



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

Regulatory Division
SAS-2011-00613

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 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), as follows:

Application Number: SAS-2011-00613

Applicant: Mr. Leon Davenport
Chatham County Department of Engineering
Post Office Box 8161
Savannah, Georgia 31412

Agent: Mr. Russell Parr
Resource and Land Consultants
41 Park of Commerce Way, Suite 303
Savannah, Georgia 31405

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is located southeast of the intersection of Norwood Avenue and Skidaway Road, in Chatham County, Georgia (Latitude 31.9851, Longitude -81.0728).

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The applicant's stated the proposed project consists of the fill of 0.01 acre of freshwater ditch, 0.14 acre of tidal ditch and the excavation of 0.05 acre of salt marsh associated with improvements to an existing drainage network. An existing culvert would be replaced with a 56 linear foot, 8' x 4' reinforced concrete box culvert. The applicant has proposed to debit 0.07 credits from Chatham County Mitigation Bank and 1.2 credits from Salt Creek Mitigation 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.

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, 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 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, U.S. 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.

Marshland Protection: This notice also serves as notification of a request to alter coastal marshlands (under the provision of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, Georgia Laws, 1970, p. 939 and as amended), if required. Comments concerning this action should be submitted to the Ecological Services Section, Coastal Resources Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 1 Conservation Way, Brunswick, Georgia 31523-8600 (Telephone 912-264-7218).

Georgia Coastal Management Program: Prior to the Savannah District Corps of Engineers making a final permit decision on this application, the project must be certified by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, to be consistent with applicable provisions of the State of Georgia Coastal Management Program (15 CFR 930). Anyone wishing to comment on Coastal Management Program certification of this project should submit comments in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to the Federal Consistency Coordinator, Ecological Services Section, Coastal Resources Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, Georgia 31523-8600 (Telephone 912-264-7218).

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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.

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): This notice initiates the EFH consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of approximately 0.19 acre of EFH utilized by various life stages of species comprising the shrimp, bluefish or snapper grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have an individual or cumulatively substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean. Our final determination relative to project impacts to EFH and the need for mitigation measures are subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS and the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

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. As proposed, the Corps has determined that the proposed project would have no effect to any listed species or listed critical habitat.

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: Mrs. Sarah E. Wise, 100 West 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 Mrs. Sarah E. Wise, Project Manager, Coastal Branch at 912-652-5550.

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1. Wetland Impact Exhibit for Skidaway Norwood Drainage (7 Sheets).



