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New England District

696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742-2751

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: September 7, 2004

Comment Period Ends: October 16, 2004

File Number: 200302257

In Reply Refer To: Michael Hicks

The Motorsports Holdings, LLC (the "Applicant"), One North Main Street, Derry, New Hampshire 03038 has requested a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to place fill in wetlands and streams for the construction of a motorsport country club with an associated road course and support facilities. The project would be located on a 251-acre site immediately off of Route 25, in Tamworth, New Hampshire. The Applicant has also requested a Section 401 Water Quality Certification ("401 Certification") from the NH Department of Environmental Services for the above described activity.

The Applicant requires a Section 404 permit because their proposed work occurs within jurisdictional waters of the United States. A Section 401 Certification is required because the project requires a federal permit (in this case, the Section 404 permit) for activities such as construction or operation of the project that may result in a discharge to surface water (e.g., rivers, ponds, wetlands, etc.). Issuance of a 401 Certification (and associated conditions) certifies that the project is expected to meet water quality standards. The proposed work will occur in Tamworth, New Hampshire (Carroll County) and the site is located on the USGS Tamworth and Ossipee Lake quadrangle sheets at UTM zone 19 coordinates 485420 N and 031950 E.

The work is depicted on the enclosed plans entitled "Valley Motorsports Park Project Tamworth, NH (Carroll County)", consisting of 4 sheets, dated 5/21/04.

WORK PROPOSED BY MOTORSPORTS HOLDINGS, LLC

The motorsport project to be constructed by Motorsports Holdings, LLC will include the construction of a motorsports country club with an associated 3.1 mile road course, access road, parking and facilities for the repair, garaging, and servicing of high-quality vehicles and accommodations and dining facilities for club members, guests and visitors to New Hampshire. Approximately 0.73 acres of wetlands/streams will be filled by site development activities, which will include the filling of 14,759 sq. ft. of wetlands and an impact of 16,952 sq. ft. to intermittent streams.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The project purpose is to develop a motorsport country club, unique to New Hampshire, which has a European-style road course and associated professional support services for repair, garaging and servicing of high performance vehicles, as well as providing first-class accommodations and dining for club members, guests, and visitors to other travel destinations in New Hampshire.

The site contains vegetated wetlands consisting of forested swamps, including red maple swamps, and low-lying hemlock stands, and wet meadows, and the site contains intermittent streams that consist of first and second order mountain streams that range from 1 to 15 feet wide. Observed wildlife species on site include; toads, tree frogs, the Eastern garter snake, Wild Turkey, woodpecker, Eastern Wood Pewee, Blue Jay, Eastern chipmunk, Black Bear, deer and moose. The northern tip of the site is located over the secondary recharge area of the Ossipee Lake Aquifer and an archeological study of the site is on going. Proposed mitigation for the project includes the preservation of a 107-acre parcel of land within the Bearcamp River Watershed in Sandwich, NH and restoration of 450 sq ft of on-site stream channel.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the date in the title block above. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Hicks at (978) 318-8157, or use the Corps toll free number (800) 343-4789.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public hearing listed below to be hosted jointly by the State of New Hampshire (Department of Environmental Services) and the Corps. The Department of Environmental Services specifically seeks comments regarding surface water resources (quality and quantity) within the project area.

By attending this public hearing, the Department of Environmental Services and the Corps of Engineers seek to fulfill their regulatory requirements to solicit public comments and input about the proposal. These comments will be considered in evaluating whether the application should be issued or denied.

October 6, 2004
Registration begins at 6:00 pm
Hearing begins at 7:00 pm – with time limits imposed

Kenneth A. Brett School
881 Tamworth Road
Tamworth, New Hampshire 03886-4320
(603) 323-7271

All interested Federal, State and local agencies, interested private and public organizations, and individuals are invited to attend this public hearing. Persons wishing to provide oral comments may begin registering at 6:00 pm.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR
DETAILS OF EVALUATION
FACTORS


Frank J. Delgiudice
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 on 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 the proposed work may impact properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Additional review and consultation to fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be ongoing as part of the permit review process.

