



Community Preservation Committee Littleton, Massachusetts

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Community Preservation Application for Funding

Date: 2025-01-13

Project Title: Spectacle Pond boat launch engineering study

Name of Applicant: Leon Weaver – Littleton Clean Lakes Committee vice-chair

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CPA Category (circle all that apply):

Open Space

Historic Preservation

Recreation

Community Housing

CPA Funding Requested: \$30,000

Total Project Cost: \$30,000

Please attach answers to the following questions. Include supporting materials as necessary.

1. **Project Description:** Please give a detailed project description, including specific objectives.
2. **Goals:** How does this project accomplish the goals of the Community Preservation Plan for Littleton? (See Guidelines for Project Submission for general criteria)
3. **Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones? Will this be a multi-year project?
4. **Budget:** Please provide a full budget including the following information, as applicable. (NOTE: CPA funds may not be used for maintenance):
 - a. Total amount of the project cost, with itemization of major components.
 - b. Additional funding sources. Please include those that are available, committed, or under consideration.
 - c. Describe the basis for your budget and the sources of information you used.



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Project Description: The public boat launch for Spectacle Pond needs improvement. An engineering study should be conducted to determine the details of this work. The slope of the launch into the lake is severe, so in order to gain sufficient traction, rutting by vehicles and trailers can occur during launch and recovery work. Additionally, erosion from significant rainfall events contribute to this rutting. Disgorged gravel from this rutting becomes deposited in the lake at the end of the launch causing a shallow area to be formed. Some boats bottom out in this shallow area and propellers are lost or damaged as they dig into these deposits. Also see supporting documentation and maps separately attached.

Goals: Perform an engineering study to determine improvement to the boat launch area and especially the severely sloped launch. Remediation of this problem and funding is to be determined based on the engineering report. This work is in line with CPC goals as the current state of the launch hampers recreational use of this public area.

Timeline: The engineering study should be performed in 2025. A remediation timeline to correct launch deficiencies is to be determined based on engineering study conclusions. CPC funding may be requested for any remediation which will most likely occur in 2026.

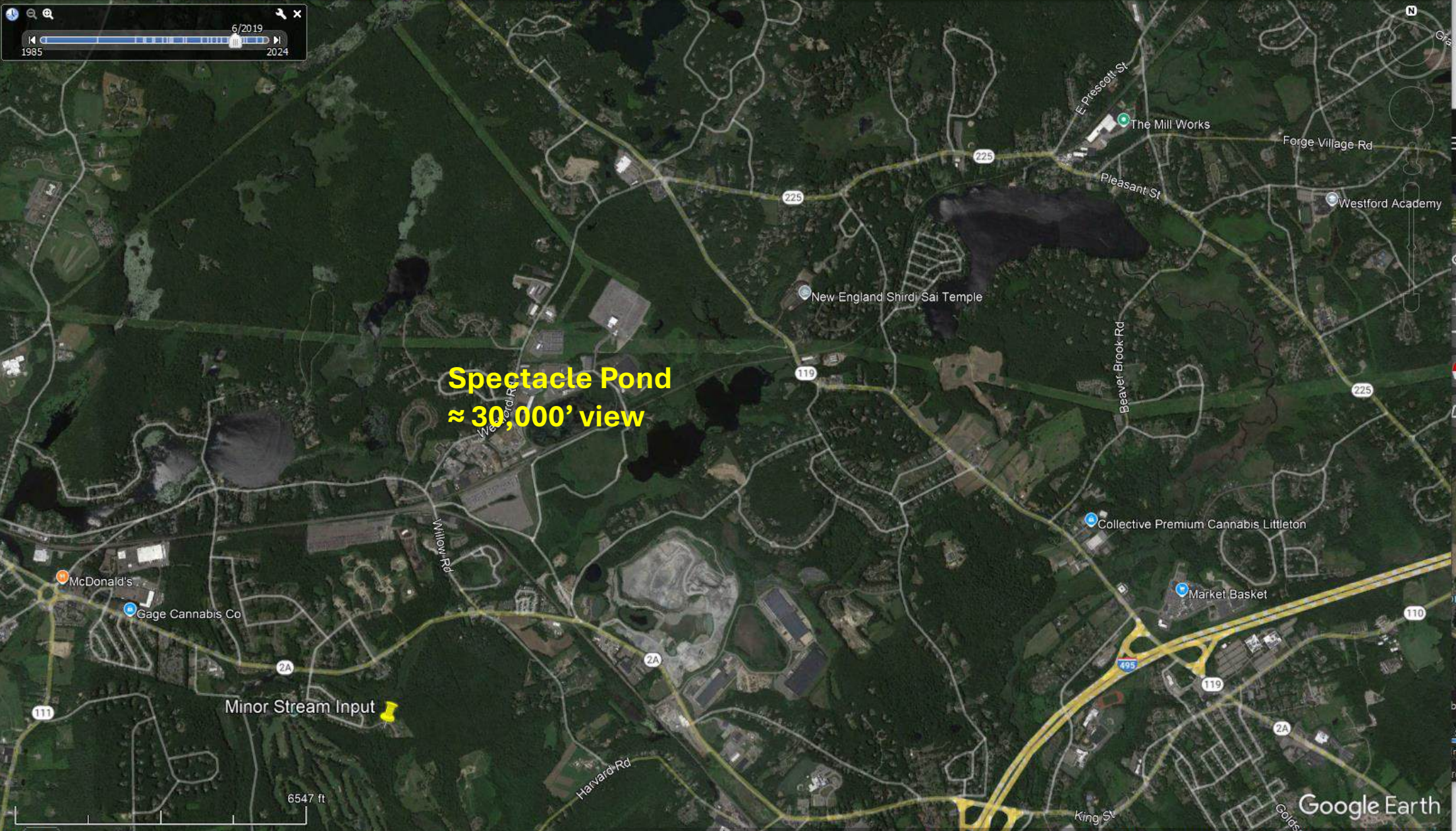
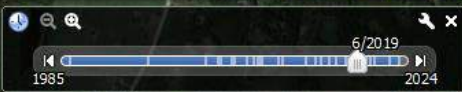
Budget: \$30,000 is being requested based on an assessment from a state-based engineering firm familiar with the pond and boat launch area. Littleton Water Department has considered this funding but believes recreation improvements of this sort are more within the purview of the CPC.

