



**Adirondack
Park Agency**

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T

P2020-0224

March 9, 2022

Presentation Overview

- Jurisdiction
- Conclusions of Law
- Project Location
- Existing Conditions
- Proposed Project
- Visual Analysis
- Public Comment & Review by Others
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Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction for proposed tower on Fraker Mountain (Rural Use land use area):

- **Structure greater than 40 feet in height**
(810)(1)(c)(5)
- **Major public utility use**
(810)(1)(c)(17)
- **Subdivision by lease / into sites**
(810)(2)(c)(2)(b)

Conclusions of Law

Section 809(9) Approval Criteria

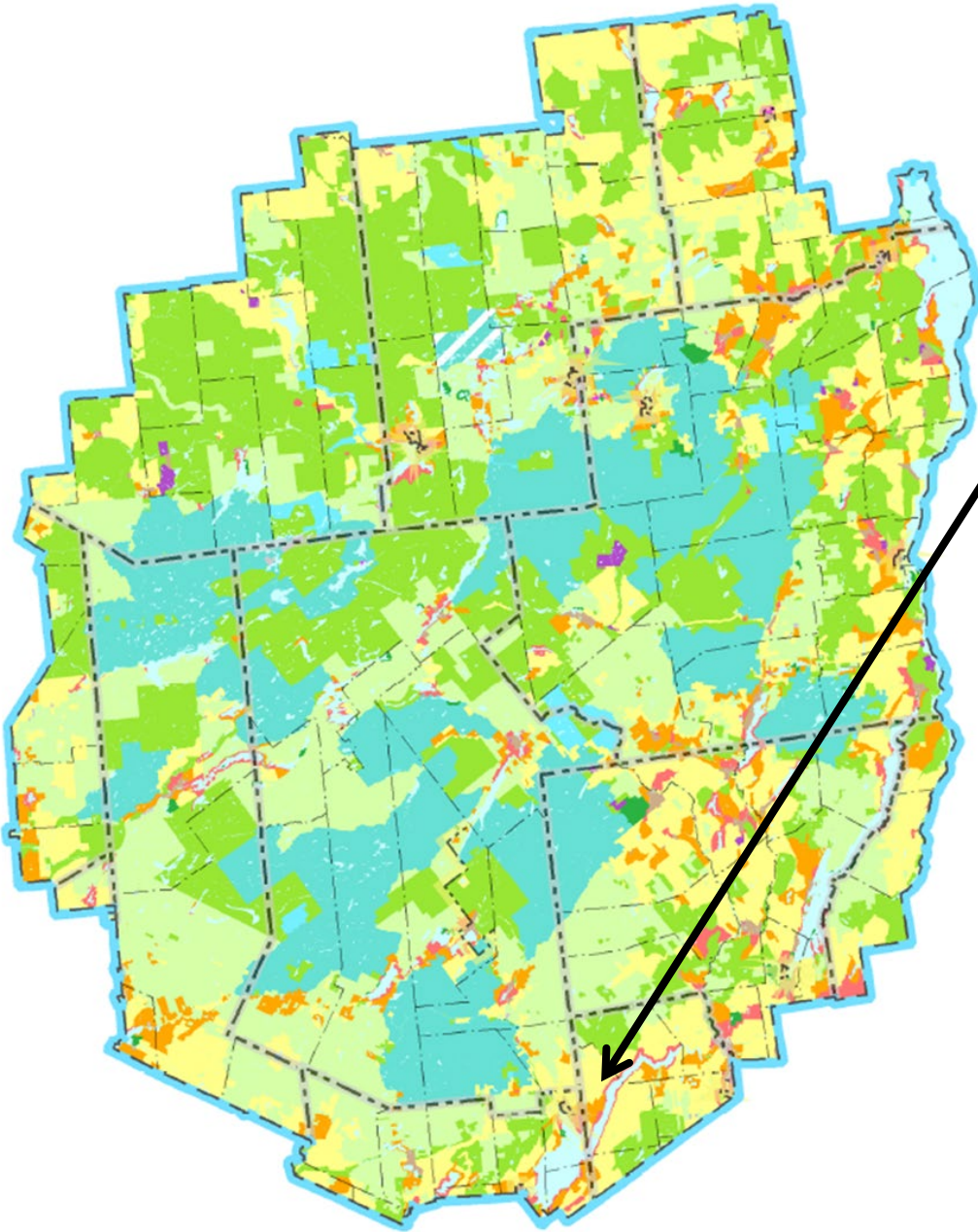
- Project must:
 - meet all of the pertinent requirements and conditions of the approved local land use program of the Town of Edinburg;
 - not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the Park or upon the ability of the public to provide supporting facilities and services made necessary by the project
- Tower's Policy

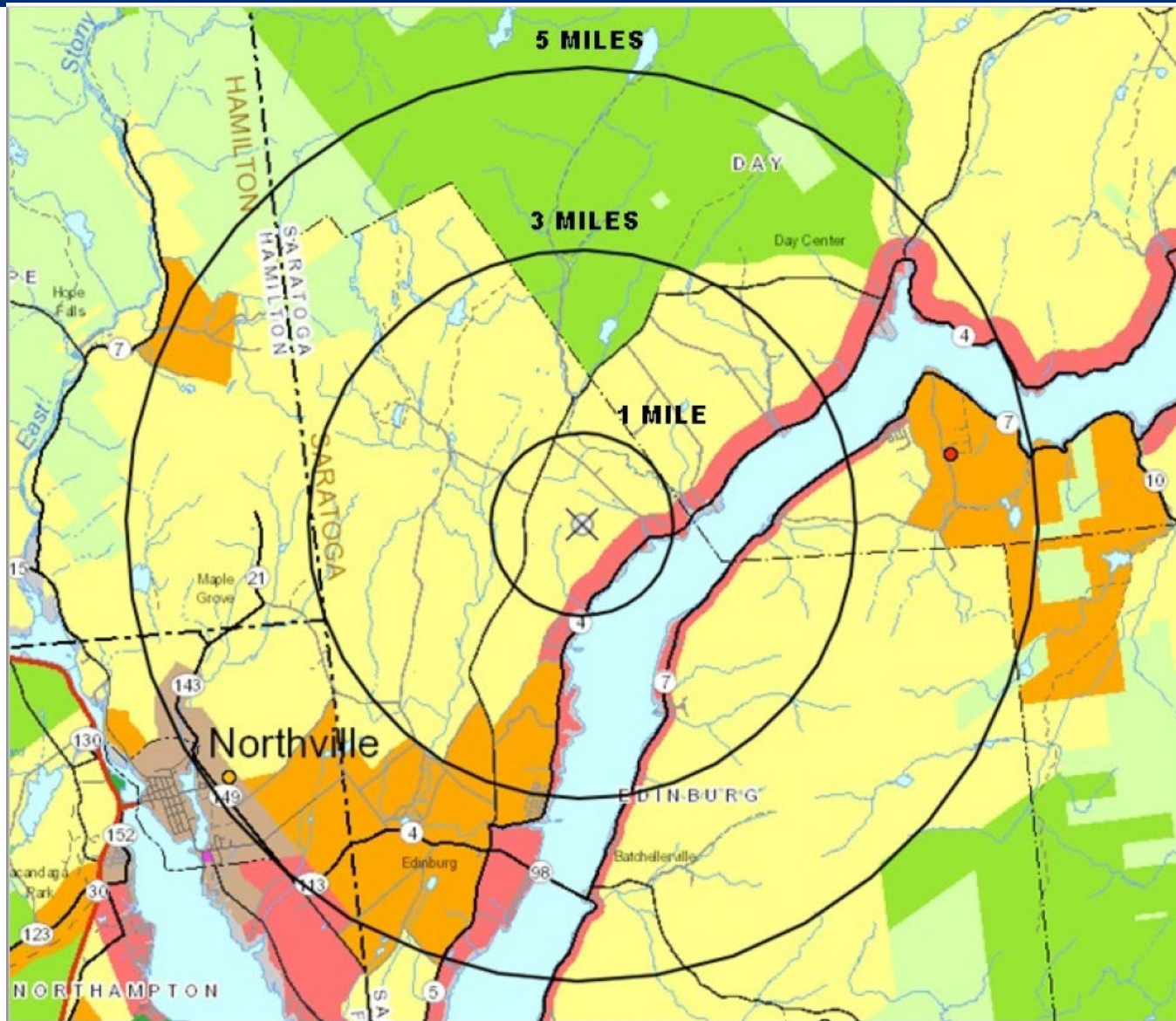
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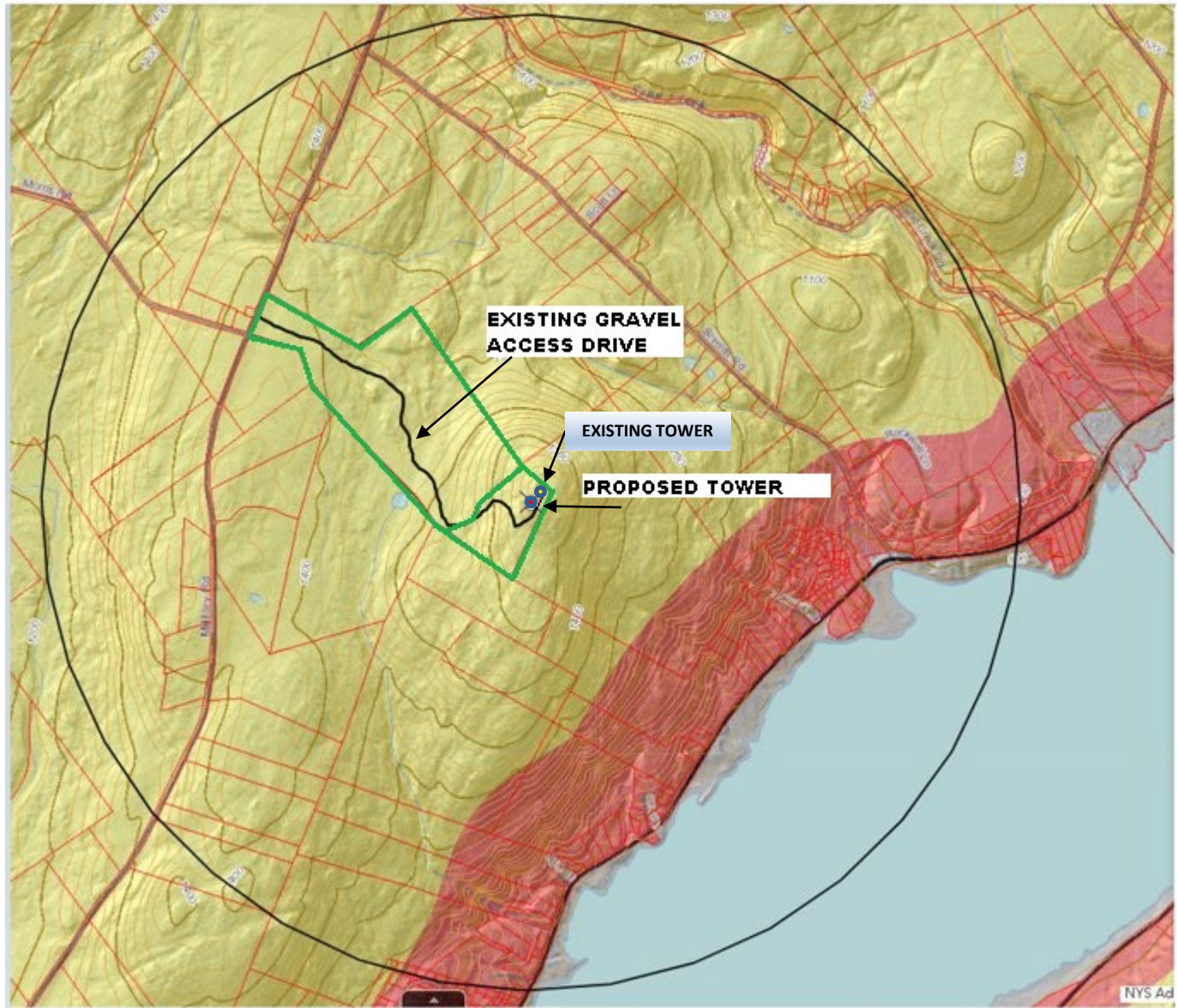
Town of Edinburg
Saratoga County





