

**GRANITE STATE LANDFILL, LLC**

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February 6, 2024

**Applicant Receipt**

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
Wetlands Bureau Land Resources Management  
Water Division  
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

**RE: Granite State Landfill, LLC  
Proposed Lined Landfill - Dalton, New Hampshire  
Wetlands Permit Application (File # 2023-3259)**

Dear Applicant Receipt Center:

Granite State Landfill, LLC (GSL) writes to provide a response to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau (NHDES) administratively incomplete correspondence received by email on December 21, 2023 regarding our Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application # 2023-3259 (Application). We have reiterated your comments in normal font below with our response in ***bold italic font***.

- Bullet 1: The application fee for the area of proposed impact to intermittent and perennial streams was not included in the \$200,786.80 fee paid on December 14, 2023.

***The application fee did include the proposed impacts to intermittent and perennial streams. Since the intermittent and perennial streams to be impacted are within mapped wetland impact areas, they were included within the respective wetland impact area calculations and the associated filing fee of \$200,786.80. Refer to Attachment 1 for the updated application fee calculation.***

- Bullet 2 Part 1: Section 11 – Clear and consistent Impact Area identification (Env-Wt 311.04(g)) – page 5 of Section 8.2 in the Application describes the proposed wetland impacts as approximately 503,118 square feet in contradiction to the impact area of 501,967 square feet stated in the application form. This information is needed to determine if the fee is correct.

***Section 11 – To confirm: the total proposed wetland impacts are 501,967 square feet, which is the value stated Section 2.1, Table 8.1 in Section 8, Section 12.4, and the Wetland Impact Plans provided in Section 14.3 of the application.***

***As a point of clarification, the narrative on page 5 of Section 8.2 of the application was intended to provide approximate areas rounded to acres from square feet. The total impacts of 501,967 square feet indicated in the Application Form (Section 2.1 of the December 2023 Application and Attachment 1 of this letter) is correct.***

- Bullet 2 Part 2: Section 12 – Correct Application Fee Calculation (RSA 482-A:3, I) – missing area of intermittent and perennial stream impact in calculation.

***As stated in Bullet 1, the square feet of linear stream impacts for intermittent and perennial streams were originally included within the wetland impact areas. The accompanying revised Section 11 of the Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application Form (Attachment 1), Existing Condition Plans (Attachment 2), Wetland Impact Plans (Attachment 3) and wetland impact summary tables (Attachment 4) serve to break-out the square feet of stream impacts. The perennial stream impacts were determined by calculating the square feet of impact from the delineated top of bank. The square foot impact for Intermittent streams was determined by assessing the width of the observed scoured channel.***

- Bullet 3: The tax map, block, unit and lot number of each parcel in the subject property on one or more plan sheets as specified in Env-Wt 311.05(a)(3) and Env-Wt 311.05(c)(1)(a). NHDES could not locate this information on any of the submitted plans. Please provide a plan that meets the referenced rules.

***Please find attached two figures prepared by Horizons Engineering that provide the required information (Sheets A and B of the Wetland Impact Plans included in Attachment 3).***

- Bullet 4: Dated and labeled color photographs of all proposed jurisdictional wetland impact areas as described in Env-Wt 311.06(b).

***Consistent with the requirements of Env-Wt 311.06, dated and labeled color photographs of each proposed jurisdictional wetland impact area are included as Attachment 5 of this letter. Two figures that identify the location of each photograph, and a table of coordinates for each photograph location are also included in Attachment 5. Photographs are provided for each wetland impact identification number (ID), based on the Wetland Impact Plans prepared by Horizons Engineering of Littleton, New Hampshire included in Section 14.3 of the application (also summarized in Table 8.1 of Section 8 of the application). The photographs are intended to be representative of the current conditions in each impact area. In some***

*instances, multiple photograph locations were included for a single wetland impact ID. The wetland impact IDs include proposed permanent, temporary, and after-the-fact impacted areas.*

Should you have any further questions, please contact me at (802) 236-5973 or by email at john.gay@casella.com.

Sincerely,

**GRANITE STATE LANDFILL, LLC**



John Gay, EI  
Permitting, Compliance, & Engineering

Encl. via email link

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Attachment 1 – Wetland Application Fee Determination  
Attachment 2 – Existing Conditions Wetland Mapping Plans  
Attachment 3 – Wetland Impact Plans  
Attachment 4 – Wetland Impact Summary  
Attachment 5 – Photograph Log

- c. Douglas Ingerson, Jr., J.W. Chipping (via email)  
Barry Keith, B.H. Keith Associates (via email)  
Bethlehem Municipal Clerk/Conservation Commission (via hand deliver 2/8/24)  
Dalton Municipal Clerk/Conservation Commission (via hand deliver 2/8/24)  
Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (via ups mail)  
NHDES Rivers Program (via email)

**Attachment 1**  
**Wetland Application Fee Determination**

For intermittent and ephemeral streams, the linear footage of impact is measured along the thread of the channel. *Please note, installation of a stream crossing in an ephemeral stream may be undertaken without a permit per Rule Env-Wt 309.02(d), however other dredge or fill impacts should be included below.*

For perennial streams/rivers, the linear footage of impact is calculated by summing the lengths of disturbances to the channel and banks.

Permanent (PERM.) impacts are impacts that will remain after the project is complete (e.g., changes in grade or surface materials).

Temporary (TEMP.) impacts are impacts not intended to remain (and will be restored to pre-construction conditions) after the project is completed.

JURISDICTIONAL AREA	PERM. SF	PERM. LF	PERM. ATF SF	TEMP. SF	TEMP. LF	TEMP. ATF	PERM. ATF LF
Wetlands	Forested Wetland	226,349		10,280	5,557		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Scrub-shrub Wetland	159,444		22,794	14,508		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Emergent Wetland	52,698		3,652	1,239		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wet Meadow			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vernal Pool	2,294		<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Designated Prime Wetland			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Duly-established 100-foot Prime Wetland Buffer			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface	Intermittent / Ephemeral Stream	1,888	956	11 <input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Perennial Stream or River	1,094	909	FF1 <input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lake / Pond			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Docking - Lake / Pond			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Docking - River			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Banks	Bank - Intermittent Stream			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bank - Perennial Stream / River			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bank / Shoreline - Lake / Pond			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Tidal	Tidal Waters			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tidal Marsh			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sand Dune			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Undeveloped Tidal Buffer Zone (TBZ)			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Previously-developed TBZ			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Docking - Tidal Water			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL</b>		443,767	1,865	36,896	21,304		230

## SECTION 12 - APPLICATION FEE (RSA 482-A:3, I)

**MINIMUM IMPACT FEE:** Flat fee of \$400.

**NON-ENFORCEMENT RELATED, PUBLICLY-FUNDED AND SUPERVISED RESTORATION PROJECTS, REGARDLESS OF IMPACT CLASSIFICATION:** Flat fee of \$400 (refer to RSA 482-A:3, 1(c) for restrictions).

**MINOR OR MAJOR IMPACT FEE:** Calculate using the table below:

Permanent and temporary (non-docking): 501,967 SF	× \$0.40 =	\$ 200,786.80
Seasonal docking structure: SF	× \$2.00 =	\$
Permanent docking structure: SF	× \$4.00 =	\$
Projects proposing shoreline structures (including docks) add \$400 =	\$	
Total =	\$	200,786.80

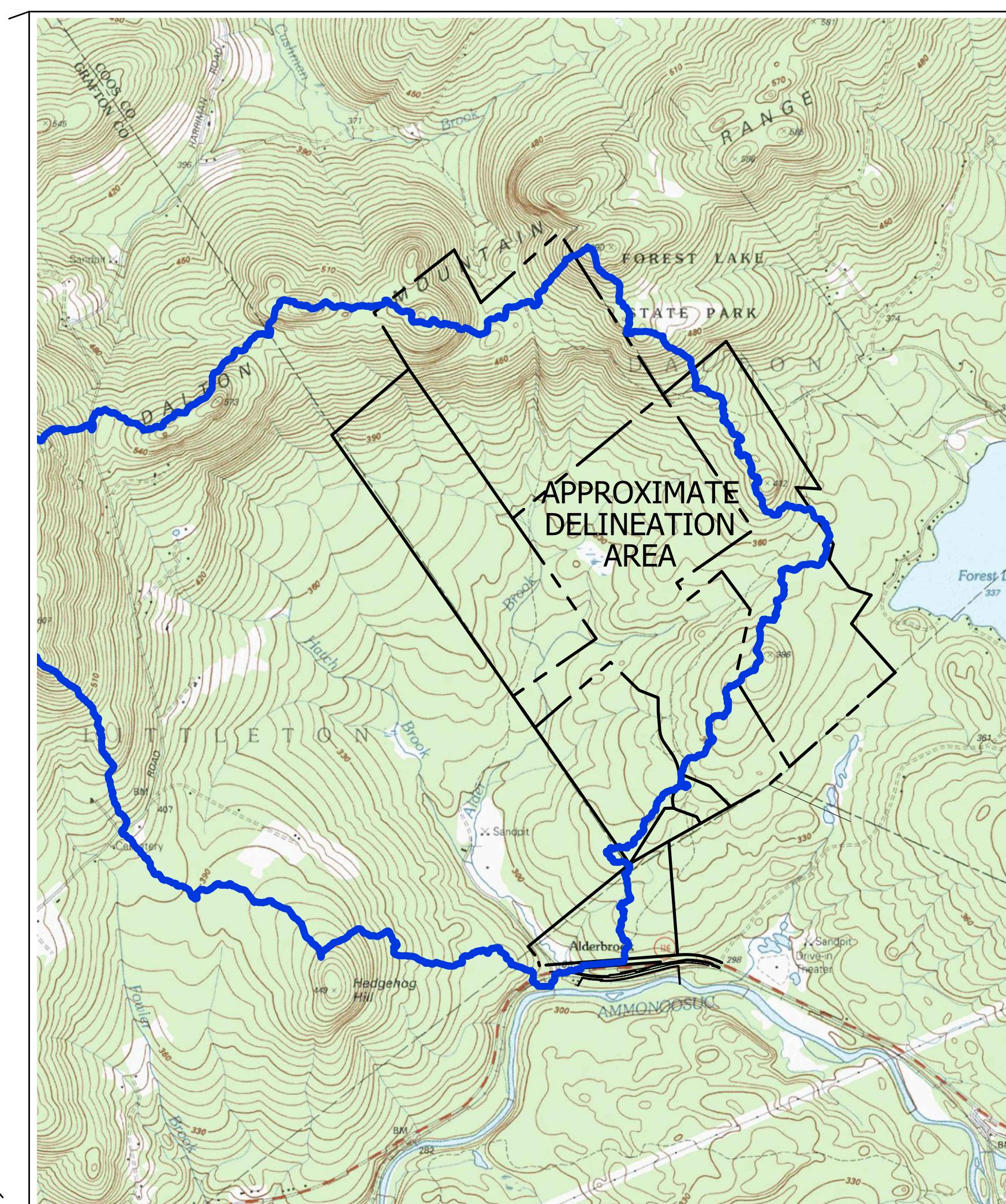
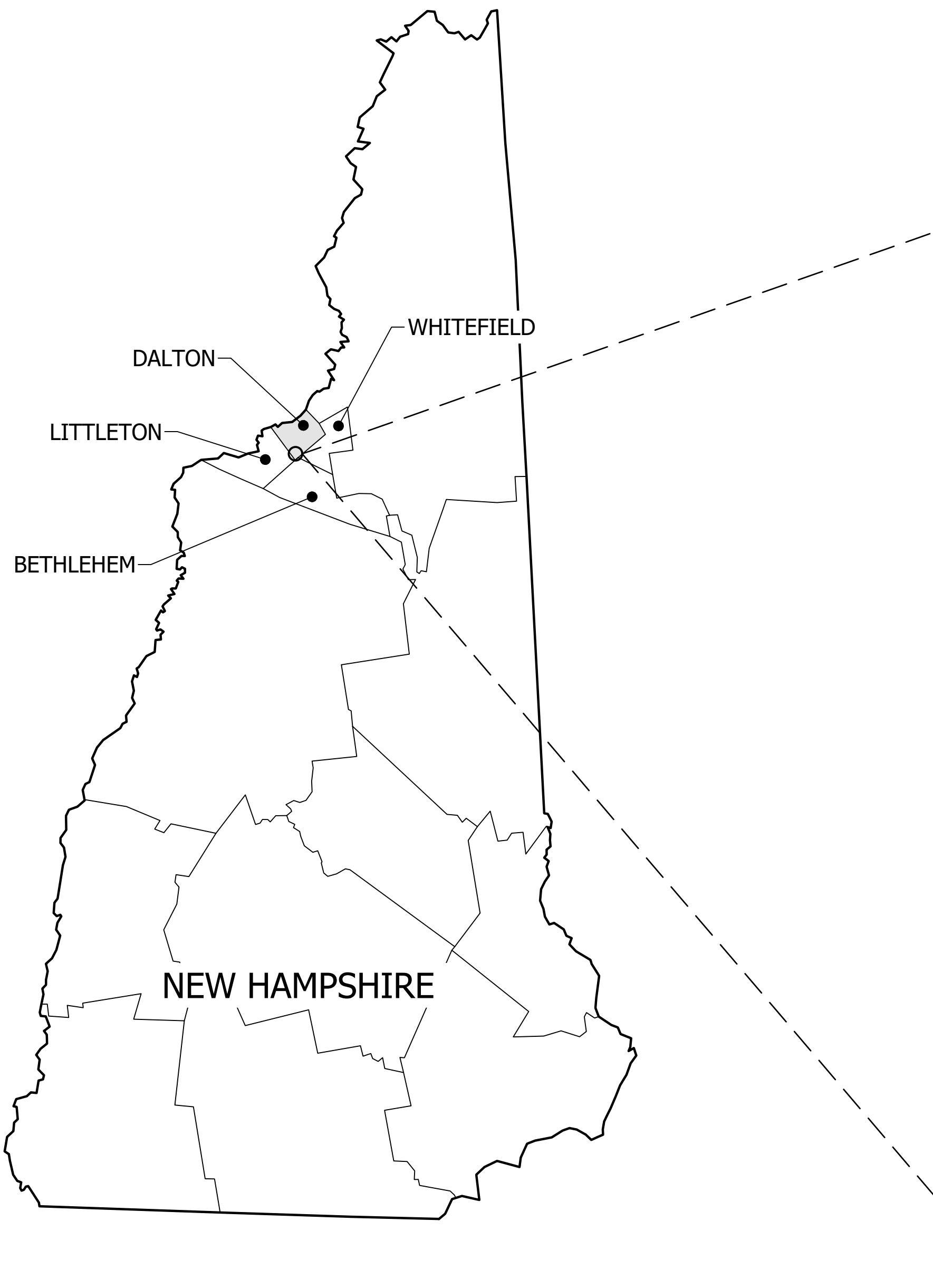
The application fee for minor or major impact is the above calculated total or \$400, whichever is greater = \$ 200,786.80

