

Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability and Mass Central Rail Trail Project Chapter 91 Licensing – Bridge 128

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Project Overview

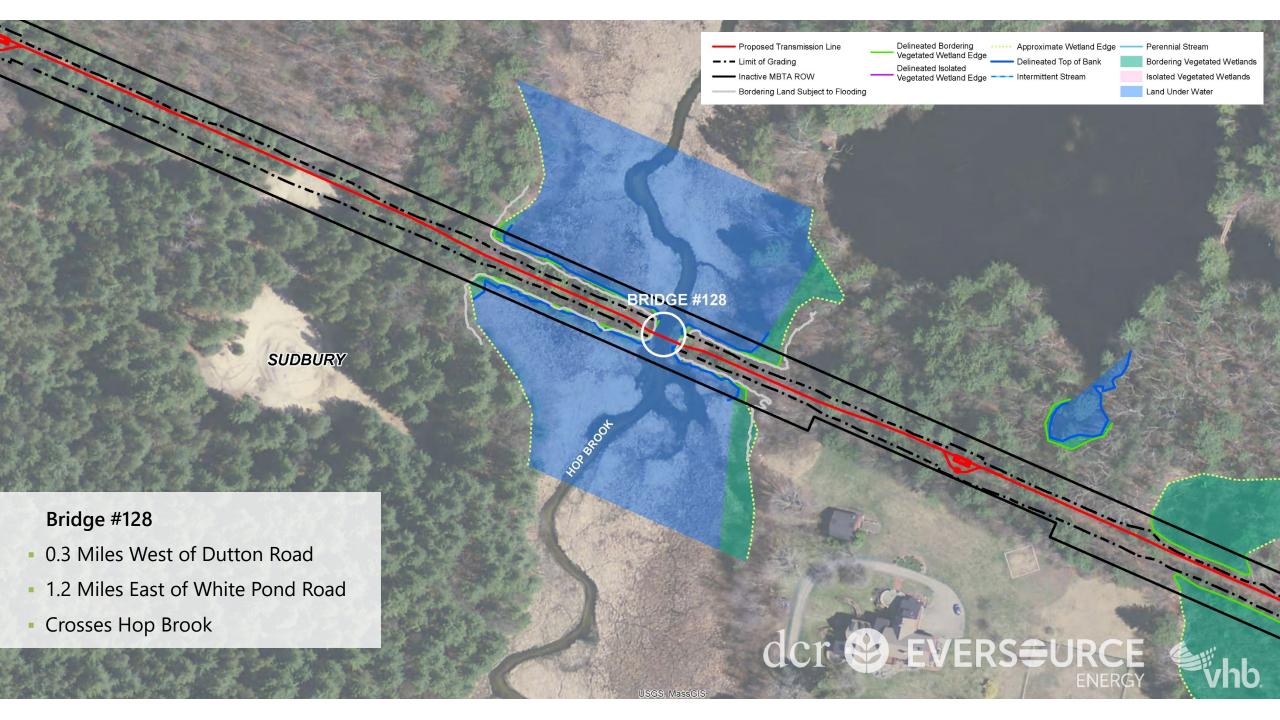
- Joint filing: Eversource and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to construct the Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability and Mass Central Rail Trail ("MCRT") Project
- <u>Two compatible uses</u> in a single former rail corridor
- Phased construction sequence avoids and minimizes environmental impacts
- Entire Project in Sudbury, Marlborough, Stow, and Hudson = ~ 9 miles
- Transmission line increases reliability of existing regional electric transmission system
- MCRT enhances public recreation and access to view public waterways



Chapter 91 Jurisdiction

- Rehabilitation of existing railroad Bridge #128 over non-tidal river (Hop Brook)
- Water-dependent per 310 CMR 9.12
 - DCR portion of work under 310 CMR 9.12(2)(a)4: "pedestrian facilities that promote use and enjoyment of the water by the general public and are located at or near the water's edge..."
 - Eversource portion of work under 310 CMR 9.12(2)(a)16, and 310 CMR 9.12(2)(d). Infrastructure Crossing Facility (310 CMR 9.02): "any infrastructure facility which is a bridge, tunnel, pipeline, aqueduct, conduit, cable, or wire... which is located over or under the water and which connects existing or new infrastructure facilities located on the opposite banks of the waterway..."









Compliance with Chapter 91 Regulations

- Project will comply with all applicable Commonwealth regulatory programs and standards.
- Navigability within Hop Brook will be maintained.
- No interference with rights of adjacent property owners' rights to access their property from the waterway or to approach the waterway from their property.
- No disruption or displacement of prior water-dependent uses.
- Project will improve public use and enjoyment of Hop Brook by providing safe public access across the brook.



