



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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696 Virginia Road  
Concord, MA 01742-2751

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## Home Depot Proposed in the Meadows along Route 302 in Littleton

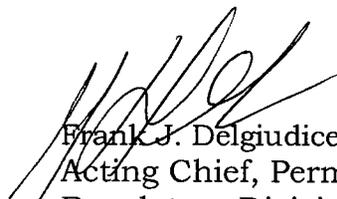
### Request for Comments

**The Home Depot, Inc. through its agents Provan and Lorber, Inc, Sean Sweeney, P.E. 34 School Street, Littleton, NH 03561NH** has requested a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to fill approximately one and one half acres of wetlands adjacent to the Ammonoosuc River in conjunction with a planned retail development project along Route 302 in Littleton. Mitigation to prevent flood damages is also proposed. A seven acre wetland /floodplain mitigation area is proposed. See attached plans.

An application package, 2 inches thick, which has large scale plans of the proposed development and mitigation and contains an analysis of floodplain impacts can be reviewed at the offices of the agent or at the Town Hall. The application is also being reviewed by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands' Bureau. The State permit application number is 2004-0075. We will attempt to coordinate our reviews of the application.

We are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Roach at (978) 318-8211 or use our toll free number (800) 343-4789. Mr. Roach's e-mail address is: [Richard.A.Roach@usace.army.mil](mailto:Richard.A.Roach@usace.army.mil)

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.



Frank J. Delgiudice  
Acting Chief, Permits & Enforcement Branch  
Regulatory Division

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity in the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, and no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

Based on the fact that the proposal involves only very minor bank stabilization along the Ammonoosuc River, the Corps of Engineers has preliminarily determined that this project will not cause more than minimal adverse effects to **Essential Fish Habitat** identified under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act. Initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- Permit, License or Assent from State.
- Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

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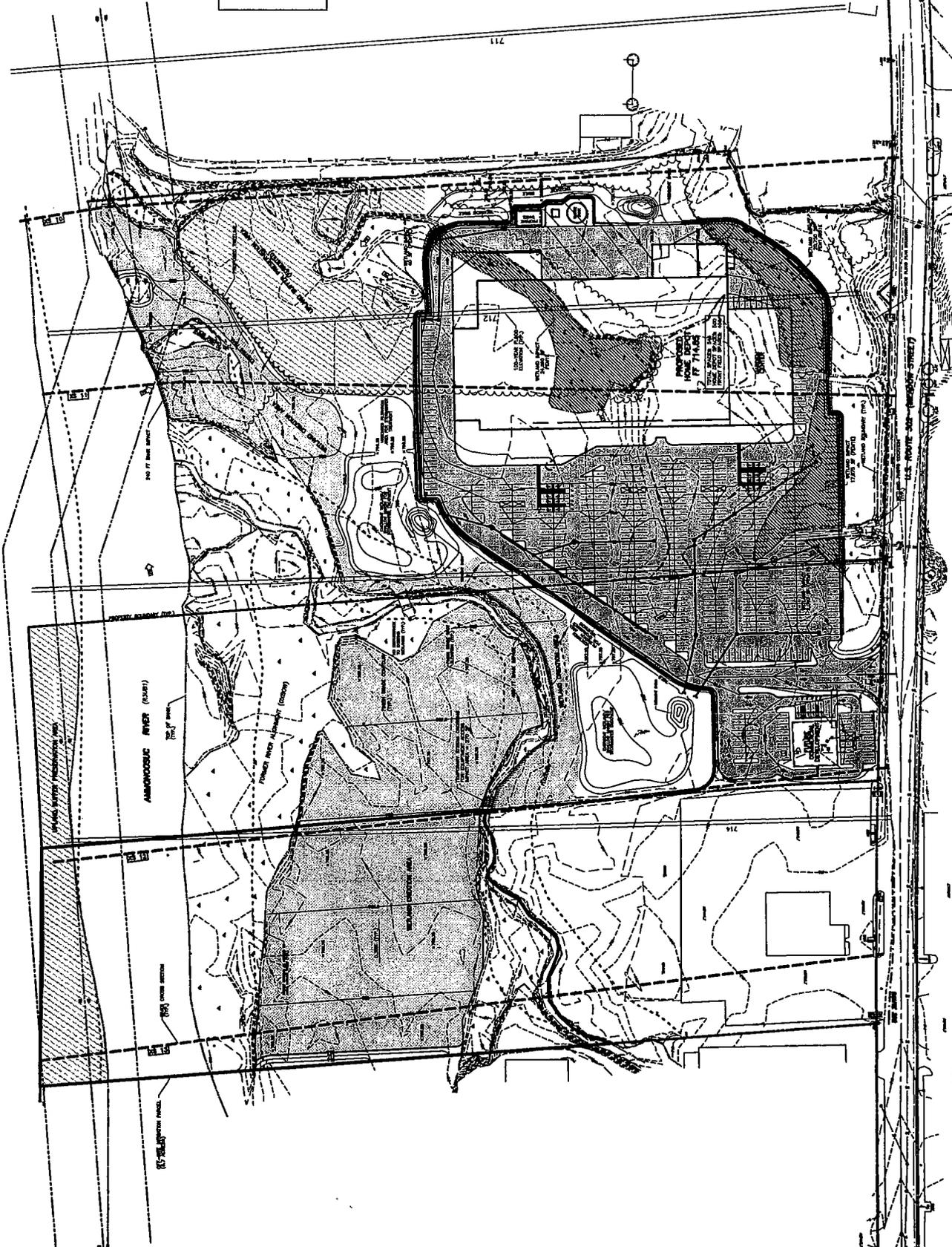
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PROPOSED WETLAND IMPACTS	
CLASSIFICATION	AREA
PAW/201E	20,726 SF
PAW/201E	275 SF
TOTAL WETLANDS BY (1-1/2) ACRES	
PROPOSED STREAMBANK IMPACTS	482 FT
AMMONOQUIC RIVER	248 FT
TOTAL	730 FT