**1-mile,
3-mile,
and
5-mile
location
rings**

1-mile location ring

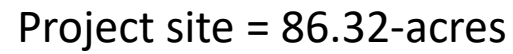


Existing Conditions



Existing
Tower

PROPOSED
TOWER



Proposed Project

Exhibit 1:
Existing Coverage
In Car or Better Coverage

NORTHVILLE
Tower

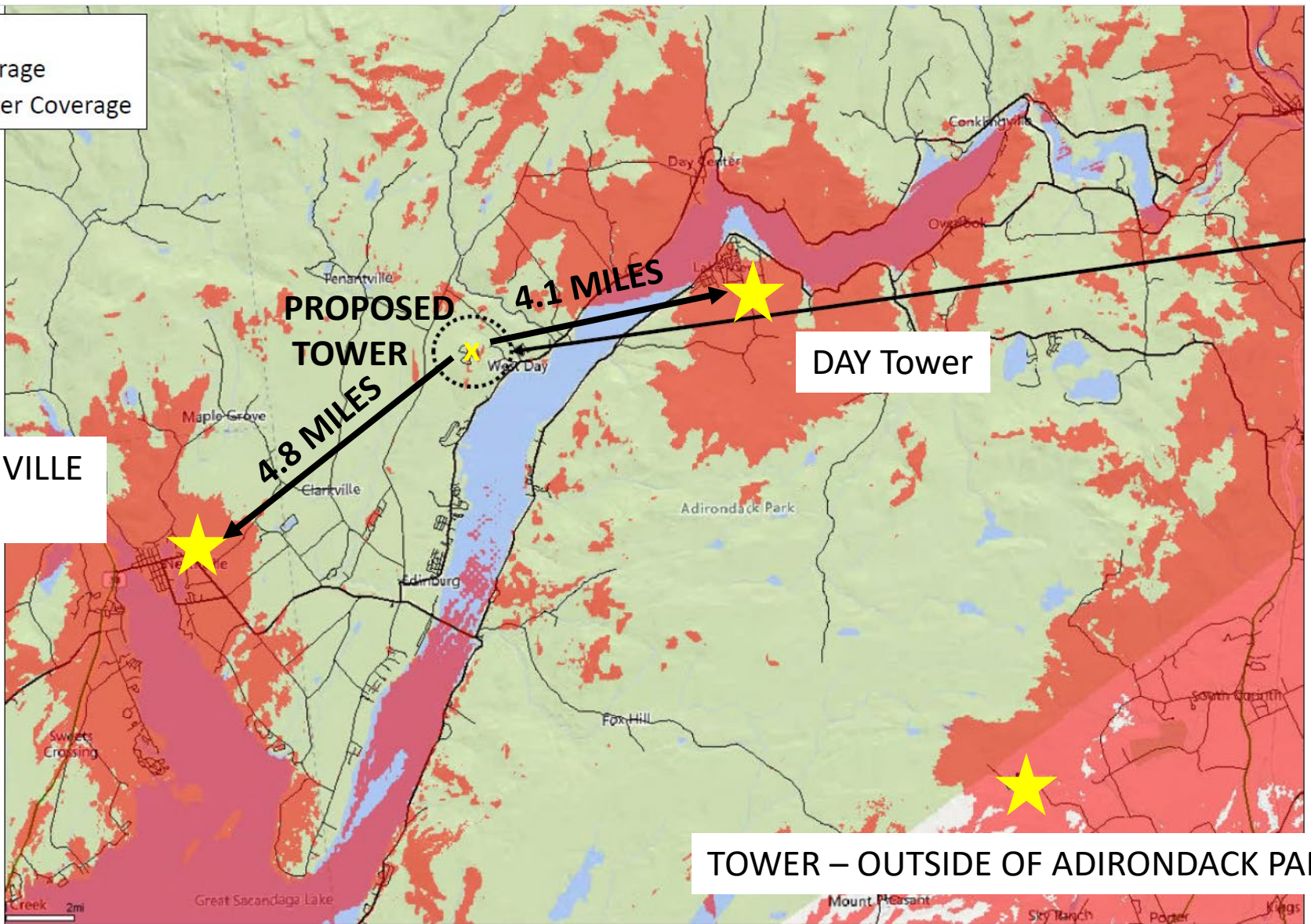
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TOWER

4.1 MILES

DAY Tower

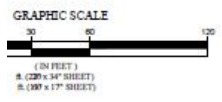
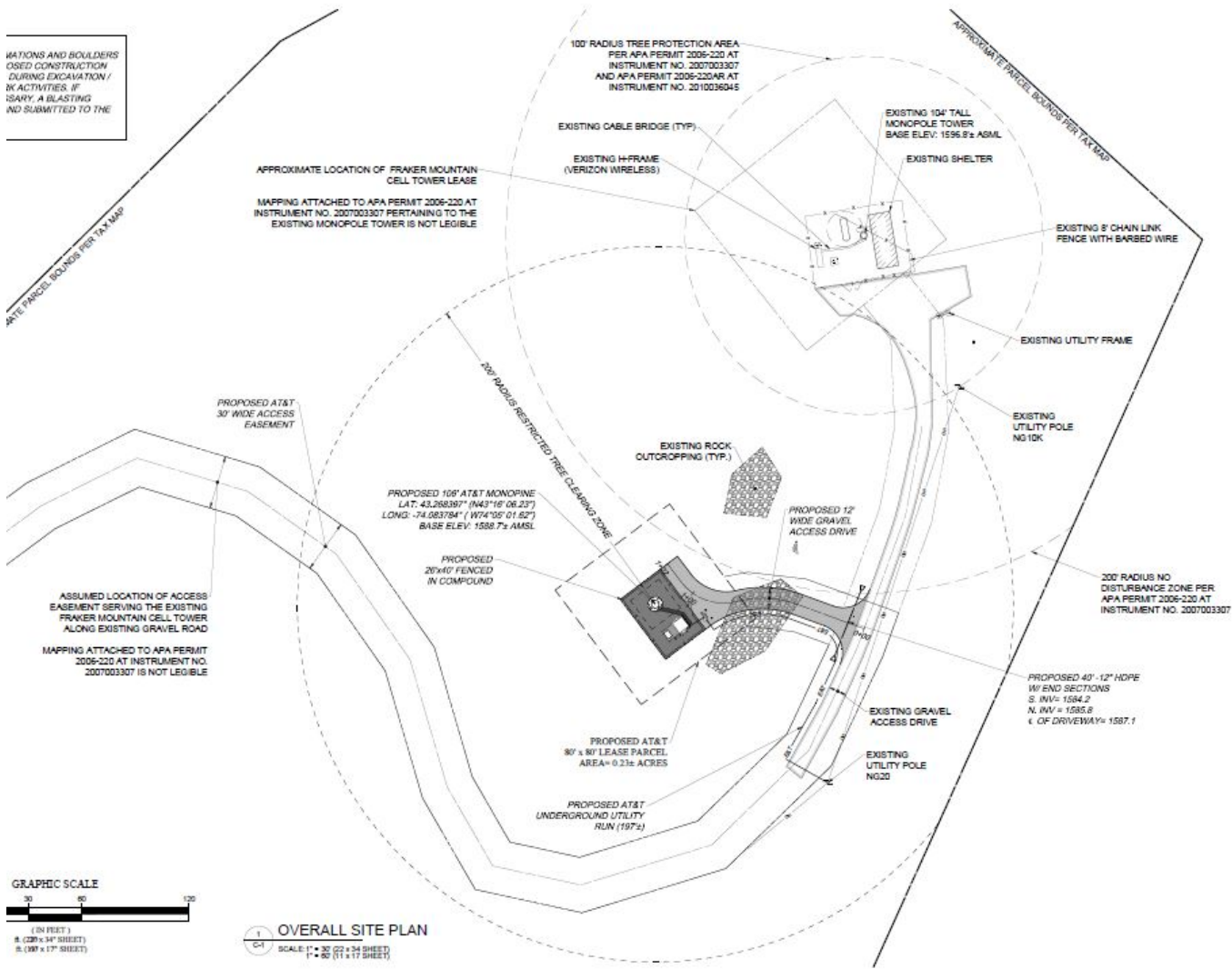
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TOWER – OUTSIDE OF ADIRONDACK PARK

