



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

MAY 22 2017

Regulatory Branch
SAS-2013-00588

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:

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit application will close 30 days from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit, and must be submitted so as to be received on or before the last day of the comment period. Written comments concerning the Department of the Army Permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be forwarded to the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) at the above address.

Application Number: SAS-2013-00588

Applicant: Mr. James Brinson
Wayne County Board of Education
555 South Sunset Boulevard
Jesup, Georgia 31545

Agent: Mr. Laary J. Cushman
Cushman Consulting Group, LLC
301 Crayton Street, Suite 100
Anderson, South Carolina 29621

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is an approximately 67-acre property located east of the intersection of Oquinn Street and North 4th Street Extension, within the City of Jesup, Wayne County Georgia (latitude 31.6255, longitude -81.87316). A reach of Coleman Branch flows generally from north-to-south through the central portion of the property.

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The applicant is proposing to discharge 9,150 cubic yards of fill within 1.55 acres of wetlands for the construction of a new playfield immediately east of and adjacent to the Martha Rawls Elementary School, currently being constructed wholly within uplands in the southern portion of the project site. The applicant proposes to compensate for

project impacts through the purchase of 9.45 wetland mitigation credits from the Marshlands, Inc., Camden County 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.

Using an estimated 10,000 cubic yards of fill material and serviced by a 36-inch corrugated metal pipe, an unauthorized roadway was constructed circa August 2015, connecting the proposed school project ("WCCS Site") with the property immediately to the south ("JHC Site"). The applicant has indicated that the existing roadway was installed in order to transport construction fill material from the adjacent site to the project site, resulting in impacts to 0.7 acre of wetland. Following the completion of construction of the proposed school playfield, the roadway will be removed in its entirety, the affected areas restored to the original grade, the area permanently revegetated, as necessary, and the applicant will acquire an additional 6.37 wetland mitigation credits from an approved compensatory mitigation bank servicing the project site within its Primary Service Area to compensate for the associated temporary adverse impacts.

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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, 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 Branch, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200 Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777.

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 (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. The applicant contracted a Phase I cultural resources survey of the proposed project site. The findings of the survey was that no NRHP-eligible resources would be affected by the project as proposed. 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, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 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.

