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Regulatory Branch
SAS-2018-000257

PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah District

The District Engineer has received a Prospectus describing the establishment and operation of a proposed wetland compensatory mitigation bank (Old Creek Place Mitigation Bank) for Federal and State permits as described below:

Application Number: SAS-2018-000257

Sponsor: Mr. Trey Evans
OCP Mitigation, LLC
931 Monroe Drive, NE
Suite A-102, #302
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

Agent: Ms. Angel Fowler
Mitigation Management, LLC
1551 Jennings Mill Road
Unit 1800-B
Athens, Georgia 30605

This public notice does not imply, on the parts of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) or other agencies, either favorable or unfavorable opinion of the work to be performed, but is issued to solicit comments regarding the factors on which final decisions will be based.

Location of Proposed Work: The proposed project site is an approximately 70-acre site, situated within an approximately 92-acre property, largely located to the south of McEntire Road and north of the Coosawattee River, in unincorporated southern Murray County, Georgia (latitude 34.6171, longitude -84.7736). See the enclosed Vicinity and Road Map and USGS Topographic Map exhibits.

Description of Mitigation Bank: The Sponsor proposes to establish a commercial wetland and stream mitigation bank on the site. As currently conceptualized, the project would involve 27.94 acres of slope and depressional wetland restoration and enhancement, 8.34 acres of stream and riparian buffer preservation, 34.53 acres of upland buffer preservation and restoration, and 4,661.39 linear feet of stream channel

restoration. The Sponsor has proposed to utilize the Savannah District's 2018 Standard Operating Procedure for Compensatory Mitigation, but has not currently proposed an estimate of the potential mitigation credits that could be generated from the project. See the enclosed Conceptual Restoration Plan exhibit.

Geographic Service Area: The proposed Geographic Service Area (GSA) is the defined area within which this bank can reasonably be expected to provide appropriate compensation for impacts to aquatic resources. The GSA for this bank would include the Coosawattee River Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 03150102, Upper Coosa River watershed (HUC 03150105), the Oostanaula River (HUC 03150103), and the Conasauga River (HUC 03150101) as the Primary service area.

Oversight: This mitigation bank may be considered one of a number of practicable alternatives available to applicants to compensate for unavoidable impacts associated with permits issued under the authority of Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act for projects located within the approved GSA.

Oversight of this compensatory mitigation bank would be by a group of Federal and State agency representatives collectively referred to as the Interagency Review Team (IRT). The IRT shall be chaired by the Savannah District, USACE and is comprised of representatives from the US Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division.

The actual approval of the use of this mitigation bank for a specific project is the decision of the USACE pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The USACE provides no guarantee that any particular individual or general permit would be granted authorization to use this compensatory mitigation bank to compensate for unavoidable impacts associated with a proposed permit, even though mitigation from this bank may be available.

Authority: A public notice regarding the proposed mitigation bank is required pursuant to Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 325 and 332, and Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 230, entitled "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources, Final Rule", published in the Federal Register on April 10, 2008.

Consideration of Public Comments: The USACE 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 this proposed mitigation bank. The Prospectus can be seen at the US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Branch, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777, and/or via the Savannah District's "Bank & ILF Sites" link on the Regulatory In-lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System (RIBITS) website, within the "Cyber Repository" for the Old Creek Place Mitigation Bank. Written comments received will be considered

by the USACE in evaluating this proposal. Comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards and flood plain values (in accordance with Executive Order 11988), land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the public.

Preliminary review, provided by the bank's Sponsor, indicates that: 1) No species of fish, wildlife, or plant (or their critical habitat) listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (PL 93-205) would be adversely affected; and 2) No cultural or historical resources considered eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places would be affected according to a website review of known listed properties. Additional information may change any of these preliminary findings.

Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal should submit comments in writing to the Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Mr. Adam F. 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 mitigation bank name (Old Creek Place Mitigation Bank) and the Regulatory Branch file number (SAS-2018-00257) in your comments.

