



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

January 31, 2018

Regulatory Branch
SAS-2017-00186
GDOT P.I. 532370

**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 United States Code 1344), as follows:

Application Number: SAS-2017-00186

Applicant: Mr. Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 West Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3607

Location of Proposed Work: The project is located along State Route (SR) 144 from south of the intersection of SR 144 and Belfast Keller Road (County Road 100) to north of the intersection of SR 144 and Timber Trail (County Road 154) in Richmond Hill, Bryan County, Georgia. The approximate project midpoint is located at latitude 31.9071 and longitude -81.2711.

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project STP00-0630-00(010), P.I. 532370, proposes the reconstruction and widening of SR 144 for an approximate distance of 4.97 miles in Bryan County. The project would require permanent impacts to 418 linear feet of streams (188 linear feet of intermittent stream and 30 linear feet of ephemeral channel) and 6.694 acres of wetlands and open water; and 0.23 acre of temporary impacts to wetlands. The applicant proposes to purchase 687.0 stream mitigation credits and 56.4 wetland mitigation credits to mitigate for the proposed impacts. Mitigation credits would be purchased from a Corps approved mitigation bank servicing the project area.

BACKGROUND

This Joint Public Notice announces a request for authorizations from both the Corps and the State of Georgia. The applicant's proposed work may also require local governmental approval.

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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 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, 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 West 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: The proposed action is in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Based on background file research and archaeological field surveys conducted, no archaeological resources are located within the project area.

Historians from GDOT conducted research and surveyed the project corridor for historic resources. One property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Properties (NRHP) was identified within the vicinity of the project corridor. Review of the property resulted in a recommendation of No Adverse Effect for the resource. The State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with the recommendation of No Adverse Effect in a letter to GDOT dated May 20, 2008.

Based on the information above, the Corps is making a determination of no effect to archaeological or historical resources listed or eligible for listing in the NRHP.

Endangered Species: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning, and Conservation (IPaC) lists for Bryan County were researched to identify listed species or habitat for listed species having the potential to occur within the project corridor. Current and prior coordination resulted in the following species determinations:

- On September 30, 2013, the USFWS concurred with the recommended biological determinations of **no effect** for the federally protected piping plover (*Charadrius melanotos*), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), striped newt (*Notophthalmus perstriatus*), Bachman's warbler (*Vermivora bachmanii*), gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), frosted flatwoods salamander (*Ambystoma cingulatum*), and pond spicebush (*Lindera melissifolia*).
- On September 30, 2013, the USFWS concurred with the recommended biological determination of **may affect, not likely to adversely affect** for the federally protected West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), wood stork (*Mycteria americana*), and eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon couperi*).
- On December 3, 2013, the National Marine Fishers Services (NMFS) concurred with the recommended biological determination of **no effect** on Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), and humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*).
- On December 3, 2013, the National Marine Fishers Services (NMFS) concurred with the recommended biological determination of **may affect, not likely to adversely affect** loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), and Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*).
- On June 8, 2017, FHWA concurred with the recommended biological determination of **no effect** for the federally protected rufus red knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*).

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 Corps 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 Corps 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.

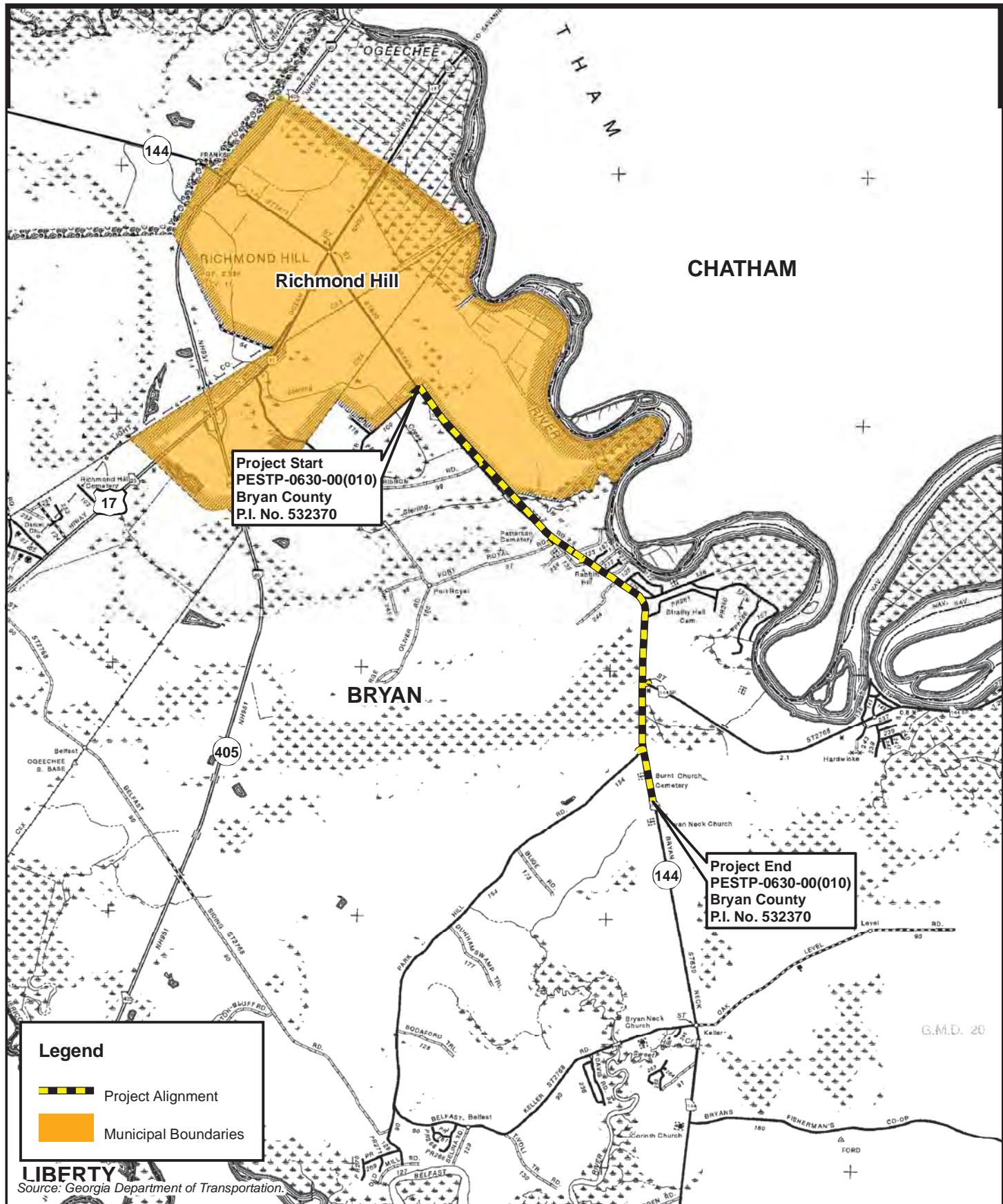
Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. 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: Mr. Brian Moore, 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 Mr. Brian Moore, Project Manager, Multipurpose Office at 912-652-5349.

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1. Figure 1 – Project Location Map
2. Figures 5a – 5g – Waters of the U.S. Maps
3. Construction Plan Sheets (45 Pages), dated August 29, 2017



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Figure 1 - Project Location Map



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SR 144 Improvements



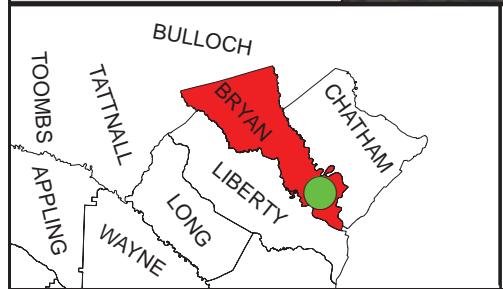


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Figure 5b -Federal Waters Map-Aerial

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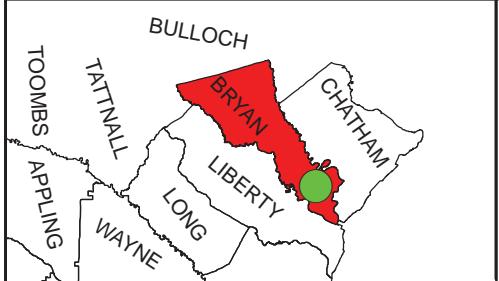
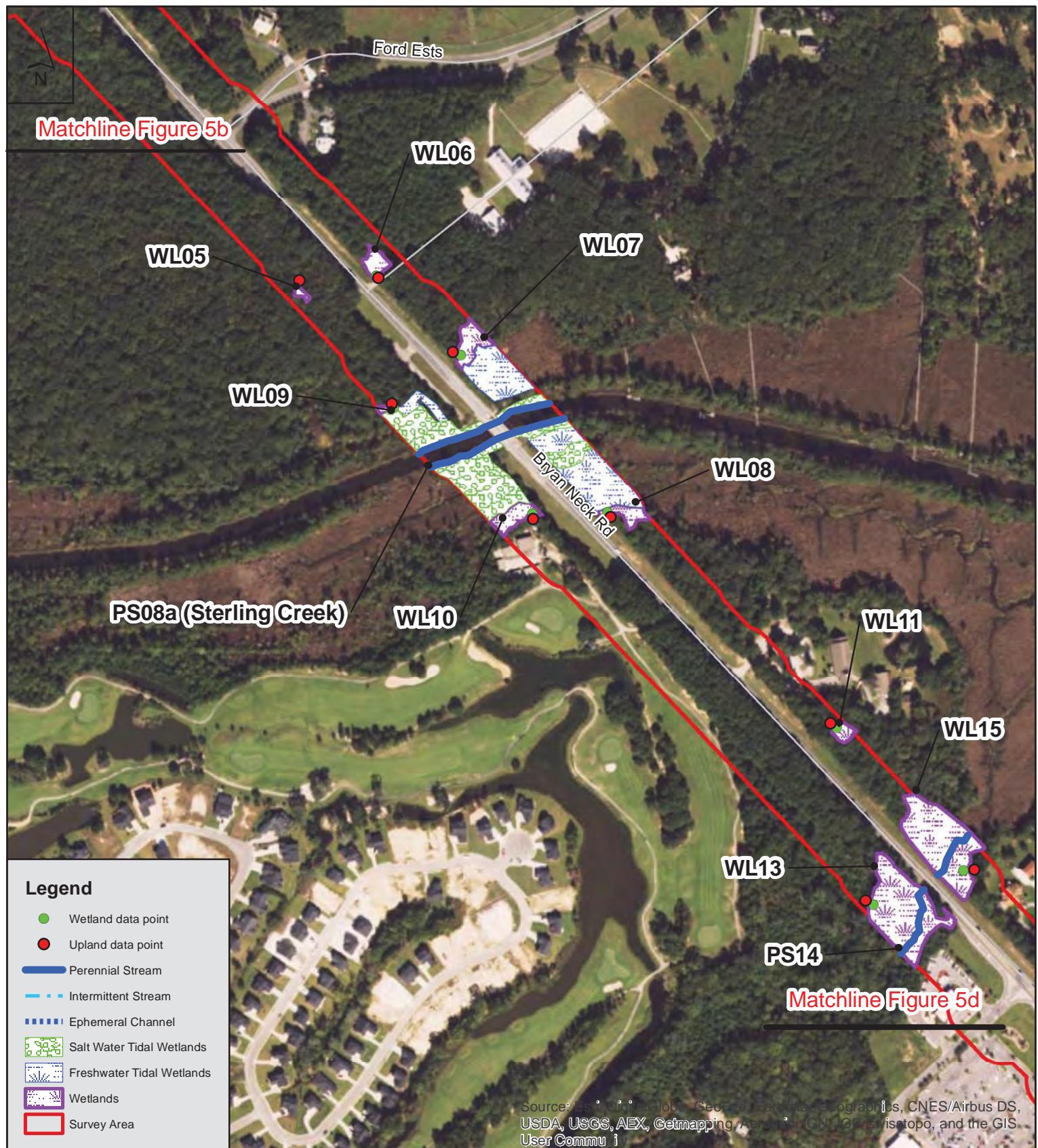


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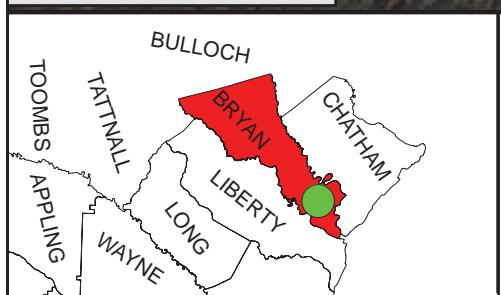


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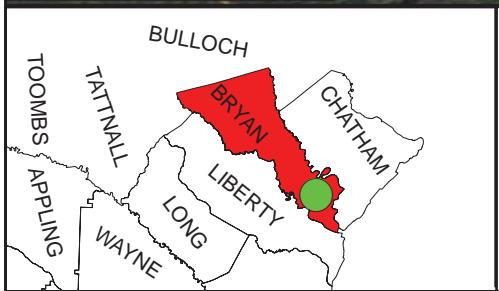


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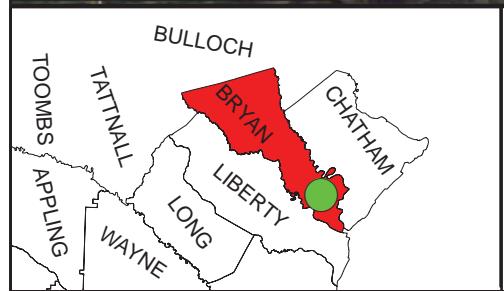
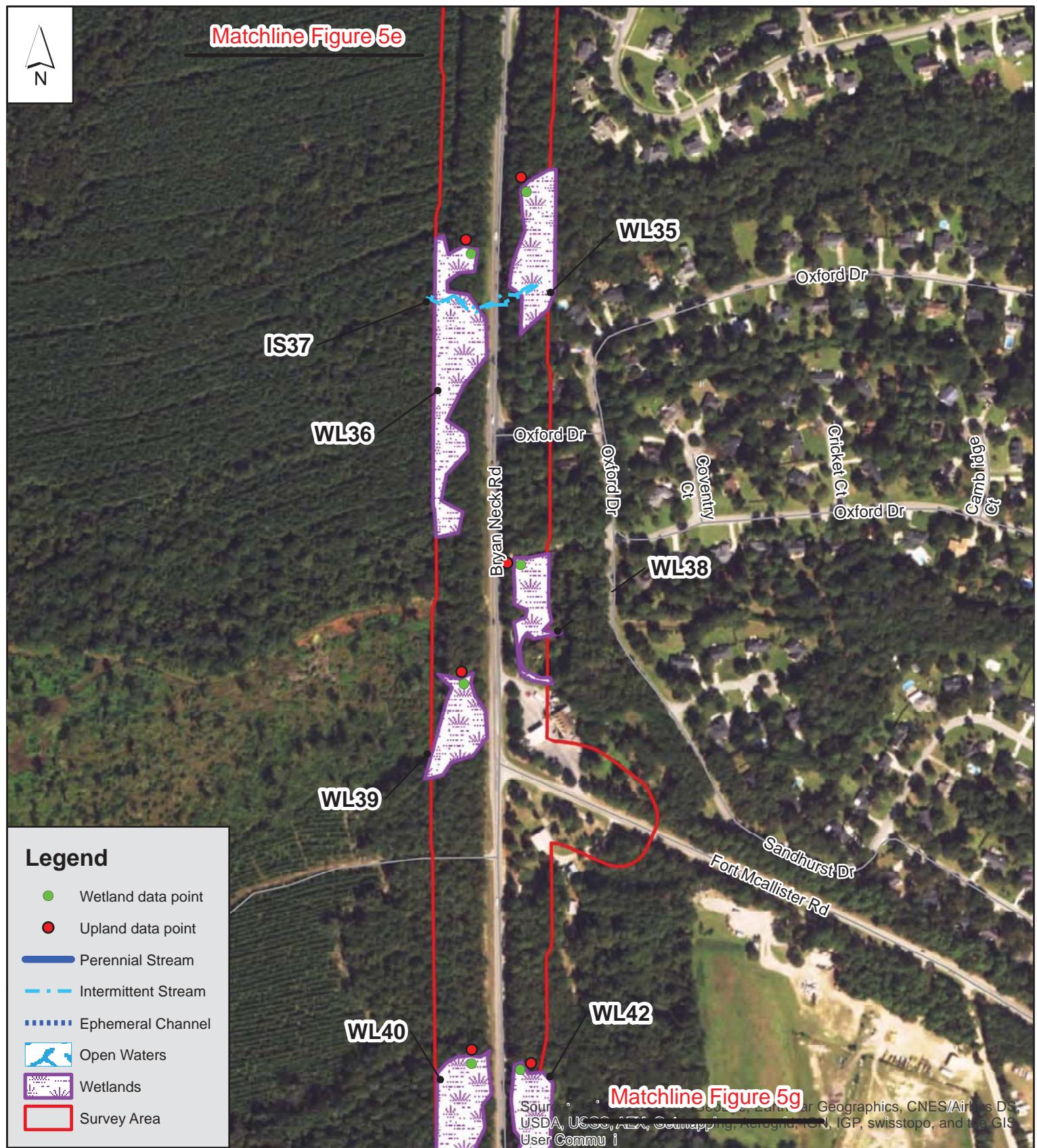


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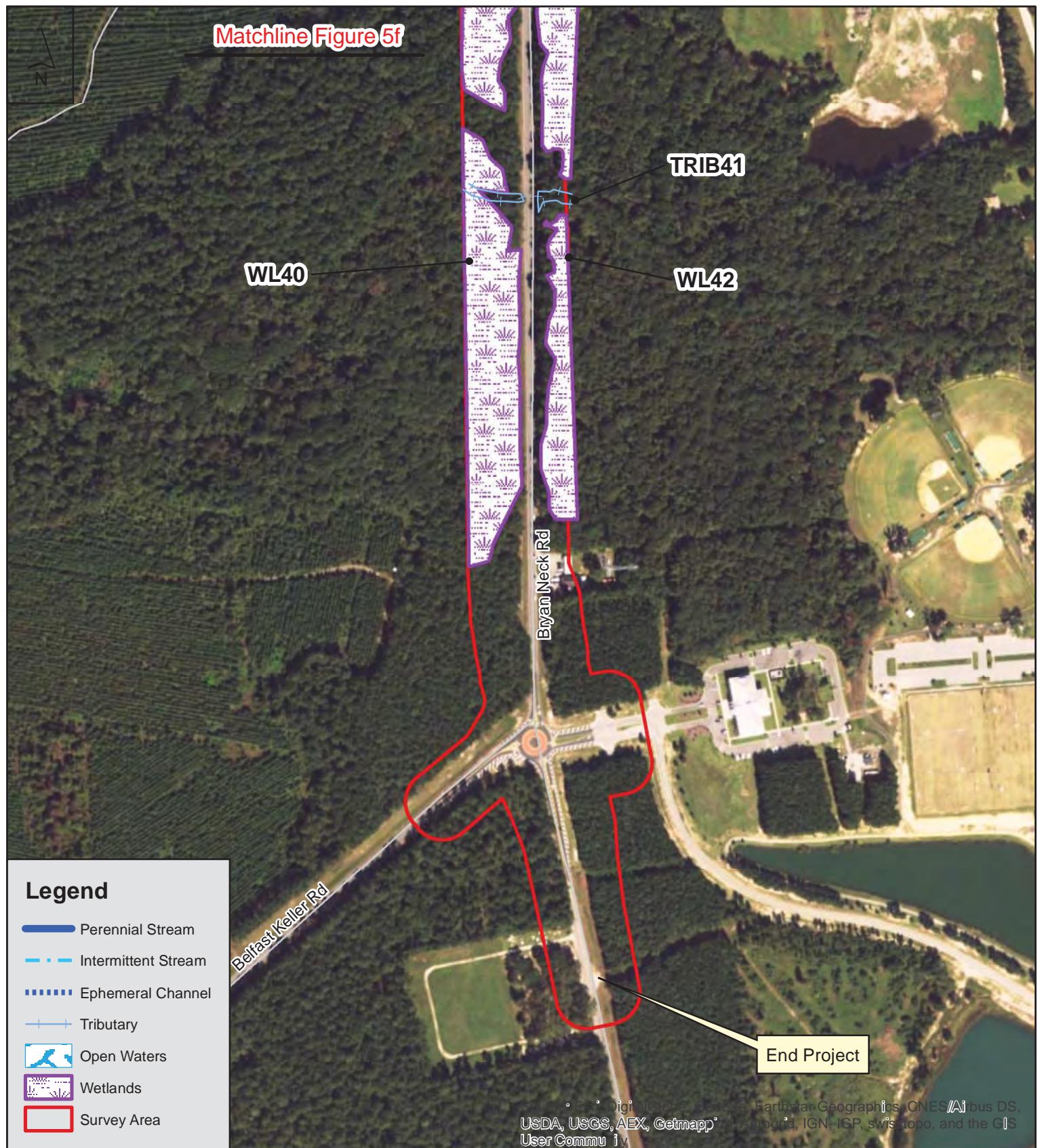


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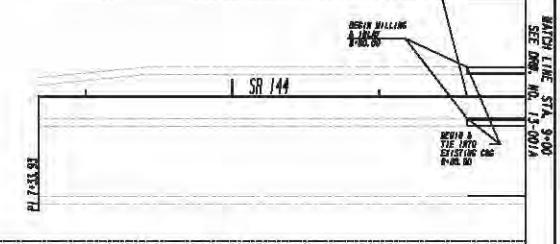
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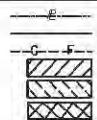


