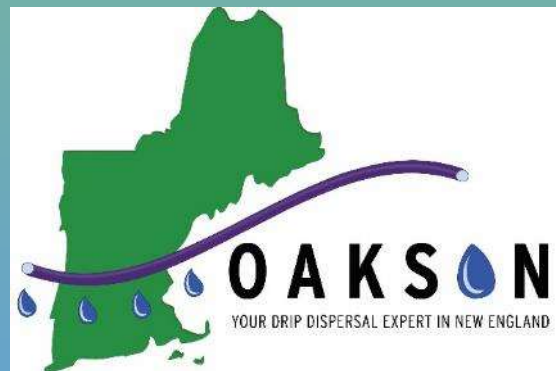


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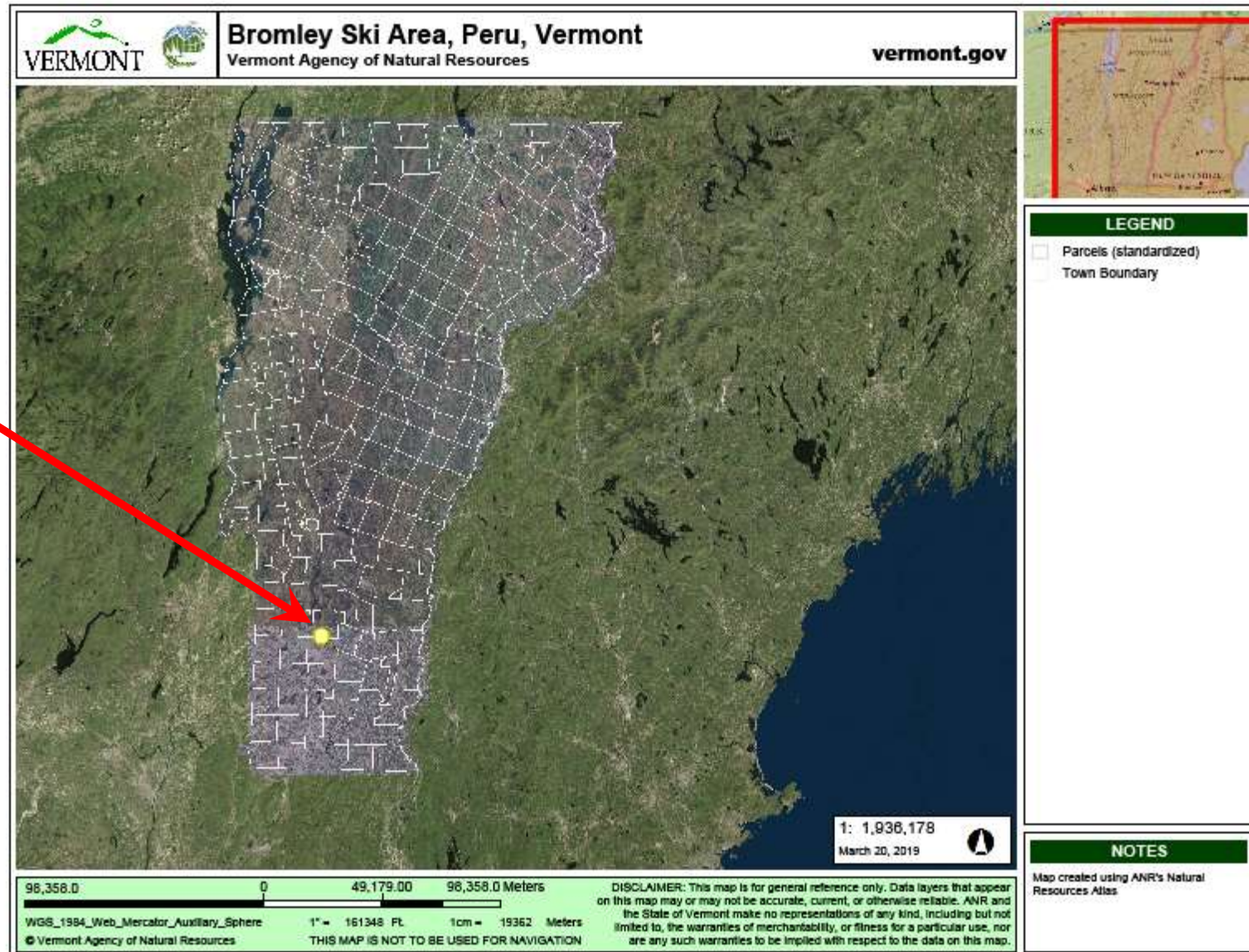
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- **Proposed Development at Bromley Ski Area,
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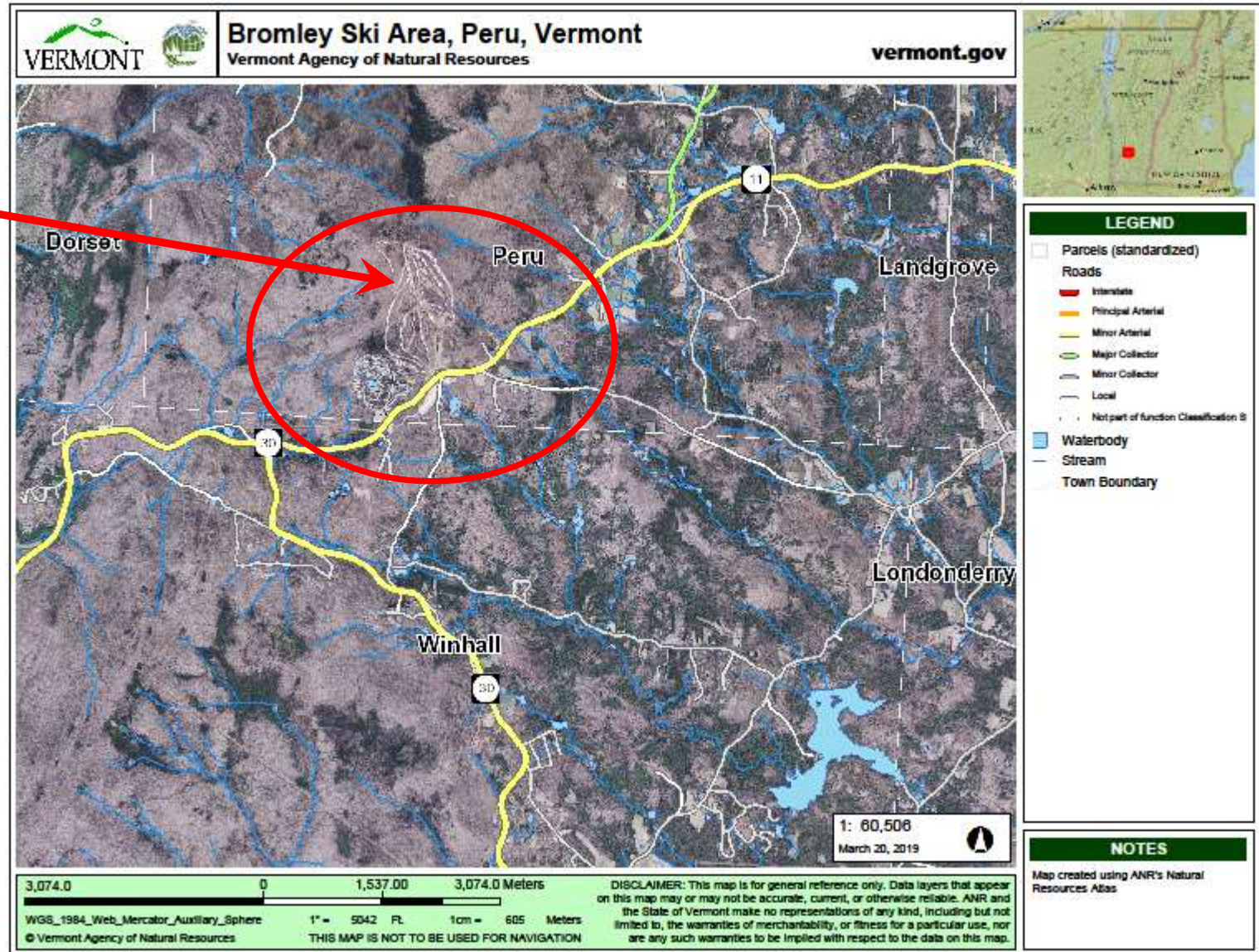
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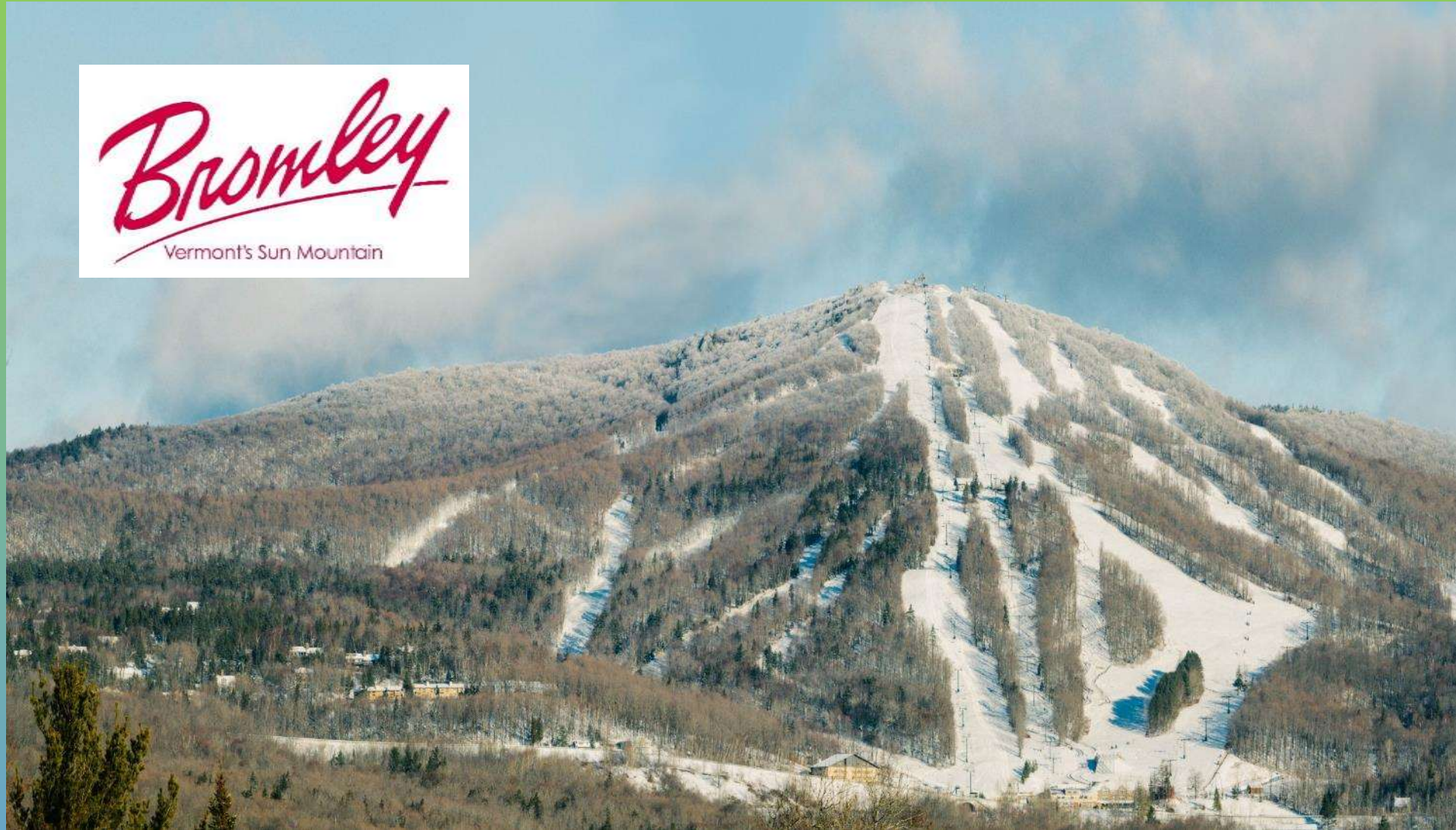


