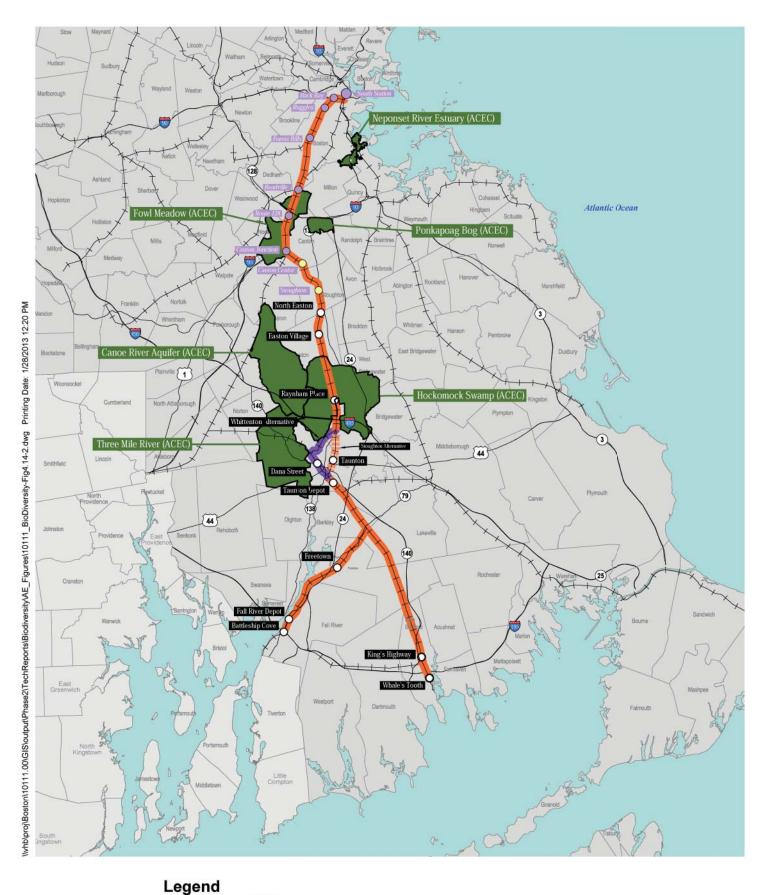
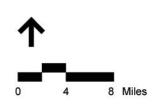


Whittenton Alternative
Existing Stations
Proposed Stations
Existing Stations to be Reconstructed
Major Wetland Areas
Freetown-Fall River State Forest
Major Upland Areas

Figure 4.14-1

Major Wetland and
Upland Natural Areas





Whittenton Alternative

Existing Stations

Proposed Stations

Existing Stations to be Reconstructed

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

Figure 4.14-2

Areas of Critical Environmental
Concern (ACECs)







Figure 4.14-3a

All Rail Alternatives New Bedford Main Line

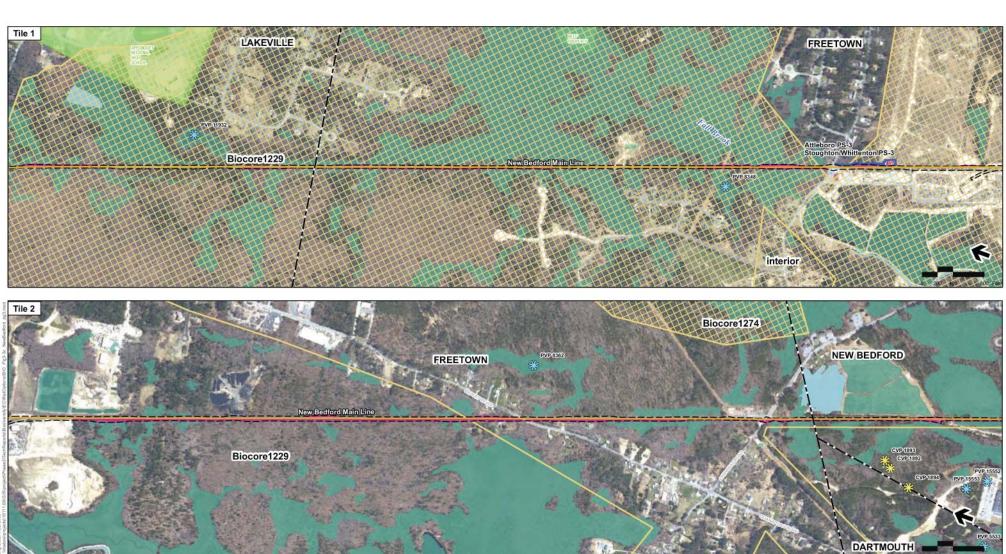






Figure 4.14-3b

All Rail Alternatives -New Bedford Main Line











All Rail Alternatives -New Bedford Main Line

Figure 4.14-3d



MBTA Commuter Rail Station ----- MBTA Commuter Rail

- Town Boundaries

*Traction power stations are only required for electric rail alternative

Proposed Alternative Alignment

Traction Power Station*

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Open Water Wetlands Limit of Work for Proposed Station/ Layover Facility Protected Open Space Southeast Massachusetts BioReserve NHESP Potential Vernal Pools Limit of Permanent Impact for Proposed Rail Biodiversity Impact - Edge Effects

Biodiversity Impact - Interior Effects

NHESP BioMap Core Habitat NHESP Living Waters Core Habitat

NHESP Certified Vernal Pools

SCR Identified Vernal Pools (Field Verified

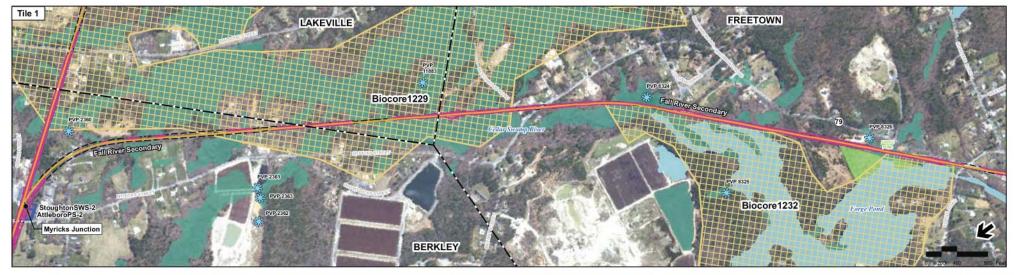
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Figure 4.14-3e

All Rail Alternatives -New Bedford Main Line





Traction Power Station* * Traction power stations are only required for electric rail alternative

Layover Facility

Limit of Permanent Impact for Proposed Rail

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SCR Identified Vernal Pools (Field Verified

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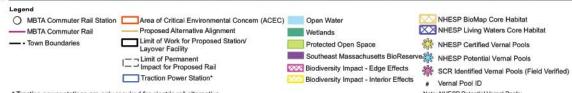
Biodiversity Impact - Edge Effects

Biodiversity Impact - Interior Effects

All Rail Alternatives -Fall River Secondary







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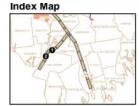


Figure 4.14-4b All Rail Alternatives -Fall River Secondary **Biodiversity Impacts**



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Figure 4.14-4c

All Rail Alternatives -Fall River Secondary







MBTA Commuter Rail Station

----- MBTA Commuter Rail

- Town Boundaries

Proposed Alternative Alignment

Limit of Work for Proposed Station/ Layover Facility

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Open Water

Wetlands

Protected Open Space

Biodiversity Impact - Edge Effects

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SCR Identified Vernal Pools (Field Verifi

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Figure 4.14-5a

Stoughton Alternative -Stoughton Line

Biodiversity Impact - Interior Effects *Traction power stations are only required for electric rail alternative







MBTA Commuter Rail Station

Proposed Alternative Alignment

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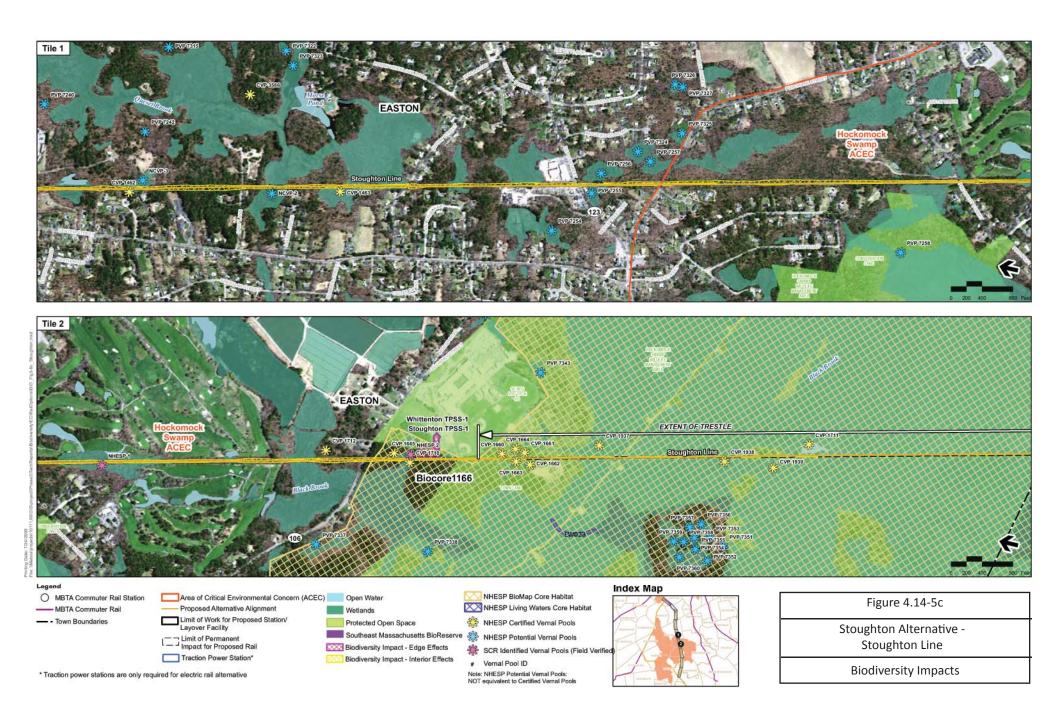
Wetlands

