



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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**CESAM-RD-IN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2013-00067-JMT**

**DATE 23 Jan 2013**

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**REQUEST FOR THE FILLING OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES ASSOCIATED WITH**  
**THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY,**  
**ALABAMA**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT:** Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc.  
Attention: Ms. Susan Warner, REM  
1 Mercedes Drive  
Vance, Alabama 35490

**AGENT:** TTL, Inc.  
Attention: Mr. Robert M. White  
3516 Greensboro Avenue  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

**LOCATION:** The project is located in Section 27, Township 21 South, Range 7 West, in Vance, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama (33.17800N, -87.24930W). Impacts to waters of the U.S. are associated with an unnamed tributary to Shanty Branch. The project is located in the Upper Black Warrior watershed (HUC 3160112).

**WORK:** The applicant proposes to fill 3.6 acres of wetlands and 952 feet of stream for the construction of a parts consolidation center. The parts consolidation center will consist of a 480'x1700' warehouse facility with associated loading docks, access drives, and parking lots located on an 83-acre site. The applicant proposes to purchase mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank for all unavoidable impacts to waters of the U.S.

**PURPOSE AND NEED:** The purpose of the project is to support the applicant's plant expansion needs to build their C-Class vehicle. The C-Class production will create approximately 1,000 full time permanent jobs in Alabama.

**MITIGATION:** The applicant intends to purchase mitigation credits at an approved mitigation bank to offset unavoidable permanent impacts to waters of the U.S.

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The applicant has not yet applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. 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 use 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, cultural values, 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 production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian 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.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Although the extent of federal control and responsibility for these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of this undertaking are also being considered. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to

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avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking. **The applicant will conduct a cultural resource assessment as per instruction from the Alabama Historical Commission letter dated January 16, 2013 regarding this project.**

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat.

The National Marine Fisheries Service requires the evaluation of impacts to Essential Fish Habitat of estuarine species. **The Mobile District has determined that the proposed action would not adversely impact Essential Fish Habitat or associated fisheries managed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council or the National Marine Fisheries Service.**

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2013-00067-JMT and should be directed to:

U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile  
Birmingham Field Office  
Attention: Mr. Joseph Tanko  
218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222  
Homewood, Alabama 35209

with a copy to the:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Field Operations Division  
Post Office Box 301463  
Montgomery, Alabama 36120