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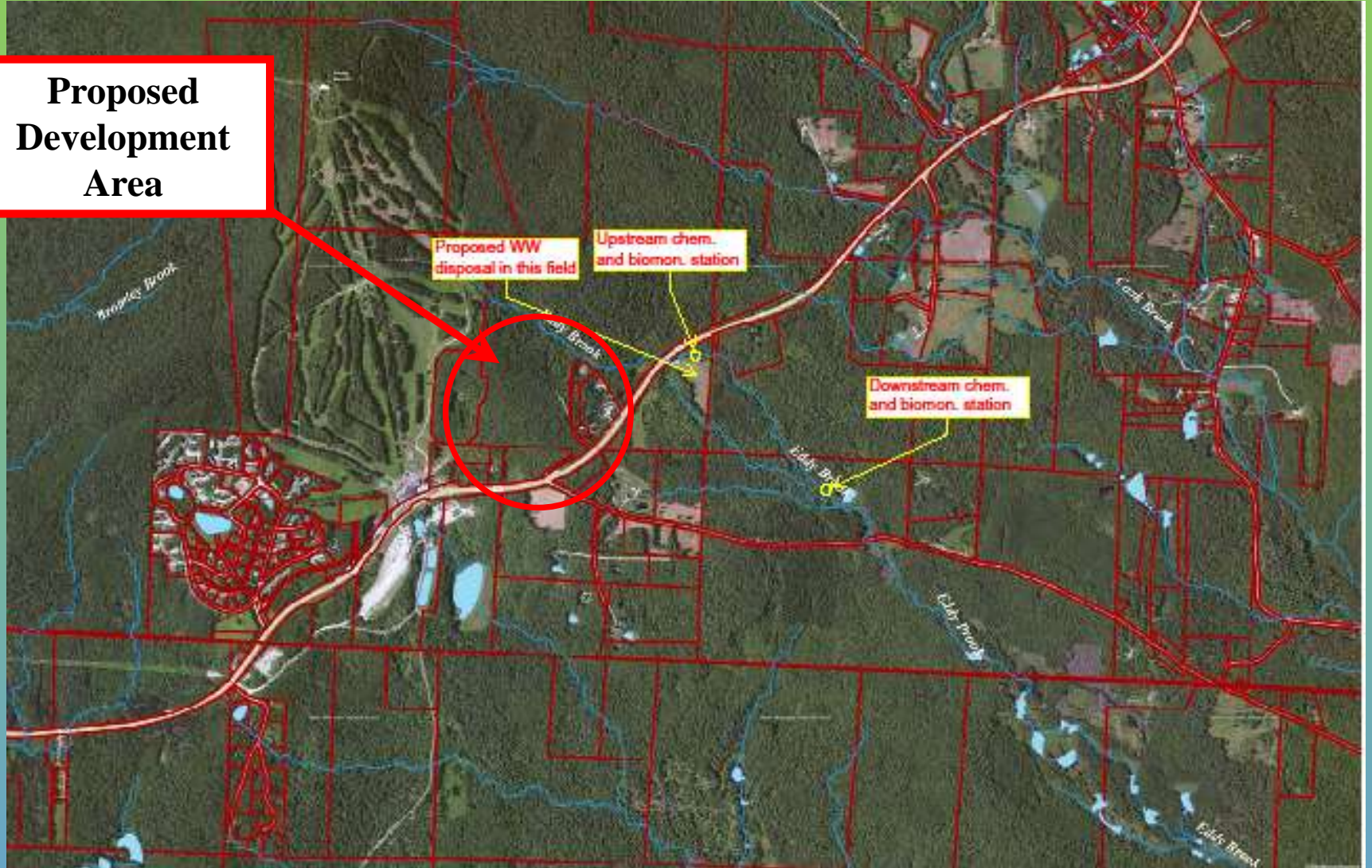


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**Proposed
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Wastewater Disposal Needs: about 80,000 gpd

OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

**1. Existing WW Treatment Plant [secondary],
then disposal via spray irrigation
at existing spray fields**

**➤ NO: not enough capacity to treat or dispose of
additional 80,000 gpd**

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OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

2. Existing WW Treatment Plant [secondary], then disposal at new disposal area

➤ NO: Indirect Discharge regulations require high degree of nutrient removal, so need tertiary treatment

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OPTION SELECTED:

3. Project-specific WW Treatment [tertiary], then soil-based disposal at new disposal area

➤ YES – BUT . . . Vermont's Indirect Discharge regs require field verification of predicted nutrient removal by soils at disposal area.

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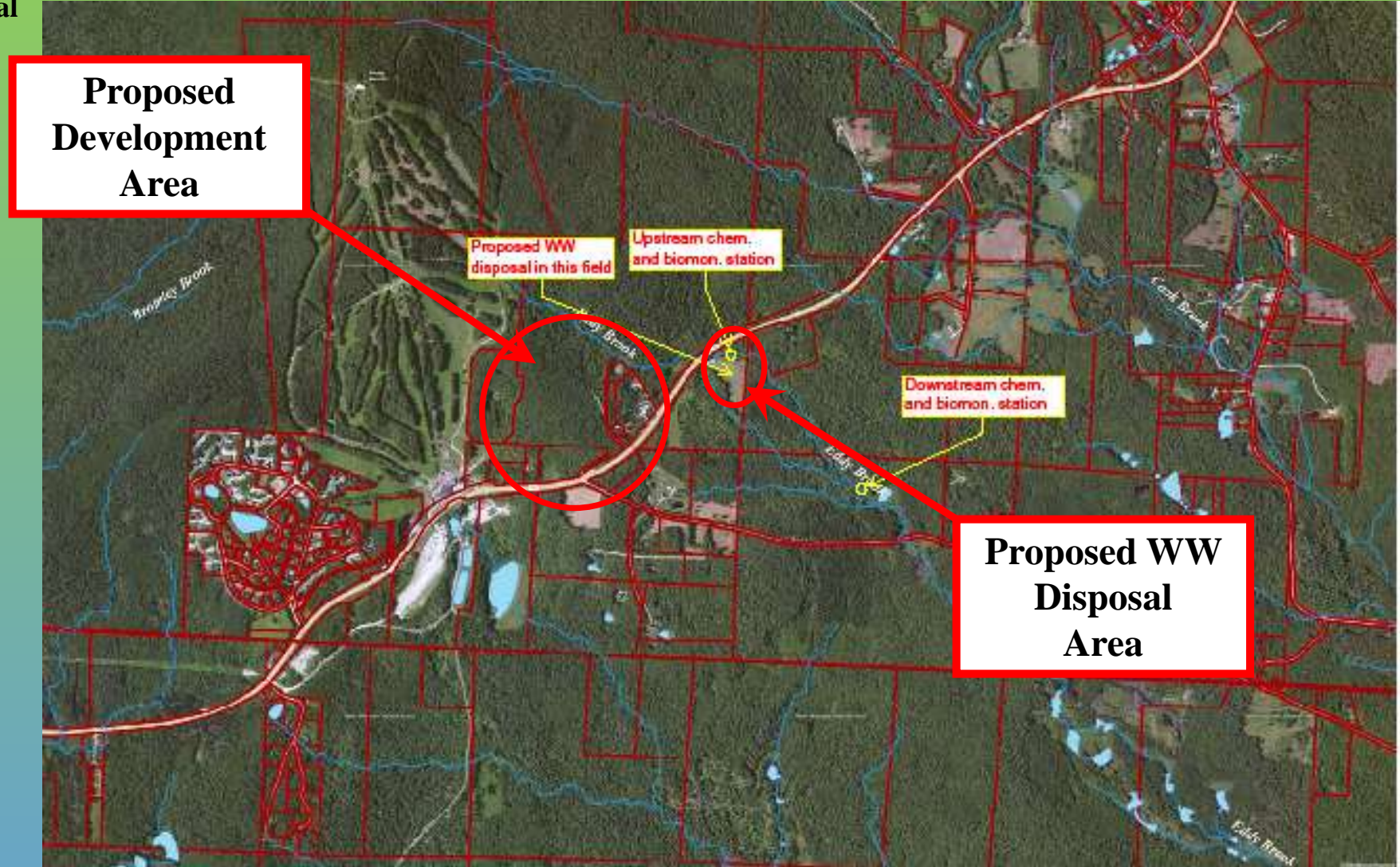
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 - OR**
 - **Choosing treatment and disposal methods that will remove most of the nutrients [esp. TDP].**
- [OR BOTH]**

