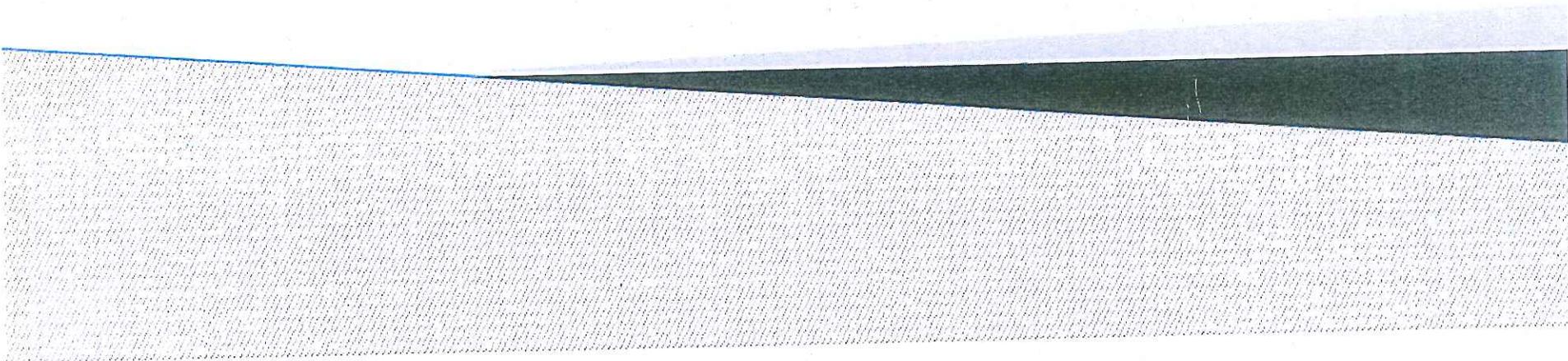


**Needham Public Lands
Private Property:
NSTAR/Eversource Vegetation
Management Plan**

**Denise Garlick, Matt Borrelli, Rick Merson,
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Denise Garlick, *State Representative*

Matt Borrelli, *Vice Chair, Needham Board of Selectman*

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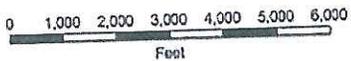
Our goal is to inform, educate and empower the residents of Needham and to ensure:

