

OPTASITE TOWERS LLC

TECHNICAL REPORT

PROPOSED MANCHESTER TOWER FACILITY

MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

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# Introduction

Optasite Towers LLC ("Optasite") hereby submits this Technical Report to the City of Manchester pursuant to Section 16-50*l* of the Connecticut General Statutes. Optasite proposes to install a wireless telecommunications facility (the "Facility") on an approximately 23.4 acre parcel owned by Alan C. Rossetto. The Facility is being proposed to allow Omnipoint Communications, Inc. ("T-Mobile") as well as other federally licensed wireless carriers to provide enhanced service in this area of the City. The purpose of this Technical Report is to provide the City of Manchester with information concerning the need for the proposed Facility (Section 1), the site selection process (Section 2), the Facility design and any environmental effects associated with the proposed Facility (Section 3).

# **SECTION 1**

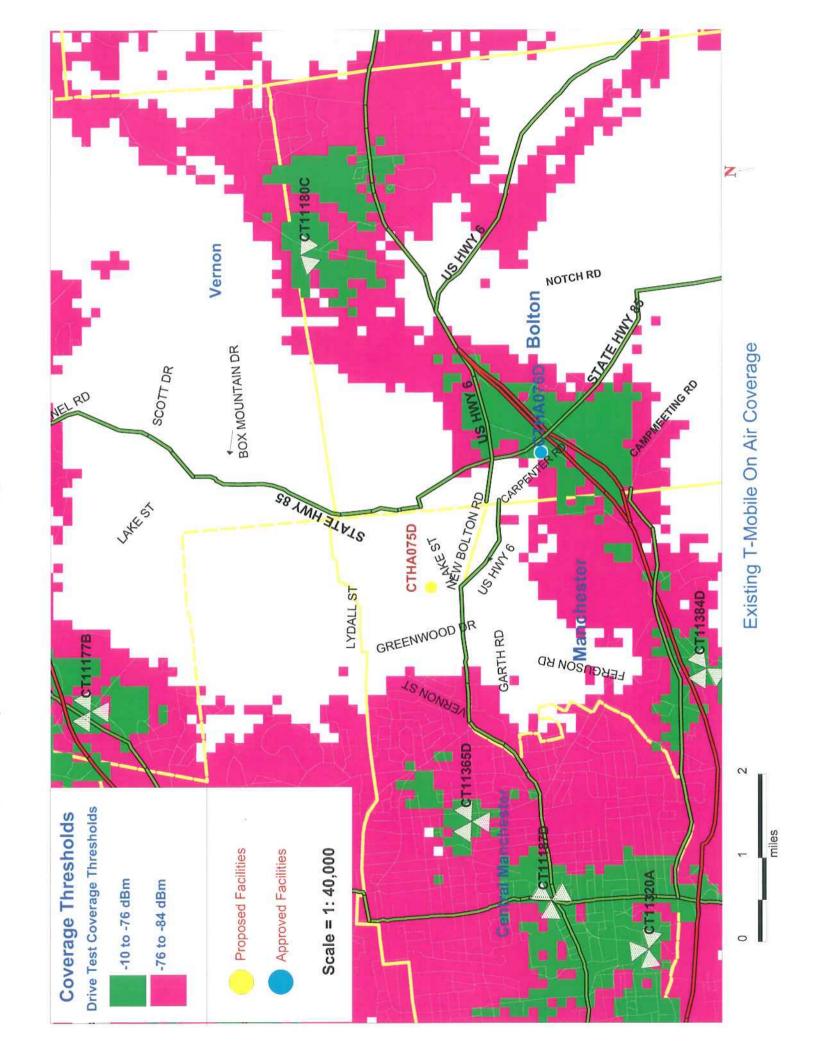
# **Site Justification**

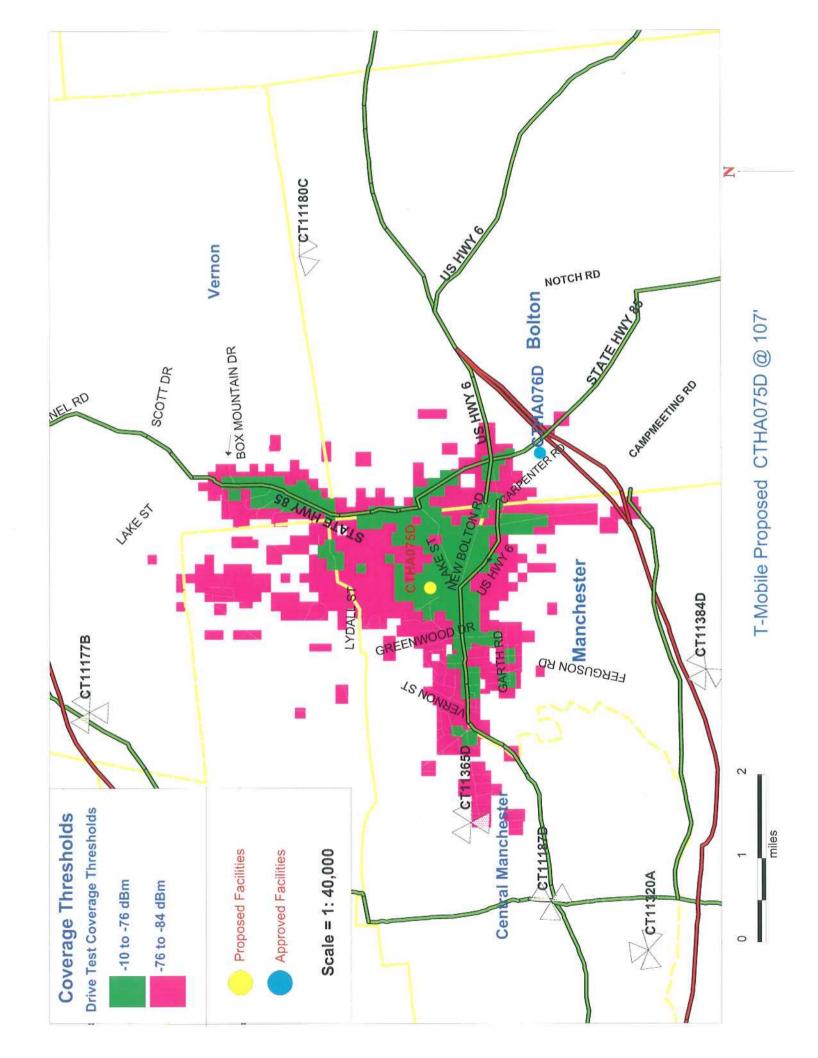
This Section provides information regarding the identification of the specific need for the proposed Facility.

