



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT
4751 BEST ROAD, SUITE 140
COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA 30337-5600

July 7, 2022

Regulatory Division
SAS-2019-00587

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-2019-00587

Applicant: Mr. Paul Ginter
BTD Manufacturing
21350 Cedar Ave
Lakeville, Minnesota 55044

Agent: Ms. Sarah Rowe
S&ME, Incorporated
6515 Nightingale Lane
Knoxville, Tennessee 37909

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is located at 702 Lumpkin Campground Road in the City of Dawsonville, Dawson County, Georgia (latitude: 34.3603, longitude: -84.0519). The property is located within the Black Mill Creek – Etowah River Watershed, Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 031501040107.

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:
The applicant is proposing the expansion of their existing facility through the construction of a 179,500 square-foot warehouse, visitor and tractor trailer parking, ingress/egress roads and two stormwater ponds. The proposed project would result in unavoidable impacts to 1,314 linear feet (0.08-acre) of intermittent stream and 0.44-acre of wetland.

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.

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. 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.

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: A Cultural and Historic Resources Literature Survey was completed by the agent in April 2022. The Corps has not yet made an effect determination regarding the findings of the aforementioned survey.

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. The applicant provided the Information, Planning, and Conservation System report (IPaC) for the site which indicated potential for the following species to exist within the project site: Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis*

septedtrionalis), Amber Darter (*Percina antesella*), Cherokee Darter (*Etheostoma scotti*), Etowah Darter (*Etheostoma etowahae*), and Frecklebelly Madtom (*Noturus munitus*). The Corps has not yet made any effect determinations on the aforementioned threatened or endangered species.

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.

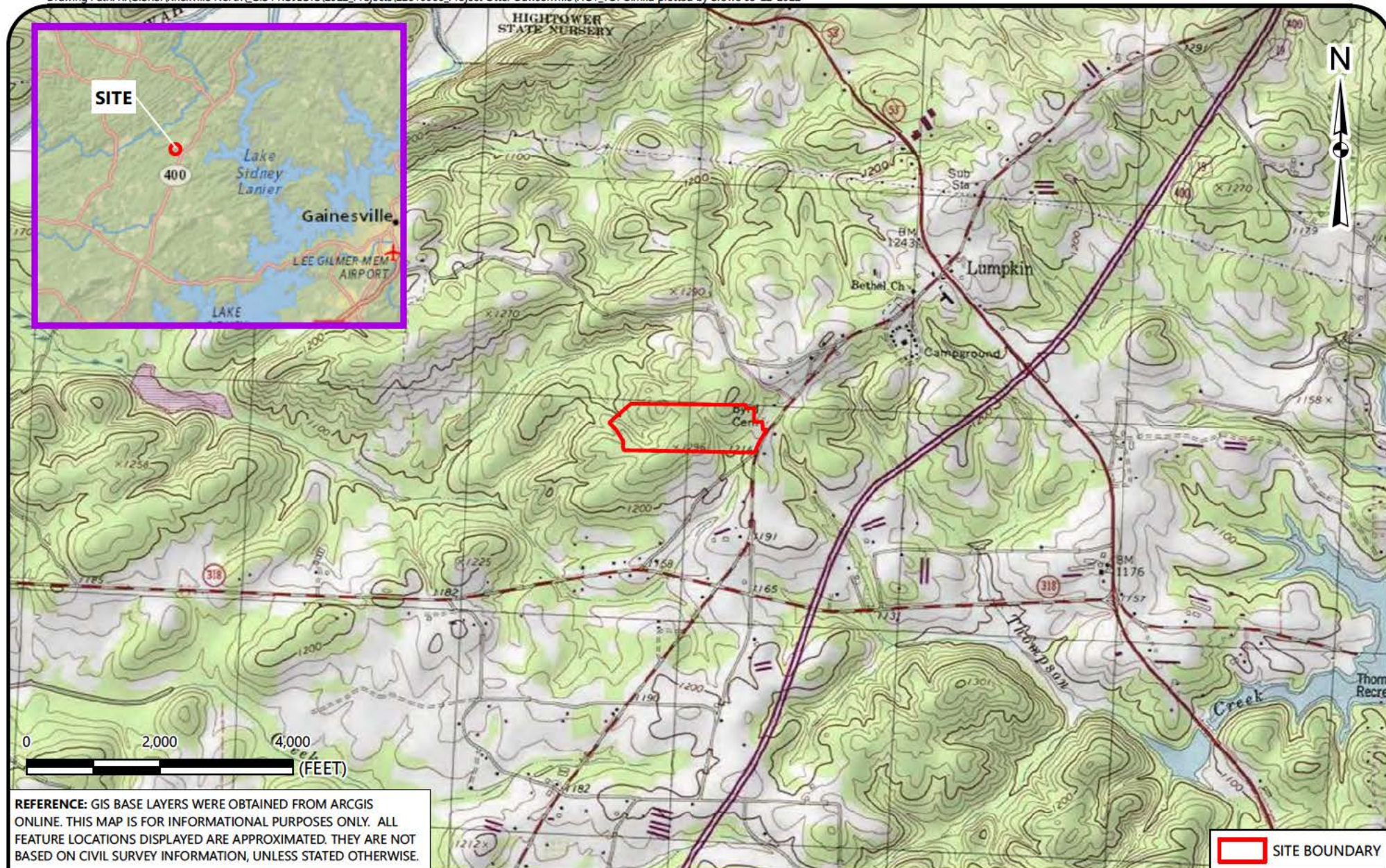
Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. 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 the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Mr. Blake Brannon, 1050 Buford Dam Road, Buford, Georgia 30518 or via email at: steven.b.brannon@usace.army.mil.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Blake Brannon, Project Manager, at (678) 422-6570.

