

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT 1590 ADAMSON PARKWAY, SUITE 200 MORROW, GEORGIA 30260

19 JUN 2017

Regulatory Division SAS-1997-03520

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-1997-03520

Applicant: Mr. Matthew L. Adkins

CSX Transportation, Incorporated 352 Thorton Road, Suite 125 Lithia Springs, Georgia 30122

Agent: Mr. Danny Figueroa

Arcadis U.S., Incorporated

2410 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 400

Atlanta, Georgia 30339

<u>Location of Proposed Work</u>: The 160-acre project site is located at 6700 McLarin Road, Fairburn, Fulton County, Georgia (Latitude 33.540658, Longitude -84.606464).

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The work is for the expansion of the existing intermodal facility by increasing the process track lengths to 7,000 LF within the terminal boundaries. The total land disturbance to complete this expansion is approximate 103 acres. The site has existing ingress/egress along McLarin Road. Stormwater is proposed to be managed in three existing detention basins, modified as required, located on the east side of the project site. The expansion will require the relocation of an existing overhead high voltage electric line. The work will result in increased facility capacity from 350,000 lifts/year to 750,000 lifts/year. New widespan crane, rail mounted electric gantry technology will be utilized that allows for increased operational efficiency within a smaller footprint. These cranes utilize electricity to move along the process area and to pick up containers. When the crane sets a container down, it generates electricity, which can be utilized by another crane that is connected within the electric system to lift a container, or be provided back into the electric grid. In order to complete the proposed work, two existing culverts will be extended, which will result in new impacts to a total of 1,287 linear feet (0.21 acre) of perennial streams. Stream 1 is proposed to have the existing culvert extended by 228 feet, enclosing 525 linear feet of stream, with 91 linear feet of rip rap at the outlet. Stream 2 is proposed to have the existing culvert extended by 385 feet, enclosing 616 linear feet of stream, with 55 linear feet of rip rap at the outlet.

Wetland impacts were avoided for this expansion. The applicant is proposing to purchase 6,562.9 stream credits from an approved mitigation bank within the primary service area to offset the adverse impacts to Stream 1 and Stream 2.

BACKGROUND

This Joint Public Notice announces a request for authorizations from both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Georgia. The applicant's proposed work may also require local governmental approval. Work in Waters of the U.S. for this CSX site was initially authorized by a Standard Permit in 1997, with a subsequent authorization for expansion in 2000. Compensatory mitigation was required and completed according to mitigation protocol at the time of permitting. The CSX Intermodal has expansion plans for the short term (5 years), and long term (10+years), with the current proposal expanding the facility to meet the needs for the next 5 to 10 years. Long term expansion plans will include additional impacts to aquatic resources, which will be evaluated based on the purpose and need at the time they are proposed.

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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, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, during regular office hours. A copier machine is available for public use at a charge of 10 cents per page. All coastal projects are filed at our Brunswick office and will need to be requested from Mr. Bradley Smith at Bradley. Smith@dnr.ga.gov. Any person who desires to comment, object, or request a public hearing relative to State Water Quality Certification must do so within 30 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, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200 Morrow, Georgia 30260.

<u>State-owned Property and Resources</u>: 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.

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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.

<u>Cultural Resources Assessment</u>: 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. A Phase I cultural resources survey revealed five archeological sites, and one isolated find. The sites are recommended as ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the Phase I survey will be coordinated with the Georgia Historic Preservation Division.

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, Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; or, any other interested party, on whether any species listed or proposed for listing may be present in the area. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife IPaC (Information for Planning and Consultation) report completed on March 14, 2017 stated there is no critical habitat for listed species within the project area. The Georgia Wildlife Resources Division stated in a letter on February 2, 2017 that a state protected species is documented within 3 miles of the project site, and if the project site contains populations of this species a data form is required to be completed and submitted to their office.

<u>Public Interest Review</u>: 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.

<u>Consideration of Public Comments</u>: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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.

