



Citizens Coordinating Council Meeting

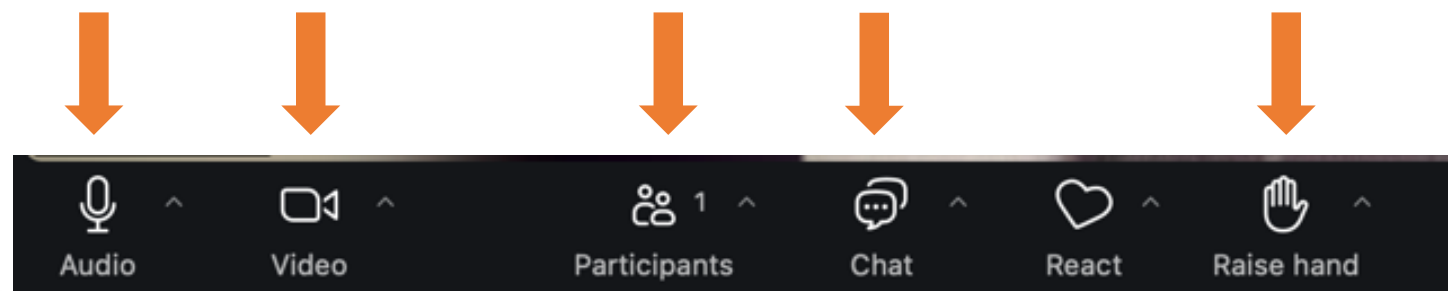
June 2, 2026

Agenda

- 6:00 Introductions and agenda review (CBI)
- 6:05 GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Update (EPA)
- 6:10 TAG Grant Update (HRI TAG Coordinator)
- 6:15 CCC Open Session (Topics proposed by CCC members)
- 7:50 Public Questions & Answer Period
- 8:00 Adjourn

Zoom Meeting Guidelines

- We invite you to **use video if possible**
- Please **stay muted** unless speaking
- **Raise your hand** when you would like to speak
- If you face a technical issue, use the chat to let us know
 - Click the Participant button, then click on “Meira Downie” to send her a message



Purpose of the CCC (as proposed in 1998)

- To serve as a vehicle for community involvement in the implementation of the settlement agreement between GE/Pittsfield and the government.
- To be a mechanism to ensure that all parties to the negotiated agreement are able to honor their commitment to listen to, to learn from, and incorporate the ideas and concerns of the community to the greatest extent possible.
- To enable representatives of diverse interests in the region to communicate with each other, and to provide community input and structured feedback to GE and the government.

Meeting Procedures

- The CCC is not a negotiating forum. Community input and information exchange will be the focus of meetings.
- CCC meetings are open to the public and the press.
- Meetings will be facilitated, and meeting highlights will be drafted by the facilitator and posted on the website for the remediation project.
- This meeting will be recorded and meeting notes with an attendance list will be generated. Please note that the recording and notes may include personal information (for example, name, home address, other personal information, if provided) and notes and recording may be publicly disclosed. Please do not provide any information that you do not want publicly disclosed.

Roles & responsibilities of Members

Members are expected to:

- Strive to attend all meetings or send an alternate.
- Bring concerns and information from constituencies to CCC meetings. This assumes checking in with them before and after meetings.
- Accept that each constituency is one segment of the larger community, and that all views are important to include in the dialogue.
- Maintain and act with respect in meetings, defined as treating every individual, including those you disagree with, in a way that:
 - **Gives them the benefit of the doubt,**
 - **Does not start with the presumption of negative motives,**
 - **Avoids accusations, and**
 - **Is consistent with how you would want to be treated.**

Documents Open for Public Input

[2025 Annual Report on Biota Consumption Outreach Activities: Housatonic Rest of River - Massachusetts \(pdf\)](#) (10.2 MB)

Public input on this document should be sent to R1Housatonic@epa.gov by **Monday, June 8, 2026**.

[2025 Annual Report on Biota Consumption Outreach Activities: Housatonic Rest of River - Connecticut \(pdf\)](#) (15.7 MB)

Public input on this document should be sent to R1Housatonic@epa.gov by **Monday, June 8, 2026**.

