

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
100 W. OGLETHORPE AVENUE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3604

July 1, 2016

Regulatory Division SAS-2009-01190

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:

<u>Application Number</u>: SAS-2009-01190 (previous file numbers SAS-2008-00025 and SAS-2009-00261).

Applicant: Mr. Claude Dryden

Dryden Enterprises, Inc. 101 West Court Street Hinesville, Georgia 31313

Agent: Mr. Jeffery P. Williams

Sligh Environmental Consultants, Inc. (SECI)

31 Park of Commerce Way, Suite 200B Savannah, Georgia 31405

<u>Location of Proposed Work</u>: The project site is located north of Georgia Highway 196 and east of Live Oak Church Road in Hinesville, Liberty County, Georgia (Latitude 31.8321, Longitude -81.6324).

<u>Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</u>: The applicant proposes to fill 0.49 acres of waters of the United States (i.e., 0.08 acre of wetland, 0.395 acre of open water, and 0.015 acre of ditch) on a 22.33 acre project site associated with the expansion of the Griffin Park Subdivision for Phase 3 development. These impacts would be associated with road fill, lot fills, and construction of a stormwater pond.

As compensatory mitigation for the project related jurisdictional waters impacts, the applicant is proposing to purchase 2.3 wetland mitigation credits. The applicant proposes to purchase these credits from a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved mitigation bank that services the Ogeechee Watershed.

BACKGROUND

The Griffin Park Subdivision was originally delineated in 2006, and included approximately 320 acres. The overall project was separated into 2 phases. A Jurisdictional Determination and Nationwide Permit 29 were verified on February 6, 2008 (SAS-2008-00025), to fill 0.44 acre of wetland for a road crossing to gain access to Phase I from Highway 196. These impacts were mitigated by the purchase of 2.7 wetland mitigation credits from the Wilkinson-Oconee Mitigation Bank on March 18, 2008. A Nationwide Permit 12 was verified on April 16, 2009 (SAS-2009-00261), for the impact of 0.19 acre of wetland (0.09 acre permanent impact and 0.10 acre temporary impact) in order to install a utility line. These impacts were mitigated by the purchase of 0.87 wetland mitigation credit from the Wilkinson-Oconee Mitigation Bank on April 24, 2009. On June 14, 2010, an expanded preliminary jurisdictional determination was issued for Phase II of the project (SAS-2010-01190). An Individual Permit was issued on February 14, 2013 (SAS-2009-01190), for the impact of 0.36 acre of wetland for a road crossing to provide access to phase 2 of the development. These impacts were mitigated by the purchase of 2.2 wetland mitigation credits from the Yam Grandy Mitigation Bank on February 22, 2013. Therefore, a cumulative wetland impact of 0.89 acre has been completed associated with the previous phases of the 320 acre Griffin Park Subdivision.

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, Watershed 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 10 cents per page. All coastal projects are filed at our Brunswick office and will need to be requested from Mr. Bradley Smith at Bradley.Smith@dnr.ga.gov. 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 31401-3604.

<u>State-owned Property and Resources</u>: 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.

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 Code of Federal Regulations § 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.

<u>Cultural Resources Assessment</u>: Review of the Georgia Natural, Archeological, & Historic Resources GIS website and the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) 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.

On September 10, 2012, the applicant provided a Phase I cultural resource survey prepared by Brockington and Associates, Inc., for a 196 acre area of the Griffin Park Phase II Tract. By letter dated November 20, 2012, to the Georgia Historic Preservation Division (Georgia HPD), Mr. David Crampton of the Corps stated that one potential historic architectural property (house located at the corner of Live Oak Church Road and Clampett Road which is an example of a Plantation Plain house) was eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; however, the Corps has determined that the proposed project would have no adverse effect on the property. By letter dated December 17, 2012, the Georgia HPD concurred that the project would not have an adverse effect on the eligible resource.

The southern portion of the proposed 22.33 acre project area was included in the aforementioned Phase I survey, but the northern part of the project area was not owned by the applicant at that time and was not included in the survey. Based on the aforementioned web-site checks and since no cultural resources were determined to be eligible on the large adjacent parcel for the NRHP with the exception of the house located at the corner of Live Oak Church Road and Clampett Road, the Corps has

determined that the proposed project would have no adverse effect on cultural resources or the house due to the location of the house with respect to the proposed project (i.e., approximately 250 meters between the Campbell House and the nearest project area boundary).

