## New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:	CORD Members and Other Interested Parties  Via Email Distribution Lists	Coos County Board of Commissioners c/o Jennifer Fish P.O. Box 10 West Stewartstown, NH 03597 Via Email (jennifer.fish@cooscountynh.us)
	Edward Samson, Town Manager Town of Lancaster 25 Main Street Lancaster, NH  Via Email (townmanager@lancasternh.org)	Michelle Moren-Grey, Executive Director North Country Council 161 Main Street Littleton, NH 03561  Via Email (mmoren@nccouncil.org)

**FROM:** Michael A. Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives

**DATE:** December 11, 2020

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Lancaster, NH

2021 SLR 001

RESPONSE DEADLINE: Monday, January 11, 2021

Please review the attached information to determine if your organization has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please provide this office with any comment(s) in writing by the response deadline indicated above. Responses may be emailed to <a href="Michael.klass@osi.nh.gov">Michael.klass@osi.nh.gov</a>.

The Council on Resources and Development will consider the request at its meeting scheduled for *January 14, 2021*. Information regarding CORD and its meetings may be obtained at: https://www.nh.gov/osi/planning/programs/cord/index.htm.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.

Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board are asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 233-A.

The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.

The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483:8, VII and 14.



### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

#### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

STATE MILITARY RESERVATION 4 PEMBROKE ROAD CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-5652

David J. Mikolaities, Major General The Adjutant General

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December 9, 2020

Jared Chicoine, Director New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives Governor Hugh J. Gallen State Office Park Johnson Hall, 3rd Floor 107 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

Dear Director Chicoine:

Please find the enclosed Request for Surplus Land Review Action from the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services. The Adjutant General has determined that the Department no longer has a need for the Lancaster Armory. The department proposes to convey the property to New Hampshire Fish and Game.

Please submit this proposal to the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) for review. We respectfully request that this item be placed on the agenda for the January 11, 2021 meeting of CORD in order to ensure timely subsequent review by the Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee and the Governor and Executive Council. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-225-1361.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Zayac Administrator

# Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Name of Requesting Agency:		e of Requesting Agency:	Department of Military Affairs and Veterar	ıs Services		
_		cy Contact Person:	Erin Zayac			
		Address:	4 Pembroke Road Concord, NH 03301			
		Phone Number:	603-225-1361			
		E-Mail:	erin.m.zayac@DMAVS.nh.gov			
Αp	pli	cant Contact Person:	Same as above			
		Address:				
		Phone Number:				
1		E-Mail:	F22 Main Street Languages NIII 02504			
LO	cai	ion of Property:	532 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584			
Ac	rec	age:	<u>2.78</u>			
Re	qu	ested Action:	State disposal of property			
Te	rm	of Lease or Easement:	n/a			
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СО	mp	·	s below, submit one digital copy and one ho Office of Strategic Initiatives, Johnson Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Chael.klass@osi.nh.gov.		•	
1.	W	hat is the current use of th	nis property?			
		Armory				
2.		tended to create a publi		roposed us	se is	
		Storage Facility for Fish	n & Game			
3.	D	oes the proposed use of t	his property entail new development?	Yes	⊠ No	
	a.	If yes, is it consistent wit	h adjacent and existing development?	Yes	□No	
<ul> <li>Please describe how the proposed new development differs from surroundings. Also indicate how it may initiate a future change in or surroundings.</li> </ul>						
		n/a				
4.	Ar	e there any structures loc	cated on this property?	Yes	☐ No	
	a.	If yes, please describe t	the structures including how many and who	ıt kind.		
		Armory building; out b	puilding			
5.	Aı	re there historical archited	ctural or archaeological resources identified	on this site	e?	
	a.	If yes, describe the resc		Yes	☐ No	
			mined Eligible for listing on the National Re A and C) on 09/27/2006. The eligible boun	0	listoric	

