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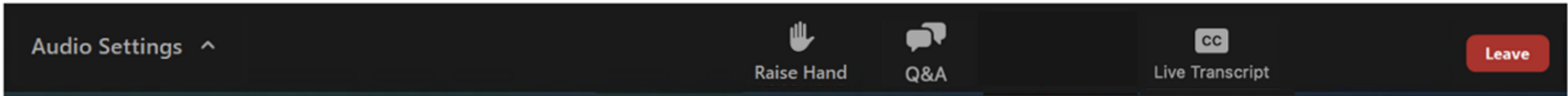
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Agenda

- 01** Project Team
- 02** Why was this project initiated?
- 03** What do we want to accomplish?
- 04** How has the design changed since the Design Public Hearing?
- 05** How will your property be impacted?
- 06** What are the environmental, cultural resource, and community impacts?
- 07** What is the construction approach?
- 08** How will the road user be affected?
- 09** How will we keep you informed?
- 10** Questions and Answers



Presentation Participants

- **MassDOT Project Team**
 - Greg Frazier, Project Manager
 - Mark Moore, District 1 Project Development Engineer
 - Pamela Marquis, Right-of-Way Compliance Manager
 - Joseph Yoo, Producer/Facilitator
 - Christopher Klem, Producer/Facilitator
- **Town of Williamsburg**
 - Nick Caccamo, Town Administrator
- **Design Consultant – Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc.**
 - Todd Clark, PE, Design Project Manager



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Town of Williamsburg

Williamsburg Veteran Services



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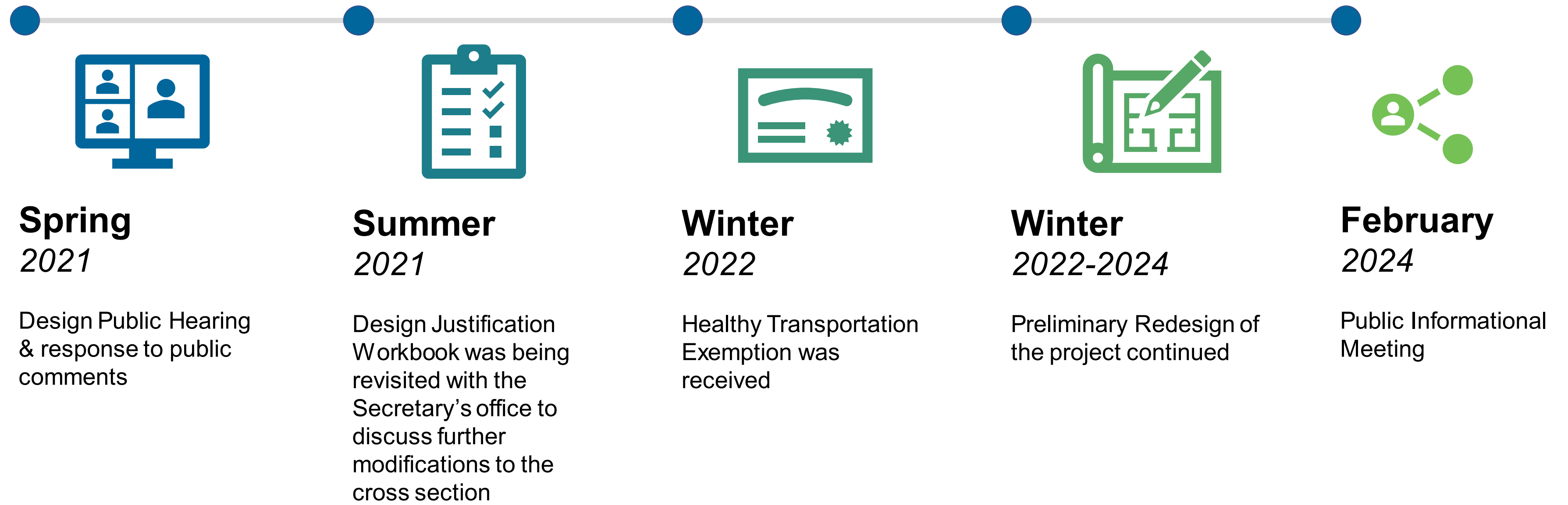
Food Bank of Western Mass

Registry of Motor Vehicles

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission



How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Project Goals

1. Maintain rural character of the road and area
2. Address poor roadway condition
3. Update signage, pavement marking and guardrail
4. Repair and maintain drainage



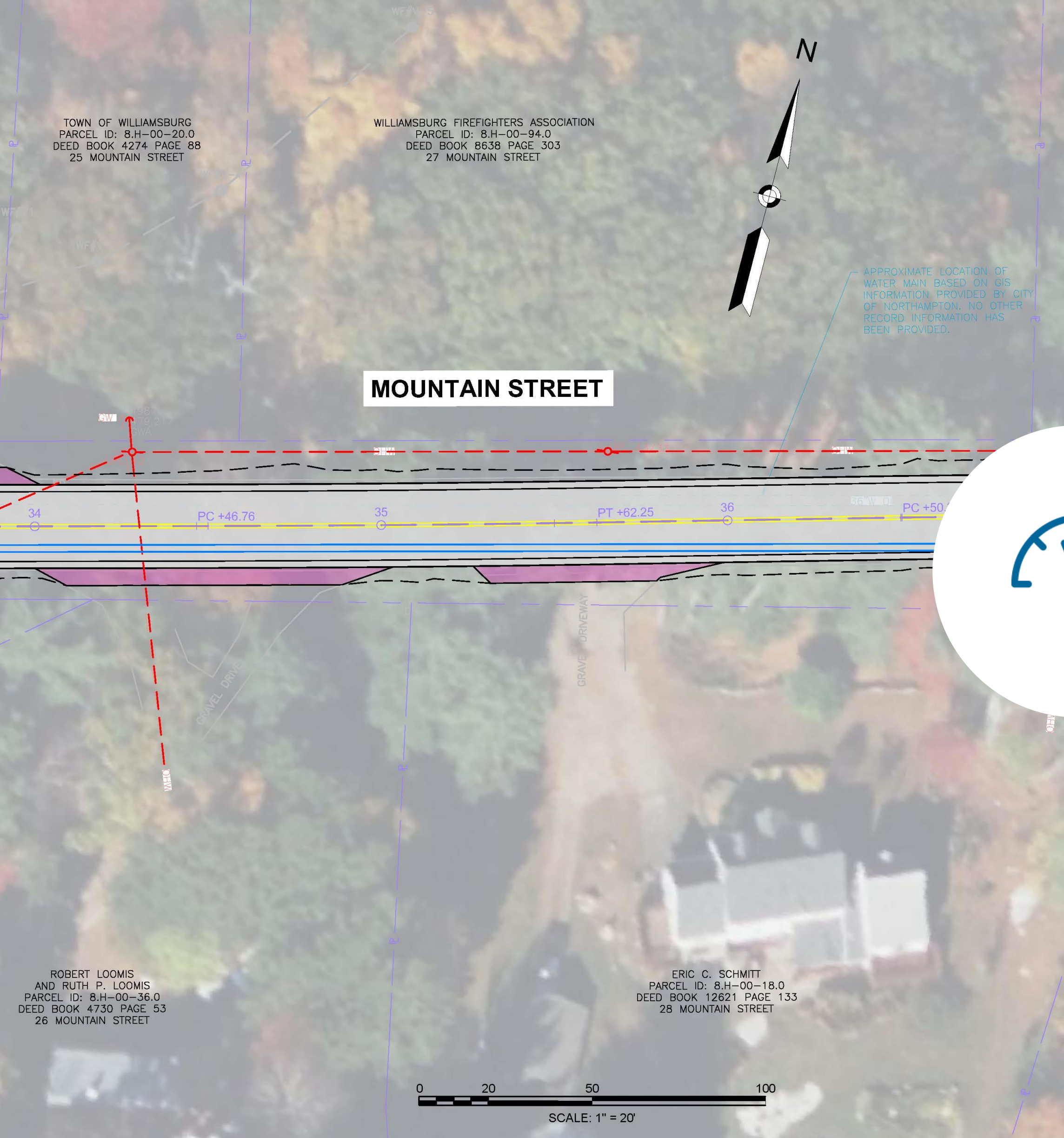


**What do we
want to
accomplish?**



Project Scope

- Repair the road / reduce yearly maintenance
- Make practical upgrades to aged drainage structures and pipes
- Construct a new watermain (funded by the City of Northampton)
- Provide practicable erosion control upgrades
- Update guardrail in this rural setting



How has the design changed since the Design Public Hearing?

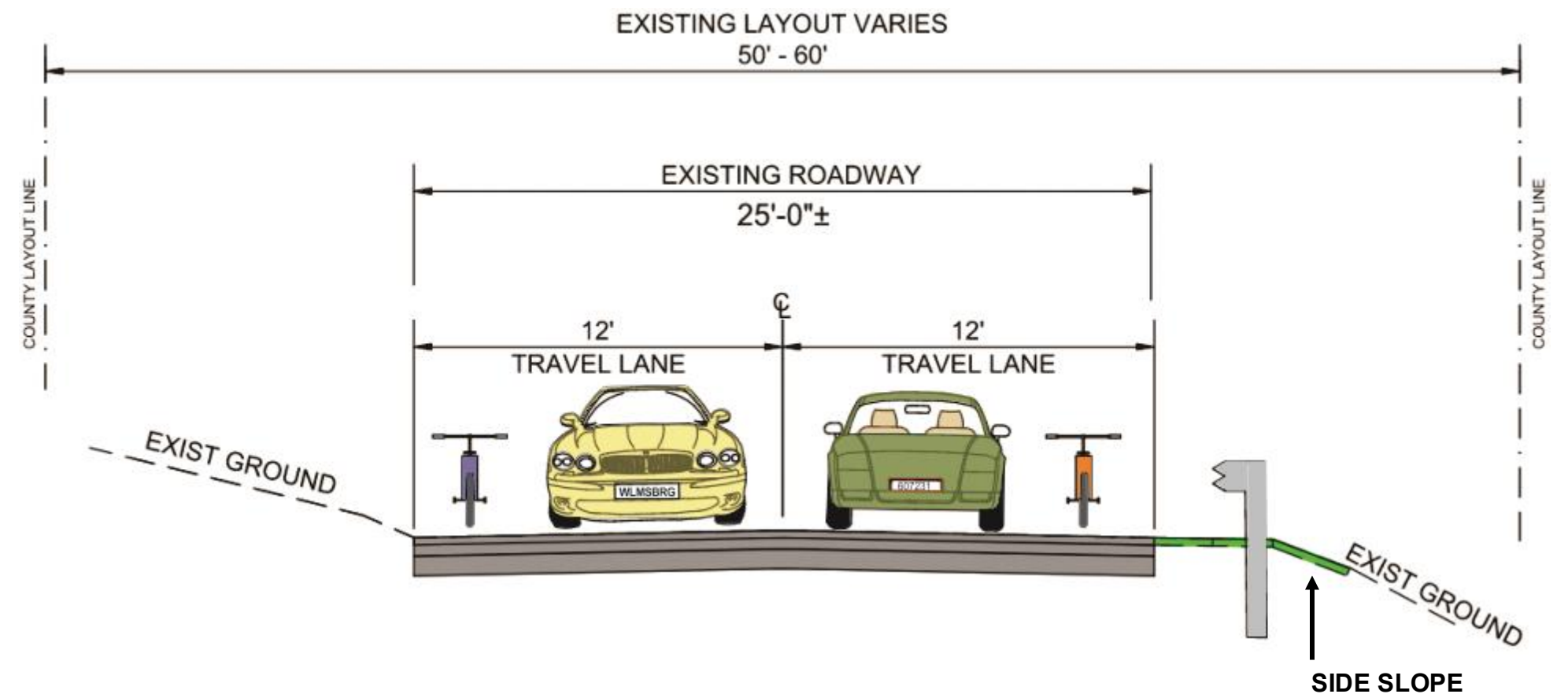
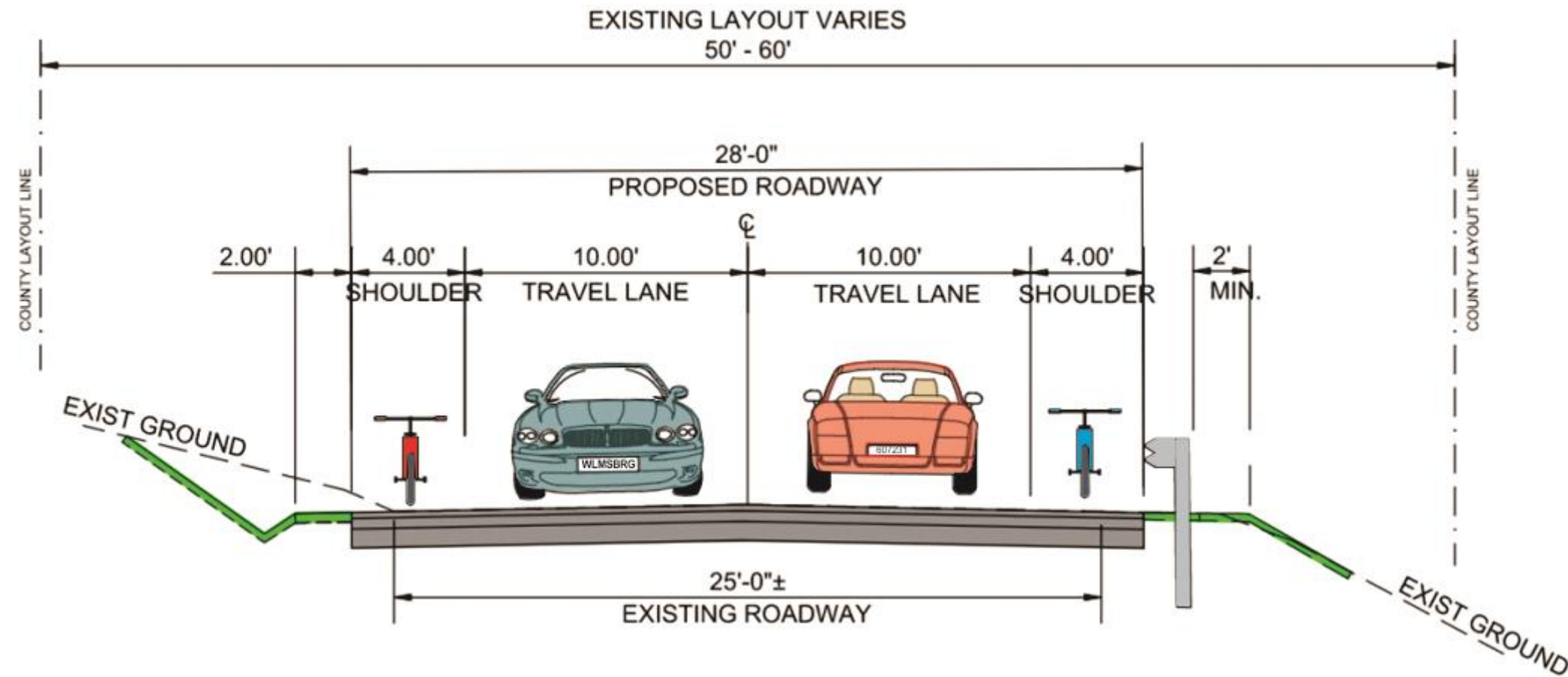
In Response to Public Input

Pre-Design Public Hearing

- Shoulder widening (4' wide shoulder)
- Bicycle and pedestrian accommodation
 - Pedestrian accommodation
 - Shoulder to allow emergency vehicles passage

Post-Design Public Hearing

- Road preservation focused
 - Maintain the existing roadway width and rural road character
 - Reduce impacts to abutting properties
 - Repair existing drainage and upgrade when feasible
- Proposed pavement width vs. existing



Preserving the Roadway

- Repair the existing roadway
 - Improve roadway surface with partial depth reconstruction
 - New pavement markings, signage and guardrail upgrades
 - Repair/maintain drainage pipes, structures and culverts, and crossings
- Provide stormwater treatment to the extent practicable
- New water main
- Fewer utility pole relocations
- One Stream Crossing Improvement



Key Terminology to Know

- **Driveway Area:** Minor regrading surface work to the driveway to match into the proposed roadway.
- **Temporary Slope Area** -Topsoil regrading for drainage to match proposed roadway.
- **Utility Easement:** Area around utility poles, anchors and drainage structures and pipes beyond the right of way.
- **Roadway:** New pavement and base materials.
- **New Water Main:** New 24” transmission water main.
- **Drainage Structure & Pipe:** New catch basins, manholes, and pipes to replace existing aged corrugated metal pipes and structures.
- **County Right of Way Boundary Line:** Defines county owned lands preserving the right to own, operate and maintain the roadway.
- **Property Boundary Line:** The line between two points where properties begin and end.