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.

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

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

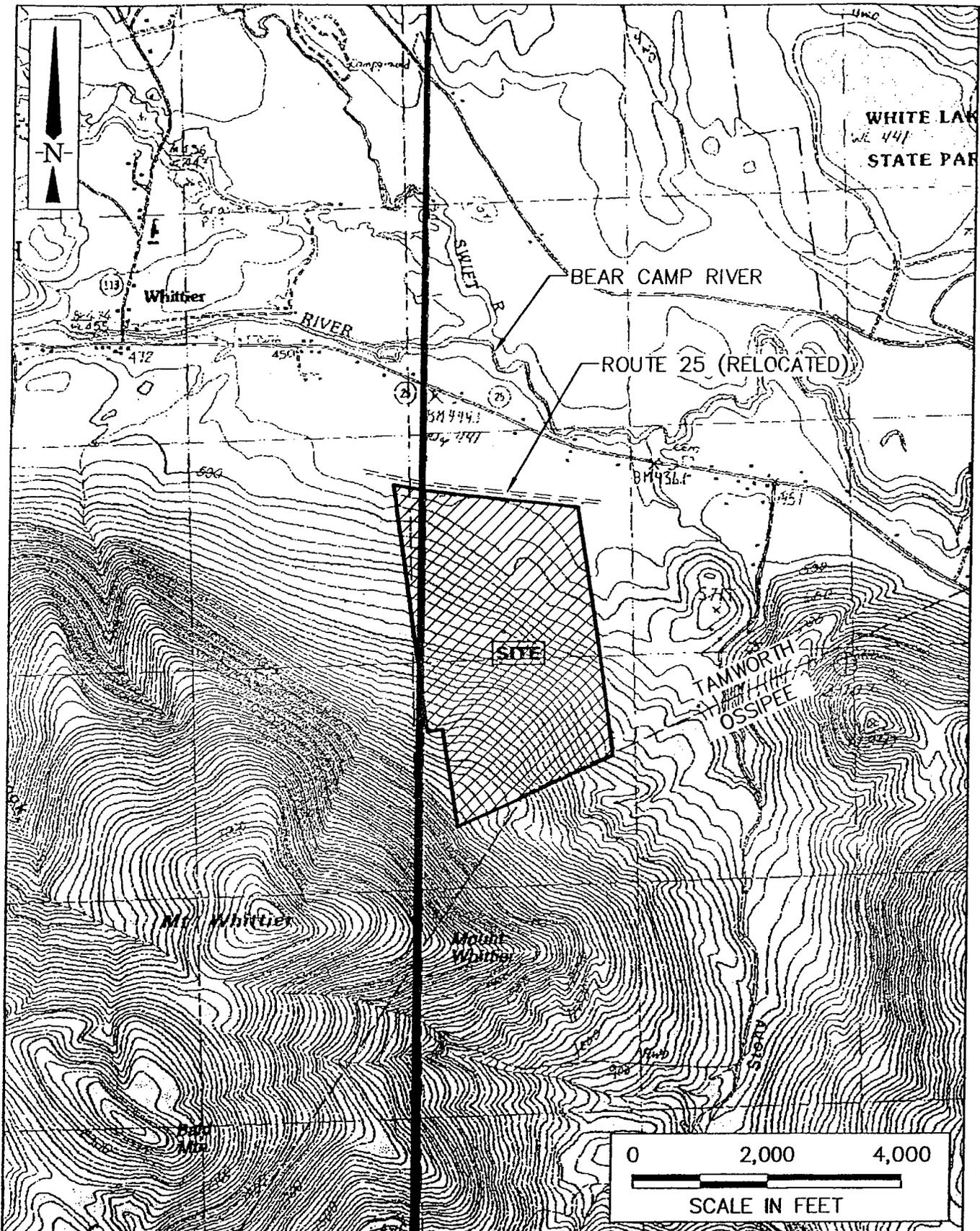
The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved Coastal Zone Management Programs. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State(s) concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. 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.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