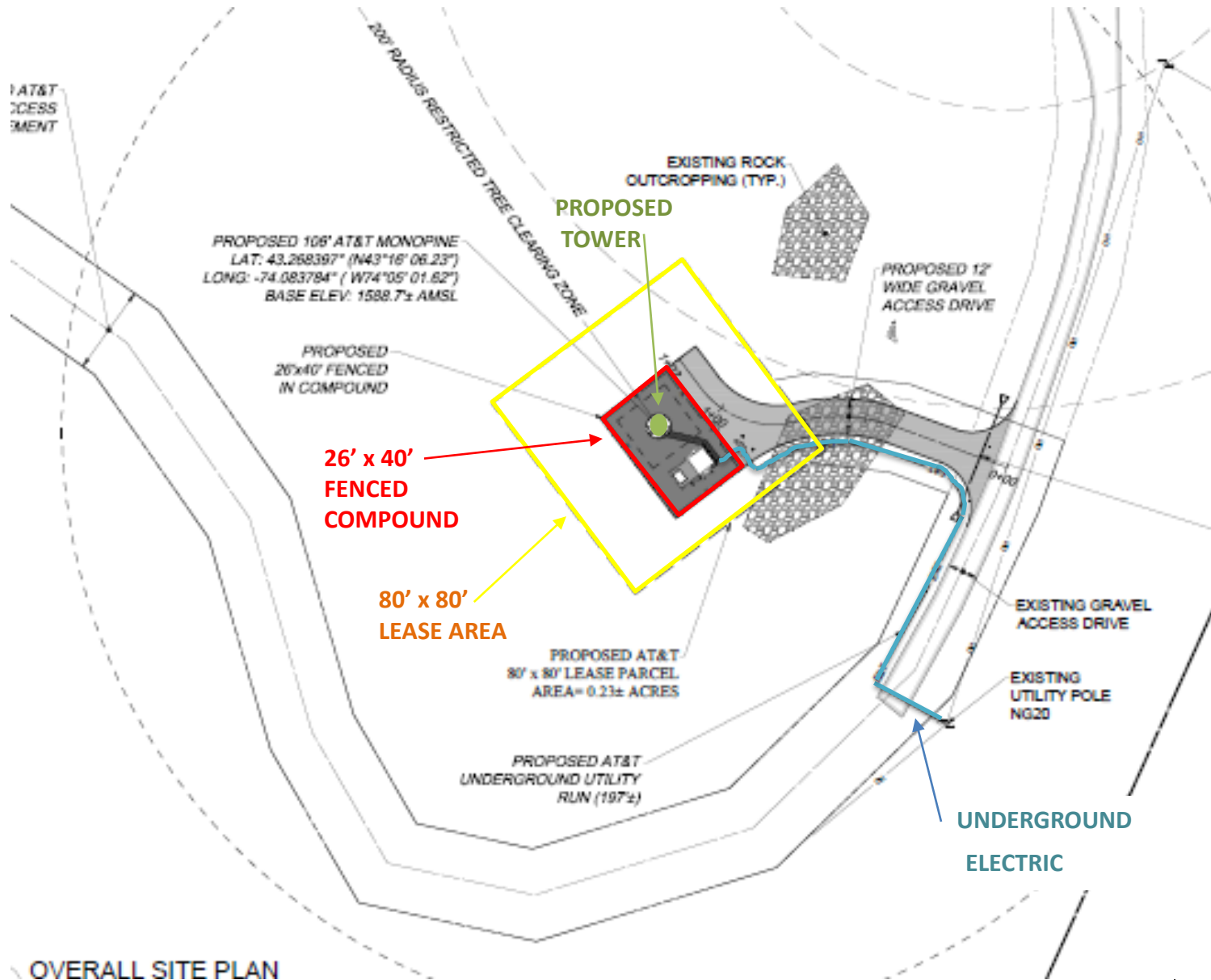




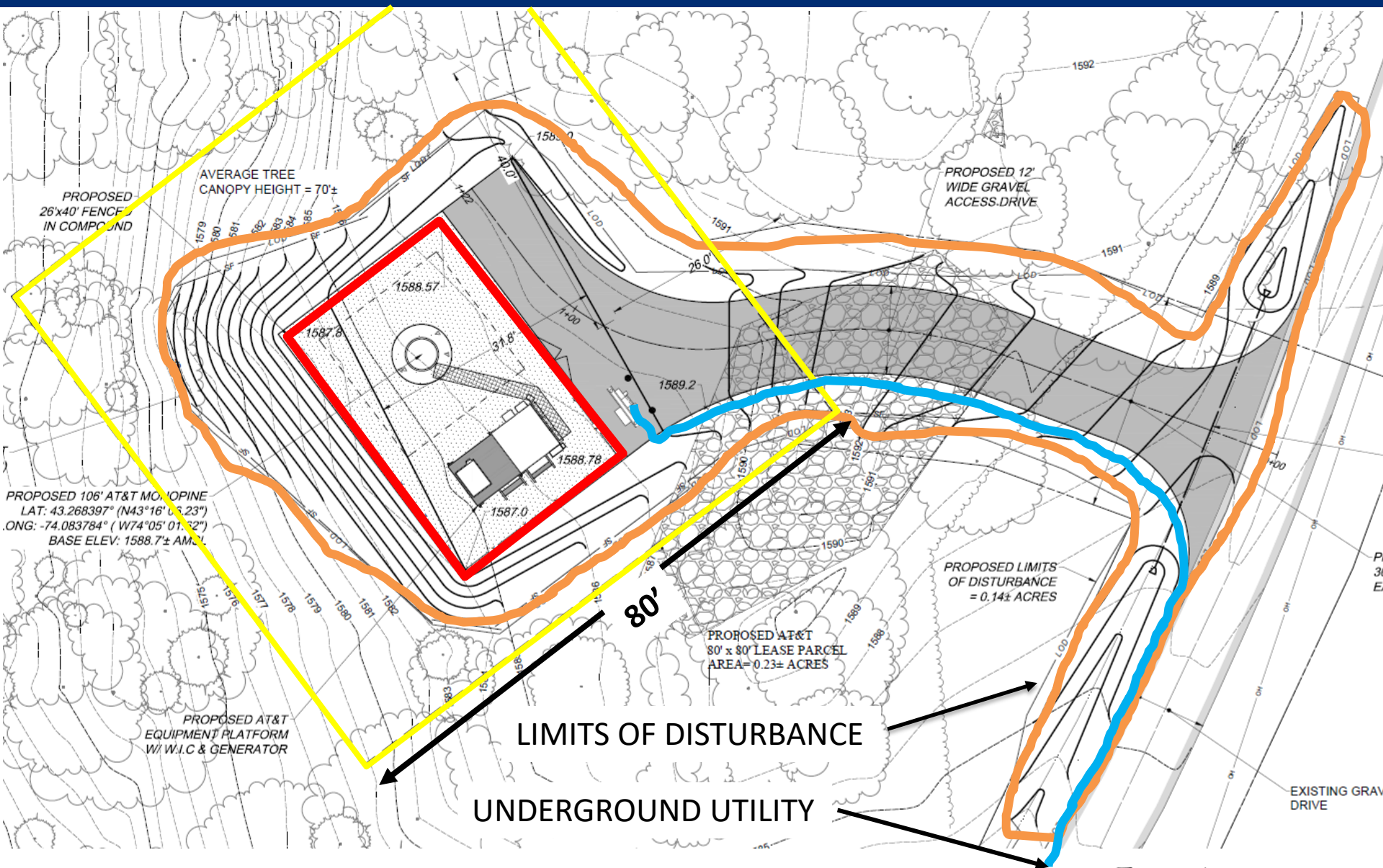
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ISSUED, A BLASTING
AND SUBMITTED TO THE



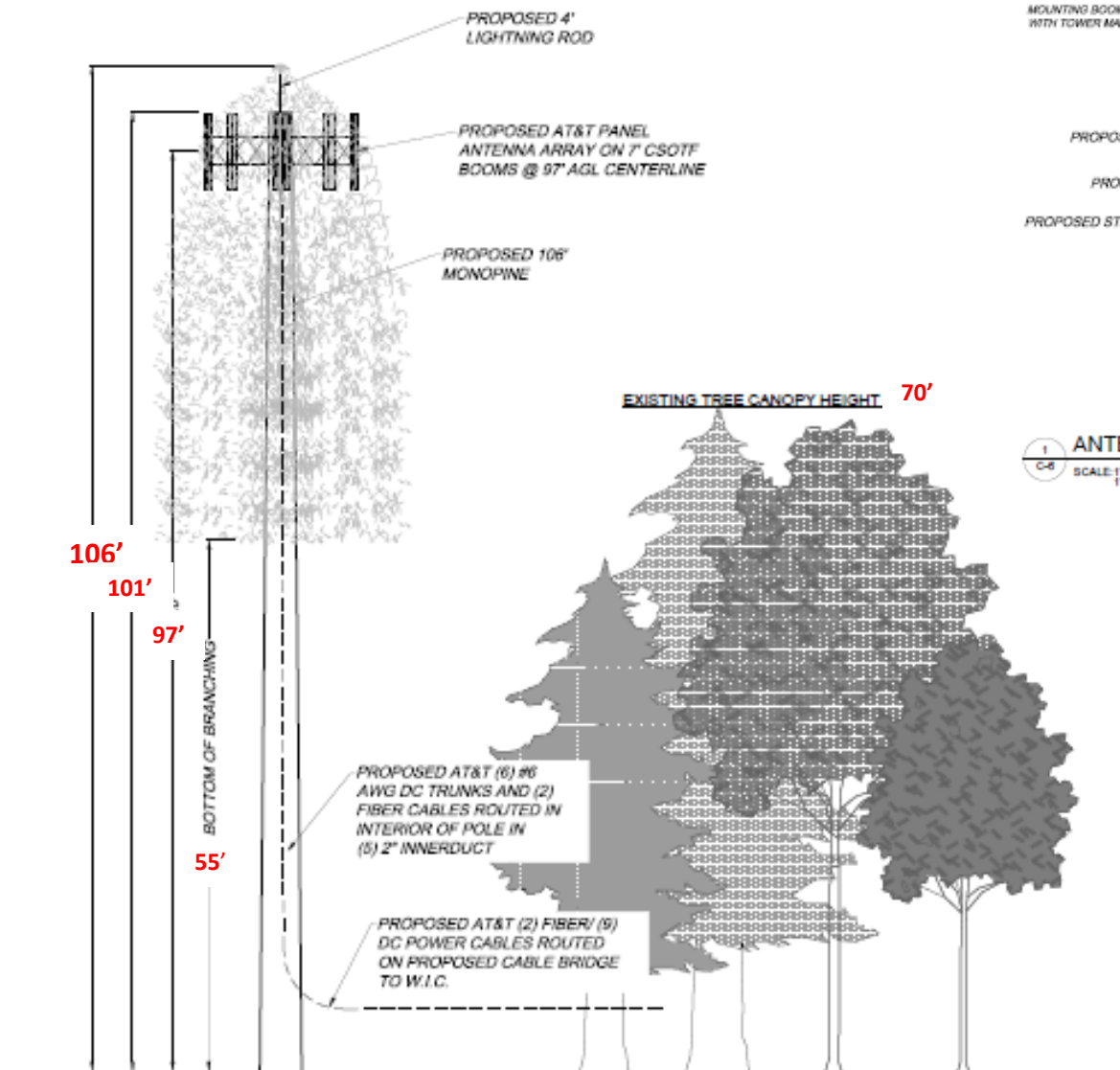
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SCALE: 1" = 30' (22 x 34 SHEET)
1" = 60' (11 x 17 SHEET)



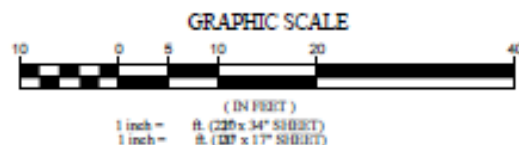
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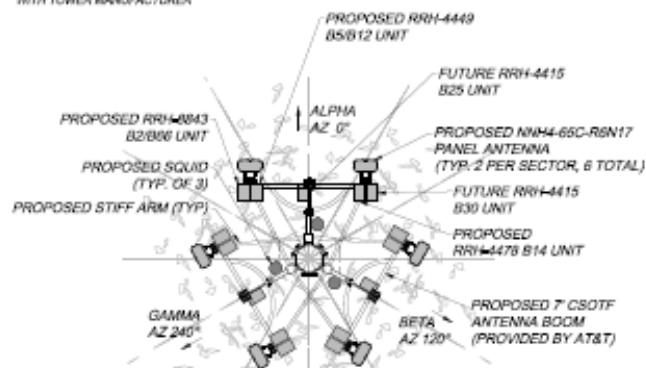
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LENGTH OF PROPOSED DRIVEWAY = 122 FT
AREA OF DISTURBANCE = 0.14 acres



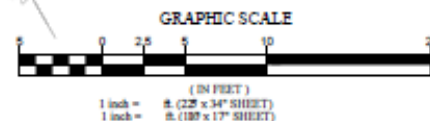
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1" = 20' (11 x 17 SHEET)



