



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
100 W. OGLETHORPE AVE.  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3640

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**AUGUST 05 2015**

Regulatory Division  
SAS-2009-01007

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Savannah District/State of Georgia**

The Savannah District has received an application for a Department of the Army Permit, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), as follows:

Application Number: SAS-2009-01007

Applicant: Mr. Robert Baumgardt  
Fort Stewart Director Public Works  
Department of the Army Headquarters, 3D Infantry Division  
1587 Frank Cochran Drive, Suite 101  
Fort Stewart, Georgia 31314-4928

Agent: Mr. Steven L. Smith, Jr.  
Senior Environmental Scientist  
Arrowood Environmental Group, Inc.  
Post Office Box 61237  
Savannah, Georgia 31420

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is located within the existing Wright Army Airfield (WAAF)/ Mid Coast Regional Airport, Fort Stewart Army Installation, Liberty County, Georgia 31314 (Latitude 31.8849, Longitude -81.5757) and within USGS Hydrologic Unit Code 03060204.

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:  
Request authorization to fill 12.31 acres of jurisdictional wetlands in order to construct the proposed runway extension project located on WAAF/MidCoast Regional Airport. The proposal is for a 1,500 linear foot runway extension to the southwest of runway 6L as well as the construction of an Instrumental Landing System (ILS) and Medium-Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment (MALSR). The proposed facility expansion has been designed in accordance with the applicable Unified Facility Requirements regulations. The proposed improvements are located within a 126.16 acre area located to the southwest of Runway 6L. By letter dated January 19, 2012, the Corps verified 13.87 acres of wetlands, as defined by the 1987 "Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual", which may be waters of the United States. 12.31 acres of jurisdictional wetlands would be filled during the proposed construction. The wetlands

are located in the proposed location of the Runway 6L expansion, taxiway construction, ILS construction, MALSR construction and within the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ). Wetland Impact Area A is an 11.26 acre portion of an overall 73.21 acre wetland located immediately to the southwest of the existing Runway 6L at the site. Wetland Impact Area A would be filled from the construction of the Runway 6L extension, the ILS system, the taxiway construction and the guideslope construction. Wetland Impact Area B is the entire 1.05 acre wetland identified within training area 19 located to the southwest of Fort Stewart Road 47. Wetland Impact Area B would be filled from the clearing and grading proposed to occur within the RPZ.

## **BACKGROUND**

This Joint Public Notice announces a request for authorizations from both the Corps and the State of Georgia. The applicant's proposed work may also require local governmental approval.

## **STATE OF GEORGIA**

Water Quality Certification: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, intends to certify this project at the end of 30 days in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, which is required for a Federal Permit to conduct activity in, on, or adjacent to the waters of the State of Georgia. Copies of the application and supporting documents relative to a specific application will be available for review and copying at the office of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, Water Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1456, East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334 during regular office hours. A copier machine is available for public use at a charge of 25 cents per page. Any person who desires to comment, object, or request a public hearing relative to State Water Quality Certification must do so within 15 days of the State's receipt of application in writing and state the reasons or basis of objections or request for a hearing. The application can be reviewed in the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640.

State-owned Property and Resources: The applicant may also require assent from the State of Georgia, which may be in the form of a license, easement, lease, permit or other appropriate instrument.

Georgia Coastal Management Program: Prior to the Savannah District Corps of Engineers making a final permit decision on this application, the project must be certified by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, to be consistent with applicable provisions of the State of Georgia Coastal Management Program (15 CFR 930). Anyone wishing to comment on Coastal Management Program certification of this project should submit comments in writing within 15 days of the date of this notice to the Federal Consistency Coordinator, Ecological Services Section,

Coastal Resources Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, Georgia 31523-8600 (Telephone 912-264-7218).

## **US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

The Savannah District must consider the purpose and the impacts of the applicant's proposed work, prior to a decision on issuance of a Department of the Army permit.

Cultural Resources Assessment: Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties or properties listed as eligible for inclusion are located at the site or in the area affected by the proposed work. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical or historical data may be located at the site and could be affected by the proposed work.

