

# City Of Torrington

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Elinor Carbone, Mayor, Members of City Council  
**From:** J. Brett Simmons, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation  
**CC:** Ray Drew, Public Works Director  
**Date:** December 15, 2020  
**Re:** Charlene Susan Besse Park – Timber Harvest

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J. Brett Simmons, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation would like to recommend awarding a bid for the Timber Harvest at Charlene Susan Besse Park to Gutchess Lumber Company. Gutchess Lumber Company submitted a bid in the amount of \$56,982.00 (revenue.) Andrew Bosse, the City's current Forester of Record, will oversee a Timber Harvest Project at Charlene Susan Besse Park, at a rate of 20% (\$11,396.40) of the timber sale. The City of Torrington entered into contract with Mr. Bosse in January of 2019, after receiving approval from City Council. Mr. Bosse also oversaw the Timber Harvest at Alvord Park. The City of Torrington will net \$45,585.60 from the timber sale, which will be invested back into the park for park improvements.

### Timber Bids Results for the Charlene Susan Besse Park Timber Sale:

1. Gutchess Lumber Co.	\$56,982.00
2. Maple Ridge Logging	\$51,575.00
3. CT Mulch	\$31,722.05
4. Supreme Forest Products	\$29,000.00

Thank you for your consideration on this subject matter.

12/16/2020 11:28 AM  
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## ANDREW J. BOSSE FORESTRY SERVICE

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December 15, 2020

Mr. Brett Simmons – Superintendent  
Torrington Parks & Recreation  
153 South Main Street  
Torrington, CT 06790

Re: Charlene Susan Besse Park Timber Sale

Dear Mr. Simmons:

The following is a brief summary of the Besse Park timber sale process:

After completion of the field work (boundary flagging, timber marking & tallying), I established the specifications for the timber sale based upon general industry standards and specific requirements of the City of Torrington to develop a *Request for Proposal* for the sale of the timber to qualified bidders. Bidders were then invited to visit the property to view the marked timber and make a determination for themselves of the timber value and the logistics of the project and, subsequently, to submit bids for the sale of the timber by a certain date. The bid results of the timber sale were as follows:

1. Gutchess Lumber Co., Inc.	\$56,982.00
2. Maple Ridge LLC	\$51,575.00
3. CT Mulch Distributors	\$31,722.05
4. Supreme Forest Products	\$29,000.00

I might add at this point that I only invite reputable timber companies to submit bids on my timber sales, and that I would have no issue doing business with any of these outfits. So as a result, my recommendation to the City of Torrington is to award the contract to the top bidder; Gutchess Lumber Co., Inc.

Feel free to contact me if you require any additional information. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Andrew Bosse



Andrew Bosse <ajbforestry@gmail.com>

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## BESSE PARK TIMBER SALE

1 message

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David R. Dence <drdence@gutchess.com>  
To: Andrew Bosse <ajbforestry@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 24, 2020 at 9:03 AM

GUTCHESS LUMBER CO., INC. WILL BID THE SUM OF \$56,982.00 FOR THE BESSE PARK SALE.



**David R. Dence**  
WOOD PROCUREMENT MANAGER  
EASTERN REGION

Gutchess Lumber Co., Inc.  
P.O. Box 433

Canaan, New York, 12029  
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C: (802) 379-4272

[Drdence@gutchess.com](mailto:Drdence@gutchess.com)

*Be sure it's Gutchess™*



**MAPLE RIDGE LLC**  
**Logging & Land services**  
**Bantam Ct 06750**

Date: 11/18/2020  
To: Andrew J Bosse Forestry Service  
From: Forrest Tuner, Maple Ridge LLC  
Subject: Standing Timber at Besse Park Torrington Ct

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**Bid for Standing Timber**

Property of City of Torrington, Besse park Riverside Ave. Torrington, CT

Total Bid for estimated 360,333 Board feet on 100 acres  
\$51,575

Forrest Turner  
Maple Ridge LLC  
860-459-7818  
mapleridgeforestry@gmail.com



Andrew Bosse <ajbforestry@gmail.com>

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## BID BESSE PARK

1 message

**Brennan Sheahan** <brennan@ctmulch.com>  
To: Andrew Bosse <ajbforestry@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 10:27 AM

Connecticut Mulch Distributors is making a lump sum bid of: **\$31,722.05** for the marked timber on the City of Torrington, Besse Park property.

