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January 9, 2024

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control  
Delaware Coastal Programs  
100 West Water Street, Suite 7B  
Dover, Delaware 19904

Re: Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency  
***Delmar Loop***  
Sussex County, Delaware

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Eastern Shore Natural Gas (Applicant), Geo-Technology Associates, Inc. (GTA) is submitting this application for the Delmar Loop natural gas line which can be described as approximately 1.1 miles of 10" diameter pipeline looping along the eastern side of US-13 from the end of an existing pipeline approximately 120 feet north of Thorton Boulevard and extending south within the US-13 road right of way to a location approximately 790 feet south of Foskey Lane in the Delmar area of Sussex County, Delaware. To facilitate the Application's review, GTA is submitting the following information for your review and processing:

1. Completed Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Form;
2. Site Location Map;
3. USGS Topographic Map; and,
4. 2022 Aerial Imagery;

The applicant, Eastern Shore Natural Gas, is proposing to construct, own, operate, and maintain approximately 1.1 miles of 10" diameter pipeline. The proposed expansion is located within previously disturbed and maintained areas, and is not anticipated to cause direct impacts to wetlands or waterbodies.

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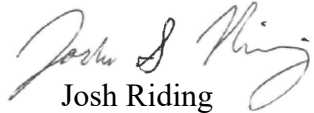
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GTA is confident that the enclosed information for the Delmar Loop Project satisfies the general and regional conditions for the Coastal Zone Management Act. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact this office at (410) 515 9446.

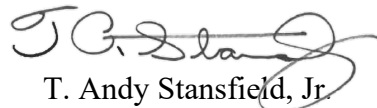
Sincerely,

**GEO-TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.**



Josh Riding

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**Completed Coastal Zone Management  
Act Federal Consistency Form**



Initial Review: \_\_\_\_\_  
Updated On: \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Form

This document provides the Delaware Coastal Management Program (DCMP) with a Federal Consistency Determination or Certification for activities regulated under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, and NOAA's Federal Consistency Regulations, 15 C.F.R. Part 930. Federal agencies and other applicants for federal consistency are not required to use this form; it is provided to applicants to facilitate the submission of a Consistency Determination or Consistency Certification. In addition, federal agencies and applicants are only required to provide the information required by NOAA's Federal Consistency Regulations.

**Project/Activity Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### I. Federal Agency or Non-Federal Applicant Contact Information:

Contact Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Agency Contractor Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
(either the federal agency proposing an action or the federal agency issuing a federal license/permit or financial assistance to a non-federal applicant)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Federal Consistency Category:

Federal Activity or Development Project  
(15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart C)

Federal License or Permit Activity  
(15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart D)

Outer Continental Shelf Activity  
(15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E)

Federal License or Permit Activity which occurs  
wholly in another state (interstate consistency  
activities identified in DCMP's Policy document)

Federal Financial Assistance  
(15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart F)

### III. Detailed Project Description (attach additional sheets if necessary):

**IV. General Analysis of Coastal Effects** (attach additional sheets if necessary):

**V. Detailed Analysis of Consistency with DCMP Enforceable Policies** (attach additional sheets if necessary):

**Policy 5.1: Wetlands Management**

**Policy 5.2: Beach Management**

**Policy 5.3: Coastal Waters Management** (includes wells, water supply, and stormwater management. Attach additional sheets if necessary)

**Policy 5.4: Subaqueous Land and Coastal Strip Management**

**Policy 5.5: Public Lands Management**

**Policy 5.6: Natural Lands Management**

**Policy 5.7: Flood Hazard Areas Management**

**Policy 5.8: Port of Wilmington**

**Policy 5.9: Woodlands and Agricultural Lands Management**

**Policy 5.10: Historic and Cultural Areas Management**

**Policy 5.11: Living Resources**

**Policy 5.12 Mineral Resources Management**

**Policy 5.13: State Owned Coastal Recreation and Conservation**

**Policy 5.14: Public Trust Doctrine**

**Policy 5.15: Energy Facilities**

**Policy 5.16: Public Investment**

**Policy 5.17: Recreation and Tourism**

**Policy 5.18: National Defense and Aerospace Facilities**

**Policy 5.19: Transportation Facilities**

**Policy 5.20: Air Quality Management**

**Policy 5.21: Water Supply Management**

**Policy 5.22: Waste Disposal Management**

**Policy 5.23: Development**

**Policy 5.24: Pollution Prevention**

**Policy 5.25: Coastal Management Coordination**

**VI. JPP and RAS Review** (Check all that apply):

Has the project been reviewed in a monthly Joint Permit Processing and/or Regulatory Advisory Service meeting?

