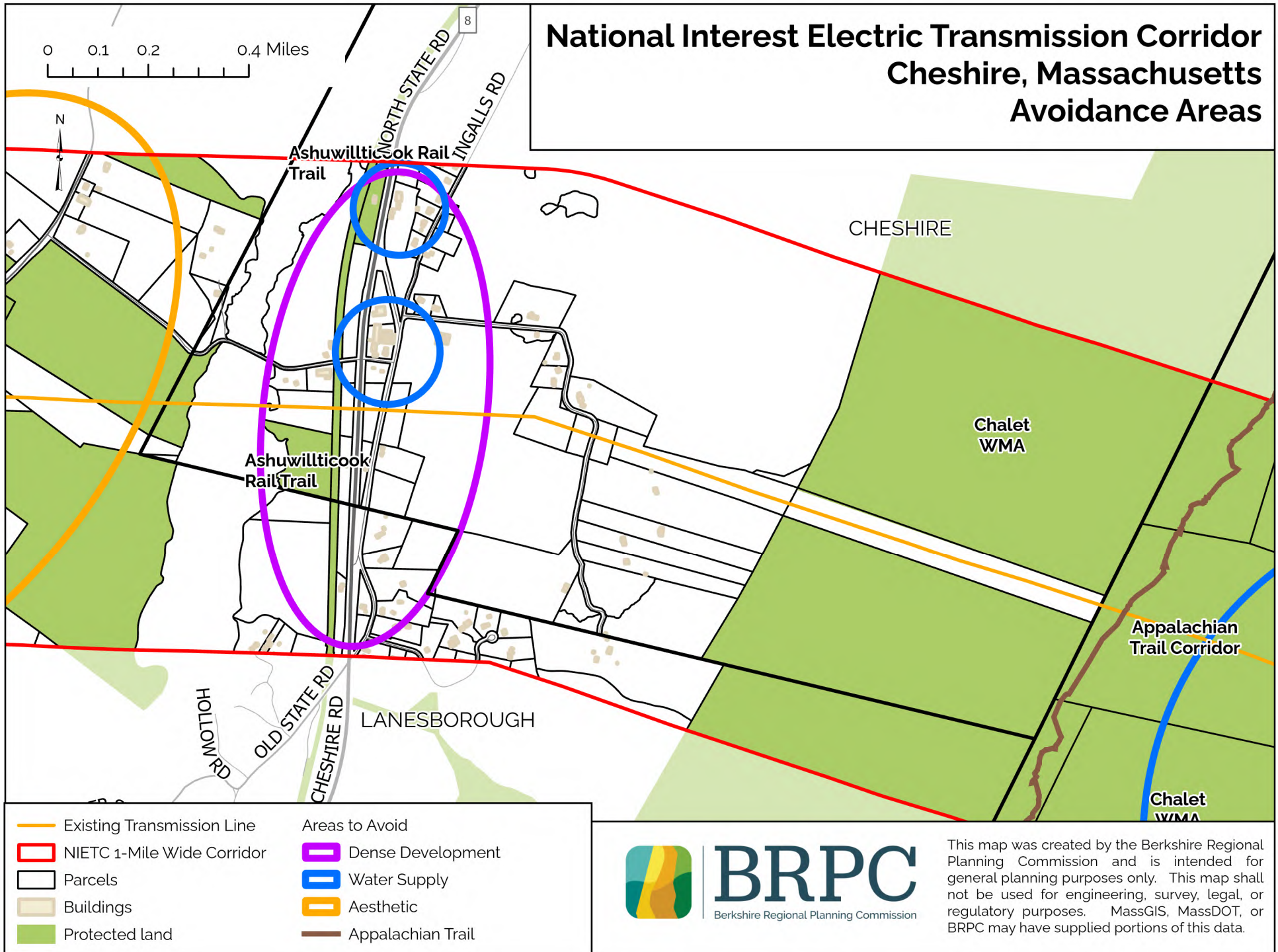
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⁴ Source: MassGIS 2016 Land Use

Lanesborough, and Windsor. MassWildlife owns and manages over 220,000 acres of land to conserve fish and wildlife habitats and provide access for outdoor recreation. All WMAs are open to hunting, fishing, trapping, and other outdoor recreation activities. WMAs are intentionally wild and while public access is allowed at the Chalet WMA visitors will find natural landscapes rather than maintained trails. Several fields along the northern part of the parcel are managed under license agreement for agricultural use. These fields are kept open through haying to provide habitat for ground-nesting bird species. The Chalet WMA includes a large area of forest which provides a variety of opportunities to see wildlife. Moose inhabit the area. The Appalachian Trail runs through the western part of the management area. At the headwaters of Tyler Brook, on the Dalton/Windsor line, is a red spruce swamp, an uncommon type of forested wetland.

National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor Cheshire, Massachusetts Avoidance Areas



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Town of Dalton, Massachusetts

The Town of Dalton is a mill town located in central Berkshire County with a population of approximately 6,330. Due to Dalton's topography and rich milling history, many residents live near the Housatonic River's East Branch. Dalton's mix of urban centers, suburban neighborhoods, and rural surroundings gives the town its identity as a "transition town" between the urban and rural spheres of the Berkshires. This mix is best encapsulated by Dalton's official designation as an Appalachian Trail Town, as the trail bisects Dalton, and hikers take advantage of the town's restaurants, laundry facilities, stores, and other services. Dalton has a diverse natural environment with extensive wetlands and over 5,000 acres of "core habitat," as the town contains watersheds of both the Housatonic and Hoosic Rivers. The Town's wetlands offer extensive ecosystem services to Dalton and neighboring communities, such as servicing Pittsfield's drinking water supply and providing flood storage and control.

Resource Report 1—General description of geographic boundaries

The Town of Dalton has a population of 6,330 based on the 2020 US Census. The total town area is 13,996.15 acres with 2,170.56 acres located within the proposed 1 mile corridor. While the area is primarily forested there are 88 parcels and 122 buildings located within the proposed corridor.

Resource Report 2—Water use and quality

Within the 1 mile corridor there are 828.16 acres of surface water supplies which supply drinking water to the Town of Dalton and the City of Pittsfield.¹ Over 38.2% of the proposed corridor is made up of lands that serve surface water supplies. There are 1,737.75 acres of protected land, which make up 80% of the corridor.² The majority of the protected land is state protected lands (1,036.46 acres), with 36.64 acres of federally protected land and 71.18 acres of municipally owned land protected for surface water supplies. An additional 593.47 acres is privately owned, deed restricted protected land. Surface water supply watersheds should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to exclude the surface water supply watersheds from the corridor and minimize potential impacts to drinking water supplies. Federally protected lands associated with the Appalachian Trail should be avoided and the corridor narrowed or restricted to the existing transmission right-of-way.

Resource Report 3—Fish, wildlife, and vegetation

There are 4.44 miles of cold water fisheries and 43.18 acres of state listed endangered species habitat according to the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.³ In addition, over 64% of the corridor is considered BioMap 2 Core Habitat (1,267.57 acres) and Critical Natural Landscapes (1,398.01 acres).⁴ Within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, BioMap identifies areas that are most critical for biodiversity conservation at multiple spatial scales. Core Habitats are areas that are critical for the long-term survival of rare species, natural communities, and ecosystems. They include habitats for a variety of species, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, and plants. Core

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habitats also include high-quality wetlands, vernal pools, aquatic habitats, coastal habitats, and intact forest ecosystems. Critical Natural Landscape identifies large landscape blocks that are minimally impacted by development, as well as buffers to core habitats which enhance connectivity and resilience. Endangered species habitat should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to habitat, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 4—Cultural resources

There are 6 historic buildings/sites within the Town. These include the Dalton District #5 Schoolhouse (aka North Street School), Flintstone Farm, Sweet Water, and the Alvan Cleveland House and Farm. Additional sites include 240 Cleveland Rd and 1097-1099 North St. The significance of these sites include agriculture, architecture, community planning, education, and industry. Architectural styles include Greek Revival, Italianate, and Federal.

Resource Report 7—Communities of interest

As a rural community that could be affected by a NIETC designation, the Town of Dalton is considered a community of interest. In addition, portions of the Town have been identified as environmental justice areas by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Resource Report 9—Soils⁵

Both prime agricultural soils (242.94) make up 11% of land within the corridor.