Endangered Species: Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), we request information from the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Marine Fisheries Service; or, any other interested party, on whether any species listed or proposed for listing may be present in the area. By letter dated October 28, 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurred with a may affect but not likely to adversely affect determination for the red-cockaded woodpecker, wood stork, Eastern Indigo snake, frosted flatwood salamander, and smooth coneflower. By letter dated September 11, 2013, the U.S. Army Installation Management Command made a no affect determination for the Atlantic and Short nose sturgeon.

Public Interest Review: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Consideration of Public Comments: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties,

water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Application of Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines: The proposed activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States. The Savannah District's evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. The decision whether to hold a public hearing is at the discretion of the District Engineer, or his designated appointee, based on the need for additional substantial information necessary in evaluating the proposed project.

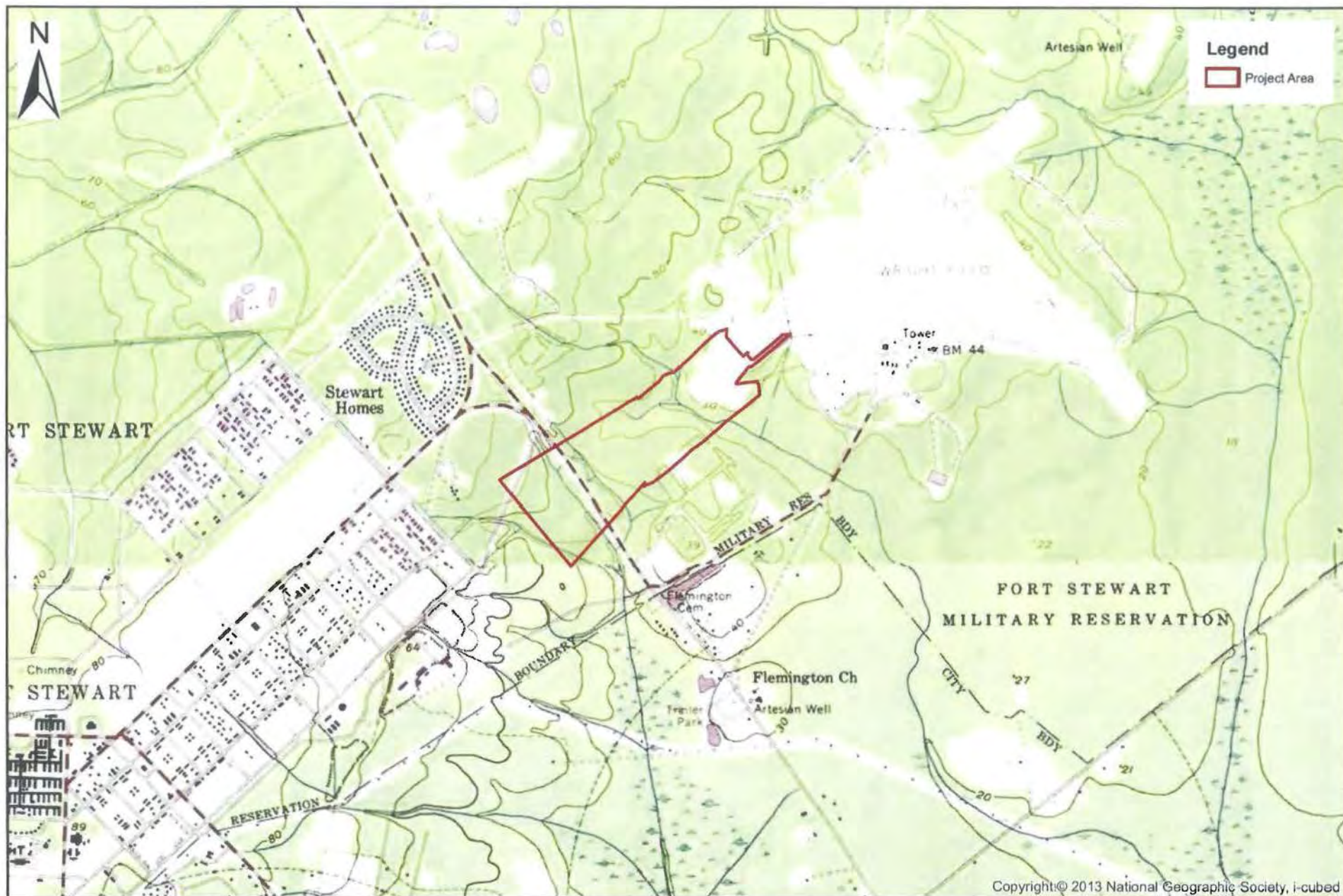
Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this application for a Department of the Army Permit should submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Ms. Barbara A. Bass, 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640, no later than 15 days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the applicant's name and the application number in your comments.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Barbara A. Bass, Regulatory Specialist, Coastal Branch, at 912-652-5690.