**Attachment 2**  
**Existing Conditions Wetland Mapping Plans**  
**(Bound Separately)**

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## EXISTING CONDITIONS WETLAND MAPPING PLANS

DALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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LOCATION PLAN

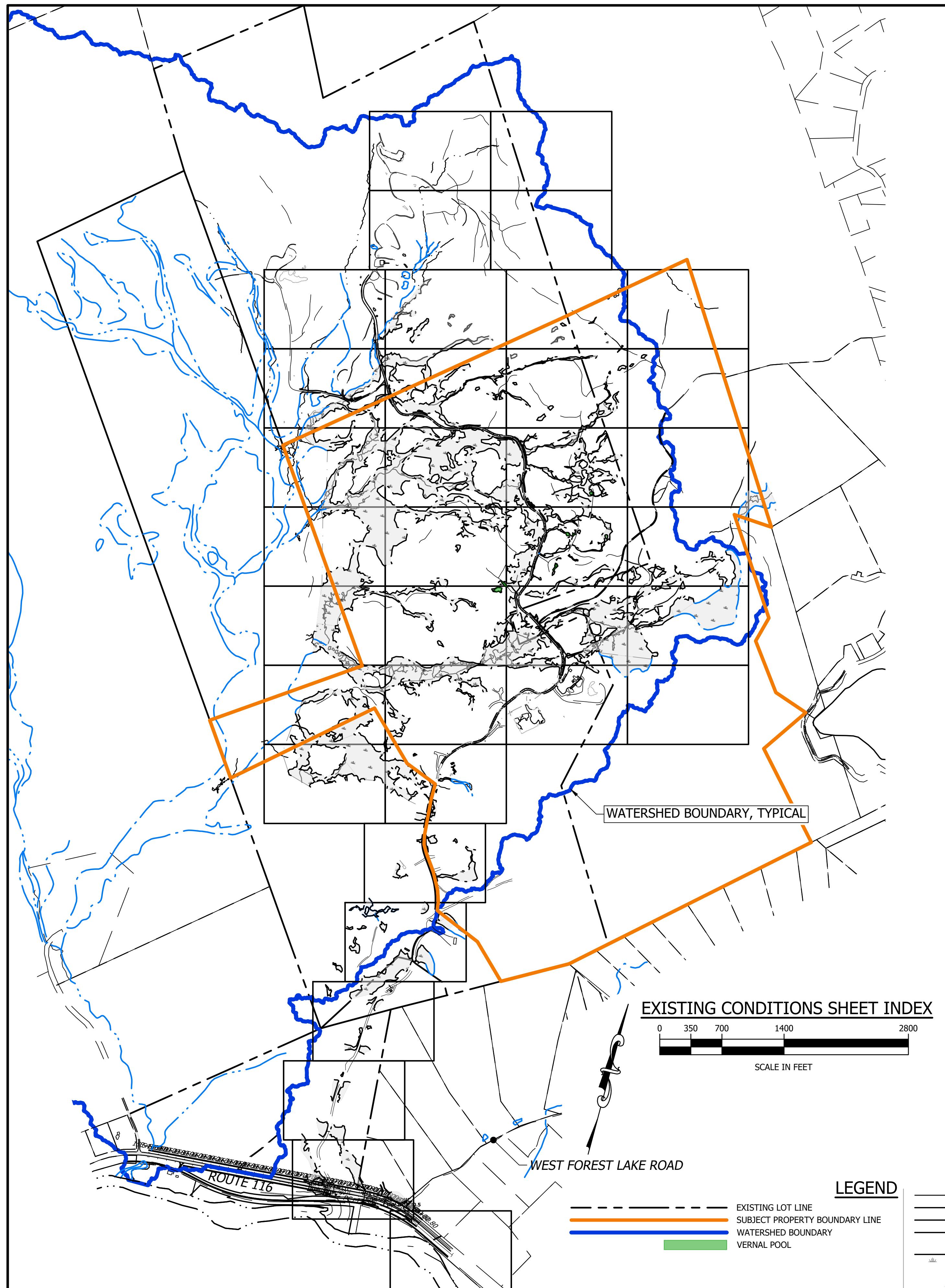
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

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SURVEYOR:  
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34 SCHOOL STREET  
LITTLETON, NH 03561





## WETLAND NOTES

STATE AND FEDERAL JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS WERE DELINEATED DURING MAY 2018 THROUGH JULY 2023 BY N.H. CERTIFIED WETLAND SCIENTIST, BARRY H. KEITH. WETLANDS MAPPING WAS DONE BY N.H. LICENSED LAND SURVEYORS, HORIZONS ENGINEERING, INC. USING GLOBAL POSITIONING SURVEY (GPS) METHODS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS:

1. N.H. CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (ENV-WT 406.01(a)) WITH THE TECHNIQUES OUTLINED IN THE 1987 "U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WETLAND DELINEATION MANUAL, TECHNICAL REPORT Y-87-1."
2. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. 2012. "REGIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS WETLAND DELINEATION MANUAL: NORTHCENTRAL AND NORTHEAST REGION (VERSION 2.0)." U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ERDC/EL TR-09-19."
3. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. 2016. "NATIONAL LIST OF PLANT SPECIES THAT OCCUR IN WETLANDS: "NORTHCENTRAL AND NORTHEAST REGION (VERSION 3.3)." U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY.
4. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE MANUAL FWS/OBS-79/31 ENTITLED "CLASSIFICATION OF WETLANDS AND DEEPWATER HABITATS OF THE UNITED STATES, COWARDIN ET AL, 1979."
5. U.S.G.S. FEDERAL GEOGRAPHIC DATA COMMITTEE, 2013, CLASSIFICATION OF WETLANDS AND DEEPWATER HABITATS OF THE UNITED STATES, WETLAND SUBCOMMITTEE, RESTON, VA.
6. NEW ENGLAND HYDRIC SOILS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE. 2017. 4th ED., "FIELD INDICATORS FOR IDENTIFYING HYDRIC SOILS IN NEW ENGLAND." NEW ENGLAND INTERSTATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION, LOWELL, MA.
7. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE. 2010. "FIELD INDICATORS OF HYDRIC SOILS IN THE UNITED STATES, VERSION 7.0." L.M. VASILAS, G.W. HURT, AND C.V. NOBLE (EDS.). USDA, NRCS, IN COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR HYDRIC SOILS.

## SURVEY NOTES

THE WETLANDS FLAG AS DELINEATED WERE FIELD SURVEYED BY REAL-TIME KINEMATIC GPS METHODS IN A BASE/ROVER CONFIGURATION WITH A BASE POSITION ESTABLISHED WITH THE ONLINE USER POSITIONING SERVICE, OR BY SUB-METER HANDHELD GPS METHODS USING A TRIMBLE GEOXH UNIT AND DIFFERENTIALLY CORRECTED WITH POST PROCESSING. ALL POSITIONS ARE BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COORDINATE SYSTEM, NAD83 (GRID NORTH).

## WETLAND CLASSIFICATION LEGEND

SYSTEM, CLASS, SUBCLASS, WATER REGIME

PFO1E - PALUSTRINE FORESTED BROAD-LEAVED DECIDUOUS, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

PFO1/4E - PALUSTRINE FORESTED BROAD-LEAVED DECIDUOUS/NEEDLE-LEAVED EVERGREEN, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

PFO4/1E - PALUSTRINE FORESTED NEEDLE-LEAVED EVERGREEN/BROAD-LEAVED DECIDUOUS, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

PSS1E - PALUSTRINE SCRUB-SHRUB BROAD-LEAVED DECIDUOUS, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

PSS/FO1E - PALUSTRINE SCRUB-SHRUB/FORESTED, BROAD-LEAVED DECIDUOUS, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

PSS/FO1/4E - PALUSTRINE SCRUB-SHRUB/FORESTED, BROAD-LEAVED DECIDUOUS/NEEDLE-LEAVED EVERGREEN, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

PSS/FO4/1E - PALUSTRINE SCRUB-SHRUB/FORESTED, NEEDLE-LEAVED EVERGREEN/BROAD-LEAVED DECIDUOUS, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

PSS1/FO5E - PALUSTRINE SCRUB-SHRUB, BROAD-LEAVED DECIDUOUS/FORESTED, DEAD, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

PEM1E - PALUSTRINE PERSISTENT EMERGENT, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

