



Whately: Rehabilitation of Haydenville Road

25% Virtual Design Public Hearing

January 12, 2022 | 6:00 PM

Project File No. 605983

MassDOT Project Manager: Greg Frazier



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Recent Public Outreach

- Greenfield Recorder and the Daily Hampshire Gazette
 - December 29, 2021
 - January 5, 2022
- Town of Whately Website
- Town of Whately Facebook Site
- Flyers mailed to Abutters
- Flyers posted at Town Offices and Town Library
- Muffins (local deli/convenience store)





**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Right of Way (ROW) Discussion – 25% Design

- Responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of a project
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the Town of Whately and the MassDOT ROW Bureau
- Procedures must comply with state and federal regulations governing the acquisition process
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79
 - If project receives federal funds, property owners are further protected under the Title III of the Real Property Act of 1970, as amended
- Fee takings, permanent easements, and/or temporary construction easements are required

Right of Way (ROW) Discussion – 25% Design

- 72 Haydenville Road
 - 1 Temporary Easement
- 84 Haydenville Road
 - 1 Permanent Easement
 - 1 Temporary Easement
- 92 Haydenville Road
 - 1 Permanent Easement
 - 1 Temporary Easement
- 95 Haydenville Road
 - 1 Fee
 - 2 Permanent Easements
 - 2 Temporary Easements
- 100 Haydenville Road
 - 1 Permanent Easement
 - 2 Temporary Easements
- 122 Haydenville Road
 - 2 Fee
 - 6 Permanent Easements
 - 4 Temporary Easements
- 4 Strippe Road
 - 1 Temporary Easement
- Haydenville / Strippe Roads (Young)
 - 1 Permanent Easement
 - 1 Temporary Easement

Right of Way (ROW) Discussion – 25% Design

- 124 Haydenville Road
 - 1 Permanent Easement
 - 1 Temporary Easement
- 125 Haydenville Road
 - 5 Permanent Easements
 - 2 Temporary Easements
- 136 Haydenville Road
 - 3 Permanent Easements
 - 2 Temporary Easements
- 140 Haydenville Road
 - 1 Temporary Easement
- 141 Haydenville Road
 - 1 Permanent Easement
 - 1 Temporary Easement
- 23 Conway Road
 - 1 Temporary Easement
- Haydenville Road (Mason)
 - 2 Permanent Easements
 - 2 Temporary Easements
- 149 Haydenville Road
 - 2 Permanent Easement
 - 1 Temporary Easement

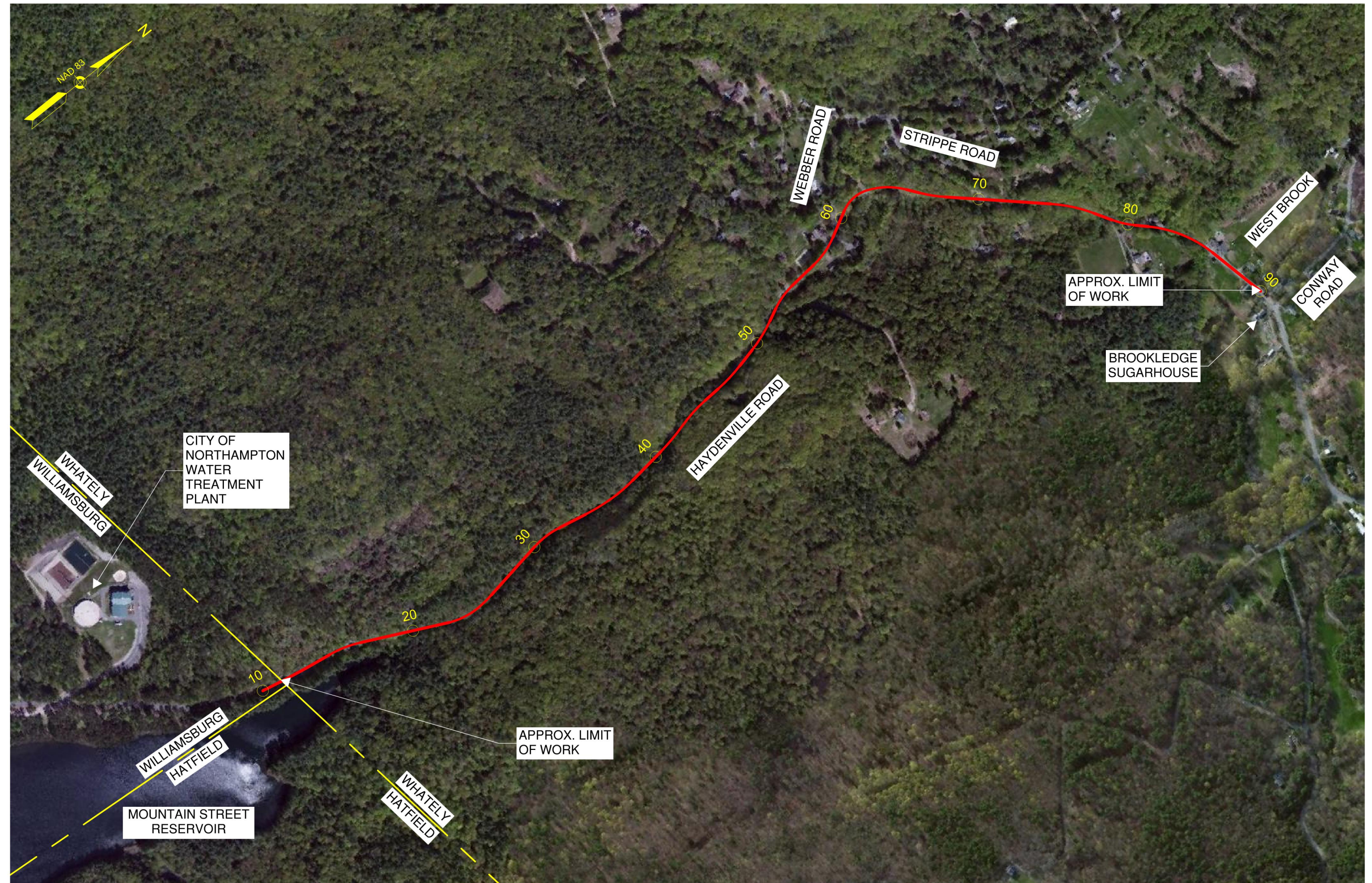
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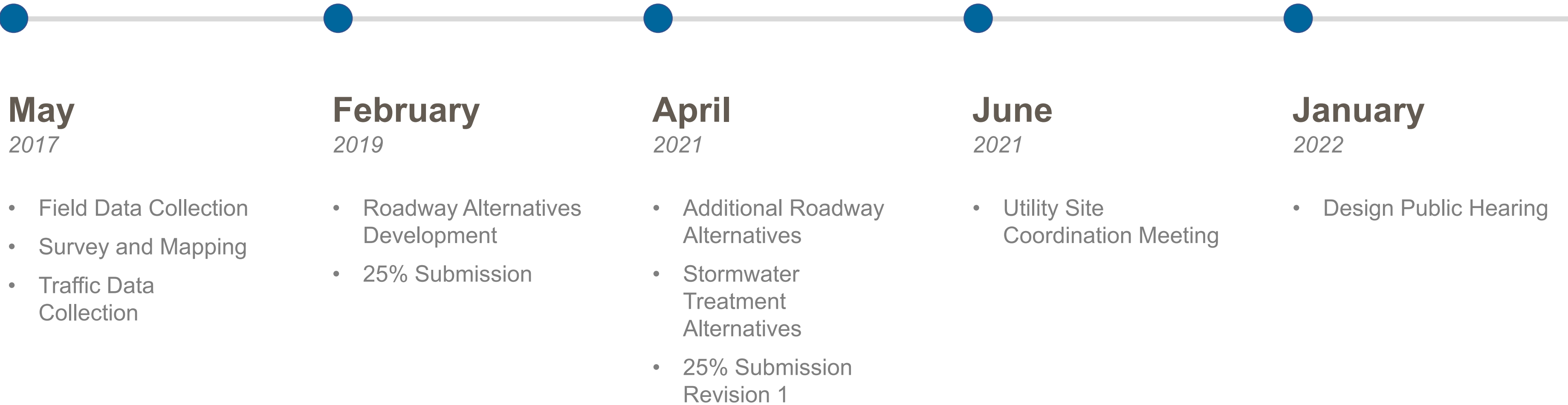
Haydenville Road Project Area

- Williamsburg Town Line to West Brook Bridge (Total Length = 1.7 miles)
- Rural Setting – Rolling Terrain
- Serves 1,600 Vehicles Per Day
- The Tributary of West Brook and Borowski Brook are within project area



How Did We Get Here?