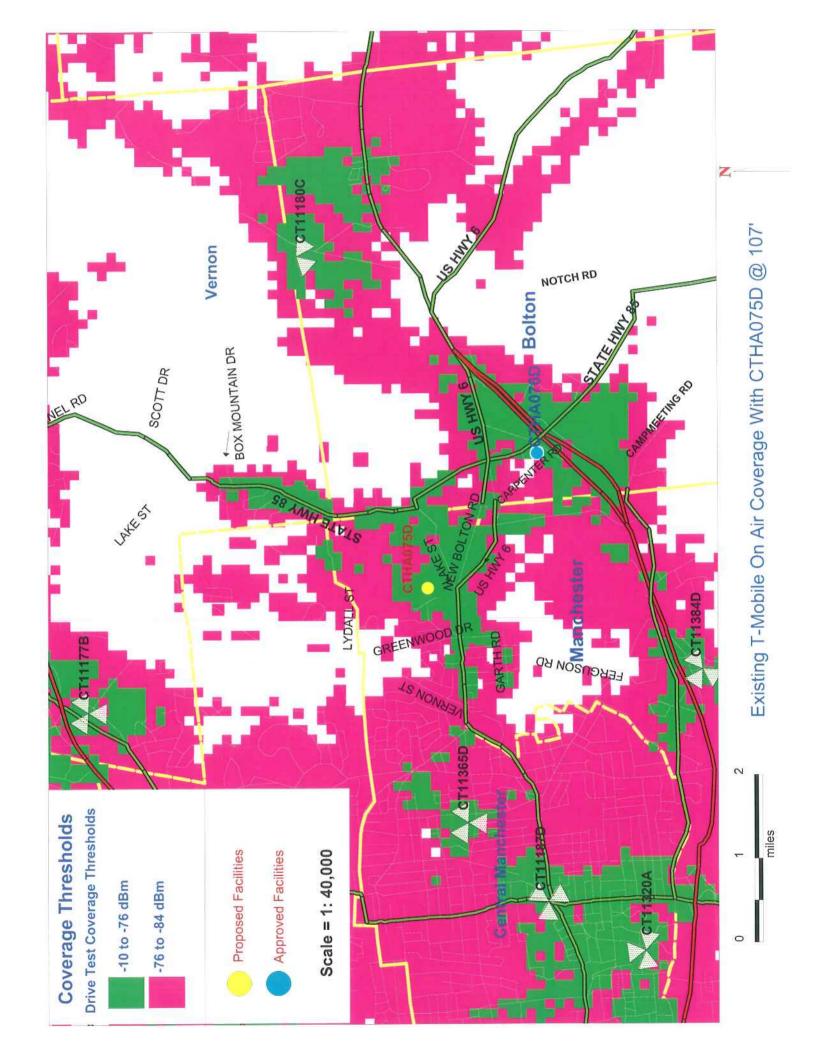
The Manchester site is necessary to increase wireless service availability in the eastern section of Manchester and particularly along and surrounding Route 6 and Route 44.

Included herein are propagation plots prepared by T-Mobile that depict (1) coverage from existing and approved surrounding sites; (2) predicted coverage from the proposed site with antennas mounted at 107' above grade level ("AGL"); and (3) coverage from the proposed site with existing and approved sites.

Together, these propagation plots clearly demonstrate the need for a site in the area and the effectiveness of the proposed site in meeting the need for enhanced service in Manchester.







# **SECTION 2**

# Site Search Process and Selection

Section 16-50j-74(j) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies requires the applicant to submit a statement that describes "the narrowing process by which other possible sites were considered and eliminated." In accordance with this requirement, the description of the general site search process, the identification of the target search area and the alternative locations considered for development of the proposed Manchester telecommunications facility are provided below.

As a tower developer, Optasite bases its decision to seek out a site in an area on its knowledge and understanding of existing weaknesses in the systems of the several wireless carriers operating in the area and/or consultation with individual carriers. A target area is chosen central to the area in which the coverage and/or capacity needs have been identified. The area targeted is the geographical location where the installation of a site would, based on general radio frequency engineering and system design standards, be likely to address the identified problem. Optasite's goal is to locate sites that will provide for orderly integration into the existing wireless systems of multiple carriers. In this case, T-Mobile had previously initiated a search for a site in this area and identified the proposed location. Subsequently, T-Mobile agreed to pursue development of a site through Optasite.

Optasite is sensitive to State and local desires to minimize the construction of new towers, and does not initiate searches in areas with known acceptable structures. In the area of Manchester that is the subject of this site search, there are no existing towers, transmission line structures or other suitable structures with the exception of a nearby water tower that the Town of Manchester has indicated would not be acceptable for colocation. Any existing towers are too far from the target area to provide coverage specifically to the target area. This includes a tower located at 12 Carpenter Road in Bolton that was recently approved by the Connecticut Siting Council. As discussed at length during those proceedings (Docket 323), T-Mobile will locate equipment on the 12 Carpenter Road, Bolton Facility and, in addition, will still require an additional site in this area of Manchester to provide adequate coverage to the Route 6/Route 44 area.

In general, Optasite first studies the area to determine whether industrial or commercial areas or areas which have appropriate environmental and land use characteristics are present. Potential locations are studied by radio frequency engineers to determine whether the locations will meet the technical requirements for a site in the area. The list of potential locations is further refined based on the willingness of property owners to make their property available. Analysis of potential environmental effects and benefits may further narrow the alternatives. In each site search, the weight afforded to relevant factors may vary depending on the nature of the area and the availability of potential sites.

