



**Natural Resources Impact Compensation Plan
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1.0 Introduction

The proposed Nordic Aquafarms Aquaculture facility represents impacts to wetlands and streams that require compensation. Compensation is proposed, to the extent feasible, within the project site. This includes restore in place temporary impacts and, compensation for some permanent impacts. Where on-site compensation does not fully represent the impacts, additional compensation is proposed as participation in the in-lieu-fee program. This report outlines the complete compensation proposal to address impacts resulting from the construction of the Nordic Aquafarms Aquaculture facility. Appendix A includes Normandeau information and Bios of experienced personnel to illustrate sufficient scientific expertise to carry out the proposed on-site compensation work.

2.0 Impact Discussion

The natural resources under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resource Protection Act (NRPA) are shown on Figure 1. Impacts to these resources resulting from the project are shown on Figure 2. Impacts are discussed based on the type of resource, the specific functions and values of the resource and the amount and type of impact to each individual resource identified within the project footprint.

2.1 Wetlands

A total of 17 wetlands were identified on site (Figure 1). Of these, nine wetlands meet the criteria for freshwater wetlands of special significance (WOSS) under the Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA): W7, W8, W9, W10, W11, W12, W16, W17, and W18. Eight wetlands do not meet such criteria. Each wetland was classified in accordance with Cowardin, *et.al.*¹ and assessed using the Army Corps of Engineers Highway Methodology². A summary of the wetlands classification and functions and values are presented in Table 1.

¹ Cowardin, L.M., V. Carter, F.C. Golet, E.T. LaRoe. 1979. Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States. FWS/OBS-79/31. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Washington, D.C.

² The Highway Methodology Workbook, Supplement, NAEPP-360-1-30a, September 1999

Table 1. Summary of Palustrine and Estuarine Wetlands Identified on Site

Wetland ID	Cowardin Class	Groundwater Recharge/Discharge	Floodflow Alteration	Fish/Shellfish Habitat	Sediment/Toxicant Retention	Nutrient Removal	Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	Production Export	Wildlife Habitat	Recreation	Educate/Scientific Value	Uniqueness/Heritage	Visual Quality/Aesthetics	Endangered/Threatened Species Habitat	Wetland Description
W1	PFO	X	P	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	Coniferous overstory, highly invaded by buckthorn
W2	PFO	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	Deciduous dominated, drains off-site
W3	PFO	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Small, marginal swale, drains into ephemeral gully off survey area
W4	PFO	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Isolated pocket, area of standing water
W5	PSS	X	P	-	-	-	-	X	P	-	-	-	X	-	Old field, disturbed but high plant diversity, good shrub habitat for wildlife
W6	PFO	-	P	-	X	-	X	P	X	-	-	-	-	-	Stream S7 braids through this area, wetland is broad and saturated prior to roadway
*W7	PFO	-	X	-	X	X	X	P	X	-	-	-	-	-	Wetland area around stream S8
*W8	PFO	-	X	-	-	-	P	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	Floodplain wetland associated with stream S9
*W9	PFO	-	X	-	-	-	P	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Small floodplain wetland
*W10	PSS	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Narrow fringe on stream S8, surrounded by development
*W11	E2EM/M2US	-	-	X	-	-	P	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	Saltmarsh and cobble beach at mouth of stream S8
*W12	PSS	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Narrow fringe on stream S8, surrounded by development
W13	PEM	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Small emergent wetland along edge of field
W15	PEM	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Small wet meadow
*W16	PSS	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Floodplain along stream S9
*W17	PSS	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Narrow wetland fringe along stream S9
*W18	PSS	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Narrow wetland fringe along stream S9

*= WOSS, Functional Assessment Qualitative Assessment Categories: P=Principal Function/Value; X=Suitable Function/Value.
Cowardin Class: PSS = Palustrine (freshwater) Scrub-Shrub; PFO = Palustrine Forested

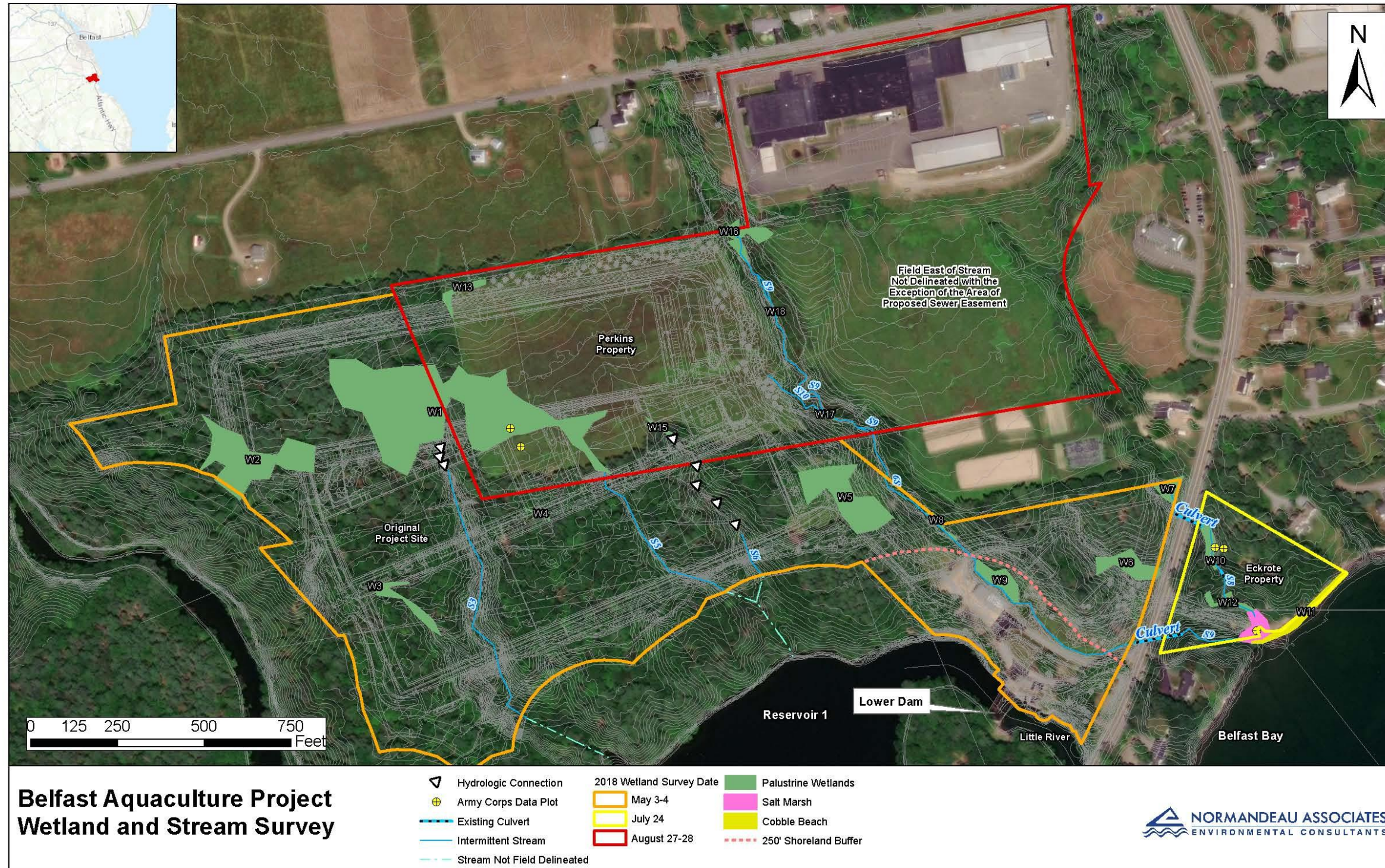


Figure 1.

