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SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
100 W. OGLETHORPE AVENUE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3640

MARCH 07 2012

Regulatory Division
SAS-2011-00555

PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah District

The District Engineer has received a Prospectus titled Crockett Tract Mitigation Bank, dated December 15, 2011, describing the establishment and operation of a wetland compensatory mitigation bank (Crockett Tract Mitigation Bank) for Federal and State permits as described below:

Application Number: SAS-2011-00555

Bank Sponsor: Mr. Trey Evans
Crockett Holdings, LLC
10405 Old Alabama Rd. Connector
Suite 201
Alpharetta, GA, 30022

Agent: Mr. Carl Salafrio
Environmental Consulting and Design, Inc
5547 A1A South, Unit 107
St. Augustine, FL, 32080

This public notice does not imply, on the parts of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) or other agencies, either favorable or unfavorable opinion of the work to be performed, but is issued to solicit comments regarding the factors on which final decisions will be based.

Location of Proposed Work: The proposed Crockett Tract Mitigation Bank is located south of Highway 73 and north of Highway 24 in Screven County, Georgia. The site is located 7.3 miles east of Hiltonia, Georgia and 9.3 miles northeast of Sylvania, Georgia (Latitude 32.859166, Longitude -81.538683). See the enclosed Vicinity Map and USGS Topographic Map.

Description of Mitigation Bank: The bank sponsor proposes to enhance areas of wetland (both vegetative and hydrologic), wetland preservation, and upland buffer enhancement. These mitigation objectives will be achieved through re-establishing appropriate vegetation, removing culverts, and blocking ditches. Culverts that are removed will be replaced with low water crossings installed at an elevation equal to the seasonal high water elevation of the adjacent wetlands. Soil plugs installed in the major drainage features will be constructed to match the surface elevations of the surrounding landscape.

Uplands within the Crockett Tract Mitigation Bank were historically dominated by two intergrading forested community types. Fire maintained communities were found on drier, well-drained soils with fire return intervals of four to seven years. Just as with many of the historic upland communities, the uplands were previously converted into pine plantation for timber production. Contrasting from their remnant counterparts, these systems are characterized by a dense canopy dominated by a single planted species, sparse to moderate subcanopy and groundcover strata, and relatively low species diversity.

Wetlands within the Crockett Tract Mitigation Bank consist of a mosaic of mixed forested basin swamps and depressional dome swamps. These systems were maintained by extended periods of inundation and occasional fires.

Previous management of the property for silviculture and the accompanied exclusion of periodic fires have resulted in changes to wetland hydrology and vegetative composition. The drainage patterns of the wetlands onsite have been altered by the installation of silvicultural ditches, roads, and culverts, channelizing the broad overland flow patterns. This combined with the exclusion of fire has produced increased density of the shrub stratum and resulted in decreased species diversity in some of the larger basin swamps. The increase shrub density inhibits the establishment of tree seedlings and more typical herbaceous vegetation.

We have completed an expanded preliminary jurisdictional determination for the proposed bank site pursuant to the March 4, 2009, Public Notice entitled, "Characterization of Jurisdictional Determinations: Purpose, Application and Documentation Requirements as Defined by the Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers", by letter dated March 2, 2012. The wetlands/other waters on the subject property may be waters of the United States and therefore within the jurisdiction of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 United States Code 1344) [and/or] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

Geographic Service Area: The Geographic Service Area (GSA) is the defined area within which this bank can reasonably be expected to provide appropriate compensation for impacts to aquatic resources. The GSA for this bank will include the Middle Savannah River, Lower Savannah River and Briar Creek, Hydrologic Unit Codes 03060106, 03060108, and 03060109 as the Primary service area and the Upper Ogeechee River and the Lower Ogeechee River Hydrologic Unit Codes 03060201, and 03060202 as the Secondary service area in Georgia. See the enclosed HUC-8 Map.

Oversight: This mitigation bank may be considered one of a number of practicable alternatives available to applicants to compensate for unavoidable impacts associated with permits issued under the authority of Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act for projects located within the prescribed GSA.