Context for Design Plans

LEGEND:



- DRIVEWAY AREA



- TEMPORARY SLOPE AREA



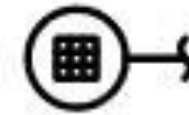
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- ROADWAY



- NEW WATER MAIN



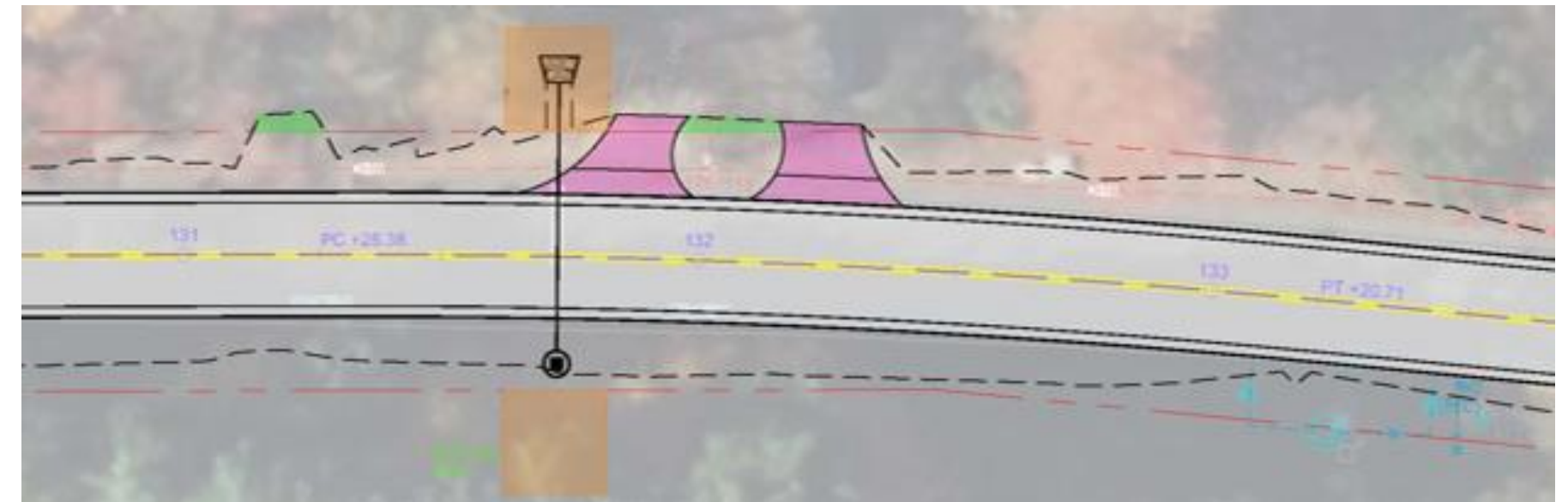
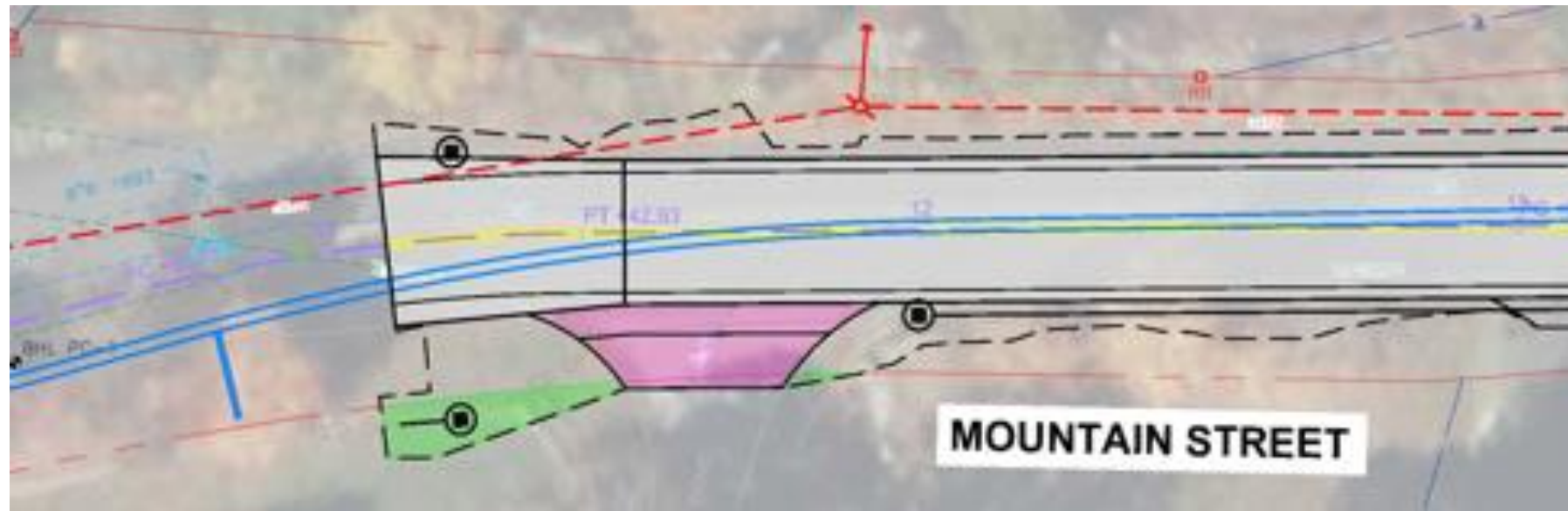
- DRAINAGE STRUCTURE & PIPE



- RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY LINE

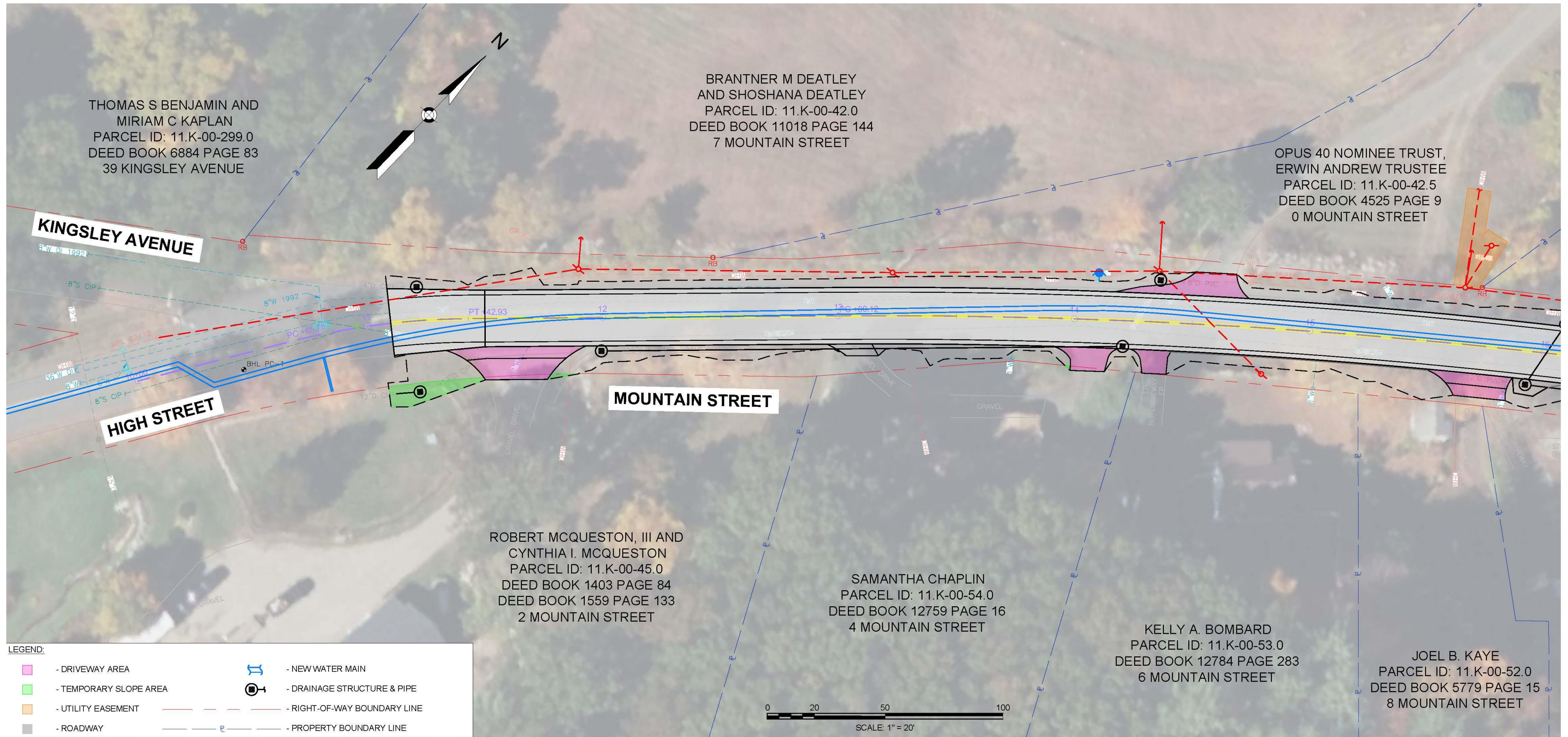


- PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE



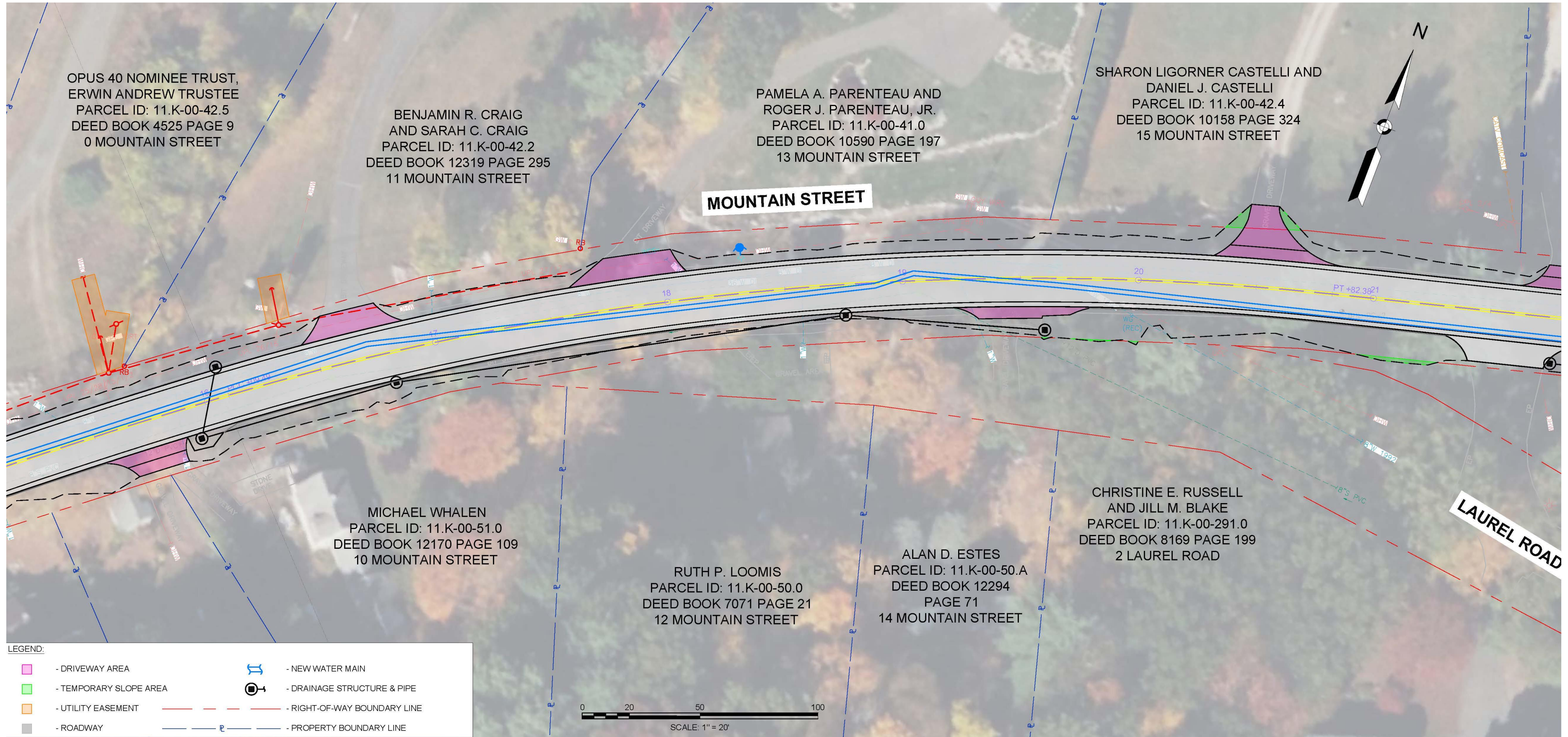
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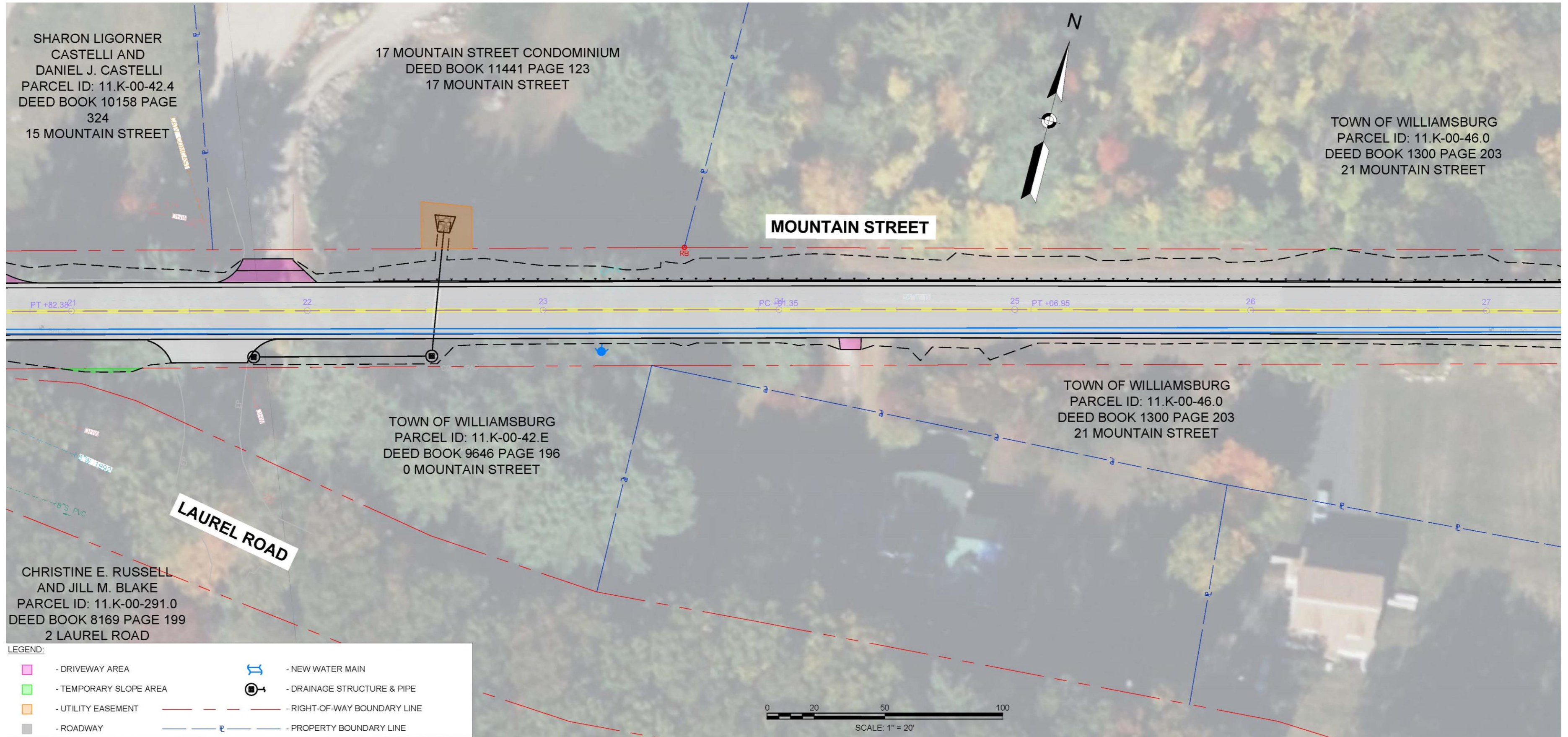
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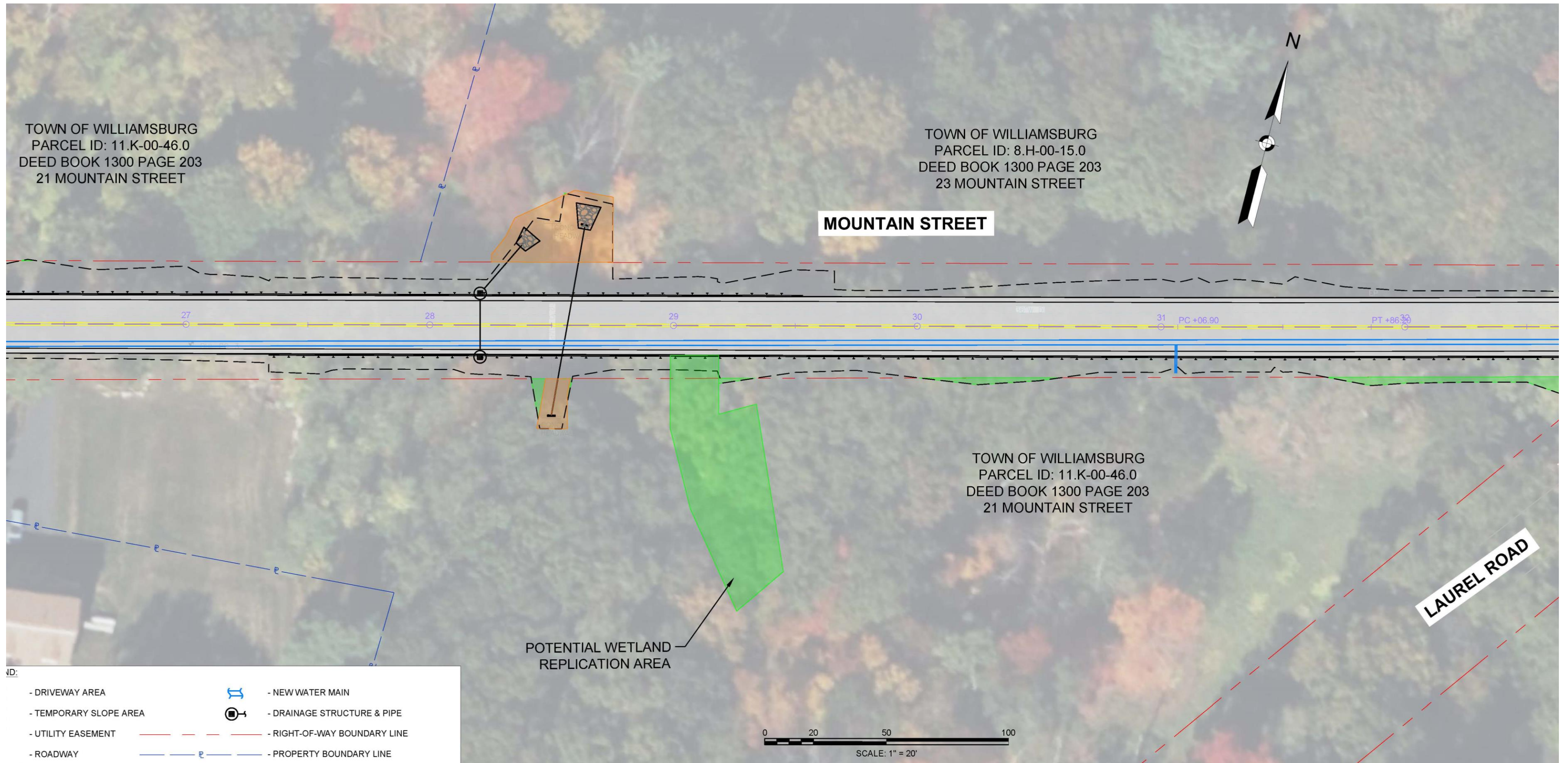
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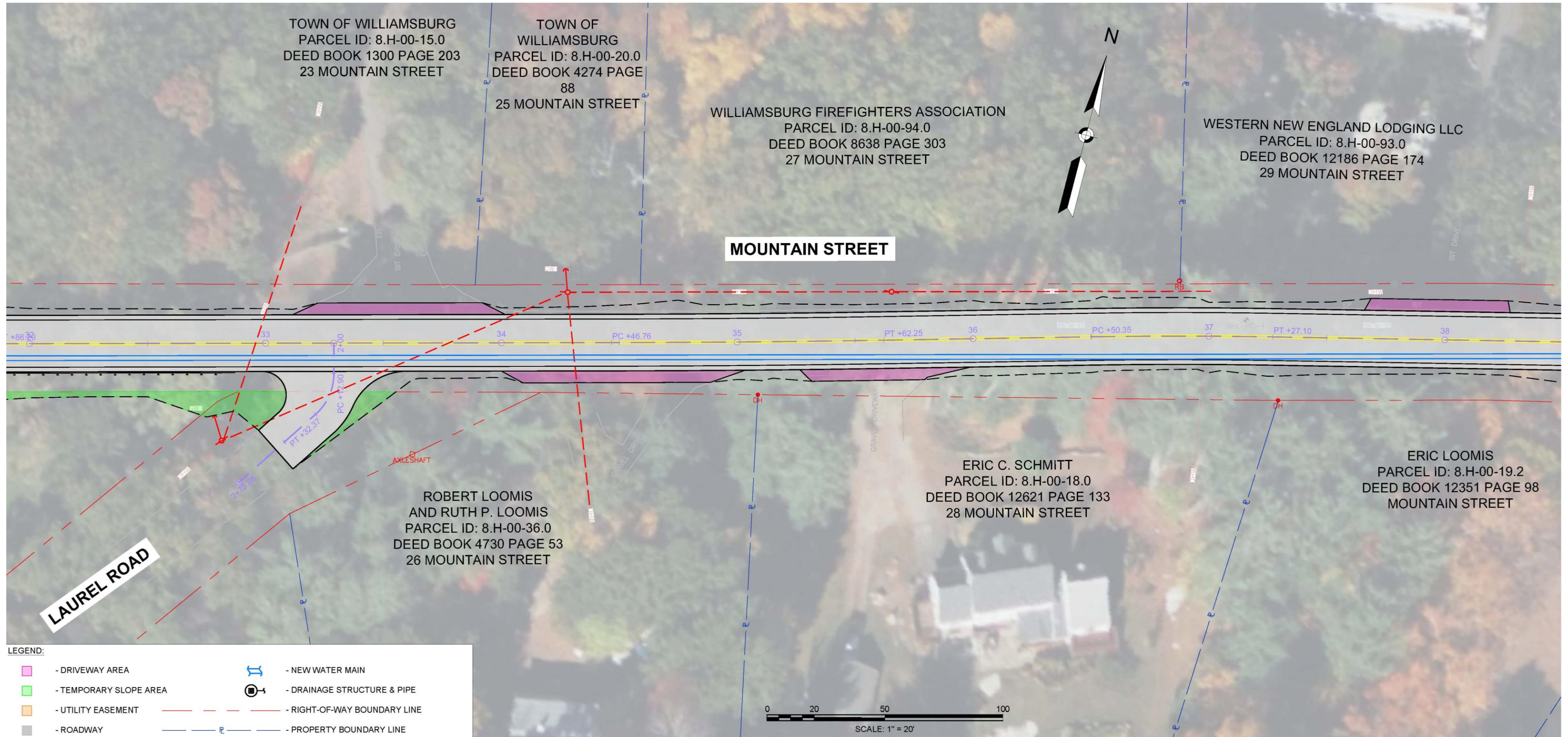
