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Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

**Re: Material Laydown Sites Approval
Docket No. 424, Interstate Reliability Project
Development and Management Plan – Transmission Lines**

The Connecticut Light & Power Company ("CL&P") is preparing to begin construction on the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project ("Project") 345-kV Transmission Lines. Actual construction activities will not commence until the Connecticut Siting Council ("CSC") approves CL&P's Development and Management Plan ("D&M Plan") for New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines filed on August 30, 2013 and the notice of construction start is provided. As part of those preparations, CL&P's line contractor, PAR Electric Contractors, Inc. ("PAR"), has identified potential locations for material laydown/staging. In accordance with Condition 3n of the CSC's December 27, 2012 Decision and Order, the material laydown sites are being submitted to the Council for review and approval. The locations are listed below and also detailed in the attached maps:

- 79 Boston Post Road, Windham (Exhibit 1)
- 87 Boston Post Road, Windham (Exhibit 1)
- 6 Industrial Park Drive, North Windham (Exhibit 2)
- 8 Industrial Park Drive, North Windham (Exhibit 2)
- 891 North Main Street, Killingly (Exhibit 3)

The material laydown sites would be used for:

- storing construction materials, equipment, tools, and supplies (including poles, insulators, hardware, etc.)
- parking construction vehicles, equipment and construction-crew personal vehicles
- minor maintenance of the construction equipment
- storage and assembly of line-structure components in advance of their installation delivery to the right-of-way
- temporary storage of materials from disassembled structures prior to their disposal

All locations may house construction trailers and temporary bathroom facilities.

PAR's proposed use of the sites is compatible with the current commercial and industrial use of the adjacent and nearby properties. PAR's proposed use of these sites will not substantially alter the present condition of the properties. The Boston Post Road, Windham sites are located within an existing quarry that is no longer being mined. At 6 Industrial Park Drive, North Windham there is a vacant storage facility with adjacent open space that was previously used for commercial purposes.

PAR also intends to use the building as a temporary Project construction office. The 8 Industrial Park Drive, North Windham site is property owned by the Town of Windham and is the location of the Town's Public Works Facility. PAR has obtained permission from the Town to occupy a portion of this property, as shown in Exhibit 2, subject to the Council's approval. The final proposed location is at 891 North Main Street, Killingly which is a former drive-in theater that has been vacant for some years.

The proposed locations may require minimal grading and graveling to create an adequate and level base for material laydown. All necessary erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed and maintained in accordance with the Northeast Utilities' Best Management Practices Manual Construction & Maintenance Environmental Requirements for Connecticut, as stated in the Overhead Transmission Line Development & Management Plan submitted to the Council on August 30, 2013.

PAR's heavy equipment and general traffic will access these locations via Route 6, Route 66, and Route 12. There are two residences located within 300 feet of 891 North Main Street and one residential building complex located within 300 feet of 79 Boston Post Road, as shown in the attached Exhibits. These residents will receive Project information and notification prior to commencement of the site use.

Please contact me at 860-665-2036 with any questions you may have on this request.

Sincerely,



John Morissette
Project Manager - Siting

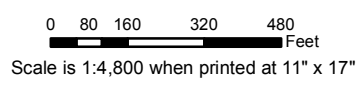
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- Legend**
- Residence within 300' of Material Yard
 - Material Yard