MOUNTING BOOM CONFIGURATION VARIES WITH TOWER MANUFACTURER



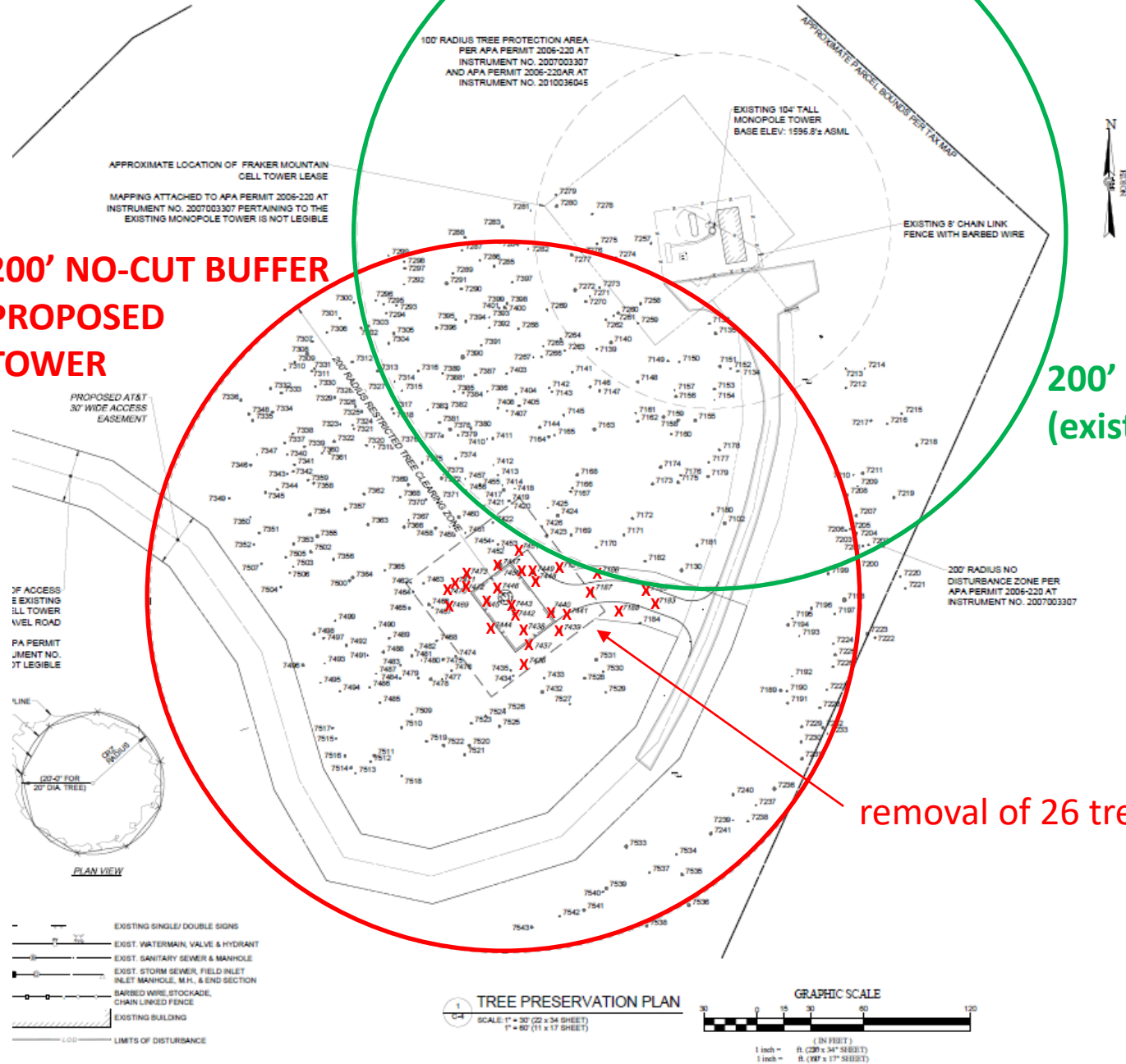
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**200' NO-CUT BUFFER
PROPOSED
TOWER**

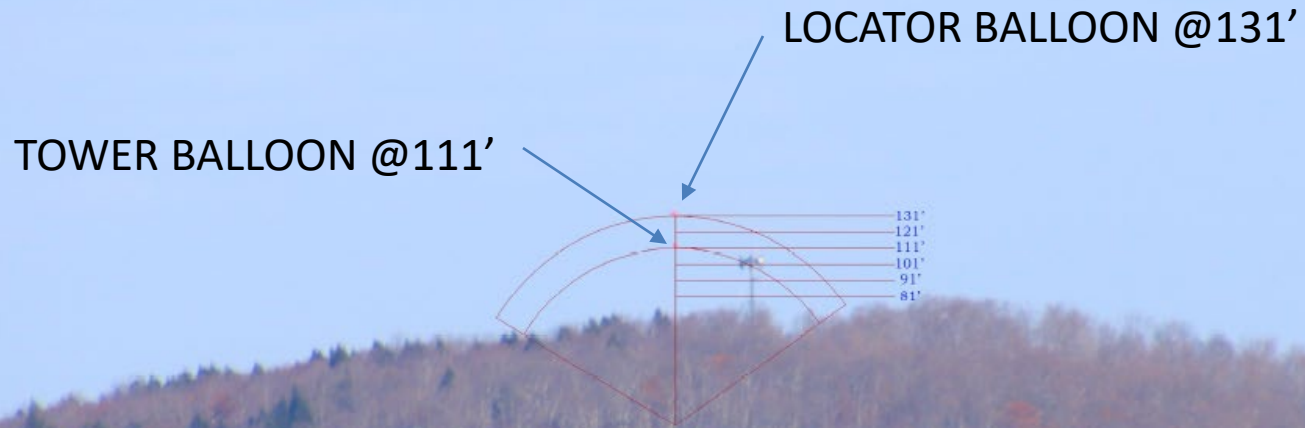
**200' NO-CUT BUFFER
(existing tower)**

removal of 26 trees



Visual Analysis

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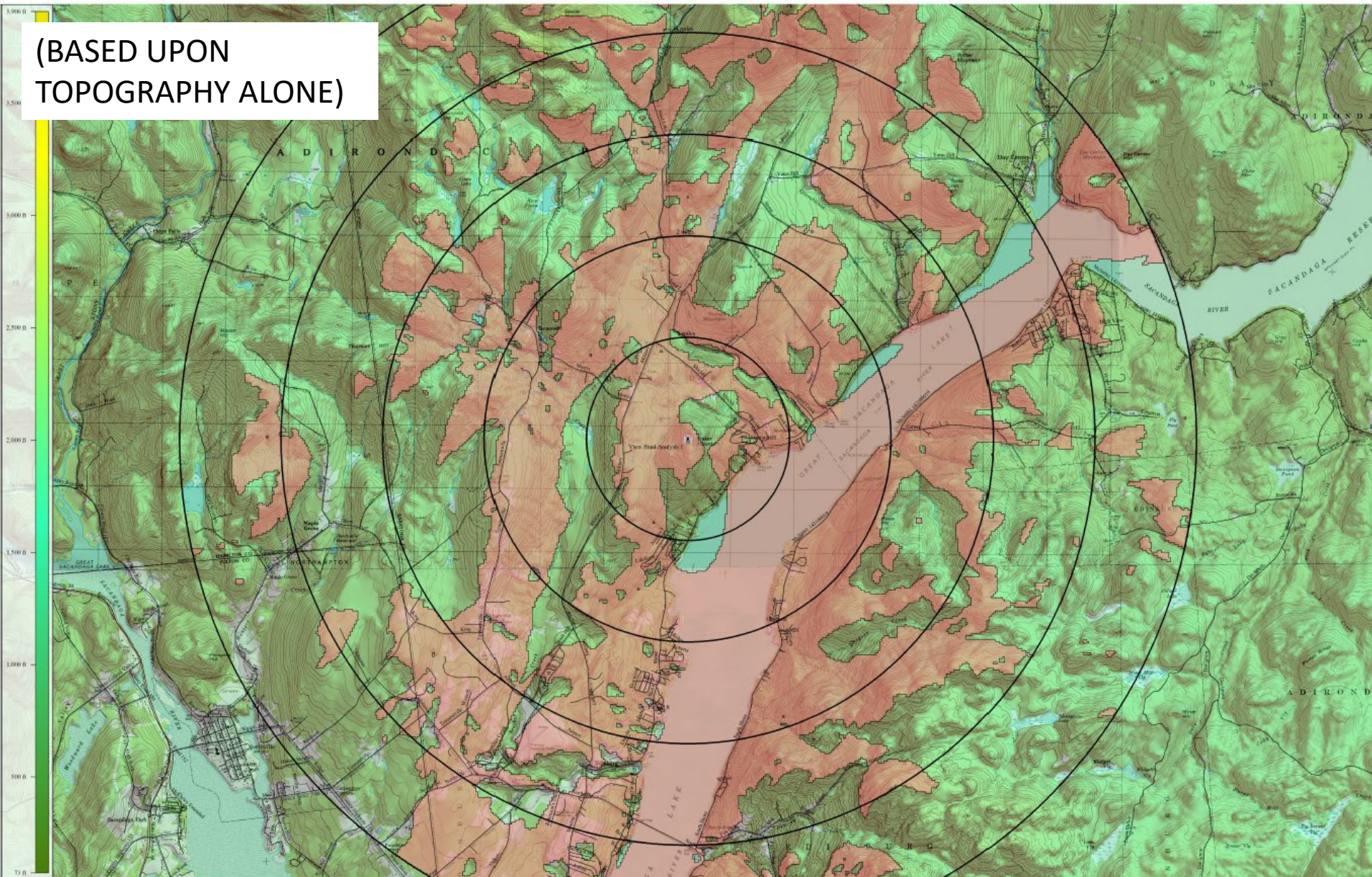
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Edinburg North

View toward site, bottom of balloons at 111', and 131'
4 Miles from site - View North from Northville Rd. bridge

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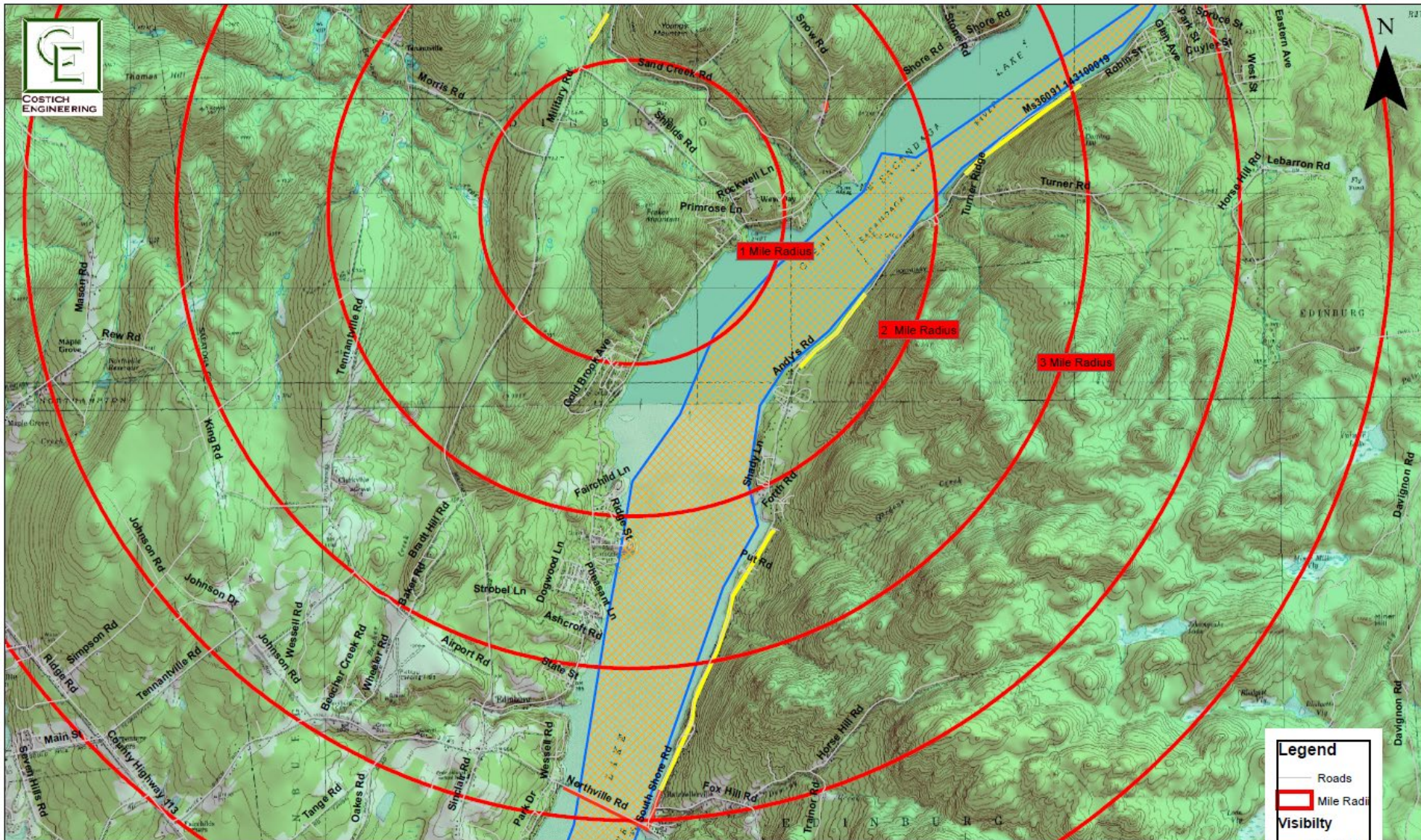
Viewshed Map