Protected Open Space

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----- MBTA Commuter Rail

- Town Boundaries

Limit of Work for Proposed Station/ Layover Facility L __ Limit of Permanent Impact for Proposed Rail Traction Power Station*

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Open Water

Wetlands

Protected Open Space

Biodiversity Impact - Edge Effects

Biodiversity Impact - Interior Effects

Proposed Alternative Alignment

* Traction power stations are only required for electric rail alternative

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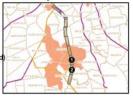


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Stoughton Alternative -Stoughton Line



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Figure 4.14-5e Stoughton Alternative -Stoughton Line **Biodiversity Impacts**





Legend

MBTA Commuter Rail ----- Proposed Alternative

- Town Boundaries

Open Water DEP Wetlands (Modified by VHB 2009)

Protected Open Space

Southeast Massachusetts BioReserve

NHESP BioMap Core Habitat

NHESP Living Waters Core Habitat

NHESP Certified Vernal Pools

NHESP Potential Vernal Pools

SCR Identified Vernal Pools (Field Verified)

Vernal Pool ID

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Figure 4.14-6a

Stoughton Alternative Whittenton Variation

Biodiversity





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Iternative DEP Wetlands (Modified by VHB 2009)

Protected Open Space

Southeast Massachusetts BioReserve

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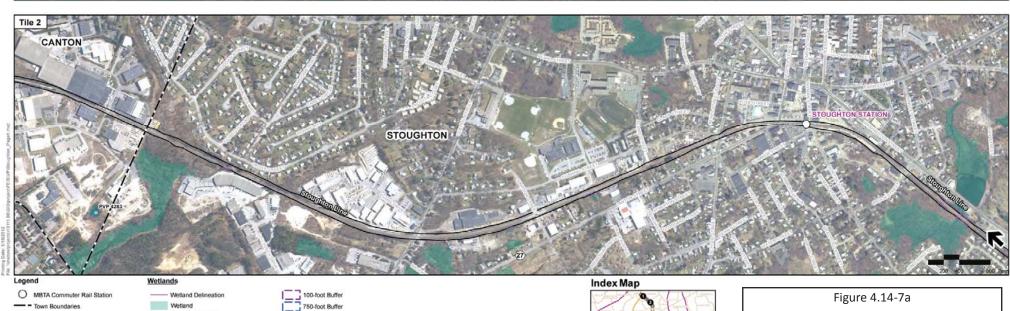
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Figure 4.14-6b
Stoughton Alternative
Whittenton Variation
Biodiversity





- Town Boundaries Proposed Stations Limit of Disturbance (LOD)

Vernal Pool Habitat

Fill to Vernal Pool

Fill to Vernal Pool Habitat

Loss of Buffer Habitat Loss of Upland Habitat



NHESP Certified Vernal Pool

NHESP Potential Vernal Pool

Field-verified Vernal Pool



Vernal Pool Impacts Stoughton Line





Vernal Pool Impacts

Stoughton Line

Proposed Stations

Limit of Disturbance (LOD)

Vernal Pool Habitat

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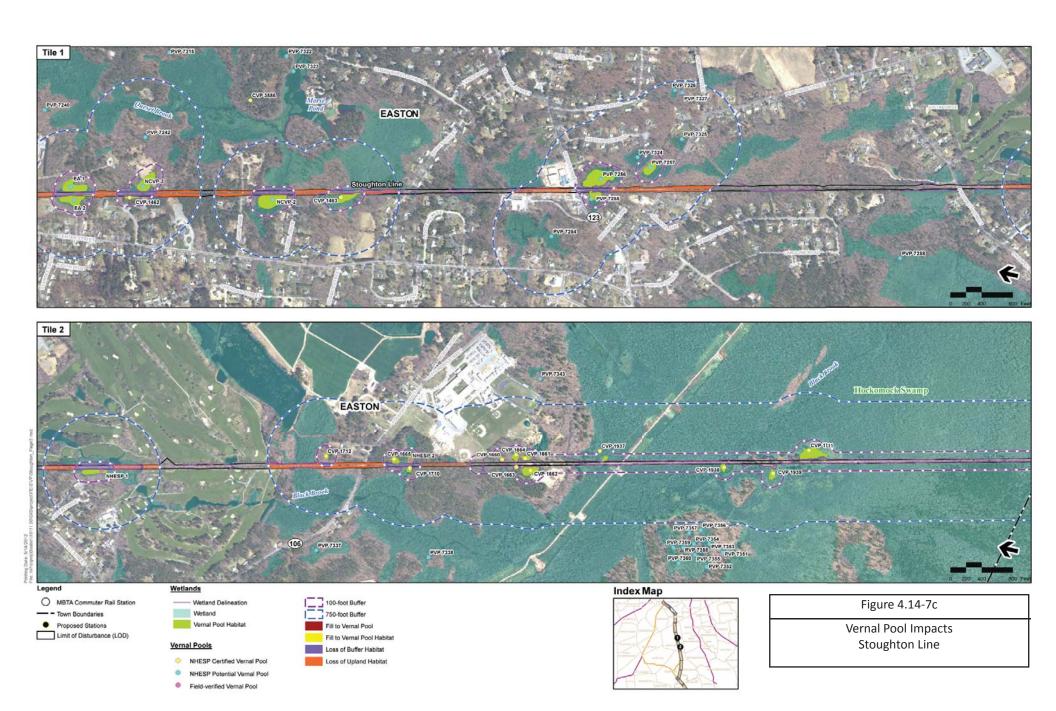
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Fill to Vernal Pool