Enclosures

1. Location Map
2. Aquatic Resources Map
3. Plan Sheet/Drawing



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC SITE VICINITY

BTD DAWSONVILLE EXPANSION
STATE ROUTE 9 EAST AT G.W. TAFFER ROAD
DAWSONVILLE, DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

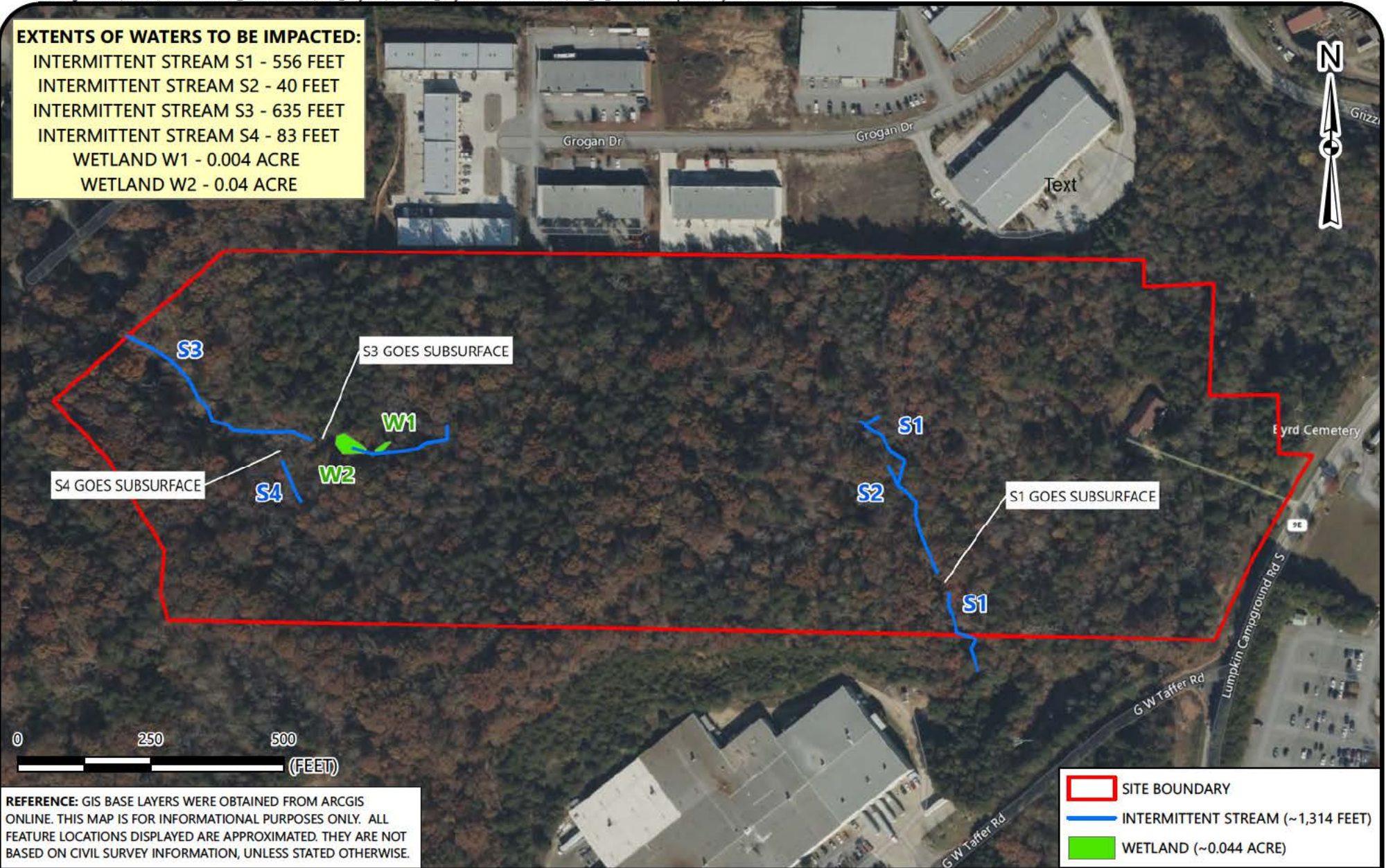
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EXTENTS OF WATERS TO BE IMPACTED:

