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September 24, 2015

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("TGP")
Docket No. PF14-22-000: Proposed Northeast Energy Direct ("NED")

Dear Ms. Bose:

On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, the Town of Amherst Pipeline Taskforce held a meeting with representatives of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company/Kinder Morgan. This served as a follow up to earlier meetings during which sensitive areas were identified by the Amherst Pipeline Taskforce as priority areas to be avoided. Kinder Morgan agreed to propose alternate routes for the pipeline through Amherst, and brought an alternative route proposal (Option 1) to the last meeting. At that time, the Town still had concerns regarding the proposed Option 1 route between the Milford town line and Bon Terrain. At the meeting on September 16, Kinder Morgan presented an amended alternate route that was shifted south in this area in order to avoid an existing residential cul-de-sac and a workforce housing development under construction.

The Town appreciates the efforts of Kinder Morgan to meet the Amherst Pipeline Task Force's criteria for avoiding sensitive environmental resources, schools, senior and workforce housing developments, and residential cul-de-sacs. Attached please find minutes of the September 16, 2015 taskforce meeting, and the alternate route map provided by Kinder Morgan at that meeting.

While the Town of Amherst does not endorse the NED pipeline, and does not believe this pipeline belongs in New Hampshire, the route as currently proposed represents a significant reduction in overall adverse impact to the Town from the route proposed in the project's initial pre-filing. The Town of Amherst continues to review the latest proposed route and will notify Kinder Morgan and the FERC of additional concerns.

It should be noted that the project is located within an aquifer protection area and, should the project be approved by the FERC, appropriate best management practices should be used to minimize the potential for construction impacts in the aquifer.

I respectfully ask that this letter and the accompanying documents be included as part of the public record. Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Sincerely,


James M. O'Mara, Jr.
Town Administrator

cc: File w/ attachments

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Amherst Pipeline Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 – 2:00PM

ATTENDEES:

Task Force Members: David Beach, Tiani Coleman, Colin Lonsdale, Reed Panasiti – Selectman, John D’Angelo – Selectman, Paul Indeglia – ACC Liaison, Colleen Mailloux – Community Development Director

Also in attendance, Lucas Meyer – Kinder Morgan, Barry Duff – Kinder Morgan, Mark Hamarich – Kinder Morgan, Jim Hartman – Tennessee Gas

Approximately 30 interested residents were in attendance.

The meeting began at 2:04pm. C. Mailloux stated that this is a follow up to previous meetings held between the Amherst Pipeline Task Force and Kinder Morgan to discuss alternate routes for the pipeline through Amherst. This is a public meeting, and the public are welcome to attend and observe but there will be no public comment. Members of the Task Force and Kinder Morgan representatives introduced themselves.

L. Meyer thanked the Task Force for agreeing to meet. Maps showing a revised proposed route were provided to members of the Task Force and the audience. L. Meyer stated that, during previous meetings in April and June, the Task Force presented Kinder Morgan with areas of concern with the proposed pipeline route through Amherst. Kinder Morgan has studied alternatives that avoid the sensitive areas identified by the Task Force and feel confident that they have identified a route that they can move forward with. B. Duff reviewed the alternate route plan. Since the last meeting, they have changed the route between the Milford border and Bon Terrain. They are able to move the proposed route south to avoid the Patricia Lane neighborhood, the approved workforce housing development, and the church at the corner of Rt. 122 and Patricia Lane. Pennichuck also requested that the pipeline be moved further from their storage tanks in the Bon Terrain area, and that request was accommodated. Pipeline will now be 742 feet from tank. The pipeline will run parallel to the railroad track, through Hollis, into Merrimack and then will cross 101A and Continental Boulevard and follow a route on the southerly side of Continental Boulevard. B. Duff indicated that a construction contractor has done preliminary analysis and determined that the pipeline route as proposed is buildable. Estimate 55 weeks of construction to complete the Amherst-Merrimack segment of the pipeline – a longer construction time table than the preliminary route. Route 101A and Continental Boulevard crossings would be done through borings to avoid construction impacts/road closures. The proposed route includes 1,400 feet in Hollis, along the railroad track. The southerly shift puts the proposed route between 300-700 feet south of Patricia Lane and 242 feet south of the church.