Support: The Littleton Clean Lakes Committee (LCLC) has supported this effort for a number of years. Many users of this public facility have complained about the inadequacy of the boat launch and thus support improvement. The Littleton Water Dept and Water Commissioners are aware of conditions at the boat launch and are supportive of the engineering study and subsequent improvement work. Select-Board members are aware of this deficiency but have been more predominantly focused on non-native invasive aquatic species mitigation.



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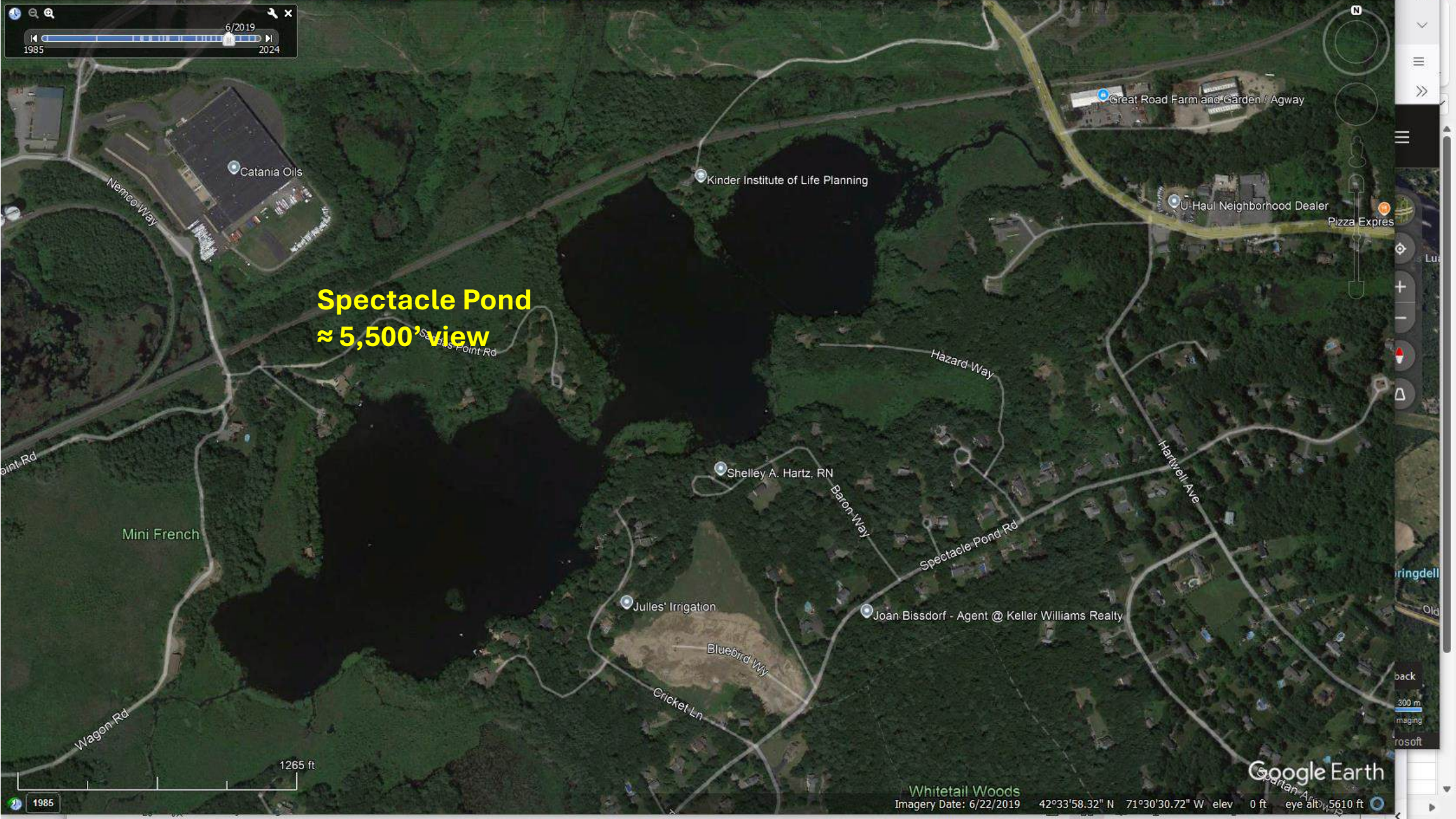
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Spectacle Pond
≈ 30,000' view