2.1.1 Forested Wetlands

Wetlands W1, W2, and W3 are forested wetlands dominated by a mixture of deciduous and coniferous species, including red maple (*Acer rubrum*), white pine (*Pinus strobus*), hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), and red spruce (*Picea rubens*). Species such as the pine, spruce, and hemlock are not typically regarded as wetland species, however it is acknowledged that these species are known to be found in wetlands in the northeastern region. This site is largely composed of fine textured soils that restrict the infiltration of water and create wetland environments. This is exemplified by the roots of the white pine, red spruce, and hemlock in wetlands W1 and W2, which are at or near the surface of the soil. This limited rooting depth in response to a high water table is known as a morphological adaptation of upland plants to wetland soil, and is sufficient to meet wetland vegetation criteria for the purpose of wetland delineations. Additionally, the understory in these wetlands consisted of wetland species such as cinnamon fern (*Osmundastrum cinnamomeum*) and sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*). A large amount of the non-native invasive shrub glossy false buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*) was present throughout W1, limiting the value of this wetland. Wetland W1 also extends into the adjacent hayfield on the Perkins Avenue parcel. This portion of the wetland is dominated by bluejoint (*Calamagrostis canadensis*) with numerous other common weedy field species present, including red clover (*Trifolium pretense*) and cow vetch (*Vicia cracca*).

Wetland W4 is an isolated depression in an oak dominated forest. There is evidence of standing water, and the understory is generally sparse and dominated by various sedges (*Carex* spp.) that were unidentifiable to species due to the early season survey. This wetland is marginal and possesses no discernible surface water outlet.

Wetlands W6, W7, W8, and W9 are all associated with watercourses. These wetlands receive additional flow during periods of seasonal high water, and likely during major storm events as well. W8 and W9 are along the same stream and are of similar character. The understory is dominated by herbs such as American trout-lily (*Erythronium americanum*) and cinnamon fern. The overstory of these wetlands often contains black ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), a frequent floodplain species, as well as green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), black cherry (*Prunus serotina*), speckled alder (*Alnus incana* ssp. *rugosa*), and red maple. Wetland W7 is the most highly degraded by disturbance due to proximity to the road and a nearby residence, whereas W9 is generally undisturbed. Wetlands W7, W8, and W9 are considered WOSS under NRPA.

Wetlands W10 and W12 are palustrine forested wetlands separated by a driveway, but hydrologically connected by an intermittent stream. These wetlands are similar in character and lie on a narrow terrace at the bottom of a deeply incised ravine. Given their small size, these wetlands contain a relatively low diversity of plants, but are dominated by black elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), and speckled alder (*Alnus incana*) with an understory of sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), spotted touch-me-not (*Impatiens capensis*), and cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*). These wetlands are moderately disturbed on account of the adjacent road and driveway. Due to their proximity to the ocean and association with an intermittent stream, they are WOSS under NRPA.

2.1.1 Wet Meadows

Wetland W5 is a portion of an old field. The water table in this area is at or near the surface, likely due to repeated disturbance and compaction associated with maintaining the field. The wetland is

dominated by meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba* var. *latifolia*), with various herbs such as common wrinkle-leaved goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa* ssp. *rugosa*), sensitive fern, and common grass-leaved-goldenrod (*Euthamia graminifolia*) intermixed.

Wetlands W13 and W15 (W14 = W1) are small wet meadow (PEM1) depressions. These wetlands are relatively limited in function due to the short hydroperiod and low diversity of wetland plants.

2.1.2 Scrub Shrub Wetlands

Wetlands 16, 17, and 18 are narrow fringes to stream S9, collectively occupying less than one tenth of an acre. These wetlands are classified as palustrine scrub-shrub (PSS1) wetlands and are dominated by speckled alder (*Alnus incana*) in the shrub layer and spotted touch-me-not (*Impatiens capensis*) in the herb layer. These wetlands provide some flood storage and shoreline stabilization due to the proximity to the intermittent stream (S9). Their location along the stream results in their classification as WOSS under NRPA.

2.1.3 Estuarine/Marine Wetlands

Wetland W11 is a salt marsh and cobble beach. The salt marsh area is relatively small and limited to the mouth of a stream (S8). It is dominated primarily by black rush (*Juncus gerardi*) at higher elevations and smooth cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*) at lower elevations. The adjacent cobble beach is dominated by a firm sand and cobble substrate with little to no vegetation.

2.1.4 Permanent Wetland Impacts

The proposed project will result in direct alteration of 4.01 acres (174,713 sq. ft.) of wetland (Tables 2 & 3). Freshwater Wetlands W1, W2, W3, W4, W5, W6, W13, and W15 will be directly impacted by the proposed project. None of the directly impacted freshwater wetlands meet the criteria for a wetland of special significance with the exception of W16, which will be temporarily impacted to install a sewer force main.

Wetlands W1, W3, W4, W13, and W15 will be completely filled by the Project. As a result, these wetlands will no longer perform the assessed wetland functions and values. Wetland W2 will also have a significant (approximately 66%) reduction in area as a result of the project, but the impacted wetland will continue to perform the identified functions and values proportional to its reduced size. Wetland W5 will have a 75% reduction in area as a result of the project and will still be suitable for floodflow alteration and wildlife habitat but no longer will do so in a principal manner. This wetland will no longer be suitable for the visual quality value. Wetland W6 will experience an approximately 66% reduction in size as a result of the project. This wetland will no longer perform floodflow alteration and production export principally but will generally continue to function proportionally to the available area. Impacts to wetlands have been considered in the development of the mitigation package.

Table 2. Permanent Impacts to Wetland Resources

Wetland ID	Permanent Impacts (Sq.Ft.)	Impact Characterization
W1	115,674	Direct, Fill
W2	24,612	Direct, Fill
W3	5,057	Direct, Fill
W4	692	Direct, Fill
W5	18,672	Direct, Fill
W6	3,120	Direct, Fill
W13	556	Direct, Fill
W15	708	Direct, Fill
Totals	169,091	

2.1.5 Temporary Wetland Impacts

There will also be direct, temporary impacts to wetland W6, W11 (a coastal wetland) and W16. The Route 1 By-Pass for the installation of the intake and discharge pipes will temporarily impact W6. The installation of the intake and discharge pipes will temporarily impact and W11. The sewer force main will temporarily impact W16 (Table 3). All temporary impacts are to be restored in place (Section 3.3).