PEM/SS1E - PALUSTRINE PERSISTENT EMERGENT/SCRUB-SHRUB, BROAD-LEAVED DECIDUOUS, SEASONALLY FLOODED/SATURATED

POW - PALUSTRINE OPEN WATER

R3UBH - RIVERINE UPPER PERENNIAL, UNCONSOLIDATED BOTTOM, PERMANENTLY FLOODED

R4UBJ - RIVERINE INTERMITTENT, UNCONSOLIDATED BOTTOM, INTERMITTENTLY FLOODED

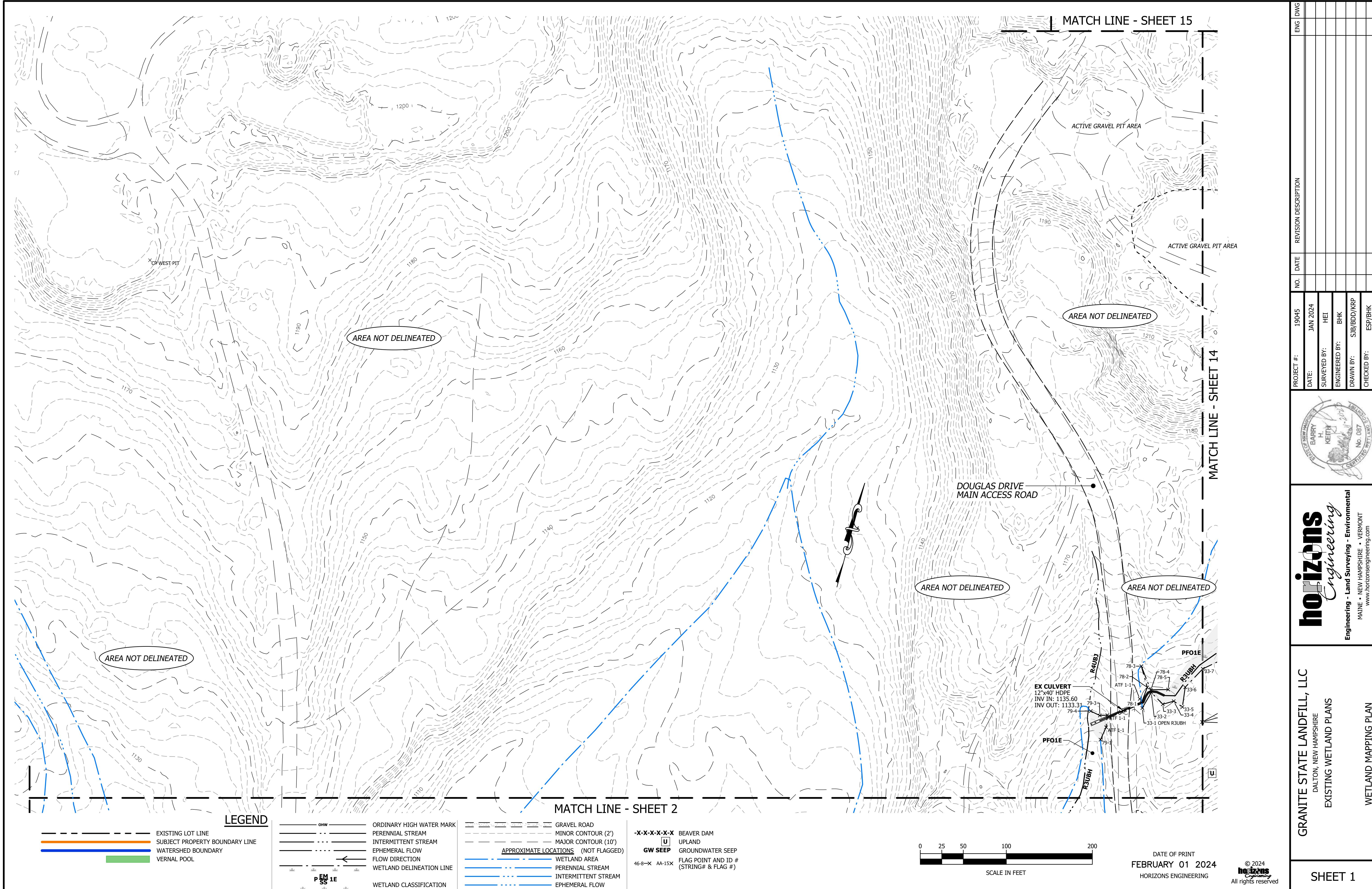
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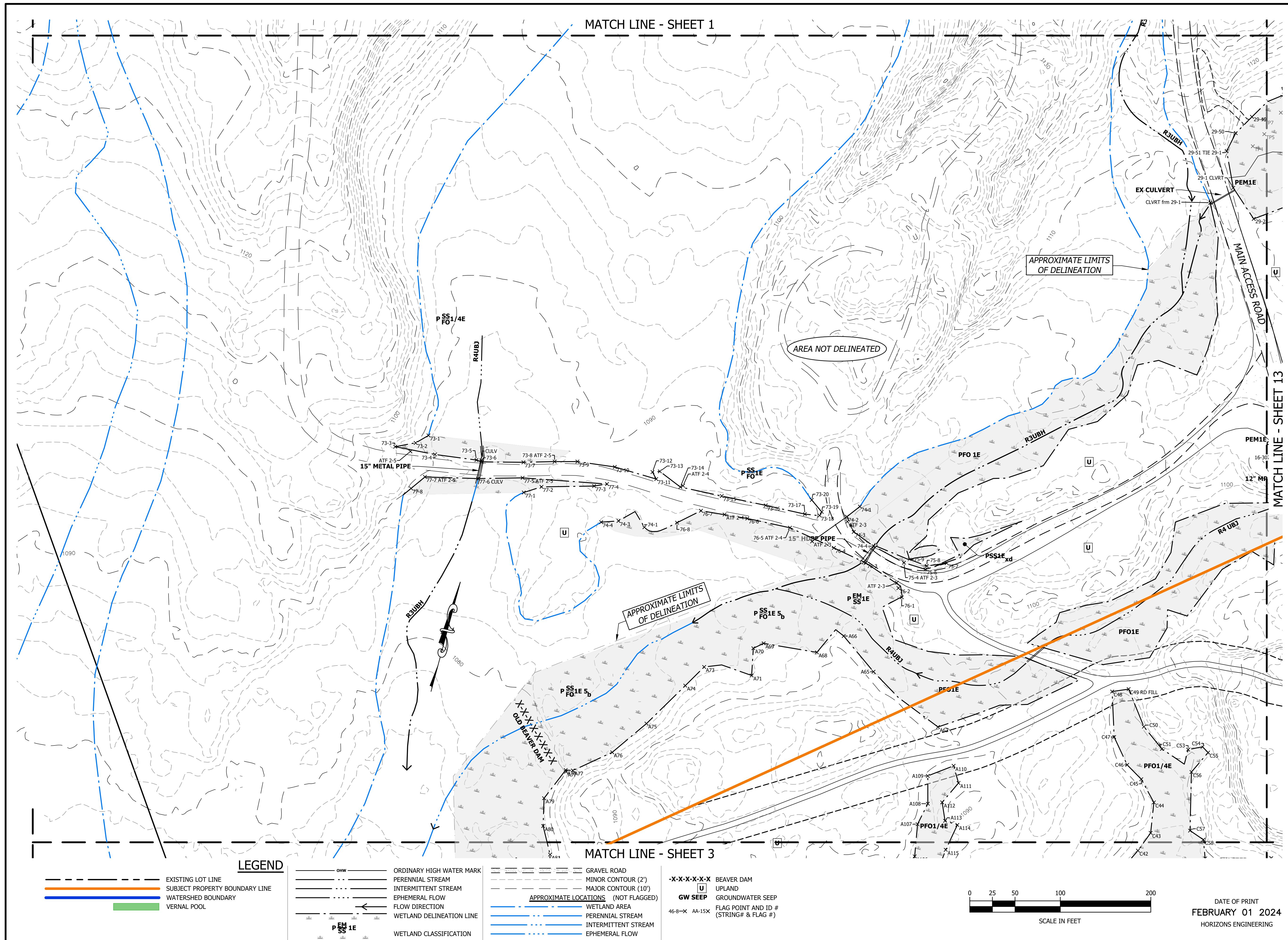
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d - PARTIALLY DRAINED/DITCHED  