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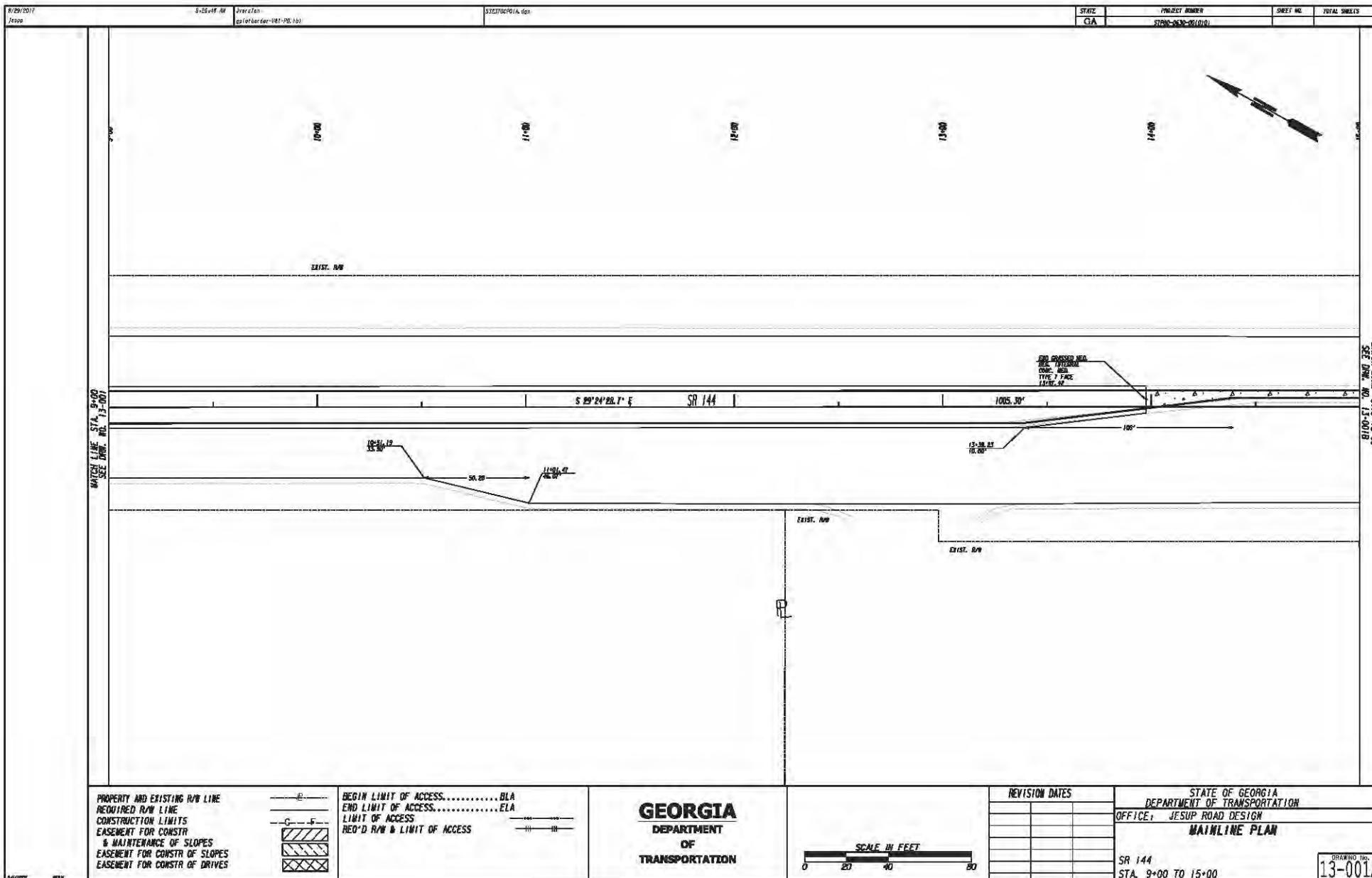
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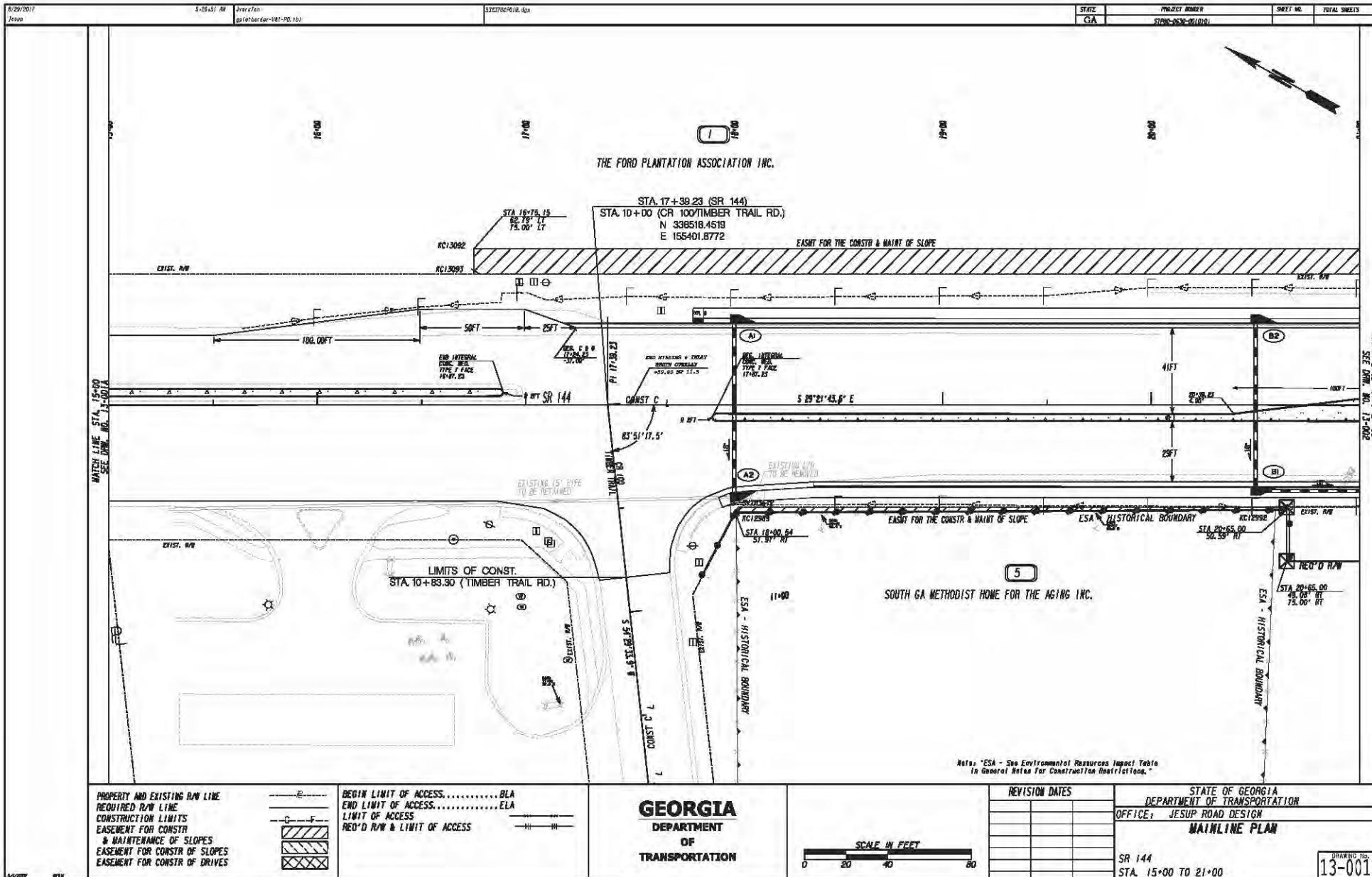
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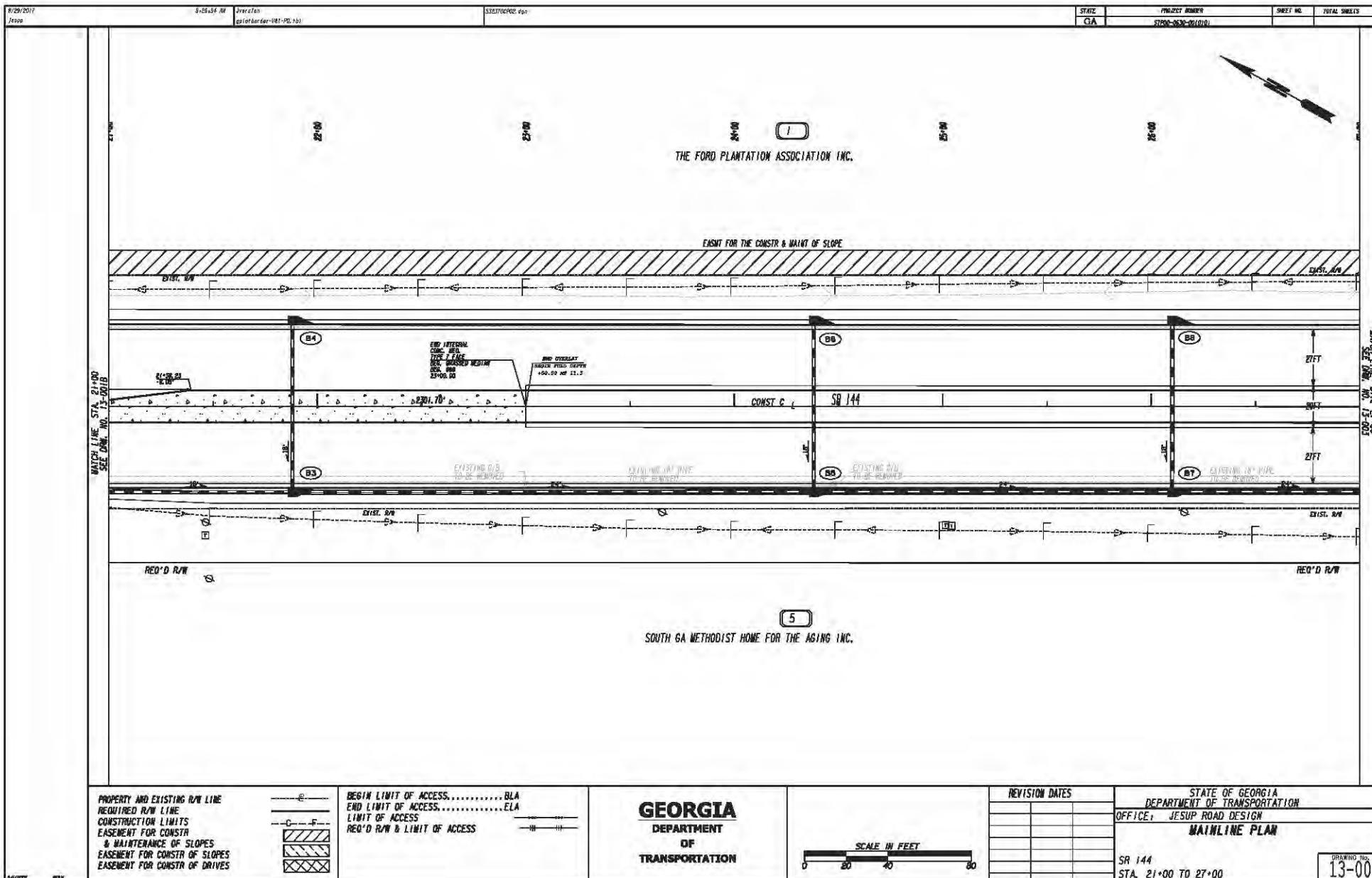
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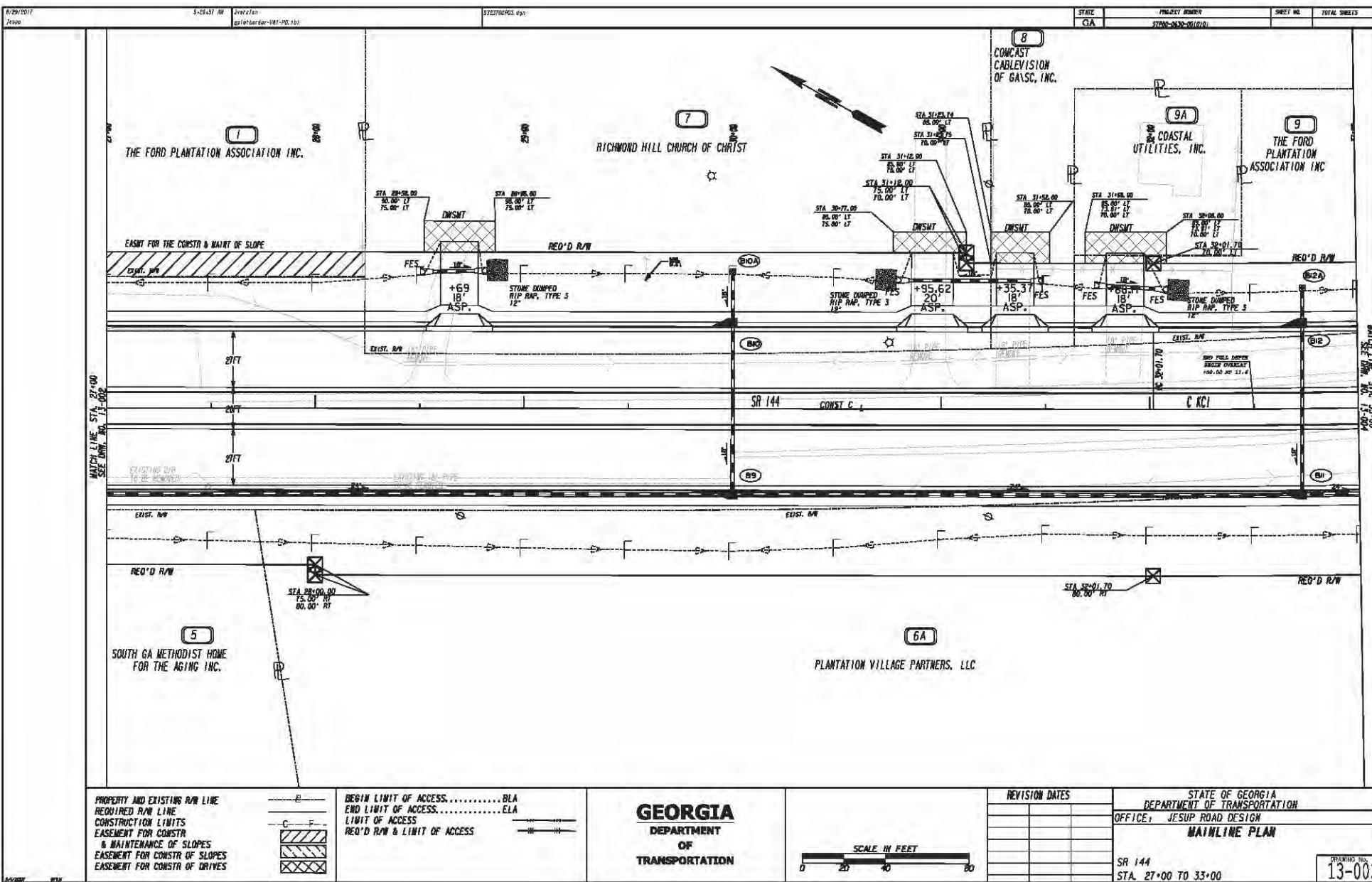
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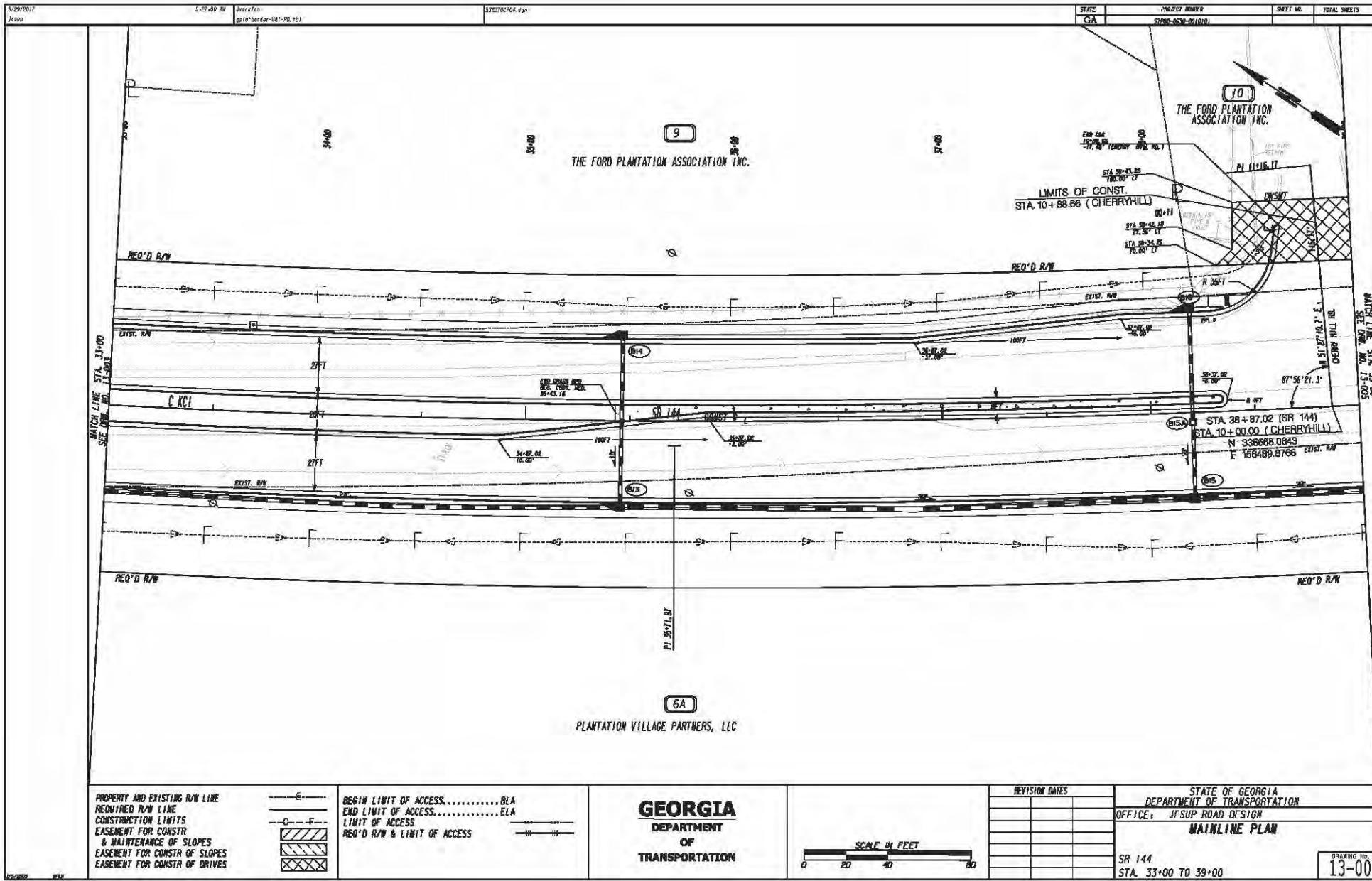
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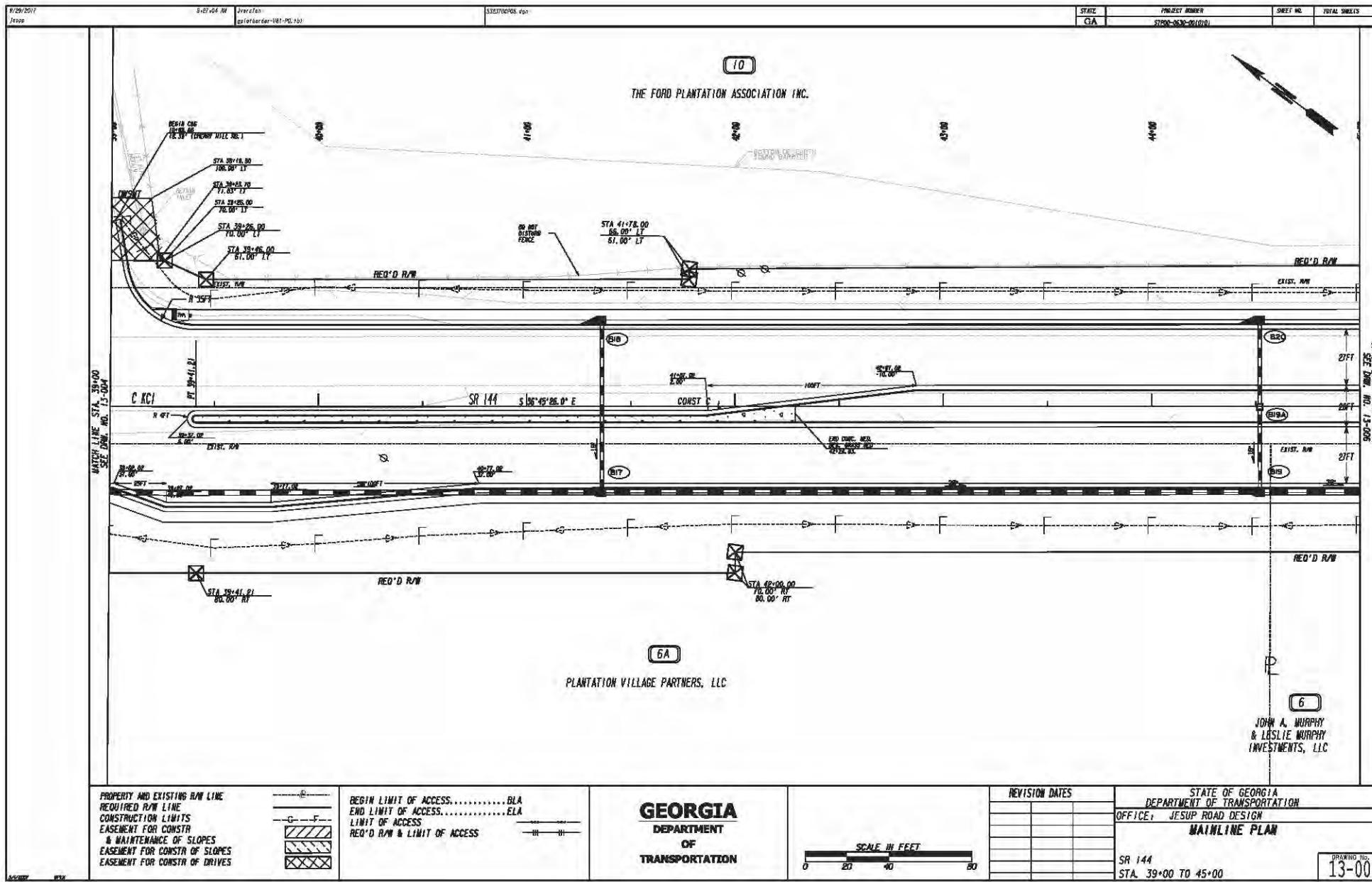