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property's tax parcel (Map R-2, Parcel 31), as mapped by the Town of Lancaster. The property was surveyed for archaeological resources including: a Ph1A in 1999), a combined Ph1A/Ph1B survey of 1.5 acres (along the southernmost extent of the property (including a portion of the 65-acre Lancaster Fairgrounds property) in 2015 and a Ph1B of 1.0 acres in 2017, focusing on undisturbed portions of the Lancaster Armory property not previously investigated. No artifacts were recovered in 2015 and 2017. It was concluded from the 2015 and 2017 surveys combined that the 2.78 acre Lancaster Armory property is no longer considered to be archaeologically sensitive.

	b.	If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to ap	plication subm	ission.
6.	ls <sup>1</sup>	there any existing development or structures on adjacent sites?	oxtime Yes	☐ No
	a.	If yes, describe the use and number of structures of adjacent so If no, where is the nearest development? (Describe distance, use the context of the context		er)
		Adjacent residential housing to the north and northwest; fair to the South and East.	grounds with	structures
7.	Do	pes the site represent the entire state property in this location?	⊠ Yes	☐ No
	a.	If no, please describe its relationship to the entire state holding acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).	(percentage o	of total
8.	Is	access to this property available?	⊠ Yes	☐ No
	a.	If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across applic	ant's property,	etc)
		Road		
	b.	If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption?	☐ Yes	□No
9.	Ar	e there water resources related to this property such as:		
	<u>La</u>	<u>kes/Ponds</u> - ☐ Yes ☐ No <u>Rivers</u> - ☐ Yes ☐ No <u>Wetlo</u>	<u>ınds</u> - ⊠ Yes	□ No
	a.	If yes, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.		
		Approximately 0.25 acres of wetlands exist behind the military Wetlands were delineated in 2017.	vehicle parkii	ng area.
	b.	If yes, is the property located within 250 feet of a lake/pond or	river?	
		It is not located within 250 feet of a lake pond or river. It is loca another wetland.	ated within 250	) feet of
	C.	If yes, please describe any municipal regulations and/or Shore Protection Act (RSA 483-B) provisions that apply to the develop		

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d.	If there are water resources, please describe current public or private access from the site to the water body. Public Private No Access Available								
e.	How would the proposal affect the access opportunities described in d?								
	n/a								
	ase identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known to located on or adjacent to this property.								
	Yes (property) Yes (adjacent property) No								
a.	. Steep slopes $\square$ $\boxtimes$								
b.	. Wetlands (Prime and NWI) 🔲 🗌								
c.	. Threatened or endangered species $\square$ $\square$ $\square$								
d.	. Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats								
e.	. Increased impervious surface								
f.	Potential stormwater flow changes								
g.									
h.									
i.	Other special designations								
Ple	ease provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.								
	Less than 1 acres (0.25 acres) of wetlands exist behind the military vehicle parking area.								
	Wetlands were delineated in 2017. Agricultural soils of local importance exist on the								
	Armory property. Prime farmland soils and agricultural soils of local importance exist								
	on adjacent properties. Grasslands (Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitat) are directly								
	adjacent to the site, but are utilized as part of the Lancaster Fairgrounds.								