Project
Approved
11/17/2011





**Why was
this project
initiated?**

Existing Issues

- Aged roadway with deteriorated pavement that requires heavy maintenance
- Substandard guardrail
- Utility poles / trees / slopes located within the roadside clear zone
- Increased travel speeds
- Lack of shoulder widths to provide space for emergency response vehicles
- No defined bicycle or pedestrian space
- Deteriorated drainage pipes and structures
- Erosion at culvert outfalls
- No stormwater treatment for paved surface runoff



Existing Issues *(continued)*



Deteriorated drainage pipes, headwalls with erosion



Poor sight distance at Webber Road (looking south along Haydenville Road)

Existing Issues (continued)



Poor sight distance at Strippe Road (looking north along Haydenville Road)



Close roadside objects in clear zone (trees, utility poles, rock ledge outcrops, steep slopes)

Existing Issues *(continued)*



Address existing signage conditions



Utility pole roadside object

Existing Issues (continued)



Substandard side slope protection from steep slopes/brook



Substandard side slope protection from steep slopes/brook, roadway discharge to brook



**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Existing Issues – Proposed Actions

- Aged roadway with deteriorated pavement that requires heavy maintenance
 - Reconstruct pavement & base layers
- Substandard guardrail
 - Replace guardrail with new rail systems
- Utility poles / trees / slopes located within the roadside clear zone
 - Relocate poles and regrade side slopes further away from the pavement
- Increased travel speeds
 - Install new signage and pavement markings for increased driver awareness



Existing Issues – Proposed Actions

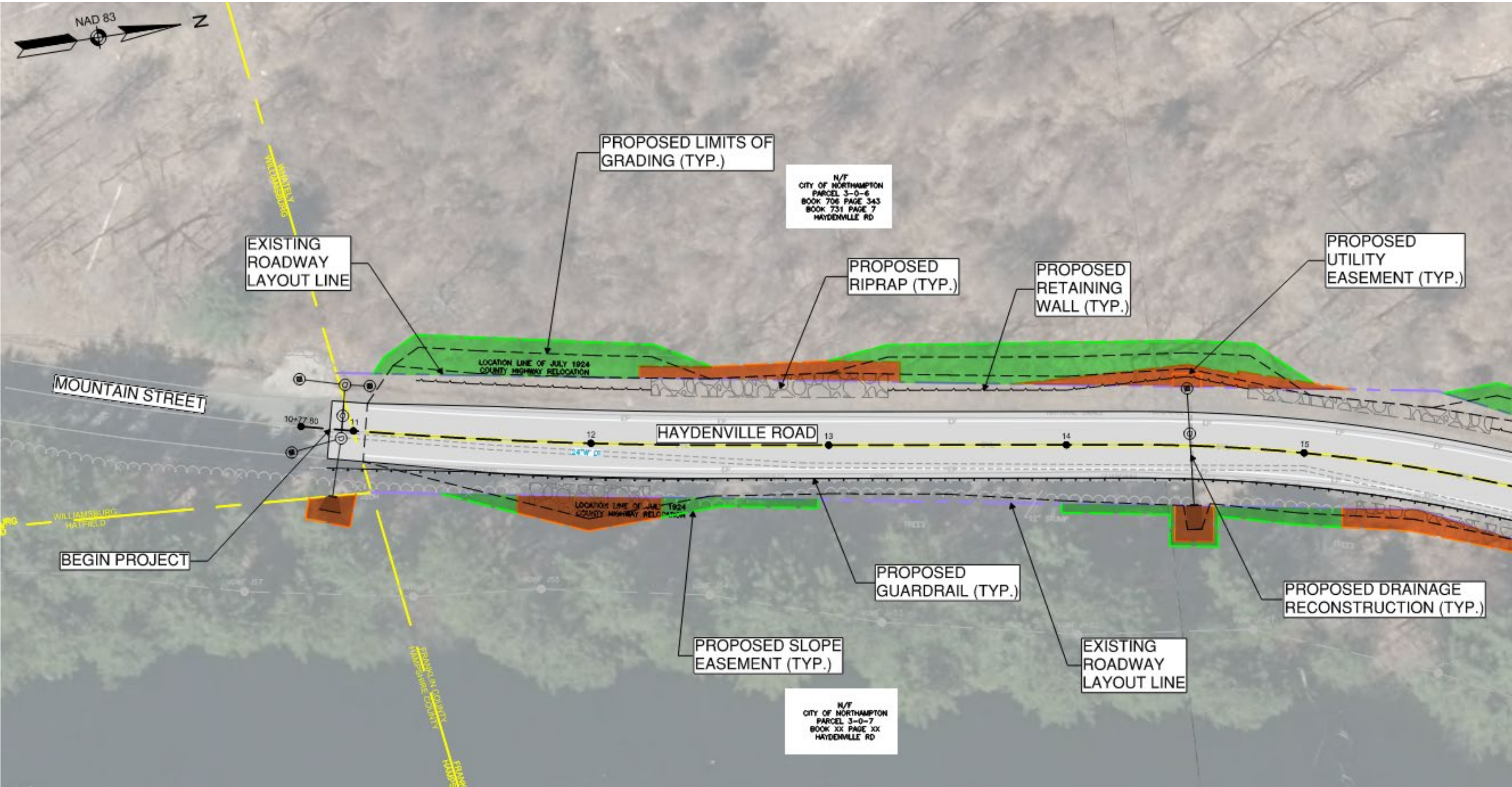
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 - Provide uniform shoulders with pavement markings for separation and to alert drivers
- No defined bicycle or pedestrian space
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- Deteriorated drainage pipes and structures
 - Replace or rehabilitate pipes and structures
- Erosion at culvert outfalls
 - Construct outfall protection BMP's
- No treatment for paved surface runoff
 - Construct deep-sump catch basins, grassed swales and stone check dams