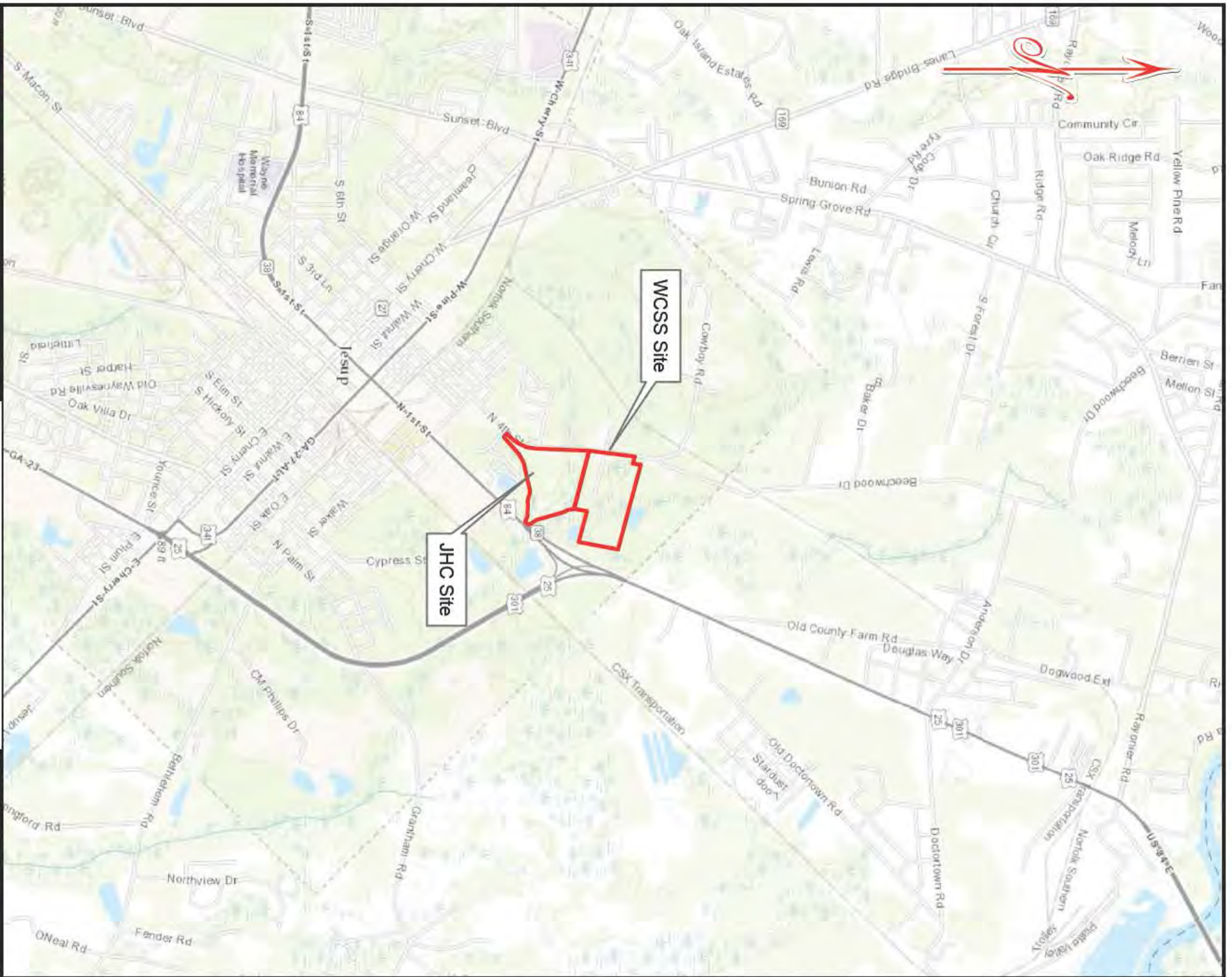
Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. 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: Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Adam White, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777, no later than **30 days** from the date of this notice. Please refer to the applicant's name (Wayne County Board of Education) and the application number (SAS-2013-00588) in your comments.

If you have any further questions concerning this public notice, please contact Adam F. White, Project Manager, Piedmont Field Office at 678-422-2730, or adam.f.white@usace.army.mil.

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1. Project Location Map, dated 04/19/17;
2. Wetland Location Map with Unauthorized Roadway, dated 04/19/17;
3. Overall Drainage and Grading Plan – Sheet W2, dated 03/24/16;
4. Option A Wetland Fill Area – Sheet A (Applicant's Preferred Design), dated 12/15/16;
5. "Wetlan Profile – Line 1" – Sheet A.1, dated 12/15/16;
6. "Wetlan Profile – Line 2" – Sheet A.2, dated 12/15/16;
7. "Wetlan Profile – Line 3" – Sheet A.3, dated 12/15/16.



Site

CUSHMAN CONSULTING GROUP, LLC
 301 Crayton Street, Suite 100
 Anderson, SC 29621
 O: 864-556-0235
 F: fax@cushman-consulting.com

PROJECT NAME: Martha Rawls Elementary
PROJECT LOCATION: Wayne County, GA
CCG JOB #: 17-101-JWB