There are no large areas of commercial or industrial use in or next to the target area. The surrounding area is generally residential. In addition, there are several churches in the surrounding area.

Optasite investigated numerous properties in the area of the Rossetto Property at 93 Lake Street. Optasite investigated several parcels of land owned by the Town of Manchester. These included parcels located at 1052 Middle Turnpike East, 550 Lydall Street, 199 New Bolton Road and 226 Lake Street. All four of these properties are used in connection with the Lydall Street Reservoir, have land use restrictions in place and therefore cannot be utilized for a tower. Optasite also investigated property located at 784 Middle Turnpike East owned by Rieg Realty LLC. This property is located directly next to a subdivision and provides little to no natural screening. Property investigated at 990 Middle Turnpike East is part of this subdivision and, again, is in close proximity to residences and would provide little natural screening. Finally, Optasite investigated property located at 175 New Bolton Road owned by Capstone Builders, Inc. The developer who owns that property is seeking to develop that property and therefore was not interested in developing a tower on that property.

Further, on or about January 18, 2007, Optasite submitted an application for the construction of a proposed Facility at 1027 Middle Turnpike East in Manchester. That application is Docket 328, pending with the Connecticut Siting Council. Based upon concerns raised by Manchester residents and elected officials with the siting of the 1027 Middle Turnpike East Facility, Optasite continued to search for a site in this area of Manchester. As a result of that search, Optasite has entered into a lease for the Rossetto property at 93 Lake Street in Manchester.

The Rossetto Property is far superior to the other properties available in the area, including the 1027 Middle Turnpike East property. The Rossetto Property is 23.4 acres in size, significantly larger than other tracts in the area. The Rossetto Property is larger undeveloped and contains mature vegetation and therefore will significantly reduce any potential visual impact of the proposed Facility. Finally, due to the ground elevation and topography, the proposed Facility will be 20 feet lower than required at the 1027 Middle Turnpike East location in order to for T-Mobile to provide adequate coverage to the Route 6/Route 44 area, thereby significantly reducing the visual and environmental impact to this area of Manchester. This Site will replace the 1027 Middle Turnpike East site for the pending docket, Docket 328.

# SECTION 3

# PROPOSED SITE

93 Lake Street Manchester, Connecticut

Land of Alan C. Rossetto

Assessor's Map 135, Block 3330, Lot 93A

23.4 Acres

# GENERAL FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The proposed Manchester site is a 70' x 70' leased area located in the west central portion of an approximately 23.4 acre parcel at 93 Lake Street in Manchester ("Site"). The Site would consist of a 110-foot self-supporting stealth tower and a 70' x 70' site compound designed to accommodate the related equipment either in single-story equipment buildings or on concrete pads. The tower would accommodate four sets of antennas. Initially, antennas and related equipment for T-Mobile's use would be installed. The tower and equipment buildings would be enclosed by an 8-foot high security fence and gate. Vehicle access to the Site would extend from Lake Street along a new, gravel driveway. Of note, the access will cross a second parcel, also owned by Alan Rossetto that immediately abuts Lake Street. Underground utility connections would extend from existing service on Lake Street.