h - DIKED/IMPOUNDED  
r - ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE

b - BEAVER  
x - EXCAVATED

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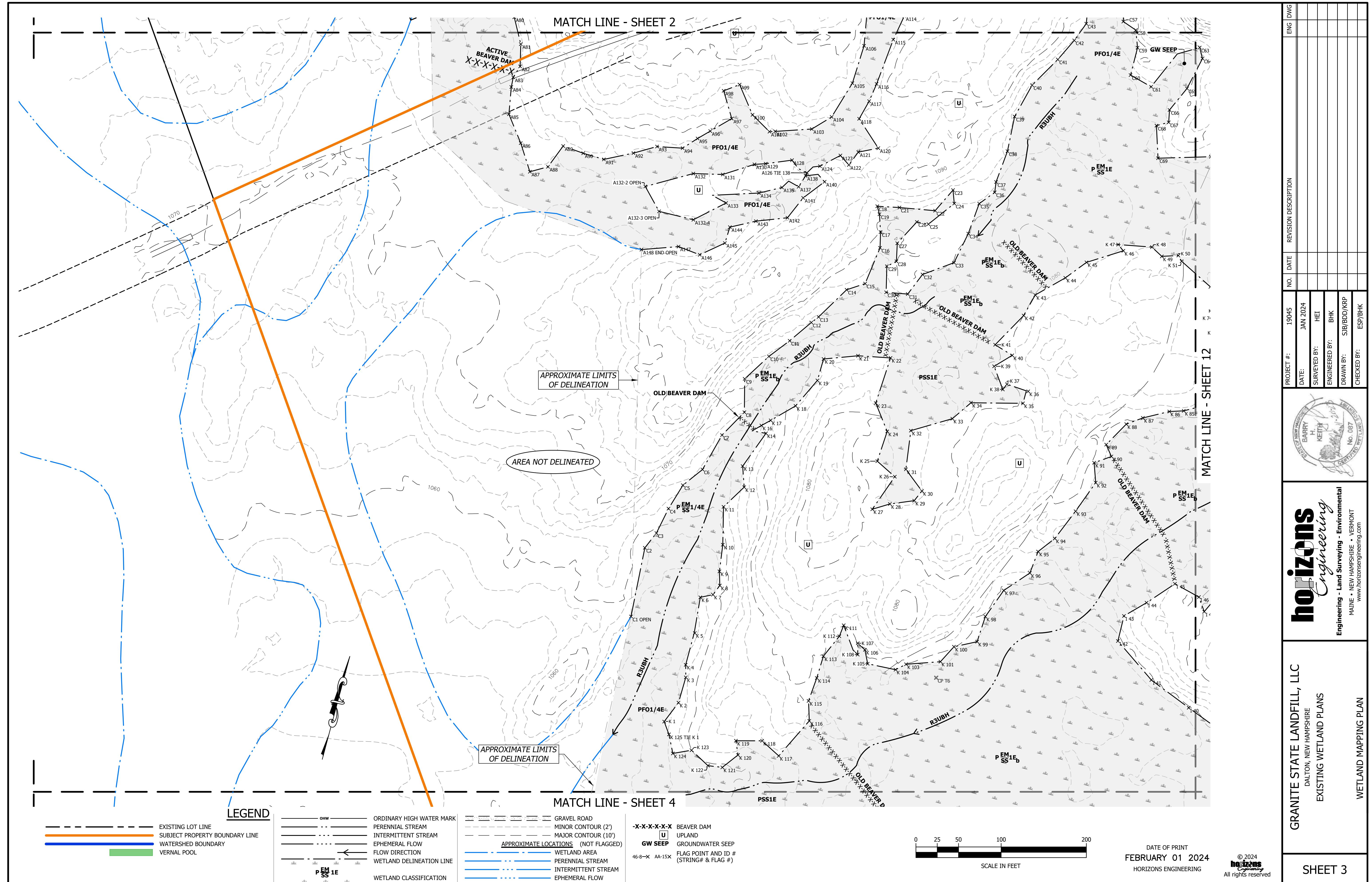
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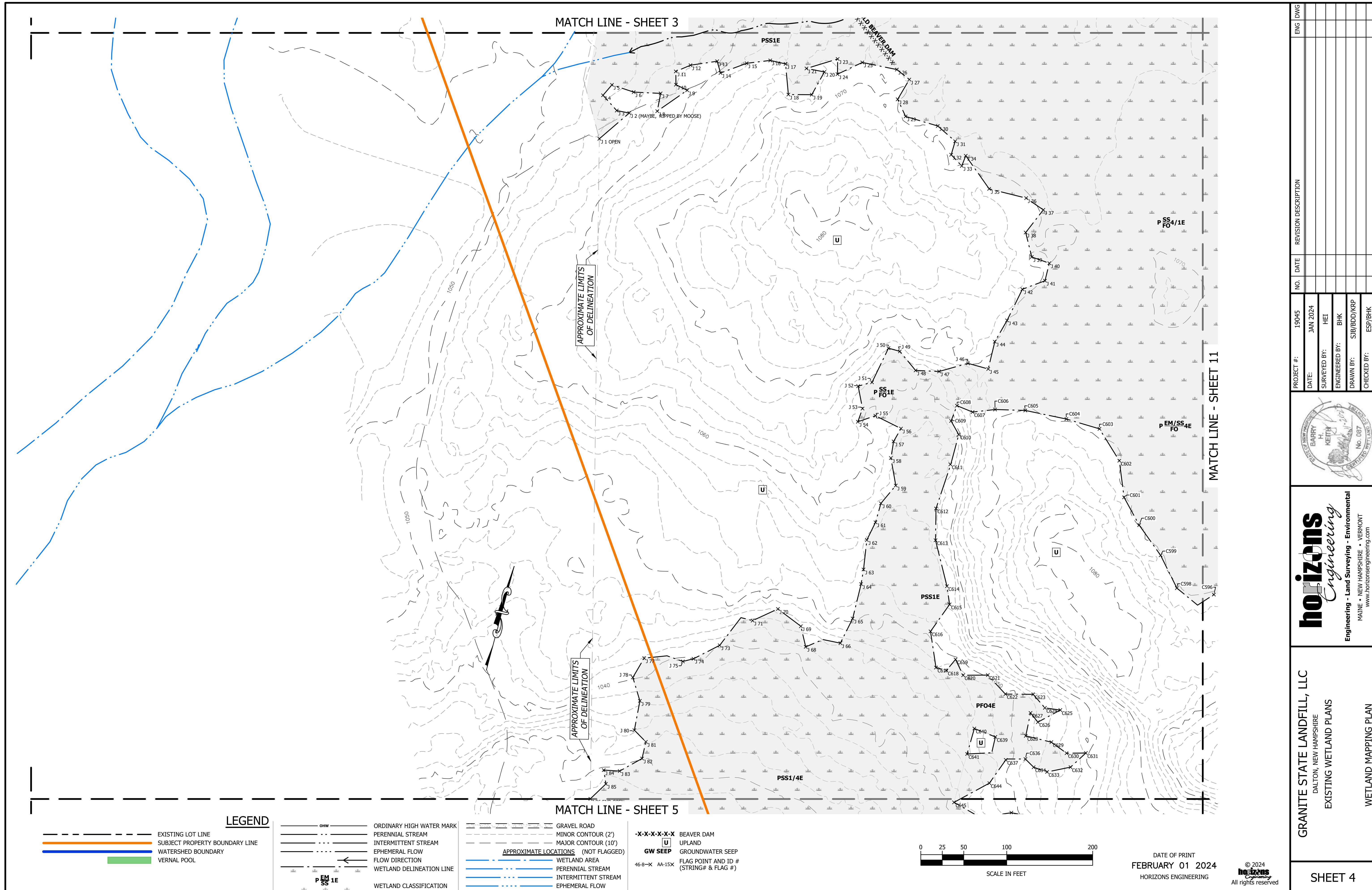
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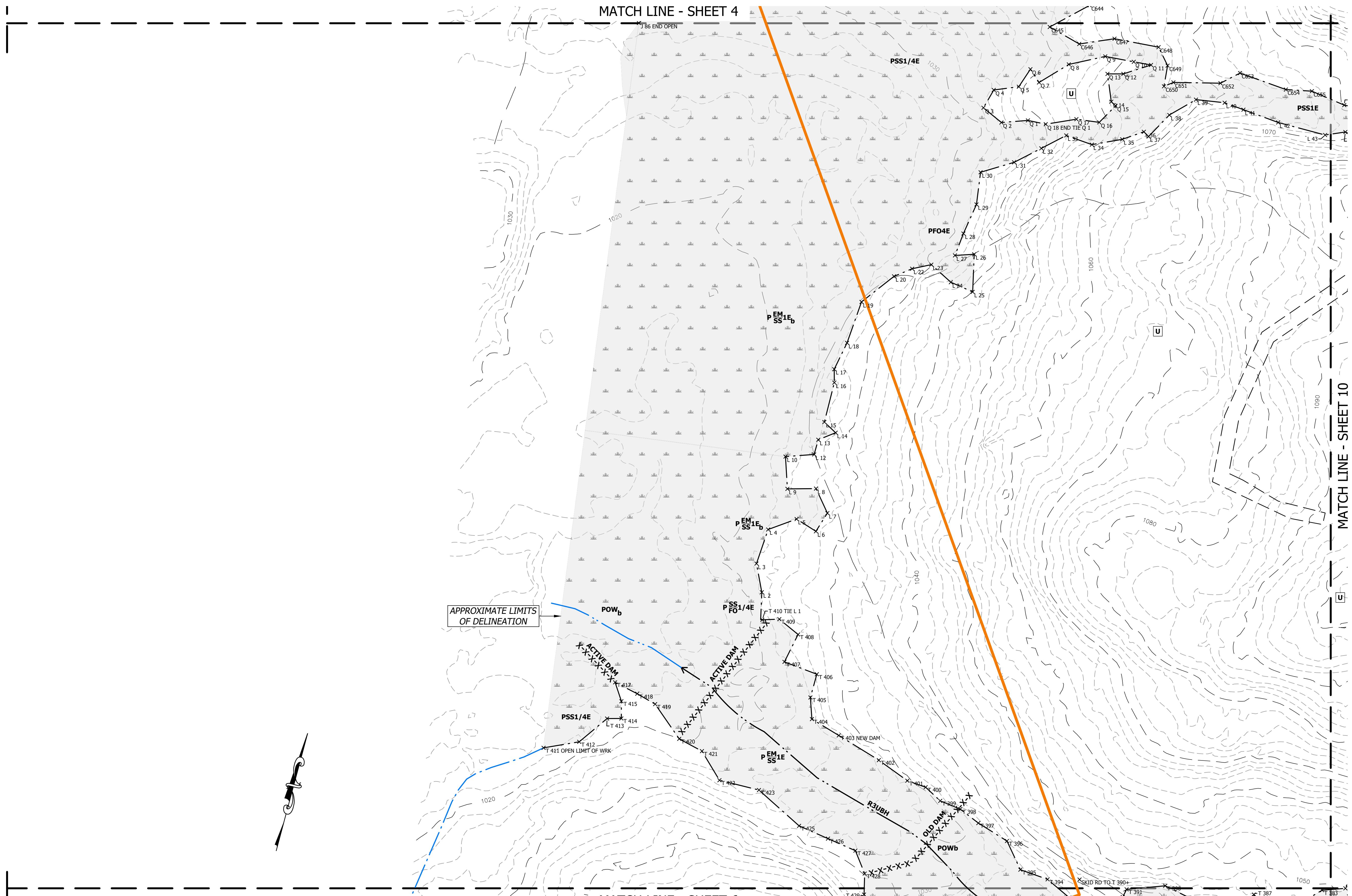
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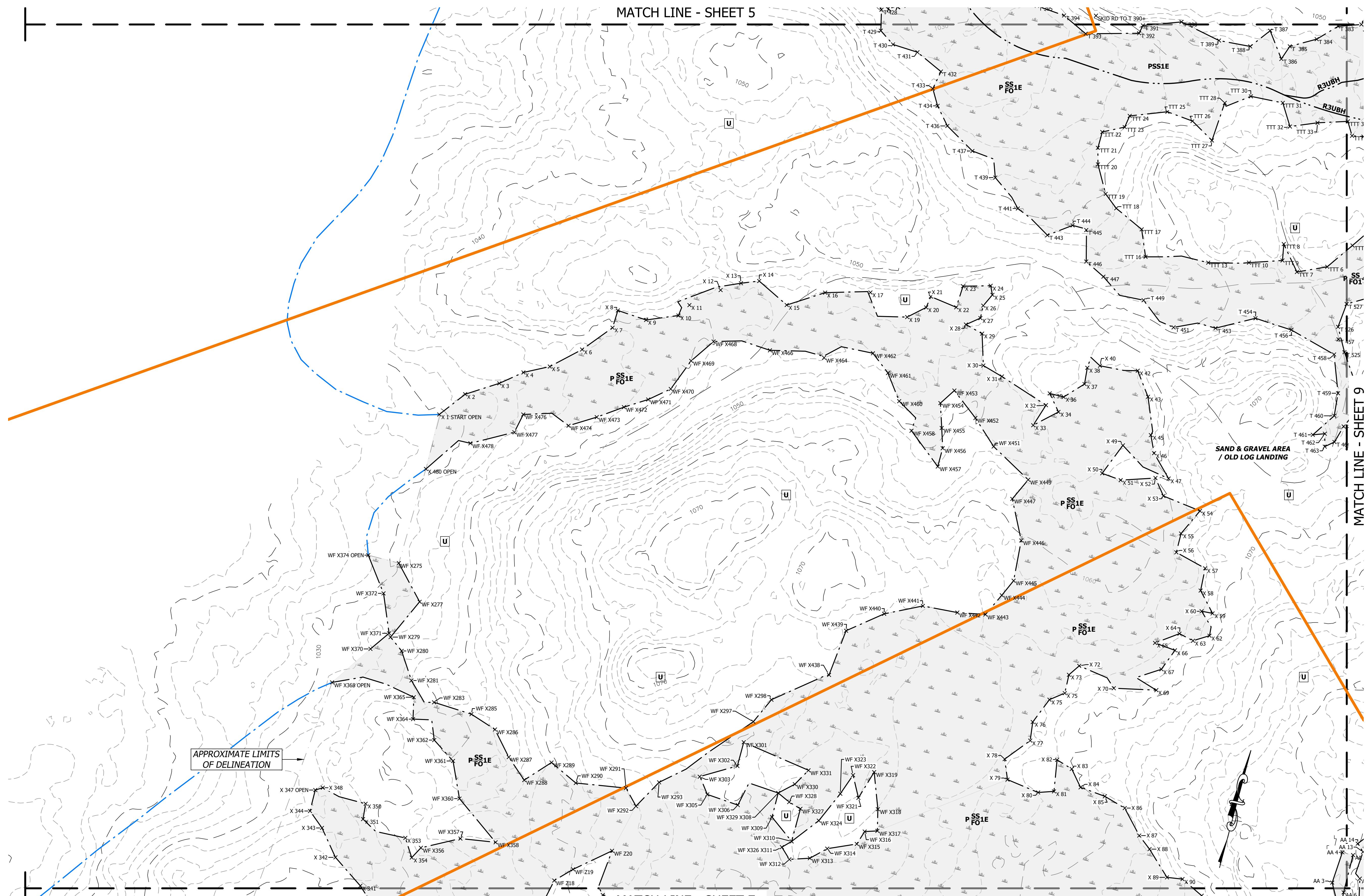




