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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1590 ADAMSON PARKWAY, SUITE 200
MORROW, GEORGIA 30260-1777

OCTOBER 03 2012

Regulatory Division
SAS-2010-00780

PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah District

The District Engineer has received a Prospectus describing the establishment and operation of a stream compensatory mitigation bank (Tallapoosa Mitigation Bank) for Federal and State permits as described below:

Application Number: SAS-2010-00780

Applicant: Forestar Group
3300 Cumberland Boulevard, Suite 275
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

Agent: Wetland & Ecological Consultants, LLC
3225 South Cherokee Lane
Woodstock, Georgia 30188

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 project property is composed of approximately 289 acres sited within a 694-acre tract. The site is located south of Jacksonville Road, north of Watkins Road, and west of Helton Road in unincorporated Haralson County, Georgia. A reach of the headwaters of Harris Creek flows to the west through the central portion of the property (centered at approximately latitude 33.7974, longitude -85.2284). The bank site is located in the Upper Tallapoosa River Basin. See the enclosed County Road Map and Site Location Map.

Description of Mitigation Bank: The bank sponsor proposes to create a stream compensatory mitigation bank within the Upper Tallapoosa Basin.

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 Upper Tallapoosa River watershed, Hydrologic Unit Code 03150108, as the Primary service area, and the Upper Coosa River and

Etowah River watersheds, Hydrologic Unit Codes 03150105 and 03150104, respectively, as the Secondary service area in Georgia. See the enclosed Service Area Map and 12-Digit HUC 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, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777. 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.

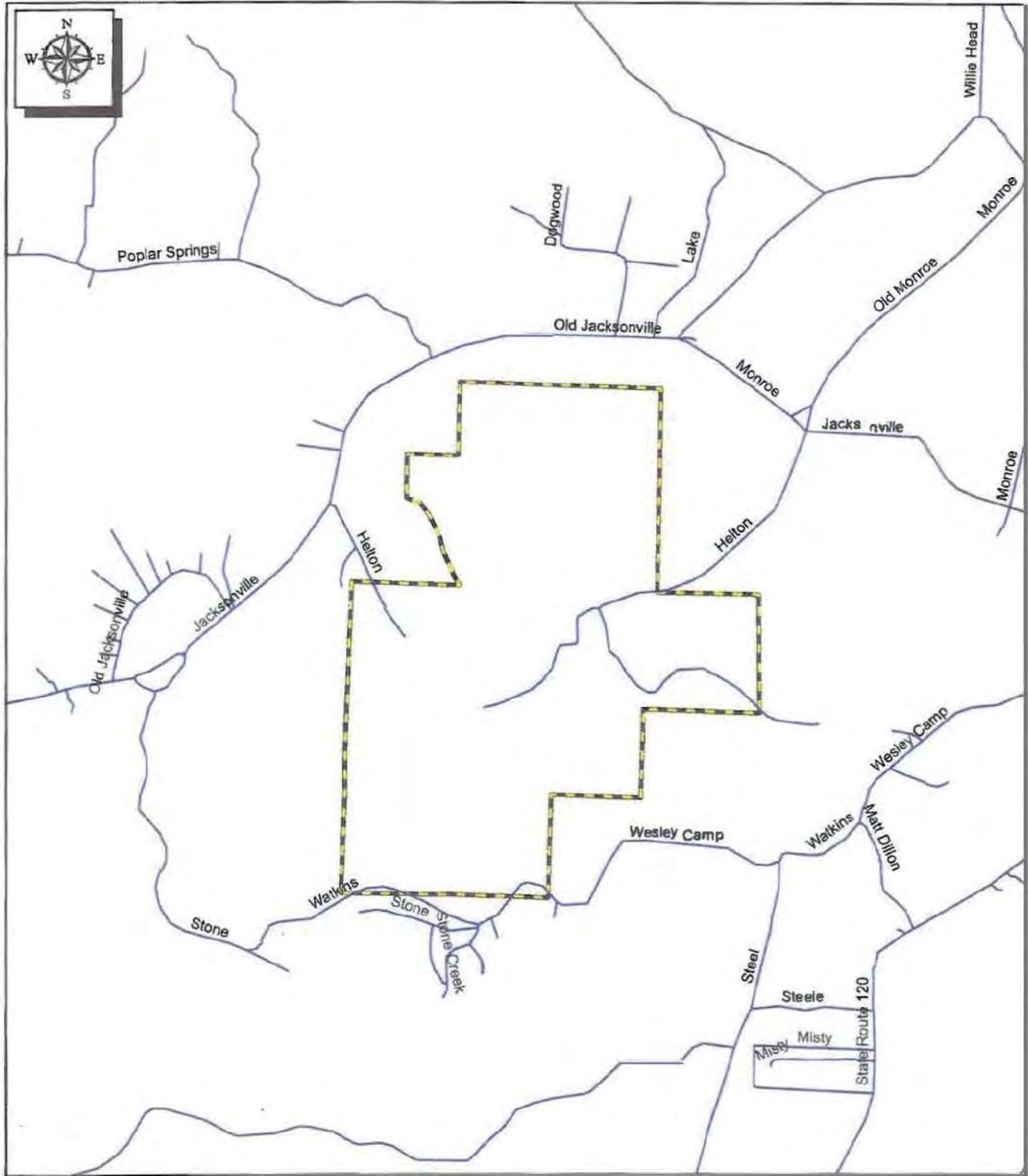
Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal should submit comments in writing to the Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Division, Attention: Mr. Adam F. White, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777, no later than 30-days from the date of this notice.

