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

November 13, 2020

SAS-2020-00056

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:

Application Number: SAS-2020-00056

Applicant: Mr. Charles Penny
City of Statesboro
Post Office Box 348
Statesboro, Georgia 30459

Agent: Mr. Matthew Gale
Resource and Land Consultants
41 Park of Commerce Way, Suite 101
Savannah, Georgia 31405

Project Purpose as Proposed by Applicant: The applicant's stated project purpose is "The Purpose of the proposed project is to fulfill the commitment of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to improve the stormwater management system within this low/moderate income neighborhood by implementing many of the actions listed above including construction of a stormwater detention basin."

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is located south of Donnie Simmons Way and west of Floyd Street, in the City of Statesboro, in Bulloch County, Georgia (Latitude 32.4563, Longitude -81.7932).

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The Applicant proposes to construct a stormwater detention facility as part of the CDBG for the City of Statesboro. Construction activities would consist of excavation of the open field to construct a 2.4-acre stormwater basin and installation of three outfall pipes connecting to the existing stormwater drainage canal. The proposed project would result in the dredging of 0.74 acre of herbaceous freshwater wetlands, and 0.0006 acre of canal impacts associated with outfall pipe/rip-rap installation. Please see the

attached drawings provided by the Applicant for more detailed information on the proposed project.

The Applicant's proposed compensatory mitigation plan proposes to offset the permanent impacts to 0.74 acre of herbaceous freshwater wetlands through the purchase of 2.96 grandfathered wetland credits from the Corps approved Yam Grandy mitigation bank.

BACKGROUND

The Applicant submitted a letter, on June 26, 2020, requesting that the Corps review and verify a delineation of aquatic resources within the 36.7-acre site. The Corps issued a letter verifying the limits of aquatic resources within the site on August 18, 2020.

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.

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Water Quality Certification: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division will review the proposed project for water quality certification, in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Prior to issuance of a Department of the Army permit for a project location in, on, or adjacent to the waters of the State of Georgia, review for Water Quality Certification is required. A reasonable period of time, which shall not exceed one year, is established under the Clean Water Act for the State to act on a request for Water Quality Certification, after which, issuance of such a Department of the Army permit may proceed. The applicant did request a pre-certification meeting with Georgia EPD prior to submitting their application for a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The applicant must still request a meeting with EPD at least 30 days prior to any request they make for 401 Water Quality Certification.

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 and Georgia's Natural, Archaeological, and Historic Resources GIS (GNAHRGIS) indicate that there are no registered properties or properties listed as eligible for inclusion located at the site or in the area affected by the proposed work. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, pre-historical or historical data may be located at the site and could be affected by the proposed work.

Endangered Species: A preliminary review the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service's Protected Resource Divisions (NMFSPRD)'s list of Endangered and Threatened Species (IPaC) indicates Eastern indigo snake (*Corais couperi*) may occur in the project area. Per the Effects Determination Guidance for Endangered and Threatened Species (EDGES), the Corps has determined that the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the eastern indigo snake.

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 dredging of 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.

