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Mr. Ridgely Mauck, P.E. **Program Supervisor - Permitting NHDES Land Resources Management** Alteration of Terrain Bureau 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT Concord, New Hampshire 03302

> Alteration of Terrain Permit Amendment and Waiver Request Re: AoT Permit #1769 M127 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project Sunapee, Springfield, New London, Andover, Franklin, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Mauck:

On behalf of Public Service Company of New Hampshire dba Eversource Energy (Eversource), GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) is submitting this Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Permit Amendment and Waiver Request associated with the proposed M127 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project in accordance with Terrain Alteration Law (RSA 485-A:17), Administrative Rules (Env-Wq 1500 Alteration of Terrain), and communication between New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) AoT Bureau and GZA on May 14, 2020.

Proposed impact changes are summarized in the table below, and shown in the attached Figures 1-4.

Aot Area	Original Impact Area (sq. ft.)	Revised Impact Area (sq. ft.)
В	151,518	169,787
С	337,771	335,065
D	117,300	119,053
E	224,751	220,134

A formal amendment or new permit is not required if the permit holder meets all of the criteria listed in AoT 1503.21(d). Pursuant to AoT 1503.21(d), the project meets criteria (1)-(3), (5), and (7)-(9).

As discussed during communications between NDHES AoT Bureau and GZA on May 14, 2020, GZA is requesting a waiver from AoT 1503.21(d):

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- (4) As compared to the project as originally approved, the total impervious area has decreased, remained the same, or increased by the smaller of 5% or 2,500 square feet; and
- (6) The roadway centerline has not been relocated or has been relocated to no more than 20 feet from the center line of the roadway as originally approved.

Amendments are being proposed to access routes within AoT Areas C, D, and E as a result of contractor review of proposed access routes and work locations prior to the start of construction. Proposed access route amendments are necessary to provide safer vehicle and equipment access within the M127 Transmission Line right-of-way, and maintain required ground clearance between equipment and electric lines.

An amendment is also being proposed to extend access in Area B from Structure 237 to a pull pad at Structure 234. The location of the pull pad is required in order to complete fiber wire replacement. Fiber wire replacement is proposed to begin after the structure replacement project in Fall 2020. Recently, new information regarding pull pad locations became available that was not included in the original AoT application submitted. Eversource proposes to complete fiber wire replacement directly following structure replacement work since access roads and wetland matting will already be in place from the structure replacement work, and completing the two projects in tandem will ultimately reduce wetland impact by not having to re-mat wetlands in the next growing season.

In addition to this letter, amended AoT plans are attached, and pages containing amendments are listed below;

Area B: Pages 8-8.1;

Area C: Pages 20-21;

Area D: Pages 24-25; and

Area E: Pages 27-31.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Very truly yours,

GZA GEOENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

Lindsey E. White, Apprentice Wetland Scientist

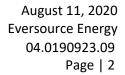
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Attachment: Figure 1 - Amended Alteration of Terrain Plans – Area B