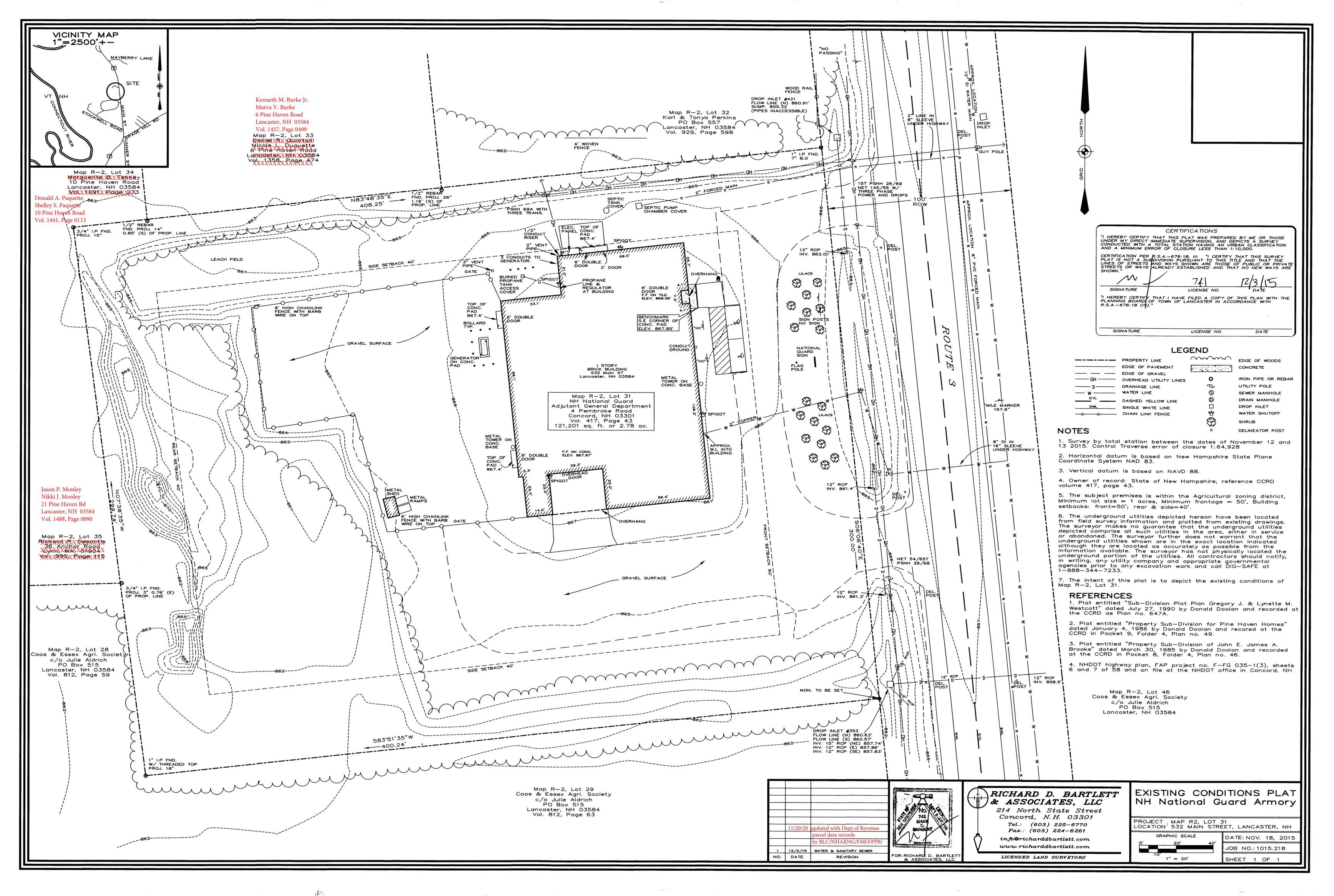
### 11. Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested property location and help to adequately place the property within its municipality.

- a. Municipal tax map copy showing all abutters
- b. General location map with scale, north arrow, nearby roads, and water bodies/features\*
- c. Aerial Photograph\*
- d. Any site plans for new or proposed development prepared at the time of application
- e. Maps depicting rail lines, wetlands, conservation lands, rare species and exemplary natural communities or topographic features are welcome but not required

Please paste any maps and photographs submitted as part of this application here.

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<sup>\*</sup> Maps can be created with GIS, Google, NH GRANIT, or any other readily available mapping service.



#### **Lancaster Armory General Vicinity**



0 800 1,600 3,200 4,800 6,400 1:31,000 scale, NAD 1983 State Plane New Hampshire FIPS 2800 feet

Legend

Site Boundary

—— Roads

Map depicting the general vicinity of the Lancaster Armory.