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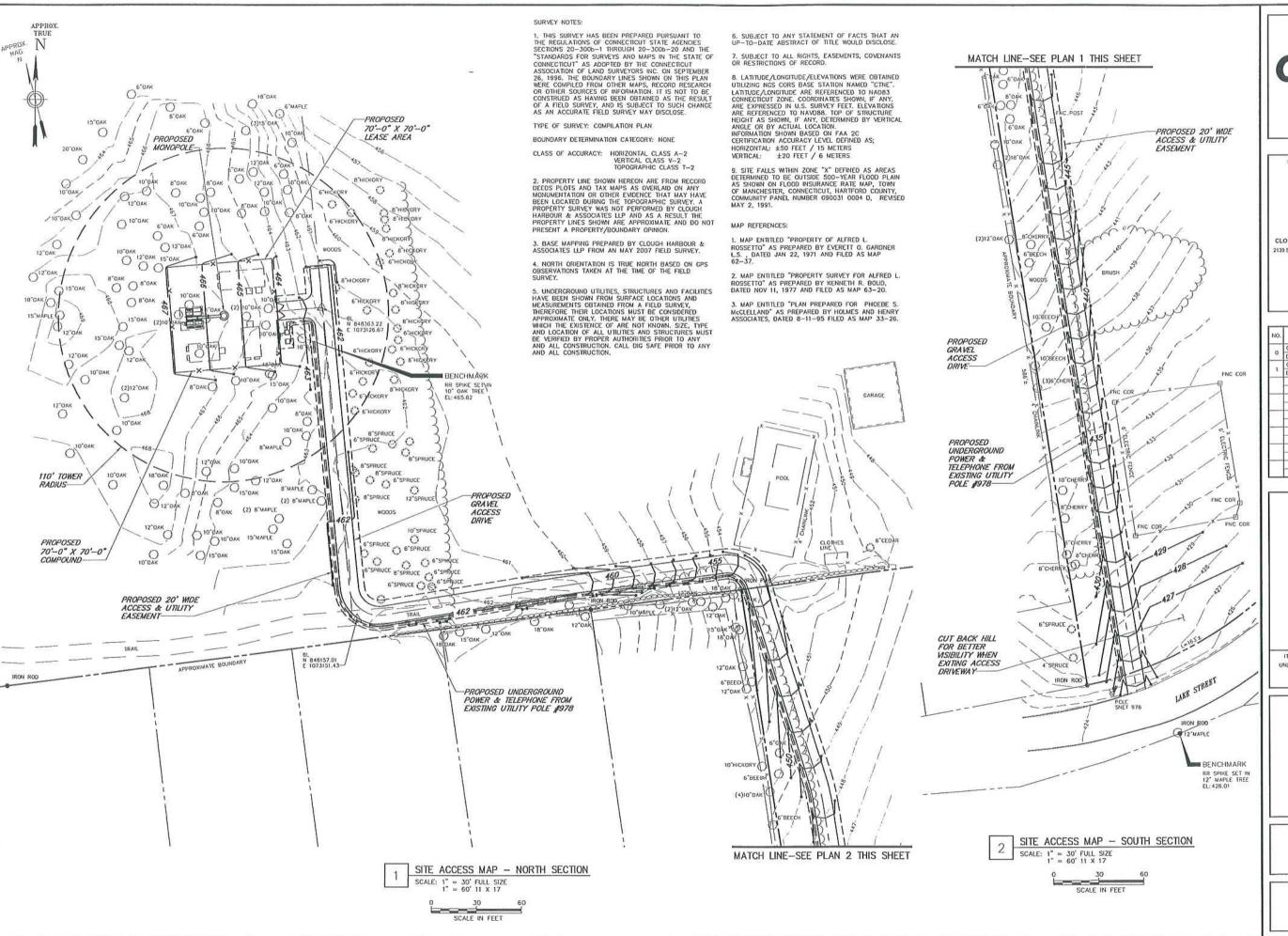
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