Table 3. Temporary Impacts to Wetland Resources

Wetland ID	¹ Temporary Impacts (Sq.Ft.)	Impact Characterization
W6	1,766	Direct, Fill
¹ W11	2,611	Direct, Excavation
W16	1,245	Direct, Excavation
Total	5,622	

¹ W11 consists of 2,125 Sq.Ft. of temporary impact to Salt Marsh and 486 Sq.Ft. of temporary impact to Cobble Beach

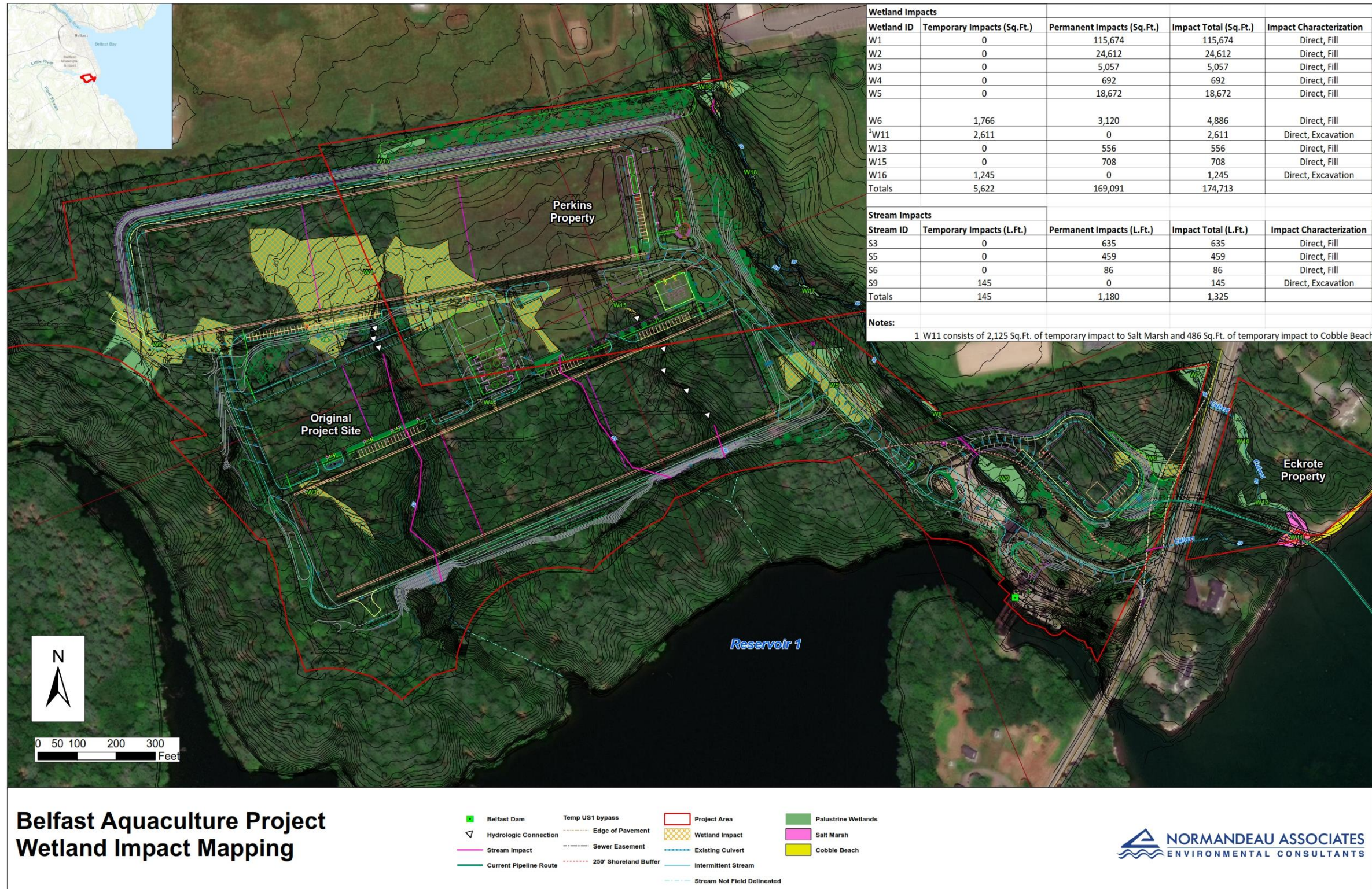


Figure 2.

2.2 Streams

There are six NRPA regulated streams on the project site. All of the streams are narrow intermittent drainages that result from groundwater discharge during periods of seasonal high water tables and stormwater runoff from adjacent slopes. The surrounding landscape is predominately forested with the exception of the lower reaches of S9 where the area has been channelized and is mowed and maintained lawn. Stream 9 is the only stream that is significant enough to be depicted on the United States Geological Survey quadrangle. Due to the geology of the site the substrate is predominately sand/silt/clay with some cobbles. Each stream was characterized for flow regime, substrate, channel characteristics and functions (Table 4).

Table 4. Summary of Functions for Streams Identified on Site

Feature ID	Flow Regime	Flow Observations	Dominant Bed Composition	Average Width (feet)	Average Depth (inches)	Functions
S3	Intermittent	Low	Sand, silt	4	2	Groundwater Recharge/Discharge, Floodflow Alteration, Wildlife Habitat
S5	Intermittent	Low	Silt, clay	4	2	Floodflow alteration
S6	Intermittent	Low	Silt, cobbles	3	2	Groundwater Recharge/Discharge, Floodflow Alteration, Wildlife Habitat
S8	Intermittent	Moderate	Silt, clay	5	4	Groundwater Recharge/Discharge, Floodflow Alteration, Wildlife Habitat
S9	Intermittent	Moderate	Silt, clay, cobbles	7	6	Groundwater Recharge/Discharge, Floodflow Alteration, Wildlife Habitat
S10	Intermittent	Dry	Silt, clay	2	1	Floodflow Alteration

2.2.1 Permanent Stream Impacts

There will be a total of 1,180 linear feet of permanent impacts to streams S3, S5 and S6 within the project area (Table 5). The culvert crossing at S9 located between wetlands W8 and W9 will be constructed using a natural open bottom culvert design that will span the banks and effectively eliminate impacts to the stream and will not impair flow during storm events. To avoid impact to S9 for the roadway crossing, a crossing location was chosen approximately midway between wetlands W8 and W9 at a point where the stream channel is relatively narrow (average width = 6.67'). To accommodate 1.2 times bank-full width an approximately 65 foot long culvert is proposed. The culvert will be open-bottom and allow the existing stream profile to remain unaffected while avoiding constriction of the upstream floodplain.

The upper reaches of streams S3, S5, and S6 will be filled as a result of this project. Impacts to these streams will typically result in the loss of Groundwater Recharge/Discharge, Floodflow Alteration, and Wildlife Habitats in these locations. A drainage system design to route clean foundation water to the streams and drainages to the south of the project site will prevent the remaining streams areas that flow off site areas from drying up. Additionally, flows into these areas will be controlled via a weir system to prevent erosion.

Table 5. Permanent Impacts to Stream Resources

Stream ID	Permanent Impacts (L.Ft.)	Impact Characterization
S3	635	Direct, Fill
S5	459	Direct, Fill
S6	86	Direct, Fill
Totals	1,180	

2.2.2 Temporary Stream Impacts

Stream 9 will be temporarily impacted by the by-pass constructed along Route 1 (Table 6), the installation of the sewer force main, and construction of the open bottom culvert crossing located between wetlands W8 and W9. The permanent S9 open bottom culvert crossing has been designed to not impact the stream. The by-pass is being proposed during the installation of the intake and discharge pipes to reduce traffic congestion and address safety concerns. Once the discharge pipes are installed the by-pass will be removed and the stream will be restored in place. Similarly, once the sewer force main is installed the area will be restored.

Table 6. Temporary Impacts to Stream Resources

Stream ID	Temporary Impacts (L.Ft.)	Impact Characterization
S9	145	Direct, Temporary Culvert, and Excavation
Totals	145	

3.0 Impact Compensation

On-site impact compensation for impacts to streams includes a proposal for riparian restoration and deeded riparian buffer protection. Restore in place activities will compensate for temporary impacts to some degree. The balance of the compensation is in the form of participation in the in-lieu-fee program.

3.1 Riparian Restoration and Deeded Riparian Buffer

This section of the Natural Resource Impact Compensation Plan provides a description of the existing conditions along S9 and the specifications for planting the riparian restoration areas as well as providing details for the Deeded Riparian Buffer as shown in Appendix B.

