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**10 May 2022**

Regulatory Division  
SAS-2008-00506

**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-2008-00506

Applicant: Ms. Mary Jane Crouch  
Americas Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia  
2501 East President Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31404

Agent: Mr. Alton Brown, Jr.  
Resource & 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 to construct a new food bank facility on a 30.77-acre project site to support the Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia's current needs and improve distribution logistics.

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is located adjacent to and east of Chatham Parkway, approximately 0.7 miles south of Interstate 16, within Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia (32.0586, -81.1602). The aquatic resources located on-site drain to Salt Creek, a Traditional Navigable Waterway.

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The applicant is proposing to impact 4.51 acres of wetland associated with the construction of the food bank facility. To offset the loss in aquatic function associated with the above impacts, the applicant has proposed the purchase of 25.76 compensatory wetland mitigation credits from a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved mitigation bank servicing the project area. The project is hydrologically connected to Salt Creek.

## **BACKGROUND**

The project site was previously owned by the Habersham School. In September 2019, the Habersham School was issued a permit for impacts to 0.5 acre of wetland during development of a new school campus. As required by the permit, the school purchased 3.0 wetland mitigation credits prior to initiation of construction. Following purchase of the mitigation credits, the authorized impacts were initiated but not completed. Since that time, the Habersham School determined that they would not be moving forward with development of the site for a new school campus. In 2021 Second Harvest contracted to purchase the property for development of a new centrally located facility.

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia was established in Savannah in 1981. The organization is a volunteer-driven nonprofit food bank and community partnering organization. Second Harvest serves as the food safety net for tens of thousands of children, senior citizens, low-income families, and people with disabilities who are at risk for hunger throughout Coastal Georgia. The organization works diligently to feed the hungry by distributing nutritious food to non-profit agencies and at-risk elderly and youth. Their programs include Brown Bag for the Elderly, Grace's Kitchen, Kids Cafe, Mobile Food Pantry, and Partner Distribution. These programs are designed to provide hunger relief to those most vulnerable. In addition, Second Harvest partners with 298 faith-based and non-profit agencies to provide emergency food assistance across Coastal Georgia.

Second Harvest currently operates from multiple buildings near President Street in Savannah, Georgia. The volunteer center and long-term storage are located on non-adjacent properties and are not connected to the main warehouse and kitchen. The current site does not allow for any expansion and currently does not have adequate parking for visitors and staff. In addition, the current site is positioned in an area that is impacted by storms and at during discrete storm events is not accessible by vehicle. Second Harvest has an immediate need for a new location that will accommodate growth, as they achieved a 225% increase in distribution over the past ten years. Second Harvest also needs facilities that are safe and efficient, and planned and equipped to provide uninterrupted assistance during a local and regional extreme weather event. The proposed project is funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG–CV). The funding will be used for professional services include the design, documentation, and construction contract administration. Studies completed as part of the CDBG applicant process concluded that current facility needs can be met with a new service center that would serve as Second Harvest's operations center, public interaction and acquisition facility, and a new warehouse to support the operations.

This Joint Public Notice announces a request for authorizations from both the Corps 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 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 not 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.

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 CFR 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, Coastal Management Program, 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.

Cultural Resources: Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and the Georgia Natural, Archeological and Historic Resources GIS database, indicates that no registered properties or properties listed as eligible for inclusion are located on the project site. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical or historical data may be located at the site and could be affected by the proposed work.

Endangered Species: A preliminary review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service Protected Resource Divisions list of Endangered and Threatened Species (IPaC) indicates the following listed species may occur in the

project area: Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*), Eastern Indigo Snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*), Frosted Flatwoods Salamander (*Ambystoma cingulatum*), and Eastern black rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp.*), and Pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*).

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. In addition, we are requesting information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service whether the project is within 2,500 feet of an active wood stork nesting colony.

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 Corps 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 Corps 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.

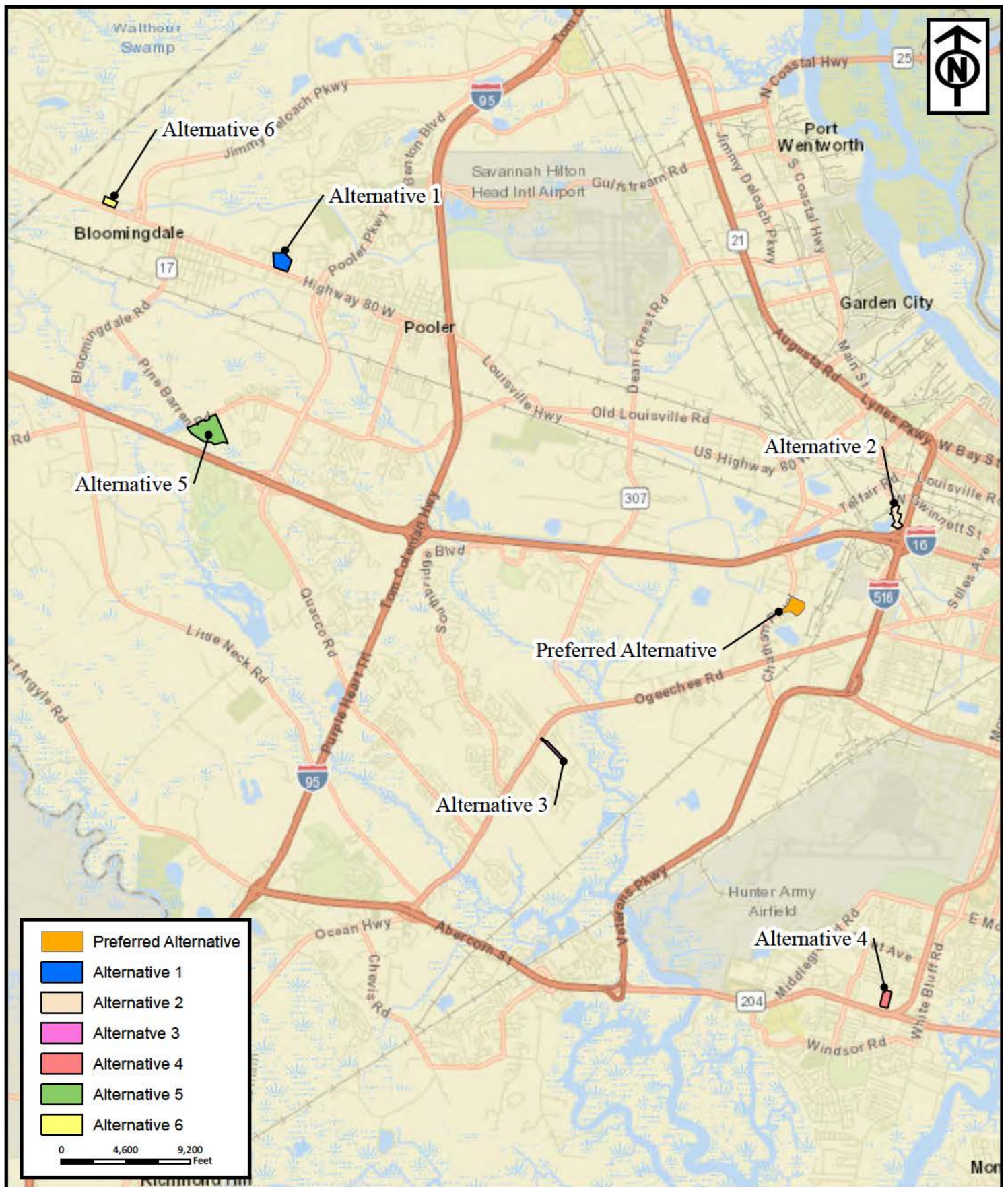
Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this application for a Department of the Army permit should submit comments by email to keary.b.moore@usae.army.mil. Alternatively, you may submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Mr. Brian Moore, 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401, 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. Brian Moore, Team Lead, Management Branch at 912-652-5349.