Brennan Sheahan

Head Procurement Forester

70 Mullen Road

Enfield, CT 06082

Cell: (860)999-4741

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**From:** Andrew Bosse <ajbforestry@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 5:25 PM

**To:** Brennan Sheahan <brennan@ctmulch.com>; Cersosimo Lumber <woodlands@cersosimo.com>; Charles Leigus <cleigus@supremeindustries.com>; Dave Dence <drdence@gutchess.com>; Erik Hanson <ehanson7716@gmail.com>; Forrest Turner <mapleridgeforestry@gmail.com>; John Cain <John@cainsmechanical.com>; Kurt Lenahan <Ljlenahan1@gmail.com>; Mark Mueller <muellet.hullforest@verizon.net>; Ron Cranouski <GracieC57@att.net>; Tom Anderson <tlanderson@gutchess.com>; Travis Downey <td41@sbcglobal.net>

**Subject:** City of Torrington timber sale

Greetings Timber Buyers:

Attached is an RFP for an upcoming timber sale on the City of Torrington's Charlene Susan Besse Park property. Showing date is November 10th at 10 a.m. or by appointment. Feel free to contact me with any questions and please RSVP if you plan to attend, thank you.

Best Regards,

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*Andrew J. Bosse Forestry Service*

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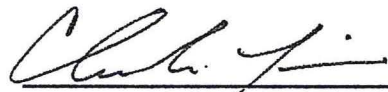
Supreme Forest Products Inc.  
49 DePaolo Drive  
Southington, CT. 06489

Andrew J. Bosse Forestry Service  
130 Niles Road  
New Hartford, CT 06057

Nov. 24, 2020

Re: City of Torrington  
Besse Park Property  
Invitation to Bid Standing Timber

Supreme Forest Products hereby submits a bid as one lump sum of \$29,000.00 for the timber offered.

  
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Charles Leigus G.M.  
Supreme Forest Products

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### Request for Proposal

#### INVITATION TO BID ON STANDING TIMBER on the CITY OF TORRINGTON'S CHARLENE SUSAN BESSE PARK PROPERTY TORRINGTON, CT

Showing date: November 10, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Bid due date: November 24, 2020 5:00 p.m.

You are invited to submit a bid for the purchase of the marked timber on the Charlene Susan Besse Park property owned by the City of Torrington, CT. There are 1,733 trees marked for harvest, with an estimated volume of **360,333 board feet** (International ¼" rule). The **Group Selection** harvest method (a.k.a. "Patch Cuts") was utilized for this project, and include twenty-four ¾ acre groups across the property (see attached map) within which all trees must be cut except those marked with an orange "S", which are designated to remain in place and undamaged. There is also marked timber in the areas outside the Groups, including 1,342 cull trees marked for removal. For a breakdown of the tally by species, please refer to the attached table, (Attachment A). While the volumes were estimated with the utmost care, they are not guaranteed since utilization practices vary. Each bidder is urged to make their own determination of the volume.

The sale area is comprised of approximately 110 acres, with the total area of the property being approximately 100 acres. The timber is marked with blue paint, and the property boundaries are marked with pink flagging. Group area boundaries are marked with orange paint and flagging. The project staging area is located at the parking lot at the end of the gated park driveway off of Riverside Drive in Torrington. See attached map, (Attachment B), for further details.

#### Project Specifications:

- 1) All work done during this project will be under the direction of the Project Forester, Andrew Bosse.
- 2) All marked trees must be cut. All sawtimber trees of merchantable size (8' and longer, 10" tip and greater) and all pole timber trees of merchantable size (16' and longer, 4" diameter and larger) must be removed from the property.
- 3) In the Group Selection areas, all stems 2" and greater must be cut excepting the reserve trees marked with an orange "S" and boundary trees marked with orange paint.
- 4) All tops and slash must be lopped to four feet or less. No tops, slash or debris may be left in the flagged logging trails, existing hiking trails, any streams, within 50 feet of the driveway or within 25' of the property boundary.



- 5) The City of Torrington is interested in possibly having the logging slash/debris removed from the patch cut areas and the property in general. Please include in your bids, if capable and interested, an itemized cost for this additional work.
- 6) An excavator is required for trail improvement and/or remediation at the end of the project. Main logging trails shown on the attached map must be left in a condition suitable for use by a UTV (as may be required for emergency services).
- 7) Portable bridges will be required for stream crossings.
- 8) Appropriate erosion control measures as directed by the project forester and specified in the "Best Management Practices for water quality while harvesting forest products – 2012 CT Field Guide" must be utilized throughout the duration of the project.
- 9) At the conclusion of the project, the staging area and logging trails must be cleared of any logs, slash, or debris, regraded, and water bars installed as directed by the project forester. The contractor must also provide 100 lbs. of conservation grass seed mix which will be spread by the project forester.

