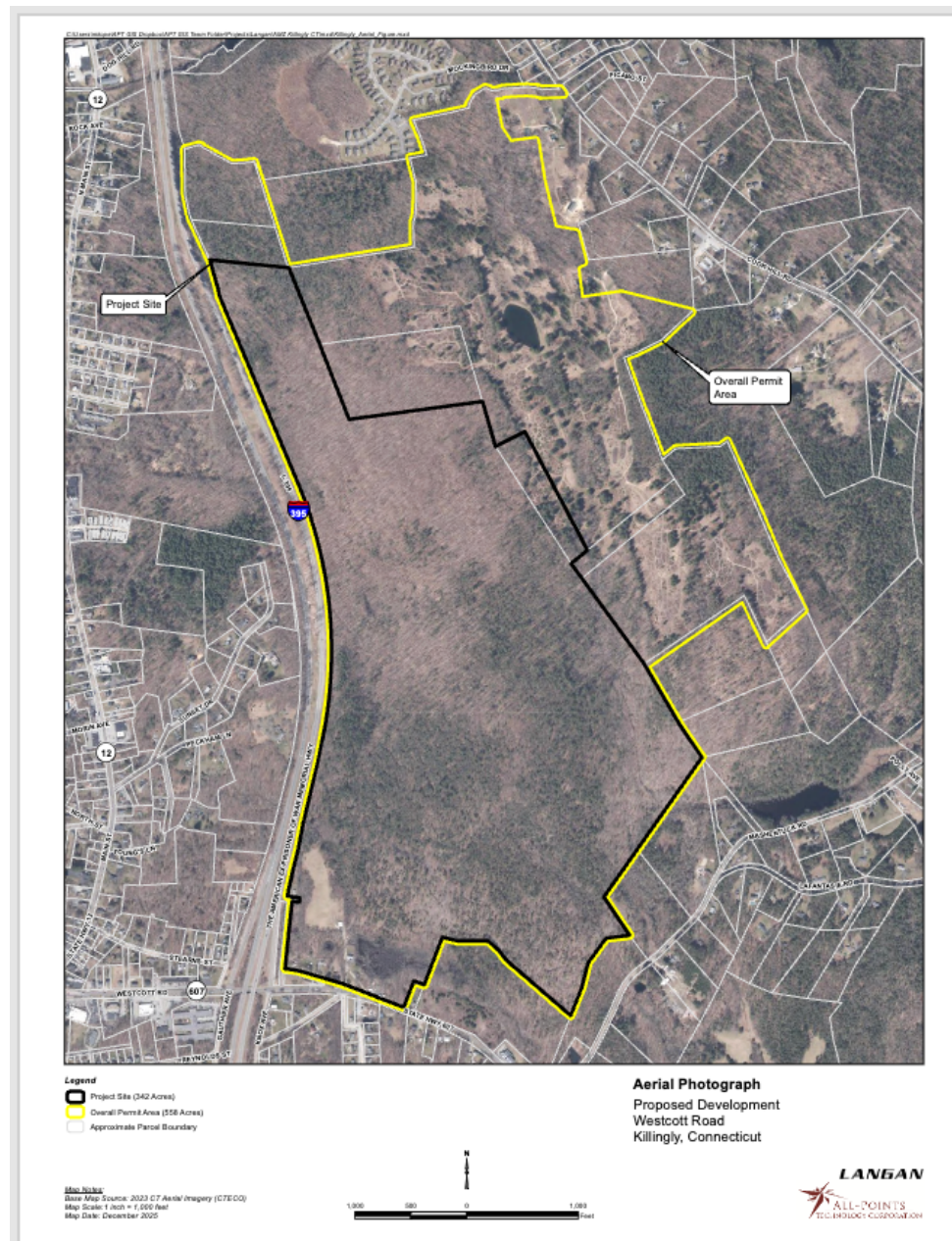


Amazon warehouse developer appeals Killingly denial

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Killingly — The developer of the proposed 1.3 million-square-foot Amazon distribution center on Westcott Road has appeal the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission's denial of

a permit for the project earlier this month.

In the July 22 appeal filed in Putnam Superior Court, attorneys representing developer Ryan Companies, contract purchaser WE Acquisitions LLC, and the owners of the more than 25 properties that make up the site, alleged the commission was "biased and illegally predetermined an intent to deny the application" at its July 6 meeting.

Commission member Corina Torrey made the motion to reject the project application, also known as "Project Husky," because it would cause "irreversible and irretrievable loss of wetlands or watercourse recourses," by impacting more than a half-acre of wetlands.

The commission [voted 3-2](#) to deny the permit without prejudice, meaning Ryan could change and resubmit the plan, which it did on July 15 before the [town approved a moratorium](#) on new warehouse applications beginning July 20.

The 1.3 million-square-foot project would be built on 324 of the 558 acres on the site. The remaining 216 acres would be reserved for open space and conservation, according to the developer's application.

Torrey also said at the July 6 meeting that Ryan Companies failed to "exhaust feasible and prudent alternatives." These alternatives, reducing the building footprint and creating a tiered parking structure, were not mentioned during the meeting.

Ryan's lawyers said in the appeal that the allegation the company ignored feasible and prudent alternatives is improper because the commission chose not to raise the issue during the hearing.

They also said the developer reduced the building's size by 87,000 square feet.

They added that Torrey was "not qualified to opine on technical issues such as the success of wetlands mitigation strategies."

Ryan Companies submitted its application to the commission on Jan. 26 and the commission then held five nights of public hearings due to public interest.

During that time, residents [spoke against](#) the project, stating the warehouse would create traffic, road safety, pollution and environment problems.

Michelle Murphy of the Keep Killingly Rural coalition said Monday she and the coalition will continue to fight the project.

"The Town of Killingly will be changed forever with a project so gigantic," Murphy said. "This is an industrial project and it belongs in an industrial zone, not in the middle of the woods filling

in all of the wetlands.”

The proposed Amazon fulfillment center would operate around the clock, employ 500 workers, bring in more than 400 trucks a day, and serve as the company’s “most advanced robotics facility” in the state, according to Amazon Economic Development Director Brad Griggs.

Ryan Companies has asked a judge to sustain its appeal, reverse the commission's denial, and direct the commission to approve its amended application. The town has until Aug. 25 to respond to the complaint.

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