



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

07 July 2022

Regulatory Division  
SAS-2015-00522

**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-2015-00522

Applicant: Mr. Trevor Dunlap  
Givens  
1720 South Military Way  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

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 113,940 square foot warehouse facility on a 10.40-acre project site to support existing crating, packaging, and export operations of the applicant.

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is located at 41 Artley Road, in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia (Latitude 32.1123, Longitude -81.2149). The aquatic resources located on-site drain to Pipemakers Canal.

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The applicant is proposing to impact 1.476 acres of wetland associated with the construction of a 113,940 square foot warehouse facility. To offset the loss in aquatic function associated with the above impacts, the applicant has proposed the purchase of 5.92 legacy wetland mitigation credits from a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved mitigation bank servicing the project area. The project is hydrologically connected to Pipemakers Canal.

The proposed project would include construction of a 113,940 square foot building with truck docking in the front, 46 truck parking spaces in the northwest portion of the property, 44 employee parking spaces, and 1.24 acres of stormwater management ponds on the north and south portions of the property. Access to the tract would be provided from Artley Road through the southern portion of the property.

## **BACKGROUND**

For over 50 years, Givens has provided a full spectrum of transportation, warehousing, and logistics services; specializing in the demanding requirements of automotive, mass merchandise, and electronics distribution. American Packing & Crating, a Givens company, has operated within the Savannah market and within the Savannah Port for over 15 years and is currently located within a 70,000 square foot facility at 88 Clyde Alexander Way. Within this facility, American Packing & Crating provides a variety of services generally including:

- Custom Crating & Packaging
- Over-Sized/Out of Gauge Cargo Management
- Container Loading
- Cross Docking
- Storage
- Site Relocation Services

Due to recent growth in customer needs associated with Savannah Port operations, the applicant has exceeded the operational capacity of the current facility and requires additional square footage to accommodate current operations.

An Aquatic Resources Delineation Review was completed for the project site on September 28, 2021.

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*), Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), 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 Exhibit – Artley Road Warehouse, dated 04-11-2022