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

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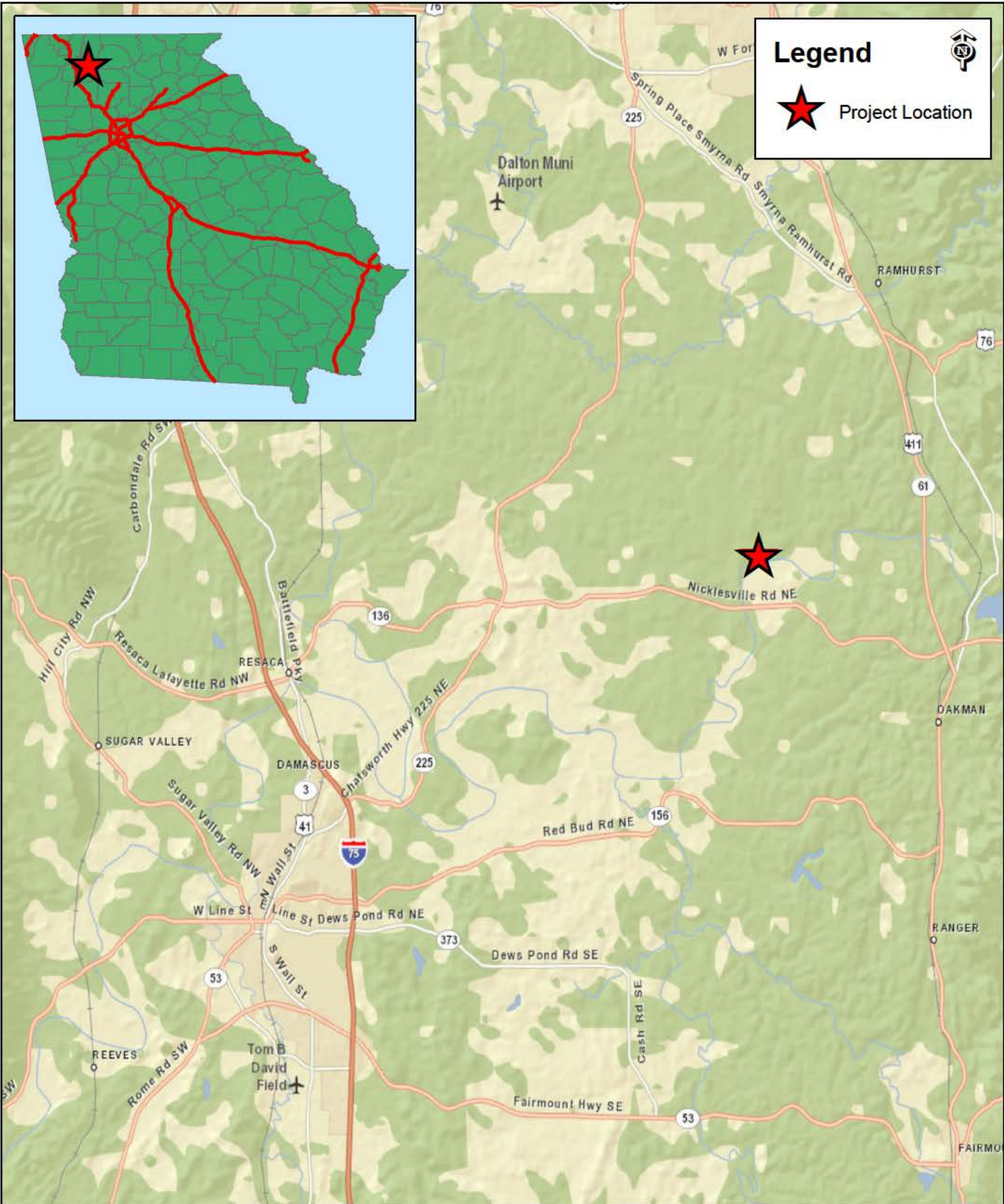
1. Vicinity and Road Map
2. USGS Topographic Map
3. Conceptual Restoration Plan



