



MEMORANDUM

TO: Laura Buono, Town Administrator, Town of Hillsborough

Micael P. Soucy, Clerk, Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners

Michael Tardiff, Executive Director, Central New Hampshire Regional Planning

Commission

Members, Council on Resources and Development (CORD)

FROM: Heather Shank, Director, Division of Planning and Community Development

Brendan McDowell, Principal Planner, Office of Planning and Development

DATE: November 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Surplus Land Review

2024 SLR 006 - Hillsborough

The Council on Resources and Development (CORD) will hold a public meeting on the attached request on <u>December 12, 2024</u>, from 3-4 pm in the Kinsman Conference Room at the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (DBEA), 100 N. Main Street, Concord.

Please review the request and provide any comments in writing to Brendan.McDowell@livefree.nh.gov by December 3, 2024.

Please note, the application is also reviewed by the following organizations:

- The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources/NH Division of Historical Resources, in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.
- Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board, in accordance with RSA 233-A.
- The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.
- The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, in accordance with RSA 483:8, VII and 14.

For more information, see <u>DBEA – Office of Planning & Development – CORD</u>.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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October 29, 2024

Taylor Caswell, Commissioner
Heather Shank, Chair, Council on Resources and Development (CORD)
NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs
100 North Main Street, Suite 100
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

RE: CORD Surplus Land Review- Proposed Grant of Highway Drainage Easement to Town of Hillsborough, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Caswell and Ms. Shank,

The Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services (DMAVS) proposes to dispose by sale to the Town of Hillsborough of a perpetual highway drainage infrastructure easement over a small area of land abutting the West Main Street (New Hampshire Routes 9 and 202) right-of-way, situated in the northeasterly corner of the state-owned parcel of land located at 140 West Main Street in the Town of Hillsborough, New Hampshire, which parcel is known as the New Hampshire Army National Guard Hillsborough Readiness Center property (the "Host Property"). The Department further proposes to dispose by sale to the Town of Hillsborough of a temporary construction easement over a narrow strip of land directly abutting the West Main Street right-of-way, located between the two driveways that provide vehicular access to and from the Host Property.

The Town has proposed a sidewalk construction project along the south side of West Main Street, including along the roadway frontage of the Host Property at 140 West Main Street. The proposed disposal consists of a temporary construction and sign easement affecting a narrow strip of land abutting West Main Street having an area of approximately 1,094 square feet and a permanent ditch, drain, stormwater management and culvert easement affecting an approximately 467-square-foot area of land located in the northeasterly corner of the Host Property. No permanent improvements will be made within the proposed temporary easement area, as it will primarily be used for access to the work area within the right-of-way and for temporary storage and staging of equipment and materials, and the temporary easement will expire on its own terms at the end of the easement term specified in the easement deed.

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Please submit the attached Surplus Land Review application to CORD for the requested review and recommendation for disposal of the proposed easements.

Sincerely,

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Administrator of Business Operations

Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Name of Requesting Agency: Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services

Agency Contact Person: Erin Zayac, Administrator of Business Operations

Address: 4 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301

Phone Number: 603-225-1361

E-Mail: erin.m.zayac@dmavs.nh.gov

Applicant Contact Person: Same as above

Address:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Location of Property: 140 West Main St, Hillsborough, NH (Tax Map 11P, Lot 344)

1,094 SF Temporary Construction Easement and 467 SF

Permanent Ditch, Drain, & Culvert Easement (approximately

Acreage: 0.036 acres combined)

Recommendation to dispose of the easements by sale to the

Requested Action: Town of Hillsborough

2-year maximum term to be proposed for temporary easement;

Term of Lease or Easement: no term for perpetual easement

Please complete ALL questions below and submit <u>one digital copy via email</u> and <u>one hardcopy</u> with original signatures, of the completed application to:

NH Bureau of Economic Affairs

Attn: NH Office of Planning & Development

100 North Main St, Suite #100,

Concord, NH 03301

Attn: Stephanie N. Verdile, Principal Planner brendan.m.mcdowell@livefree.nh.gov

1. What is the current use of this property?

The area to be affected by the proposed temporary easement is a small grass lawn area abutting the roadway between the two existing driveways that are used for access to and from the host parcel. The area to be affected by the perpetual easement includes part of another, smaller grass lawn area in the northeasterly corner of the host parcel (also abutting the roadway) and extends southerly away from the roadway near the shared boundary with the abutting parcel to the east and into an existing paved parking area within the host parcel.