Data Source: ESRI, NHARNG

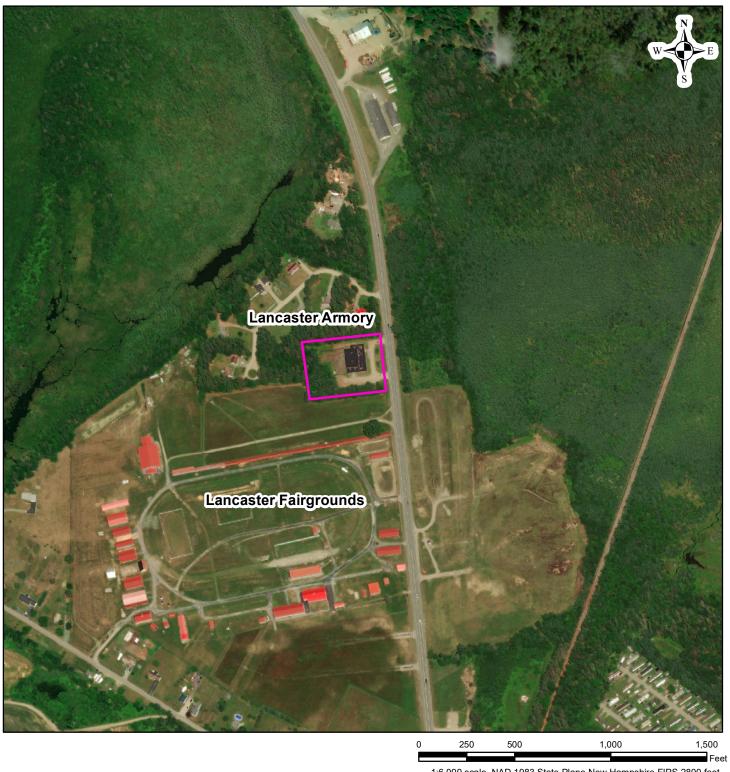
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#### **Lancaster Armory Aerial Imagery**



1:6,000 scale, NAD 1983 State Plane New Hampshire FIPS 2800 feet

Legend

Site Boundary

Aerial imagery depicting Lancaster Armory and surrounding area.

Data Source: Digital Globe, NHARNG

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#### **Lancaster Readiness Center**



Legend

Installation Boundary

Fugro Earthdata 2015

Data Source: NHARNG

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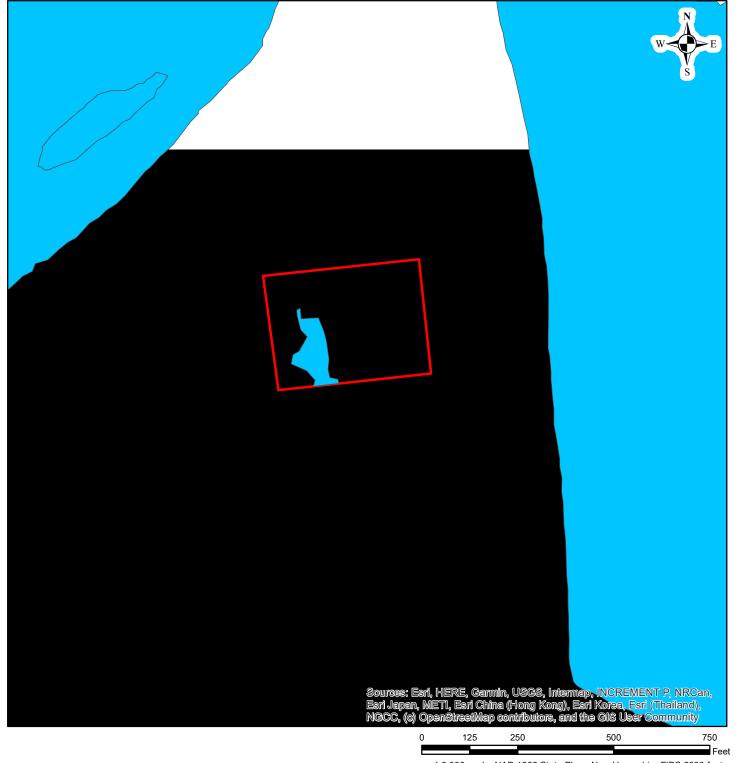
Date: 9/18/2015 by Becky Carr, NGNH-FMO-PPB







