



Town of Simsbury

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Office of Planning and Community Development

To: Simsbury Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency

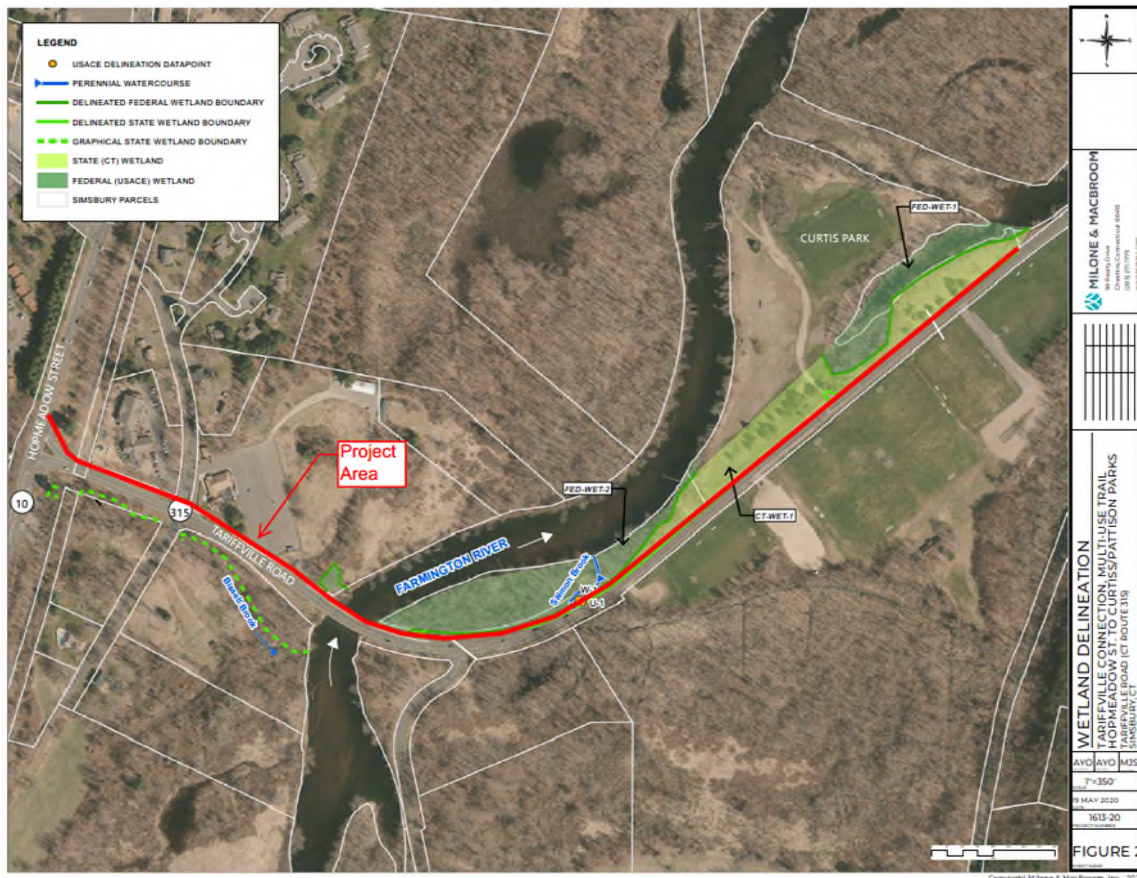
From: George K. McGregor, AICP

Date: January 17, 2023

RE: CC 22-27, Tariffville Multi-use Trail

Summary of Request

The Town of Simsbury has submitted an Inland Wetlands application to construct a +3,600 linear foot, 10-foot wide, bituminous concrete, multi-use trail with two pedestrian boardwalk areas along Tariffville Rd. and adjacent to the Farmington River. The project extends from Hopmeadow Rd. to Curtiss/Pattison Park and falls primarily with the right-of-way.