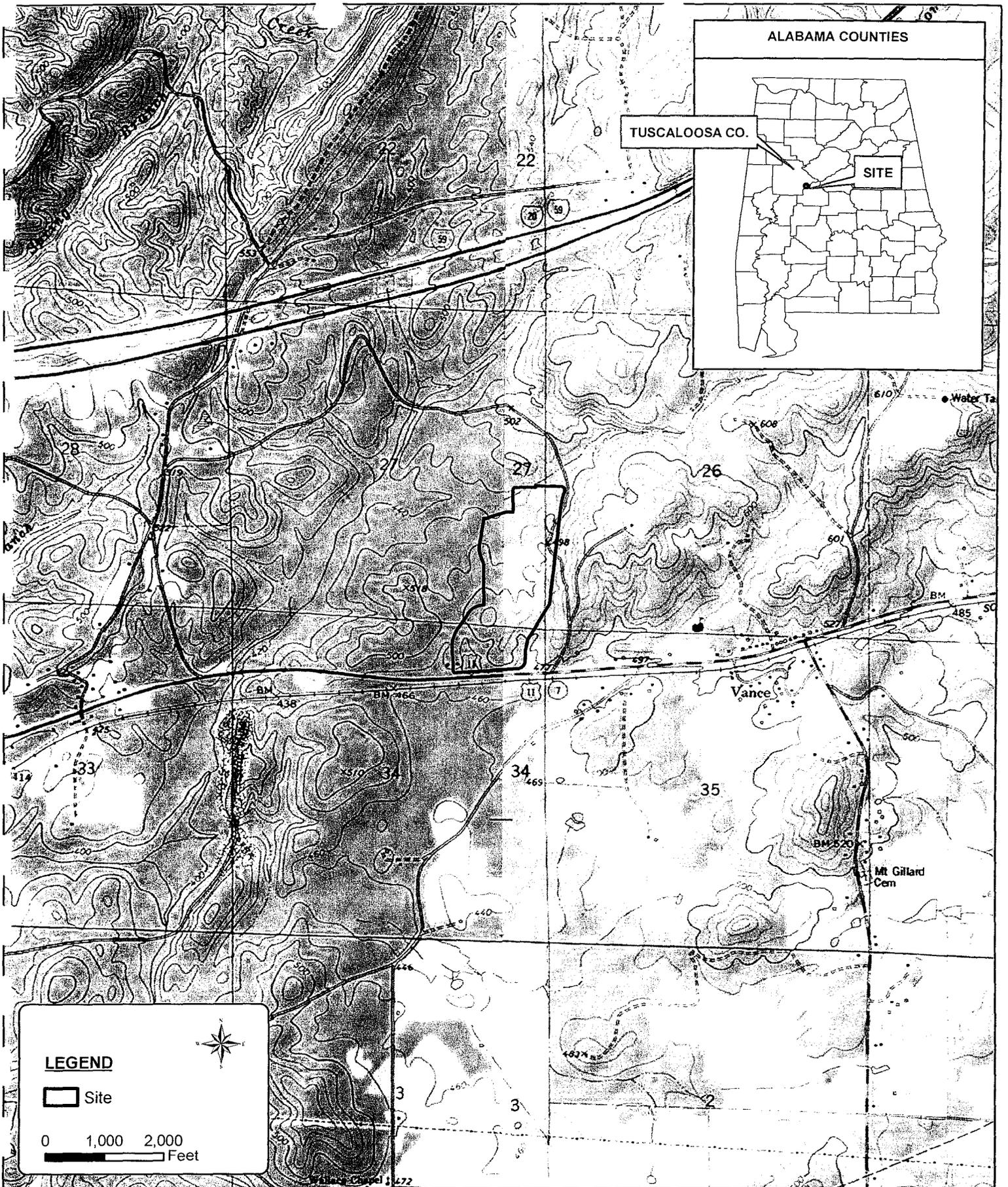
Comments should be received no later than **30 days** from the date of this Public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at [joseph.m.tanko@usace.army.mil](mailto:joseph.m.tanko@usace.army.mil) or telephone number **(205) 290-9096**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at [www.sam.usace.army.mil/Home/reg](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Home/reg), and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

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Enclosures



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**Figure 1: Site Location  
and Topographic Map**

BASEMAP: USGE 7.5' Topographic Map  
of Coaling and Woodstock, Alabama

Proposed Parts Consolidation Center 2  
Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Facility  
Vance, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama



MAP ID	PROPERTY OWNER
1	MERCEDES-BENZ U S 1 MERCEDES DRIVE VANCE AL 35490
2	GRAY ROSS F ETUX FAY L 18032 BLACKBERRY RD VANCE AL 35490-9719
3	VMI - 1, INC. 2505 HAMILTON CIR PELHAM 35124
4	EDDIE KEENUM P.O. BOX 126 VANCE 35490
5	HALL HERBERT S JR & P O BOX 110 VANCE AL 35490-0002
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— Property Line