Exhibit 1

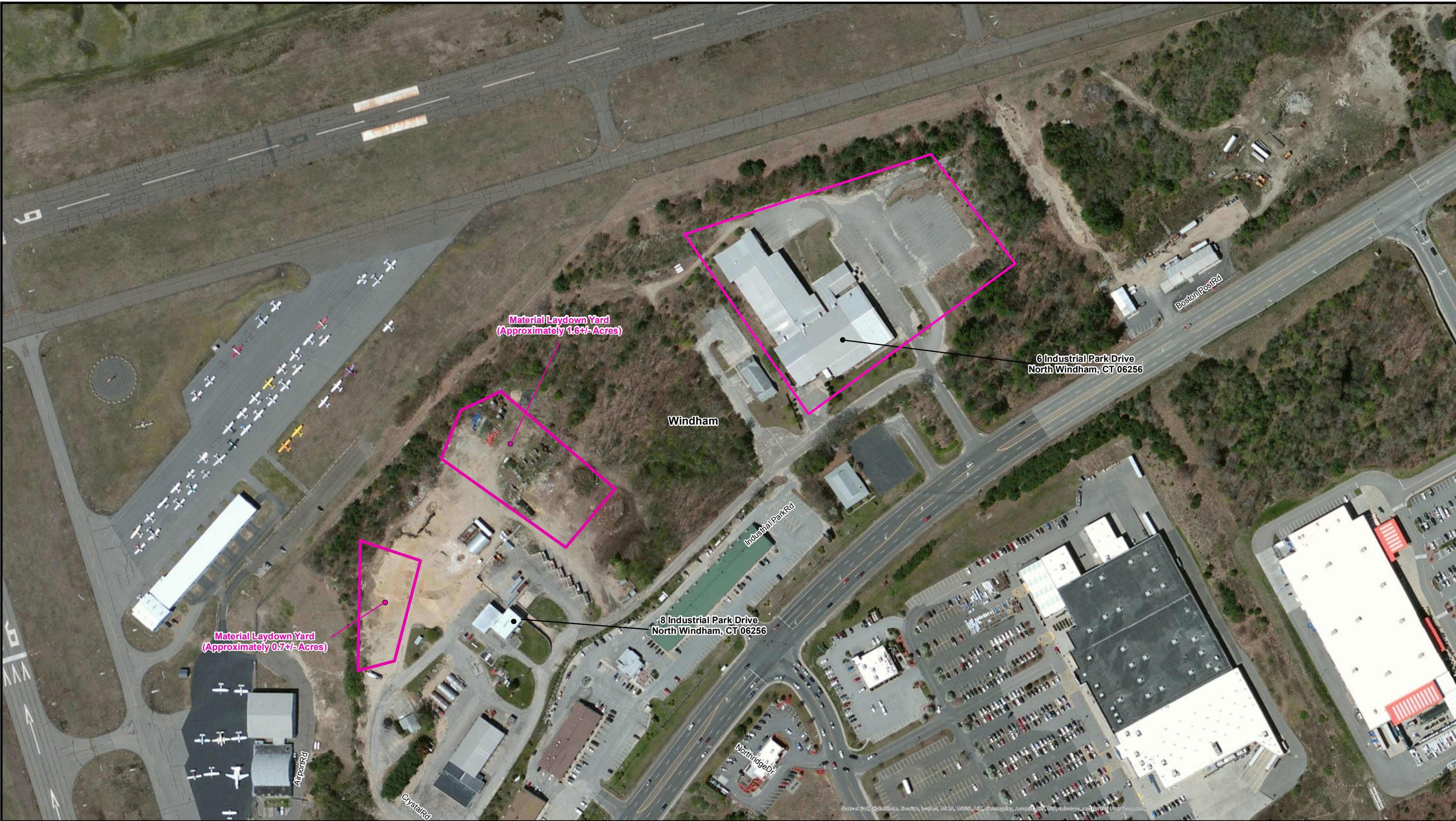


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Proposed Material Laydown Yards
Interstate Reliability Project
Boston Post Road
Windham, CT

Source: ESRI and Burns & McDonnell Engineering.