Enclosures:

1. Figure 1 – Project Location Map
2. Figure 2 – USGS Topographic Map
4. Wetland Impact Exhibits (Sheets: COV, INDEX, and WI-1 through WI-5)
5. Construction Layout/Impact Exhibit (Sheet C2.0)





RLC Project No.: 19-174.2  
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## Second Harvest Chatham Parkway Facility

Chatham County, Georgia

## Alternative Sites Location

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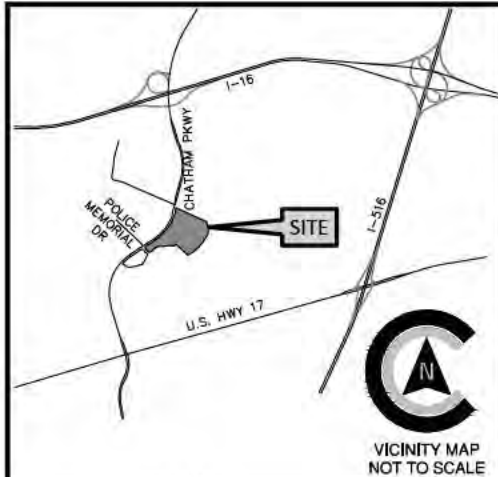
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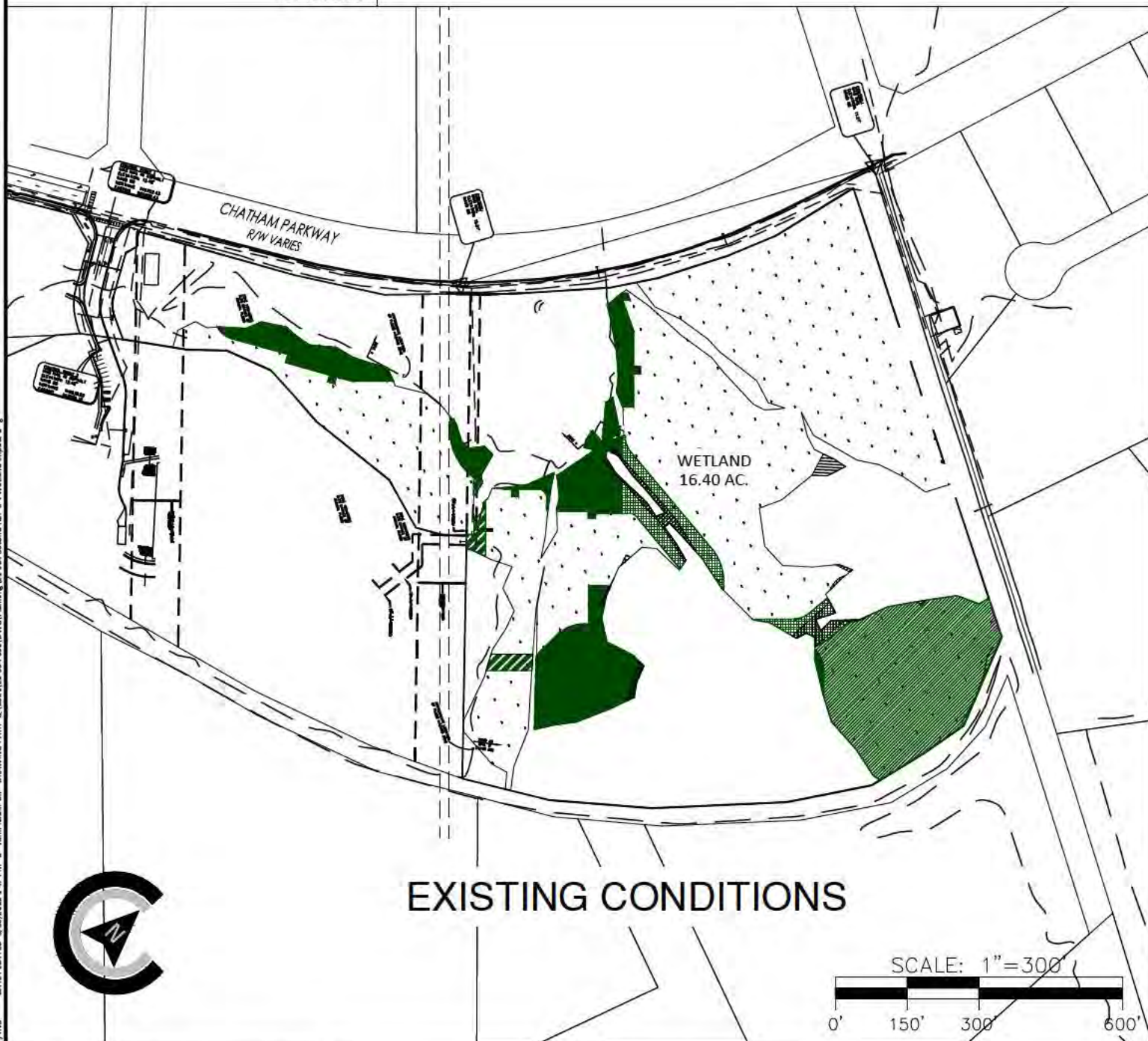






WETLAND SITE DATA	
	TOTALS
TOTAL SITE AREA	30.77 AC.
TOTAL WETLAND AREA	16.40 AC.
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACTED	4.96 AC.
TOTAL WETLAND PRESERVED	11.44 AC.