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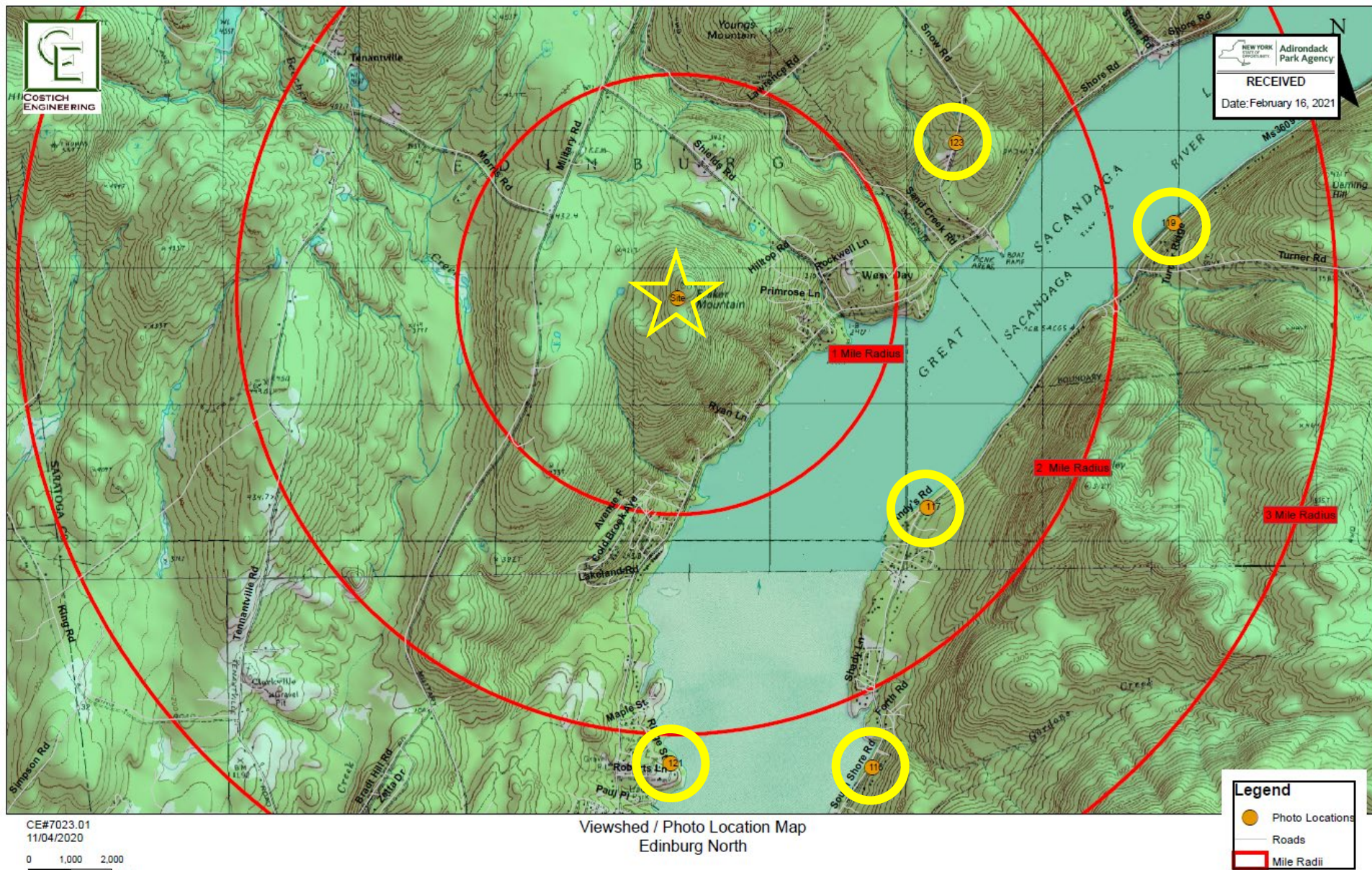
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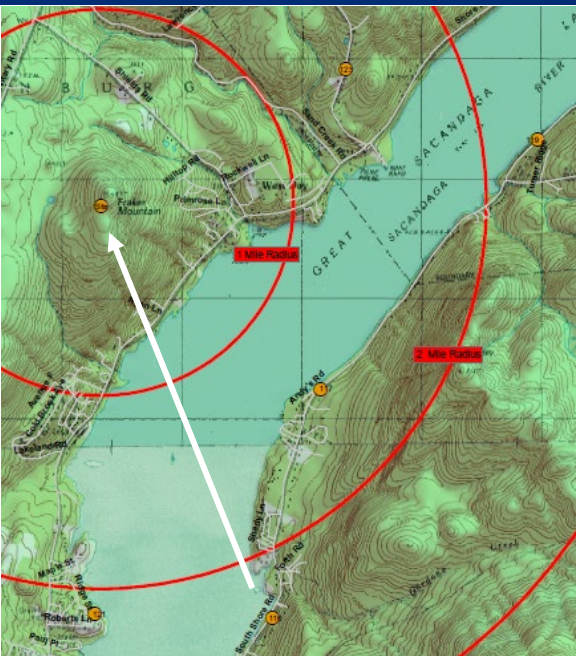
Viewshed / Photo Location Map
Edinburg North

Legend

- Roads
- Mile Radii
- Visibility
- Screened
- Visible
- Viewshed

Photo Location Map





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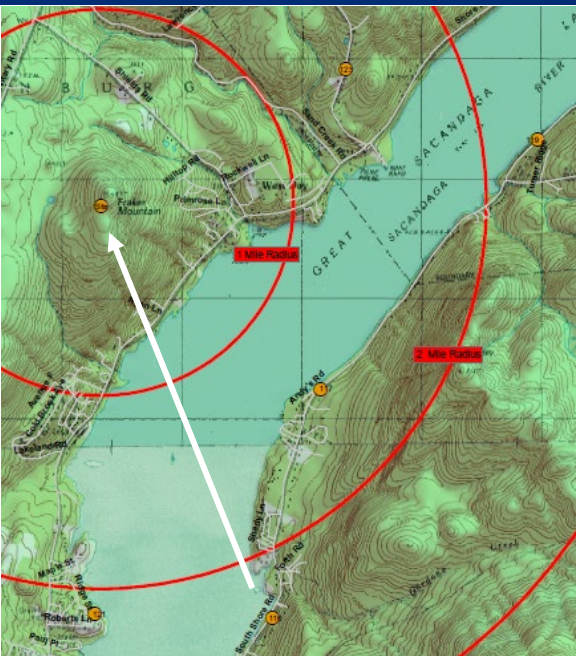


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View toward site, bottom of balloons at 111', and 131'
2.3 Miles from site - View Northwest from South Shore Road

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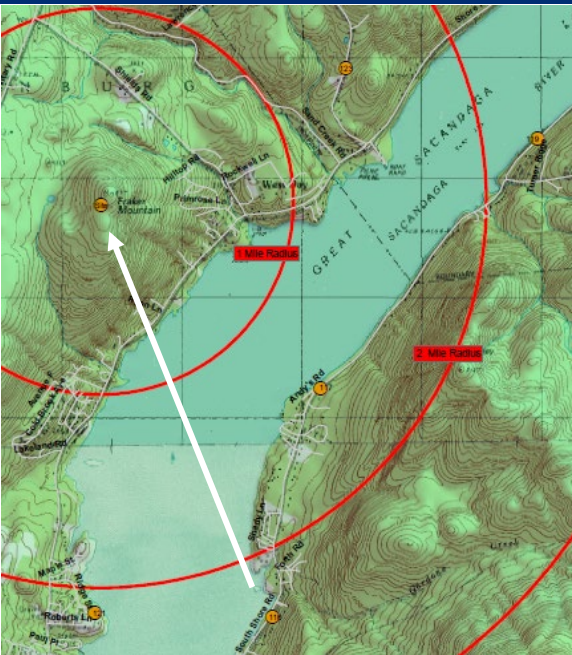


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Photosimulation of proposed 106' monopine
2.3 Miles from site - View Northwest from South Shore Road

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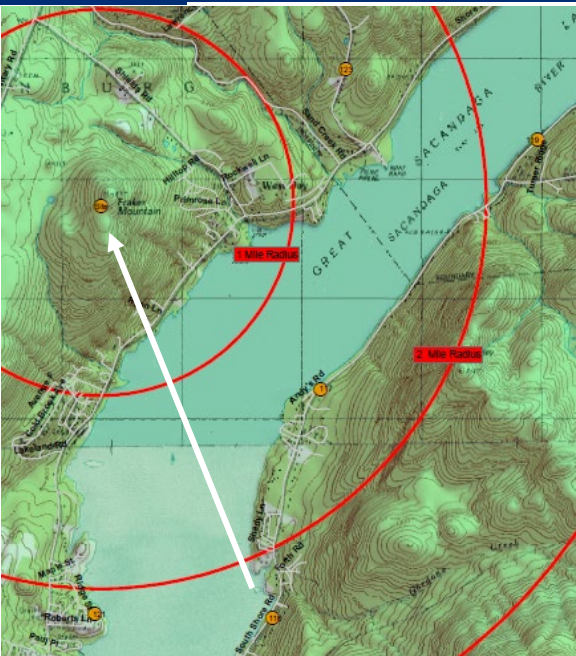
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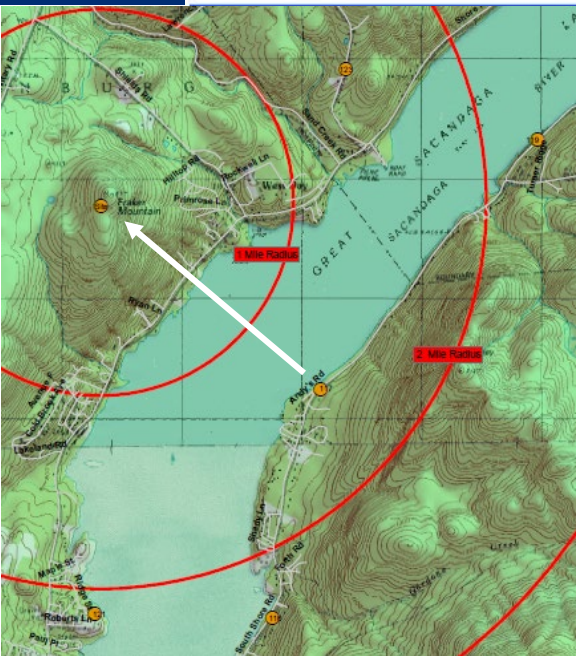
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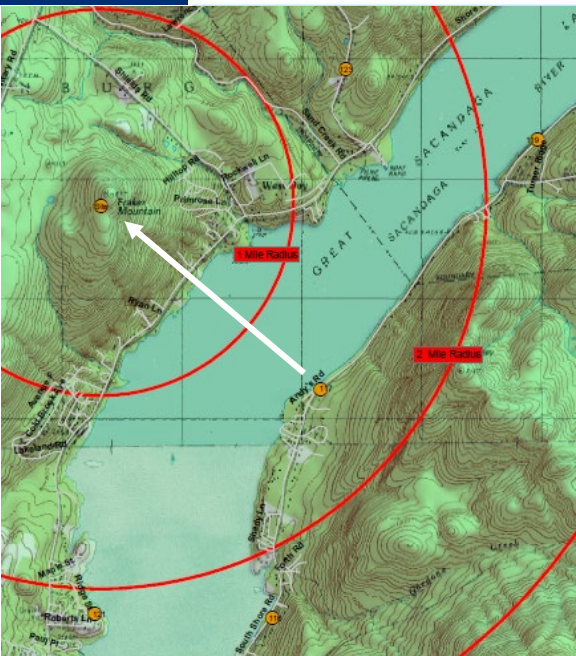
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View toward site, bottom of balloons at 111', and 131'
1.43 Miles from site - View Northwest from South Shore Road