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Legend
Material Yard

Exhibit 2

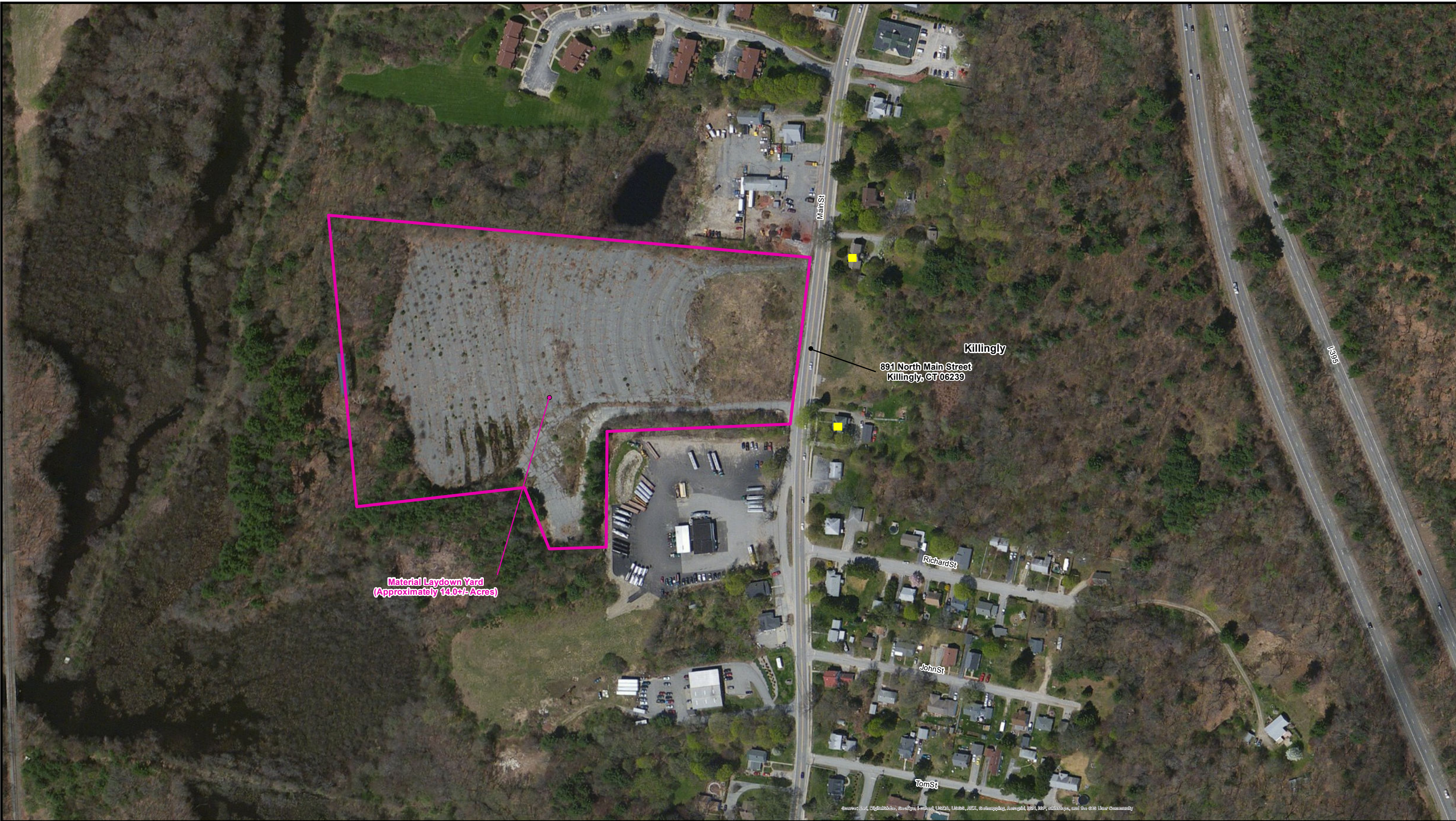
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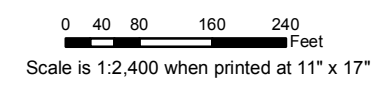
Proposed Material
Laydown Yards
Interstate Reliability Project
Industrial Park Drive
North Windham, CT



Legend

- Residence within 300' of Material Yard
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Exhibit 3




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Proposed Material Laydown Yard
Interstate Reliability Project
North Main Street
Killingly, CT