WETLAND DISTURBANCE		
CALLOUT	FILL AREA	CUT AREA
WI-1	0.38 AC.	
WI-2	0.108 AC.	
WI-3	0.05 AC.	
WI-4	0.42 AC.	
WI-5	0.19 AC.	
WI-6	0.38 AC.	
WI-7	0.07 AC.	
WI-8	0.86 AC.	
WI-9	0.14 AC.	
WI-10	0.02 AC.	
WI-11		2.26 AC.



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TOTAL TRACT AREA: 30.77 ACRES  
 TOTAL UPLAND AREA: 14.37 ACRES  
 TOTAL WETLAND AREA: 16.40 ACRES

**WETLAND IMPACTS FOR SITE AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT:**

- WETLAND IMPACT AREA FOR SITE CONSTRUCTION -  88,666 SF ~ 2.04 ACRES
- WETLAND IMPACT AREA FOR ROAD CROSSING -  22,803 SF ~ 0.52 ACRES
- WETLAND IMPACT AREA FOR UTILITY CROSSING -  6,174 SF ~ 0.14 ACRES
- WETLAND IMPACT AREA FOR FLOODPLAIN MITIGATION AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT -  98,403 SF ~ 2.26 ACRES
- TOTAL WETLAND IMPACTS - 216,046 SF ~ 4.96 ACRES

**WETLAND IMPACTS COVERED UNDER CURRENT NATIONWIDE PERMIT:**

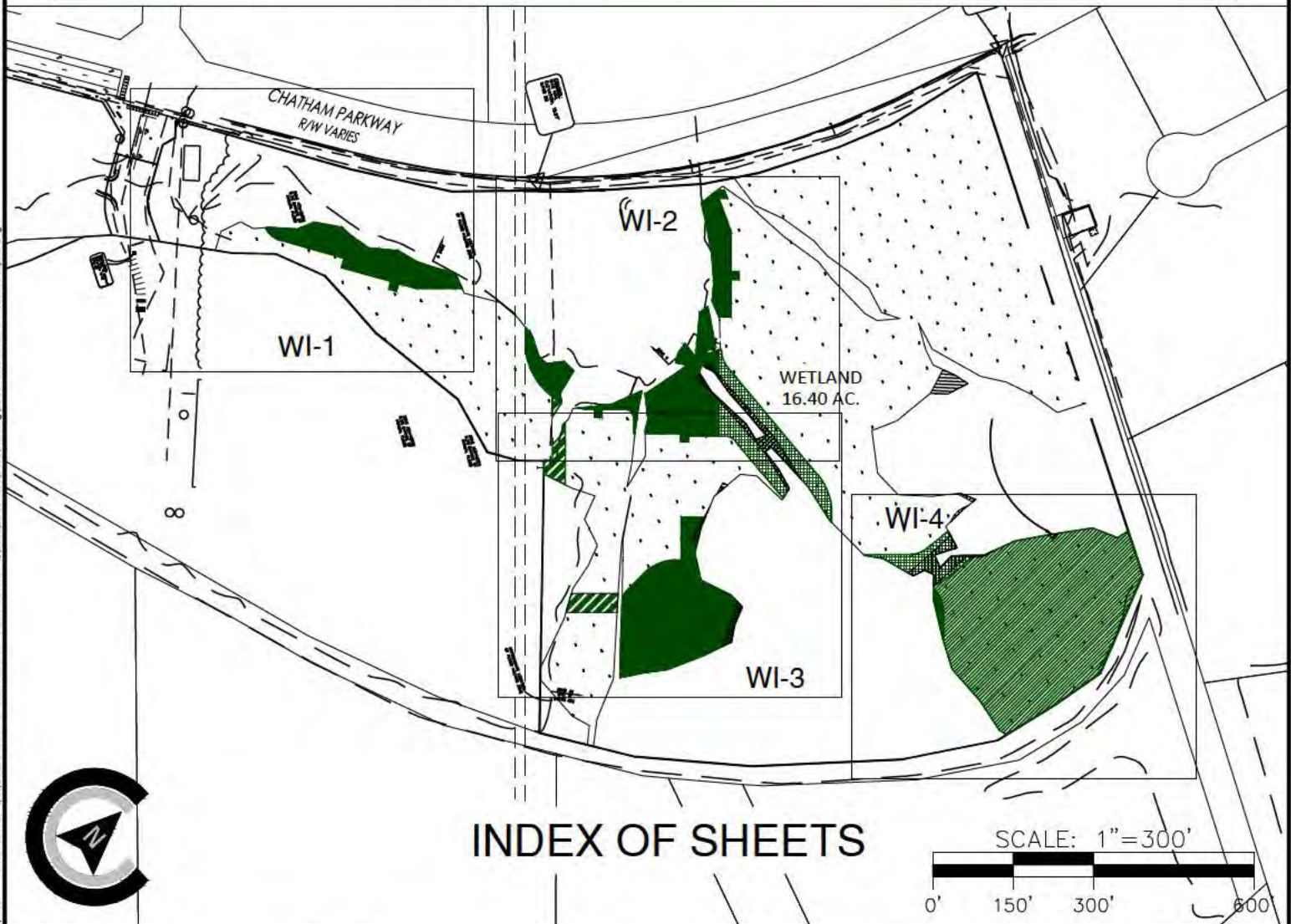
- WETLAND IMPACT AREA -  ~ 21,780 SF ~ 0.50 ACRES
- OVERLAPPING IMPACT AREA TO BE DEDUCTED FROM INDIVIDUAL PERMIT APPLICATION - ~ 19,772 SF ~ 0.45 ACRES

**NET WETLAND IMPACTS SOUGHT UNDER INDIVIDUAL PERMIT APPLICATION:**

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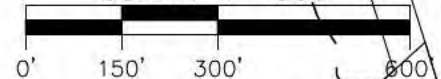
**FLOODPLAIN MITIGATION AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AREAS:**

