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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

FEBRUARY 17 2015

Regulatory Division
SAS-2014-00270

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-2014-00270

Applicant: Mark Pickering
Savannah-Chatham County Public School System
PO Box 8012
Savannah, Georgia 31405

Agent: Mr. Alton Brown, Jr.
Resource & Land Consultants, LLC
41 Park of Commerce Drive, Suite 303
Savannah, Georgia 31405

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is located at south of Highway 80, southeast of Dolphin Road, west of Whitemarsh Island Drive on Whitemarsh Island, Chatham County, Georgia (Latitude 32.0422, Longitude -81.0138).

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Applicant has proposed to discharge dredged or fill material into approximately 1.47 acres of wetlands for the purpose of construction of new athletic facilities, access road, and storm water detention pond, adjacent to the existing Islands School Campus on Whitemarsh Island. The construction of a new athletic facility which will include a high school football and track stadium with bleachers, multi-sport middle school soccer and football field, softball field, baseball field, improvement of storm water facilities, improvement of vehicle access roads, and parking lots. Work would be constructed with typical machinery such as backhoes, excavators, graders, dump trucks, etc. Work is planned to commence immediately upon successful issuance of all required permits.

The applicant did consider on-site and off-site alternatives. Off-site alternatives would require the purchase of property that is not currently owned by the applicant. Applicant indicates this would be cost prohibitive and there is no property available on Whitemarsh Island to suit the overall project needs. On-site alternatives involved alternative build designs and layouts (as indicated on the enclosed maps/plans) in order to attempt avoiding and minimizing impacts to aquatic resources, as well as a “no action alternative”.

In order to offset the unavoidable impacts to aquatic resources, the applicant proposes to purchase wetland mitigation credits from the Chatham County Wetland Mitigation Bank. The impact site is located within the primary service area of this bank.

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.

The wetland boundaries shown on the project maps were previously verified by the Corps under an Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) issued July 25, 2012. The wetlands verified with this AJD do appear to still be accurate and the AJD is still valid.

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, 100 W. 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.

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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 U.S. Department of the Interior, 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.

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 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.

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: John W. Derinzy, 100 W. Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640, 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 John W. Derinzy, Regulatory Specialist, Coastal Branch at 912-652-5051.

Enclosures:

1. Project Location Map
2. Project Wetland Delineation Maps (2 pages)
3. Wetland Permit Map (Proposed Layout Plan), by Thomas & Hutton Consultants
4. Wetland Permit Map (Alternative Plan #1), by Thomas & Hutton Consultants
5. Wetland Permit Map (Alternative Plan #2), by Thomas & Hutton Consultants
6. Wetland Permit Overall Exhibit, Sheet Exhibit A, by Thomas & Hutton Consulting
7. Wetland Permit Overall Exhibit, Sheet Exhibit B, by Thomas & Hutton Consulting



FIGURE 1: USGS TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

NOTES

1. FIELD EQUIPMENT USED FOR THIS SURVEY: 3" TOTAL STATION
2. THE FIELD DATA UPON WHICH THIS MAP OR PLAN IS BASED HAS A CLOSURE RATIO OF 1 FOOT IN 28488 FEET OR BETTER, AN ANGULAR ERROR OF 3" PER ANGLE POINT, AND WAS ADJUSTED USING THE COMPASS RULE METHOD.
3. THIS MAP OR PLAN HAS BEEN CALCULATED FOR CLOSURE AND IS FOUND TO BE ACCURATE WITHIN ONE FOOT IN 28488 FEET OR BETTER.
4. COORDINATES AND DIRECTIONS SHOWN ON THIS SURVEY ARE BASED ON GEORGIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (GAD63), EAST ZONE.
5. ACCORDING TO F.L.M. MAP NO. 28262, PANEL 0709, DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2006, A PORTION OF THE PROJECT AREA LIES IN FLOOD HAZARD ZONE 4E.
6. WETLANDS THAT MAY EXIST ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. LOT OWNERS AND THE DEVELOPER ARE SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY LAW FOR DISTURBANCE TO THESE PROTECTED AREAS WITHOUT PROPER PERMIT AND APPROVAL.