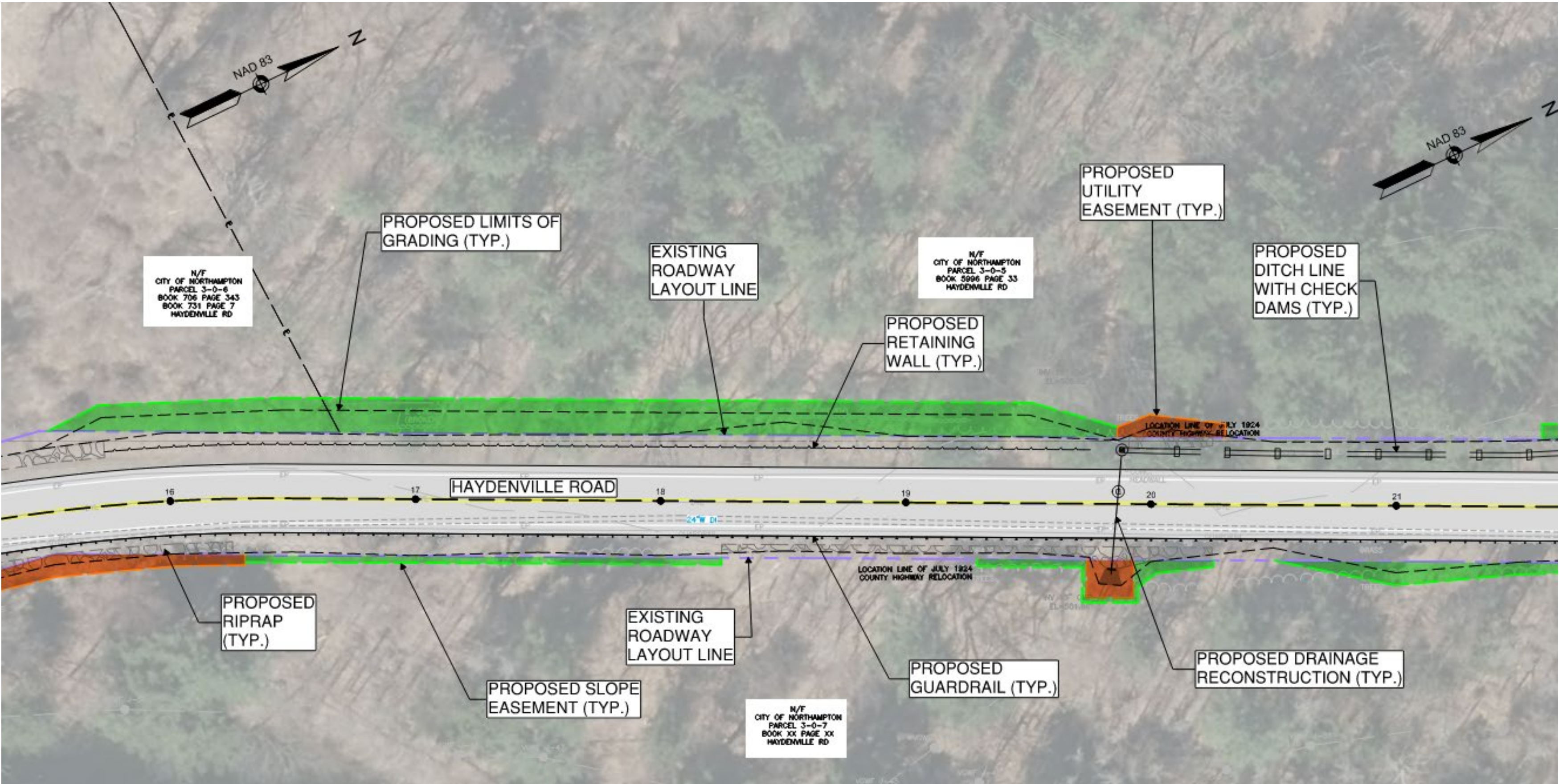
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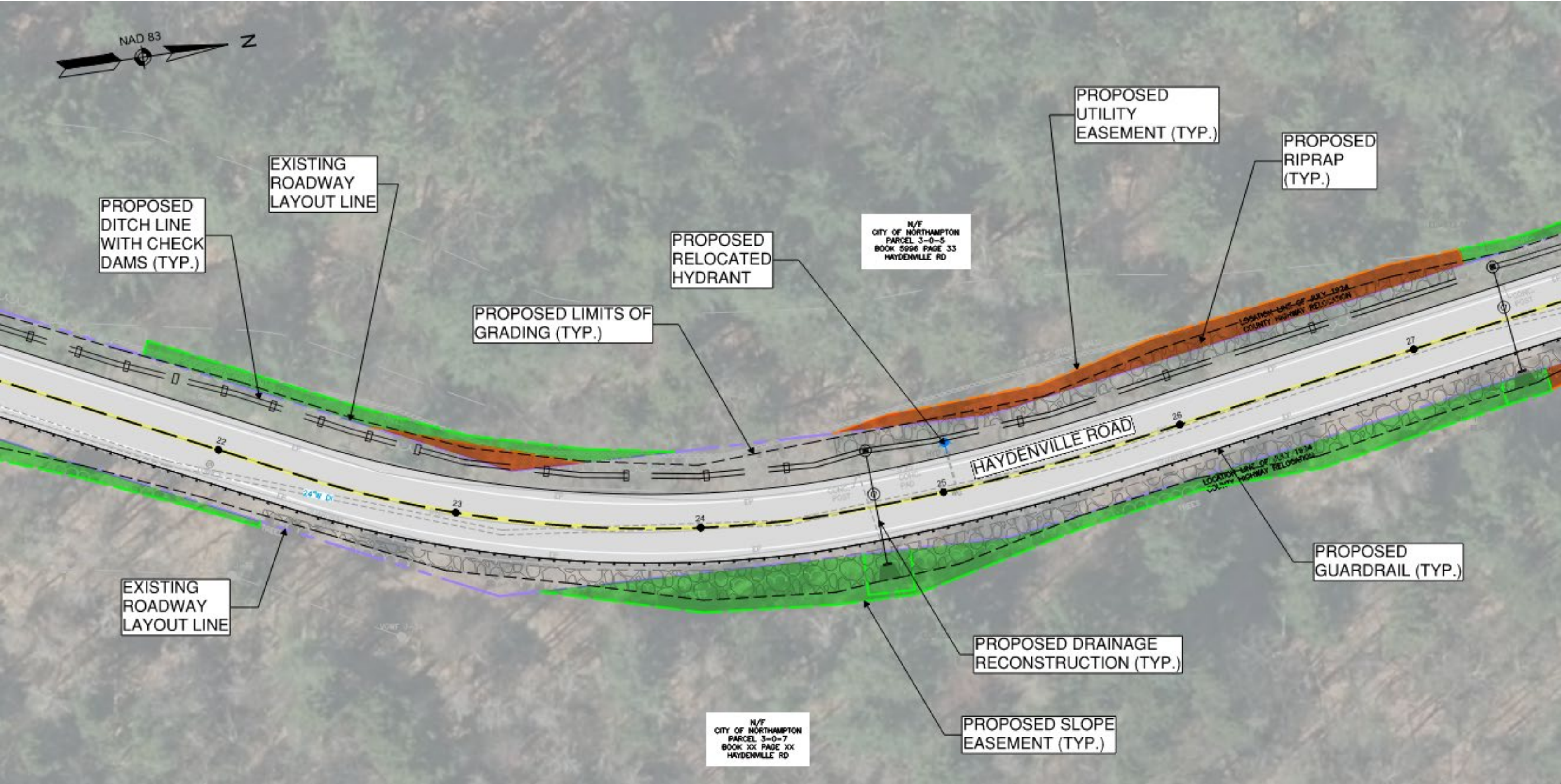


