DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2013-00569-SMZ March 24, 2014

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL
AND
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

REQUEST TO FILL WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TRAVEL CENTER, WETLANDS ADJACENT TO AN UNNAMMED TRIBUTARY OF TURKEY CREEK IN GULFPORT, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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). This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Corps can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores
Post Office Box 26210
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73126

AGENT: Headwaters, Inc.
Post Office Box 2836
Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158-2836

LOCATION OF WORK: The proposed project is located northeast of the intersection of Interstate 10 and County Farm Road within Section 21 of Township 7 South, Range 12 West in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi. The subject site is 38 acres in size with central coordinates of latitude 30.419431° North and longitude 89.189251° West. The area is depicted on the Mississippi Gulfport Northwest Quadrangle, United States Geological Survey Topographic Map. The project would impact wetlands adjacent to an unnamed tributary of Turkey Creek.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The purpose of the project is to construct an interstate travel center facility to provide travelers and commuters a rest area and an opportunity to purchase fuel, food, and supplies.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to impact 15 acres of wetlands to construct the travel center facility consisting of a convenience store, restaurants, fueling stations, tire shop, parking areas and access roads. The proposed work will involve clearing, grading, excavating, and filling wetlands and adjacent upland areas for the construction of the project. Detentions ponds will be constructed along the south and east sides of the project site. Details of the proposed project are provided in the attached figures.

AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION: As part of their avoidance measures, the applicant evaluated six off-site properties as possible locations for the proposed development. With regards to onsite minimization, the applicant has modified the original design to minimize impacts to wetlands by reducing impervious surfaces and reconfiguring the stormwater management pond.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to mitigate for unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands through the purchase of credits from a Corps-approved wetland mitigation bank.

WATER QUALITY: The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, and upon completion of the required advertising, a determination relative to certification will be made by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: 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 affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In addition to the State Historic Preservation Officer, we are seeking comment from the federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Based on initial review of information provided in the project application and the U.S. Department of the Interior's list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, the Corps has preliminarily determined no effect to Federally-listed species. There is no listed critical habitat within the project area. Coordination of the project with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is being initiated via this Public Notice.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Corps 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 proposals 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 the proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for these proposals. 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.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2013-00569-SMZ and should be directed to District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Attention: Mrs. Sheri M. Zettle, Regulatory Division CESAM-RD-M, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy furnished to Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Environmental Permits Division, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2261 and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530. 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 at sheri.m.zettle@usace.army.mil or telephone number (251) 690-2349. Please refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2013-00569-SMZ.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