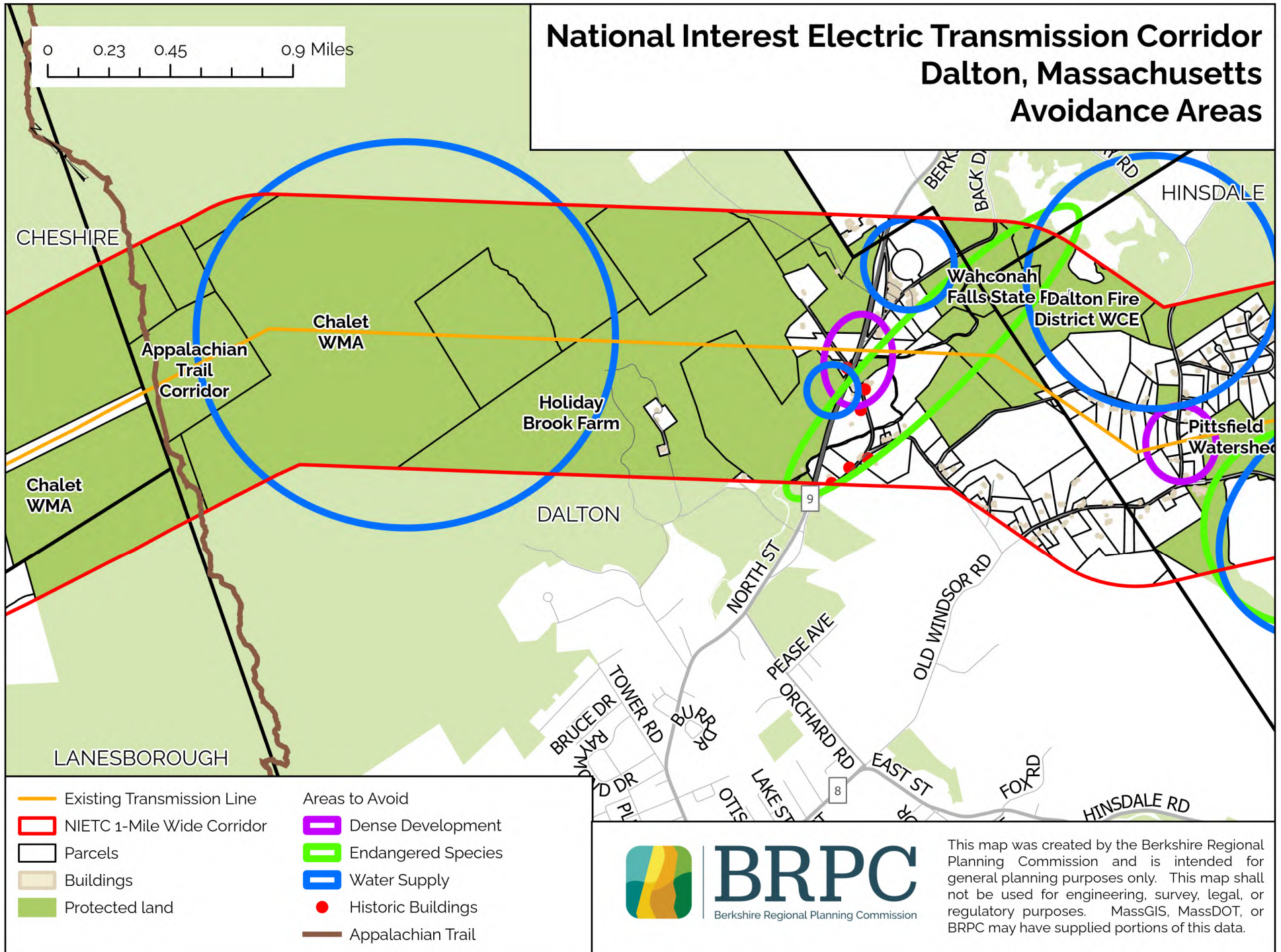
Resource Report 10—Land use, recreation, and aesthetics

The corridor is primarily forest, however, densely developed residential areas can be found within the corridor along Mobile Terrace, Johnson Road, and Old Windsor Road.⁶ Densely developed residential areas should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to residential areas, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way.

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Town of Hancock, Massachusetts

The Town of Hancock is a quiet, peaceful town about twenty miles long and three miles wide, bordered on the east by the famous Berkshire hills, and on the west by the rugged Taconic range. Hancock is the longest and narrowest town in Berkshire County. The northern portion of the town is separated from the southern portion by a mountain. One has to drive through a couple of towns to the east or drive west into New York to get from one end to the other. The town's small population is supplemented by many second-home owners, many of whom are located in and around Jiminy Peak Mountain resort. The ski mountain, Jiminy Peak, is also the most prominent local economic provider, contributing significantly to the town's annual tax income. The second largest economic driver in town is Ioka Valley Farm, a family-run farming business which has diversified to offer both local and tourist attractions year-round. Ioka Valley Farm brings in tourists from across the county for car shoes, pumpkin and berry picking, corn mazes, hay rides, and being a large local producer of maple syrup.

Resource Report 1—General description of geographic boundaries

The Town of Hancock has a population of 757 based on the 2020 US Census. The total town area is 22,873.64 acres with 1,591.84 acres located within the proposed 1 mile corridor. While the area is primarily forested there are 117 parcels and 162 buildings located within the proposed corridor.

Resource Report 2—Water use and quality

Within the 1 mile corridor there is one public water supply and 12.82 acres of Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II.¹ There are 290.05 acres of protected land, all of which are owned by the state.² Public water supplies should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to exclude the surface water supply watersheds from the corridor and minimize potential impacts to drinking water supplies.

Resource Report 3—Fish, wildlife, and vegetation

Over 70% of the corridor is considered BioMap 2 Core Habitat (373.5 acres) and BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (1,085.09 acres). Within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, BioMap identifies areas that are most critical for biodiversity conservation at multiple spatial scales. Core Habitats are areas that are critical for the long-term survival of rare species, natural communities, and ecosystems. They include habitats for a variety of species, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, and plants. Core habitats also include high-quality wetlands, vernal pools, aquatic habitats, coastal habitats, and intact forest ecosystems. Critical Natural Landscape identifies large landscape blocks that are minimally impacted by development, as well as buffers to core habitats which enhance connectivity and resilience.

Resource Report 4—Cultural resources

There are 33 historic buildings one historic site (Babcock Barn Museum) within the Town. The significance of these sites include agriculture, architecture, community planning, education, commerce, religion, politics government and industry. Architectural styles include Greek Revival, Italianate, Victorian

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² Source: BRPC Open Space GIS layer

Eclectic, Second Empire, Colonial, Shingle Style, Georgian, Craftsman and Federal. A complete list of historic resources can be found in the appendix.

Resource Report 7—Communities of interest

As a rural community that could be affected by a NIETC designation, the Town of Hancock is considered a community of interest.

Resource Report 8—Geological resources

Nearly 50% of the land within the corridor is Carbonite Karst Geology (779.25 acres). Karst landscapes feature caves, underground streams and sinkholes on the surface. Karst terrain poses potential geological hazards and areas of nonroutine geotechnical concern. Karst terrain should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize potential hazards, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 9—Soils³

Approximately 35% of the corridor is prime agricultural soils (554.95 acres). Over 50% of the corridor is excessively drained and/or highly erodible soils, 795.81 and 250.72 acres respectively. Prime agricultural soils should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to farmland, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 10—Land use, recreation, and aesthetics

The corridor is primarily forest, however, densely developed residential areas can be found within the corridor along Main Street and Potter Mountain Road.⁴ The proposed corridor also runs along the main access to the Taconic crest trail which links Hancock to both the New York portion of the trail and the section crossing through Pittsfield State Forest into Lanesborough. Densely developed residential areas should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to residential areas, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way.

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National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor Hancock, Massachusetts Avoidance Areas

0 0.13 0.25 0.5 Miles



MADDEN RD

MAIN ST 43

Pittsfield State Forest

HANCOCK

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| Existing Transmission Line | Areas to Avoid |
| NIETC 1-Mile Wide Corridor | Dense Development |
| Parcels | Endangered Species |
| Buildings | Water Supply |
| Protected land | Carbonate Karst |
| | Historic Buildings |
| | Historic Sites |



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Town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts

Hinsdale is a rural town tucked away in the “Hilltowns” region of Western Massachusetts. The town prides itself on supporting a robust local economy with many public services that rural towns often lack. Hinsdale is a beacon for outdoor recreation as its numerous recreational assets are carefully stewarded by the town and partner organizations. Many residents are employed in Pittsfield and surrounding towns. Hinsdale is best known for its several summer camps, attracting families from across the northeast and beyond. These camps have transformed Hinsdale into a charming bedroom community with a population that swells in the summer as lakeside homes and woodland cabins are filled by seasonal residents, vacationers, and families seeking a restorative outdoor retreat. Water is one of Hinsdale’s greatest assets, as most of the town is within the Hinsdale Flats Watershed ACEC. This watershed provides Hinsdale and nearby communities with clean drinking water and harbors outstanding wildlife diversity and recreational opportunities, as numerous rivers, brooks, and lakes are scattered across town.