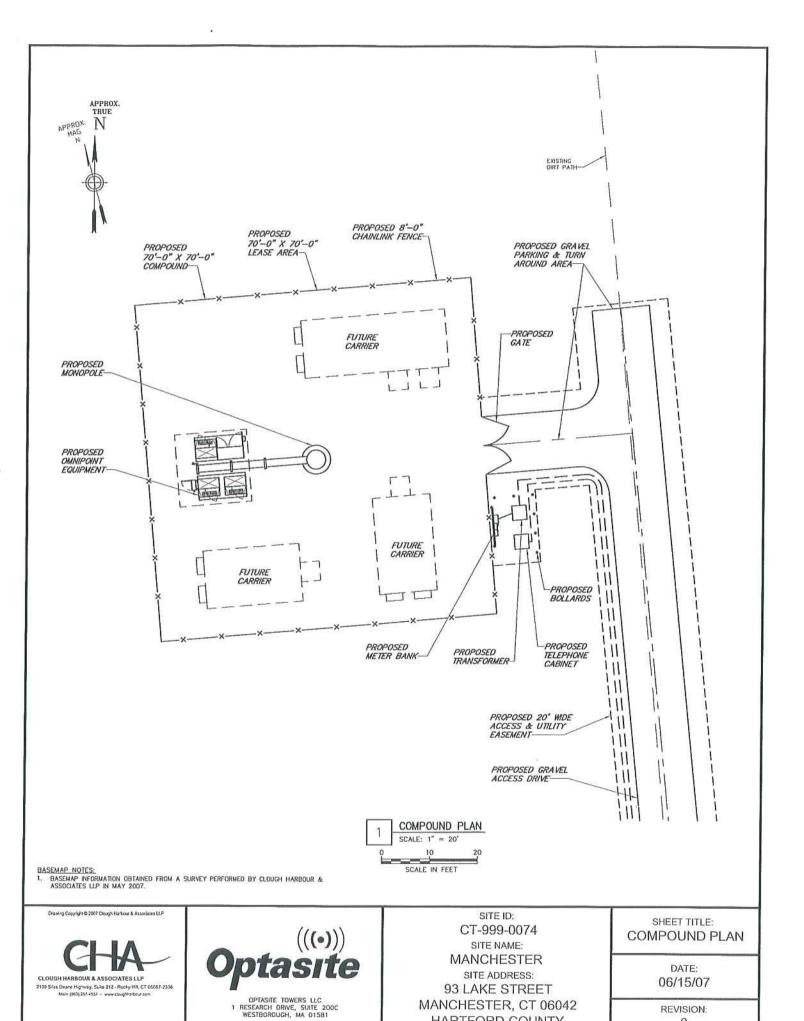
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# SITE EVALUATION REPORT