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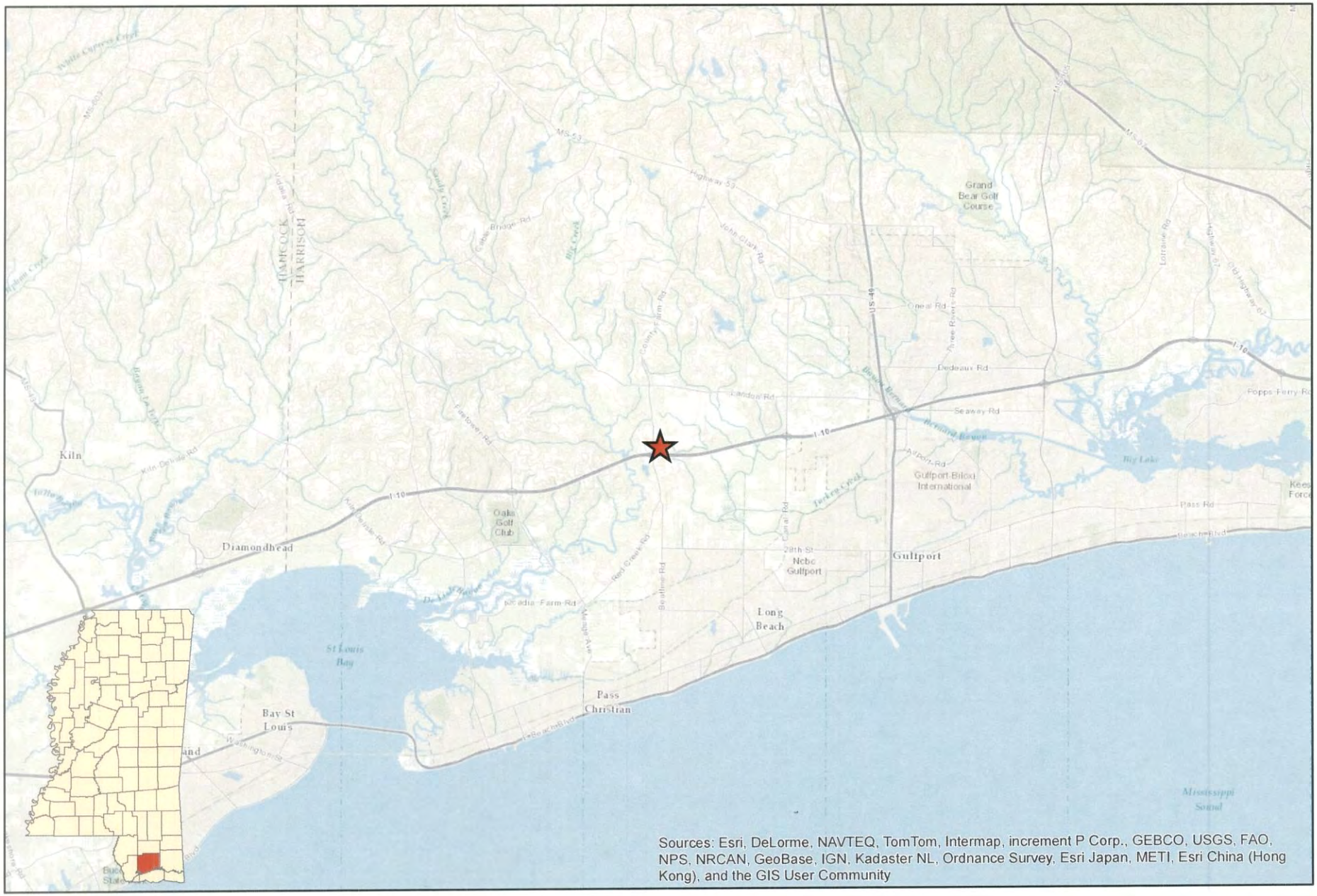
Enclosures



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Love's Proposed Site at I-10 and County Farm Road
Section 21, T7S, R12W
Harrison County, Mississippi

NORTH
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General Location Map
USGS Gulfport NW, MS

