



New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

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CORD Members and Other Interested Parties Via Email Distribution Lists (Bcc)	Grafton County Board of Commissioners c/o Samantha Norcross 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy N. Haverhill, NH 03774 Via Email (snorcross@co.grafton.nh.us)
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FROM: Michael A. Klass, Office of Planning and Development

DATE: September 29, 2021

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Campton & Thornton, NH

2021 SLR 004

RESPONSE DEADLINE: Monday, November 1, 2021

Please review the attached information to determine if your organization has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please provide this office with any comment(s) in writing by the response deadline indicated above. Responses may be emailed to Michael.A.Klass@livefree.nh.gov

The Council on Resources and Development will consider the request at its meeting tentatively scheduled for *November 8, 2021*. Information regarding CORD and its meetings may be obtained at: https://www.nh.gov/osi/planning/programs/cord/index.htm.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.

Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board are asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 233-A.

The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.

The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483:8, VII and 14.

Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Name	e of Requesting Agency:	NH Fish and Game Department		
Agen	Address: Phone Number: E-Mail:	Scott R. Mason, Executive Director 11 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03301 603-271-3511 Scott.r.mason@wildlife.nh.gov	- 4 10	
Applicant Contact Person: Address: Phone Number:		Betsey McNaughten, Land Agent 11 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03301 603-271-6640		
	E-Mail:	Elizabeth.mcnaughten@wildlife.nh.gov	V	
Locat	ion of Property:	Owl's Nest Resort and Golf Club (subje Pemigewasset Wildlife Management A Campton and Thornton		
Acred	age:	n/a		
Reque	ested Action:	Surplus and Reinstate Easement ROWs	and Parkin	g Area
Term	of Lease or Easement:	n/a		
	Golf course cart path		:	
int	ended to create a public	this property if surplused? Please note benefit.	if proposed	d use is
	Golf course cart path. Y distance to the Pemi WN	es, it will greatly improve the public ac	cess by sho	ortening the
3. Do	es the proposed use of th	nis property entail new development?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
a.	If yes, is it consistent with	adjacent and existing development?	Yes	□ No
b.	Please describe how the surroundings. Also indicate or surroundings.	e proposed new development differs fro ate how it may initiate a future change	om or is simil in the use o	lar to its of the property
4. Are	e there any structures loca	ated on this property?	Yes	⊠ No
a.	If yes, please describe th	ne structures including how many and w	vhat kind.	
5. Are	e there historical architec	tural or archaeological resources identi		454
a	If ves, describe the resou	1100(5)2	Yes	⊠ No

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D.	If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to	applications	DITHISSION.		
Is	there any existing development or structures on adjacent site	es? 🛛 Yes	☐ No		
a.	If yes, describe the use and number of structures of adjacent sites. If no, where is the nearest development? (Describe distance, use, and number)				
	Subdivision and house lots, some developed, some not, and	d the NHDOT	I-93 Corrid		
Do	oes the site represent the entire state property in this location?	? Yes	⊠ No		
a.	If no, please describe its relationship to the entire state holding (percentage of total acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).				
	This is a easement right of way that allows public and main Pemigewasset WMA, adjacent to this property.	ntenance access	s to the		
ls (access to this property available?	⊠ Yes	☐ No		
a.	If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across app	olicant's prope	rty, etc)		
1	Town maintained Class V Road (Owl Street) Pemi River Ro	oad and Notch	Way (Priv		
	If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption? e there water resources related to this property such as:	☐ Yes	□ No		
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a. Steep slopes			***************************************	П
c. Threatened or endangered species	b.			
d. Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats		Wetlands (Prime and NWI)	*******************************	
e. Increased impervious surface	C.	Threatened or endangered species	*********************	
f. Potential stormwater flow changes	d.	Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats		
g. Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or local importance	e.	Increased impervious surface	***************************************	
h. Potential river channel change	f.	Potential stormwater flow changes	***************************************	
i. Other special designations	g.			
Please provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10. Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested	h.	Potential river channel change		
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a. Municipal tax map copy showing all abutters b. General location map with scale, north arrow, pearby roads, and water bodies/feature			diby rodds, drid w	alei bodies/ledi
 a. Municipal fax map copy snowing all abutters b. General location map with scale, north arrow, nearby roads, and water bodies/featu c. Aerial Photograph* 	b. (and a substitution of the	

Please paste any maps and photographs submitted as part of this application here.