2. What is the proposed use of this property if surplused? Please note if proposed use is intended to create a public benefit.

The Town of Hillsborough is proposing a sidewalk project along the frontage of the host parcel. The temporary easement area will be used for access to the sidewalk construction area within the abutting right-of-way, possible temporary excavation related to the abutting sidewalk project, and also for the temporary placement, staging, and storage of construction equipment and materials. After the work is complete, the temporary easement area will be returned by the Town to its pre-project condition, after which the State's use of the area will remain the same as it is now. The perpetual

		easement area will accommodate new highway drainage infrastructure to be constructed, installed, and maintained by the Town, specifically including a storm water drain, a surface water drainage ditch, and a subsurface drainage culvert. The new drainage infrastructure to be permanently constructed and installed within the perpetual easement area will be owned by the Town, and the Town's rights and obligations to maintain, repair, and replace such infrastructure will be perpetual.				
3.	Do	bes the proposed use of this property entail new development? $\ \square$ Yes $\ \boxtimes$ No				
	a.	If yes, is it consistent with adjacent and existing development? \square Yes \square No				
	b.	Please describe how the proposed new development differs from or is similar to its surroundings. Also indicate how it may initiate a future change in the use of the property or its surroundings.				
4.		e there any structures located on this property?				
	a.	If yes, please describe the structures including how many and what kind?				
		There are two buildings (Readiness Center and Vehicle Maintenance Shop) and a few ancillary structures located within the host parcel. There are no structures within either of the proposed easement areas except for the pavement covering the parking area into which the proposed perpetual easement area extends.				
5.	Are there historical architectural or archaeological resources identified on this site?					
	a.					
		There are no historical resources identified within either of the proposed easement areas. However, there are three structures located within the host parcel that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Due to the presence of these structures within the host parcel, the Department believes that it has an obligation to seek review by the New Hampshire Department of Historical Resources to determine whether the proposed easement areas will affect such historical resources.				
	b.	If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to application submission.				
6.	ls ¹	there any existing development or structures on adjacent sites? $oximes$ Yes $oxdot$ No				
	a.	If yes, describe the use and number of structures of adjacent sites. If no, where is the nearest development? (Describe distance, use, and number)				
		This location is within the Town of Hillsbourgh urban compact and is surrounded by developed lots featuring commercial structures, single-family homes, a country club and restaurant, and a 9-hole golf course.				
7.	Do	bes the site represent the entire state property in this location? \Box Yes $oxed{oxed}$ No				
	a.	If no, please describe its relationship to the entire state holding (percentage of total acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).				
		The host parcel includes a total of 7.8 +/- acres of land, out of which the Town is asking for easements over areas totaling approximately 0.036 acres ($\sim 0.46\%$).				
8.	ls (access to this property available?				