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 (USFWS), the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); or, any other interested party, on whether any species listed or proposed for listing may be present in the area.

The applicant states: "A survey for federally protected species and habitats was conducted to identify any potential impacts associated with the proposed project. The Rare Species Profiles on the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Georgia DNR) website (http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/2721) were consulted to determine suitable habitats for protected species within Liberty County. Additionally, the USFWS Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPaC) System was consulted to determine the potential impacts of the proposed project on federally listed species. Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, SECI completed a threatened and endangered species survey within the proposed project area where plant communities and habitats were observed and noted to determine if they match the habitat types where the listed species have potential to occur. The adjacent upland area consists of a maintained field, and the on-site wetland consists of bottomland hardwood habitat and ponds. The project area is located within a heavily developed area of Liberty County. The habitats on-site are common for the Coastal Plain of Georgia. Neither the landscape portion of the site nor the habitats on-site are conducive to support any of the listed species for Liberty County. Due to the lack of suitable habitat and because no listed species were observed during the survey, it was concluded that the proposed activities associated with the proposed residential development are not expected to impact any individual or population of a listed threatened or endangered species."

After review of the application and supporting information, the Savannah District has determined that the proposed project would have no effect on any Federally listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat that are under the purview of USFWS or NMFS.

<u>Public Interest Review</u>: 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.

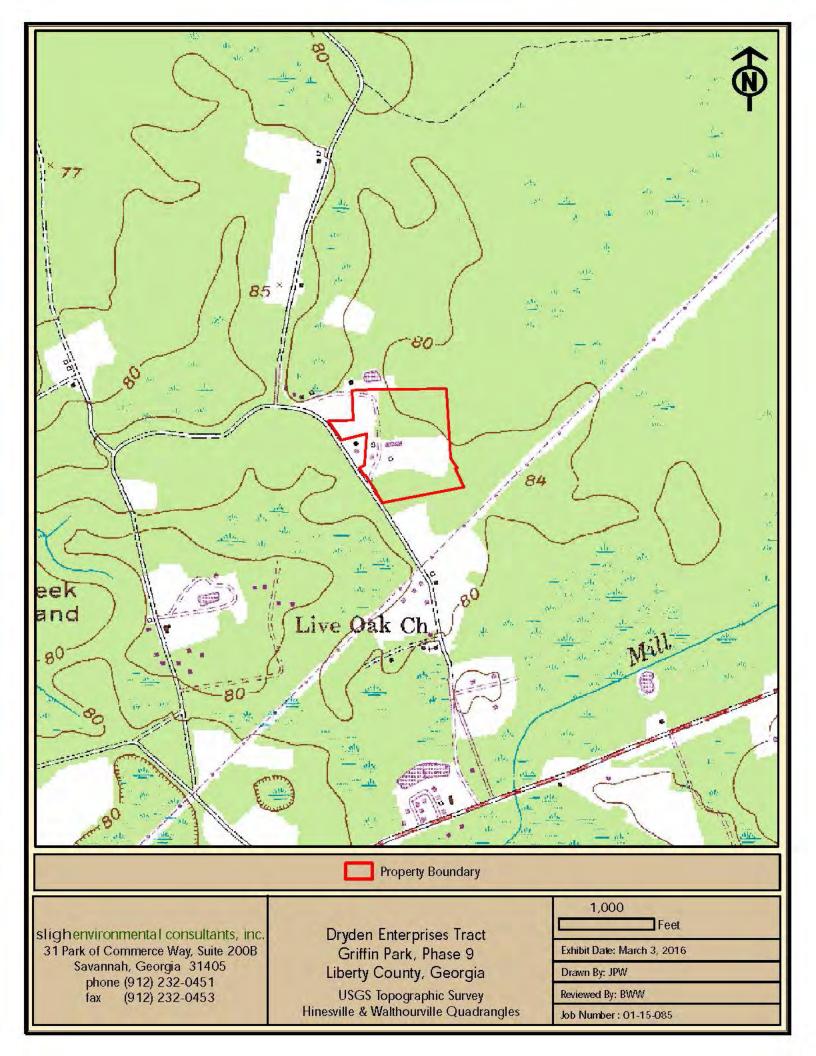
<u>Public Hearing</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public 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.