### I. LOCATION

- A. COORDINATES: Lat. 41°-47'-20.7" Long. 72°-28'-55.5"
- B. GROUND ELEVATION: 466' AMSL
- C. USGS MAP: MANCHESTER, ROCKVILLE, CT
- D. <u>SITE ADDRESS:</u> 93 Lake Street, Manchester, CT
- E. ZONING WITHIN ¼ MILE OF SITE: Residential and Commercial

# II. DESCRIPTION

- A. SITE SIZE: 70' x 70'
  - LESSOR'S PARCEL: 23.4+ acres
- B. TOWER TYPE/HEIGHT: Monopole/110' AGL
- C. <u>SITE TOPOGRAPHY AND SURFACE</u>: The site location is relatively flat. The proposed site is located in the west-central portion of the parcel.
- D. <u>SURROUNDING TERRAIN, VEGETATION, WETLANDS, OR</u>
  <u>WATER:</u> The lessor's parcel is developed with a single family residence and the remaining acreage is undeveloped. There is no wetlands on the Property.
- E. <u>LAND USE WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF SITE:</u> Mixed residential and commercial uses.

#### III. FACILITIES

- A. POWER COMPANY: Connecticut Light and Power
- B. <u>POWER PROXIMITY TO SITE:</u> Power is available from a distribution line that runs along New Bolton Road to a point on the property near the proposed site
- C. TELEPHONE COMPANY: AT&T
- D. PHONE SERVICE PROXIMITY: Same as power.

- E. <u>VEHICLE ACCESS TO SITE:</u> Vehicular access to the Site would utilize a new gravel access drive to the Site from Lake Street a distance of approximately 1,133 feet.
- F. OBSTRUCTION: None
- G. <u>CLEARING AND FILL REQUIRED</u>: Minimal clearing and grading would be required for development of the access drive and the site compound. Approximately ten (10) trees 6" in diameter or greater would be removed for construction of the proposed access drive and Site. Detailed plans would be provided to the Connecticut Siting Council in a Development and Management Plan after Council approval of the proposed Facility.