Please refer to both the mitigation bank name (Tallapoosa Mitigation Bank) and the Regulatory Division file number (SAS-2010-00780) in your comments.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Adam F. White, Regulatory Specialist, Piedmont Branch at 678-422-2730 or adam.f.white@usace.army.mil.

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1. County Road Map
2. Site Location Map
3. Mitigation Actions Map
4. Service Area Map
5. 12-Digit HUC Map

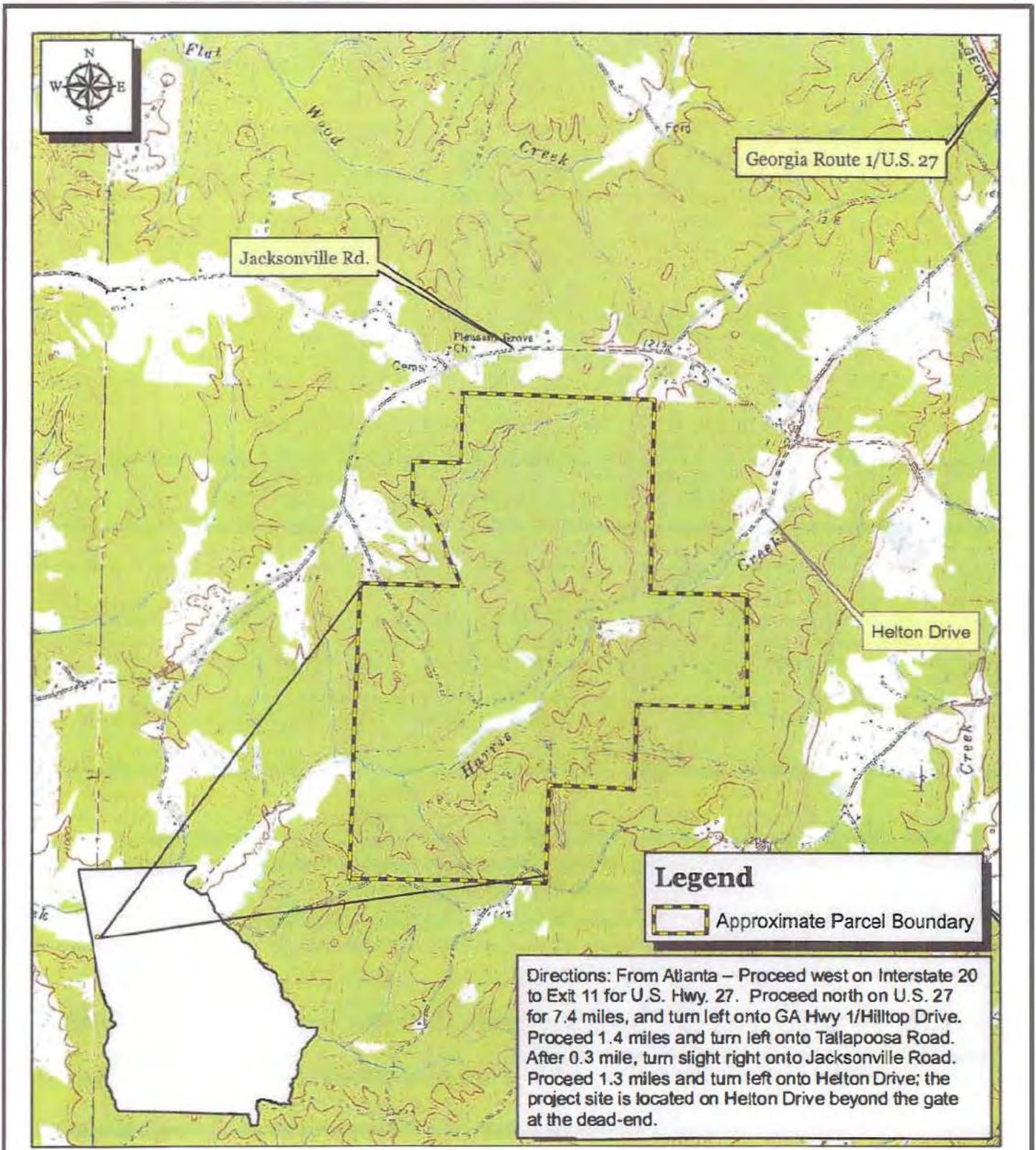


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Figure No. 13
County Road Map
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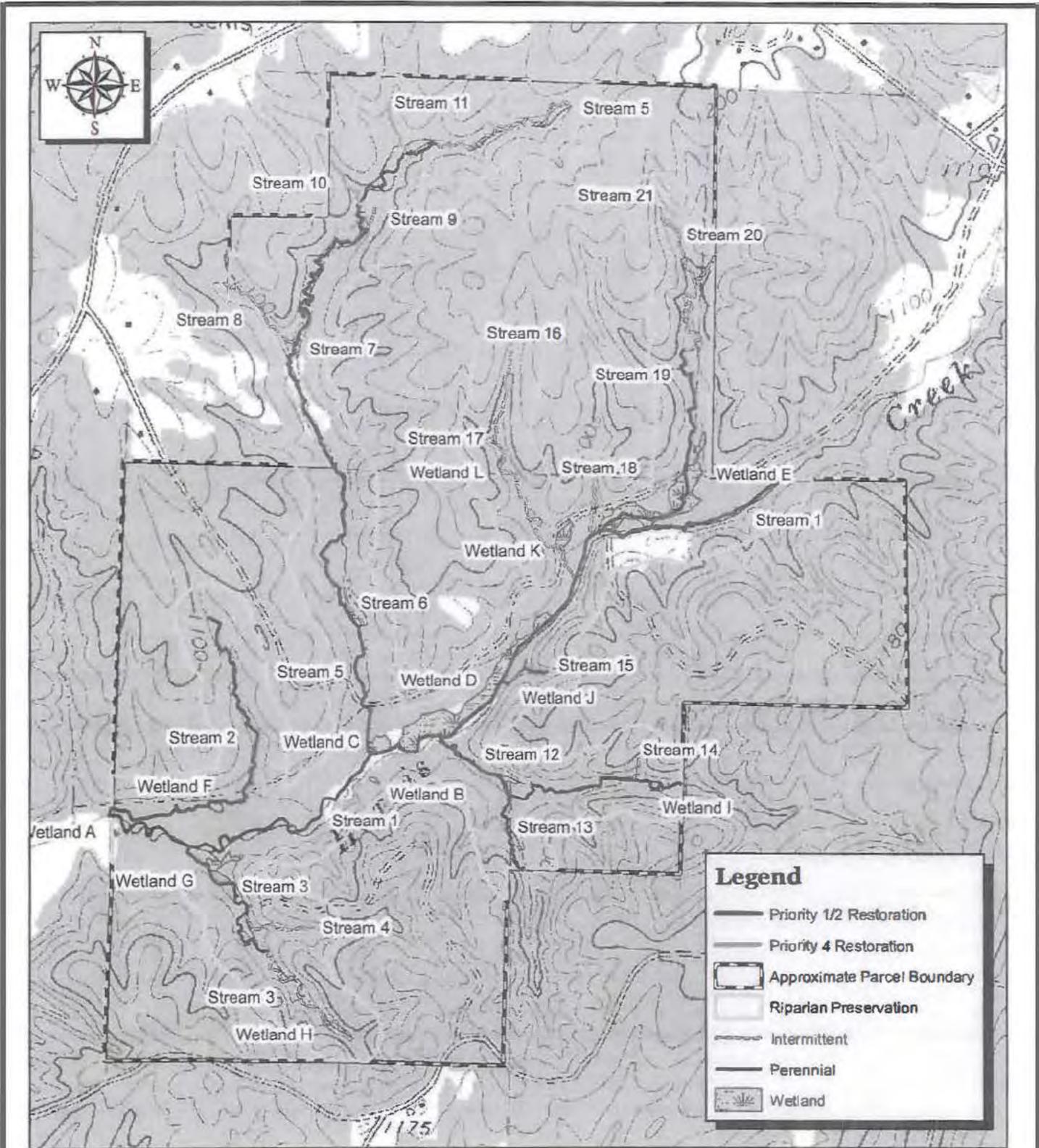
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Base map: USGS 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangles - Buchanan & Tallapoosa North, GA.