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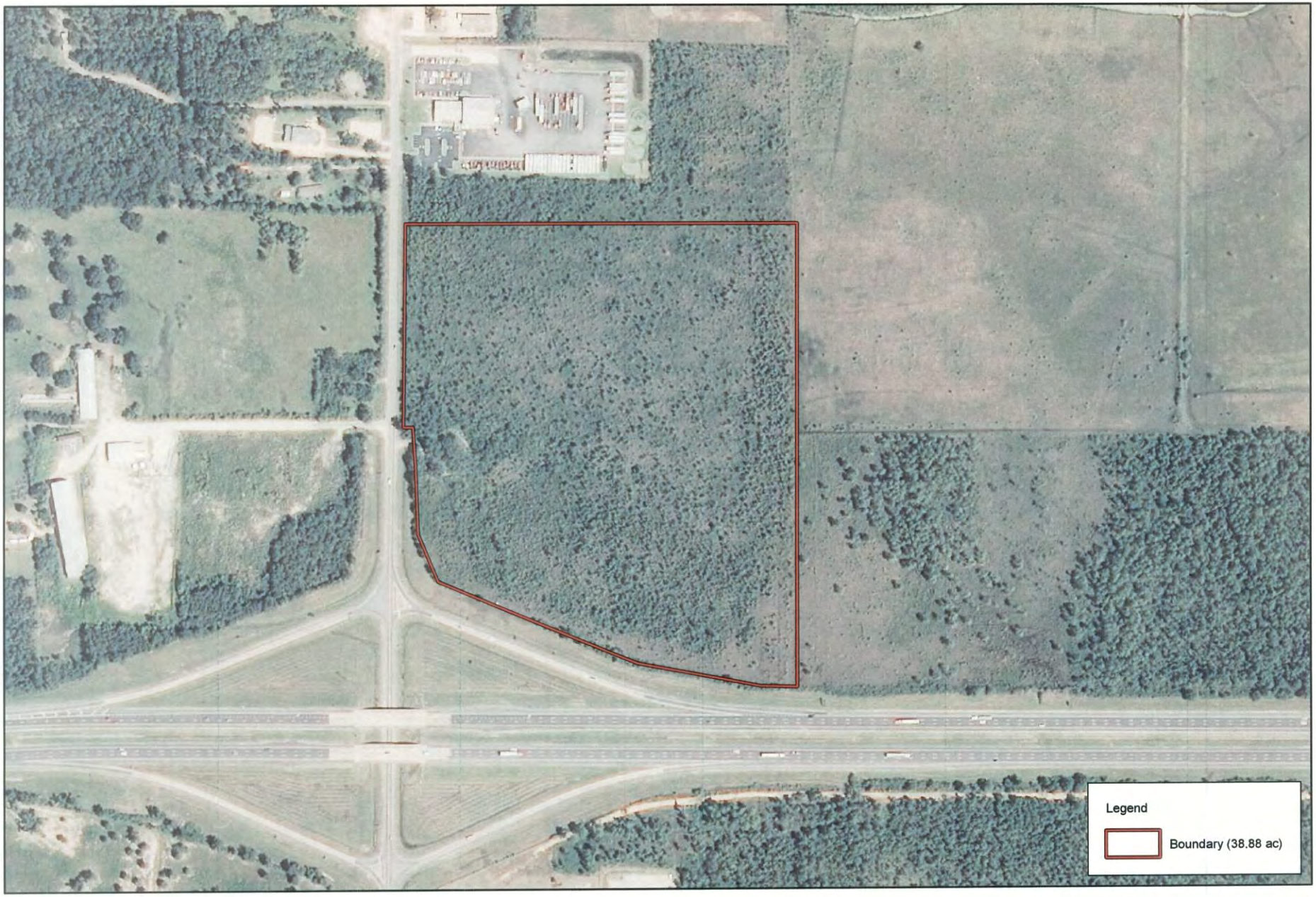