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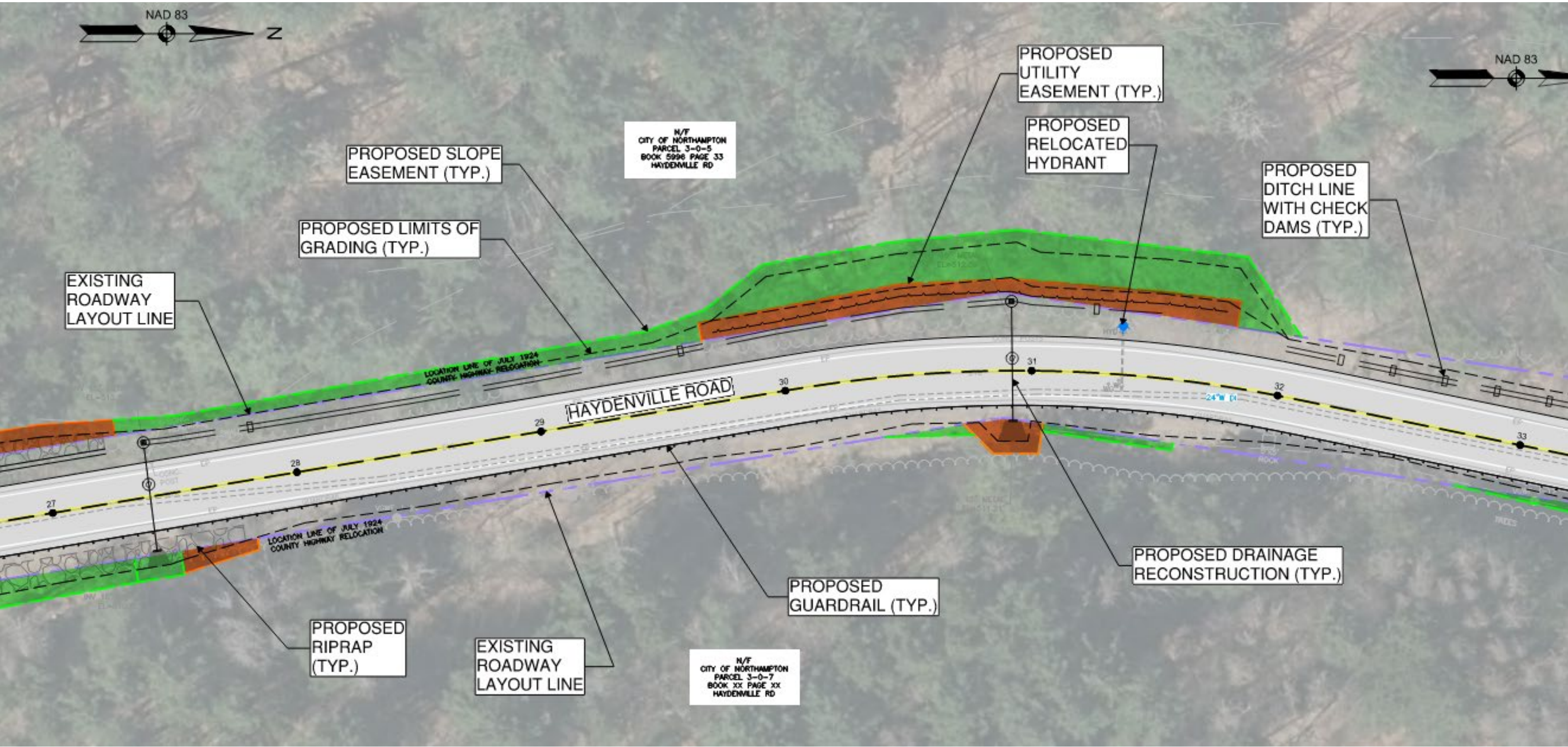
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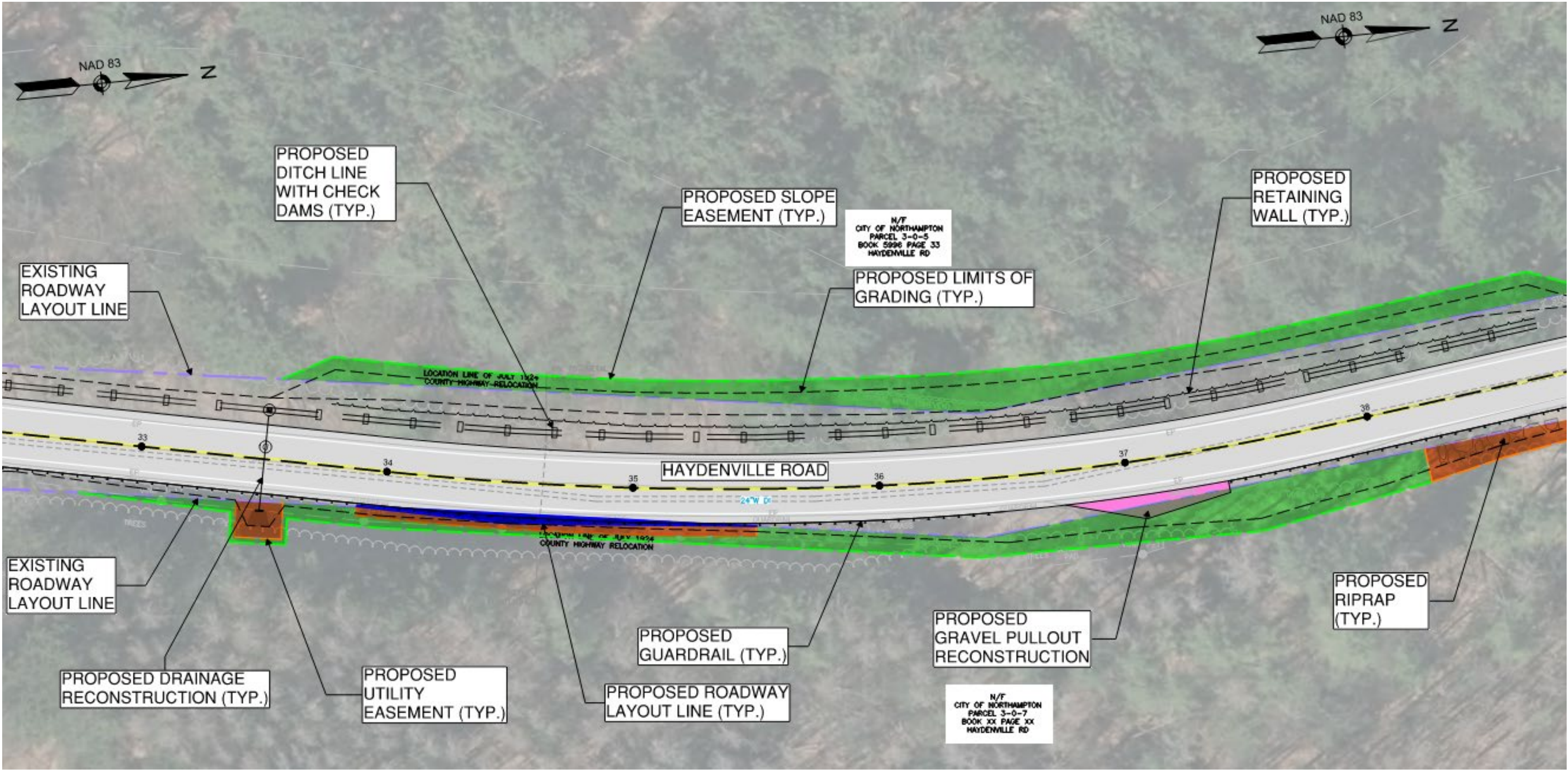
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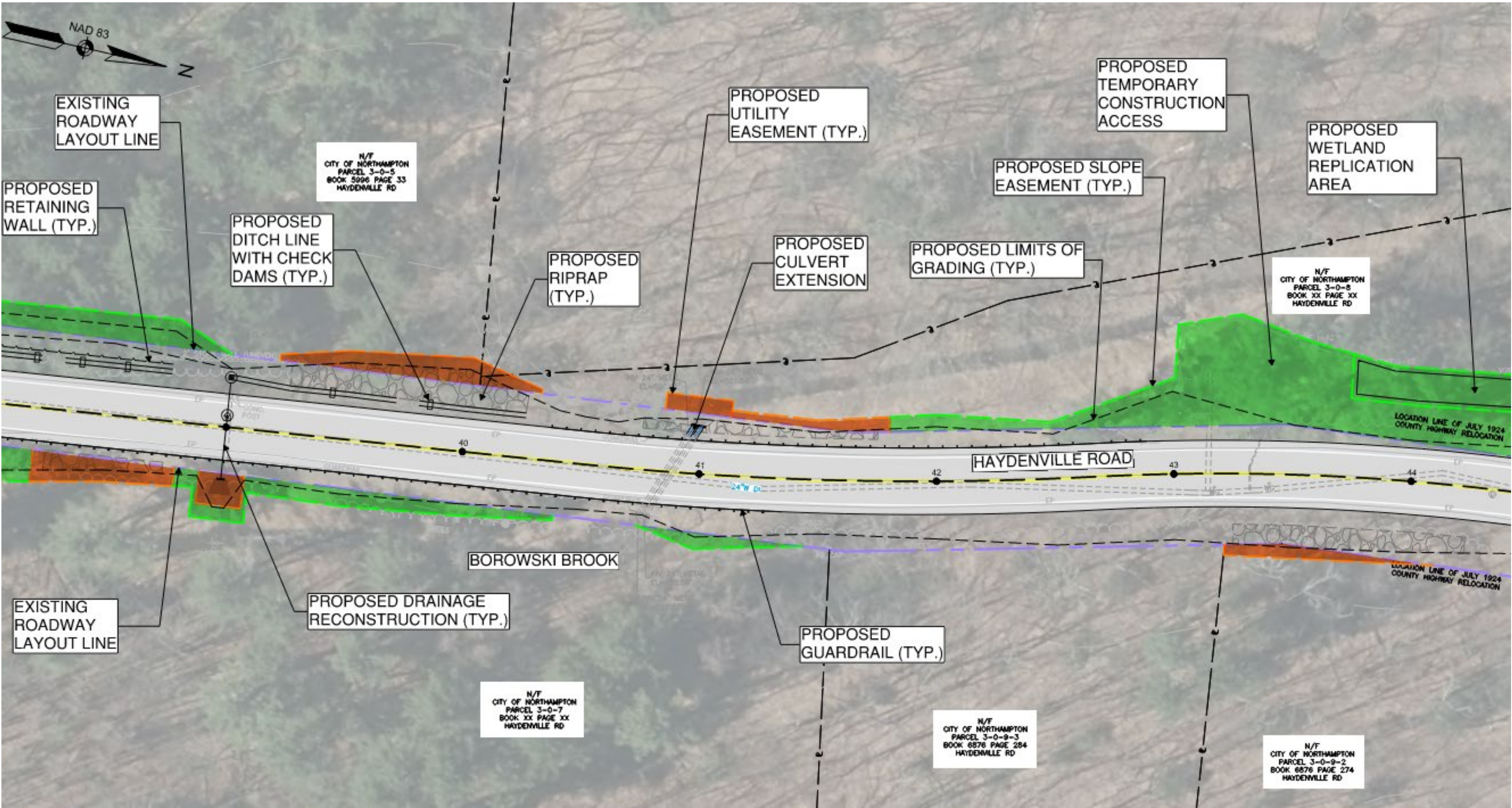
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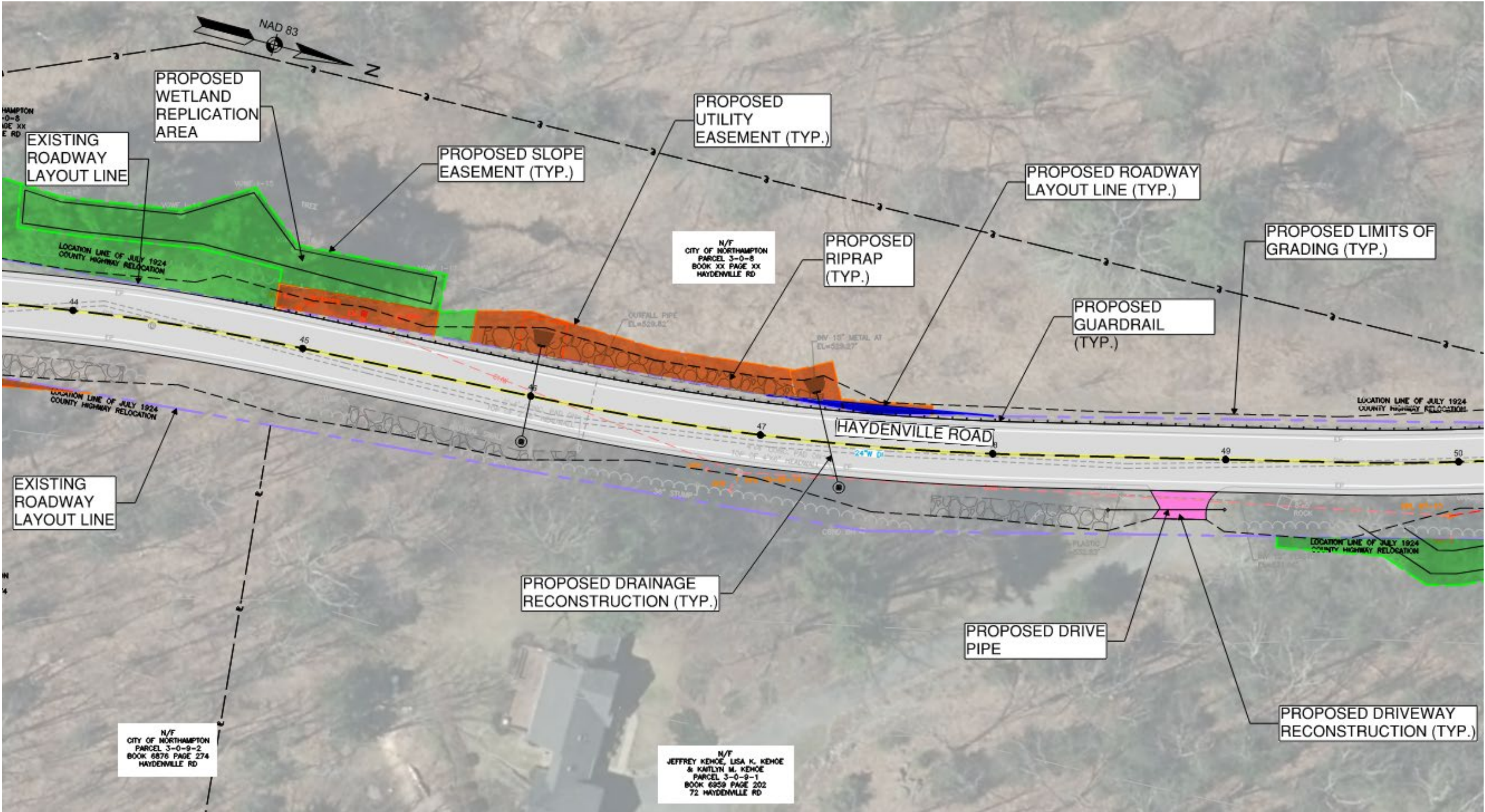
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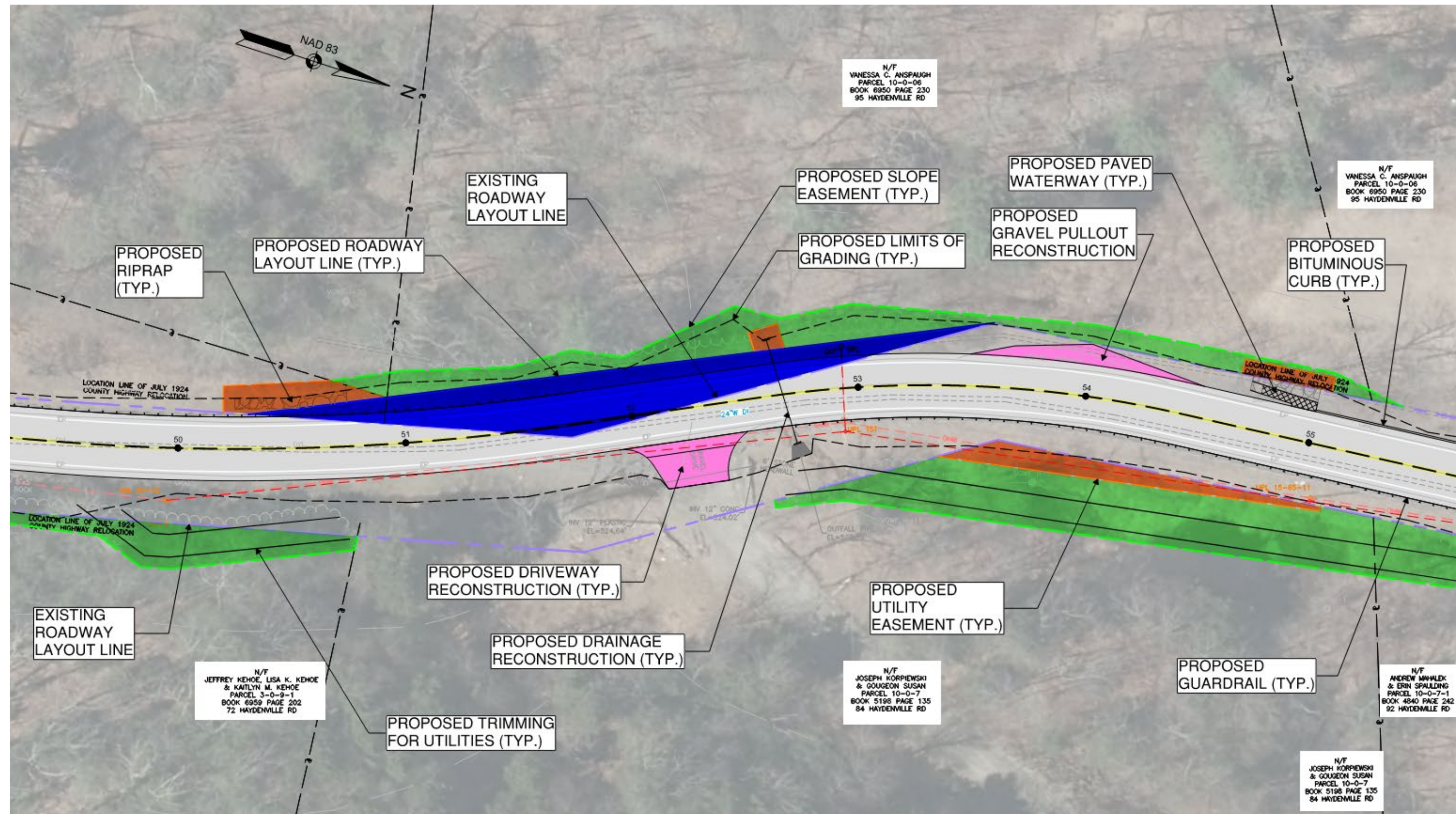


