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ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
PIEDMONT BRANCH, LANIER FIELD OFFICE
POST OFFICE BOX 528
BUFORD, GEORGIA 30515
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Regulatory Division
SAS-2012-00679

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-2012-00679

Applicant:

Gainesville Waste & Recycling, LLC
Attention: Mr. Ken Cronan
1602 Athens Highway
Gainesville, Georgia 30507

Agent:

Environmental Services, Inc.
Attention: Mr. Brandon Smith
Post Office Box 2383
Savannah, Georgia 31402

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is located south of Athens Highway (US Highway 129), approximately 2 miles southeast of the City of Gainesville, Hall County, Georgia at latitude 34.2760 and longitude -83.7917.

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the US Army Corps of Engineers:

The Gainesville Waste and Recycling, LLC, proposes the expansion of an existing operational section of the facility and proper disposal of solid waste from an unlined landfill. The unlined landfill closed in the 1970's and all historic solid waste must be disposed of or properly treated. The proposed project activities include the relocation, construction, and maintenance of facility roads, construction and demolition (C&D) waste disposal cells, clearing and grubbing for remediation activities, side slope fill, and stormwater management areas and structures. The applicant proposes to purchase 4.40 wetland credits from Prichett Mitigation Bank and 2,246.04 stream credits from Chicopee Woods Mitigation Bank. The purchase of wetland and stream

credits would offset the 0.78 acre of wetland, 0.007 acre of ephemeral channel, and 463.5 linear feet of perennial stream for the proposed project impacts.

BACKGROUND

This Joint Public Notice announces a request for authorizations from both the US Army Corps of Engineers 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, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354, 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 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, US Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Piedmont Branch, Lanier Field Office Post Office Box 528, Buford, Georgia 30515.

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.

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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.

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 US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the US 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.

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 US 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 US 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.

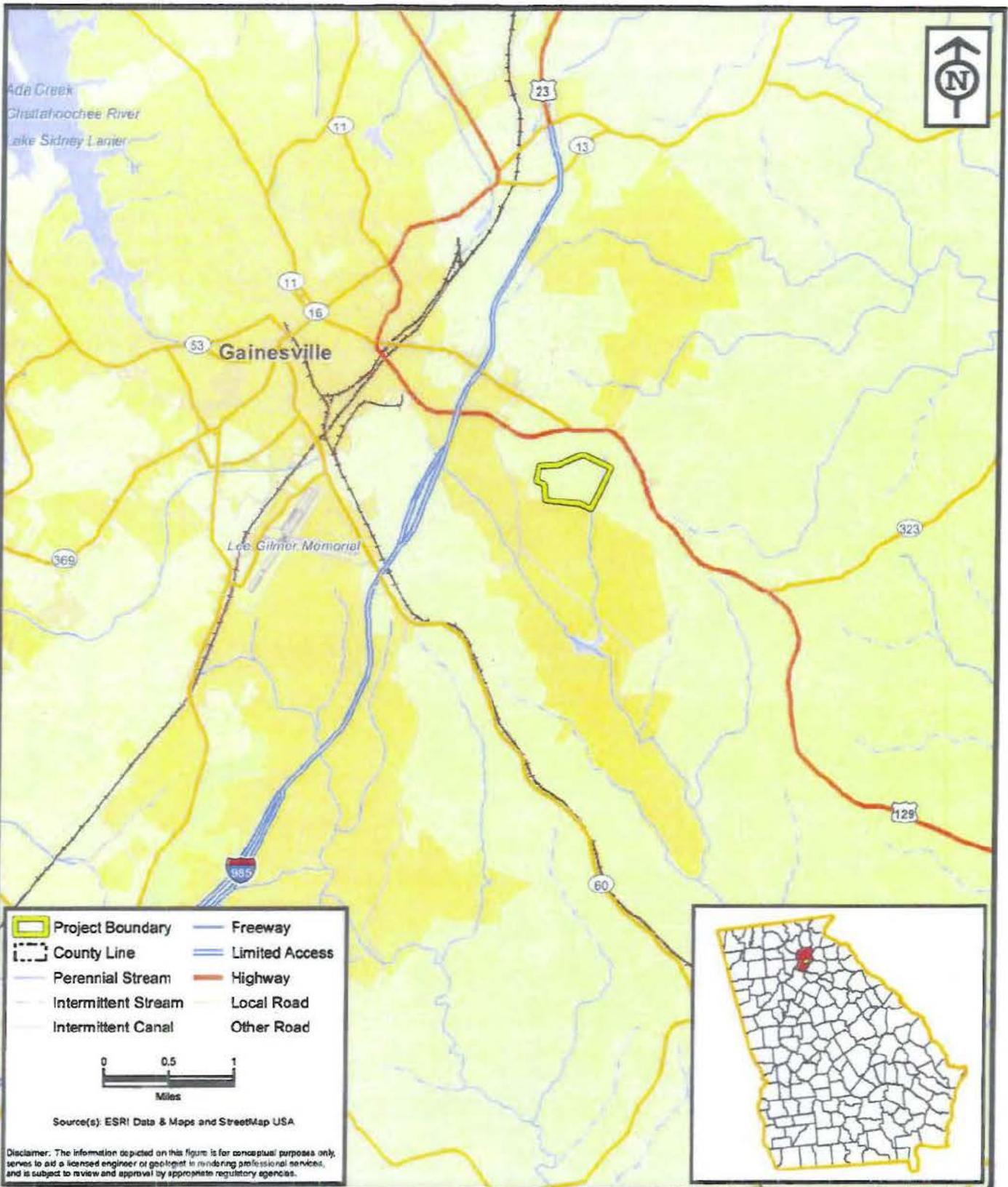
Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army Permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. 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, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Natalie Edwards, Piedmont Branch, Lanier Field Office Post Office Box 528, Buford, Georgia 30515, 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 Natalie Edwards, Project Manager, Piedmont Branch at (678) 804 5228.