Oversight of this compensatory mitigation bank will be by a group of Federal and State agency representatives collectively referred to as the Interagency Review Team (IRT). The IRT

shall be chaired by the Savannah District, USACE and is comprised of representatives from the US Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division.

The actual approval of the use of this mitigation bank for a specific project is the decision of the USACE pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The USACE provides no guarantee that any particular individual or general permit will be granted authorization to use this compensatory mitigation bank to compensate for unavoidable impacts associated with a proposed permit, even though mitigation from this bank may be available.

Authority: A public notice regarding the proposed mitigation bank is required pursuant to Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 325 and 332 and Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 230, entitled "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources, Final Rule", published in the Federal Register on April 10, 2008.

Consideration of Public Comments: The USACE 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 this proposed mitigation bank. The Prospectus can be seen at the US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Division, 100 W. Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640. Written comments received will be considered by the USACE in evaluating this proposal. Comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards and flood plain values (in accordance with Executive Order 11988), land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the public.

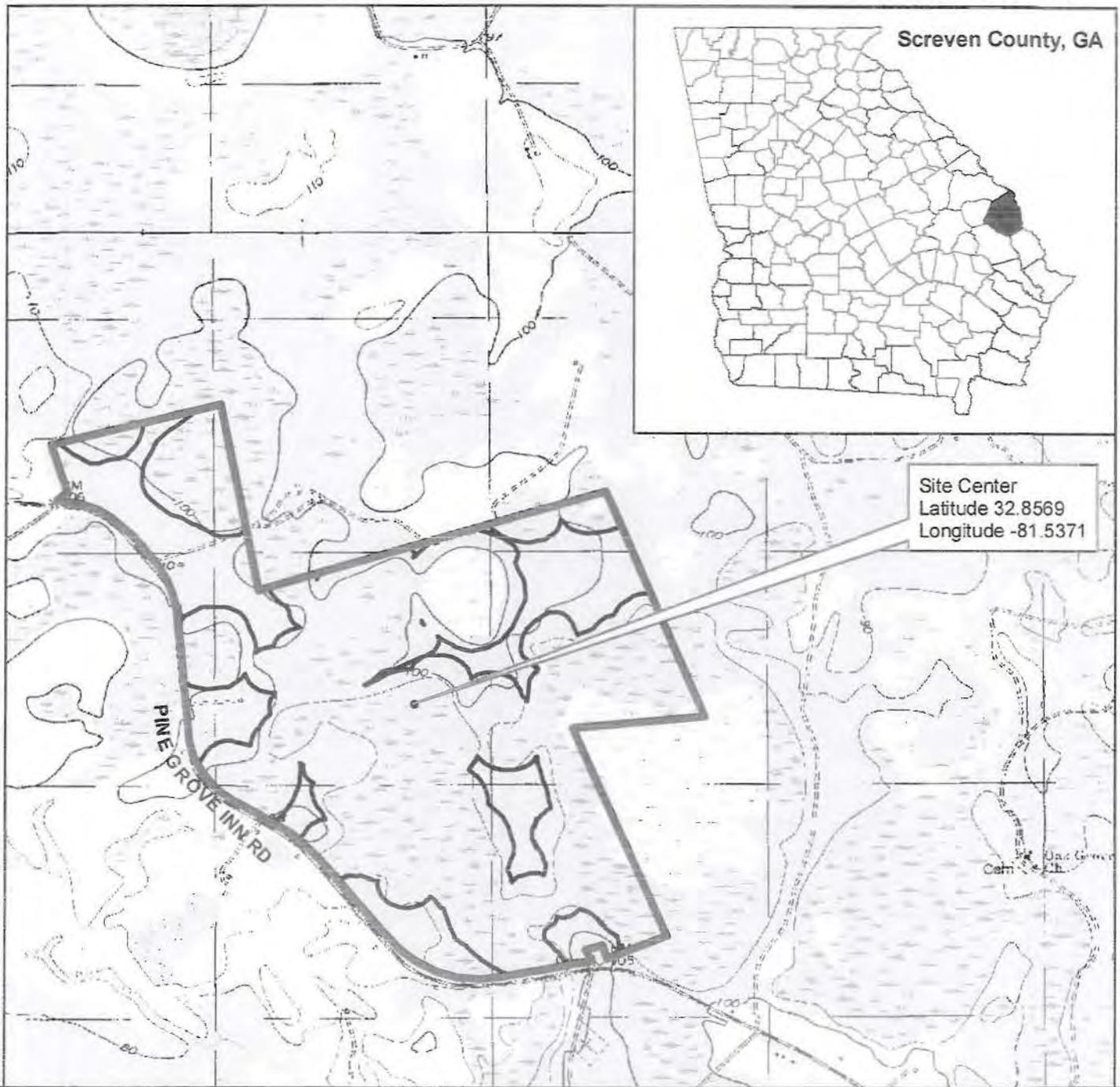
Preliminary review, provided by the bank's sponsor, indicates that: 1) An environmental impact statement will not be required; 2) No species of fish, wildlife, or plant (or their critical habitat) listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (PL 93-205) will be affected; and, 3) No cultural or historical resources considered eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places will be affected according to a website review of known listed properties. Additional information may change any of these preliminary findings.

Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal should submit comments in writing to the Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Division, Attention: Mark J. Padgett, 100 W. Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640 no later than 30-days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the mitigation bank name (Crockett Tract Mitigation Bank) and the Regulatory Division file number (SAS-2011-00555) in your comments.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Mark J. Padgett, Senior Project Manager, Coastal Branch at 912-652-5052.

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9. Vegetative Baseline Data Collection Plan



USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Map of Screven County, GA

Legend

- Property Boundary
- Mitigation Boundary

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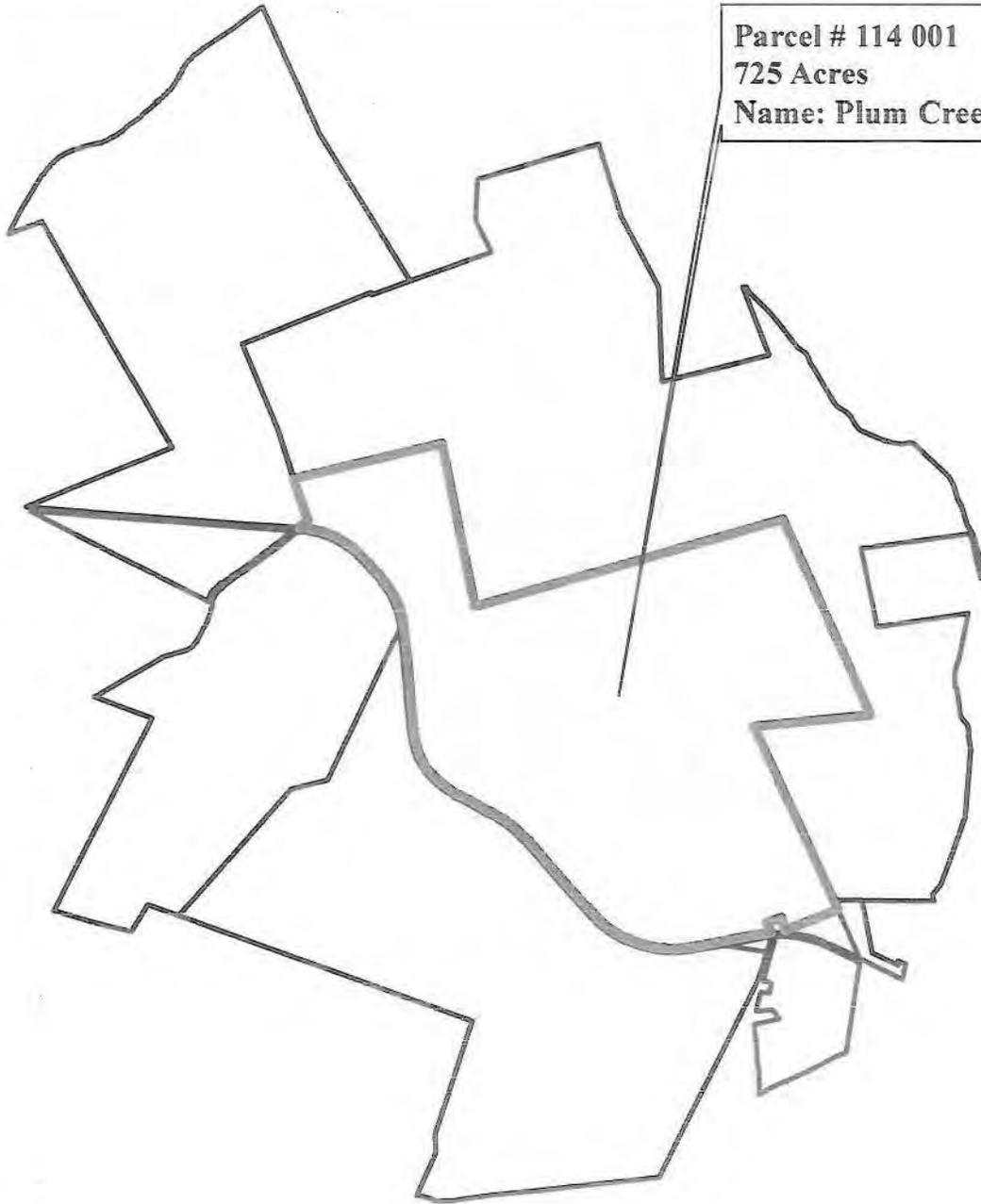
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Figure 1
Vicinity Map

