

July 12, 2022

Mr. Jason Andro
Hemlock Hill RV
2123 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike
Plantsville, CT 06479

Re: Wetland and Watercourse Delineation
2123 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike, Plantsville, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Andro:

As requested, we investigated a portion of the referenced property to determine the presence or absence of wetlands and/or watercourses, to demarcate (flag) the boundaries of wetlands and watercourses identified, and to identify onsite soil types. This letter includes the methods and results of our investigation, which we completed today, July 12, 2022. In summary, one inland wetland and watercourse system was identified and delineated. The system, which is located in the northern and eastern portions of the property, is a woodland wetland with two small streams: Judd Brook and Humiston Brook.

Regulatory Definitions

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act (Connecticut General Statutes §22a-38) defines inland wetlands as “land, including submerged land...which consists of any soil types designated as poorly drained, very poorly drained, alluvial, and floodplain.” Watercourses are defined in the act as “rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs and all other bodies of water, natural or artificial, vernal or intermittent, public or private, which are contained within, flow through or border upon the state or any portion thereof.” The Act defines Intermittent Watercourses as having a defined permanent channel and bank and the occurrence of two or more of the following characteristics: A) evidence of scour or deposits of recent alluvium or detritus, B) the presence of standing or flowing water for a duration longer than a particular storm incident, and C) the presence of hydrophytic vegetation.

Methodology

A second order soil survey in accordance with the principles and practices noted in the USDA publication *Soil Survey Manual* (1993) was completed at the subject site. The classification system of the National Cooperative Soil Survey was used in this investigation. Soil map units identified at the project site generally correspond to those included in the *Soil Survey of the State of Connecticut* (USDA 2005).

Wetland determinations were completed based on the presence of poorly drained, very poorly drained, alluvial, or floodplain soils. Soil types were identified by observation of soil morphology (soil texture, color, structure, etc.). To observe the morphology of the property's soils, test pits and/or borings (maximum depth of two feet) were completed at the site.

Intermittent watercourse determinations were made based on the presence of a defined permanent channel and bank and the occurrence of two or more of the following characteristics: A) evidence of scour or deposits of recent alluvium or detritus, B) the presence of standing or flowing water for a duration longer than a particular storm incident, and C) the presence of hydrophytic vegetation.

Wetland boundaries were demarcated (flagged) with pink surveyor's tape (hung from vegetation) or small flags (on wire stakes) labeled "William Kenny Associates" that are generally spaced a maximum of every 50 feet. Complete boundaries are located along the lines that connect these sequentially numbered flags. The wetland boundaries are subject to change until adopted by local, state, or federal regulatory agencies.

Results

The approximate 16.9-acre commercial property is located at 2123 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike in Plantsville, Connecticut. Meriden Waterbury Turnpike borders the southern property boundary, Interstate 84 borders the eastern property boundary. The investigation was limited to the area shown on the attached map. Property improvements include a commercial building, a pump house and an asphalt driveway and parking area. The central and southern portions of the site is primarily unvegetated. A broadleaved deciduous woodland is present in the northern and eastern portions of the property.

One inland wetland and watercourse system was identified and delineated. The system, which is located in the northern and eastern portions of the property, is a woodland wetland with two small streams: Judd Brook and Humiston Brook. The brooks generally extend and flow north to south through the eastern portion of the site. Wetland soils are primarily poorly drained and formed from alluvial deposits. The approximate location of the system is shown on the attached map. The boundary of the system was marked at the site with flags numbered 1 to 71.

Two soil map units were identified on the property (one wetland and one upland). Each map unit represents a specific area on the landscape and consists of one or more soils for which the unit is named. Other soils (inclusions that are generally too small to be delineated separately) may account for 10 to 15 percent of each map unit. The mapped units are identified in the following table by name and symbol and typical characteristics (parent material, drainage class, high water table, depth to bedrock, and slope). These characteristics are generally the primary characteristics to be considered in land use planning and management. A description of each characteristic and their land use implications follows the table. A complete description of each soil map unit can be found in the *Soil Survey of the State of Connecticut* (USDA 2005), and at <https://soilseries.sc.egov.usda.gov/osdname.aspx>. On the day of the review, the upland soil was dry and the wetland soil was dry to moist. The sky was clear and air temperatures were in the 90's ° F.