- MITIGATION AND MANAGEMENT AREAS  ~ 113,505 SF ~ 2.61 ACRES



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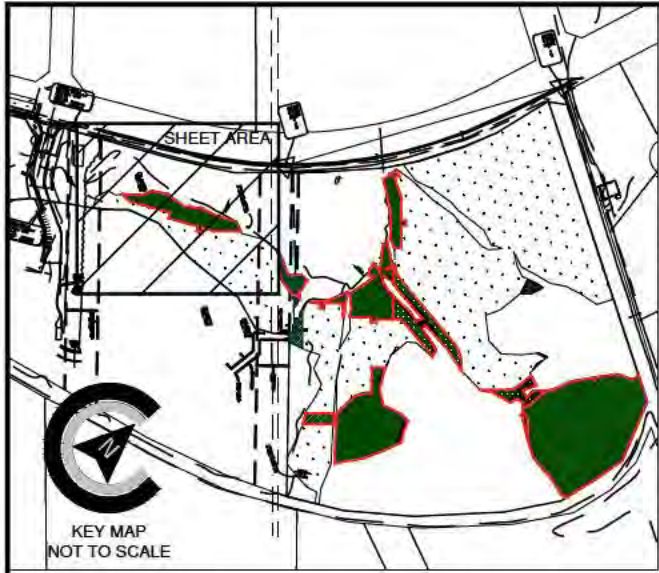
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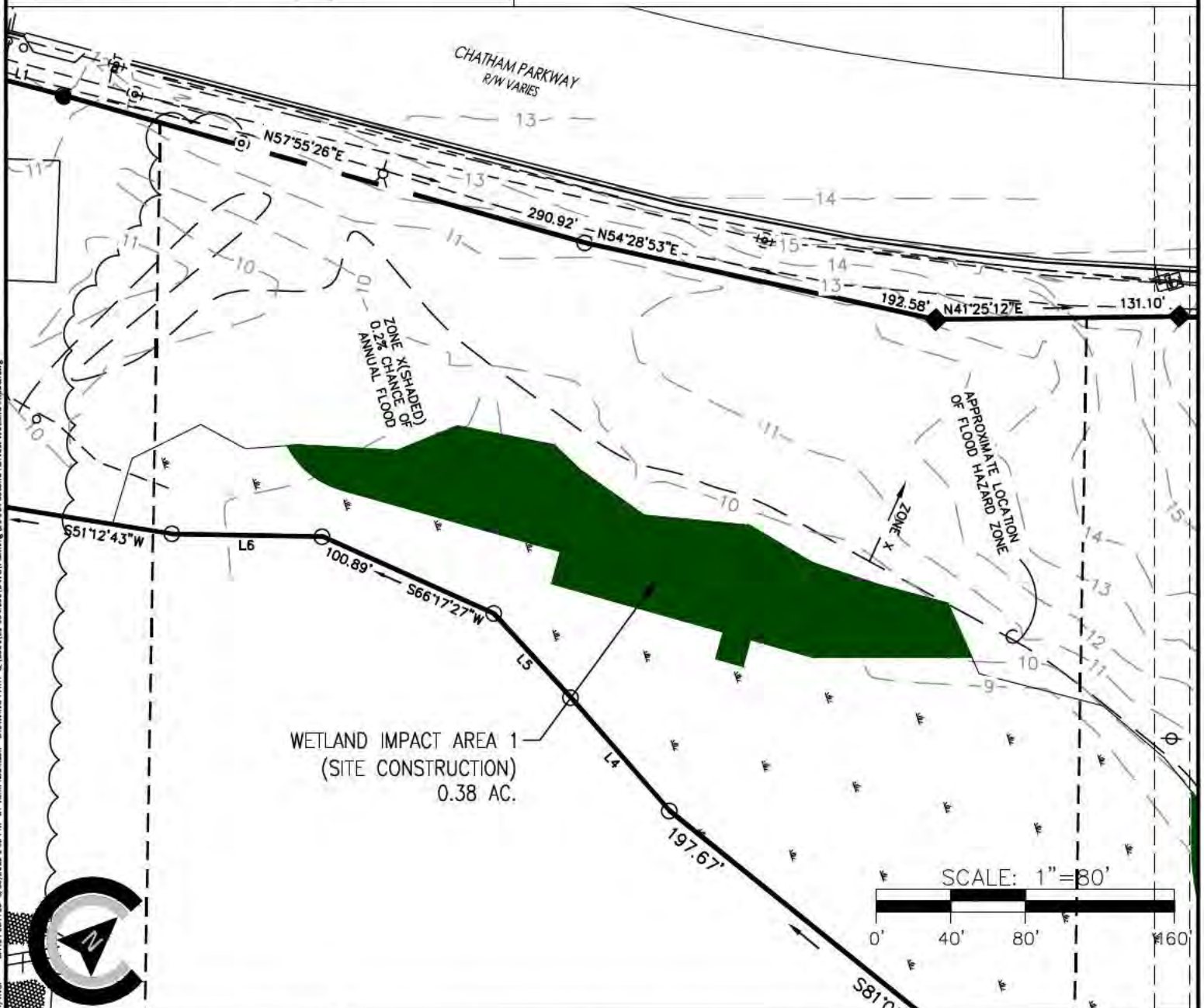