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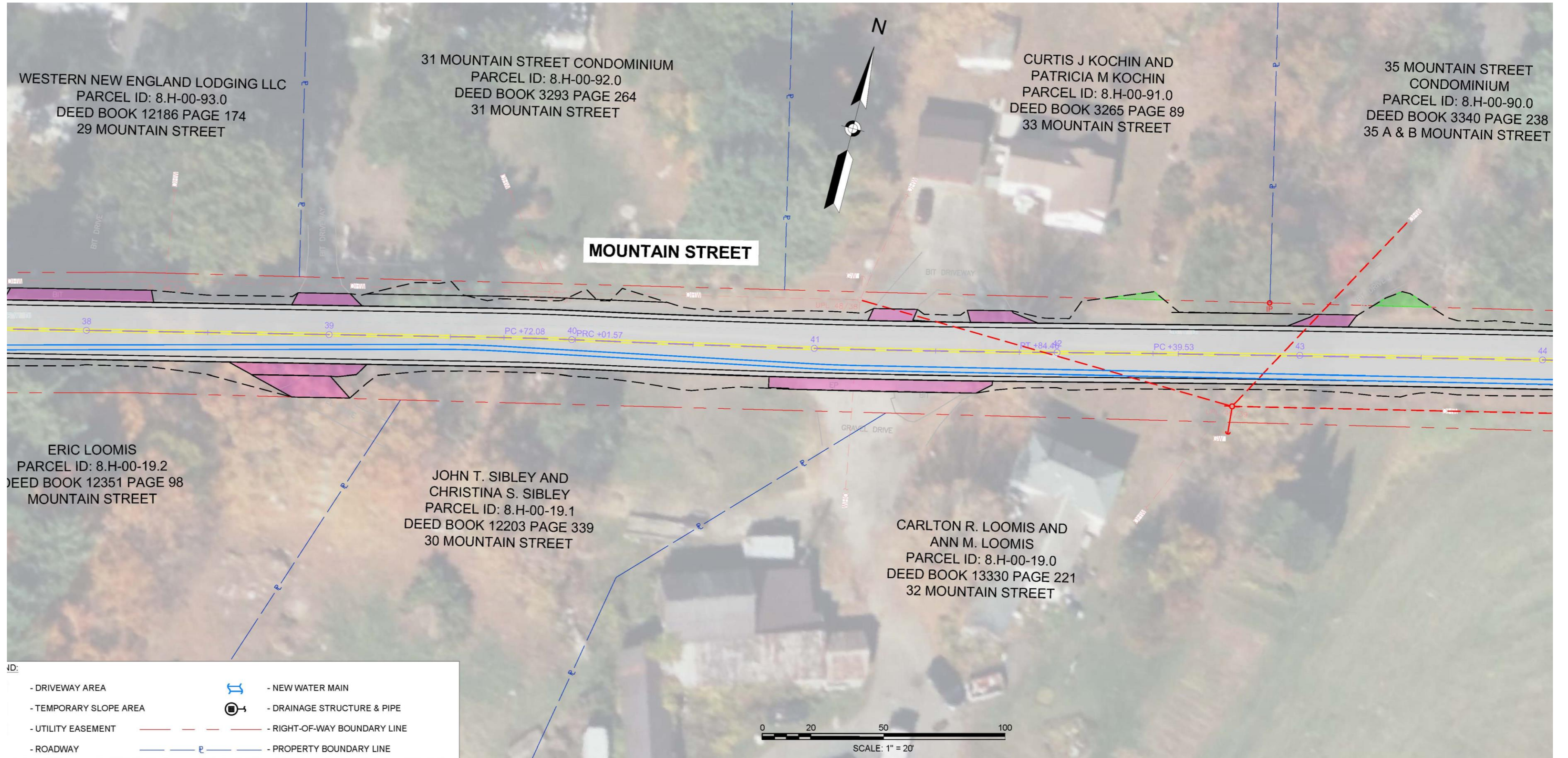
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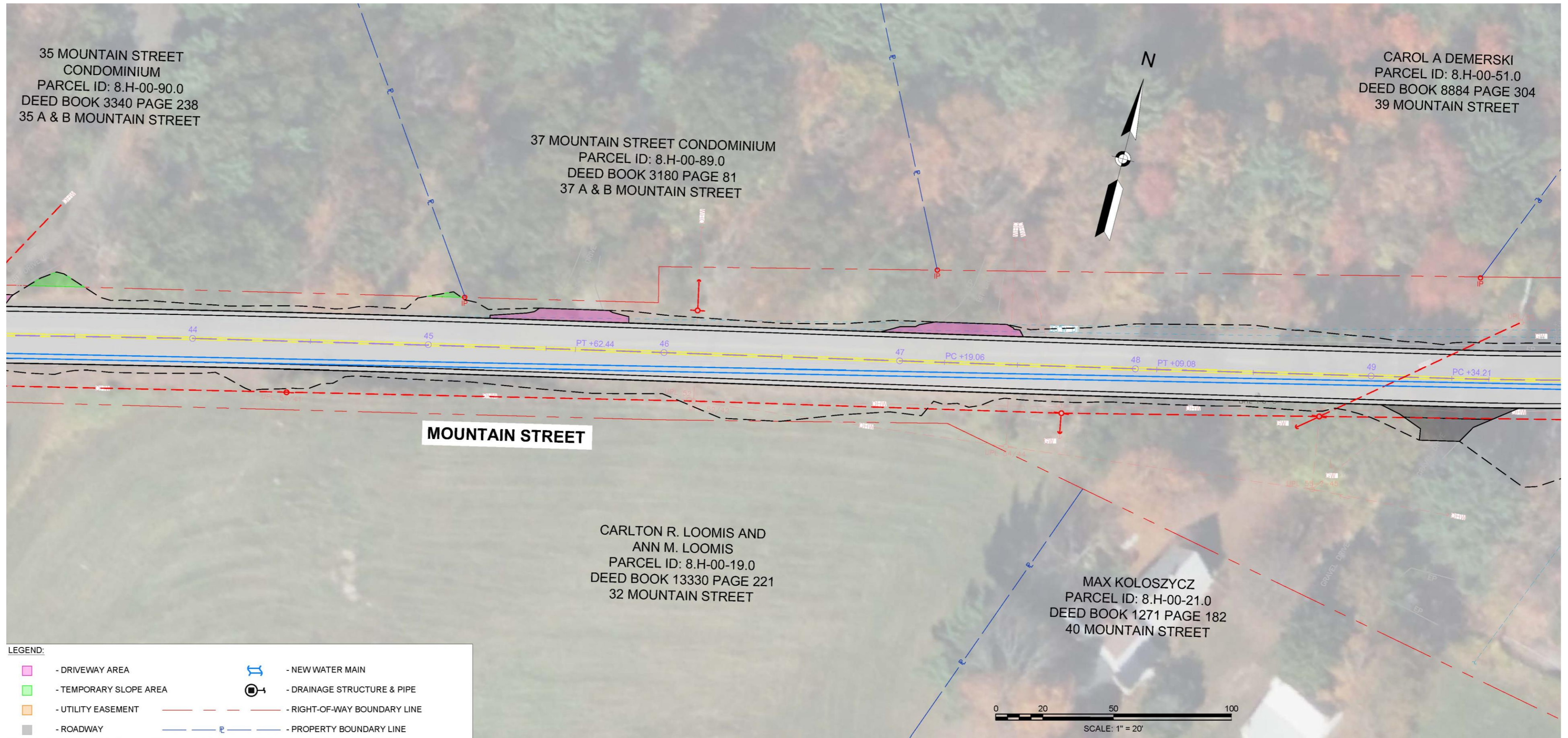
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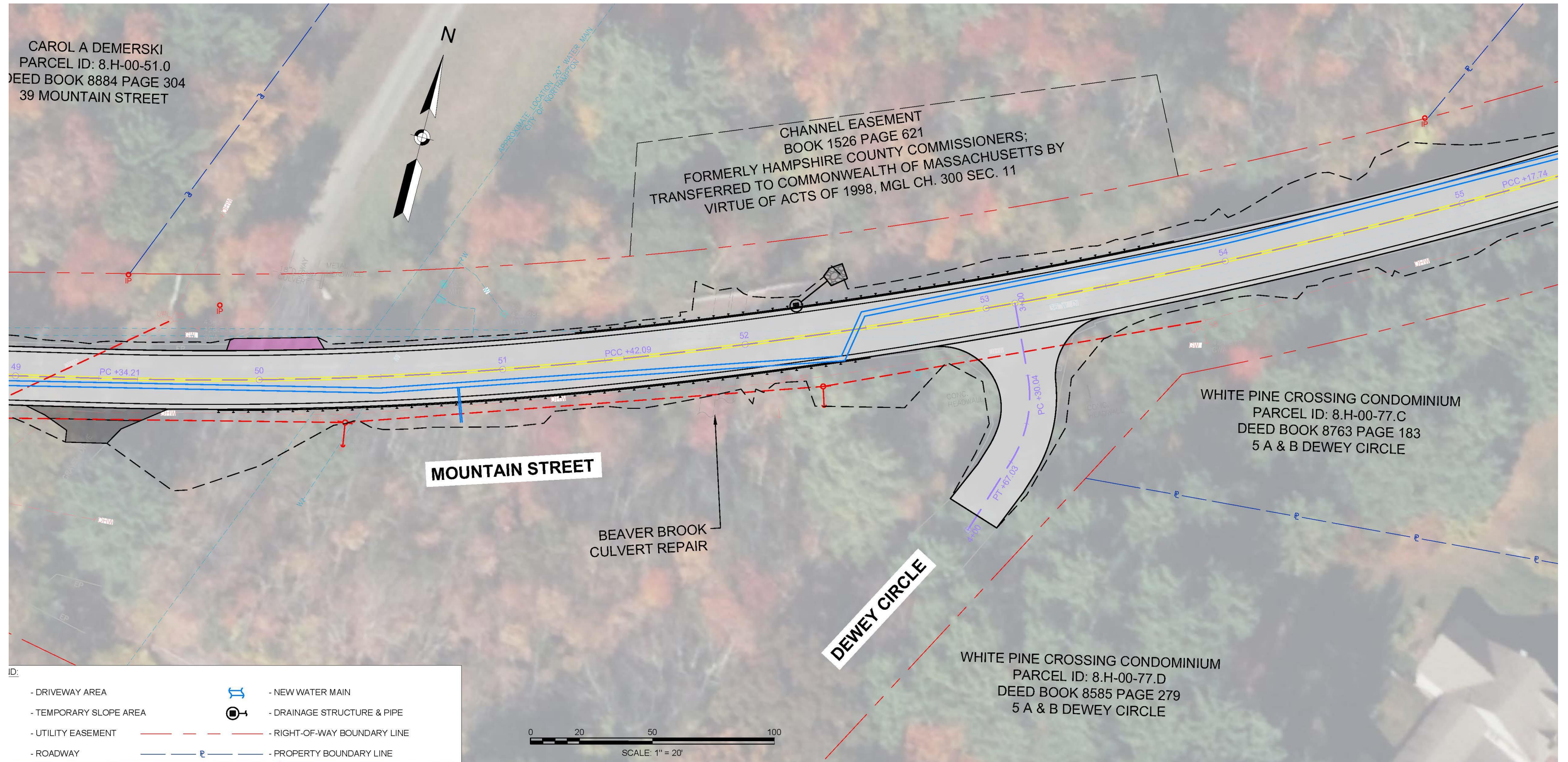
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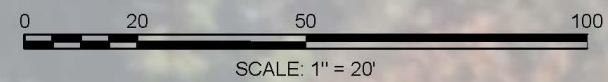
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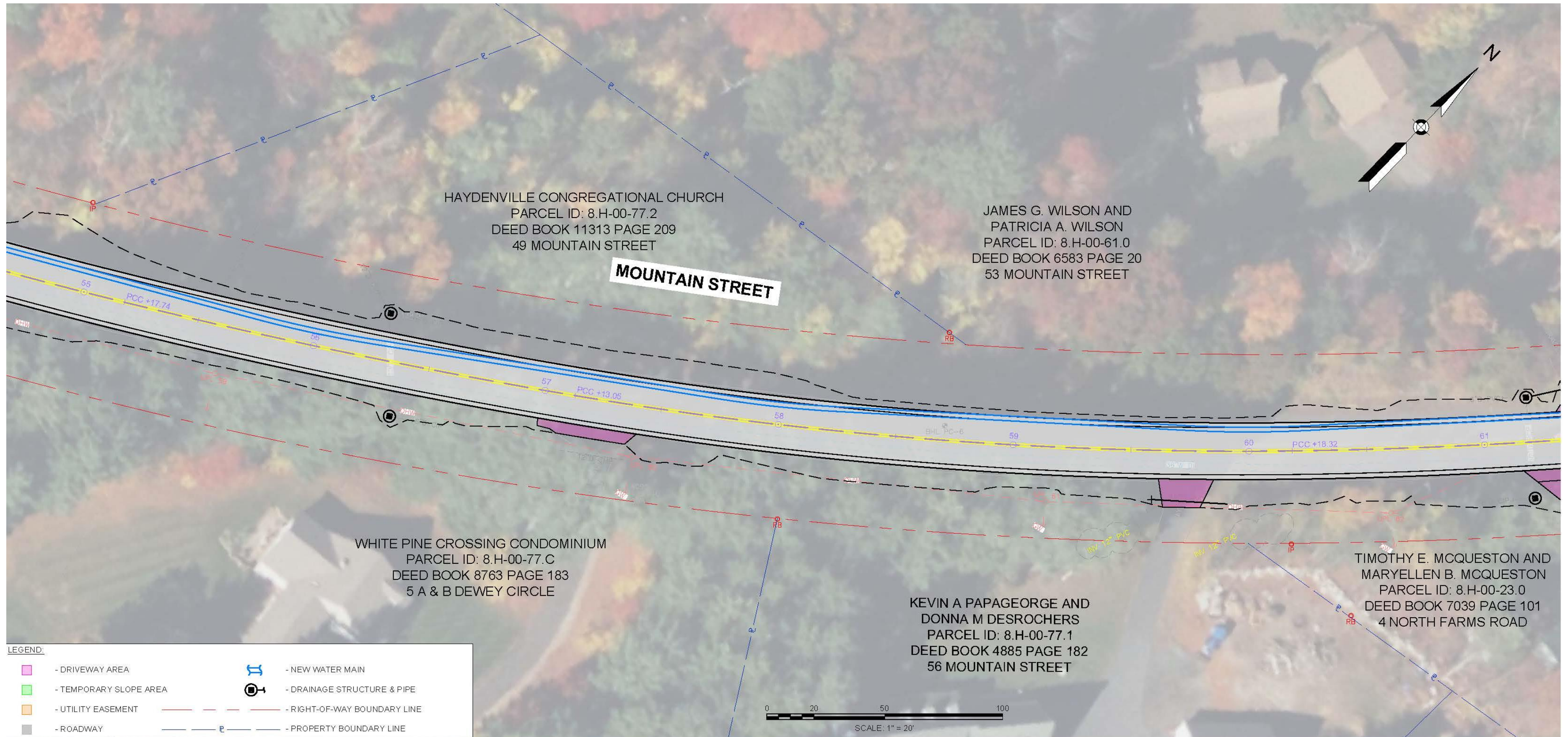
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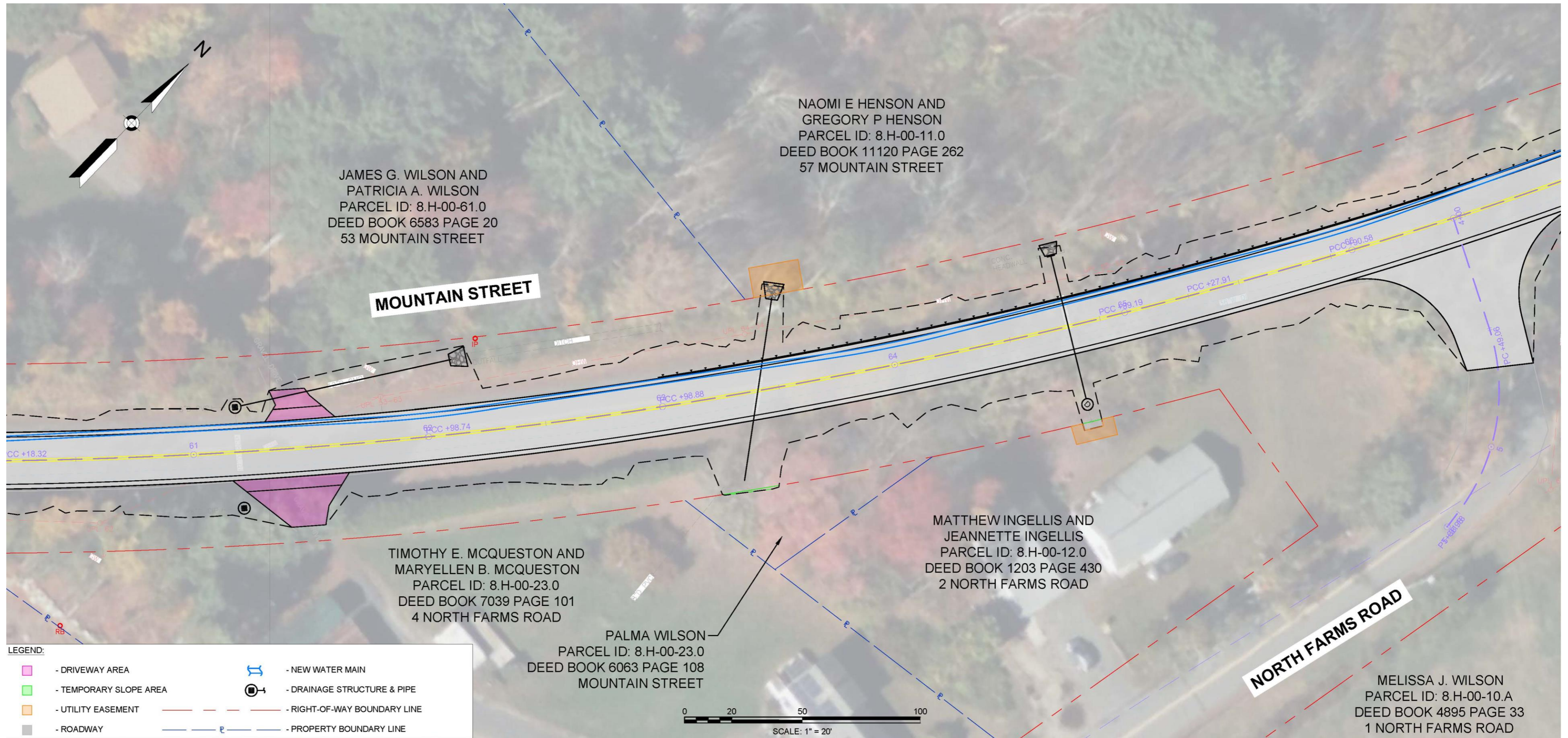