JPP

RAS

None

\*If yes, provide the date of the meeting(s): \_\_\_\_\_



**VII. Statement of Certification/Determination and Signature** (Check one and sign below):

**FEDERAL AGENCY CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION.** Based upon the information, data, and analysis included herein, the federal agency, or its contracted agent, listed in (I) above, finds that this proposed activity is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Delaware Coastal Management Program.

OR

**FEDERAL AGENCY NEGATIVE DETERMINATION.** Based upon the information, data, and analysis included herein, the federal agency, or its contracted agent, listed in (I) above, finds that this proposed activity will not have any reasonably foreseeable effects on Delaware's coastal uses or resources (Negative Determination) and is therefore consistent with the enforceable policies of the Delaware Coastal Management Program.

OR

**NON-FEDERAL APPLICANT'S CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION.** Based upon the information, data, and analysis included herein, the non-federal applicant for a federal license or permit, or state or local government agency applying for federal funding, listed in (I) above, finds that this proposed activity complies with the enforceable policies of the Delaware Coastal Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program.

Signature:			
Printed Name:		Date:	

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Part 930, the Delaware Coastal Management Program must provide its concurrence with or objection to this consistency determination or consistency certification in accordance with the deadlines listed below. Concurrence will be presumed if the state's response is not received within the allowable timeframe.

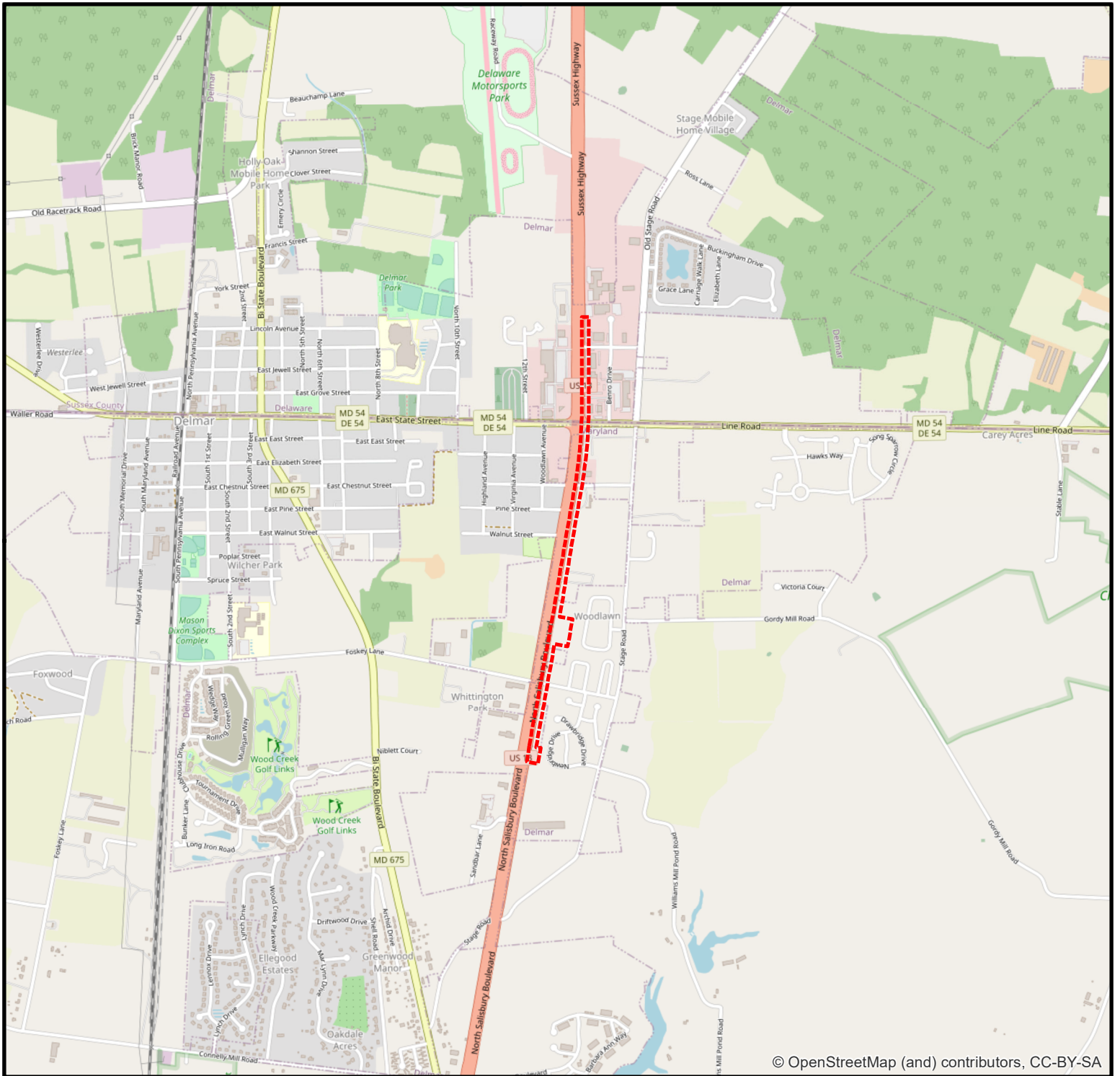
**Federal Consistency Review Deadlines:**

