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The Following Notice Is To Be Placed In A Newspaper Of Community-Wide Circulation.

NOTICE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), pursuant to Rules Relating to Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF), Chapter 230, Section 6 has prepared an environmental assessment for: **Pittsfield Water Works**
PWSID # ME0091280
SRF Project No. 2010-20

The Maine DHHS has reviewed a submitted environmental information document, of the proposed project to receive funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, and determined that it will have no significant adverse effects and will improve the human environment of the Pittsfield area. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be required to be prepared.

The proposed action is the replacement and relocation of a eight inch water main crossing on the Sebasticook River.

A review of the proposed action by the DHHS has indicated that there will be no significant environmental impact to:

There are no recognized historic places or resources in the area
The work will be in the flood zone but will not affect the floodplain
The project area is not in a critical habitat for Atlantic Salmon although it is in the salmon's range.
No rare botanical features are documented at the site.
The Tidewater mucket, a state threatened species, is known to occur in this portion of the Sebasticook River. Directional drilling is suggested to negate or minimize impact.

Further records to this project are on file and are available for review at the Office of Pittsfield Water Works, Pittsfield, Maine and at the Department of Health and Human Services, Drinking Water Program, 286 Water Street Key Plaza, Augusta, Maine 04333. Comments relative to this decision may be submitted to the address below.

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January 25, 2011

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
January 25, 2011

A. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1. **Project Name:** Waverly Street Water Main Replacement
2. **Address:** Pittsfield Water Department
   8 Park Street
   Pittsfield, ME 04967
3. **Project Location:** Pittsfield, Maine
4. **Project Description:** The replacement of the Waverly St River crossing. Replacement eight inch river crossing buried on the Sebasticook River bed, downstream of the Waverly St. Bridge.

B. SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The following information was obtained from the applicant's environmental information, which contained pertinent correspondence with involved local, state, and federal agencies. The environmental assessment is prepared in accordance with State of Maine Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Rules, Chapter 230, Section 6.

1. **Purpose and Need:** The present main crosses the river at the bridge footing. This river crossing had experienced multiple leaks and as a result has been turned off. This created dead-end mains subjecting areas of the system to lower pressure, poor water quality, loss of redundant service and increased the potential for frozen mains.
2. **Discussion of alternatives**: Installation along the existing bridge was discussed with MDOT and the Town of Pittsfield with a determination of not being an option. It is also not an option to not replace the river line for redundancy of service which serves to maintain previous water quality and pressure as well as minimizing maintenance issues.
3. **Impact of the Proposed Project on the Environment**
   a. Environmentally Sensitive Areas
      i. Floodplains – The construction activity will take place in the floodplain. No permanent affect to the floodplain.
      ii. Historical properties – no effect
      iii. Endangered species habitat- The project is not in a critical habitat for Atlantic Salmon although it is in the salmon's range. No rare botanical features are documented at the site. The portion of the Sebasticook River is known to contain the state threatened species the Tidewater Mucket. Directional drilling is suggested. Other methods could result in incidental take of the the species and require a permit from Inland Fisheries and wildlife. The taking of a threatened species is a violation. Information on the Tidewater Mucket is enclosed.

4. Agency and Public Participation

Agency comments have been received from:

U.S. Dept. of Interior, Fishand Wildlife Service
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Maine Department of Conservation Natural Areas Program
Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife-Region B

Copies of these responses are available for review at the Pittsfield Water Works office, 8 Park Street, Pittsfield , Maine and the Drinking Water Program, Key Plaza 286 Water Street, Augusta, Maine.