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**Proposed
Development
Area**

Proposed WW
disposal in this field

Upstream chem.
and biomon. station

Downstream chem.
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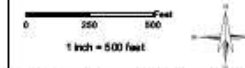


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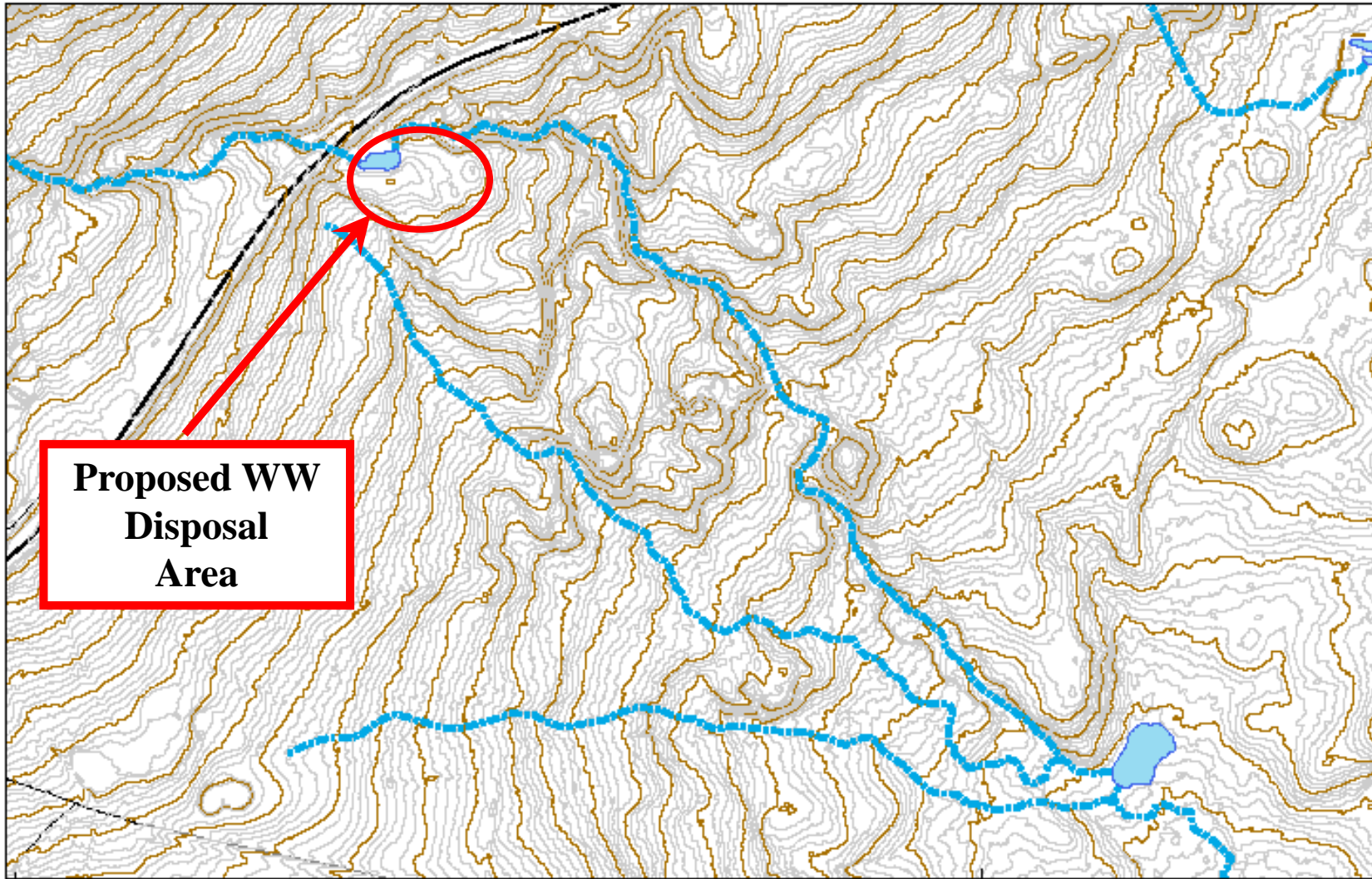
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[unless otherwise noted]

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[Bromley Best Farm, WHEM Maps, NeighbWS-0004a.dwg]

**Bromley Best Farm
Wastewater Disposal Area:
No Water Supplies within 1,000 ft.**



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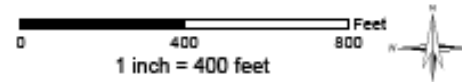


**Proposed WW
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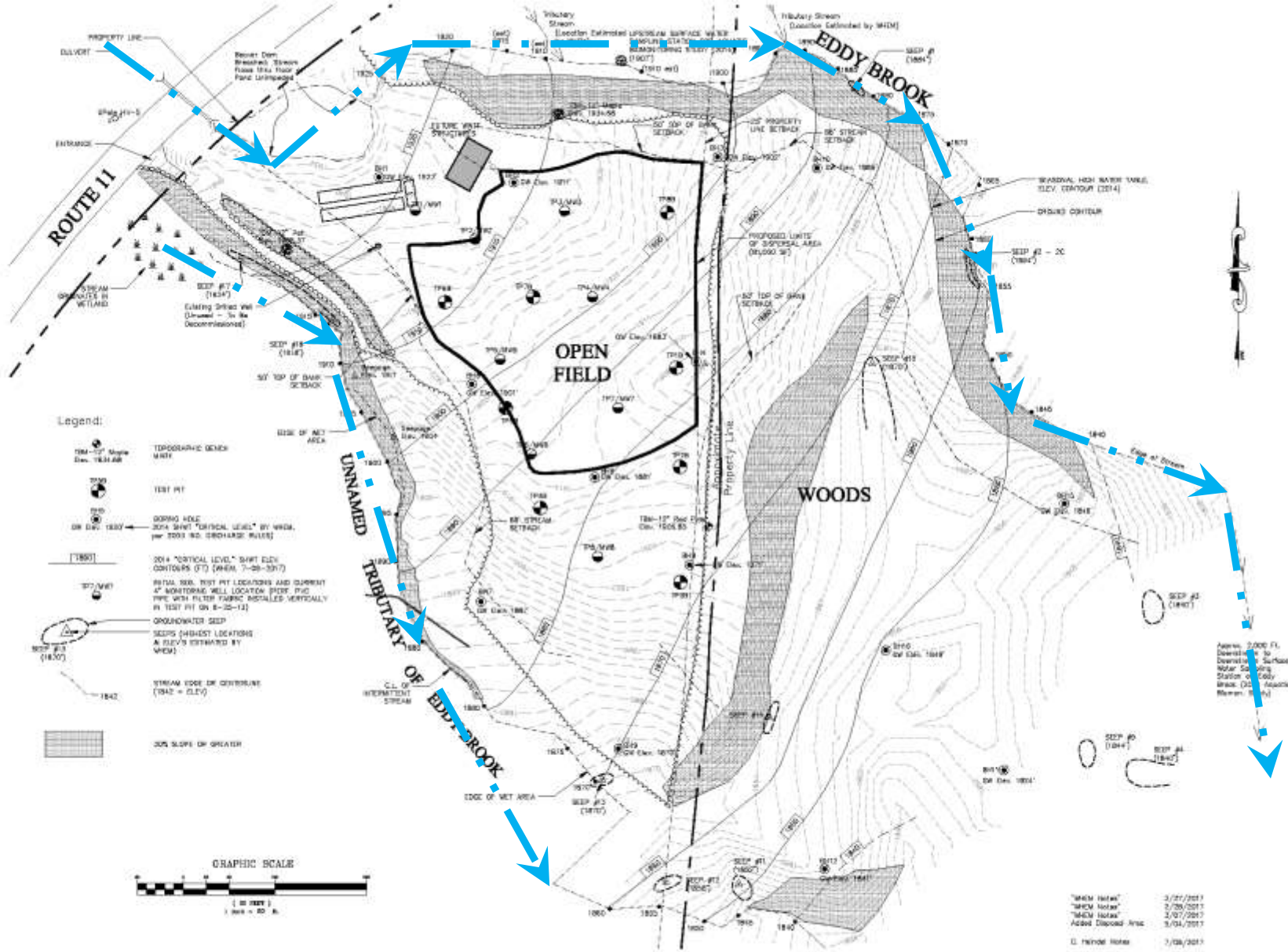
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**Proposed Wastewater Disposal Area;
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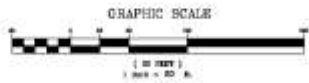