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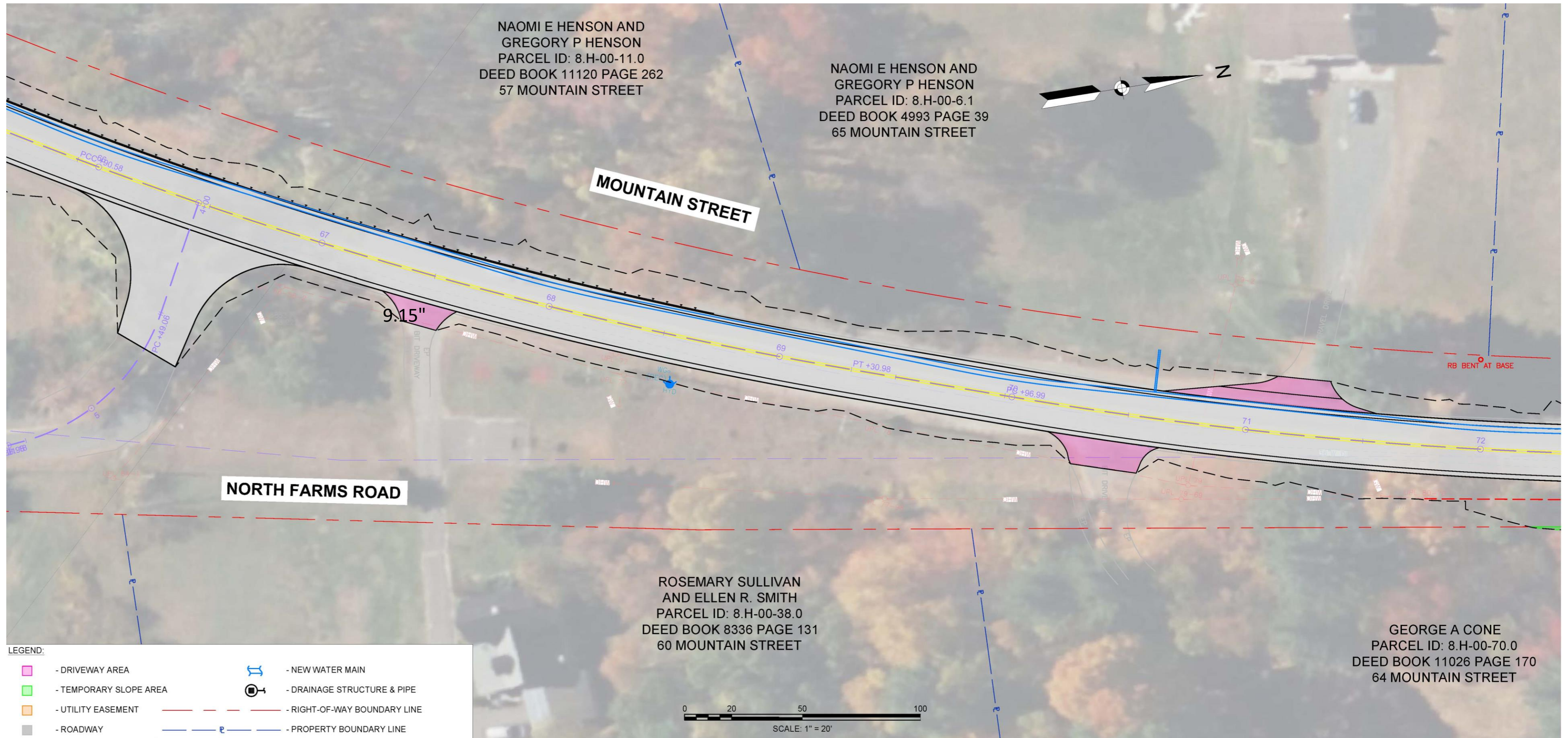
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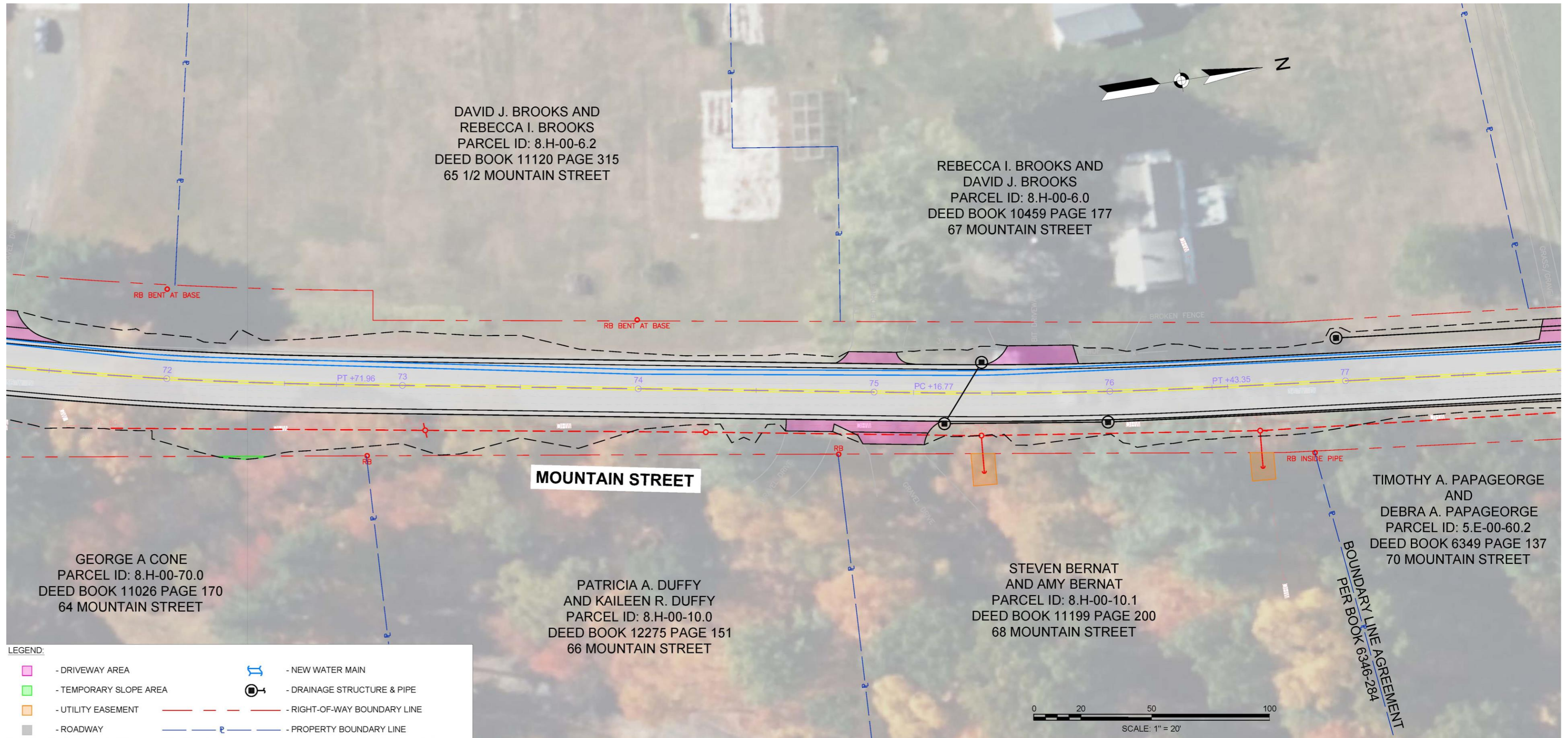
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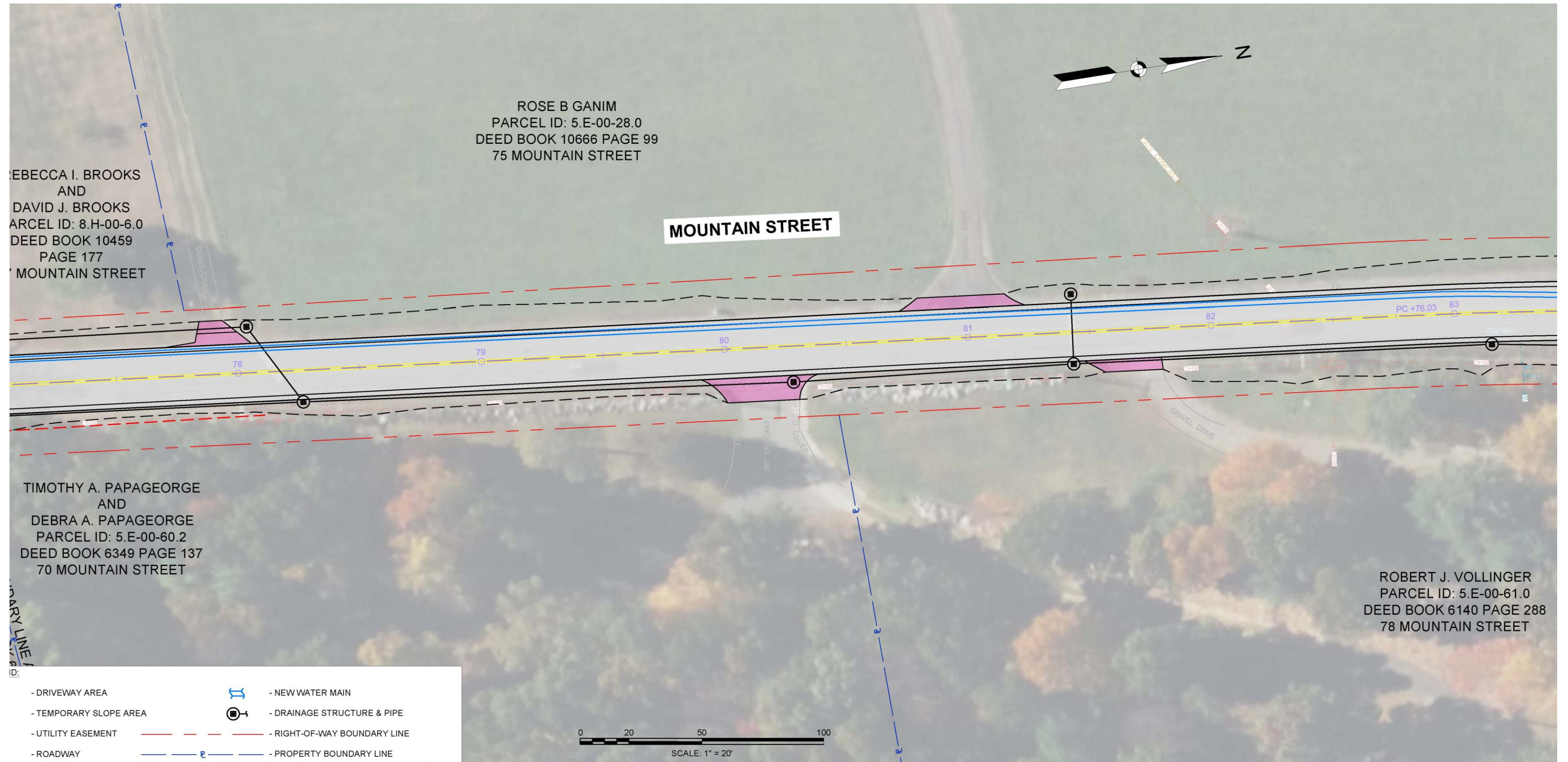
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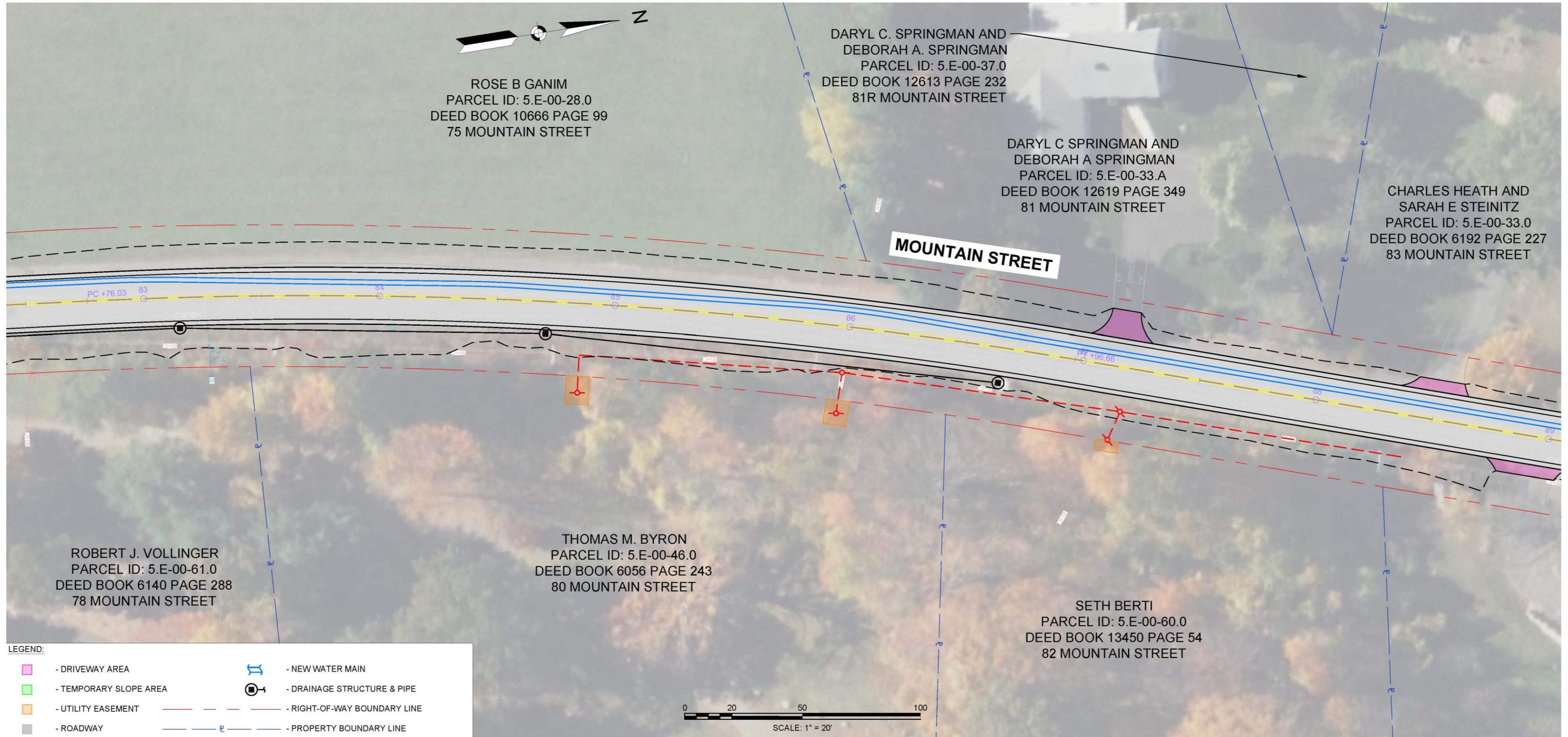
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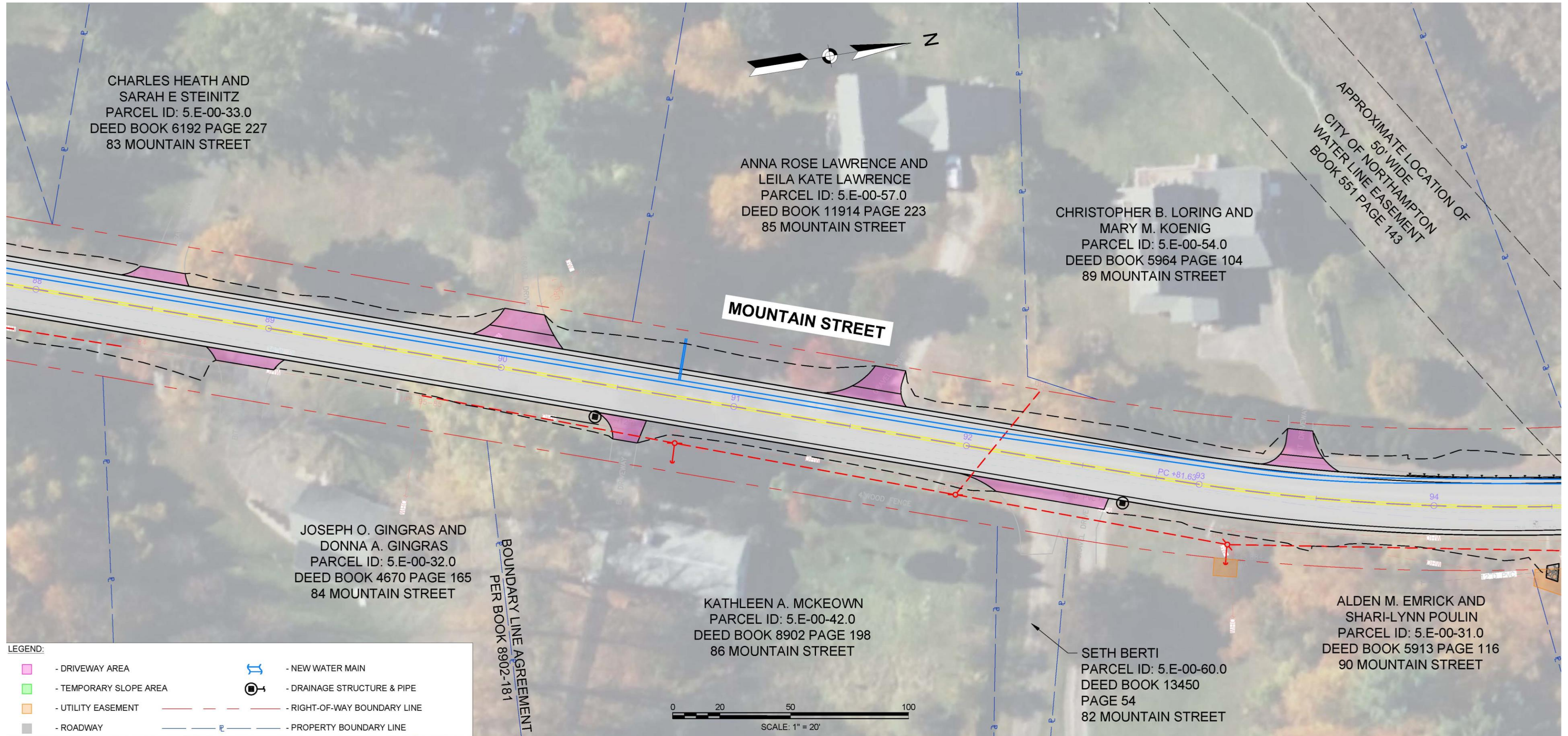
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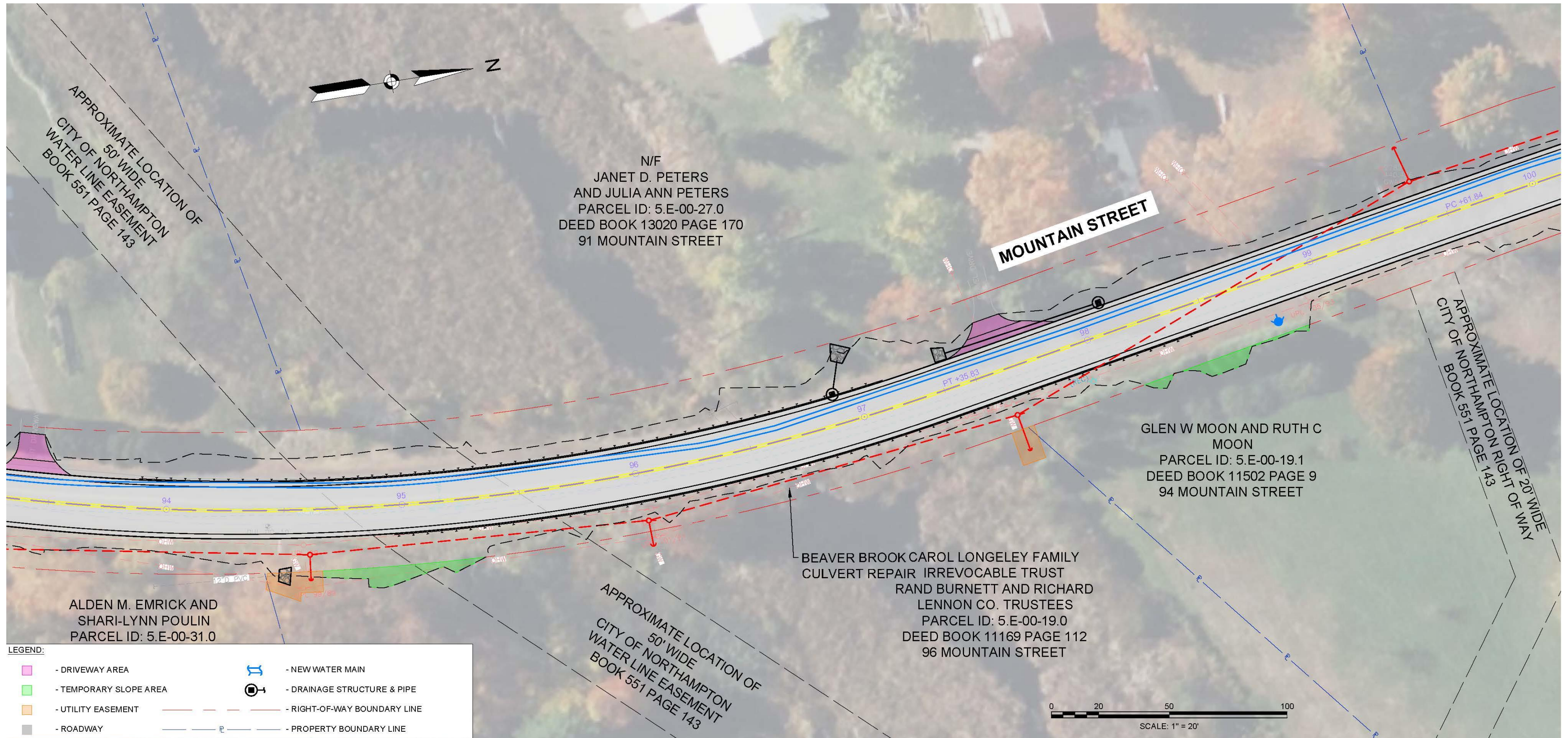