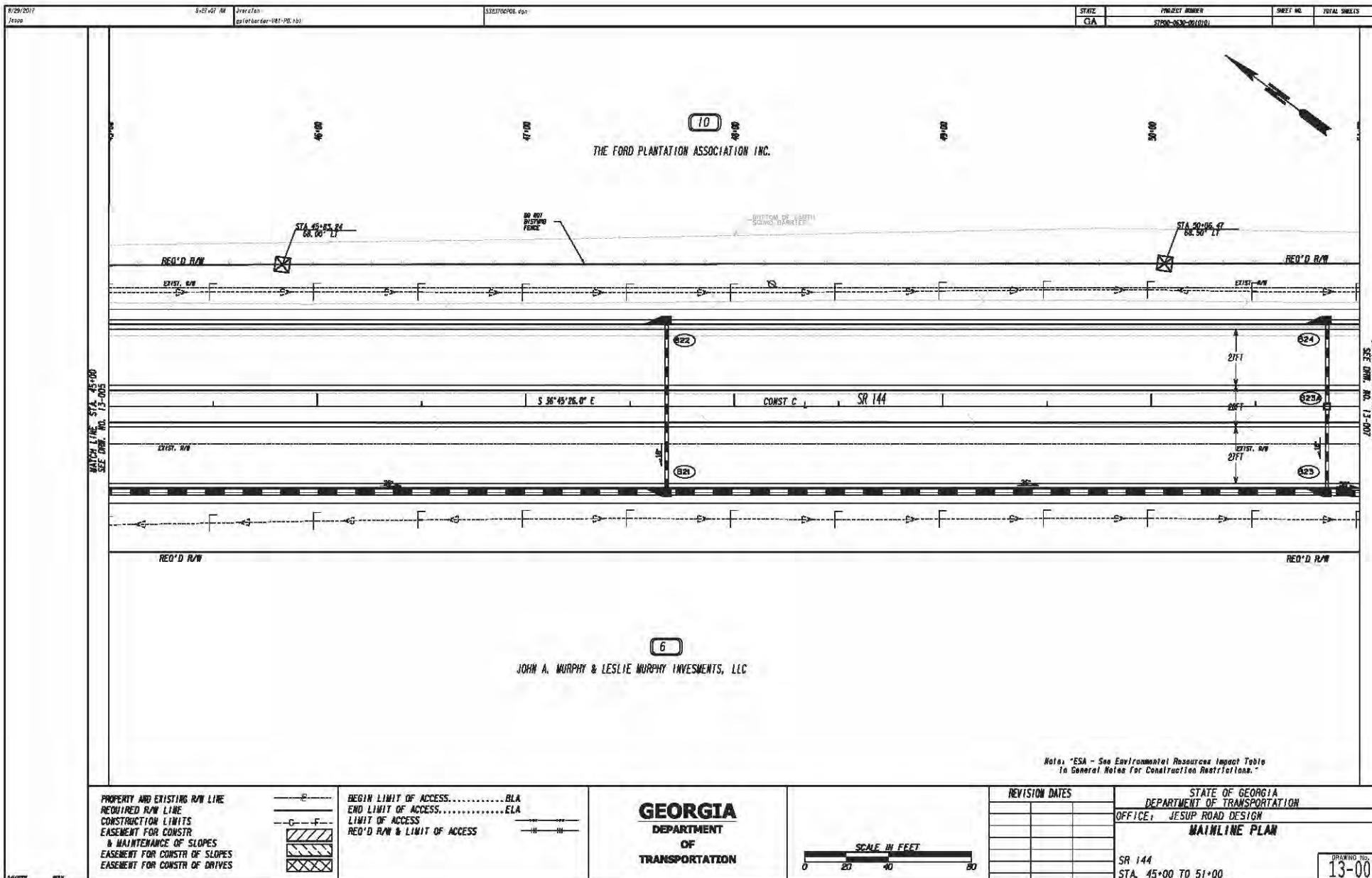


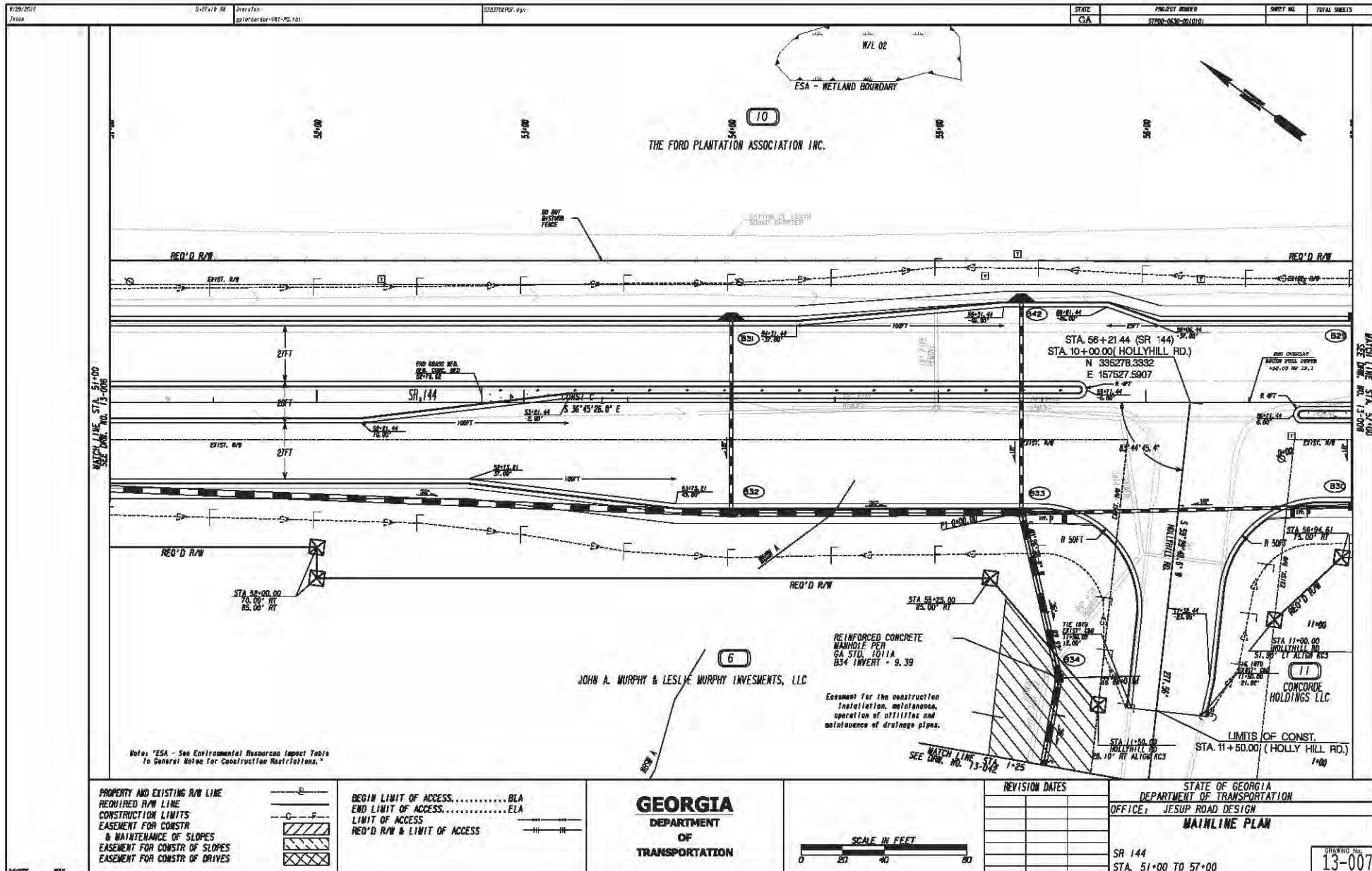


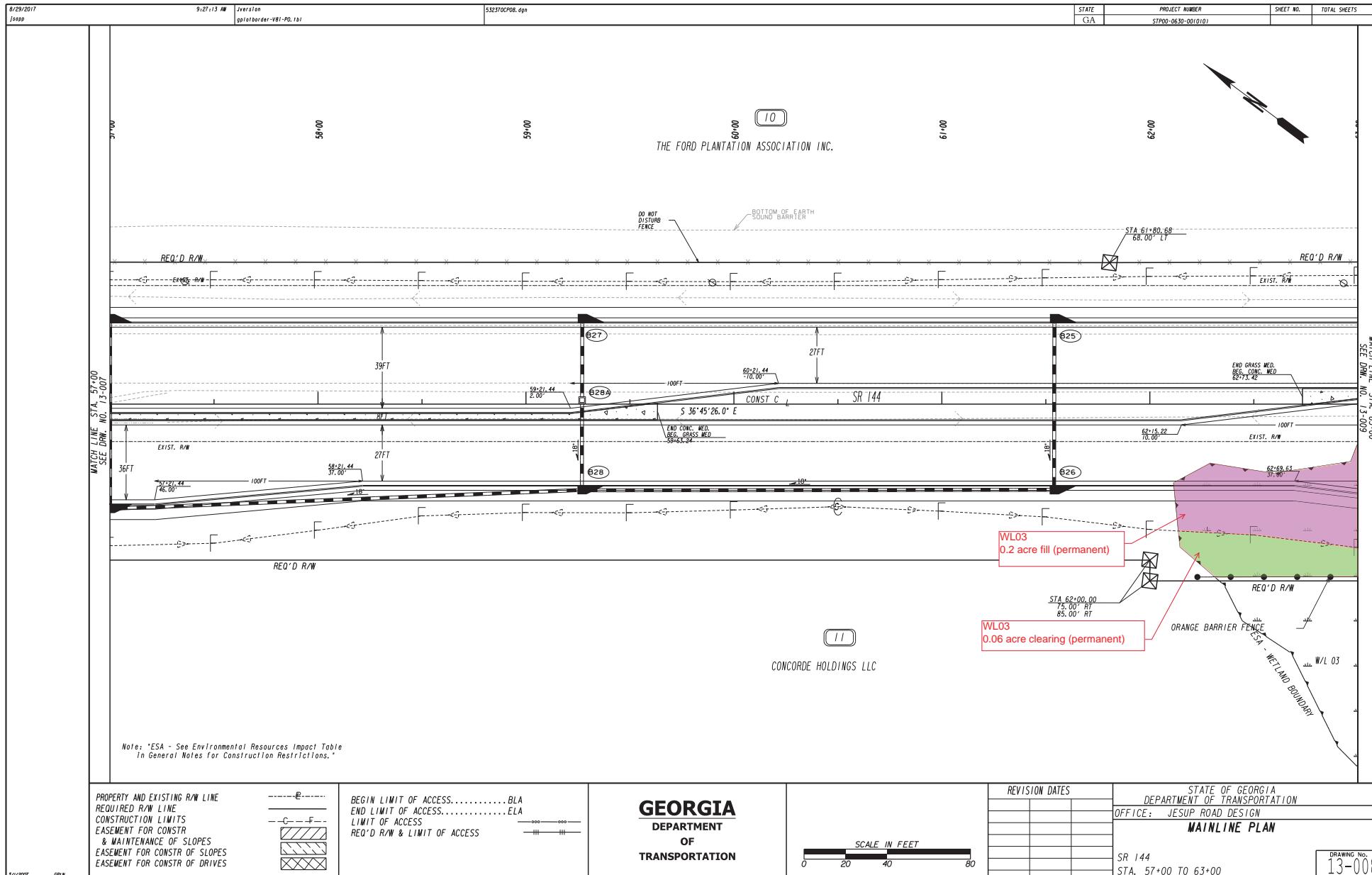


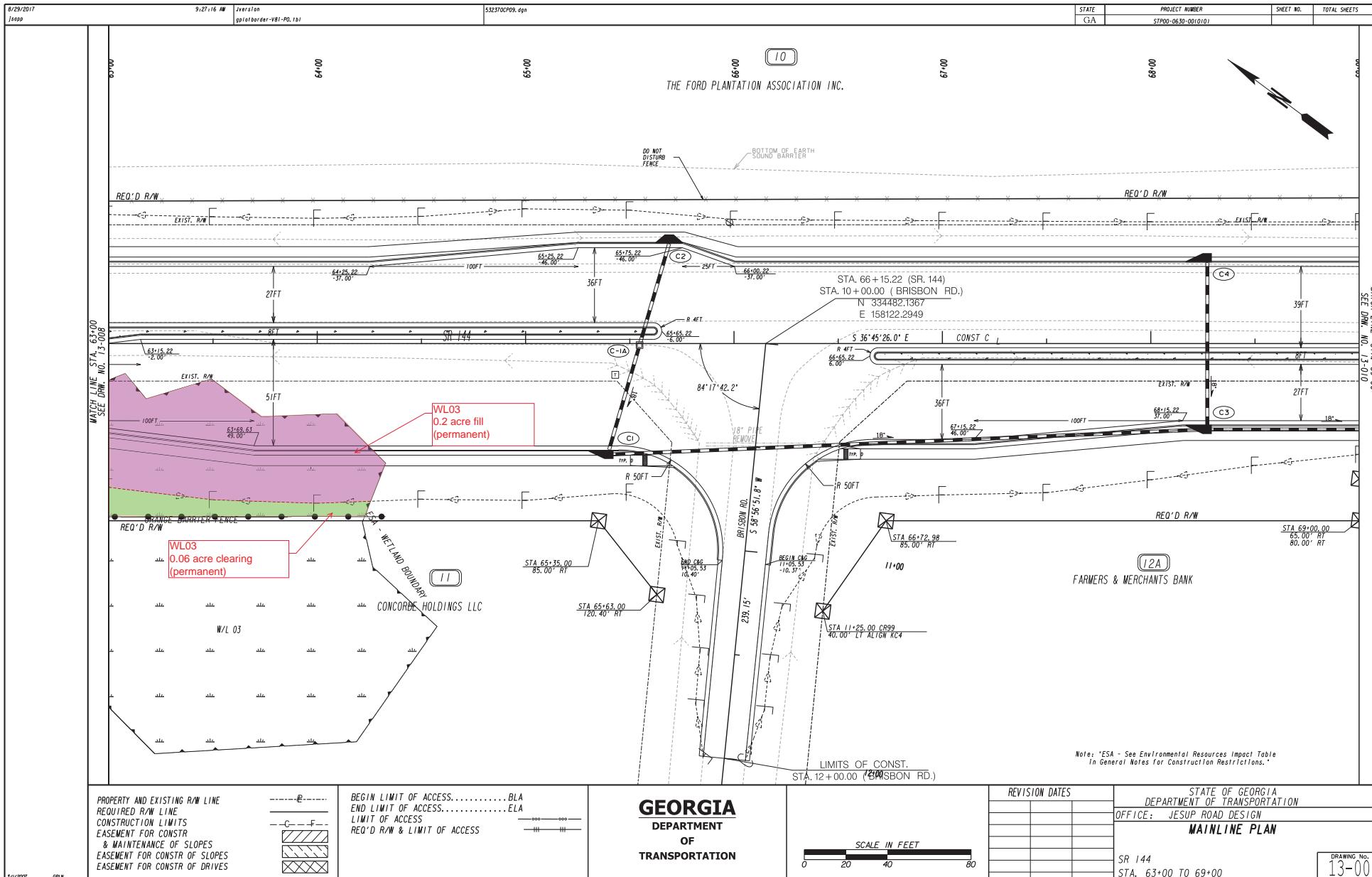


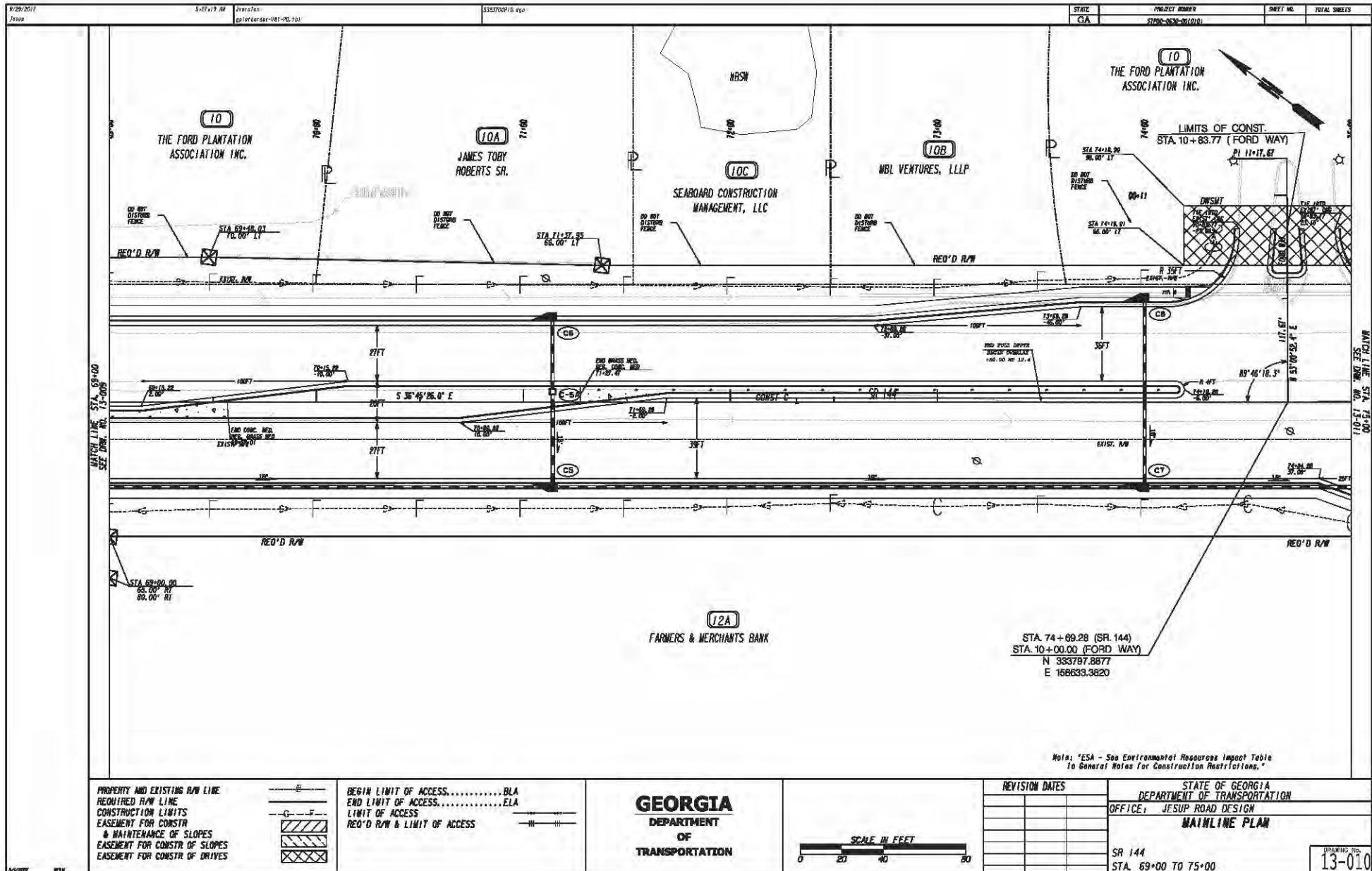


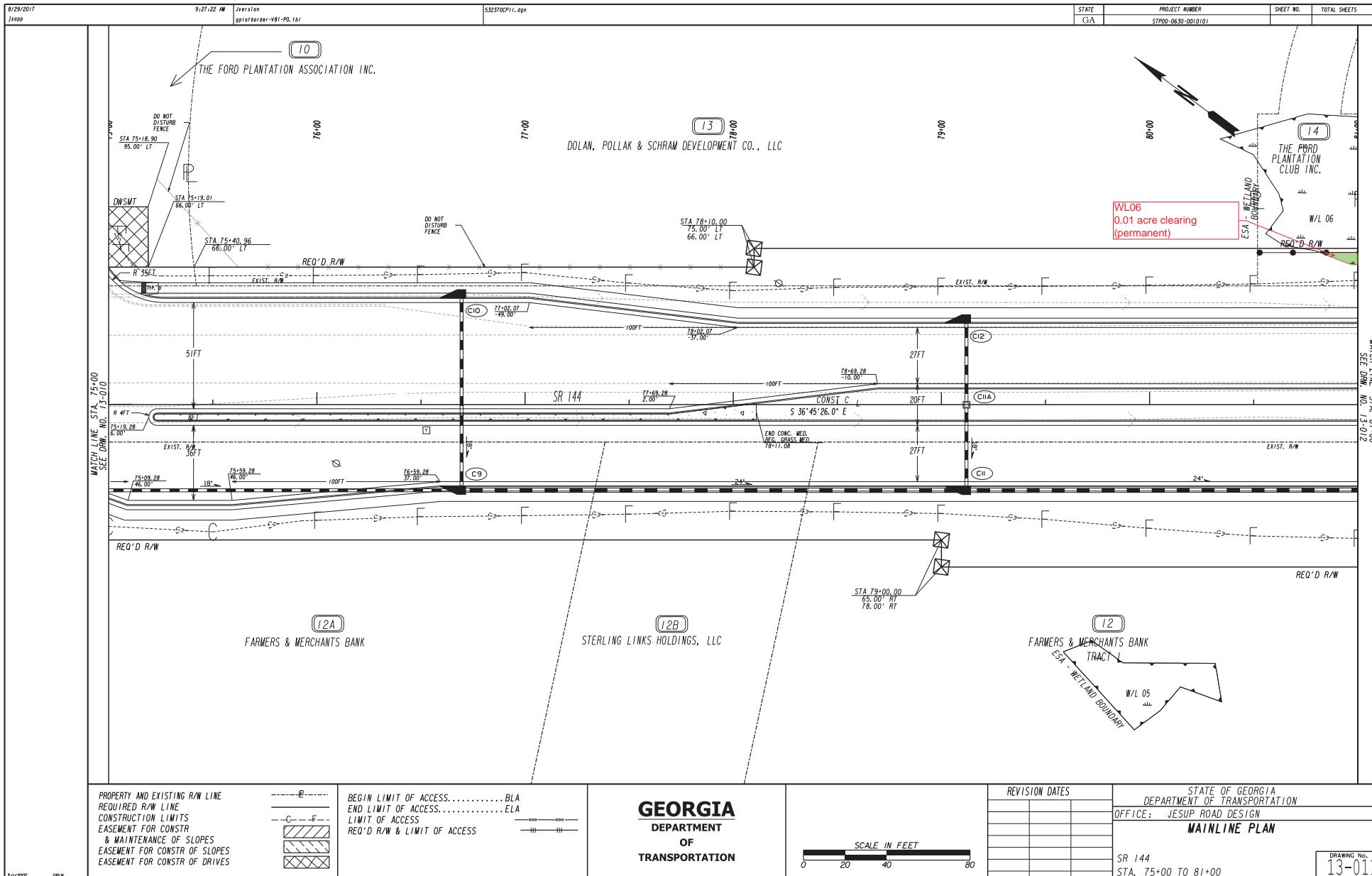


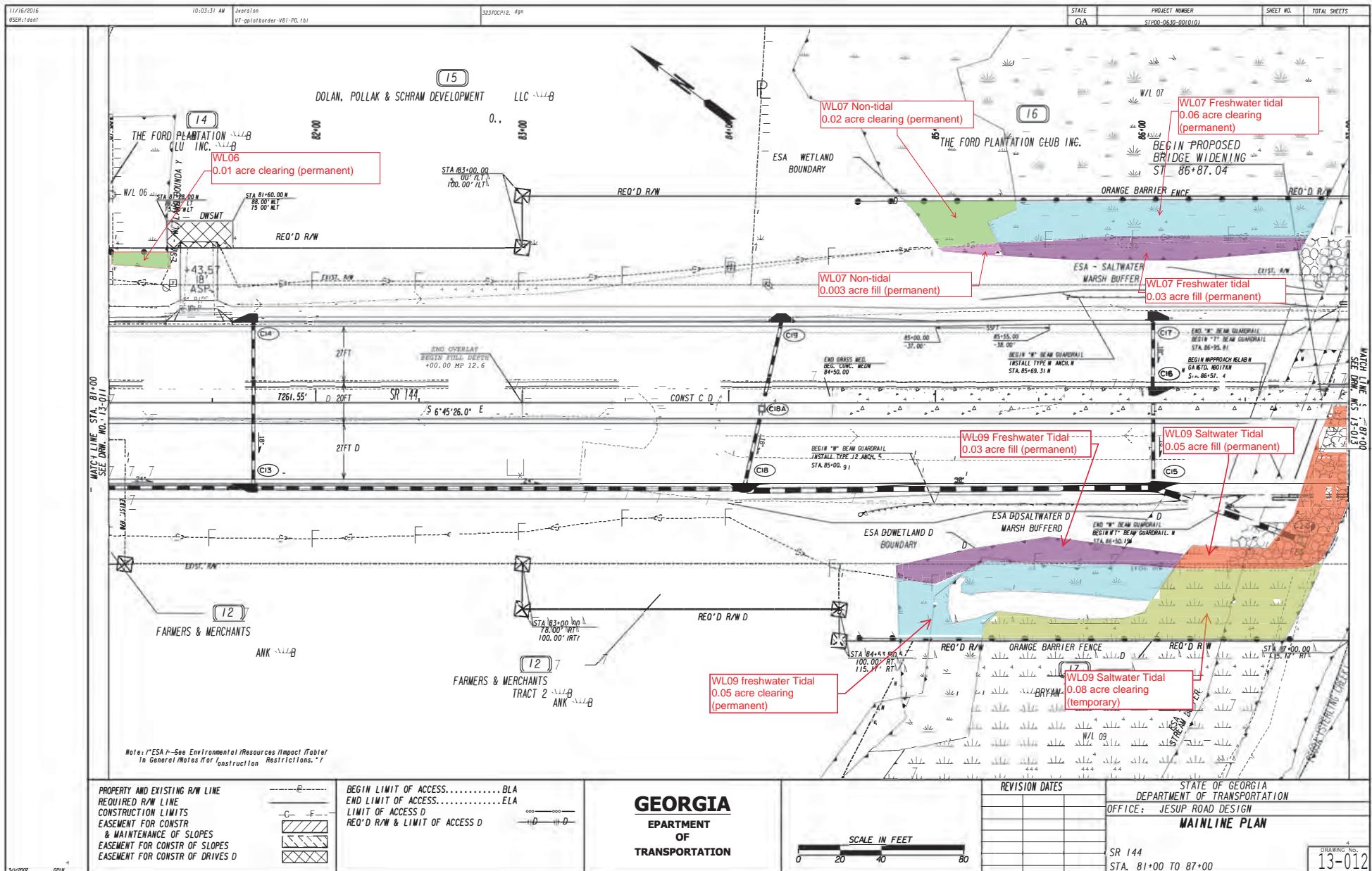


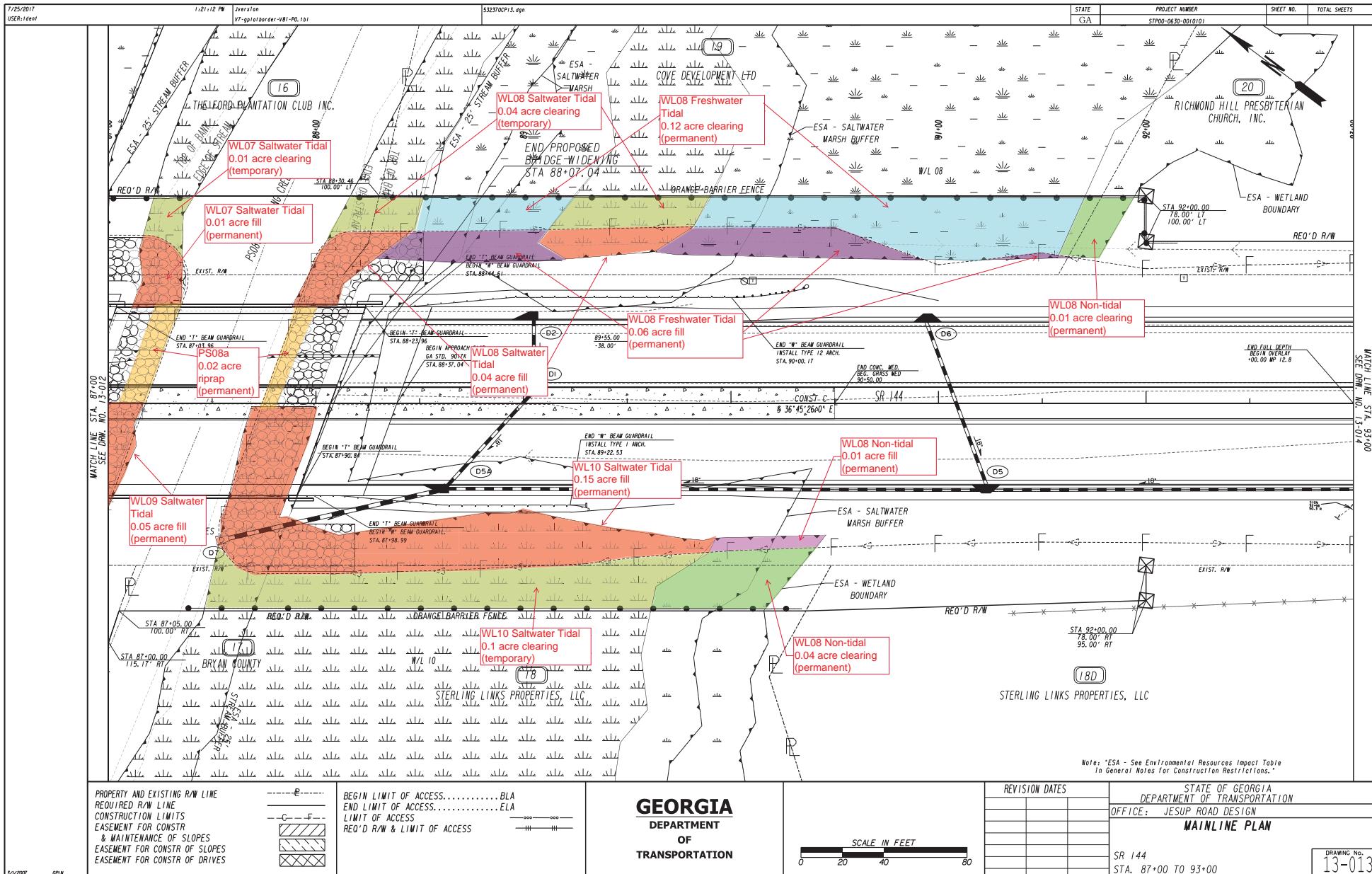


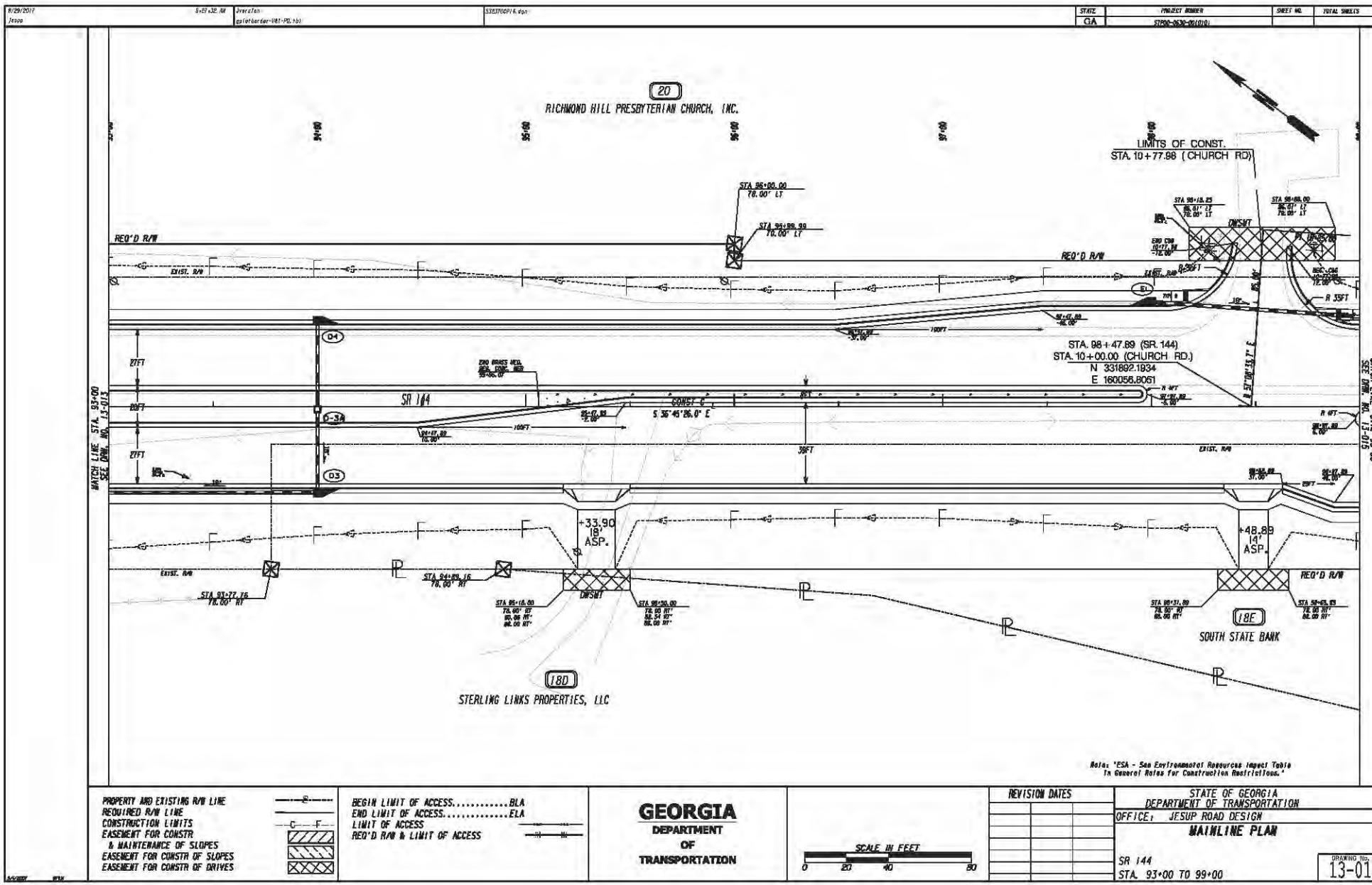


