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Re: ICE New Boston Processing Center 50 Robert Milligan Parkway, Merrimack, NH
03054; Initiation of Consultation and Finding of No Historic Properties Affected

Dear Ms. Schneible:

This letter is provided to initiate consultation on a proposed Department of Homeland Security (DHS) U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) undertaking subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) in Merrimack, New Hampshire (Figures 1–3). ICE is proposing to purchase, occupy and rehabilitate a 43-acre warehouse property in support of ICE operations. Proposed site improvements may include, but are not limited to, installing, upgrading, or rehabilitating existing parking areas, fencing, site lighting, landscaping, drainage/stormwater, recreation areas, and cameras. Tentage and a guard shack may also be installed. No site improvements are expected to be taller than the existing structure or expand beyond the current site boundaries, and all work and construction staging will occur within the previously disturbed portions of the parcel. All existing forested areas will remain forested (Figure 4).

As part of the undertaking, ICE may conduct exterior and interior modifications to the existing warehouse facility. Exterior upgrades may include, but are not limited to, painting or sealing the exterior of the structure; installing, removing, or modifying bays (truck bays, window bays, or doors); repairing or replacing the existing roof or cladding materials; adding security equipment; or adding exterior personnel/guest access controls. The interior of the structure may be renovated or rebuilt to support ICE operational requirements, which may include but are not limited to construction of holding and processing spaces, office space, public-facing visitor spaces, and installation of amenities, such as cafeterias, bathrooms, and health care spaces.

ICE has determined that the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this undertaking consists of the subject property and adjacent resources with a potential viewshed of the proposed undertaking (Figure 5).

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The subject property is an existing warehouse that was constructed in 2023 (Figures 6–9). Adjacent resources within the APE were constructed in the 1990s and 2000s and consist of an auto store and a fish and game association property (Figures 10–13). The subject property and adjacent buildings do not rise to the level of exceptional importance under Criteria Consideration G, per National Register Bulletin 15, and are recommended Ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places under all criteria.

From the 1990s to the construction of the current building, the developed part of the property served as a non-historic former quarry and dump site. The ground was also extensively disturbed to accommodate utilities, parking, and warehouse size requirements as part of the property's redevelopment in 2023. Potential ground disturbing work will be less than or consistent in depth and method of disturbance with past modifications to the site. Maximum ground disturbance to construct piers and fence posts are anticipated to be no more than four feet in depth. Due to the substantial past disturbance, ICE finds the potential for encountering intact archaeological resources is low, and ICE does not recommend any further archaeological investigations at the property. Therefore, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(b), ICE has determined that the undertaking will result in a finding of **No Historic Properties Affected** for the project. In the event that the scope of the undertaking changes, ICE will reconsult with your office.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.3, ICE is inviting your agency to consult on the proposed undertaking. ICE has also invited the following federally-recognized tribe to participate in consultation: the Mi'kmaq Nation. ICE has not received any comments from the consulting parties at the time of this letter.

Please provide any comments on the undertaking and ICE's finding within 30 calendar days of the date of receipt of this letter. Written correspondence may be submitted to Alexis Price via e-mail at alexis.t.price@associates.ice.dhs.gov. If you have questions or wish to discuss the undertaking, please contact Alexis Price at 443-635-4661. Thank you for your cooperation on this undertaking.