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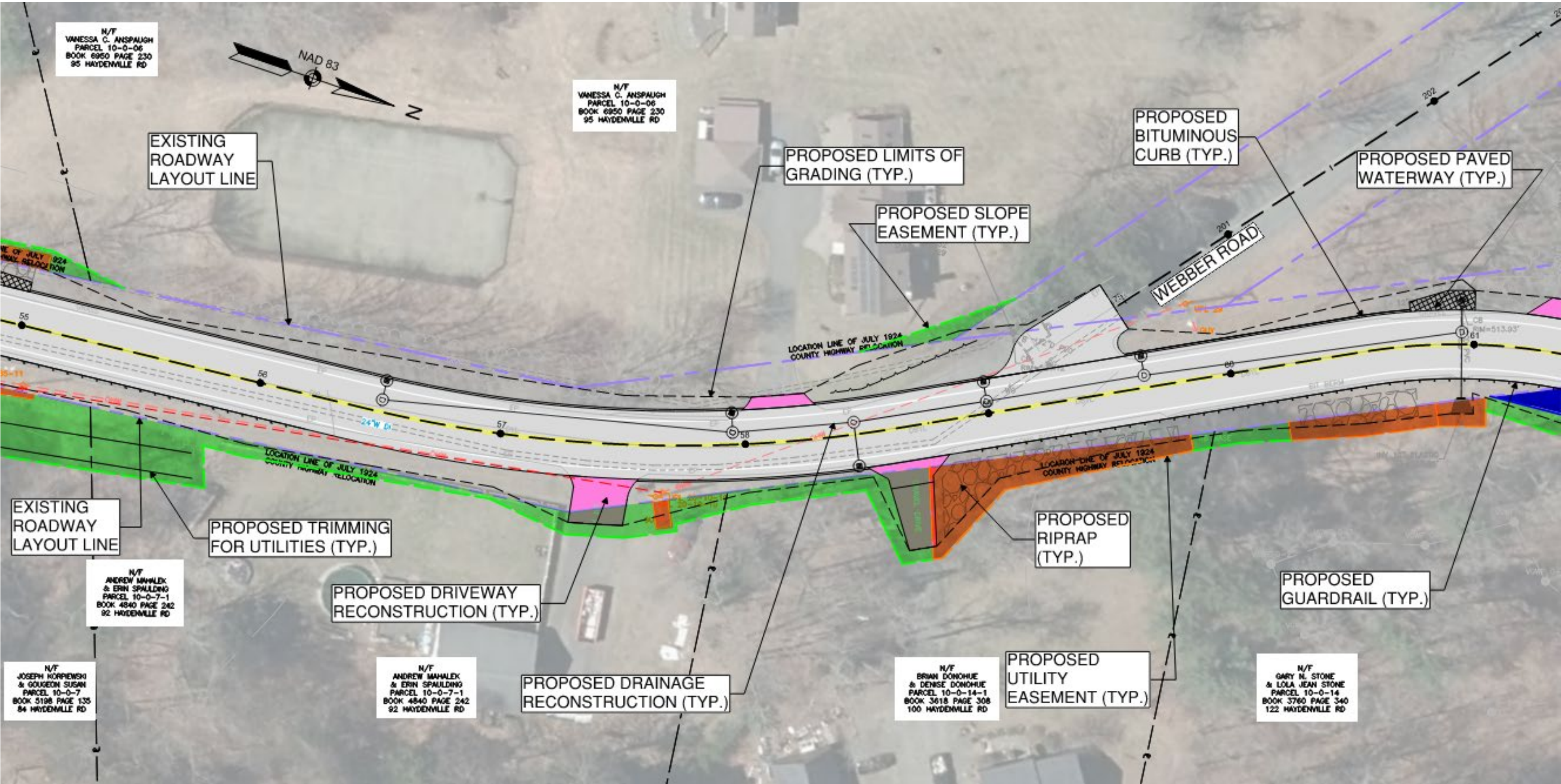