0 250 500 Feet



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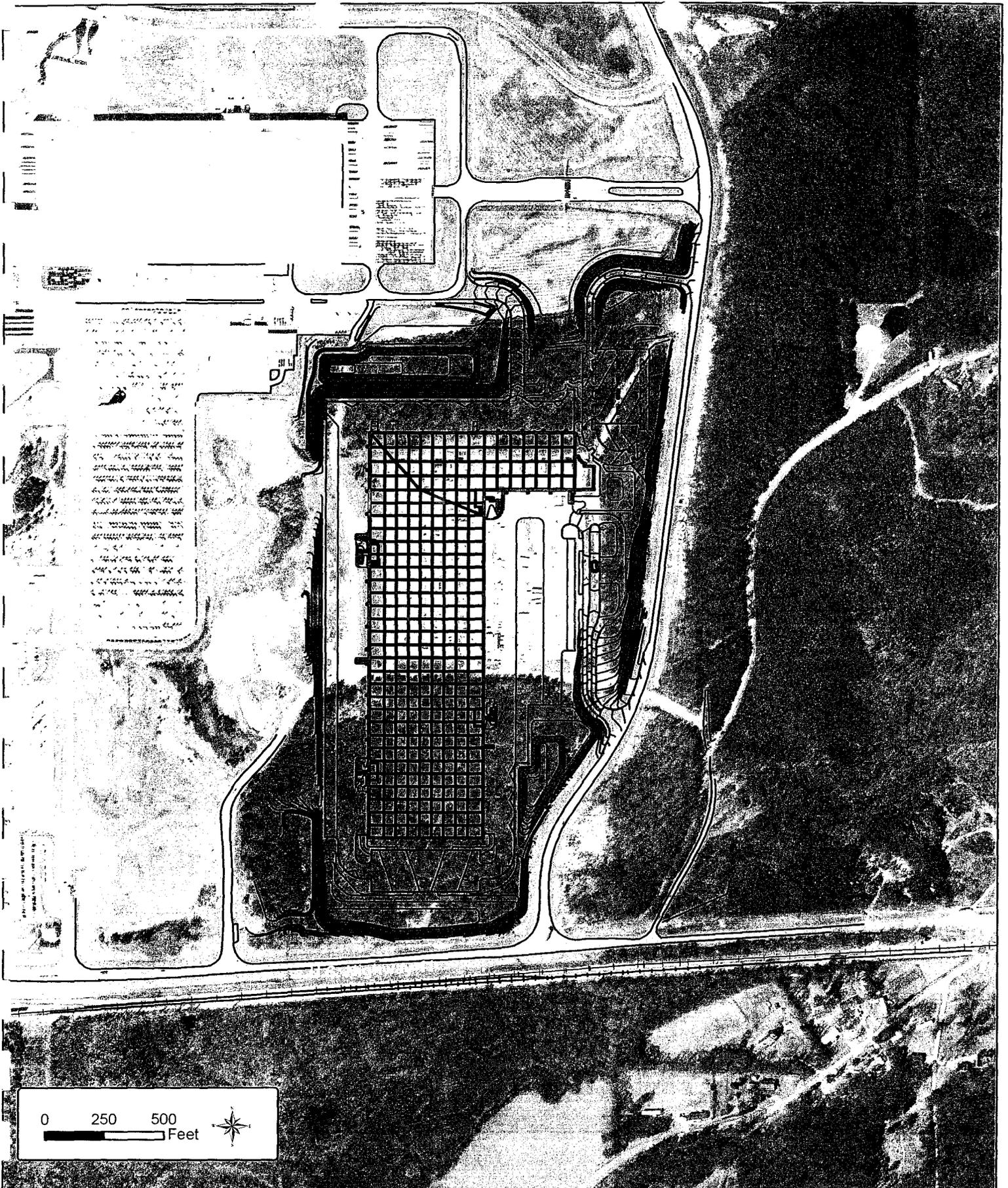
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**Figure 2: Site Map and Adjoining Property Ownership**

BASEMAP: Bing Maps Aerial (February-March 2011)