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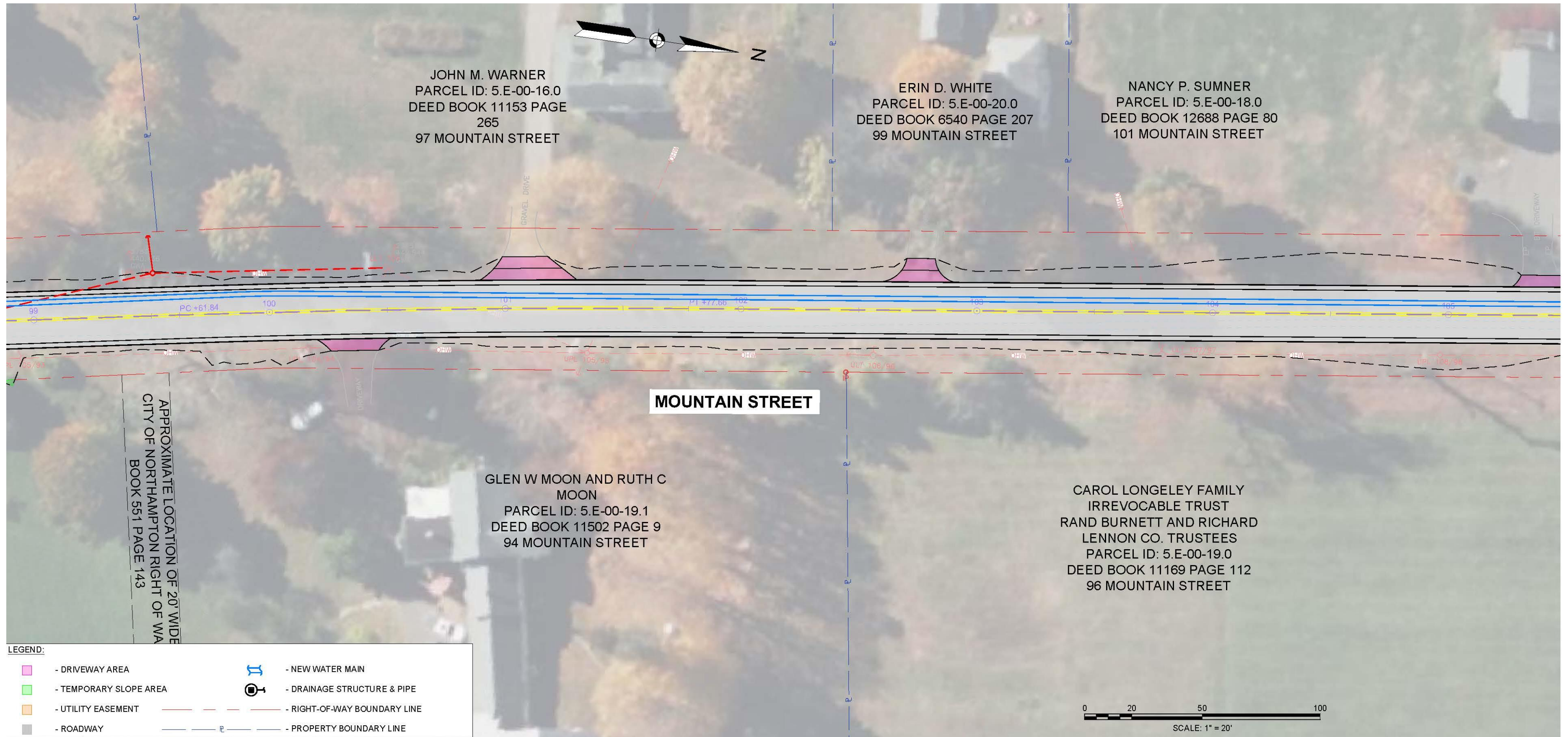
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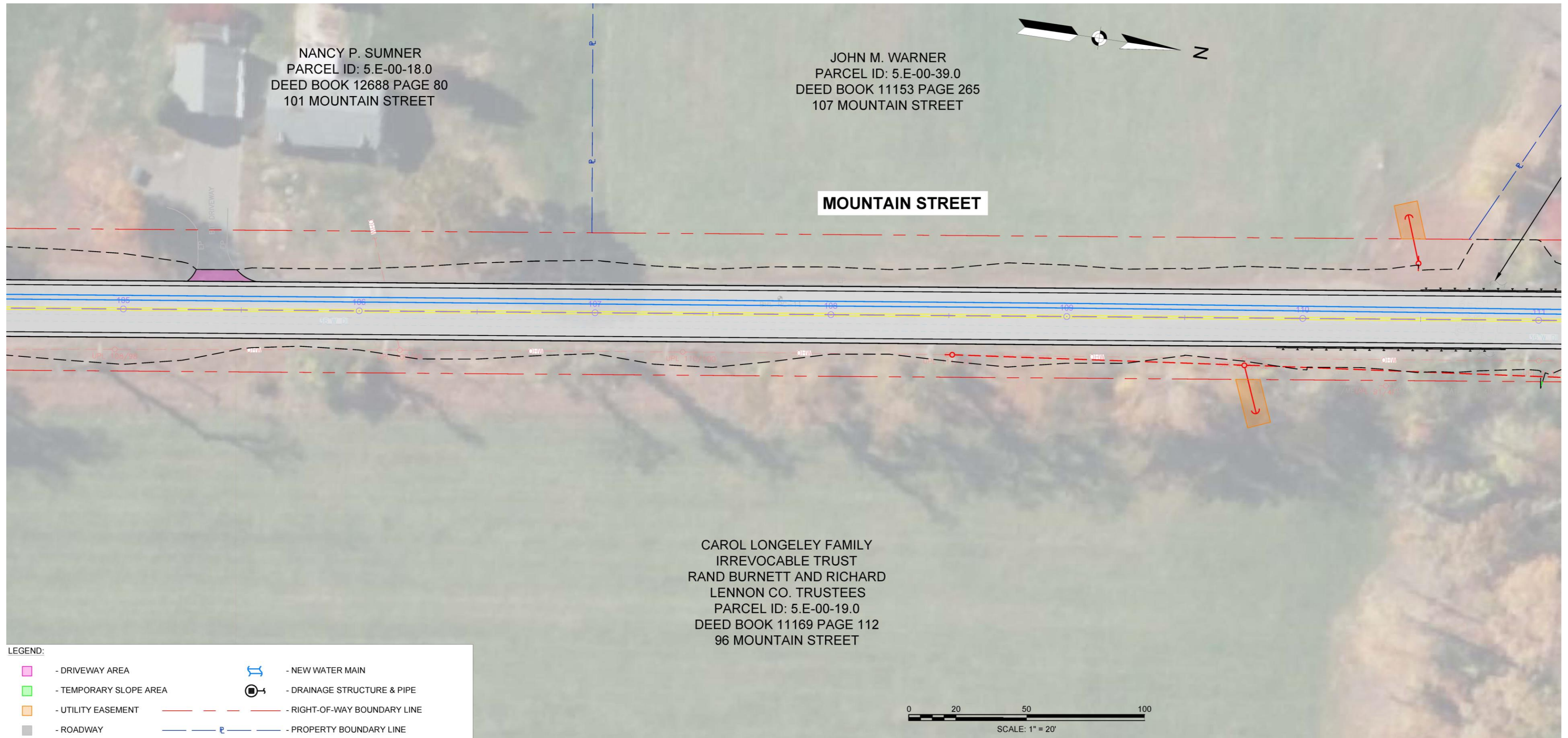
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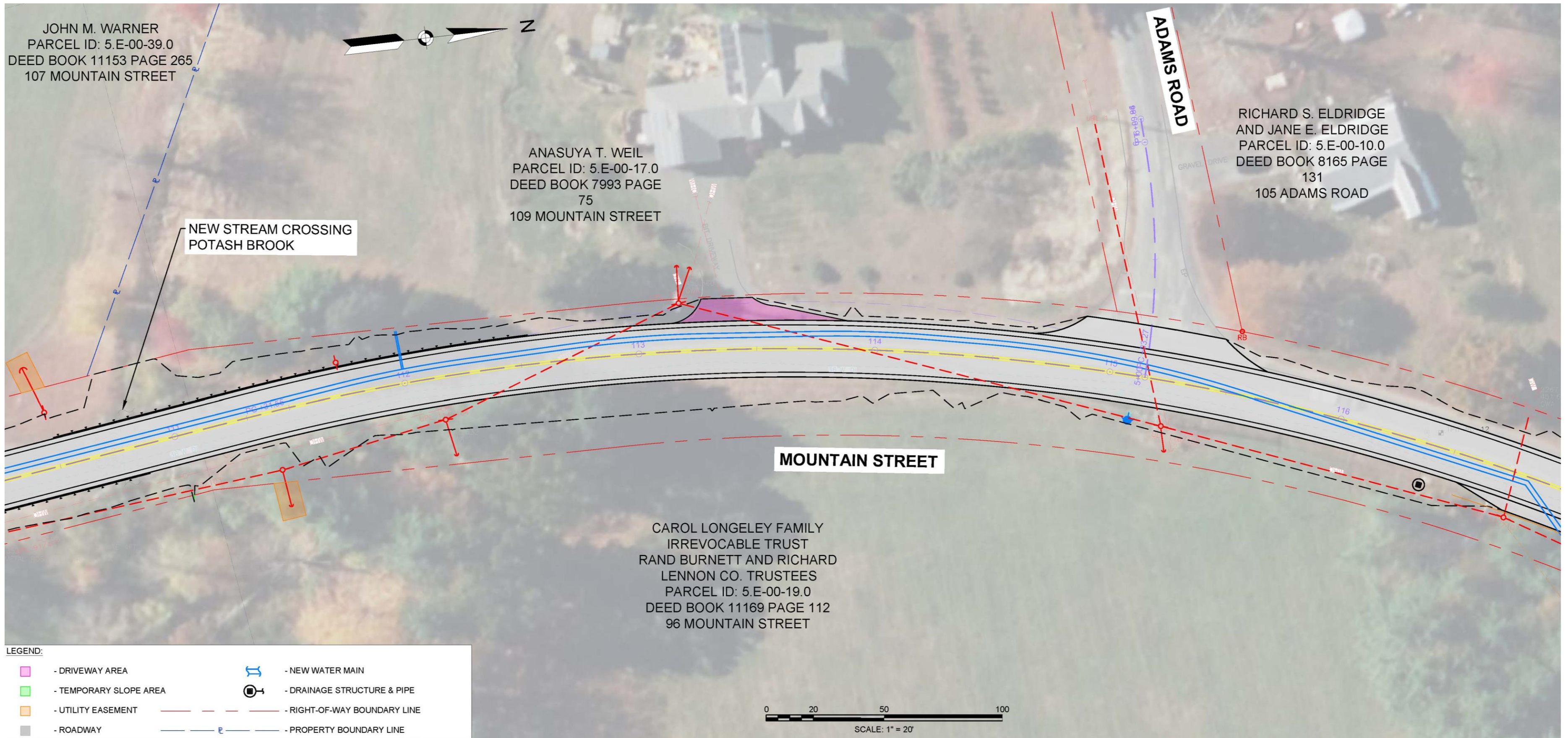
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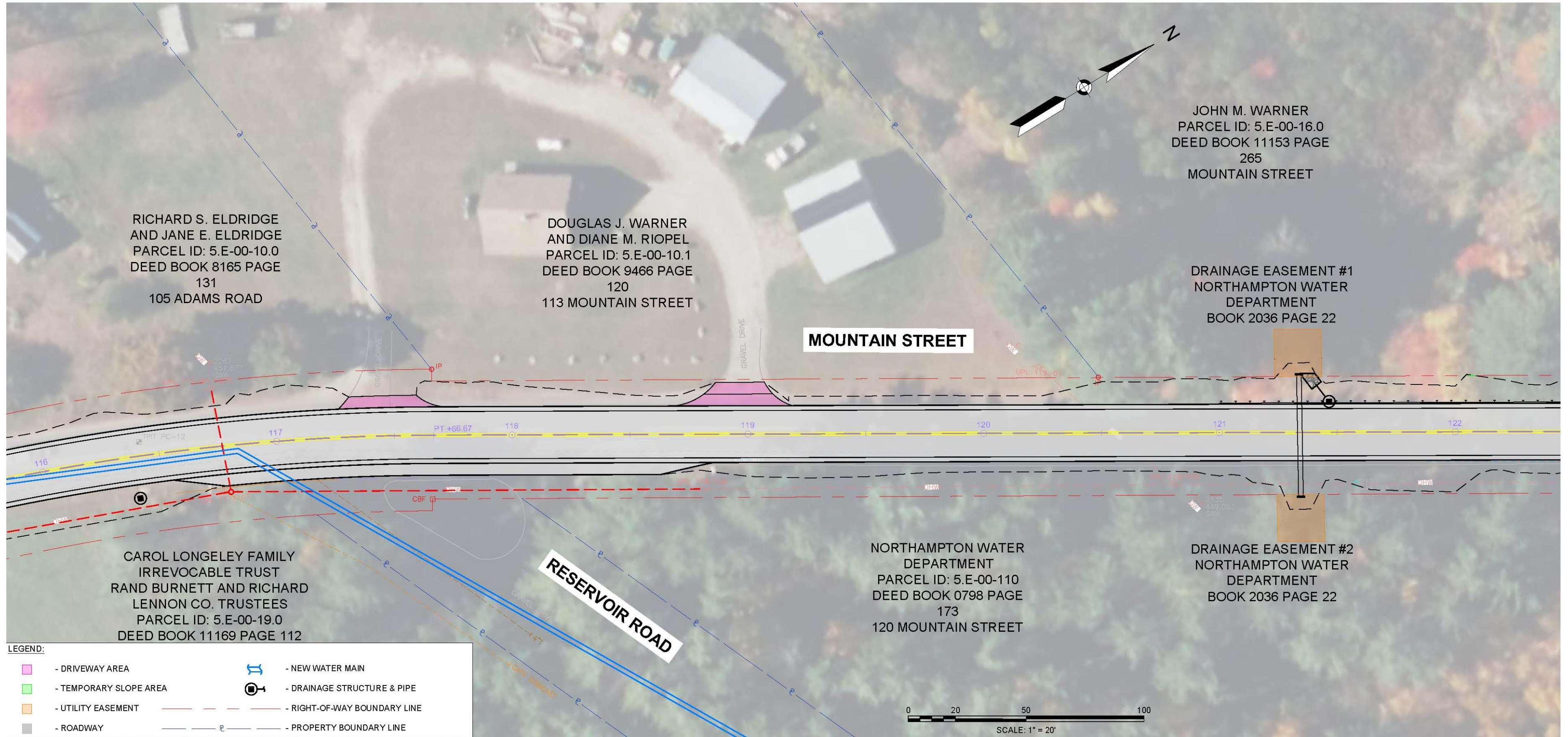
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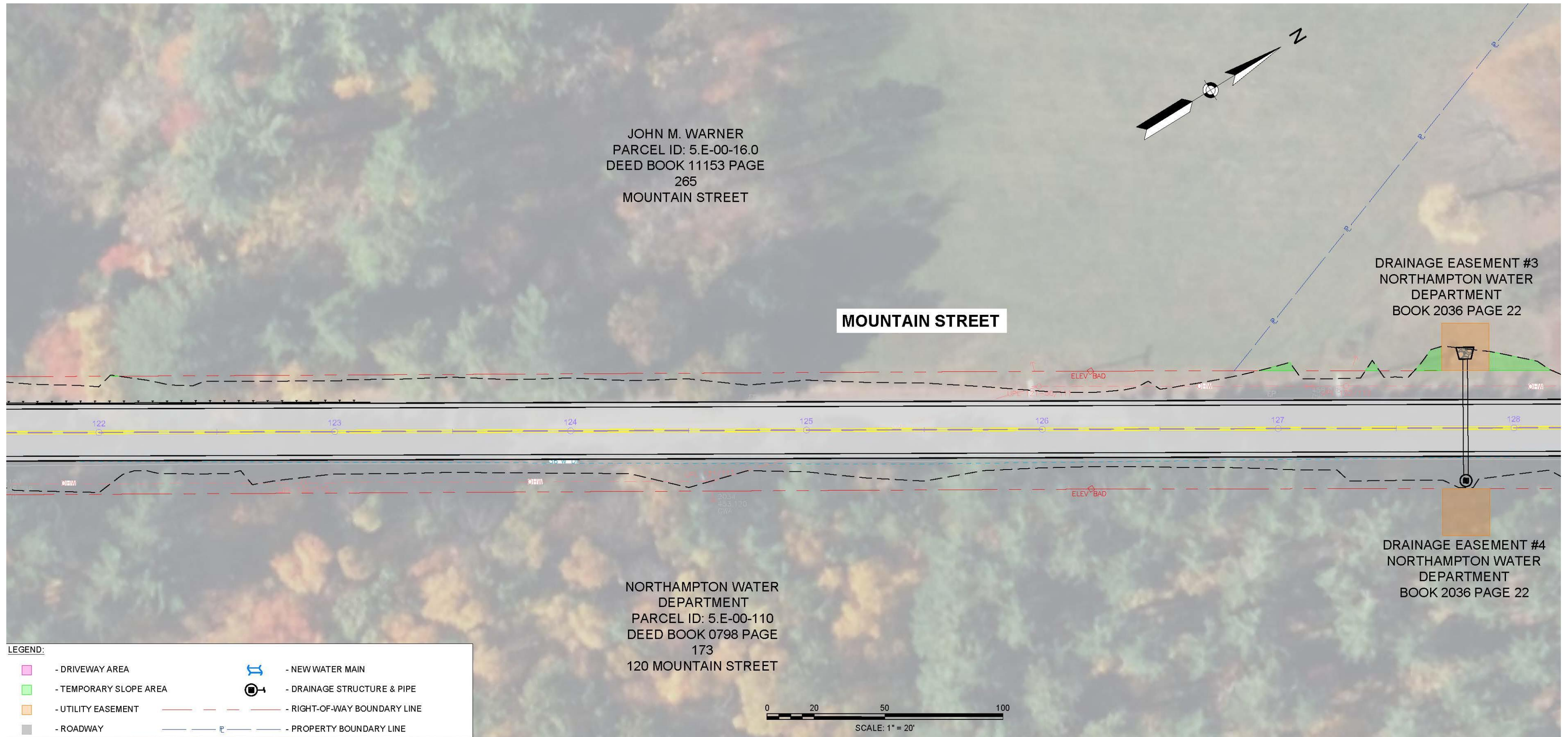
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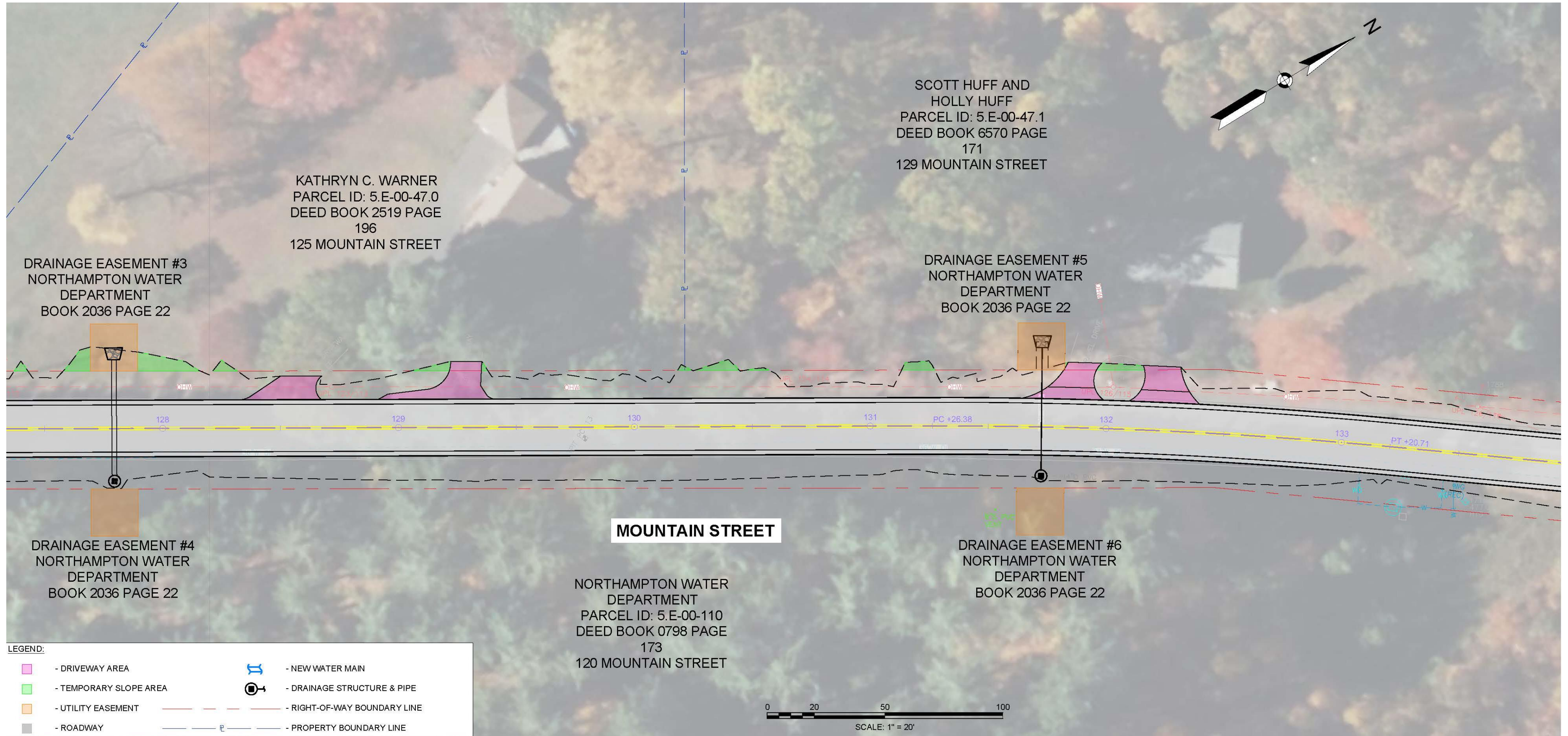