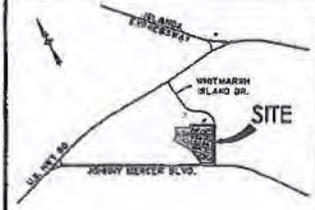
REFERENCES

1. A PLAT OF A PORTION OF THE T.P. SAFFOLD ESTATE, PREPARED BY HUSSEY, GAY, BELL, & DEYOUNG CONSULTING ENGINEERS, DATED JUNE 19, 1961, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 200, PAGE 2.
2. A PLAT OF A PORTION OF PARCEL 'A' OF THE T.P. SAFFOLD ESTATE, PREPARED BY HUSSEY, GAY, BELL, & DEYOUNG CONSULTING ENGINEERS, DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1966, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14-P, PAGE 12.
3. A BOUNDARY PLAT OF 47.225 ACRES BEING LANDS OF CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, PREPARED BY THOMAS & HUTTON, DATED DECEMBER 7, 2011.

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LEGEND

- NO INDUMENT
- CONCRETE INDUMENT (FOUND)
- IRON PIPE (FOUND)
- IRON PIPE (SET)
- IRON REBAR (FOUND)
- JURISDICTIONAL WETLAND
- DITCH
- STORMWATER RETENTION POND



VICINITY MAP not to scale

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THOMAS W. SPENCE
REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR
LICENSE NO. 35356

WETLAND SURVEY
19.87 ACRES

BEING A PORTION OF THE LANDS OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