J. D’Angelo asked if the revised route avoids residential cul-de-sacs? B. Duff – yes. Does it avoid the workforce housing development and the church? Yes. B. Duff stated that the railroad is being followed into Merrimack. The route crosses near Home Depot and continues south of Continental, 1,100 feet from Thornton Ferry School.

J. Hartman stated that property owners along the newly proposed route have not yet been identified. The next step is contacting property owners (including railroad), getting survey permission. J. D'Angelo stated that this plan represents an improved route through Amherst. The Task Force will review the plans and provide comment.

B. Duff indicated that this proposed route is the one that will be submitted when Kinder Morgan files with FERC. They are expected to file in the fourth quarter of this year. D. Beach stated that the resource reports are included in the filing. B. Duff stated that resource report 10, which will be included in the filing, will include all of the alternatives that have been reviewed to get to this preferred route. FERC has the ultimate decision; they could say that there is a better route. FERC chooses the pipeline route.

T. Coleman asked if the public would be notified of the alternate route before the draft resource report is filed. B. Duff – the next filing will be the final filing with FERC with this revised route. This meeting is the first public release of the revised route. J. Hartman stated that Kinder Morgan must do its due diligence, identify property owners, etc. This will begin soon.

P. Indeglia asked about wetland impacts in the area of Route 122. B. Duff indicated the route in that area is on a side slope and not expected to be wetland. J. Hartman stated that the route will be surveyed, wetland scientists will delineate wetlands. P. Indeglia indicated likely to be some wetland near the FW Webb warehouse in Bon Terrain.

J. Hartman pointed out that the plans provided show the pipeline route and a 200' survey corridor on either side of the route. The area on the plan is not indicative of the construction corridor.

M. Bender, Milford Town Administrator, stated that this looks to be a much more direct route with less mileage. Kinder Morgan estimates that total mileage through Amherst and Merrimack will be reduced by approximately 3 miles.

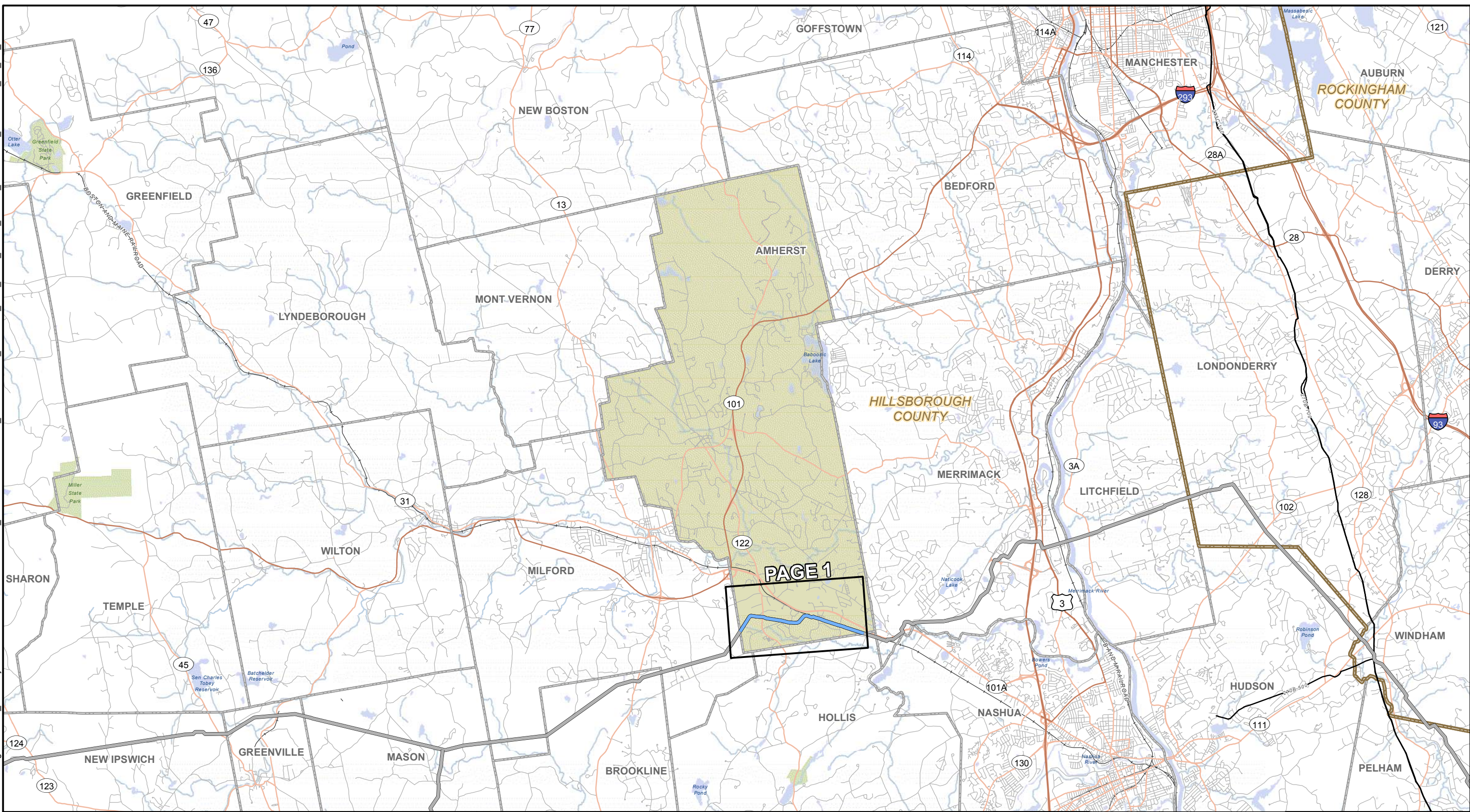
A resident of Merrimack expressed concern with the proximity to the Thornton Ferry School and a hospice house, impacts to residential areas in Merrimack.