[Reach 5A Final Design/Remedial Action Work Plan \(pdf\)](#) (295.5 MB)

[Reach 5A Final Restoration Plan \(pdf\)](#) (137.2 MB)

Public input on this document should be sent to R1Housatonic@epa.gov by **Monday, August 10, 2026**.

Upcoming Submittals

June

12th- Dewatering Treatability Study Report

July

3rd- *Vernal Pool Supplemental Information Package*

3rd- *Reach 5B/C Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan Addendum*

August

No documents anticipated at this time

September

30th – *Final Design Plan for Pittsfield and Lenox Rail Spur*

October

No documents anticipated at this time

November

No documents anticipated at this time

December

TBD- Final Baseline Data Summary Report

Recurring Documents

Monthly Quality of Life Summary Reports

Quarterly Dam Inspections

Provide Input on Documents to R1Housatonic@epa.gov

Field Work Conducted Since Last CCC Meeting (December 2025)

- Semi-annual OPCA inspections (May 2026)
- Semi-annual post-removal inspections in various Removal Action Area (RAAs) (May 2026)
- Buildings 12 and 14 - completed final restoration activities post demolition
- Continued GMA1 and GMA3 Pilot study activities to address chlorobenzene contamination in groundwater
- Routine Semi-annual and monthly GMA activities including well maintenance activities.
- Supplementary Data Collection in Reach 5A (additional Cultural Resource Surveys, topographical surveys, spring Vernal Pool surveys and installation of piezometers, pressure transducers and passive samplers for the Vernal Pool Pilot Study, Rare Threatened and Endangered (RTE) surveys for Wood turtles, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys to determine burial depth of the Kinder Morgan Natural Gas pipeline and City of Pittsfield water pipeline at the Pittsfield Wastewater)
- Supplementary Data Collection in Reach 6 (Bald Eagle Surveys, American Bittern and Common Gallinule surveys, State listed RTE and host plant surveys, Cultural Resource Surveys and Structural surveys)

Field Work Conducted Since Last CCC Meeting (December 2025)

- Pre-Design Investigation activities in Reach 5B and 5C (Vernal Pool and uncharacterized waterbodies verification surveys)
- Quarterly Inspections of Woods Pond Dam, Columbia Mill Dam and Rising Pond Dam
- UDF Site Preparation Activities (Dec 2025 – January 2026)
- Water line installation and geotechnical borings at the UDF (March – April 2026)
- Additional road assessments to support UDF construction and Vernal Pool Pilot Study in Reach 5A
- UDF construction activities (May 2026).

Upcoming EPA Public Meeting

Topic:

Reach 5A Final Design & Restoration Work Plan

Date/Time:

June 3, 2026

6:30 - 8:00

Location:

Herberg Middle School

501 Pomeroy Ave.

Pittsfield, MA

Upcoming CCC Public Meeting

Topic:

Citizens Coordinating Council Meeting

Date/Time:

December 8, 2026

6:00 - 8:00

Location:

TBD

CBI will be sending a survey about dates for 2027 meetings soon

EPA Office Hours

June 15, 2026

2:00 - 4:00

Lee Town Hall (Court Room)

July 21, 2026

12:00 – 2:00

Pittsfield City Hall

August 5, 2026

11:00 – 1:00

Lenox Town Hall

EPA will be posting office hours on its website and in the Newsletter to be issued at the end of June and then quarterly thereafter.