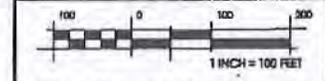
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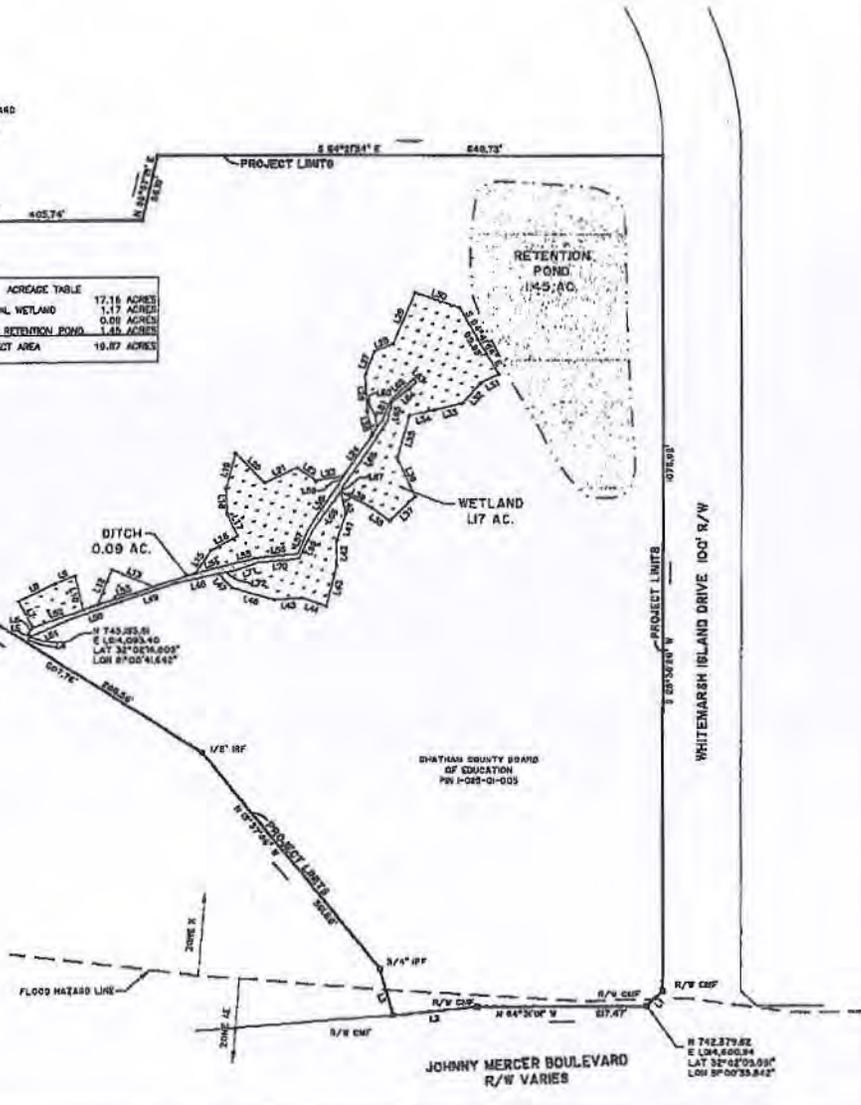
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L20	S 18°29'40" E	53.89
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L23	S 72°27'41" E	34.71
L24	N 6°15'22" E	64.52
L25	N 19°30'46" E	39.54
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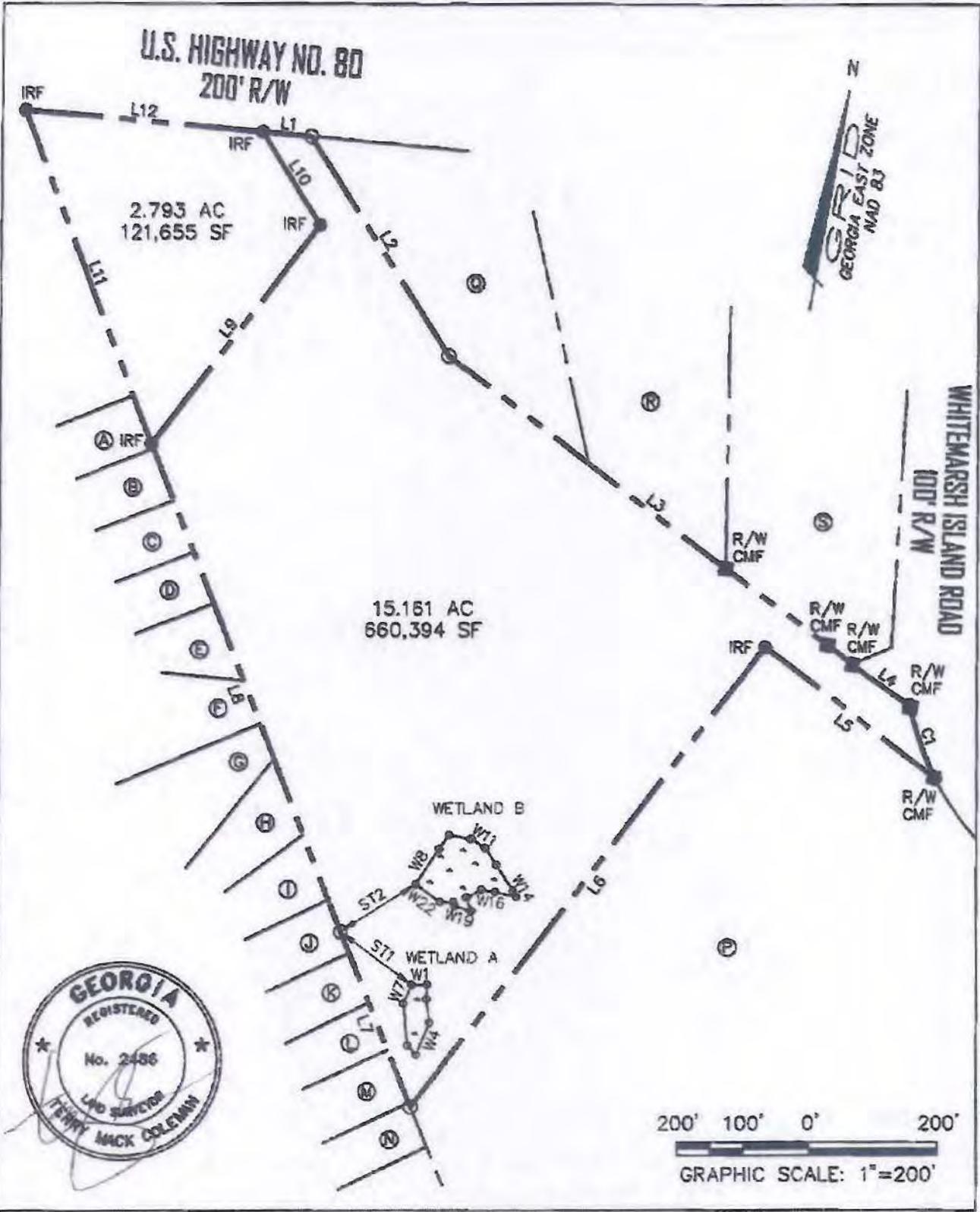
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L69	N 13°09'04" W	21.22