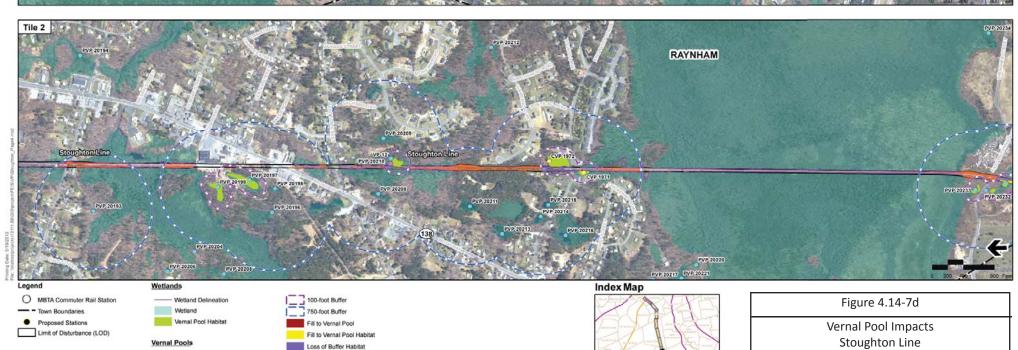
Fill to Vernal Pool Habitat

Loss of Buffer Habitat

Loss of Upland Habitat





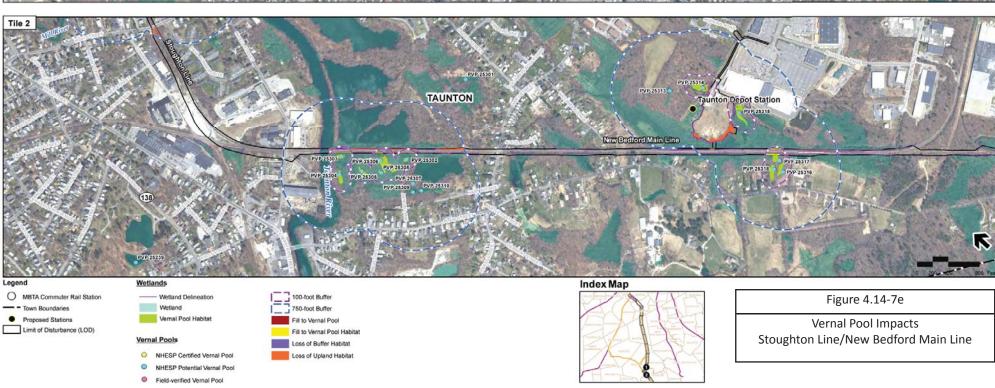


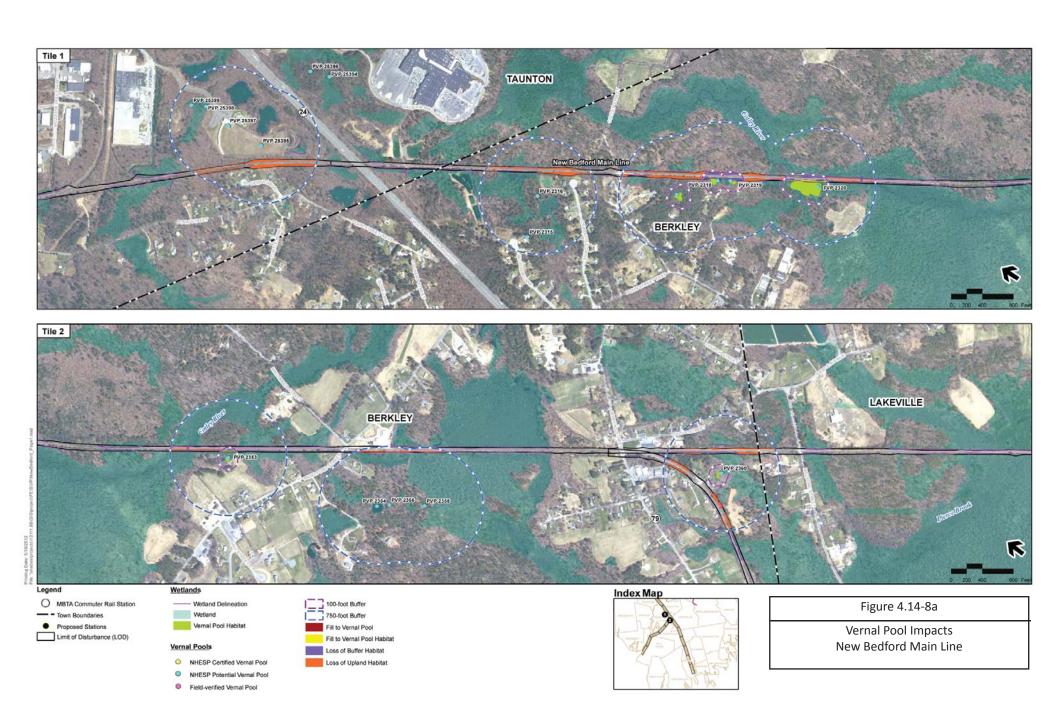
NHESP Certified Vernal Pool

Field-verified Vernal Pool

Loss of Upland Habitat











MBTA Commuter Rail Station
Town Boundaries
Proposed Stations
Limit of Disturbance (LOD)

Wetland Delineation Wetland Vernal Pool Habitat

100-foot Buffer

750-foot Buffer

Fill to Vernal Pool

Fill to Vernal Pool Habitat

Loss of Buffer Habitat Loss of Upland Habitat

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 NHESP Potential Vernal Pool

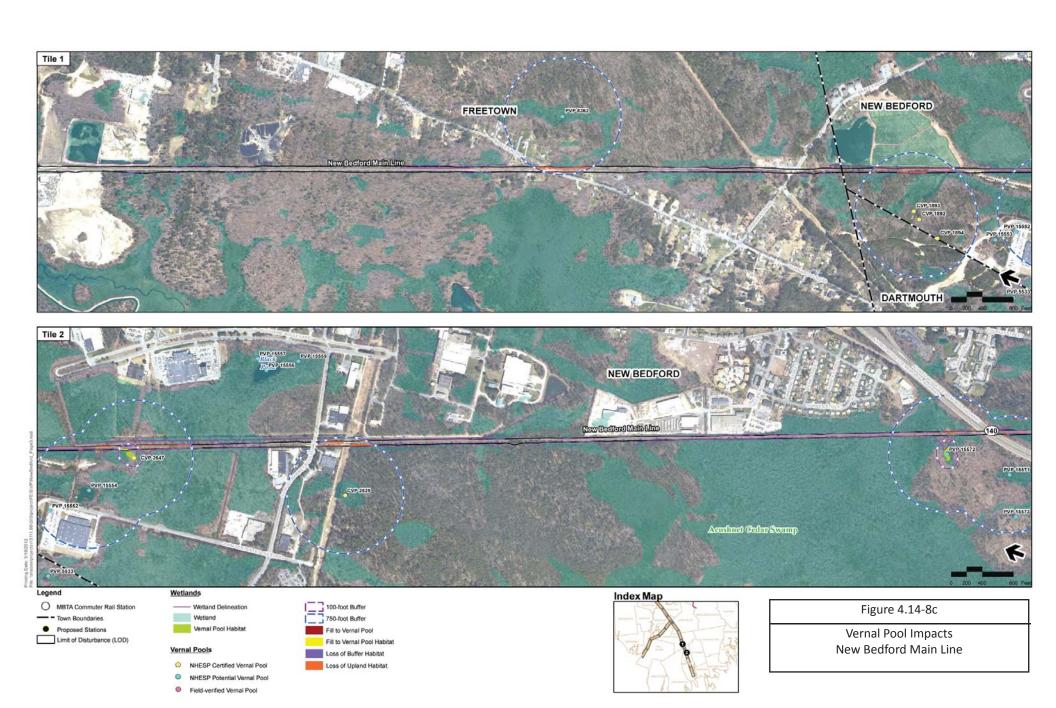
Field-verified Vernal Pool



Figure 4.14-8b

Vernal Pool Impacts

Vernal Pool Impacts
New Bedford Main Line







Legend

MBTA Commuter Rail Station
Town Boundaries

Proposed Stations
Limit of Disturbance (LOD)

Wetlands

----- Wetland Delineation Wetland 100-foot Buffer

750-foot Buffer

Fill to Vernal Pool

Fill to Vernal Pool Habitat

Loss of Buffer Habitat

Loss of Upland Habitat

Vernal Pool Habitat

Vernal Pool

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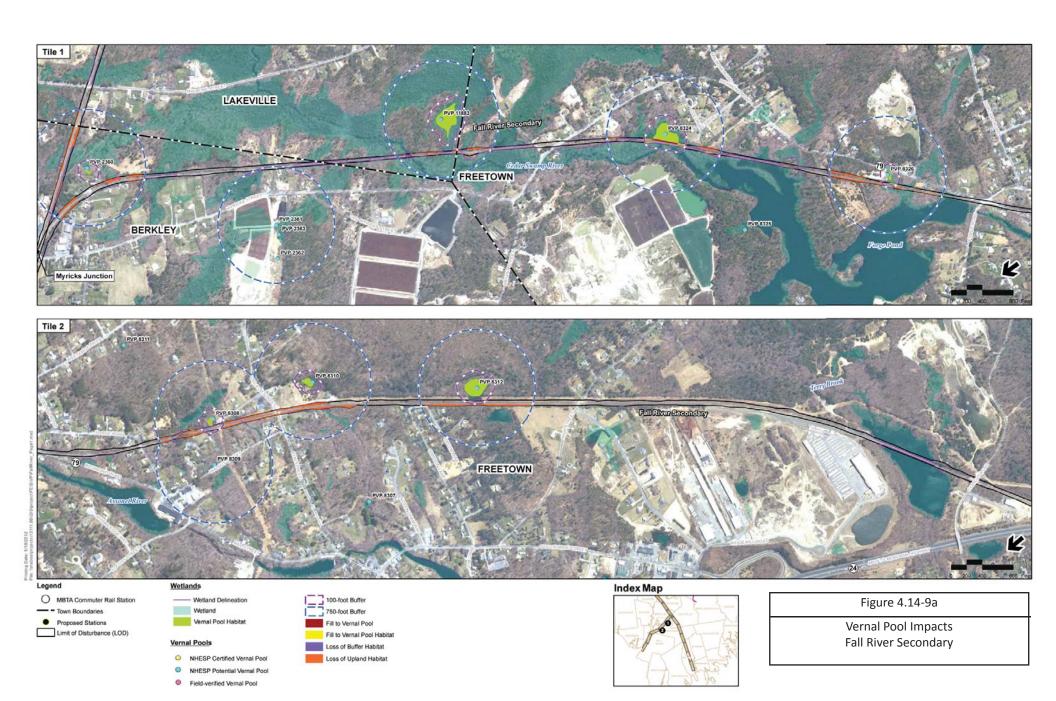
Field-verified Vernal Pool

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Figure 4.14-8d

Vernal Pool Impacts New Bedford Main Line







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MBTA Commuter Rail Station

Wetlands

Wetland Delineation

Town Boundaries

Wetland

Wetland

Wetland

Wetland

Wetland

Wetland

Town Boundaries

Proposed Stations

Vernal Pool Habitat

Fill to Vernal Pool

Fill to Vernal Pool

Loss of Buffer Habitat

NHESP Certified Vernal Pool

NHESP Potential Vernal Pool

Field-verified Vernal Pool

Field-verified Vernal Pool

Vernal Pool Impacts
Fall River Secondary





MBTA Commuter Rail Station
Town Boundaries

Proposed Stations
Limit of Disturbance (LOD)

<u>Wetlands</u>

Wetland Delineation
Wetland
Vernal Pool Habitat

Vernal Pools

NHESP Certified Vernal Pool

Field-verified Vernal Pool



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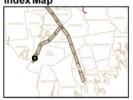


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Vernal Pool Impacts Fall River Secondary





MBTA Commuter Rail Station - Town Boundaries

 Proposed Rail Station Limit of Grading

Wetland Vernal Pool Habitat

Vernal Pools

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NHESP Potential Vernal Pool

Field-Identified Potential Vernal Pool

100-foot Buffer

750-foot Buffer

Loss of Buffer Habitat

Loss of Upland Habitat

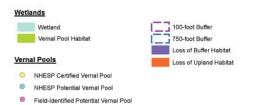


Figure 4.14-10a

Whittenton Alternative Raynham Junction to Weir Junction

Vernal Pool Impacts





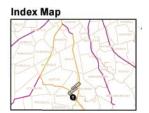


Figure 4.14-10b

Whittenton Alternative
Raynham Junction to Weir Junction

Vernal Pool Impacts





Town Boundaries

 Proposed Stations Stoughton Line

CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity
Top 50% of the Landscape