If you would prefer not to continue receiving Public Notices, please contact Ms. Tina Chaisson at (978) 318-8058 or e-mail her at bettina.m.chaisson@usace.army.mil. You may also check here () and return this portion of the Public Notice to: Bettina Chaisson, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____



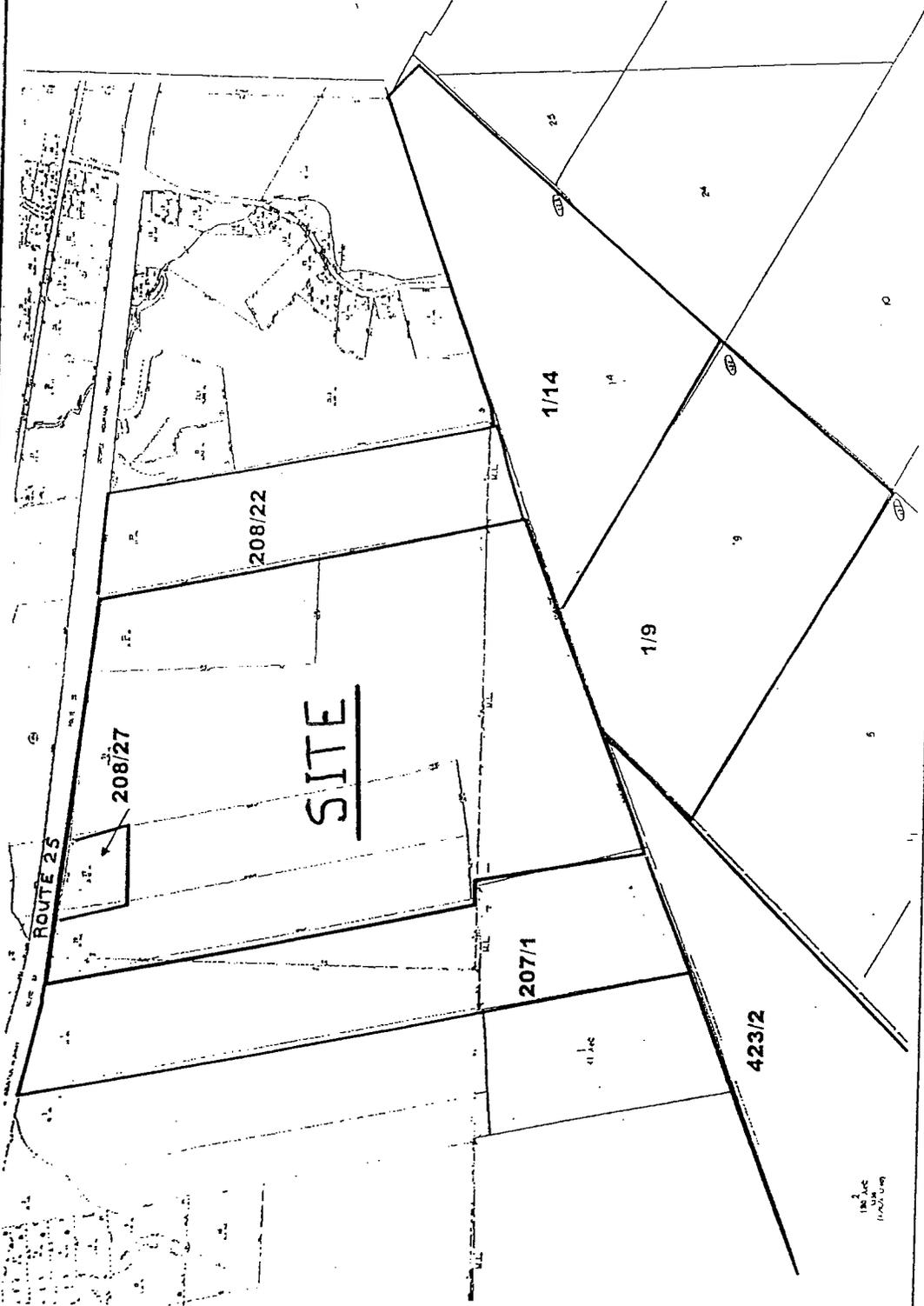
PURPOSE: SITE DEVELOPMENT
 VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD OF 1929
 ADJACENT TO: BEAR CAMP RIVER
 APPLICATION BY:
 MOTORSPORTS HOLDINGS, LLC