- ▶ Proper Notification
- ▶ Proper Communication
- ▶ Proper Documentation

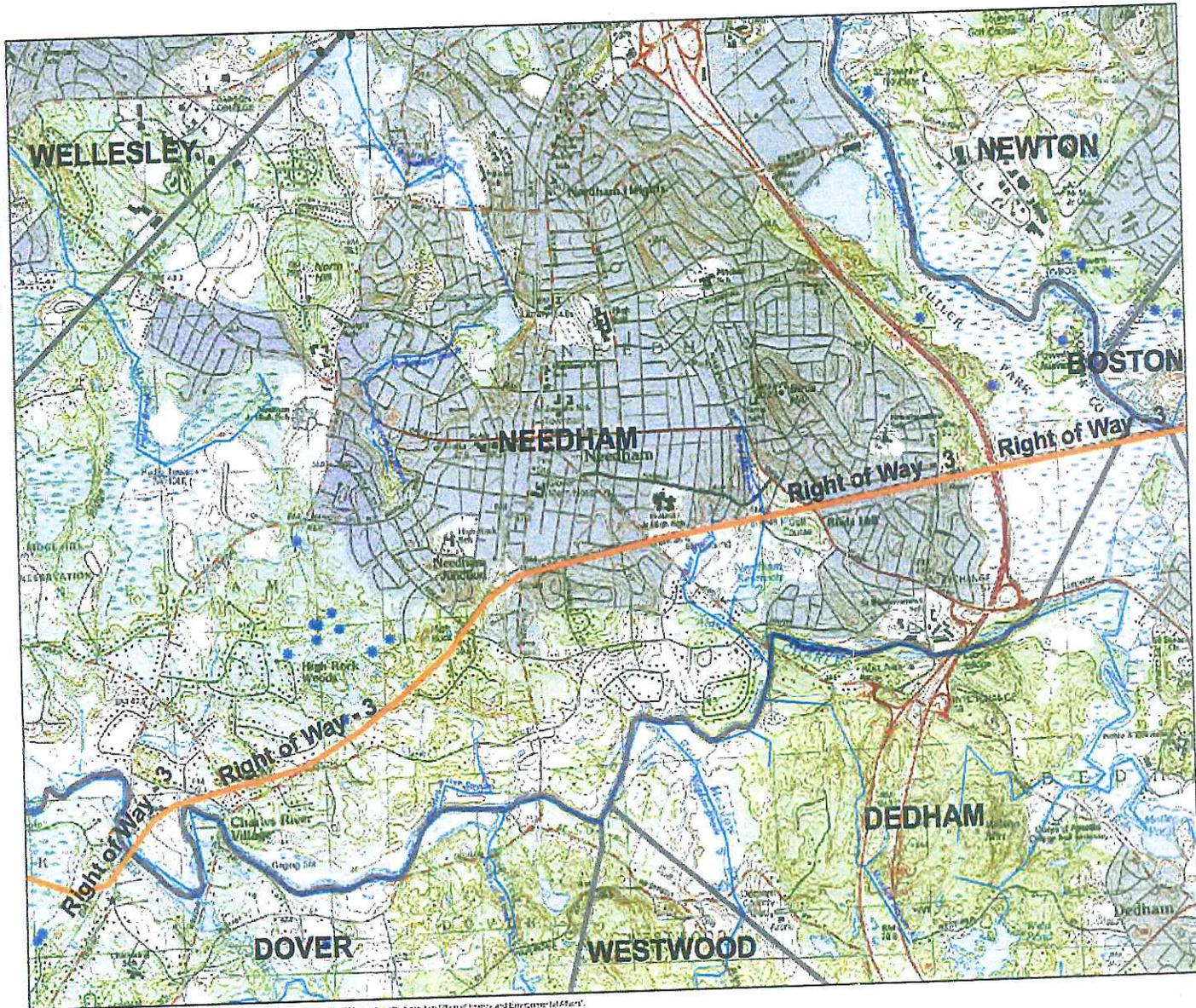
**NSTAR
Transmission
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NEEDHAM
Right of Way 3**



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-  NSTAR Right-of-Way
-  Emergency Surface Water Well
-  Ground Water Well
-  Non-Transeint, Non-Community Well
-  Proposed Well
-  Surface Water Well
-  Transient, Non-Community Well
-  NHESP Certified Vernal Pools
-  Perennial Rivers and Streams
-  Intermittent Rivers and Streams
-  Mass Zone A
-  Mass Town Lines



Source: "Dukes" Geographics and Environmental Information, Mass GIS, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Energy and Environmental Affairs.
 Date: Water 3.00 years provided by MA DEP Drinking Water Program, December 2012. DEP Public Water Supplies

RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)

A ROW often refers to the corridor that Eversource uses to access, build, operate, maintain and repair the facilities.

Most of the ROW's exist via easements across privately owned property where the owner retains some rights.

Adapted from: <https://www.eversource.com/Content/ema-e/about/doing-business-with-us/real-estate/rights-of-way-for-customers>

EASEMENT

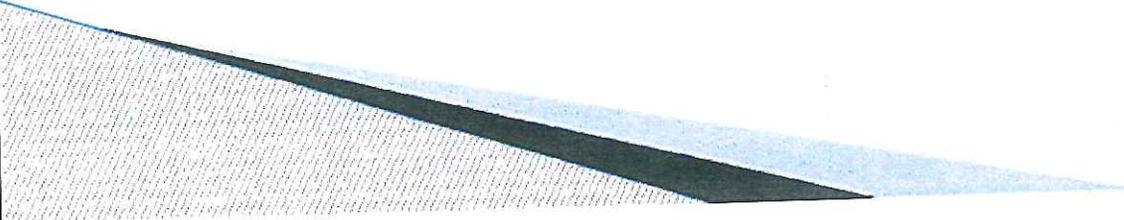
An easement is an interest in land owned by another which entitles the holder of the easement with a specific use of the property.

In Needham, land court decisions may alter historical easements. Deeds and plot plans should be reviewed.

MITIGATION

An ongoing process of communication between the property owner and Eversource regarding reparations as a result of lost or damaged trees due to vegetation management work.