Enclosures

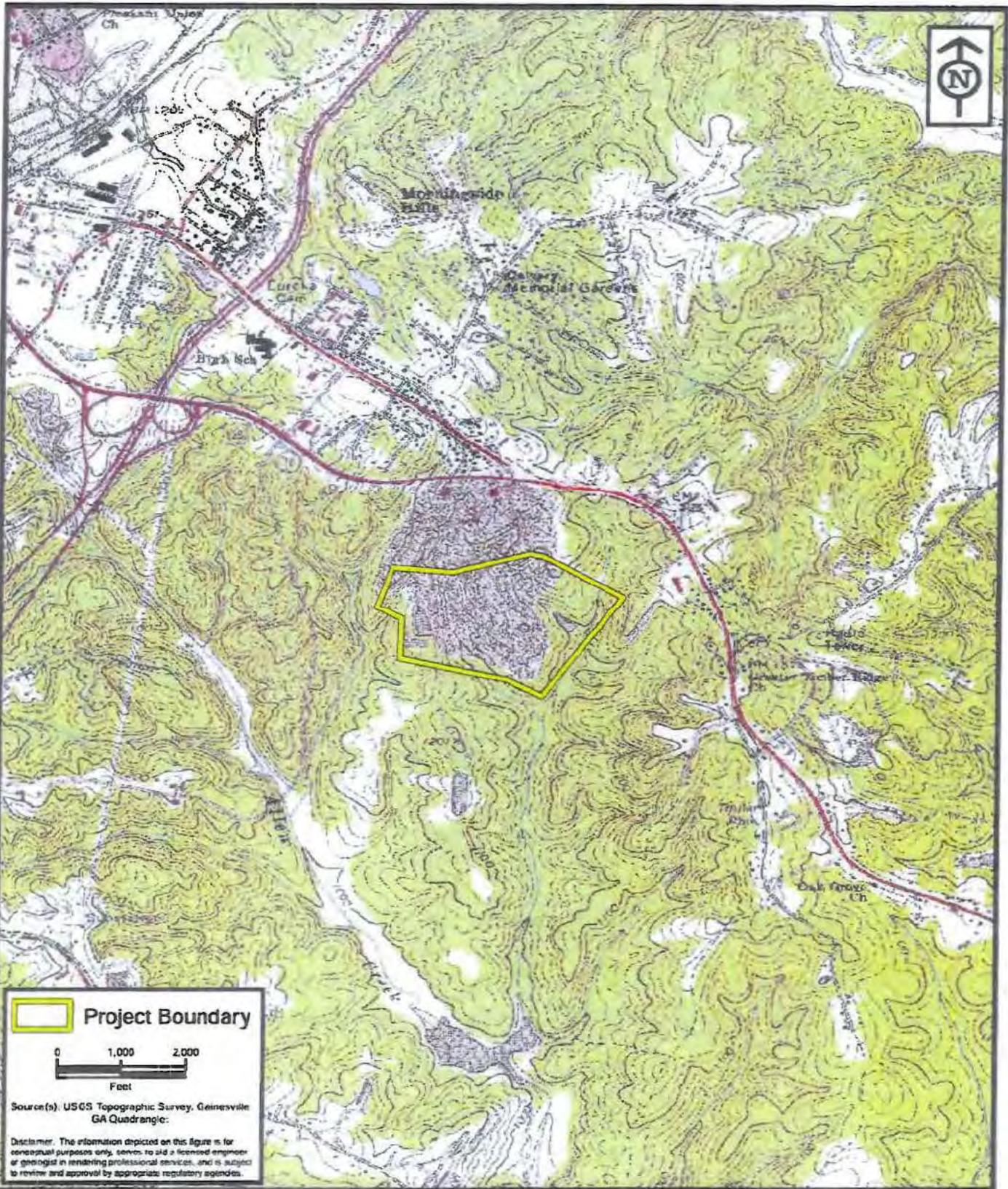
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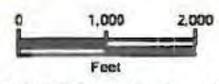
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Project Location Map
GWAR C&D Landfill Expansion
 Hall County, Georgia