#### **Lancaster Armory Nearby Wetlands**



1:3,000 scale, NAD 1983 State Plane New Hampshire FIPS 2800 feet

Lancaster Armory

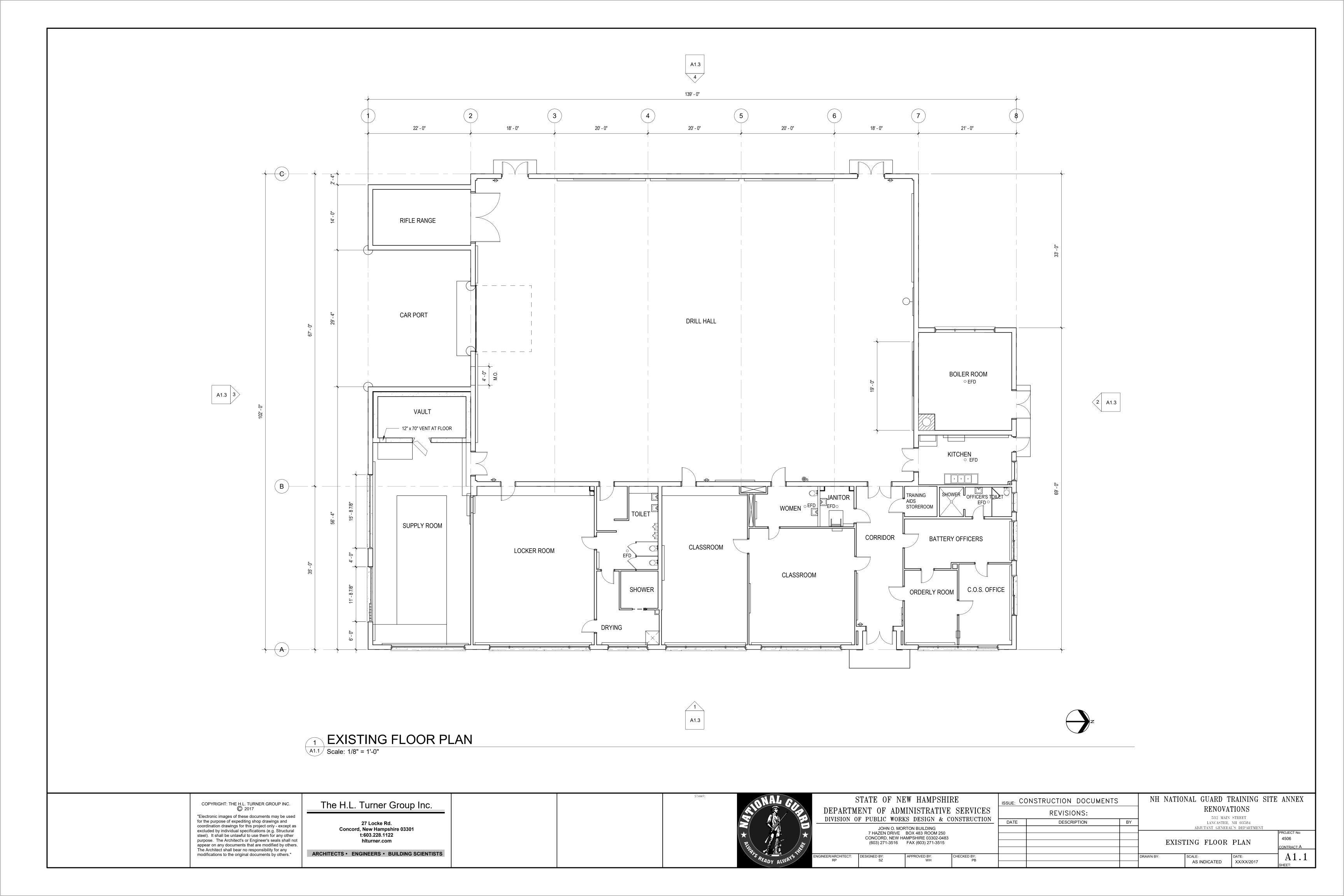
Map depicting Lancaster Armory, and nearby National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) recognized wetlands.