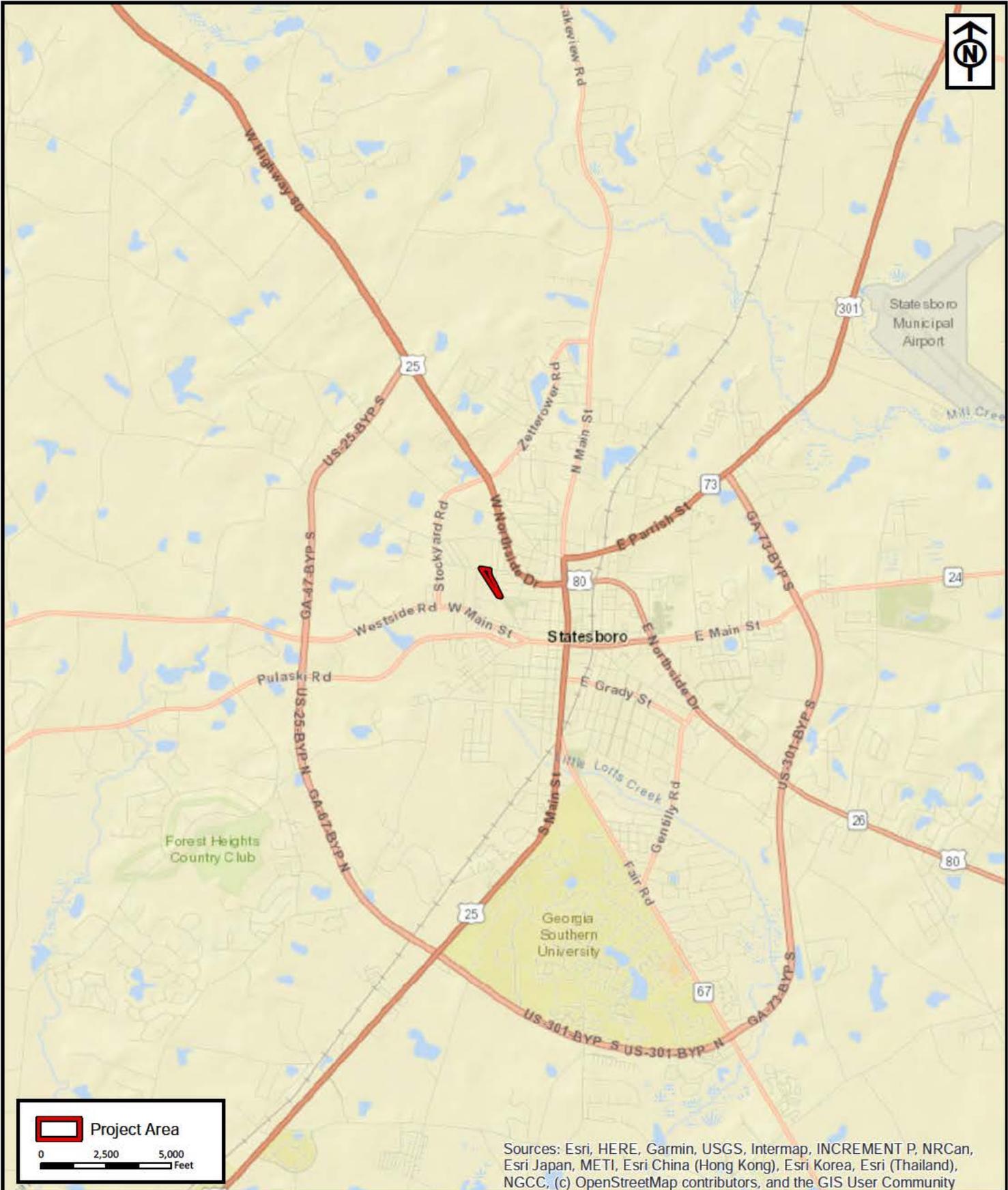
Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. 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. Tyler J. Brock, 100 West 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. Tyler J. Brock, Regulatory Specialist, Coastal Branch via email at tyler.j.brock@usace.army.mil or via phone at (912) 652-5139.

Enclosures:

1. Wetland Impact Map (1 page)
2. Wetland Impact Detail Storm Pipe Outfall Rip-Rap (1 page)
3. Figure No. 1: Project Location Map
4. Figure No. 2: 2015 Ortho Aerial Imagery



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

RLC Project No.:	19-271
Figure No.:	1
Prepared By:	MG
Sketch Date:	10/1/2020
Map Scale :	1 inch = 5,000 feet