а		If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across applicant's property, etc)
		Access to the host parcel is directly from and to West Main Street by way of two paved driveways.
b		If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption?
		there water resources related to this property, such as: es/Ponds - \square Yes \boxtimes No \underline{OR} Rivers - \boxtimes Yes \square No \underline{OR} Wetlands - \boxtimes Yes \square No?
а		If yes, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.
	:	"Property" shall be defined to mean the proposed easement areas for all purposes in response to this item 9. A small portion of the southernmost area of the host parcel is wetland. No wetlands are located within the proposed easement areas. There is a small wetland drainage swale on the eastern host parcel boundary which begins in an area adjacent to the proposed new sidewalk project. The Contoocook River forms the southern boundary of the host parcel, which is more than 400 feet from either of the proposed easement areas.
b		If yes, briefly describe how the requirements of RSA 483-B (Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act) apply to potential development of this property:
	,	The SWQPA does not apply to either of the proposed easement areas.
С		If yes, briefly describe how any municipal zoning requirements for buffers or setbacks from lakes, rivers or wetlands apply to potential development of this property:
		No wetlands buffer or setback requirements apply to the proposed easement areas.
d	<u>. </u>	Is the property within 250 feet of a lake/pond or river/stream?
е		If lakes or rivers are related to this property, describe current public or private access from the site to the water body? \square Public \square Private \boxtimes No Access Available
		Description: A majority of the host parcel is fenced and gated with a lock. Contoocook River pedestrian access is possible along host parcel boundaries. However, no formal or informal public or private access appears to have been established, improved, or maintained over the host parcel to the river, whether by footpath, easement, or otherwise.
f.	_	How would the proposal affect the access opportunities described in e?
		N/A
		ase identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known to
D	e i	located on or adjacent to this property. Yes (property) Yes (adjacent property) No
(a.	Steep slopes
ŀ	b.	Wetlands (Prime and NWI)
(c.	Threatened or endangered species
(d.	Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats
•	e.	Increased impervious surface
f	f.	Potential stormwater flow changes
(g.	Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or local importance

h. i.	Potential river channel change					
Please provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.						
:	The Contoocook River forms the southern boundary of the host parcel but is more than 400 feet from either of the proposed easement areas. Only other wet area close to the proposed project site is a wet drainage swale area located along the eastern property boundary, extending southerly from West Main Street along the parcel boundary with ultimate discharge to the southern wetland and river area. The swale is not shown on any Prime or NWI wetlands maps.					

11. Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested property location and help to adequately place the property within the town.

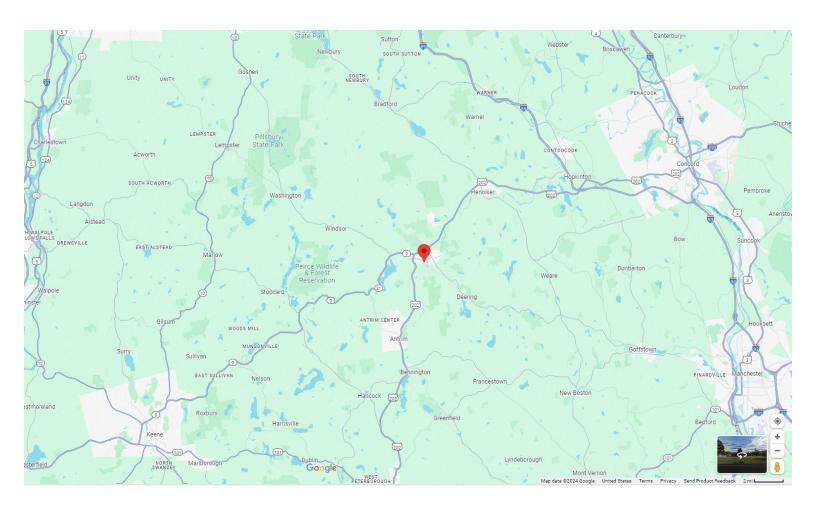
- a. Municipal tax map copy showing all abutters
- b. General location map with scale, north arrow, nearby roads, and water bodies/features*
- c. Aerial Photograph*
- d. Any site plans for new or proposed development prepared at the time of application
- e. Maps depicting rail lines, wetlands, conservation lands, rare species and exemplary natural communities, or topographic features are welcome but not required
- * Maps can be created with GIS, Google, Mapquest, GRANIT data mapper, or any other readily available mapping service.

Please paste any maps and photographs submitted as part of this application here.



140 West Main Street (NH Routes 9 and 202) Hillsborough, New Hampshire Town of Hillsborough GIS Tax Map Detail

(host parcel appears outlined in yellow above)



140 West Main Street (NH Routes 9 and 202) Hillsborough, New Hampshire Google Location Map

(approximate location marked by red pin at center of map detail above)



140 West Main Street (NH Routes 9 and 202) Hillsborough, New Hampshire Town of Hillsborough GIS Aerial Imagery Map

(approximate proposed easement areas are outlined in red above: strip along frontage = temporary construction easement area in top right corner of parcel = perpetual drainage easement)