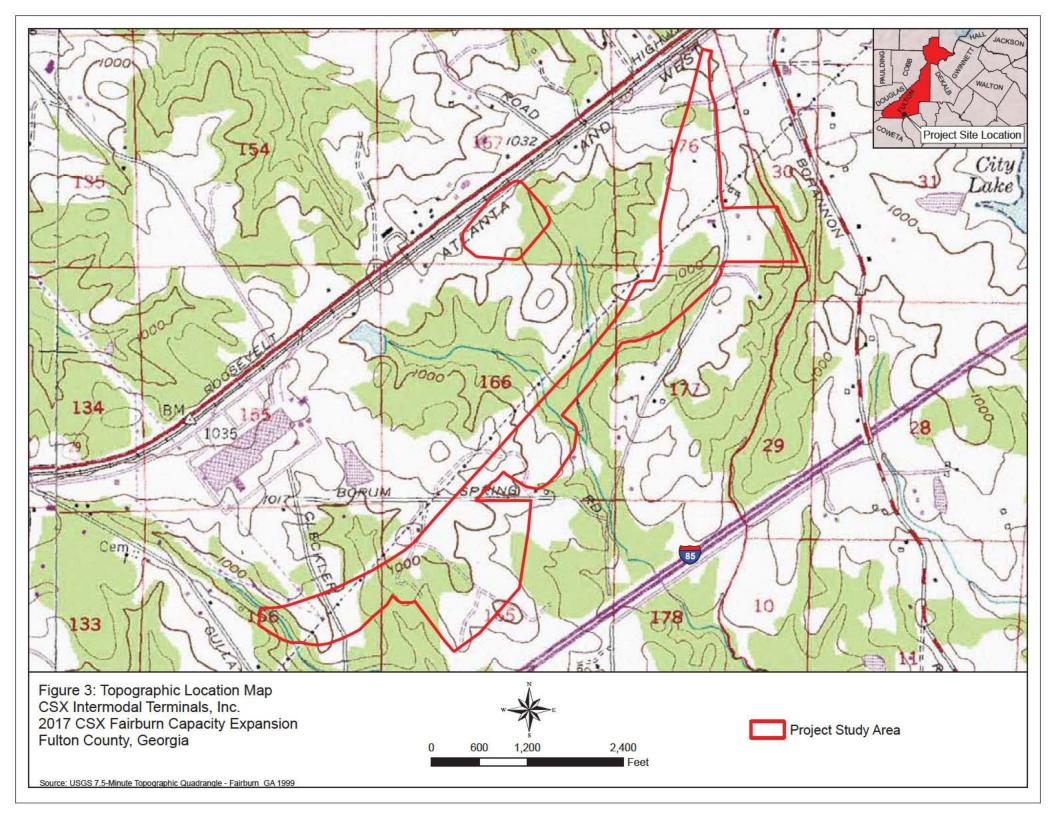
<u>Public Hearing</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public 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.

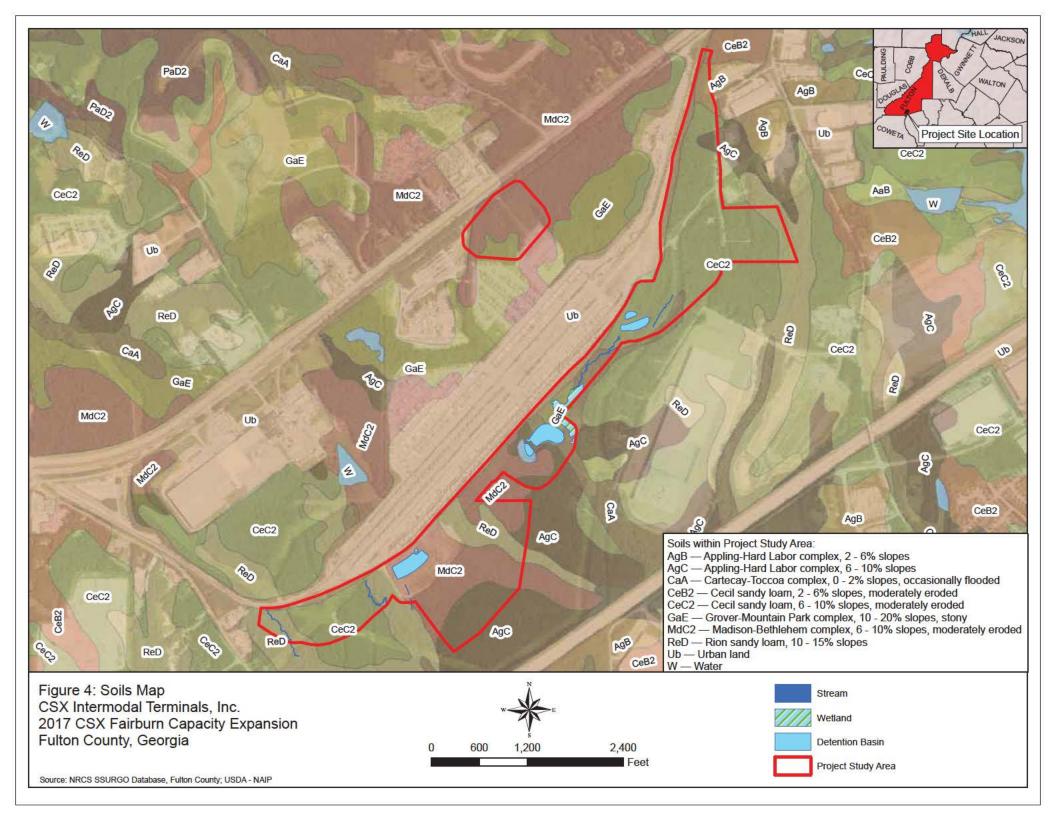
Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this application for a Department of the Army Permit should submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Holly Ross, Project Manager, Piedmont Branch, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260, no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the applicant's name and the application number in your comments.