<u>Sym.</u>	<u>Map Unit Name</u>	<u>Parent Material</u>	<u>Slope (%)</u>	<u>Drainage Class</u>	<u>High Water Table</u>			<u>Depth To Bedrock (in)</u>
					<u>Depth (ft)</u>	<u>Kind</u>	<u>Mos.</u>	
<u>Upland Soil</u>								
306	Udorthents - Urban Land Complex	Excavated or Filled Soil (>2 feet) Pavement & structures account for 85% or more of the area. Additional investigations required to determine characteristics	0-45	Well Drained to Somewhat Poorly Drained	1.5->6.0	Apparent	Nov-May	>60
<u>Wetland Soil</u>								
103	Rippowam fine Sandy loam	Alluvium	0-3	Poorly Drained	0.0-1.5	Apparent	Nov-Jun	>60

Parent material is the unconsolidated organic and mineral material in which soil forms. Soil inherits characteristics, such as mineralogy and texture, from its parent material. Glacial till is unsorted, nonstratified glacial drift consisting of clay, silt, sand, and boulders transported and deposited by glacial ice. Glacial outwash consists of gravel, sand, and silt, which are commonly stratified and deposited by glacial melt water. Alluvium is material such as sand, silt, or clay, deposited on land by streams. Organic deposits consist of decomposed plant and animal parts.

A soil's texture affects the ease of digging, filling, and compacting and the permeability of a soil. Generally sand and gravel soils, such as outwash soils, have higher permeability rates than most glacial till soils. Soil permeability affects the cost to design and construct subsurface sanitary disposal facilities and, if too slow or too fast, may preclude their use. Outwash soils are generally excellent sources of natural aggregates (sand and gravel) suitable for commercial use, such as construction sub base material. Organic layers in soils can cause movement of structural footings. Compacted glacial till layers make excavating more difficult and may preclude the use of subsurface sanitary disposal systems or increase their design and construction costs if fill material is required.

Generally, soils with steeper slopes increase construction costs, increase the potential for erosion and sedimentation impacts, and reduce the feasibility of locating subsurface sanitary disposal facilities.

Drainage class refers to the frequency and duration of periods of soil saturation or partial saturation during soil formation. Seven classes of natural drainage classes exist. They range from excessively drained, where water is removed from the soil very rapidly, to very poorly drained, where water is removed so slowly that free water remains at or near the soil surface during most of the growing season. Soil drainage affects the type and growth of plants found in an area. When landscaping or gardening, drainage class information can be used to assure that proposed plants are adapted to existing drainage conditions or that necessary alterations to drainage conditions (irrigation or drainage systems) are provided to assure plant survival.

High water table is the highest level of a saturated zone in the soil in most years. The water table can affect the timing of excavations; the ease of excavating, constructing, and grading; and the supporting capacity of the soil. Shallow water tables may preclude the use of subsurface sanitary disposal systems or increase design and construction costs if fill material is required.

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The depth to bedrock refers to the depth to fixed rock. Bedrock depth affects the ease and cost of construction, such as digging, filling, compacting, and planting. Shallow depth bedrock may preclude the use of subsurface sanitary disposal systems or increase design and construction costs if fill material is required.

Conclusions

Today, we investigated a portion of the property at 2123 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike in Plantsville, Connecticut and identified and delineated one inland wetland and watercourse system. Thank you for the opportunity to assist you. If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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SOIL LEGEND

UPLAND

306 UDORTHENTS-URBAN LAND COMPLEX

WETLAND

103 RIPPOWAM FINE SANDY LOAM

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NOTES:

- INFORMATION SHOWN ON THIS DRAWING, INCLUDING THE WETLAND BOUNDARY, IS APPROXIMATE. THE BOUNDARY IS NOT A SURVEYED REPRESENTATION OF WHAT WAS FIELD MARKED (FLAGGED).
- WETLAND AND SOIL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY WILLIAM KENNY ASSOC. OTHER INFORMATION TAKEN FROM A TOWN OF SOUTHWINGTON GIS MAP.
- 306 AND 103 ARE SOIL MAPPING UNIT SYMBOLS. SEE WETLAND DELINEATION REPORT FOR THE SOIL MAP UNIT NAMES AND ADDITIONAL RELATED INFORMATION.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS WETLAND MAP
SUBSTANTIALLY REPRESENTS THE SOILS
AND WETLANDS MAPPED IN THE FIELD

William L. Kenny
WILLIAM L. KENNY, SOIL SCIENTIST

WETLAND & WATERCOURSE MAP

**2123 MERIDEN WATERBURY TURNPIKE
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SCALE: NOT TO SCALE
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