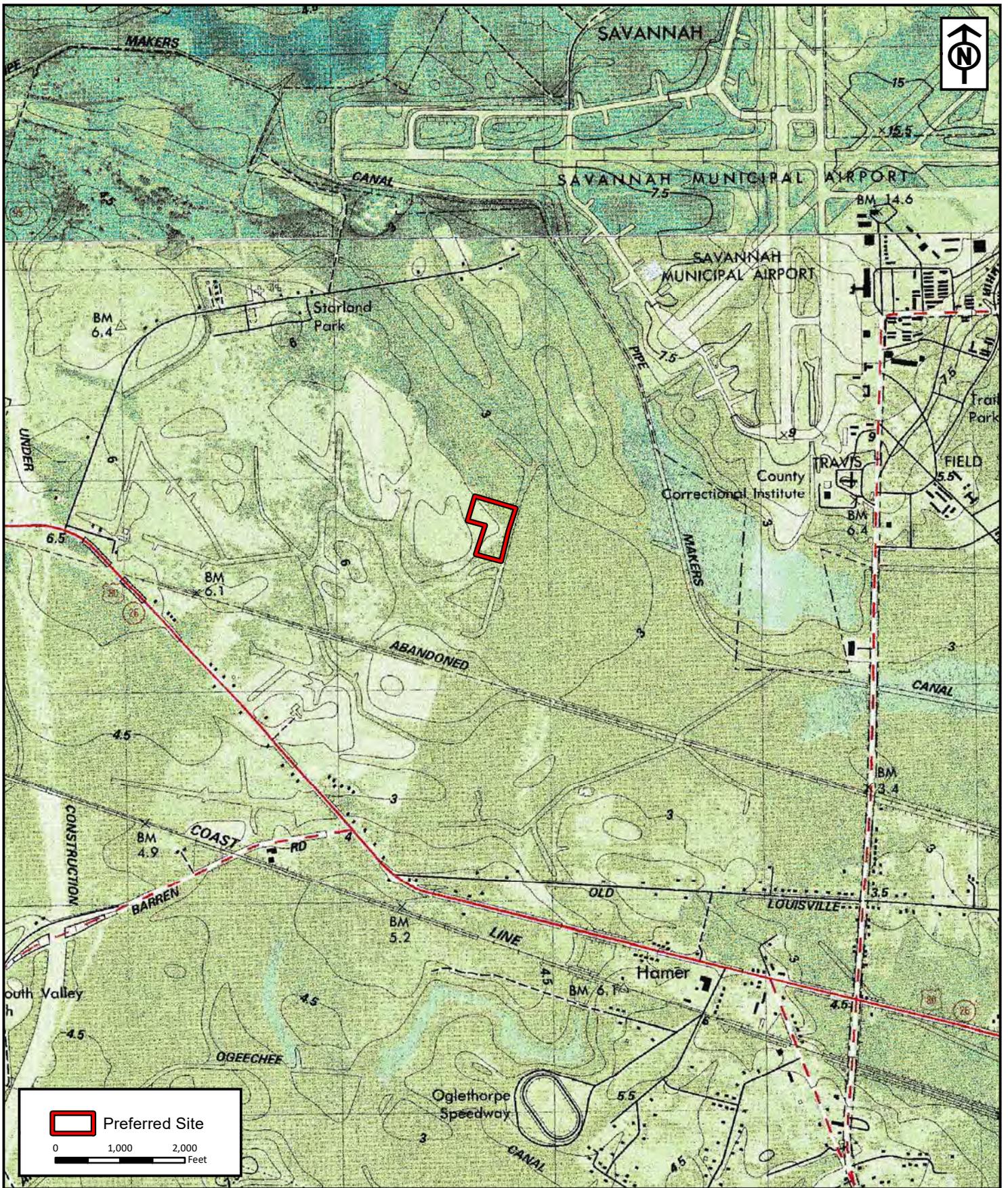


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Map Scale :	1 inch = 1 miles

**Preferred Site**  
Chatham County, Georgia

**Project Location**  
Prepared For: Givens

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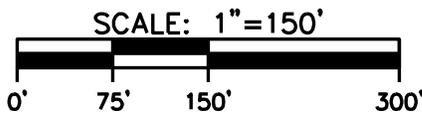
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Prepared For: Givens

