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USACE NWP 12 PRE-
CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION:
MILL CREEK GAS LINE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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NEWARK, DE 19714



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Cover Letter



April 8, 2026

USACE Philadelphia District
1203 College Park Drive, Suite 103
Dover, DE 19904

<Submitted electronically via PhiladelphiaDistrictRegulatory@usace.army.mil>

**RE: USACE NWP 12 Pre-Construction Notification
Delmarva Power and Light Company
Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement Project
New Castle County, Delaware**

To Whom it May Concern,

Delmarva Power & Light (DPL) is proposing to relocate approximately 870 feet of an existing gas line by installing a new gas line on the north side of the Jack A. Markell Trail at Little Mill Creek in Wilmington, Delaware (New Castle County). It will occur in cleared right-of-way (ROW) on both sides of Little Mill Creek. The project will require access along Norfolk Southern and Amtrak ROWs.

Work for the project will include construction activities on both sides of Little Mill Creek in the cleared ROW. The line will be installed underneath Little Mill Creek using 12 inch conduit. The existing line will be abandoned in place and filled with grout. Construction activities include horizontal directional drilling (HDD) under Mill Creek to install the new gas line. Access to the work area west of Mill Creek will be obtained through existing gravel access roads from Water Street. Access to the work area east of Mill Creek will be obtained through existing access roads from DPL's Liquid Natural Gas Plant. The project proposes 300 square feet of temporary wetland impacts for the installation of temporary bore pits for the installation of the proposed pipeline. The construction timeline will adhere to any relevant time-of-year (TOY) restrictions.

DPL is requesting a Nationwide Permit 12 (NWP-12) for the relocation of the existing gas line. This submittal includes a Permit Application Form, Statement of Project Purpose, Profile Views, Impact Plates, Wetland Delineation, and Consultation Letters. The project is separately applying for a DNREC Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Permit in addition to obtaining a Coastal Zone Consistency Determination.

Please review and contact me at 484-859-8497 or sayourik@mccormicktaylor.com or Jonathan Bartlett at 302-440-5222 or Jonathan.bartlett@exeloncorp.com if you need any additional information. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Yourik".

Stephanie Yourik,



Associate Project Manager, Energy Services
McCormick Taylor, Inc.



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Application Form

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
NATIONWIDE PERMIT PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN)

For use of this form, see 33 CFR 330; the proponent agency is CECW-COR.

Form Approved -
OMB No. 0710-0003
Expires: 2027-10-31

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

Authority Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Regulatory Program of the Corps of Engineers (Corps); Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332.

Principal Purpose Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the nationwide permit pre-construction notification.

Routine Uses This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of the agency coordination process.

Disclosure Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information, 0710-0003, is estimated to average 11 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or burden reduction suggestions to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE EMAIL.

One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see *sample drawings and/or instructions*) and be submitted to the district engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned.

(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS)

1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED	4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE
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(ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)

5. APPLICANT'S NAME First - <input type="text" value="Jonathan"/> Middle - <input type="text"/> Last - <input type="text" value="Bartlett"/> Company - <input type="text" value="Delmarva Power & Light Co. (DPL)"/> Company Title - <input type="text" value="Senior Environmental Program Manager"/> E-mail Address - <input type="text" value="Jonathan.Bartlett@exeloncorp.com"/>	8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (<i>agent is not required</i>) First - <input type="text" value="Stephanie"/> Middle - <input type="text"/> Last - <input type="text" value="Yourik"/> Company - <input type="text" value="McCormick Taylor"/> E-mail Address - <input type="text" value="SAYourik@mccormicktaylor.com"/>
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS Address - <input type="text" value="401 Eagle Run Road"/> City - <input type="text" value="Newark"/> State - <input type="text" value="DE"/> ZIP - <input type="text" value="19714"/> Country - <input type="text" value="USA"/>	9. AGENT'S ADDRESS Address - <input type="text" value="106 Milford Street, Unit 105"/> City - <input type="text" value="Salisbury"/> State - <input type="text" value="MD"/> ZIP - <input type="text" value="21804"/> Country - <input type="text" value="USA"/>
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOS. with AREA CODE a. Residence <input type="text"/> b. Business <input type="text"/> c. Fax <input type="text"/> d. Mobile <input type="text" value="302-440-5222"/>	10. AGENT'S PHONE NOS. with AREA CODE a. Residence <input type="text"/> b. Business <input type="text" value="443-257-7597"/> c. Fax <input type="text"/> d. Mobile <input type="text"/>

STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

11. I hereby authorize, to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this nationwide permit pre-construction notification and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this nationwide permit pre-construction notification.

Jonathan Bartlett
Digitally signed by Jonathan Bartlett
Date: 2026.04.10 11:32:28 -04'00'

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

4/10/2026

DATE

NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

12. PROJECT NAME or TITLE (*see instructions*)

NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNOWN <i>(if applicable)</i> Little Mill Creek	14. PROPOSED ACTIVITY STREET ADDRESS <i>(if applicable)</i> 1400 Delmarva Lane - Gas right-of-way just south of railroad
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15. LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY <i>(see instructions)</i> Latitude <input type="text"/> °N Longitude <input type="text"/> °W <input type="text"/>	City: <input type="text" value="Wilmington"/> State: <input type="text" value="DE"/> ZIP: <input type="text" value="19801"/>
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16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF KNOWN *(see instructions)*

State Tax Parcel ID <input type="text" value="0704340055, 0704430002, 0704430003"/>	Municipality <input type="text"/>
Section <input type="text"/>	Township <input type="text"/>
Range <input type="text"/>	

17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

From I-95 S, take Exit 5B, then continue onto DE-141 N for approximately 0.4 miles. Turn right onto E Market Street and continue for one block, then turn right on S. Walnut Street and continue for one block. Turn right onto E Ayre Street, then continue for approximately 0.1 mile. Turn left onto S James Street and continue for approximately 0.1 mile. Turn left onto E. Water Street and continue for approximately 0.6 miles. An entrance to the site is located at the intersection of Water Street and Marsh Lane.

18. IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC NATIONWIDE PERMIT(S) YOU PROPOSE TO USE

NWP-12 - Oil or Natural Gas Pipeline Activities

19. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NATIONWIDE PERMIT ACTIVITY *(see instructions)*

A 12-inch conduit will be installed under Little Mill Creek via Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). A bore pit will be installed on either side of the proposed line. This pit will require temporary excavation. The eastern bore pit is located within a nontidal PEM wetland. Bore pits will be restored to original grade. The existing pipeline will be abandoned in place.

20. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES *(see instructions)*

Disturbed grounds including wetlands will be restored to original grade and stabilized using a wetland seed mix. Filter log will be installed around the downslope side of all work areas, and construction matting will be used for access to all wetland areas.

21. PURPOSE OF NATIONWIDE PERMIT ACTIVITY *(Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)*

An existing natural gas pipeline has become exposed within Little Mill Creek, creating a potential safety hazard. The existing pipeline will be retired and replaced.

22. QUANTITY OF WETLANDS, STREAMS, OR OTHER TYPES OF WATERS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY PROPOSED NATIONWIDE PERMIT ACTIVITY *(see instructions)*

Acres	Linear Feet	Cubic Yards Dredged or Discharged
<input type="text" value="0.01 Acres (300 sqft) temporary wetland impacts."/>	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>	<input type="text" value="35 C.Y. temporarily removed"/>

Each PCN must include a delineation of wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters, such as lakes and ponds, and perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, on the project site.

23. List any other NWP(s), regional general permit(s), or individual permit(s) used or intended to be used to authorize any part of the proposed project or any related activity. *(see instructions)*

The project is seperately applying for a DNREC Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Permit, and is obtaining a Coastal Zone Consistency Determination.

24. If the proposed activity will result in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of wetlands and/or the loss of greater than 3/100-acre of stream bed and requires pre-construction notification, explain how the compensatory mitigation requirement in paragraph (c) and/or paragraph (d) of general condition 23 will be satisfied, or explain why the adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal and why compensatory mitigation should not be required for the proposed activity.

N/A - Project will not result in greater than 1/10-acre of wetlands and/or the loss of any stream bed, and proposes no permanent wetland impacts.

25. Is any portion of the nationwide permit activity already complete? Yes No If Yes, describe the completed work:

26. List the name(s) of any species listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act that might be affected by the proposed NWP activity or utilize the designated critical habitat that might be affected by the proposed NWP activity. (see instructions)

N/A

27. List any historic properties that have the potential to be affected by the proposed NWP activity or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic property or properties. (see instructions)

No historic properties are located within or immediately adjacent to the project area per DE Cultural and Historic Resource Information System (CHRIS). An information request was submitted to DE SHPO in November 2025 and the results of that request are pending.

28. For a proposed NWP activity that will occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a "study river" for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, identify the Wild and Scenic River or the "study river":

N/A - The project proposes no impacts to streams or rivers. The project will bore underneath Little Mill Creek, which is not designated as National Wild and Scenic River System, nor is it designated as a "study river".

29. If the proposed NWP activity also requires permission from the Corps pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 because it will alter or temporarily or permanently occupy or use a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers federally authorized civil works project, have you submitted a written request for section 408 permission from the Corps district having jurisdiction over that project? Yes No

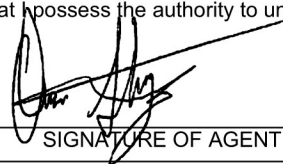
If "yes", please provide the date your request was submitted to the Corps district:

30. If the terms of the NWP(s) you want to use require additional information to be included in the PCN, please include that information in this space or provide it on an additional sheet of paper marked Block 30. (see instructions)

31. Pre-construction notification is hereby made for one or more nationwide permit(s) to authorize the work described in this notification. I certify that the information in this pre-construction notification is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

Jonathan Bartlett Digitally signed by Jonathan Bartlett
Date: 2026.04.10 11:31:44 -04'00'

4/10/2026
DATE



04/08/2026
DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

SIGNATURE OF AGENT

The pre-construction notification must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) and, if the statement in Block 11 has been filled out and signed, the authorized agent.

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.



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Attachment 1 – Project Purpose

Project Purpose
Delmarva Power and Light Company (DPL)
Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement Project
New Castle County, Delaware

Delmarva Power & Light Company (DPL) is proposing to relocate approximately 870 feet of an existing gas line by installing a new 12-inch diameter gas line on the north side of the Jack A. Markell Trail at Little Mill Creek in Wilmington, New Castle County, DE. The existing gas line in this area has become exposed in the water column of Little Mill Creek, putting gas reliability and public safety at risk. The proposed line will be installed deeper underneath Little Mill Creek, and the existing line will be filled with grout and abandoned in place.

Work for the project will include construction activities on both sides of Little Mill Creek in the cleared right-of-way. The line will be installed underneath Little Mill Creek using a 12-inch conduit, to be installed via Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). Construction activities include drilling under Little Mill Creek to install the new gas line. Access to the work area west of Little Mill Creek will be obtained through existing access roads from DPL's Liquid Natural Gas Plant.

McCormick Taylor conducted a wetland delineation in September and October 2025 and identified two palustrine emergent wetlands, one estuarine intertidal emergent wetland, and one estuarine subtidal watercourse. See **Attachment 2** for the Impact Plates and Profile Views and **Attachment 3** for the Wetland Delineation.

Temporary impacts to nontidal PEM wetlands are anticipated for the installation of bore pits required for the HDD work. Construction matting will be utilized at all other locations where the LOD intersects with wetlands to prevent wetland impacts. Filter log will be installed along the perimeter of the LOD. Following the installation of the new gas line, the bore pits will be returned to their original grade, matting will be removed from the surrounding areas, and all wetland areas will be stabilized with a wetland seed mix.

Consultation was initiated with Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). DNREC identified pipevine swallowtail (*Battus philenor*, state very rare) at or adjacent to the project site. See **Attachment 4** for the Consultation Letters, USFWS IPAC Species List, and Bat DKey.

Upon review of the Delaware Historical & Cultural Affairs (DHCA) Cultural and Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), it was determined that there are no areas of historical or archaeological significance within the project area. Consultation was initiated with DE SHPO, and results of that investigation are pending.

The project is separately applying for a DNREC subaqueous lands permit and obtaining Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Determination.



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Attachment 2 – Impact Plates and Profile Views

Standard Detail & Specifications Vegetative Stabilization

Construction Notes:

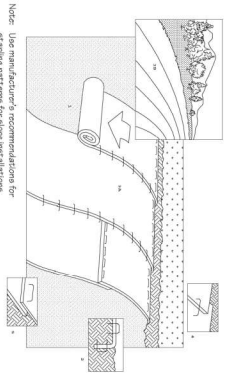
1. Soil Preparation
 - a. Prior to seeding, install needed erosion and sediment control practices such as silt fences, grade stabilization structures, berms, dikes, grassed waterways, and sediment basins.
 - b. Final grading and shaping is not necessary for temporary seedings.
2. Seedbed Preparation

It is important to prepare a good seedbed to ensure the success of seedling operation. The seedbed should be well prepared, loose, uniform, and free of large clods, rocks, and other obstructions. The soil surface should not be compacted or crusted.
3. Seed Amendments
 - a. Lime - Apply liming materials based on the recommendations of a soil test in accordance with the approved nutrient management plan. If a nutrient management plan is not required, apply lime to the top 4 to 6 inches of soil.
 - b. Fertilizer - Apply fertilizer based on the recommendations of a soil test in accordance with the approved nutrient management plan. If a nutrient management plan is not required, apply a nonpotassium fertilizer at the rate of 200 lbs per acre. Apply fertilizer uniformly and incorporate into the top 4 to 6 inches of soil.
4. Seeding
 - a. For temporary seedings, which include those from Sheet 1, use a permanent stabilization seed mix as recommended on the approved nutrient management plan. Alternative seed mixes may be used with prior approval from the Department or Designated Agency.
 - b. Apply seed uniformly with a broadcast seeder, drill, catclaw seeder or type seeder. All seed will be applied at the recommended rate and planting depth.
 - c. Seed that has been broadcast should be covered by raking or dragging and then lightly stamped into the soil. Seed that has been drilled should be covered by raking or dragging and then lightly stamped into the soil. They will be mixed on site and the seeding shall be done immediately and without interruption.
5. Mating

All matting shall be done in accordance with detail DE-FSC-3.4.4.