Sincerely,

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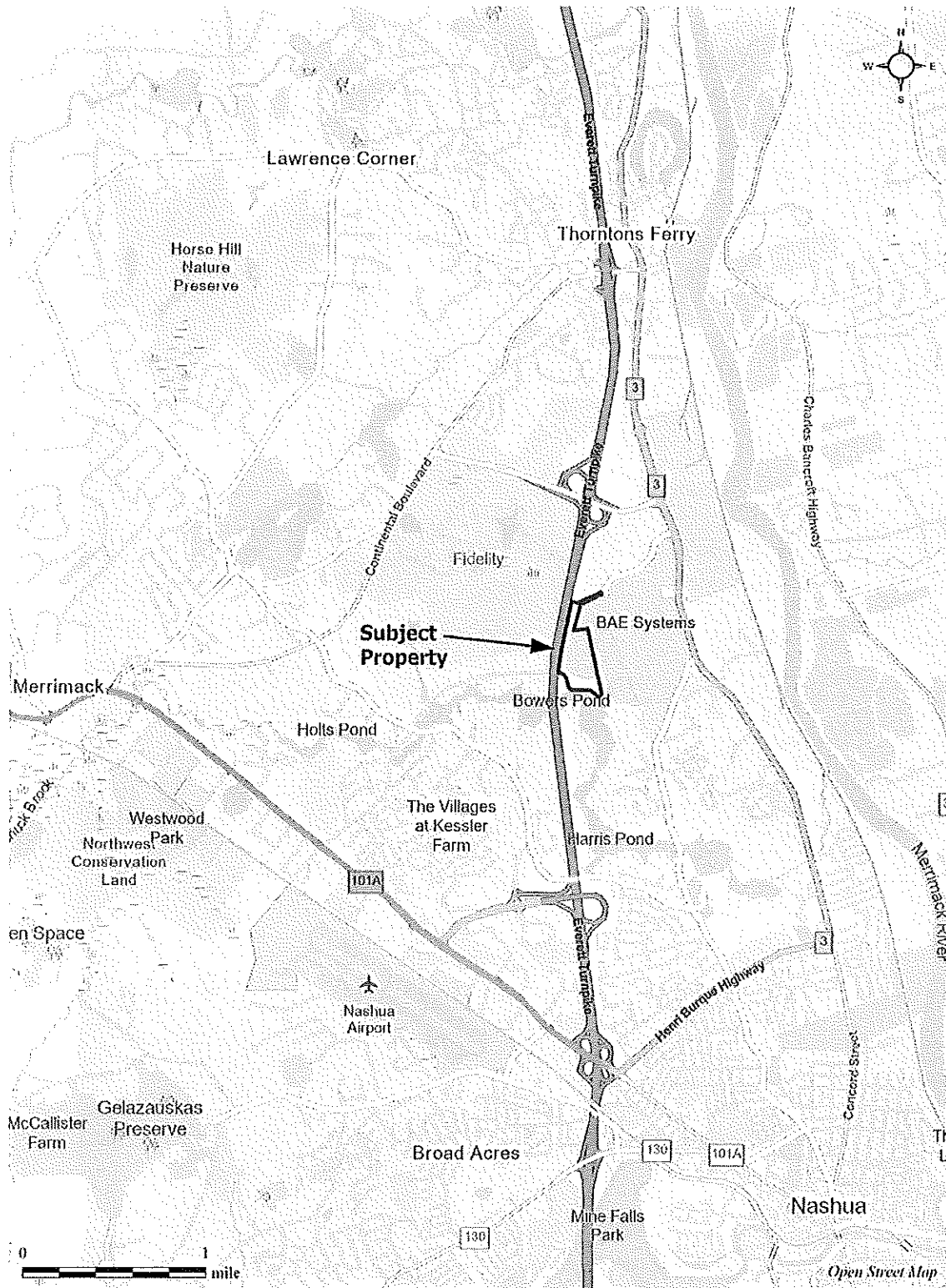


Figure 1. Project site location map.