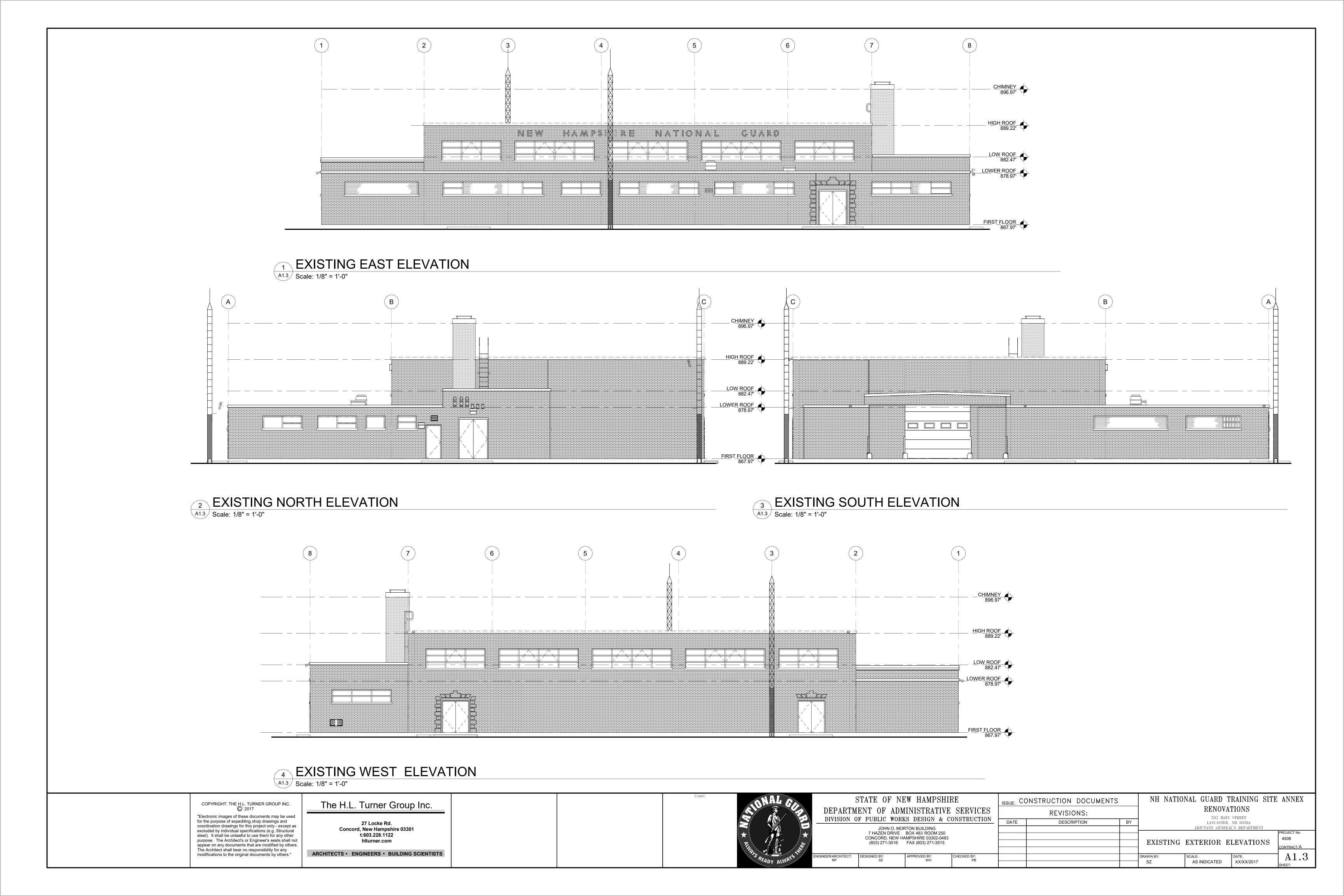
Data Source: NWI, GRANIT, NHARNG

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# Photos of NH ARNG Lancaster Site





Aerial view Street view