* Maps can be created with GIS, Google, NH GRANIT, or any other readily available mapping service.



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

HEADQUARTERS: 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301-6500 (603) 271-3421 FAX (603) 271-1438

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September 22, 2021

Commissioner Taylor Caswell, Chair NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs 100 North Main Street Suite 100 Concord NH 03301

Re:

Easement Relocation Agreement and Amendment Pemigewasset Wildlife Management Area, Campton-Thornton

Dear Commissioner Caswell:

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department requests the Council on Resources and Development to review the attached surplus property application to determine if the State's interest in an access easement is surplus to the needs of the State. In exchange, the State will receive access that is more reasonably located and accessible by the public.

This access is in connection to the State's acquisition of 81.8 acres from Cersosimo Lumber Company through the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) in 1988. The LCIP property benefiting this access is known as the Pemigewasset Wildlife Management Area (Pemi WMA). It was an orphaned tract created on the west side of I-93 when the highway was built through the Towns of Campton and Thornton. Legal public access was created by NHDOT on the east side of I-93 across agricultural fields and continued under the I-93 bridge adjacent to the Pemigewasset River and the Pemi WMA.

In 2000, the original access across the agricultural fields was relocated to accommodate for the creation and construction of the Owls Nest Resort golf course by Owls Street Associates (OSA). NHFG and OSA renegotiated the access into two right of ways: one for the public and one for NHFG habitat maintenance of the Pemi WMA. The negotiations also included the right to construct a parking area. These rights of way and parking area were recorded in a Quitclaim Deed from OSA to NHFG on August 15, 2000.

Certain language in the Quitclaim Deed states a reserved right, and is as follows:

The Grantor its successors and/or assigns reserve the right to relocate the right of ways and parking area provided that relocation is reasonable topographically, does not significantly increase the length of the right of way, is not detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, does not adversely impact wetlands, is approved by the Grantee, and all costs incurred to relocate the right of way are the responsibly of the Grantor its successors and/or assigns.

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On December 30, 2014, LCJ Holdings, LLC, acquired the Owls Nest Resort by foreclosure deed from Meredith Village Savings Bank.

In July 2016, NHFG personnel witnessed alterations made to the Owls Nest Resort golf course, and more specifically to the location of the right-of-way easement for habitat maintenance. These changes were done without notification or approval from NHFG. Contact was made by NHFG to the new owners. Discussions between LCJ Holdings and NHFG continued until a mutually agreed upon relocation of the right of ways and parking area was settled. As a result, an Easement Relocation Agreement and Amendment was drafted along with a survey plan.

The attached survey entitled "Easement Plan on Land of LCJ Holdings, LLC, located at Owl's Nest Resort & Golf Club, Thornton and Grafton" shows the location of the easement right of ways and parking area that are to be released, and the relocated access easement and relocated parking area.

Both the Easement Relocation Agreement and Amendment and the Survey will be recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

As such, please find attached a completed Request for Surplus Land Review Action application, maps and documents for consideration by the Council including:

- Easement Relocation Agreement and Amendment
- · Survey showing relocated easement right of ways and parking area;
- An aerial photograph showing location of the Pemi WMA and Owls Nest Golf Course;
 and
- On the ground photos of the location of right of ways on the golf course.