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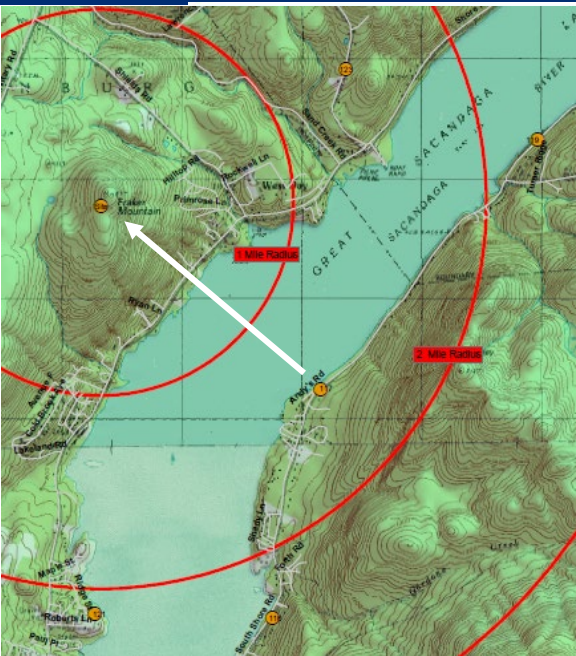
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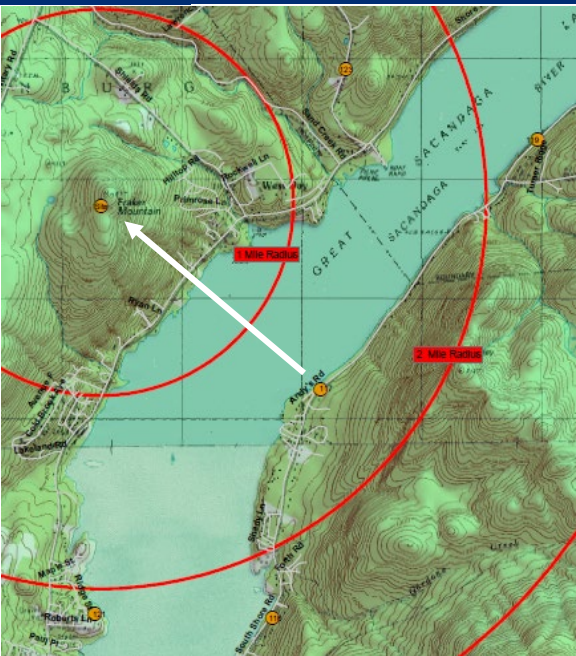
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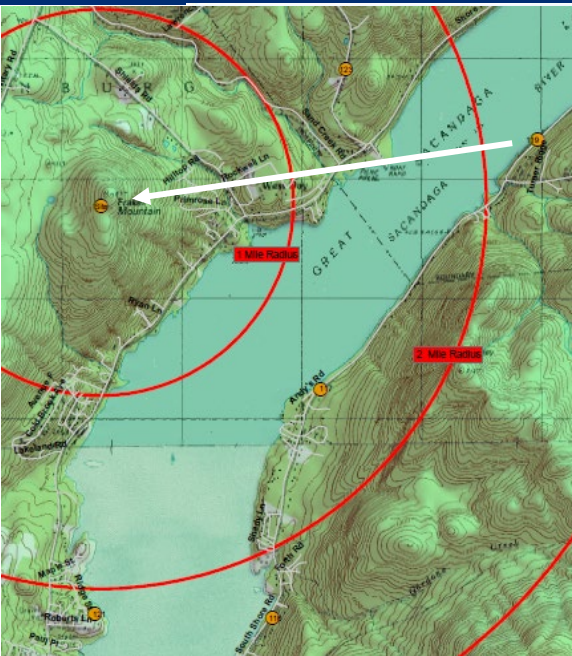
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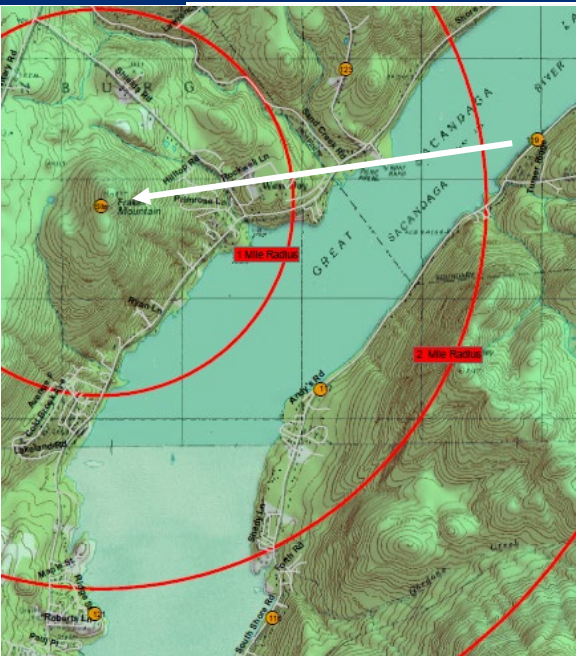


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View toward site, bottom of balloons at 111° and 131°
2.28 Miles from site - View West from South Shore Road

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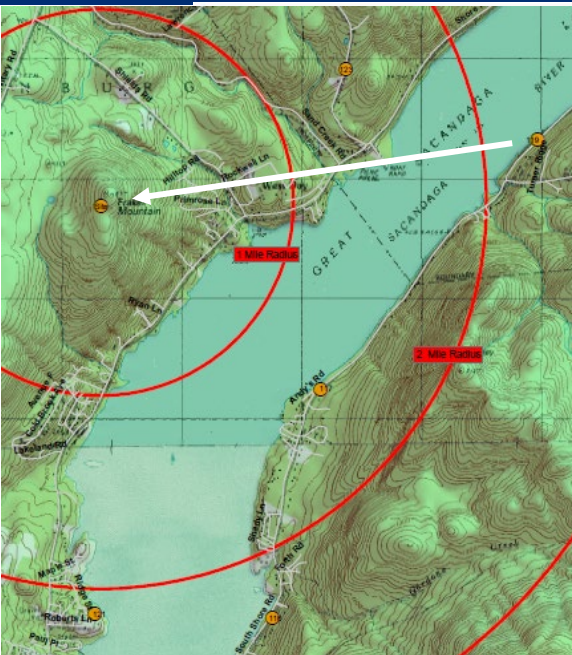
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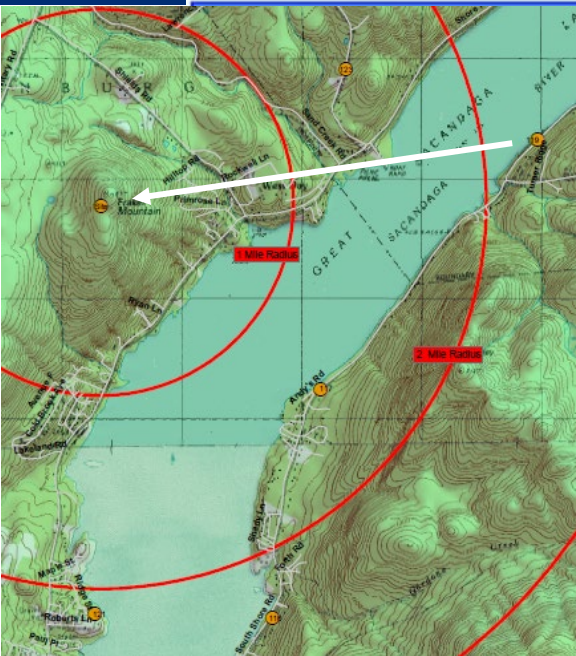


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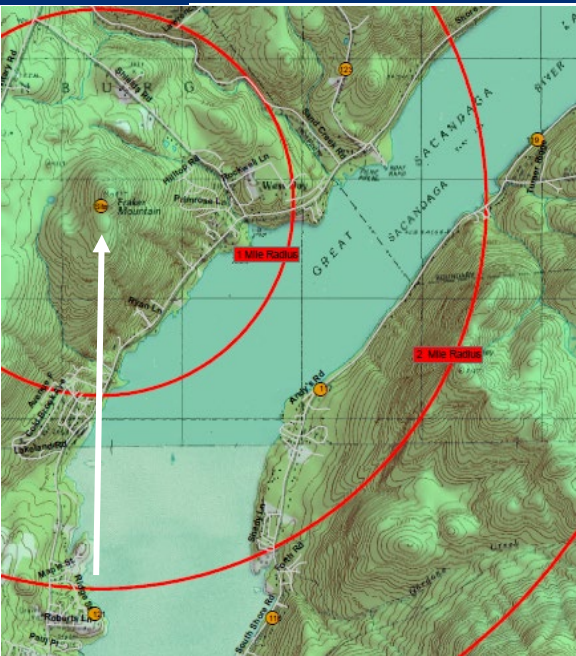


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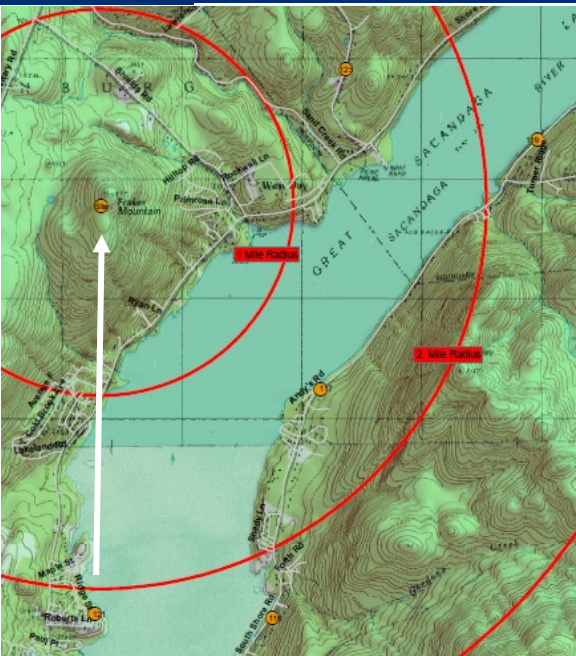
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View toward site, bottom of balloons at 111', and 131'
2.12 Miles from site - View North from Roberts Ln.