- Wetland Delineation

Vernal Pools

Certified Vernal Pool
Potential Vernal Pool

Constrained by Physical Characteristics

Recommended to meet MA
River and Stream Crossing Standards

Between-tie Crossing

Tunnel Crossing

Wildlife Crossing,
Type to be Determined

Hydraulic Analysis, Replace in kind, or Eliminate

Recommended to be Daylighted

Recommended to meet MA
River and Stream Crossing Standards



Figure 4.14-11a

Fish and Wildlife Crossings Stoughton Line





MBTA Commuter Rail Station

MBTA Commuter Rail - Town Boundaries

 Proposed Stations Stoughton Line

CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity
Top 50% of the Landscape

Wetland Delineation

Vernal Pools

Certified Vernal Pool
Potential Vernal Pool

▲ Constrained by Physical Characteristics

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Between-tie Crossing

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Type to be Determined

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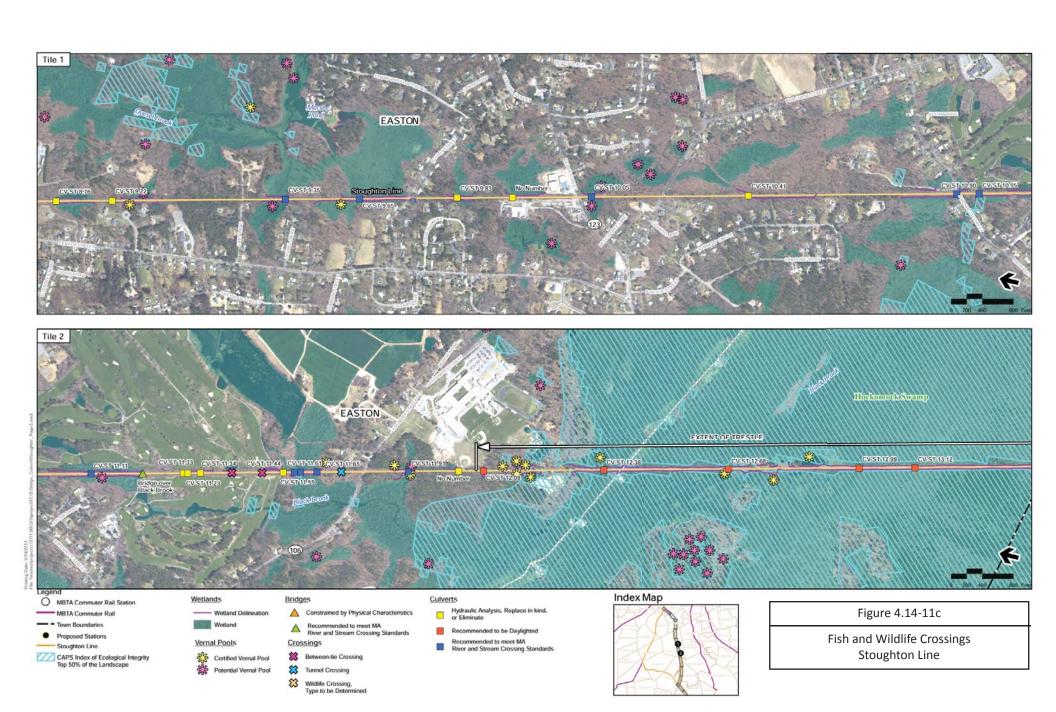
Recommended to be Daylighted

Recommended to meet MA
River and Stream Crossing Standards



Figure 4.14-11b

Fish and Wildlife Crossings Stoughton Line







 Proposed Stations Stoughton Line

CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity
Top 50% of the Landscape

Vernal Pools

Certified Vernal Pool
Potential Vernal Pool

Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards Crossings

Between-tie Crossing

X Tunnel Crossing

Wildlife Crossing, Type to be Determined

Recommended to be Daylighted

Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards

Fish and Wildlife Crossings Stoughton Line





MBTA Commuter Rail

- Town Boundaries Proposed Stations

Stoughton Line

CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity
Top 50% of the Landscape

Wetland Delineation

Vernal Pools

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Potential Vernal Pool

△ Constrained by Physical Characteristics

Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards Crossings

Between-tie Crossing

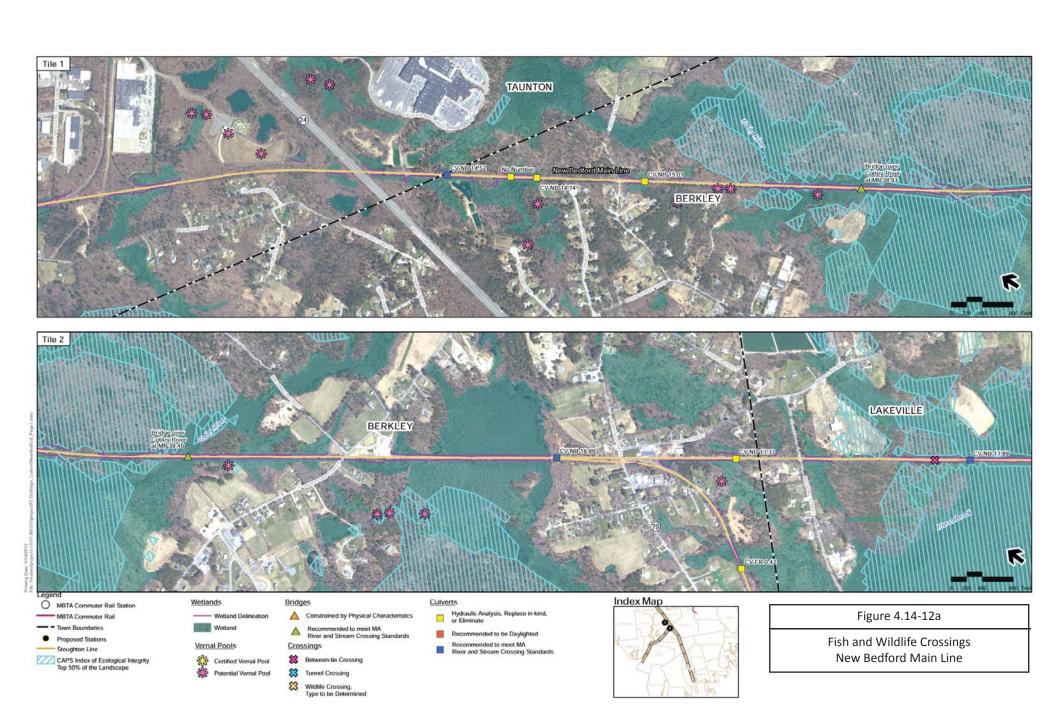
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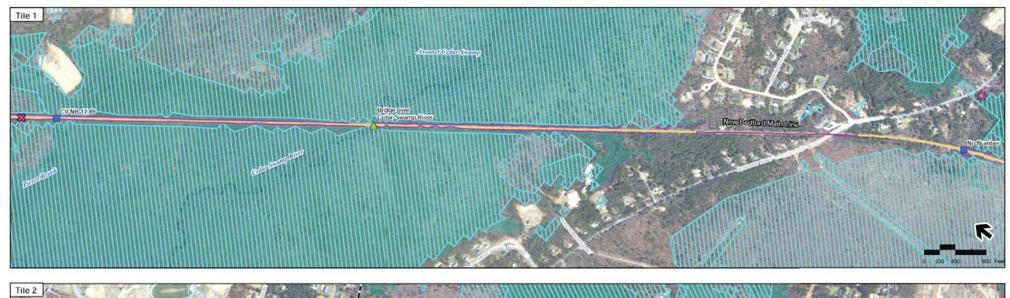
Recommended to be Daylighted

Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards

Figure 4.14-11e

Fish and Wildlife Crossings Stoughton Line/New Bedford Main Line







MBTA Commuter Rail Station

MBTA Commuter Rail

Town Roundaries

Proposed Stations
Stoughton Line
CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity
Top 50% of the Landscape

/etlands

Wetland Delineation Constrained by Physical Characteristics

Wetland Recommended to meet MA

Vernal Pools

Certified Vernal Pool

Between-tie Crossing

Potential Vernal Pool

Tunnel Crossing

Tunnel Crossing
 Wildlife Crossing,
 Type to be Determined

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Hydraulic Analysis, Replace in kind, or Eliminate

Recommended to be Daylighted

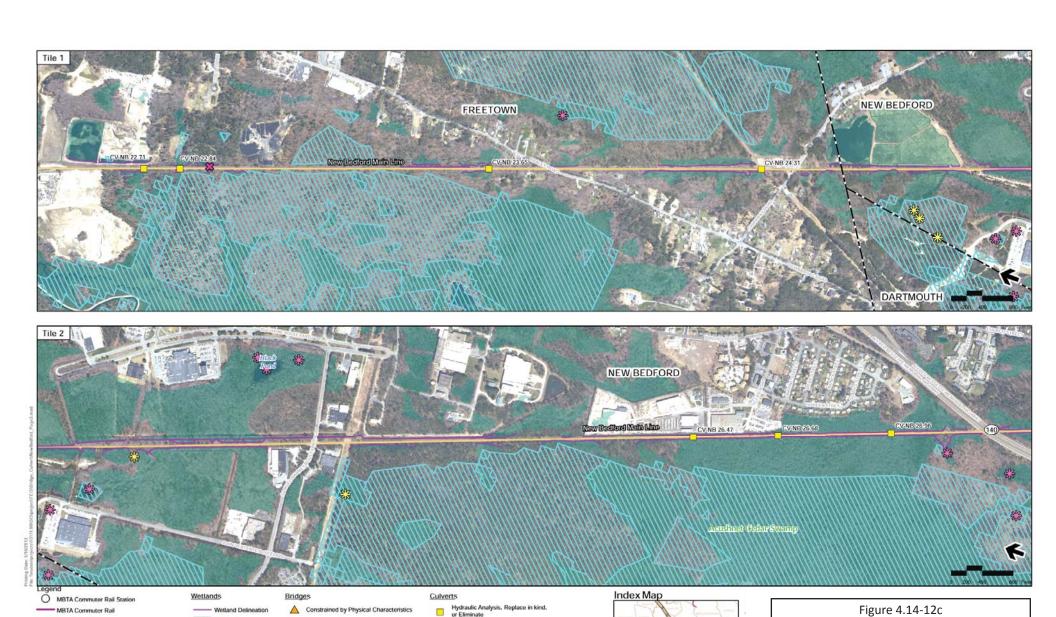
Recommended to meet MA
River and Stream Crossing Standards