Project:	ES08080.01
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 **Project Boundary**



Source(s): USGS Topographic Survey, Gainesville GA Quadrangle:

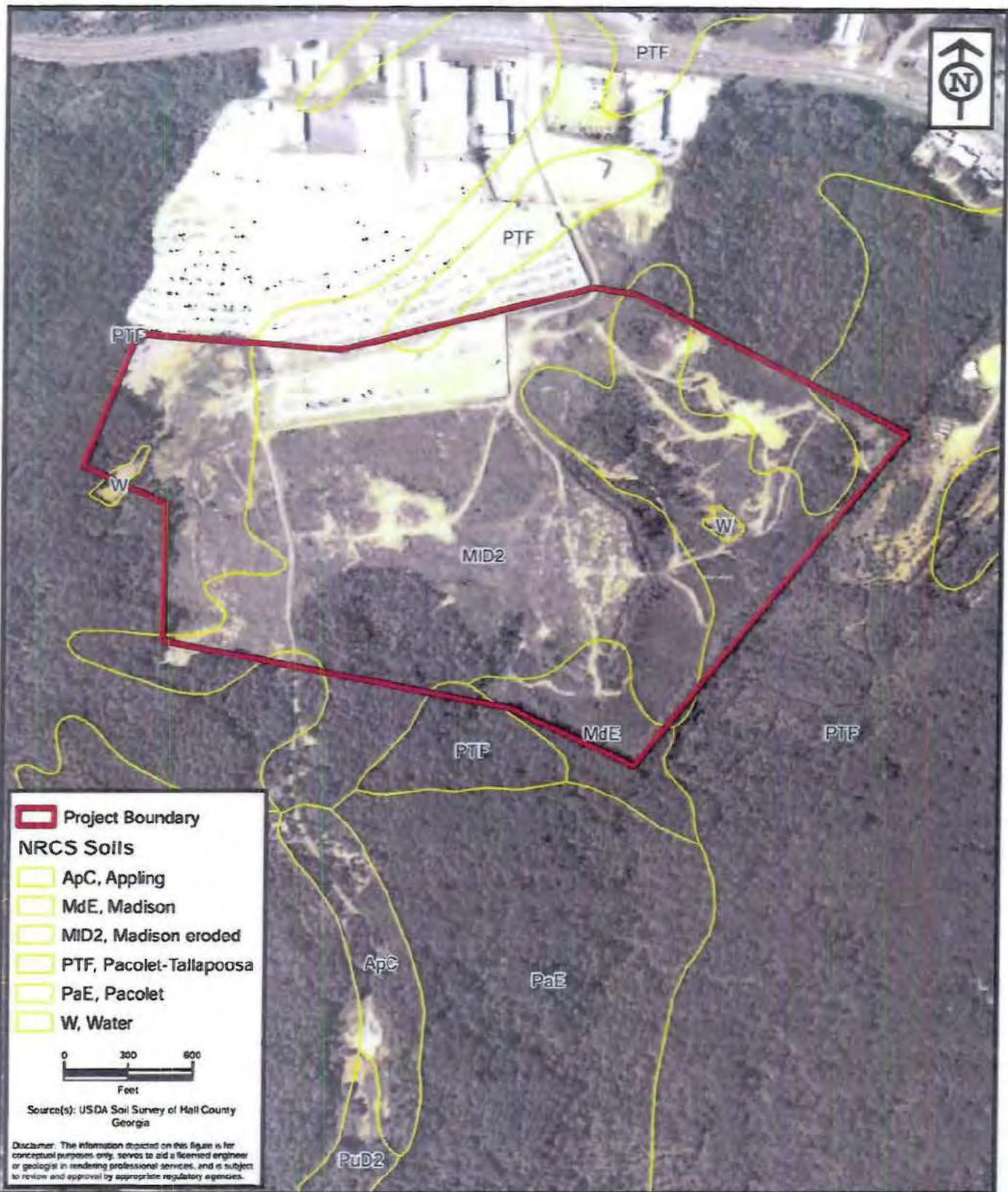