Public Meetings Since the Last CCC Meeting

December 2, 2025 – Citizens Coordinating Council Meeting

December 3, 2025 – Open House Event on the UDF Preparation and Construction

January 27, 2026 – Housatonic Improvement Committee Meeting

March 2, 2026 – Town of Lee PCB Advisory Committee Meeting

April 9, 2026 – Conceptual Design Plan on Rails Spurs in Pittsfield & Lenox

TAG Update

CCC Open Session

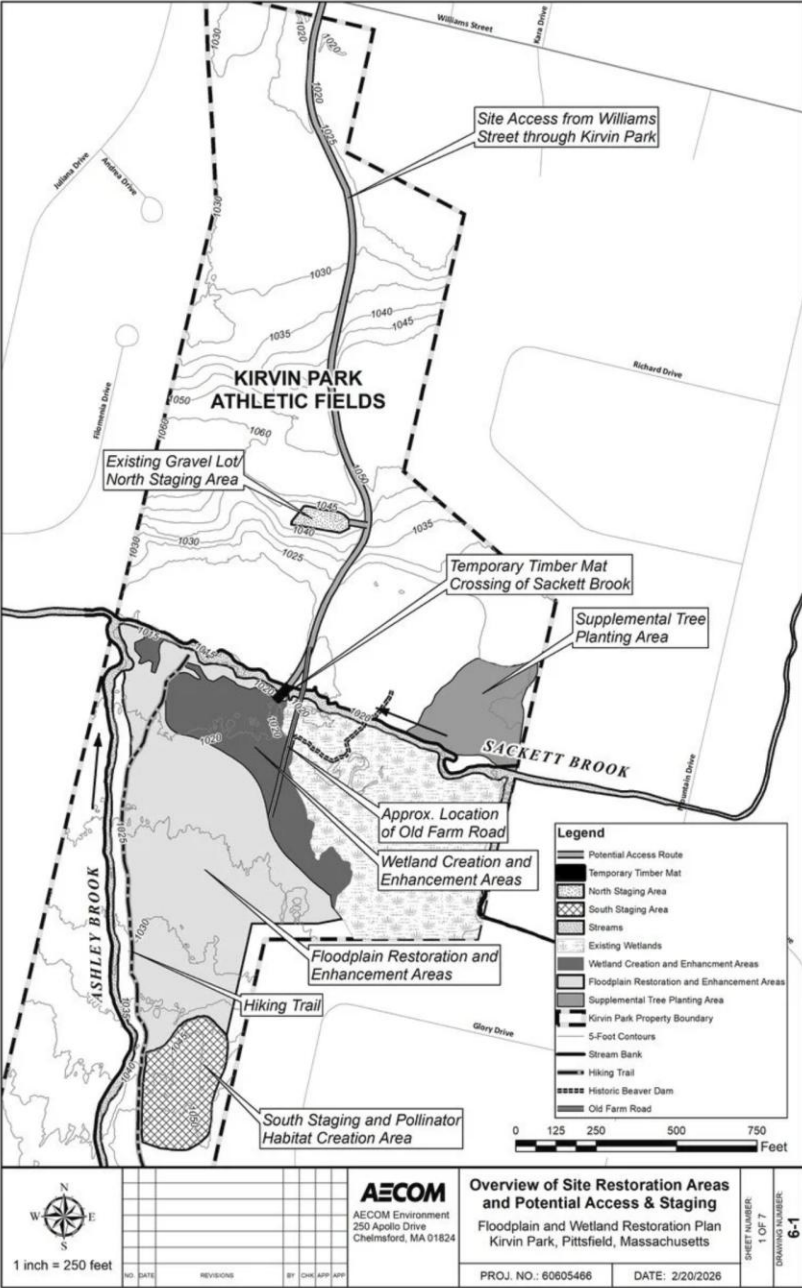
Survey Results – Discussion Topics

- 6:15 Project Website and community hotline
- 6:25 Kirvin Park restoration update
- 6:35 Vernal Pool Pilot Study in Reach 5A areas
- 6:45 UDF construction in Lee
- 6:55 Reach 5A Remedial Design/Remedial Action Workplan
- 7:05 Reach 5B/5C Sampling overview and sampling locations
- 7:15 The Challenge
- 7:20 2025 Annual Report on Biota Consumption Outreach Activities
- 7:30 Chlorobenzene in Pittsfield wells
- 7:40 PEDDA Site 9 redevelopment now allowing restaurants and retail