Prospective bidders may view the timber on the showing date listed above or by appointment. The meeting place for the site visit will be at the gated driveway across from #600 Riverside Avenue (Logan Steel). To make an appointment, please email, text, or call Andrew Bosse (Project Forester) at: [ajbforestry@gmail.com](mailto:ajbforestry@gmail.com), (860) 379-2686 (home office), or (860) 307-0010 (mobile) to make arrangements to view the timber. Please do not enter the property without making prior arrangements with the supervising forester.

Send **BIDS** by email (preferred), mail, or hand delivery at the Project Forester's office, (address listed on letterhead). Please include an email address to which the bid results can be sent. The Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The successful bidder ("Purchaser") will be notified by phone and/or email and will be required to enter into a "Forest Products Sale Agreement" (copies of which are available upon request) within 10 business days.

The term of the Agreement will be for a period of 18 months but will be extendable for reasons of inclement weather and unfavorable ground conditions. Payments will be required as follows: 25% due at signing; 25% due at the start of harvest, but no later than September 1, 2021; and the remaining 50% is due when, in the opinion of the supervising forester, half of the marked timber has been cut. A performance bond of \$3,000 is required prior to the commencement of any activity on the Seller's property. All payments must be in the form of a certified bank check or money order. Proof of general liability insurance coverage (a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 liability and \$250,000.00 property damage) will be required of the successful bidder and all sub-contractors. The policy must also list the Seller and Andrew Bosse as additional insured. Purchaser must also provide proof of workman's compensation insurance. All logging sub-contractors must be appropriately licensed by the State of CT DEEP Forestry and approved by the SELLER'S Agent. Purchaser must provide a one-week notice before beginning logging operations in order for the supervising forester to determine the suitability of the ground conditions.

Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions, please call me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Bosse