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Site Location Map

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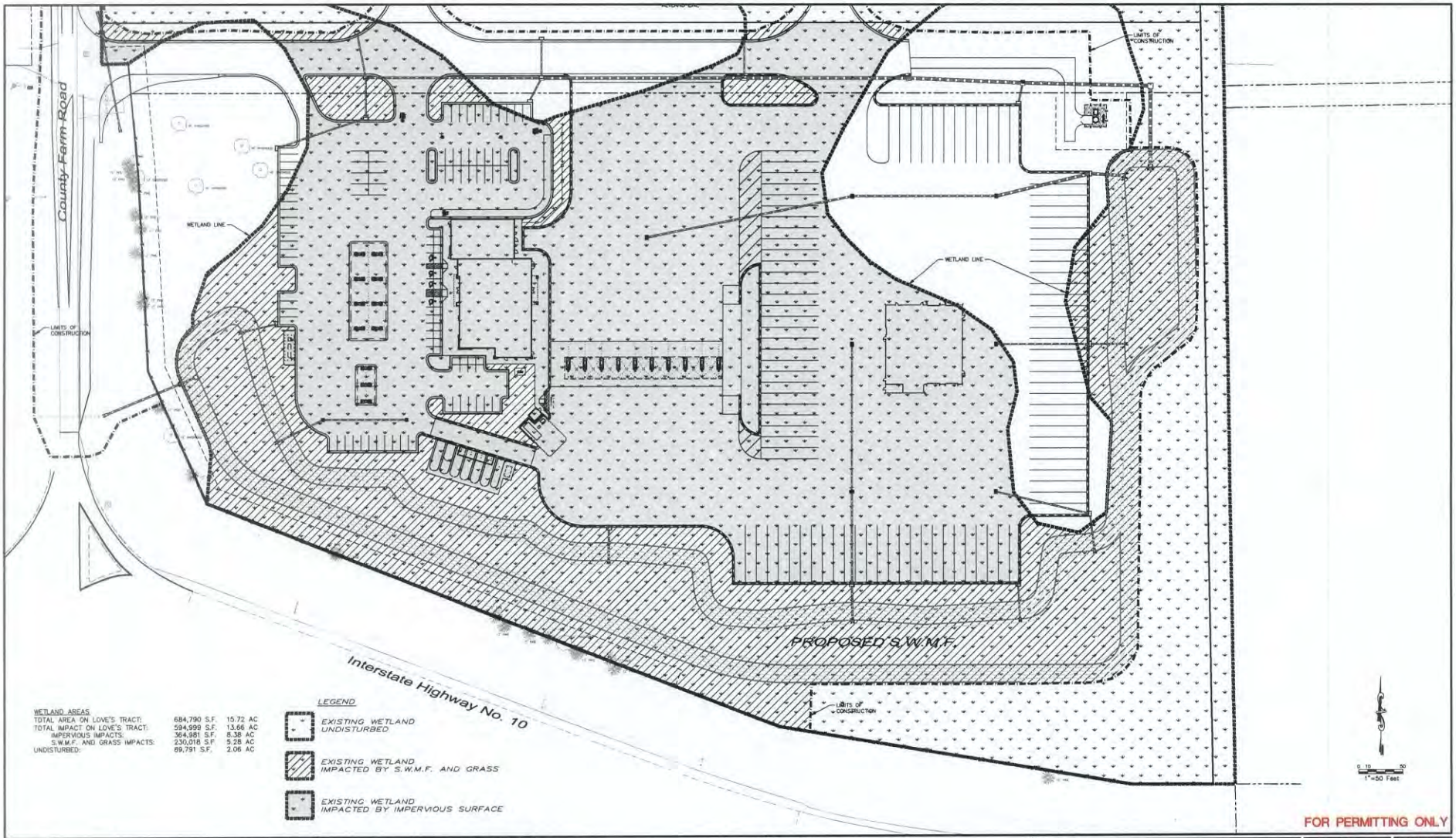

WETLAND AREAS

TOTAL AREA ON LOVE'S TRACT:	684,790 S.F.	15.72 AC
TOTAL IMPACT ON LOVE'S TRACT:	594,999 S.F.	13.66 AC
IMPERVIOUS IMPACTS:	364,981 S.F.	8.38 AC
S.W.M.F. AND GRASS IMPACTS:	230,018 S.F.	5.28 AC
UNDISTURBED:	89,791 S.F.	2.06 AC

LEGEND

- EXISTING WETLAND UNDISTURBED
- EXISTING WETLAND IMPACTED BY S.W.M.F. AND GRASS
- EXISTING WETLAND IMPACTED BY IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

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LICENSED BUSINESS NO. : 7560

DRAWN BY :	DATE :
HDW	XXX
CHECKED BY :	DATE :
SAP	XXX
DESIGNED BY :	CAD NAME :
HDW	2012007-CP
SCALE :	PLOT DATE :
XXX	XXX

REVISIONS		
DESCRIPTION	INT.	DATE

CLIENT : LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS & COUNTRY STORES