K. McGhee, a resident of Hollis and member of the Hollis Pipeline Task Force asked if there was any plan for facilities, plants in Bon Terrain. Pennichuck has plans to build a plant to remove manganese from water from the wells in that area to make it useable, but Kinder Morgan has no plans for any facilities relating to the pipeline in Bon Terrain.

J. D'Angelo summarized, this is an improved route through Amherst. This is the best of a bad deal- far better than the original proposal which would have impacted Ponemah Bog, Souhegan River, Amherst schools. This reduces the impact on residential neighborhoods in Amherst. This avoids Merrimack conservation land and reduces mileage through Amherst and Merrimack. The newly proposed route is a less disruptive route through Amherst. The pipeline Task Force will review the plans. L. Meyer indicated that electronic plans will be sent to C. Mailloux and NRPC. The Amherst Task Force will review the revised route and will notify Kinder Morgan of any issues.

93 J. Hartmann asked if the Task Force will convey to FERC its opinion of the alternate route. J.
94 D'Angelo, there is no way to make everyone happy. Would like to see pipeline pushed 20 miles
95 to the south, but the efforts of Kinder Morgan in addressing the concerns of the Amherst pipeline
96 Task Force are appreciated. Minutes of the meeting will be submitted to FERC.

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98 The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.
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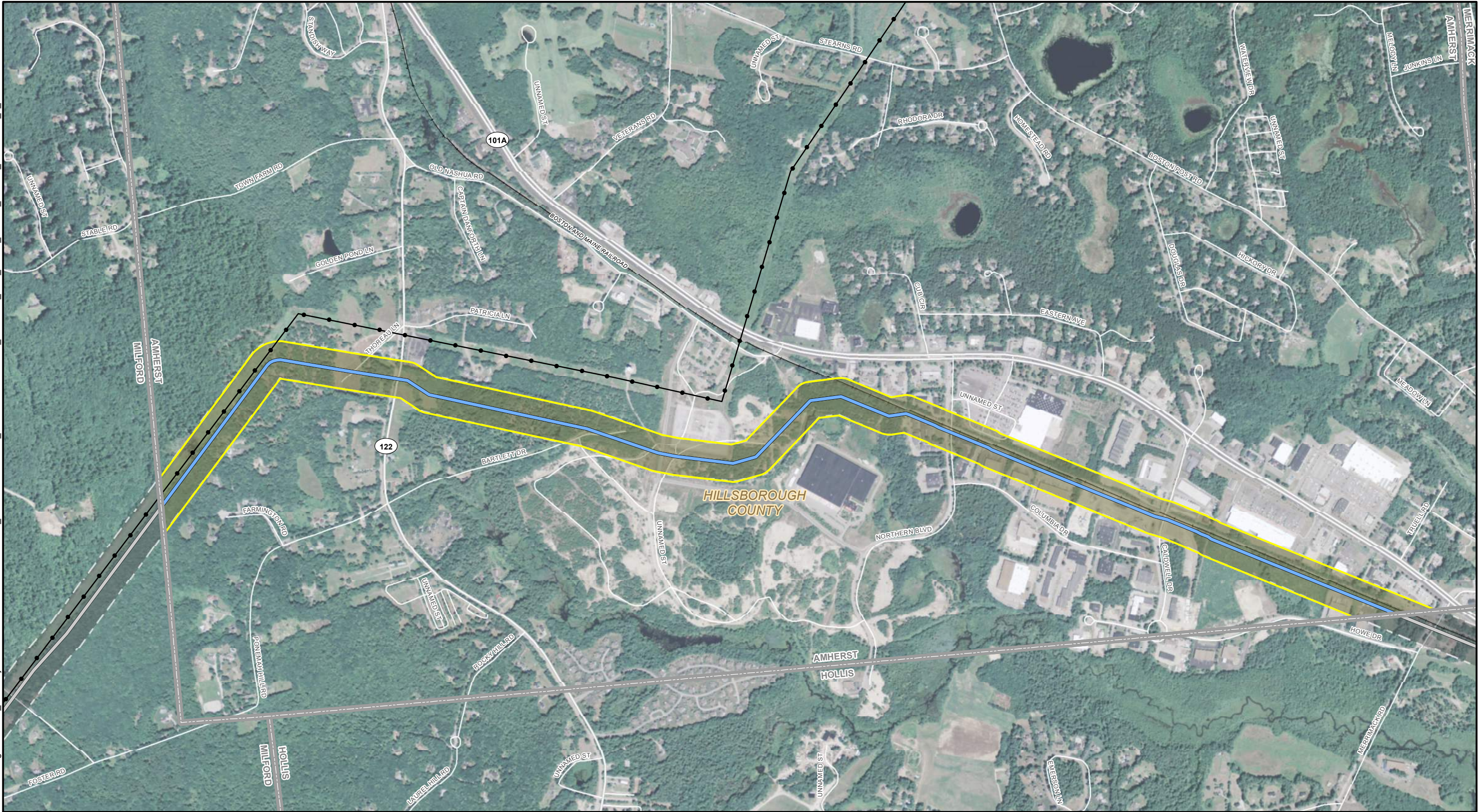
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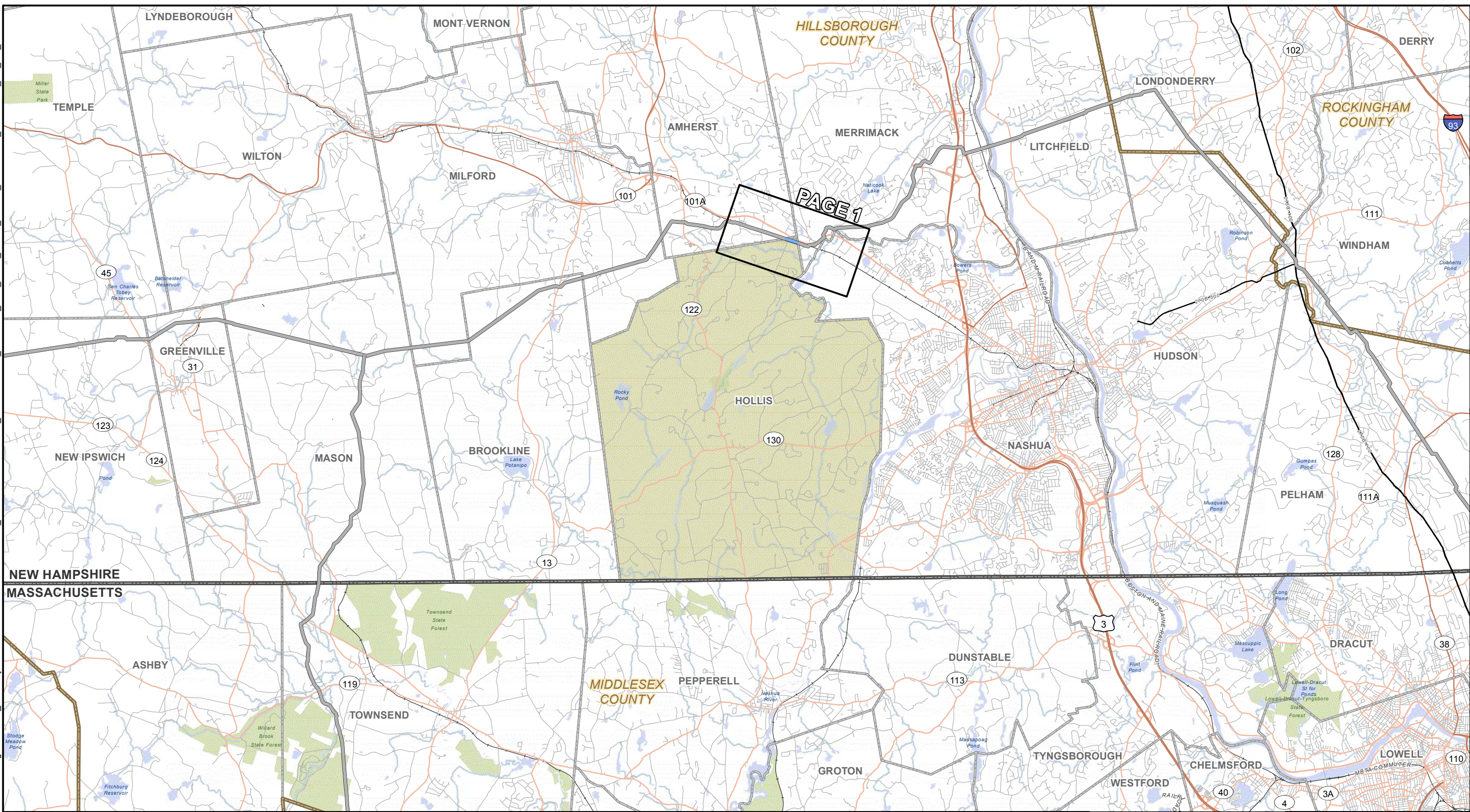
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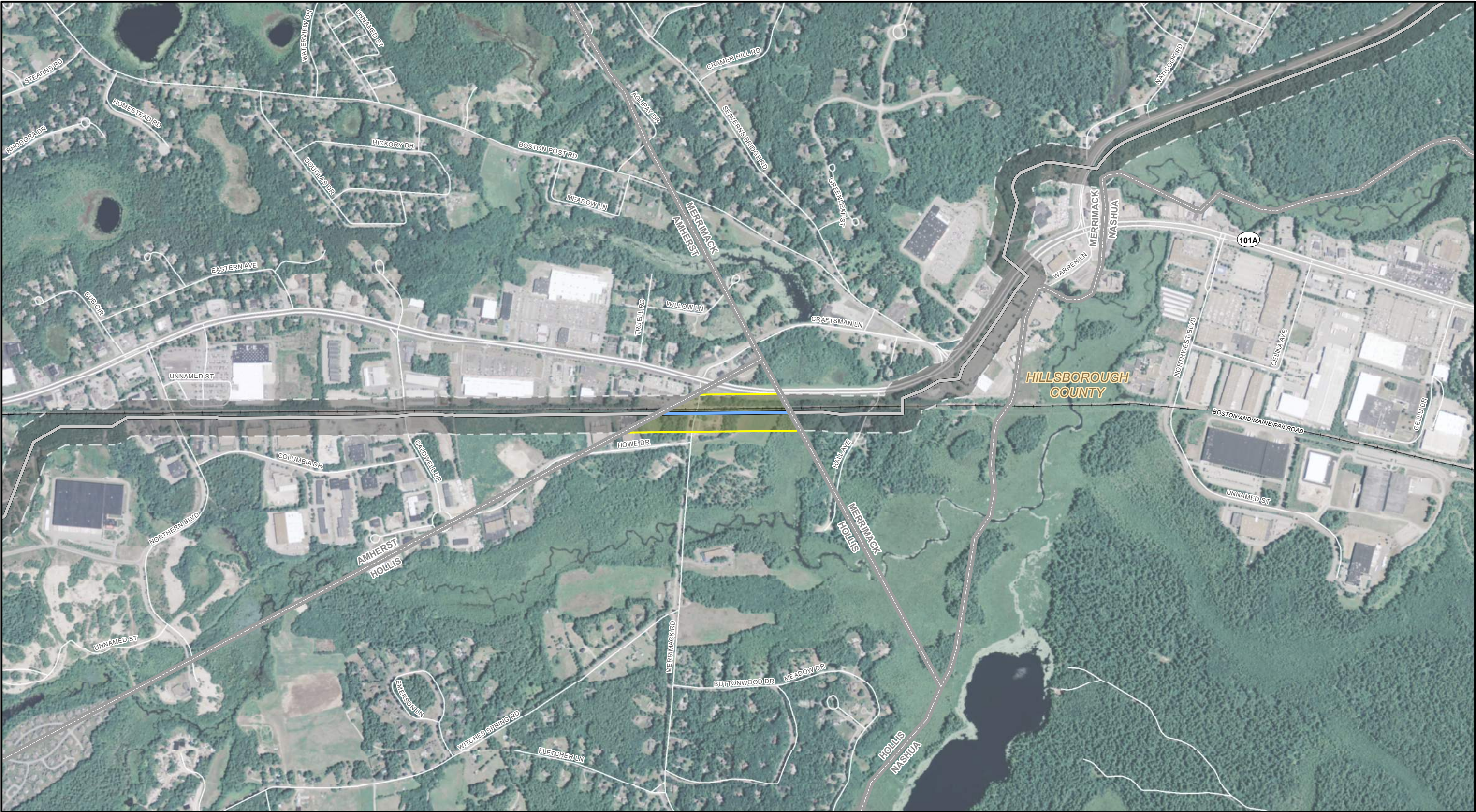