ACREAGE TABLE

UPLAND	17.16 ACRES
JURISDICTIONAL WETLAND	1.17 ACRES
DITCH	0.09 ACRES
STORMWATER RETENTION POND	1.85 ACRES
TOTAL PROJECT AREA	19.87 ACRES

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SMB IS-4, PG 81





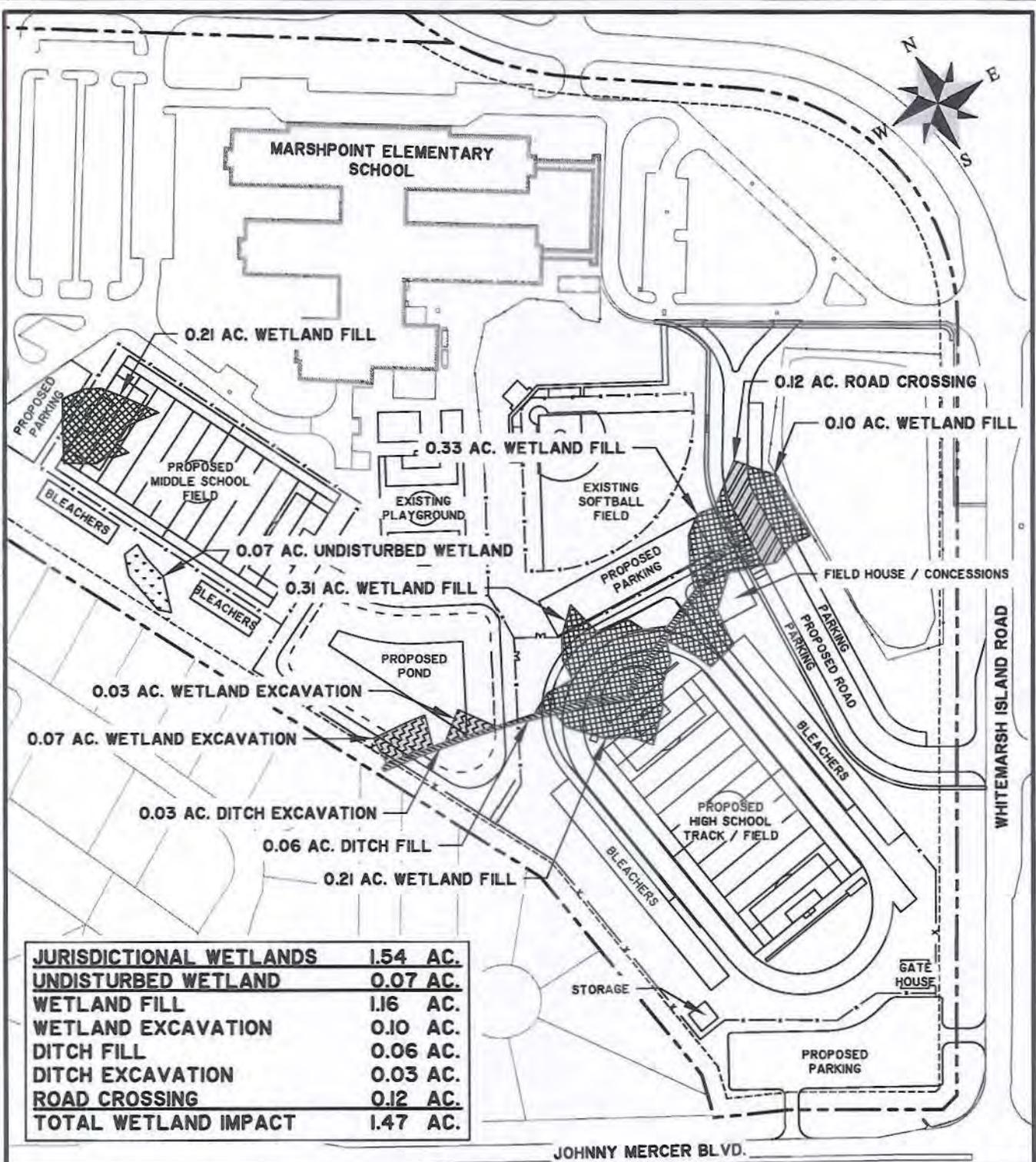
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WETLAND EXCAVATION	0.10 AC.
DITCH FILL	0.06 AC.
DITCH EXCAVATION	0.03 AC.
ROAD CROSSING	0.12 AC.
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT	1.47 AC.