**\*\*Enclosures**

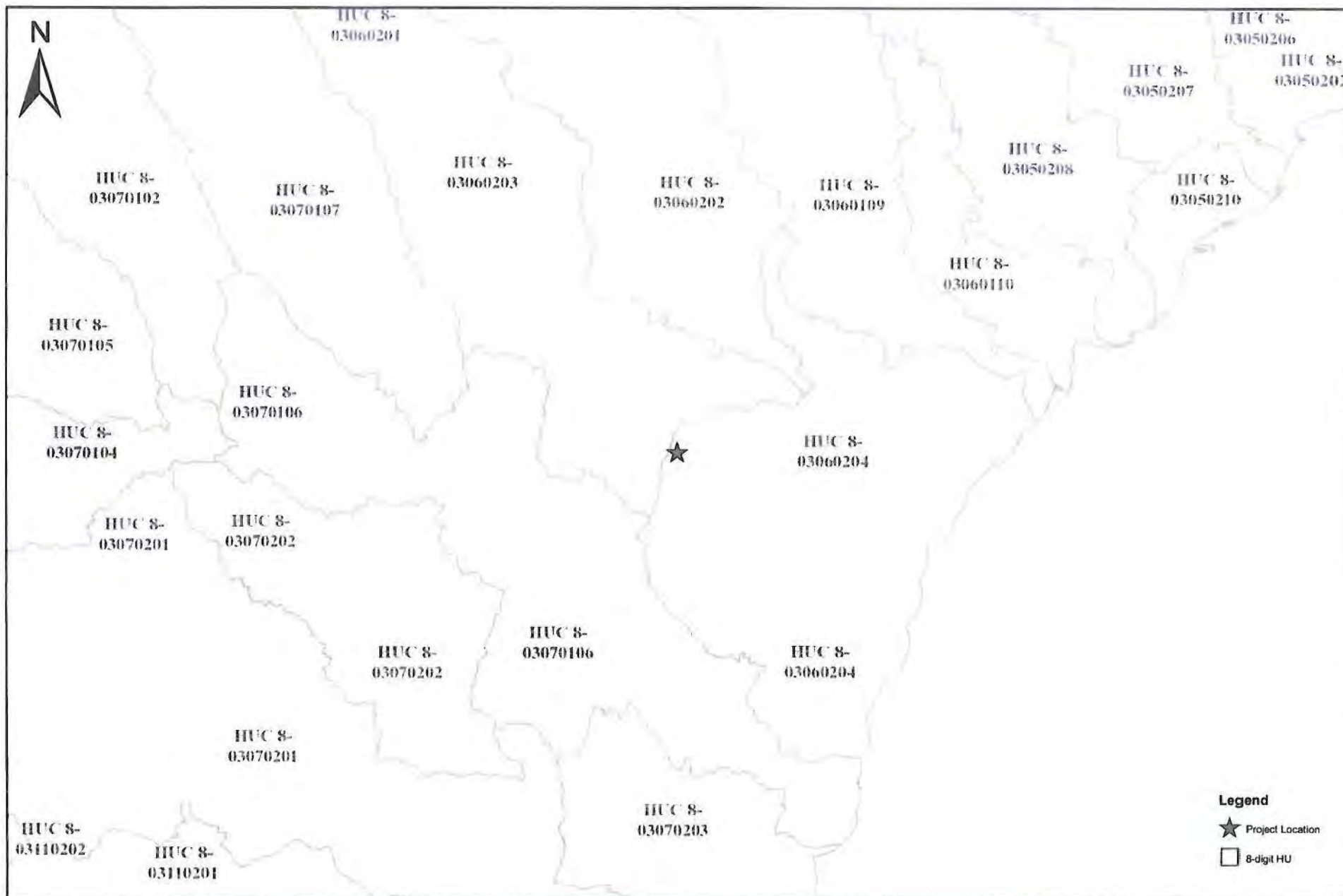
1. Permit maps and drawings (10 pages)