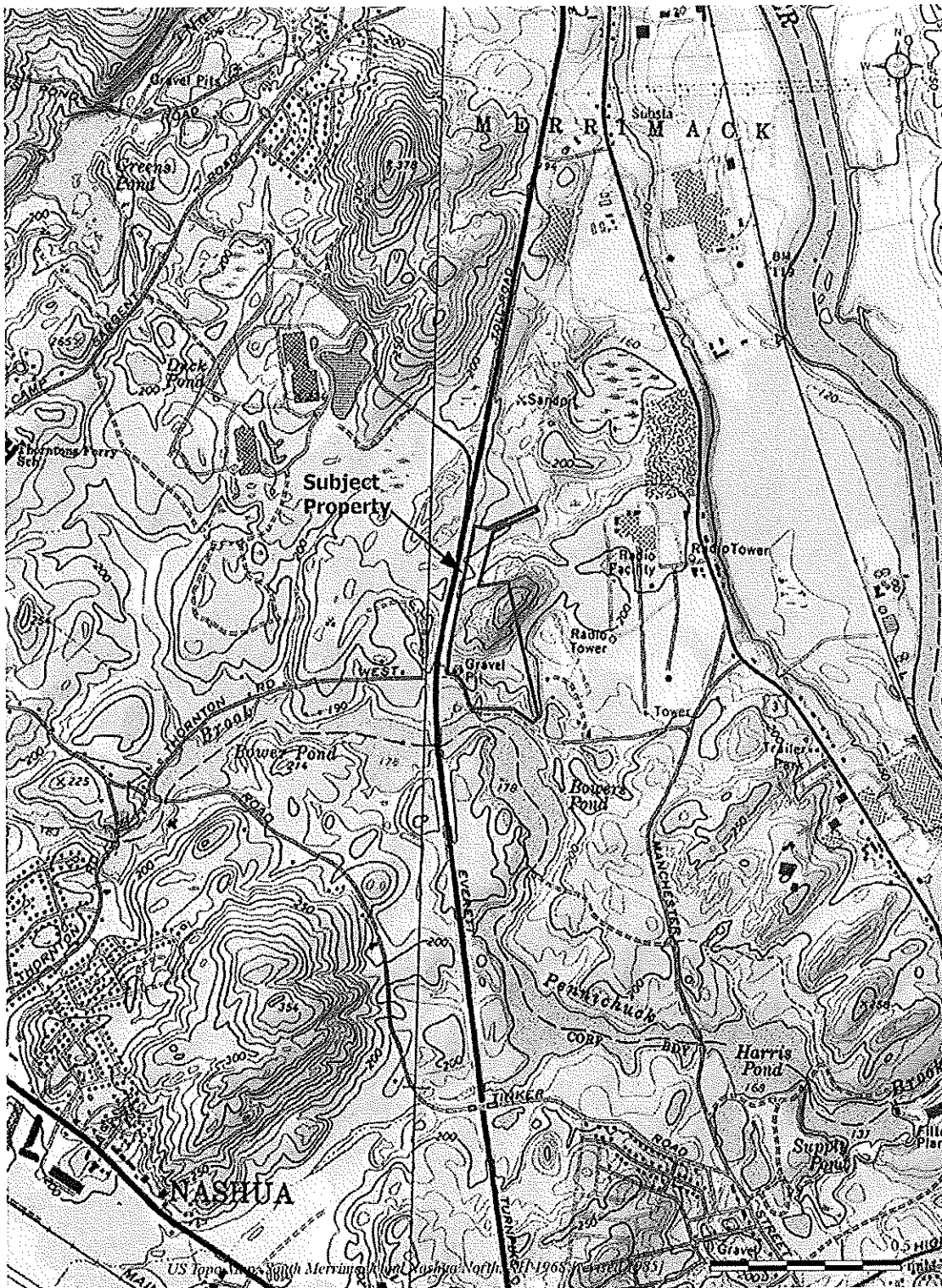


Figure 2. Project site on USGS topographic map.



Figure 4. Proposed site plan.



Figure 5. Area of Potential Effects (APE) for cultural resources.

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Figure 6. South and west elevations.



Figure 7. North and east elevations.

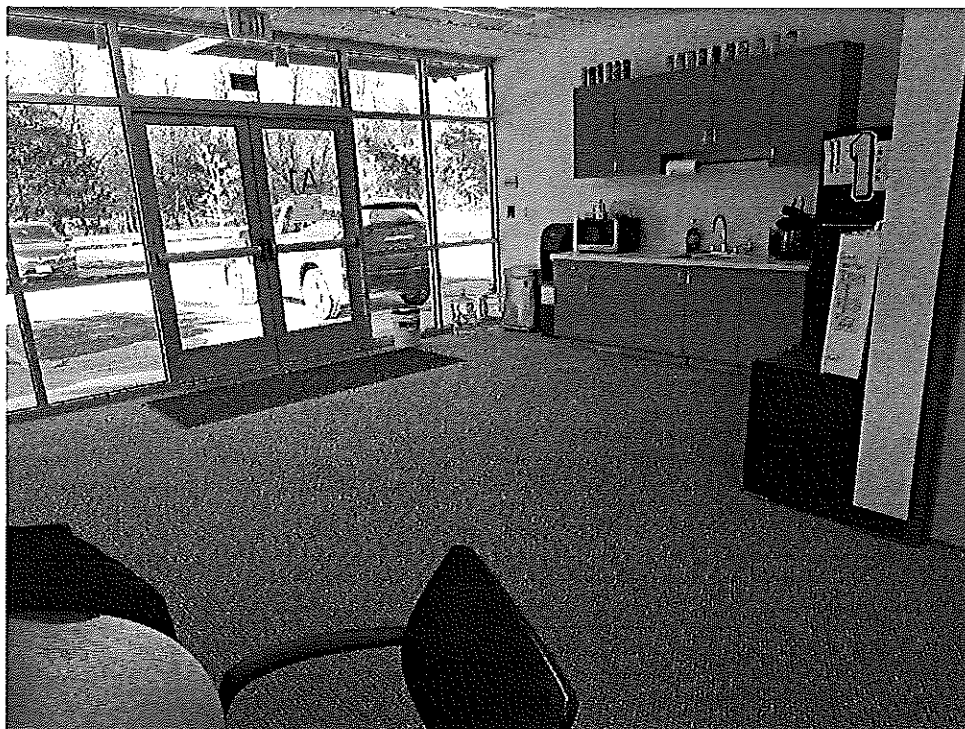


Figure 8. Interior of office space.



Figure 9. Interior of warehouse.



Figure 10. Retention pond south of building.



Figure 11. East adjoining property.



Figure 12. West adjoining property.



Figure 13. South adjoining property.



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January 21, 2026

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Re: 2026PR00023 - ICE New Boston Processing Center

Dear Alexis Price,

In accordance with state and federal statutes [New Hampshire RSA 227C:9 and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470)] and with federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations, Protection of Historic Properties (36 CFR Part 800), the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources/State Historic Preservation Office (NHSPO) has reviewed information regarding the above-referenced project.

Based upon this review, no known historic resources appear to be affected by the project. Therefore, it is the opinion of the NHSPO that the project will result in *No Historic Properties Affected* under 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1).

No further consultation is required unless there are any changes in approved plans, the need for additional work is identified, or an unanticipated discovery occurs. If further correspondence is required, please refer to the project review number noted above.

If you have any questions, please email Liz Schneible at: elizabeth.a.schneible@dncr.nh.gov

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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