**VALLEY MOTORSPORTS PARK PROJECT
 TAMWORTH, NH (CARROLL COUNTY)**

VICINITY MAP
 SCALE: 1"=2,000'
 SOURCE: USGS QUAD 87, TAMWORTH, NH AND QUAD 88, OSSIPÉE LAKE, NH

SHEET NO.
 1 OF 4
DATE:
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LEGEND

Approximate Property Line of the Project Site

Abutting Parcels (as defined by Wt. 101.02)

MAP/PARCEL	OWNER
423/2	Lakes Region Conservation Trust
1/9	Chocorua Forestlands LLC
1/14	Chocorua Forestlands LLC
208/22	Virginia C. Thomas and Rebecca Silver
208/27	Glenn M. Davis
207/1	Town of Tamworth

Note: A portion of Parcel 208/7 (the Davis Property) will be leased to Motorsports Holdings, LLC for use in the Project.

VALLEY MOTORSPORTS PARK PROJECT
Tamworth, New Hampshire

Scale: Not to Scale
Sources: 1) Town of Tamworth, Tax Maps, 2001
2) Town of Ossipee, Tax Maps, 1999

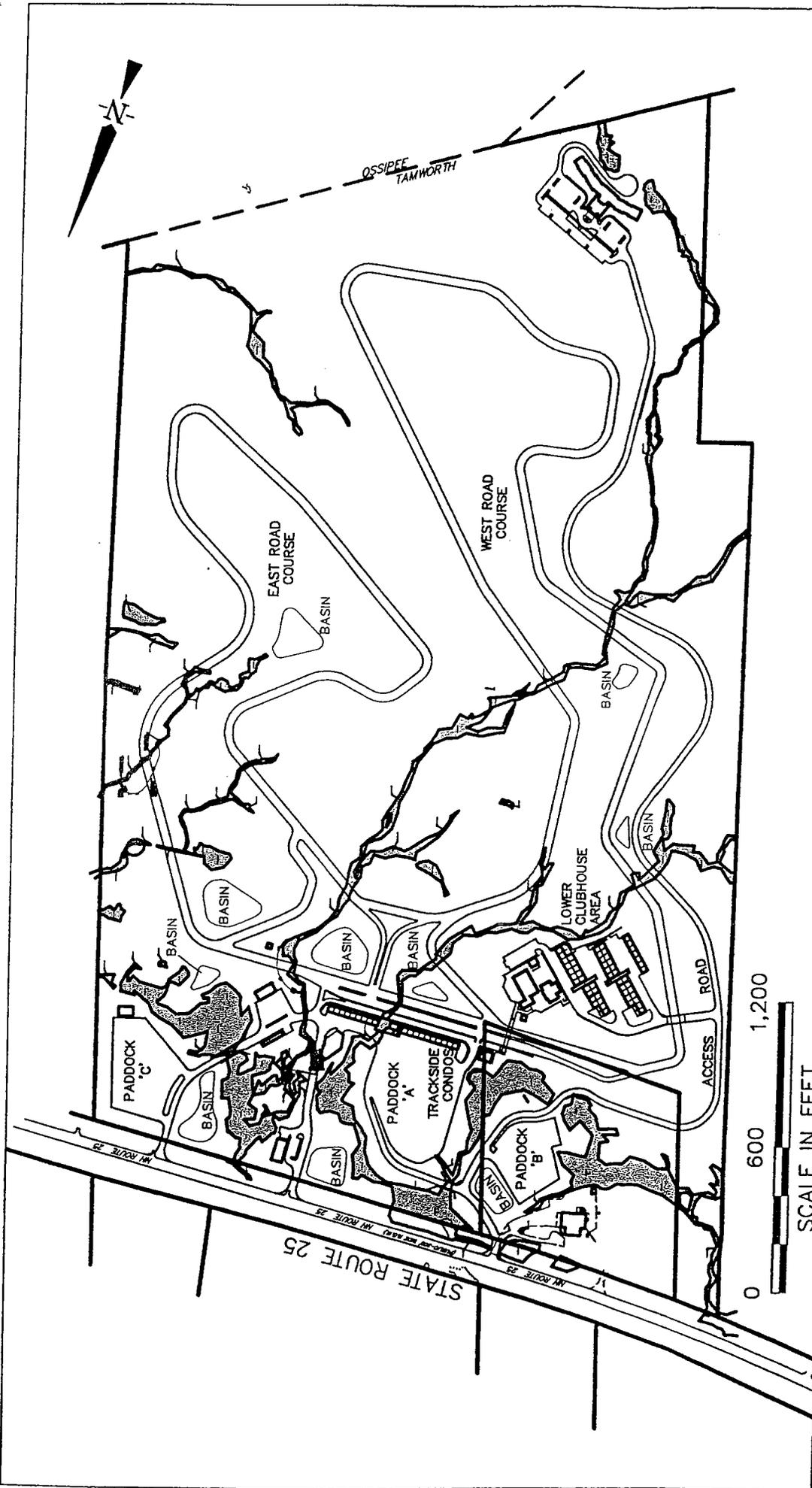


Project Site
Tamworth / Ossipee, New Hampshire
Tax Maps

**VALLEY MOTORSPORTS PARK PROJECT
TAMWORTH, NH (CARROLL COUNTY)
TAX MAP**

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**VALLEY MOTORSPORTS PARK PROJECT
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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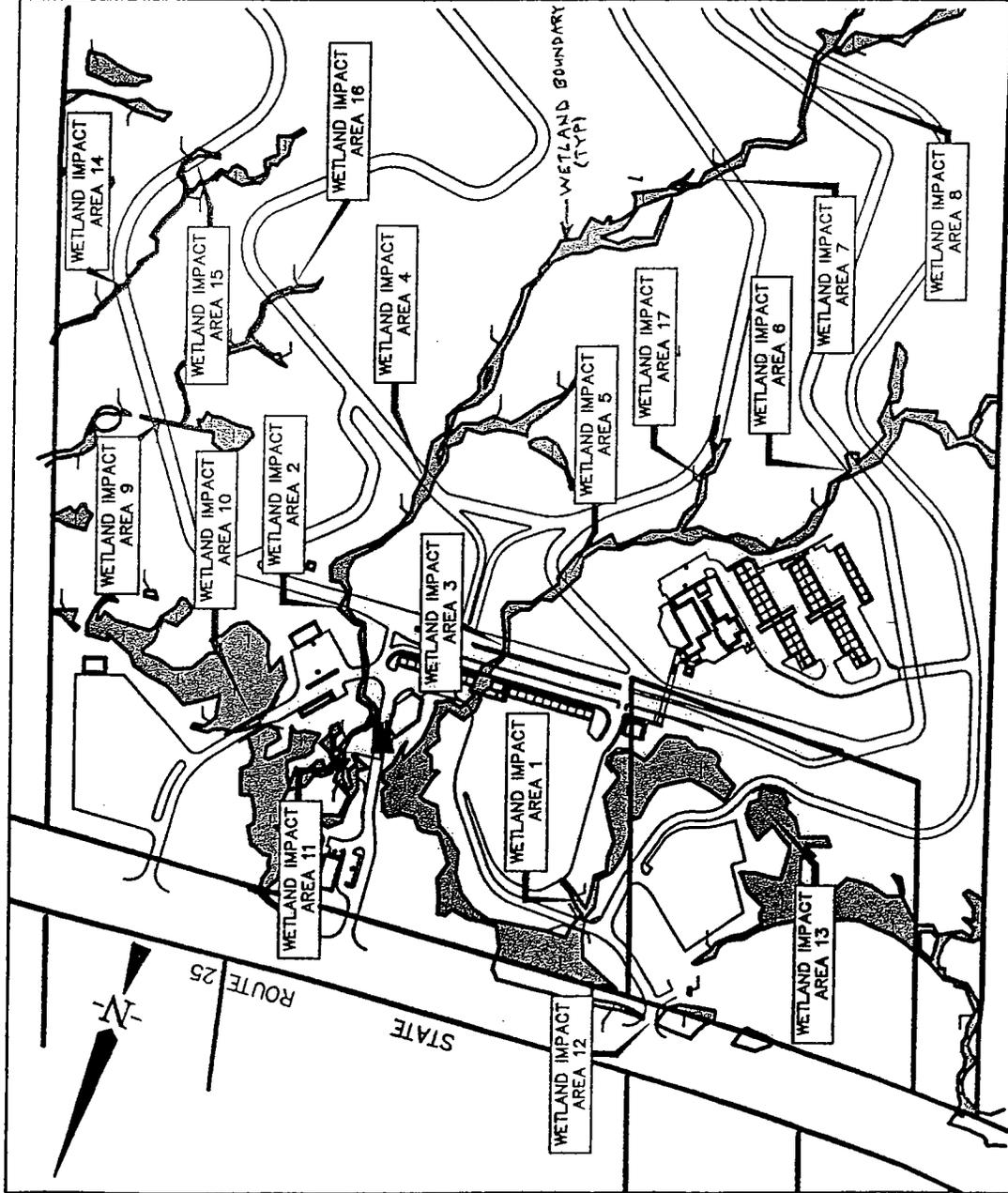
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PROJECT NO.
C502

APPLICATION BY:
MOTORSPORTS HOLDINGS, LLC
SCALE: 1"=600'

PURPOSE: SITE DEVELOPMENT
VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD OF 1929
ADJACENT TO: BEAR CAMP RIVER





RESOURCE AREA IMPACT SUMMARY:

WETLAND IMPACT AREA	STREAM BANK (LF)		STREAM CHANNEL (SF)		VEGETATED WETLAND (SF)	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