**Figure 2 - Site Vicinity Map - Topographic Map View**  
**WAAF/MidCoast Regional Airport**  
**Runway 6L Extension Project**  
**Fort Stewart, Georgia**  
**Drawing Date: April 22, 2015**

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**Figure 4 - 8-Digit HUC Location Map**  
**WAAF / MidCoast Regional Airport**  
**Runway 6L Expansion**  
**Fort Stewart, Georgia**  
**Drawing Date: April 22, 2015**



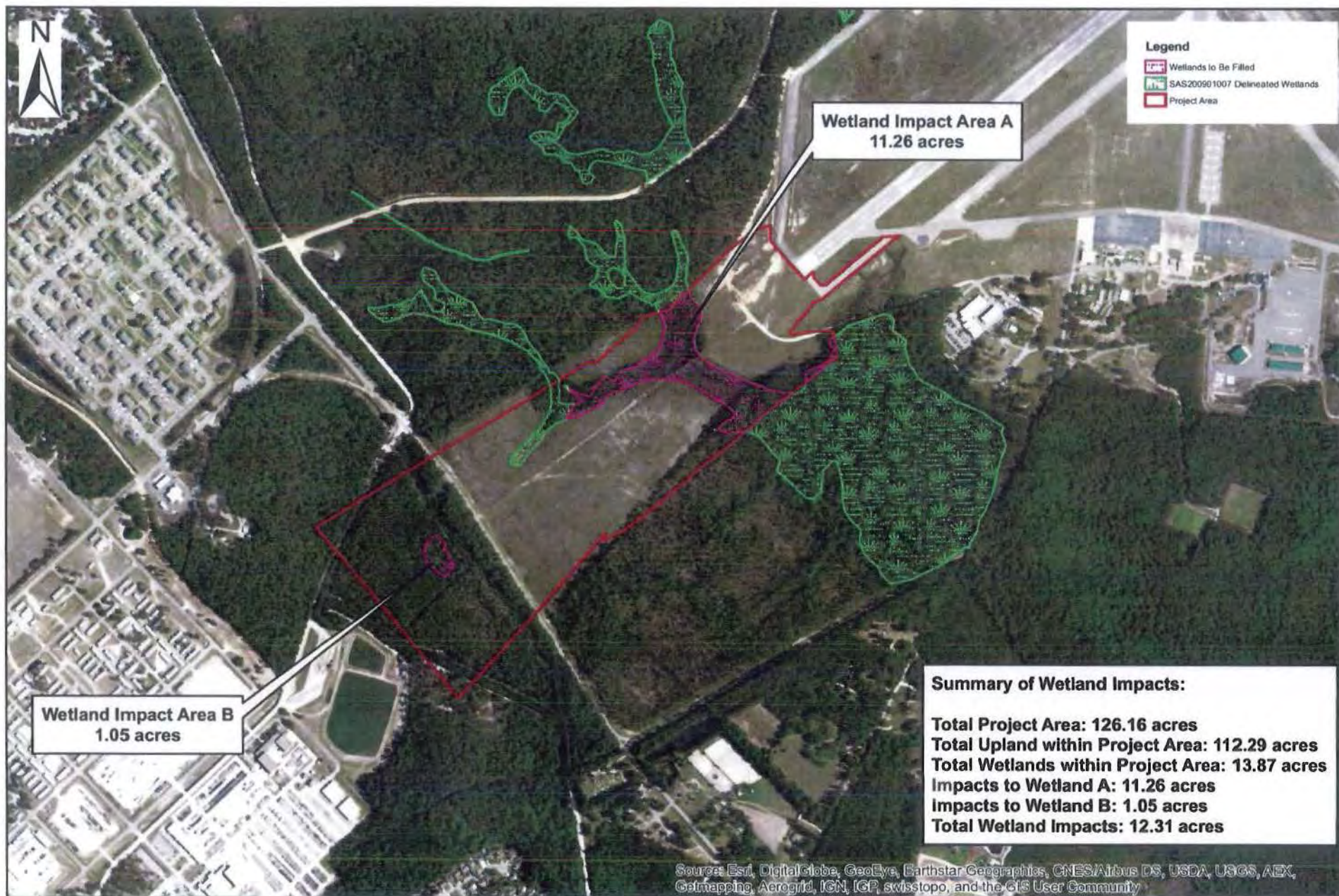


**Figure 5 - Extent of Project Area with Proposed Site Improvements**  
 WAAF / MidCoast Regional Airport  
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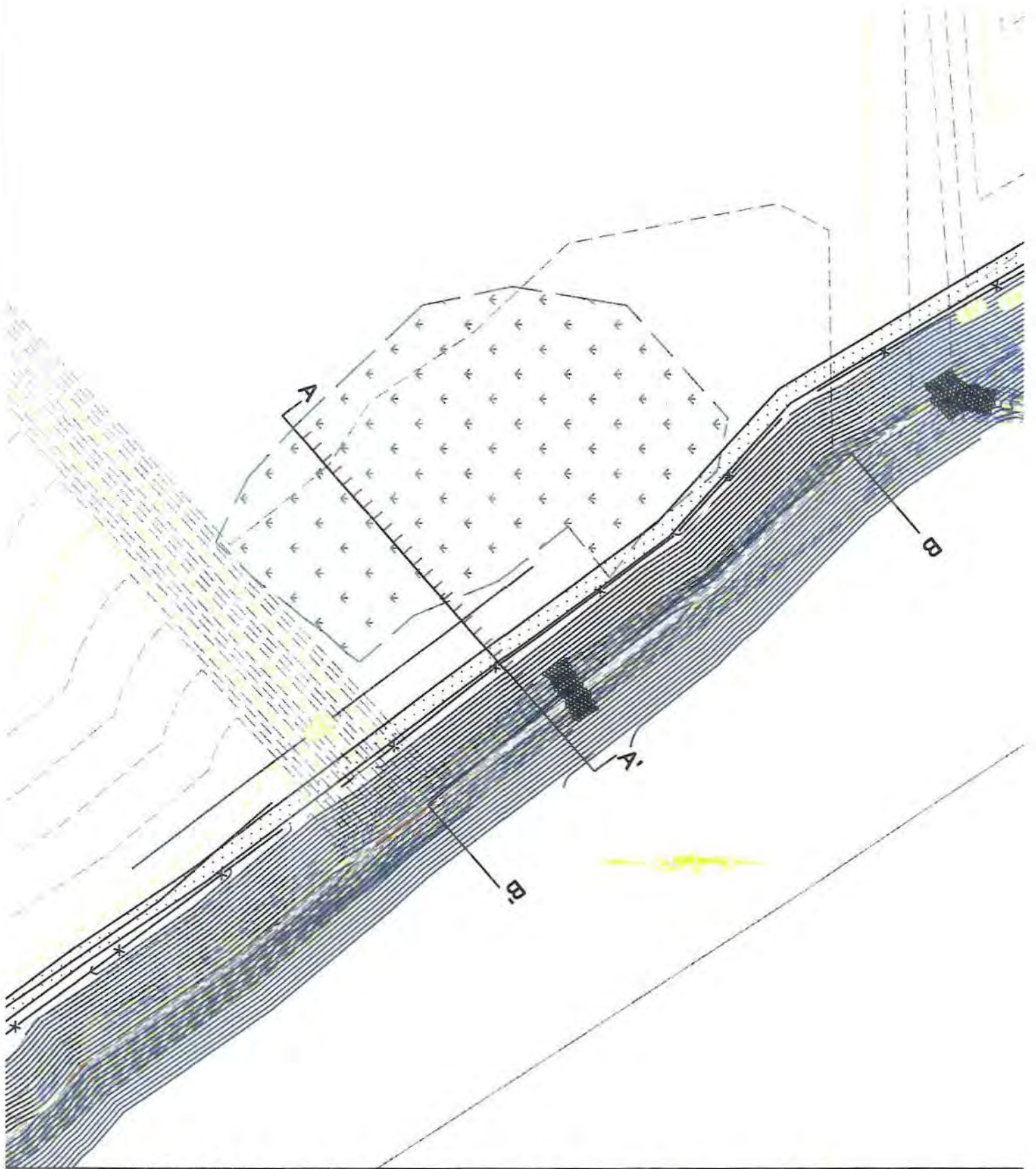