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FULL BUILD-OUT DISPOSAL AREA PLAN		REVISIONS		 GENTLOW & ASSOCIATES, INC. ENGINEERS - SURVEYORS - ARCHITECTS 55 WEST WASHINGTON AVE. SUITE 200 ELIZABETH, NJ 07208	Proposed Wastewater Disposal Area - Best Farm BRONMLEY SKI AREA 81-12 PINE, NY	
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Typical Test Pit Logs

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57-66"	C2	LS	2.5Y6/6	-	Medium Sand

Groundwater: none
 Mottling: none
 Ledge: >66

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 Perc Rate 27.48 Min/ Inch
 Depth of Perc 36"

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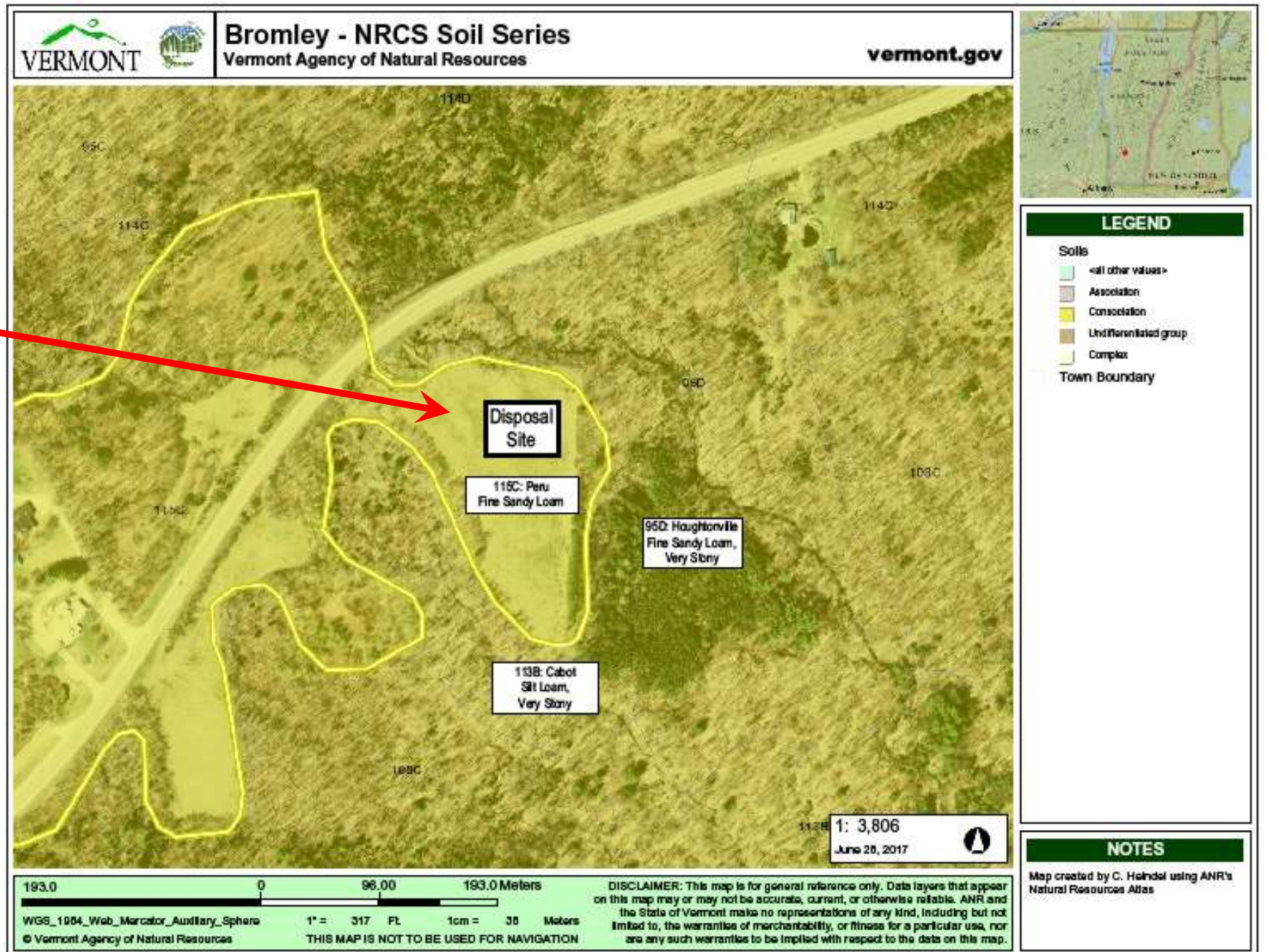
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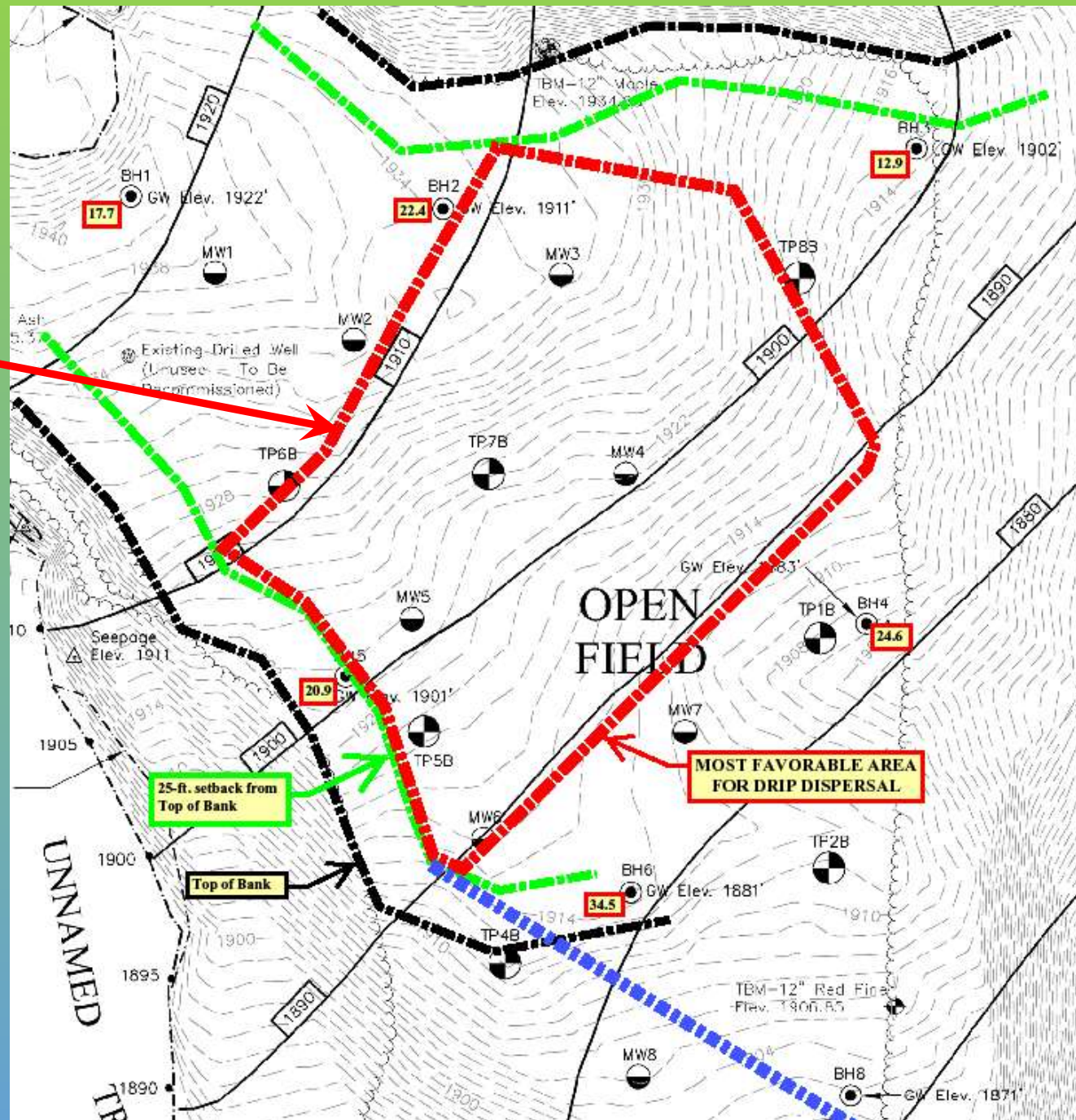
**NRCS Soil Series:
Peru
Fine Sandy Loam**

**[parent material =
loamy lodgement till]**



**Pilot Test, Nutrient Removal
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**Favorable Area for
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Will there be enough dilution in Eddy Brook?**

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[per Vermont Indirect Discharge Rule, 2003]

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LMMF

Low Median Monthly Stream flow [LMMF]:

- Receiving water = Eddy Brook;
 - No stream gage;
- SO: use Vermont default LMMF value of 0.34 csm,
at Point of Compliance

$$\text{LMMF [cfs]} = \text{drainage area [sq.mi.]} \times 0.34 \text{ csm}$$

where:

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cfs = cubic ft. per second;

csm = cfs per sq.mi.