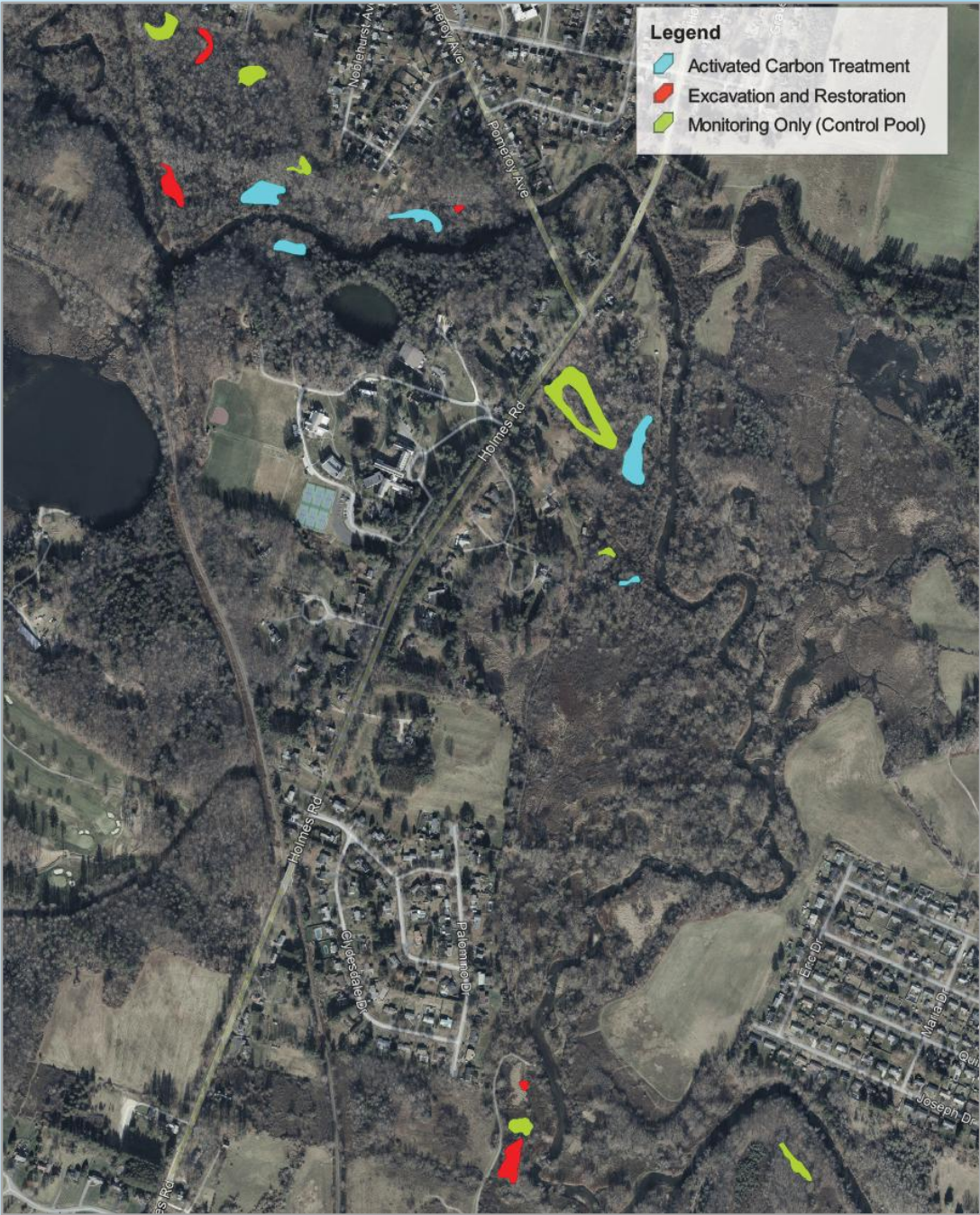
CCC Members who attended the agenda planning meeting decided to allocate 10 minutes per topic