**Figure 6 - Summary of Impacts to Jurisdictional Wetlands**  
**WAAF / MidCoast Regional Airport**  
**Runway 6L Expansion**  
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# Training Area A-19 Wetland Impact Cross-Sections

WAAF/MidCoast Regional Airport  
Runway 6L Extension and Improvements Project



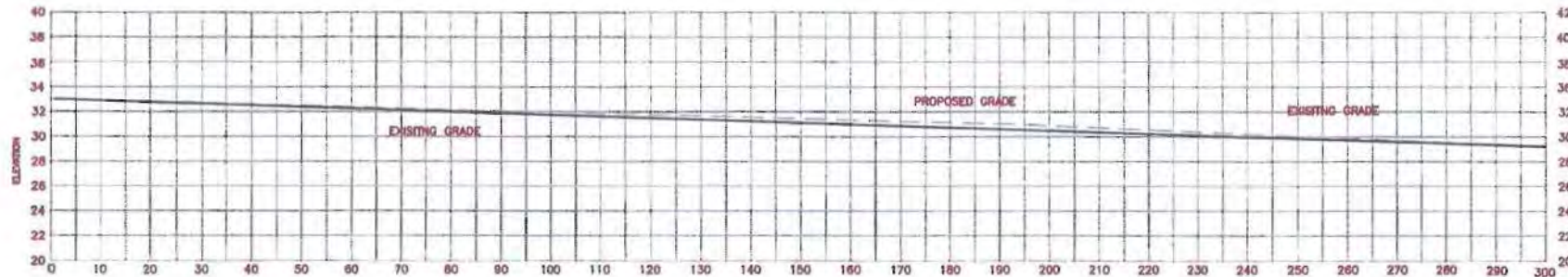
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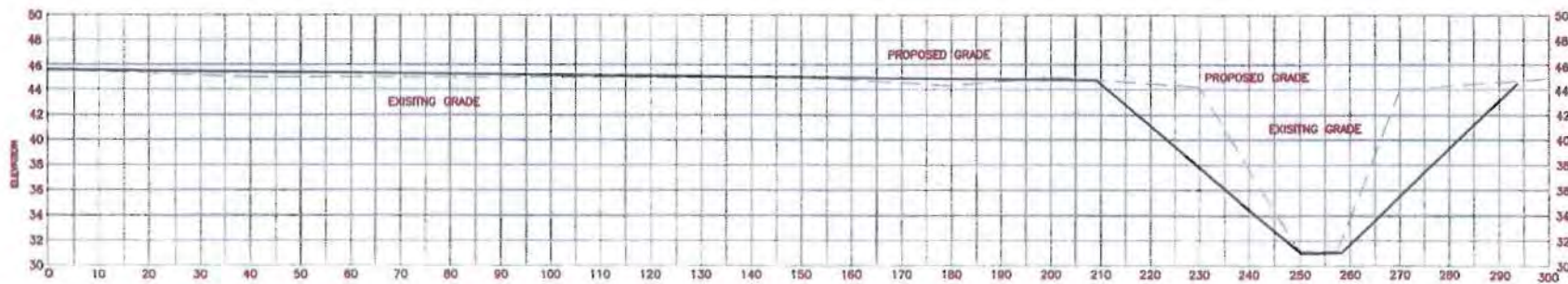
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PROFILE B-B