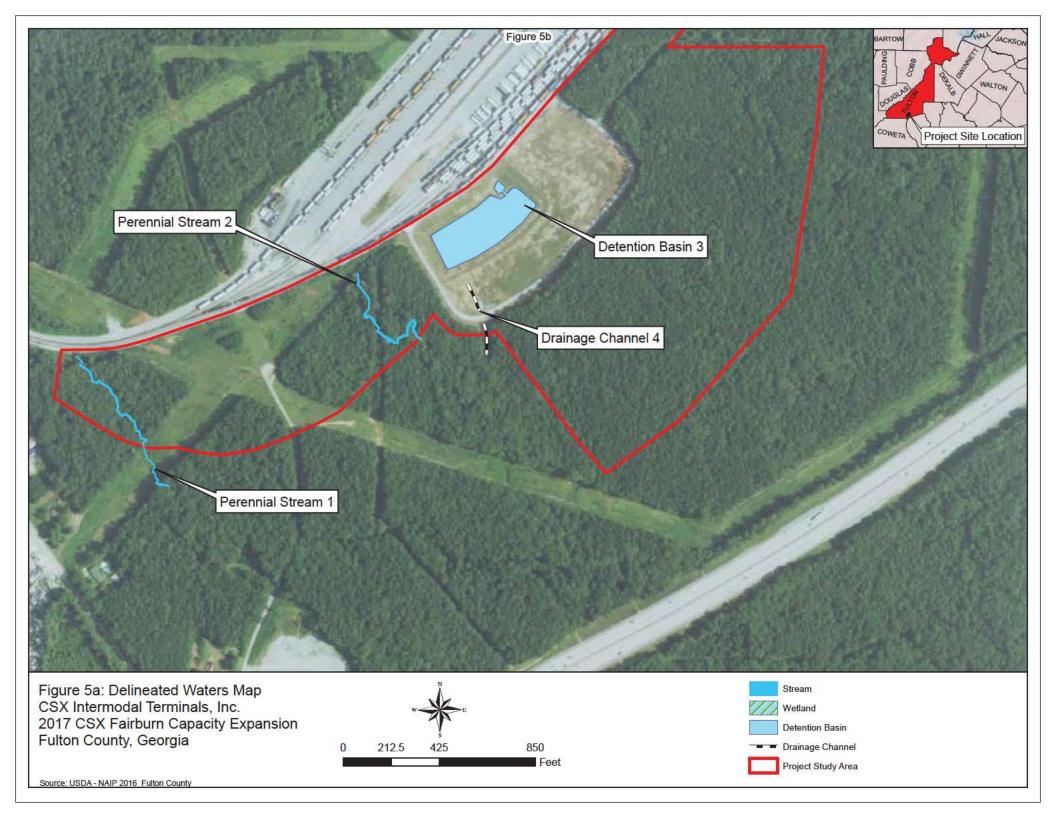
If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Holly Ross Project Manager, Piedmont Branch, at (678) 422-2727 or holly.a.ross@usace.army.mil.