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Figure No. 2
Site Location Map
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Base map: USGS 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle - Buchanan, GA



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Figure 11
Mitigation Actions (USGS)
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Legend



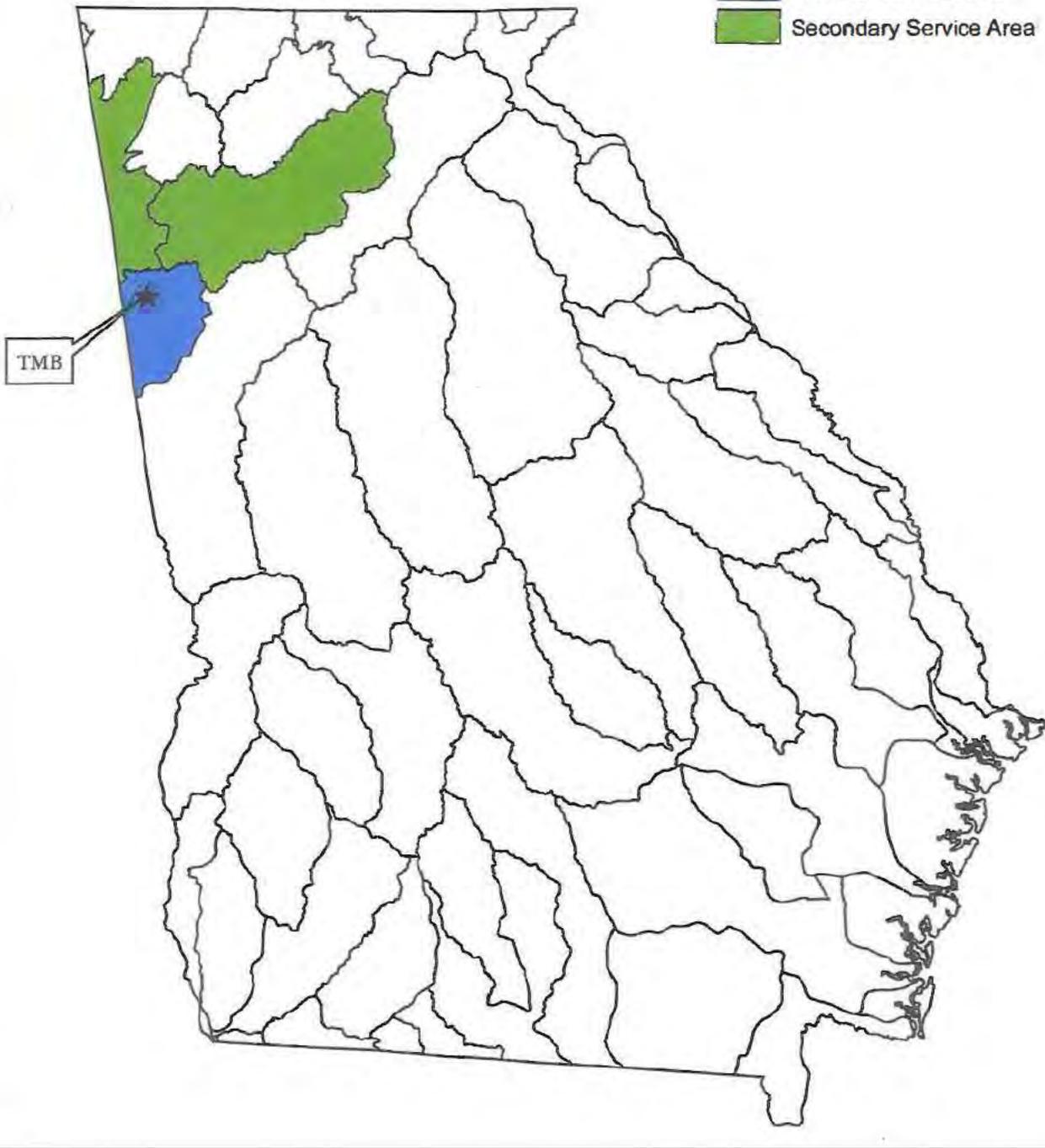
Site Location