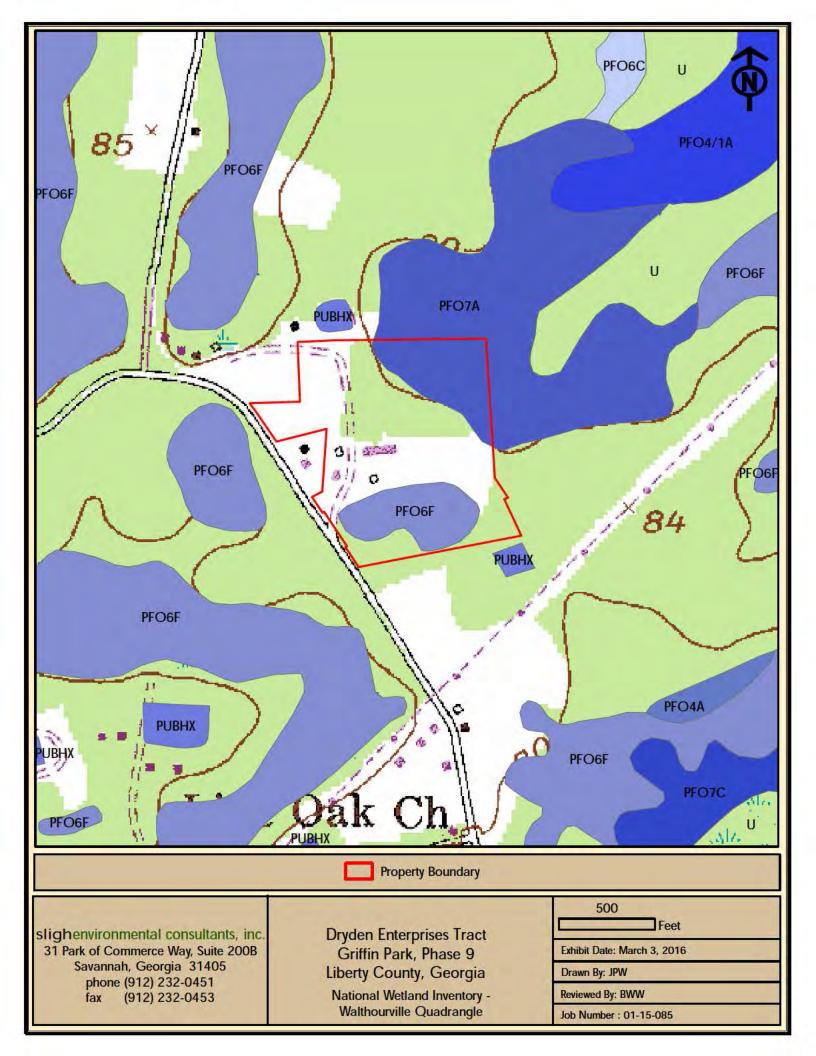
<u>Comment Period</u>: Anyone wishing to comment on this application for a Department of the Army Permit should submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Mr. Shaun Blocker, 100 W. Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401-3604, no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the applicant's name and the application number in your comments.