Source: Delaware ESC Handbook	Symbol: ESC	Detail No.: DE-FSC-3.4.3 Effective July 2013
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Standard Detail & Specifications Stabilization Matting - Slope

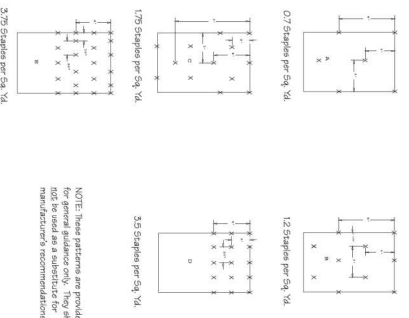


Construction Notes:

1. Prepare soil before installing matting, including application of lime, fertilizer, and seed.
2. Begin at the top of the slope by anchoring the mat in a 6" deep x 6" wide trench. Baseline and compact trench after staking.
3. Roll the mats (A) down or (B) diagonally across the slope.
4. The edges of parallel mats must be staked with approx. 2" overlap.
5. When mats must be staked down the slope, stake mats and over end (angle alpha) with approx. 4" overlap. Staple through overlapped area, approx. 12" apart.

Source: Adapted from North American Green, Inc.	Symbol: SM-S	Detail No.: DE-FSC-3.4.6.1 Sheet 1 of 2 Effective July 2013
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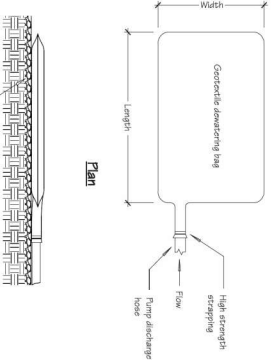
Standard Detail & Specifications Stabilization Matting - Slope



Staking Patterns

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Standard Detail & Specifications Geotextile Dewatering Bag



NOTE: Re-manufactured products installed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations may or may not be an equivalent substitute with regulatory approval.

Source: Adapted from ACF Products, Inc.	Symbol: GB	Detail No.: DE-FSC-3.2.1.2 Sheet 1 of 2 Effective July 2013
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Standard Detail & Specifications Geotextile Dewatering Bag

Construction Notes:

1. The dewatering bag should be placed so the incoming water flows into and through the bag, and the water is filtered and collected in the collection chamber. The water is then pumped out of the bag without going through the walls. The dewatering bag should be placed on a gravel bed to allow water to flow in all directions.
2. The dewatering bag is considered full and should be disposed when it is inspected for the bag to filter the sediment out of a reasonable flow rate. At this point, it should be replaced with a new bag.
3. Disposal may be accomplished as directed by the constructor's reviewer. If the site allows, the bag proper disposal area.

Materials:

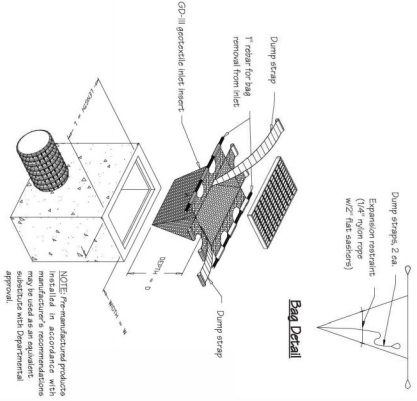
1. The geotextile fabric shall be a Type GDM.
 2. The dewatering bag shall be sewn with a double needle machine using high strength thread. All double stitches shall be double stitched 4" from the outer edge of the bag. Sewn strength test shall have the following minimum average test values:
- | | | |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Type | TEST METHOD | TEST RESULT |
| Heavy Duty | ASTM D4889 | 100 lb/in |
3. The dewatering bag shall have a grommet large enough to accommodate a four (4) inch diameter hose with attached strap to be of the hose to prevent the pumped water from escaping from the bag without being filtered.

Source: Adapted from ACF Products, Inc.	Symbol: GB	Detail No.: DE-FSC-3.2.1.2 Sheet 2 of 2 Effective July 2013
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DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO.	
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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE	
MILL CREEK GAS	
LIME REPLACEMENT	
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**Standard Detail & Specifications
Inlet Protection - Type 2**



Source: Adapted from ACF Products, Inc.
Symbol: **IP-2**
Detail No: **DE-SPC-14.2**
Sheet 2 of 2
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**Standard Detail & Specifications
Inlet Protection - Type 2**

Notes:

1. This practice shall only be used in situations in which Inlet Protection - Type 1 cannot be used due to site constraints. These include, but are not limited to partially completed piling areas, streets, roads, etc.
2. It may be necessary to transition from Type 1 to Type 2 Inlet Protection as construction progresses.
3. For areas where there is a concern for oil runoff or spill, Inset shall meet one of the above specifications with an oil-absorbent pillow or shall be made completely from an oil-absorbent material with a woven pillow.

Materials:

The potentially metal Inset shall meet or exceed the specifications of Type GD-11 specified in accordance with Appendix A-3 of the Delaware Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook.

Source: Adapted from ACF Products, Inc.
Symbol: **IP-2**
Detail No: **DE-SPC-14.2**
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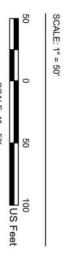
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**MILL CREEK GAS
LINE REPLACEMENT**

ES-05



- STANDARD SYMBOLS**
- - - - - LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE (LOD)
 - - - - - LIMITS OF ACCESS (LOA)
 - - - - - PROPOSED GAS LINE
 - - - - - EXISTING UNDERGROUND GAS
 - - - - - BONE PTS
 - - - - - WETLAND PROTECTION MATING
 - - - - - EXISTING CONTOURS
 - - - - - RAILROAD
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- STATE TITIAL WETLAND CLASSIFICATIONS**
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 - NM1 SOIL BOUNDARY
 - DELIMITED WETLANDS
 - DELIMITED WATERCOURSES
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 - STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE



No proposed resource impacts on the plate.

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DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO.
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EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN SHEET
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE

MILL CREEK GAS LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1" = 50'

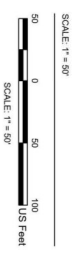
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DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO.
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EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN SHEET
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE

MILL CREEK GAS LINE REPLACEMENT

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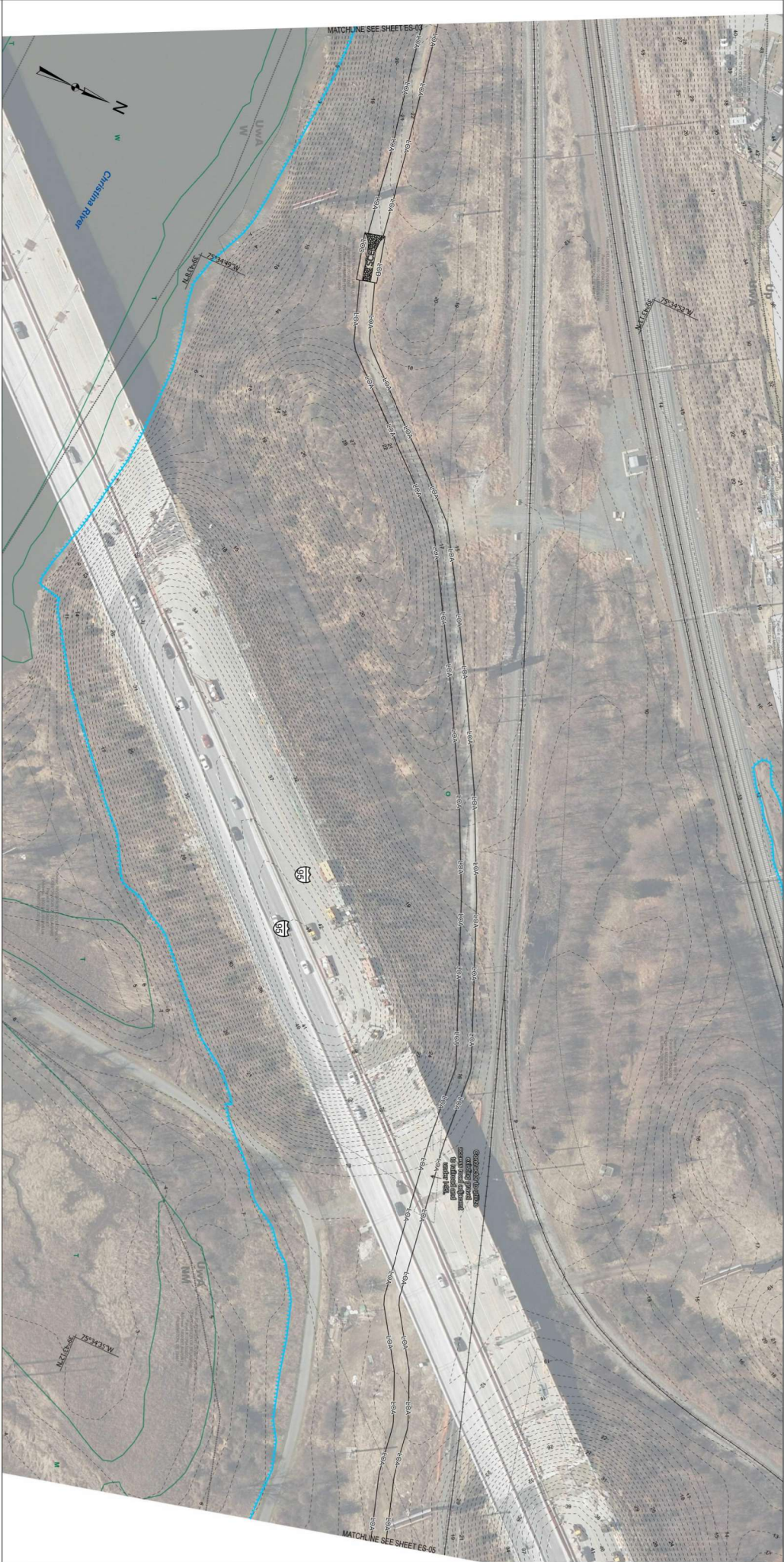
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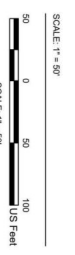
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PROJECT: MILL CREEK GAS LINE REPLACEMENT



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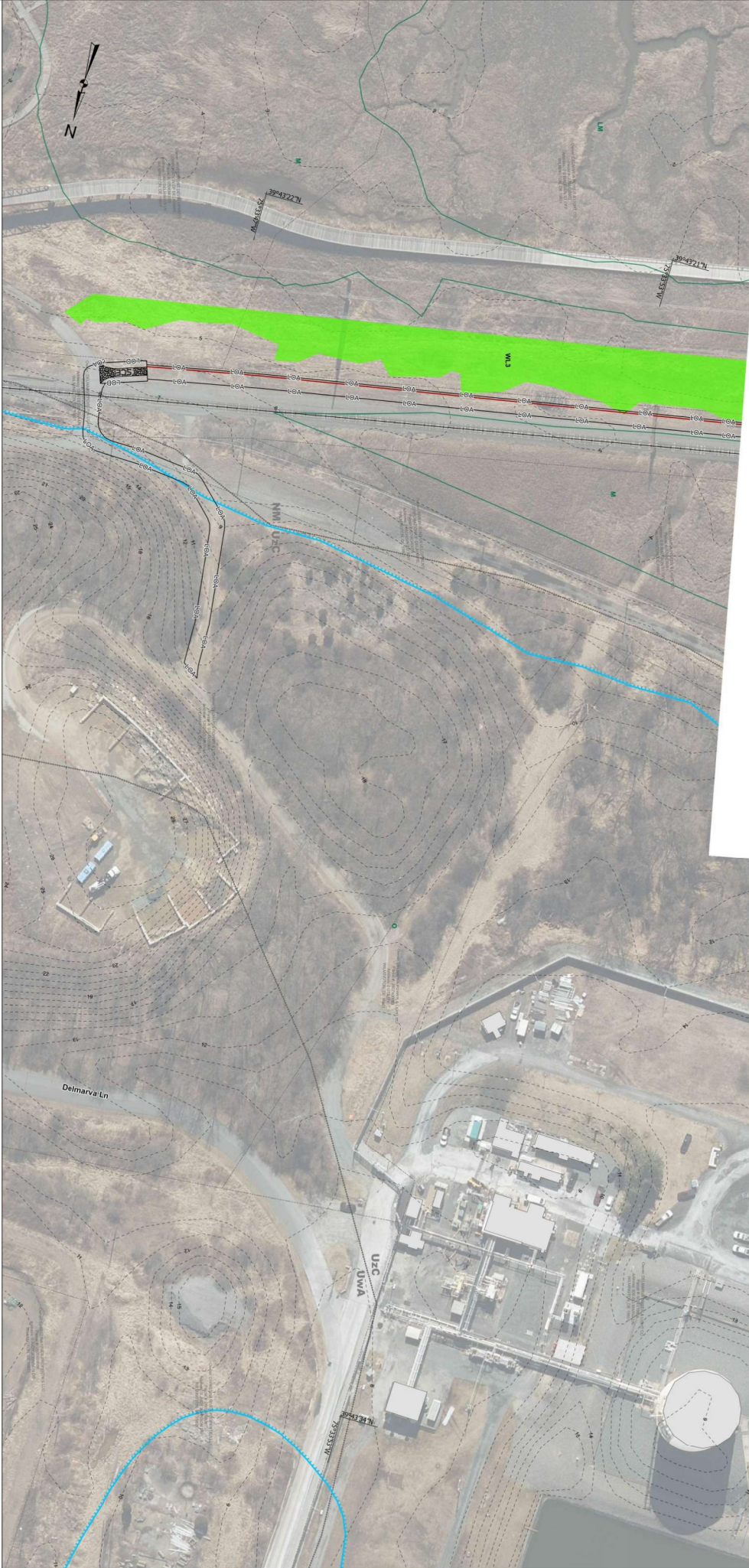
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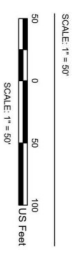
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 - - - - - PROPOSED GAS LINE
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 - - - - - PROPERTY LIMITS
- 1 STATE TITIAL WETLAND CLASSIFICATIONS**
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Attachment 3 – Wetland Delineation

WETLAND & WATERCOURSE DELINEATION REPORT



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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Delmarva Power & Light Co. (DPL) requested a wetland and watercourse delineation to support permit applications required for the proposed relocation of a gas line along CR 9014 at Little Mill Creek, in Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware (**Appendix A**). The study area for the delineation included approximately 2.25 miles of cleared DPL right-of-way (ROW) and existing gravel access roads from Water Street to DPL's Liquid Natural Gas Plant. The study area is primarily located immediately south of Conrail's Railroad ROW with portions crossing the Russell W. Peterson Wildlife Refuge. The investigation described within this report is limited to the wetland and watercourse areas within the study area defined above and displayed in **Appendix B**. Other wetlands and watercourses likely occur adjacent to the ROW, outside of the study area.