Project Location Map
 Wayne County, GA

SCALE: 1 inch = 4,000 feet
DATE: 04/19/2017
REVISION #: 0
REV. DATE: N/A

Figure 1

CUSHMAN CONSULTING GROUP, LLC DELINEATION NOTES:
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ALL ENGINEERING DRAWINGS ORIGINATED BY:
 James W Buckley & Associates
 114 North Green Street
 Swainsboro, Georgia
 478-237-6467
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All jurisdictional areas and boundaries were delineated using Trimble GeoXT Handheld equipment, incorporating Realtime processing, Code Postprocessing, and Carrier postprocessing. Accuracy (Horizontal Root Mean Squared (HRMS)) of point positions after differential correction ranges between 1cm - 30cm. HRMS accuracy does not exceed 30cm where data has been collected with minimum of 4 satellites, maximum PDOP of 6, minimum SNR of 39 dBHz, minimum elevation of 15 degrees, and reasonable multipath conditions. Ionospheric conditions, multipath signals or obstruction of the sky by buildings or heavy tree canopy may degrade precision by interfering with signal reception. Accuracy varies with proximity to base station by +1 ppm for postprocessing and real-time. ALL OTHER SURVEY POINTS, BOUNDARIES, AND DRAWINGS ORIGINATED BY OTHERS AND NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CUSHMAN CONSULTING GROUP, LLC. DATA PROVIDED BY CUSHMAN CONSULTING GROUP, LLC, ARE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ACCURATE SURVEY OF PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, NATURAL BOUNDARIES, OR LOCATIONS OF MONUMENTS. DATA PROVIDED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY UNDER SUPERVISION AND/OR COORDINATION WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND/OR SURVEYORS ON LOCATION OF FIXED MONUMENTS AND PROPERTY BOUNDARIES.



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Wetlands

Streams (RPW)

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PROJECT NAME: Martha Rawls Elementary
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Wetland Location Map
 with Unauthorized Roadway
 Wayne County, GA

SCALE: 1 inch = 500 feet
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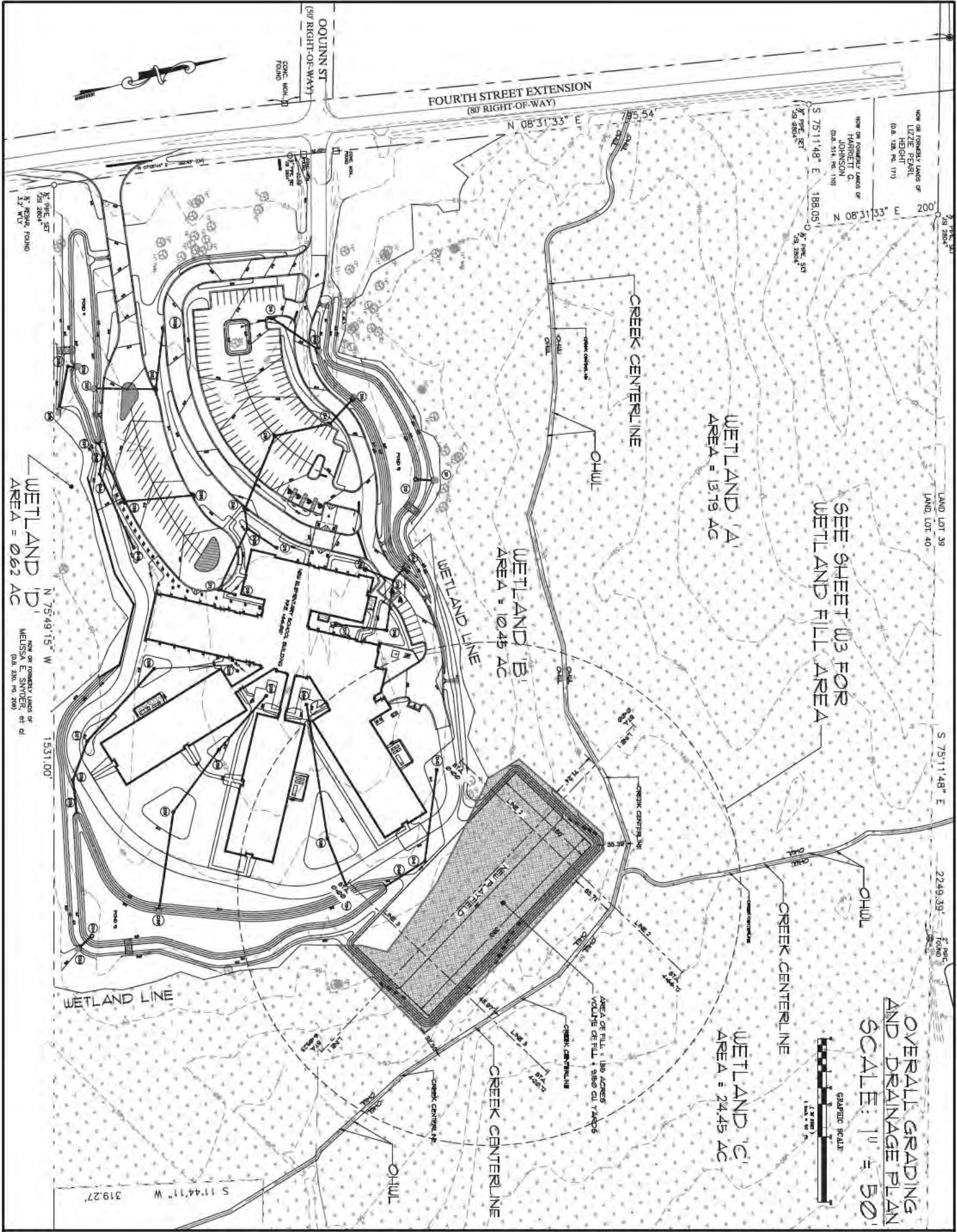
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SEE SHEET U3 FOR
WETLAND FILL AREA

