

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ALTER A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408

TITLE: Atlantic City Electric – Aerial Electric Utility Line Rebuild over the Maurice River Federal Navigation Channel in the City of Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey

PUBLIC NOTICE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 408-NAP-2024-0005

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD:

Begins: **07 May 2024**

Expires: **07 June 2024**

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army Section 408 permission for certain work at or near a federal project of the United States, as described below and shown on attached figures. Written comments are being solicited from anyone having an interest in the requested alteration. Comments will become part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE's) administrative record and will be considered in determining whether to approve the request. Comments supporting, opposing, or identifying concerns that should be considered by the USACE in its decision process are all welcome.

This public notice is not a paid advertisement and is for public information only. Issuance of this notice does not imply USACE endorsement of the project as described.

1. REQUESTOR: In compliance with 33 USC 408 (Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899; hereinafter Section 408), Atlantic City Electric has requested permission to rebuild an existing 69 kV electric transmission utility line, with aerial crossing of the Maurice River Federal Navigation Channel.

2. LOCATION: The proposed project will cross the Maurice River Federal Navigation Channel in the City of Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey, at approximate coordinates 39.378594, -75.037287.

3. LOCATION MAP(S)/DRAWING(S): Please see attached Project Plan Sheets 1-3.

4. REQUESTER'S PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action entails rebuilding an existing 69 kV electric transmission utility line within an existing Right-of-Way (ROW), with an aerial crossing of the Maurice River Federal Navigation Channel (FNC). The proposed rebuilt aerial electric transmission line would be installed between new steel monopoles constructed in uplands, extend approximately 424.0-linear feet across the Maurice River, and be suspended 51.0-feet above the High Tide Line of the Maurice River FNC.

5. REGULATORY AUTHORITY: This request will be reviewed according to the provisions of Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408). A requestor has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC Section 1344) and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413). Any Section 10/404/103 permit decision associated with the proposed alteration is separate from and will not be included in the Section 408 permission decision. An approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: A decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action, and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. While ensuring compliance is the responsibility of USACE, the requester is providing all information that the Philadelphia District identifies as necessary to satisfy all applicable federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies, and ordinances. Based on information provided by the applicant to date, current Corps regulations governing NEPA implementation, and/or the contents of existing NEPA documentation if available, it is likely that the proposed action will be determined to be categorically excluded from the need to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This determination will be finalized following completion of agency coordination and prior to issuance of the Section 408 Permission Decision.

7. EVALUATION: As part of its evaluation, USACE will first make a determination that the submittal from the requestor is complete. The Philadelphia District is working closely with the requestor to ensure that all required technical plans, maps, drawings, and specifications are provided and are complete. Once the package is complete, a District-led review will be conducted to determine, in accordance with Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-216, whether the proposed alteration will impair the usefulness of the USACE Project or be injurious to the public interest, as follows:

- A. *Impair the Usefulness of the Project Determination.* The Philadelphia District's Section 408 review team will determine if the proposed alteration will limit the ability of the federally authorized project to function as authorized, or will compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs.
- B. *Injurious to the Public Interest Determination.* Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts that the proposed alteration to the USACE project may have on the public interest requires a careful weighing of all those factors that are relevant in each particular case. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation. The decision whether to

approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks. If the potential detriments are found to outweigh the potential benefits, then it may be determined that the proposed alteration is injurious to the public interest.

8. SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The USACE is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permission for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are considered in making a final determination whether the proposed action will be categorically excluded from the need to prepare further NEPA documentation. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

- A. It should be noted that materials submitted as part of the Section 408 request become part of the public record and are thus available to the general public under the procedures of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individuals may submit a written request to the Philadelphia District Corps of Engineers, Office of Counsel to obtain copies of said materials under the FOIA.
- B. It is presumed that all parties viewing this notice will wish to respond to this public notice; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the project as described.

9. COMMENT SUBMISSION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Written comments on the described work should reference the USACE Public Notice Identification Number found on the first page of this notice. Comments must reach this office no later than the stated expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments or requests for additional information should be emailed or mailed to the following address:

Email: Bishel.Baby@usace.army.mil

Mailing Address:

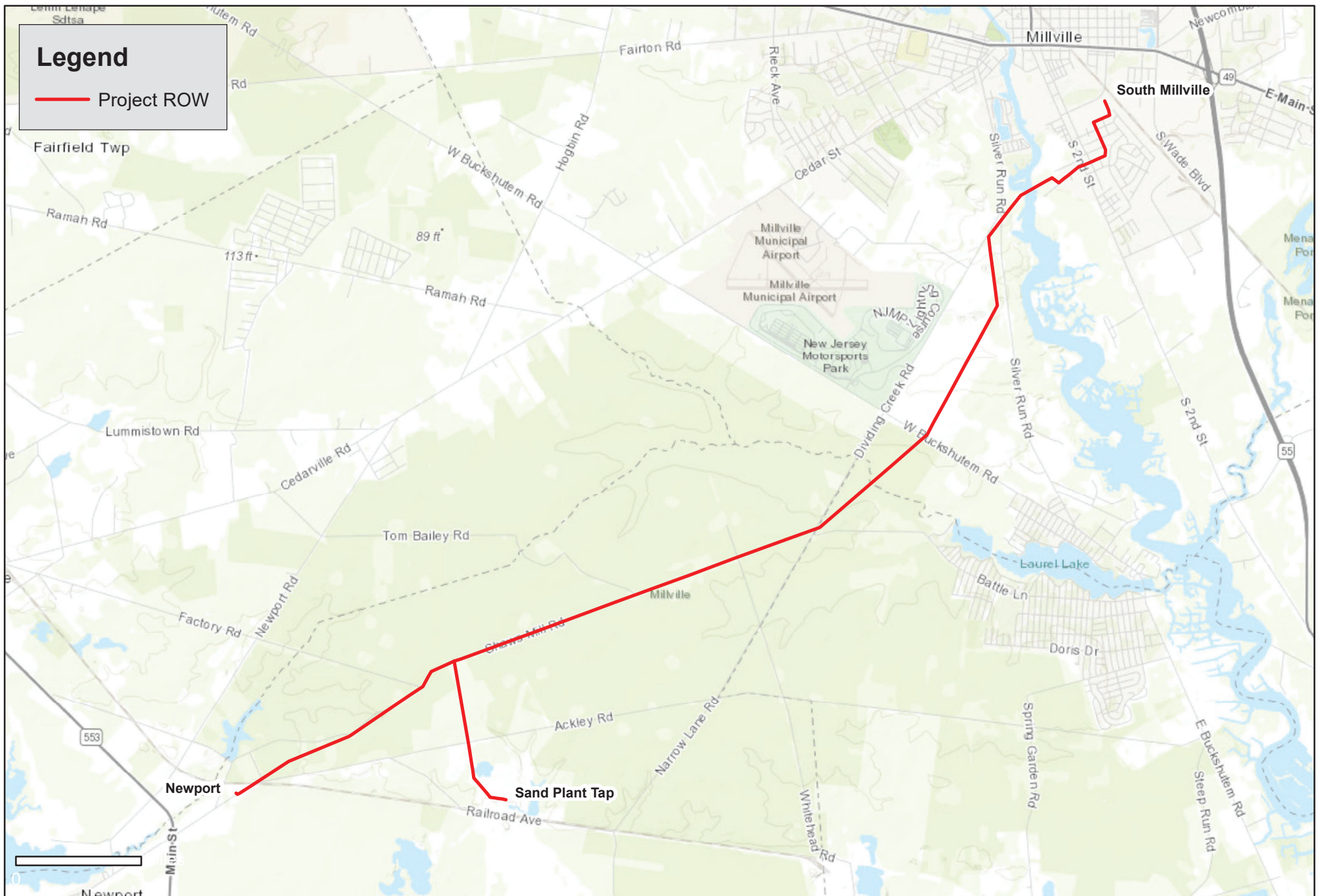
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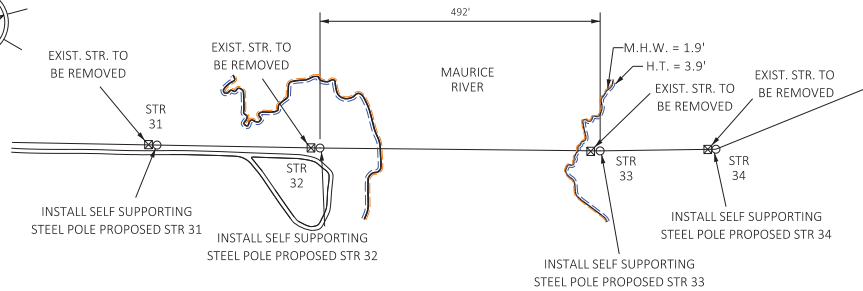


ROW Location Map **0762 Newport-South Millville 69kV Transmission Line Project** **City of Millville & Commercial and Downe Townships, Cumberland County, NJ**