Resource Report 1—General description of geographic boundaries

The Town of Hinsdale has a population of 1,919 based on the 2020 US Census. The total town area is 13,883.8 acres with 1,816.42 acres located within the proposed 1 mile corridor. While the area is primarily forested there are 81 parcels and 77 buildings located within the proposed corridor.

Resource Report 2—Water use and quality

Within the 1 mile corridor there are 421.76 acres of surface water supplies which supply drinking water to the Town of Dalton and the City of Pittsfield.¹ Over 23% of the proposed corridor is made up of lands that serve surface water supplies. In addition, there are 251.97 acres of wetlands which make up nearly 14% of the proposed corridor.² There are 1,202.03 acres of protected land, which make up over 66% of the corridor.³ State protected lands include 18.78 acres, while the majority of the protected land is municipally owned land protected for surface water supplies. Surface water supply watersheds should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to exclude the surface water supply watersheds from the corridor and minimize potential impacts to drinking water supplies.

Resource Report 3—Fish, wildlife, and vegetation

There are 4.09 miles of cold water fisheries and 221.35 acres of state listed endangered species habitat according to the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.⁴ In addition, over 51% (940.96 acres) of the corridor is considered BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes.⁵ Within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, BioMap identifies areas that are most critical for biodiversity conservation at multiple spatial scales. Critical Natural Landscape identifies large landscape blocks that are minimally impacted by development, as well as buffers to core habitats which enhance connectivity and resilience. Endangered species habitat should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable

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² Source: National Wetland Inventory

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reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to habitat, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 7—Communities of interest

As a rural community that could be affected by a NIETC designation, the Town of Hinsdale is considered a community of interest. In addition, portions of the Town have been identified as environmental justice areas by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Resource Report 9—Soils⁶

Both prime agricultural soils (21.66 acres) and unique soils (47.19 acres) are located within the corridor. Unique soils are defined as soils confined to mucks, peats, and coarse sands.

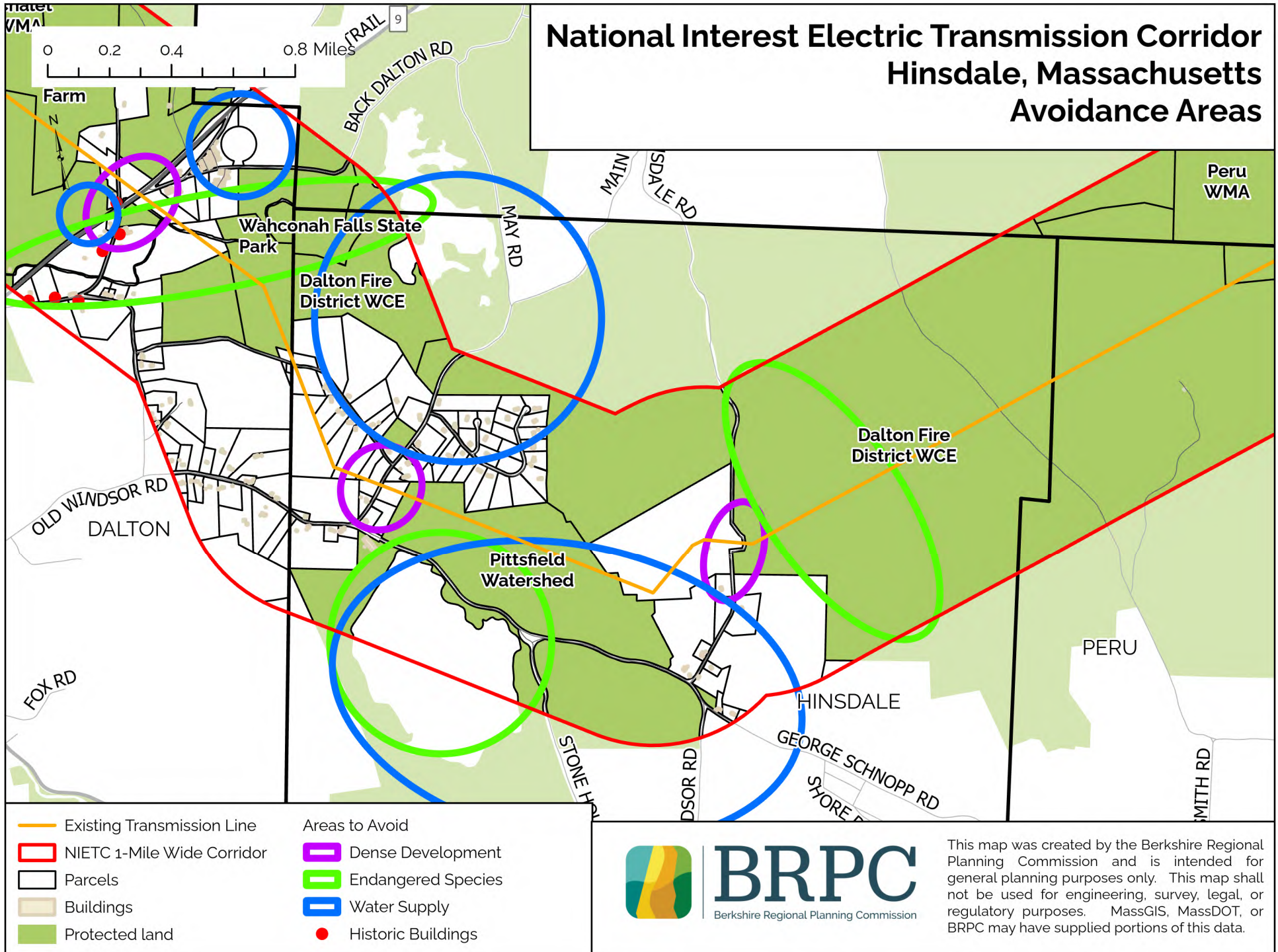
Resource Report 10—Land use, recreation, and aesthetics

The corridor is primarily forest, however, densely developed residential areas can be found within the corridor along Forest Hill, Adams Road, and Old Windsor Road.⁷ Densely developed residential areas should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to residential areas, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way.

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Town of Lanesborough, Massachusetts

The Town of Lanesborough is centrally located in Berkshire County. Rich in history and culture, Berkshire County is home to artist colonies, retirement communities, small cities, and rural towns. Lanesborough is located north of the City of Pittsfield with the Taconic Mountain Range to the west and the Hoosic Mountain Range to the east. These mountains have historically limited development to the flat land of the valley where mill industries arose along the Hoosic River to the northeast and the Housatonic River to the south. The Town of Lanesborough has several outdoor attractions, including the southern entrance to Mount Greylock, which has the highest elevation in Massachusetts. Balance Rock of the Pittsfield State Forest, the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail, and Pontoosuc Lake are also noteworthy sights and spaces to experience. Additionally, over 2.5 miles of the Appalachian Trail run through Lanesborough.

Resource Report 1—General description of geographic boundaries

The Town of Lanesborough has a population of 3,038 based on the 2020 US Census. The total town area is 18,934.19 acres with 3,496.82 acres located within the proposed 1 mile corridor. While the area is primarily forested there are 321 parcels and 323 buildings located within the proposed corridor.