II. APPROACH TO THE INVESTIGATION

A. DESKTOP DATA REVIEW

Prior to the field investigation, potential wetland and watercourse areas within the study area were identified using mapping by the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) (USFWS, 2024), Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) (DNREC, 2023), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year floodplain (FEMA, 2019), and the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) (USGS, 2025). This mapping identified two palustrine wetlands, two estuarine wetlands, two 100-year floodplains, two intermittent tidal watercourses and one perennial tidal watercourse (Little Mill Creek) within the study area. Soil survey data indicates that there are hydric (100%) and non-hydric soils (0%). Additionally, the Delaware Tax Ditch Map was utilized to confirm the lack of any conveyances within the study area that are part of the Delaware Tax Ditch Program (DENREC, 2024).

B. DETAILED ON-SITE INVESTIGATION

McCormick Taylor, Inc. (MT) completed a wetland and watercourse delineation within the study area provided by DPL. This delineation was conducted in accordance with the *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, Y-87-1* (USACE, 1987) and the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region, Version 2.0* (USACE, 2010). This approach requires the positive identification of three wetland parameters during normal circumstances: hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology. Vegetation was identified to species and indicator status was determined using the associations given in *The National Wetland Plant List* (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2022). Soil color descriptions were made using a Munsell Color chart (Munsell® Color, 2013).

All potentially jurisdictional features in the study area were delineated by a team of environmental scientists, including one Professional Wetland Scientist (PWS). If jurisdictional features extend beyond the study area, these are noted on the Wetland and Watercourse Delineation Map (**Appendix B**). The applicable data form (Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region or a Watercourse of the US [WC] Data Sheet) was completed for each delineated feature (**Appendix C**). Wetland

and watercourse boundaries were delineated with pink survey tape and marked using a designation, whereby wetland (WL) and stream (WC) systems were labeled sequentially. Boundary points of watercourse features were delineated along the left and right banks of the channel. Boundary point positions were located using handheld Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) data collectors and placed onto project base mapping. All wetlands and watercourses were classified using the Cowardin Classification System according to *A Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States* (Cowardin, 1979).

III. RESULTS

A field investigation of the study area was conducted on September 12 and September 16, 2025 by two MT staff, including one Professional Wetland Scientist (PWS). MT identified two palustrine emergent wetlands, one estuarine intertidal emergent wetland, and one estuarine subtidal watercourse (**Appendix B**). Wetland and watercourse data sheets and photos are included in **Appendix C** and **Appendix D**, respectively.

Wetland 1 (WL1) is a palustrine emergent persistent wetland with a seasonally flooded/saturated water regime (PEM1E) located in a floodplain and is characterized by test plot WL1-WET. Soil borings within this wetland revealed the presence of hydric soil conditions evidenced by a 6-inch layer, starting at the surface, with a matrix color of 10YR 4/1 with 10% redox concentrations with a color of 7.5YR 5/8, meeting the Depleted Matrix (F3) and Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) hydric soil indicators. Hydrology indicators include High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9), Geomorphic Position (D2), and FAC-Neutral Test (D5). Dominant vegetation within the wetland includes common reed (*Phragmites australis*) and small carp grass (*Arthraxon hispidus*), meeting the dominance test for hydrophytic vegetation.

Wetland 2 (WL2) is an estuarine intertidal emergent persistent wetland with a regularly flooded water regime (E2EM1N) located on a tidal bench and is characterized by test plot WL2-WET. Soil borings within this wetland revealed the presence of hydric soil conditions evidenced by a 16-inch layer, starting at the surface, with a matrix color of 10YR 2/1 with a mucky sand texture, meeting the Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) hydric soil indicator. Hydrology indicators include Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Water Marks (B1), Sediment Deposits (B2), Algal Mat or Crust (B4), Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7), Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8), Geomorphic Position (D2), and FAC-Neutral Test (D5). Dominant vegetation within the wetland includes yellow pond-lily (*Nuphar advena*), meeting the rapid test for hydrophytic vegetation.

Wetland 3 (WL3) is a palustrine emergent persistent wetland with a seasonally flooded/saturated water regime (PEM1E) located in a depression and is characterized by test plot WL3-WET. Soil borings within this wetland revealed the presence of hydric soil conditions evidenced by a 2-inch layer, starting at 2-inches below the surface, with a matrix color of 10YR 4/1 with 15% redox concentrations with a color of 5YR 4/6, meeting the Depleted Matrix (F3) and Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) hydric soil indicators. Hydrology indicators include High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3), Geomorphic Position (D2), and FAC-Neutral Test (D5). Dominant vegetation within the wetland includes reed canary grass

(*Phalaris arundinacea*) and small carp grass, meeting the dominance test for hydrophytic vegetation.

Watercourse 1 (WC1) is a watercourse with a manipulated channel shape, originating outside of the study area to the north. The watercourse is a blue line stream (Little Mill Creek). WC1 is an estuarine watercourse with an unconsolidated bottom, subtidal water regime, and a mud substrate (E1UBL3). WC1 has an average width of 75-feet and an average channel depth of over 8-feet. Water depth averaged over 5-feet during the field investigation. Bank erosion was moderate, and the banks were slightly unstable throughout the study area.

IV. CONCLUSION

The field investigation of the Little Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement Project identified two palustrine emergent wetlands, one estuarine intertidal emergent wetland, and one estuarine subtidal watercourse. If impacts to the watercourse and/or wetlands are proposed, MT recommends coordination with the USACE and DNREC.

Additionally, on March 12, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of the Army announced a joint memorandum issuing guidance to field staff on implementation of “continuous surface connection” in light of the U.S. Supreme Court’s (SCOTUS) May 25, 2023, decision in the case of *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency*. Within this memorandum, “waters of the United States (WOTUS)” are defined as “only those adjacent wetlands that have a continuous surface connection because they directly abut the [requisite jurisdictional water] (e.g., they are not separated by uplands, a berm, dike, or similar feature),” (US EPA, 2025).

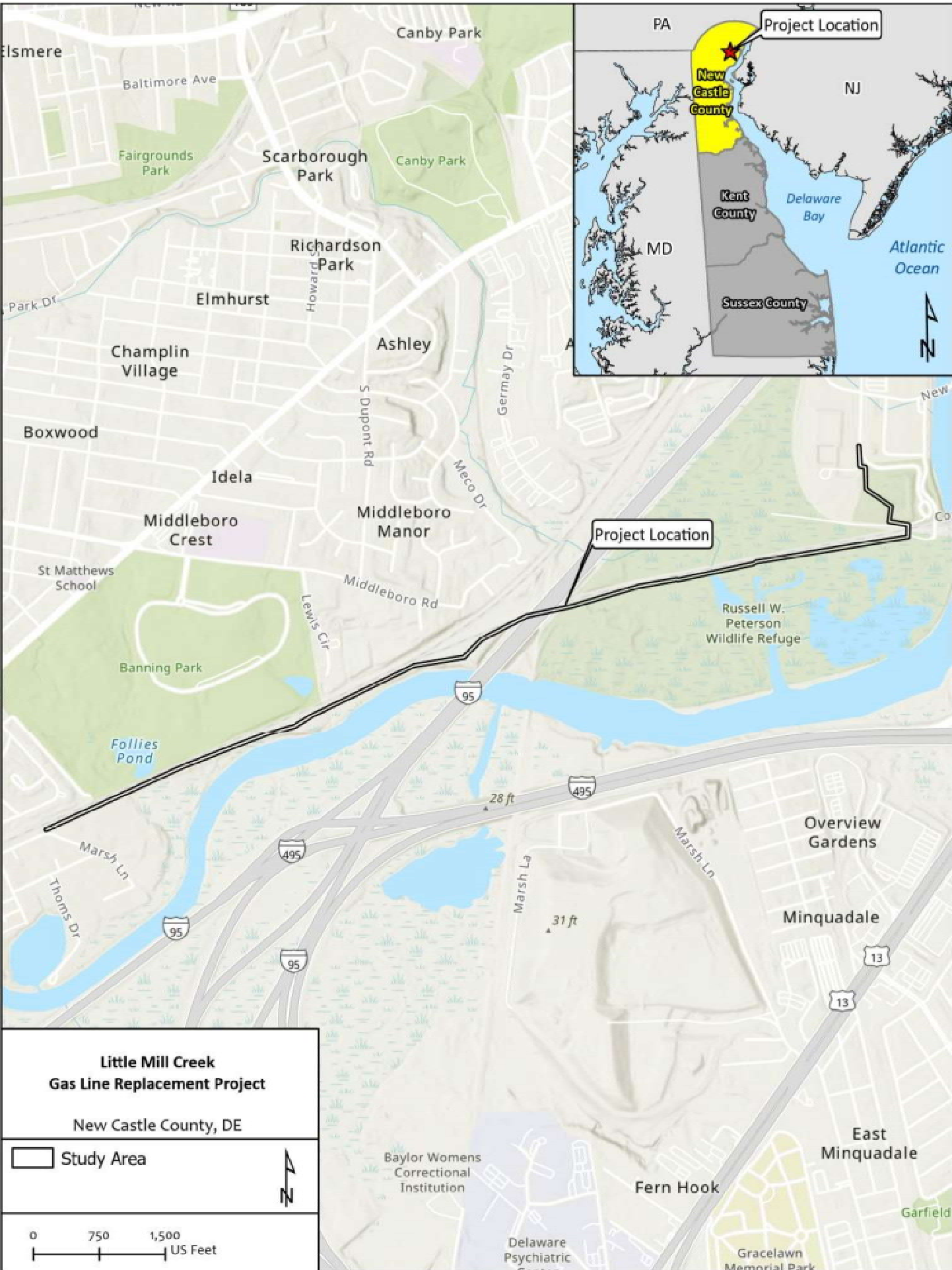
While this delineation was conducted in accordance with the guidance provided in the March 12, 2025 memorandum, a notice is yet to be issued to SCOTUS regarding a conclusive definition of WOTUS. That said, interpretation of the current definition is up to the discretion of the reviewing agency.