DATE	PROJECT NO.	SHEET
JAN 2004	3329	1 OF 1
DRAWN BY	CHECKED BY	DATE
SS	SS	01/07/04
PROJECT	CLIENT	SCALE
SS	SS	1" = 100'

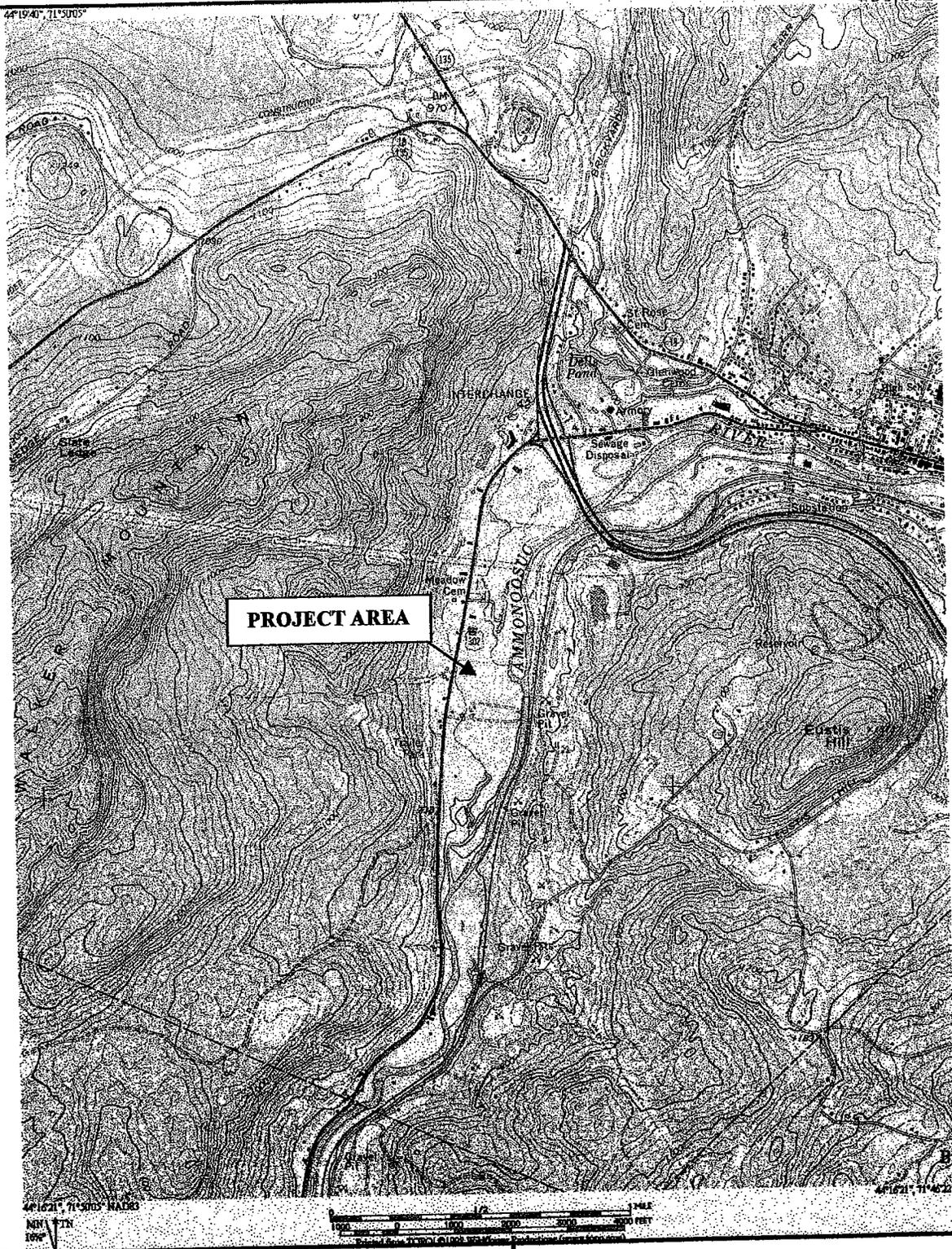
**THE HOME DEPOT, INC.**  
 US STORE # 302  
 LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 WETLAND IMPACT & MITIGATION  
 SITE PLAN

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Littleton, New Hampshire  
NHDES Wetlands Permit Application  
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