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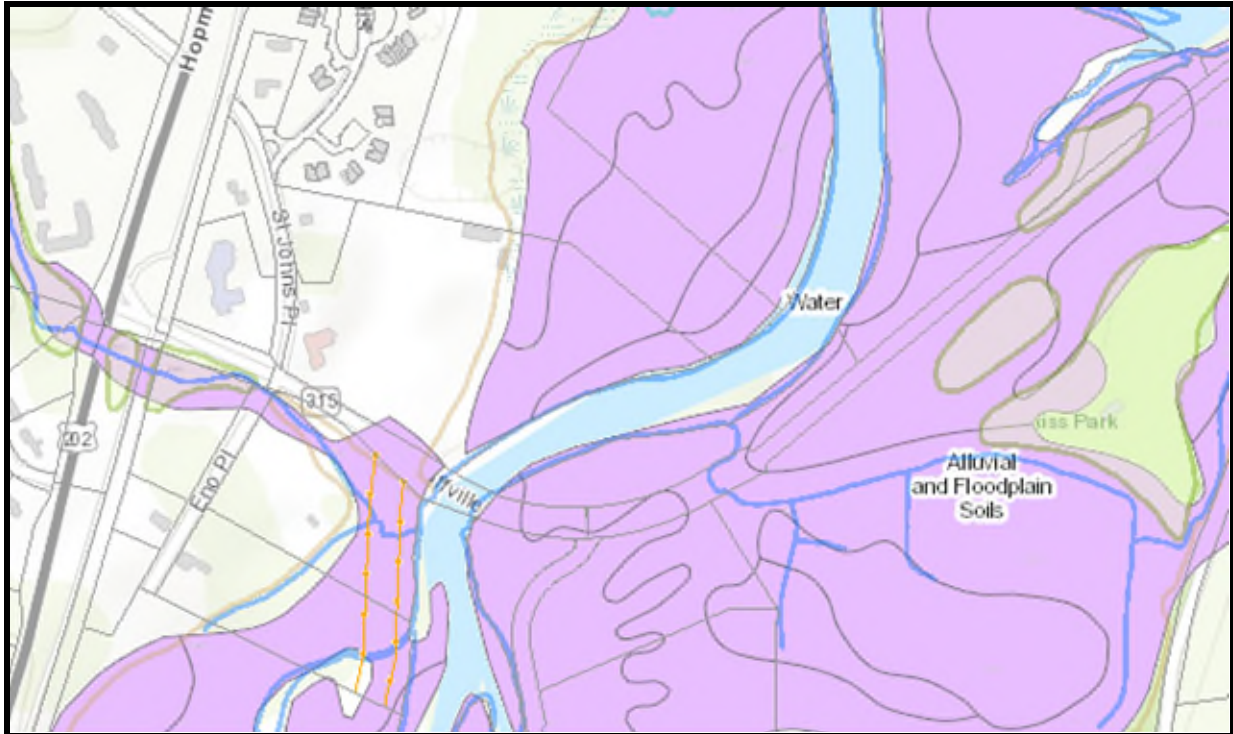
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The Applicant has submitted a site plan set and an Inlands Wetlands Report prepared by SLR (formerly Milone & MacBroom). Impacts identified include:

- 996 sq. ft. federal wetlands disturbance
- 0.4 cubic yards of fill (for river access stone steps)
- 5,300 sq.ft. of temporary disturbance of federal wetlands
- 46,360 s.f. of permanent impacts to construct trail

DEEP and Town Wetland Layers



Site Plan – Provided by the Applicant and enclosed in packet.

Per Section 2 – Definitions, all areas located within one hundred (100) feet of the boundary of such wetlands or watercourses are **regulated areas**.

Per Section 6 – Regulated Activities to be Licensed, the proposed construction of a \pm 3,600 linear foot trail and associated activities is a **regulated activity**. The Inland Wetlands Agency found this activity to be significant. **A Public Hearing is required.**

Staff Analysis

- The trail is more than half-mile in length; there are a host of wetland soils types itemized in the Wetlands Report.
- The Applicant has proposed to install silt fencing along the boundary of the proposed area of disturbance.

- Erosion & Sediment Control measures, depicted on the site plan, including sediment filter fences will be employed over the length of the trail.
- There will be two sections of boardwalk.
- The Wetlands Report concludes that there will be no significant impact to wildlife or habitat.
- The Wetlands Report concludes that there will be no negative impact on the functions and values of the wetland areas.
- The Project did evaluate alternatives.
- The Trail segment is identified as a **High Priority** in the 2018 Town of Simsbury Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (pg. 67).
- The Applicant has provided a summary of outside review agencies, including DEEP, CTDOT, and US Army Corps of Engineers.

Draft Motions

MOVED, the Simsbury Inland Wetland Agency APPROVES Application CC # 22-27 of the Town of Simsbury, for construction of a \pm 3,600 linear foot, 10-foot-wide, bituminous concrete, multi-purpose trail with pedestrian boardwalks and associated site improvements along the Farmington River on property and right of way located near Tariffville Road from Hopmeadow Street to Curtiss/Pattison Parks, 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.
- d. Alternatives have been reviewed and no feasible and prudent alternatives exist.

And subject to the following conditions:

1. The project shall be developed in substantial conformance with the site plan titled, *Tariffville Connection Multi-Use Trail*, prepared by SLR, dated May 2022.
2. Areas of disturbed soils shall be stabilized with the application of loam, seed, required plantings and appropriate erosion control measures.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. Upon direction of the Commission's agent, erosion and sediment control measures shall be removed by the applicant following stabilization of the site.
6. This approval is subject to the general provisions found in Section 11.9 of the Town of Simsbury's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.
7. The Inland Wetlands Agent shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to commencement of activities.

Or

Moved, (An alternative Motion)