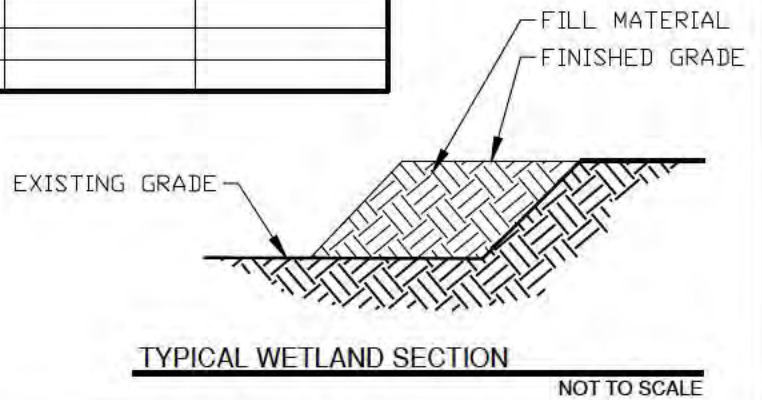
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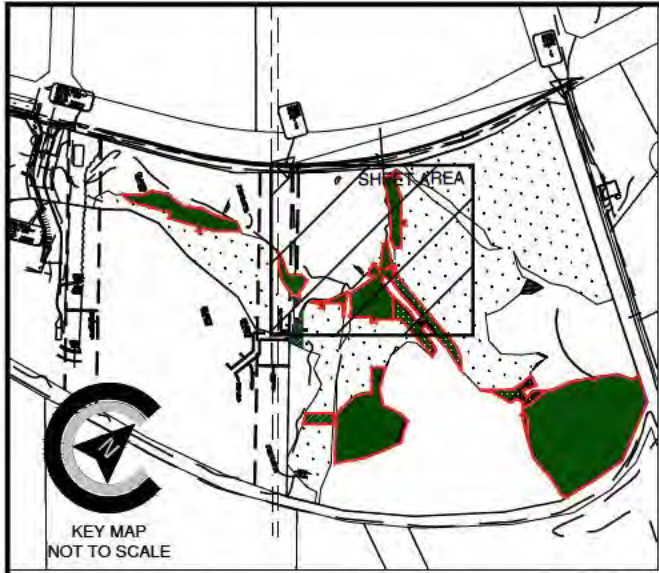
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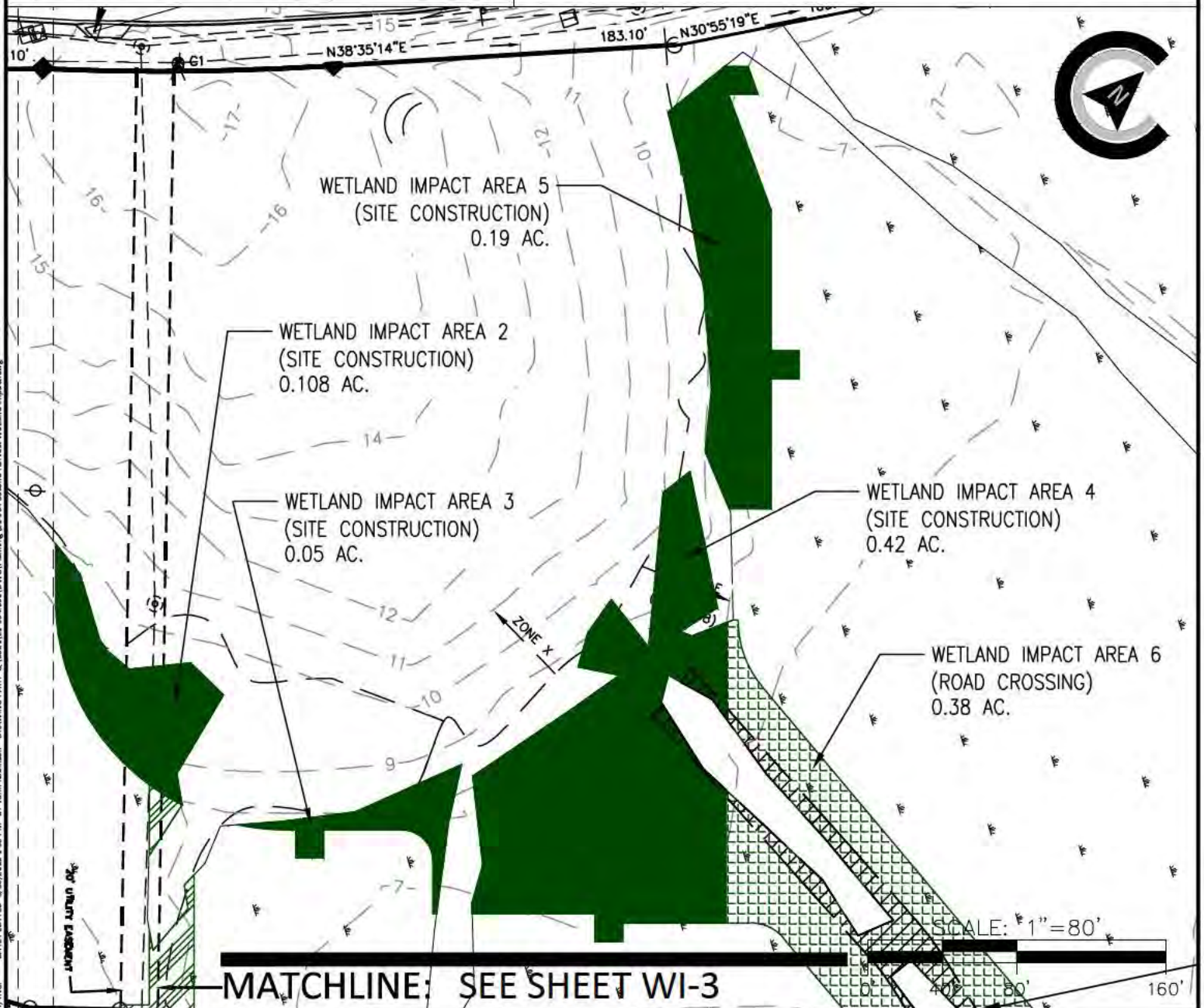
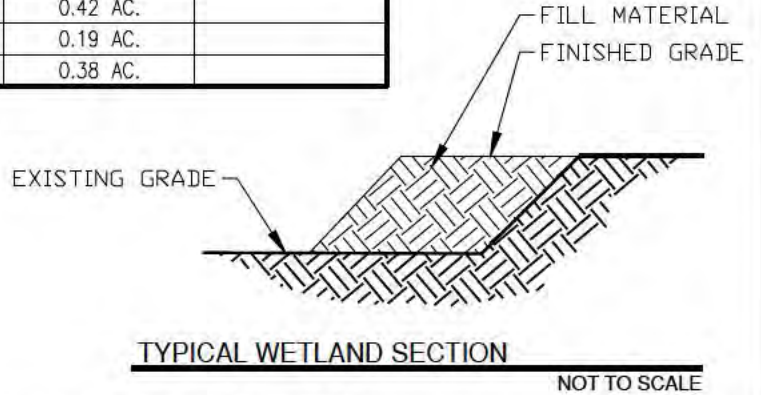