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 Project Location



VICINITY AND ROAD MAP
OLD CREEK PLACE MITIGATION BANK
MURRAY COUNTY, GEORGIA
PROSPECTUS

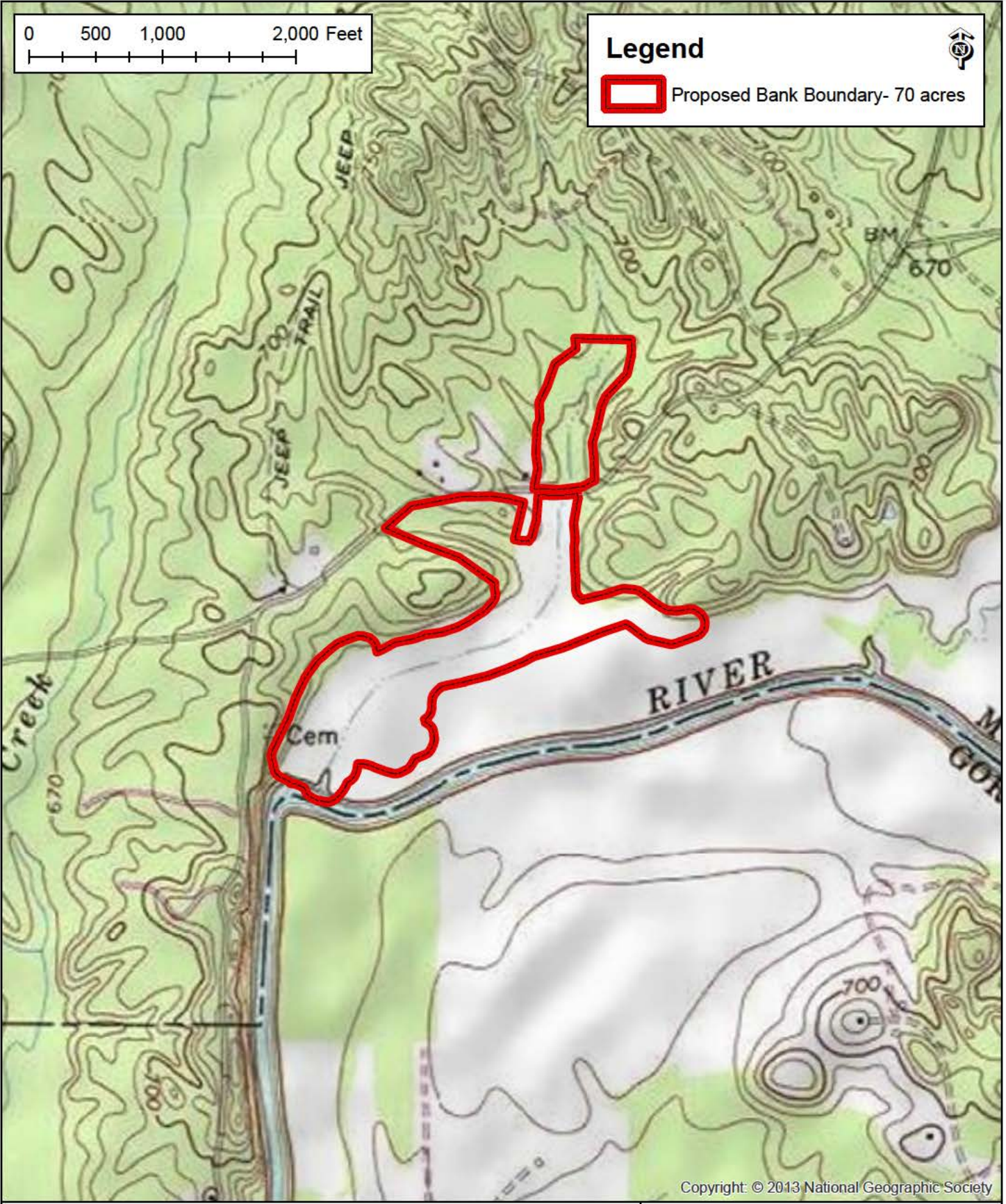


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 Proposed Bank Boundary- 70 acres