PUBLIC LAND

- ▶ Cutler Park
 - ▶ Needham Golf Club Land
 - ▶ DeFazio Field
 - ▶ Parcel of land between Dedham Avenue and Webster Street
 - ▶ Rail Trail, along the railroad property from High Rock Street to Fisher Street
 - ▶ Red Wing Bay (Trustees of Reservation)
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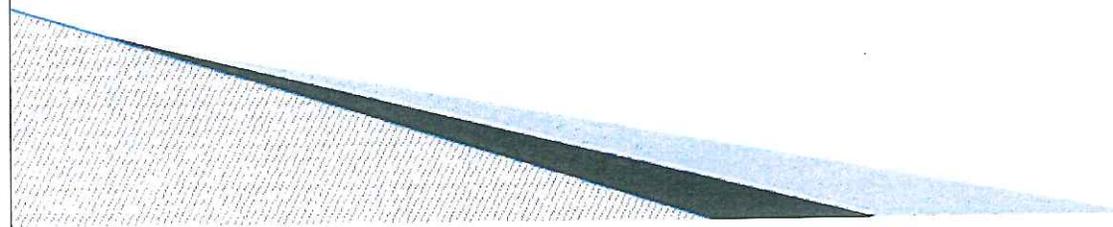
PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER ABUTTERS CHECK LIST

- ▶ Obtain a copy of the certified deed for your personal property at Town Hall
- ▶ Obtain plot plans available in the Engineering Division at the Needham Public Services Administration Building (500 Dedham Avenue)
- ▶ Identify the easement on your deed
- ▶ Assess VHB (Vanesse Hangen Brustlin) (the company hired by Eversource) markers with your knowledge of the easement and plot plan

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER ABUTTERS CHECK LIST CONT.

- ▶ Consider your need:
 - ▶ Private survey
 - ▶ Title Review
 - ▶ Lawyer
- ▶ Document by picture or video any trees and planting marked by Eversource inside your property's easement. Document any tree and planting inside your property's easement which has Not been marked by Eversource
- ▶ Request a meeting with Eversource per door hanging suggestion
- ▶ Send an email to OTM@needhamma.gov with the date and time you requested a meeting with Eversource
- ▶ Send a email to OTM@needhamma.gov after 2 business days of confirmation of Eversource meeting scheduled or no response
- ▶ Send an email to OTM@needhamma.gov to request Ed Olsen, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry to be present at the meeting

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER ABUTTERS CHECK LIST CONT.

- ▶ Be ready to negotiate for any mitigation of your property. Have the Eversource Representative sign your notes and request that Eversource follow up with a printed agreement. Do not allow work to proceed without the mitigation documented
 - ▶ Request that Eversource flag the edge of the easement on your property
 - ▶ Document by picture or video any damage to trees, plantings, and property. Document any tree improperly removed
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Please send all
correspondence to
OTM@Needhamma.gov

RESOURCES

- ▶ To read updates from the Town of Needham:
www.needhamma.gov/vegetation
- ▶ To read updates from Representative Garlick: <http://www.denisegarlick.com/> in the “News” section
- ▶ Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/faqs.asp>
- ▶ Morgan Prudden, Legislative Aide to Representative Denise Garlick is currently based at the Public Service Administration Building –
500 Dedham Ave 781-455-7550 ext: 226

INCREDIBLE TEAM EFFORT

- ▶ **Town Manager; Kate Fitzpatrick and staff including Town Counsel, David Tobin**
- ▶ **Director of Department of Public Works, Rick Merson**
- ▶ **Town Engineer, Tony DelGazio**
- ▶ **Superintendent of Parks and Forestry, Ed Olsen**
- ▶ **Conservation Agent, Matthew Varrell**
- ▶ **The Needham Board of Selectmen**
- ▶ **Representative Denise C. Garlick**
- ▶ **Senator Michael F. Rush**
- ▶ **Senator Richard J. Ross**
- ▶ **Registrar of Deeds; Bill O'Donnell**
- ▶ **Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, III**
- ▶ **Mark McDonough**
- ▶ **Every active property owner and concerned neighbors**
- ▶ **The staff of Representative Denise Garlick; Amanda Bernardo and Morgan Prudden**

(Presently, Morgan is based at the Needham Public Service Administration building to assist residents)