# IV. LEGAL

- A. PURCHASE [ ] LEASE [ X ]
- B. OWNER: Alan C. Rossetto
- C. ADDRESS: 93 Lake Street, Manchester, Connecticut 06042; 36 Winter Street, Lancaster, New Hampshire 03584
- D. DEED ON FILE AT: City of Manchester Vol. 739, page 048

# FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION

(NEW TOWER & EQUIPMENT)

# I. TOWER SPECIFICATIONS:

A. MANUFACTURER: TBD

B. TYPE: Monopole

C. HEIGHT: 110'

D. DIMENSIONS: Approx. 4 1/2' diameter at base

Approx. 1 1/2' diameter at top

#### II. TOWER LOADING:

A. T-Mobile

1. MODEL: up to 9 panel antennas, model TBD

2. DIMENSIONS: Approximately 6' in length

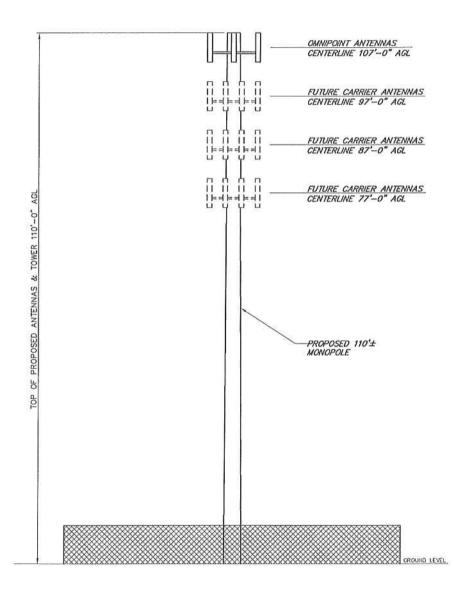
3. POSITION ON TOWER: Antenna centerline of 107' AGL on stealth-mounted

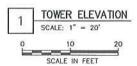
4. TRANSMISSION LINES: up to 18 internal to the monopole

B. Future Carriers - TBD

#### III. ENGINEERING ANALYSIS AND CERTIFICATION:

In accordance with the 2005 Connecticut State Building Code and the Electronic Industries Association Standard EIA/TIA-222-F "Structural Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Support Structures" for Manchester (Hartford County), the tower would be designed to withstand pressures equivalent to a 105 MPH wind. The foundation design would be based on soil conditions at the site.





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# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

# I. PHYSICAL IMPACT

#### A. WATER FLOW AND QUALITY

No water flow and/or water quality changes are anticipated as a result of the construction or operation of the cell site. A small wetland area is located near the proposed site. The equipment used will discharge no pollutants to wetland and watercourse areas or to area groundwater. Best management practices will be used during construction to control storm water and erosion.

# B. AIR QUALITY

Under ordinary operating conditions, the equipment that would be used at this proposed cell site would emit no air pollutants of any kind. For limited periods during power outages, T-Mobile may bring to the site and utilize a back-up generator.

# C. LAND

Minimal clearing and grading would be required for development of the access drive and the site compound. Approximately 10 trees 6" in diameter or greater will be removed for the proposed construction. The remaining land of the lessor would remain unchanged by the construction and operation of the cell site.

# D. NOISE

The equipment to be in operation at the proposed site after construction would emit no noise other than the installed heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems. A generator would be employed during power outages and would run for a brief period once a week. Some noise is anticipated during cell site construction, which is expected to take approximately four to six weeks.

# E. POWER DENSITY

The worst-case calculation of power density for operation of T-Mobile's operations at the facility would be approximately 4.5668 % of the applicable FCC/ANSI standards.