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Appendix A

Project Location Map



Appendix B

Wetland and Watercourse Delineation Map



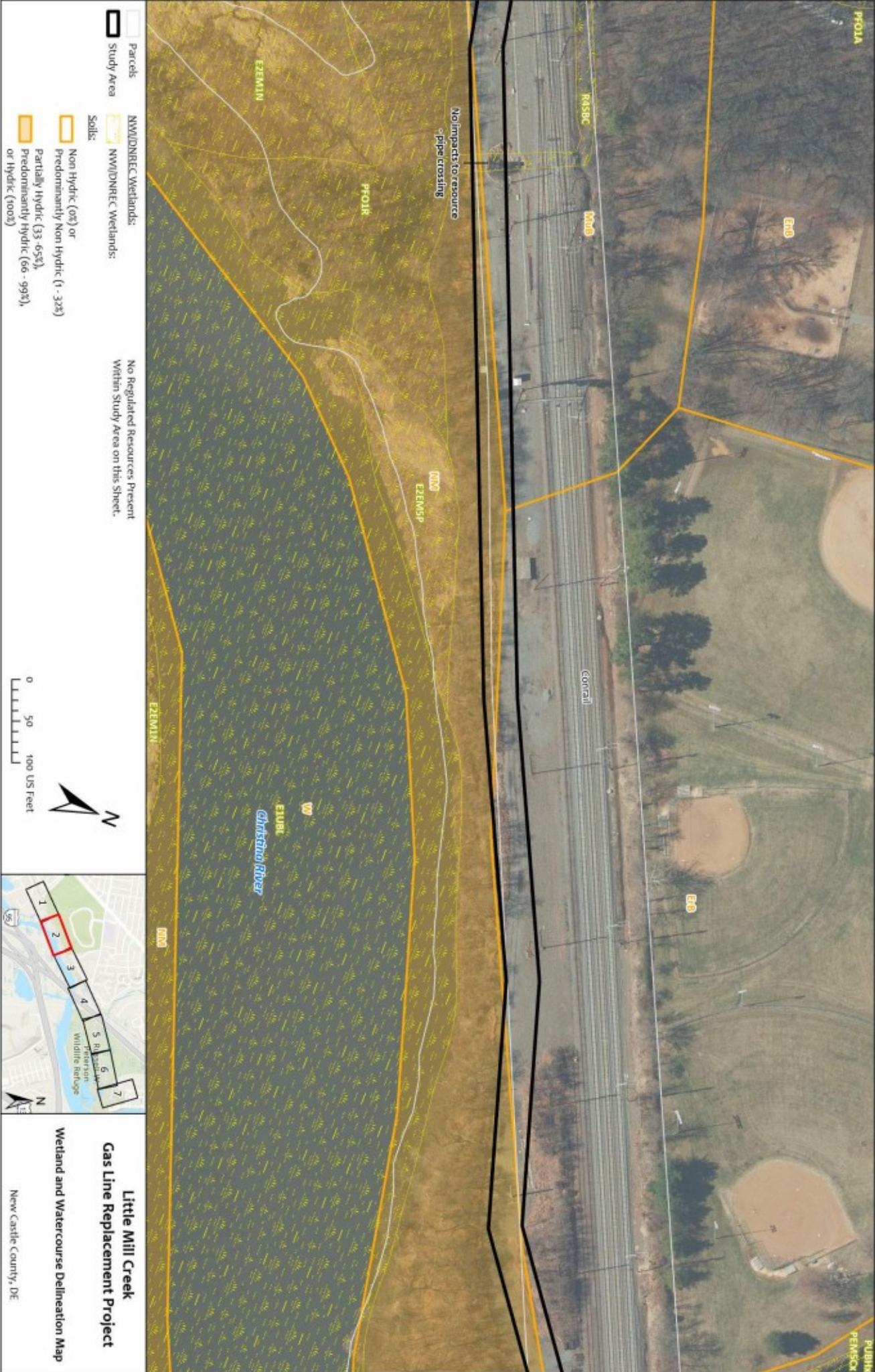
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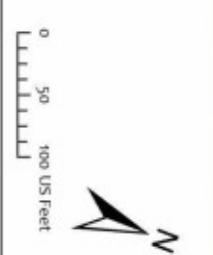
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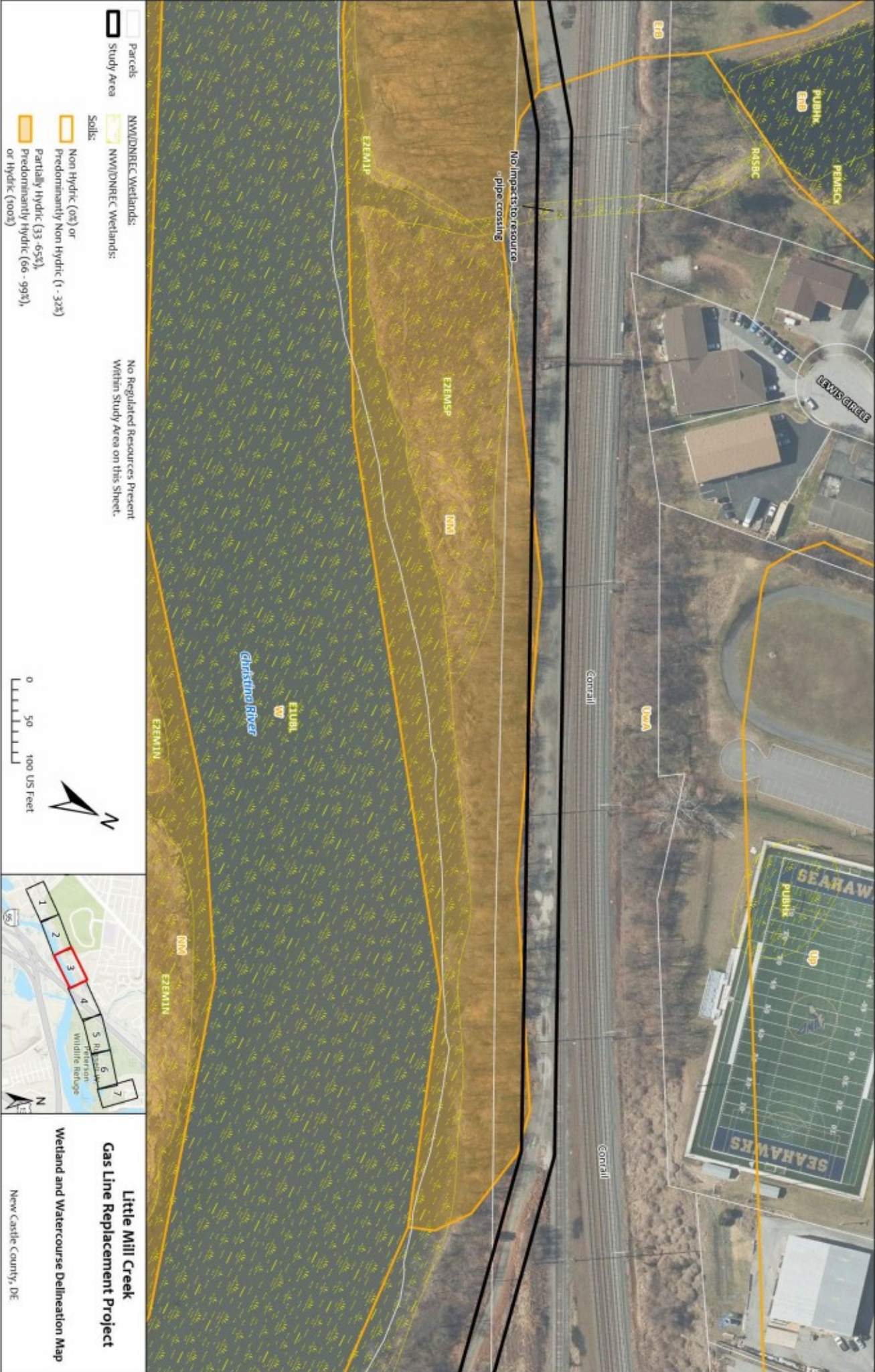
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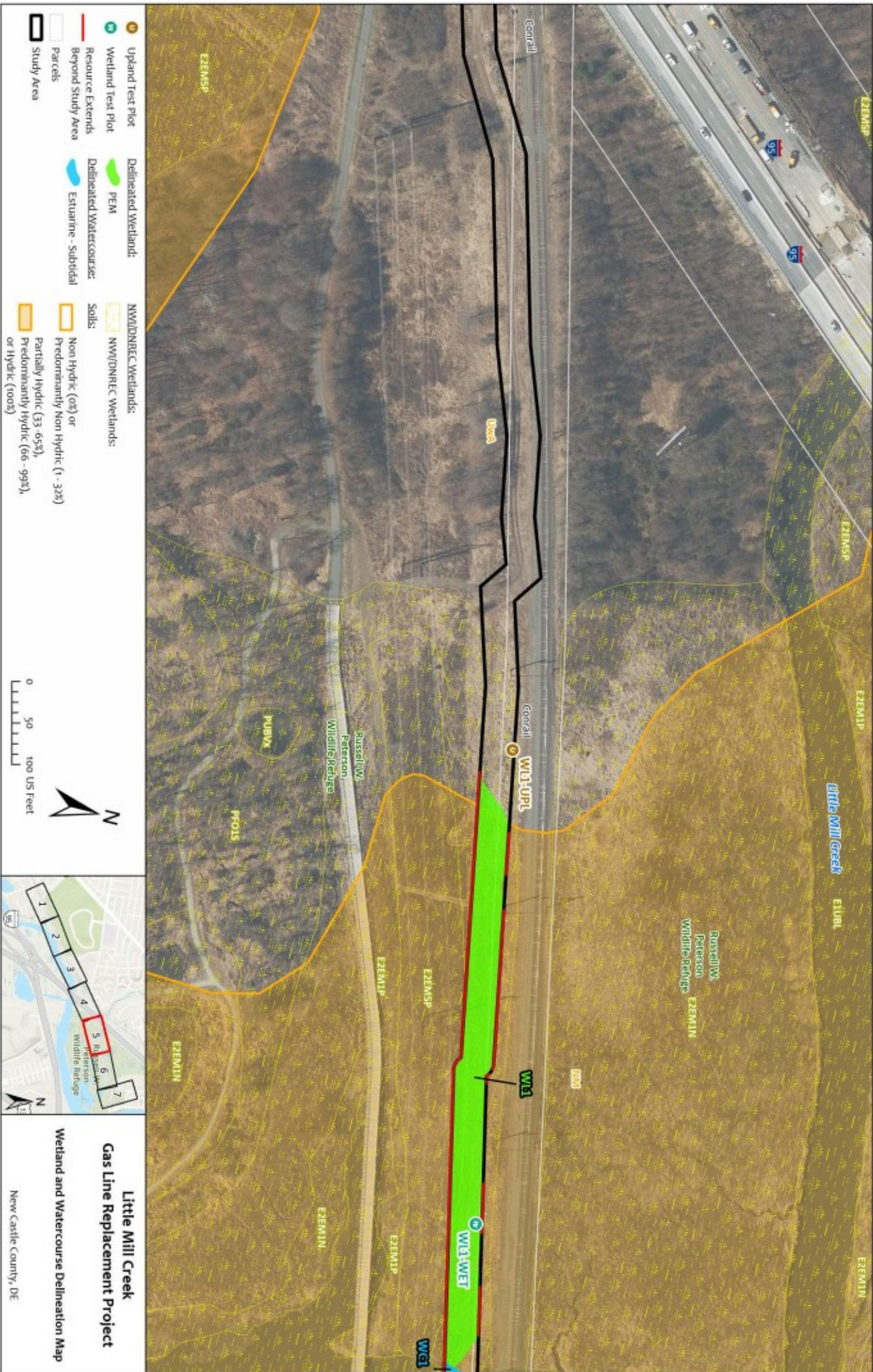
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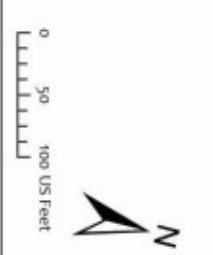
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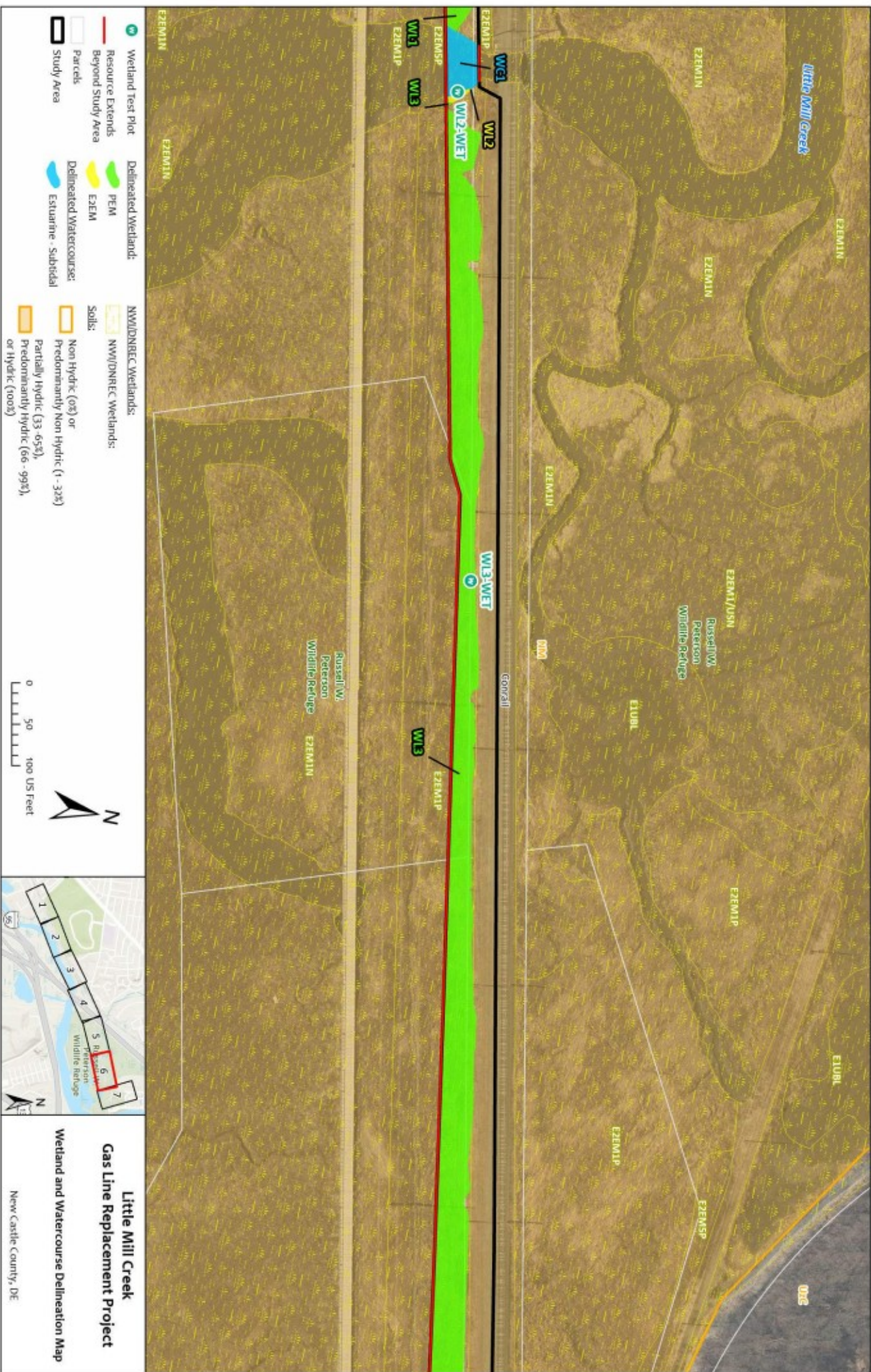
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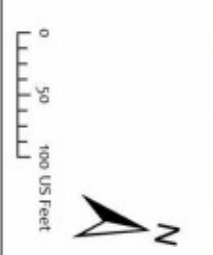
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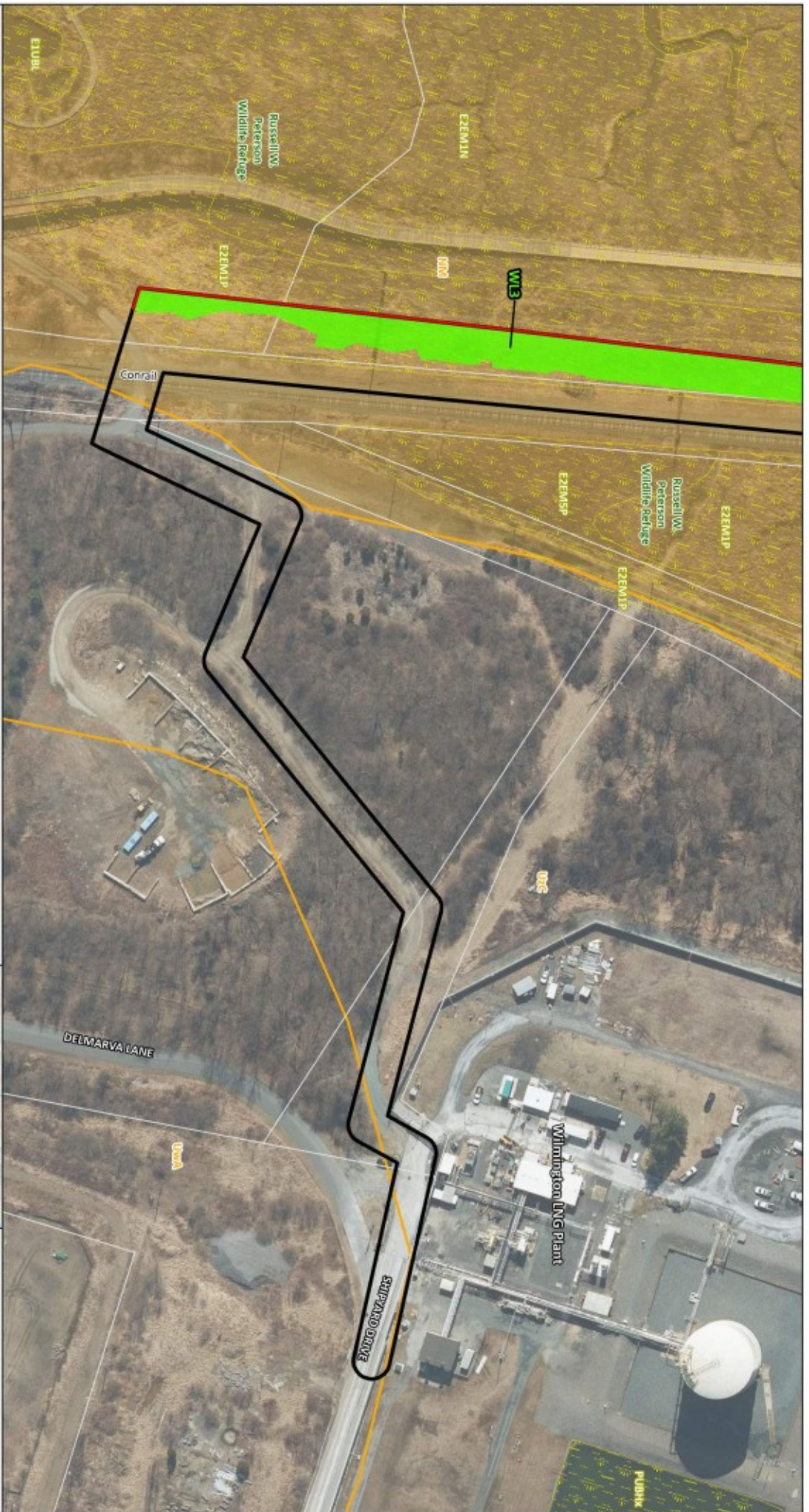
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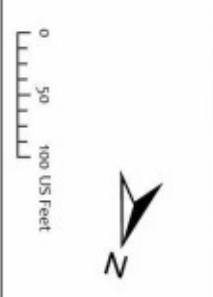
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Appendix C