3.1.1 Riparian Restoration

Nordic Aquafarms is proposing to revegetate areas along S9 that are currently either open or mowed and maintained grass areas. The Riparian Restoration Area is 2.17 acres in size. There are a series of small wetlands of special significance that fringe S9. Soils are predominately a silt loam. Hydrology is provided by seasonally high water tables and surface run off. Where vegetated, the existing riparian area along S9 is thickly vegetated with a variety of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plant species that include red maple (*Acer rubrum*), quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*), multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), speckled alder (*Alnus incana*), black ask (*Fraxinus nigra*), red oak (*Quercus rubra*), paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*), meadowsweet (*Spiraea latifolia*), white pine (*Pinus strobus*), rough-stemmed goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa*), sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*) and, spotted touch-me-not (*Impatiens capensis*).

3.1.2 Deeded Riparian Buffer

Nordic Aquafarms is proposing to establish a deed restricted buffer along the intermittent stream designated as S9 (Figure 1). This deed restricted area is shown in Appendix B and encompasses 4.73 acres. The deed restricted buffer varies in width but is a minimum of 75 feet wide and as much as 150 feet in width. Portions of the riparian area are currently mowed and maintained lawn. Therefore, as part of the impact compensation package, specific portions of the riparian buffer will be restored with native plantings as previously described in Section 3.1.1 and as detailed in Appendix B. To ensure protection into perpetuity language will be developed, reviewed and, once acceptable to the MDEP, registered with the land.

3.2 Aquatic Passage Improvement

The corrugated pipe culverts that currently carries Stream S8 under the driveway on the property located at 282 Northport Road will be removed and replaced with an improved structure for aquatic passage. Existing conditions photos and culvert details are provided in Appendix C. This structure will have natural bottom consisting of a minimum of 12 inches of streambed material laid on the existing substrate. This material has been chosen to match existing material and will allow for natural stream channel development, maintaining aquatic connectivity up and down stream by preventing down cutting at either end of the culvert. This channel is expected to provide adequate habitat for stream-associated insects, which in turn creates suitable habitat for stream dwelling salamanders. The dimensions of the culvert will provide passage opportunities for a variety of small to medium wildlife species, such as frogs, weasels, fox, and racoon. The disturbed area at the outfall of the culvert will be restored with native vegetation, including a conservation seed mix and, and a mix of native shrubs (see Appendix B). To ensure this area is protected into perpetuity language will be developed, reviewed and, once acceptable to the MDEP, registered with the land.

3.3 Restore in Place Impacts

Impacts resulting from temporary construction activities will be restored in place. Each area is discussed individually below. Stabilization measures, where needed, are outlined in Appendix B.

3.3.1 Intake and Discharge Pipes

The impacts to W11 (salt marsh and cobble beach) will be restored in place but also will be compensated for as required using a multiplier of 2 for the In-Lieu-Fee program calculation (see Section 4.2).

Cobble Beach

The cobble beach (486 sq.ft.) will be restored to its original condition after construction of the intake and outfall pipes. A trench will be dug in this zone, allowing the pipes to be buried in 5 feet +/- of cover. Due to the flat and stable surface, it is envisioned that an open-cut trench and side casting the material is the quickest and least impactful method to install the pipes in this zone. The excavated material will be side cast to the opposite side of the trench route from the staged pipes. After pipe placement, the trench will be backfilled with the side cast material, and the back-filled surface will be shaped to match to the original profile. Excess soil, rocks, and boulders not used to back fill the trench will be removed and disposed of off-site, leaving the cobble beach in the same profile appearance as originally found. Tidal action is expected to quickly blend the back-filled area in with the undisturbed cobble beach.

Salt Marsh

A small area of salt marsh vegetation (2,125 sq.ft.) will be disturbed during construction of the intake and outfall pipes. The salt marsh vegetation will be carefully separated from the subsoil with its root mat intact, in large pieces, and placed to the side in an area where it will not be trampled or otherwise covered with excavated material. The vegetated mat will be covered with burlap to prevent exposure and drying. If the root mat is exposed during freezing temperatures it should be also be mulched with straw. After the trench is backfilled, the salt marsh vegetation will be returned to its original location and tacked in place using wooden stakes at least 3 feet longer than the depth of the root zone. It is anticipated that the salt marsh will be restored to its original condition after 1 or 2 growing seasons.

3.2 Sewer Force Main

The installation of the sewer force main will temporarily impact W16. Similar to other restore in place activities, this area will be excavated and the material will be side cast for use in backfilling and restoring to original grade. Disturbed areas will be stabilized by hydroseeding with New England Wetland Mix.

3.3 Route 1 By-Pass

The installation of the intake and discharge pipes across Route 1 will require the installation of a temporary by-pass. This 2 lane bypass will divert all traffic flow to the west of the current roadway onto the Applicants property to provide the least amount of disruption to traffic and traffic patterns. Once the pipes are installed, Route 1 will be restored in kind and temporary impacts to S9 and W6 will be restored.

Stream 9 stream bed will be replicated to pre-construction conditions. The banks and surrounding disturbed area will be restored to original grade and stabilized by hydroseeding with New England Wildlife Conservation Mix.

4.0 Compensation Goals

The project as proposed will have temporary and permanent impacts to wetlands and streams. No vernal pools are present so no vernal pool impacts will occur. All permanent impacts to wetlands will be mitigated through participation in the in-lieu-fee program. Impacts to streams will be mitigated via riparian habitat restoration, culvert repairs to improve aquatic passage and deed restrictions on riparian buffers. The goal of the onsite mitigation components is to offset certain functions and values associated with impacted streams. These include floodflow alteration, groundwater recharge and discharge and wildlife habitat.

All temporary impacts will be restored in place. Permanent, direct impacts to protected natural resources have been minimized to the extent practicable (see Alternative Analysis in Attachment 2 of the NRPA application). Direct impacts associated with permanent fill of wetlands are anticipated to be compensated for with a contribution to the In-Lieu-fee program resulting in a significant financial commitment that will enable Nordic Aquafarms and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) to achieve the regulatory goals of no-net-loss of wetland functions and values which include the primary functions and values of flood flow alteration, sediment/shoreline stabilization, production export and wildlife habitat.

4.1 On-Site Compensation

A summary of on-site compensation and correlation to functions and values is presented in Table 7. Based on the calculations for compensation ratios, as set forth under Chapter 310, Section 5.C.(5) the stream impacts on the site have been compensated for up to 1,965 linear feet (S9) and 60 linear feet (aquatic passage) correlating to 1.677 acres, for the proposed 1,180 linear feet of stream to be permanently impacted. Although the coastal wetland (W11) and wetland of special significance impacts (W16) are restored in place the in-lieu-fee still applies at a multiplier of 2.

Table 7. On-Site Stream Compensation

Compensation Area	*Functions and Values Provided	Compensation Amount	Compensation Ratio	Total Compensated
Riparian Restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife Habitat **Visual Quality 	2.17 acre	2:1	1.08 acre
Deeded Riparian Buffer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife Habitat 	4.73 acre	8:1	0.59 acre

Aquatic Passage Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat • Flood flow Alteration 	0.014 acre	2:1	0.007 acre
Totals				1.677 acre

*Floodflow alteration as it relates to S9 will continue to be provided under proposed conditions.