OVERALL GRADING
AND DRAINAGE PLAN
SCALE: 1" = 50'



WETLAND 'D'
AREA = 0.62 AC

N 75°49'15" W
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WETLAND 'A'
AREA = 13.79 AC

WETLAND 'B'
AREA = 10.45 AC

WETLAND 'C'
AREA = 24.45 AC

WETLAND 'D'
AREA = 0.62 AC

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MARtha RAWLS SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 GEORGIA
 SCHOOL CODE: 751-7202

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OVERALL GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN

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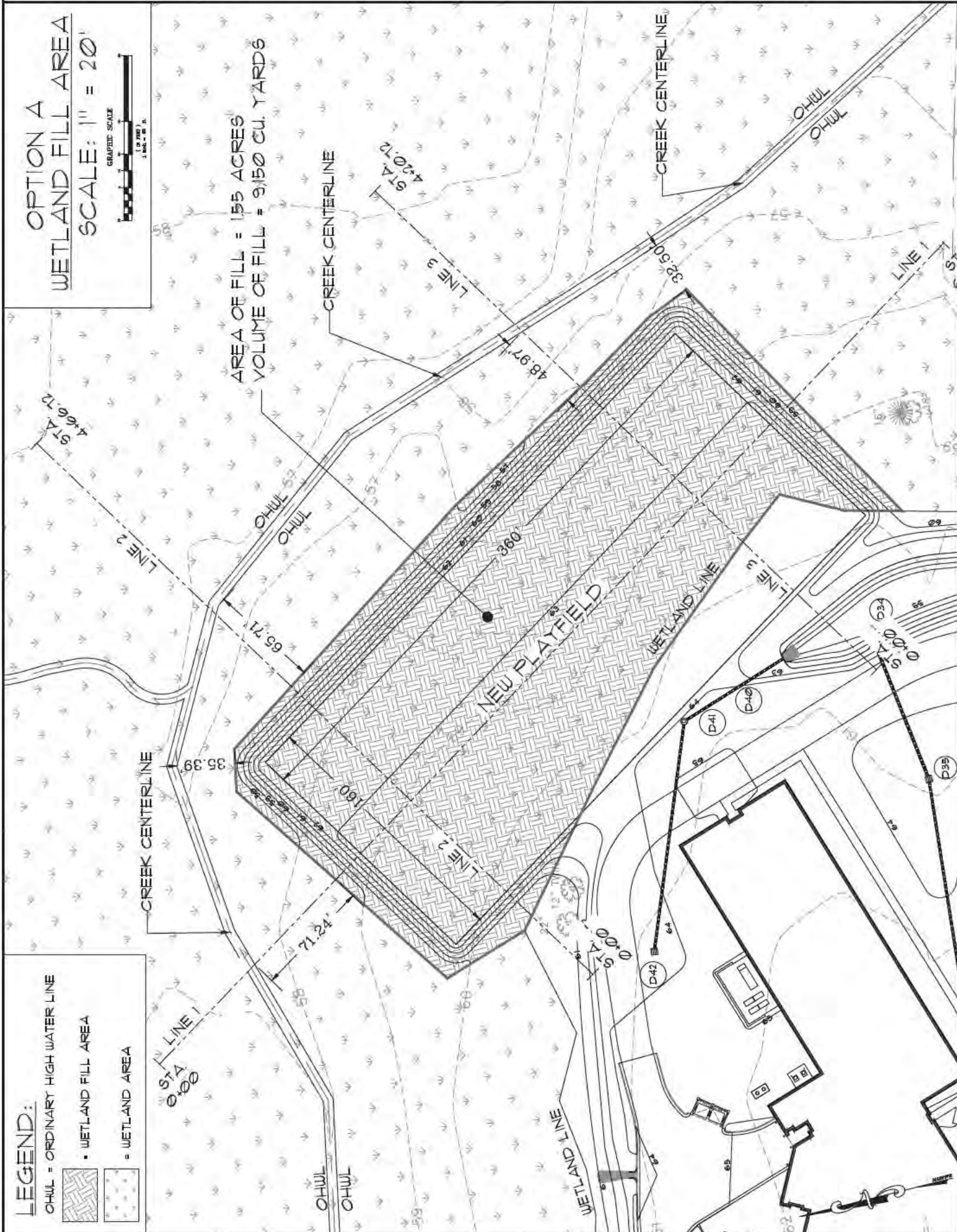
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OPTION A
WETLAND FILL AREA