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WETLAND IMPACT EXHIBIT

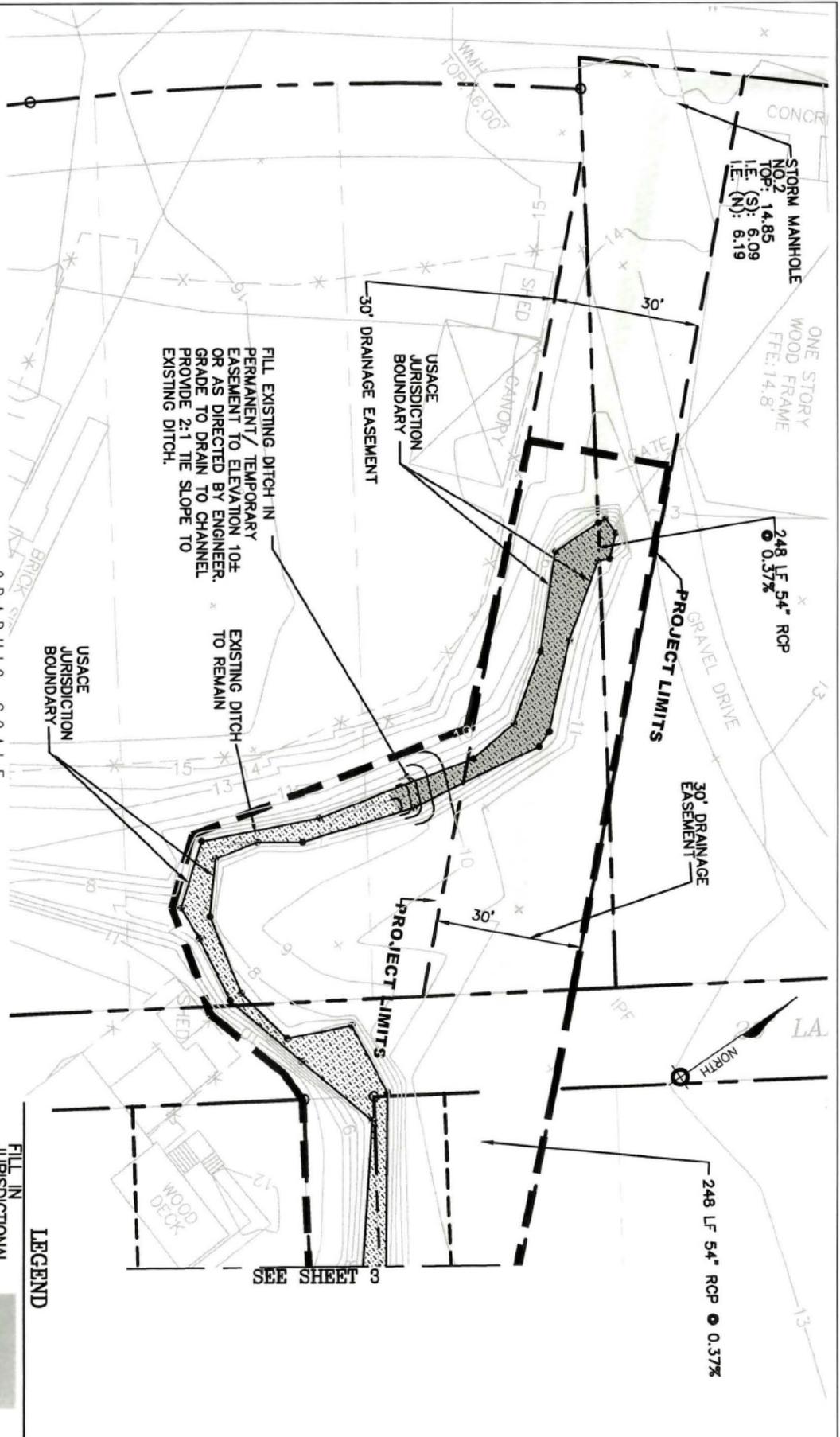
FOR

SKIDAWAY NORWOOD DRAINAGE

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SCALE: NONE

SHEET 1 OF 7



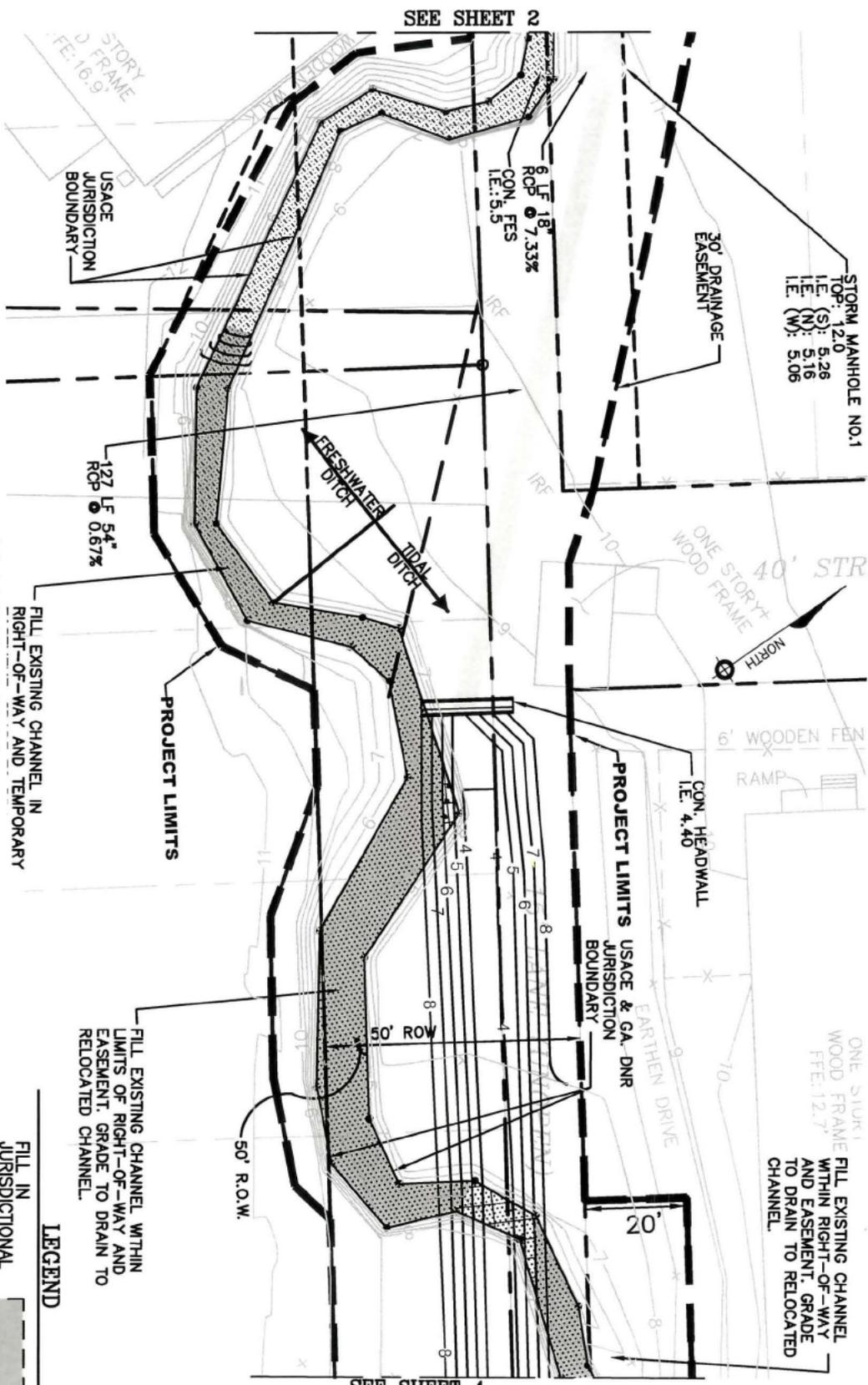
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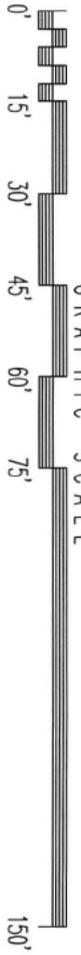
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LEGEND