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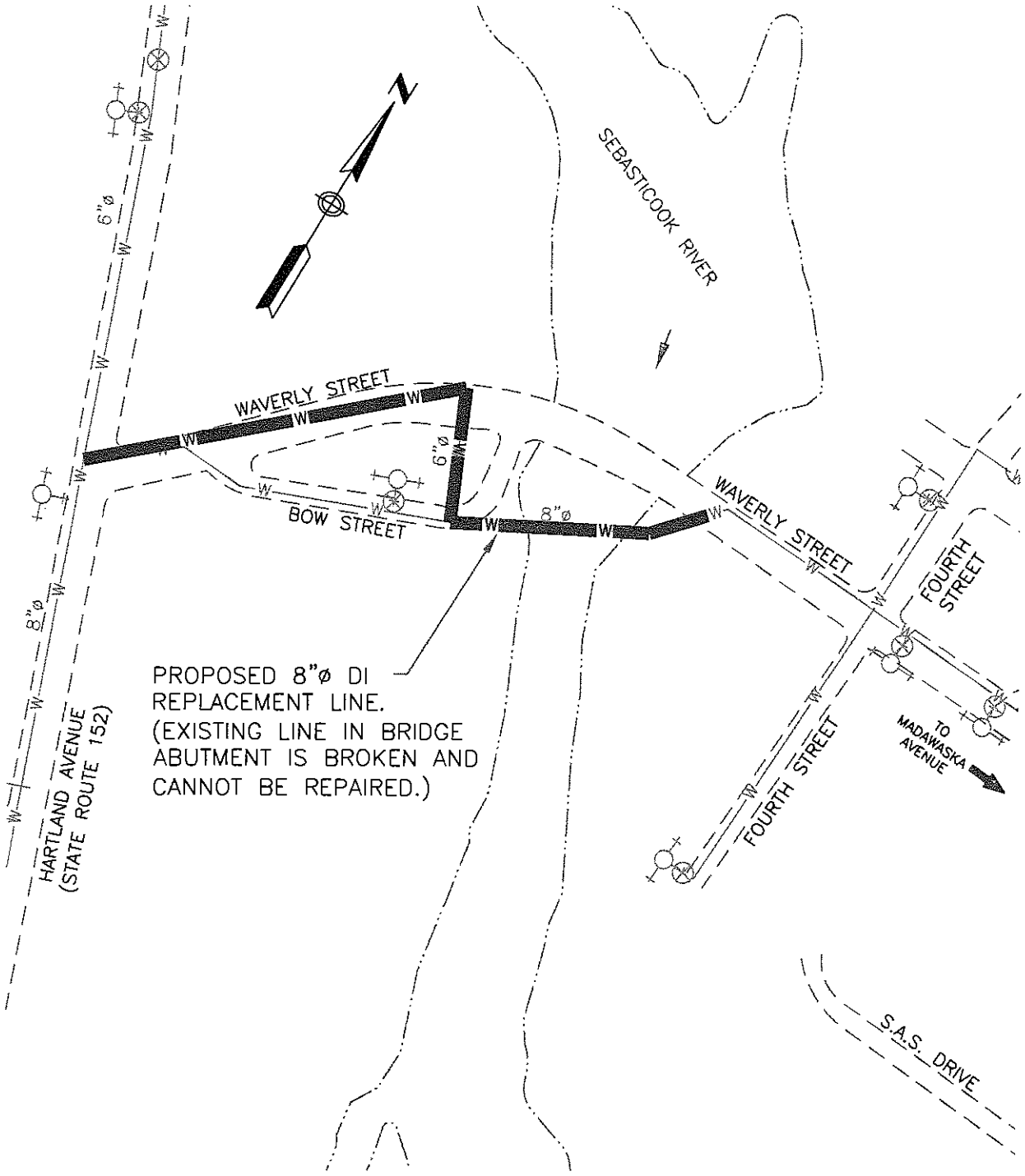

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD, MAINE
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