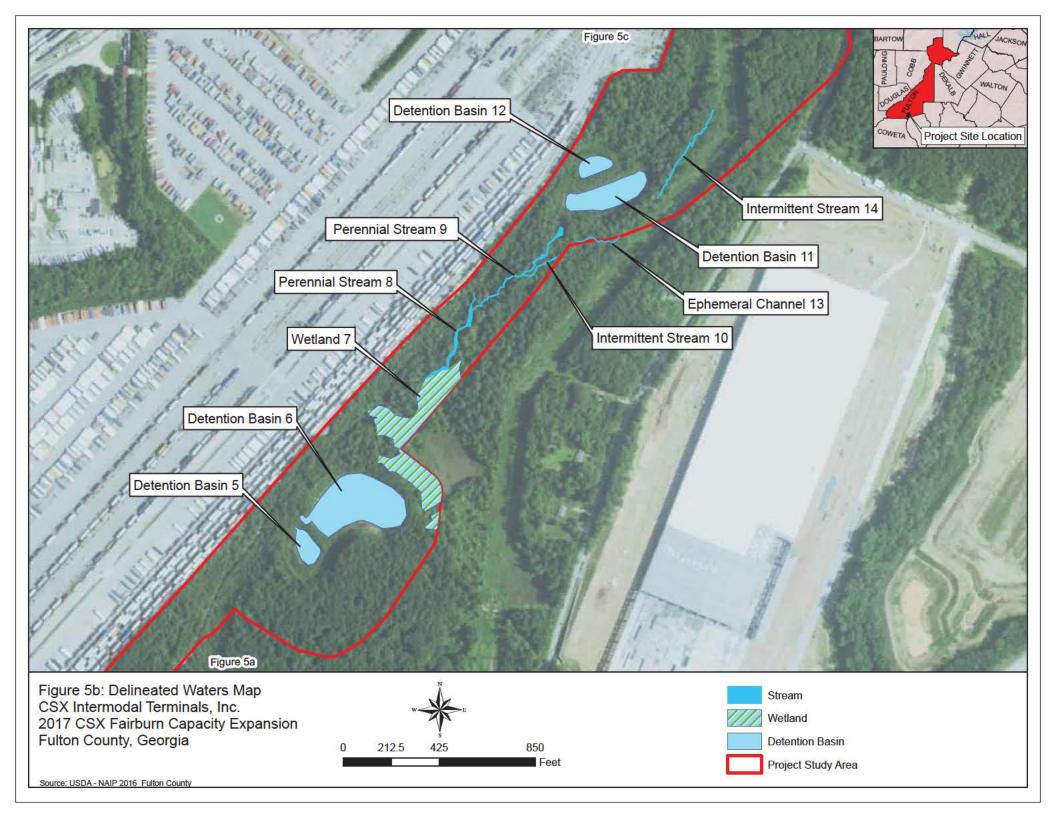
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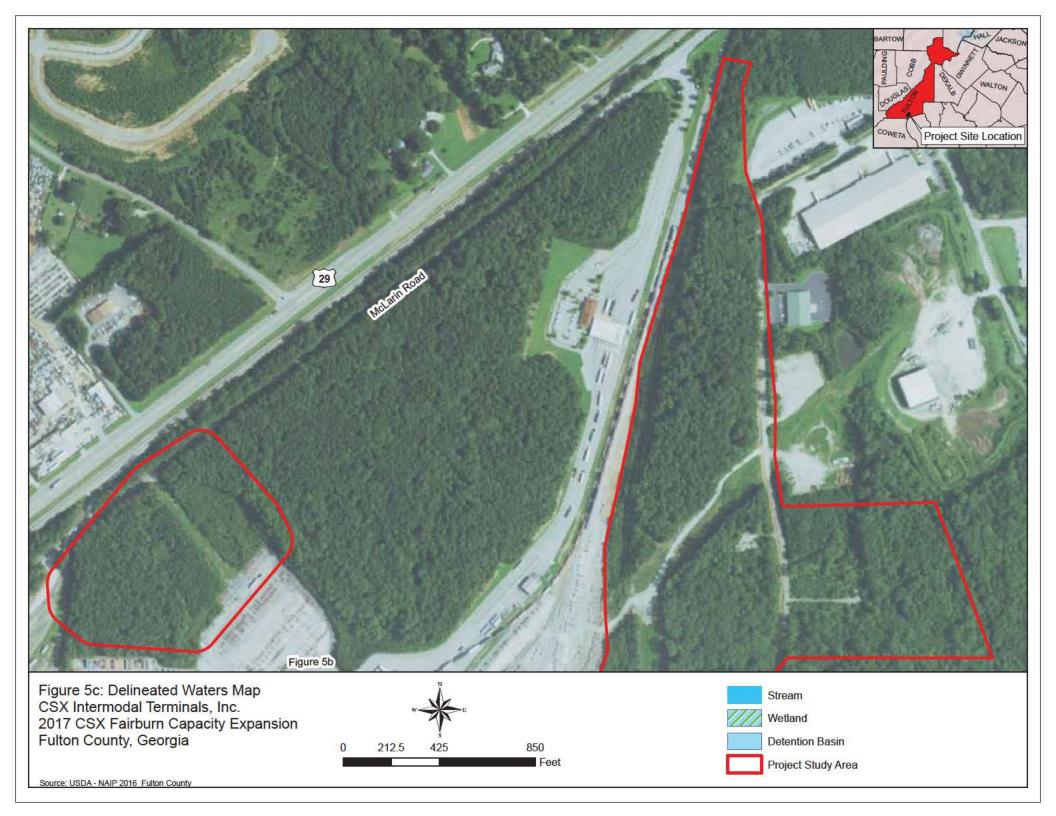
- 1. Project Location Topographic Map
- 2. Soils Map with delineated waters
- 3. Delineated Waters mapping (3 pages)
- 4. Overall site concept plan
- 5. Proposed culvert locations, Plan View (2 pages)