[Solid Grey Box]	FILL IN JURISDICTIONAL AREA
[Cross-hatched Box]	EXCAVATION IN JURISDICTIONAL AREA
[Vertical Line Pattern Box]	FRESHWATER
[Horizontal Line Pattern Box]	SALT MARSH
[Dotted Box]	TIDAL DITCH



1" = 30'



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	FILL IN JURISDICTIONAL AREA
	EXCAVATION IN JURISDICTIONAL AREA
	FRESHWATER DTCH
	SALT MARSH
	TIDAL DTCH

FILL EXISTING CHANNEL WITHIN LIMITS OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT. GRADE TO DRAIN TO RELOCATED CHANNEL.

ONE SLURK 1 WOOD FRAME FILL EXISTING CHANNEL WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT. GRADE TO DRAIN TO RELOCATED CHANNEL.

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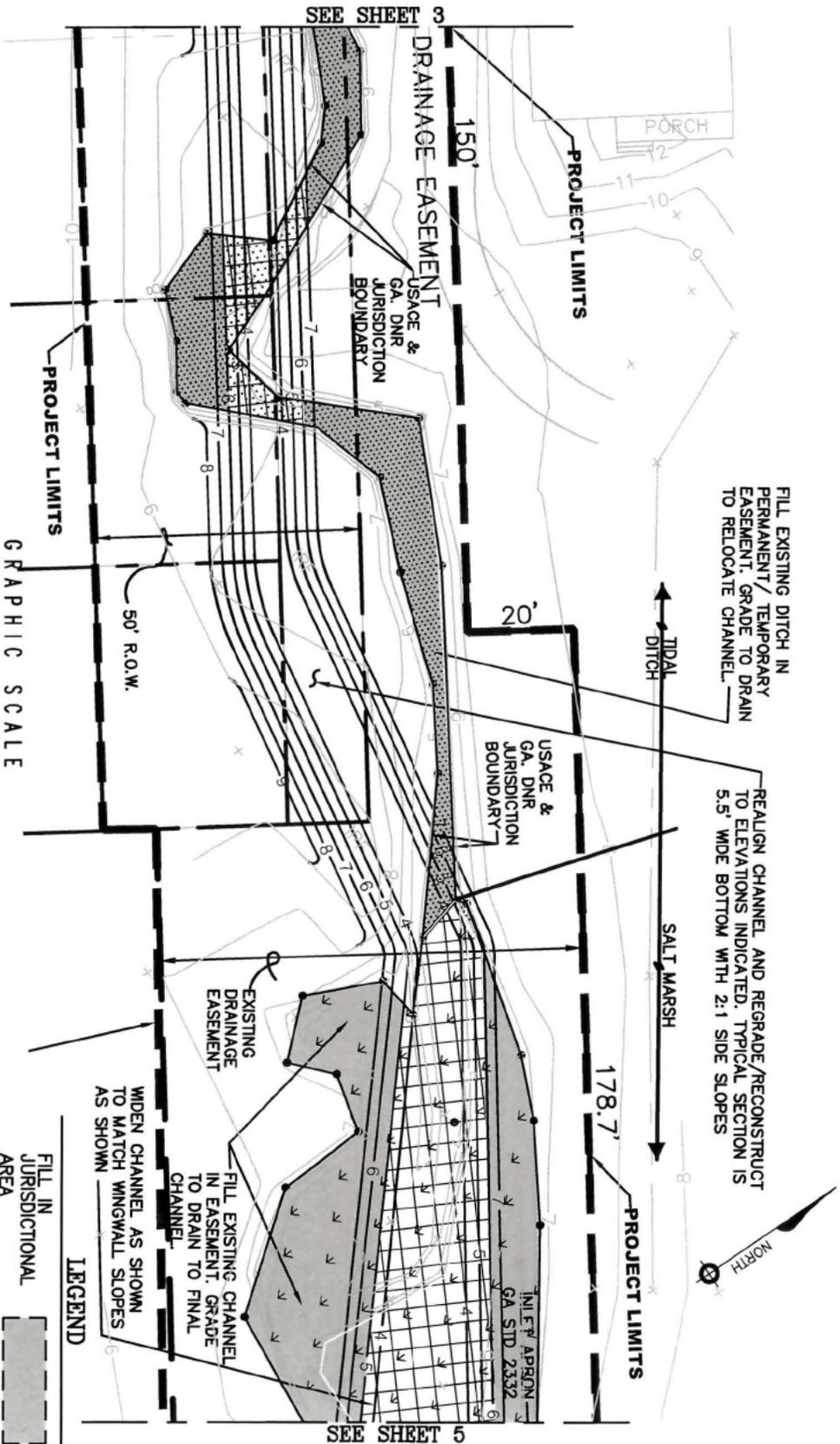
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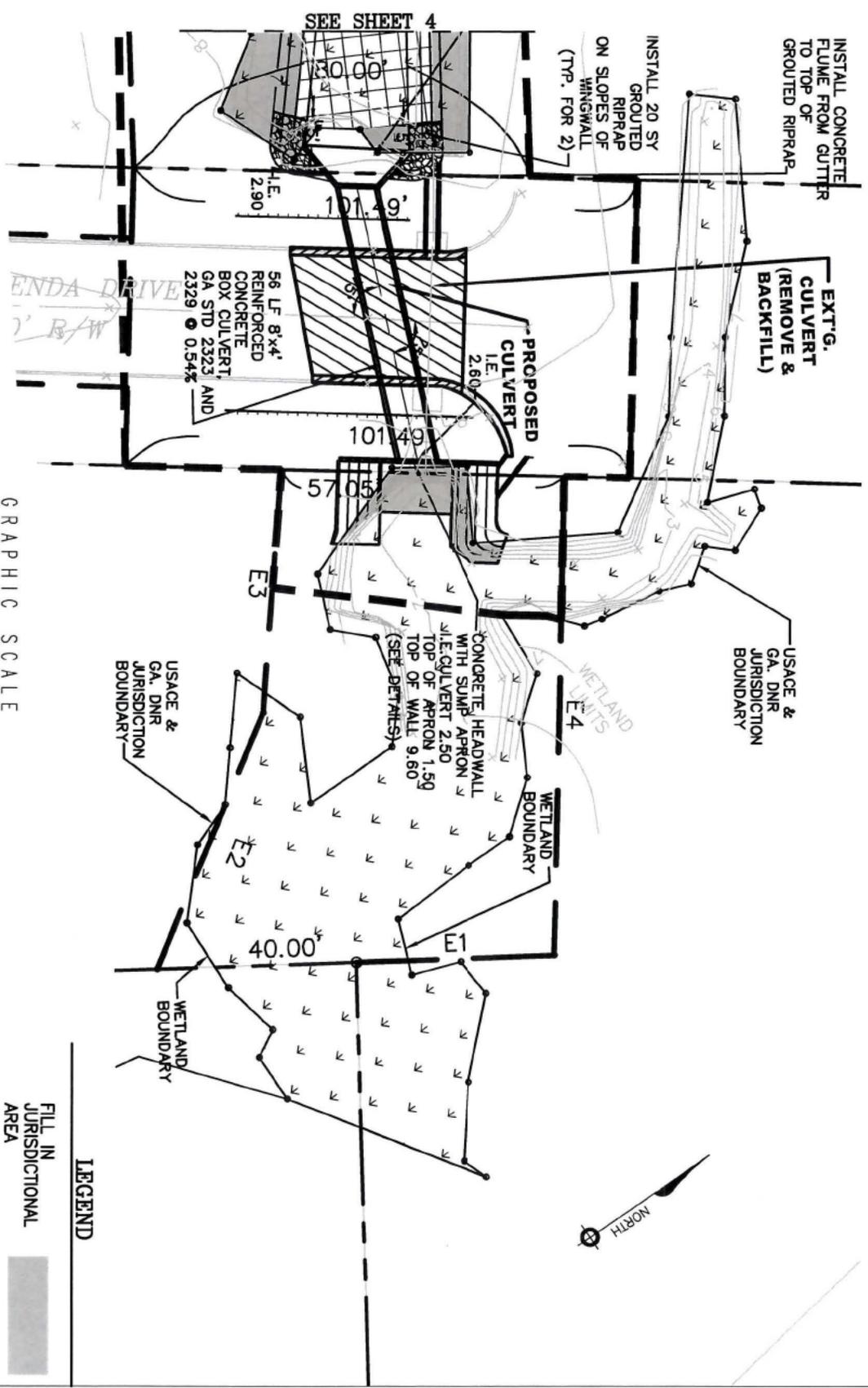
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LEGEND