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Topographic Map
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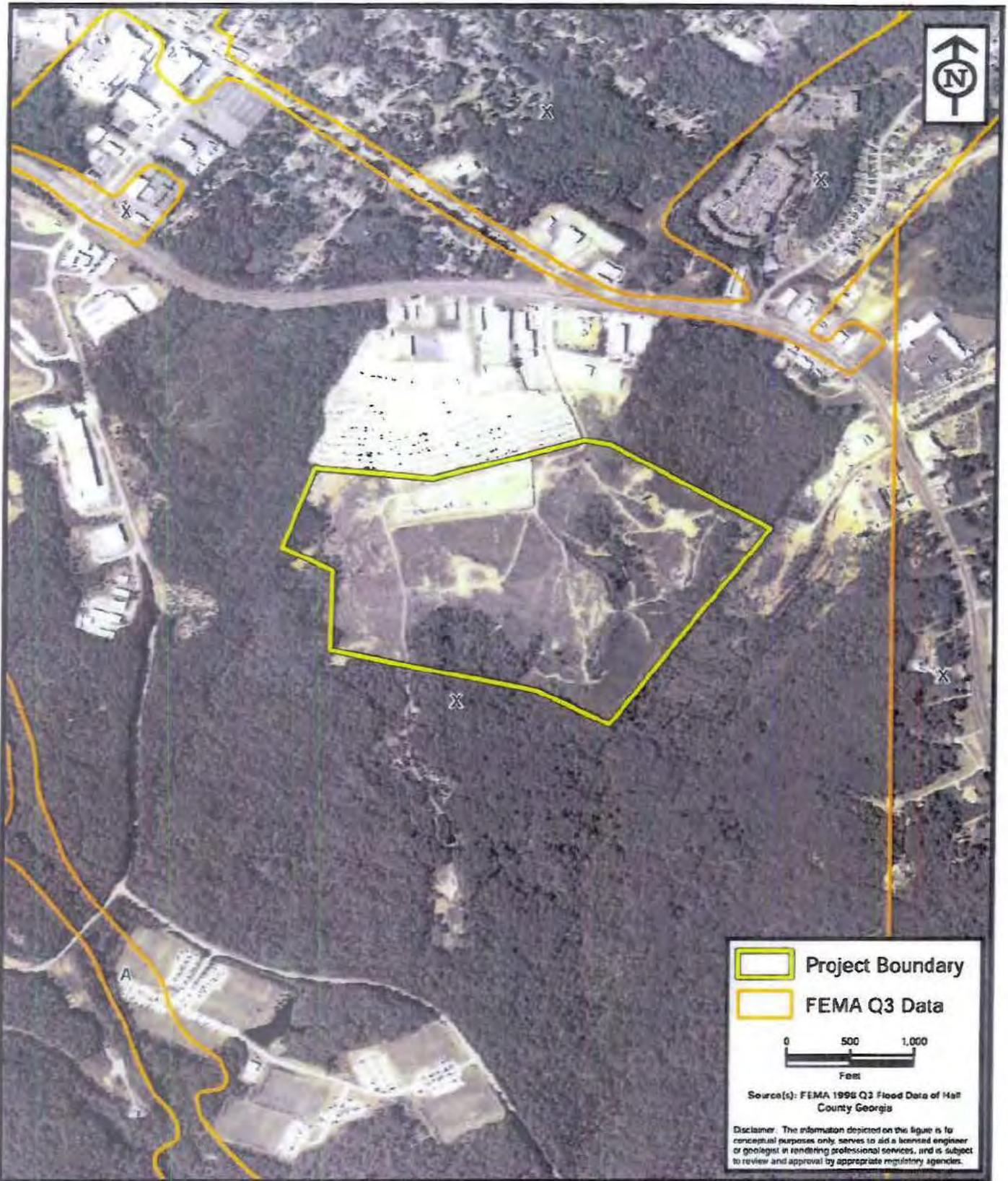