If you require any additional information or have questions about the application, please contact Betsey McNaughten, Land Agent at 271-6640.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Mason Executive Director

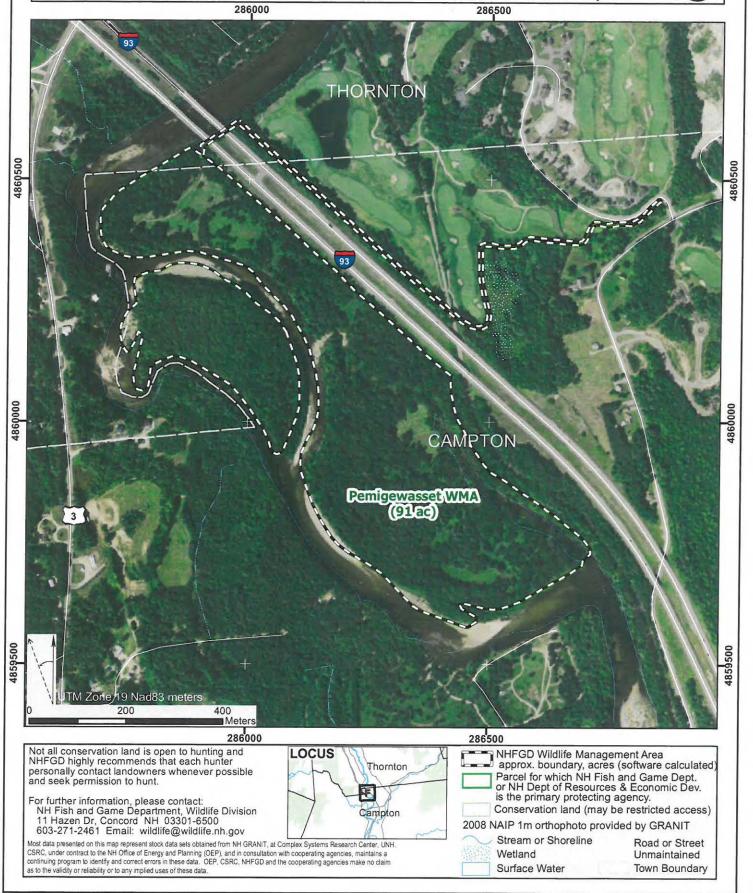
SRM/em attachments



NH Fish and Game Department Wildlife Management Areas



Pemigewasset WMA (town: Campton, wmu: F)



Return to: NH Fish and Game Department 11 Hazen Drive Concord NH 03301

EASEMENT RELOCATION AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT

This Easement Relocation Agreement and Amendment (the "Agreement") is dated as of April _____, 2021 by and between **LCJ Holdings LLC**, a Massachusetts limited liability company, having an address of 500 Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02134 ("LCJ"), and the **State of New Hampshire**, acting through the Fish and Game Department, having an address of 11 Hazen Drive, City of Concord, County of Merrimack, and State of New Hampshire, being a division of the State of New Hampshire ("Fish & Game").

Reference is made to the following facts:

- A. By Warranty Deed dated August 7, 2000, and recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds at Book 2480, Page 305 (the "Existing Easement"), LCJ's predecessor-in-title, Owl Street Associates L.L.C. ("Owl Street") granted to Fish & Game two (2) certain right of way easements across certain property situate in the Towns of Campton and Thornton, Grafton County, New Hampshire (the "Property"), together with the right to a parking area on the Property (the "Parking Area").
- B. The right of way easements described in the Existing Easement consist of an easement for public access to the Pemigewasset Wildlife Management Area and the Pemigewasset River from Owl Street (the "Public Access Easement") and an easement for access by Fish & Game personnel and its agents for access to maintain the Pemigewasset Wildlife Management Area (the "Maintenance Access Easement"). The Public Access Easement and the Maintenance Access Easement are sometimes referred to herein together as the "Access Easements".
- C. LCJ and Fish & Game desire to relocate the Access Easements and Parking Area and amend the Existing Easement on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, LCJ and Fish & Game agree as follows:

- Location and Relocation of Access Easements and Parking Area.
- (a) Except as may be hereafter relocated in accordance with Section 1(b), the location of the Access Easements and the Parking Area are shown on the plan entitled

"Easement Plan on Land of LCJ Holdings, LLC, located at Owl's Nest Resort & Golf Club, Thornton/Campton, Grafton County, New Hampshire," dated April 1, 2021, prepared by Horizons Engineering, and recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds (the "Easement Plan") at

- (b) The Public Access Easement and the Maintenance Access Easement include and shall be limited to that portion of the Property shown on the Easement Plan as "25 Foot Wide Access Easement." The Parking Area includes and shall be limited to that portion of the Property shown on the Easement Plan as "Relocated Parking Easement". Neither the Access Easements nor the Parking Area shall include any portions of the Property shown on the Easement Plan as "Portions of Existing Maintenance Access Easement to be Released", "Existing Public Access Easement to be Released", and "Existing Parking Easement to be Released" (with respect to which Fish & Game hereby releases to LCJ all right, title and interest therein).
- (c) LCJ reserves the right to relocate the Access Easements and Parking Area, provided the relocation is reasonable topographically, does not significantly increase the length of the right of way, is not detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, does not adversely impact wetlands, and is accepted and approved in writing by Fish & Game. Exercise of LCJ's reserved right to relocate shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) All costs incurred to relocate the Access Easements and Parking Area shall be the responsibility of LCJ.
 - (ii) Formal notice of a proposed relocation (a "Proposed Relocation Notice") shall be given in accordance with Section 3 by LCJ to Fish & Game together with a plan prepared by a surveyor licensed in New Hampshire showing the proposed easement relocation (an "Easement Relocation Plan").
 - (iii) Within sixty (60) days following its receipt of the Proposed Relocation Notice and Easement Relocation Plan, Fish & Game shall either certify or object to the relocation in writing. Any objection by Fish & Game shall specify how the proposed relocation and/or Easement Relocation Plan fail to satisfy the requirements of the Easement or this subsection (b).
 - (iv) A certificate signed and acknowledged by the Executive Director of Fish & Game, and attested by one or more witnesses, approving the proposed relocation shown on the Easement Relocation Plan shall be conclusive evidence of its approval of Easement Relocation Plan. LCJ may thereafter record the certificate and Easement Relocation Plan in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds.
 - (v) If, within sixty (60) days following the date Fish & Game receives the Proposed Relocation Notice, Fish & Game fails to provide LCJ with either a certificate or an objection as required by subsection (b)(iii), then Fish & Game shall be deemed to have approved the Easement Relocation Plan, and LCJ may execute an affidavit attesting to its compliance with this subsection (b) and Fish & Game's failure to

respond. The recording of such affidavit, together with the Easement Relocation Plan, in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of the Easement Relocation Plan.

- (vi) The relocation of the Access Easements or the Parking Area as shown on the Easement Relocation Plan shall be automatically effective upon the recording thereof in accordance with the requirements of this subsection (b), without further amendment to the Existing Easement, as modified hereby.
- 2. <u>Use of Access Easements and Parking Area</u>. The use of the Access Easements and Parking Area are subject to the following:
- (a) The rights and easements granted to Fish & Game by the Existing Easement, as modified hereby, are non-exclusive, and the Access Easements and Parking Area may be utilized by LCJ for any purpose (including but not limited to the operation of a golf course and other recreational activities thereon) that does not unreasonably interfere with the rights and easements granted to Fish & Game by the Existing Easement, as modified hereby.
- (b) Use of the Maintenance Access Easement by Fish & Game shall be limited to access to the Pemigewasset Wildlife Management Area for maintenance and wildlife management by its employees, contractors, agents and assigns on foot or by vehicle.
- (c) The Access Easements are conveyed together with the right to use those portions of Pemi River Road and Notch Way, in their current locations (or as may be hereafter relocated by LCJ in its sole discretion), for vehicular access only to the Parking Area. The foregoing shall not be construed as a dedication of any portion of Pemi River Road or Notch Way for public use.
- (d) Fish & Game shall have the right to install signage and/or an informational kiosk within the Parking Area, subject to LCJ's written approval of the content, location, and size, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 3. Notices. Whenever by the terms of this Agreement notice, demand, or other communication shall or may be given to either party, the same shall be in writing and shall be sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, or shall be delivered by a nationally recognized private express carrier which provides receipt of delivery, at the address set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement. All such notices shall be effective upon actual delivery at the address to which the same were sent as evidenced by the return receipt or other proof of delivery. Any such notice, demand, or communication from the managing agent acting or purporting to act on behalf of either party or from an attorney acting or purporting to act on behalf of a party shall be deemed to be notice from such party provided that in the case of notice from such attorney such attorney is authorized to act on behalf of such party.
- 4. <u>Force and Effect</u>. Except as otherwise modified by this Agreement, the Existing Easement remains in full force and effect, and parties hereby ratify and reaffirm the terms and conditions thereof, which are incorporated by reference hereto. In the event of any conflict