Location of Compliance Point in Eddy Brook:

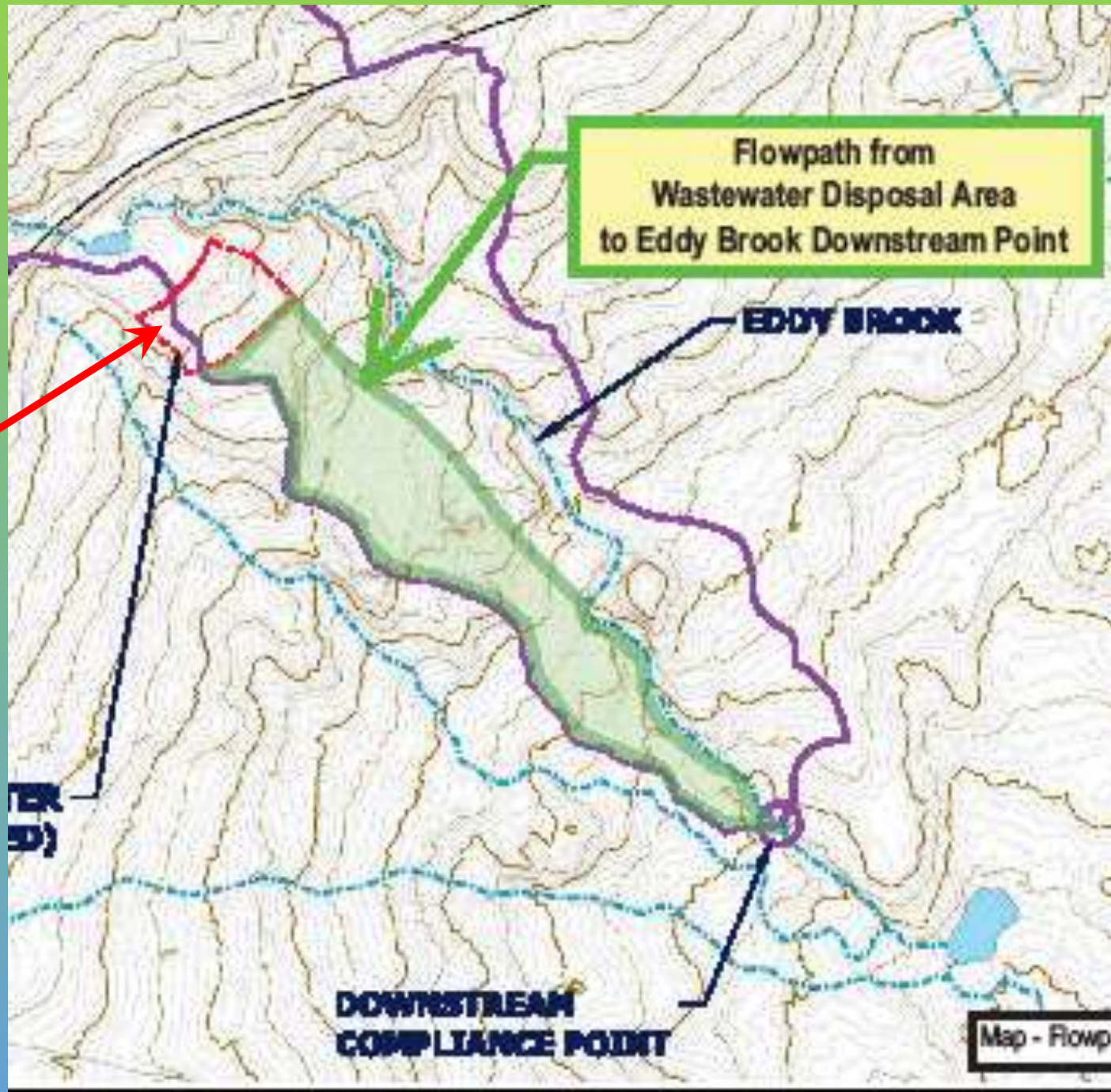
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[= downstream-most point of the “Indirect Discharge”]

[per VT Indirect Discharge Regs]

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**Proposed WW
Disposal
Area**





Compliance Point, Eddy Brook – August 2016



**Upstream of Compliance Point,
Eddy Brook – August 2016**



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Eddy Brook: Estimation of Low Median Monthly Flow [LMMF]

Watershed Area at Compliance Point	0.445	sq.mi.
LMMF [default]	0.34	csm [cubic feet per second per sq.mi.]
LMMF, at Compliance Point	0.1513	cfs
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LEADS TO TWO DESIGN DECISIONS:

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= Tertiary Treatment;
2. Further nutrient removal in disposal field would be beneficial:
= Drip Dispersal.

3. Compliance with Surface Water Quality Standards:

**NEXT: Need background concentrations
at Compliance Point
in Eddy Brook, for:**

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**Bromley Mountain, Best Farm WW Area
Upgradient Surface Water, Aquatic Permitting Criteria;
Eddy Brook, 2014**

Date	Mon. Station	Total Dissolved Phos. (mg/l)	Nitrate Nitrogen (mg/l)	pH (s.u.)
6/19/2014	Upstream	0.008	0.2	6.47
6/24/2014		0.007	0.3	6.63
7/2/2014		< 0.005	0.3	6.59
7/17/2014		0.009	0.2	7.07
8/6/2014		0.017	0.2	7.12
8/12/2014		0.019	0.2	7.13
9/11/2014		0.026	0.2	7.23
9/17/2014		0.03	0.2	7.21
10/1/2014		0.024	0.2	7.07
10/9/2014		0.011	< 0.1	6.88
STATISTICS:				
Minimum		0.005	0.10	6.47
Maximum		0.030	0.30	7.23
Normal Distribution?		yes	yes	NA
Transformation Closest to Normal		NA	NA	NA
Does Transformation Produce Normality?		NA	NA	NA
Mean of Untransformed Data		0.0156	0.210	6.85
Mean of Transformed Data		NA	NA	NA
Std. Dev. of Untransformed Data		0.00887	0.0568	NA
Std. Dev. of Transformed Data		NA	NA	NA
n		10	10	10
Student's t-value (one-tailed)		1.833	1.833	NA
Upper 95% C.I.		0.0207	0.2429	NA

**✓ Background WQ
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**LEADS TO
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PILOT TEST DETAILS:

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- **Test Effluent: Wastewater effluent from Bromley WWTP (secondary treatment), diluted with well water by approximately 1:4, spiked with Bromide as tracer.**
- **Application Rate of Test Effluent: 2.0 gpd/sq.ft.; 5,020 gpd for 119 days.**
- **Down-gradient groundwater quality, depth: sampled from MW-BH-3, located 35 ft. downgradient.**
- **Up-gradient groundwater [for comparison]: MW-BH-2, located 180 ft. upgradient.**

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*Perc-Rite® Drip Dispersal System, distributed by Oakson,
from American Manufacturing:*

- *0.5-in. diameter*
- *Emitters located every 2 ft.*
- *Emitter discharge rate: 0.61 gal/hour, over wide pressure range.*

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PILOT TEST: EFFLUENT LAGOON



PILOT TEST; EFFLUENT LAGOON & PUMP



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PILOT TEST; LINE TO DRIP DISPERSAL AREA



PILOT TEST: TANK OF EFFLUENT BEING UNLOADED



PILOT TEST: EFFLUENT CHEMISTRY

[Before spiking with Bromide as tracer]

Sample Date	BOD (5-Day) (mg/L)	Bromide (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)	Nitrate as N (mg/L)	Nitrite as N (mg/L)	NH₃ as N (mg/L)	TKN (mg/L)	Total N (mg/L)	TDP (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	Total Sodium (mg/L)	Cond. (mS/cm)	pH (s.u.)	Temp. (°C)
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PILOT TEST: EFFLUENT SPIKING

- **Effluent is spiked with
Pool-grade Sodium Bromide
as tracer**

[2 oz. per 1,000 gallons of effluent]

**[requested by personnel in
VTDEC Indirect Discharge Program].**

PILOT TEST: SPIKED EFFLUENT CHEMISTRY

Raw Effluent	Sample Date	BOD (5-Day) (mg/L)	Bromide (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)	Nitrate as N (mg/L)	Nitrite as N (mg/L)	NH3 as N (mg/L)	TKN (mg/L)	Total N (mg/L)	TDP (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	Total Sodium (mg/L)	Conductivity (mS/cm)	pH (s.u.)	Temp. (°C)
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	7/20/2016	5	9.1	74	1.5	<0.020	1.5	2.5	4.02	2.1	10	38	512	7.19	18.6
	7/21/2016	5	9.3	75	1.1	<0.020	1.4	2.8	3.92	1.9	7	39	514	7.49	19.7
	7/26/2016		11	73									508	7.36	23.1
	7/29/2016		12	72									526	7.63	25.2
	8/2/2016		11	76									535	7.52	19.8
	8/5/2016		13	80									545	7.53	25.9
	8/9/2016		12	74									522	7.64	25.3
	8/12/2016		13	75									534	7.23	26.0
	8/16/2016		12	75									549	7.22	20.6
	8/19/2016		13	75									565	7.34	23.2
	8/23/2016		13	76									568	7.36	23.0
	8/26/2016		11	72									525	7.35	24.1
	8/30/2016		11	74									539	7.12	23.1
	9/2/2016		12	76									549	6.94	21.6
	9/6/2016		13	77									539	6.82	21.5
	9/9/2016		13	78									531	7.24	25.0
	9/13/2016		12	85									563	7.04	21.6
	9/16/2016		12	78									535	7.03	19.6
	9/20/2016		11	77									526	6.82	22.8
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	9/27/2016		12	77									515	6.89	17.8
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	10/4/2016		12	78									525	6.22	14.8
	10/7/2016		11	77									527	6.30	16.7
	10/11/2016		11	77									527	6.78	13.4
	10/14/2016		12	74									529	6.13	11.8
	10/18/2016		10	69									515	6.82	13.9
	10/21/2016		11	71									527	6.59	12.4
	10/25/2016		11	70									498	6.41	9.3
	10/28/2016		11	66									482	6.54	6.6
	11/1/2016		10	62									265	5.96	9.8
	11/4/2016		10	65									341	6.81	9.9
	11/8/2016		11	67								34	489	5.81	10.7
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	11/18/2016	3.2	12	66	0.55	<0.20	2.4	4.6	5.35	2	20	35	522	6.64	4.4
	Mean	3.8	12	74	0.86	<0.13	1.8	3.86	4.85	1.9	14	38	514	6.89	17.4
	Max	5	13	85	1.5	<0.20	2.4	5.2	6.04	2.1	20	44	568	7.64	26.0
	Min	1.7	9.1	62	0.52	<0.02	1.4	2.5	3.92	1.7	7	33	265	5.81	4.4

Twice-a-week lab analyses of:

- Bromide,
- Chloride,
- Sodium;

and

Field Measurements of Spec. Conductance.