ISLANDS CAMPUS SITE IMPROVEMENTS

PROPOSED ACTIVITY:
WETLAND PERMIT (PROPOSED LAYOUT PLAN)
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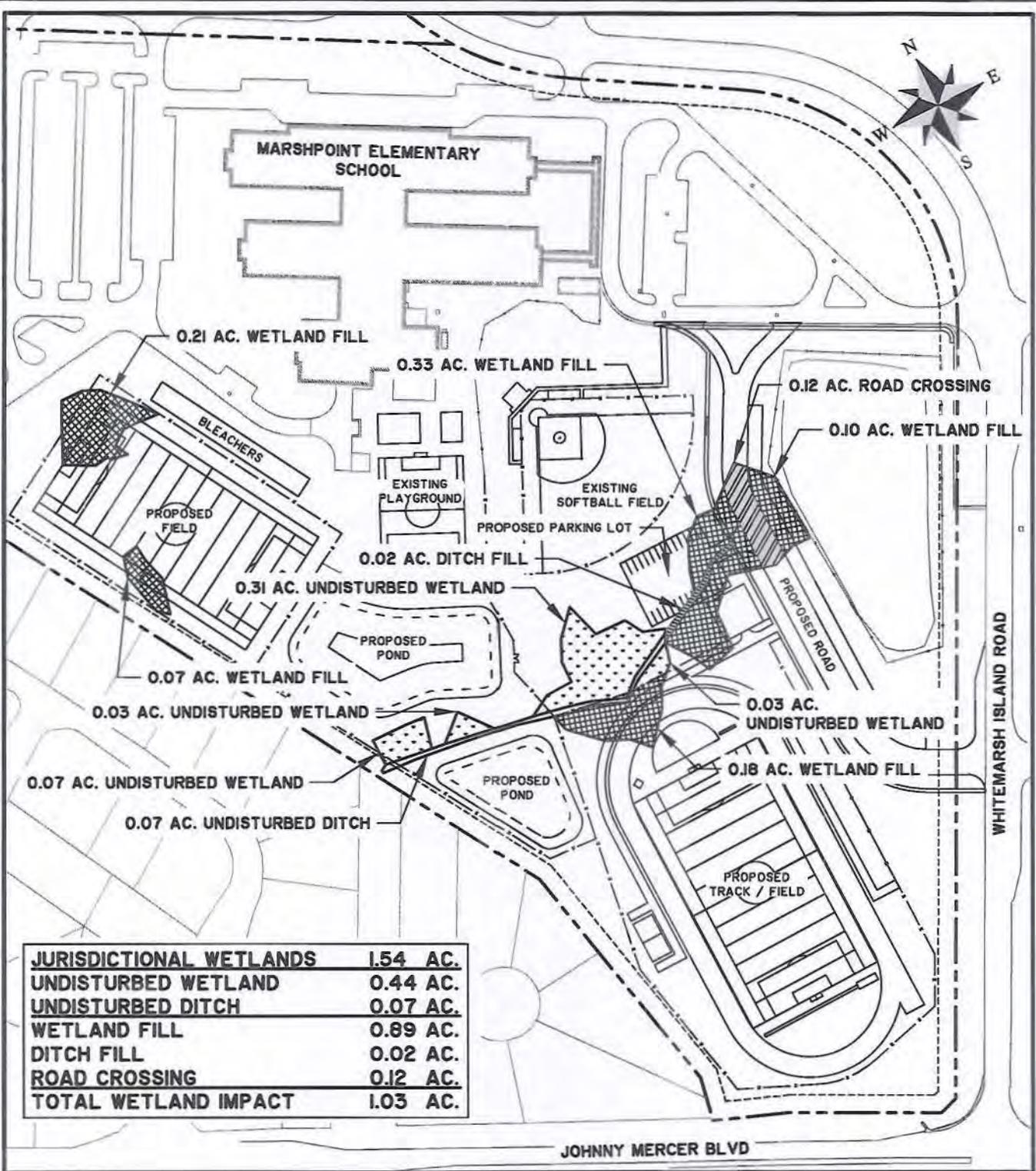
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WETLAND FILL	0.89 AC.
DITCH FILL	0.02 AC.
ROAD CROSSING	0.12 AC.
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT	1.03 AC.