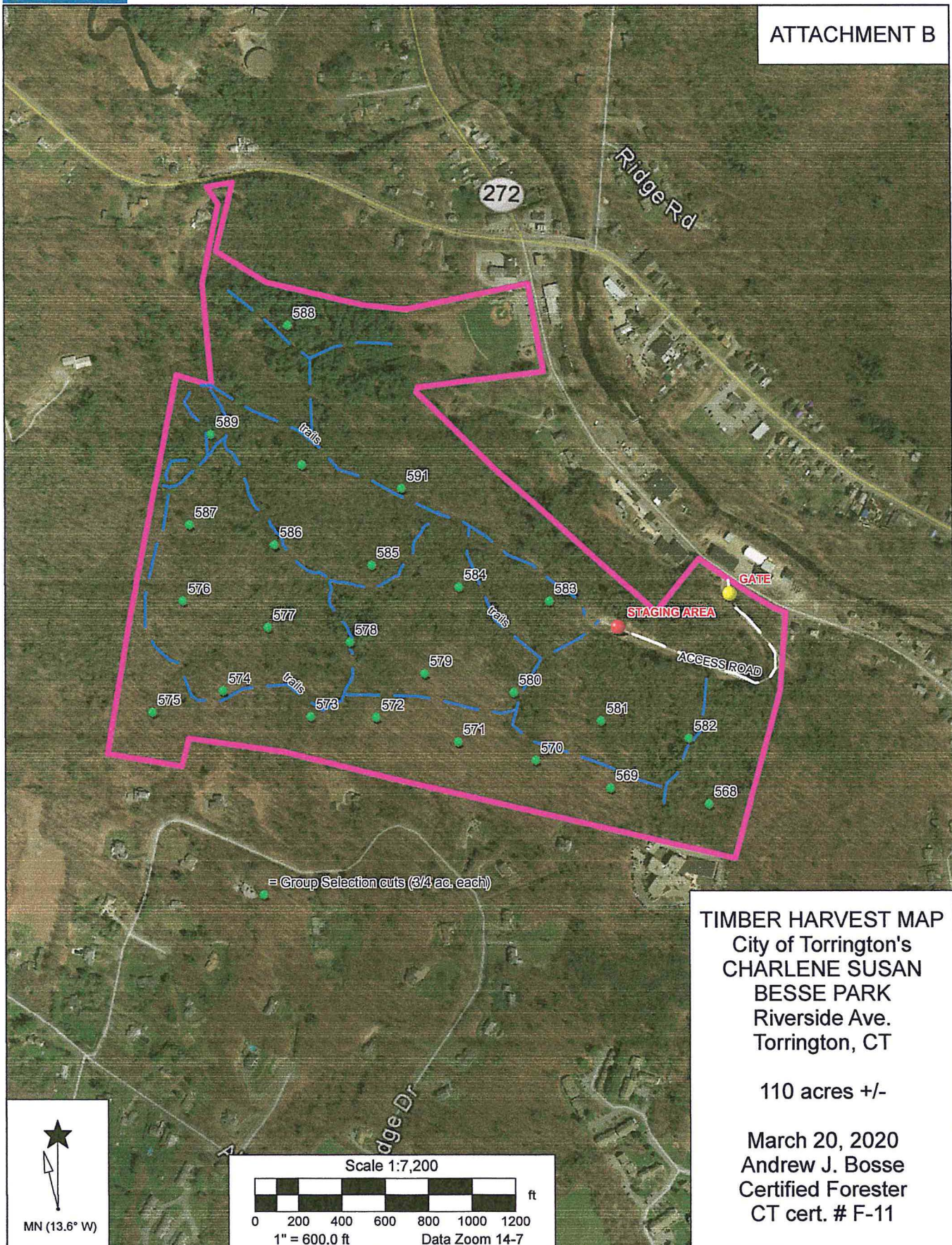


ATTACHMENT A: BESSE PARK TIMBER SALE - #TREES BY DIAMETER (DBH IN INCHES) and ESTIMATED VOLUMES

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ATTACHMENT B



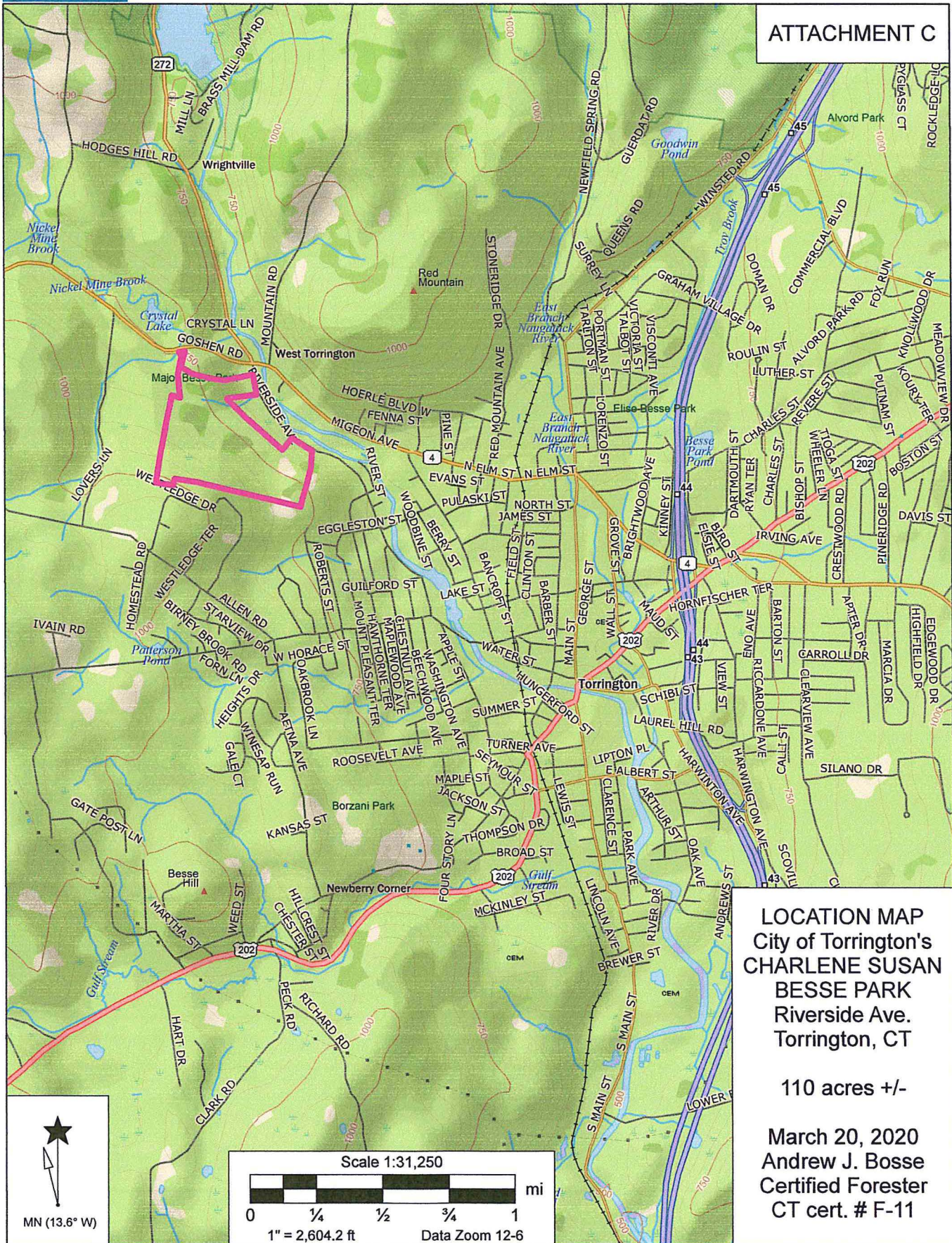
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