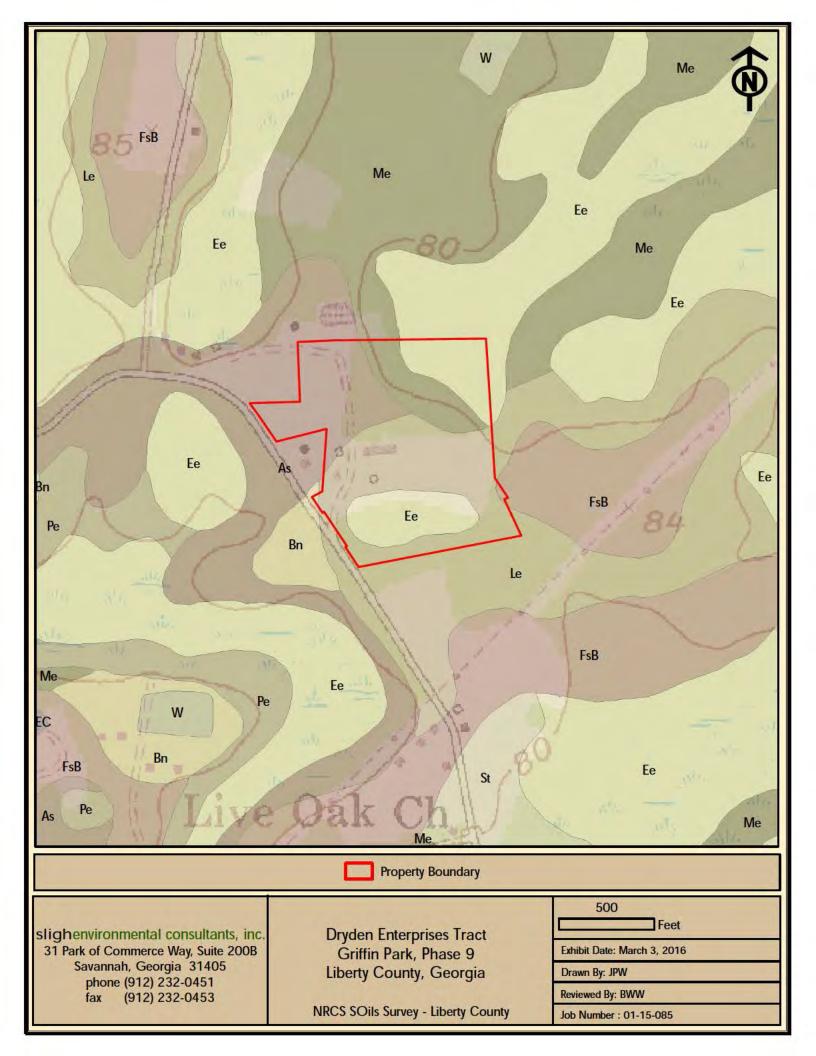
If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Shaun Blocker, Project Manager, Coastal Branch at 912-652-5086.

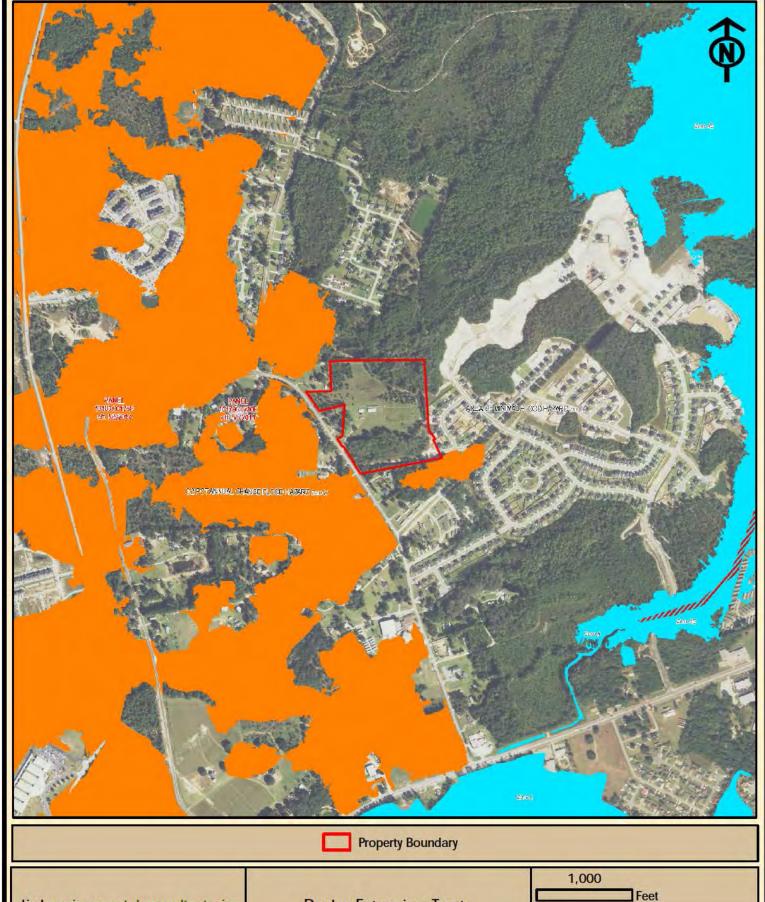
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- 1. US Geological Survey Exhibit
- 2. National Wetland Inventory Exhibit
- 3. NRCS Soils Survey Exhibit
- 4. FEMA Flood Map
- 5. Overall Wetland Exhibit and Site Plan (7 pages)
- 6. Alternative Road Alignment Site Plan