PILOT TEST: SPIKED EFFLUENT CHEMISTRY

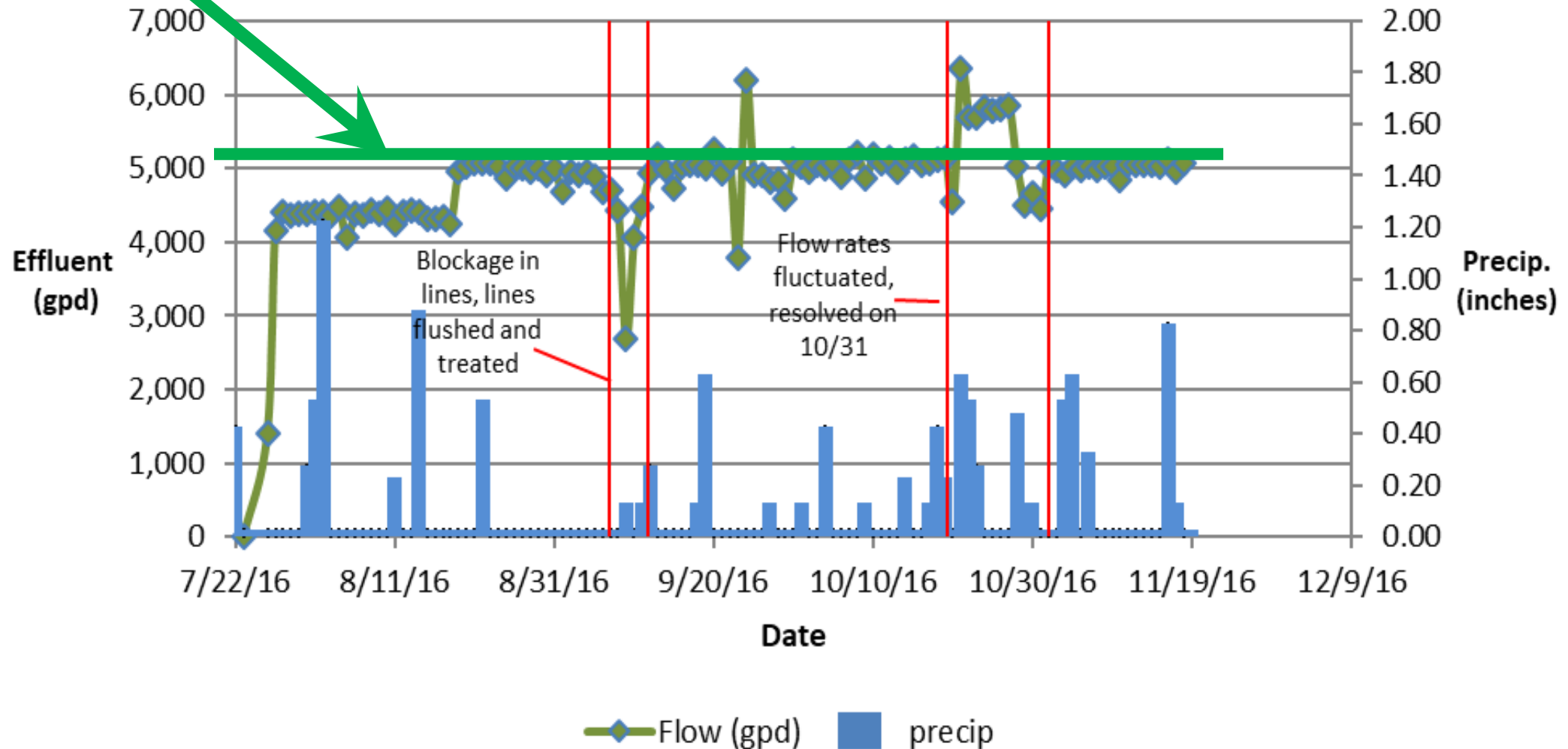
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PILOT TEST: PUMPING RATE OVERVIEW

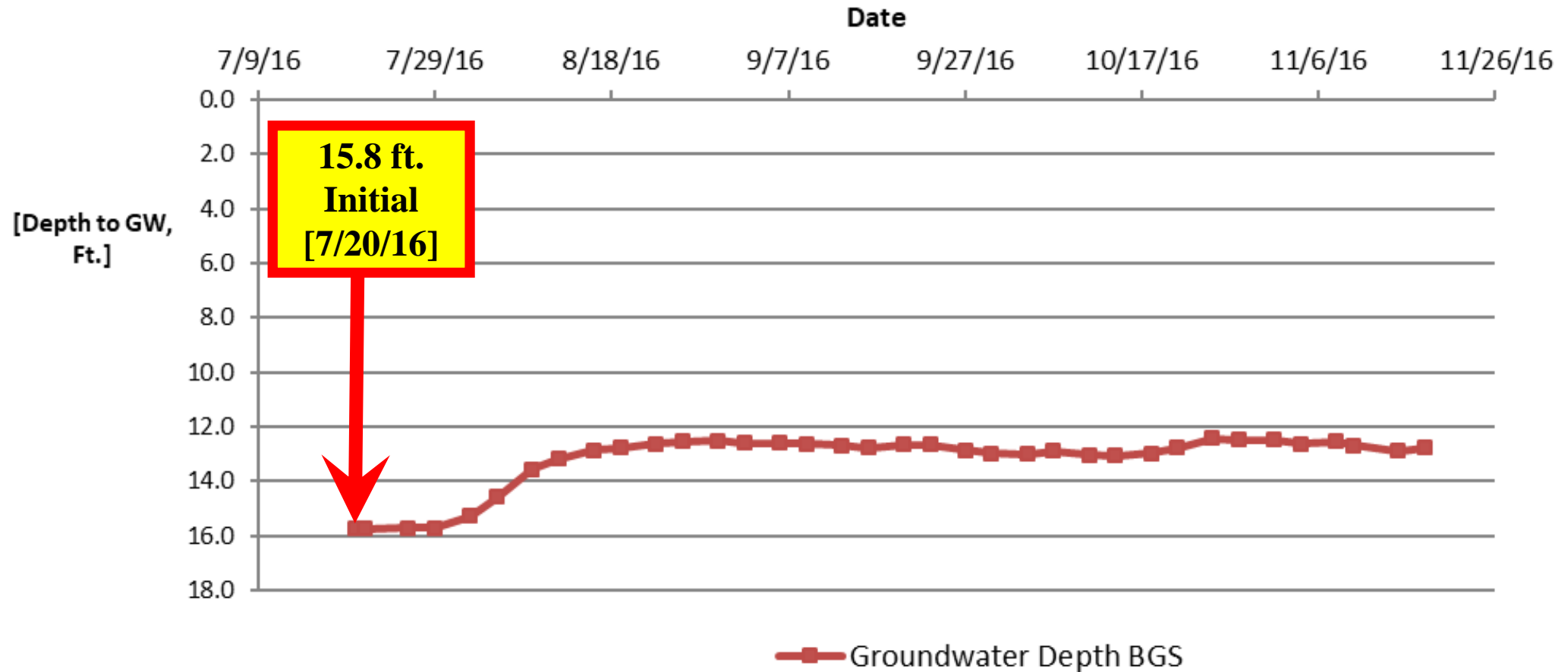
5,020 gpd
[avg.]

In-Situ Pilot Test, Bromley Best Farm WW Disposal Area
Effluent pumped, gallons per day



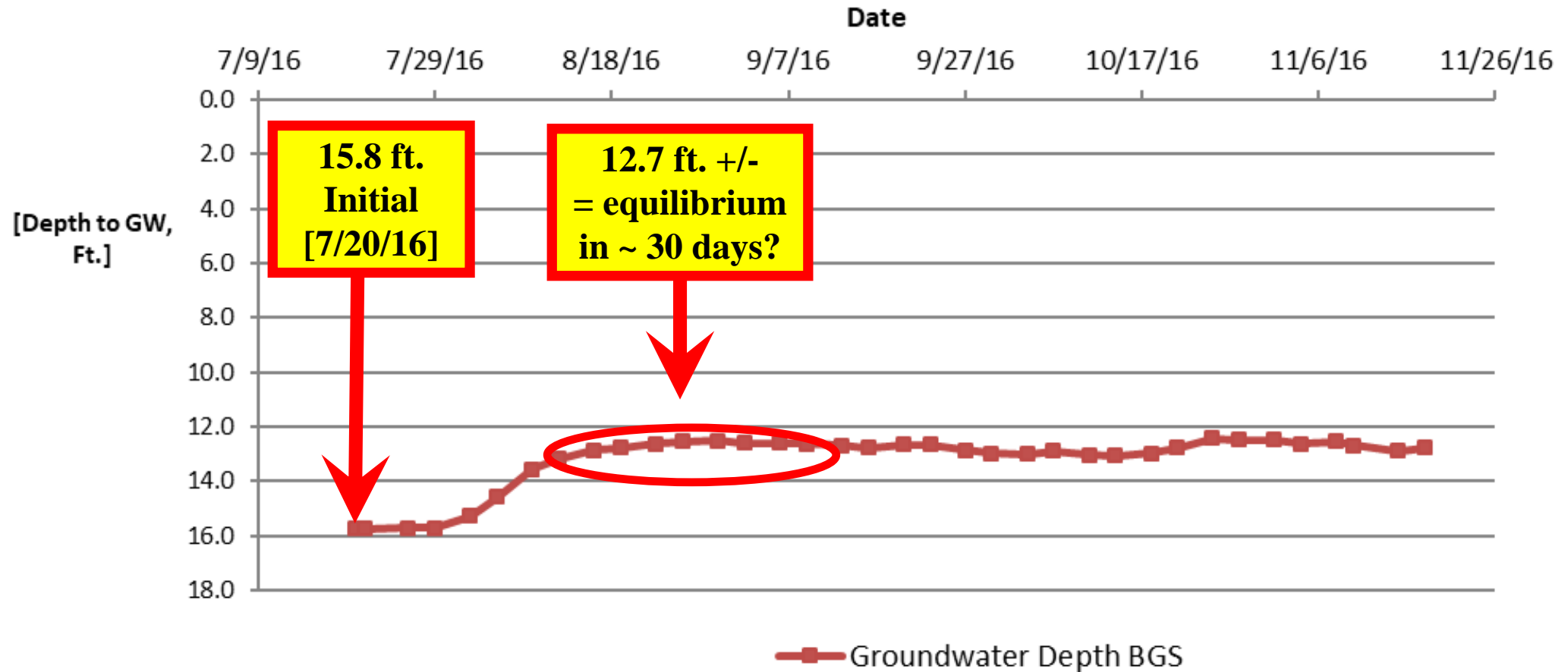
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In-Situ Pilot Test, Bromley Best Farm WW Disposal Area
Groundwater Depth in BH-3 (Downgradient)