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## MATCH LINE - SHEET 5



## MATCH LINE - SHEET 7

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 GW SEEP UPLAND GROUNDWATER SEEP  
 46-8-X AA-15X FLAG POINT AND ID # (STRING# & FLAG #)  
 46-8-X AA-15X INTERMITTENT STREAM  
 46-8-X AA-15X EPHEMERAL FLOW

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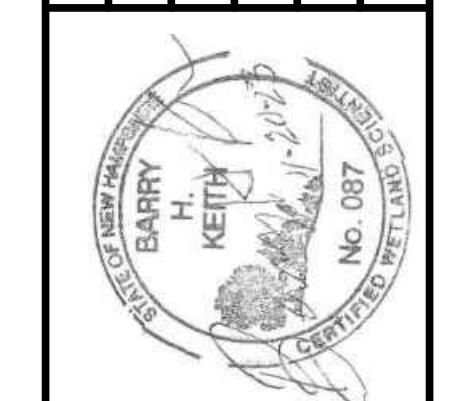
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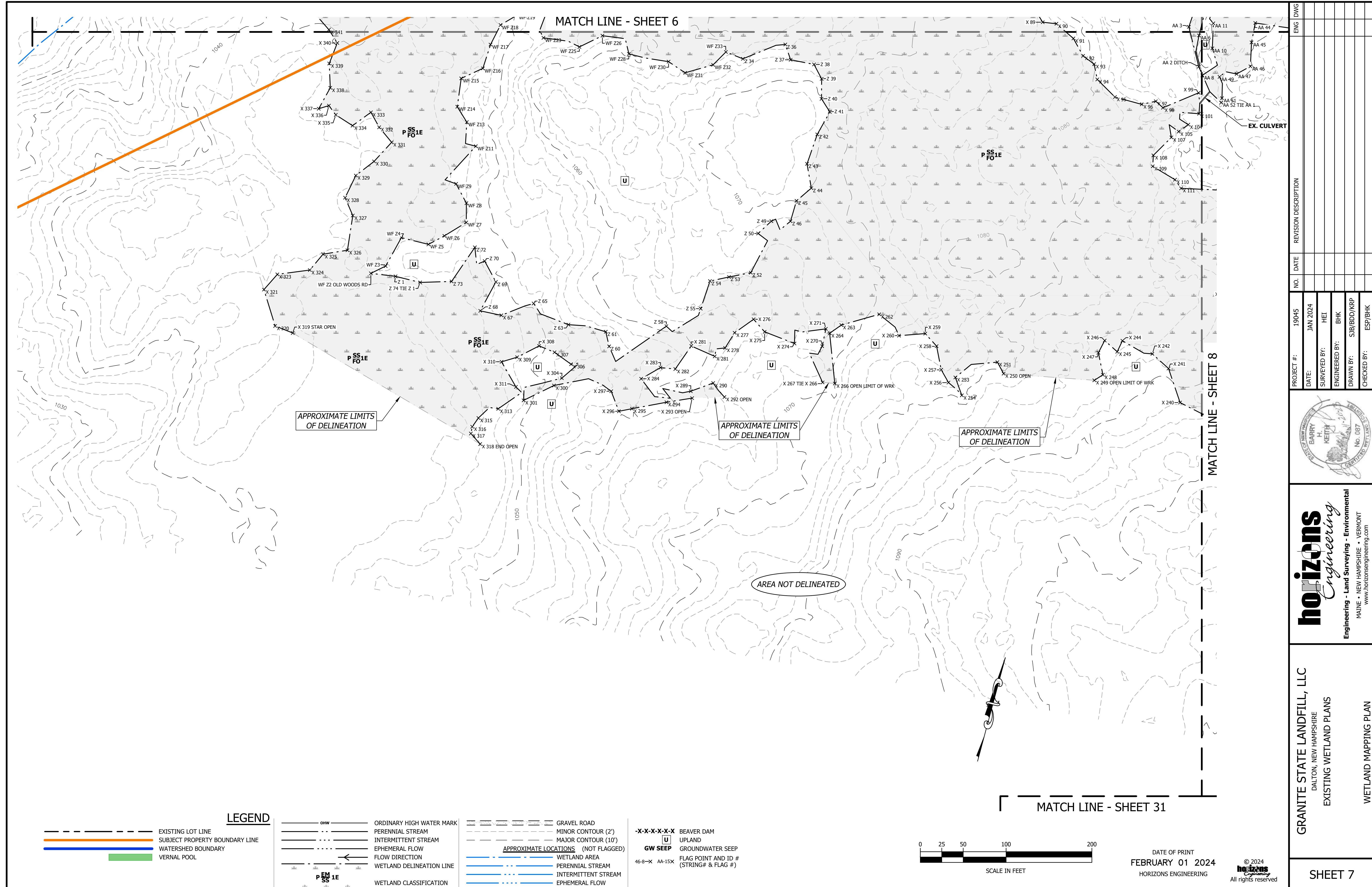
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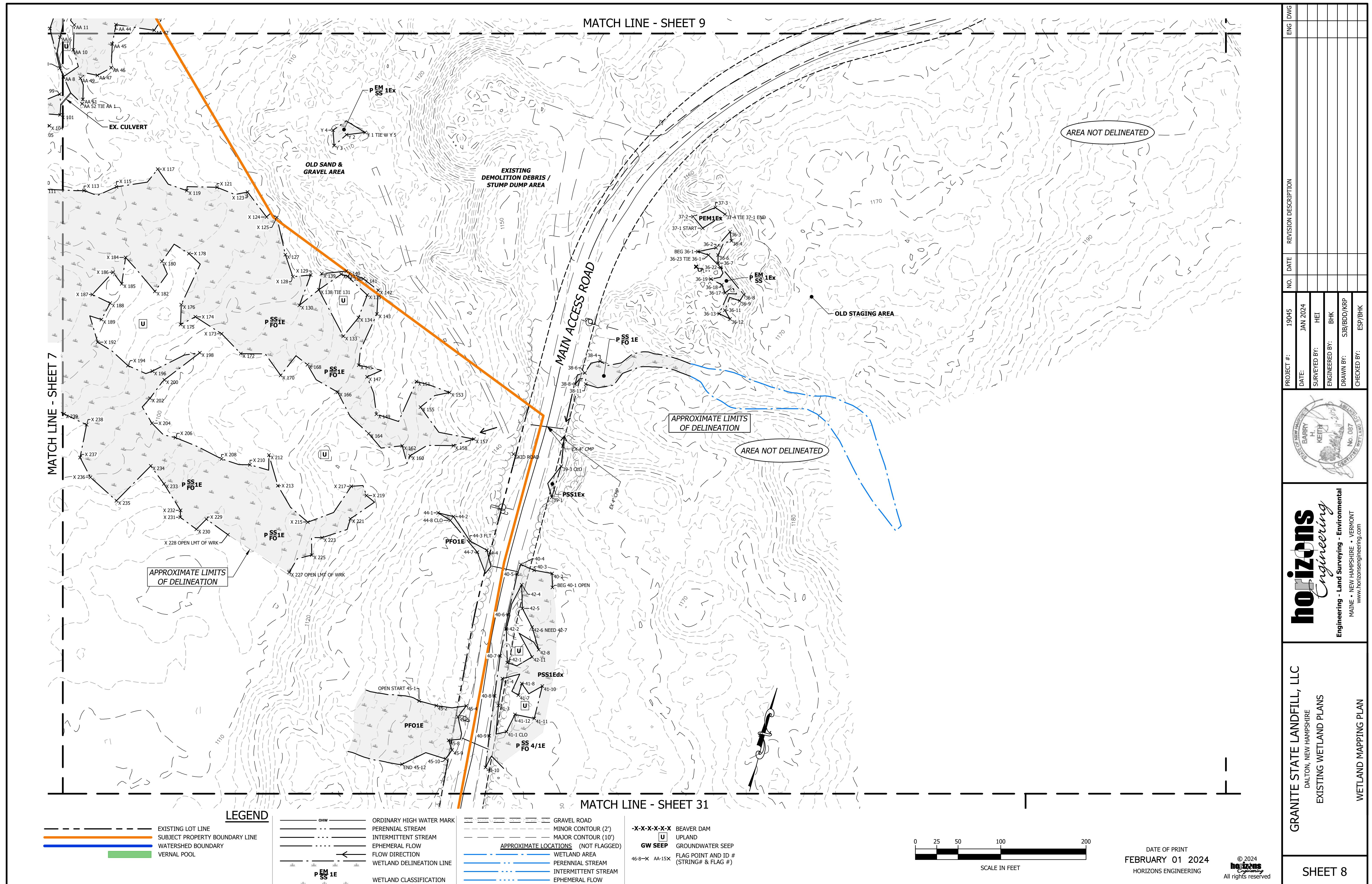
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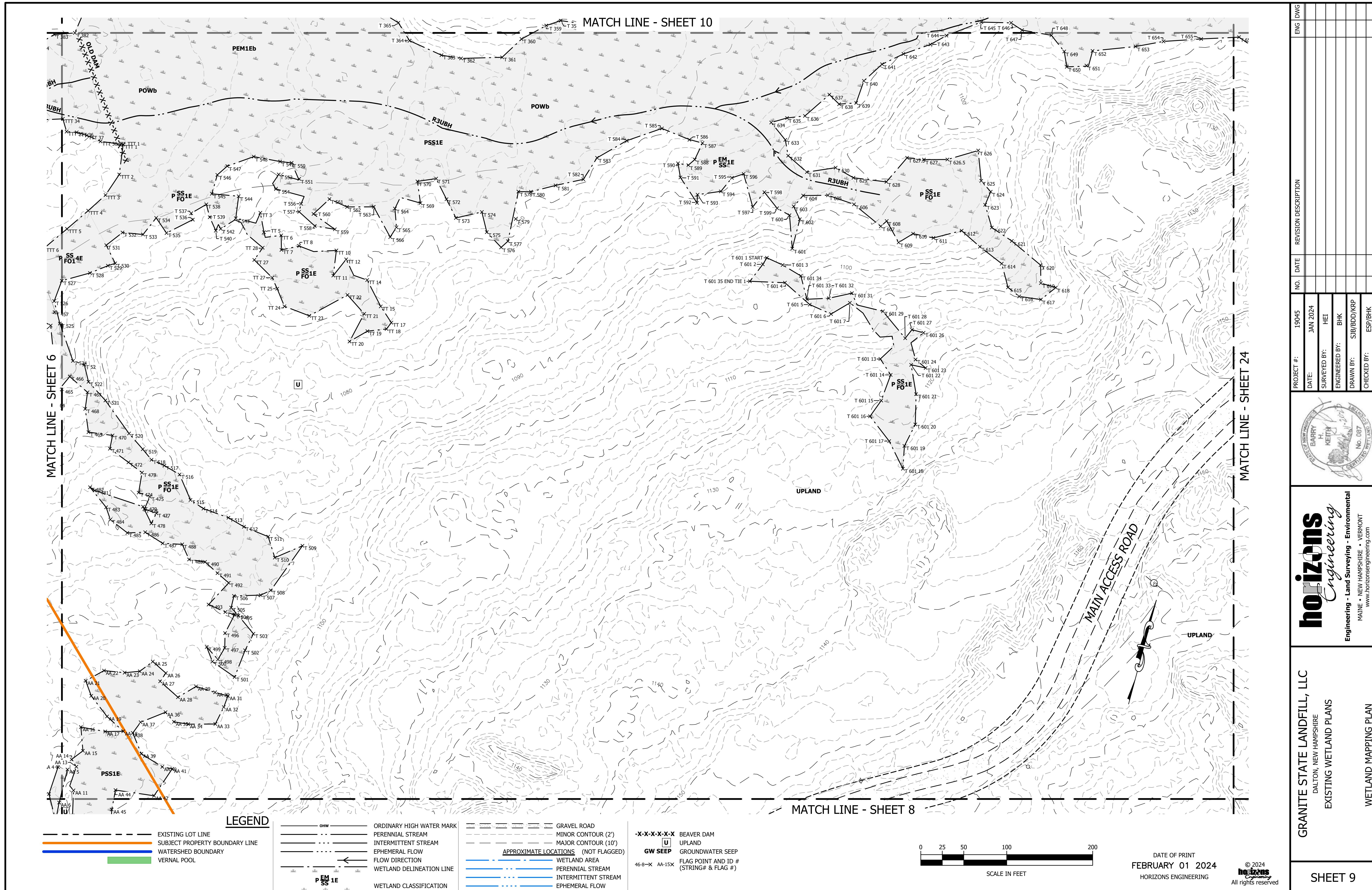
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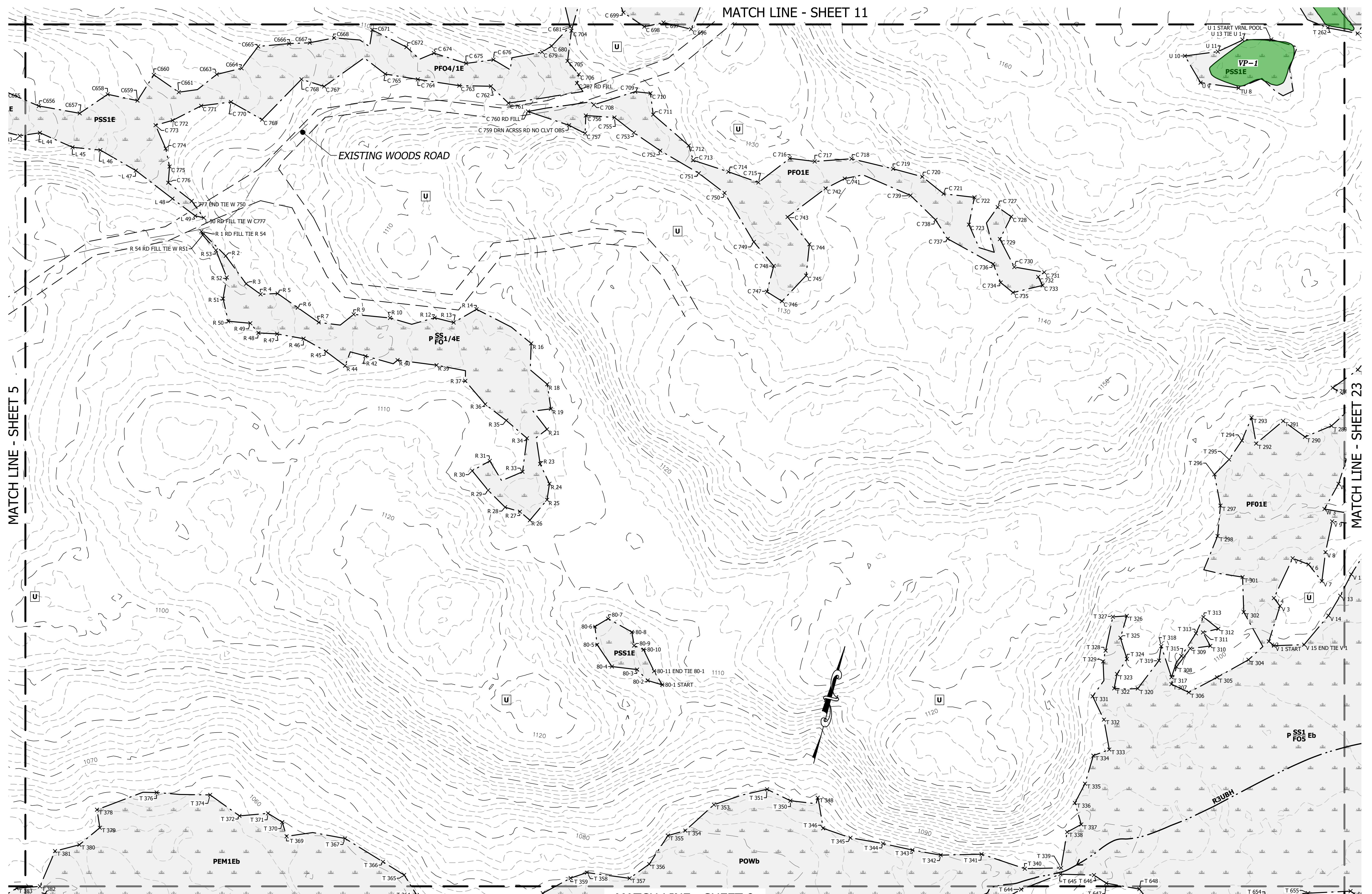








## MATCH LINE - SHEET 11



## LEGEND

EXISTING LOT LINE	ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK	GRAVEL ROAD
SUBJECT PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE	PERENNIAL STREAM	MINOR CONTOUR (2')
WATERSHED BOUNDARY	INTERMITTENT STREAM	MAJOR CONTOUR (10')
VERNAL POOL	EPHEMERAL FLOW	APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS (NOT FLAGGED)
	FLOW DIRECTION	WETLAND AREA
	WETLAND DELINEATION LINE	PERENNIAL STREAM
		INTERMITTENT STREAM
		EPHEMERAL FLOW
P EM 1E	P SS 1E	WETLAND CLASSIFICATION