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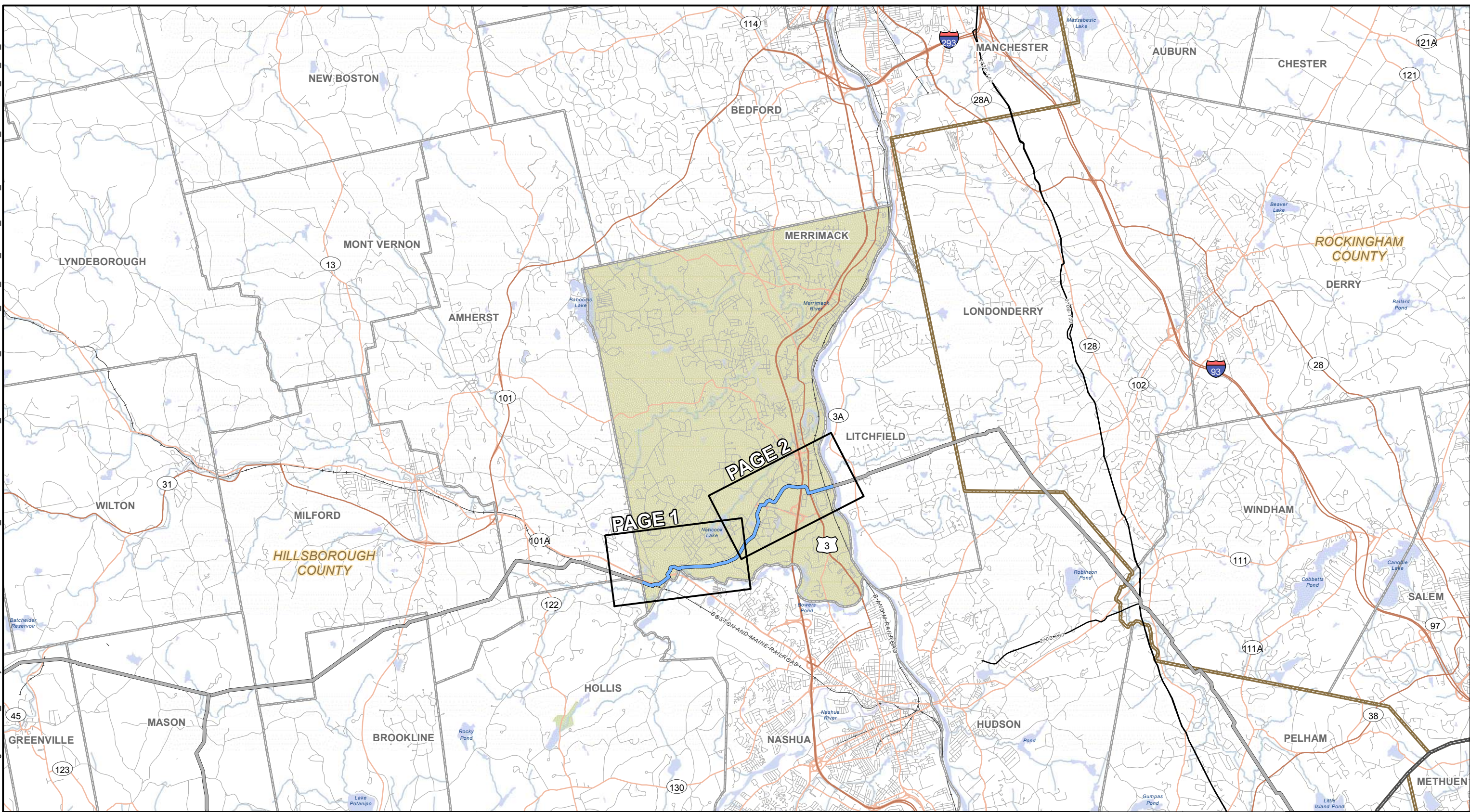
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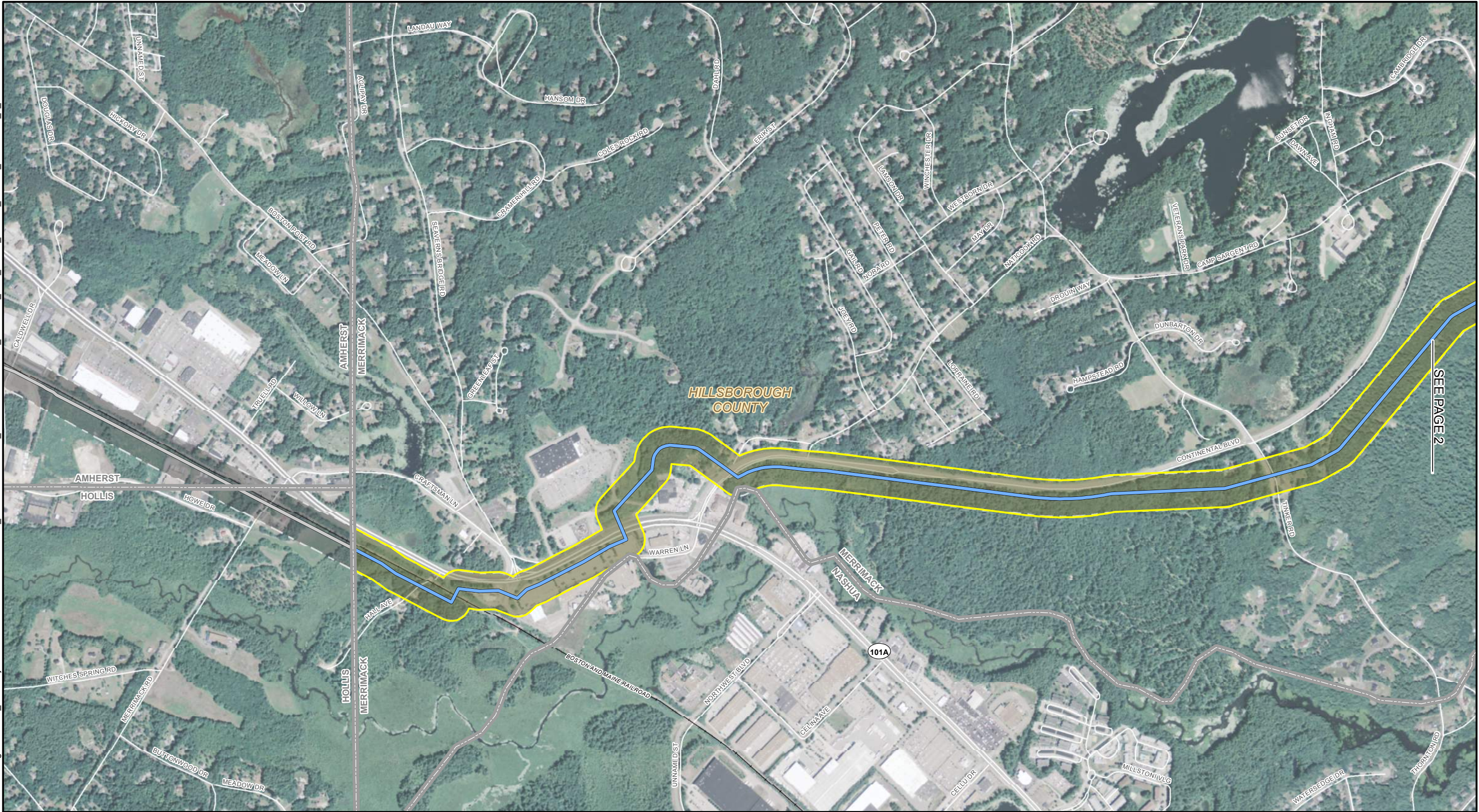
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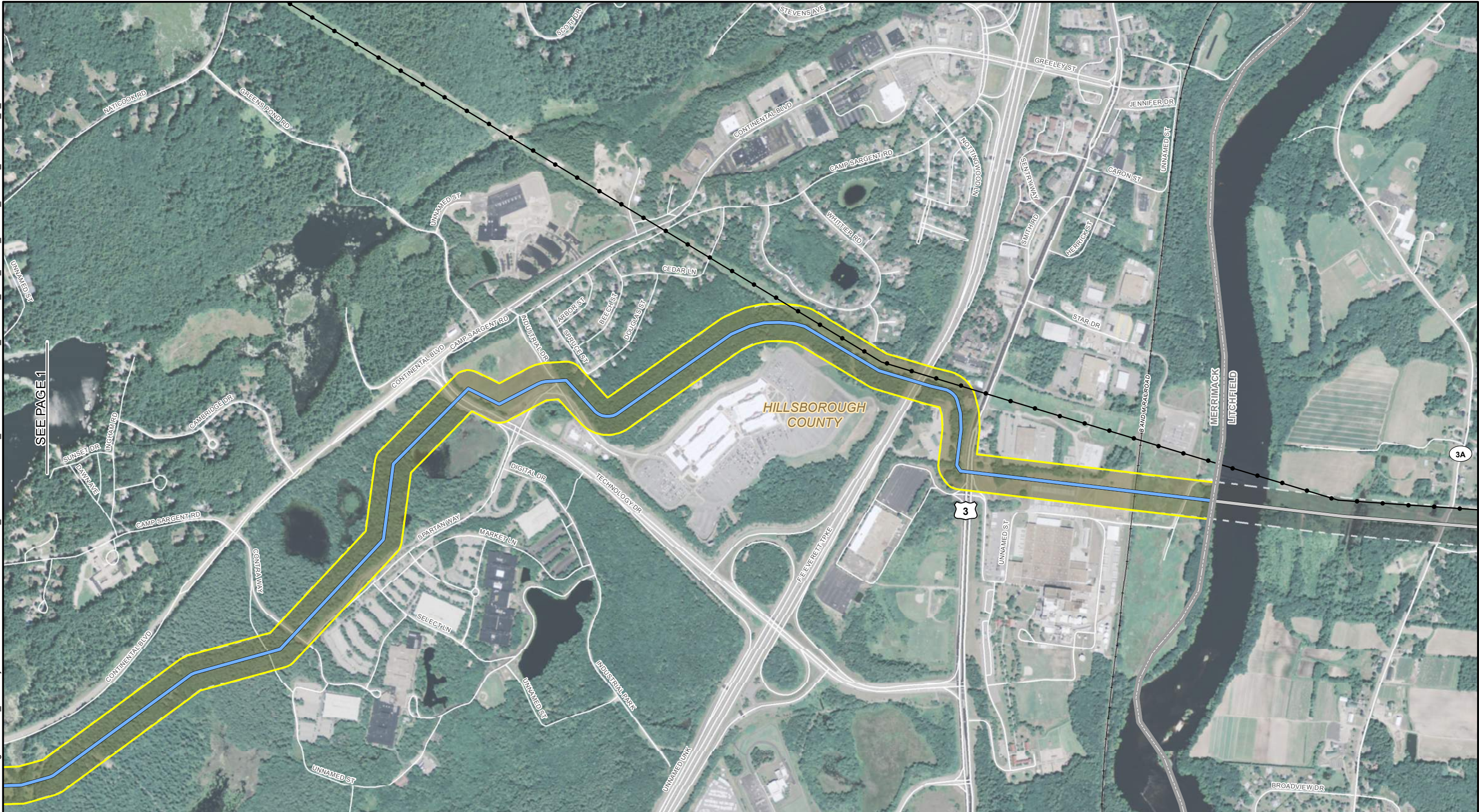
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