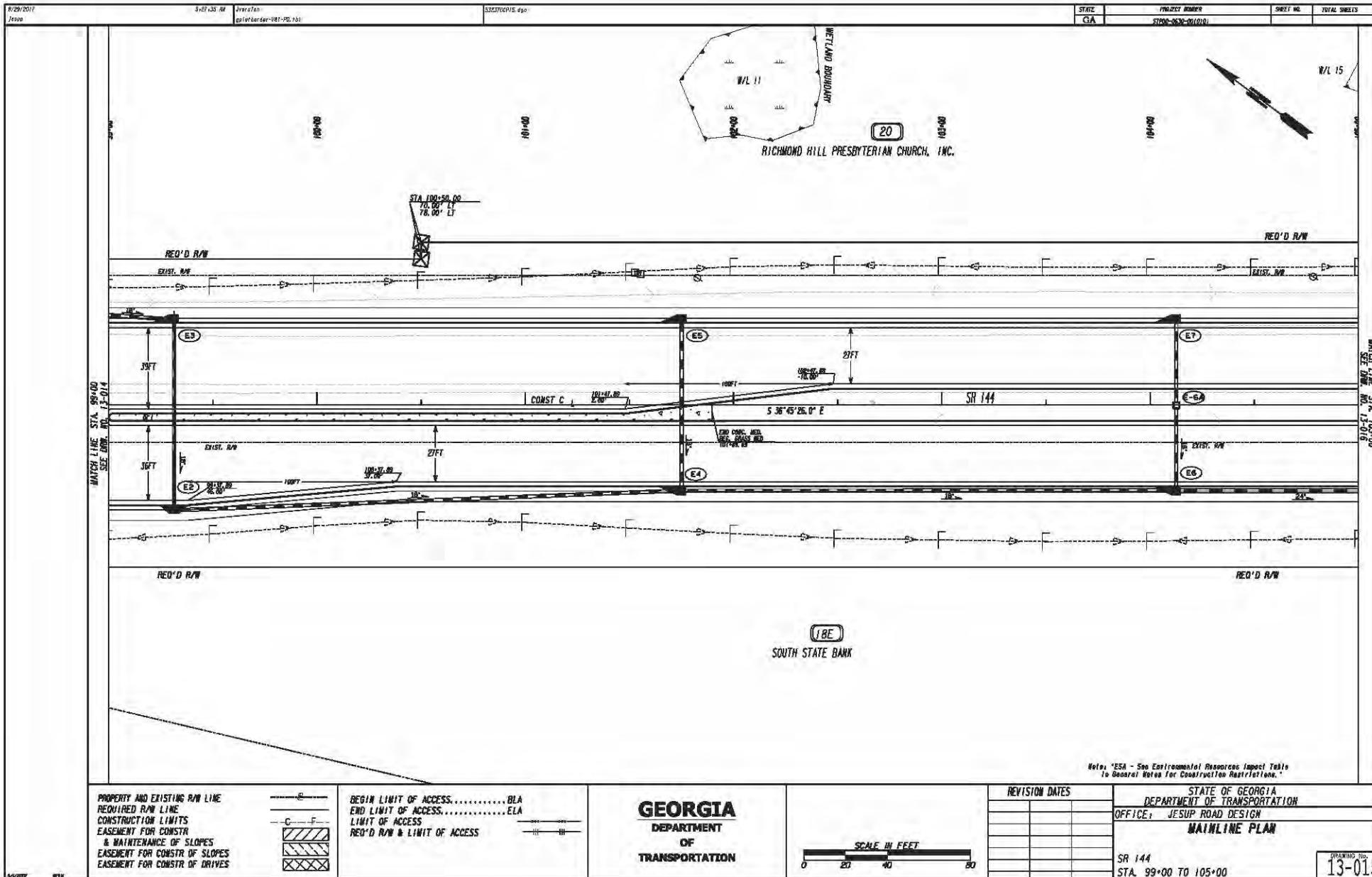


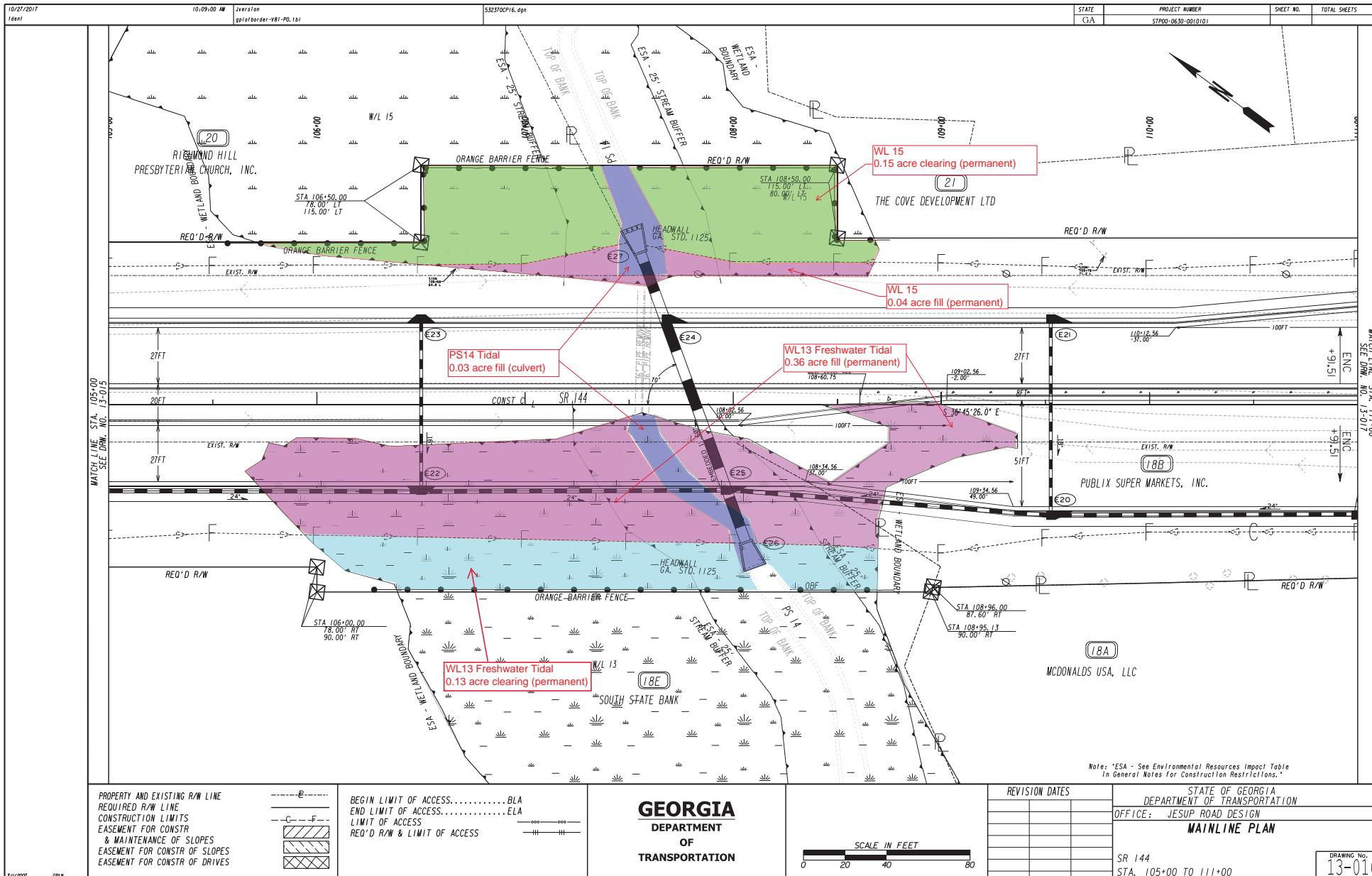


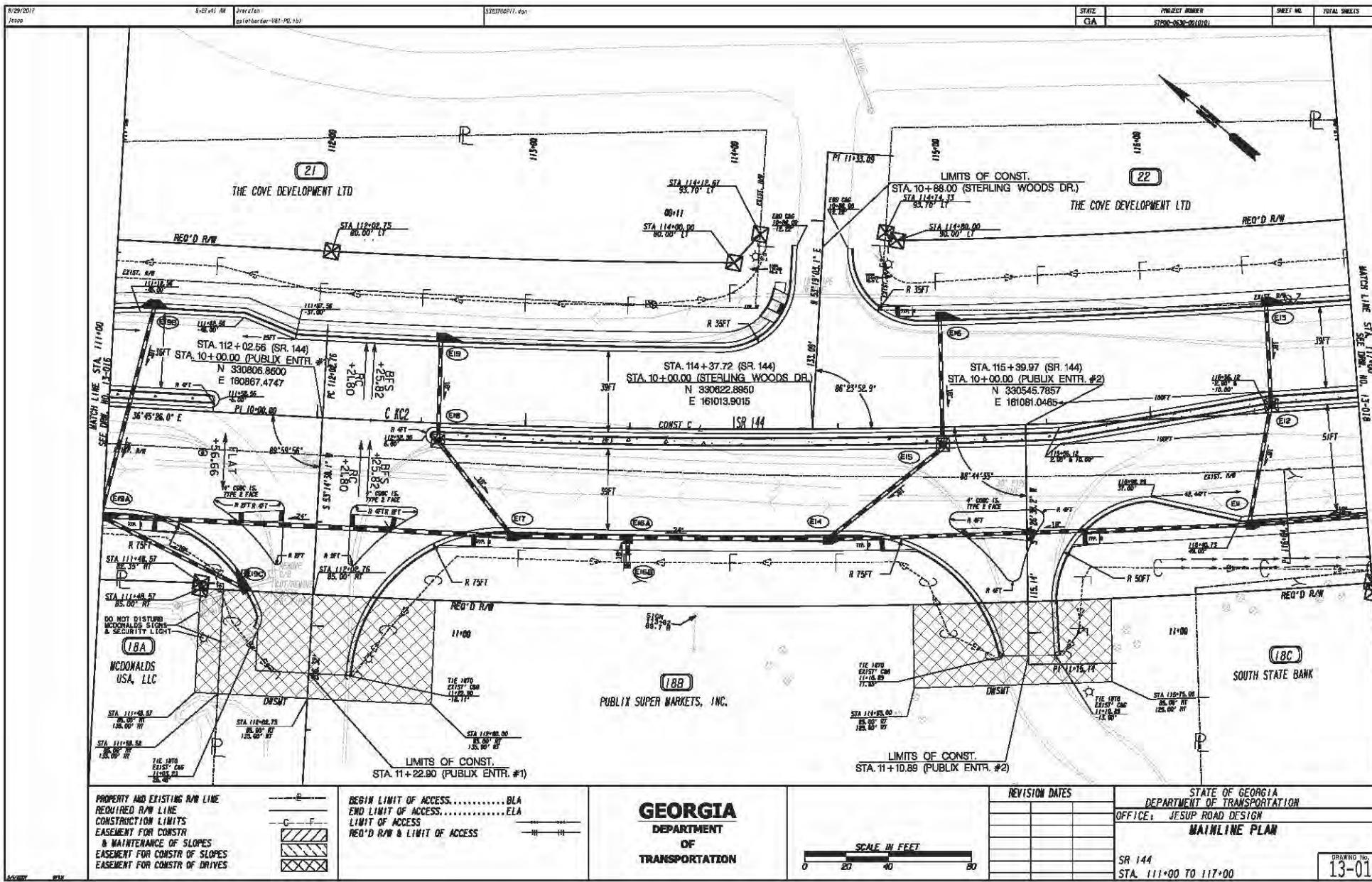


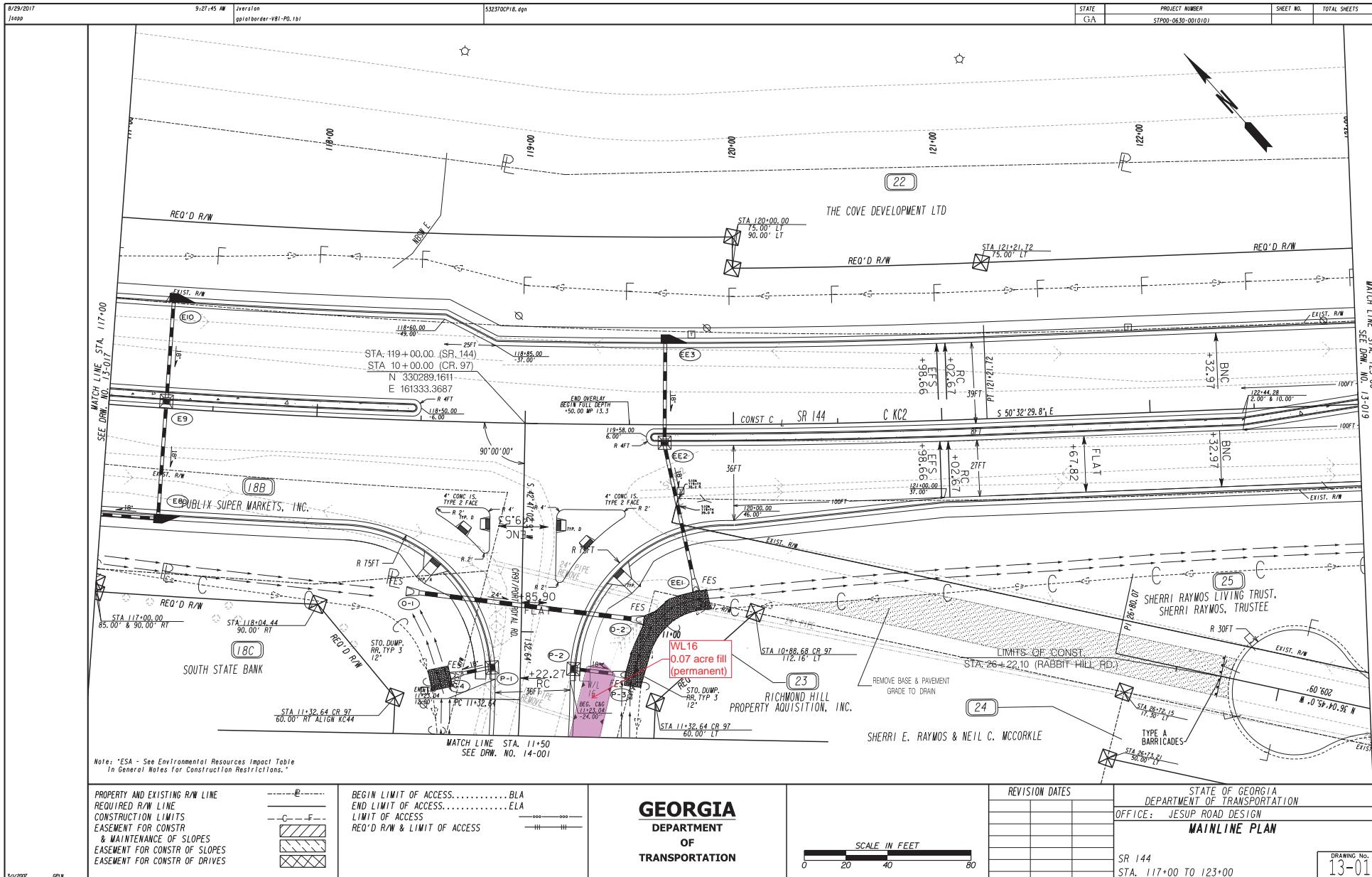




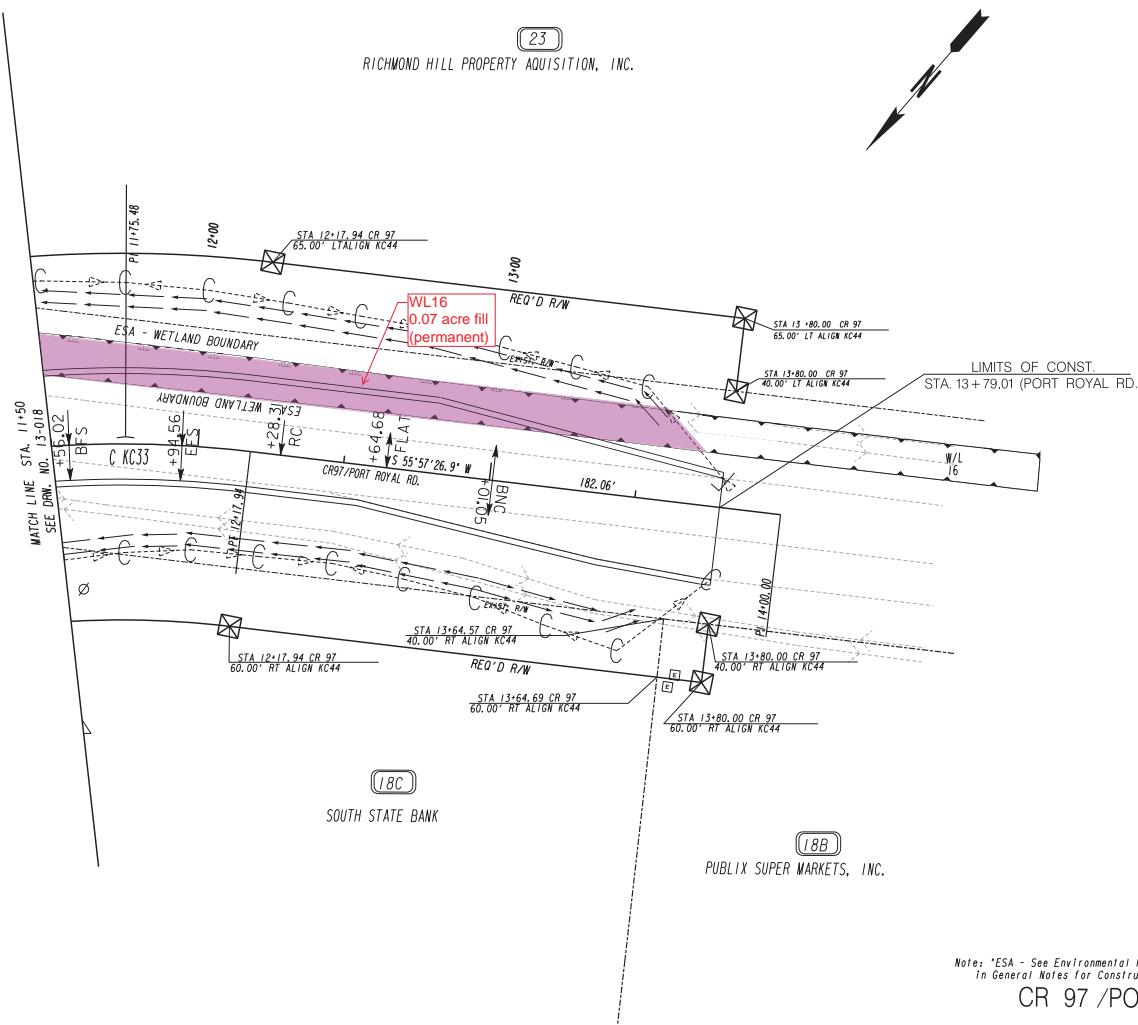








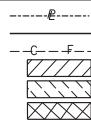
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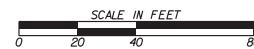