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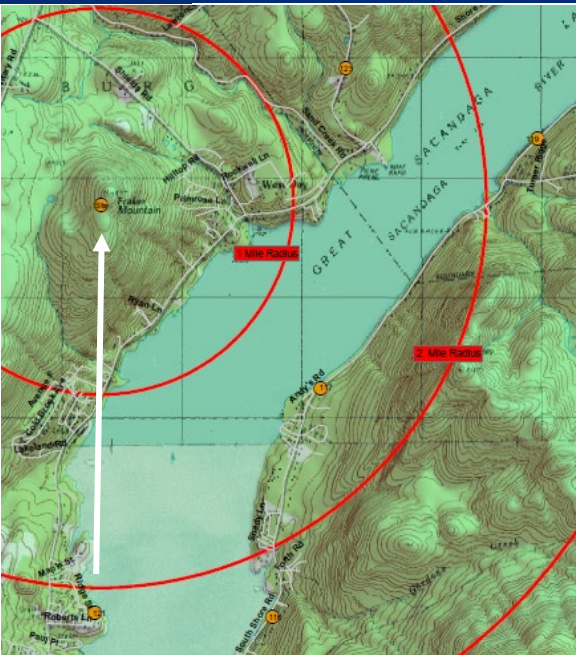
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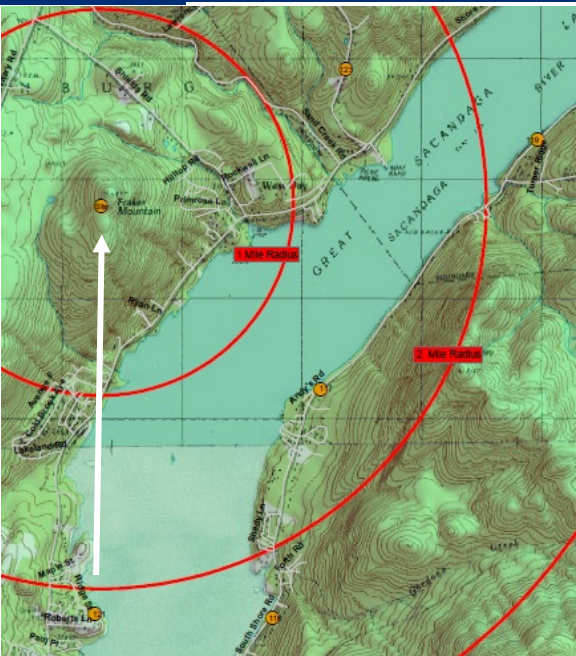
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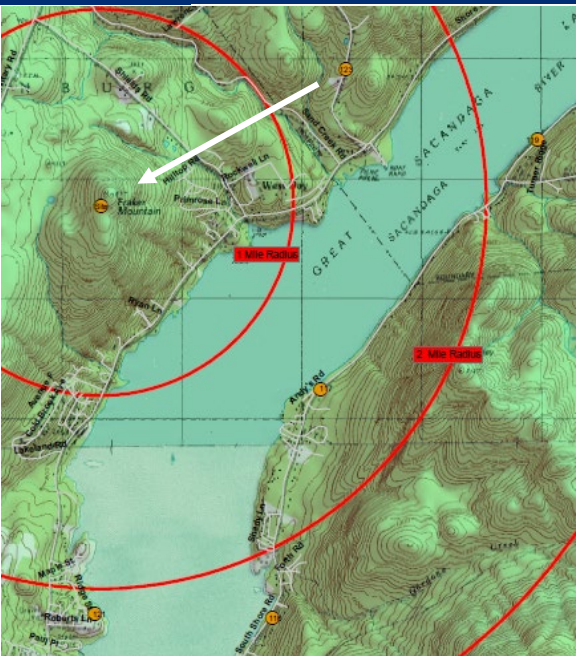
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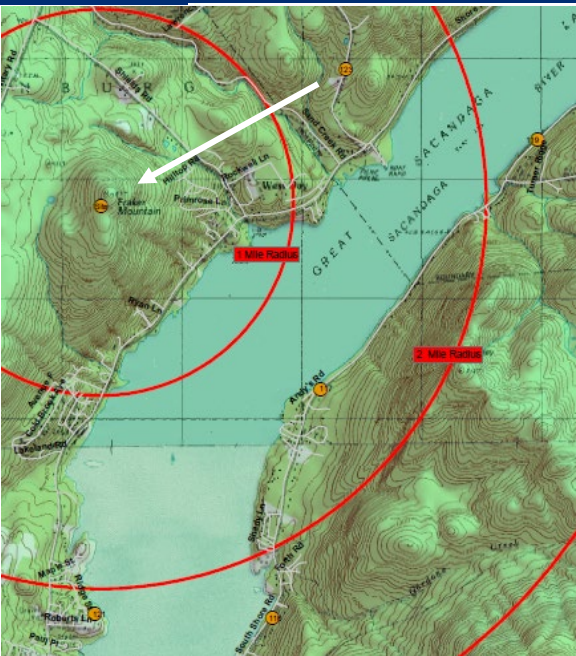
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View toward site, bottom of balloons at 111° and 131°
1.44 Miles from site - View Southwest from North Snow Road

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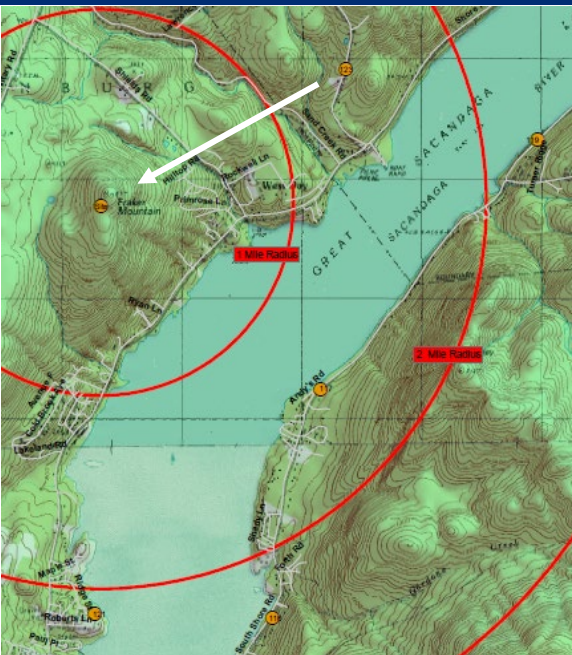


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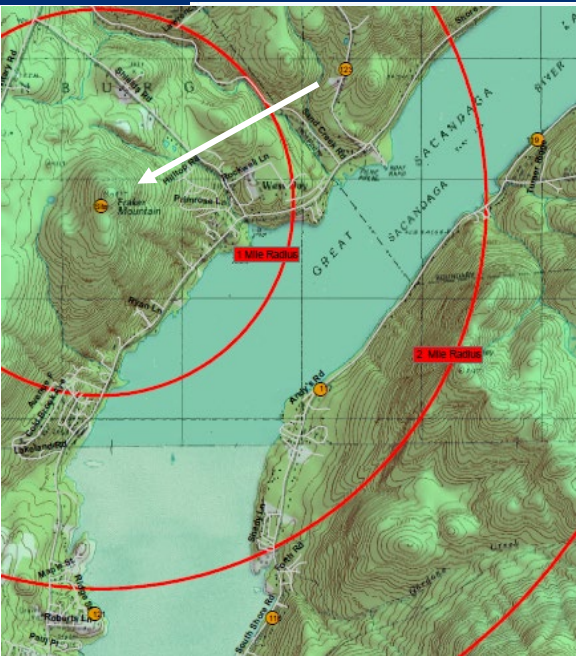
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Public Comment and Review by Others

Public Comment

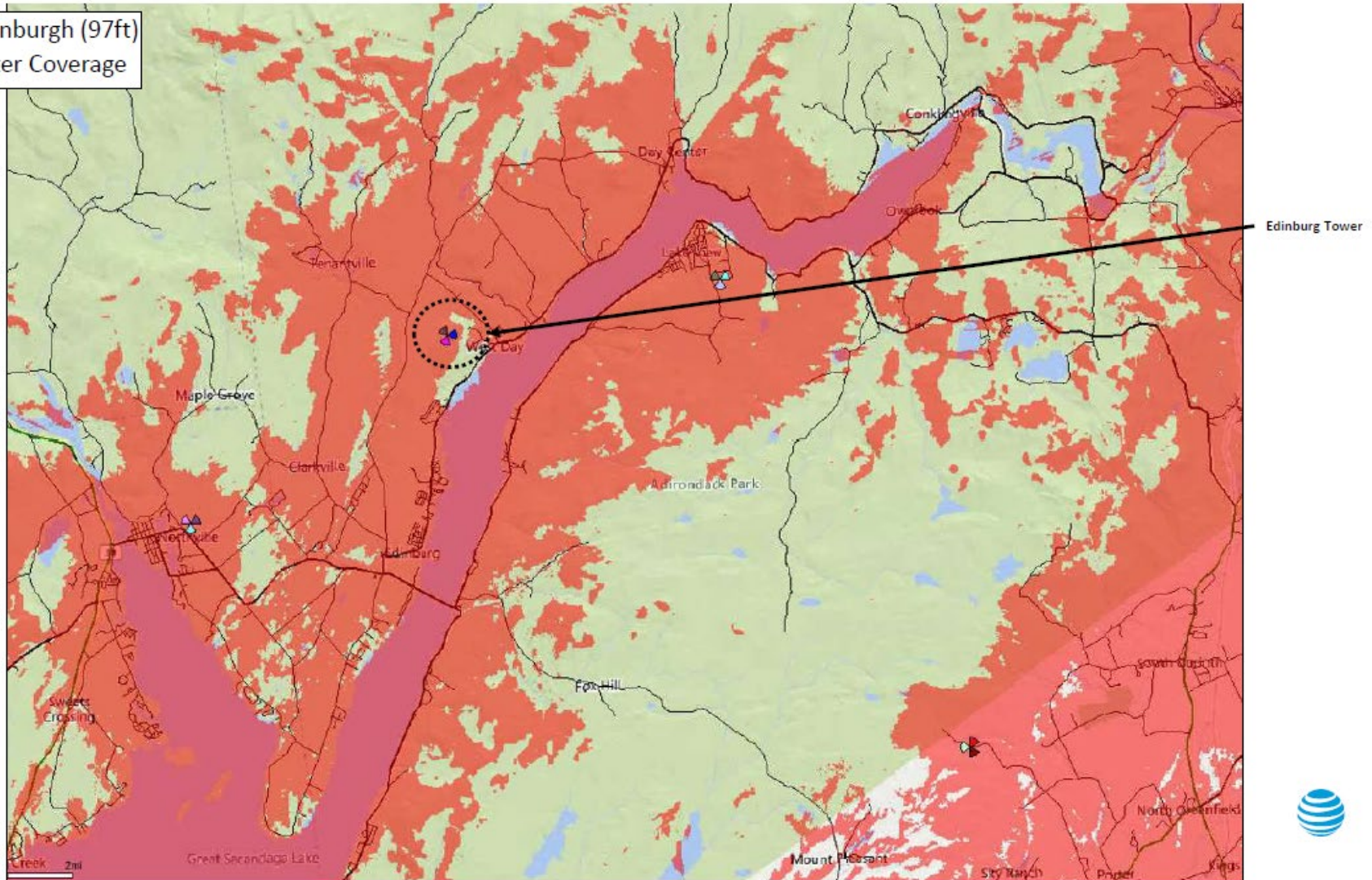
- Public Notice
- Comment Letters (received via e-mail)
 - 3 individuals (1- October 2021, 2- November 2021)
 - lack cell service, support tower
 - 1 from Adirondack Council (November 2021)
 - visibility concerns, opposed to tower
 - 1 Saratoga County (adjacent tower) - (November 2021)
 - potential for radio interference with existing Saratoga County emergency services system