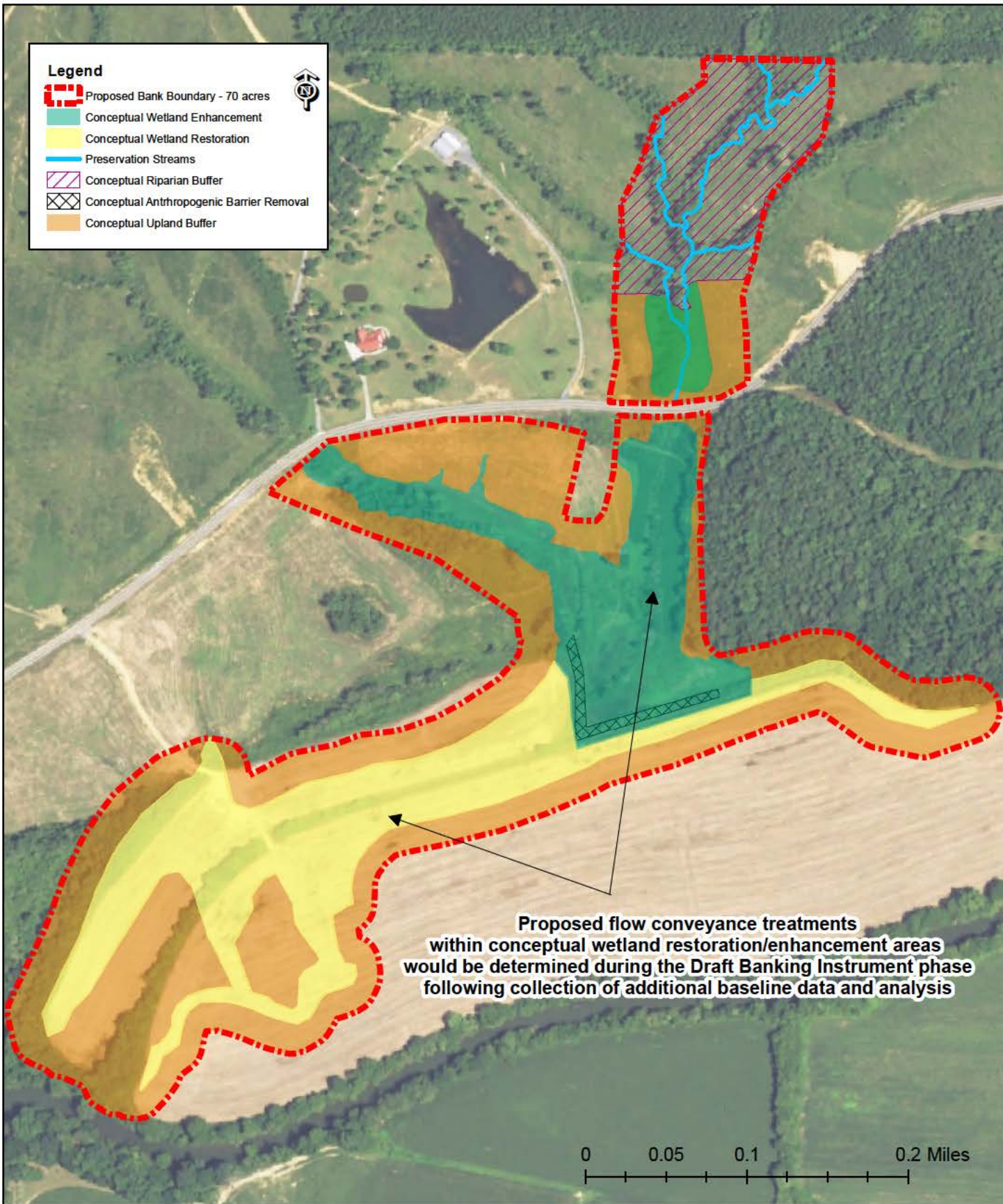


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USGS REDBUD QUAD TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
OLD CREEK PLACE MITIGATION BANK
MURRAY COUNTY, GEORGIA
PROSPECTUS



MITIGATION
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-  Proposed Bank Boundary - 70 acres
-  Conceptual Wetland Enhancement
-  Conceptual Wetland Restoration
-  Preservation Streams
-  Conceptual Riparian Buffer
-  Conceptual Anthropogenic Barrier Removal
-  Conceptual Upland Buffer



Proposed flow conveyance treatments within conceptual wetland restoration/enhancement areas would be determined during the Draft Banking Instrument phase following collection of additional baseline data and analysis



**CONCEPTUAL RESTORATION PLAN
 OLD CREEK PLACE MITIGATION BANK
 MURRAY COUNTY, GEORGIA
 PROSPECTUS**