INTERMITTENT STREAM S1 - 556 FEET
 INTERMITTENT STREAM S2 - 40 FEET
 INTERMITTENT STREAM S3 - 635 FEET
 INTERMITTENT STREAM S4 - 83 FEET
 WETLAND W1 - 0.004 ACRE
 WETLAND W2 - 0.04 ACRE



AERIAL IMAGERY AND JURISDICTIONAL WATERS

PROTECTED SPECIES HABITAT ASSESSMENT
 STATE ROUTE 9 EAST AT G.W. TAFFER ROAD
 DAWSONVILLE, DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCALE:

1" = 250'

DATE:

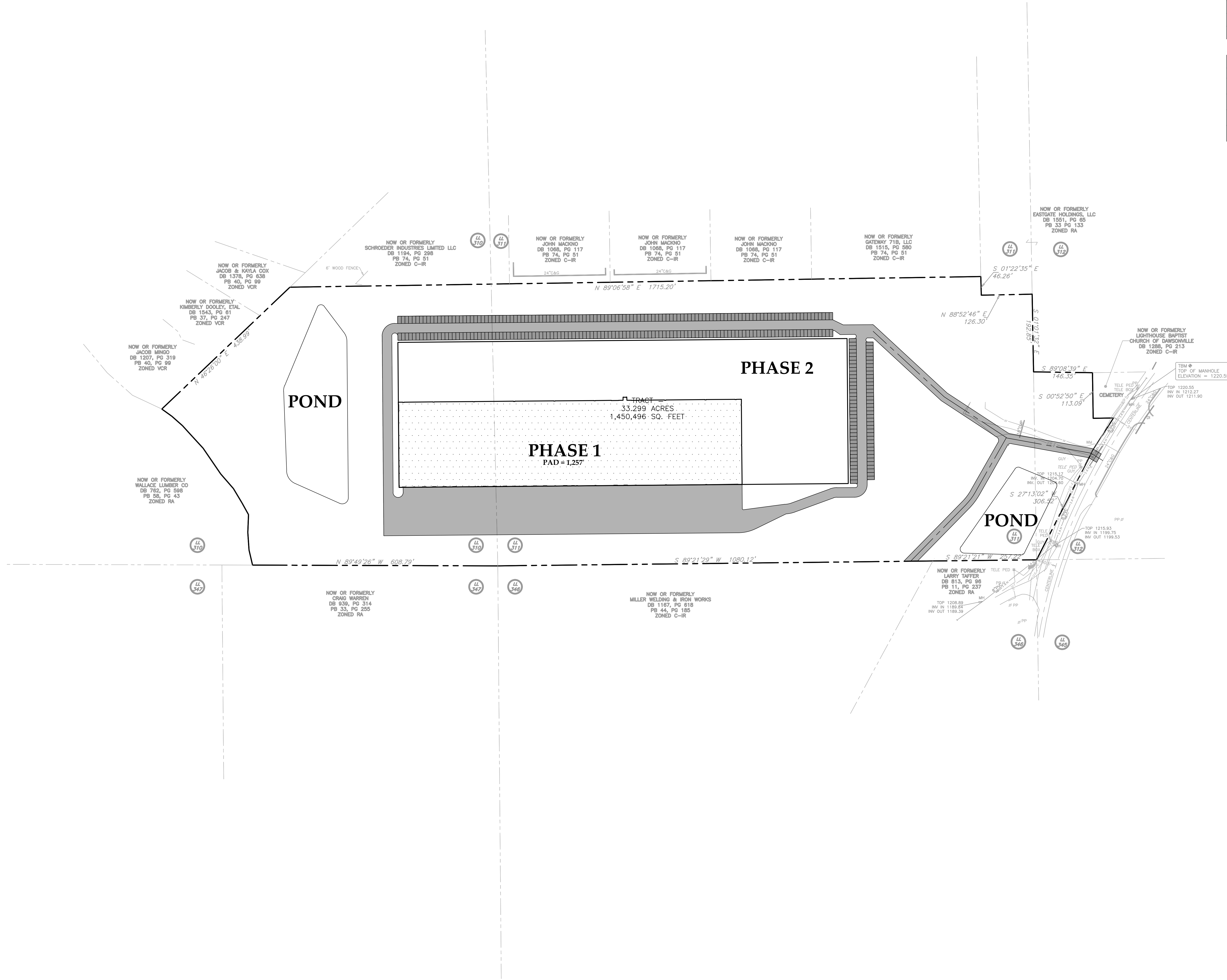
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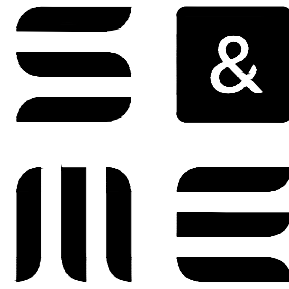
SITE LAYOUT KEYNOTES		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	DET #/SHT #
(S1)	ASPHALT PAVEMENT - HEAVY DUTY	
(S2a)	ASPHALT PAVEMENT - LIGHT DUTY	
(S2b)	PERVIOUS CONCRETE PAVEMENT	
(S3)	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	
(S4)	CONCRETE SIDEWALK	
(S5)	SIDEWALK JOINTS	
(S6)	ACCESSIBLE SYMBOL	
(S7)	ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE	
(S8)	ACCESSIBLE WINGED RAMP	
(S9)	TACTILE WARNING SURFACE	
(S10)	DIRECTIONAL ARROWS	
(S11)	PAINTED STOP BAR	