Figure 2 - Amended Alteration of Terrain Plans – Area C

Figure 3 - Amended Alteration of Terrain Plans – Area D

Figure 4 - Amended Alteration of Terrain Plans – Area E





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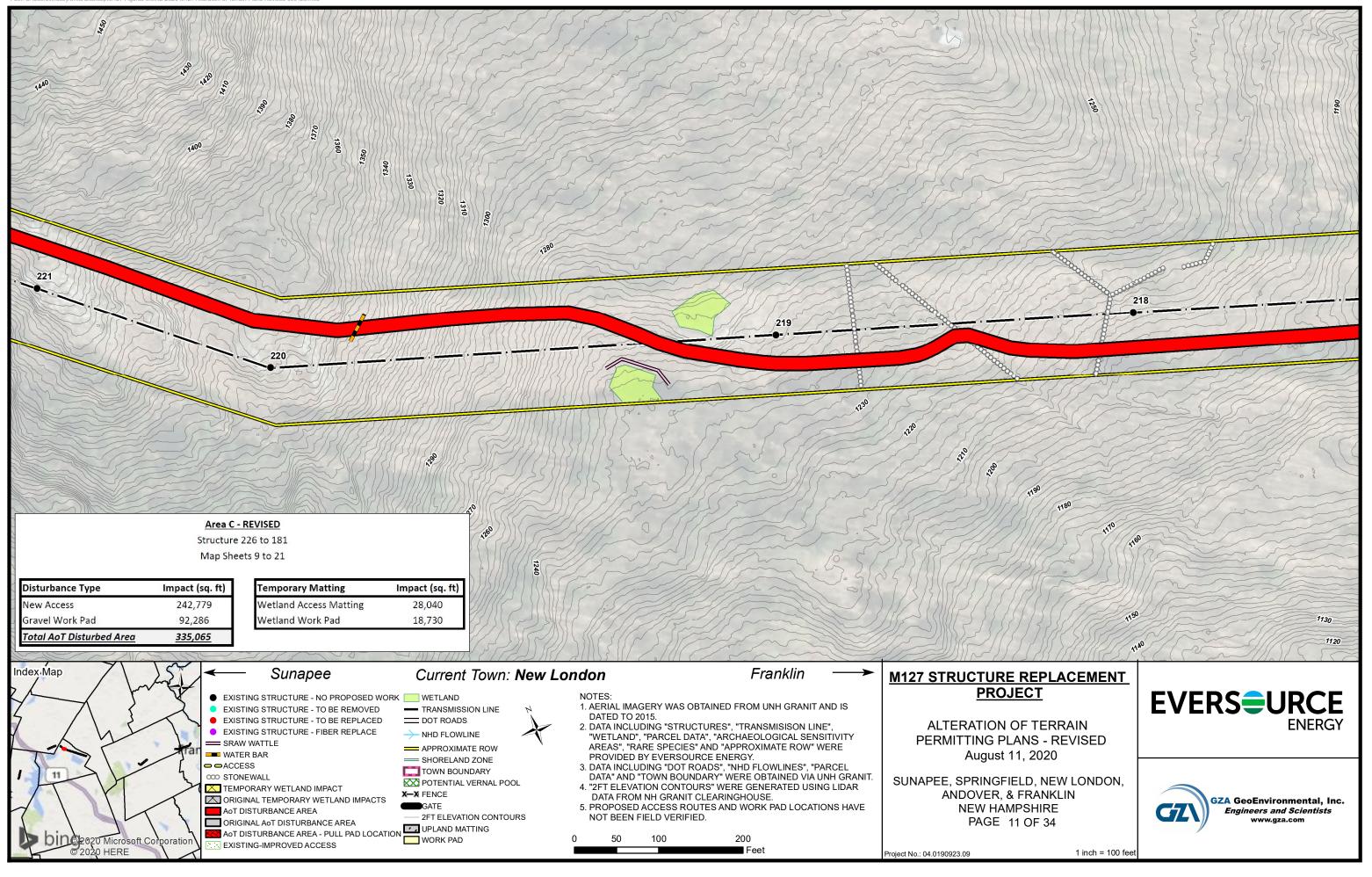
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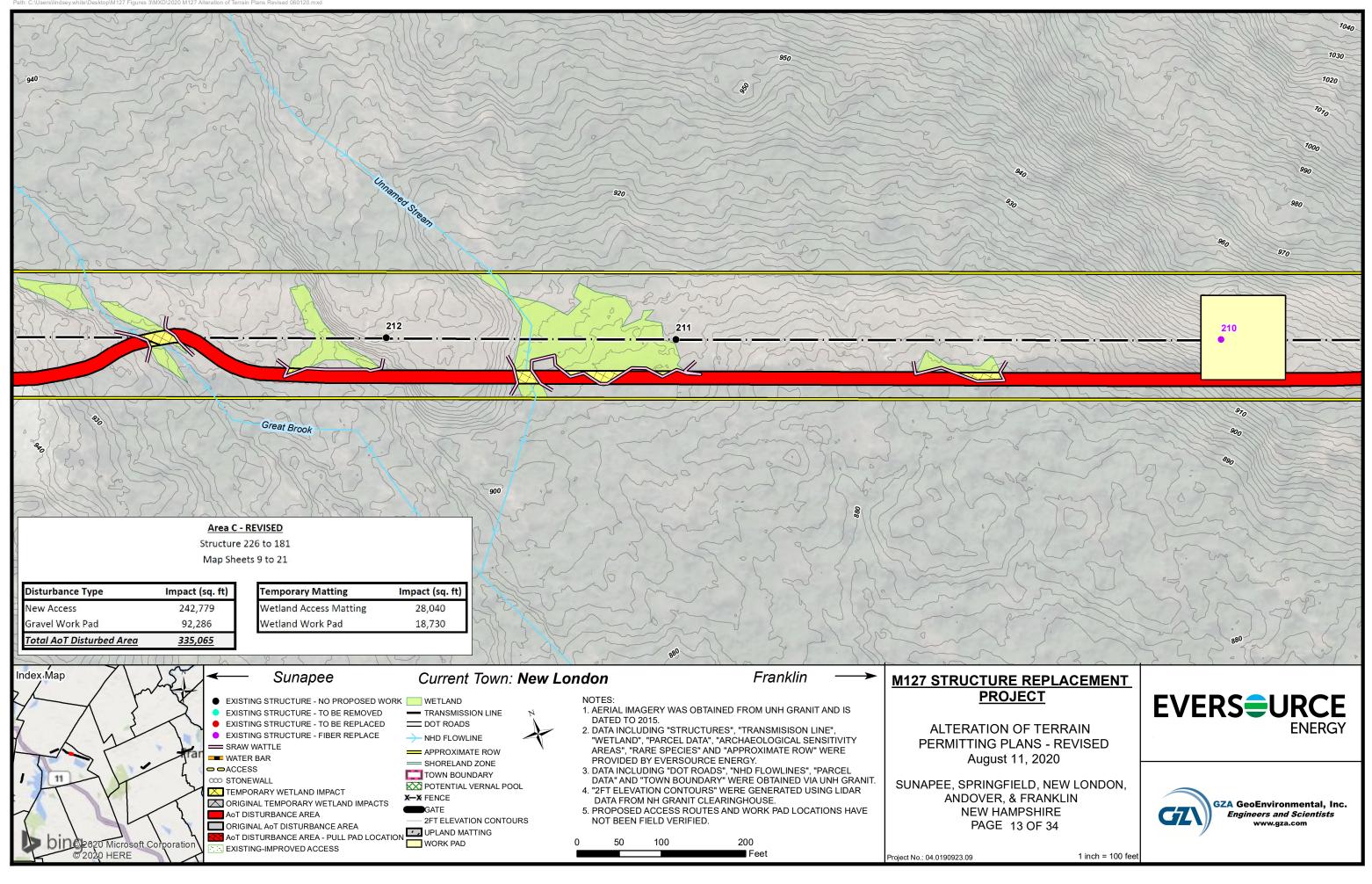