Review by Others

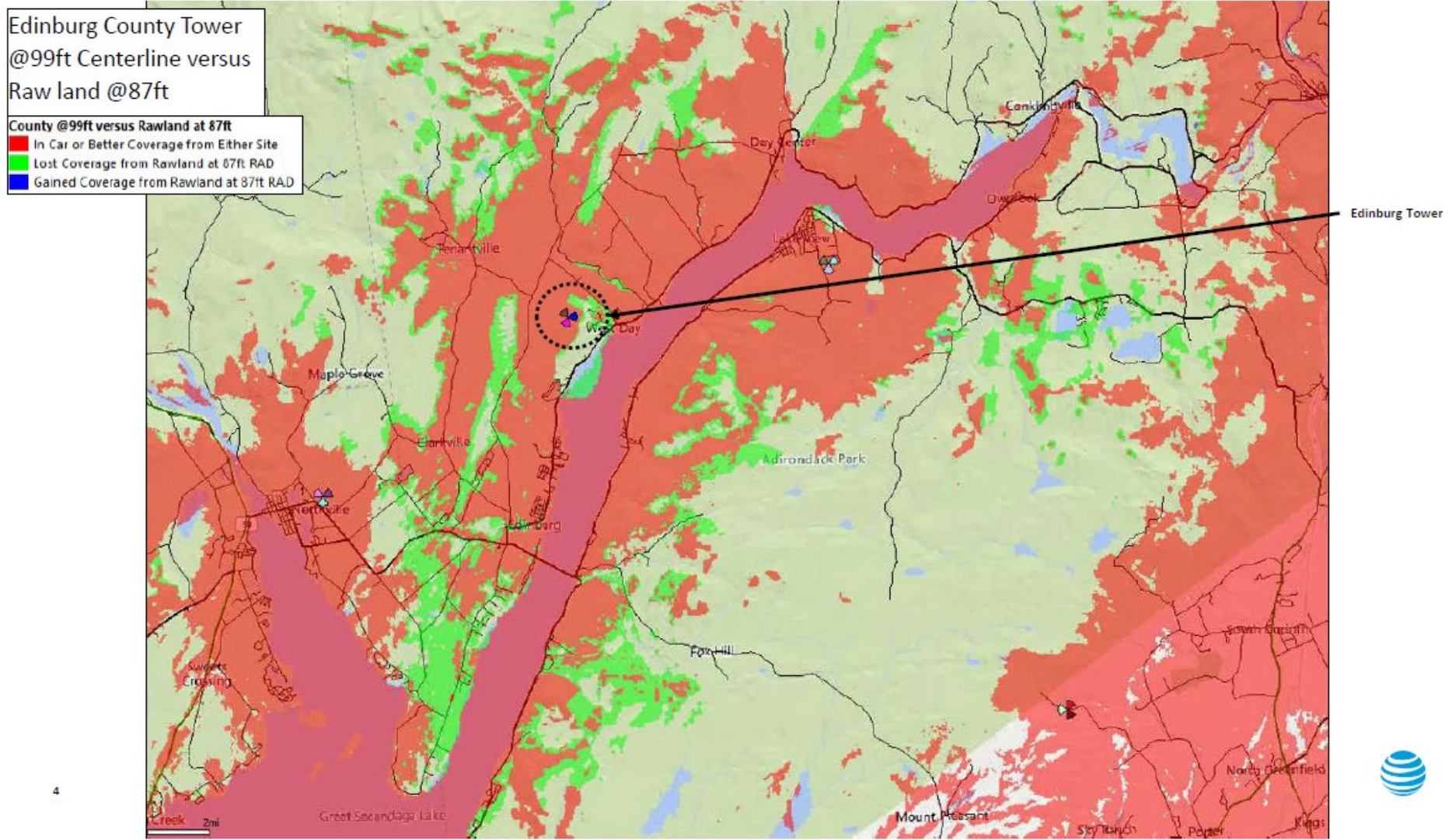
- Town of Edinburg
 - local approval granted February 24, 2022
- NY Air National Guard
 - tower will not impact the Guard's operations
- Federal Communications Commission
 - AT&T is licensed throughout Adirondack Park
- Federal Aviation Administration
 - notification, lighting and striping not required
- NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
 - Direct effect: no historic properties in APE
 - Visual effect: no adverse effect on historic properties in APE

Alternatives Analysis – Height

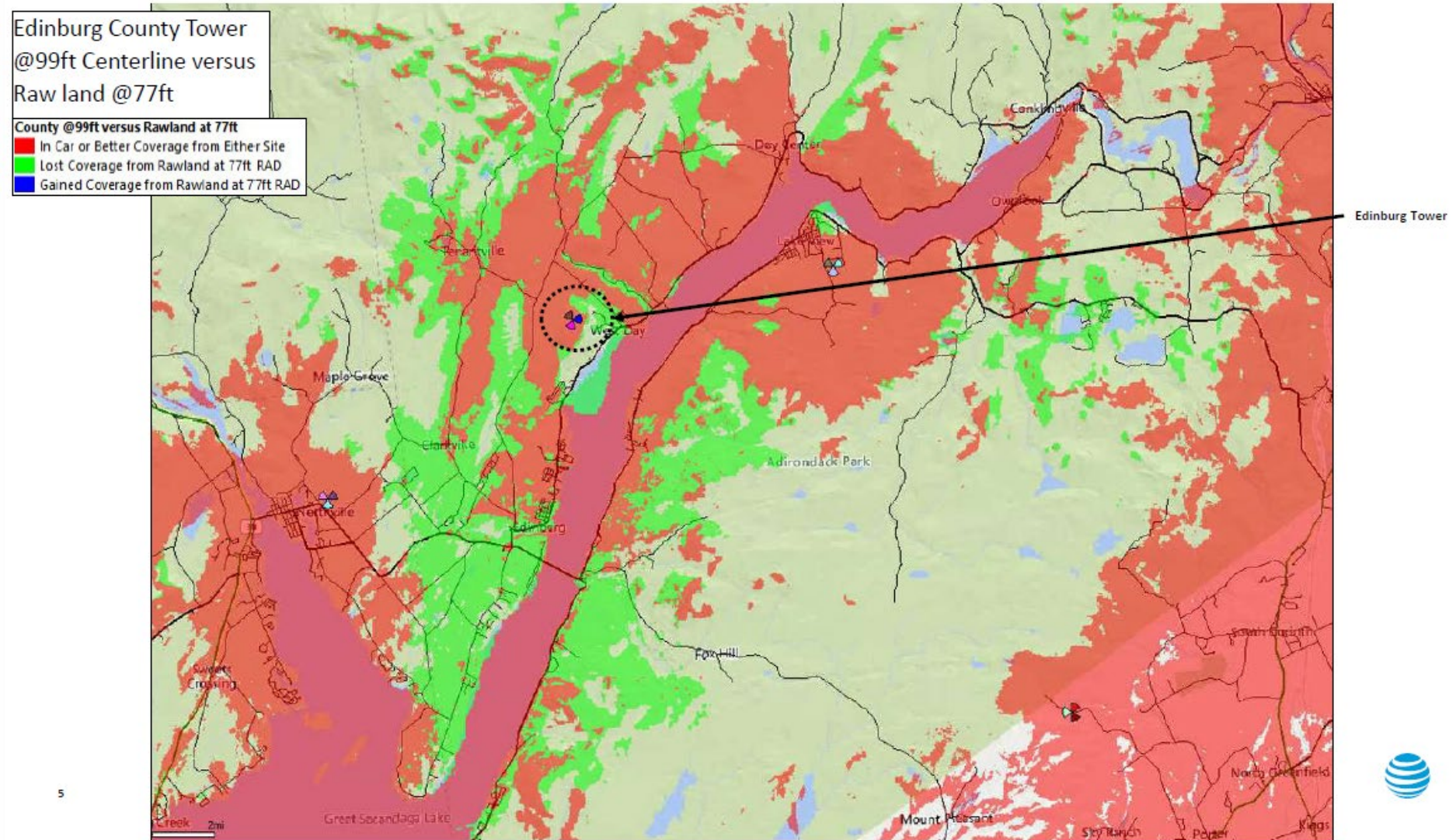
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In Car or Better Coverage



RF COVERAGE WITH PROPOSED TOWER - centerline height @ 97'



RF COVERAGE WITH PROPOSED TOWER - centerline height @ 87'



RF COVERAGE WITH PROPOSED TOWER -
centerline height @ 77'

Alternatives Analysis – Location

Alternatives Analysis – Preferred Location

VERTICAL CO-LOCATION

- Vertical co-location considered on existing Saratoga County Emergency Services Tower (authorized in Agency Permit 2006-220)
 - Tower already contains emergency services equipment and an additional commercial cell carrier antenna array
 - Cannot structurally support a second commercial carrier
 - Visual impacts due to increased height of tower

Alternatives Analysis – Preferred Location

HORIZONTAL CO-LOCATION

- Proposed tower ~200 feet southwest of existing tower
- Use of existing infrastructure (access road and utilities)
- Tower site fills a specific coverage gap located between Northville tower (4.8 miles east) & Day tower (4.1 miles west)
- Consolidation of visual impacts to greatest extent possible while maintaining respective 200-foot no-cut buffers for existing and proposed tower

Staff Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

Compliance with Towers Policy

- ✓ Tower in Rural Use land use area adjacent to an existing tower
- ✓ All views of the proposed tower are from those same vantage points which show the existing Saratoga County Emergency Services tower
- ✓ Concealed as simulated tree
- ✓ Minimum height necessary
- ✓ Proposed tower is no taller than the previously authorized tower (Agency Permits 2006-0220 and 2016-48)
- ✓ Uses existing driveway and infrastructure

Compliance with Towers Policy

“Substantial invisibility is intended to be applied on a site specific basis and may be achieved by consolidation of existing visual intrusions and/or by the development of facilities within lawfully existing buildings, and/or by providing substantial screening or concealment of the structure itself.”

Conclusions of Law

- Development authorized:
 - ✓ Meets all of the pertinent requirements and conditions of the approved local land use program of the Town of Edinburg; and
 - ✓ Does not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the Park or upon the ability of the public to provide supporting facilities and services made necessary by the project

Draft Permit Conditions

- Location & dimensions of development – Project Plans
 - access road, tower, antennas, and equipment compound
- Tower concealed as simulated tree
 - Must appear as depicted in simulations
 - Replace/repair branches
- Retain trees within 200 feet of tower
 - Except for those proposed for removal on plans
- Downward lighting only, switched off or on motion sensor
- Clean equipment and tools: invasive species control
- Follow drainage, grading, and erosion control plan
- Pre-approval required for any blasting



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New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T

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