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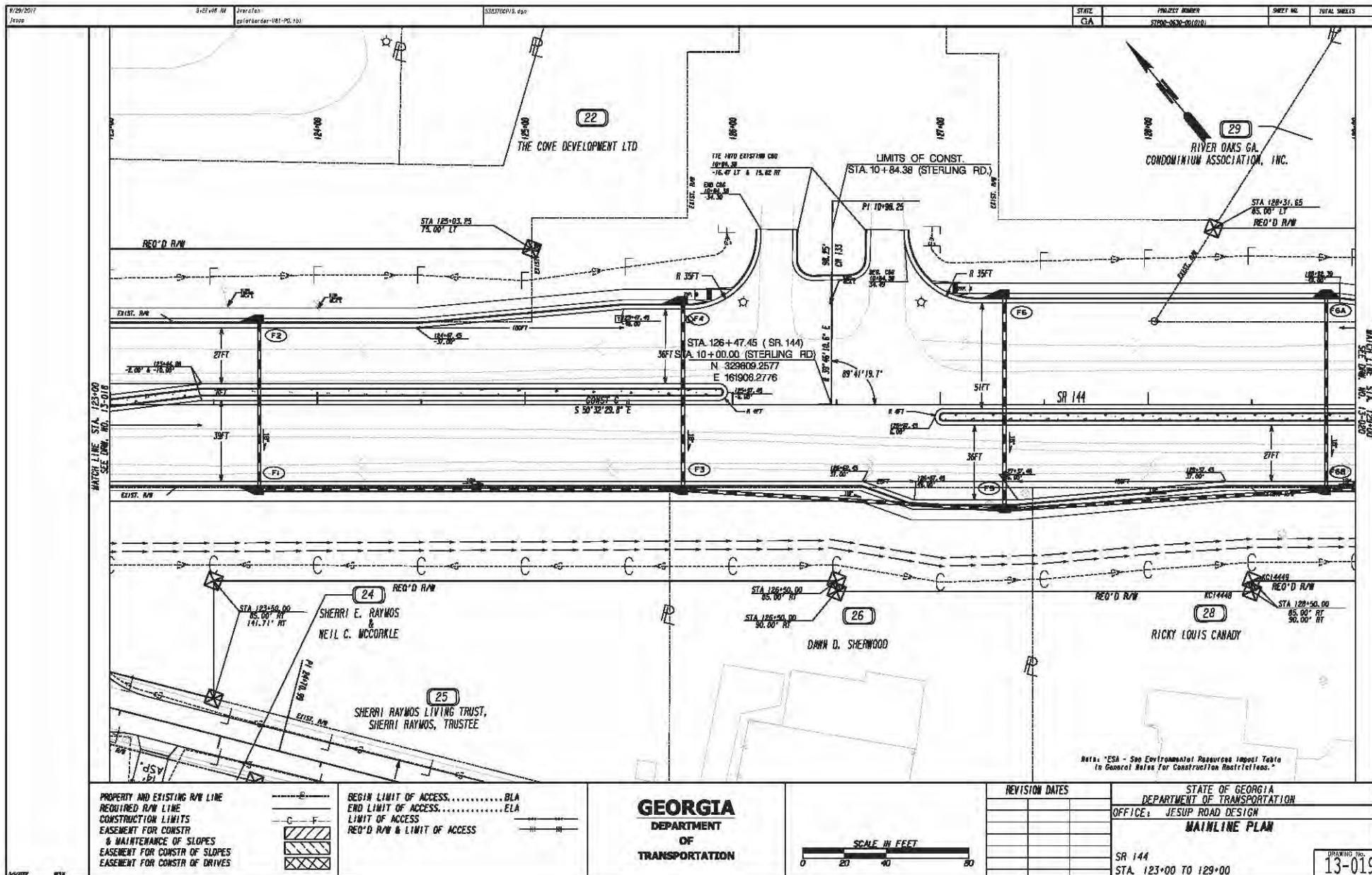
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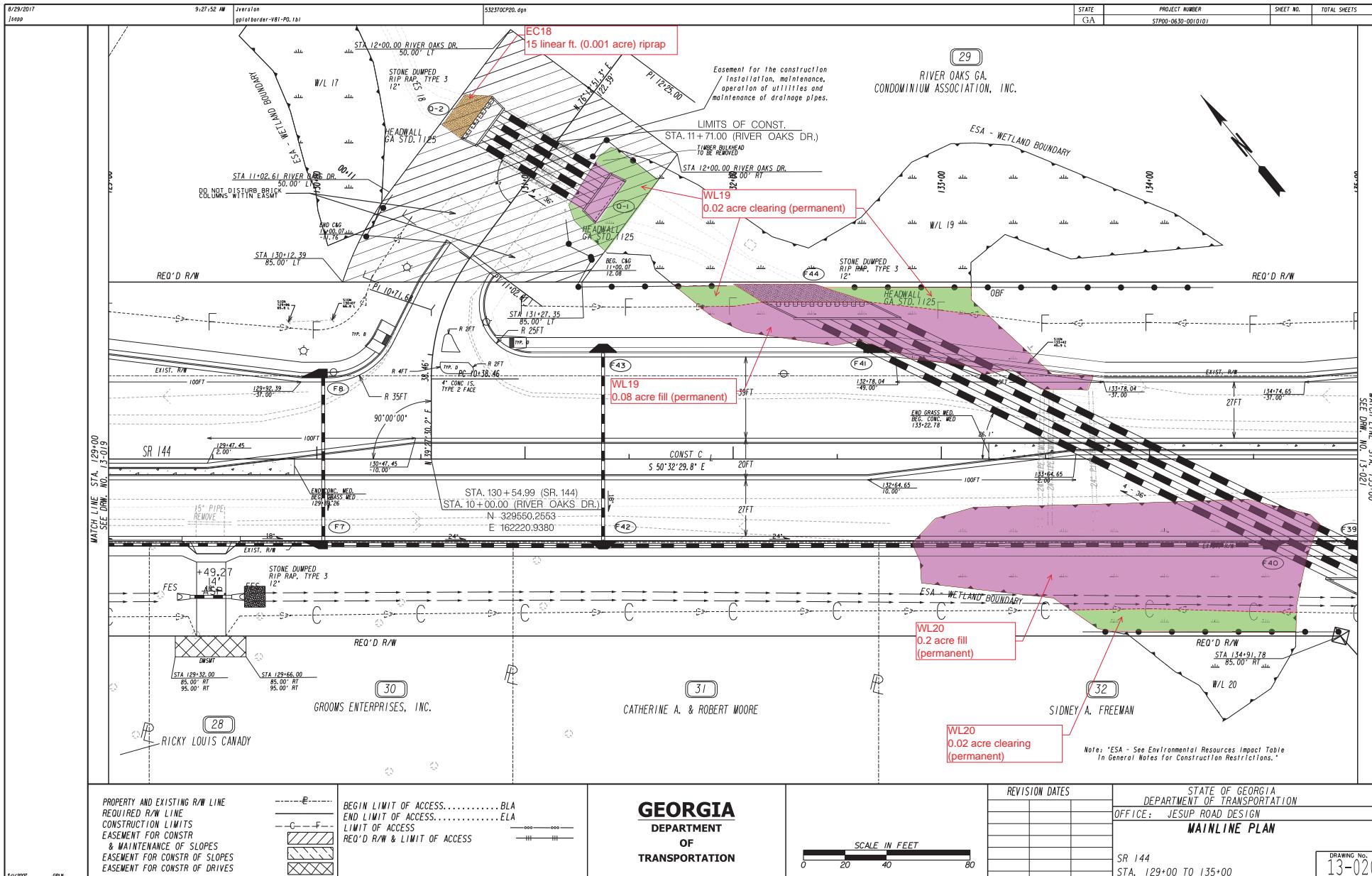
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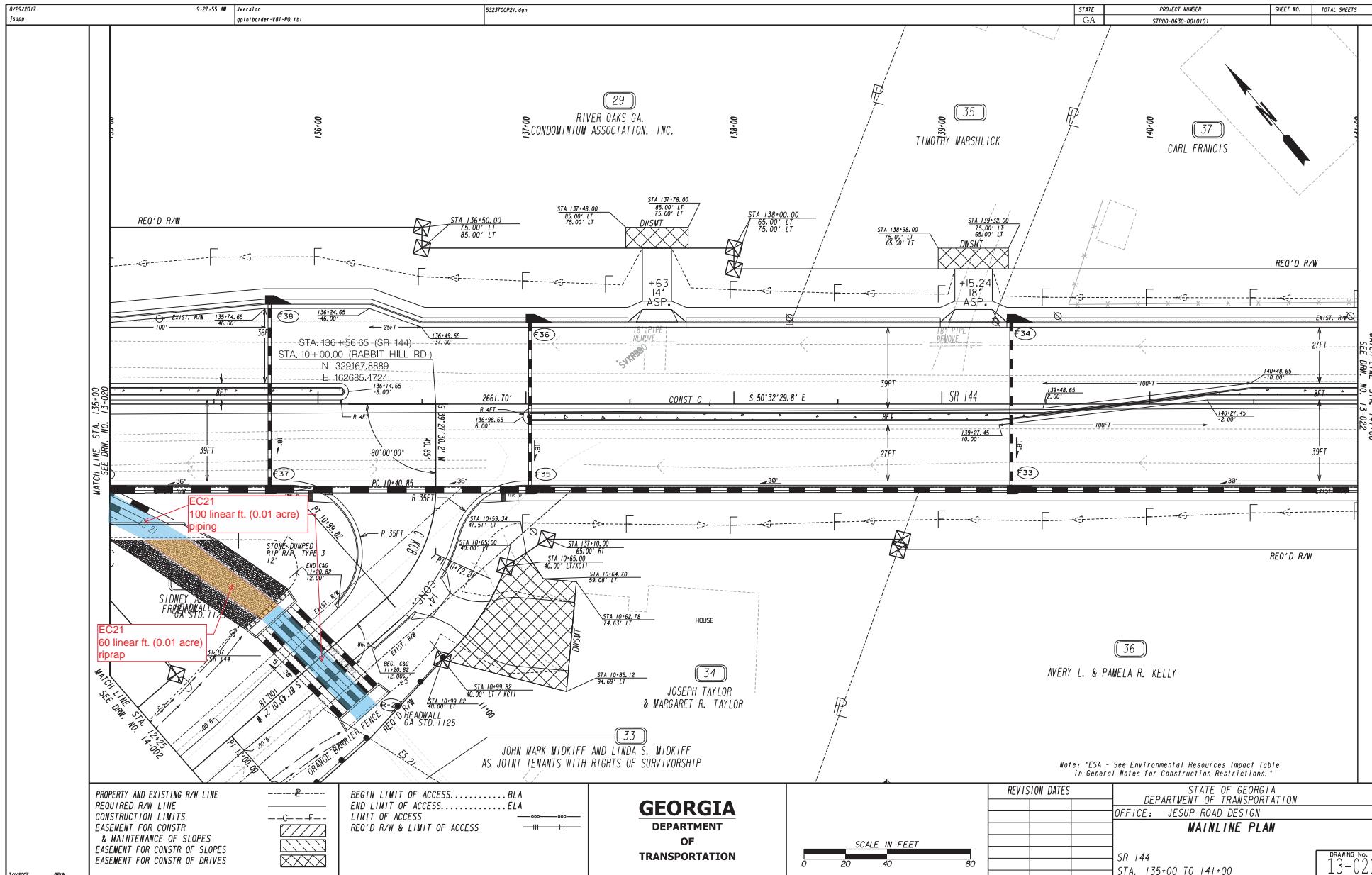
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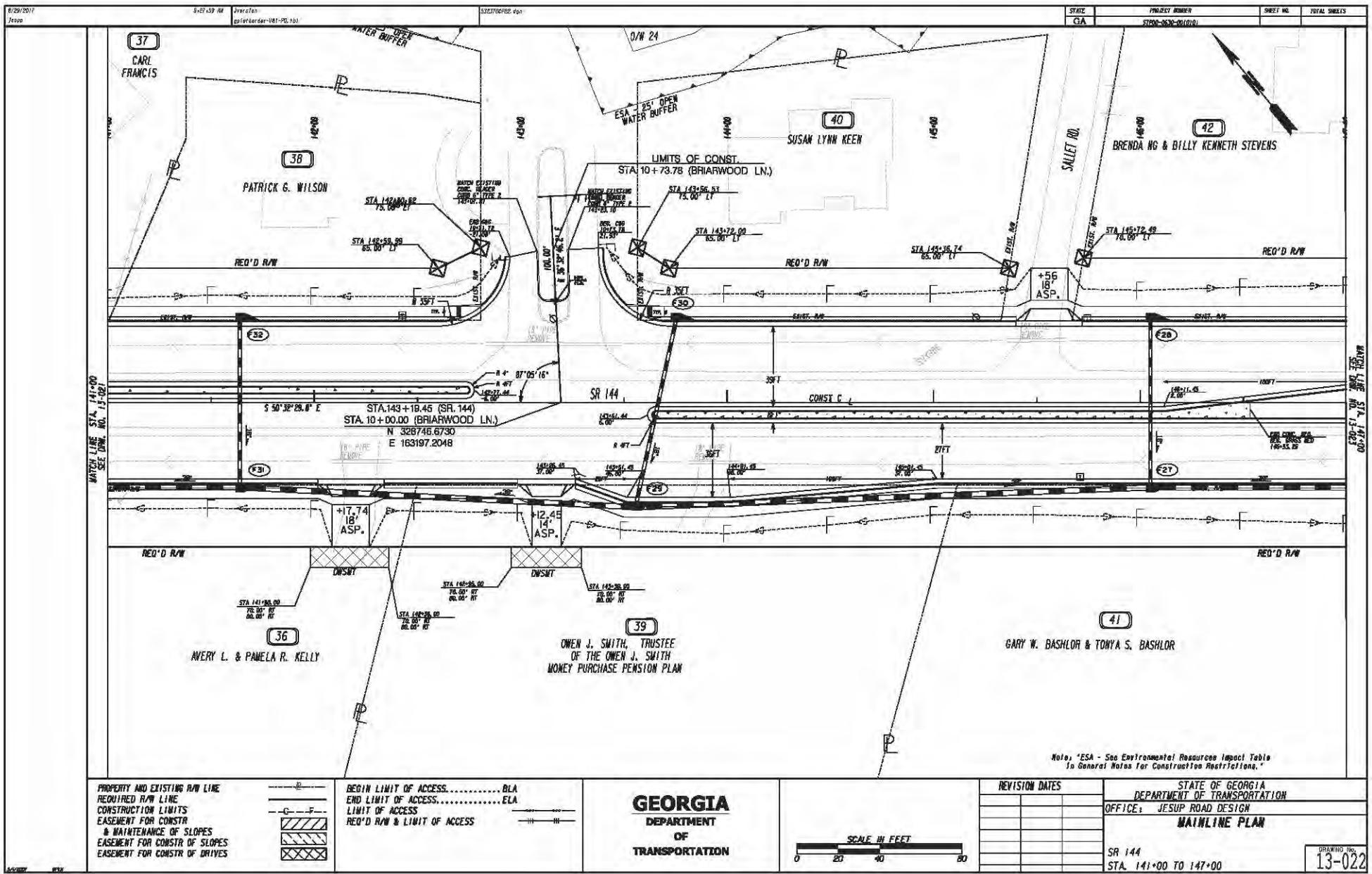
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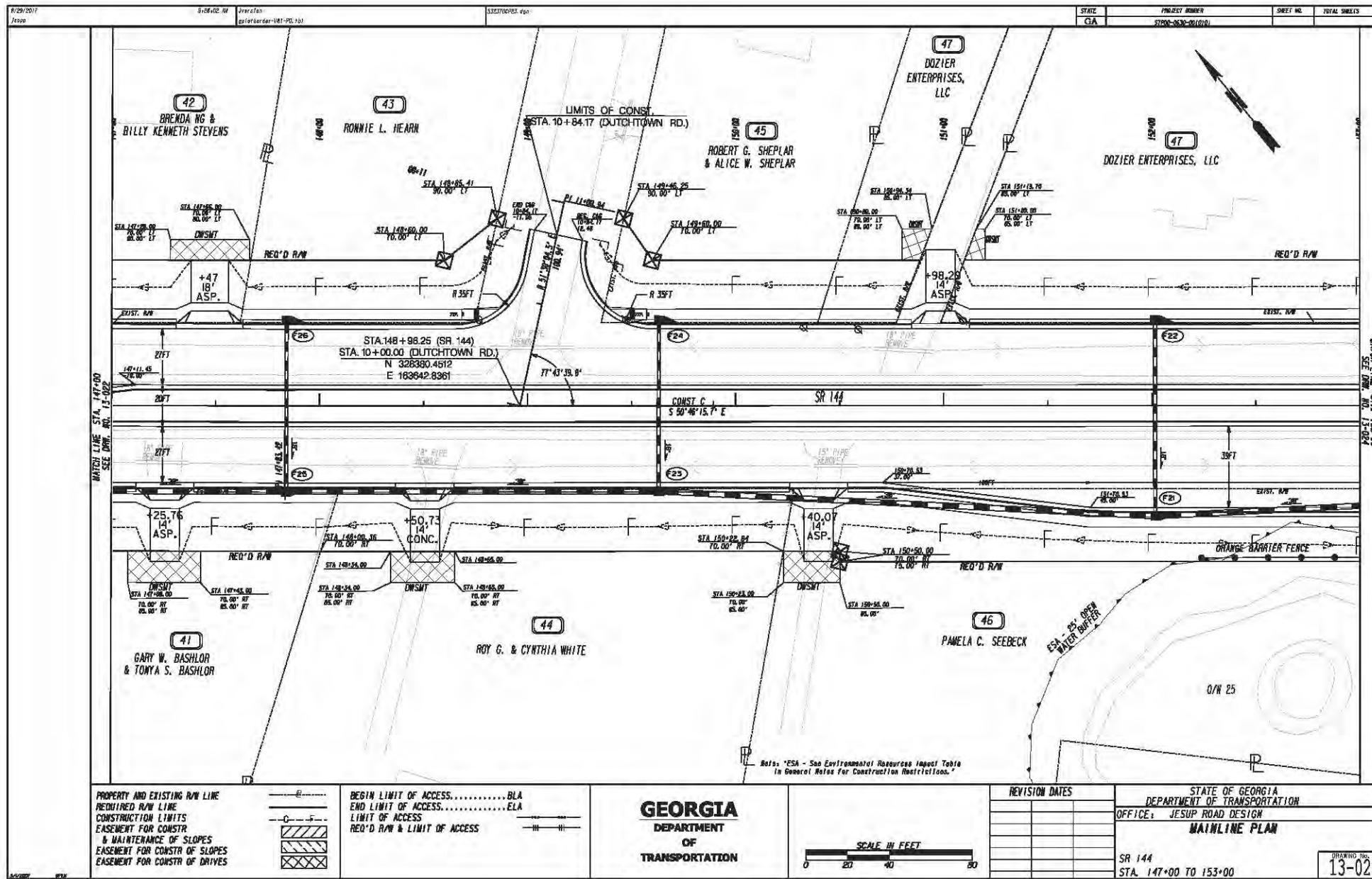
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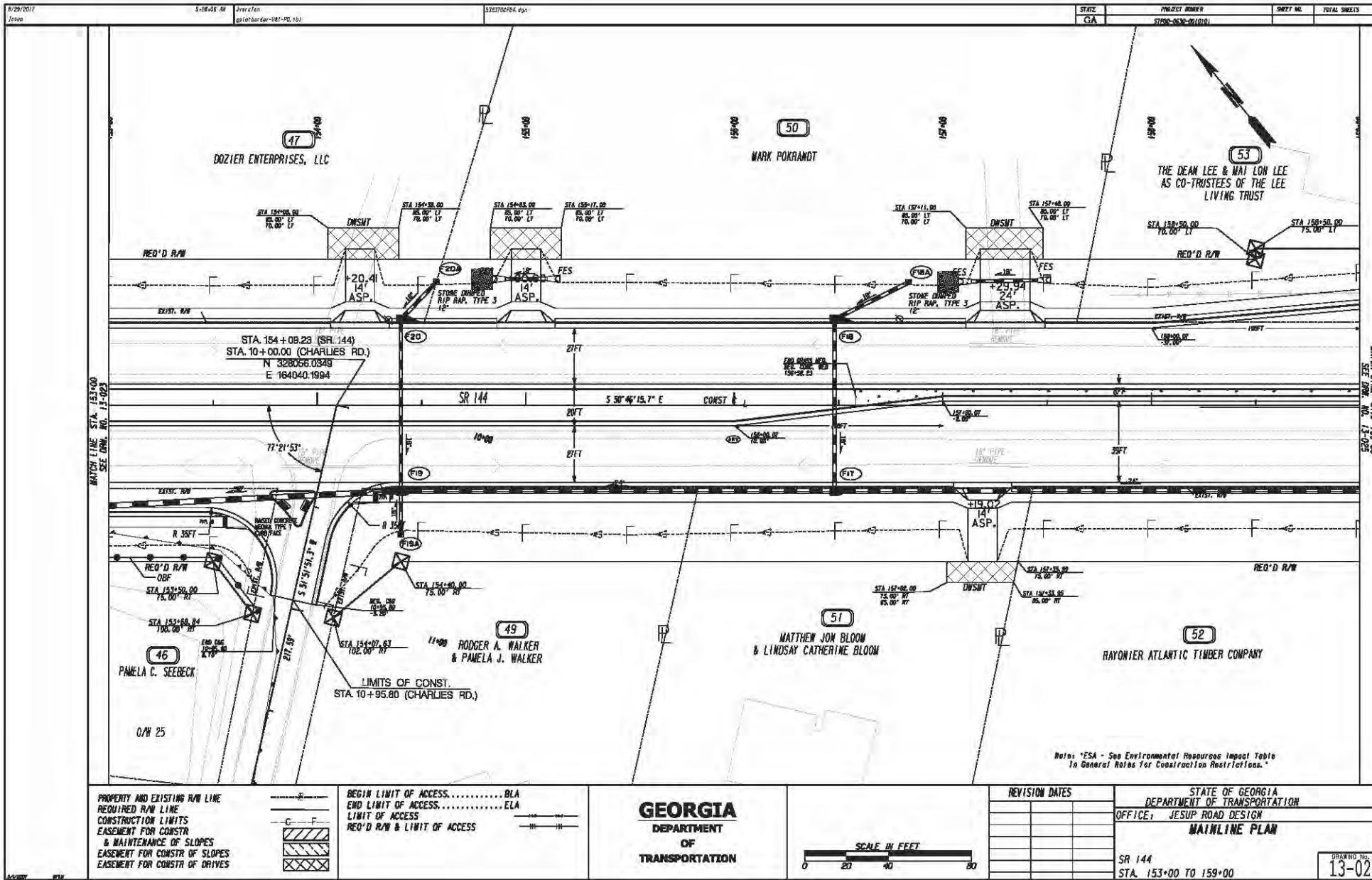