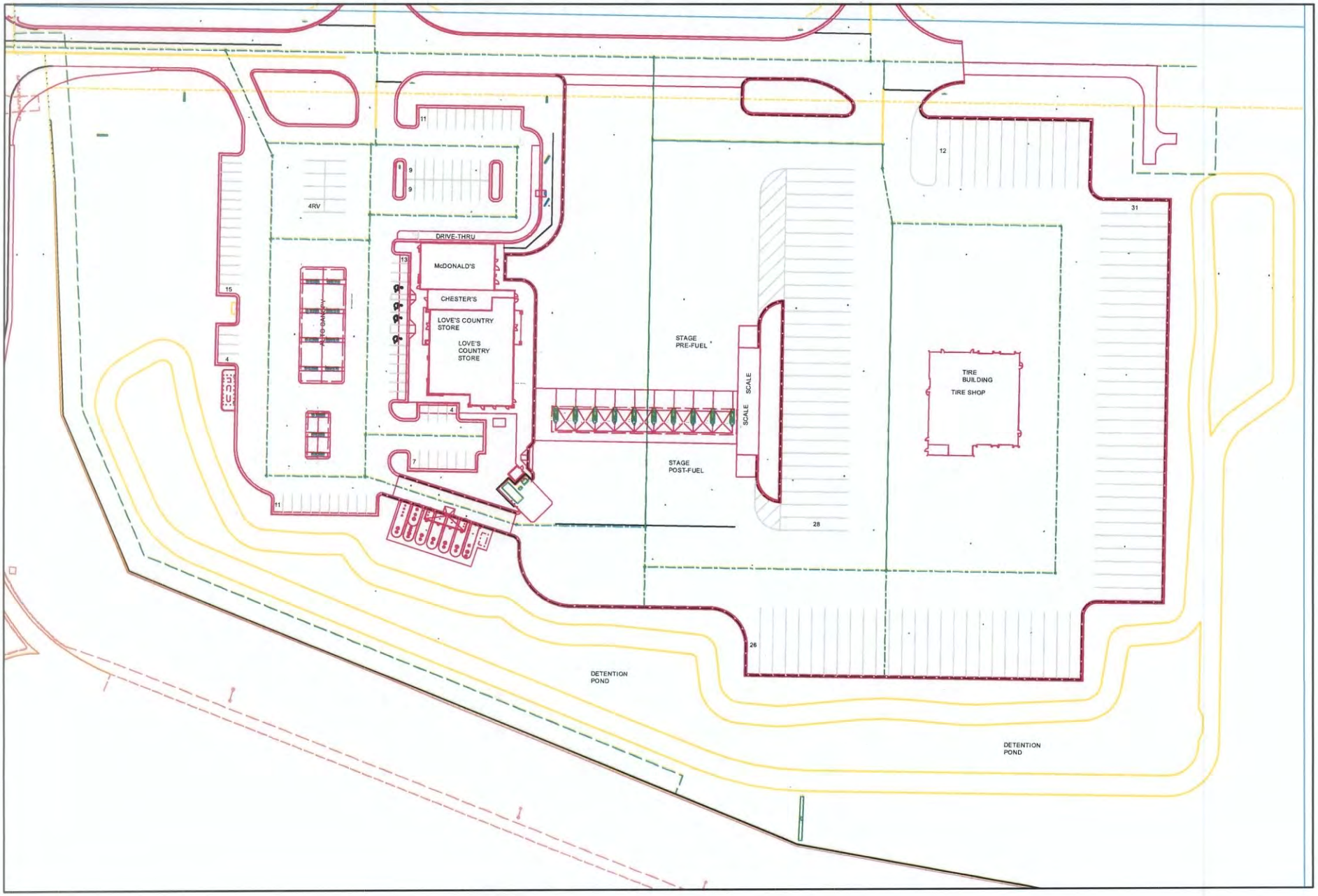
PROJECT : GULFPORT, MS

SHEET TITLE : CURRENT SITE PLAN

SEAL
NOT VALID UNLESS EMBOSSED

PROJ. NO. : 2012007

SHEET NO. : X