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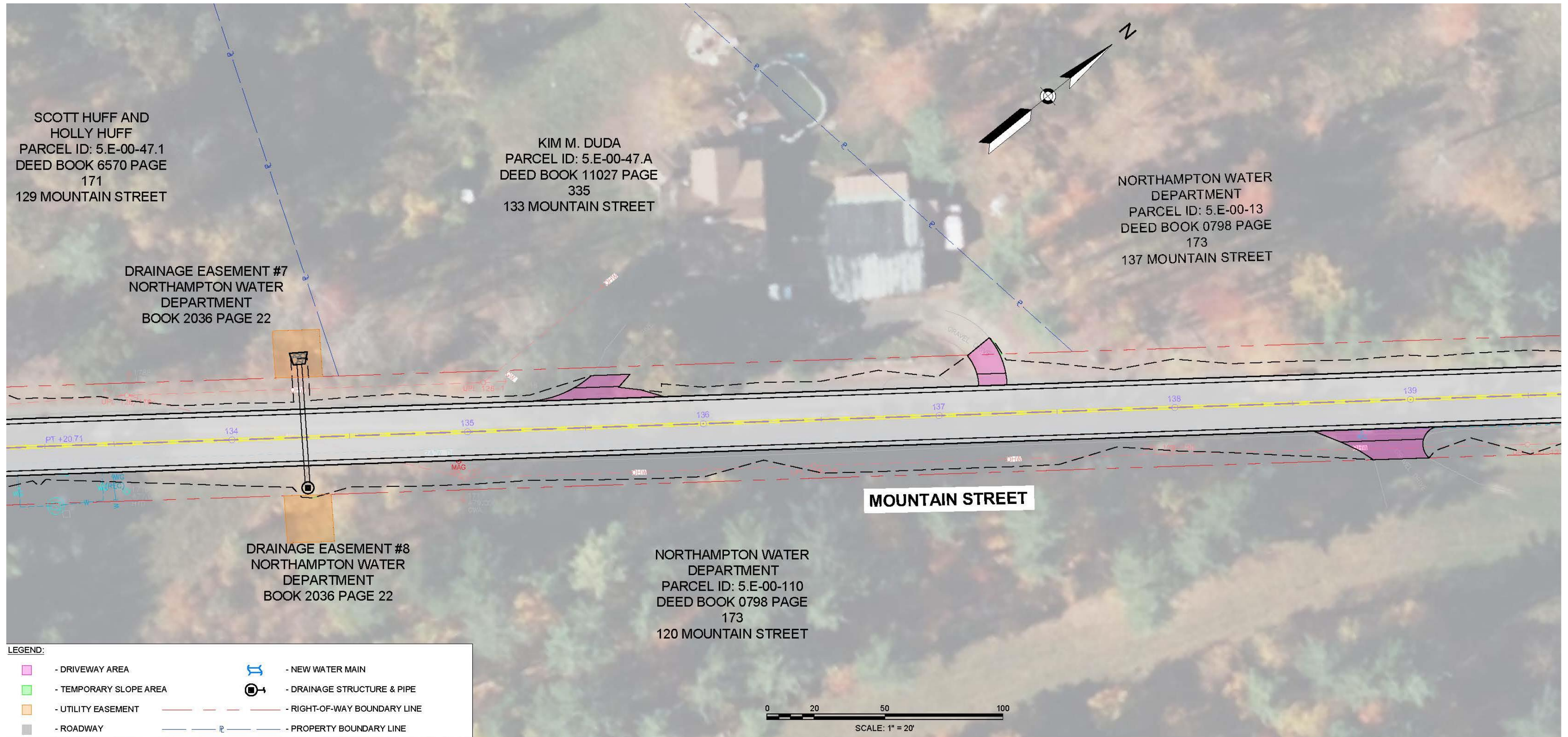
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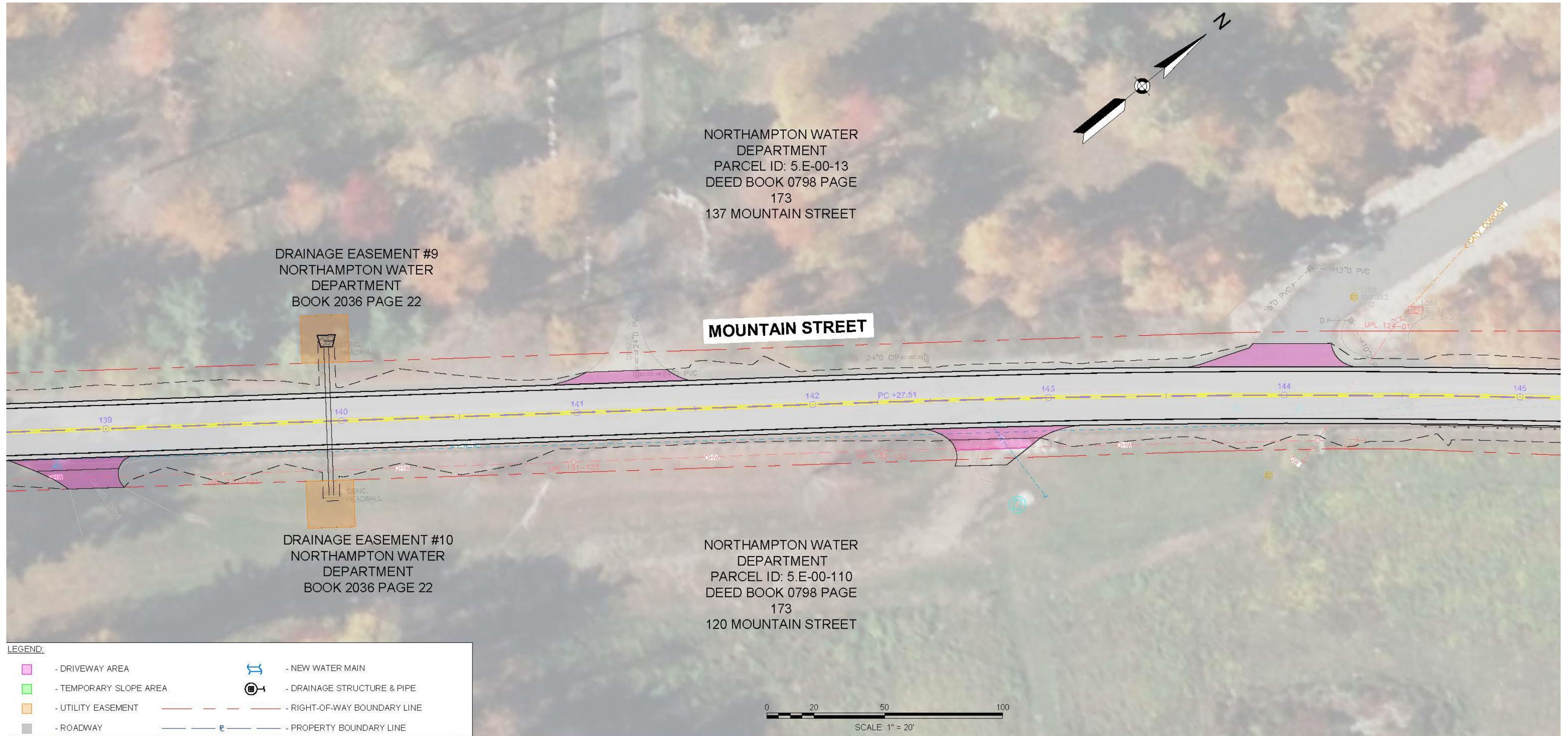
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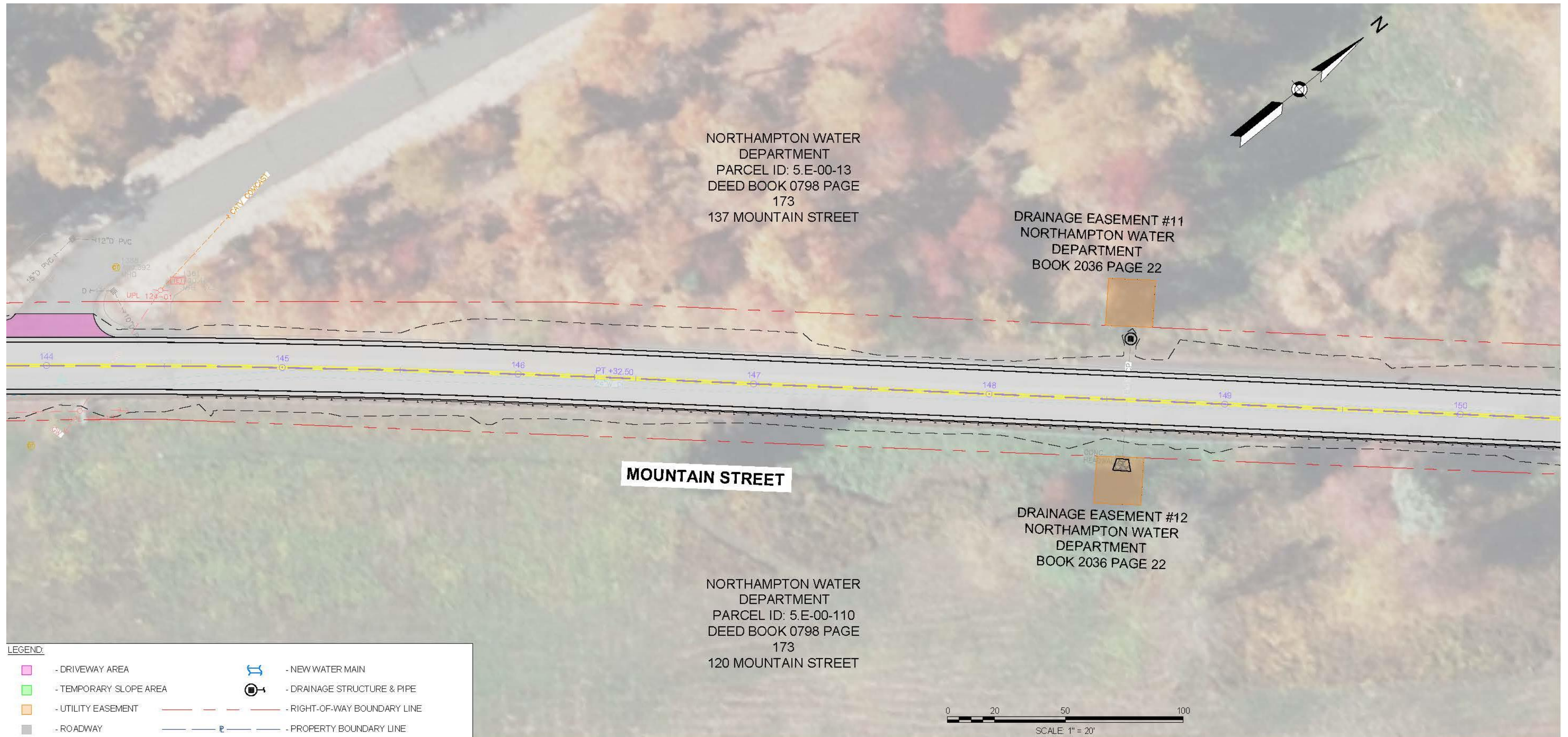
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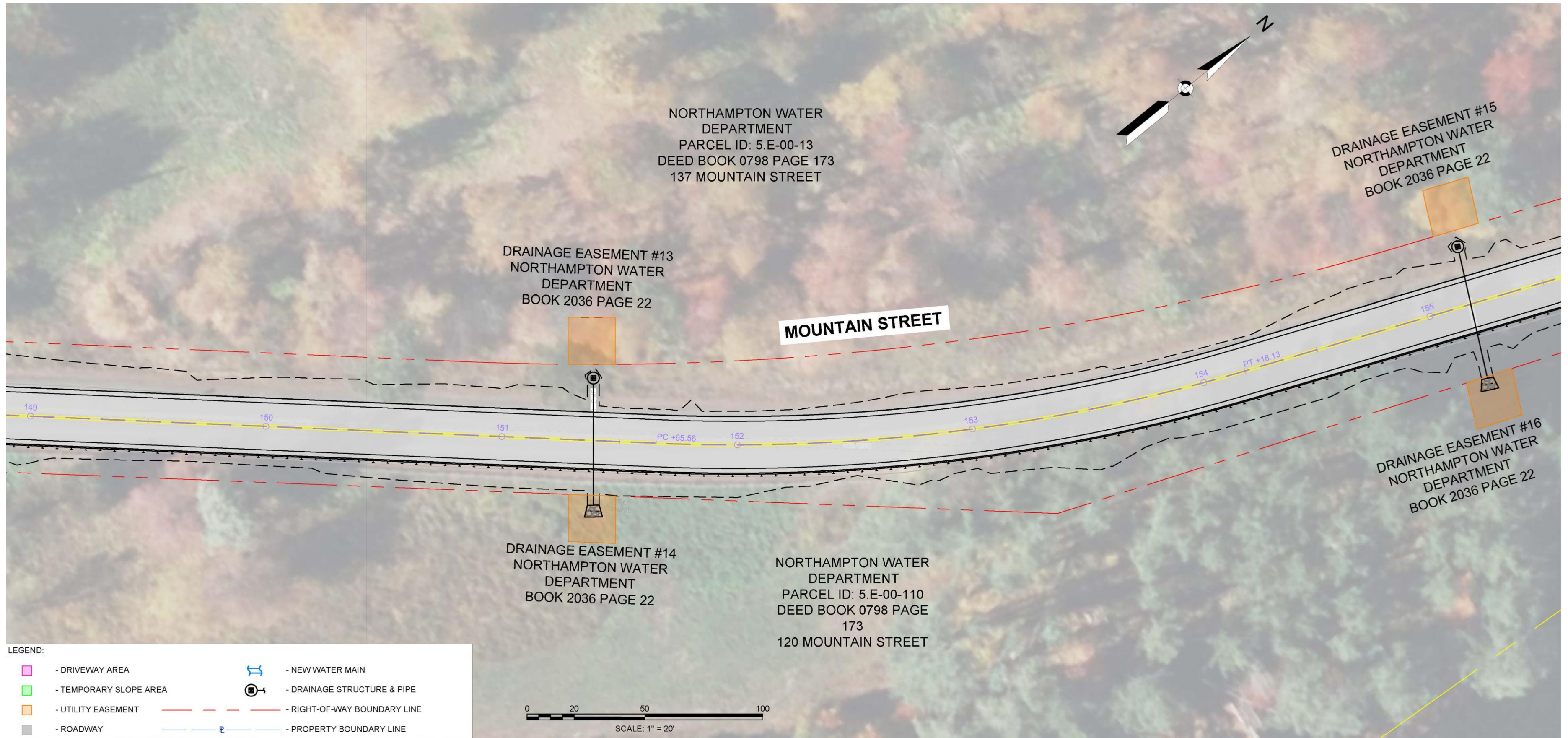
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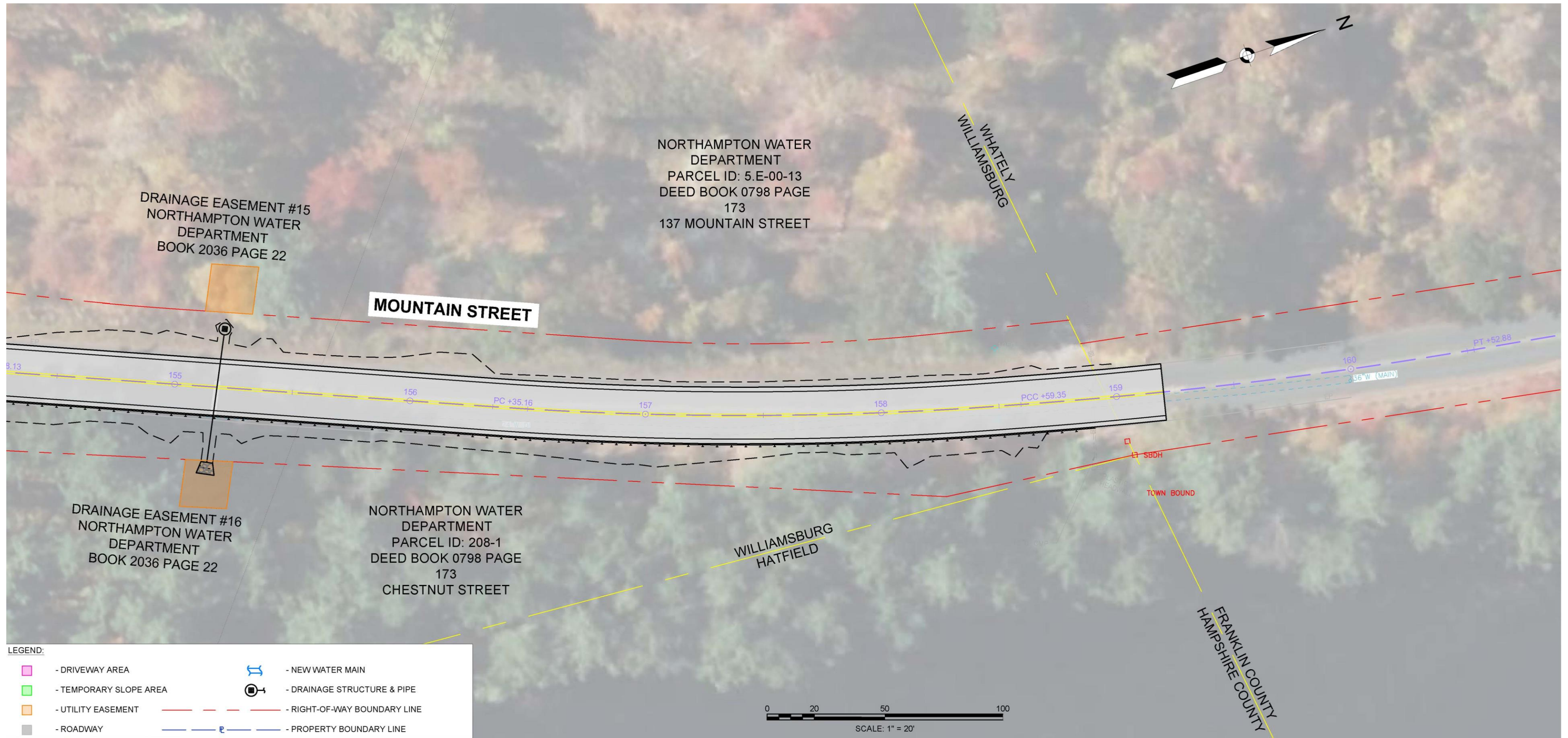
120 Mountain to 137 Mountain