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Dryden Enterprises Tract Griffin Park, Phase 9 Liberty County, Georgia

FEMA FLood Zones

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Overall Wetland Exhibit

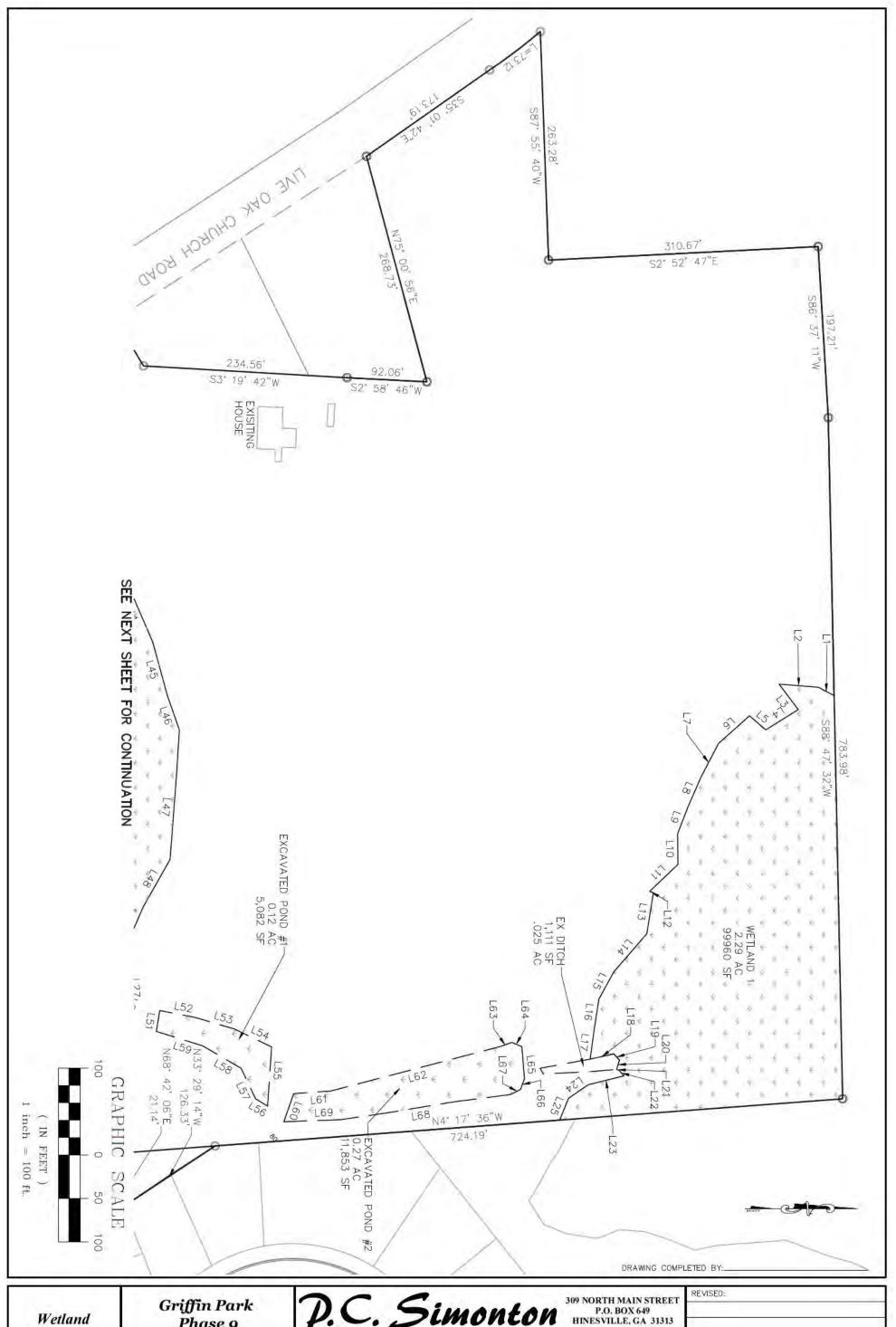
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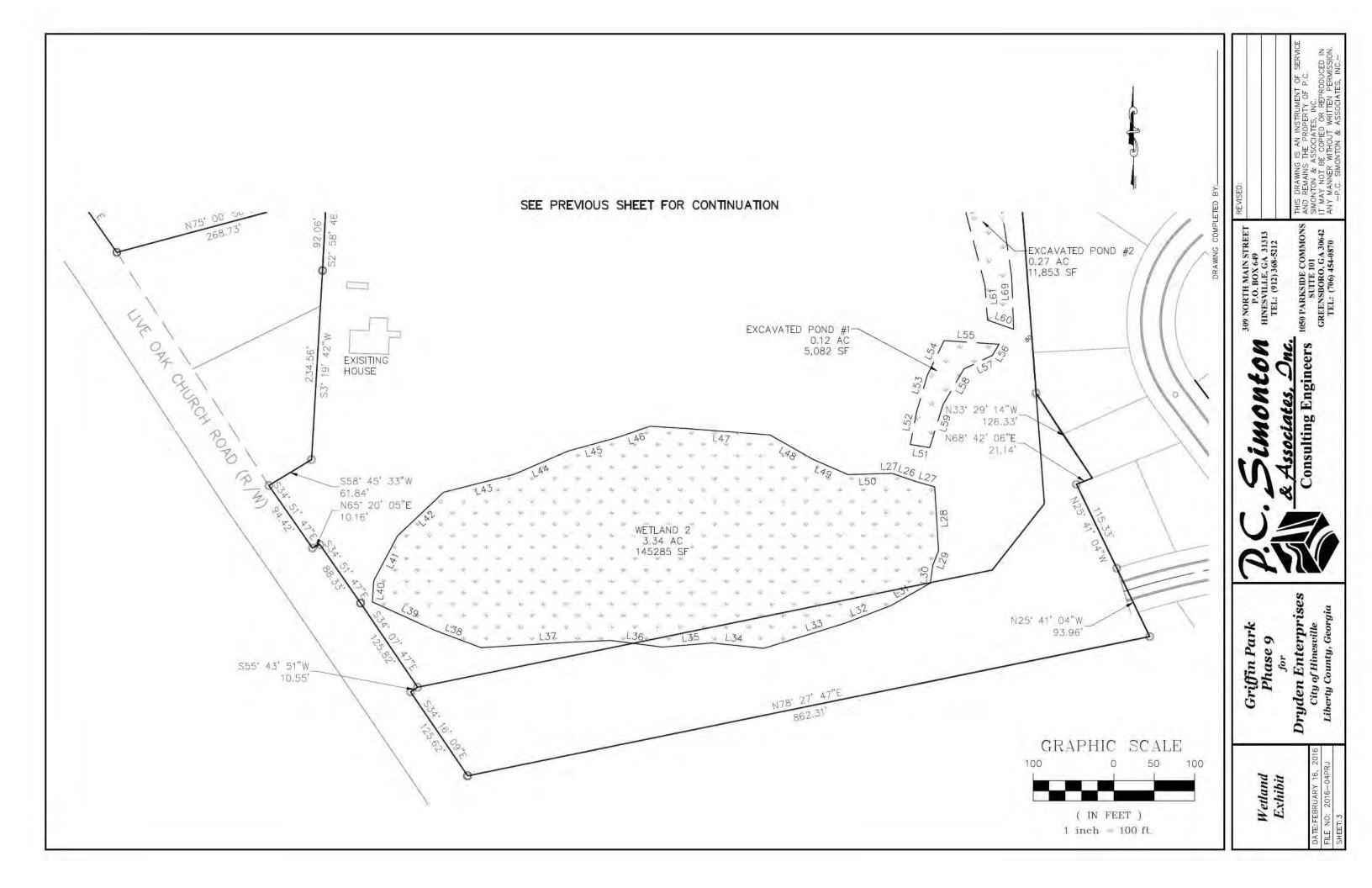
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PARCEL LINE TABLE			
LINE #	LENGTH	DIRECTION	
LI	20.55'	N28* 11' 21"E	
L2	45.33'	N4' 24' 01"E	
L3	36.57'	S53° 01' 43"W	
L4	43.99*	N32° 01' 50"W	
L5	24.75	N40° 42′ 32″E	
L6	47.62'	N41° 39' 03"W	
L7	35.97'	N62" 22" 57"W	
L8	37.73	N66° 22′ 15"W	
L9	33.69'	N68° 49' 22"W	
L10	35.31'	S89° 15' 38"W	
L11	45.04*	N43" 32" 03"W	
L12	4.51	S18* 54' 03"W	
L13	47.86	N80° 59' 42"W	
L14	57.88	N49* Q5' 21"W	
L15	35.67	N61" 11' 25"W	
L16	33.78	N81° 04′ 57″W	
L17	36.29'	N82° 14' 53"W	
L18	27.86	S12* 31' 25"E	
L1.9	9,69'	S47' 29' 00"W	
L20	11.17'	N72" 50" 57"W	