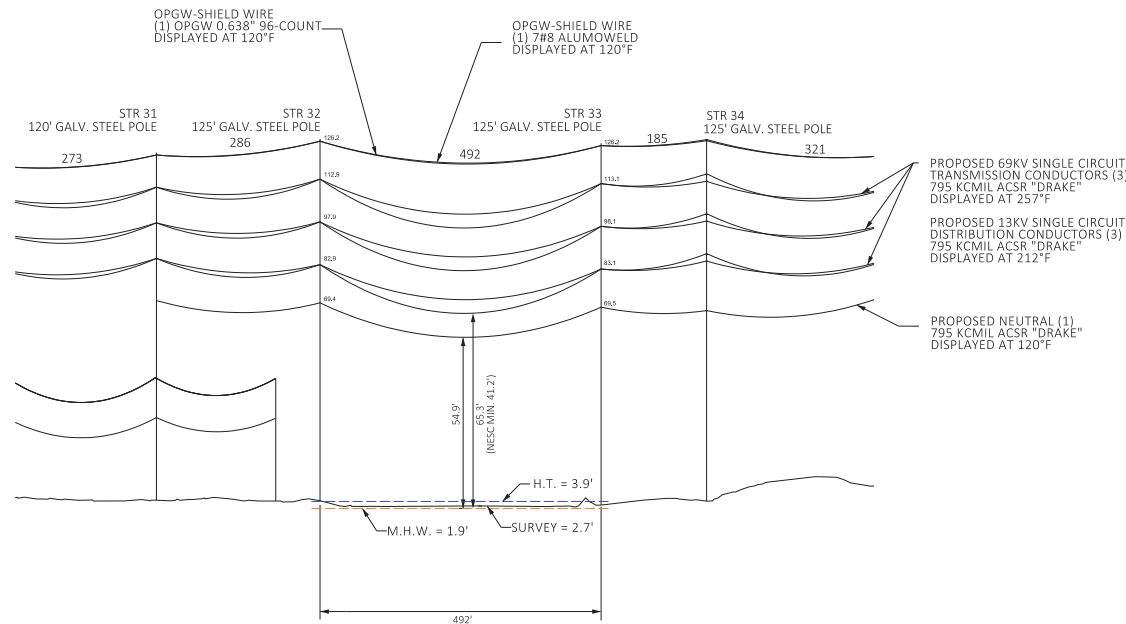
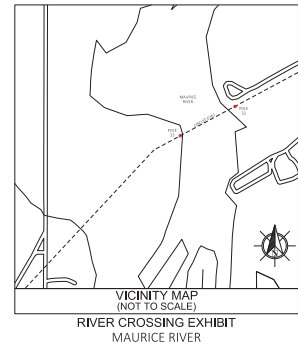


Figure 1

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Scale: 1 in = 5,280 ft
Date: 4/29/2024
Drawn By: HJ



PLAN VIEW
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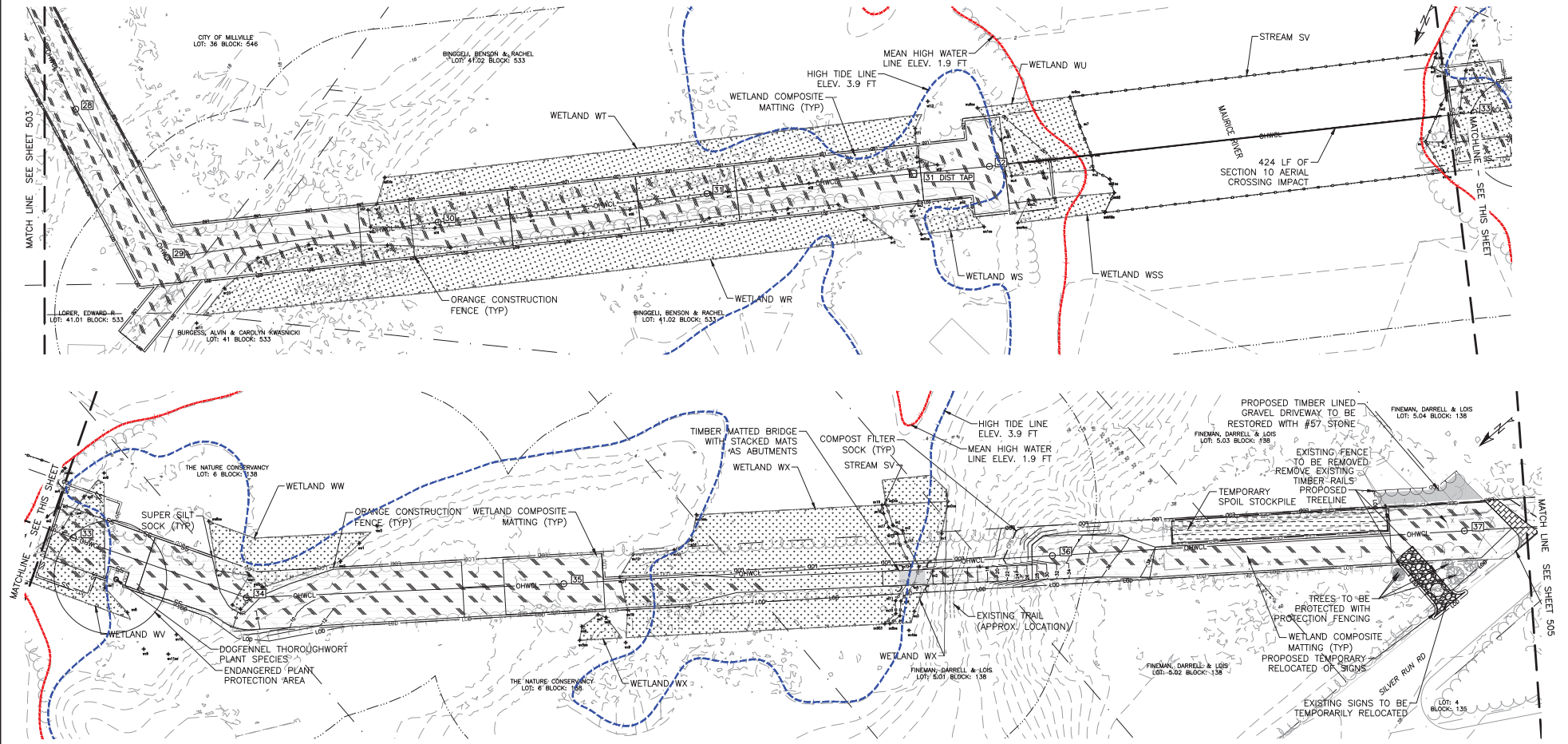
PROFILE VIEW
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STRUCTURE NUMBER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
32	39°22'44.12\"N	75° 2'11.05\"W
33	39°22'41.72\"N	75° 2'16.50\"W