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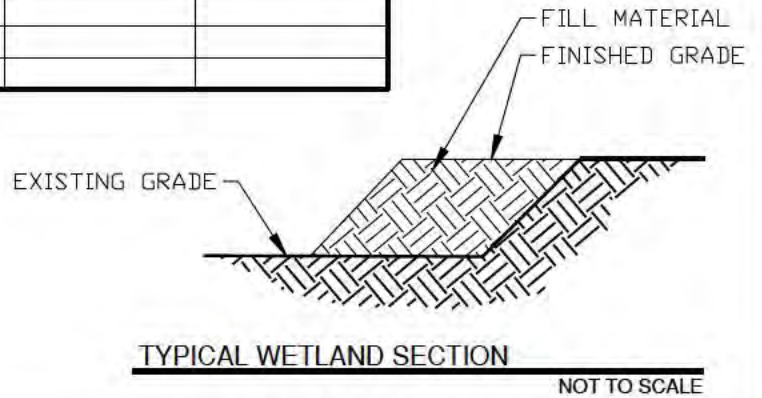
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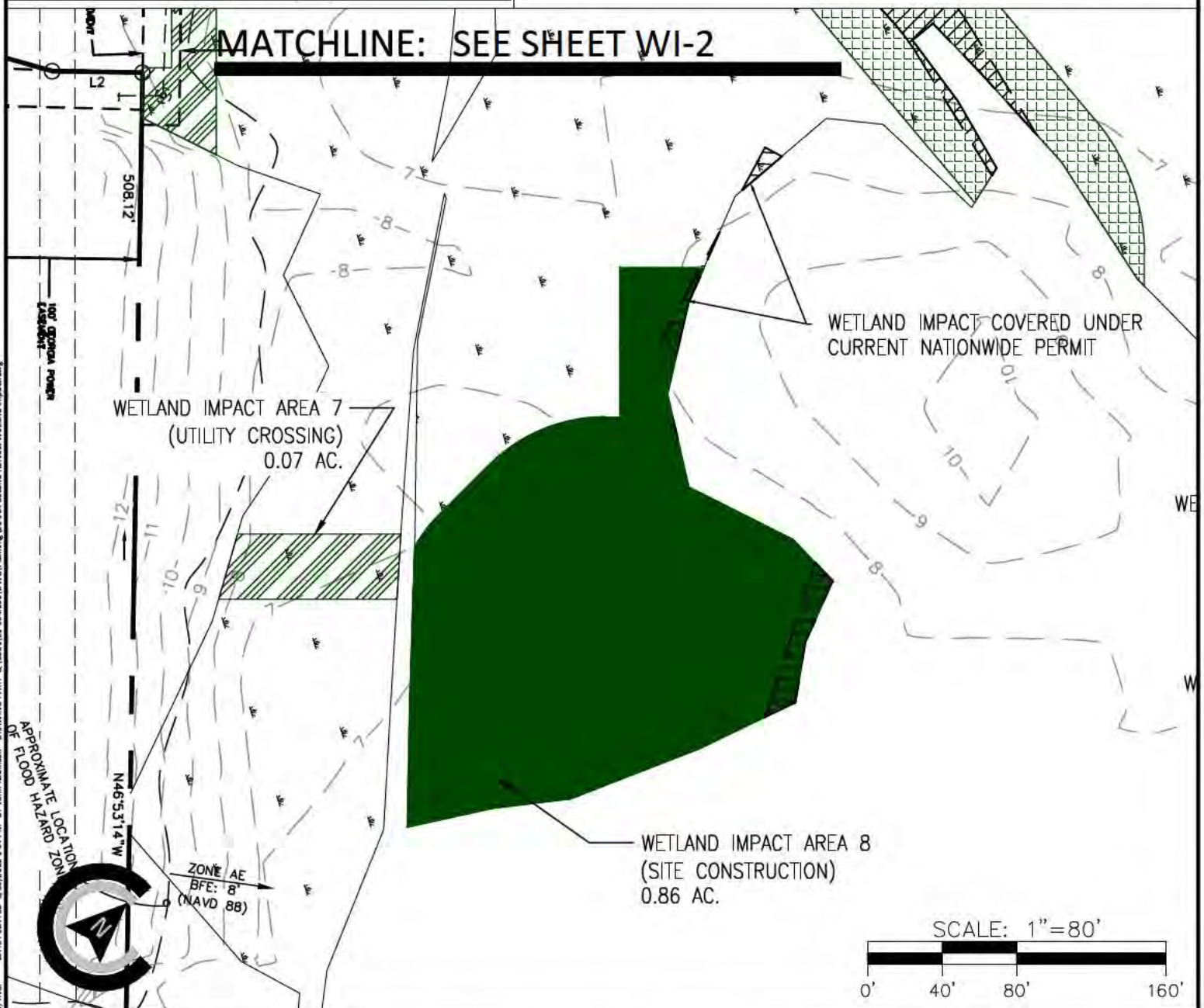