** This is a value added

4.2 In-Lieu-Fee

To compensate for wetland impacts the project will pay into the in-lieu-fee program as calculated below using the following formula:

(Direct wetland impact/sq. ft. x (natural resource enhancement & restoration cost/sq. ft. + avg. assessed land valuation/sq. ft.)) x (resource multiplier)

The enhancement and restoration cost for Waldo County is \$3.61 per sq.ft. and the average assessed land value is \$0.09 per sq.ft. The resource multiplier for coastal wetlands and wetlands of special significance is 2. All other resources are set at a multiplier of 1.

Coastal Wetlands:

$$(2,611 \times (\$3.61 + 0.09)) \times (2) = \$19,321.40$$

Permanent Freshwater Wetlands:

$$(169,091 \times (\$3.61 + 0.09)) \times (1) = \$625,636.70,$$

Temporary Wetlands of Special Significance

$$(1,245 \times (\$3.61 + 0.09)) \times (2) = \$9,213.00$$

Total Compensation \$654,171.10

5.0 Schedule for Implementation

Given the phased nature of the development construction, both in-place restoration of impacted wetlands and riparian restoration along stream 9 will have to be scheduled so that no ensuing phases affect the restored areas. Attachment 7 of this application contains the full construction narrative and schedule for the project. The construction of the intake/discharge pipeline system will occur at the outset of Phase 1, with construction beginning with the Route 1 bypass and proceeding outward into Belfast Bay. It is expected that the total duration of this construction will be approximately 7 months, with construction beginning in September of 2019 (based on the assumed timeline of permit issuance) and continuing into March of 2020. Appendix 7-B of Attachment 7 contains a graphic representation of the proposed pipeline construction schedule; portions of wetland W6 impacted by the construction of the temporary bypass will be filled with suitable soils and stabilized following deconstruction of the bypass, however the area will not be fully restored until the end of the pipeline construction phase to ensure no further alteration of the area will occur. Likewise impacts to salt marsh W11 by the 40' construction easement and pipeline trenching will be immediately stabilized following installation of the pipe; however the need for conveyance of

equipment and materials along this portion as construction proceeds out into the Bay mandates that final restoration occurs only after the pipeline system is fully installed. The major impacts to stream 9 will consist of the addition of a culvert during construction of the access road to the water treatment plant area at the outset of Phase 1 construction, as well as a temporary diversion during installation of the force main sewer connection. A proposed construction schedule for the main facility site can be found in Attachment 7, Appendix 7-A. The sewer installation will occur during Phase 1E, as shown in Attachment 1.B, plan CE115. Following the trenching, sewer pipe installation, and backfill/stabilization of the impacted region, routing of stream 9 will be restored to its original state. Restoration and improvements to the riparian buffer along stream 9, as shown in Appendix 13-B, will also occur towards the conclusion of Phase 1E in the fall of 2021.

6.0 Compensation Monitoring Plan

All on-site compensation components will be monitored for proper implementation. Monitoring will include site preparation, stabilization, seeding and planting. During monitoring of site preparation the sediment and erosion control plans (Attachment 8 to the NRPA application) will be adhered to. All monitoring events will be documented and, in the event of minor field changes or remedial measures required to ensure restoration success, the monitor will alert the MDEP and an acceptable alternative will be developed and remedial measures proposed. Monitoring will also include reporting that addresses invasive species control measures and photo documentation for inclusion in monitoring reports. The riparian restoration areas and restore in place areas will be monitored for five years unless otherwise specified by a condition of approval issued by the MDEP. During the monitoring period transplant success will be quantified by establishing fixed plots. At the end of three years a functional assessment of the riparian restoration and restore in place areas will document the functions and values anticipated to be compensated for. The goal for restoration success will be achieved if 85% of the compensation area has successfully resulted in providing lost functions and values.

Appendix A

Expertise and Bios

STREAM RESTORATION SERVICES

Core Values

Results-oriented environmental services

Respect for stakeholders, the public and our natural environment

Ethical work conduct and scientific integrity at all times

Safe and positive work environment

Pride, investment, and accountability through employee ownership

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Stream channel redirection from agricultural and urban land development has associated environmental impacts on aquatic habitat and water quality. An increase in runoff from developed urban and suburban areas has also led to destabilization of stream channels and degradation of aquatic habitat.

Normandeau's staff of aquatic biologists, ecologists, engineers, and hydrologists are experienced in the assessment of streams, stream restoration design, supervision of construction projects and post-construction monitoring.

Stream restoration projects are typically completed in four phases:

- Aquatic and Geomorphic Assessment.
- Aquatic Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Design.
- Restoration Construction.
- Post-Construction Monitoring.

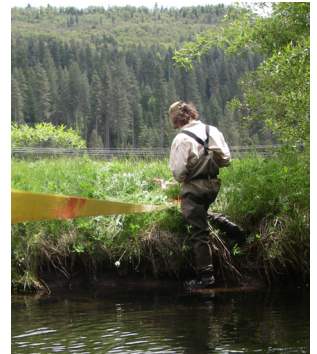
In the assessment phase, our biologists, geomorphologists and hydrologists characterize, describe and evaluate the aquatic habitat and morphological condition of the stream and its streamflow regime. Our engineers, in association with the stream assessment team, then develop a restoration plan.

The actual design of the restored channel is based on the natural channel stability concept, founded on the principles of fluvial geomorphology. This creates a channel whose hydraulic geometry, planform and profile are in dynamic equilibrium with existing watershed conditions and are geomorphically stable.

During the design phase boulder clusters, large woody debris, LUNKERS, and specific riparian vegetation can be incorporated to enhance aquatic habitat. Following the design phase, we can assist in the selection of an experienced construction contractor and oversee the construction activities. Following restoration of the stream channel, a post-construction monitoring program is implemented to confirm effectiveness of the design and to document improvements in aquatic habitat conditions.

Our company has over 45 years of experience in the environmental consulting business that is well-recognized by state and Federal regulatory agencies.

Normandeau's staff is highly trained in the geomorphic assessment of streams and the design of stream channels, and use natural channel design concepts that have been identified by Leopold, Rosgen, Newbury and others.



SARAH D. ALLEN, PWS, NHCWS Principal Scientist, Wetlands/Terrestrial

Ms. Allen has a broad background in wetland and wildlife services, gained from over 30 years in natural resource research and consulting. She has technical experience in coastal and inland wetland delineation, functional assessment, mitigation design, botanical and wildlife surveys, and rare species surveys. As her project experience indicates, she has been involved in various terrestrial aspects for a range of projects including private development, hydroelectric relicensings, transmission lines, wind projects, ski area expansion, and transportation projects. Her work has included all stages of local, state and federal permitting, including agency coordination, permit preparation and regulatory review. Ms. Allen has managed numerous projects during her long career at Normandeau; participated in NEPA EA/EIS preparation; given presentations to professional and public audiences; and provided expert testimony at regulatory hearings.