James Street Storm Improvements
Bulloch County, Georgia

Project Location Map
Prepared For: City of Statesboro

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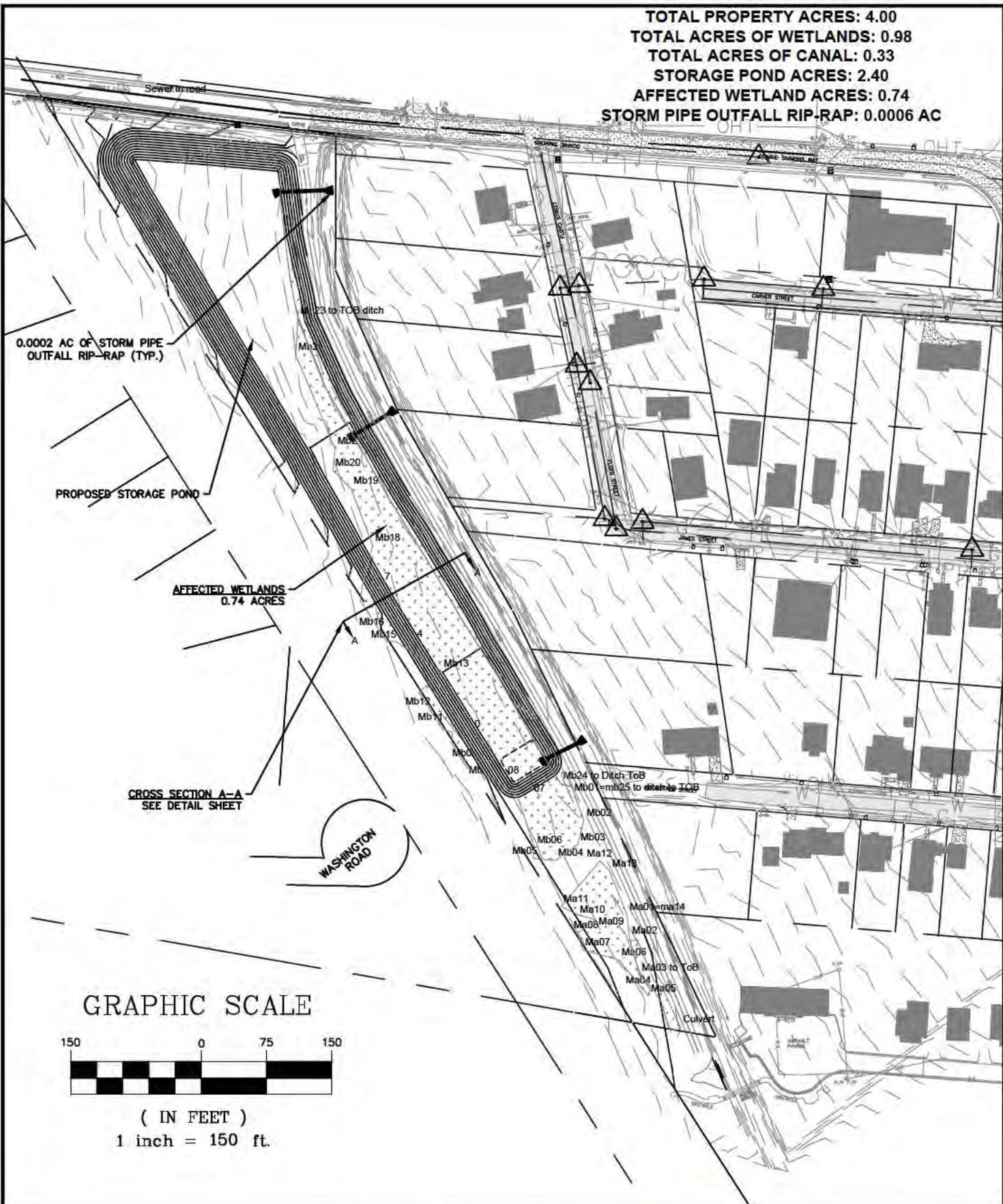
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TOTAL PROPERTY ACRES: 4.00
TOTAL ACRES OF WETLANDS: 0.98
TOTAL ACRES OF CANAL: 0.33
STORAGE POND ACRES: 2.40
AFFECTED WETLAND ACRES: 0.74
STORM PIPE OUTFALL RIP-RAP: 0.0006 AC



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WETLAND IMPACT MAP
OVERALL VIEW

2019 STATESBORO CDBG
STATESBORO, GA
 prepared for:
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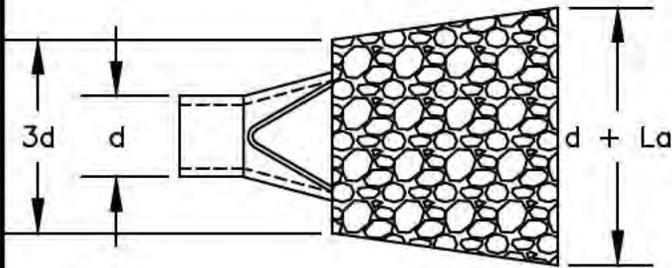


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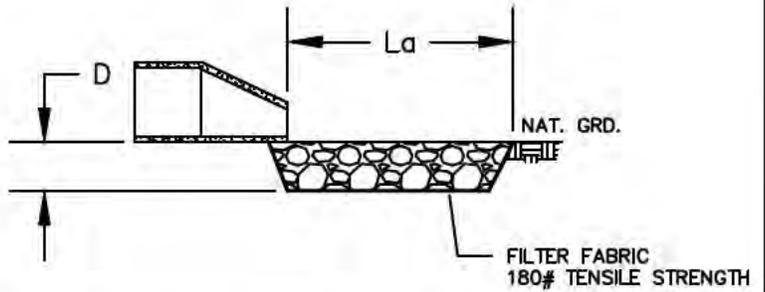


PIPE VELOCITY CHART

STRUCTURE	VELOCITY	d	La	ROCK SIZE	D	TAILWATER
TYPICAL F.E.S.	<5 FPS	15"	10'	9"	2'	MAX
TYPICAL F.E.S.	<5 FPS	18"	10'	9"	2'	MAX
TYPICAL F.E.S.	<5 FPS	24"	10'	9"	2'	MAX



PLAN VIEW



SECTION VIEW

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STORM OUTLET PROTECTION
UNDEFINED CHANNEL
 NTS

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WETLAND IMPACT DETAIL
STORM PIPE OUTFALL RIP-RAP

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