FIGURE 2

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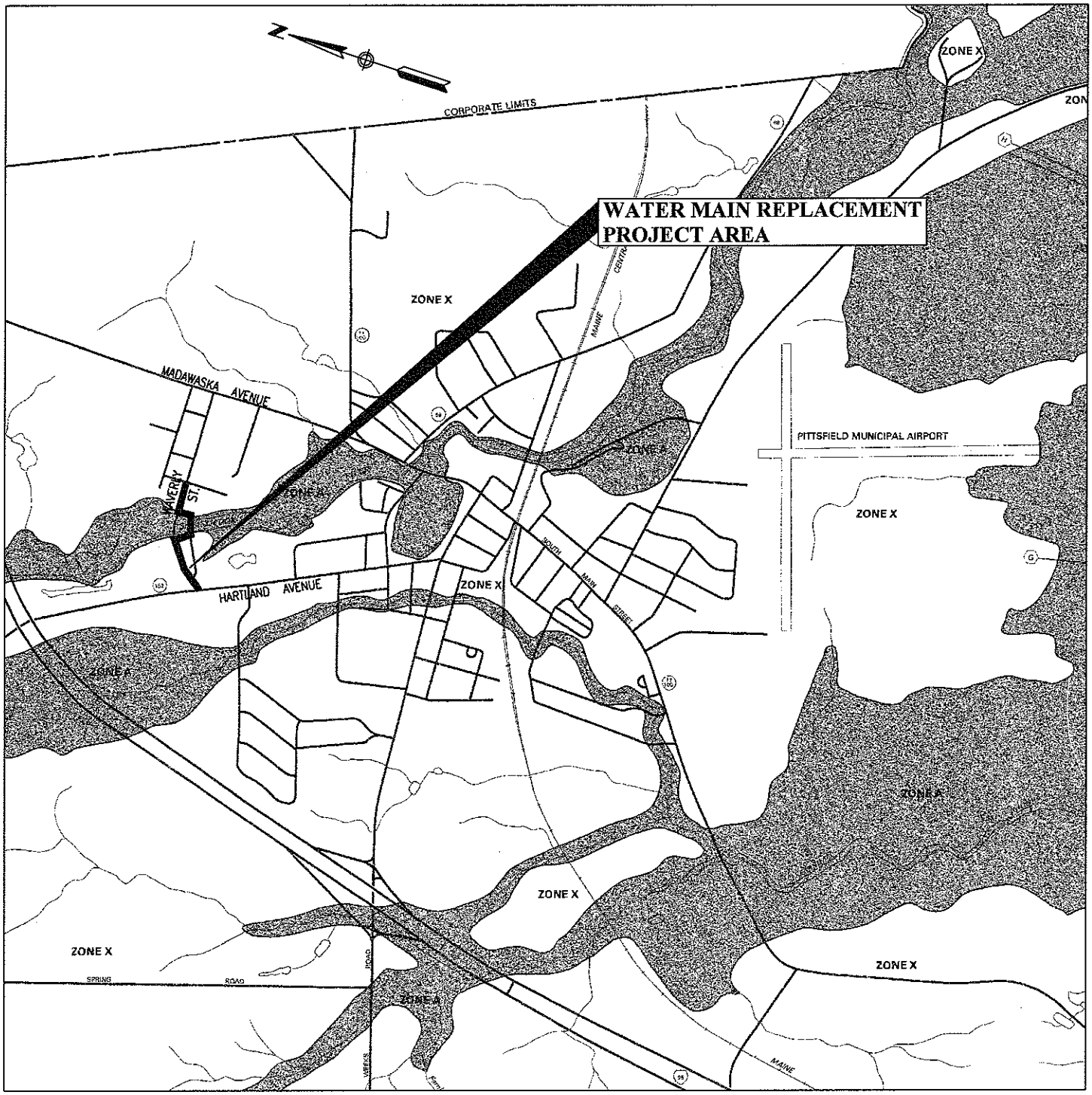

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD, MAINE
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FLOOD PLAIN MAP

FIGURE 3

SOURCE:
FIRM FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP -
TOWN OF PITTSFIELD, MAINE
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