## MATCH LINE - SHEET 9

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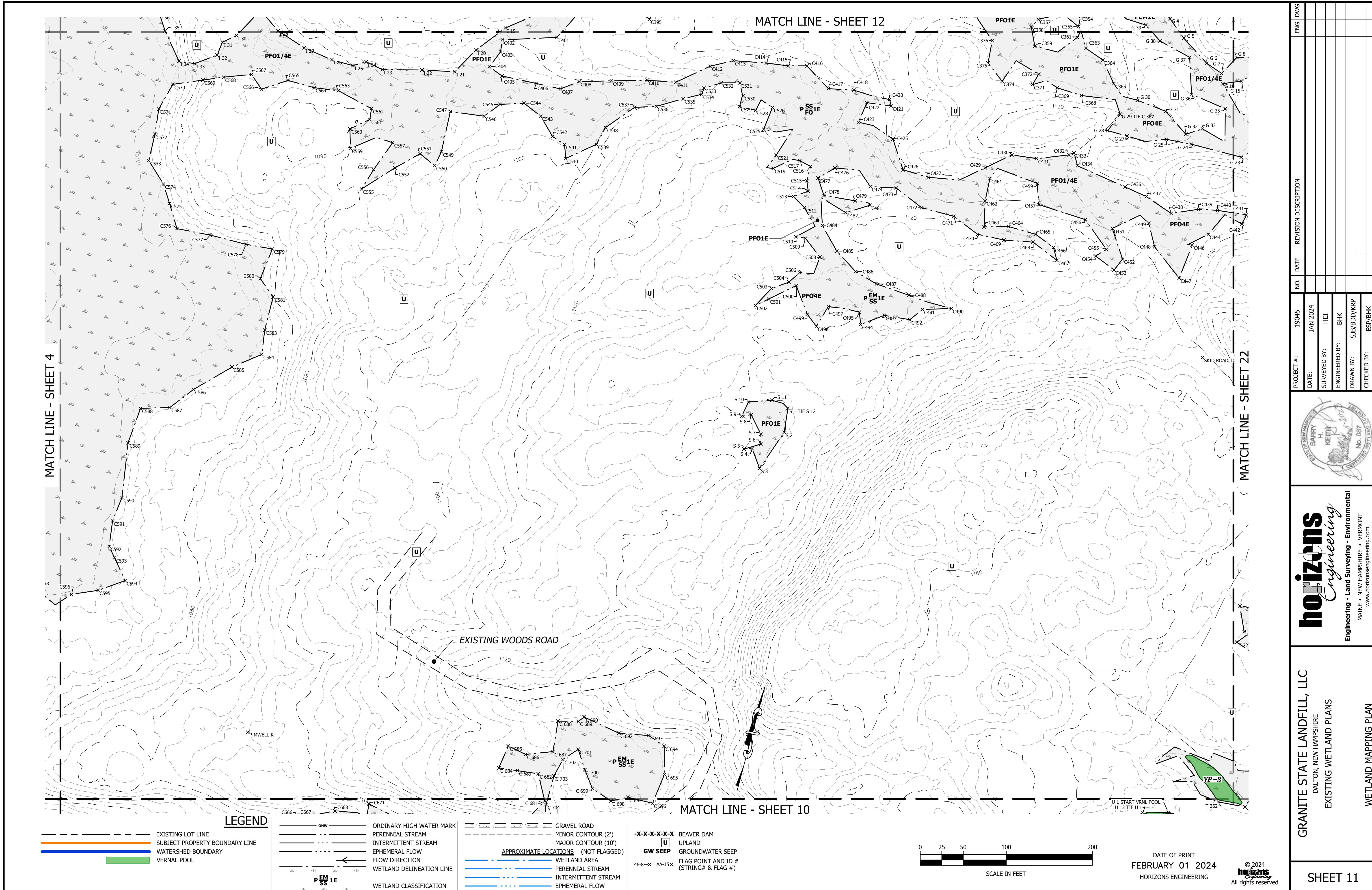
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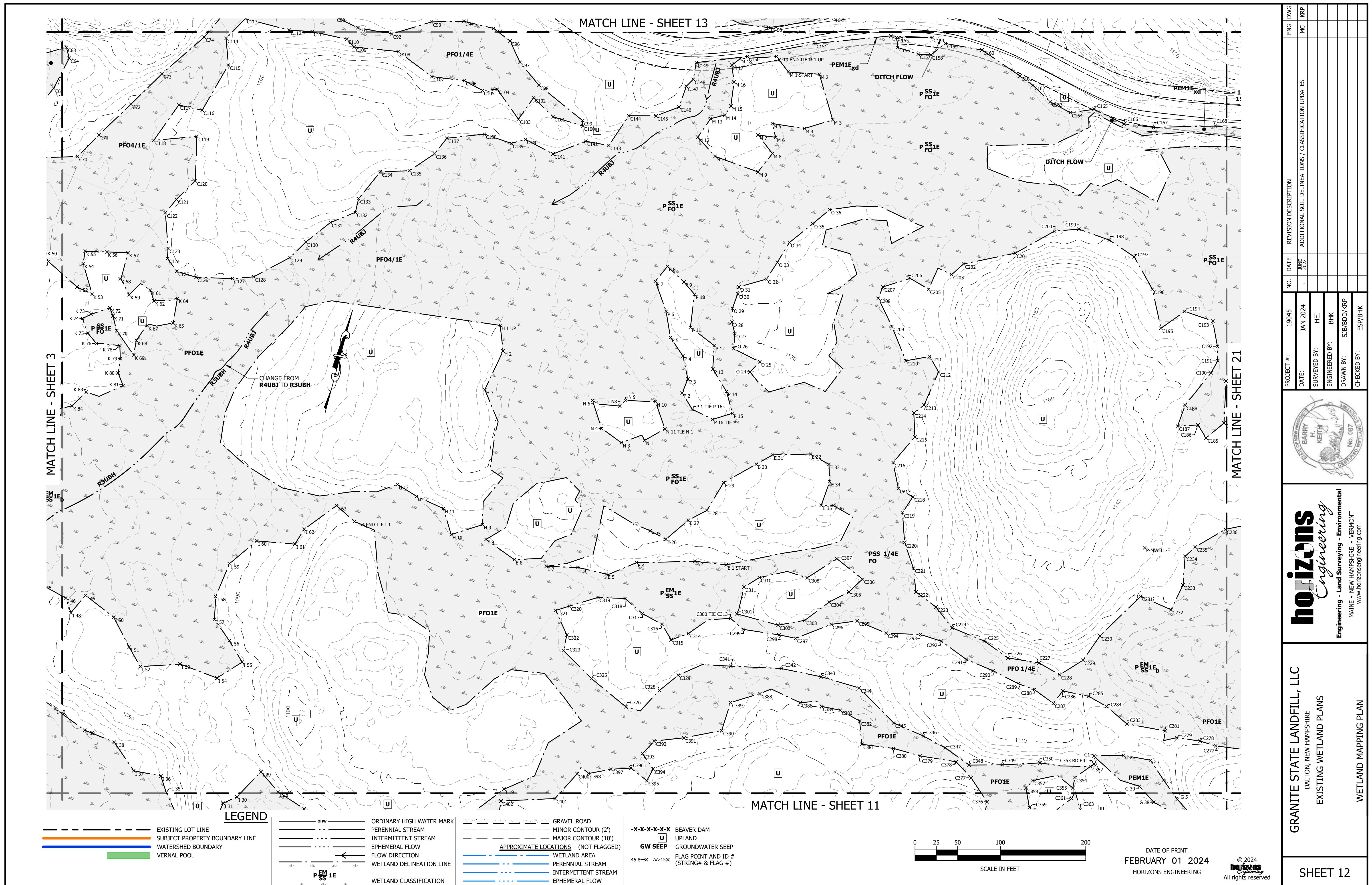
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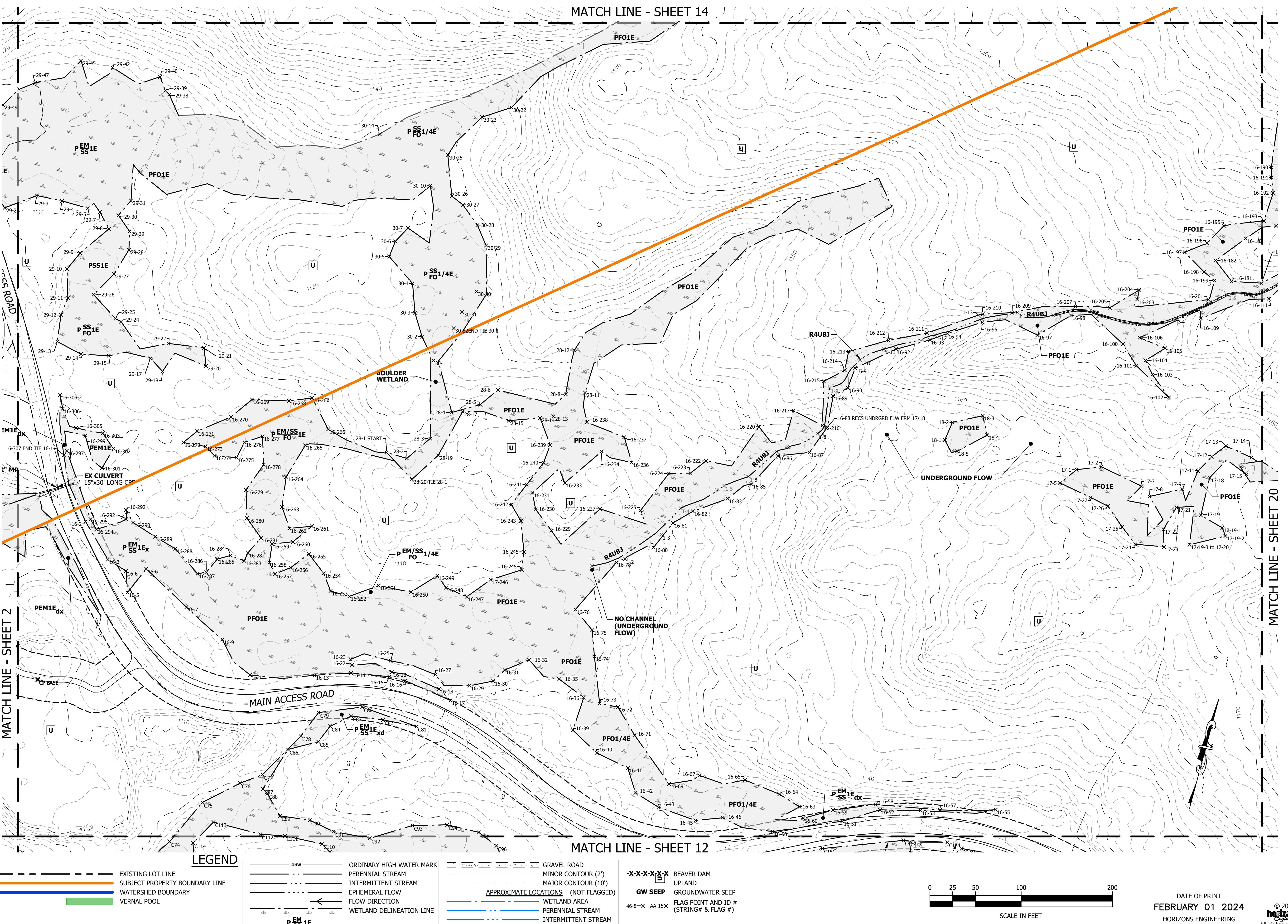
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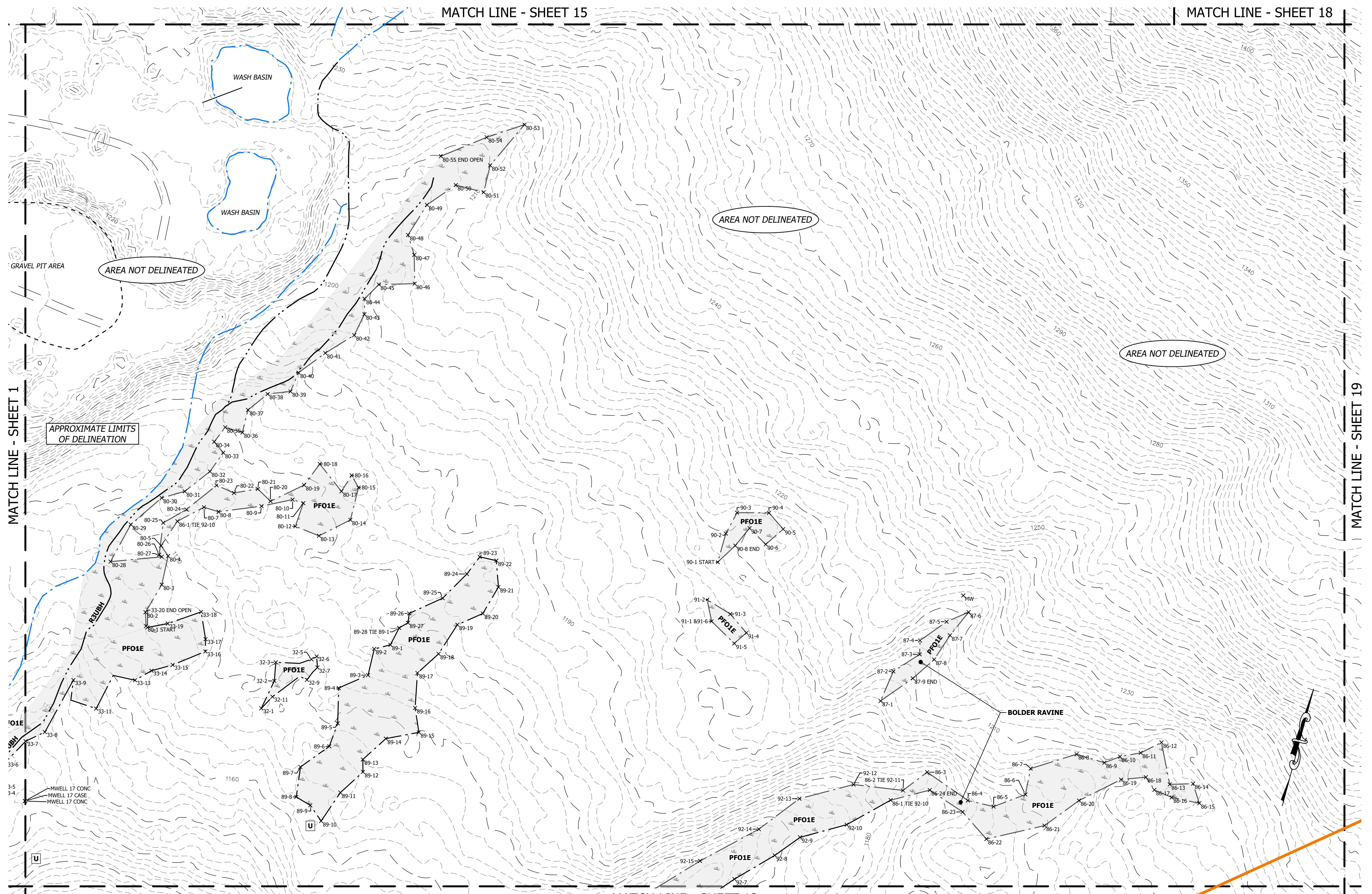