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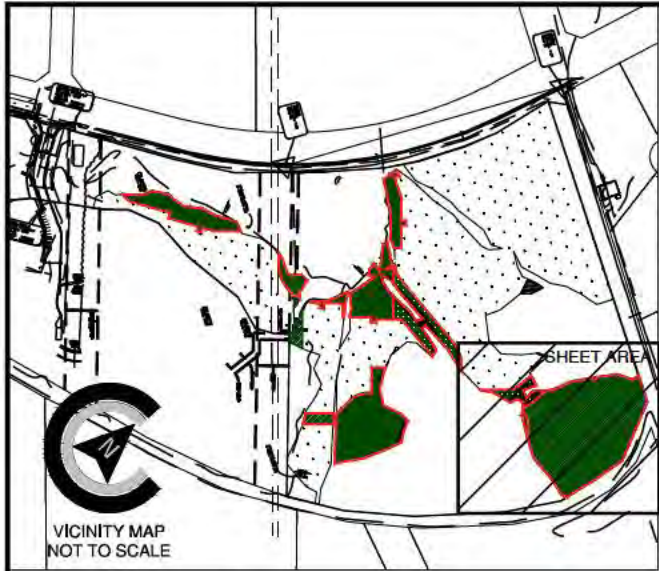
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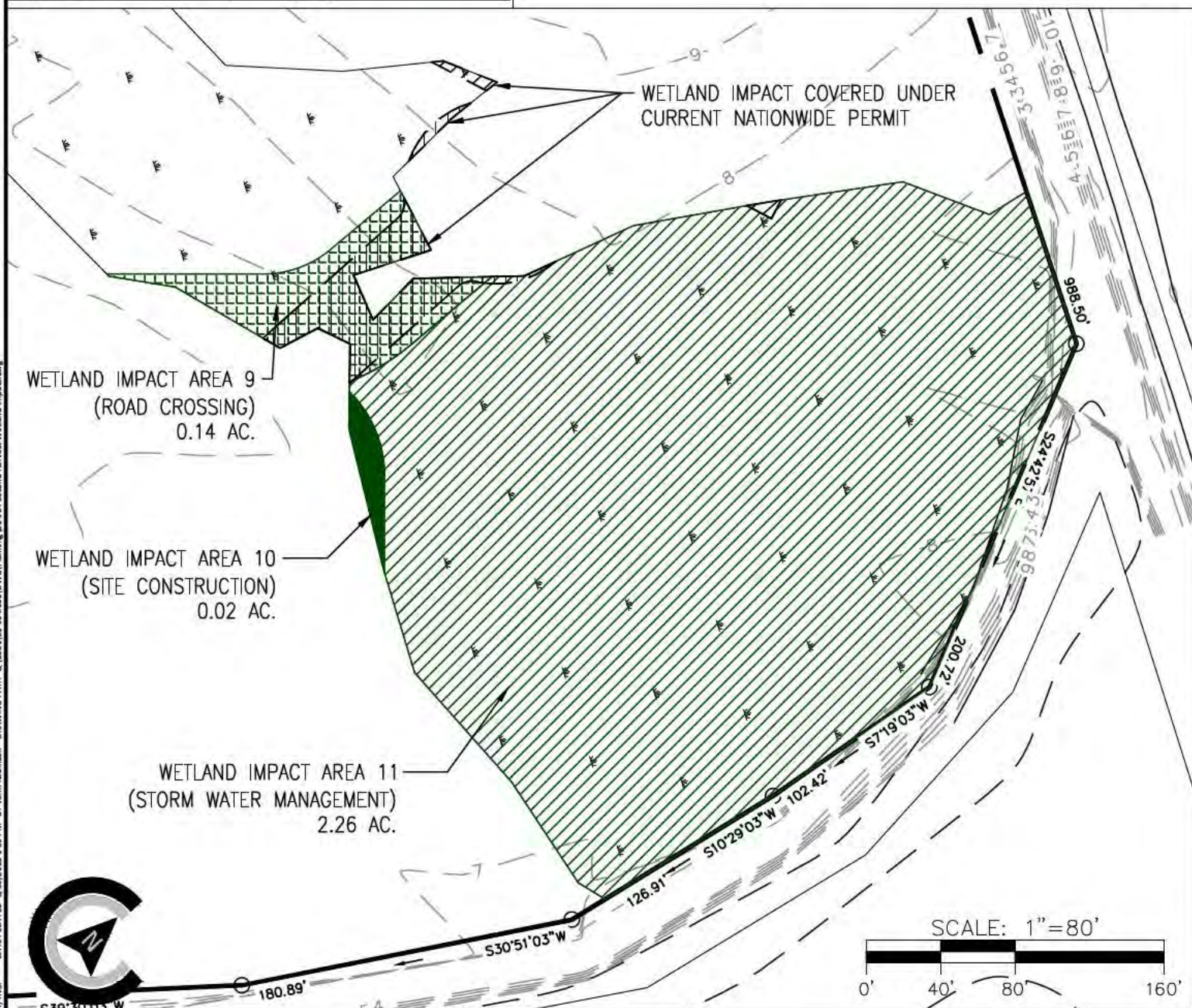
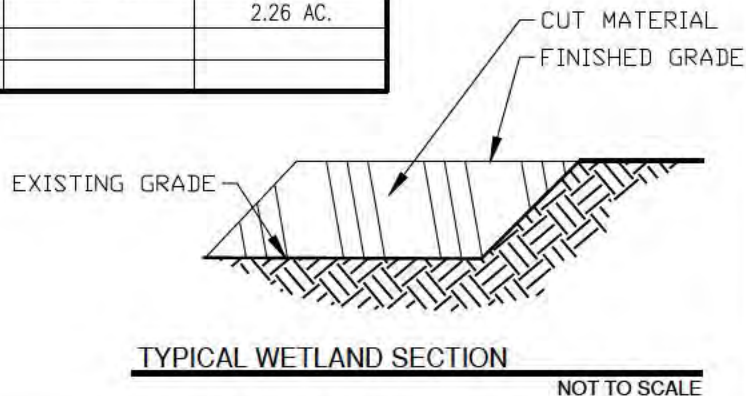