EDUCATION

MS, Natural Resources Science, (Wetland Ecology), University of Rhode Island
BS, Wildlife Biology, University of Vermont

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1989-Present	Normandeau Associates
1985-1986	K-V Associates, Inc.
1983-1985	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
1979-1985	Boston University Marine Program

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Professional Wetlands Scientist. Society of Wetlands Scientists (1995)
- Certified Wetlands Scientist. NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists (1999)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Society of Wetland Scientists
- Coastal & Estuarine Research Federation
- New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists
- Maine Association of Wetland Scientists

SARAH A. BARNUM, CWB® Senior Wildlife Ecologist

Dr. Barnum is a Senior Wildlife Ecologist at Normandeau with over 20 years of professional experience. Her background includes providing expertise to the transportation and energy sectors, as well as a variety of general development projects. She has hands-on experience with a wide range of species including forest birds, waterfowl, raptors, small mammals, large mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. Dr. Barnum's projects have emphasized examining habitat relationships, impact assessment for threatened and endangered species, mitigation planning, and Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance. Dr. Barnum also has extensive experience in project planning, project management, experimental design, and data analysis.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Conservation Planning,
University of Colorado
M.S., Wildlife Biology, Utah State University
B.S., (cum laude) Wildlife Biology,
University of Vermont

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007-Present	Normandeau Associates
2005-2007	New Hampshire Audubon
2004-2005	Baystate Environmental Consultants
2001-2003	Environmental Planning and Policy Unit, Colorado DOT
1998-2000	Office of Environmental Services, Colorado DOT
1996-1998	Dames & Moore
1993-1994	Bio-Resources, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Wildlife Biologist
- AAE's Airport Wildlife Manager's Course and Wildlife Management Techniques Course
- Cyber Tracker Level III Tracking Certification

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- The Wildlife Society
- New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists
- Epsom, NH Conservation Commission
- Bear-Paw Regional Greenways Land Conservation Committee

LEE E. CARBONNEAU, PWS/NHCWS **Wetland Scientist/Wildlife Biologist**

Ms. Carbonneau is a wetland scientist and wildlife biologist with almost 30 years of experience assessing terrestrial and wetland communities throughout the northeastern United States. As a senior project manager, she is responsible for providing ecological services for clients in the energy, transportation, site remediation, and development sectors, with particular emphasis on large-scale and complex undertakings. Ms. Carbonneau also provides third-party expertise to state and local resource agencies. Her skills include wetland delineation and assessment, mitigation design, wildlife survey, habitat assessment, and state and federal natural resource permitting in both inland and estuarine environments. Ms. Carbonneau is vice-chair of Normandeau's Transmission Client Service Group and supervises the Wildlife Scientist staff assigned to Normandeau's corporate headquarters in New Hampshire.

EDUCATION

- M.S. Wildlife Ecology,
University of New Hampshire
- B.S. Forest Biology, SUNY College of
Environmental Science and Forestry,
Magna cum laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1989-Present Normandeau Associates, Inc.
1986-1989 The Smart Associates
1985-1986 Environmental Consultant
1983-1985 University of New Hampshire
1982 EIP Northeast and The Nature
Conservancy
1981 The Nature Conservancy-Lower
Hudson Chapter

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Professional Wetland Scientist #882
- NH Certified Wetland Scientist #123
- Maine DIFW Credentialed Vernal Pool
Observer

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Society of Wetland Scientists
- New Hampshire Association of Natural
Resource Scientists
- New Hampshire Wetlands Council Member
- Board of Trustees – Five Rivers Conservation
Trust (2004-2009)

ADELE F. FIORILLO, PWS, NHCWS

Principal Wetland Scientist

Ms. Fiorillo is a Principal Scientist with over 30 years of experience. She is responsible for a variety of professional services including: project team development and management; wetlands delineation; mitigation plan development/ implementation; environmental impact evaluations; wetlands analysis and permit applications for federal, state and local entities. Her project experience includes energy, transportation and real estate development projects as well as projects for communities and non-profit groups. She has prepared Environmental Assessments and Categorical Exclusion documents to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Ms. Fiorillo collaborates with multi-disciplined project teams, establishes and oversees project staff and budgets, defines scoping guidelines and stays updated on changes in environmental regulations. Ms. Fiorillo teaches graduate courses in Wetlands Ecology and Marine and Coastal Processes. Technical expertise includes fresh water and coastal wetland ecosystems.

EDUCATION

M.A., Marine Biology, San Francisco State University

B.A., Biological Sciences, University of California, Berkeley

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010-Present	Normandeau Associates
2009-2010	GZA Geo Environmental
1998-2009	NHSC, Inc.
1994-1998	Wetlands Preservation, Inc.
1990-1994	Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies
1986-1989	Tenera, Corporation

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

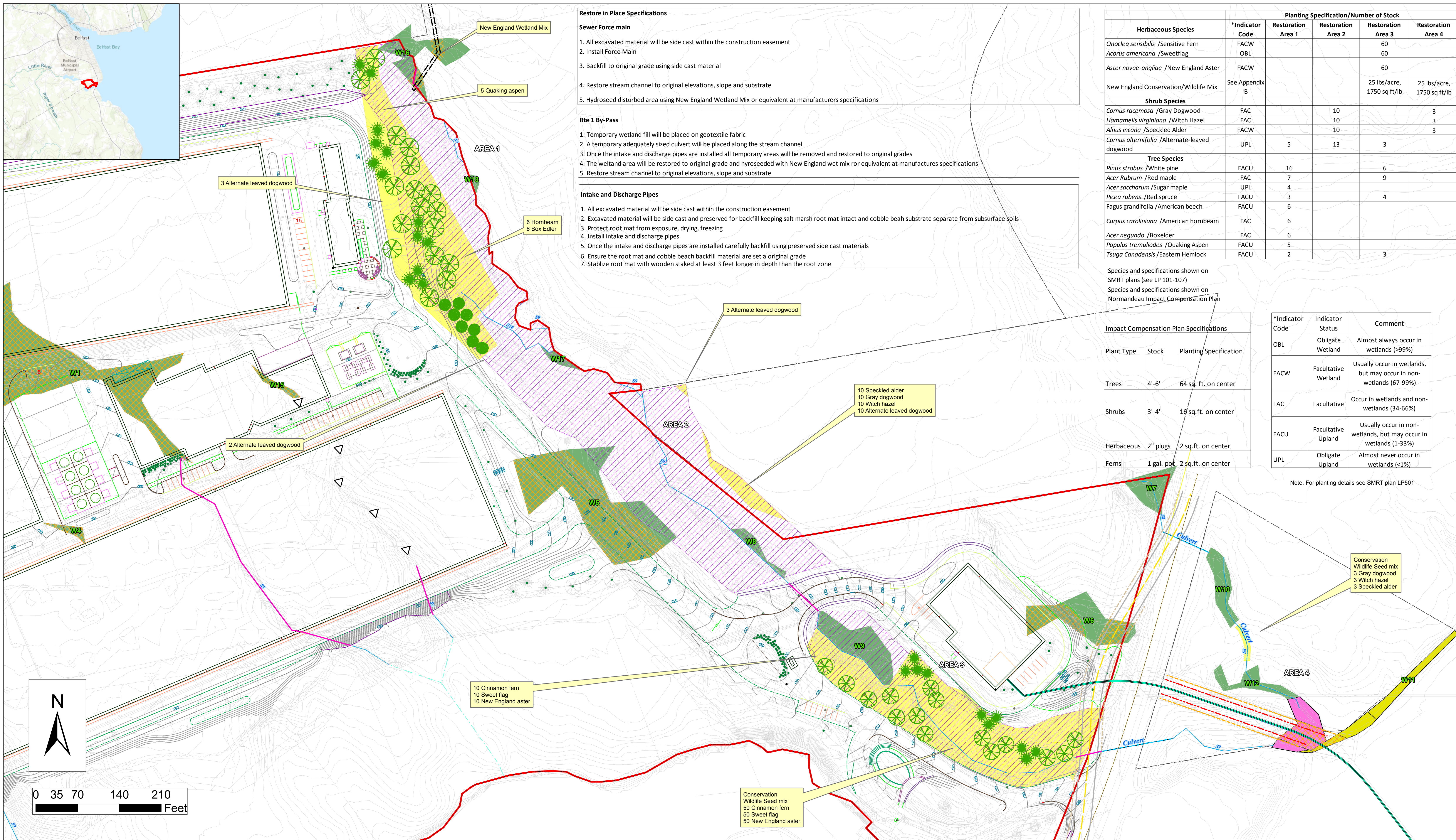
- Professional Wetland Scientist, Society of Wetland Scientists #823
- NH Certified Wetland Scientist #064
- Certificate of Completion – Project Management Institute (2008)
- Maine DIFW Credentialed Vernal Pool Observer