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Figure 4.14-12b

Fish and Wildlife Crossings New Bedford Main Line



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River and Stream Crossing Standards
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River and Stream Crossing Standards
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River and Stream Crossing Standards
Tunnel Crossing
Wildlife Crossing
Type to be Determined

Fish and Wildlife Crossings

New Bedford Main Line

Proposed Stations

Stoughton Line

CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity
Top 50% of the Landscape

Vernal Pools

Certified Vernal Pool
Potential Vernal Pool





MBTA Commuter Rail Station

MBTA Commuter Rail

Town Boundaries
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Proposed Stations
 Stoughton Line

CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity
Top 50% of the Landscape

Wetlands

Wetland Delineation

Vernal Pools

Certified Vernal Pool

Bridges

Constrained by Physical Characteristics

Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards Crossings

Between-tie Crossing

Tunnel Crossing

Wildlife Crossing, Type to be Determined Culverts

Hydraulic Analysis, Replace in kind, or Eliminate

Recommended to be Daylighted

Recommended to meet MA
River and Stream Crossing Standards

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Figure 4.14-12d

Fish and Wildlife Crossings New Bedford Main Line





Hydraulic Analysis, Replace in kind, or Eliminate MBTA Commuter Rail - Wetland Delineation ▲ Constrained by Physical Characteristics Wetland Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards - Town Boundaries Recommended to be Daylighted Proposed Stations Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards Vernal Pools Crossings Stoughton Line Certified Vernal Pool
Potential Vernal Pool CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity
Top 50% of the Landscape ■ Between-tie Crossing XX Tunnel Crossing Wildlife Crossing, Type to be Determined

Figure 4.14-13a

Fish and Wildlife Crossings Fall River Secondary





MBTA Commuter Rail
Town Boundaries

Proposed Stations
 Stoughton Line

CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity
Top 50% of the Landscape

Wetland Delineation

Vernal Pools

Certified Vernal Pool
Potential Vernal Pool

tion

Constrained by Physical Characteristics

Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards Crossings

Between-tie Crossing
Tunnel Crossing

Wildlife Crossing, Type to be Determined Hydraulic Analysis, Replace in kind, or Eliminate

Recommended to be Daylighted

Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards



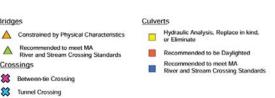
Figure 4.14-13b

Fish and Wildlife Crossings Fall River Secondary











Fish and Wildlife Crossings Fall River Secondary

Figure 4.14-13c





MBTA Commuter Rail - Town Boundaries

 Proposed Stations Stoughton Line

CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity Top 50% of the Landscape

- Wetland Delineation Wetland

Vernal Pools

Certified Vernal Pool Potential Vernal Pool Constrained by Physical Characteristics Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards

Crossings

** Between-tie Crossing XX Tunnel Crossing

Wildlife Crossing, Type to be Determined

Hydraulic Analysis, Replace in kind, or Eliminate

Recommended to be Daylighted

Recommended to meet MA River and Stream Crossing Standards



Figure 4.14-14a

Whittenton Alternative Raynham Junction to Weir Junction

Fish and Wildlife Crossings







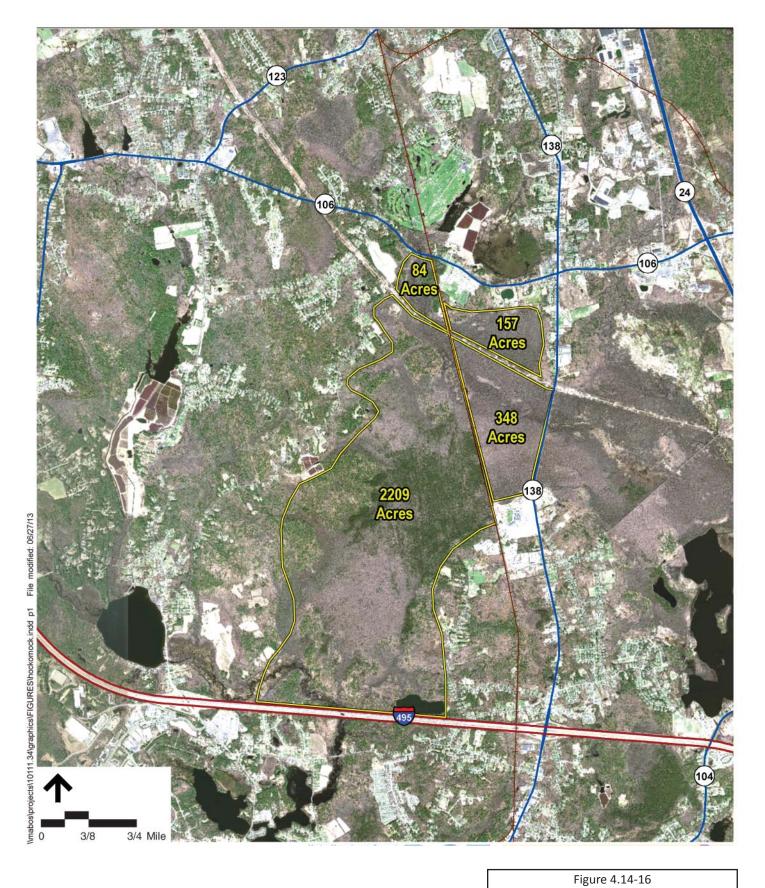
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Whittenton Alternative
Raynham Junction to Weir Junction
Fish and Wildlife Crossings



Figure 4.14-15

Study Area for the South Coast Rail Analysis



Hockomock Swamp Areas

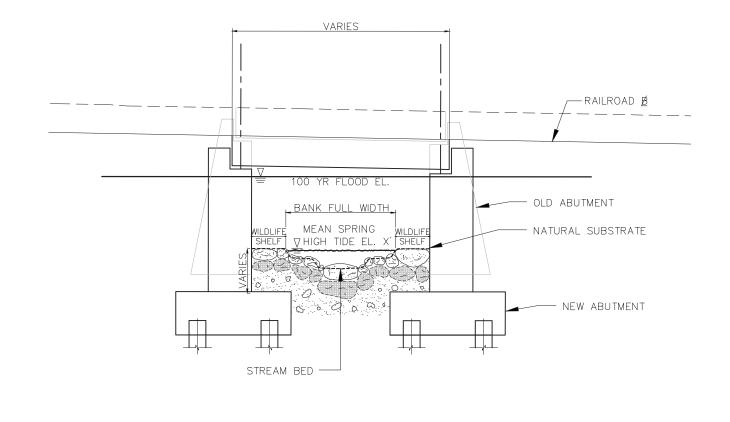


Figure 4.14-21a

Typical Single-span Bridge Cross Section

Figure 4.14-21b

Typical Two-span Bridge Cross Section



Proposed Alternative

Limit of Permanent Impact for Proposed Rail

Limit of Work for Proposed Station

Forested Upland
Upland Scrub Shrub

Upland Scrub Shrub
Wooded Swamp Deciduous



NHESP Certified Vernal Pools



NHESP Potential Vernal Pools



SCR Identified Vernal Pools (Field Verified)

Vernal Pool ID

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Figure 4.14-26

Taunton Depot Station
Biodiversity Impacts





Proposed Alternative

Limit of Permanent Impact for Proposed Rail

Limit of Work for Proposed Station

Forested Upland
Upland Scrub Shrub
Wooded Swamp Deciduous

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NHESP Certified Vernal Pools



NHESP Potential Vernal Pools



SCR Identified Vernal Pools (Field Verified)

Vernal Pool ID

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Figure 4.14-27

Freetown Station

Biodiversity Impacts



Proposed Alternative

Limit of Permanent Impact for Proposed Rail

Limit of Work for Proposed Station

Forested Upland
Upland Scrub Shrub
Wooded Swamp Deciduous



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NHESP Potential Vernal Pools