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137 Mountain to Whately Town Line

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How will your property be impacted?

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion Post 25% Design Public Hearing

- Town of Williamsburg is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project.
 - Fee takings, permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements may be required.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the Town of Williamsburg or consultants representing the responsible agency.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
- Preliminary ROW drawings will be available with the Town for public review and comment when completed.

At this stage of design, the Right of Way process has not been finalized. This meeting is an opportunity for the public to comment on any impacts to properties.



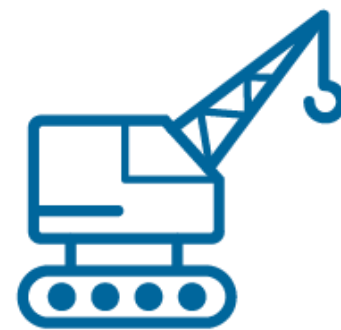
What are the environmental, cultural resource, and community impacts?

Environmental Permitting

- Notice of Intent (NOI) to permit wetland impacts will need to be filed coordination with the Williamsburg Conservation Commission.
 - MassWildlife's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program coordination will occur prior to NOI submittal to determine the species protected under Priority Habitat that is associated with Beaver Brook.
- Permanent wetland impacts will be replicated within a new area (TBD).
- Project avoids the high value agricultural land use beyond the rural village district.
- Each submission will be reviewed by the MassDOT Cultural Resource Department including a historical review.
- Project avoids impacts to Article 97 land.
- No Section 4(f) land is located within the project limits.

Wetland Resource Impacts

2	<p style="margin: 0;">Culvert Repairs Beaver & Potash Brooks</p>
1	<p style="margin: 0;">Stream Crossing Enhancement</p>
0	<p style="margin: 0;">No Impacts to the Mountain Street Reservoir</p>



**What is the
construction
approach?**

ALERT: Traffic Impacts

- Two-way alternating traffic during roadway, drainage, guardrail and utilities work
- Staged construction of culvert
 - Temporary signal – two-way alternating
- Maintain access to abutting properties at all times

- The work will be constructed within the area of the existing road.
- The roadway is anticipated to be constructed in segments.
- Local areas for drainage, guardrail and utility work will construct travel to one lane operations.
- Watermain construction is expected to start at the beginning of the project and progress toward and along Reservoir Road. Expect traffic restrictions to one lane around daily operations.
- Short term single lane operations are proposed around the culvert near 96 and 107 Mountain Street.



How will the road user be affected?

Users will Experience

- Daily lane closures – opened during nonworking hours.
- Possible multiple locations within the construction zone.
- A temporary signal will be installed to control alternating one-way traffic around 96/107 Mountain Street.
- Travel on irregular surfaces
 - Temporary trench patches
 - Gravel segments
- Property access will be maintained!

Our next steps



DESIGN:
Complete 75% Design

Summer 2024



PERMITTING
File Environmental
Permits

Fall 2024



DESIGN COMPLETE
100% Final Design

Spring 2025



RIGHT-OF-WAY
Secure Land Rights

Spring/Summer 2025



BID
Advertise for
Construction

Spring 2026



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

Upcoming public outreach

- 75% Design Submission Review (these will be at Town Hall too)
- ROW Submission Review to the DOT and the Town
- 100% Design Submission Review (these will be at Town Hall too)
- PS&E Submission Review



How to reach us

- Submit email comments to:
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- For project information visit the MassDOT Upcoming Events for Highway Division website at <http://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events> or used the QR Code:
- Submit written comments to:
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