PARCEL LINE TABLE		
LINE #	LENGTH	DIRECTION
L21	2.90	S19* 28' 50"W
L22	8.64'	548* 58' 06"W
L23	42,47*	N13' 57' 03"W
L24	27,42'	N34* 34' 33"W
L26	32.24'	S71" 11" 35"E
L27	22.88	S74" 16" 26"E
L27	6.99'	N88° 35′ 44″E
L28	79.38'	S3* 29' 38"E
L39	21.99	N7* 30' 51"E
L31	53.21*	N60° 16′ 08″E
L32	61.35*	N69" 00" 48"E
L33	105.18'	N72° 49' 09"E
L34	64.59	584° 05' 23"E
L35	61.76	N85° 15' 36"E
L36	64.63	S82' 41' 27"E
L37	109.79	N86" 29" 01"E
L38	51.47	S69° 27′ 27″E
L39	85.98'	S65° 36′ 55″E
L40	26.12'	S3" 48" 18"W
L41	62.91*	S27" 48" 24"W

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LINE #	LENGTH	DIRECTION
L42	78.73'	S46* 36' 43"W
L43	90.56'	S75' 41' 25"W
L44	72.23'	S66" 39" 11"W
L45	64.26	S74° 35′ 53″W
L46	41.79	\$70" 53" 55"W
L47	79.511	N85° 37' 27"W
L48	62.20'	N60° 26' 22"W
L49	37.53	N66° 34′ 31″W
L50	47.99'	S88* 35' 44"W
L51	24.33	N80° 31' 26"W
L52	41.15	N10' 59' 20"E
L53	47.43'	N16' 23' 03"E
L54	47.44	N25* 44" 22"E
L55	68.35'	S86" 10' 01"E
L56	16,30	S31' 35' 49"W
L57	38.79	S64° 39' 26"W
L58	51.28'	S30" 17" 40"W
L59	55.82	S17' 15' 12"W
L60	34.39	570° 37′ 18″E
L61	42.85	S4" 02" 14"E

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Line Charts

LINE # LENGTH DIRECTION L62 201.88 \$14° 41' 11"E L63 13.86 S19' 55' 30"E L64 12.53 S22' 43' 44"W L65 585' 25' 19"W 37.06

PARCEL LINE TABLE

L66 13:11" N70° 13' 46"W L67 13.13' N26" 49" 18"W L68 77.07 N9' 24' 10"W

N2' 08' 34"W

65.38

L69

DEPTH OF FILL= 2'
AREA = .08 AC, 3,639,26 SF
VOLUME OF FILL = 270 CYDS IMPACT #1 75 80 VERT. SCALE: HORIZ SCALE: SCALE: 1"=5" STA 0+69.76 END WETLAND 1"=50" 80.6 80.62