Minor Stream Input

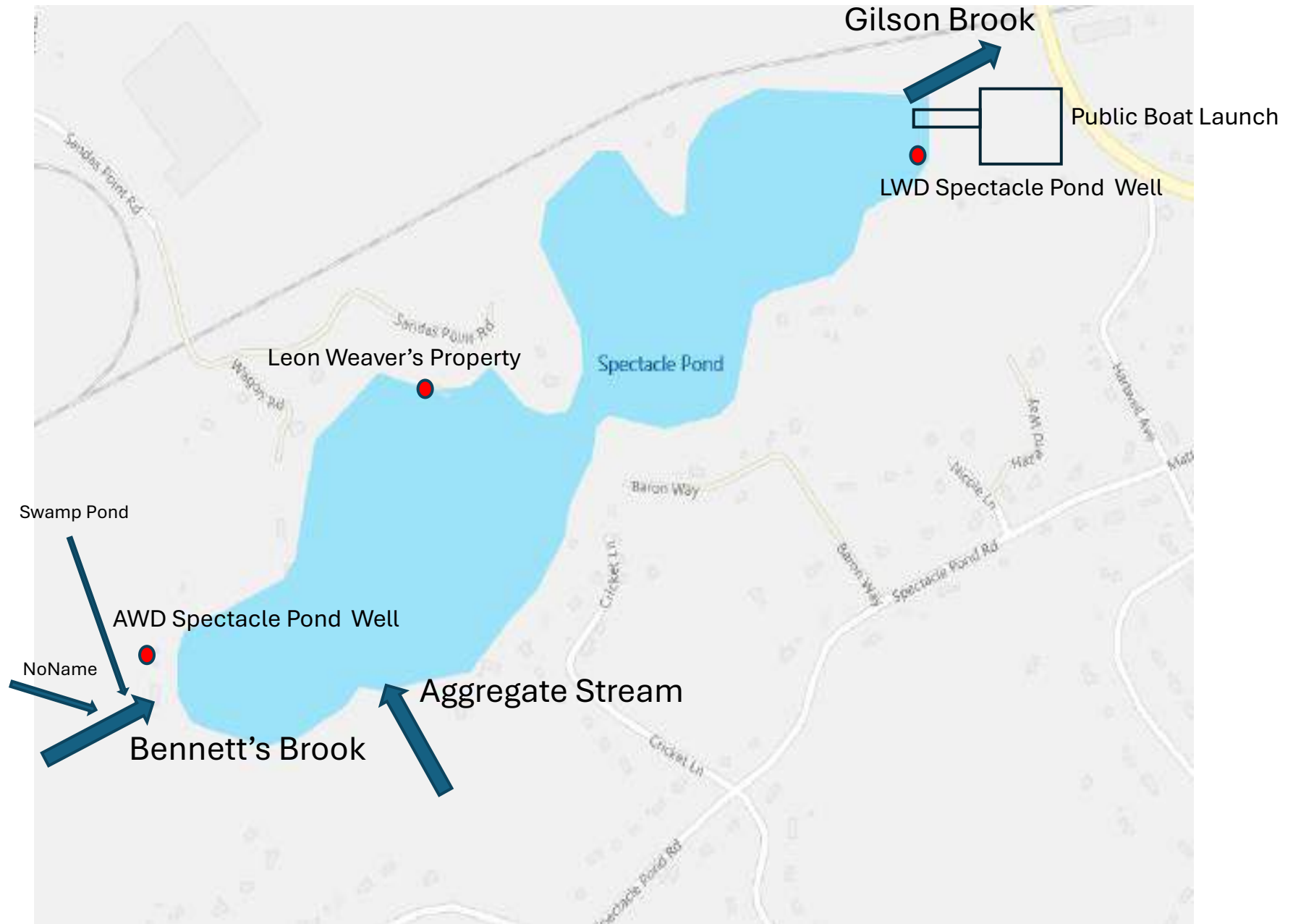


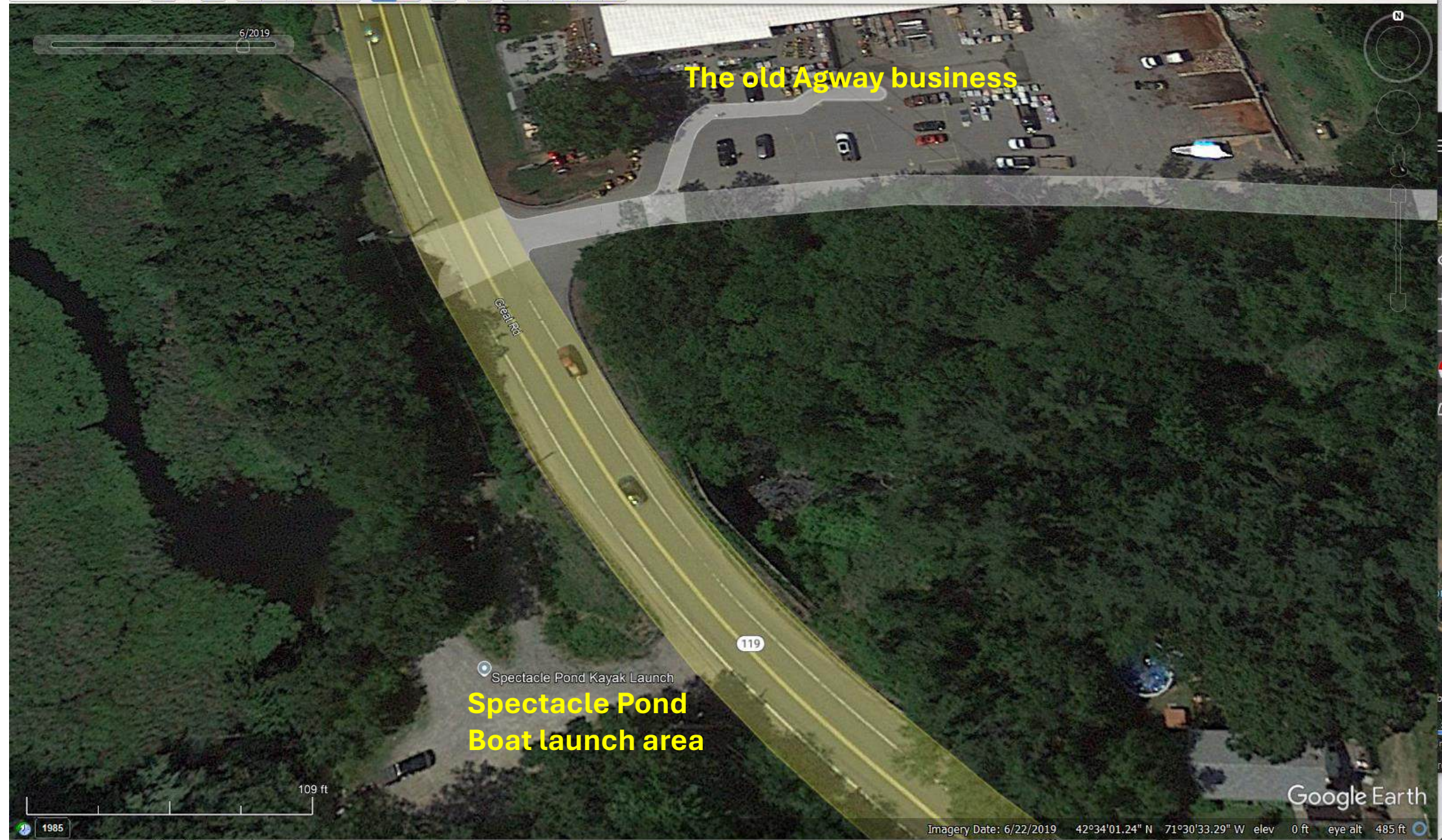


Spectacle Pond