Federal Activity or Development Project (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart C)	60 days with option to extend an additional 15 days or stay review (15 C.F.R. § 930.41)
Federal License or Permit (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart D)	Six months, with a status letter at three months. The six month review period can be stayed by mutual agreement. (15 C.F.R. § 930.63)
Outer Continental Shelf Activity (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E)	Six months, with a status letter at three months. If three month status letter not issued, then concurrence presumed. The six month review period can be stayed by mutual agreement. (15 C.F.R. § 930.78)
Federal Financial Assistance to State or Local Governments (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart F)	State Clearinghouse schedule

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY:**

Reviewed By:	Fed Con ID:	Date Received:
Public notice dates: _____ to _____	Comments Received: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>[attach comments]</i>	
Decision type: <small>(objections or conditions attach details)</small>	Decision Date: _____	

**Site Location Map, USGS Topographic  
Map, and 2022 Aerial Imagery**



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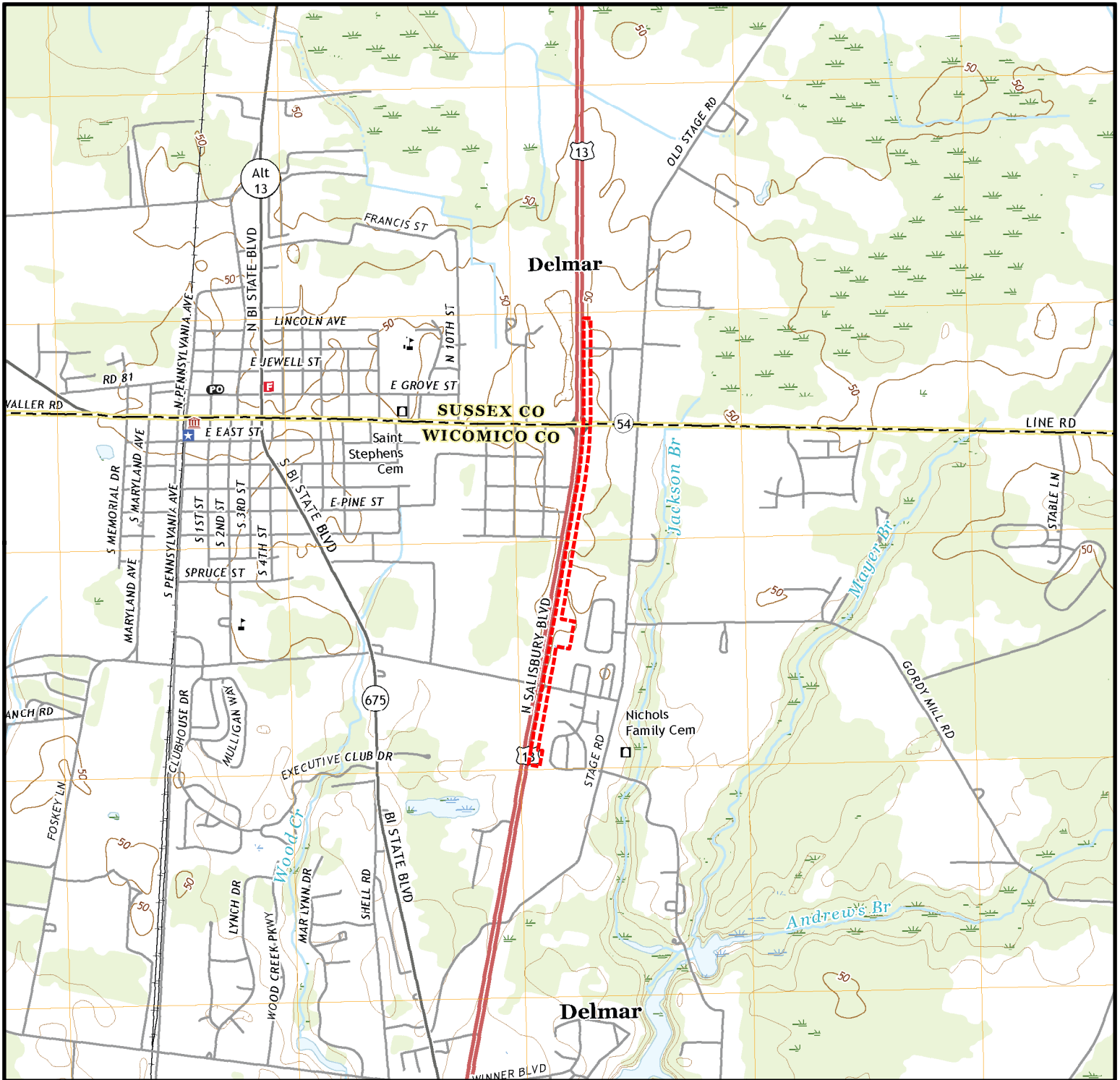
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 DELMAR LOOP**