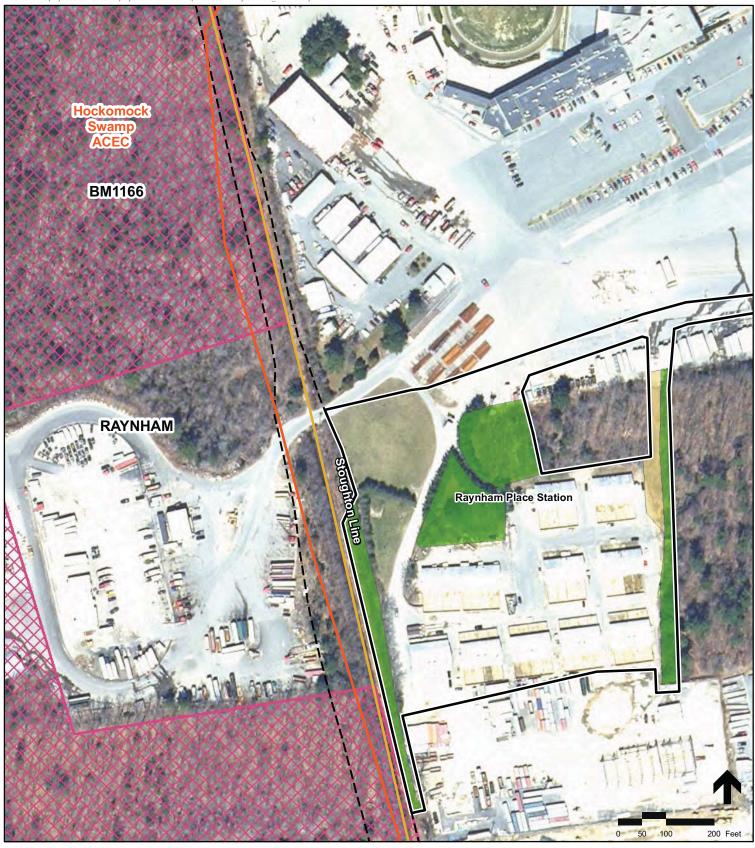
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Vernal Pool ID

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Figure 4.14-28

North Easton Station
Biodiversity Impacts





Proposed Alternative

Limit of Permanent Impact for Proposed Rail

Limit of Work for Proposed Station

Forested Upland

Upland Scrub Shrub

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

Wooded Swamp Deciduous

NHESP Certified Vernal Pools



NHESP Potential Vernal Pools

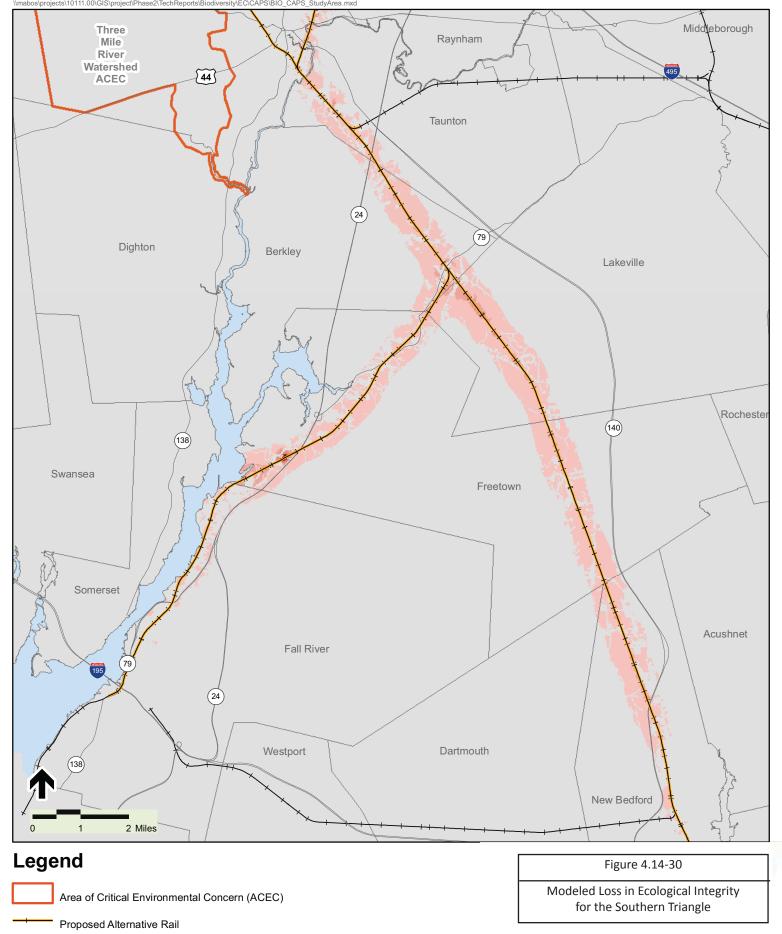


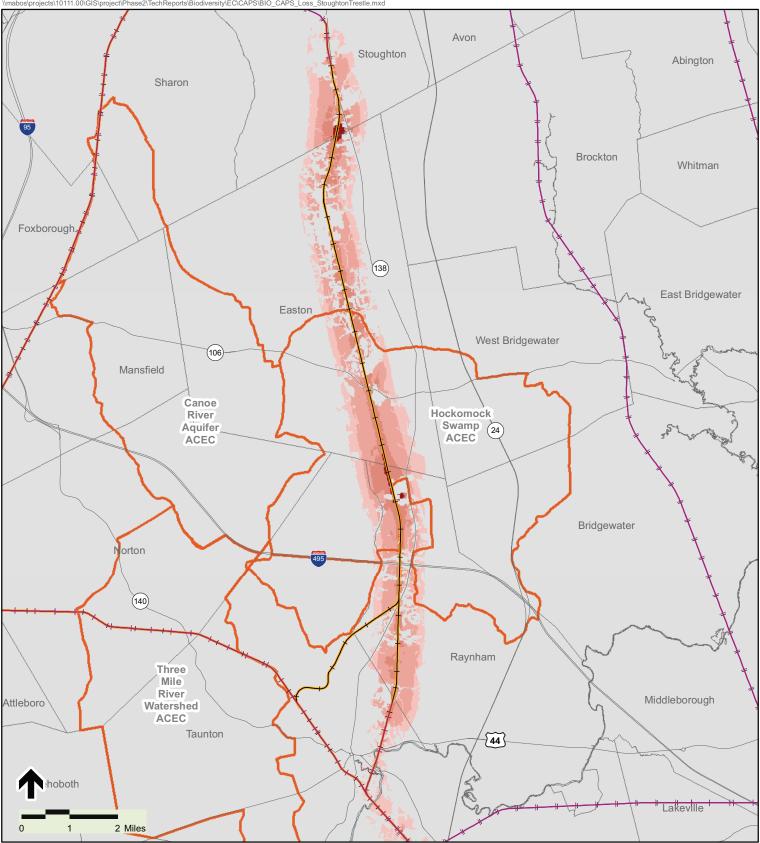
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Figure 4.14-29 Raynham Place Station Biodiversity Impacts



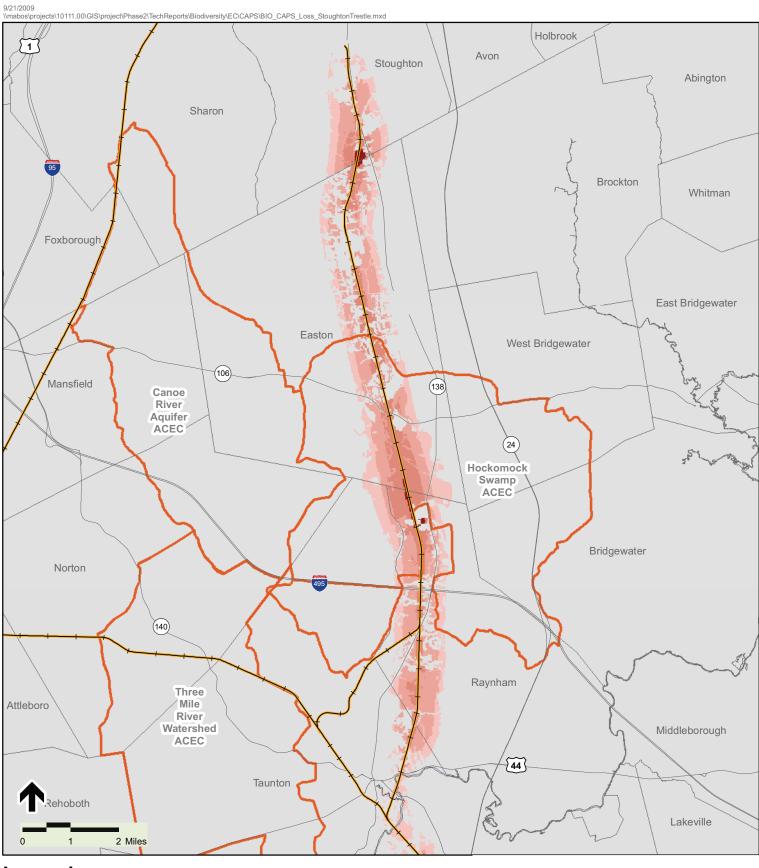


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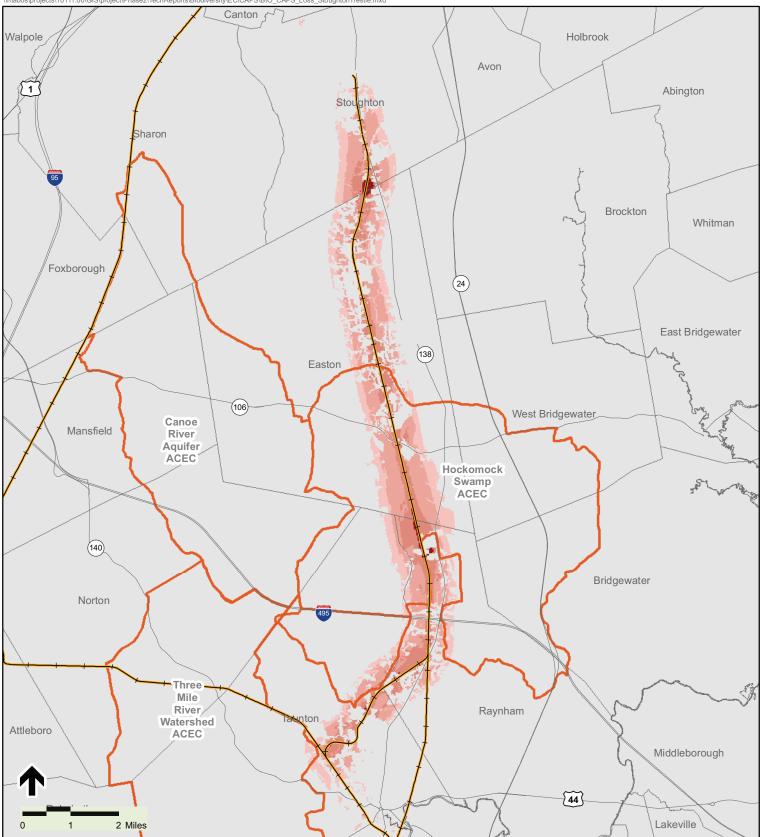
Proposed Alternative Rail