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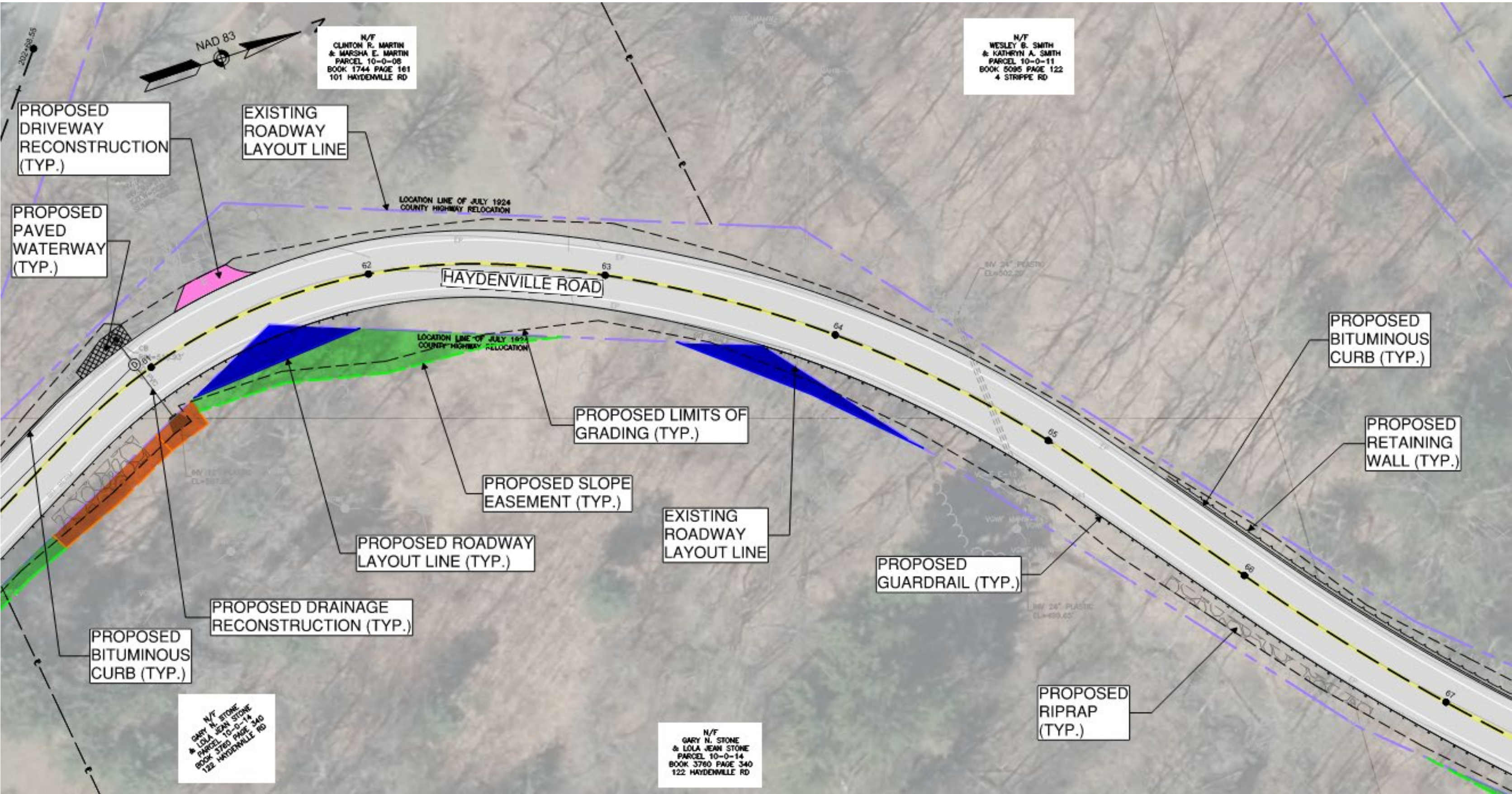
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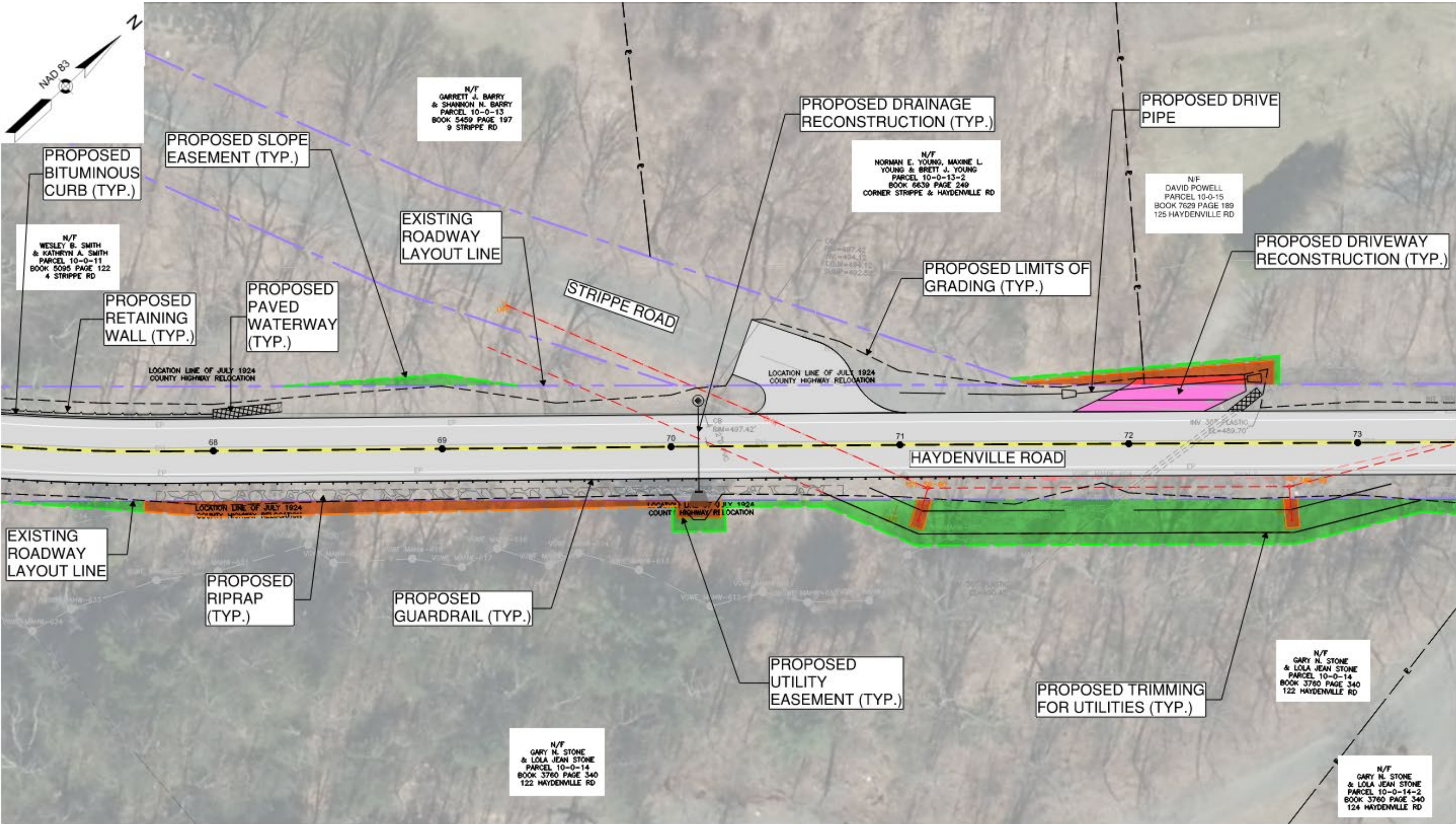
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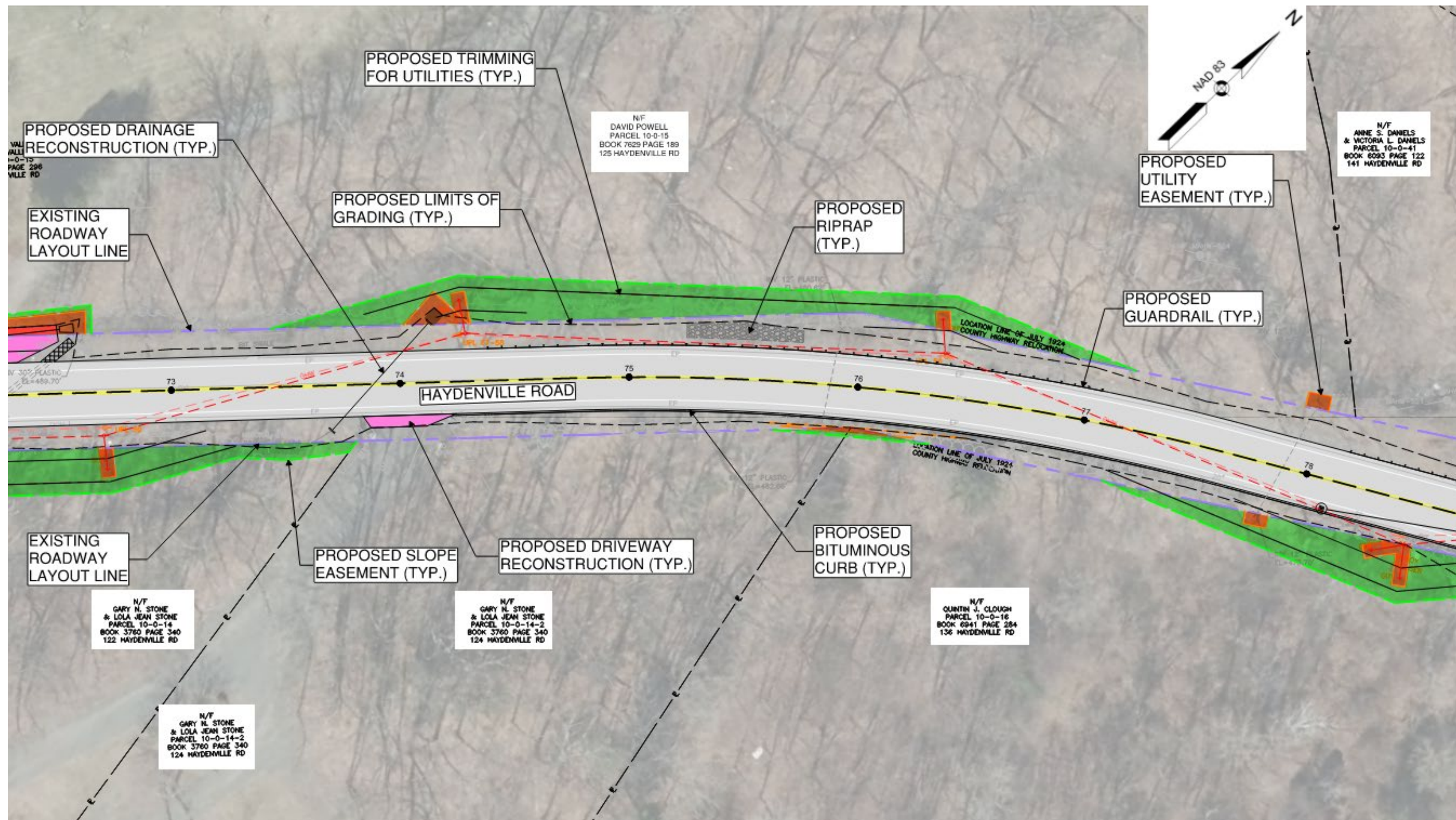