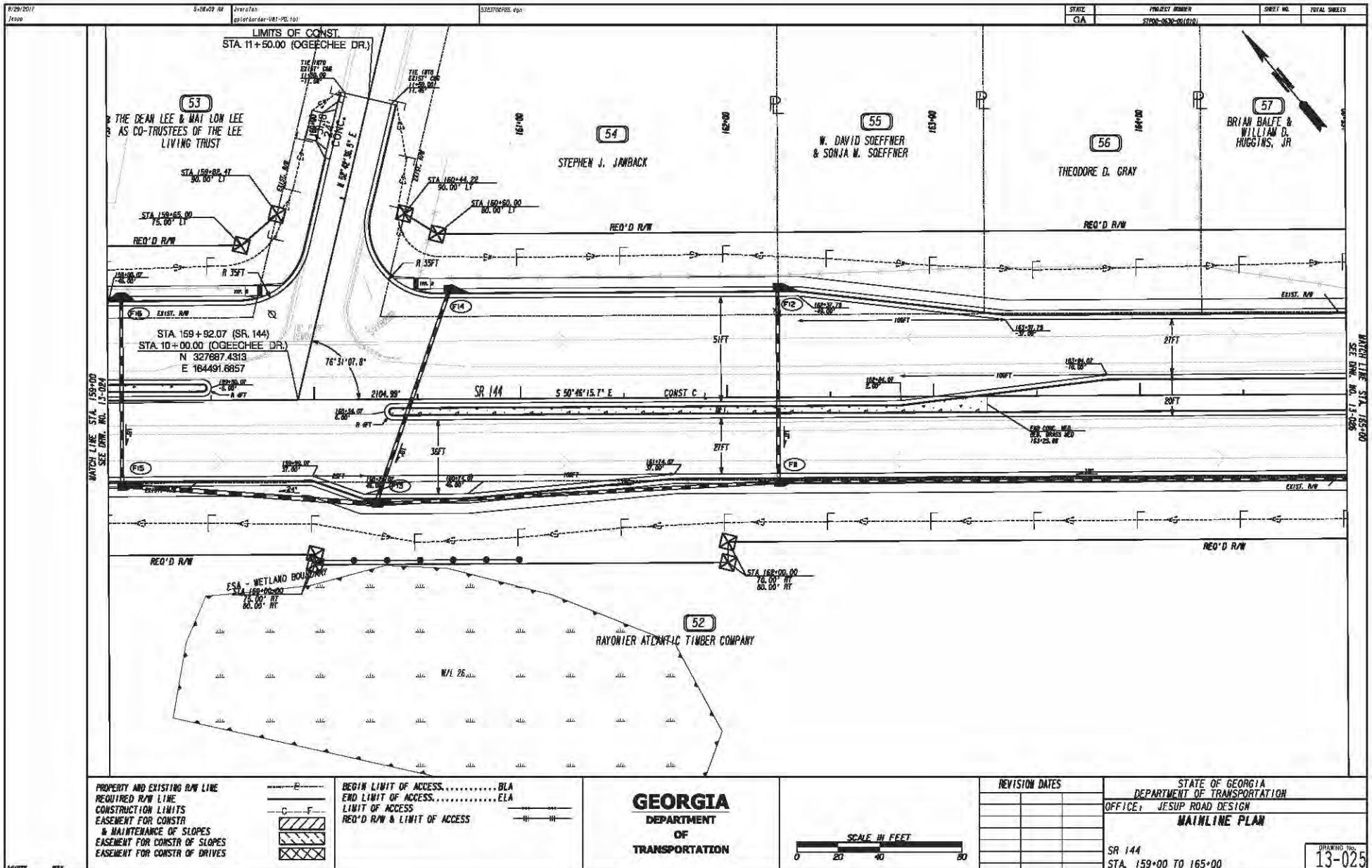


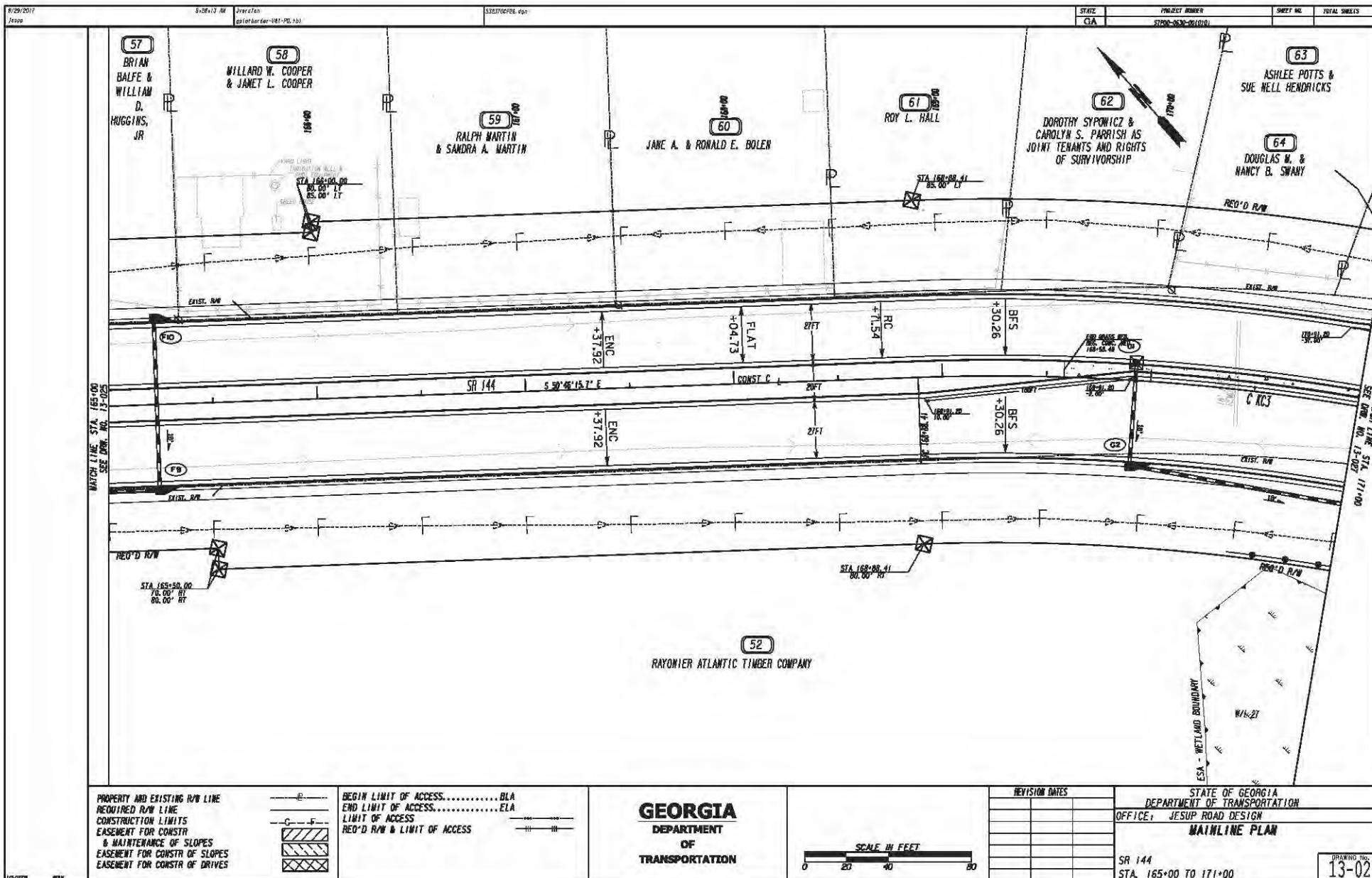


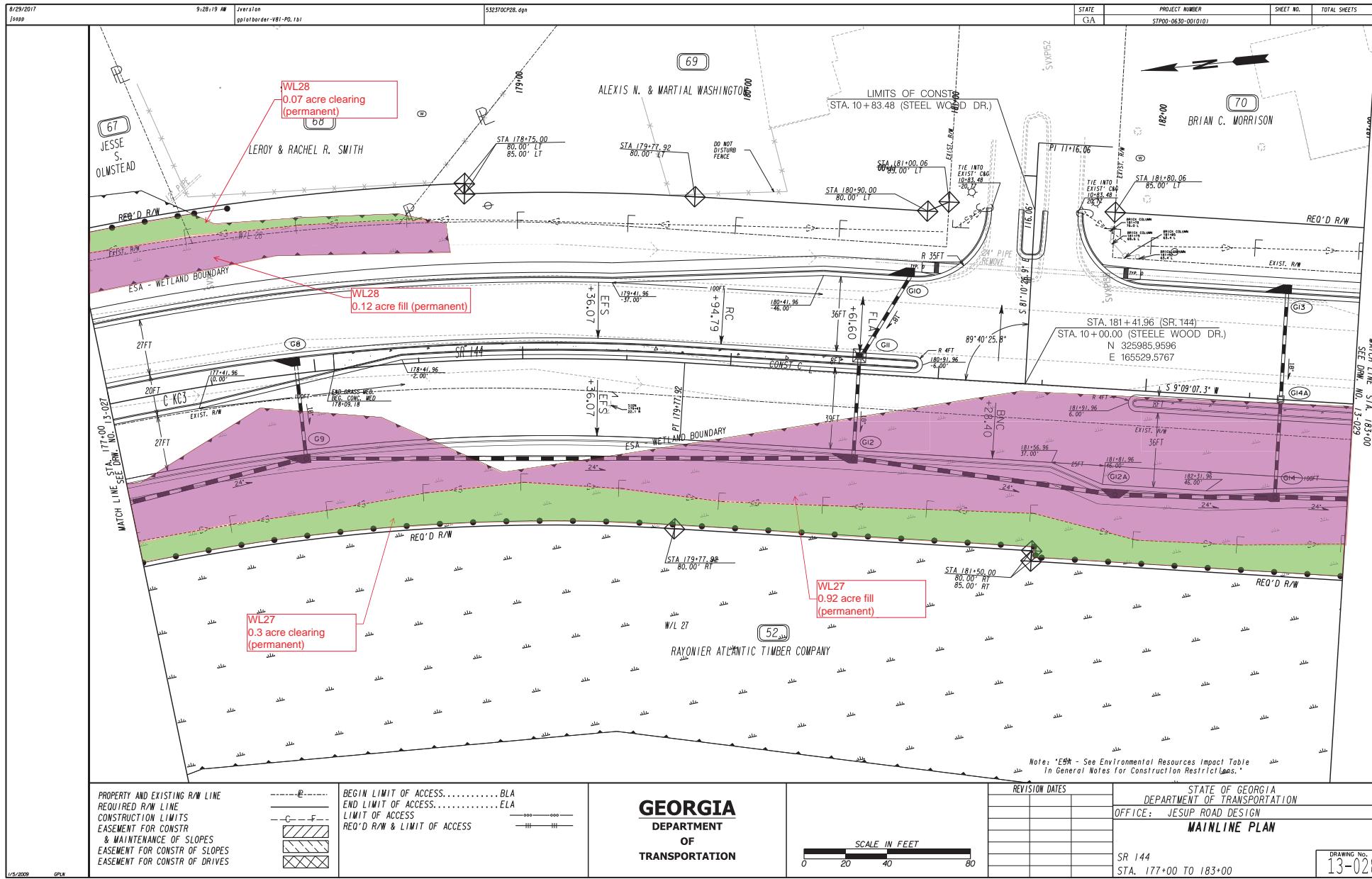


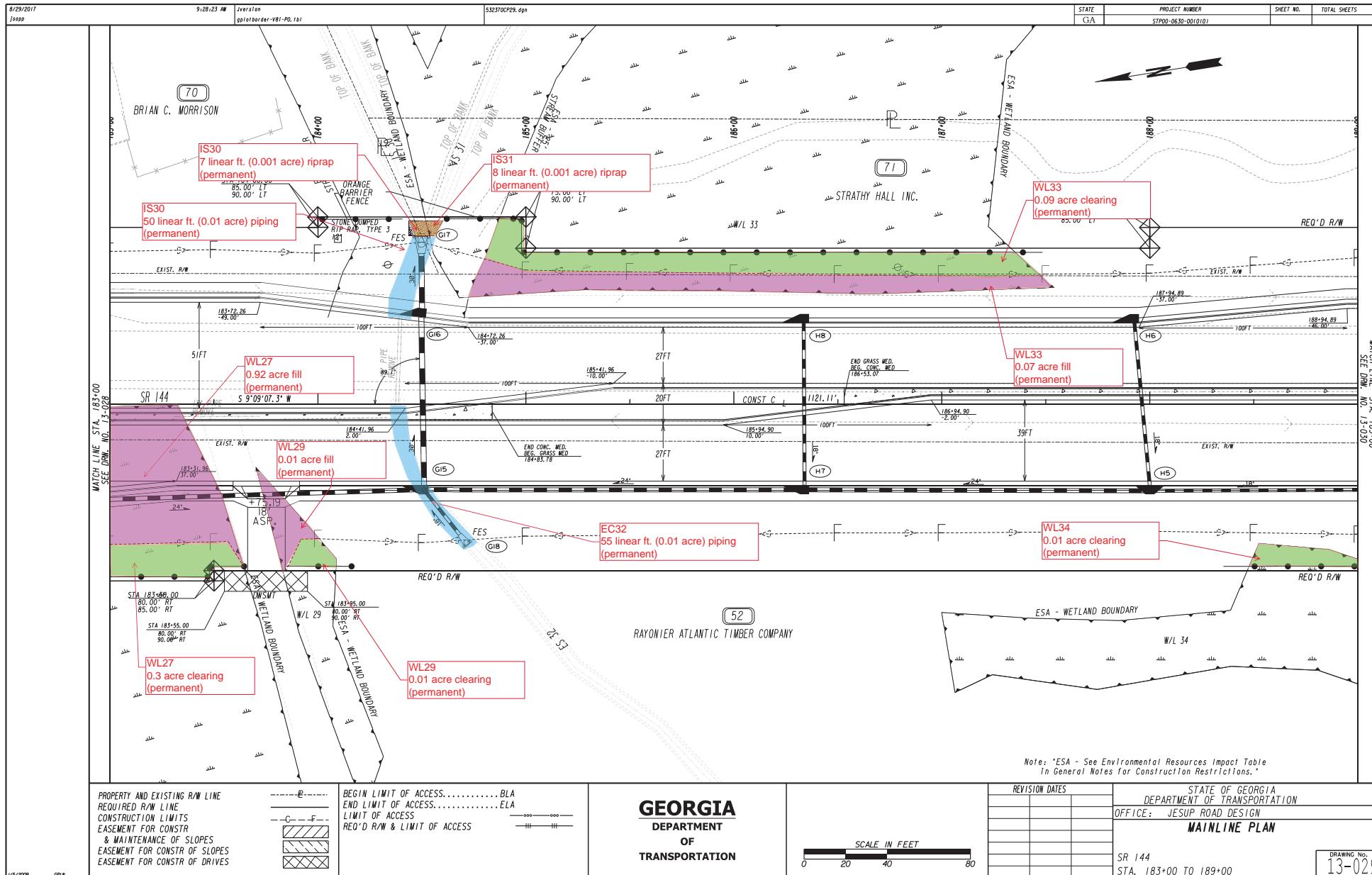


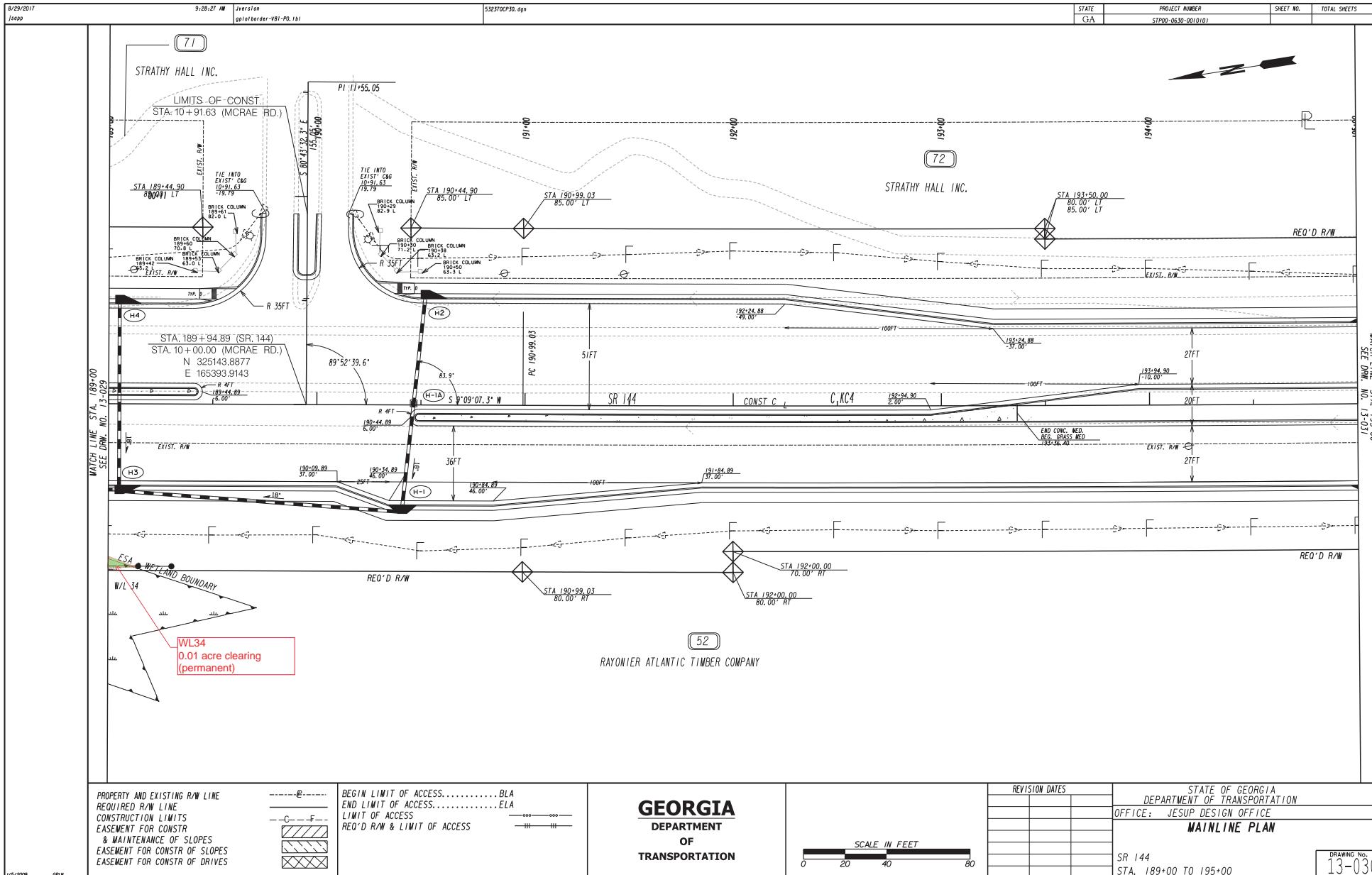


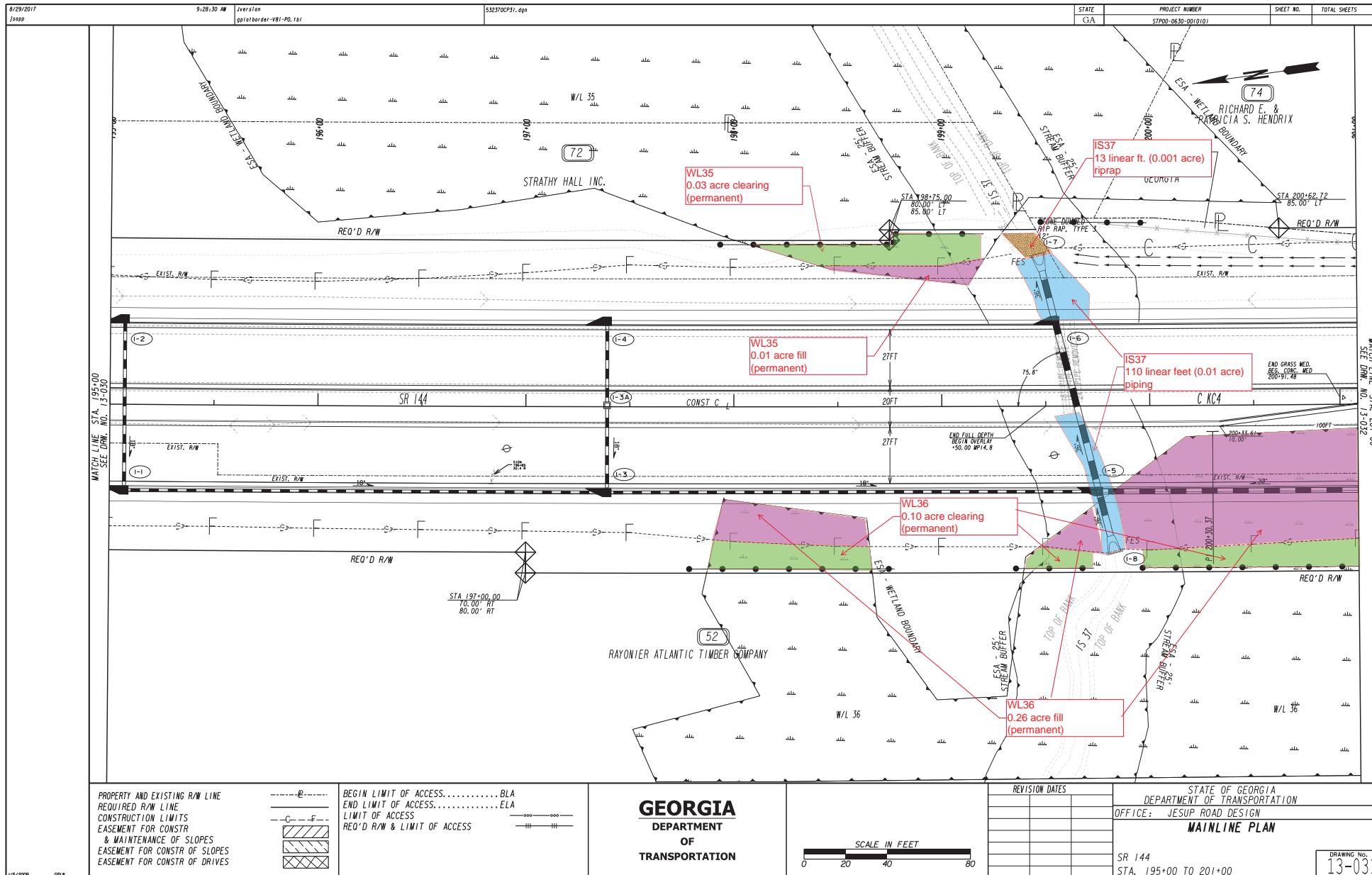


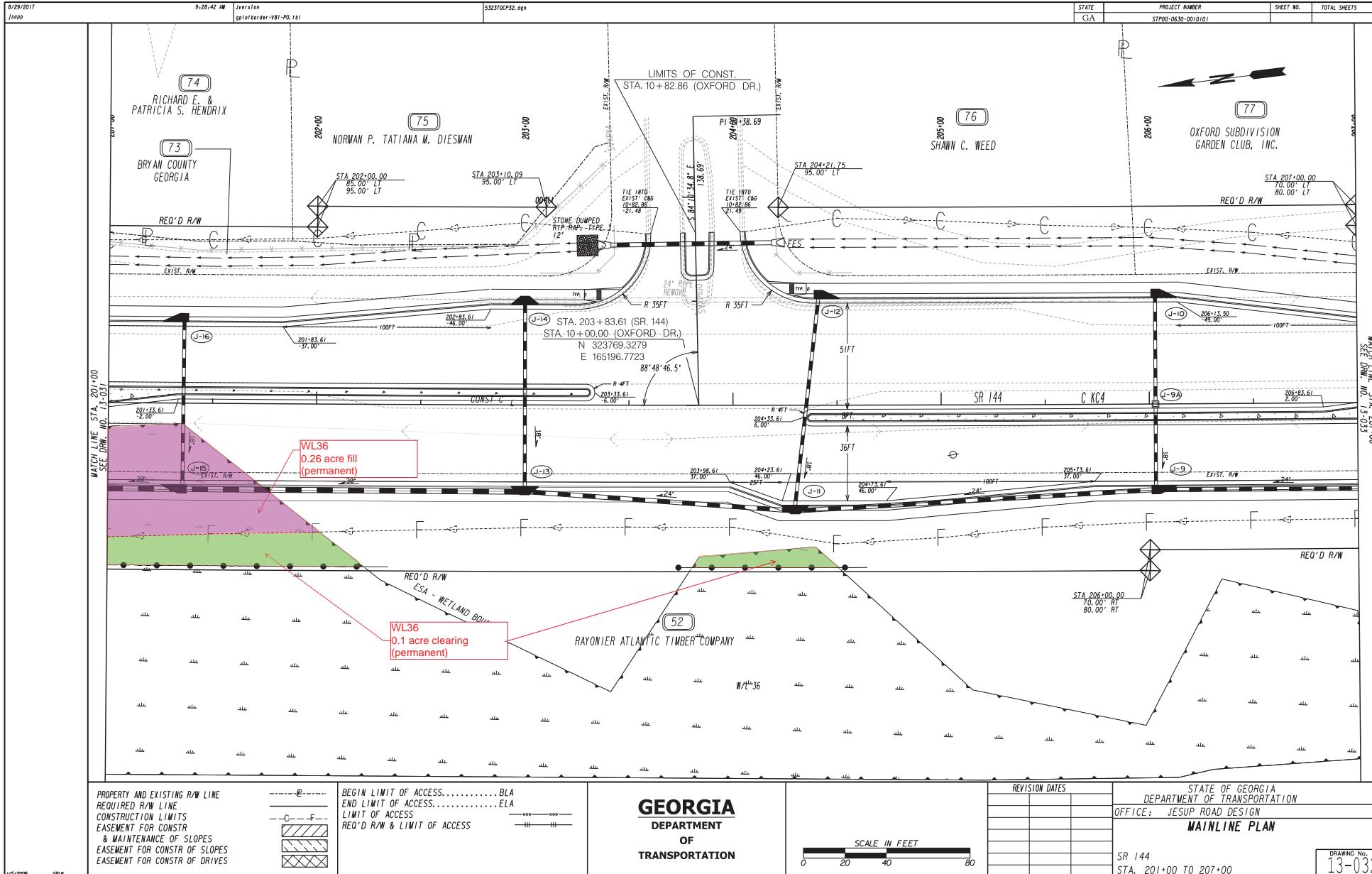


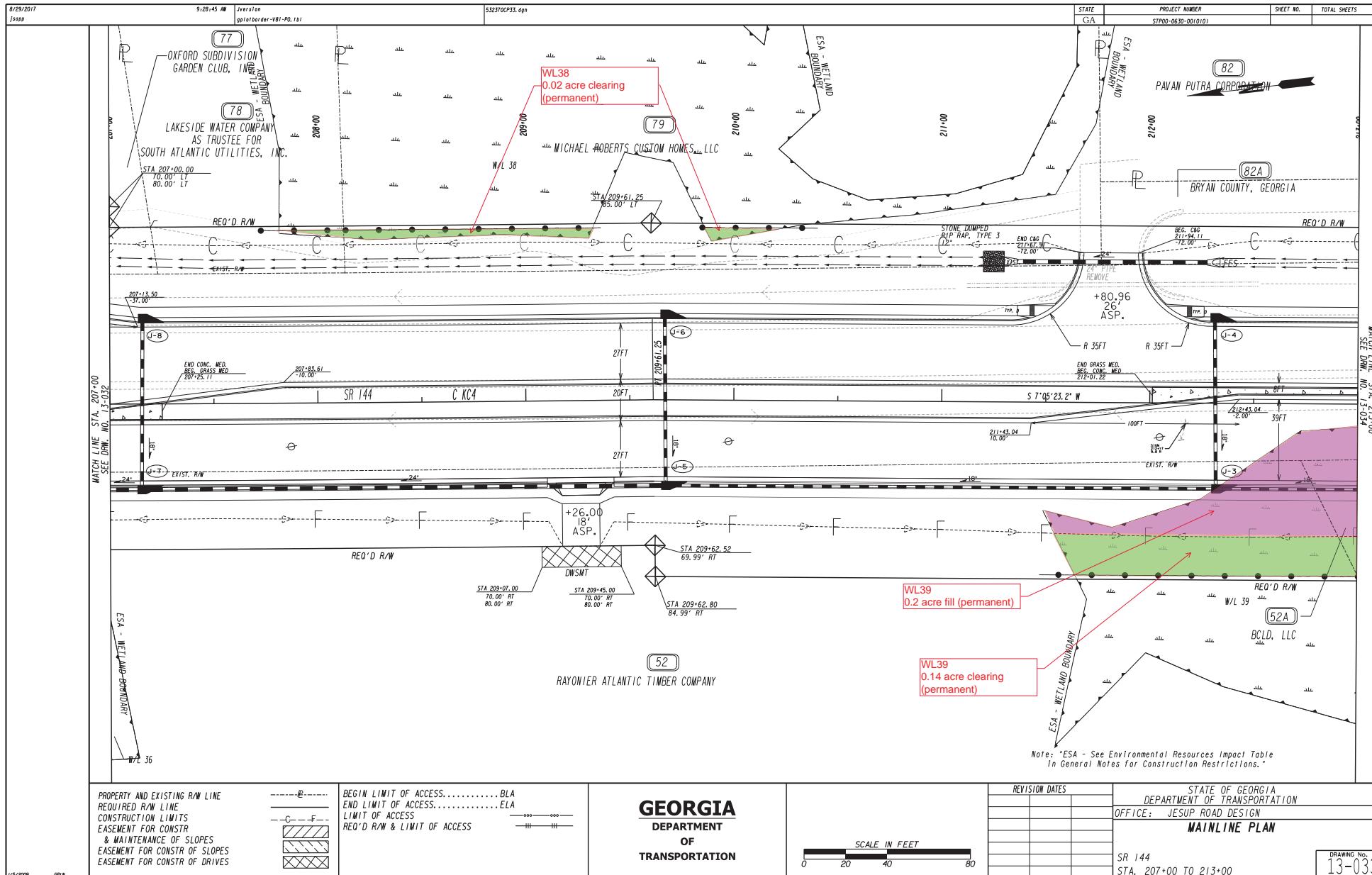


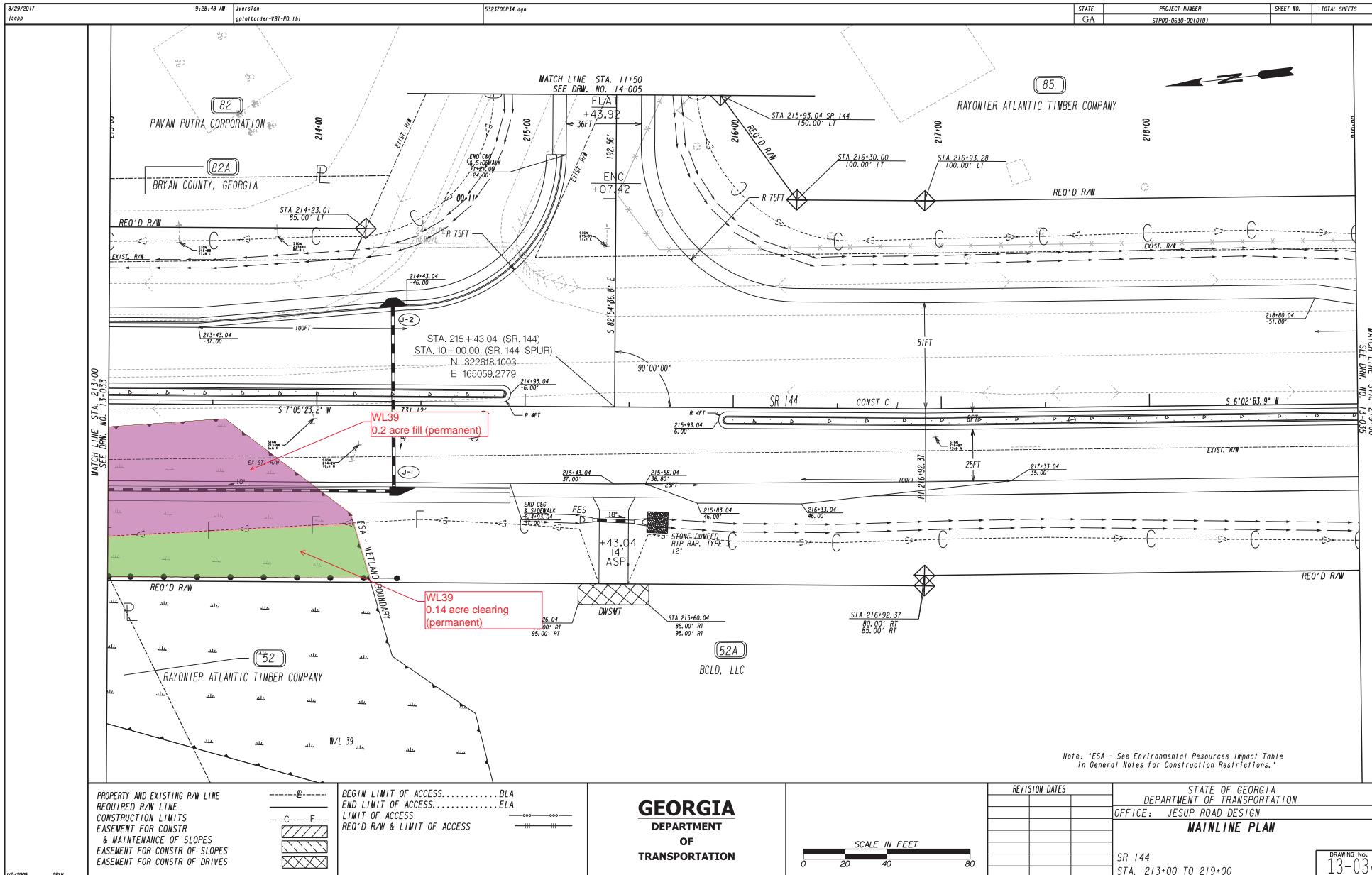


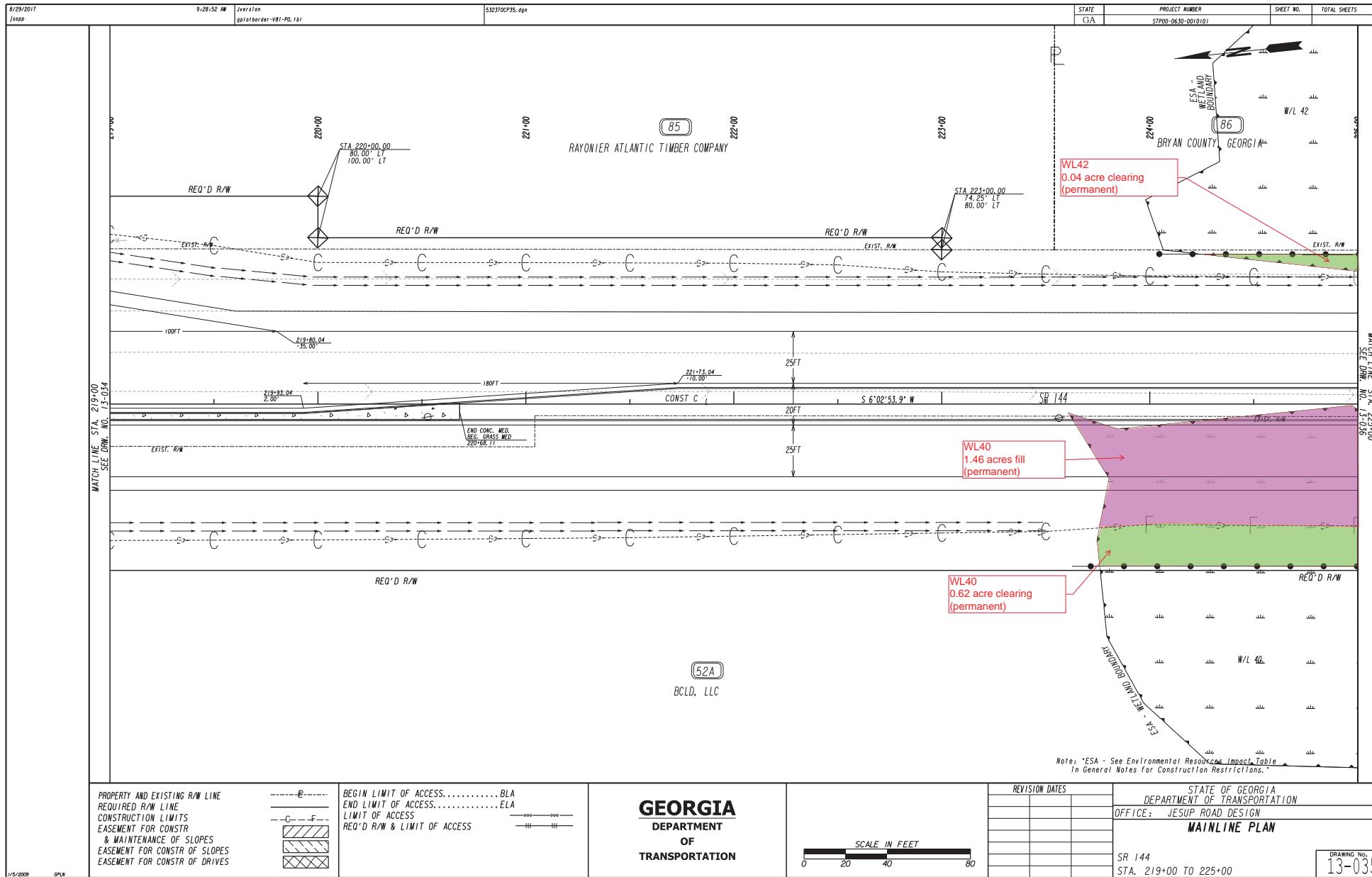


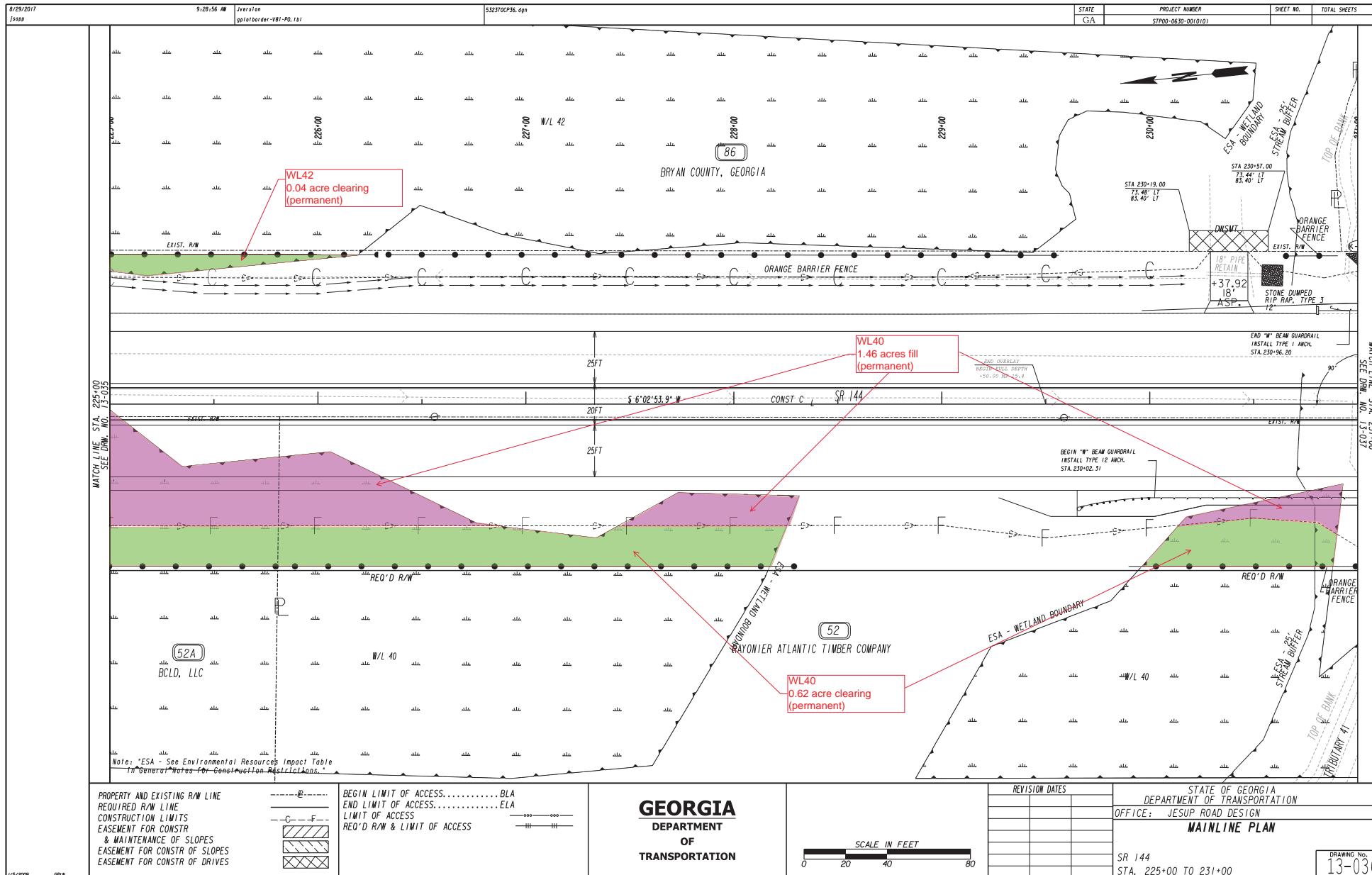