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Society of Wetland Scientists – Life Member
- New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists – Member
- Adjunct Professor University of Massachusetts, Lowell Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Gulf of Maine EcoSystem Indicator Partnership – Climate Change Committee Member
- Hodgson’s Brook Advisory Board Member

Appendix B

Compensation Plan Specifications



Restore in Place Specifications

Sewer Force main

1. All excavated material will be side cast within the construction easement
2. Install Force Main
3. Backfill to original grade using side cast material
4. Restore stream channel to original elevations, slope and substrate
5. Hydroseed disturbed area using New England Wetland Mix or equivalent at manufacturers specifications

Rte 1 By-Pass

1. Temporary wetland fill will be placed on geotextile fabric
2. A temporary adequately sized culvert will be placed along the stream channel
3. Once the intake and discharge pipes are installed all temporary areas will be removed and restored to original grades
4. The wetland area will be restored to original grade and hydroseeded with New England wet mix or equivalent at manufacturers specifications
5. Restore stream channel to original elevations, slope and substrate

Intake and Discharge Pipes

1. All excavated material will be side cast within the construction easement
2. Excavated material will be side cast and preserved for backfill keeping salt marsh root mat intact and cobble beach substrate separate from subsurface soils
3. Protect root mat from exposure, drying, freezing
4. Install intake and discharge pipes
5. Once the intake and discharge pipes are installed carefully backfill using preserved side cast materials
6. Ensure the root mat and cobble beach backfill material are set a original grade
7. Stabilize root mat with wooden staked at least 3 feet longer in depth than the root zone

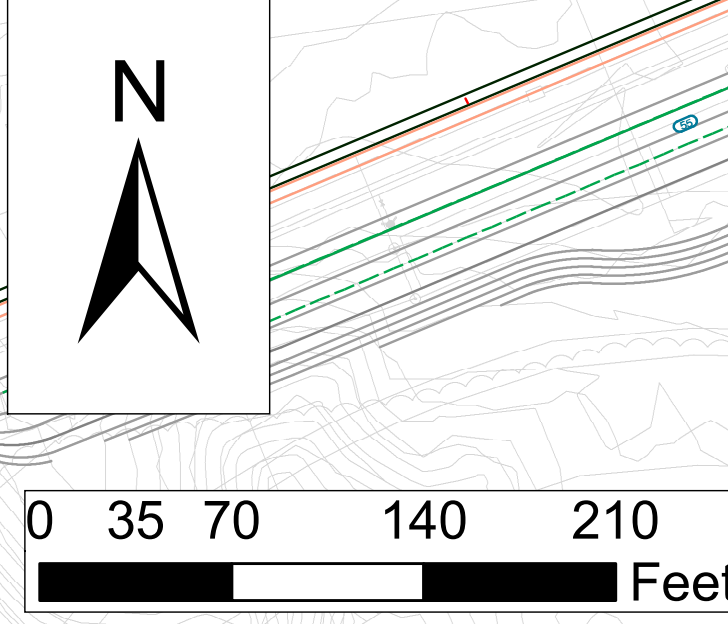
Herbaceous Species	*Indicator Code	Planting Specification/Number of Stock			
		Restoration Area 1	Restoration Area 2	Restoration Area 3	Restoration Area 4
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i> /Sensitive Fern	FACW			60	
<i>Acorus americana</i> /Sweetflag	OBL			60	
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i> /New England Aster	FACW			60	
New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix	See Appendix B			25 lbs/acre, 1750 sq ft/lb	25 lbs/acre, 1750 sq ft/lb
Shrub Species					
<i>Cornus racemosa</i> /Gray Dogwood	FAC		10		3
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> /Witch Hazel	FAC		10		3
<i>Alnus incana</i> /Speckled Alder	FACW		10		3
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i> /Alternate-leaved dogwood	UPL	5	13	3	
Tree Species					
<i>Pinus strobus</i> /White pine	FACU	16		6	
<i>Acer Rubrum</i> /Red maple	FAC	7		9	
<i>Acer saccharum</i> /Sugar maple	UPL	4			
<i>Picea rubens</i> /Red spruce	FACU	3		4	
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i> /American beech	FACU	6			
<i>Carpus caroliniana</i> /American hornbeam	FAC	6			
<i>Acer negundo</i> /Boxelder	FAC	6			
<i>Populus tremuloides</i> /Quaking Aspen	FACU	5			
<i>Tsuga Canadensis</i> /Eastern Hemlock	FACU	2		3	

Species and specifications shown on SMRT plans (see LP 101-107)
Species and specifications shown on Normandeau Impact Compensation Plan

Impact Compensation Plan Specifications		
Plant Type	Stock	Planting Specification
Trees	4'-6'	64 sq. ft. on center
Shrubs	3'-4'	16 sq. ft. on center
Herbaceous	2" plugs	2 sq. ft. on center
Ferns	1 gal. pot	2 sq. ft. on center

*Indicator Code	Indicator Status	Comment
OBL	Obligate Wetland	Almost always occur in wetlands (>99%)
FACW	Facultative Wetland	Usually occur in wetlands, but may occur in non-wetlands (67-99%)
FAC	Facultative	Occur in wetlands and non-wetlands (34-66%)
FACU	Facultative Upland	Usually occur in non-wetlands, but may occur in wetlands (1-33%)
UPL	Obligate Upland	Almost never occur in wetlands (<1%)

Note: For planting details see SMRT plan LP501



Belfast Aquaculture Project Impact Compensation Plan

- Sewer Easement
- Temp US1 bypass
- Project Area
- Palustrine Wetlands
- SMRT Tree Symbol Lines
- Edge of Pavement
- Deeded Riparian Buffer
- Salt Marsh
- Stream Impact
- Fog Line
- Wetland Impact
- Cobble Beach
- Current Pipeline Route
- Centerline
- Restoration Area
- Intermittent Stream
- Easement Centerline
- Existing Culvert
- Permanent Easement 25' Wide
- Intermittent Stream
- Temporary Easement 40' Wide
- Stream Not Field Delineated
- Other Belfast Parcels
- Hydrologic Connection