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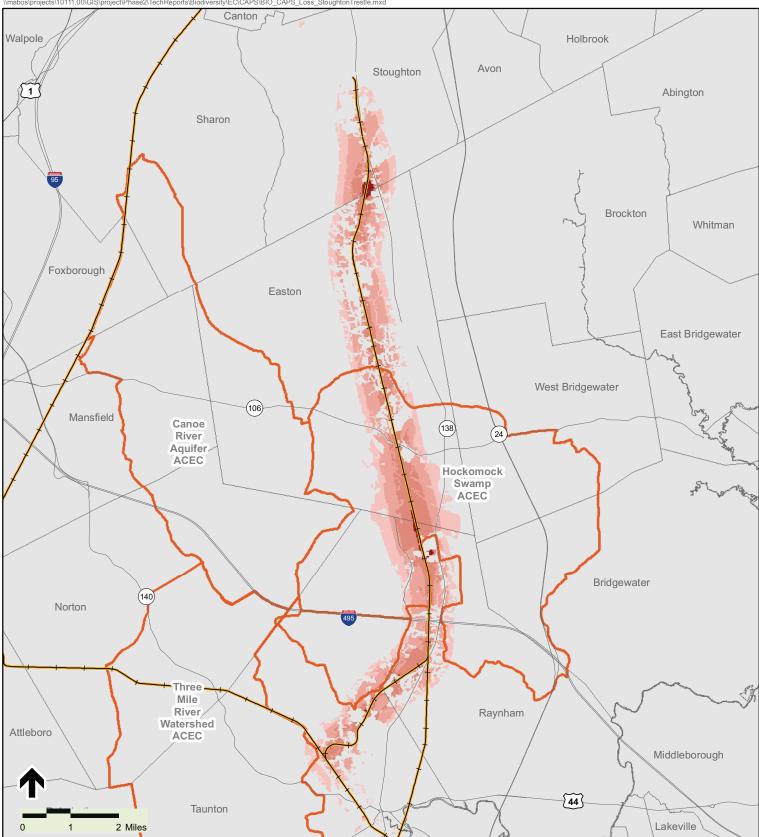
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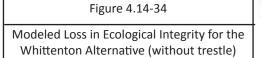


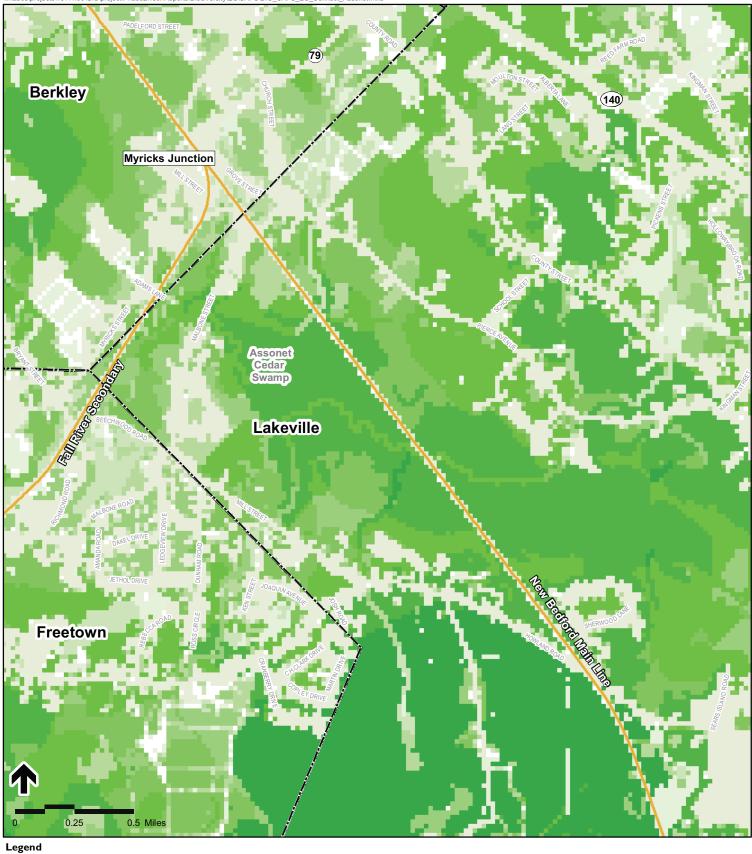












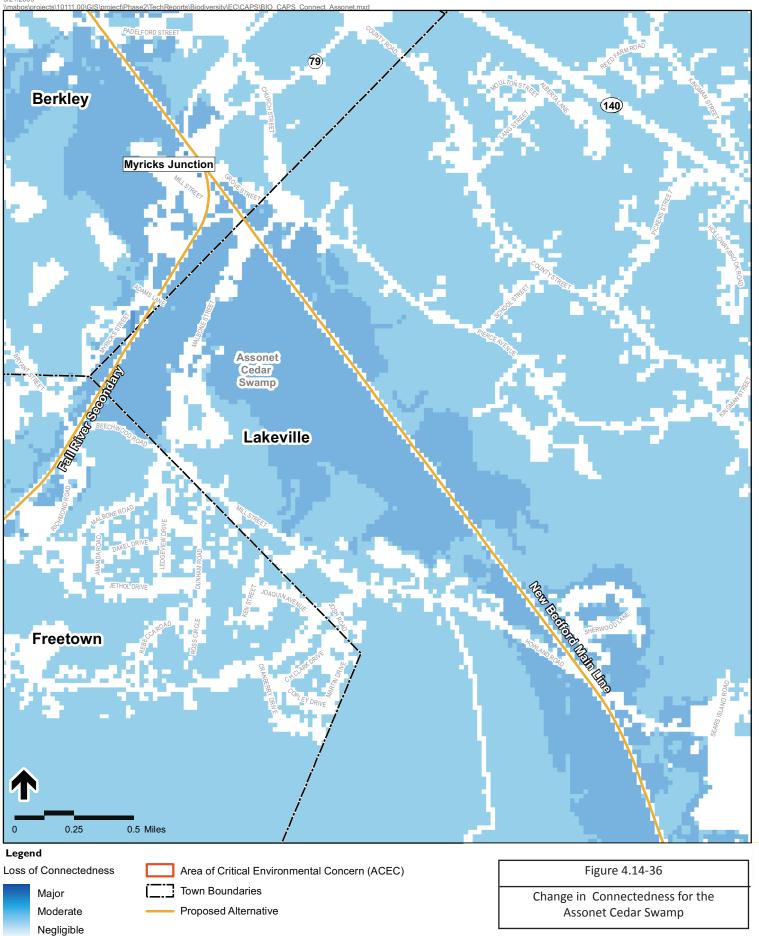
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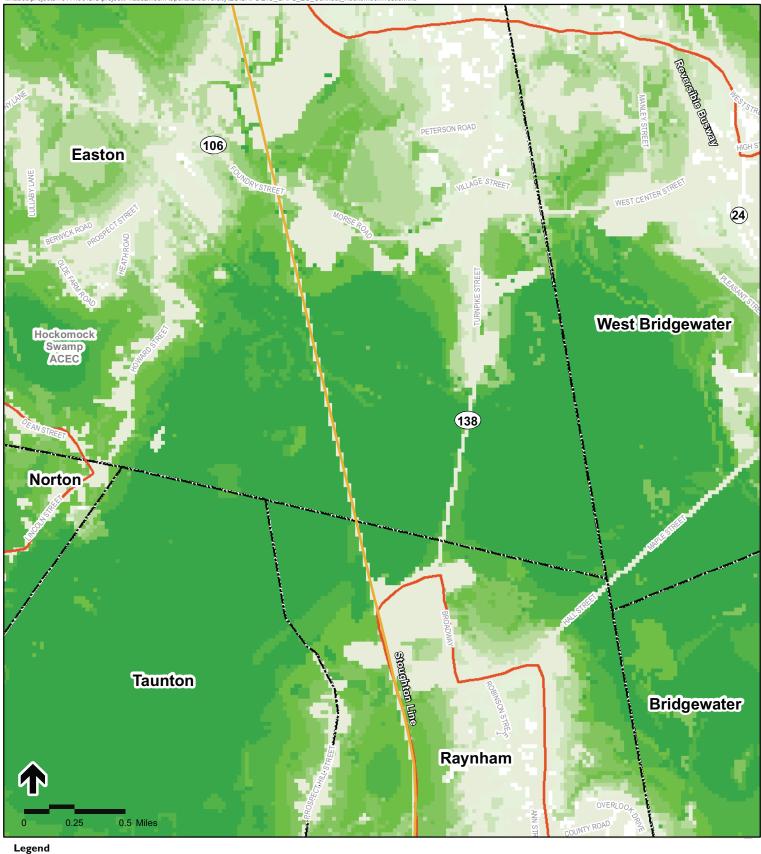
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Figure 4.14-35