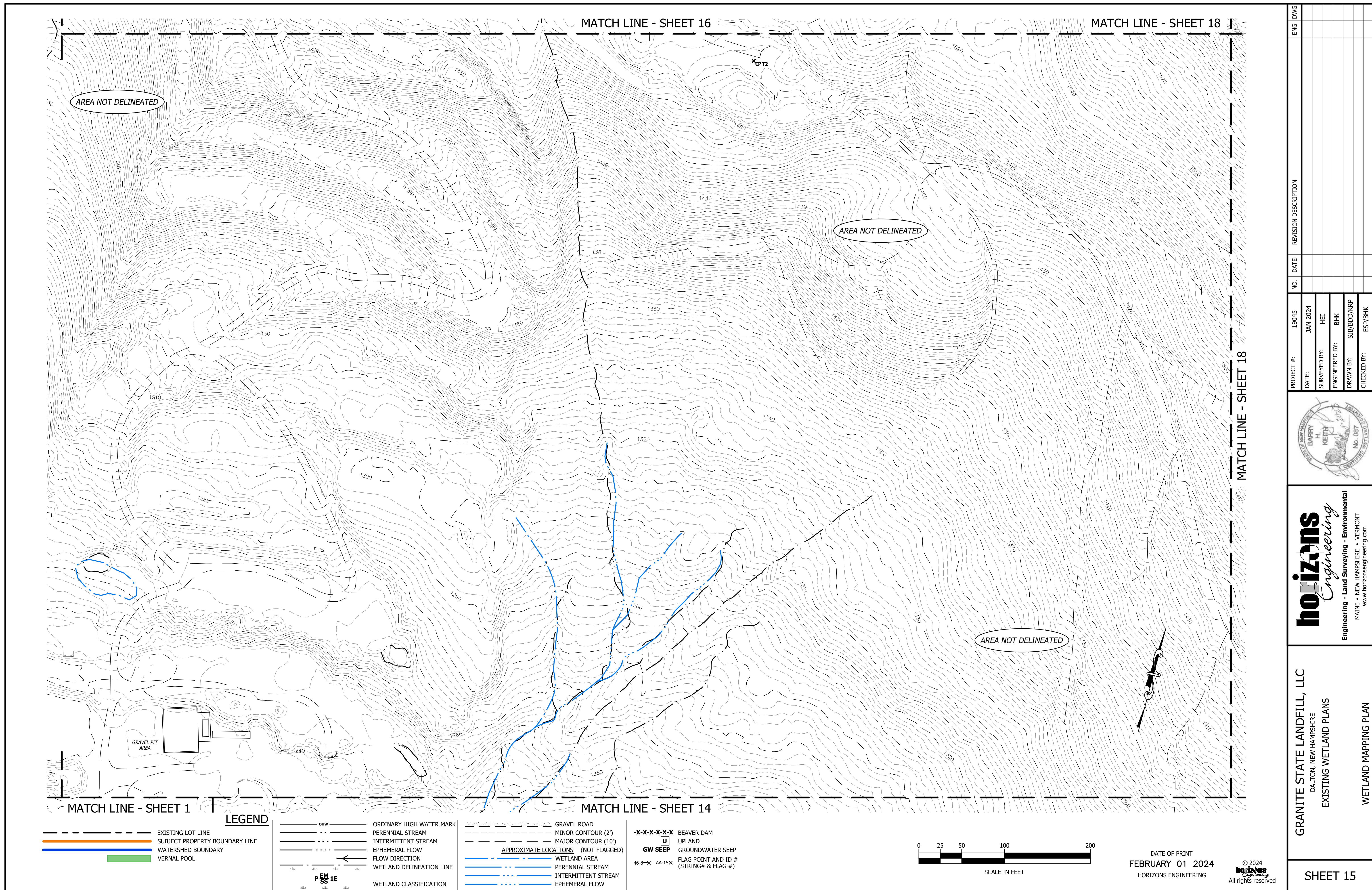
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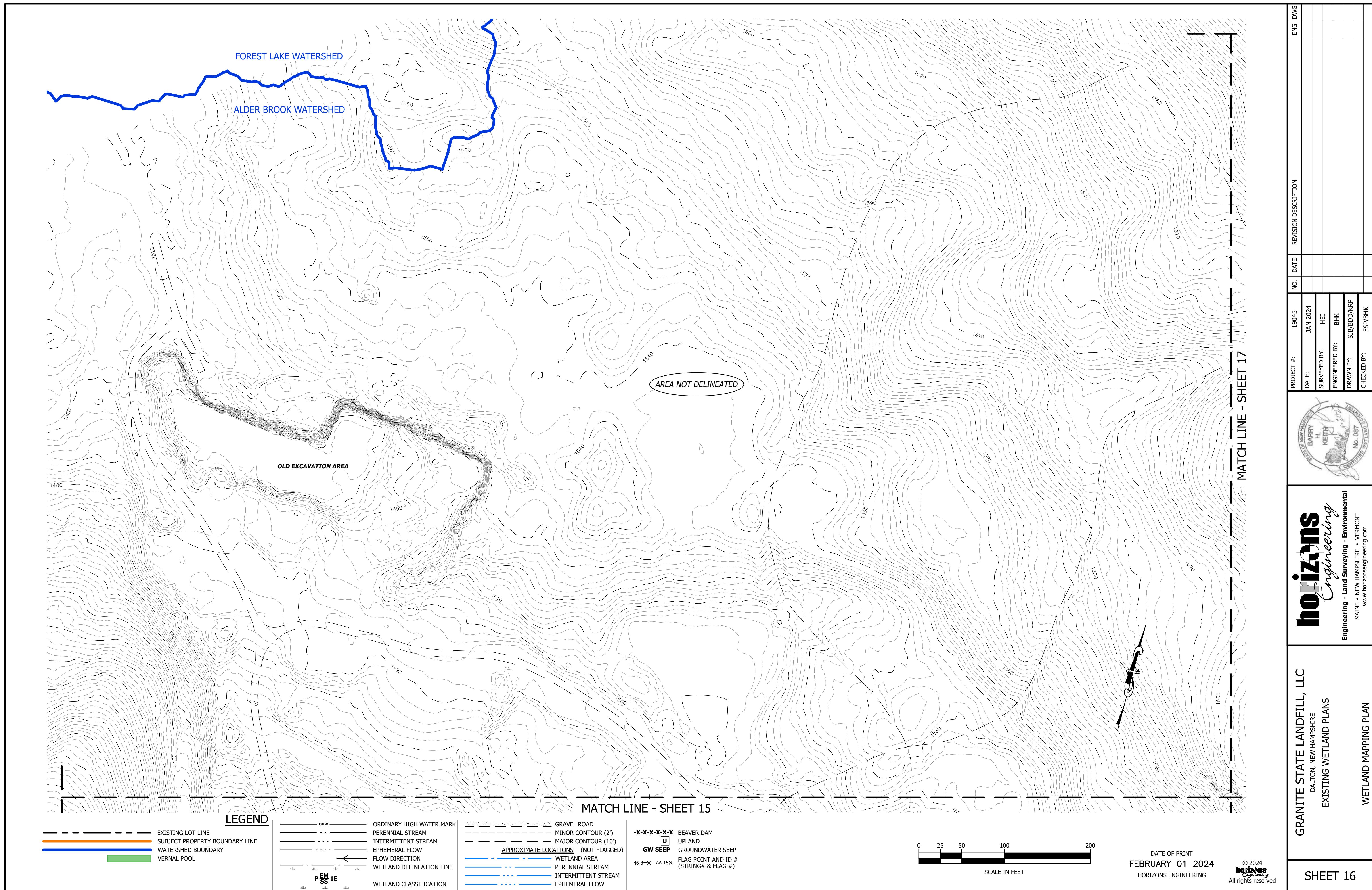


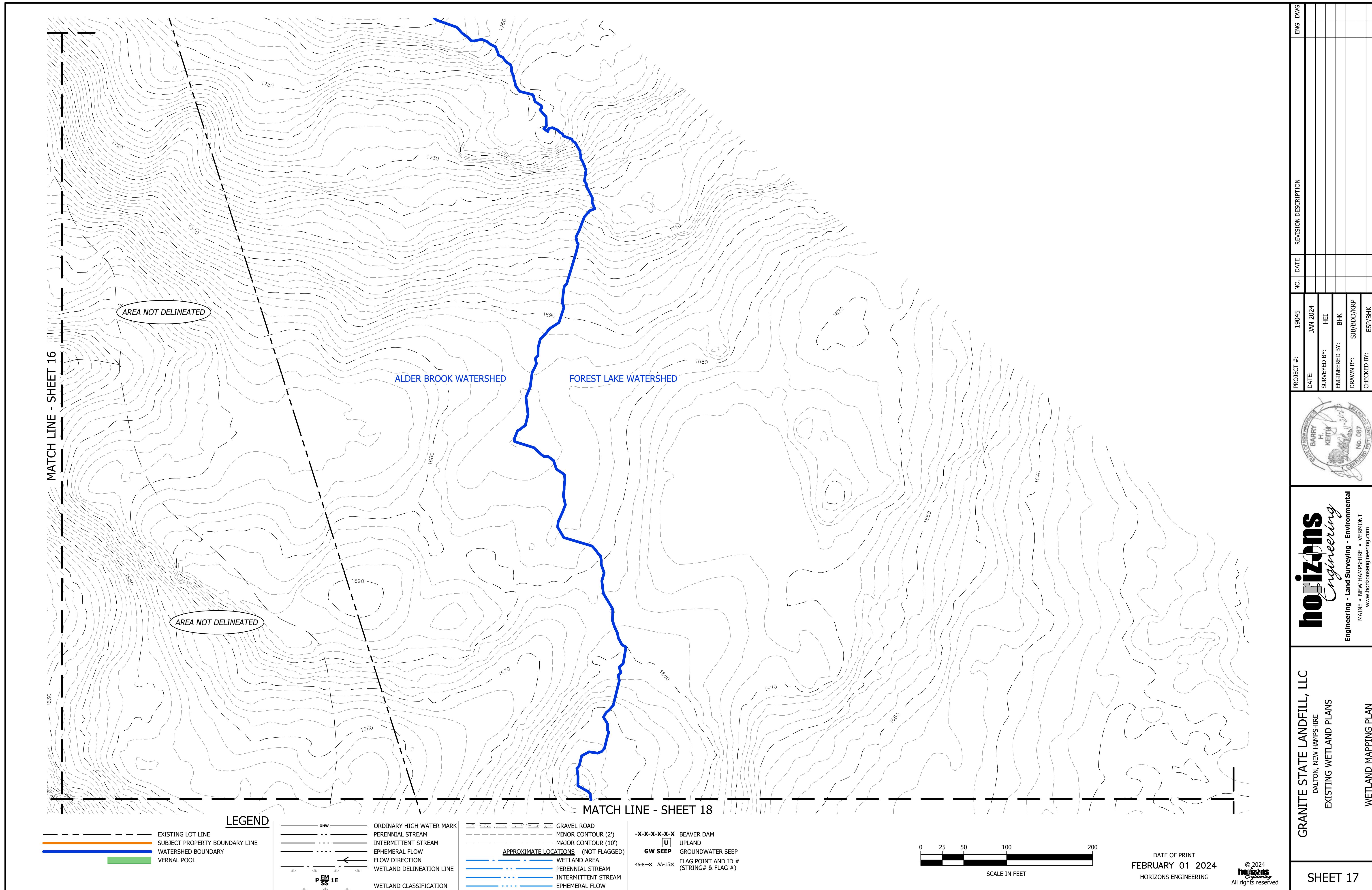
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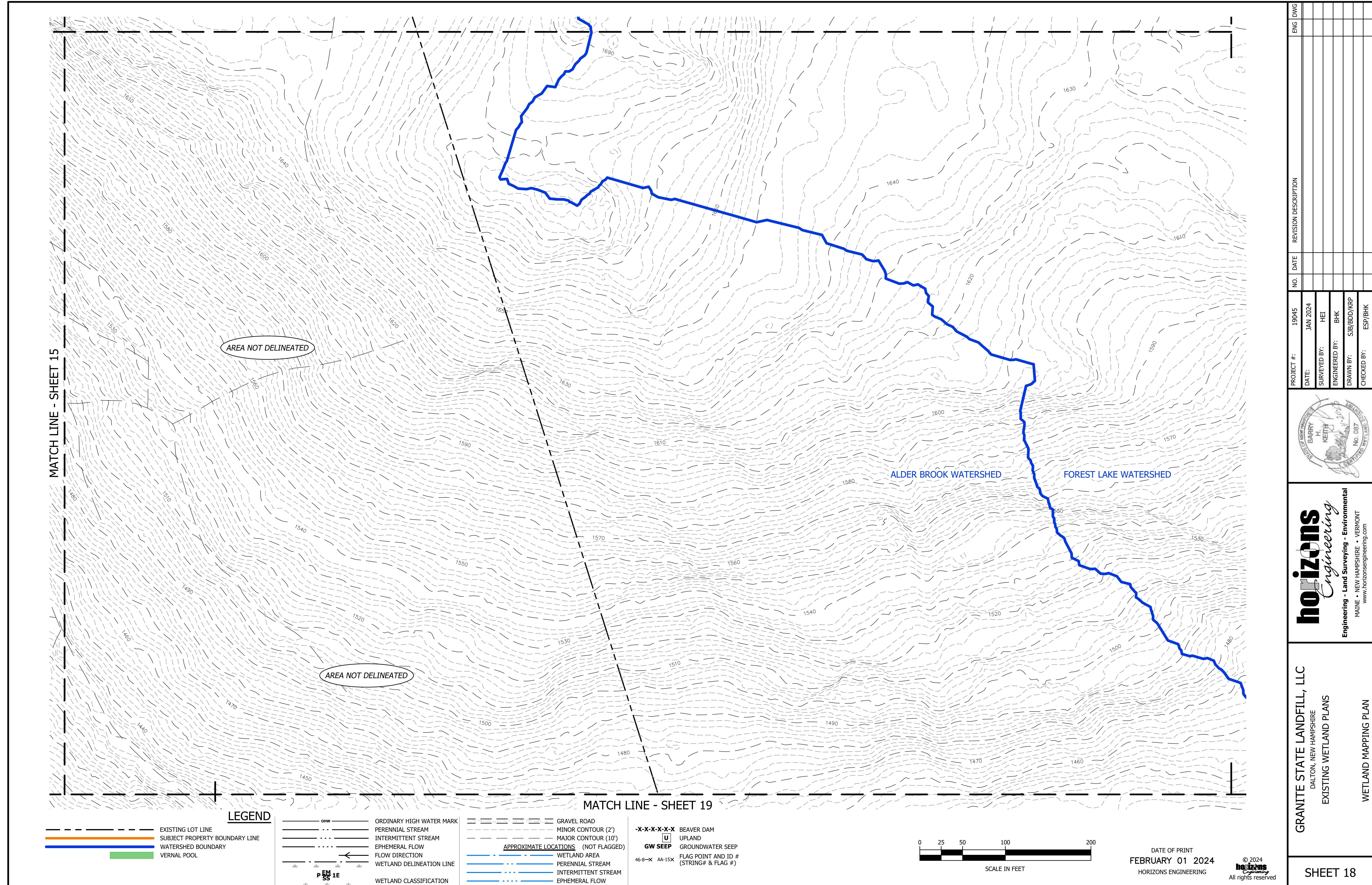
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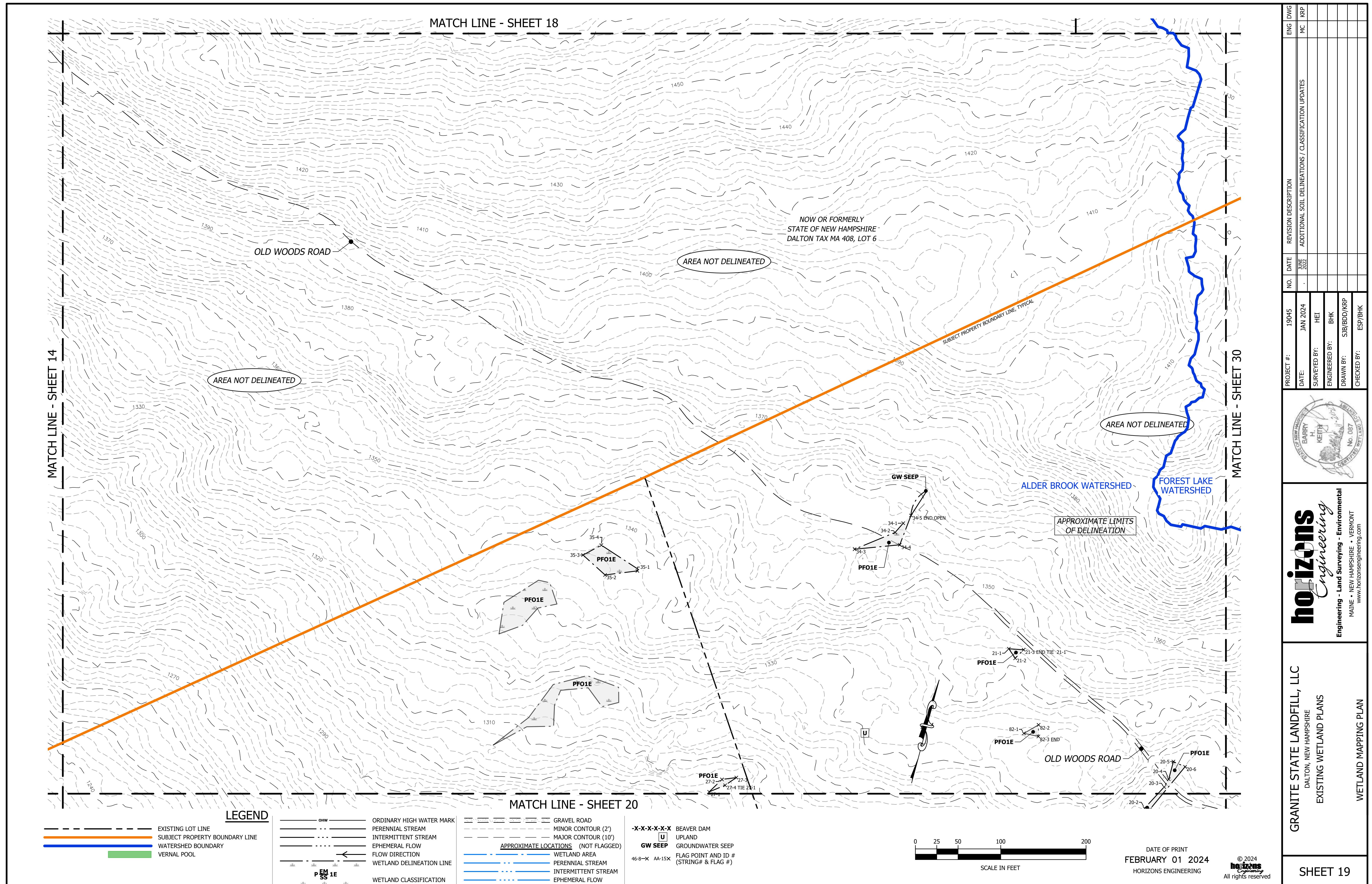