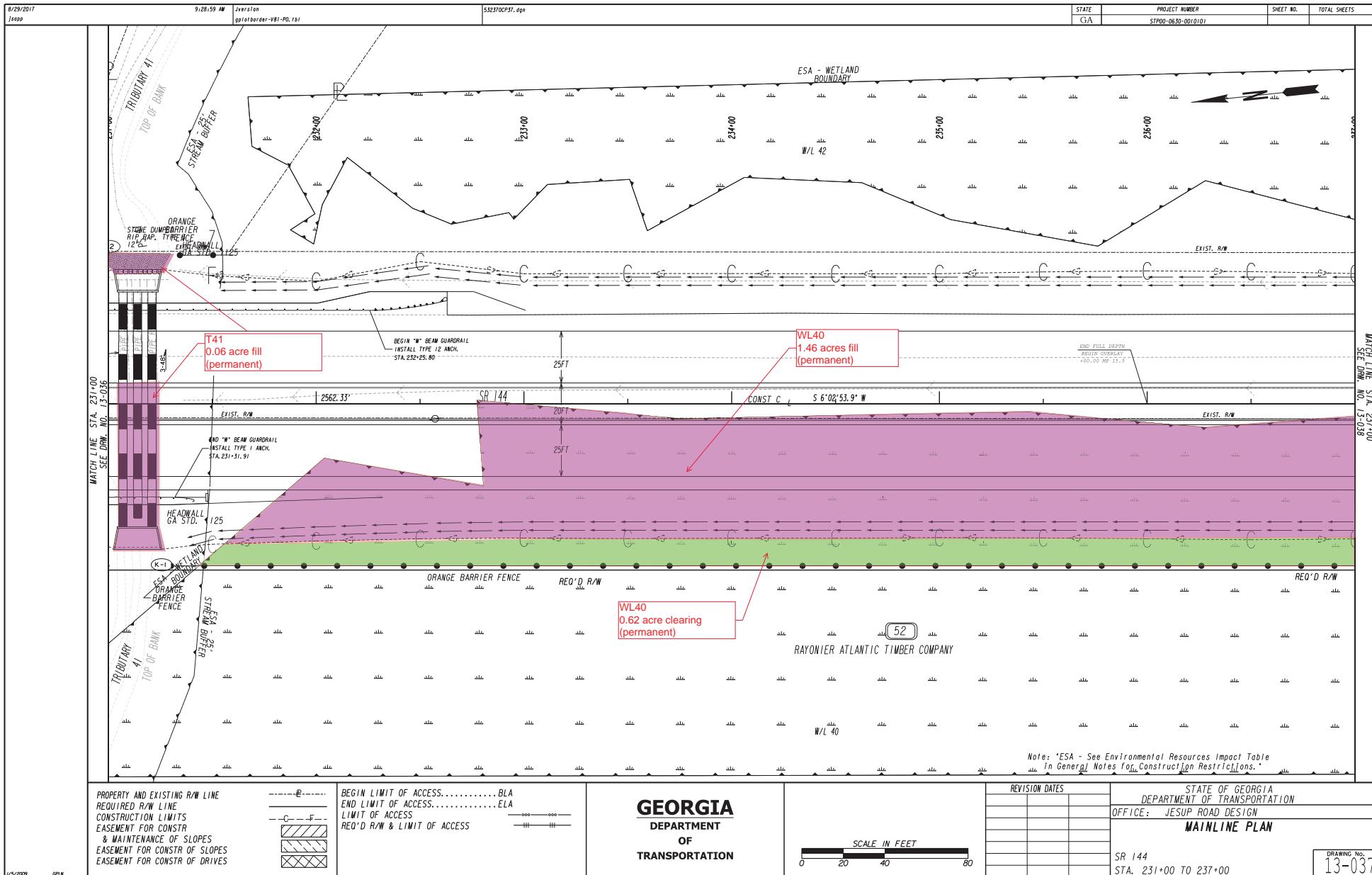


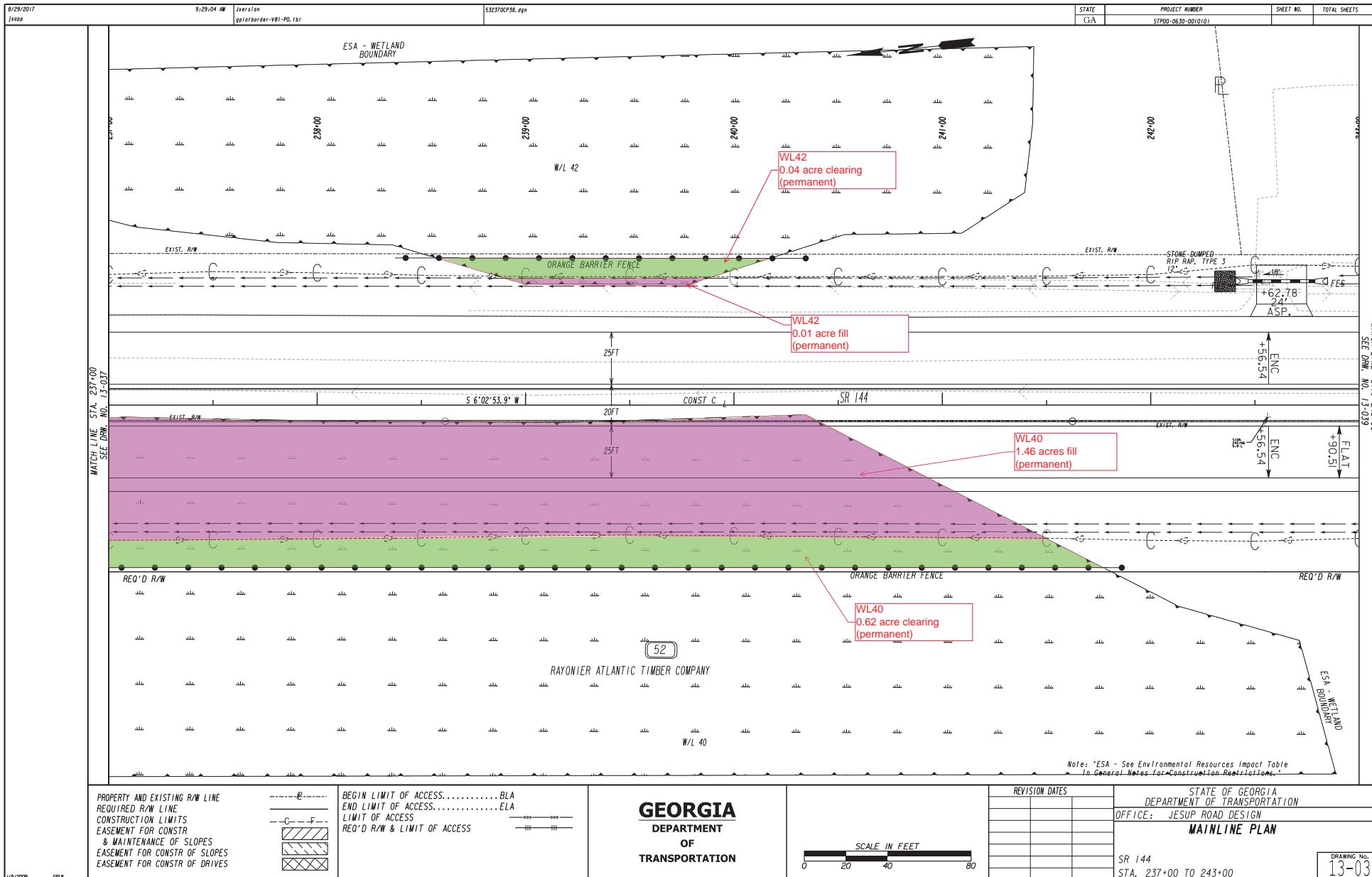




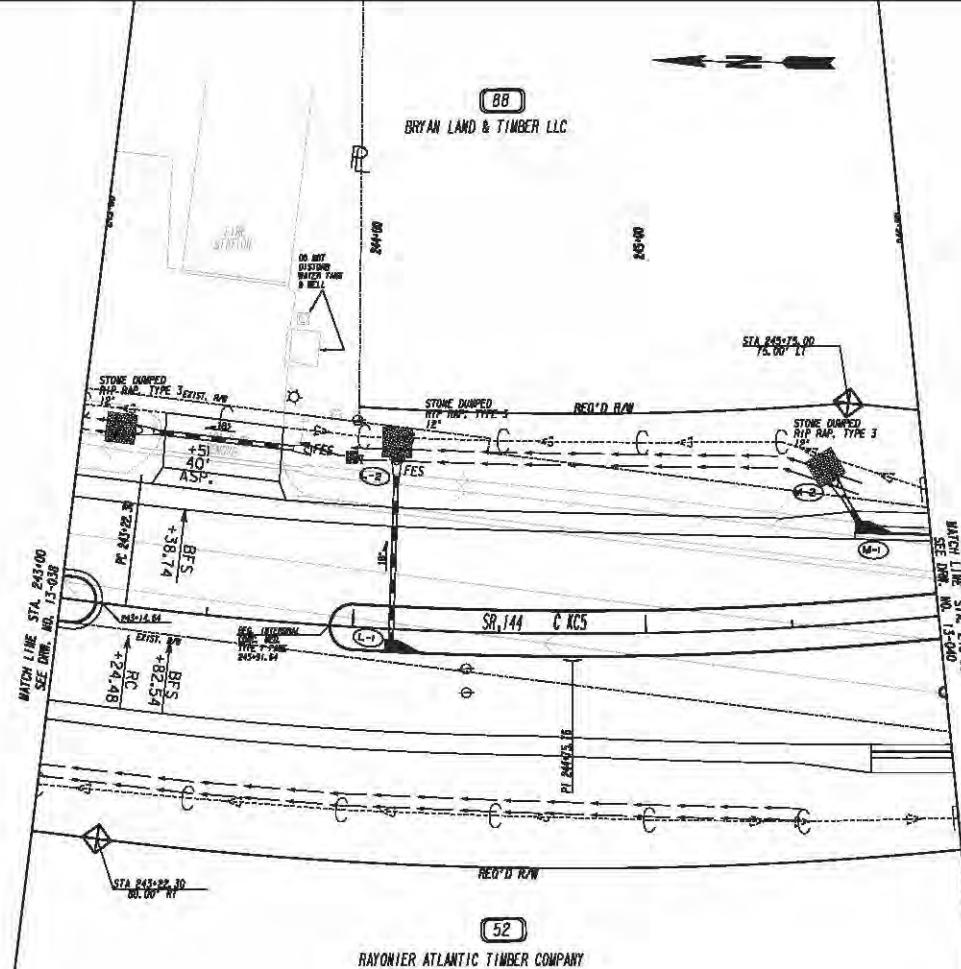




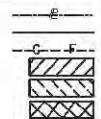




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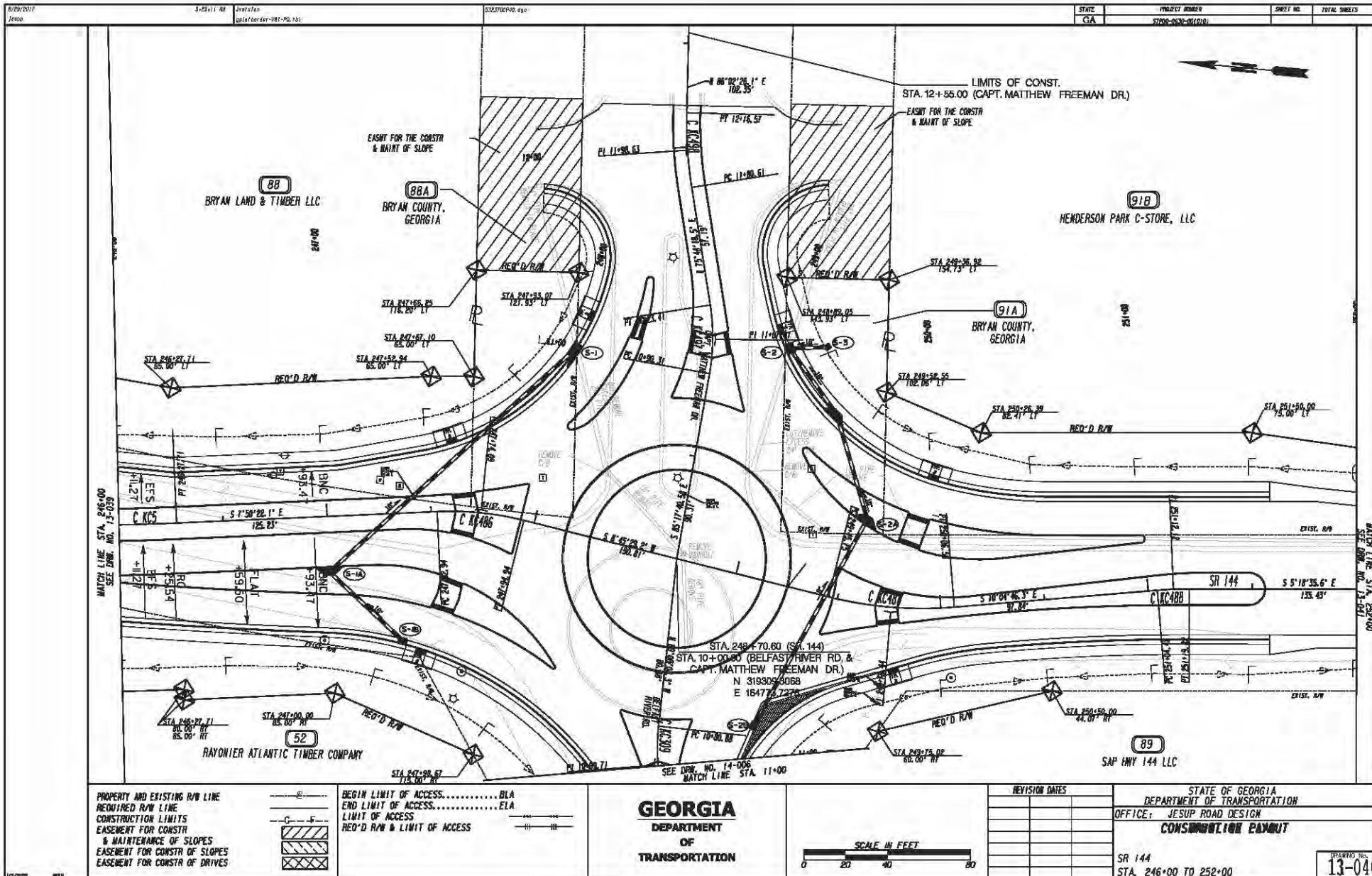
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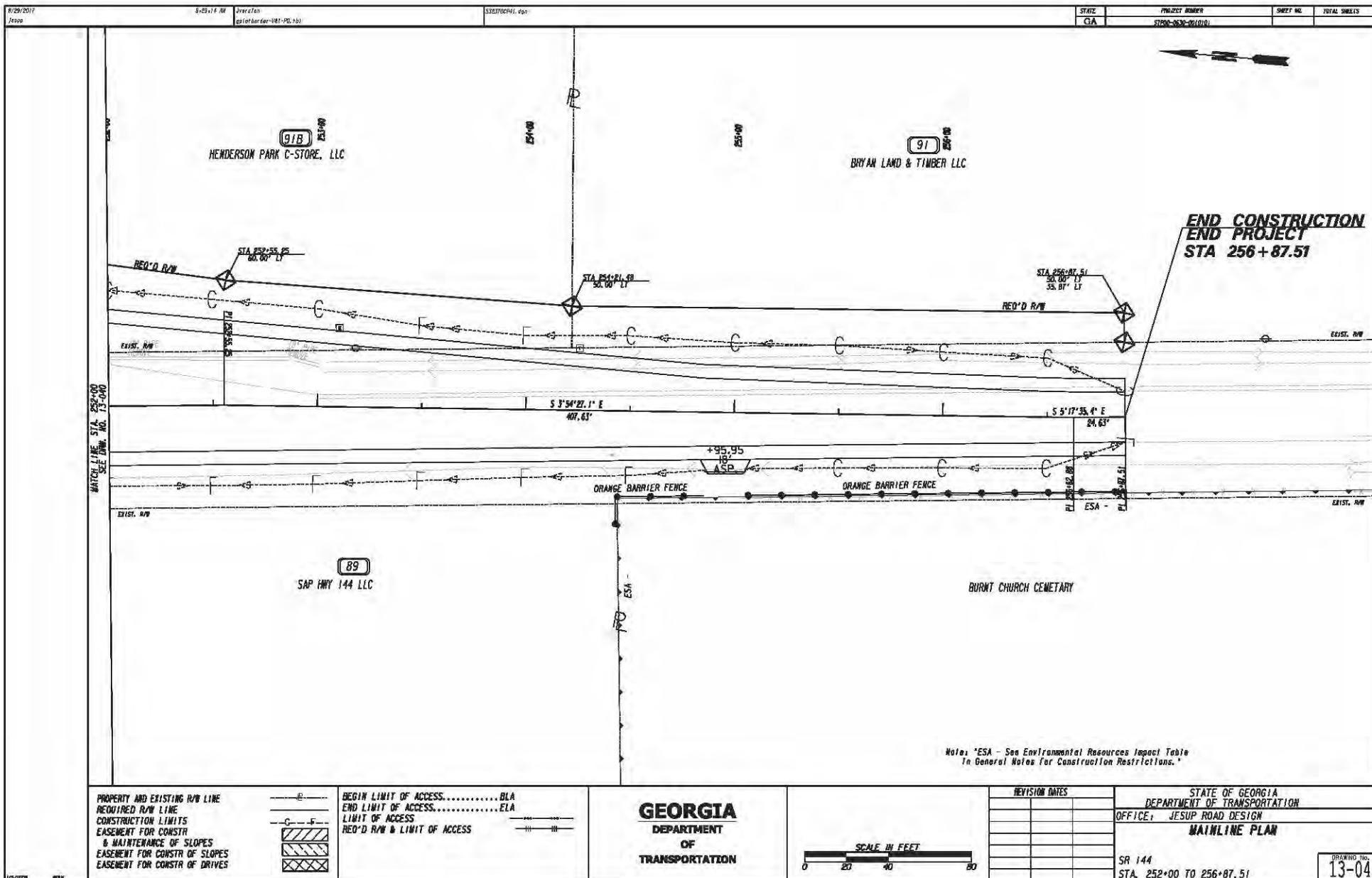
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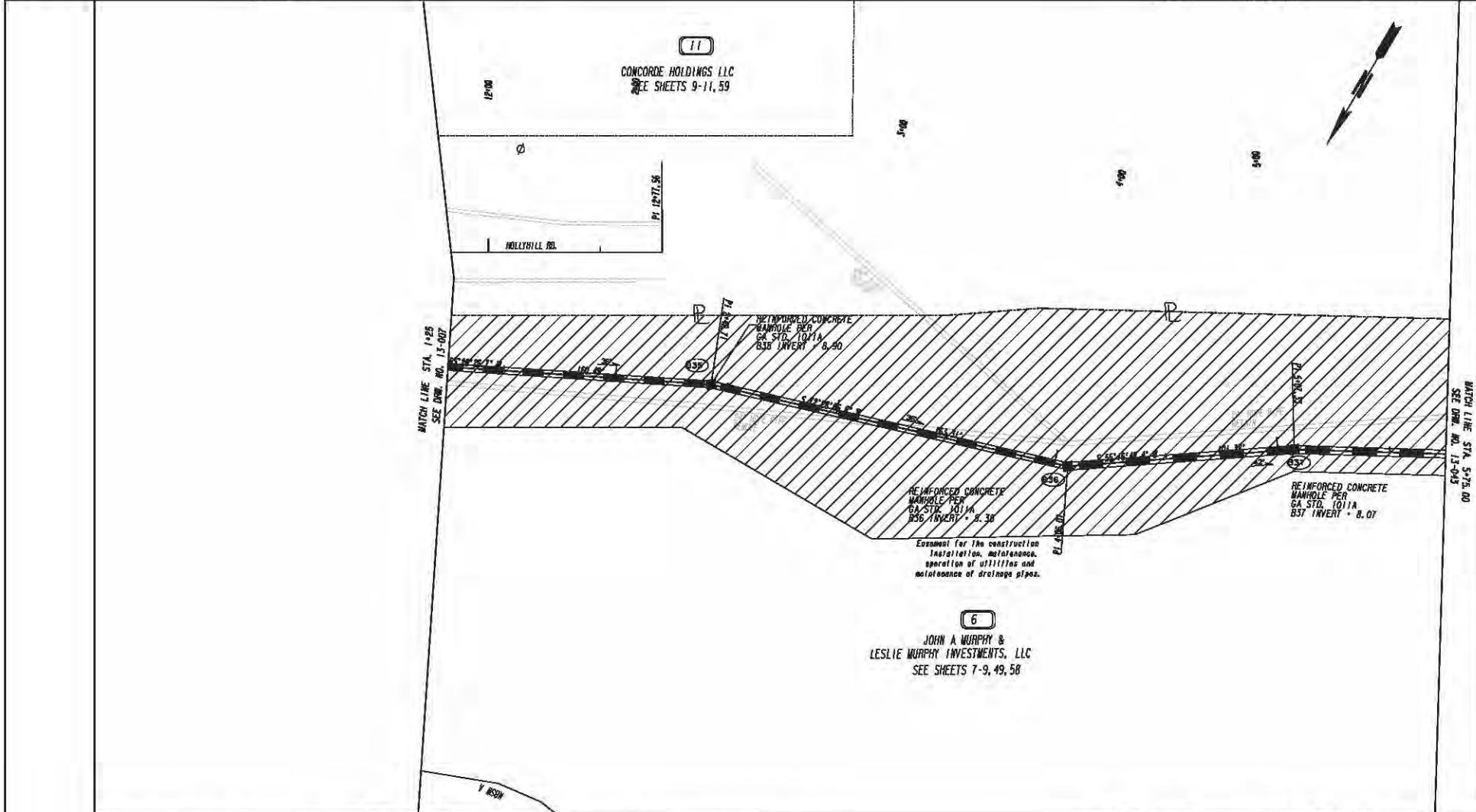