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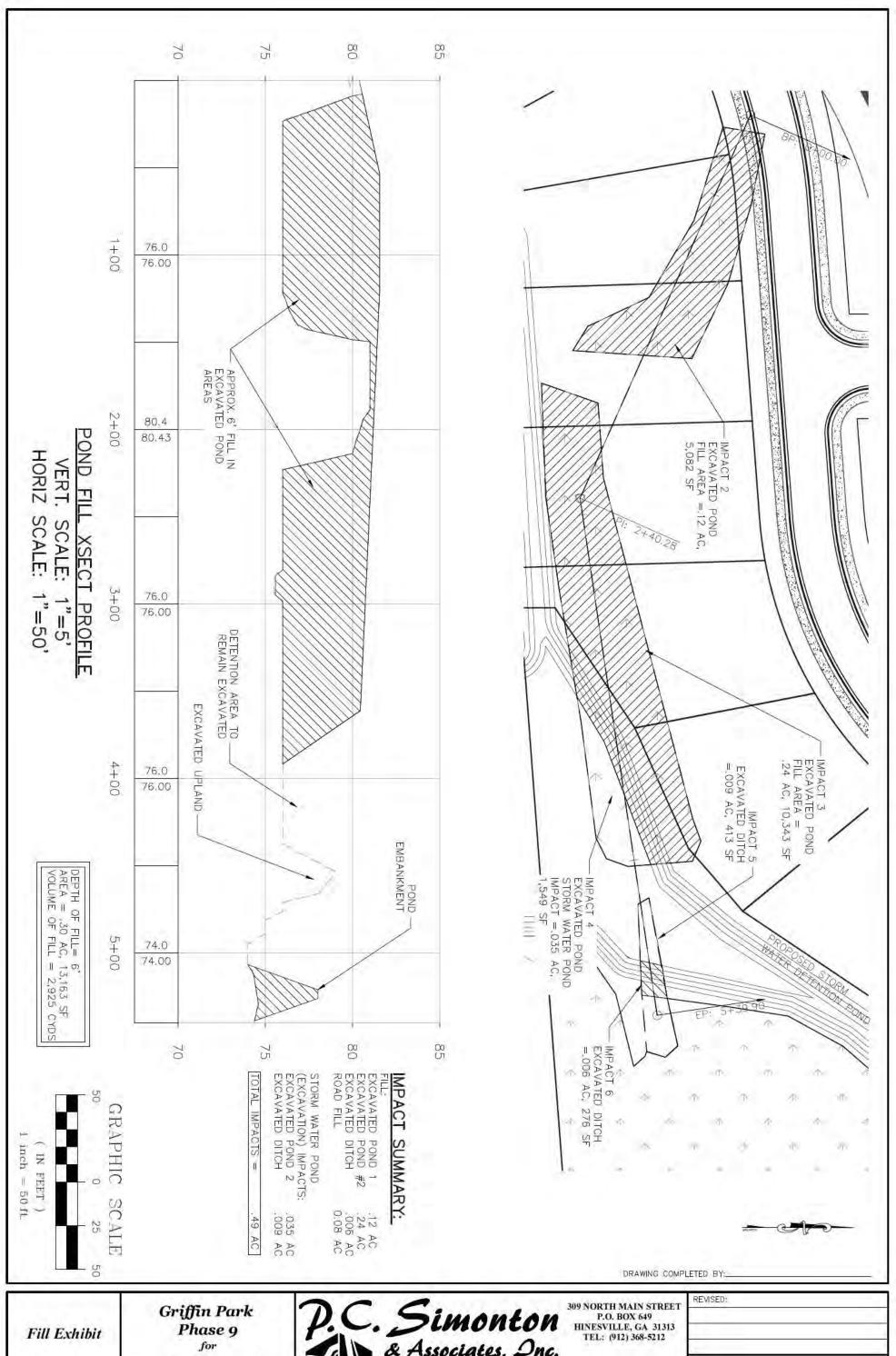
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