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Site Plan Map with Labels

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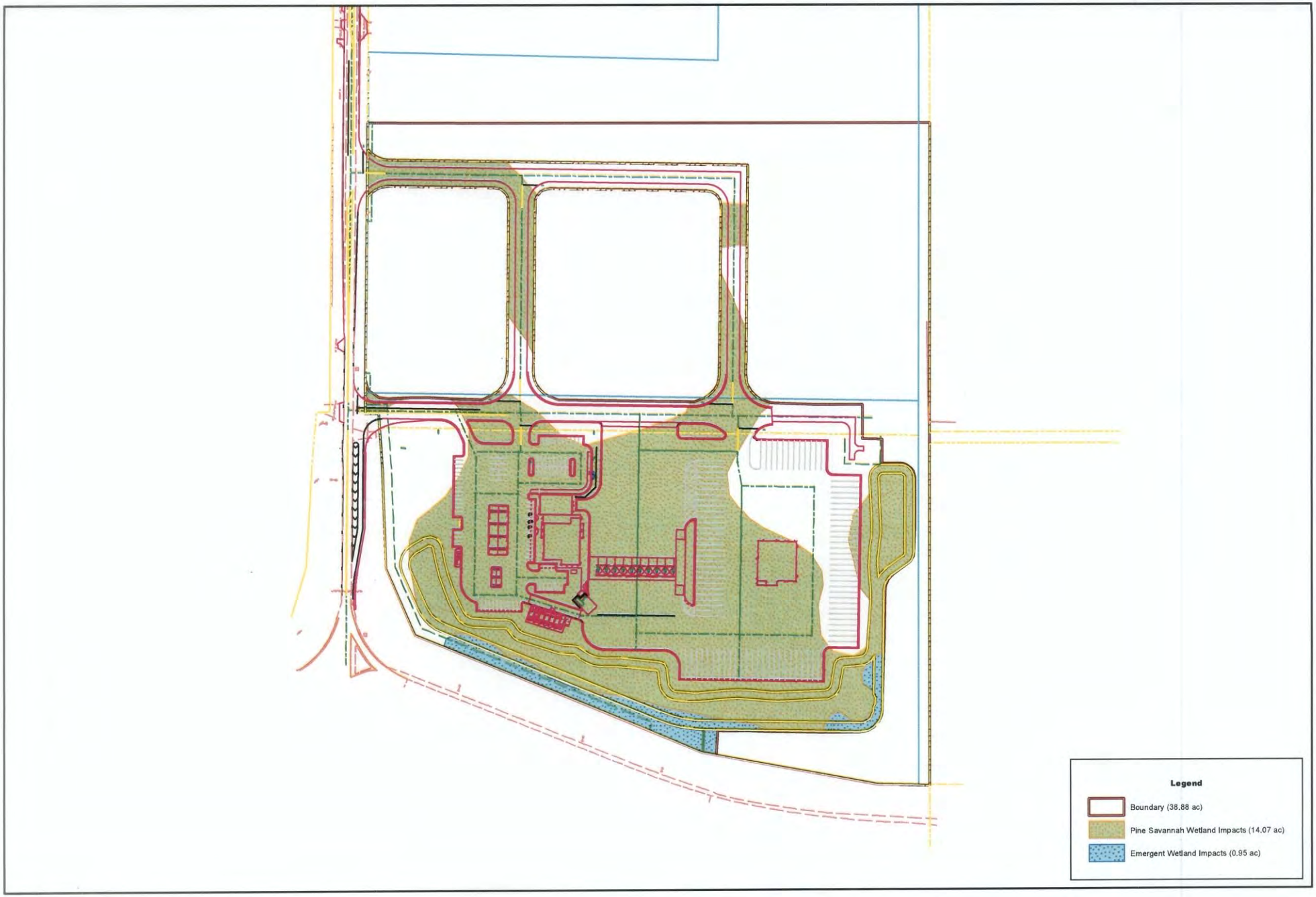