Parcel # 114 001
725 Acres
Name: Plum Creek Timberlandds LP



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Legend

- Adjacent Properties
- Property Boundary

0 1,250 2,500 3,750 5,000 Feet

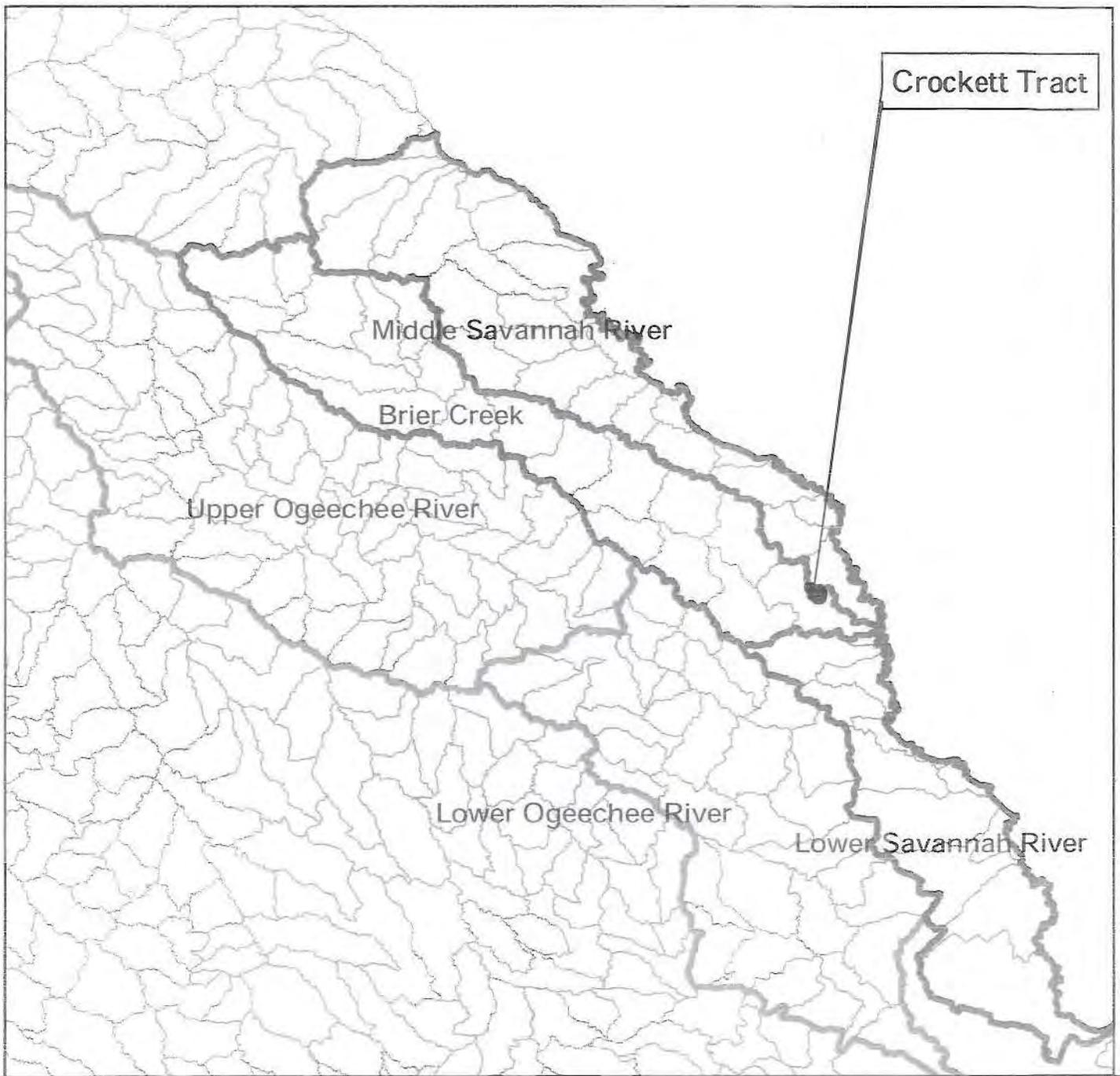
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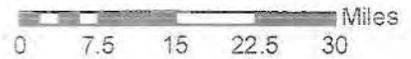
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Property Plats