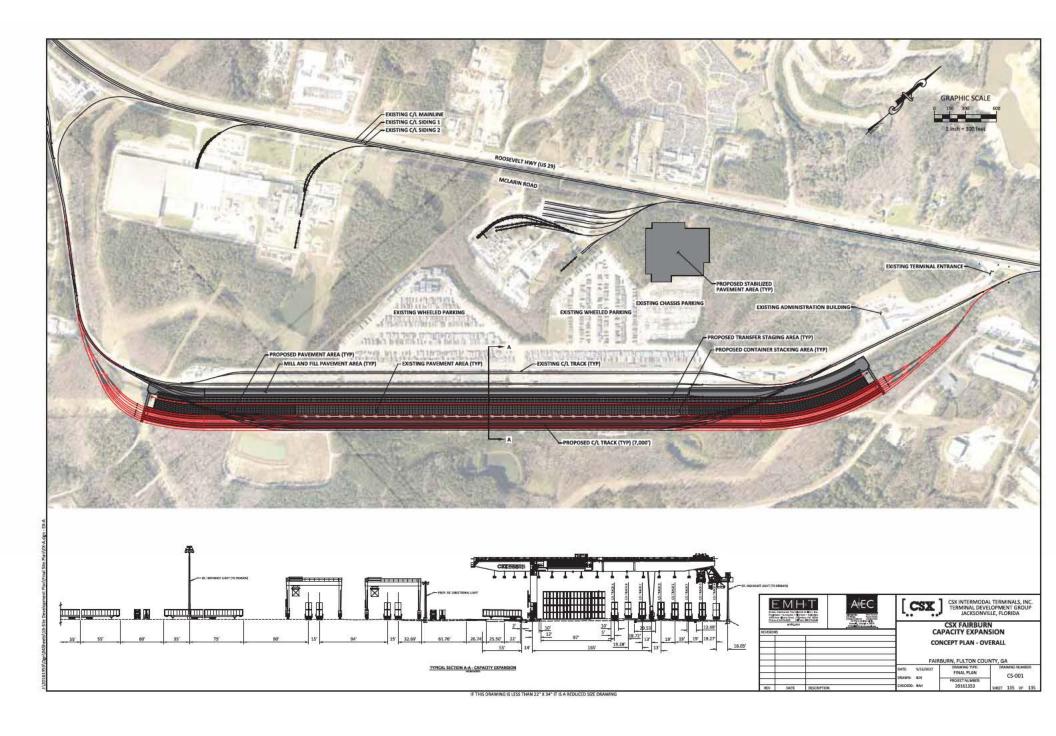


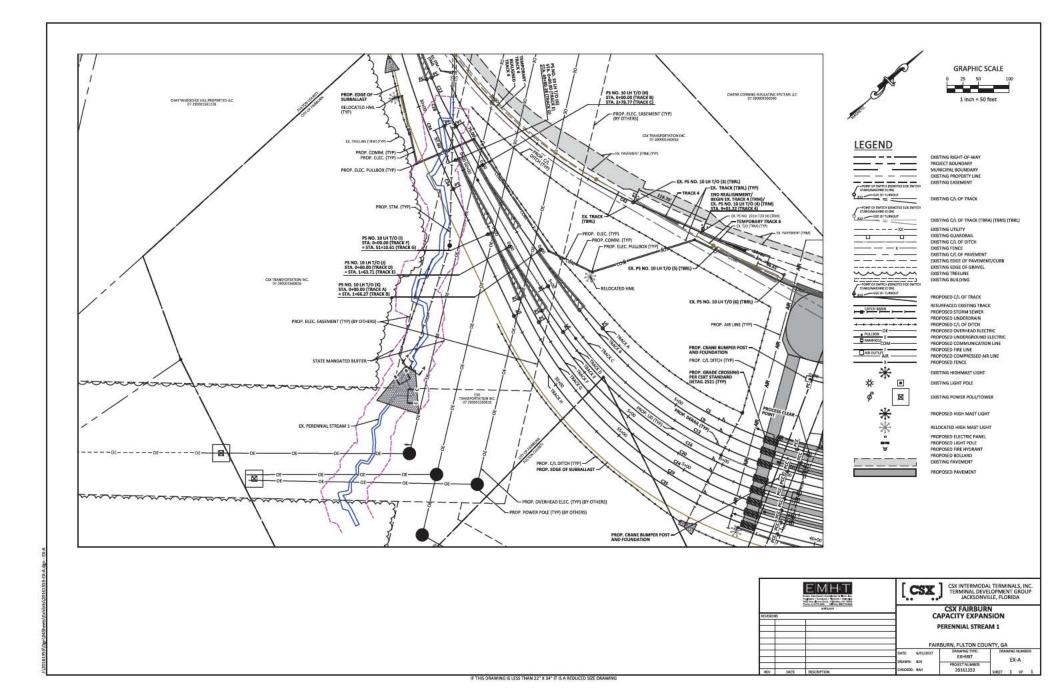