SCALE: 1" = 20'



AREA OF FILL = 155 ACRES
VOLUME OF FILL = 9,150 CU. YARDS



LEGEND:

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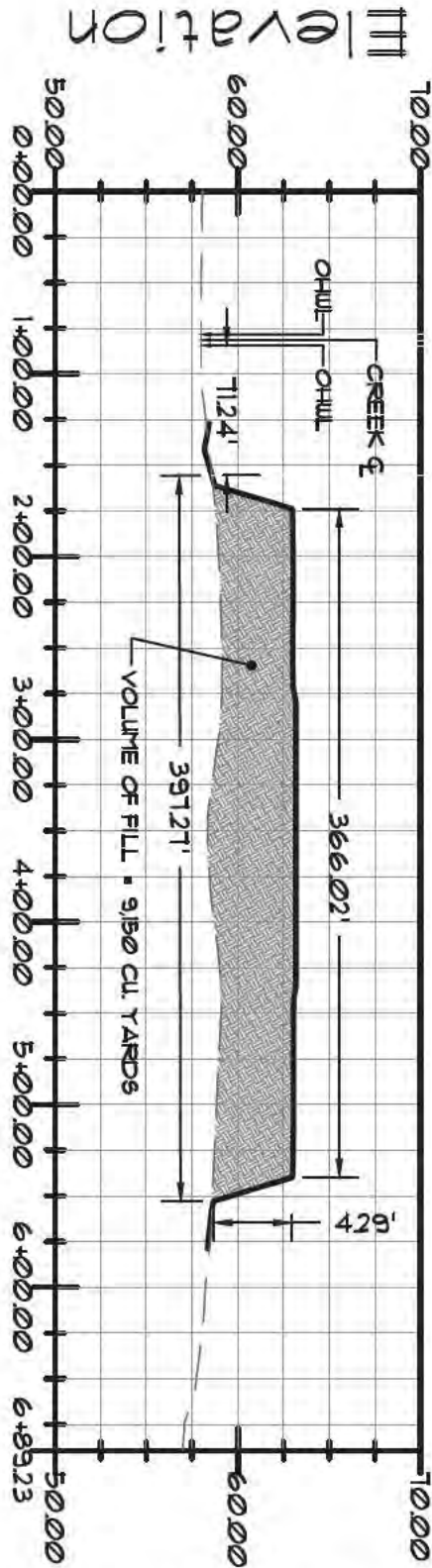