Primary Service Area



Secondary Service Area



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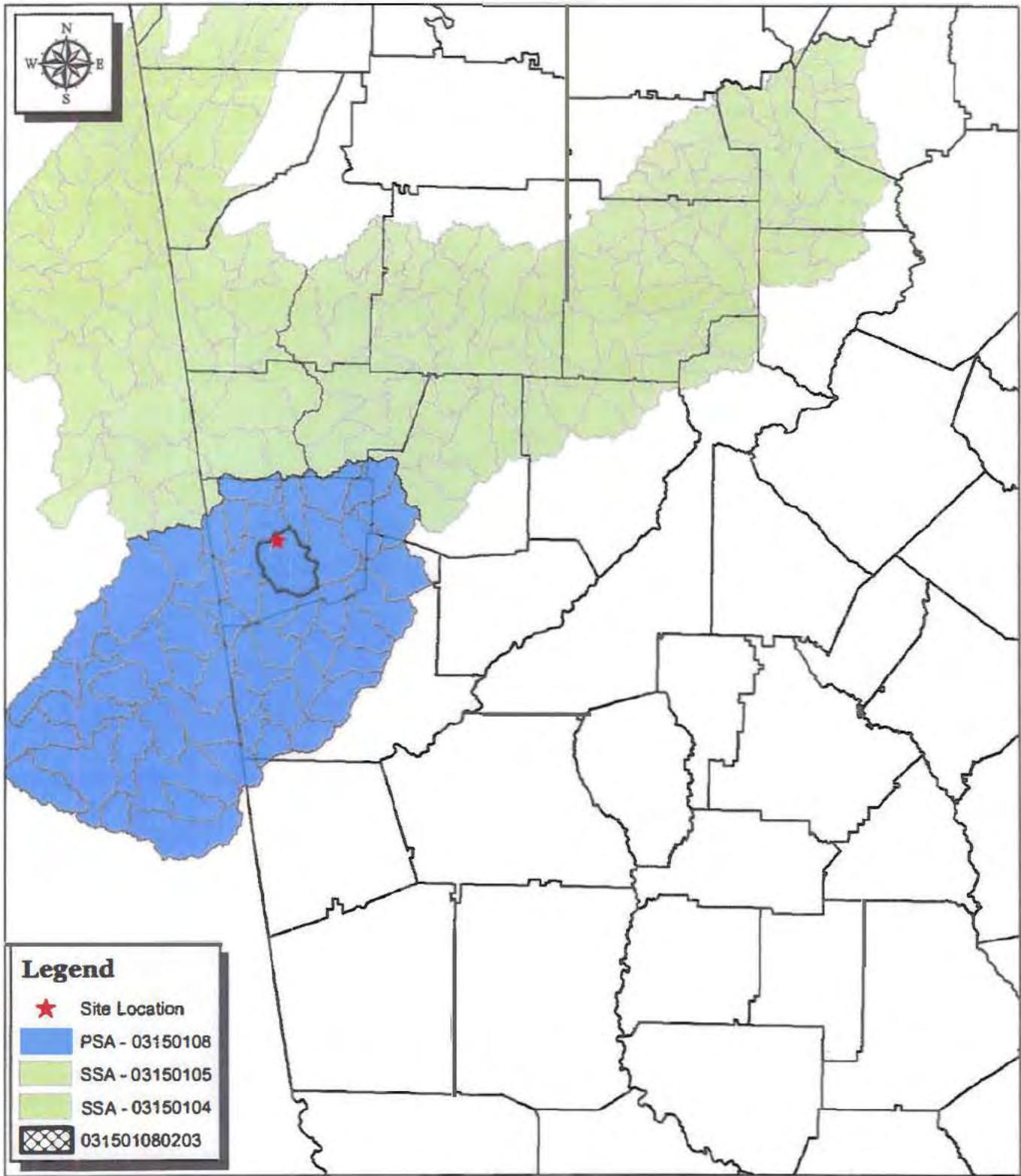
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Figure No. 1
Service Area Map
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-  Site Location
-  PSA - 03150108
-  SSA - 03150105
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Figure No. 3
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