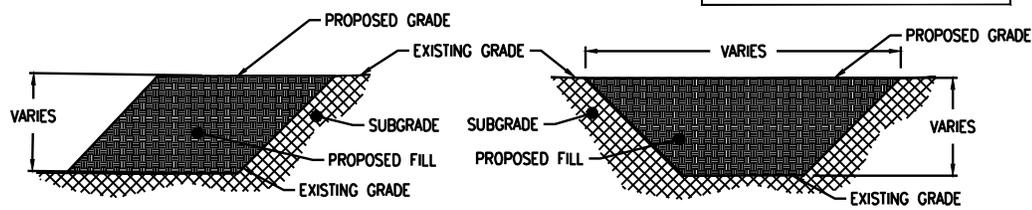
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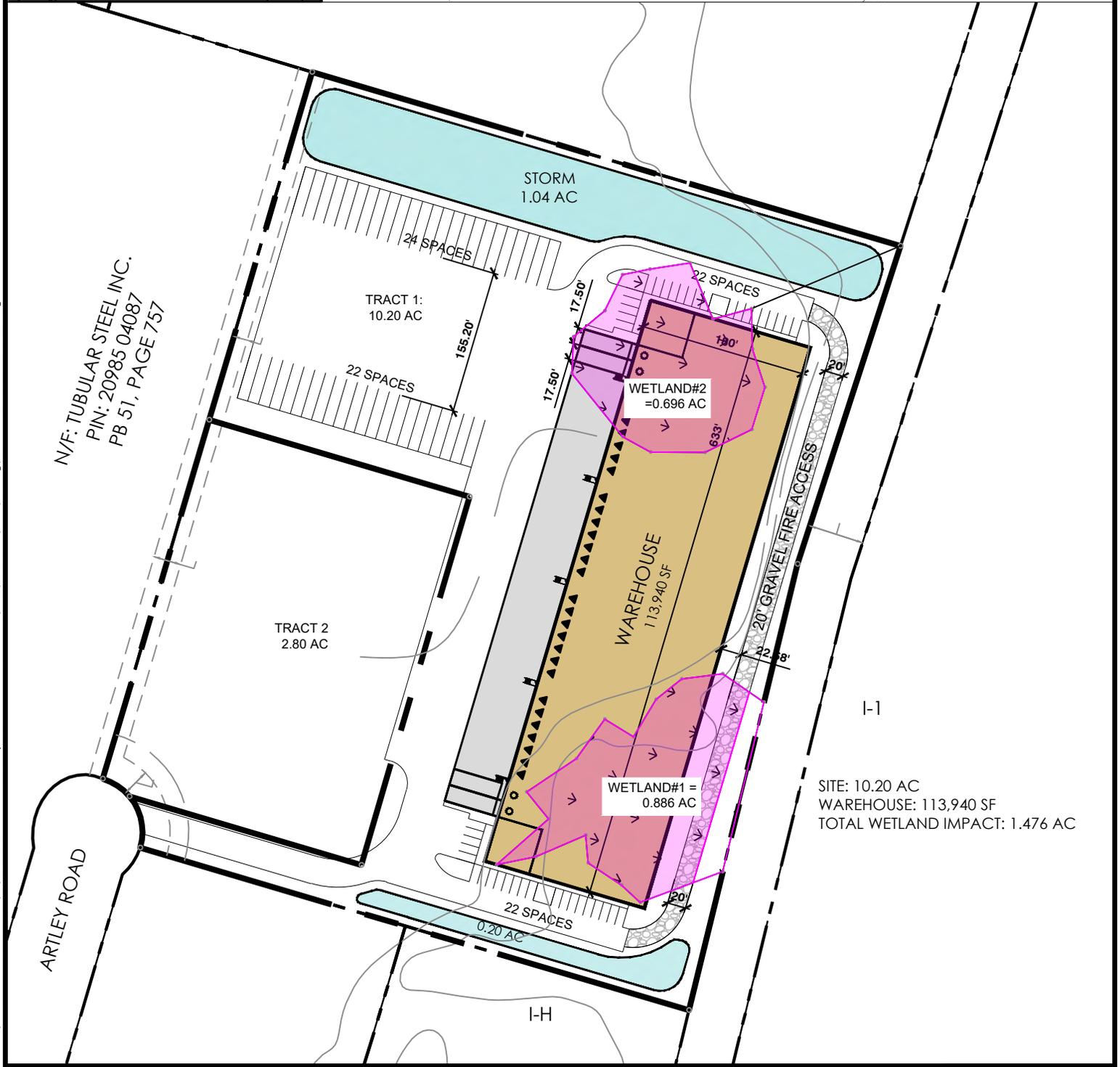


SITE DATA: PROPERTY ACREAGE 10.02 AC  
WETLAND AREA = 1.582 AC  
WETLAND IMPACT = 1.476 AC



TYPICAL WETLAND#1 SECTION  
FILL VOLUME: 3,777 CY NOT TO SCALE

TYPICAL WETLAND#2 SECTION  
FILL VOLUME: 3,368 CY NOT TO SCALE



N/F: TUBULAR STEEL INC.  
PIN: 20985 04087  
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SITE: 10.20 AC  
WAREHOUSE: 113,940 SF  
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT: 1.476 AC

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SHEET:  
JOB NUMBER: 21-606  
DATE: 04-11-2022  
DRAWN BY: DLF  
CHECKED BY: GJC  
SCALE: AS NOTED

WETLAND IMPACT EXHIBIT  
ARTLEY ROAD WAREHOUSE  
PREPARED FOR: MITCHELL ROBERT CO. INC.