Resource Report 2—Water use and quality

Within the 1 mile corridor there are 218.52 acres of wetlands which make up 6% of the proposed corridor.¹ Within the corridor there is 163.08 acres of Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II and one public water supply. These areas should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to drinking water supplies, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 3—Fish, wildlife, and vegetation

There are 4.14 miles of cold water fisheries and 255.87 acres of state listed endangered species habitat according to the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.² In addition, over 68% of the corridor is considered BioMap 2 Core Habitat (262.84 acres) and BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (2,126.98 acres).³ Within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, BioMap identifies areas that are most critical for biodiversity conservation at multiple spatial scales. Core Habitats are areas that are critical for the long-term survival of rare species, natural communities, and ecosystems. They include habitats for a variety of species, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, and plants. Core habitats also include high-quality wetlands, vernal pools, aquatic habitats, coastal habitats, and intact forest ecosystems. Critical Natural Landscape identifies large landscape blocks that are minimally impacted by development, as well as buffers to core habitats which enhance connectivity and resilience. Endangered species habitat should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to habitat, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

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Resource Report 7—Communities of interest

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Resource Report 8—Geological resources

Nearly 60% of the land within the corridor is Carbonite Karst Geology (2,070.25 acres). Karst landscapes feature caves, underground streams and sinkholes on the surface. Karst terrain poses potential geological hazards and areas of nonroutine geotechnical concern. Karst terrain should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize potential hazards, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 9—Soils⁴

Over 41% of the corridor is prime agricultural soils (1,442.09 acres). Nearly 30% of the corridor is excessively drained and/or highly erodible soils, 849.91 and 159.5 acres respectively. Prime agricultural soils should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to farmland, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 10—Land use, recreation, and aesthetics

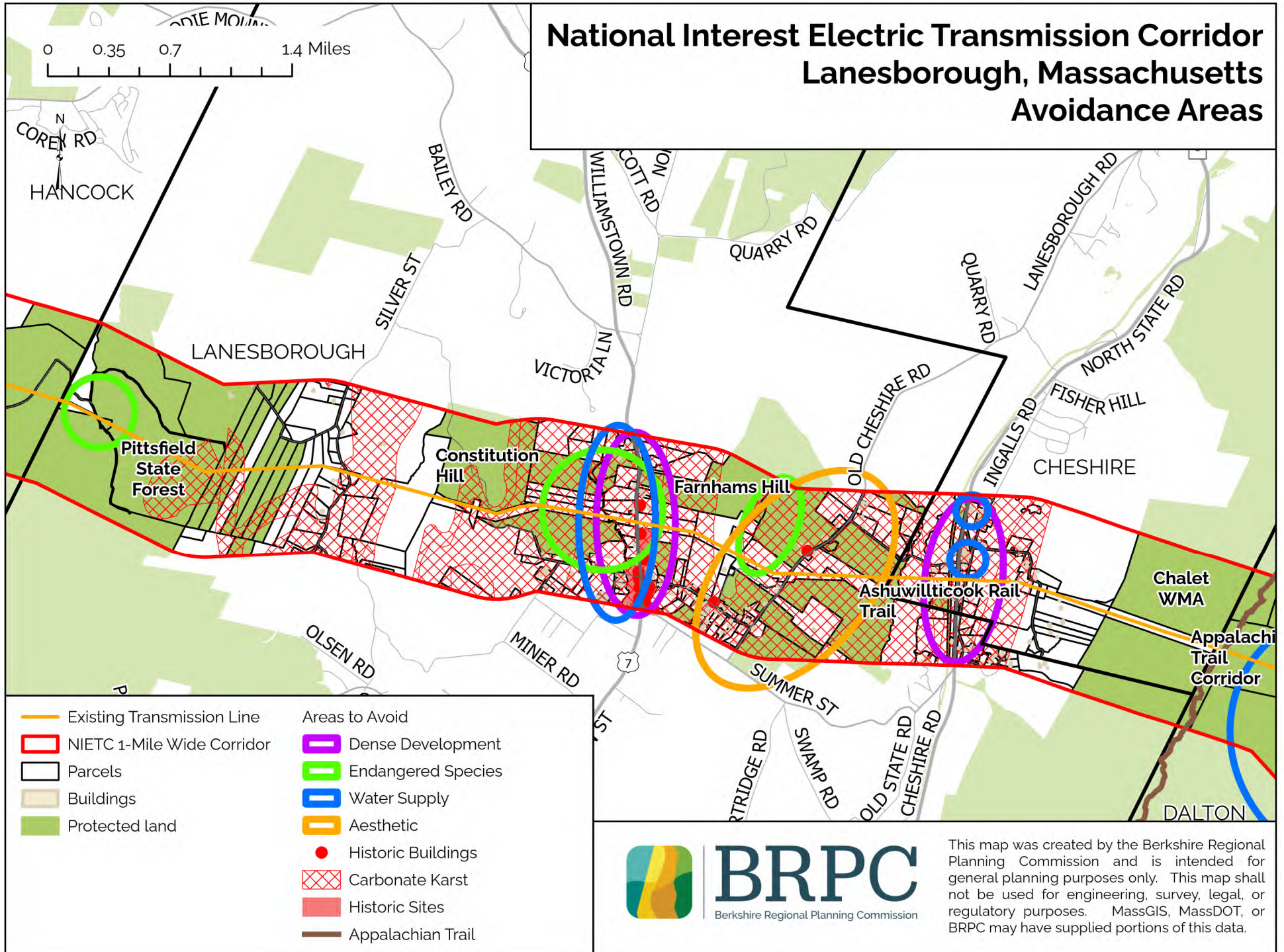
There are 1,419.21 acres of protected land, which make up over 40.6% of the corridor. State protected lands include 666.7 acres with 20.8 acres of municipally owned land protected. However, the majority of the protected lands are protected by land trusts (300.82 acres) and privately protected deed restricted lands (430.91 acres). The corridor is primarily forest, however, densely developed residential areas can be found within the corridor in along portions of Route 7, Prospect Street, and Bridge Street.⁵ Densely developed residential areas should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to residential areas, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way.

The Berkshire Natural Resources Council (BNRC) High Road is a trail system which is being developed that links town centers to trails throughout the Berkshires. This includes linkages between Constitution Hill, Farnhams Hill and an agricultural preservation restriction on Square Roots Farm in Cheshire that will link to the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail. These areas along with several farms in Lanesborough with Agricultural Preservation Restrictions (APR) held by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to historic, cultural, recreational, agricultural and scenic lands including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way.

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Town of Peru, Massachusetts

Peru is a rural bedroom community on the eastern edge of the Berkshires that supports both the Pittsfield and Springfield metropolitan areas. The town has one of the lowest populations and population densities in the commonwealth with 814 residents. The town's minimal development allows it to boast an impressive number of outdoor recreational spaces, as most of Peru consists of forested public land. The town's geography earned it the name "Peru" in reference to the mountainous, high-elevation South American country. Peru is known for having the highest town center in Massachusetts at just over 2,000 feet—it is also the highest in any New England state other than Vermont. Peru is highly forested, with the Peru Wildlife Management Area and Peru State Forest alone taking up almost half of the town's total land area. The town's high elevation means there is very little standing water, though Tracy Pond offers a beautiful setting for warm water fishing or paddling. This pond is part of the greater Hinsdale Flats Watershed ACEC, which rests on Peru's western edge with additional bodies of water consisting of Bilodeau, Kilburn, Tracy, and Tracy Brooks.

Resource Report 1—General description of geographic boundaries

The Town of Peru has a population of 814 based on the 2020 US Census. The total town area is 16,663.08 acres with 592.22 acres located within the proposed 1 mile corridor. The area is primarily forested with 7 parcels and 1 building located within the proposed corridor.

Resource Report 2—Water use and quality

Within the 1 mile corridor there are 83.28 acres of surface water supply in the Town of Peru that serve the Town of Dalton.¹ There are 585.26 acres of protected land, which make up nearly 99% of the corridor.² State protected lands include 168.04 acres, while the majority of the protected land (417.22 acres) is municipally owned land protected for surface water supplies. Surface water supply watersheds should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to exclude the surface water supply watersheds from the corridor and minimize potential impacts to drinking water supplies.

Resource Report 3—Fish, wildlife, and vegetation

The entirety of the corridor (100%) is considered BioMap 2 Core Habitat (558.19 acres) and BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (592.23 acres). Within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, BioMap identifies areas that are most critical for biodiversity conservation at multiple spatial scales. Core Habitats are areas that are critical for the long-term survival of rare species, natural communities, and ecosystems. They include habitats for a variety of species, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, and plants. Core habitats also include high-quality wetlands, vernal pools, aquatic habitats, coastal habitats, and intact forest ecosystems. Critical Natural Landscape identifies large landscape blocks that are minimally impacted by development, as well as buffers to core habitats which enhance connectivity and resilience.

