



Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET

SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Office of Planning and Community Development

To: Simsbury Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency

From: Savannah-Nicole Villalba, AICP, AZT, Assistant Town Planner

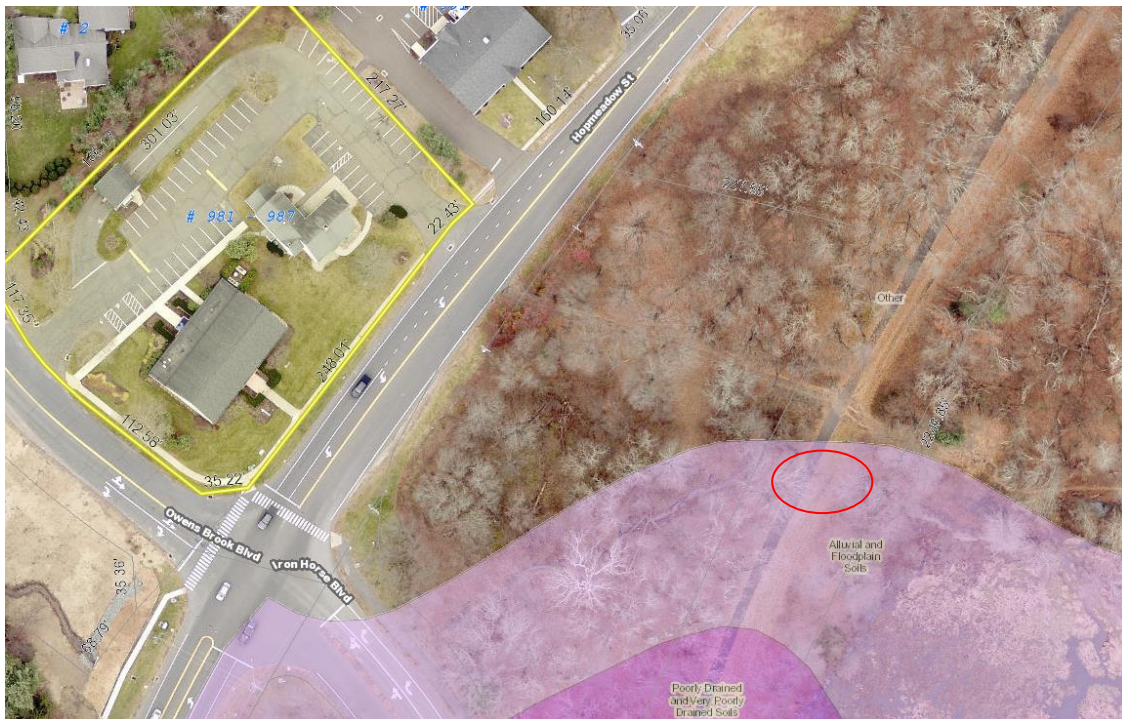
Date: October 6, 2022

RE: Application CC # 22-21 of AT&T Corporation, Owner/Applicant, for utility maintenance in the wetlands on the property 400 feet east of 987 Hopmeadow Street (Assessor's Map H08 Block 226 Lot 009). Zone R-40.

Summary of Request

Luke McCarthy, Applicant, has submitted an Inland Wetlands application on behalf of AT&T for utility maintenance in the wetlands on the property 400' east of 987 Hopmeadow Street. The proposed work is to add split steel protection and lower existing AT&T PVC conduits that have become exposed.

The utility maintenance, as approximated in red on the map provided by staff below, will take place at the eastern end of the Owens Brook culvert. The proposed work will take place entirely on wetlands soils and in the watercourse.



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Site Plan – *Provided by the Applicant*



Per Section 2 – Definitions, any wetland soils are **regulated areas**.

Per Section 6 – Regulated Activities to be Licensed, the proposed clearing, excavating, and construction to maintain the PVC conduits are **regulated activities**.

Staff Analysis

- The soil classification for the proposed activity is Saco Silt Loam, a very poorly drained soil type.
- The Applicant has proposed to install a temporary cofferdam on the west side of the culvert and to pump any collected water around the disturbance while excavating and lowering the conduits.
- The Applicant has proposed clearing of brush and small trees less than 4” in diameter to reach the conduits. Upon completion of the proposed work, the Applicant proposes to seed the disturbed area with a New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix as indicated on the plant mix document provided by the Applicant on 9/28/2022.
- **Staff concur that the cofferdam and proposed seeding are appropriate erosion and sedimentation control measures for the nature of the proposed work.**

Draft Motions

Moved, the Conservation Commission approves Application CC # 22-21 of AT&T Corporation, Owner/Applicant, for utility maintenance in the wetlands on the property 400 feet east of 987 Hopmeadow Street (Assessor’s Map H08 Block 226 Lot 009), Zone R-40, based on the following findings:

- a. The proposed construction will not adversely impact the wetlands and/or watercourses.
- b. Short-term impacts from the proposed development will be controlled by installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls and construction run-off controls.
- c. Strict adherence to the terms and conditions imposed with this permit will protect the quality of wetlands and surface waters on this property.

And subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The project shall be developed in substantial conformance with the application materials provided by the Applicant dated September 15, 2022.
- 2. The project shall use a New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix seeding as referenced on the application materials provided by the Applicant dated September 28, 2022.
- 3. Areas of disturbed soils shall be stabilized with the application of loam, seed, required plantings and appropriate erosion control measures.
- 4. At all times during site work and until soil areas are stabilized, the applicant shall install and maintain erosion and sediment control measures such as fabric filter fence, staked hay bales or other measures deemed necessary by the Commission’s agent to prevent erosion and sedimentation impacts to wetlands and watercourses.
- 5. All erosion control and soil stabilization measures shall comply with the approved plans and the guidelines as established in the Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, 2002, CTDEP Bulletin 34.
- 6. Upon direction of the Commission’s agent, erosion and sediment control measures shall be removed by the applicant following stabilization of the site.
- 7. This approval is subject to the general provisions found in Section 11.9 of the Town of Simsbury’s Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.
- 8. The Inland Wetlands Agent shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to commencement of activities.

Or

Moved, (An alternative Motion)

Reference Plans

1/1 – Site Plan – Provided by the Applicant, Received 09/15/2022.