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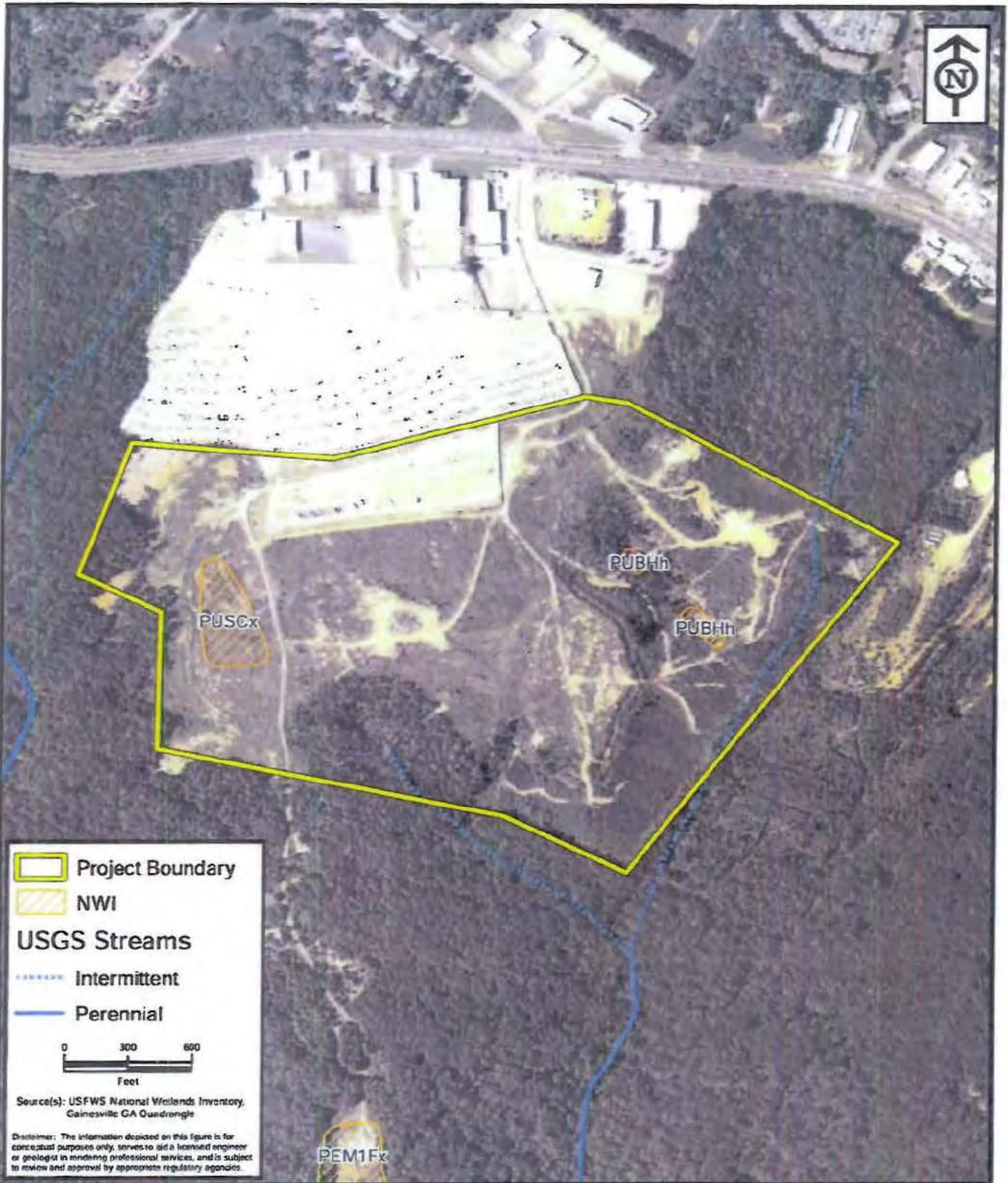
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FEMA Q3 Flood Data Map
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National Wetlands Inventory Map
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Ephemeral Channel Impact Remediation / Expansion
142.7-feet