ISLANDS CAMPUS SITE IMPROVEMENTS

PROPOSED ACTIVITY:
WETLAND PERMIT (ALTERNATE PLAN #1)
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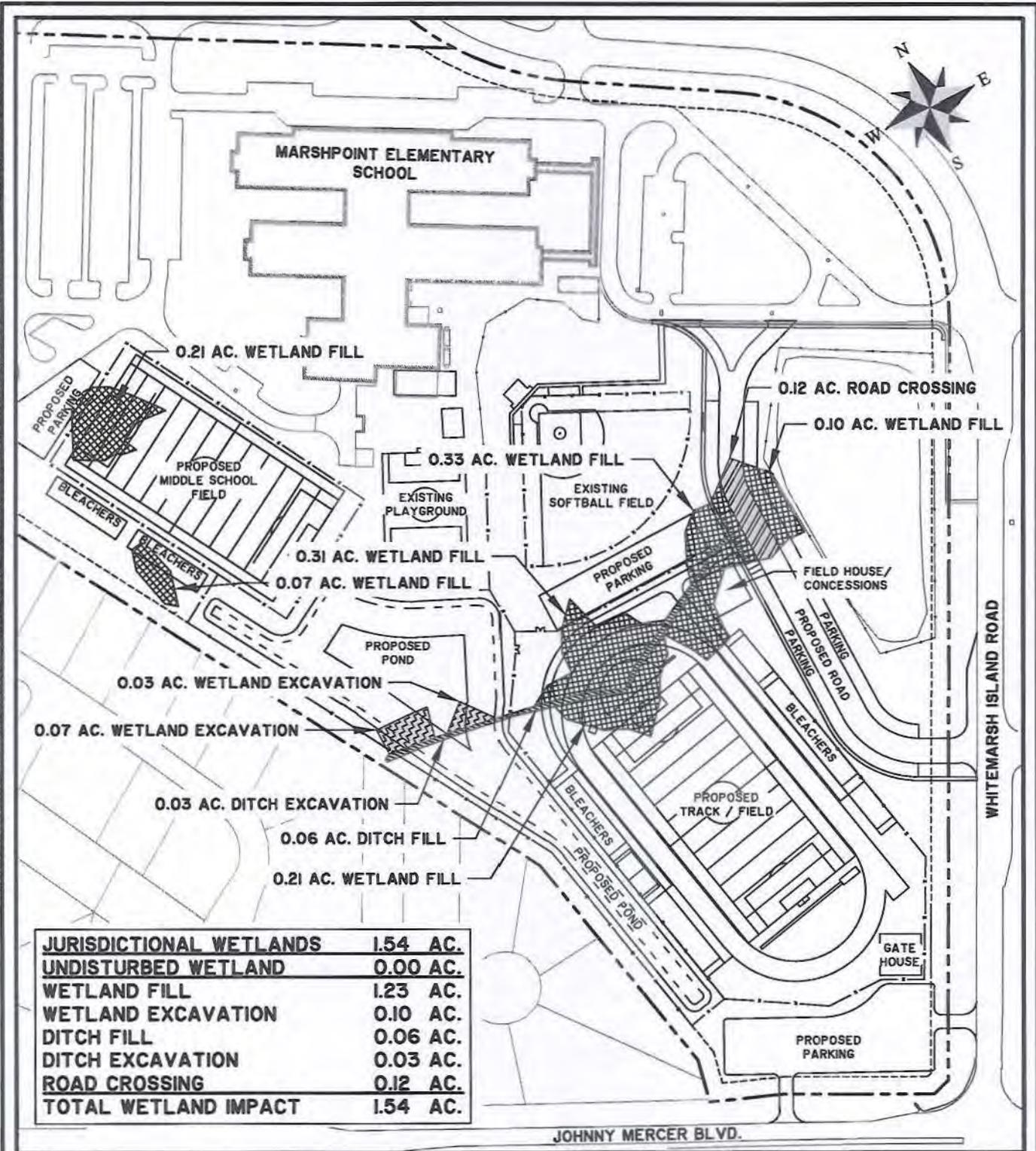
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DITCH EXCAVATION	0.03 AC.
ROAD CROSSING	0.12 AC.
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT	1.54 AC.