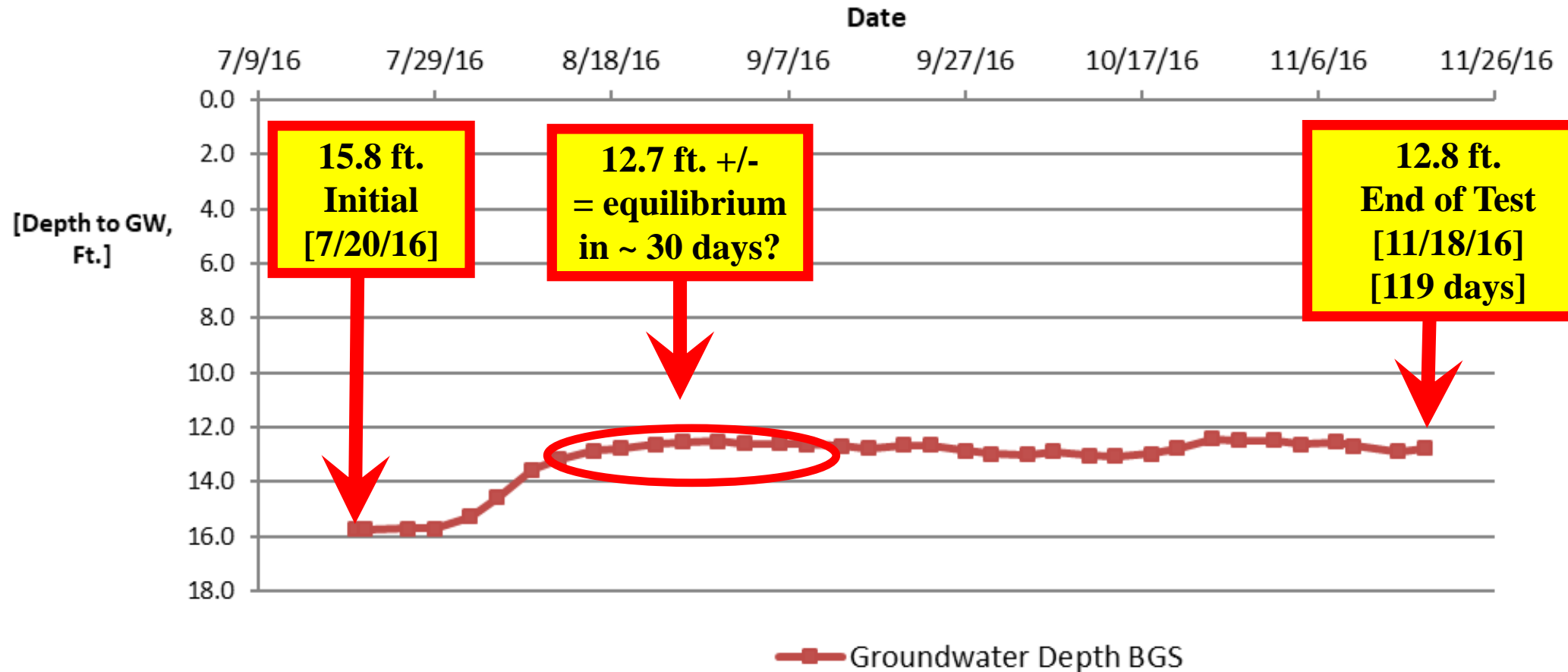
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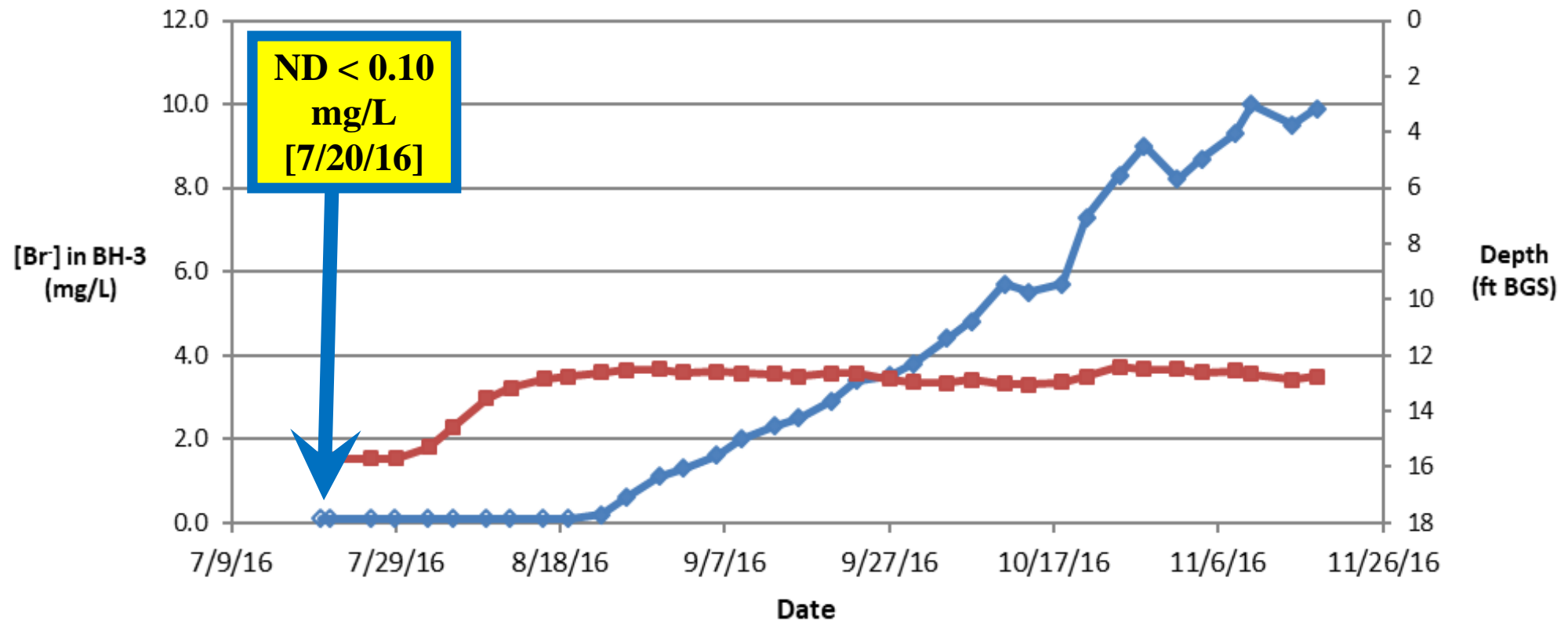
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PILOT TEST: BROMIDE IN DOWN-GRADIENT GROUNDWATER

In-Situ Pilot Test, Bromley Best Farm WW Disposal Area
Bromide and Groundwater Depth in BH-3 (Downgradient)