*Wetland Determination Data Forms
and Watercourse Data Sheets*

Project/Site: Little Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement City/County: Wilmington/New Castle Sampling Date: 09/12/2025

Applicant/Owner: Delmarva Power & Light Company State: DE Sampling Point: WL1-WET

Investigator(s): AT, SS Section, Township, Range: N/A

Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): floodplain Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 0-1

Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR S, MLRA 149A Lat: 39.722047° Long: -75.571233° Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Nanticoke and Mannington soils, very frequently flooded, tidal (NM) NWI classification: E2EM1P

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
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Remarks:
 PEM1E observed. NWI and DNREC Mapped E2EM1P.

 West of Little Mill Creek (WC1). No tidal indicators present. Little Mill Creek is incised, as evidenced by the exposed gas line.

 BPJ Functions/Values: Groundwater recharge/discharge, floodflow alteration, sediment/toxicant/pathogen retention, wildlife habitat, and sediment/shoreline stabilization.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply) ___ Surface Water (A1) ___ Aquatic Fauna (B13) <u>X</u> High Water Table (A2) ___ Marl Deposits (B15) (LRR U) <u>X</u> Saturation (A3) ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) ___ Water Marks (B1) ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) ___ Sediment Deposits (B2) ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) ___ Drift Deposits (B3) ___ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4) ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7) ___ Iron Deposits (B5) ___ Other (Explain in Remarks) ___ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required) ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6) ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) ___ Drainage Patterns (B10) ___ Moss Trim Lines (B16) ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2) ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8) <u>X</u> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) ___ Geomorphic Position (D2) ___ Shallow Aquitard (D3) <u>X</u> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) ___ Sphagnum Moss (D8) (LRR T, U)
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Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u> </u> Water Table Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> (includes capillary fringe)	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

VEGETATION (Four Strata) – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: WL1-WET

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)				
1. <u>None.</u>				Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100.0%</u> (A/B) Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
6. _____				
7. _____				
8. _____				
_____ =Total Cover				
50% of total cover: _____ 20% of total cover: _____				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)				
1. <u>None.</u>				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
6. _____				
7. _____				
8. _____				
_____ =Total Cover				
50% of total cover: _____ 20% of total cover: _____				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)				
1. <u>Phragmites australis</u>	40	Yes	FACW	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation X 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. Definitions of Four Vegetation Strata: Tree – Woody plants, excluding vines, 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height. Sapling/Shrub – Woody plants, excluding vines, less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft (1 m) tall. Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall. Woody Vine – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.
2. <u>Arthraxon hispidus</u>	20	Yes	FAC	
3. <u>Persicaria sagittata</u>	15	No	OBL	
4. <u>Lythrum salicaria</u>	10	No	OBL	
5. <u>Scirpus cyperinus</u>	8	No	OBL	
6. <u>Pilea pumila</u>	6	No	FACW	
7. <u>Panicum dichotomiflorum</u>	5	No	FACW	
8. <u>Persicaria hydropiperoides</u>	4	No	OBL	
9. _____				
10. _____				
11. _____				
12. _____				
108 =Total Cover				
50% of total cover: <u>54</u> 20% of total cover: <u>22</u>				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)				
1. <u>None.</u>				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
_____ =Total Cover				
50% of total cover: _____ 20% of total cover: _____				

Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptations below.)
 *Plot size limited to portion of wetland within study area.

SOIL

Sampling Point: WL1-WET

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		
0-6	10YR 4/1	90	7.5YR 5/8	10	C	PL	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations
6-13	10YR 4/2	80	7.5YR 4/6	20	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations; w/ gravel

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Organic Bodies (A6) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- Muck Presence (A8) **(LRR U)**
- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR P, T)**
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) **(MLRA 150A)**
- Iron Monosulfide (A18)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) **(LRR O, S)**
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- Dark Surface (S7) **(LRR P, S, T, U)**
- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) **(LRR S, T, U)**
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) **(LRR S, T, U)**
- Barrier Islands 1 cm Muck (S12) **(MLRA 153B, 153D)**
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) **(LRR O)**
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- Marl (F10) **(LRR U)**
- Depleted Ochric (F11) **(MLRA 151)**
- Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) **(LRR O, P, T)**
- Umbric Surface (F13) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- Delta Ochric (F17) **(MLRA 151)**
- Reduced Vertic (F18) **(MLRA 150A, 150B)**
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) **(MLRA 149A)**
- Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) **(MLRA 149A, 153C, 153D)**
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22) **(MLRA 138, 152A in FL, 154)**

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR O)**
- 2 cm Muck (A10) **(LRR S)**
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) **(MLRA 149A)**
- Reduced Vertic (F18) **(outside MLRA 150A, 150B)**
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) **(LRR P, T)**
- Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) **(MLRA 153B)**
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22) **(outside MLRA 138, 152A in FL, 154)**
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: _____
 Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No _____

Remarks:

Project/Site: Little Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement City/County: Wilmington/New Castle Sampling Date: 09/12/2025

Applicant/Owner: Delmarva Power & Light Company State: DE Sampling Point: WL1-UPL

Investigator(s): AT, SS Section, Township, Range: N/A

Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 3

Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR S, MLRA 149A Lat: 39.721786° Long: -75.573246° Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Udorthents, wet substratum, 0 to 2 percent slopes (UwA) NWI classification: E2EM1P

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation X, Soil X, or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u>
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Remarks:
 Plot located west of WL1 and south of the railroad, within NWI/DNREC mapped wetlands.

 *Vegetation frequently mowed and soil profile disturbed by railroad and past construction.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Marl Deposits (B15) (LRR U) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Sphagnum Moss (D8) (LRR T, U)

Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u> </u> Water Table Present? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u> </u> Saturation Present? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u> </u> (includes capillary fringe)	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

VEGETATION (Four Strata) – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: WL1-UPL

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status			
1. <u>None.</u>				Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>33.3%</u> (A/B)		
2. _____						
3. _____						
4. _____						
5. _____						
6. _____						
7. _____						
8. _____						
_____ =Total Cover				Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species <u>0</u> x 1 = <u>0</u> FACW species <u>8</u> x 2 = <u>16</u> FAC species <u>48</u> x 3 = <u>144</u> FACU species <u>0</u> x 4 = <u>0</u> UPL species <u>52</u> x 5 = <u>260</u> Column Totals: <u>108</u> (A) <u>420</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>3.89</u>		
50% of total cover: _____		20% of total cover: _____				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <u>1</u> - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>2</u> - Dominance Test is >50% <u>3</u> - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ <u>_____</u> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)		
1. <u>Elaeagnus umbellata</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>UPL</u>			
2. _____						
3. _____						
4. _____						
5. _____						
6. _____						
7. _____						
8. _____						
_____ =Total Cover						
50% of total cover: <u>15</u>		20% of total cover: <u>6</u>				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)						
1. <u>Eupatorium serotinum</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>			
2. <u>Artemisia vulgaris</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>UPL</u>			
3. <u>Senecio hieraciifolius</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>			
4. <u>Dichanthelium clandestinum</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>			
5. <u>Microstegium vimineum</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>			
6. <u>Persicaria perfoliata</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>			
7. <u>Setaria faberi</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>UPL</u>			
8. _____						
9. _____						
10. _____						
11. _____						
12. _____						
_____ =Total Cover						
50% of total cover: <u>39</u>		20% of total cover: <u>16</u>				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)				Definitions of Four Vegetation Strata: Tree – Woody plants, excluding vines, 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height. Sapling/Shrub – Woody plants, excluding vines, less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft (1 m) tall. Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall. Woody Vine – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.		
1. <u>None.</u>						
2. _____						
3. _____						
4. _____						
5. _____						
_____ =Total Cover						
50% of total cover: _____		20% of total cover: _____				
<table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:60%;">Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</td> <td style="width:20%;">Yes _____</td> <td style="width:20%;">No <u>X</u></td> </tr> </table>				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No <u>X</u>
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No <u>X</u>				

Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptations below.)
 *Plot size limited to upland area between WL1 and railroad within study area.

SOIL

Sampling Point: WL1-UPL

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		
0-4	10YR 4/3	100					Loamy/Clayey	
4-12	10YR 5/4	60					Loamy/Clayey	Fill material. Split matrix, see remarks.

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Organic Bodies (A6) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- Muck Presence (A8) **(LRR U)**
- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR P, T)**
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) **(MLRA 150A)**
- Iron Monosulfide (A18)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) **(LRR O, S)**
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- Dark Surface (S7) **(LRR P, S, T, U)**
- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) **(LRR S, T, U)**
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) **(LRR S, T, U)**
- Barrier Islands 1 cm Muck (S12) **(MLRA 153B, 153D)**
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) **(LRR O)**
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- Marl (F10) **(LRR U)**
- Depleted Ochric (F11) **(MLRA 151)**
- Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) **(LRR O, P, T)**
- Umbric Surface (F13) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- Delta Ochric (F17) **(MLRA 151)**
- Reduced Vertic (F18) **(MLRA 150A, 150B)**
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) **(MLRA 149A)**
- Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) **(MLRA 149A, 153C, 153D)**
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22) **(MLRA 138, 152A in FL, 154)**

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR O)**
- 2 cm Muck (A10) **(LRR S)**
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) **(MLRA 149A)**
- Reduced Vertic (F18) **(outside MLRA 150A, 150B)**
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) **(LRR P, T)**
- Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) **(MLRA 153B)**
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22) **(outside MLRA 138, 152A in FL, 154)**
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: _____
 Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ___ No X

Remarks:
 4-12: 10YR 4/2, 40%, no redox, entirely fill material

Project/Site: Little Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement City/County: Wilmington/New Castle Sampling Date: 09/12/2025

Applicant/Owner: Delmarva Power & Light Company State: DE Sampling Point: WL2-WET

Investigator(s): AT, SS Section, Township, Range: N/A

Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): tidal bench Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 5

Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR S, MLRA 149A Lat: 39.722128° Long: -75.570317° Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Nanticoke and Mannington soils, very frequently flooded, tidal (NM) NWI classification: E2EM1P

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
Remarks: E2EM1N observed. Abuts east side of WC1. BPJ Functions/Values: Wildlife habitat, sediment/shoreline stabilization, and visual quality and aesthetics.	