NOTES:

1. PROPOSED 795 ACSR 26/7 DRAKE
DESIGN TENSION = 9,500 LBS NES C HEAVY, INITIAL, R.S.
EXISTING CONDUCTOR TO BE REMOVED
2. PROPOSED 7#8 ALUMOWELD
DESIGN TENSION = 4,000 LBS NES C HEAVY, INITIAL, R.S.
EXISTING OPGW TO BE REMOVED
3. PROPOSED OPGW DNO-12057
DESIGN TENSION = 6,750 LBS NES C HEAVY, INITIAL, R.S.
EXISTING OPGW TO BE REMOVED
4. COORDINATE SYSTEM: UTM ZONE 18N. ABOVE GRADE
WIRE ATTACHMENT HEIGHTS GIVEN.

					
				ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	
				NEWPORT TO SOUTH MILLVILLE 69KV TRANSMISSION REBUILD CROSSING DRAWINGS	
REV	DATE	DFT	APV	DESCRIPTION	SCALE
				REVISIONS	AS SHOWN
					WATER-X-01
					REV. C



- LEGEND:**
- EXISTING OVERHEAD WIRE
 - EXISTING EDGE OF PAVEMENT
 - EXISTING DRY/FIELD ROAD
 - EXISTING FENCE
 - PROPERTY BOUNDARY
 - EXISTING TREE VEGETATION
 - EXISTING RAIL ROAD TRACK
 - EXISTING CONTOUR LINE
 - EXISTING STRUCTURES/BUILDINGS
 - PROMULGATED COASTAL WETLAND
 - SOILS TYPE SEPARATION/ABBREVIATION
 - DELINEATED WETLAND BOUNDARY
 - WETLAND POINT
 - WETLAND BUFFER
 - DELINEATED STREAM
 - OVERHEAD WIRE CENTER LINE
 - PROPOSED CONTOUR
 - PROPOSED PADS AND ROADS
 - PROPOSED COMPOST FILTER SOCK
 - PROPOSED LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE
 - CONSTRUCTION RIGHT OF WAY
 - ORANGE CONSTRUCTION FENCE
 - PROPOSED STRUCTURE
 - EXISTING STRUCTURE TO REMAIN
 - EXISTING STRUCTURE TO BE REMOVED
 - CONSTRUCTION MATTING
 - WETLAND COMPOSITE MATTING
 - WETLAND COMPOSITE MATTING
 - PROPOSED ROCK CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE
 - TEMPORARY SPOIL STOCKPILE

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 DRAWN: CS
 APPROVED: AN/MH
 DATE: MAR 25, 2024

ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY
 NEWPORT - SOUTH MILLVILLE
 TRANSMISSION REBUILD
 CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NJ
 USACE PLAN

PROJECT NO:	LP2042450.038
SCALE:	1" = 50'
SHEET NAME:	USACE PLAN-4
SHEET NO:	504
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