(S12)	BICYCLE RACK WITH PAD	
(S13)	CONCRETE RETAINING WALL (DESIGNED BY OTHERS)	
(S14)	DECORATIVE ALUMINUM FENCE	
(S15)	PAVEMENT TRENCH REPAIR	

SITE SIGNAGE KEYNOTES		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	DET #/SHT #
(SG1)	VAN ACCESSIBLE PARKING SIGN	
(SG2)	STOP / DO NOT ENTER SIGN	
(SG3)	DIRECTIONAL SIGN (S04)	
(SG4)	DIRECTIONAL SIGN (S05)	

PROPOSED FEATURES LEGEND

BUILDING	
CONCRETE PAVEMENT	
CONCRETE SIDEWALK	
HEAVY DUTY PAVEMENT	
TACTILE WARNING	
PAINTED STRIPE	
CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	

NOTE:
1. SEE SHEET C2.0 FOR GENERAL NOTES.



658 GRASSMERE PARK DRIVE
SUITE 100
NASHVILLE, TN 37211
(615) 385-4144
ENGINEERING FIRM
LICENSE NUMBER: E-0176

GEORGIA
EPD
BUFFER
IMPACT

NOT RELEASED FOR CONSTRUCTION

DRAWN BY:
CHECKED BY:

REVISIONS			
REV #	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY

DAWSONVILLE
CAMPUS
EXPANSION

702 LUMPKIN
CAMP GROUND RD
S, DAWSONVILLE,
GA 30534

PROJECT NO. 20-22041
DATE 06/01/2022

SHEET TITLE
SITE
LAYOUT

SHEET NO. C5.0