Existing Connectedness for the Assonet Cedar Swamp



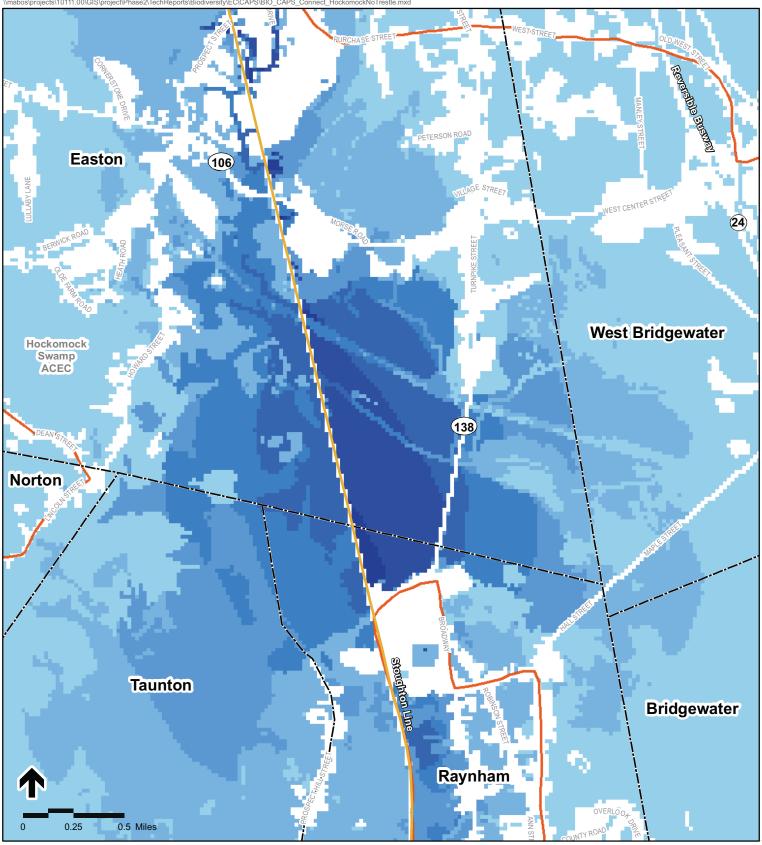


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Connectedness Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)
High Town Boundaries
Moderate Proposed Alternative

Low

Figure 4.14-37

Existing Connectedness for the Hockomock Swamp





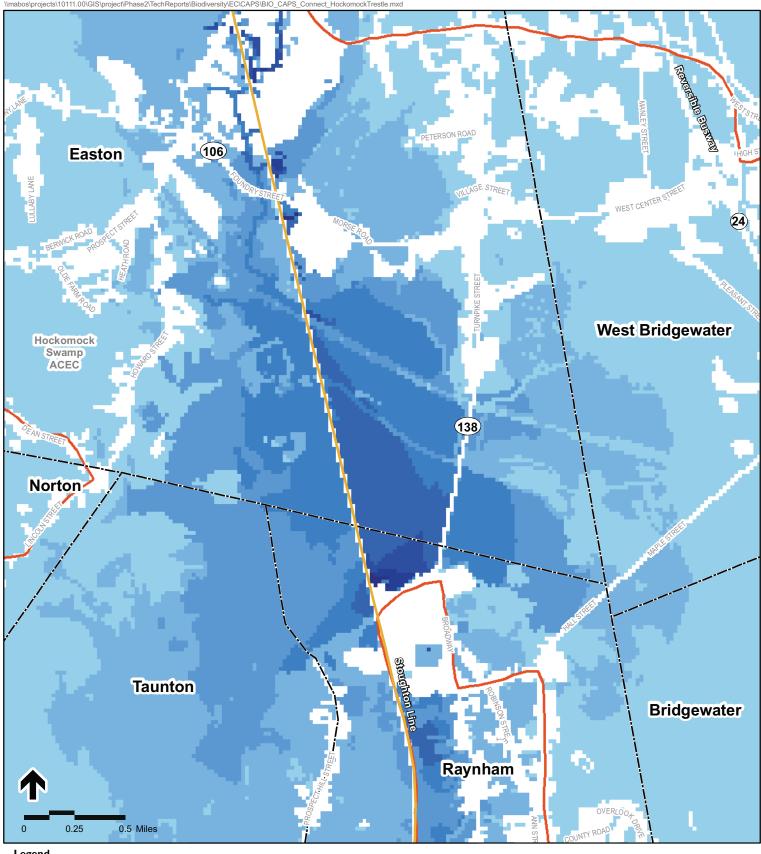




Proposed Alternative

Figure 4.14-38

Change in Connectedness for the Hockomock Swamp (without trestle)



Legend Loss of Connectedness

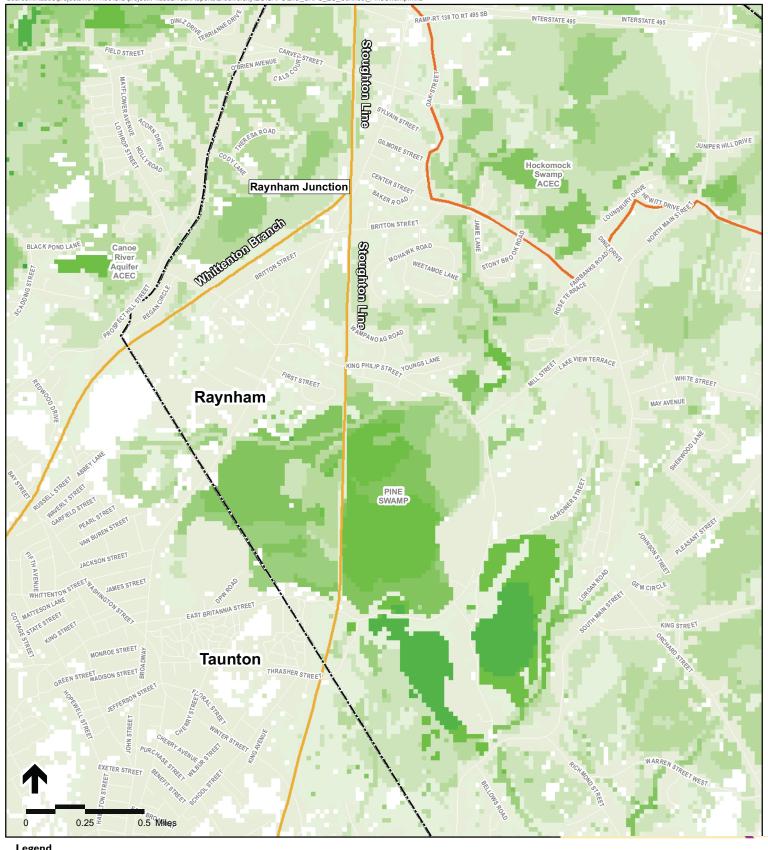




Proposed Alternative

Figure 4.14-39

Change in Connectedness for the Hockomock Swamp (with trestle)



Legend Connectedness Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) **Town Boundaries** High Moderate Proposed Alternative Low

Figure 4.14-40 Existing Connectedness for the Pine Swamp

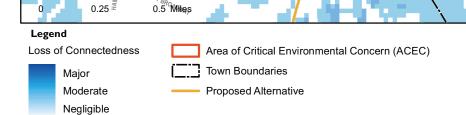
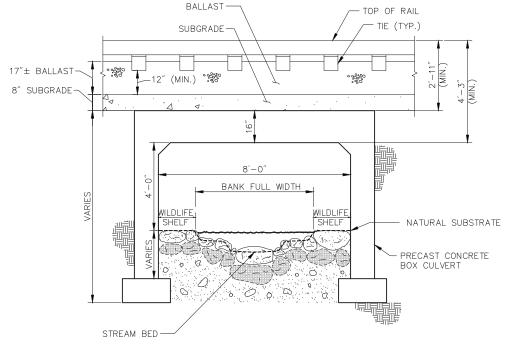


Figure 4.14-41 Change in Connectedness for the Pine Swamp

Figure 4.14-42

Culvert Mitigation Measure Decision Tree

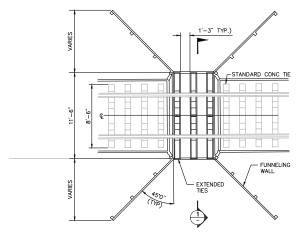


8'-0" WIDE PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERT

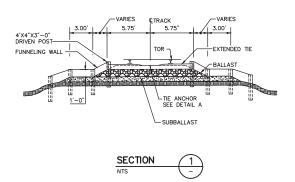
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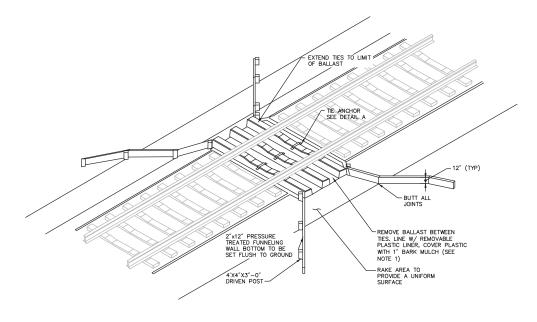
Figure 4.14-43

Typical Culvert Cross Section

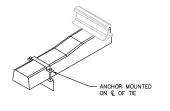


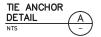






BETWEEN-TIE CROSSING





NOTES:

1. CONTRACTOR TO REMOVE BALLAST BETWEEN TIES AND LINE AREA WITH 40 MIL HOPE FORMED TIGHTLY BETWEEN TIES. CONNECT TO CONC TIES WITH CONC ANCHORS

Figure 4.14-44

Between-tie Crossing