Project Website and Community Hotline

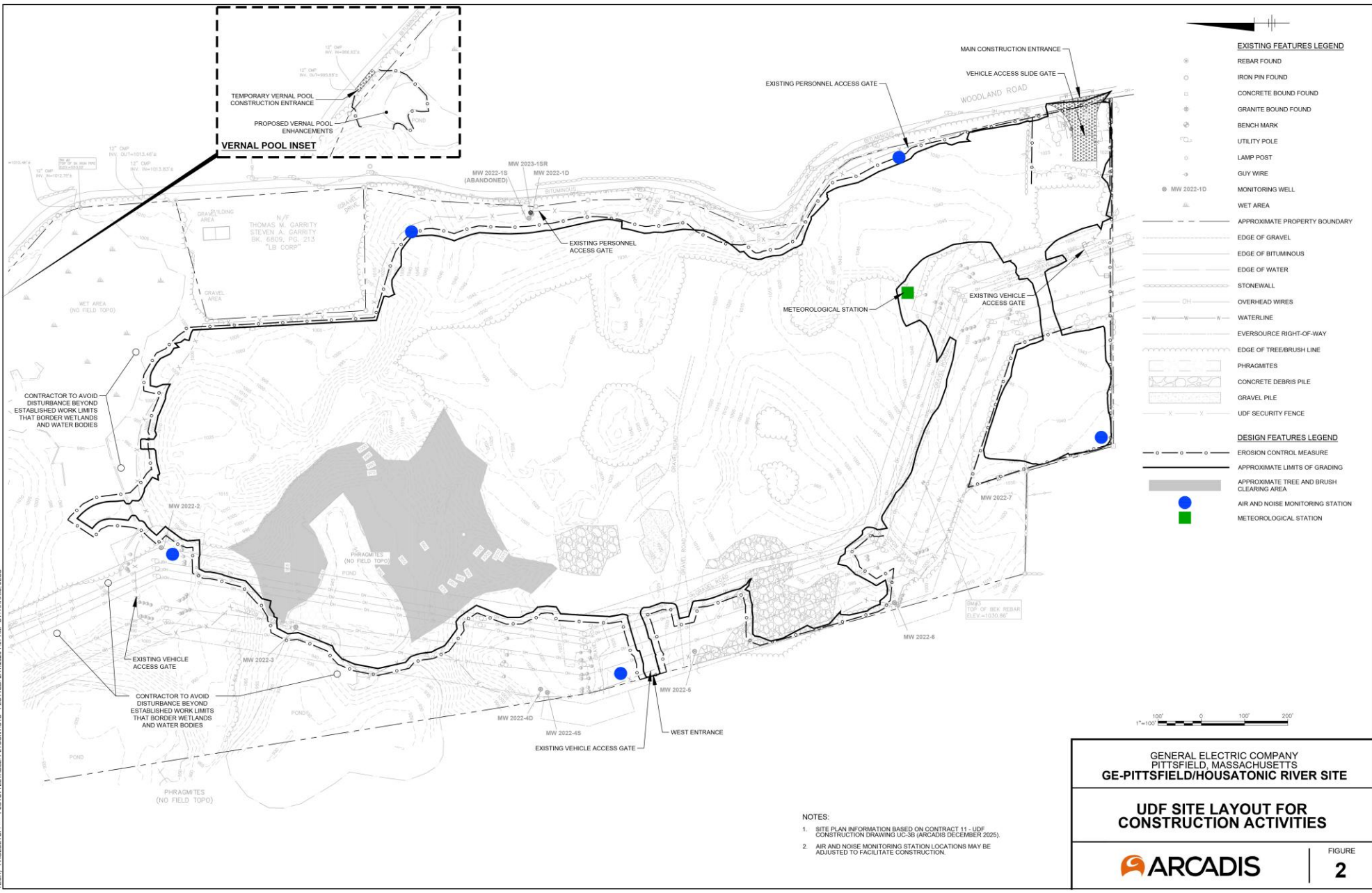
Kirvin Park Restoration Update



Vernal Pool Pilot Study Update



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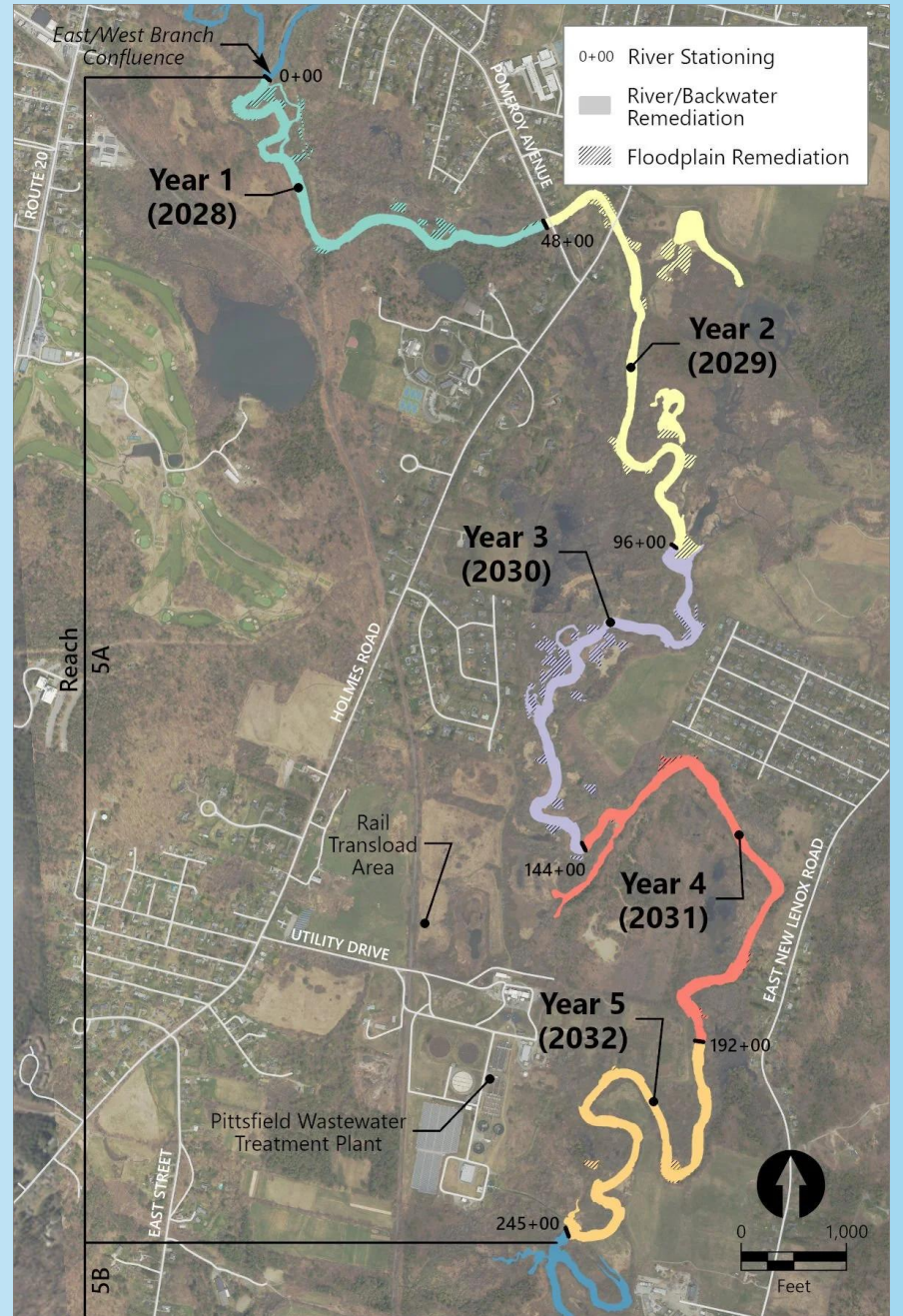
NOTES:
 1. SITE PLAN INFORMATION BASED ON CONTRACT 11 - UDF CONSTRUCTION DRAWING UC-36 (ARCADIS DECEMBER 2025).
 2. AIR AND NOISE MONITORING STATION LOCATIONS MAY BE ADJUSTED TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
 PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
GE-PITTSFIELD/HOUSATONIC RIVER SITE