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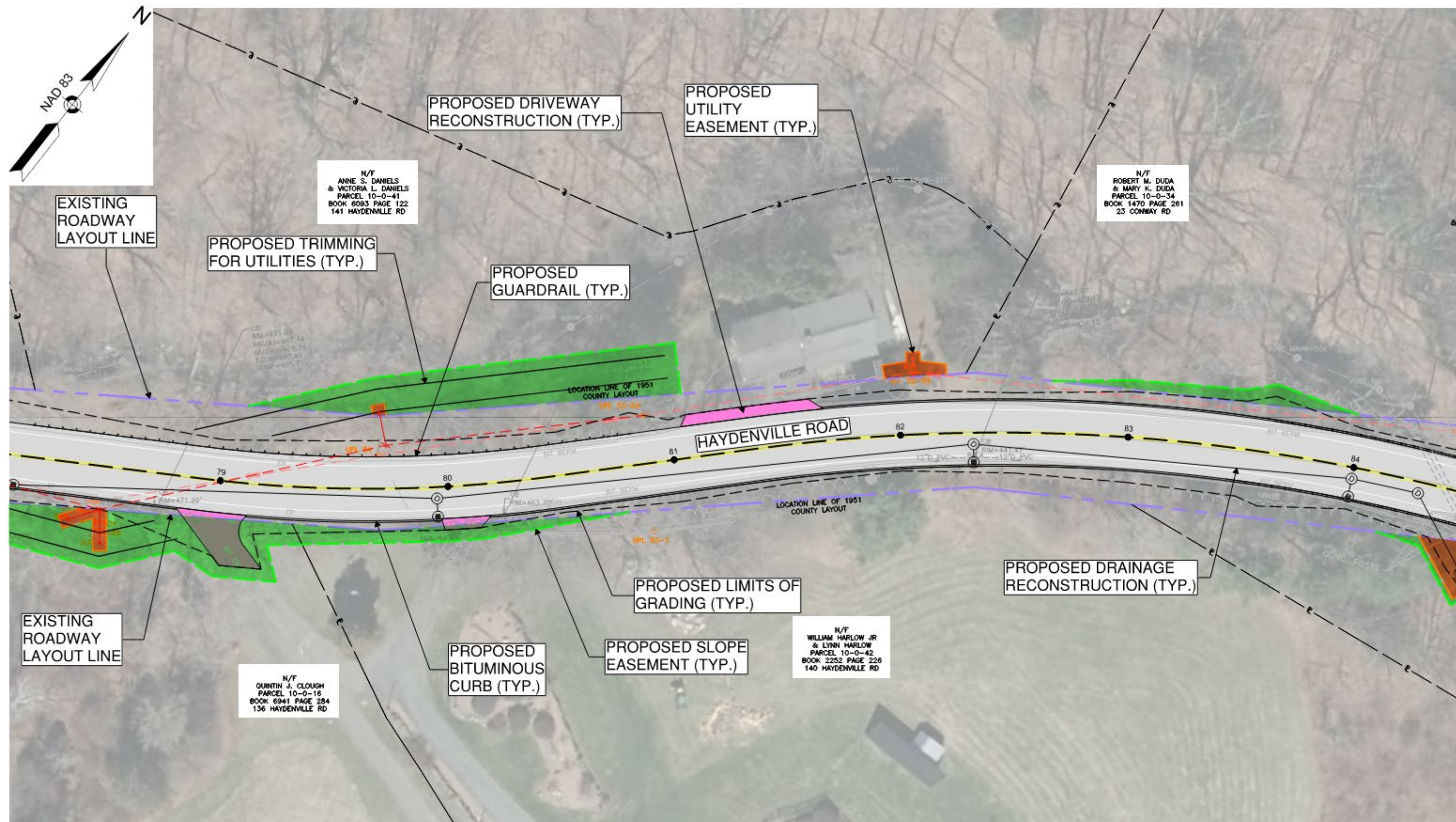
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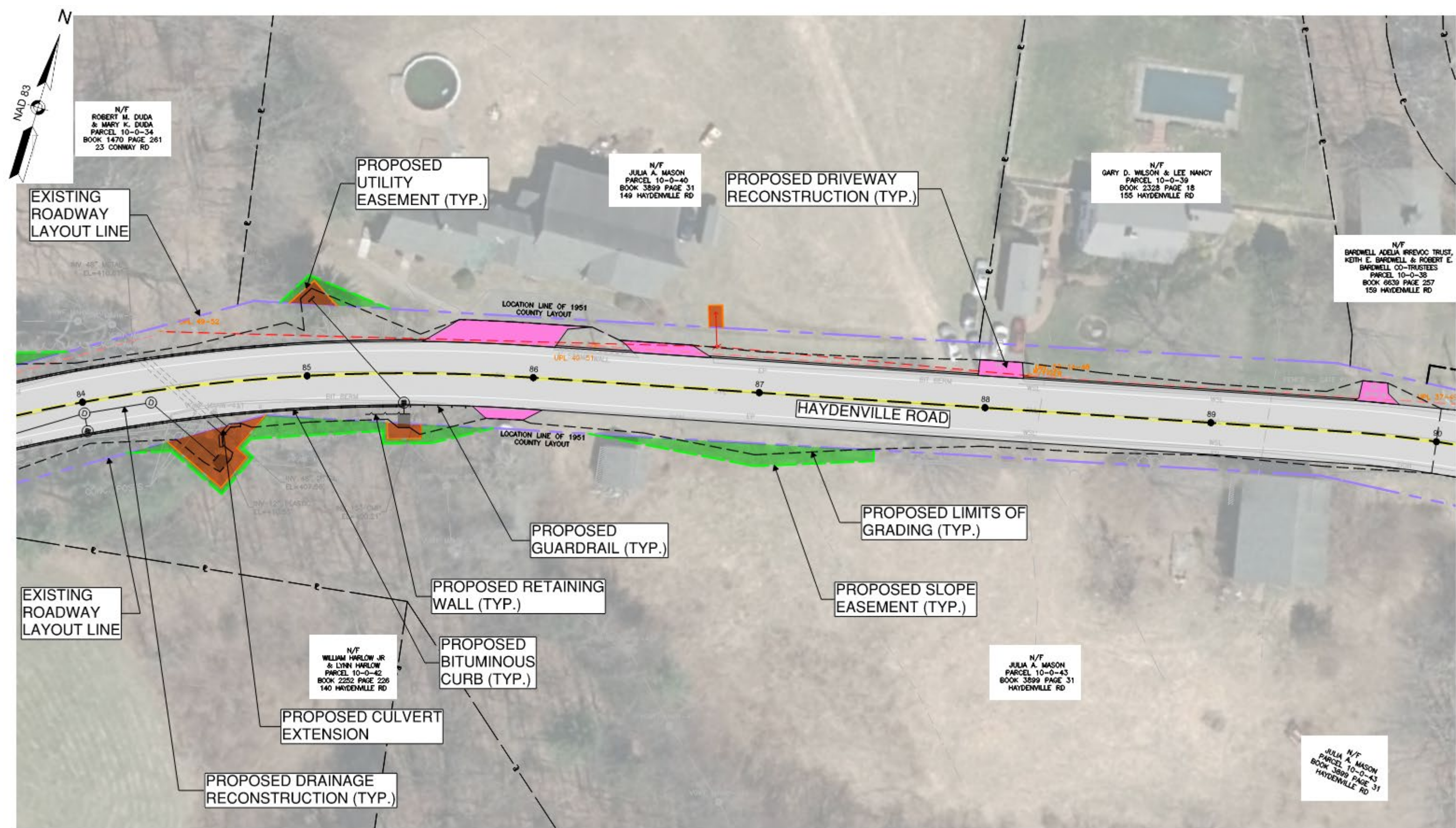