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Marl Deposits (B15) (LRR U) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Sphagnum Moss (D8) (LRR T, U)

Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Depth (inches): <u>1</u> Water Table Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> (includes capillary fringe)	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

VEGETATION (Four Strata) – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: WL2-WET

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status																	
Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>5'x25'</u>)																				
1. <u>None.</u>				Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100.0%</u> (A/B)																
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Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>1.00</u>																				
50% of total cover: _____ 20% of total cover: _____																				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>5'x25'</u>)																				
1. <u>None.</u>				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ _____ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)																
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Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5'x25'</u>)																				
1. <u>Nuphar advena</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>	¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. Definitions of Four Vegetation Strata: Tree – Woody plants, excluding vines, 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height. Sapling/Shrub – Woody plants, excluding vines, less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft (1 m) tall. Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall. Woody Vine – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.																
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50% of total cover: <u>20</u> 20% of total cover: <u>8</u>																				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>5'x25'</u>)																				
1. <u>None.</u>				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____																
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_____ =Total Cover																				
50% of total cover: _____ 20% of total cover: _____																				

Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptations below.)
 *Plot size limited to size of wetland.

SOIL

Sampling Point: WL2-WET

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		
0-16	10YR 2/1	100					Mucky Sand	

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Organic Bodies (A6) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- Muck Presence (A8) **(LRR U)**
- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR P, T)**
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
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- Barrier Islands 1 cm Muck (S12) **(MLRA 153B, 153D)**
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) **(LRR O)**
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- Marl (F10) **(LRR U)**
- Depleted Ochric (F11) **(MLRA 151)**
- Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) **(LRR O, P, T)**
- Umbric Surface (F13) **(LRR P, T, U)**
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Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR O)**
- 2 cm Muck (A10) **(LRR S)**
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) **(MLRA 149A)**
- Reduced Vertic (F18) **(outside MLRA 150A, 150B)**
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- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22) **(outside MLRA 138, 152A in FL, 154)**
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: _____
 Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No _____

Remarks:

Project/Site: Little Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement City/County: Wilmington/New Castle Sampling Date: 09/16/2025

Applicant/Owner: Delmarva Power & Light Company State: DE Sampling Point: WL3-WET

Investigator(s): AT, SS Section, Township, Range: N/A

Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 0-1

Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR S, MLRA 149A Lat: 39.722508° Long: -75.568311° Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Nanticoke and Mannington soils, very frequently flooded, tidal (NM) NWI classification: E2EM1P

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation X*, Soil , or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
Remarks: PEM1E observed. *Vegetation along the railroad (~10' of WL3) is routinely mowed for the railroad ROW. BPJ Functions/Values: Groundwater recharge/discharge and wildlife habitat.	

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Marl Deposits (B15) (LRR U) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Sphagnum Moss (D8) (LRR T, U)

Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): <u> </u> Water Table Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Depth (inches): <u>5</u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> (includes capillary fringe)	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

VEGETATION (Four Strata) – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: WL3-WET

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. <u>None.</u>				Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100.0%</u> (A/B)
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
6. _____				
7. _____				
8. _____				
_____ =Total Cover				Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species <u>55</u> x 1 = <u>55</u> FACW species <u>29</u> x 2 = <u>58</u> FAC species <u>32</u> x 3 = <u>96</u> FACU species <u>2</u> x 4 = <u>8</u> UPL species <u>0</u> x 5 = <u>0</u> Column Totals: <u>118</u> (A) <u>217</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>1.84</u>
50% of total cover: _____		20% of total cover: _____		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)				
1. <u>None.</u>				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
6. _____				
7. _____				
8. _____				
_____ =Total Cover				¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
50% of total cover: _____		20% of total cover: _____		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)				
1. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>	Definitions of Four Vegetation Strata: Tree – Woody plants, excluding vines, 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height. Sapling/Shrub – Woody plants, excluding vines, less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft (1 m) tall. Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall. Woody Vine – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.
2. <u>Arthraxon hispidus</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>	
3. <u>Vernonia noveboracensis</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
4. <u>Persicaria sagittata</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>	
5. <u>Kyllinga brevifolia</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
6. <u>Bidens aristosa</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
7. <u>Pilea pumila</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
8. <u>Lythrum salicaria</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>	
9. <u>Hibiscus moscheutos</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>	
10. <u>Panicum virgatum</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>	
11. <u>Kummerowia striata</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
12. <u>Juncus effusus</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>	
_____ =Total Cover				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
50% of total cover: <u>59</u>		20% of total cover: <u>24</u>		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>10'r*</u>)				
1. <u>None.</u>				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
_____ =Total Cover				
50% of total cover: _____		20% of total cover: _____		

Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptations below.)

*Plot size limited to width of study area.

SOIL

Sampling Point: WL3-WET

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		
0-2	10YR 4/1	98	5YR 4/6	2	C	PL	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations
2-11	10YR 4/1	85	5YR 4/6	15	C	PL/M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations
11-14	10YR 4/1	80	5YR 4/6	20	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Organic Bodies (A6) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- Muck Presence (A8) **(LRR U)**
- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR P, T)**
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) **(MLRA 150A)**
- Iron Monosulfide (A18)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) **(LRR O, S)**
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- Dark Surface (S7) **(LRR P, S, T, U)**
- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) **(LRR S, T, U)**
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) **(LRR S, T, U)**
- Barrier Islands 1 cm Muck (S12) **(MLRA 153B, 153D)**
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) **(LRR O)**
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- Marl (F10) **(LRR U)**
- Depleted Ochric (F11) **(MLRA 151)**
- Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) **(LRR O, P, T)**
- Umbric Surface (F13) **(LRR P, T, U)**
- Delta Ochric (F17) **(MLRA 151)**
- Reduced Vertic (F18) **(MLRA 150A, 150B)**
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) **(MLRA 149A)**
- Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) **(MLRA 149A, 153C, 153D)**
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22) **(MLRA 138, 152A in FL, 154)**

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:

- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR O)**
- 2 cm Muck (A10) **(LRR S)**
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) **(MLRA 149A)**
- Reduced Vertic (F18) **(outside MLRA 150A, 150B)**
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) **(LRR P, T)**
- Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) **(MLRA 153B)**
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22) **(outside MLRA 138, 152A in FL, 154)**
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: _____
 Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No _____

Remarks:

WATERCOURSE DATA SHEET

Project: DPL Little Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement	Feature ID: WC1	Cowardin: E1UBL3
Date: 09/12/2205	State: DE	Photos: On webmap
Crew: AT, SS	County: New Castle	Last Flag Number: N/A

Feature Hydrologic Class (check one):

Tidal	Perennial	Intermittent (SNE)	Ephemeral (SNE)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TNW (Subject to ebb and flow)	<input type="checkbox"/> TNW – Perennial (Flowing year round)	<input type="checkbox"/> RPW – Seasonal (must flow at least 3 months a year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-RPW draining uplands (<i>not jurisdictional</i>)
	<input type="checkbox"/> RPW – Perennial (Flowing year round)		<input type="checkbox"/> Non-RPW erosional feature (<i>not jurisdictional</i>)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Non-RPW with abutting wetland
			<input type="checkbox"/> Non-RPW with adjacent wetland
Describe rationale for hydrologic class (and nearest stream): Little Mill Creek			<input type="checkbox"/> Non-RPW wetland adjacent or abutting upstream (outside of study area)

Feature Description (check all that apply):

Shape (with respect to top of bank)		Substrate			Vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Channel Shape	Channel Width and Depth: ~75 x >8'	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silts	<input type="checkbox"/> Sands	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	RB (& width): >100' PEM LB (& width): >100' E2EM/PEM
<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial (man-made)	Water Depth: >5'	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobbles	<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manipulated (man-altered)	Bank Erosion/stability: moderate/slightly unstable	<input type="checkbox"/> Bedrock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Muck		
Notes Railroad upstream of study area.					

Weather/Precipitation Conditions (check all that apply):

During Field Visit		Recent Rains (w/in one week)	Monthly Drought Conditions USACE Antecedent Precipitation Score		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Rain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-0.5 inches	<input type="checkbox"/> Drier than Normal (APT score < 10)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal Conditions (10 ≤ APT score < 15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetter than Normal (15 ≤ APT score)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Light Rain	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.5-1 inches		✓		
<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Rain	<input type="checkbox"/> >1 inch				

Non-tidal tributary has (check all that apply):

Bed and Banks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Ordinary High Water Mark	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clear, natural line impressed on the bank	<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment deposition
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in the character of soil	<input type="checkbox"/> Water staining
<input type="checkbox"/> Shelving	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of litter and debris
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation matted down, bent, or absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Destruction of terrestrial veg.
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaf litter disturbed	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of wrack line
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment sorting	<input type="checkbox"/> Scour
<input type="checkbox"/> Observed/predicted flow events	<input type="checkbox"/> Abrupt change in plant community
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

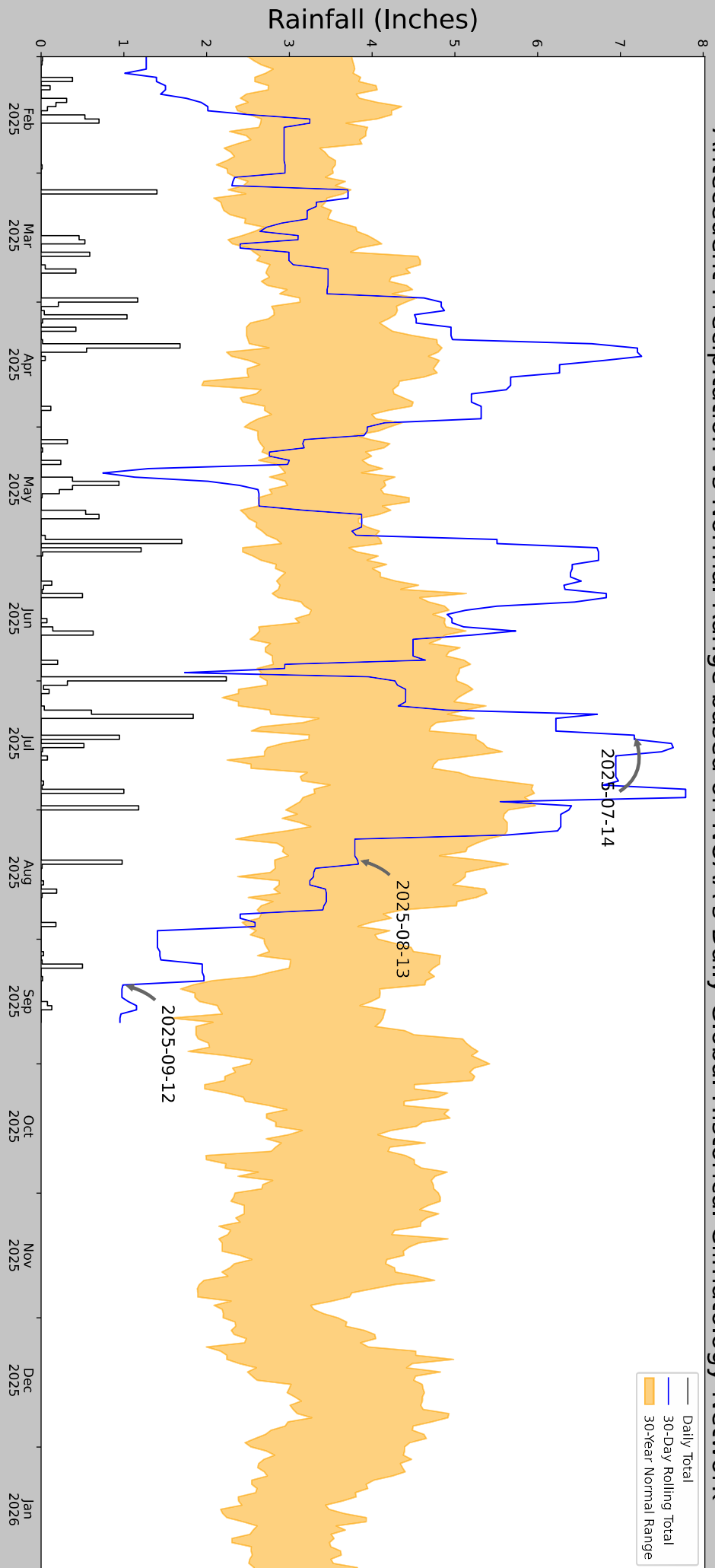
Tidal tributary has (check all that apply):

High Tide Line	Mean High Water Mark indicated by:	Chemical Characteristics
<input type="checkbox"/> Oil or scum line along shore objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Survey to available datum	<input type="checkbox"/> Water is clear
<input type="checkbox"/> Fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical markings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water is discolored
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical markings or characteristics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation lines/changes in types	<input type="checkbox"/> Oily film
<input type="checkbox"/> Tidal gauges		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Notes:		

Additional Notes (Riffle pools, rootwads, woody debris, aquatic life, etc.):

Fish observed.