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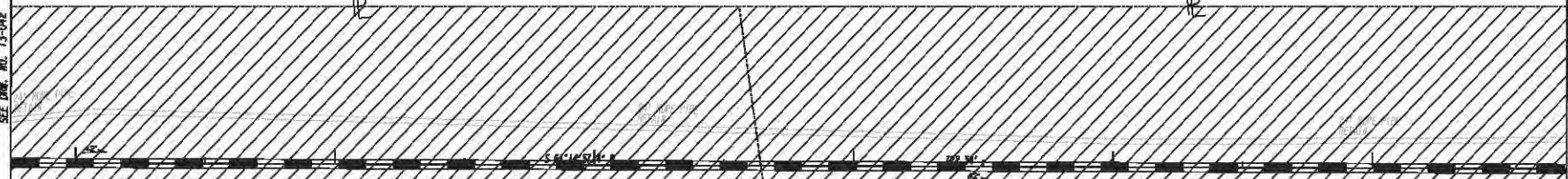


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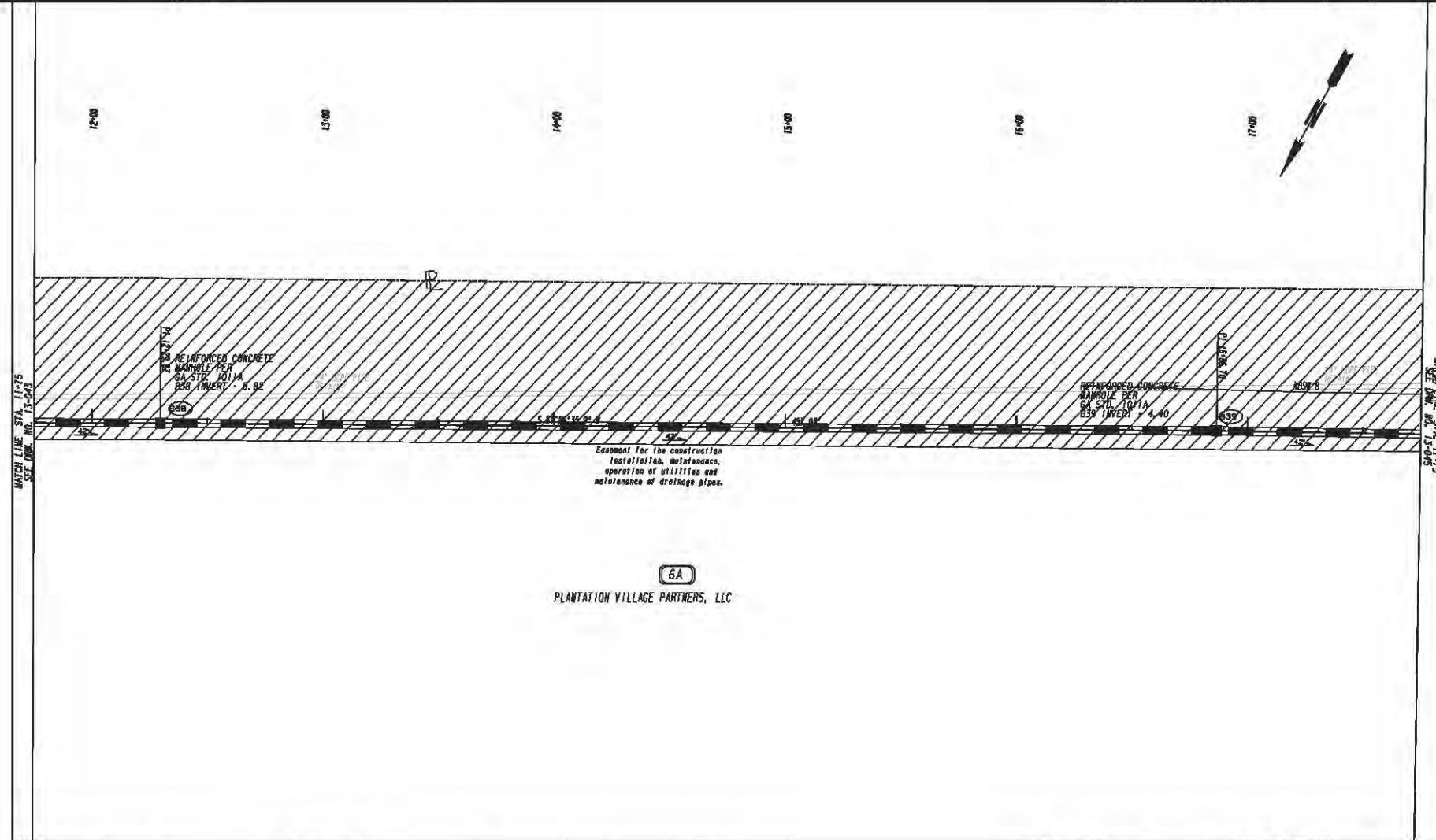
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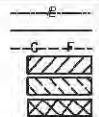
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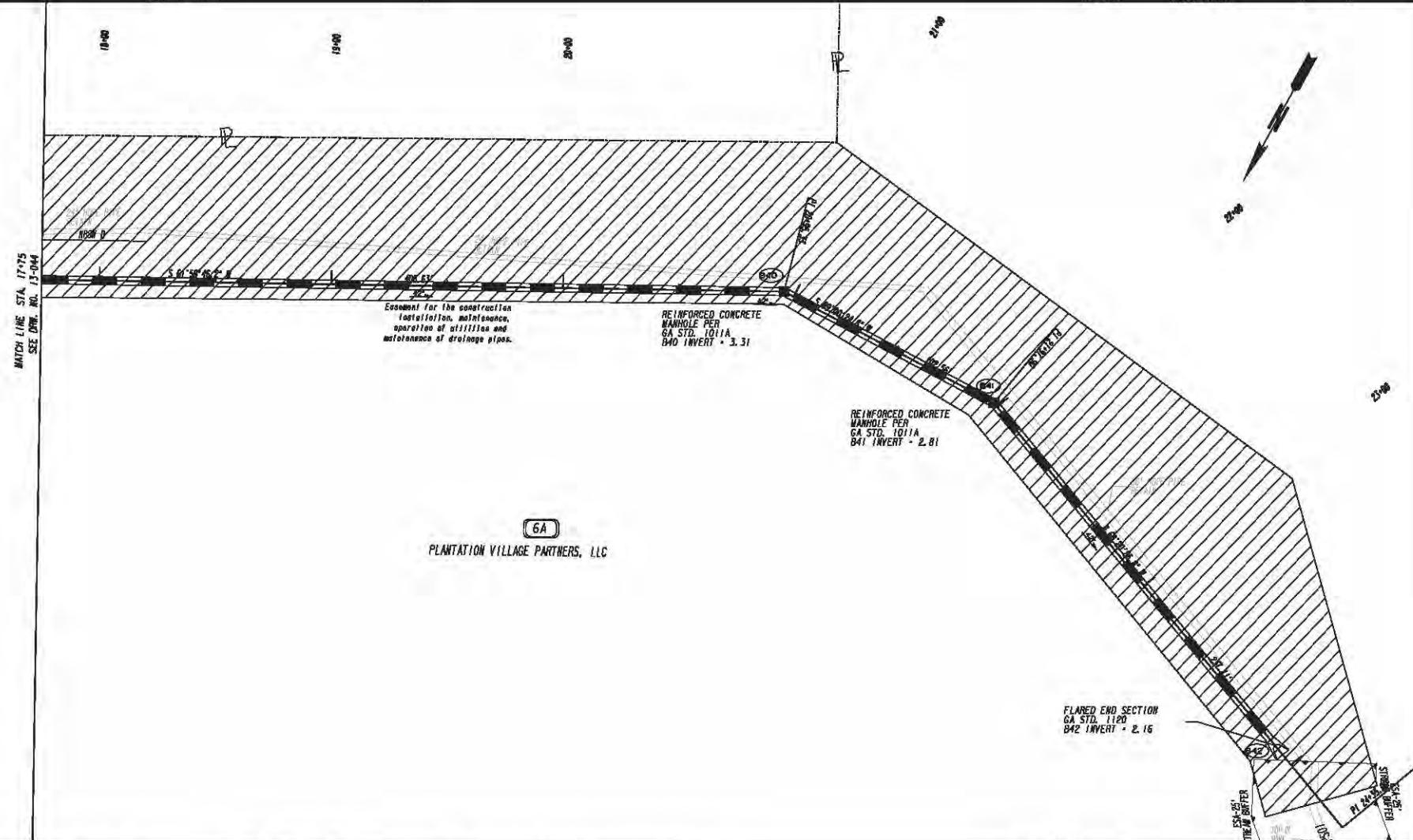
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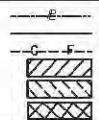
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