Jurisdictional Wetland Impact A Remediation / Expansion
0.02-acres

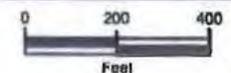


Perennial Stream Impact B Remediation / Expansion
38.8-feet

Jurisdictional Wetland Impact B Remediation / Expansion
0.76-acres

Perennial Stream Impact A Remediation / Expansion
424.7-feet

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| Project Boundary | Impacted Wetland (±0.78-ac) |
| 200-ft Boundary Buffer | Jurisdictional Wetland (±0.67-ac) |
| Ephemeral Channel (±374.2-ft) | Stream/Wetland Buffer (±7.4-ac) |
| Intermittent Stream (±168.0-ft) | Proposed Expansion Cell (±6.1-ac) |
| Perennial Stream (±1,918.6-ft) | Expansion Disturbance Area (±5.7-ac) |
| Impacted Ephemeral Channel (±142.7-ft) | C&D Cell (±37.0-ac) |
| Impacted Perennial Stream (±463.5-ft) | Permitted Disturbance Area (±53.2-ac) |



Source(s): 2010 NMAP Aerial, Hall County GA; ACAD_GWAR_IG_ESI Cad File

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Approximate Wetland & Stream Sketch
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-  Offsite Parcel 1
-  Offsite Parcel 2
-  Offsite Parcel 3
-  200-ft Boundary Buffer
-  C&D Cells
-  Stormwater Pond
-  Footprint
-  Intermittent Stream
-  Perennial Stream
-  Impacted Intermittent Stream
-  Impacted Perennial Stream
-  Impacted Wetland
-  Jurisdictional Wetland
-  Stream/Wetland Buffer



Offsite Alternative 1
 3,087.1-ft Impacted Perennial Stream
 0.19-ac Impacted Jurisdictional Wetland

Offsite Alternative 2
 1,008.6-ft Impacted Perennial Stream

Offsite Alternative 3
 1,277.8-ft Impacted Perennial Stream
 2,190.4-ft Impacted Intermittent Stream
 3.15-ac Impacted Jurisdictional Wetland



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Estimated Offsite Alternatives Impacts (NWI & National Hydrologic Database Based)
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