Antecedent Precipitation vs Normal Range based on NOAA's Daily Global Historical Climatology Network



Coordinates	39.72021, -75.5792	
Observation Date	2025-09-12	
Elevation (ft)	19,786	
Drought Index (PDSI)	Moderate drought (2025-08)	
WebWIMP H ₂ O Balance	Wet Season	

30 Days Ending	30 th %ile (in)	70 th %ile (in)	Observed (in)	Wetness Condition	Condition Value	Month Weight	Days Normal	Product
2025-09-12	1.839764	4.638977	0.988189	Dry	1	3	3	3
2025-08-13	2.82441	5.299213	3.822835	Normal	2	2	2	4
2025-07-14	3.23937	5.25748	7.169292	Wet	3	3	1	3
Result								Normal Conditions - 10

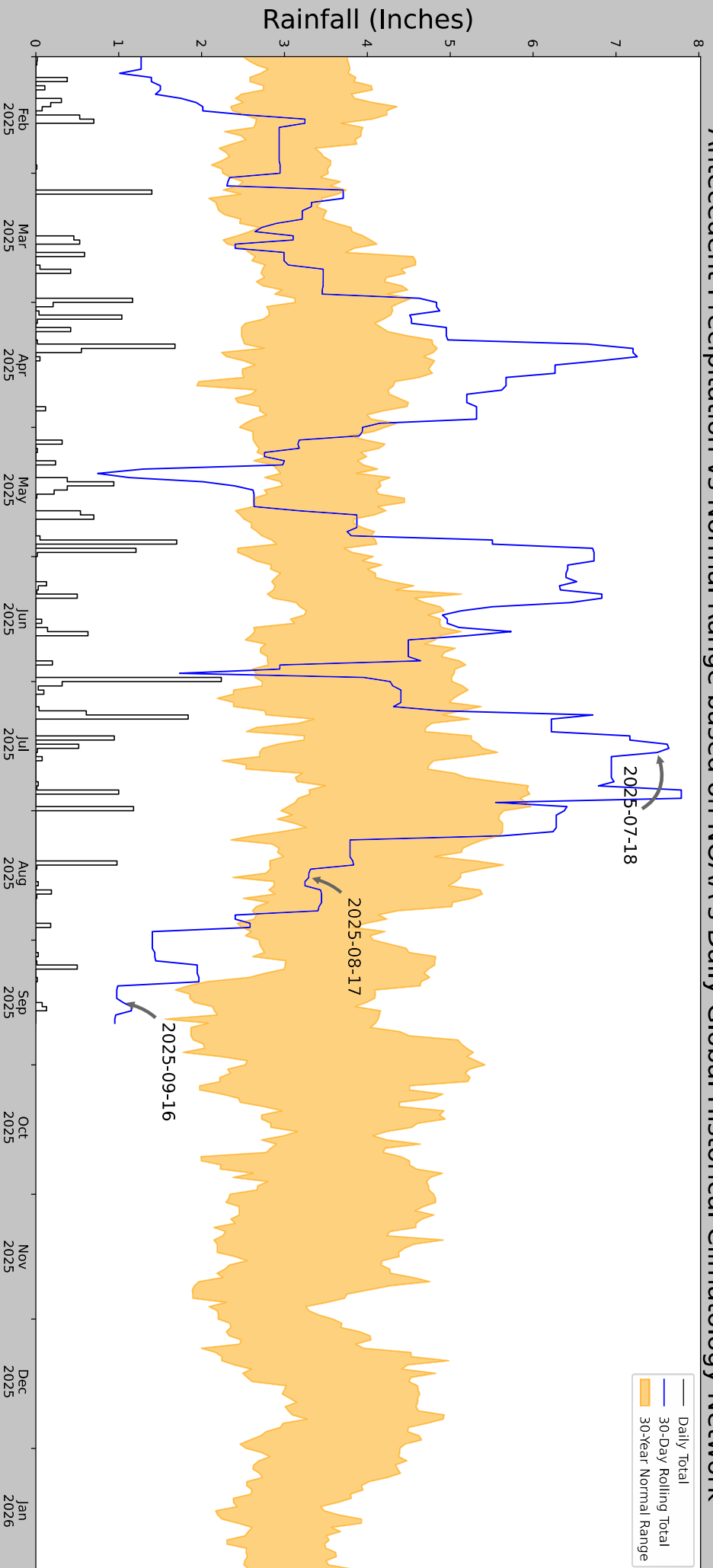
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Weather Station Name	Coordinates	Elevation (ft)	Distance (mi)	Elevation Δ	Weighted Δ	Days Normal	Days Antecedent
WILMINGTON NEW CASTLE CO AP	39.6744, -75.6056	74.147	3.462	54.361	1.746	11351	90
NEWARK AG FARM	39.6683, -75.7456	105.971	7.457	31.824	3.593	2	0

Antecedent Precipitation vs Normal Range based on NOAA's Daily Global Historical Climatology Network



Coordinates	39.72021, -75.5792	
Observation Date	2025-09-16	
Elevation (ft)	19,786	
Drought Index (PDSI)	Moderate drought (2025-08)	
WebWIMP H ₂ O Balance	Wet Season	

30 Days Ending	30 th %ile (in)	70 th %ile (in)	Observed (in)	Wetness Condition	Condition Value	Month Weight	Product
2025-09-16	1.913386	3.991732	1.05118	Dry	1	3	3
2025-08-17	2.376378	5.127953	3.295276	Normal	2	2	4
2025-07-18	2.699606	5.57441	7.496063	Wet	3	1	3
Result	Normal Conditions - 10						

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Appendix D

*Representative Photos of Wetland and Watercourse
System*

Little Mill Creek Gas Line Relocation Project
Representative Photos of Wetland and Watercourse Systems



WL1-WET: PEM1E wetland facing east.



WL1-UPL: Upland area facing east.

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Representative Photos of Wetland and Watercourse Systems



WL2-WET: E2EM1N wetland facing west.



WL3-WET: PEM1E wetland facing east.

Little Mill Creek Gas Line Relocation Project
Representative Photos of Wetland and Watercourse Systems



WC1: E1UBL3 watercourse (Little Mill Creek) facing downstream.



WC1: E1UBL3 watercourse (Little Mill Creek) facing upstream.



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Attachment 4 – Consultation Letters

November 12, 2025

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs
State Historic Preservation Office
Attention: Suzanne Savery, Director
29 North State St.
Dover, DE 19901

< Sent via email suzanne.savery@delaware.gov >

**RE: Delmarva Power & Light Company (DPL)
Mill Creek Markell Trail Gas Line Replacement Project
New Castle County, Delaware**

Ms. Savory,

Delmarva Power & Light Company (DPL) is proposing to relocate approximately 0.2-mile of an existing gas line by installing a new gas line adjacent to the Jack A. Markell Trail at Little Mill Creek in Wilmington, Delaware (New Castle County). The Project will occur on the south side of the Norfolk Southern Rail Line and north of the Jack A. Markell Trail boardwalk, in a cleared right-of-way (ROW) on both sides of Little Mill Creek. Please see the attached Project location map and .KMZ file for your reference.

The Project will include construction activities on both sides of Little Mill Creek and will be entirely within the existing cleared ROW. Construction activities include horizontal directional drilling under the creek to install the new gas line. The line will be installed underneath Little Mill Creek using a 12-inch steel pipe. The existing line will be abandoned in place.

The crossing of streams and adjacent wetlands may require a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit. Therefore, the project will be completed in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended through 1992 (NHPA), and the associated implementing federal regulations found at 36 CFR 800. As the proposed project is a permitted project, the potential project impacts to cultural resources must be considered. Therefore, this letter serves to initiate the Section 106 process and consultation with the Delaware State Historic Preservation Officer (DE SHPO).

DPL is requesting from your office any information or records that you may have regarding the presence of cultural or historical significance within the project area.



If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (484) 859-8497 or sayourik@mccormicktaylor.com. We thank you for your consideration concerning this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Yourik".

Stephanie Yourik
Project Manager, Environmental Services
McCormick Taylor

CC: Jonathan Bartlett, DPL
Enclosures: Project Location Map & KMZ



November 12, 2025

DNREC – Division of Fish and Wildlife
Environmental Review Coordinator
6180 Hay Point Landing Road
Smyrna, DE 19977

< Sent via email DNREC_EnvReview@delaware.gov >

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DPL is requesting from your office any information or records that you may have regarding the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered species within the Project area. In addition to the rare species information, please forward any information that you may have regarding State Natural Heritage Sites.

DPL is aware of the cost recovery process. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (484) 859-8497 or sayourik@mccormicktaylor.com. We thank you for your consideration concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Yourik
Project Manager, Environmental Services
McCormick Taylor



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STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

PHONE
 (302) 739-9910

December 2, 2025

Andrew Meyer
 McCormick Taylor
 1501 S. Clinton Street, Suite 1150
 Baltimore, MD 21224

Re: MTA 2025 Mill Creek Markell Trail Gas Line Replacement Project

Dear Andrew:

Thank you for contacting the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Species Conservation and Research Program about information on rare, threatened and endangered species, unique natural communities, and other significant natural resources as they relate to the above referenced project.

State Natural Heritage Site

A review of our database indicates that the following state-rare or federally-listed plants, animals or natural communities occur at or adjacent to the project site:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxon	State Rank	State Status	SGCN Tier or Global Rank	Federal Status
<i>Battus philenor</i>	Pipevine Swallowtail	Invertebrate	S2	NL	Tier 2	NL

State Rank: **S1** – Extremely rare within the state (typically 5 or fewer occurrences); **S2** – Very rare within the state (6 to 20 occurrences); **S3** – Rare to uncommon in Delaware; **S4** – Apparently secure, at fairly low risk of extinction or extirpation due to an extensive range and/or many populations or occurrences, but with possible cause for some concern as a result of local recent declines, threats, or other factors; **S5** – Demonstrably secure, at very low risk of extinction or extirpation due to a very extensive range, abundant populations or occurrences, or little to no concern from declines or threats; **SX** – Extirpated or presumed extirpated from the state. All historical locations and/or potential habitat have been surveyed; **SH** – Historically known, but not verified for an extended period (usually 15+ years); there are expectations that the species may be rediscovered; **SE** – Non-native in the state (introduced through human influence); not a part of the native flora or fauna; **SNR** – Not yet ranked in Delaware; **SN** – Occurrences in DE of limited conservation value, **of concern due to a restricted range; **SU** – Status uncertain within the state. Usually, an uncommon species which is believed to be of conservation concern, but there is inadequate data to determine the degree of rarity; **B** – Breeding; **M** – Migratory; **N** – Nonbreeding.

State Status: **E** – Endangered, i.e., designated by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife as seriously threatened with extinction in the state pursuant to State of Delaware Code (7 Del. §601 *et seq.*) and implementing regulation (Title 7, 3900, 16.0 Endangered Species); **NA** – Plants are not included in Title 7; **NL** – Not listed.

SGCN Tiers: **Tier 1** – Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) that are most in need of conservation action in order to sustain or restore their populations. They are the focus of the Delaware Wildlife Action Plan (DEWAP), which is based on analyzing threats to their populations and habitats, and on developing conservation actions to eliminate, minimize, or compensate for these threats; **Tier 2** – SGCN that are also in need of conservation action, although not with the urgency of Tier 1 species. Their distribution across the landscape will help determine where DEWAP conservation actions will be implemented on the ground; **Tier 3** – These species are for the most part still relatively common in Delaware, but are listed as SGCN for various reasons, including documented population declines, high responsibility of the Northeast region for the global population, or continued need for monitoring and/or management. This tier also includes non-breeding species that are uncommon in Delaware. **NA** – Plants are not addressed in DEWAP.

Federal Status: **E** – Endangered, i.e., designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as being in danger of extinction throughout its range; **T** – Threatened, i.e., designated by USFWS as being likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range; **C** – Candidate, i.e., taxa for which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has on file enough substantial information on biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support proposals to list them as endangered or threatened species. NOAA Managed Candidate: **SC** – Species of Concern, i.e., species about which NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has some concerns regarding status and threats, but for which insufficient information is available to indicate a need to list the species under the ESA; **NL** – Not listed.

While one or more state-rare species were identified near the project location, at present, this project does not lie within a State Natural Heritage Site, nor does it lie within a Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve, which are two criteria used to identify “Designated Critical Resource Waters” in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit General Condition No. 22. A copy of this letter shall be included in any permit application or pre-construction notification submitted to the USACE for activities on this property.

Revegetation

If any re-vegetation of disturbed areas is proposed in association with this project, we request that no non-native species or state-rare species be used in the disturbed areas. We further recommend that the applicant re-vegetate the area using native plant species that are indigenous to the state of Delaware and are appropriate for the site. Our staff can provide guidance in selecting plant material.

Key Wildlife Habitat

The wetland in the project area is mapped as Key Wildlife Habitat (KWH) in the Delaware Wildlife Action Plan (DEWAP) because it is part of a large wetland complex/large forest block that can support an array of plant and animal species across the landscape.

Although designation as KWH is non-regulatory, these maps are intended to help guide site-specific conservation planning efforts. Impacts to KWH should be minimized to the greatest extent practicable.

The DEWAP is a comprehensive strategy for conserving the full array of native wildlife and habitats, common and uncommon, as vital components of the state’s natural resources. This document can be viewed via the [Division of Fish and Wildlife’s website](#).

Delaware Ecological Network

Habitat in the project area has been identified as ecologically important by the Delaware Ecological Network (DEN) and is classified as a core area and corridor. The DEN, although non-regulatory, is a statewide conservation network developed using GIS and field collected datasets

that help to identify and prioritize ecologically important areas for natural resource protection. The DEN includes ecologically important areas such as forests, wetlands, streams, habitat that supports rare species and areas of especially high quality. The DEN includes the following key elements: 1) Core areas – which contain relatively intact natural ecosystems, and provide high-quality habitat for native plants and animals, 2) Hubs – which are slightly fragmented aggregations of core areas with contiguous natural cover and 3) Corridors – which link core areas together, allowing wildlife movement and seed and pollen transfer between them. The DEN can be accessed through First Map: [Delaware Ecological Network 2.0 | Delaware Ecological Network 2.0 | State of Delaware \(arcgis.com\)](#). We recommend that this DEN designated area be protected to the fullest extent possible.

Low Marsh

Currently, there are no records of state-rare or federally-listed marsh bird species at this site. However, aerial imagery and wetland habitat maps indicate that low marsh habitat (i.e., dominated by *Spartina alterniflora*) is present. Several state-rare species of conservation concern frequently nest in low marsh habitat, including the seaside sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus*), clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris*), and willet (*Tringa semipalmata*). We recommend a time of year restriction of **April 1st to July 31st** to avoid impacts to marsh nesting birds.