**UDF SITE LAYOUT FOR
 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

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Reach 5A RDRA Workplan Update



Restoration Design

- Separate **Restoration Plan** was submitted concurrently with the Final RD/RA Work Plan

River Channel: NCD-based reconstruction with riffle/pool features, point bars, in-stream structures, and habitat layer



Riverbanks: Bioengineered stabilization with native vegetation plantings; bank grading to stabilize slopes; seasonal planting schedules



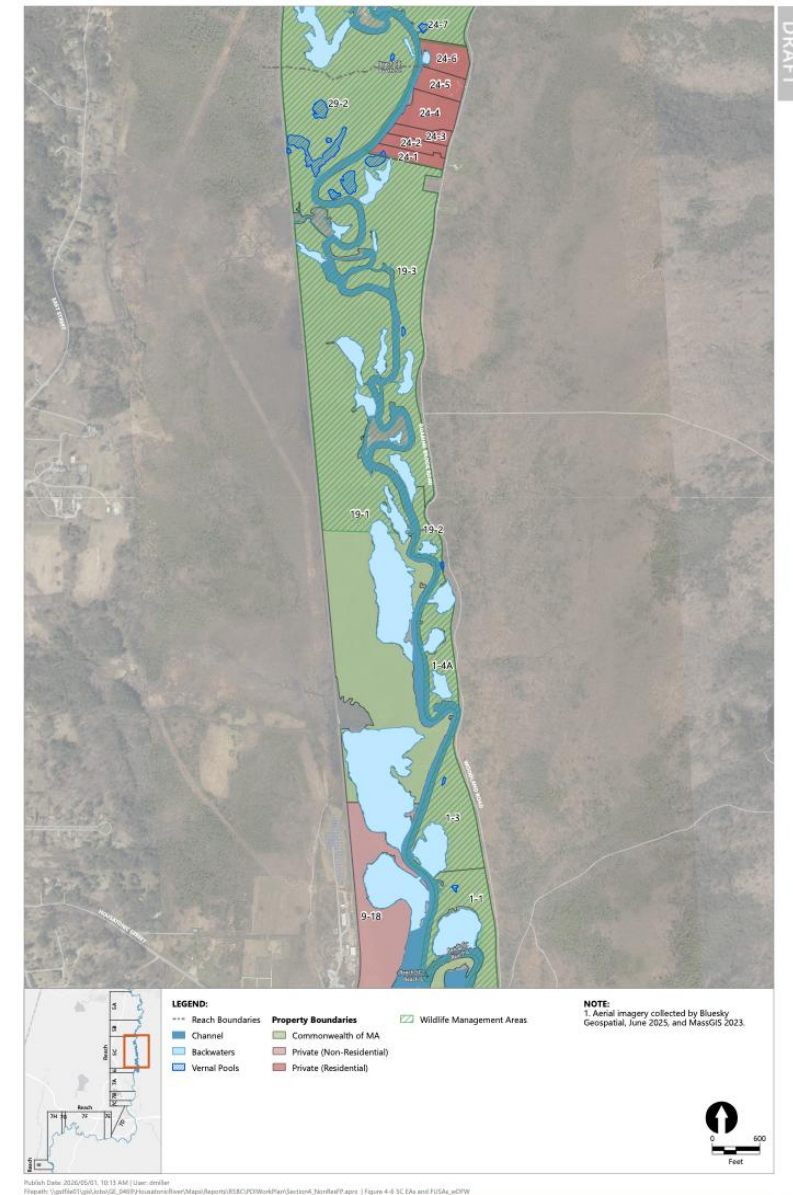
Backwaters / Other Waterbodies: Re-establishment of pre-remediation hydraulic connection; cap/backfill with topsoil habitat layer; revegetation through natural recolonization and active planting



Floodplain: Backfill to original grade; native vegetation replanting; invasive species control; re-establishment of microtopography and hydrologic connectivity to the river



Reach 5B and 5C Sampling Overview



Public Q&A