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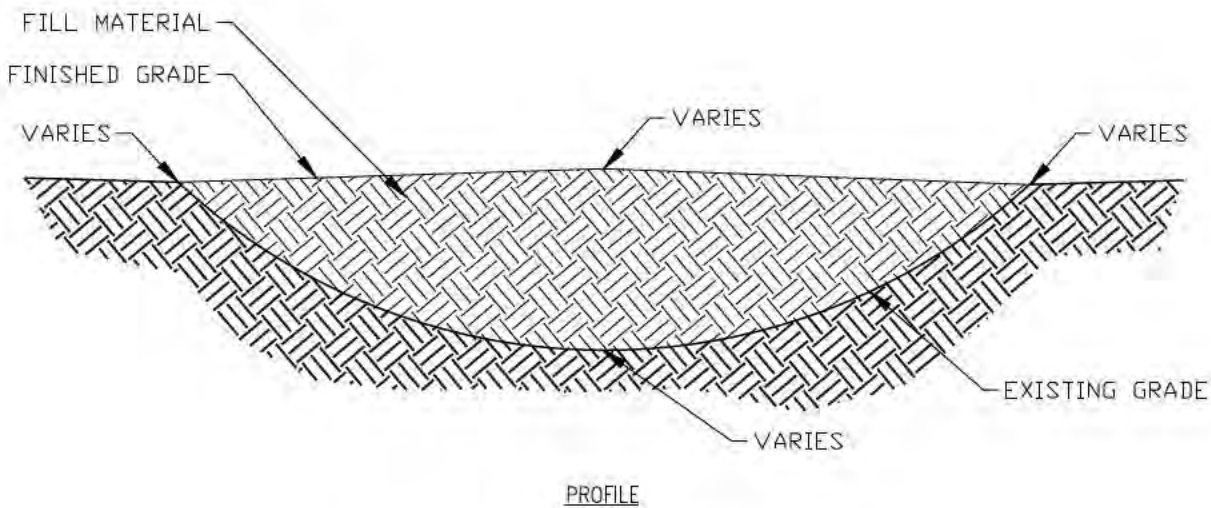
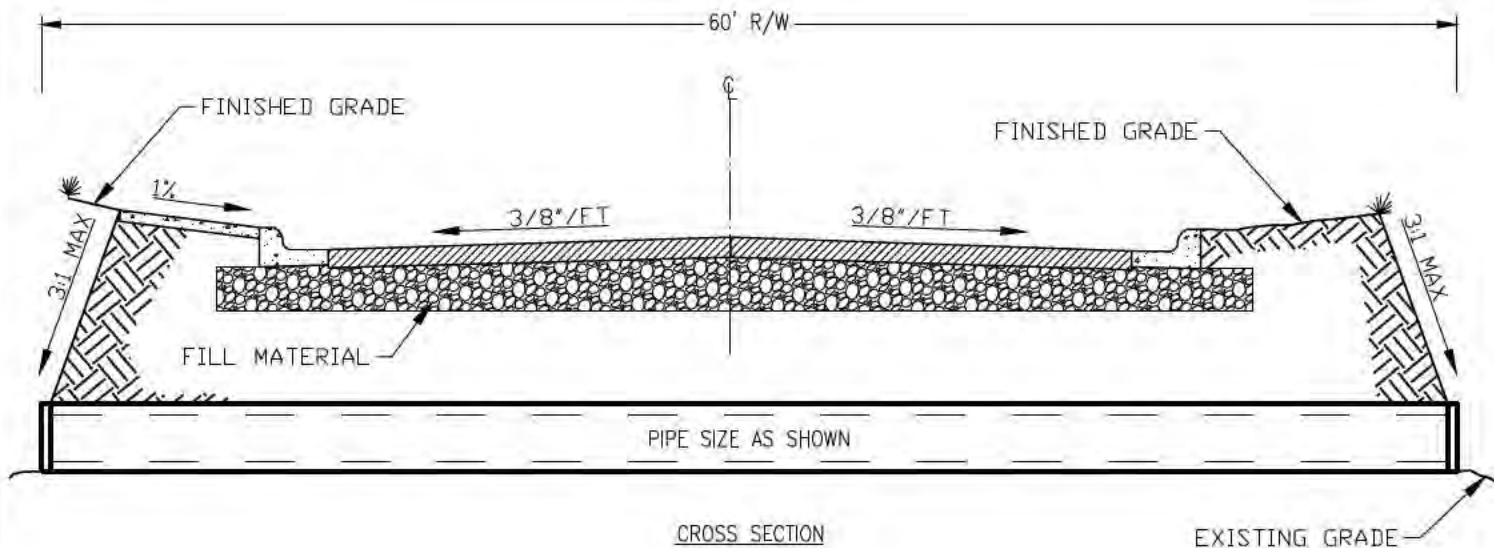
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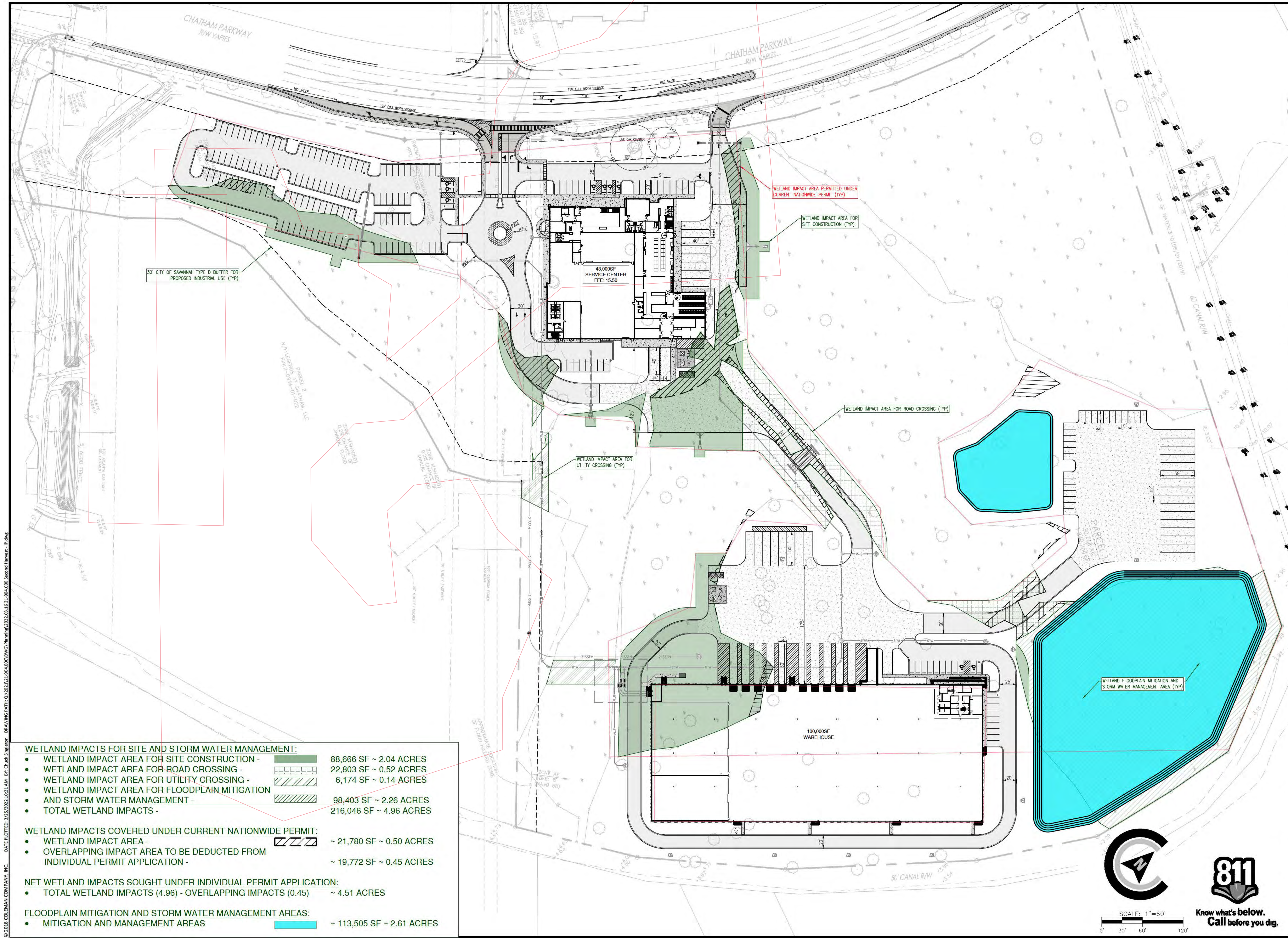
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