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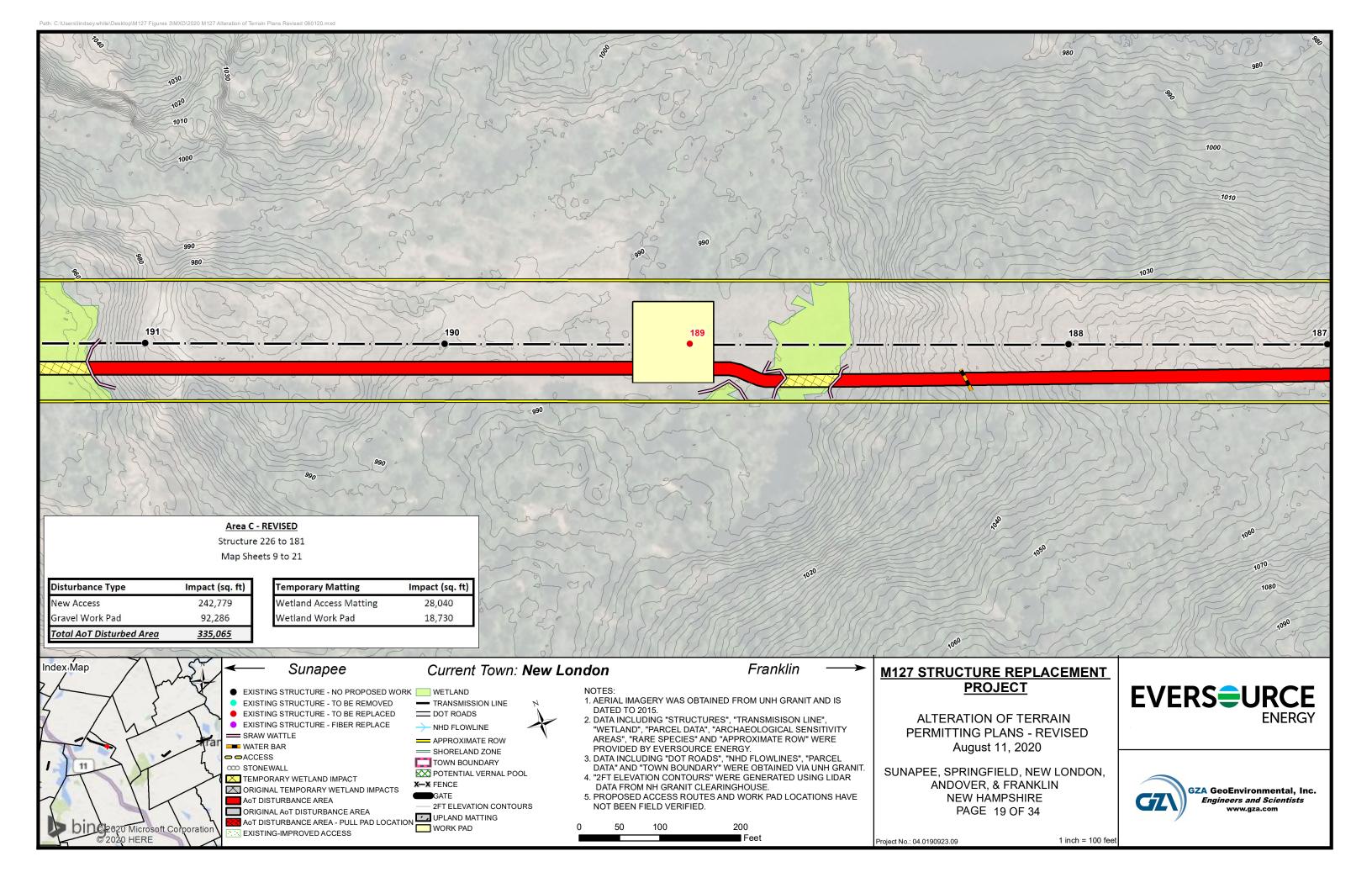
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