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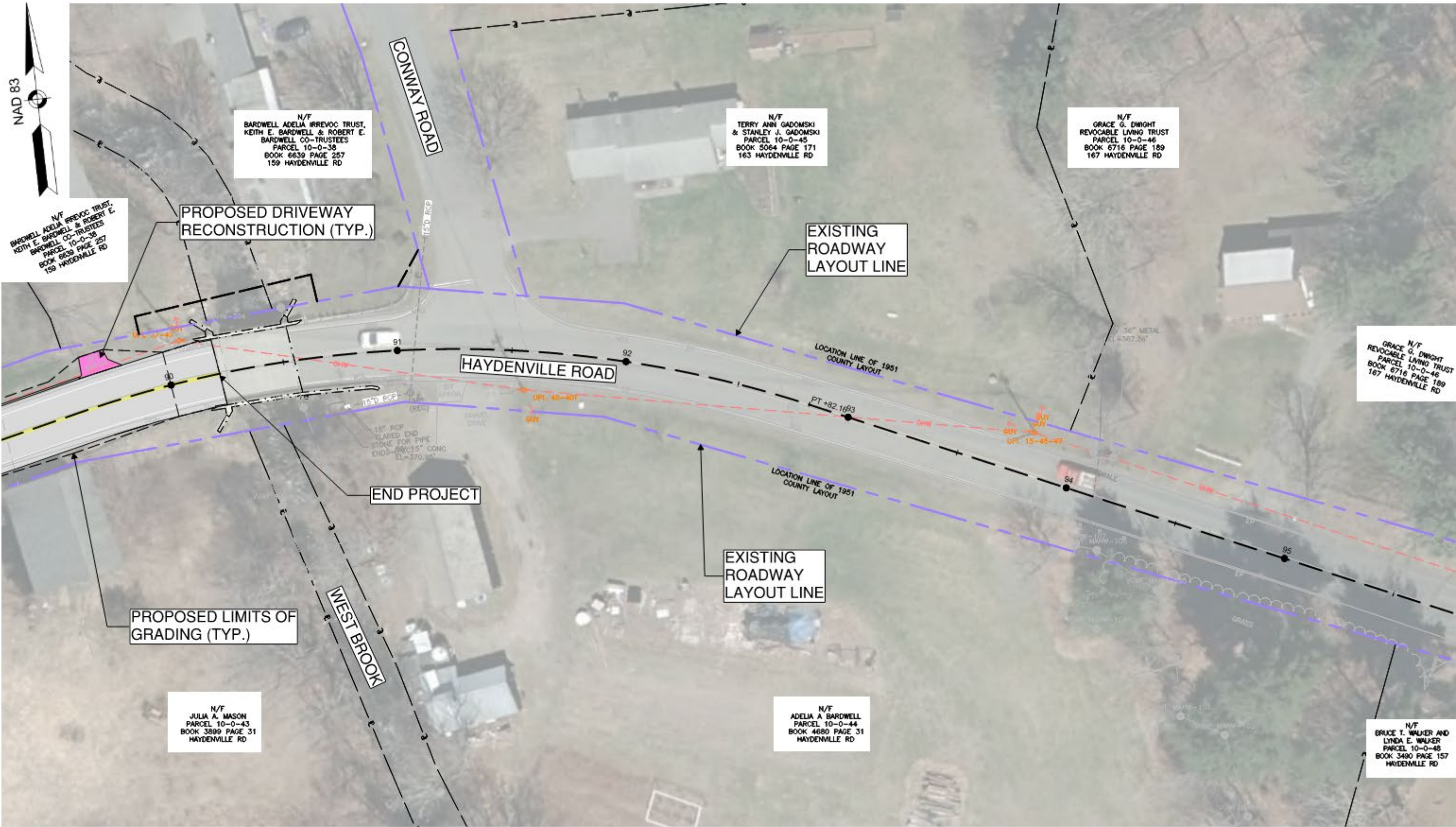


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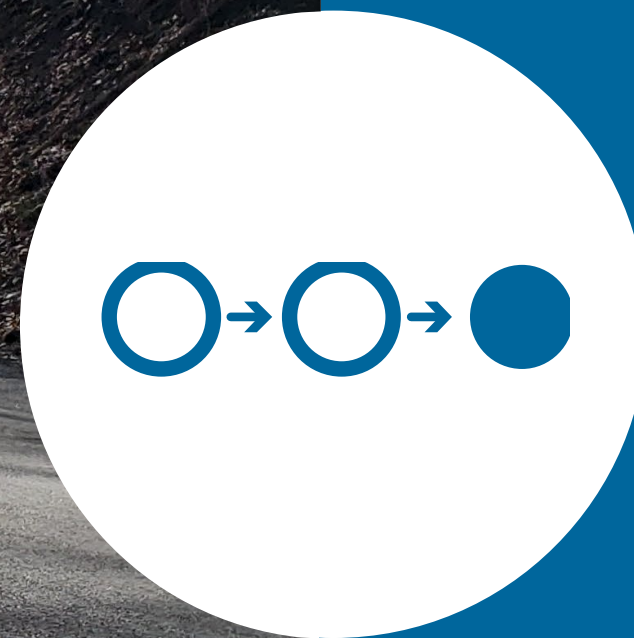


**What are the
environmental,
cultural,
resource, and
community
impacts?**

Environmental Permitting

- MassDOT Oversight
 - Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) / National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documents
 - Section 106
 - US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Programmatic General Permit
- Whately Conservation Commission Oversight
 - Notice Of Intent (NOI) for Wetlands Impacts
- Community members will have opportunities to attend public hearings and comment on permits





Next Steps

Our Next Steps



Step 1:
25% design public
hearing (tonight)

Step 2:
Summer 2022
File environmental
permits

Step 3:
Fall 2023
Complete 75% design

Step 4:
Fall 2024
Final design

Step 5:
Winter 2024
Advertising date with
Construction Start
Spring 2025

All dates are anticipated dates and are subject to change based on unforeseen circumstances with future design/right-of-way/permit efforts



Questions and discussion

Contact Information

Comments must be submitted in writing within 10 days following the hearing.

- By Mail: Carrie Lavalley, PE, Acting Deputy Administrator and Chief Engineer
MassDOT
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02166
Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 605983
- By email: dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us
Subject Line: Attention: Public Hearing Webinar Comments: Project File No. 605983
- Website address (Project Handout Form)
<https://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings>



Questions and Discussions



- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions



- Submit your questions and comments using the Q&A button



- Please state your name before your question



- Please share only 1 question or comment at a time, limited to 2 minutes, to allow others to participate



- To ask a question via phone, dial *9 and the moderator will call out the last 4-digits of your phone number and unmute your audio when it is your turn.



- Please take a few minutes to complete the digital survey after the meeting to share your experience with this virtual meeting.

**All questions and comments are subject to disclosure for public records.
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Thank You

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