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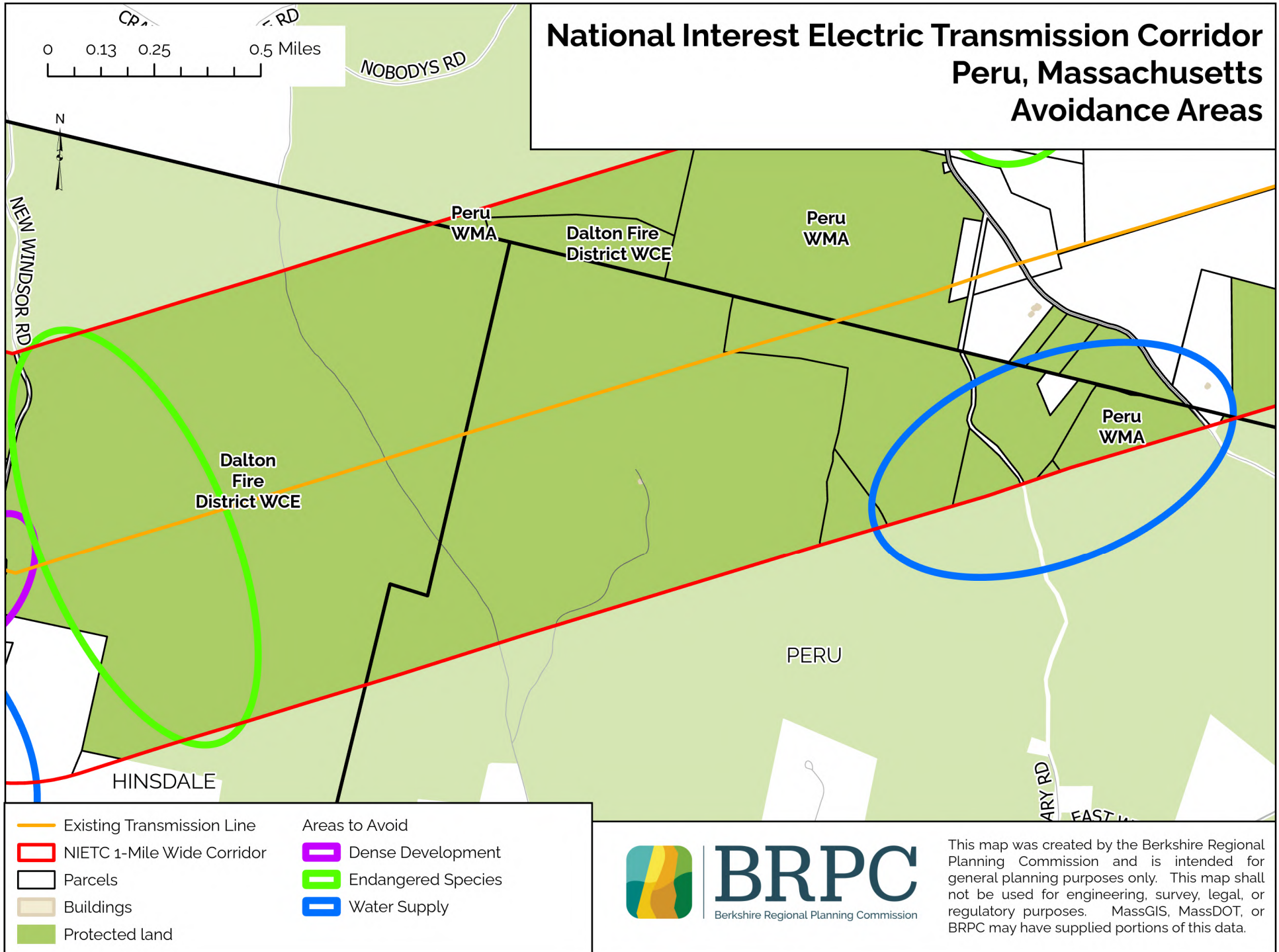
Resource Report 7—Communities of interest

As a rural community that could be affected by a NIETC designation, the Town of Peru is considered a community of interest.

Resource Report 10—Land use, recreation, and aesthetics

The Peru Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is owned and managed by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife). MassWildlife owns and manages over 220,000 acres of land to conserve fish and wildlife habitats and provide access for outdoor recreation. All WMAs are open to hunting, fishing, trapping, and other outdoor recreation activities. The Peru WMA is a large management area consisting of multiple parcels totaling over 4,800 acres spread across the towns of Windsor and Peru. The property is comprised of northern hardwoods, primarily maples, birches, white ash, black cherry and American beech, along with considerable red spruce, hemlock, and some white pine. Remnants of old apple orchards, beaver ponds, and meadows are scattered throughout the property. Trout Brook and Fuller Brook run through the property. WMAs are intentionally wild and while public access is allowed at the Peru WMA visitors will find natural landscapes rather than maintained trails. Small fields are maintained off of Peru Road in Windsor to create pheasant cover and habitat for ground-nesting birds. Native brook trout can be found in Trout Brook and Fuller Brook. These streams are also stocked with trout by MassWildlife. The large area and varied habitat of this WMA provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. Moose can be found on the property as well as various songbird species. It is a great area for snowshoeing in the winter.

National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor Peru, Massachusetts Avoidance Areas



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Town of Windsor, Massachusetts

The Town of Windsor is a rural community with a population just over 800, located on Berkshire County's eastern border with Hampshire County. MA Route 9 runs through the heart of Windsor, connecting Berkshire County with the Pioneer Valley and making Windsor a commonly traveled town. The Town's pristine wilderness and rich history attract residents who seek an escape into the country but value a tightly-knit community with opportunities for local events and active participation in the community. The Town is nestled atop an expansive plateau at approximately 2,000 feet, containing multiple wildlife preserves and undeveloped forests that boast impressive biological diversity and offer numerous recreational opportunities. The Town of Windsor serves as the headwaters of the congressionally designated Wild and Scenic Westfield River. Notchview Reservation, a Trustees of Reservations property, is Windsor's most popular recreational asset as it attracts snowsports enthusiasts from across the region for its outstanding cross-country skiing. The Windsor State Forest contains Windsor Jamb's, a beautiful waterfall cascading through granite cliffs.

Resource Report 1—General description of geographic boundaries

The Town of Windsor has a population of 831 based on the 2020 US Census. The total town area is 22,503.50 acres with 2,922.20 acres located within the proposed 1 mile corridor. While the area is primarily forested there are 154 parcels and 151 buildings located within the proposed corridor.

Resource Report 2—Water use and quality

Within the 1 mile corridor there are 15.24 acres of surface water supplies which serve as part of the water supply for the City of Springfield.¹ There are 858.23 acres of protected land, which make up 29.4% of the corridor.² State protected lands include 599.65 acres, with 34.04 acres of municipal protected lands, 136.01 acres of land trust protected lands, and 88.53 acres of privately owned deed-restricted protected lands. Surface water supply watersheds should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to exclude the surface water supply watersheds from the corridor and minimize potential impacts to drinking water supplies.

Resource Report 3—Fish, wildlife, and vegetation

There are 6.77 miles of cold water fisheries and 170.37 acres of state listed endangered species habitat according to the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.³ In addition, over 50% of the corridor is considered BioMap 2 Core Habitat (312.83 acres) and Critical Natural Landscapes (1248.75 acres).⁴ Within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, BioMap identifies areas that are most critical for biodiversity conservation at multiple spatial scales. Core Habitats are areas that are critical for the long-term survival of rare species, natural communities, and ecosystems. They include habitats for a variety of species, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, and plants. Core habitats also include high-quality wetlands, vernal pools, aquatic habitats, coastal habitats, and intact forest ecosystems. Critical Natural Landscape identifies large landscape blocks that are minimally

¹ Source: MassGIS Public Water Supplies (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massgis-data-public-water-supplies>)

² Source: BRPC Open Space GIS layer

³ Source: MassGIS NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare Species (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massgis-data-nhesp-priority-habitats-of-rare-species>)

⁴ Source: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massgis-biomap2>

impacted by development, as well as buffers to core habitats which enhance connectivity and resilience. Endangered species habitat should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor to minimize impacts to habitat, including limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where feasible.

Resource Report 7—Communities of interest

As a rural community that could be affected by a NIETC designation, the Town of Windsor is considered a community of interest.

Resource Report 9—Soils⁵

Prime agricultural soils (91.18 acres) are located within the corridor, along with excessively drained soils (447.57 acres), highly erodible soils (69.08 acres) and hydric soils (421.55 acres).