Base Map Source: 12-digit HUC, Georgia

Legend

-  Primary Service Area
-  Secondary Service Area
-  12-digit HUCs



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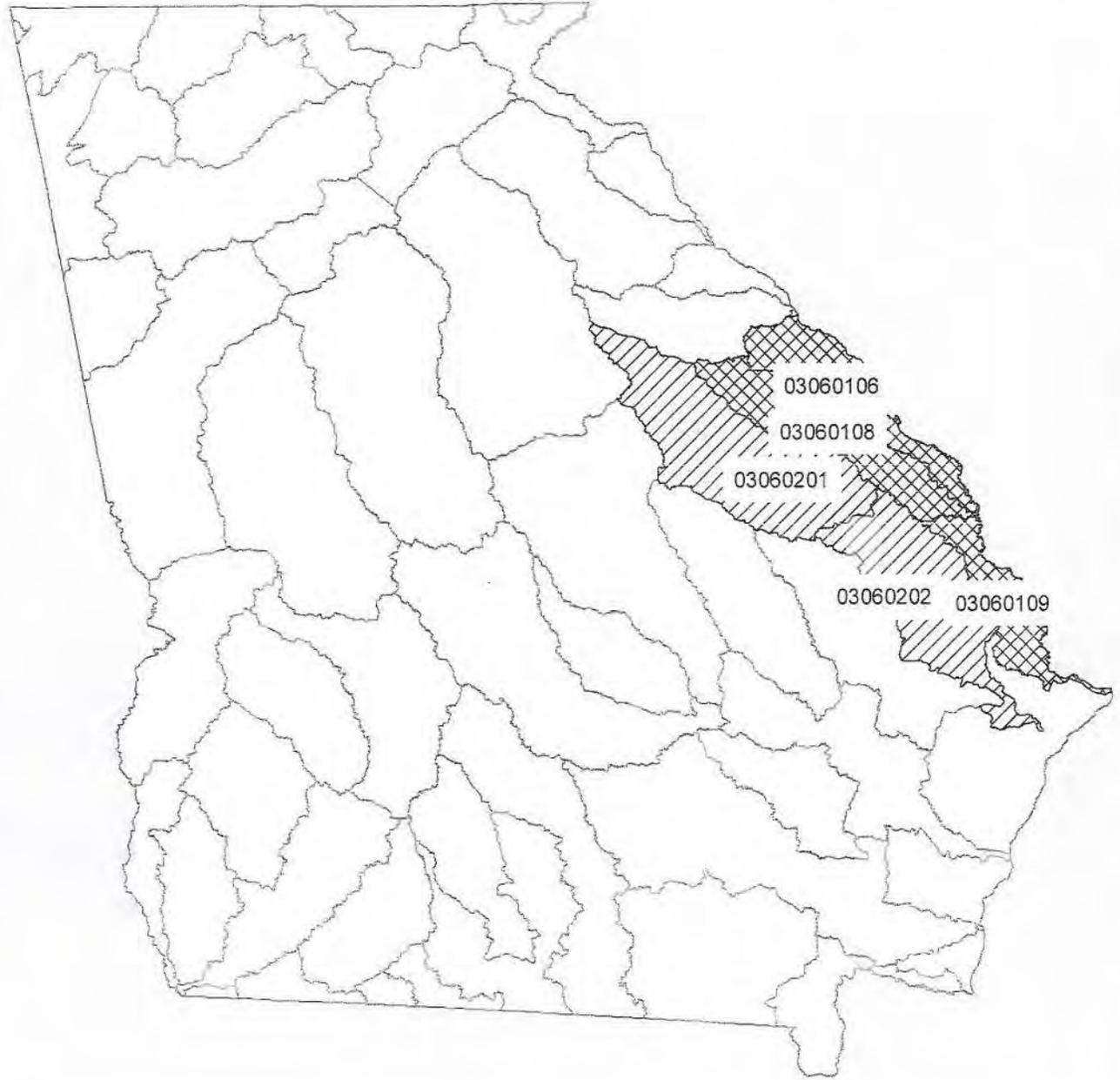
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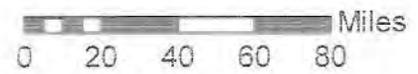
Figure 4
12-digit HUC