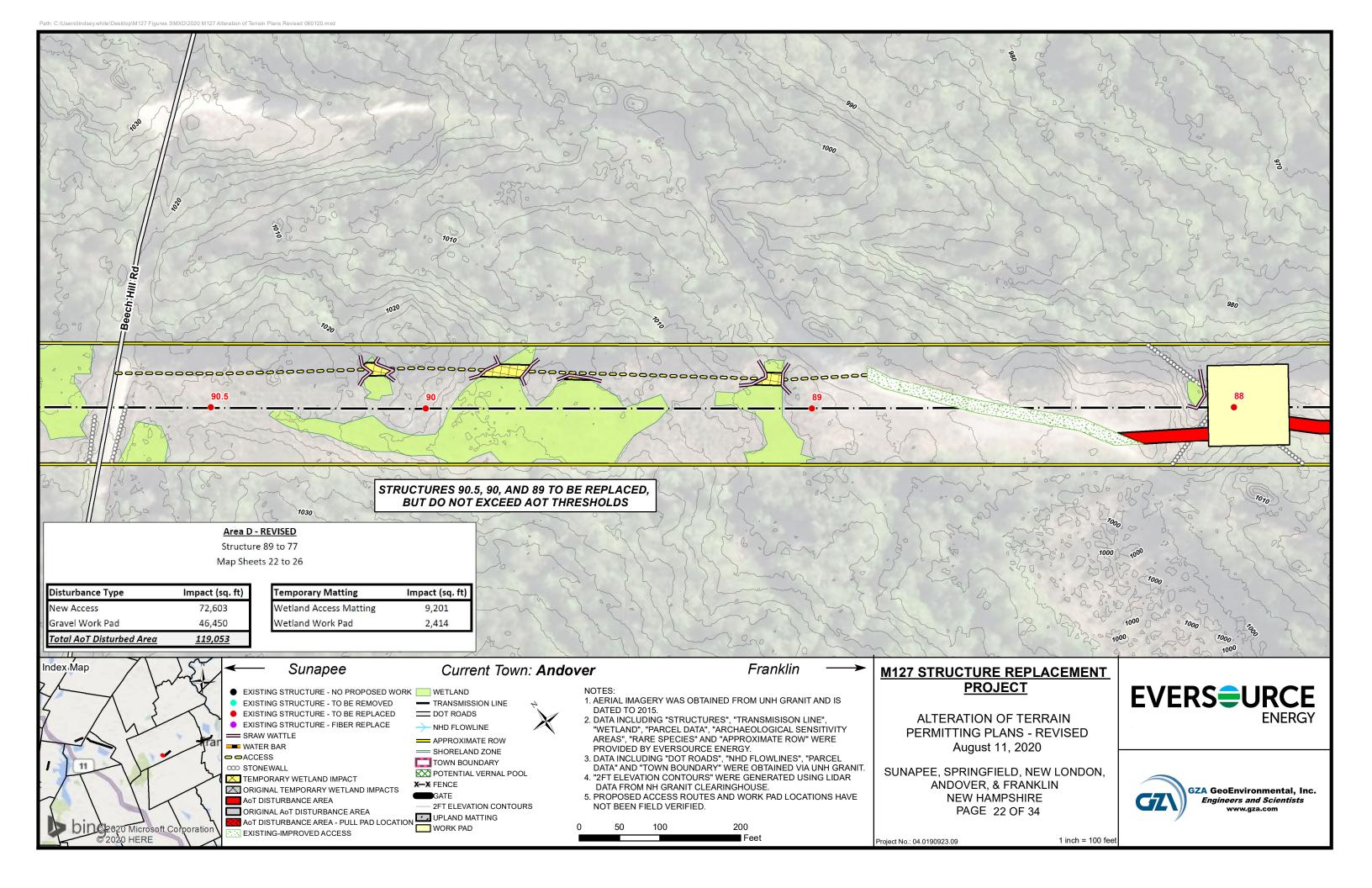
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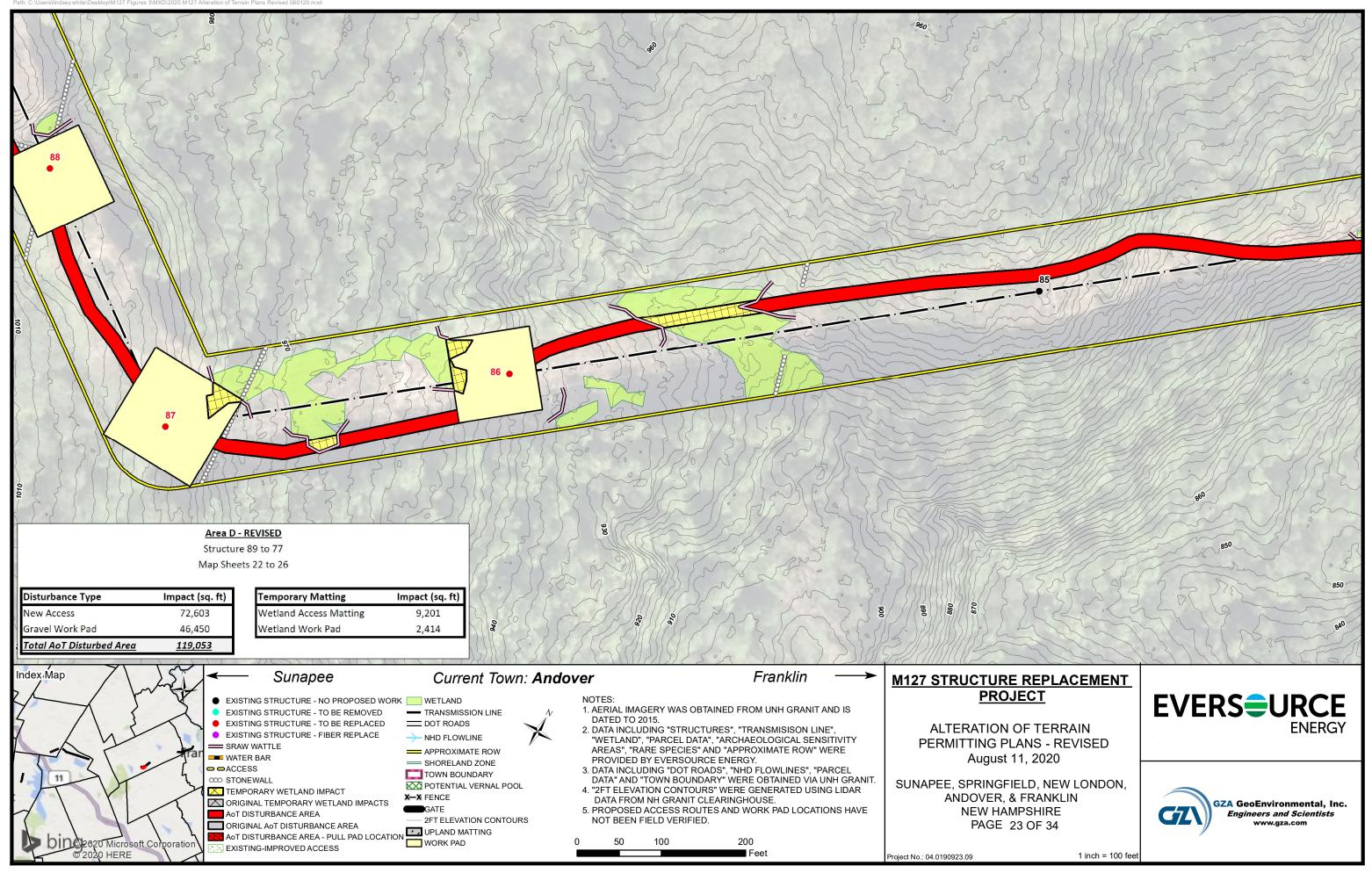
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