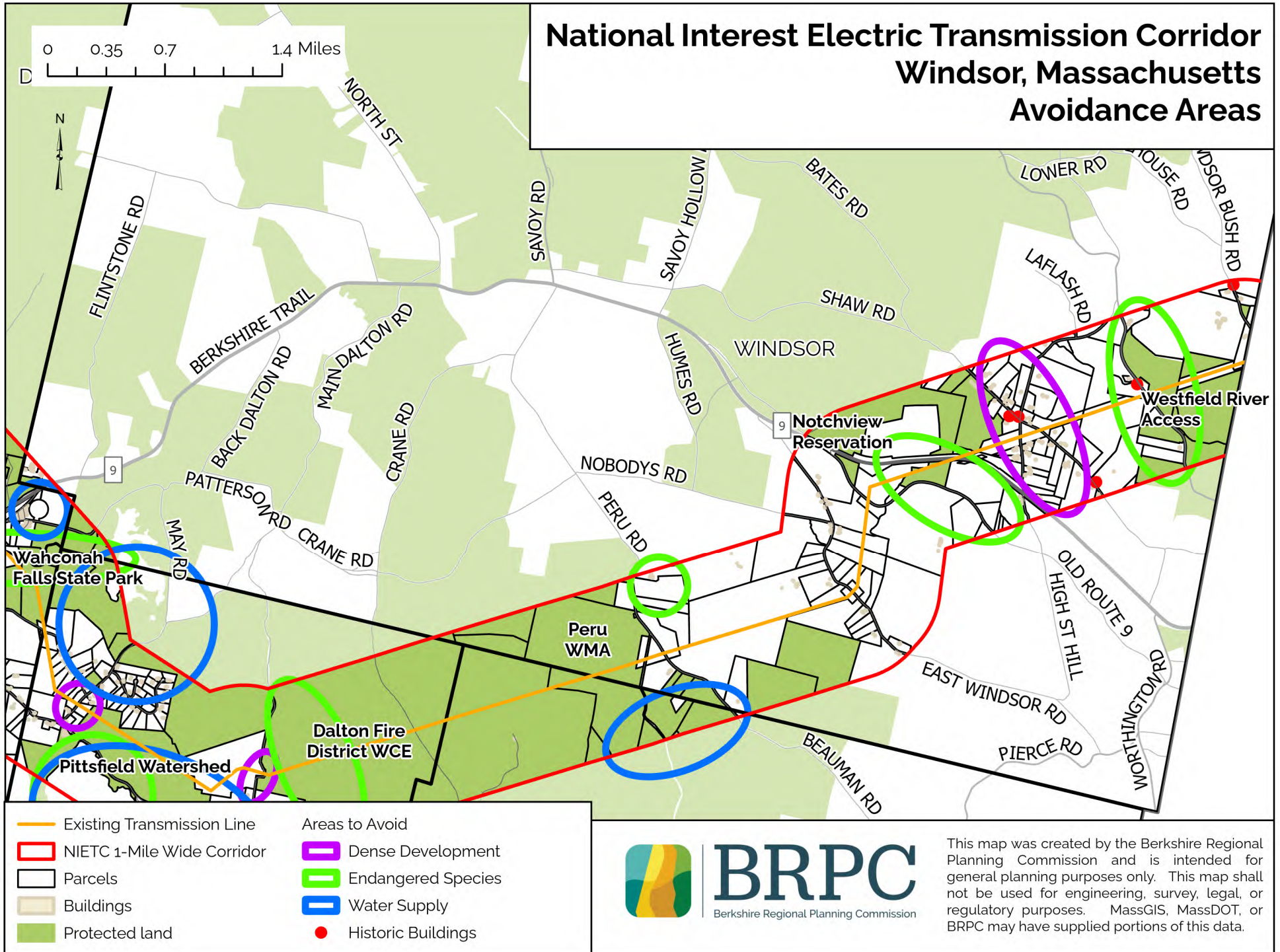
Resource Report 10—Land use, recreation, and aesthetics

The corridor is primarily forest, however, densely developed residential areas can be found within the corridor along Old Windsor Road, Shaw Road and High Street Hill, and East Windsor Road.⁶ Densely developed residential areas should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable reducing the width of the corridor and limiting the corridor to the existing transmission line right-of-way where it intersects with densely developed areas.

⁵ Source: MassGIS Soils SSURGO-Certified NRCS (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massgis-data-soils-ssurgo-certified-nrcs>)

⁶ Source: MassGIS 2016 Land Use

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Town of Cheshire Massachusetts

General Town Information

2020 Population	3,258
Median Household Income (2018-2022 ACS)	\$72,485
Total Land Area (acres)	17,610.64
1-mile Wide NIETC Corridor (acres)	957.17
Number of Parcels within the Corridor	64
Number of Buildings within the Corridor	69

<i>Resources</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Aquifers (acres)	6.54	0.7%
Public Water Supplies (count)	2	
Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II (Acres)	34.04	3.6%
Surface Water Supply Watershed (acres)	0	0.0%
BioMap 2 Core Habitat (acres)	410.82	42.9%
BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (acres)	471.35	49.2%
Certified Vernal Pools (count)	0	0.0%
Cold Water Fisheries (miles)	2.39	0.2%
Endangered Species Habitat (acres)	16.94	1.8%
Living Waters Core Habitat (acres)	48.49	5.1%
Carbonite Karst Geology (acres)	343.29	35.9%
Excessively Drained Soils (acres)	316.03	33.0%
Highly Erodible Soils (acres)	106.04	11.1%
Hydric Soils (acres)	34.16	3.6%
Prime Agricultural Soils (acres)	240.5	25.1%
Unique Soils (acres)	29.09	3.0%
Historic Buildings/Sites (count)	2	
Protected Land (total acres)	343.88	35.9%
Federal Protected Land(acres)	0	0.0%
State Protected Land (acres)	338	35.3%
Municipal Protected Land (acres)	0	0.0%
Land Trust Protected Land (acres)	5.88	0.6%
Private Protected Land (deed restriction) (acres)	0	0.0%
Streams (miles)	4.22	0.4%
Wetlands Total (acres)	98.68	10.3%
Freshwater Emergent Wetland (acres)	8.31	0.9%
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland (acres)	30.74	3.2%
Freshwater Pond (acres)	2.82	0.3%

Lake (acres)	49.34	5.2%
Riverine (acres)	7.47	0.8%

<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Agriculture (acres)	2.53	0.3%
Bare Land (acres)	6.85	0.7%
Commercial (acres)	1.05	0.1%
Cultivated (acres)	41.83	4.4%
Deciduous Forest (acres)	525.72	54.9%
Developed Open Space (acres)	26.60	2.8%
Evergreen Forest (acres)	165.54	17.3%
Forest (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Grassland (acres)	39.64	4.1%
Industrial (acres)	0.09	0.0%
Mixed Use, other (acres)	2.58	0.3%
Mixed Use, Residential (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Open Land (acres)	0.24	0.0%
Palustrine Aquatic Bed (acres)	43.87	4.6%
Palustrine Emergent Wetland (acres)	5.65	0.6%
Palustrine Forested Wetland (acres)	21.47	2.2%
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland (acres)	3.63	0.4%
Pasture/Hay (acres)	40.72	4.3%
Residential - Multi-family (acres)	0.37	0.0%
Residential - Other (acres)	1.75	0.2%
Residential - single family (acres)	2.35	0.2%
Right-of-way (acres)	10.47	1.1%
Scrub/Shrub (acres)	4.88	0.5%
Tax Exempt (acres)	0.22	0.0%
Unknown (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Water (acres)	9.12	1.0%

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Town of Dalton Massachusetts

General Town Information

2020 Population	6330
Median Household Income (2018-2022 ACS)	\$76,198
Total Land Area (acres)	13996.15
1-mile Wide NIETC Corridor (acres)	2170.56
Parcels	88
Buildings	122

<i>Resources</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Aquifers (acres)	37.37	1.7%
Public Water Supplies (count)	2	
Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II (Acres)	70.53	3.2%
Surface Water Supply Watershed (acres)	828.16	38.2%
BioMap 2 Core Habitat (acres)	1267.57	58.4%
BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (acres)	1398.01	64.4%
Certified Vernal Pools (count)	9	0.4%
Cold Water Fisheries (miles)	4.44	0.2%
Endangered Species Habitat (acres)	43.18	2.0%
Living Waters Core Habitat (acres)	1.37	0.1%
Carbonite Karst Geology (acres)	0	0.0%
Excessively Drained Soils (acres)	819.52	37.8%
Highly Erodible Soils (acres)	80.38	3.7%
Hydric Soils (acres)	55.08	2.5%
Prime Agricultural Soils (acres)	242.94	11.2%
Unique Soils (acres)	4.81	0.2%
Historic Buildings/Sites (count)	6	
Protected Land (total acres)	1737.75	80.1%
Federal Protected Land(acres)	36.64	1.7%
State Protected Land (acres)	1036.46	47.8%
Municipal Protected Land (acres)	71.18	3.3%
Land Trust Protected Land (acres)	0	0.0%
Private Protected Land (deed restriction) (acres)	593.47	27.3%
Streams (miles)	14.62	0.7%
Wetlands Total (acres)	73.43	3.4%
Freshwater Emergent Wetland (acres)	12.91	0.6%
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland (acres)	37.27	1.7%
Freshwater Pond (acres)	5.41	0.2%