ISLANDS CAMPUS SITE IMPROVEMENTS

PROPOSED ACTIVITY:
WETLAND PERMIT (ALTERNATE PLAN #2)
 CLIENT:
 SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
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SUMMARY TABLE		
PROJECT AREA	± 74	ACRES
UPLAND AREA	± 72	ACRES
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JURISDICTIONAL DITCH	0.09	ACRES
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ISLANDS CAMPUS SITE IMPROVEMENTS
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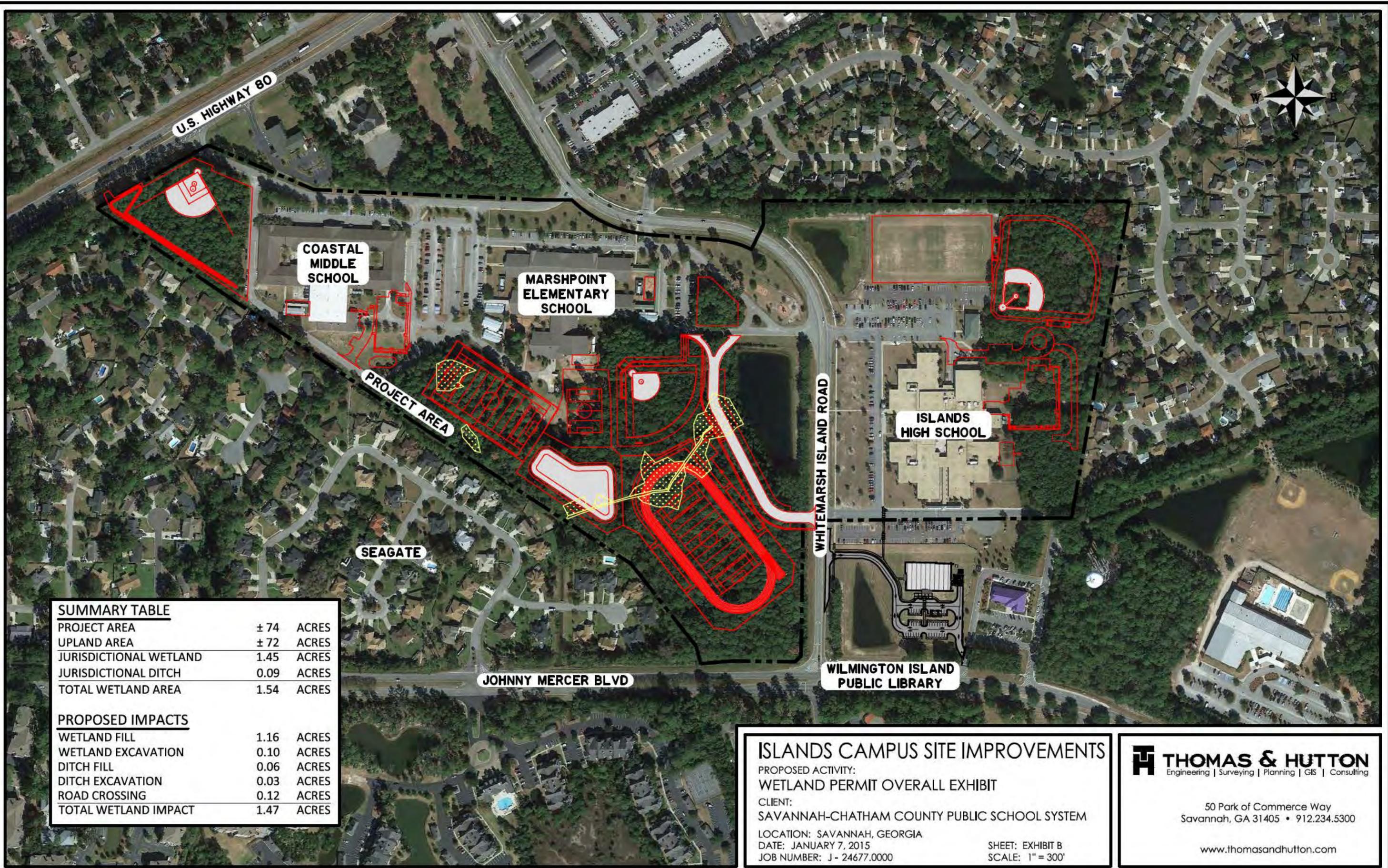
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