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Impact Map with Plans
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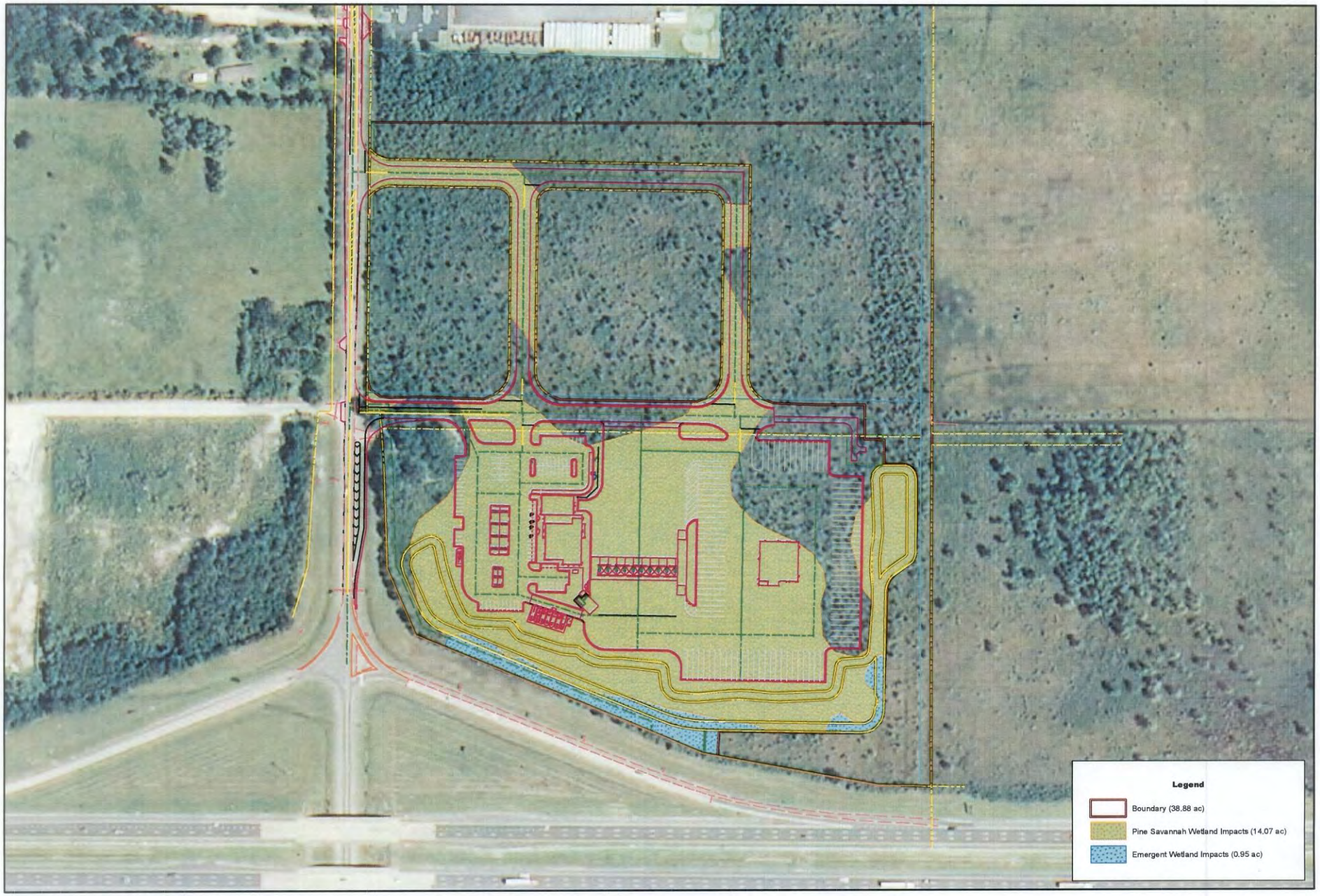

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