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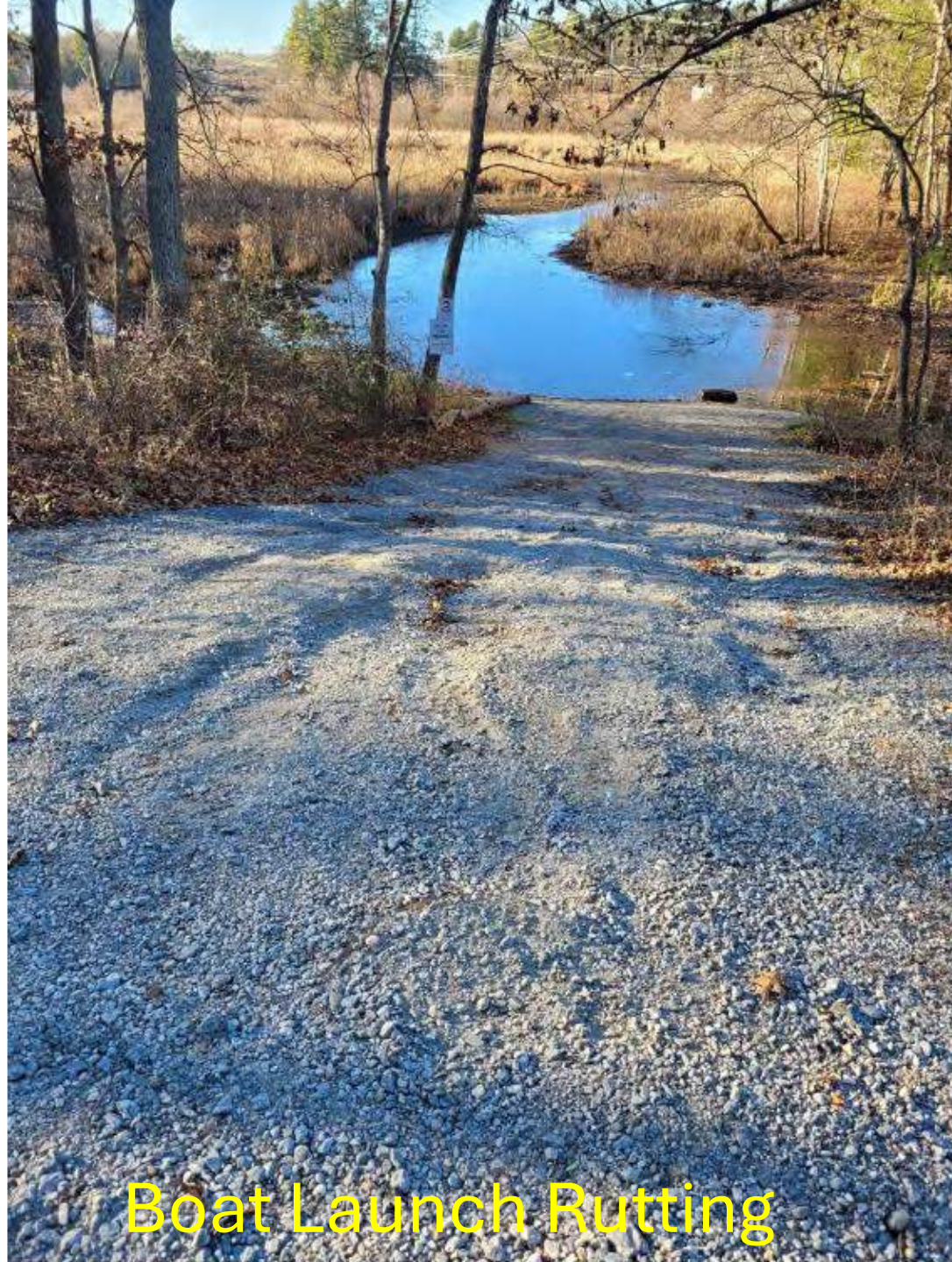
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Spectacle Pond Kayak Launch
Spectacle Pond
Boat launch area





**Boat launch slope
down into the pond**



Boat Launch Rutting