Appendix C

Aquatic Passage Culvert Detail

Site:
ECKROTE DRIVEWAY
CULVERT

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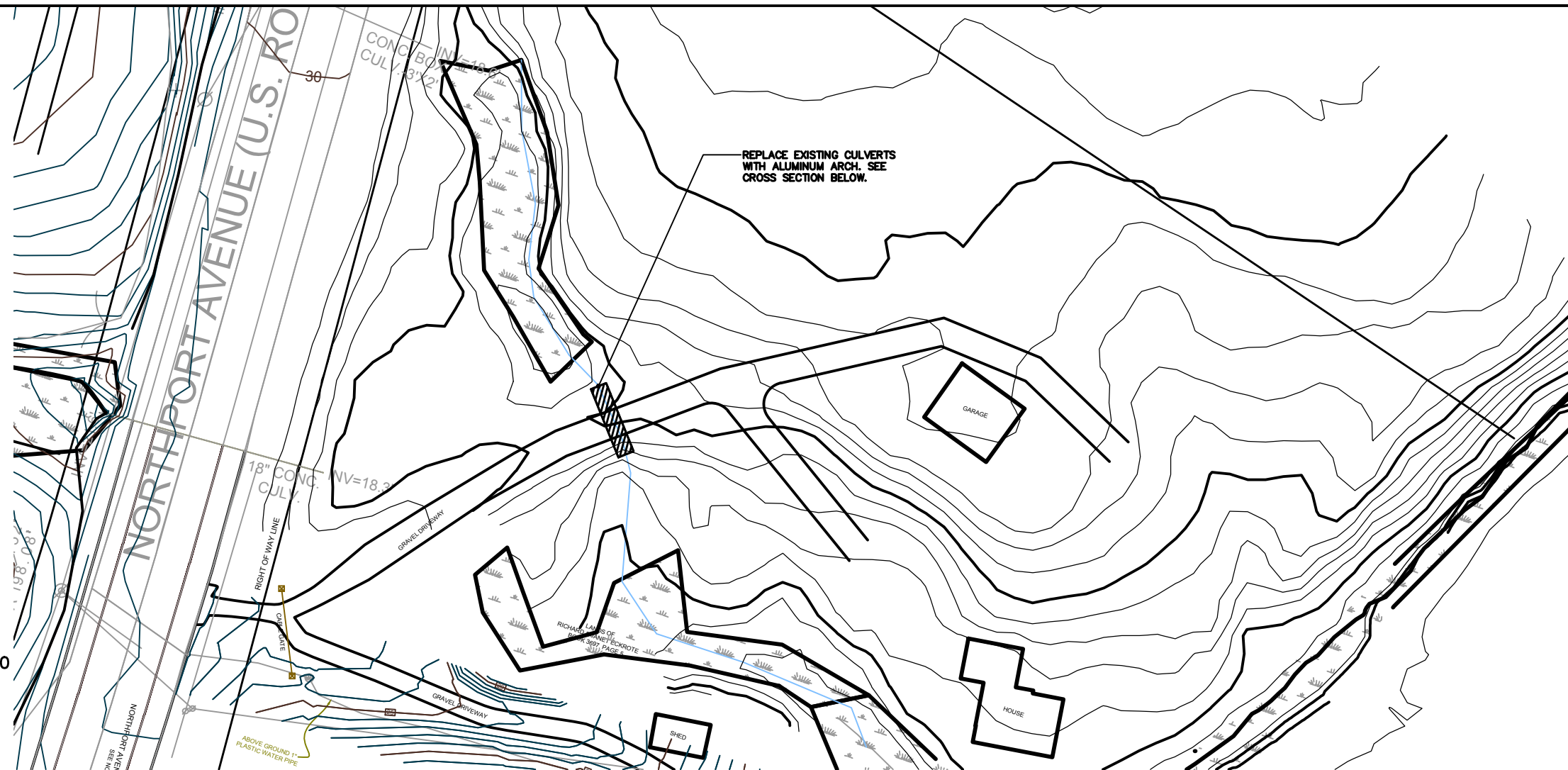


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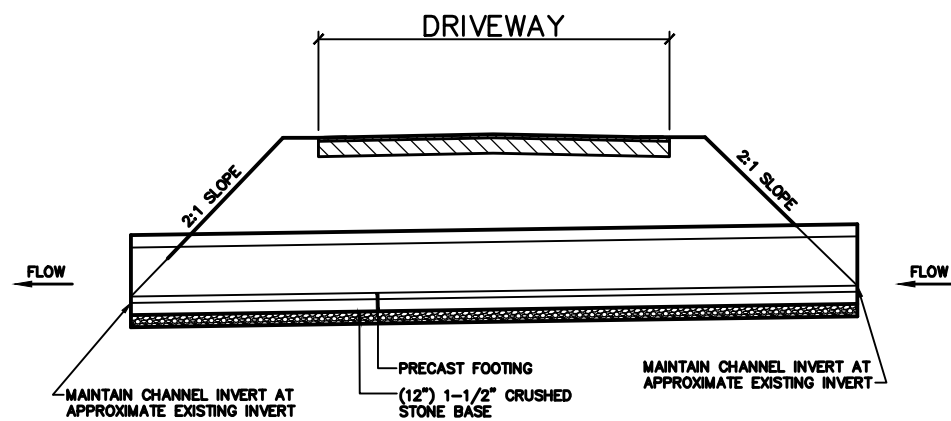
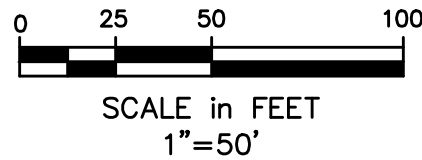
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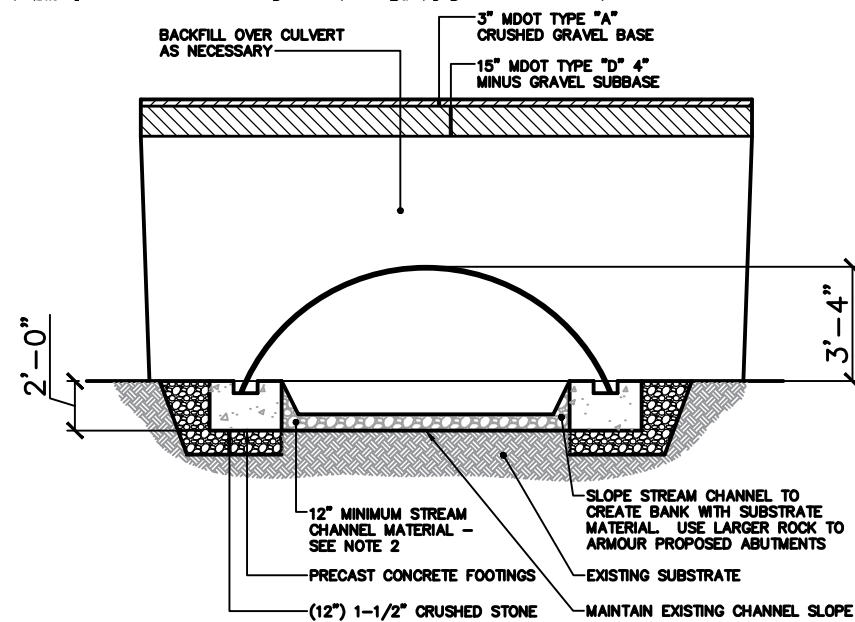
REPLACE EXISTING CULVERTS
WITH ALUMINUM ARCH. SEE
CROSS SECTION BELOW.



NOTES:

- CULVERT TO BE SET AT BEST FIT TO EXISTING CHANNEL ELEVATION AS SHOWN. EXISTING CHANNEL ELEVATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY INTERPOLATION BETWEEN UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM ELEVATIONS.
- USE EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS ON SLOPE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2:1; SLOPES GREATER THAN 2:1 REQUIRE RIPRAP STABILIZATION.
- RIPRAP STABILIZATION SHALL CONSIST OF MIRAFI 500X GEOTEXTILE FABRIC OR APPROVED EQUAL WITH 30" IF 6" D50 RIPRAP.

CULVERT PROFILE
NOT TO SCALE



NOTES:

- CULVERT TO BE SET AT BEST FIT TO EXISTING CHANNEL ELEVATION.
- STREAM CHANNEL EMBEDMENT MATERIAL TO MATCH EXISTING CHANNEL MATERIAL.

CROSS SECTION OF ALUMINUM ARCH CULVERT
NOT TO SCALE

Examples of Culvert Design

