Contour lines are used to denote elevation above sea level. This map displays 20 foot contours based on Connecticut LiDAR data for the year 2000. This information is only suitable for general planning and information (not precise). It is not intended for exact determinations of elevation where a survey is normally required, or for detailed engineering, building, or design purposes. The Connecticut LiDAR dataset for 2000 captured ground elevation every 20 feet at a horizontal accuracy of approximately 3 feet on the ground.

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