Fisheries

Horizontal Directional Drilling

The project description indicates that direct impacts to waterbodies would be avoided through use of trenchless construction methods, such as horizontal directional drill; therefore, no time of year restrictions or other measures are requested for anadromous fish species or for resident gamefish species. If this changes, please contact us again for further guidance. We would likely request that in-water work not occur from **March 1st to June 30th** to allow time for anadromous fish species and American eel young of the year, which utilize Little Mill Creek as a nursery area, to grow large enough to be less vulnerable to habitat-altering activities and then migrate out of the system.

Although the use of a directional drill has less of an impact than other methods, such as trenching, there is still a potential for frac-outs to occur which could impact wetlands and water bodies within the project area. Therefore, we highly recommend that a frac-out contingency plan be in place prior to the start of project activities. The contingency plan should include the following:

1. A provision to contain materials released,
2. A clean-up protocol, and
3. Arrangements for an experienced representative (drilling crew or consultant) to watch the site at all times so that the operation can be shut down immediately in the event a frac-out occurs.

In addition, on-site staff should have access to the DNREC 24-hour hotline (**1-800-662-8802**) to report any environmental release or fish kill. Immediate notification of any environmental release is imperative.

Please also contact fisheries section staff:

- Tidal waters: Devon Scott (Devon.Scott@delaware.gov or 302-735-2961)
- Non-tidal waters: Steven Luell (Steven.Luell@delaware.gov or 302-735-2973)
- If appropriate fisheries staff cannot be reached: Fisheries section (302-739-9914)

We are continually updating our records on Delaware's rare, threatened and endangered species, unique natural communities and other significant natural resources. If the start of the project is delayed more than a year past the date of this letter, please contact us again for the latest information.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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(See invoice on next page)

INVOICE - PAYMENT DUE

It is our policy to charge a fee for this environmental review service. This letter constitutes an invoice for \$35.00 (\$35.00/hour for a minimum of one hour). Please make your check payable to “Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife” and submit to:

DE Division of Fish and Wildlife
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Dover, DE 19904
ATTN: DFW Fiscal

**In order for us to properly process your payment, you must reference
“MTA 2025 Mill Creek Markell Trail Gas Line Replacement Project” on your check.**

cc: DFW Fiscal; Code to 72900



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In Reply Refer To:
Project code: 2026-0046014
Project Name: Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement

02/05/2026 18:52:17 UTC

Federal Nexus: yes
Federal Action Agency (if applicable): Army Corps of Engineers

Subject: Record of project representative's no effect determination for 'Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement'

Dear Owen Stelzig:

This letter records your determination using the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on February 05, 2026, for 'Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement' (here forward, Project). This project has been assigned Project Code 2026-0046014 and all future correspondence should clearly reference this number. **Please carefully review this letter.**

Ensuring Accurate Determinations When Using IPaC

The Service developed the IPaC system and associated species' determination keys in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and based on a standing analysis. All information submitted by the Project proponent into IPaC must accurately represent the full scope and details of the Project.

Failure to accurately represent or implement the Project as detailed in IPaC or the **Northern Long-eared Bat and Tricolored Bat Range-wide Determination Key (Dkey)**, invalidates this letter. ***Answers to certain questions in the DKey commit the project proponent to implementation of conservation measures that must be followed for the ESA determination to remain valid.***

Determination for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and/or Tricolored Bat

Based upon your IPaC submission and a standing analysis, your project has reached the following effect determinations:

Species	Listing Status	Determination
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Tricolored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*)

Proposed
Endangered

No effect

Federal agencies must consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) when an action *may affect* a listed species. Tricolored bat is proposed for listing as endangered under the ESA, but not yet listed. For actions that may affect a proposed species, agencies cannot consult, but they can *confer* under the authority of section 7(a)(4) of the ESA. Such conferences can follow the procedures for a consultation and be adopted as such if and when the proposed species is listed. Should the tricolored bat be listed, agencies must review projects that are not yet complete, or projects with ongoing effects within the tricolored bat range that previously received a NE or NLAA determination from the key to confirm that the determination is still accurate.

To make a no effect determination, the full scope of the proposed project implementation (action) should not have any effects (either positive or negative), to a federally listed species or designated critical habitat. Effects of the action are all consequences to listed species or critical habitat that are caused by the proposed action, including the consequences of other activities that are caused by the proposed action. A consequence is caused by the proposed action if it would not occur but for the proposed action and it is reasonably certain to occur. Effects of the action may occur later in time and may include consequences occurring outside the immediate area involved in the action. (See § 402.17).

Under Section 7 of the ESA, if a federal action agency makes a no effect determination, no consultation with the Service is required (ESA §7). If a proposed Federal action may affect a listed species or designated critical habitat, formal consultation is required except when the Service concurs, in writing, that a proposed action "is not likely to adversely affect" listed species or designated critical habitat [50 CFR §402.02, 50 CFR§402.13].

Other Species and Critical Habitat that May be Present in the Action Area

The IPaC-assisted determination key for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat does not apply to the following ESA-protected species and/or critical habitat that also may occur in your Action area:

- Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus* Proposed Threatened

You may coordinate with our Office to determine whether the Action may affect the animal species listed above and, if so, how they may be affected.

Next Steps

If there are no updates on listed species, no further consultation/coordination for this project is required with respect to the species covered by this key. However, the Service recommends that project proponents re-evaluate the Project in IPaC if: 1) the scope, timing, duration, or location of the Project changes (includes any project changes or amendments); 2) new information reveals the Project may impact (positively or negatively) federally listed species or designated critical habitat; or 3) a new species is listed, or critical habitat designated. If any of the above conditions

occurs, additional coordination with the Service should take place to ensure compliance with the Act.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact the Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office and reference Project Code 2026-0046014 associated with this Project.

Action Description

You provided to IPaC the following name and description for the subject Action.

1. Name

Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement

2. Description

The following description was provided for the project 'Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement':

Delmarva Power & Light Company (DPL) is proposing to relocate approximately 870 feet of an existing gas line by installing a new 12-inch diameter gas line on the north side of the Jack A. Markell Trail at Little Mill Creek in Wilmington, New Castle County, DE. The existing gas line in this area has become exposed in the water column of Little Mill Creek, putting gas reliability and public safety at risk. The proposed line will be installed deeper underneath Little Mill Creek, and the existing line will be filled with grout and abandoned in place.

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@39.7244462,-75.56317088797742,14z>



DETERMINATION KEY RESULT

Based on the information you provided, you have determined that the Proposed Action will have no effect on the species covered by this determination key. Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is required for those species.

QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Does the proposed project include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, intentional take of listed bats or any other listed species?

Note: Intentional take is defined as take that is the intended result of a project. Intentional take could refer to research, direct species management, surveys, and/or studies that include intentional handling/encountering, harassment, collection, or capturing of any individual of a federally listed threatened, endangered or proposed species?

No

2. Is the action area wholly within Zone 2 of the year-round active area for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered

No

3. Does the action area intersect Zone 1 of the year-round active area for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered

No

4. Does any component of the action involve leasing, construction or operation of wind turbines? Answer 'yes' if the activities considered are conducted with the intention of gathering survey information to inform the leasing, construction, or operation of wind turbines.

No

5. Is the proposed action authorized, permitted, licensed, funded, or being carried out by a Federal agency in whole or in part?

Note for projects in Pennsylvania: Projects requiring authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act would be considered as having a federal nexus. Since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has issued the Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit (PASPGP), which may be verified by the PA Department of Environmental Protection or certain Conservation Districts, the need to receive a Corps authorization to perform the work under the PASPGP serves as a federal nexus. As such, if proposing to use the PASPGP, you would answer 'yes' to this question.

Yes

6. Is the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

No

7. Are you an employee of the federal action agency or have you been officially designated in writing by the agency as its designated non-federal representative for the purposes of Endangered Species Act Section 7 informal consultation per 50 CFR § 402.08?

Note: This key may be used for federal actions and for non-federal actions to facilitate section 7 consultation and to help determine whether an incidental take permit may be needed, respectively. This question is for information purposes only.

No

8. Is the lead federal action agency the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC)? Is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

No

9. Is the lead federal action agency the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)?

No

10. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.5 miles of a known bat hibernaculum or winter roost? Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your state wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

11. Does the action area contain any winter roosts or caves (or associated sinkholes, fissures, or other karst features), mines, rocky outcroppings, or tunnels that could provide habitat for hibernating bats?

No

12. Will the action cause effects to a bridge?

Note: Covered bridges should be considered as bridges in this question.

No

13. Will the action result in effects to a culvert or tunnel at any time of year?

No

14. Are trees present within 1000 feet of the action area?

Note: If there are trees within the action area that are of a sufficient size to be potential roosts for bats answer "Yes". If unsure, additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>.

Yes

15. Does the action include the intentional exclusion of bats from a building or building-like structure? **Note:** Exclusion is conducted to deny bats' entry or reentry into a building. To be effective and to avoid harming bats, it should be done according to established standards. If your action includes bat exclusion and you are unsure whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats are present, answer "Yes." Answer "No" if there are no signs of bat use in the building/structure. If unsure, contact your local Ecological Services Field Office to help assess whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats may be present. Contact a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) for help in how to exclude bats from a structure safely without causing harm to the bats (to find a NWCO certified in bat standards, search the Internet using the search term "National Wildlife Control Operators Association bats"). Also see the White-Nose Syndrome Response Team's guide for bat control in structures.

No

16. Does the action involve removal, modification, or maintenance of a human-made building-like structure (barn, house, or other building) **known or suspected to contain roosting bats?**

No

17. Will the action cause construction of one or more new roads open to the public?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

18. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase average night-time traffic permanently or temporarily on one or more existing roads? **Note:** For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.). .

No

19. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase the number of travel lanes on an existing thoroughfare?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

20. Will the proposed Action involve the creation of a new water-borne contaminant source (e.g., leachate pond, pits containing chemicals that are not NSF/ANSI 60 compliant)?

Note: For information regarding NSF/ANSI 60 please visit <https://www.nsf.org/knowledge-library/nsf-ansi-standard-60-drinking-water-treatment-chemicals-health-effects>

No

21. Will the proposed action involve the creation of a new point source discharge from a facility other than a water treatment plant or storm water system?

No

22. Will the action include drilling or blasting?

Yes

23. Will the drilling or blasting produce noise or vibrations above existing background levels that will affect suitable summer habitat for northern long-eared bats and/or tricolored bats?

Note: Additional information defining suitable suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat, can be found in Appendix A in the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared Bat Survey Guidelines at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>

No

24. Will the action involve military training (e.g., smoke operations, obscurant operations, exploding munitions, artillery fire, range use, helicopter or fixed wing aircraft use at night)?

No

25. Will the proposed action involve the use of herbicides or pesticides (e.g., fungicides, insecticides, or rodenticides)?

No

26. Will the action include or cause activities that are reasonably certain to cause chronic or intense nighttime noise (above current levels of ambient noise in the area) in suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat during the active season?

Chronic noise is noise that is continuous or occurs repeatedly again and again for a long time. Sources of chronic or intense noise that could cause adverse effects to bats may include, but are not limited to: road traffic; trains; aircraft; industrial activities; gas compressor stations; loud music; crowds; oil and gas extraction; construction; and mining.

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>.

No

27. Does the action include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, the use of permanent or temporary artificial lighting within 1000 feet of suitable northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat roosting habitat?

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>.

No

28. Will the action include tree cutting or other means of knocking down or bringing down trees, tree topping, or tree trimming?

No

29. Will the proposed action result in the use of prescribed fire?

Note: If the prescribed fire action includes other activities than application of fire (e.g., tree cutting, fire line preparation) please consider impacts from those activities within the previous representative questions in the key. This set of questions only considers impacts from flame and smoke.

No

30. Does the action area intersect the tricolored bat species list area?

Automatically answered

Yes

31. Is the action area located within 0.5-mile of radius of an entrance/opening to any known tricolored bat hibernacula or winter roost?

Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your state wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

32. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.25 miles of a culvert that is known to be occupied by northern long-eared or tricolored bats? **Note:** The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

33. Has a presence/probable absence bat survey targeting the [tricolored bat and following the Service's Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat Survey Guidelines](#) been conducted within the project area?

No

34. Is suitable summer habitat for the tricolored bat present within 1000 feet of project activities?

(If unsure, answer ""Yes."")

Note: If there are trees within the action area that may provide potential roosts for tricolored bats (e.g., clusters of leaves in live and dead deciduous trees, Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*), clusters of dead pine needles of large live pines) answer ""Yes."" For a complete definition of suitable summer habitat for the tricolored bat, please see Appendix A in the [Service's Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared Bat Survey Guidelines](#).

Yes

35. Do you have any documents that you want to include with this submission?

No

PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

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In Reply Refer To:
Project Code: 2026-0046014
Project Name: Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement

02/05/2026 18:44:08 UTC

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf>

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts, see <https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/what-we-do>.

It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures, see <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds>.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit <https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Wetlands

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2026-0046014

Project Name: Mill Creek Gas Line Replacement

Project Type: Natural Gas Distribution

Project Description: Delmarva Power & Light Company (DPL) is proposing to relocate approximately 870 feet of an existing gas line by installing a new 12-inch diameter gas line on the north side of the Jack A. Markell Trail at Little Mill Creek in Wilmington, New Castle County, DE. The existing gas line in this area has become exposed in the water column of Little Mill Creek, putting gas reliability and public safety at risk. The proposed line will be installed deeper underneath Little Mill Creek, and the existing line will be filled with grout and abandoned in place.

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@39.7244462,-75.56317088797742,14z>



Counties: New Castle County, Delaware

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 2 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

MAMMALS

NAME	STATUS
Tricolored Bat <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515	Proposed Endangered

INSECTS

NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743	Proposed Threatened

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

USFWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LANDS AND FISH HATCHERIES

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the [National Wildlife Refuge](#) system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

WETLANDS

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

THERE ARE NO WETLANDS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

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