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VIA EMAIL

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ATTN: Dr. Vasanth Kainkaryam, MD, MS

RE: SOILS INVESTIGATION REPORT

8 Collins Lane, South Windsor, CT

REMA Job No.: 23-2664-SWN125

Dear Dr. Kainkaryam:

At your request, REMA Ecological Services, LLC (REMA) presents herein our findings during our site walk of the above-referenced site, for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of regulated wetlands and watercourses.

1.0 Introduction

This *Soils Investigation Report* represents the effort by REMA to conduct soil explorations on the subject site ("the study area"), on October 19th, 2023. This effort included the in-field delineations and/or mapping of regulatory wetlands and watercourses, based on State Statutes, should those be observed at the site, or within 100 feet of the study area.

Attachments to this document include a recent aerial photograph of the study area, from CT Ecological Conditions Online (CT ECO), and the USDA-NRCS Web Soil Survey, showing the mapped soil types in the vicinity. Also attached are representative annotated photographs (1 to 4).

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2.0 STUDY AREA SETTING

The study area (or "site") encompasses approximately 4.68 acres which includes two existing parcels separated by Collins Lane, which extends from Sullivan Avenue to Sand Hills Road. Access to the larger parcel with a residential structure is from Sullivan Avenue to the west. This is the location of an old farmstead, dating back to the 1800s, once roughly 22 acres, with balance now owned by the Town of South Windsor immediately to the east.

3.0 DOMINANT SOIL TYPES

Soils exploration was conducted in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes governing inland wetlands (i.e., CGS Sec. 22a-36 ff). Poorly drained and very poorly drained soils were *not* observed on the subject site, and, also, poorly or very poorly drained soils were *not* observed within 100 feet to the north and to east of the subject site.

The following undisturbed *upland* soil mapping unit dominates the site:

Enfield silt loam (704). This series consists of deep, well drained soils formed in a coarse-silty mantle underlain by sandy water deposited glacial outwash materials. They are level to very steep soils on outwash plains and high stream terraces. The soils formed in loamy over stratified sandy and gravelly glacial outwash derived mainly from a variety of acid rocks. Typically, these soils have a dark grayish brown silt loam surface layer 8 inches thick. The subsoil from 8 to 26 inches is strong brown and light olive brown silt loam. The substratum from 26 to 60 inches is brown to reddish brown is stratified sand and gravel.

Disturbed soils can also be found within portions of the northern parcel, where previously standing agricultural buildings (i.e., barns) occurred. These have been taken down over the years, the last one sometime between 2012 and 2013 just north of the residence. The following soil mapping unit is identified for these disturbed areas:

udorthents (308). This soil mapping unit consists of well drained to moderately well drained soils that have been altered by cutting, filling, or grading. The areas either have had two feet or more of the upper part of the original soil removed or have more than two feet of fill material on top of the original soil. *udorthents* or Made Land soils can be found on any soil parent material but are typically fluvial on glacial till plains and outwash plains and stream terraces.

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The vegetative cover types identified at the subject site include ruderal forest, shrub/vine tangles, moist meadow, a fishpole bamboo stand, and mowed lawn. Several specimen trees, planted as ornamentals were observed, mostly to the south and southeast of the residence. These include European and Copper beech, tamarack, American holly, gingko, and a large dawn redwood (*Metsequoia glypostroboides*).

Please feel free to contact us with any questions on the above.

Respectfully submitted,

REMA ECOLOGICAL SERVICES, LLC

George T. Logan, MS, PWS, CSE

Registered Soil Scientist/Professional Wetland Scientist

Certified Senior Ecologist

Attachments: Figure A; Photos 1 – 4; USDA-NRCS Web Soil Survey

CT Environmental Conditions Online

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FIGURE A: STUDY AREA

8 Collins Lane Parcels, South Windsor, CT



THIS MAP IS NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION





Notes

been compiled at different times and at different map scales, which may not match the

scale at which the data is shown on this map.



MAP LEGEND

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Water Features

Transportation

Background

Spoil Area

Stony Spot

Wet Spot

Other

Rails

US Routes

Major Roads

Local Roads

Very Stony Spot

Special Line Features

Streams and Canals

Interstate Highways

Aerial Photography

Area of Interest (AOI)

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Soils

Soil Map Unit Polygons



Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features

Blowout

Borrow Pit

Clay Spot

Closed Depression

Gravel Pit

Gravelly Spot

Landfill

Lava Flow

Marsh or swamp

Mine or Quarry

Miscellaneous Water

Perennial Water

+ Saline Spot

Sandy Spot

Severely Eroded Spot

Sinkhole

Slide or Slip

Sodic Spot

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:12.000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: State of Connecticut, Western Part Survey Area Data: Version 1, Sep 15, 2023

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50.000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jun 14, 2022—Oct 6, 2022

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
28A	Elmridge fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	5.8	14.1%
30A	Branford silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	2.3	5.7%
37E	Manchester gravelly sandy loam, 15 to 45 percent slopes	5.6	13.6%
108	Saco silt loam, frequently ponded, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	1.4	3.4%
306	Udorthents-Urban land complex	4.0	9.6%
308	Udorthents, smoothed	0.7	1.7%
704A	Enfield silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	12.5	30.3%
704B	Enfield silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	9.0	21.7%
Totals for Area of Interest		41.3	100.0%



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ANNOTATED PHOTO LOG

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DATE: October 9, 2023 **FACING:**

SOUTHERLY

PHOTO NO.:

Comments: Northeasterly portion of property; area of old structures associated with

farmsted



DATE: October 9, 2023 **FACING: NORTHEASTERLY**

PHOTO NO.: 2 Comments: Fishpole banboo

(Phyllostachys aurea) stand; an aggressive colonizer (not listed as invasive), occupies roughly 15,000 sq. ft. of property



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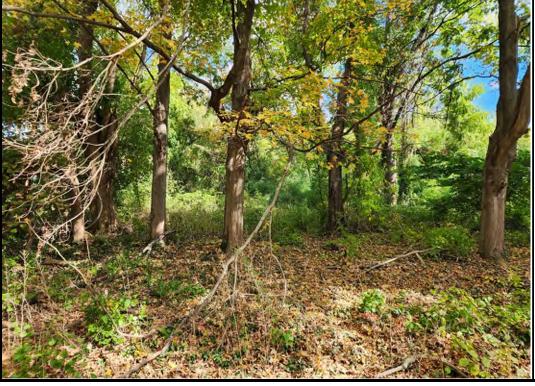
SOUTHEASTERLY

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PHOTO NO.:

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Comments: Ruderal woods in northern portion of property (4acre parcel); once a plowed field



DATE: October 9, 2023 **FACING: SOUTHERLY**

PHOTO NO.: 4 Comments: 0.68-acre "triangel"

parcel, between Collins Lane Sullivan Avenue; once a tree nursery