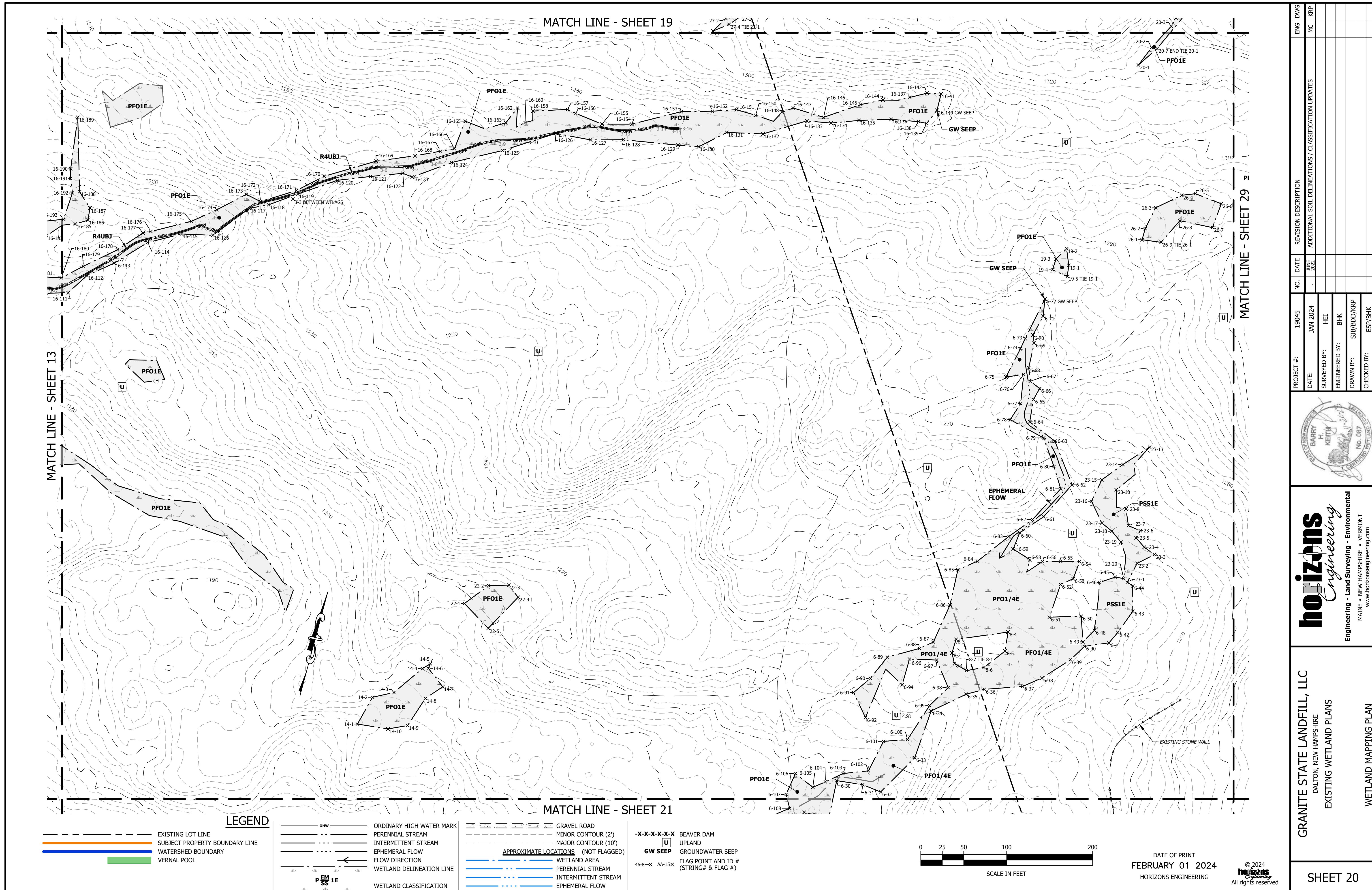




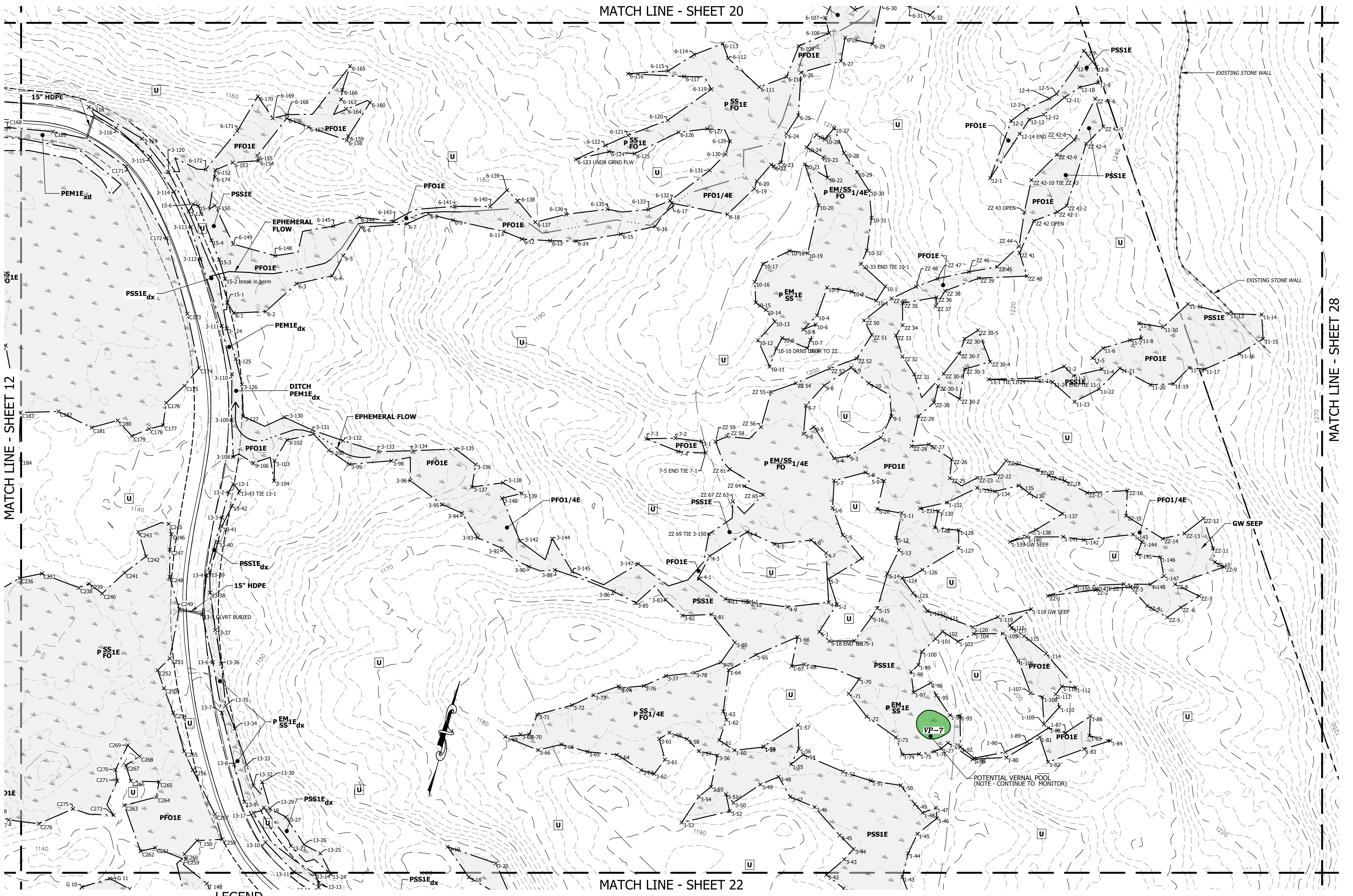








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		INTERMITTENT STREAM
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