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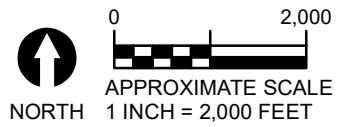
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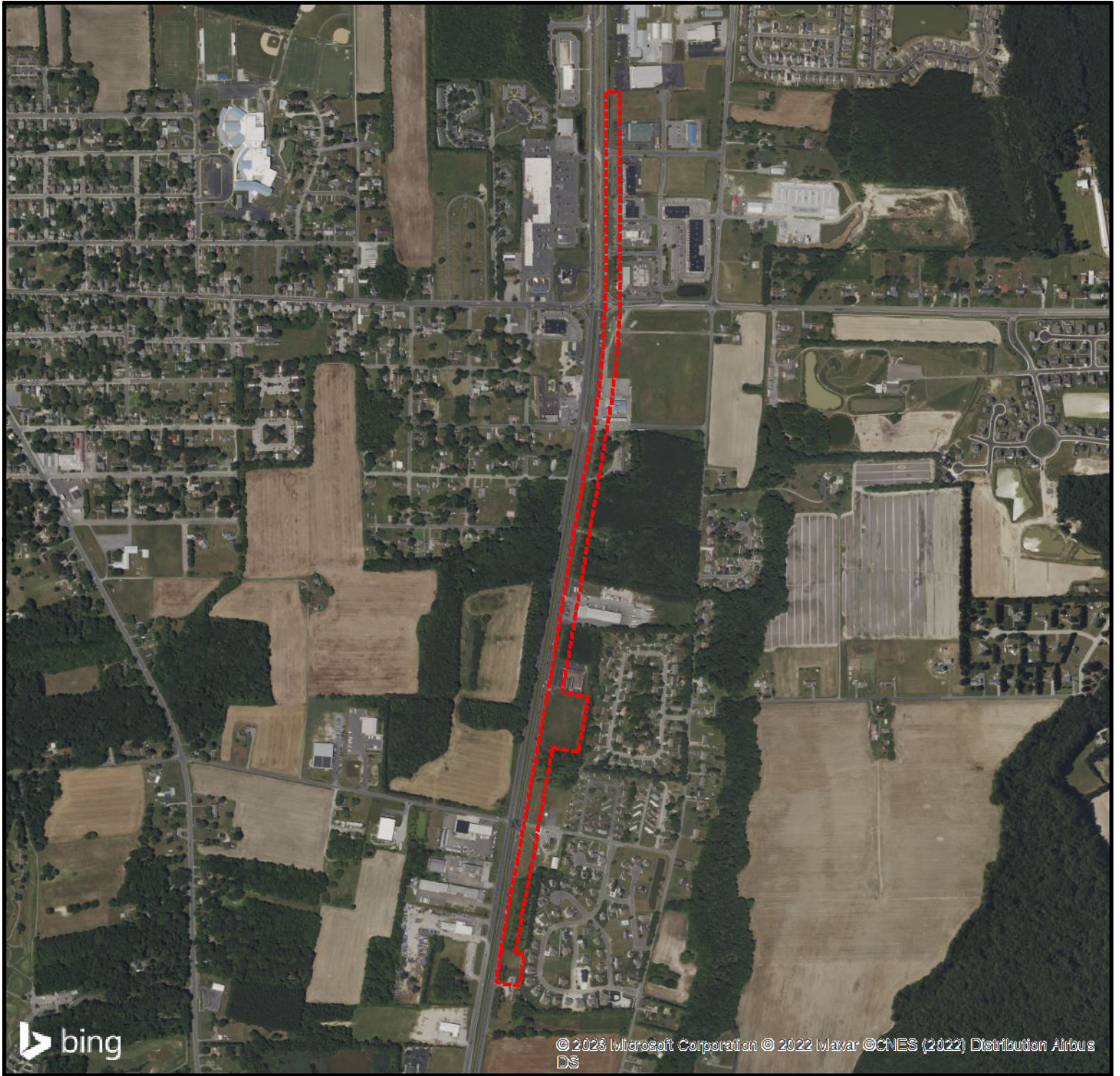
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**USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP  
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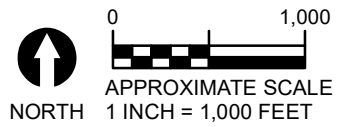


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**2022 AERIAL IMAGERY  
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