Base Map Source: 8-digit HUC, Georgia

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-  Primary Service Area
-  Secondary Service Area



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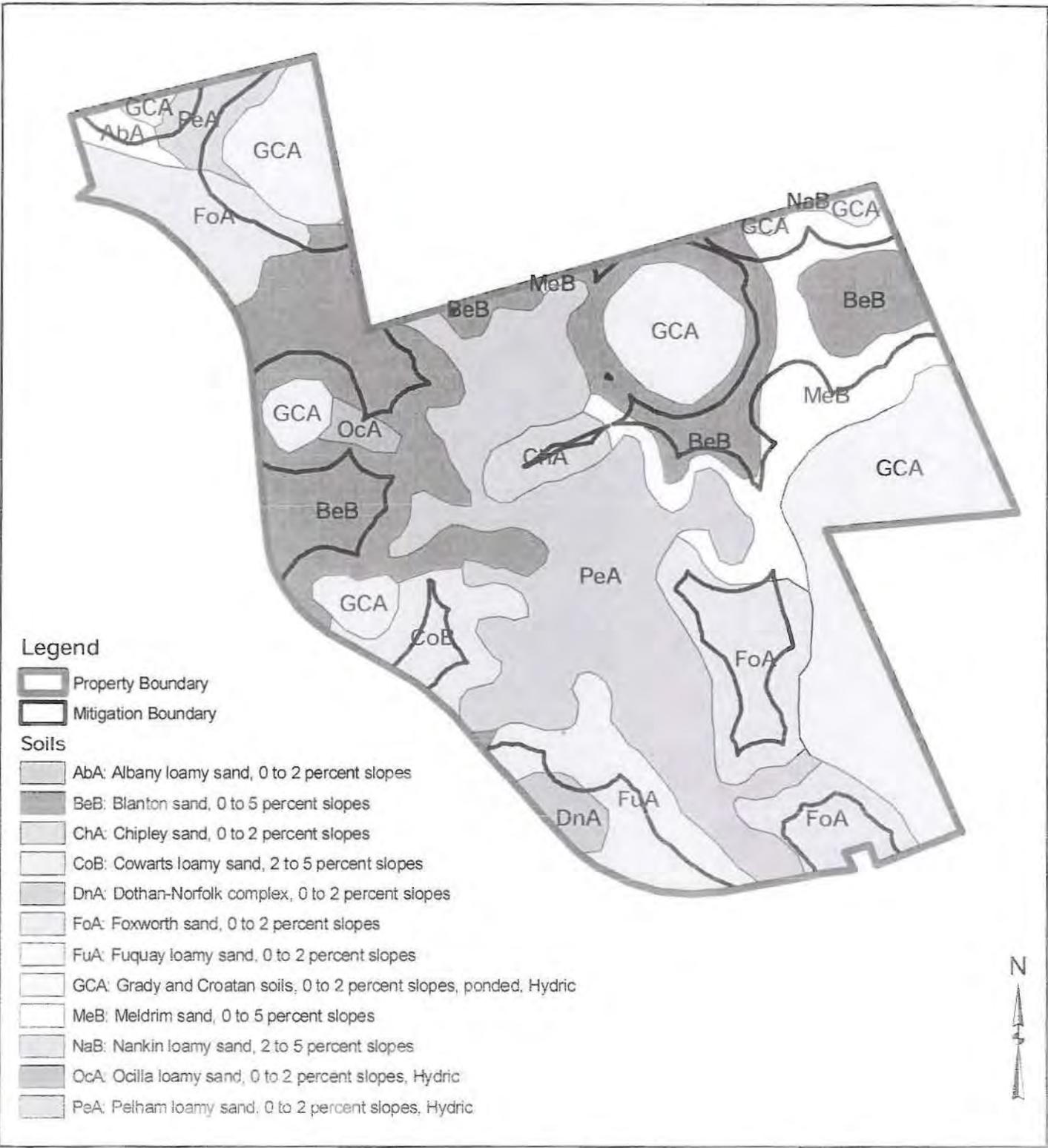
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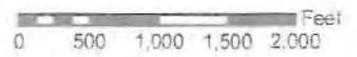