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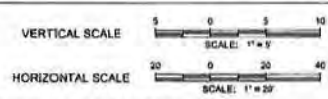
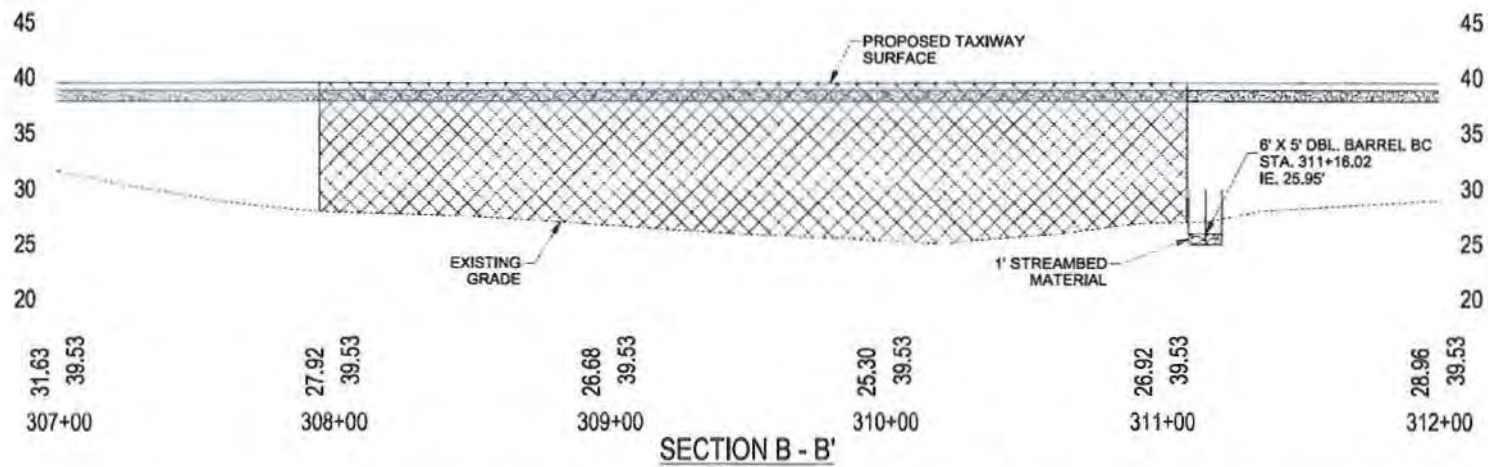
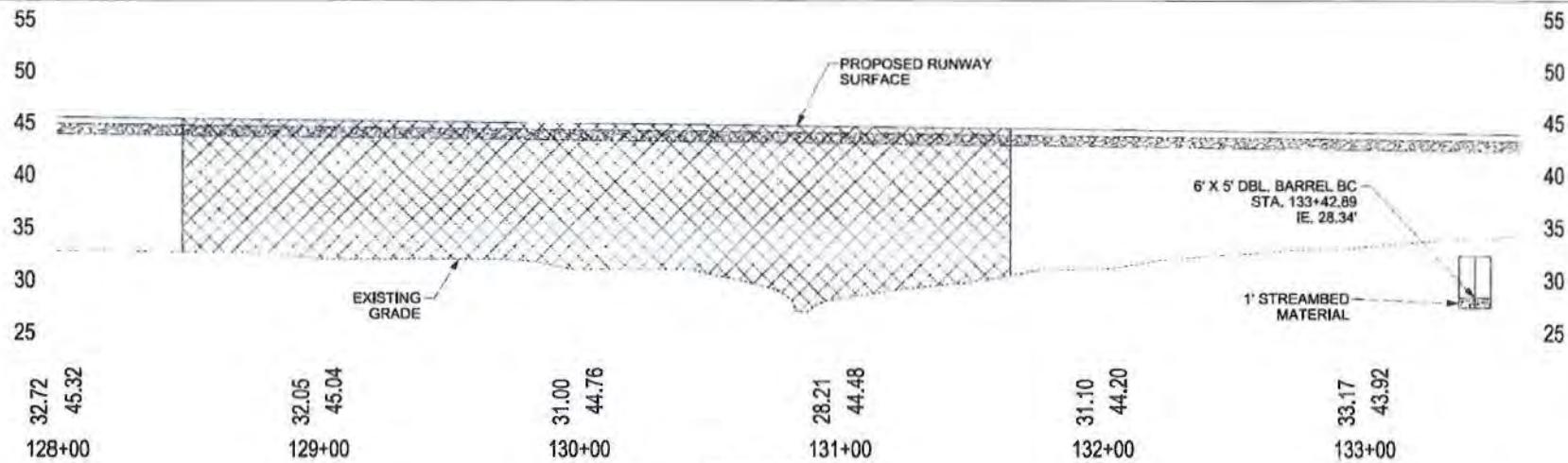
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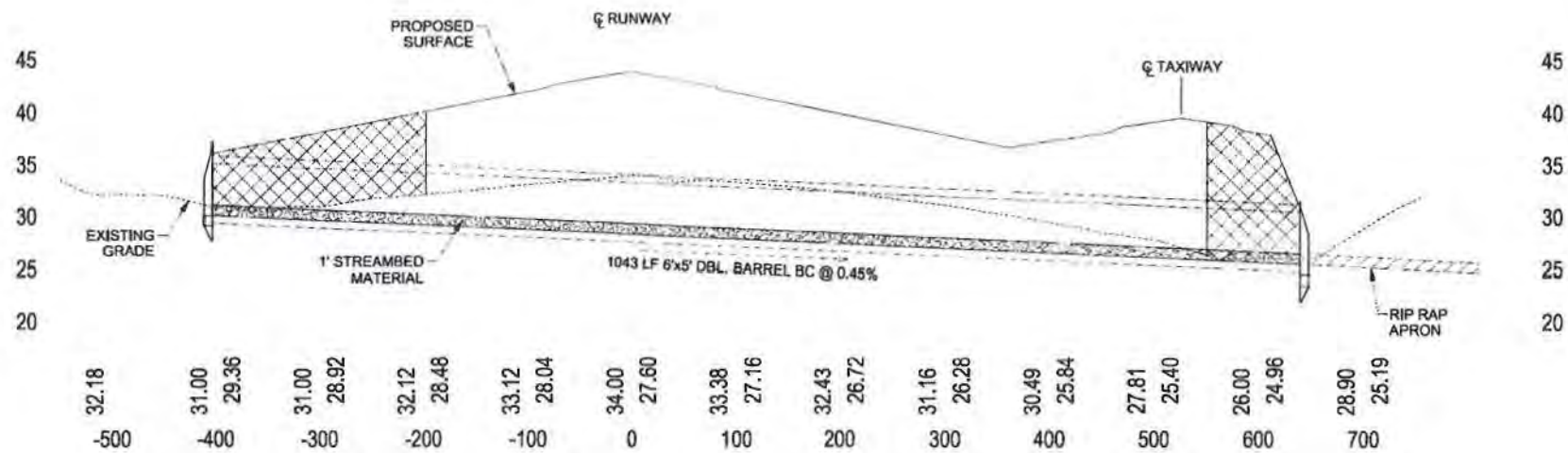


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PLANS PREPARED BY  
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PLANS PREPARED FOR  
 LIBERTY COUNTY  
 HINESVILLE, GA  
 RUNWAY 6L/24R 1,500' EXTENSION  
 DESIGN

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**Figure 13 - Alternative Site Locations**  
**WAAF / MidCoast Regional Airport**  
**Runway 6L Expansion**  
**Fort Stewart, Georgia**  
**Drawing Date: July 7, 2015**

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