# F. VISIBILITY

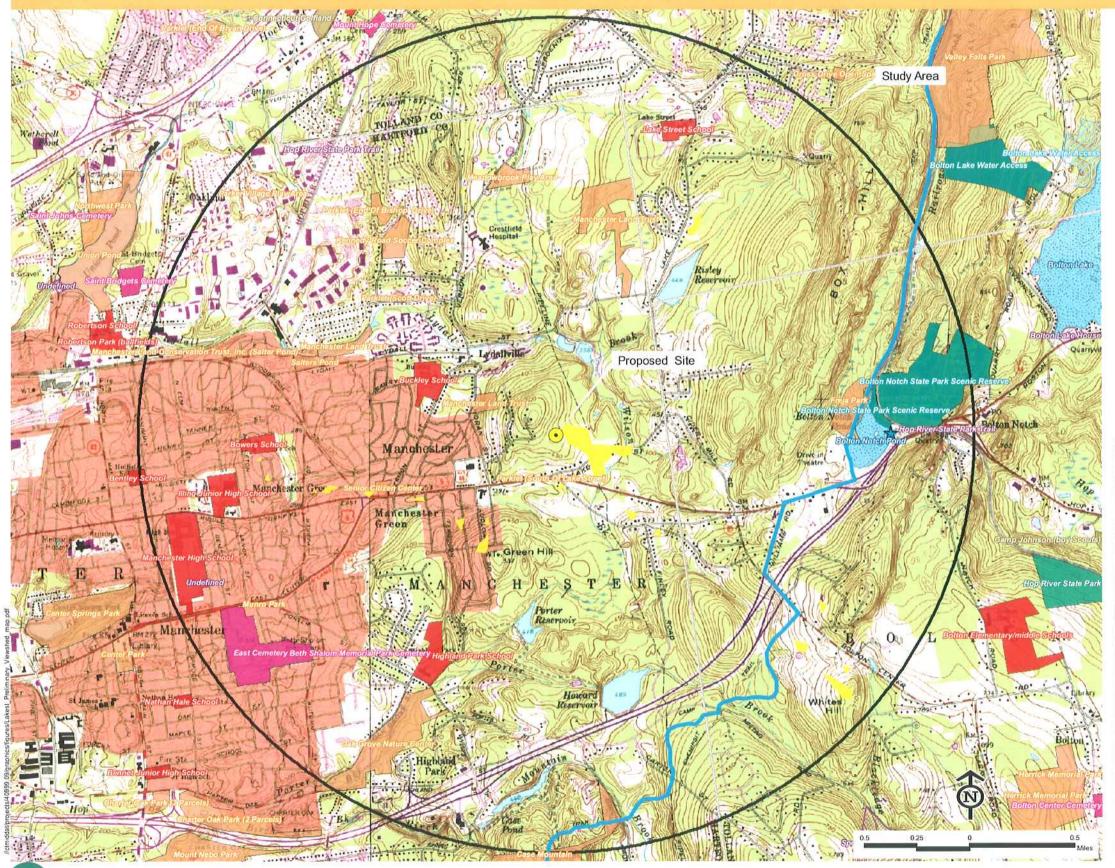
The potential visibility of the proposed monopole was assessed within an approximate two-mile radius using a computer-based, predictive viewshed model (attached). As shown, scattered areas of visibility would be experienced, primarily in the area within a ½ mile radius of the site and, more particularly, to the north/northwest of the site. Of those areas, most would experience only seasonal or partial visibility of the proposed facility. In total, as shown, the proposed Facility will be partially visible year-round from approximately 40 acres.

# II. SCENIC, NATURAL, HISTORIC & RECREATIONAL VALUES

The parcel on which the site is located appears to exhibit no scenic, natural or recreational characteristics that would be affected by the proposed site. Review under the National Environmental Policy Act, including the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Data Base and the State Historic Preservation Officer, is pending.

# Preliminary Viewshed Map

# Topography and Forest Cover as Constraints



# Proposed Optasite Facility 93 Lake Street Manchester, Connecticut

#### NOTE:

- Viewshed analysis conducted using ESRI's Spatial Analyst.
- Proposed Facility height is 110 feet.
- Existing tree canopy height estimated at 65 feet.

#### DATA SOURCES:

- National Elevation Dataset (NED) with a resolution of one arc-second (approximately 30 meters) produced by the USGS, 1925 1999
- Forest areas derived from 2005 digital orthophotos with 2-meter pixel resolution; digitized by VHB, 2007
- Base map comprised of Manchester and Rockville USGS
  Quadrangle Maps
- Protected properties data layer provided CTDEP; May, 2007
- Scenic Roads layer derived from available State and Local listings.

Map Compiled June, 2007