between the terms of the Existing Easement and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

Miscellaneous.

- (a) The term "LCJ" when used in this Agreement shall mean LCJ Holdings, LLC and its successors and assigns. The term "Fish & Game" shall mean the State of New Hampshire, acting by and through the Fish & Game Department, and any successor governmental agency or authority thereto.
- (b) This Agreement, together with the Existing Easement, contains the complete understanding and agreement of the parties hereto with respect to all matters referred to herein and all prior representations, negotiations, and understandings are superseded hereby.
- (c) The captions and headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not be deemed to define or limit the scope or intent of any of the terms, covenants, conditions or agreements contained herein.
- (d) The parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement may be modified or amended, in whole or in part, only by the written consent of the parties, evidenced by a document that has been fully executed and acknowledged by all such parties and recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds.
- (e) Except for security interests or liens securing financial obligations, LCJ agrees to notify Fish & Game thirty (30) days prior to any transfer of title to any portion of the Property that is subject to the terms of this Agreement.
- (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State which immunity is hereby reserved.
- (g) This Agreement modifies a conveyance to the State of New Hampshire or political subdivision thereof and is therefore exempt from the New Hampshire Real Estate Transfer Tax pursuant to RSA 78-B:2.

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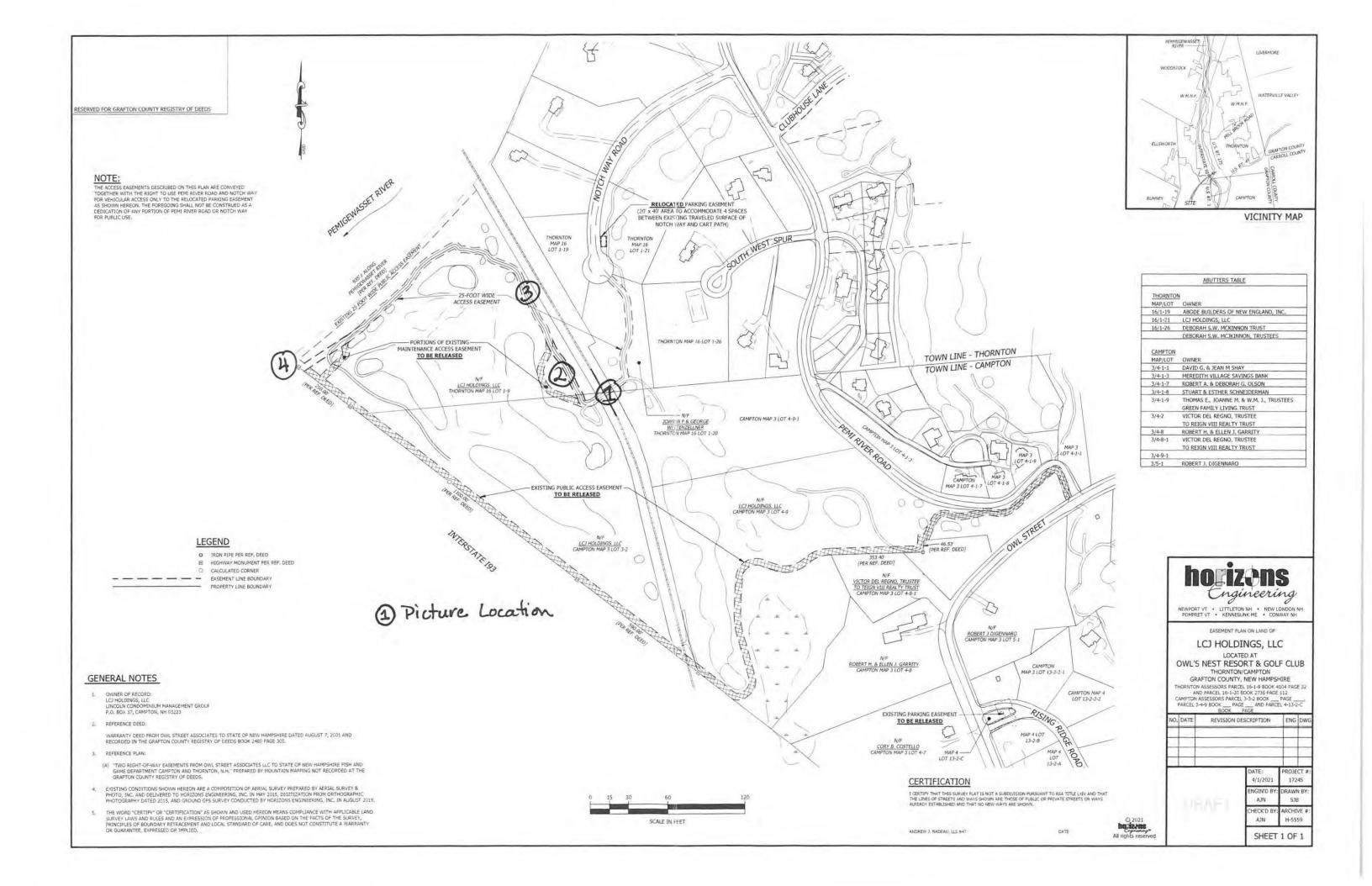
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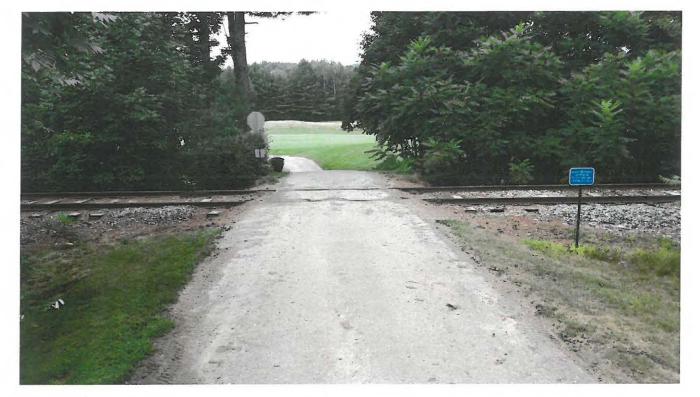
LCJ HOLDINGS, LLC

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	Brian S. Lash, Manager
	Duly Authorized
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	Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
	Name: My Commission Expires:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

	By:
	Scott R. Mason, Executive Director Duly Authorized
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, ss.	
	cknowledged before me this day of, e Director of the New Hampshire Fish and Game d as the free act and deed of said governmental agency
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Current Conditions

Picture #1



Observed at the time of violation, picture locate just over the tracks



Current Condition

Picture #2



Pervious location of cart path



Current Conditions

Picture #3



Process of eliminating old cart path which was the original right of way



Access to the Pemi WMA under I-93 created by NHDOT

Picture #4