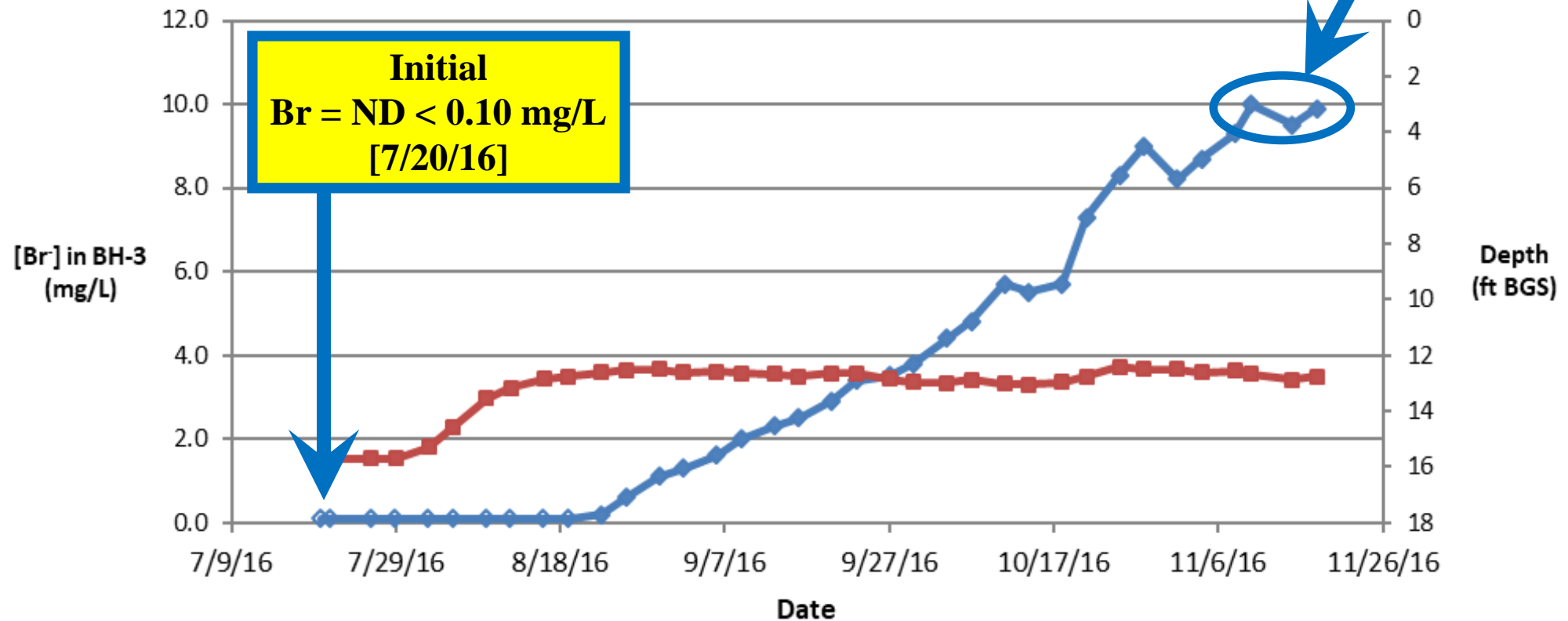


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—◆— Bromide in BH-3

PILOT TEST: BROMIDE IN DOWN-GRADIENT GROUNDWATER

In-Situ Pilot Test, Bromley Best Farm WW Disposal Area
Bromide and Groundwater Depth in BH-3 (Downgradient)



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PILOT TEST: NUTRIENTS IN DOWN-GRADIENT GROUNDWATER

Sample Date	Bromide	Nitrate as N	TDP	Depth to Water
	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(ft BGS)
7/20/2016	< 0.10	0.23	0.018	15.75
7/21/2016	< 0.10	0.25	0.015	15.73
7/26/2016	< 0.10			15.72
11/8/2016	9.3			12.55
11/10/2016	10.0	1.2	< 0.005	12.69
11/15/2016	9.5	1.2	< 0.005	12.89
11/18/2016	9.9	1.0	0.012	12.76
Mean	3.7	0.8	0.011	13.22
Max	10.0	1.2	0.018	15.75
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Initial

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7/26/2016	< 0.10	Time Gap of 110 days Waiting for Br equilibrium		15.72
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Mean	3.7	Final NO3: 1.2 mg/L;	Final TDP: 0.007 mg/L;	13.22
Max	10.0	4-fold increase over initial	[avg.] decrease from initial	15.75
Min	0.1			12.43

**Final:
8-day
equilibrium**

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“Effluent”
Concentration:

= PILOT TEST,
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Groundwater
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Final “In-Ground Effluent” [Groundwater] Nutrient Concentrations:

➤ NO3: 1.20 Mg/L;

➤ TDP: 0.012 Mg/L.

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- **Ec = Stream concentrations = 0.021 Mg/L TDP
and 0.243 Mg/L NO3
[upper 95% Conf. Value];**
- **Eq = Streamflow = 97,769 gpd [LMMF];**
- **Dc = “In-ground effluent” = 0.012 Mg/L TDP
and 1.20 Mg/L NO3
[max. of final 3 values of pilot test];**
- **Dq = Discharge flow = 80,000 gpd.**

Mass-Balance Calculations & Results:

INPUT PARAMETERS:				<u>Notes:</u>
Chemical Name:	TDP			Total Dissolved Phosphorus
			units:	
Downgrad. GW Concentration:	0.012	mg/L		Maximum Value of 3 final Samples, Nov. 2016 in-situ pilot test
Upstream SW Concentration:	0.021	mg/L		Upper 95% C.V., from 2014 Eddy Brook Stream Sampling data
IDP Standard:	increase of 0.001	mg/L		per IDRs
Type of Discharge:	Annual			drip dispersal
Stream Name:	Eddy Brook			
LMMF:	97,769	gpd		0.445 mi ² drainage area * 0.34 csm, converted to gpd
Disposal Rate:	80,000	gpd		
Dilution Ratio at LMMF:	1.22	to 1		
RESULTS:				
Stream Flow Volume at LMMF:	370,056	Liters		conversion [ltrs = gal * 3.785]
Spray Disposal Volume:	302,800	Liters		conversion [ltrs = gal * 3.785]
Mass in Stream:	7,660	mg		conc. X vol.
Mass in Groundwater:	3,634	mg		conc. X vol.
Total Downgradient Mass:	11,294	mg		sum of 2 masses
Total Downgradient Volume:	672,856	Liters		sum of 2 volumes
Predicted Downstream Surface Water Concentration, at LMMF:				
	TDP			
	0.0168	mg/L		[sum of masses] / [sum of vols]
Predicted Increase from Upstream to Downstream:				
	TDP			
	-0.0039	mg/L		OK: < 0.001 mg/L increase
	[decrease]			

Mass-Balance Calculations & Results:

INPUT PARAMETERS:				<u>Notes:</u>
Chemical Name:	NO3			Nitrate
			<u>units:</u>	
Downgrad. GW Concentration:	1.20	mg/L		Maximum Value of 3 final Samples, Nov. 2016 in-situ pilot test
Upstream SW Concentration:	0.243	mg/L		Upper 95% C.V., from 2014 Eddy Brook Stream Sampling data
IDP Standard:	2.0	mg/L		per IDRs
Type of Discharge:	Annual			drip dispersal
Stream Name:	Eddy Brook			
LMMF:	97,769	gpd		0.445 mi ² drainage area * 0.34 csm, converted to gpd
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Mass in Stream:	89,887	mg		conc. X vol.
Mass in Groundwater:	363,360	mg		conc. X vol.
Total Downgradient Mass:	453,247	mg		sum of 2 masses
Total Downgradient Volume:	672,856	Liters		sum of 2 volumes
Predicted Downstream Surface Water Concentration, at LMMF:				
	NO3			
	0.674	mg/L		[sum of masses] / [sum of vols]
				OK: < 2.0 mg/L.
Predicted Increase from Upstream to Downstream:				
	NO3			
	0.431	mg/L		

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✓ SUCCESS!
**Documentation of predicted compliance
with Aquatic Permitting Criteria of
Vermont's Indirect Discharge Rule.**

Pilot Test, Nutrient Removal
by Drip Dispersal

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—
Capacity Determination Letter” issued 6/13/2018



State of Vermont

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Department of Environmental Conservation
Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division
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June 13, 2018

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Burlington, VT 05401

RE: Capacity Determination for Bromley Best Farm Site
Bromley Mountain Ski Area, Peru, Vermont

Dear Craig,

I am writing in response to the request for a Capacity Determination for a new Indirect Discharge of Sewage as specified in Subsection 14-402 of the Indirect Discharge Rules effective April 30, 2003 for the Bromley Best Farm site. The Indirect Discharge Program has reviewed the hydrogeologic capacity analysis, the evaluation of aquatic permitting criteria, and the results of the pilot test that was conducted on the site. We have also visited the site and looked at the soils in a select number of test pits.

The Indirect Discharge Program agrees that the proposed Best Farm disposal area, as depicted on Guntlow & Associates, Inc. C2 plan sheet, revised 3/27/18, can accommodate disposal of up to 80,000 gallons per day of tertiary treated effluent at a loading rate of 2.0 gallons per day per square foot of available area. This determination is based on a presumption that dual alternation will not be required when drip dispersal is included in the revision of the Indirect Discharge Rules. If dual alternation is still required for drip disposal systems after the revision of the Rules or any subsequent revisions, another system could be interfingered between the proposed 2' layout to provide up to 80,000 gallons per day of capacity for each system.

The Indirect Discharge Program also approves the proposed reduced setbacks to Eddy Brook and the unnamed tributary to Eddy Brook in the areas depicted on the above referenced C2 plan sheet given that the setback reductions are upgradient and side gradient of the disposal area.



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- 2. Soils at the drip-dispersal pipe depth [6” – 12”] are sandy loams; underlying parent material is fine-to-medium sands, with occasional lenses of gravelly coarse sand;**

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SUMMARY [cont.]:

4. Total Dissolved Phosphorus and Nitrate were analyzed in samples collected from downgradient groundwater and effluent.

Results:

		Down-Gradient Groundwater	
	Effluent	Pre-Test	End of Test
Parameter:	Mg/L	Mg/L	Mg/L
TDP	1.9	0.017	0.012
NO3	0.86	0.24	1.2

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SUMMARY [cont.]

- 5. The water table beneath the disposal field was initially at ~ 15 ft. below the drip-dispersal pipes. It rose by 2.9 ft. after ~ 30 days, then remained stable. So ~ 12 ft. of unsaturated soil was maintained below the drip-dispersal field for the final 80 days of the test.**

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SUMMARY [cont.]:

- 6. The combination of drip-dispersal system with frequent small-volume timed doses of treated wastewater, plus sandy loam B-horizon and fine-to-medium sands below, plus deep unsaturated zone [12 to 15 ft.] provided more than 99% removal of Total Dissolved Phosphorus, and substantial conversion of Nitrogen to Nitrate.**

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