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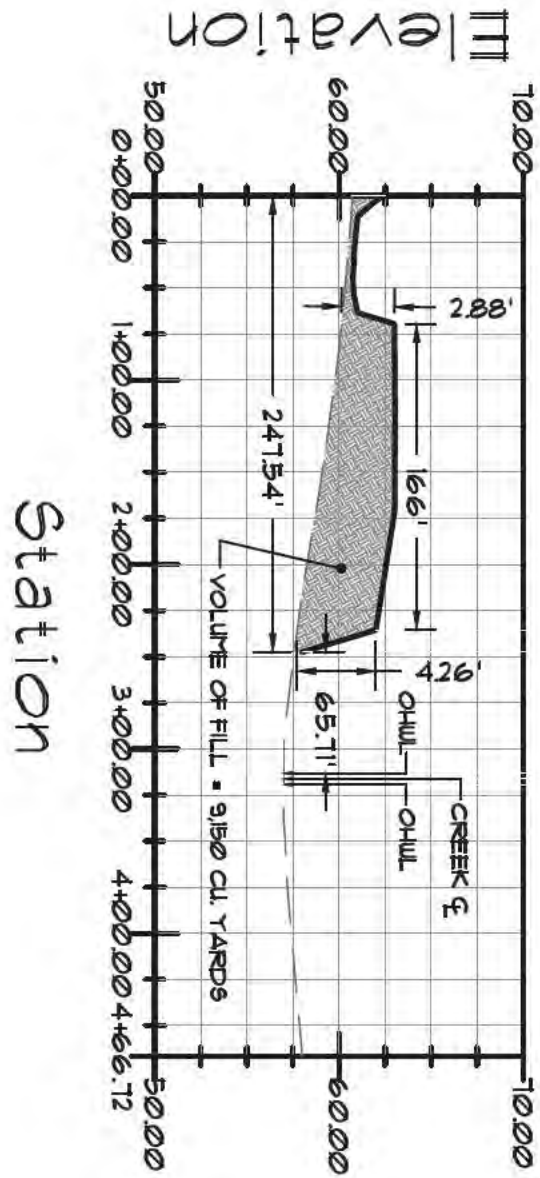
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SCALE: 1"= 100'

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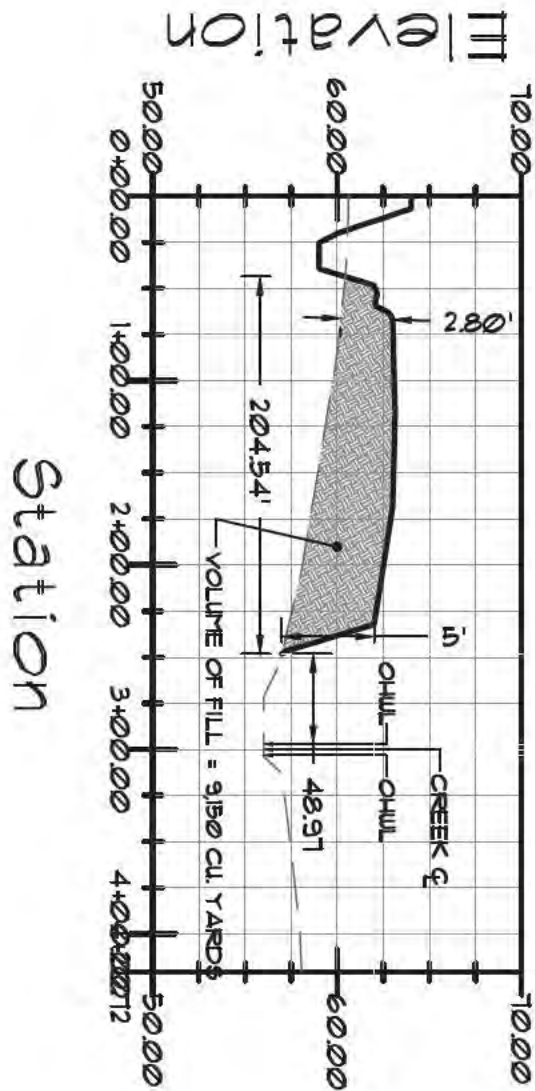
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LINE 3



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