Lake (acres)	0	0.0%
Riverine (acres)	17.84	0.8%
<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Agriculture (acres)	0.05	0.0%
Bare Land (acres)	8.29	0.4%
Commercial (acres)	0.14	0.0%
Cultivated (acres)	0.04	0.0%
Deciduous Forest (acres)	1041.05	48.0%
Developed Open Space (acres)	33.66	1.6%
Evergreen Forest (acres)	754.97	34.8%
Forest (acres)	1.83	0.1%
Grassland (acres)	79.37	3.7%
Industrial (acres)	0.21	0.0%
Mixed Use, other (acres)	0	0.0%
Mixed Use, Residential (acres)	0.01	0.0%
Open Land (acres)	1.38	0.1%
Palustrine Aquatic Bed (acres)	0.01	0.0%
Palustrine Emergent Wetland (acres)	10.26	0.5%
Palustrine Forested Wetland (acres)	36.27	1.7%
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland (acres)	0.45	0.0%
Pasture/Hay (acres)	154.61	7.1%
Residential - Multi-family (acres)	4.02	0.2%
Residential - Other (acres)	0.33	0.0%
Residential - single family (acres)	4.36	0.2%
Right-of-way (acres)	14.21	0.7%
Scrub/Shrub (acres)	13.01	0.6%
Tax Exempt (acres)	4.34	0.2%
Unknown (acres)	0	0.0%
Water (acres)	7.69	0.4%

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Town of Hancock Massachusetts

General Town Information

2020 Population	757
Median Household Income (2018-2022 ACS)	\$88,889
Total Land Area (acres)	22873.64
1-mile Wide NIETC Corridor (acres)	1591.84
Parcels	117
Buildings	162

<i>Resources</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Aquifers (acres)	0	0.0%
Public Water Supplies (count)	1	
Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II (Acres)	12.82	0.8%
Surface Water Supply Watershed (acres)	0	0.0%
BioMap 2 Core Habitat (acres)	373.5	23.5%
BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (acres)	1085.09	68.2%
Certified Vernal Pools (count)	0	0.0%
Cold Water Fisheries (miles)	1.78	0.1%
Endangered Species Habitat (acres)	0	0.0%
Living Waters Core Habitat (acres)	0	0.0%
Carbonite Karst Geology (acres)	779.25	49.0%
Excessively Drained Soils (acres)	795.81	50.0%
Highly Erodible Soils (acres)	250.72	15.8%
Hydric Soils (acres)	29.71	1.9%
Prime Agricultural Soils (acres)	554.95	34.9%
Unique Soils (acres)	0	0.0%
Historic Buildings/Sites (count)	34	
Protected Land (total acres)	290.05	18.2%
Federal Protected Land(acres)	0	0.0%
State Protected Land (acres)	290.05	18.2%
Municipal Protected Land (acres)	0	0.0%
Land Trust Protected Land (acres)	0	0.0%
Private Protected Land (deed restriction) (acres)	0	0.0%
Streams (miles)	10.71	0.7%
Wetlands Total (acres)	39.46	2.5%
Freshwater Emergent Wetland (acres)	9.14	0.6%
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland (acres)	20.35	1.3%
Freshwater Pond (acres)	0	0.0%

Lake (acres)	0	0.0%
Riverine (acres)	9.97	0.6%
<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Agriculture (acres)	0	0.0%
Bare Land (acres)	3.76	0.2%
Commercial (acres)	0	0.0%
Cultivated (acres)	13.69	0.9%
Deciduous Forest (acres)	1138.8	71.5%
Developed Open Space (acres)	34.99	2.2%
Evergreen Forest (acres)	77.66	4.9%
Forest (acres)	0	0.0%
Grassland (acres)	50.59	3.2%
Industrial (acres)	0.39	0.0%
Mixed Use, other (acres)	0	0.0%
Mixed Use, Residential (acres)	0.13	0.0%
Open Land (acres)	0.75	0.0%
Palustrine Aquatic Bed (acres)	0	0.0%
Palustrine Emergent Wetland (acres)	0.86	0.1%
Palustrine Forested Wetland (acres)	5.31	0.3%
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland (acres)	10.85	0.7%
Pasture/Hay (acres)	193.67	12.2%
Residential - Multi-family (acres)	2.86	0.2%
Residential - Other (acres)	0	0.0%
Residential - single family (acres)	7.54	0.5%
Right-of-way (acres)	16.2	1.0%
Scrub/Shrub (acres)	33.26	2.1%
Tax Exempt (acres)	0.4	0.0%
Unknown (acres)	0.05	0.0%
Water (acres)	0.08	0.0%

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Town of Hinsdale Massachusetts

General Town Information

2020 Population	1919
Median Household Income (2018-2022 ACS)	\$70,234
Total Land Area (acres)	13883.89
1-mile Wide NIETC Corridor (acres)	1816.42
Parcels	81
Buildings	77

<i>Resources</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Aquifers (acres)	0	0.0%
Public Water Supplies (count)	0	
Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II (Acres)	0	0.0%
Surface Water Supply Watershed (acres)	421.76	23.2%
BioMap 2 Core Habitat (acres)	287.44	15.8%
BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (acres)	940.96	51.8%
Certified Vernal Pools (count)	6	0.3%
Cold Water Fisheries (miles)	4.09	0.2%
Endangered Species Habitat (acres)	221.35	12.2%
Living Waters Core Habitat (acres)	0	0.0%
Carbonite Karst Geology (acres)	0	0.0%
Excessively Drained Soils (acres)	359.74	19.8%
Highly Erodible Soils (acres)	60.79	3.3%
Hydric Soils (acres)	367.81	20.2%
Prime Agricultural Soils (acres)	21.66	1.2%
Unique Soils (acres)	47.19	2.6%
Historic Buildings/Sites (count)	0	
Protected Land (total acres)	1202.03	66.2%
Federal Protected Land(acres)	0	0.0%
State Protected Land (acres)	18.78	1.0%
Municipal Protected Land (acres)	1183.25	65.1%
Land Trust Protected Land (acres)	0	0.0%
Private Protected Land (deed restriction) (acres)	0	0.0%
Streams (miles)	7.37	0.4%
Wetlands Total (acres)	251.97	13.9%
Freshwater Emergent Wetland (acres)	52.03	2.9%
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland (acres)	111.22	6.1%

Freshwater Pond (acres)	0.58	0.0%
Lake (acres)	85.36	4.7%
Riverine (acres)	2.78	0.2%
<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Agriculture (acres)	0	0.0%
Bare Land (acres)	2.21	0.1%
Commercial (acres)	0	0.0%
Cultivated (acres)	0	0.0%
Deciduous Forest (acres)	785.01	43.2%
Developed Open Space (acres)	33.49	1.8%
Evergreen Forest (acres)	623.54	34.3%
Forest (acres)	0	0.0%
Grassland (acres)	50.46	2.8%
Industrial (acres)	6.87	0.4%
Mixed Use, other (acres)	0.08	0.0%
Mixed Use, Residential (acres)	0.18	0.0%
Open Land (acres)	0.07	0.0%
Palustrine Aquatic Bed (acres)	0.36	0.0%
Palustrine Emergent Wetland (acres)	34.78	1.9%
Palustrine Forested Wetland (acres)	113.31	6.2%
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland (acres)	17.37	1.0%
Pasture/Hay (acres)	4.22	0.2%
Residential - Multi-family (acres)	0.19	0.0%
Residential - Other (acres)	0	0.0%
Residential - single family (acres)	6.82	0.4%
Right-of-way (acres)	13.73	0.8%
Scrub/Shrub (acres)	15.03	0.8%
Tax Exempt (acres)	11.88	0.7%
Unknown (acres)	0	0.0%
Water (acres)	96.82	5.3%

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Town of Lanesborough Massachusetts

General Town Information

2020 Population	3038
Median Household Income (2018-2022 ACS)	\$87,159
Total Land Area (acres)	18934.19
1-mile Wide NIETC Corridor (acres)	3496.82
Parcels	321
Buildings	323

<i>Resources</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Aquifers (acres)	102.61	2.9%
Public Water Supplies (count)	1	
Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II (Acres)	163.08	4.7%
Surface Water Supply Watershed (acres)	0	0.0%
BioMap 2 Core Habitat (acres)	262.84	7.5%
BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (acres)	2126.98	60.8%
Certified Vernal Pools (count)	4	0.1%
Cold Water Fisheries (miles)	4.14	0.1%
Endangered Species Habitat (acres)	255.87	7.3%
Living Waters Core Habitat (acres)	46.5	1.3%
Carbonite Karst Geology (acres)	2070.25	59.2%
Excessively Drained Soils (acres)	849.91	24.3%
Highly Erodible Soils (acres)	159.5	4.6%
Hydric Soils (acres)	270.74	7.7%
Prime Agricultural Soils (acres)	1442.09	41.2%
Unique Soils (acres)	22.74	0.7%
Historic Buildings/Sites (count)	17	
Protected Land (total acres)	1419.21	40.6%
Federal Protected Land(acres)	0	0.0%
State Protected Land (acres)	666.7	19.1%
Municipal Protected Land (acres)	20.78	0.6%
Land Trust Protected Land (acres)	300.82	8.6%
Private Protected Land (deed restriction) (acres)	430.91	12.3%
Streams (miles)	18.05	0.5%
Wetlands Total (acres)	218.52	6.2%
Freshwater Emergent Wetland (acres)	38.54	1.1%
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland (acres)	112.96	3.2%