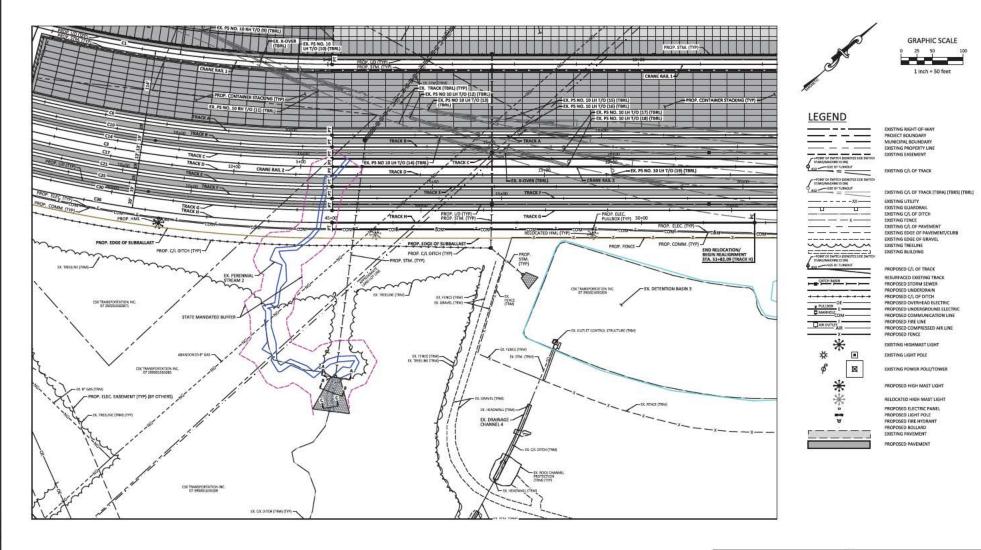












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