Figure 9

Standard Service Area Map



Soil Data: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service:
 Scraven County, GA 2010



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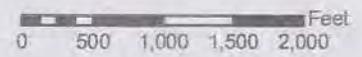


Figure 7
 Site Soils



Legend

- UPLAND SOIL PIT
- ◻ WETLAND SOIL PIT
- ▭ Crockett Tract +/- 725 ac.
- ▨ Wetlands +/- 335.3 ac.



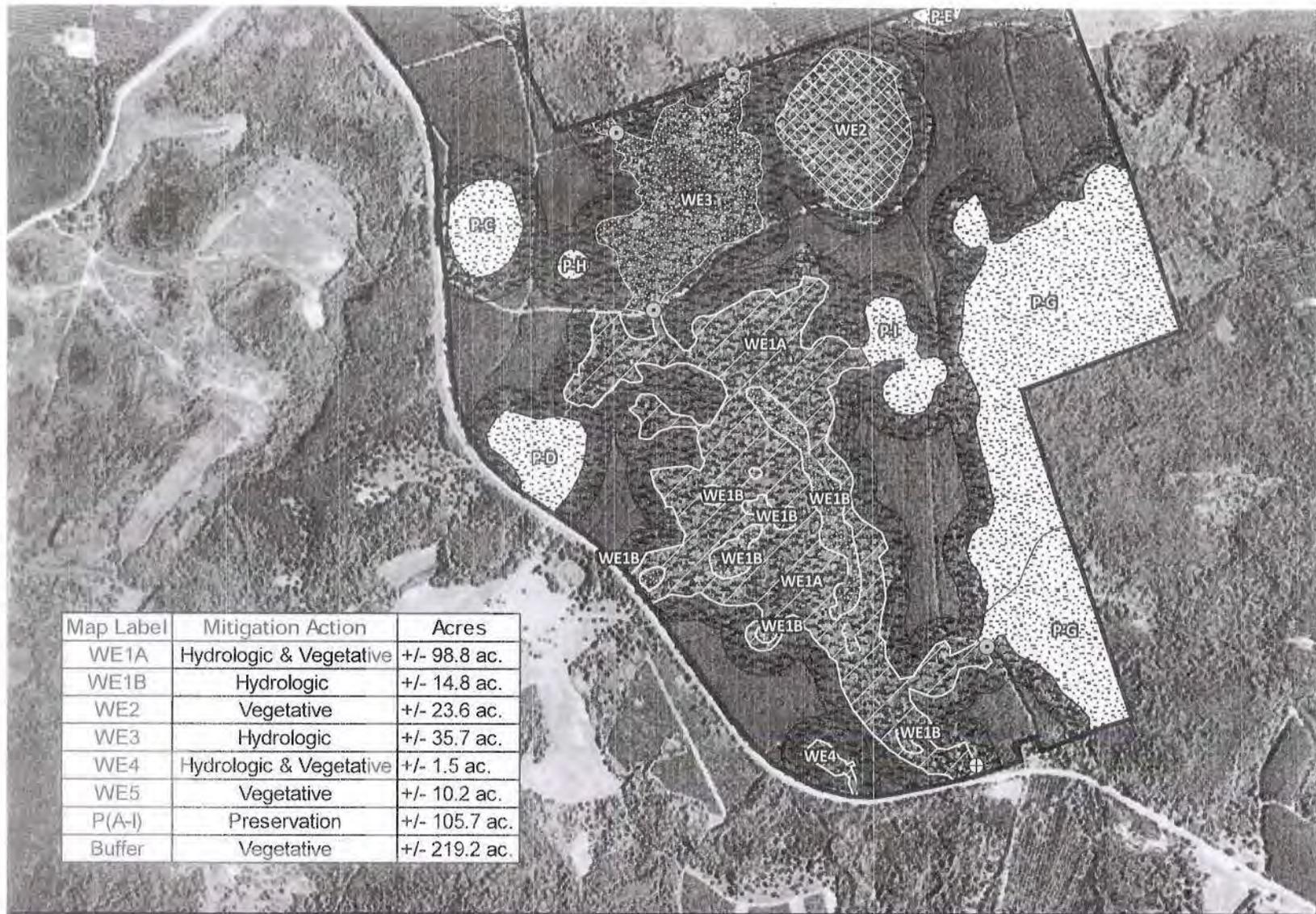
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Figure 16
 Wetland Delineation

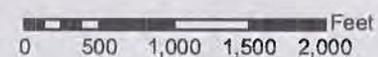


Legend

- ⊕ Proposed Low Water Crossing
- ⊕ Proposed Weirs
- - - Ditch Blocks
- ▭ Crockett Tract +/- 725 ac.

Mitigation Plan +/- 335.3 AC.

- ▭ Enhancement (Hydrologic & Vegetative) +/- 100.3 ac.
- ▭ Enhancement (Hydrologic) +/- 50.5 ac.
- ▭ Enhancement (Vegetative) +/- 33.8 ac.
- ▭ Preservation +/- 150.7 ac.
- ▭ 200ft Buffer Enhancement +/- 219.2



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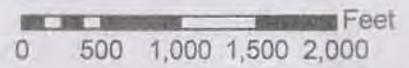


Legend

- ⊗ Monitoring Wells (Existing)
- ⊗ Monitoring Wells (Planned)
- Valley Cross Sections
- ▭ Crockett Tract +/- 725 ac.

Mitigation Plan +/- 554.5 AC.

- Enhancement (Hydrologic & Vegetative) +/- 100.3 ac.
- Enhancement (Hydrologic) +/- 50.5 ac.
- Enhancement (Vegetative) +/- 33.8 ac.
- ▨ Preservation +/- 150.7 ac.
- ▨ 200ft Buffer Enhancement +/- 219.2



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Figure 17

Hydrologic Baseline
Data Collection Plan

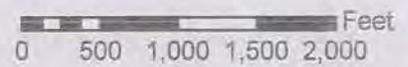


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-  Proposed Transects
-  Crockett Tract +/- 725 ac.

Mitigation Plan +/- 335.3 AC.

-  Enhancement (Hydrologic & Vegetative) +/- 100.3 ac
-  Enhancement (Hydrologic) +/- 50.5 ac.
-  Enhancement (Vegetative) +/- 33.8 ac.
-  Preservation +/- 150.7 ac
-  200ft Buffer Enhancement +/- 219.2



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Figure 18

Vegetative Baseline Data
Collection Plan