Freshwater Pond (acres)	1.52	0.0%
Lake (acres)	48.43	1.4%
Riverine (acres)	17.07	0.5%
<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Agriculture (acres)	1.34	0.0%
Bare Land (acres)	90.09	2.6%
Commercial (acres)	2.59	0.1%
Cultivated (acres)	70.24	2.0%
Deciduous Forest (acres)	2175.96	62.2%
Developed Open Space (acres)	121.24	3.5%
Evergreen Forest (acres)	293.75	8.4%
Forest (acres)	0.02	0.0%
Grassland (acres)	126.73	3.6%
Industrial (acres)	0.89	0.0%
Mixed Use, other (acres)	1.69	0.0%
Mixed Use, Residential (acres)	2.58	0.1%
Open Land (acres)	1.18	0.0%
Palustrine Aquatic Bed (acres)	47.69	1.4%
Palustrine Emergent Wetland (acres)	40.53	1.2%
Palustrine Forested Wetland (acres)	64.37	1.8%
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland (acres)	38.49	1.1%
Pasture/Hay (acres)	299.3	8.6%
Residential - Multi-family (acres)	2.35	0.1%
Residential - Other (acres)	0	0.0%
Residential - single family (acres)	17.14	0.5%
Right-of-way (acres)	25.94	0.7%
Scrub/Shrub (acres)	56.5	1.6%
Tax Exempt (acres)	6.39	0.2%
Unknown (acres)	0.06	0.0%
Water (acres)	9.76	0.3%

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Town of Peru Massachusetts

General Town Information

2020 Population	814
Median Household Income (2018-2022 ACS)	\$78,500
Total Land Area (acres)	16663.08
1-mile Wide NIETC Corridor (acres)	592.22
Parcels	7
Buildings	1

<i>Resources</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Aquifers (acres)	0	0.0%
Public Water Supplies (count)	0	
Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II (Acres)	0	0.0%
Surface Water Supply Watershed (acres)	83.28	14.1%
BioMap 2 Core Habitat (acres)	558.19	94.3%
BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (acres)	592.23	100.0%
Certified Vernal Pools (count)	2	0.3%
Cold Water Fisheries (miles)	1.4	0.2%
Endangered Species Habitat (acres)	0	0.0%
Living Waters Core Habitat (acres)	0	0.0%
Carbonite Karst Geology (acres)	0	0.0%
Excessively Drained Soils (acres)	70.7	11.9%
Highly Erodible Soils (acres)	0	0.0%
Hydric Soils (acres)	286.66	48.4%
Prime Agricultural Soils (acres)	0	0.0%
Unique Soils (acres)	0	0.0%
Historic Buildings/Sites (count)	0	
Protected Land (total acres)	585.26	98.8%
Federal Protected Land(acres)	0	0.0%
State Protected Land (acres)	168.04	28.4%
Municipal Protected Land (acres)	417.22	70.5%
Land Trust Protected Land (acres)	0	0.0%
Private Protected Land (deed restriction) (acres)	0	0.0%
Streams (miles)	2.72	0.5%
Wetlands Total (acres)	60.79	10.3%
Freshwater Emergent Wetland (acres)	22.65	3.8%
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland (acres)	37.5	6.3%

Freshwater Pond (acres)	0	0.0%
Lake (acres)	0	0.0%
Riverine (acres)	0.64	0.1%
<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Agriculture (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Bare Land (acres)	0.20	0.0%
Commercial (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Cultivated (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Deciduous Forest (acres)	121.95	20.6%
Developed Open Space (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Evergreen Forest (acres)	378.10	63.8%
Forest (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Grassland (acres)	9.57	1.6%
Industrial (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Mixed Use, other (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Mixed Use, Residential (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Open Land (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Palustrine Aquatic Bed (acres)	0.07	0.0%
Palustrine Emergent Wetland (acres)	26.57	4.5%
Palustrine Forested Wetland (acres)	15.85	2.7%
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland (acres)	23.40	4.0%
Pasture/Hay (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Residential - Multi-family (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Residential - Other (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Residential - single family (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Right-of-way (acres)	0.14	0.0%
Scrub/Shrub (acres)	13.76	2.3%
Tax Exempt (acres)	0.01	0.0%
Unknown (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Water (acres)	2.60	0.4%

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Town of Windsor Massachusetts

General Town Information

2020 Population	831
Median Household Income (2018-2022 ACS)	\$102,639
Total Land Area (acres)	22503.50
1-mile Wide NIETC Corridor (acres)	2922.20
Parcels	154
Buildings	151

<i>Resources</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Aquifers (acres)	0	0.0%
Public Water Supplies (count)	0	
Interim Wellhead Protection Area / Zone II (Acres)	3.25	0.1%
Surface Water Supply Watershed (acres)	15.24	0.5%
BioMap 2 Core Habitat (acres)	312.83	10.7%
BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscapes (acres)	1248.75	42.7%
Certified Vernal Pools (count)	0	0.0%
Cold Water Fisheries (miles)	6.77	0.2%
Endangered Species Habitat (acres)	170.37	5.8%
Living Waters Core Habitat (acres)	25.7	0.9%
Carbonite Karst Geology (acres)	0	0.0%
Excessively Drained Soils (acres)	447.57	15.3%
Highly Erodible Soils (acres)	69.08	2.4%
Hydric Soils (acres)	421.55	14.4%
Prime Agricultural Soils (acres)	91.18	3.1%
Unique Soils (acres)	0	0.0%
Historic Buildings/Sites (count)	5	
Protected Land (total acres)	858.23	29.4%
Federal Protected Land(acres)	0	0.0%
State Protected Land (acres)	599.65	20.5%
Municipal Protected Land (acres)	34.04	1.2%
Land Trust Protected Land (acres)	136.01	4.7%
Private Protected Land (deed restriction) (acres)	88.53	3.0%
Streams (miles)	16.79	0.6%
Wetlands Total (acres)	117.26	4.0%
Freshwater Emergent Wetland (acres)	24.02	0.8%
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland (acres)	69.06	2.4%
Freshwater Pond (acres)	1.27	0.0%

Lake (acres)	0	0.0%
Riverine (acres)	22.91	0.8%
<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Acres/Miles</i>	<i>Percent of Corridor</i>
Agriculture (acres)	0.09	0.0%
Bare Land (acres)	33.94	1.2%
Commercial (acres)	0.44	0.0%
Cultivated (acres)	54.70	1.9%
Deciduous Forest (acres)	1173.57	40.2%
Developed Open Space (acres)	55.63	1.9%
Evergreen Forest (acres)	1275.37	43.6%
Forest (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Grassland (acres)	141.97	4.9%
Industrial (acres)	0.96	0.0%
Mixed Use, other (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Mixed Use, Residential (acres)	3.13	0.1%
Open Land (acres)	0.16	0.0%
Palustrine Aquatic Bed (acres)	0.04	0.0%
Palustrine Emergent Wetland (acres)	16.52	0.6%
Palustrine Forested Wetland (acres)	49.74	1.7%
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland (acres)	11.00	0.4%
Pasture/Hay (acres)	95.98	3.3%
Residential - Multi-family (acres)	0.42	0.0%
Residential - Other (acres)	0.00	0.0%
Residential - single family (acres)	7.83	0.3%
Right-of-way (acres)	37.79	1.3%
Scrub/Shrub (acres)	21.16	0.7%
Tax Exempt (acres)	0.20	0.0%
Unknown (acres)	0.52	0.0%
Water (acres)	11.04	0.4%

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***Proposed v.2* SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FY2025**

Commission & Executive Committee Meetings

Commission	Executive Committee
	Tuesday, July 2, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 1, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.	Thursday August 1, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.(tentative)	Thursday, September 12, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.	Thursday, November 7, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, December 5, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.	Thursday, January 2, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, February 6, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 20, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.	Thursday, March 6, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, April 3, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 1, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, June 5, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting – *Proposed Wednesday September 25, 2024 at 5:00*

The following committees meet as needed:

- **Berkshire Brownfields**
- **Commission Development** (and Nominating Subcommittee)
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**
- **Environmental Review**
- **Finance**

- **Regional Issues Committee** meetings have been held at 3:30 p.m. the 4th Wednesday of the Month.