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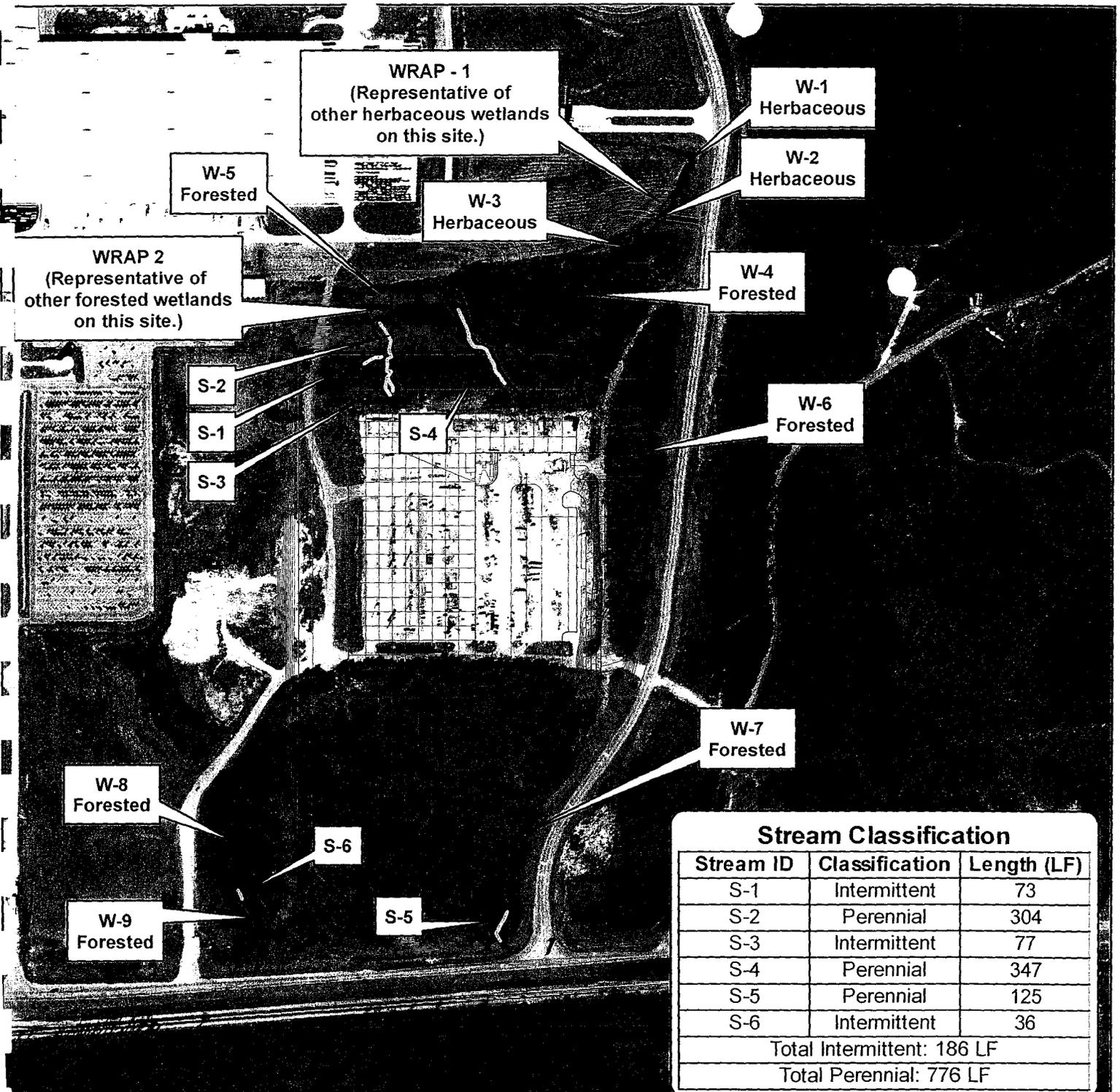
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**Figure 3: Proposed Site Plan**

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Stream Classification		
Stream ID	Classification	Length (LF)
S-1	Intermittent	73
S-2	Perennial	304
S-3	Intermittent	77
S-4	Perennial	347
S-5	Perennial	125
S-6	Intermittent	36
Total Intermittent:		186 LF
Total Perennial:		776 LF

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Proposed Impact to Streams (962 LF)

Proposed Impact to Wetlands (3.6 AC)

0 385 770 Feet

Summary of WRAP Scores			
Area ID	Habitat Type	WRAP Score	Percent of Total Wetlands Represented
WRAP-1	Herbaceous	0.34	7%
WRAP-2	Forested	0.46	93%
Total Weighted Score:		0.45	