- FILL IN JURISDICTIONAL AREA
- EXCAVATION IN JURISDICTIONAL AREA
- FRESHWATER DITCH
- SALT MARSH
- TIDAL DITCH

SUMMARY TABLE

PROJECT AREA.....	1.32	ACRES
JURISDICTIONAL FRESHWATER WATERS OF US.....	0.044	ACRES
JURISDICTIONAL TIDAL WATERS OF US/GADNR.....	0.19	ACRES
TIDAL DITCH.....	0.07	ACRES
SALT / MARSH.....	0.12	ACRES
UPLAND.....	1.086	ACRES

IMPACT SUMMARY TABLE

JURISDICTIONAL FRESHWATER WATERS OF US FILL.....	0.01	ACRES
JURISDICTIONAL FRESHWATER WATERS OF US EXCAVATION.....	0.0	ACRES
JURISDICTIONAL TIDAL WATERS OF US/GADNR FILL.....	0.14	ACRES
JURISDICTIONAL TIDAL WATERS OF US/GADNR EXCAVATION.....	0.05	ACRES
ESTIMATED CY OF FILL IN TIDAL WATERS.....	1,300	CY
ESTIMATED CY OF EXCAVATION IN TIDAL WATERS.....	100	CY

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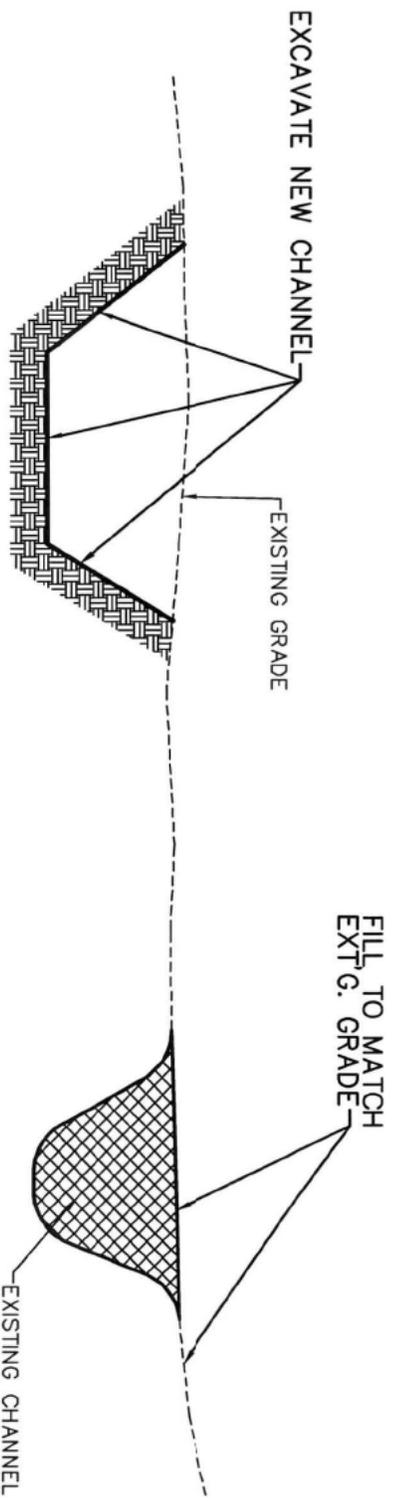
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