NO. 1	0	0	0	0	1580	0
NO. 2	105	0	1340	140	0	0
NO. 3	0	0	0	0	3207	0
NO. 4	120	0	1675	0	0	0
NO. 5	0	0	0	0	2280	0
NO. 6	0	0	0	0	3540	0
NO. 7	30	0	85	0	0	0
NO. 8	0	8	0	0	0	0
NO. 9	195	0	1057	0	0	0
NO. 10	0	0	0	0	2775	0
NO. 11	0	0	0	0	735	0
NO. 12	0	0	0	0	0	377
NO. 13	0	0	0	0	0	265
NO. 14	200	0	1645	60	0	0
NO. 15	215	0	2220	0	0	0
NO. 16	255	0	3295	0	0	0
NO. 17	390	0	5435	0	0	0
SUBTOTALS:	1,510	0	16,752	200	14,759	0
TOTAL:	1,510 LF		31,711 SF		0.73 AC.	



**VALLEY MOTORSPORTS PARK PROJECT
TAMWORTH, NH (CARROLL COUNTY)**

WETLAND RESOURCE AREAS KEY PLAN AND IMPACT SUMMARY

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5/21/04

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PURPOSE: SITE DEVELOPMENT
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APPLICATION BY:
MOTORSPORTS HOLDINGS, LLC
SCALE: 1"=500'

