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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2288
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CESAM-RD-M
PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2013-00619-SMZ

12 September 2013

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 SPORTS COMPLEX,
WETLANDS ADJACENT TO UNNAMMED TRIBUTARIES OF BAYOU TALLA AND
BAYOU COCO IN KILN, HANCOCK 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: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
854 Highway 90, Suite A
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520

AGENT: Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC
2510 14th Street, Suite 1010
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501

LOCATION OF WORK: The proposed project is located west of U.S. Highway 603 within Section 18 of Township 7 South, Range 14 West at latitude 30.4326322° North and longitude 88.438210° West, in Kiln, Hancock County, Mississippi. The project would impact wetlands adjacent to unnamed tributaries of Bayou Talla and Bayou Coco.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The purpose of the project is to construct a sports complex to provide recreation facilities for local sporting events, local recreational clubs and school organizations, and large-scale regional tournaments.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to impact 17.3 acres of wetlands to construct the sports complex consisting of baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, a combined soccer/football field, pavilions, concession areas, and associated parking. The work will be conducted in several phases. Phase 1 will consist of eight lighted baseball/softball fields, two pavilions and concession areas, and parking to accommodate 180 vehicles. Future phases will consist of eleven soccer fields, one soccer/football field with bleachers, and parking to accommodate 336 vehicles. Details of the proposed project activities are provided in the attached figures.

The initial application for this project was submitted in August 2011 and was evaluated under SAM-2009-01547-JBM. During the evaluation process, the applicant determined that the proposed baseball/softball fields were inadequate in size and associated facilities to host regional tournaments, and the application was withdrawn in February 2012.

AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION: The agent has submitted the following statements regarding avoidance and minimization: "The applicant has undertaken an extensive evaluation of available properties in Hancock County that could be suitable for the proposed facilities. Seven sites were evaluated and ranked based on location, overall size, amount of on-site wetlands, amount of on-site uplands, flood zone and other factors. The selected property had the least amount of on-site wetlands and was determined to be the most feasible for the proposed facilities. Wetland impacts were minimized through the site design process by minimizing the proposed facilities, while still achieving the objectives of the project, and locating facilities in the lower quality wetlands while minimizing the impacts on the higher quality wetlands."

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to mitigate for wetland impacts through the purchase of credits from a 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. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been identified as the lead federal agency responsible for Section 106. Per a request by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH), a cultural resource survey was conducted in February 2010. On March 2, 2010, MDAH concurred with the findings of the report that no cultural resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are likely to be affected by the proposed project.

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: In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to affect endangered or threatened species. HUD has been identified as the lead federal agency responsible for Section 7. Per requests dated October 14, 2009, and November 6, 2009, by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), an endangered species survey was conducted for the Gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) and Louisiana quillwort (*Isoetes louisianensis*). The survey did not find appropriate habitat for Gopher tortoise. No Louisiana quillwort was observed during the survey; however, suitable habitat was present within the permit area. HUD has indicated further consultation will continue with USFWS.

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 (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

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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.

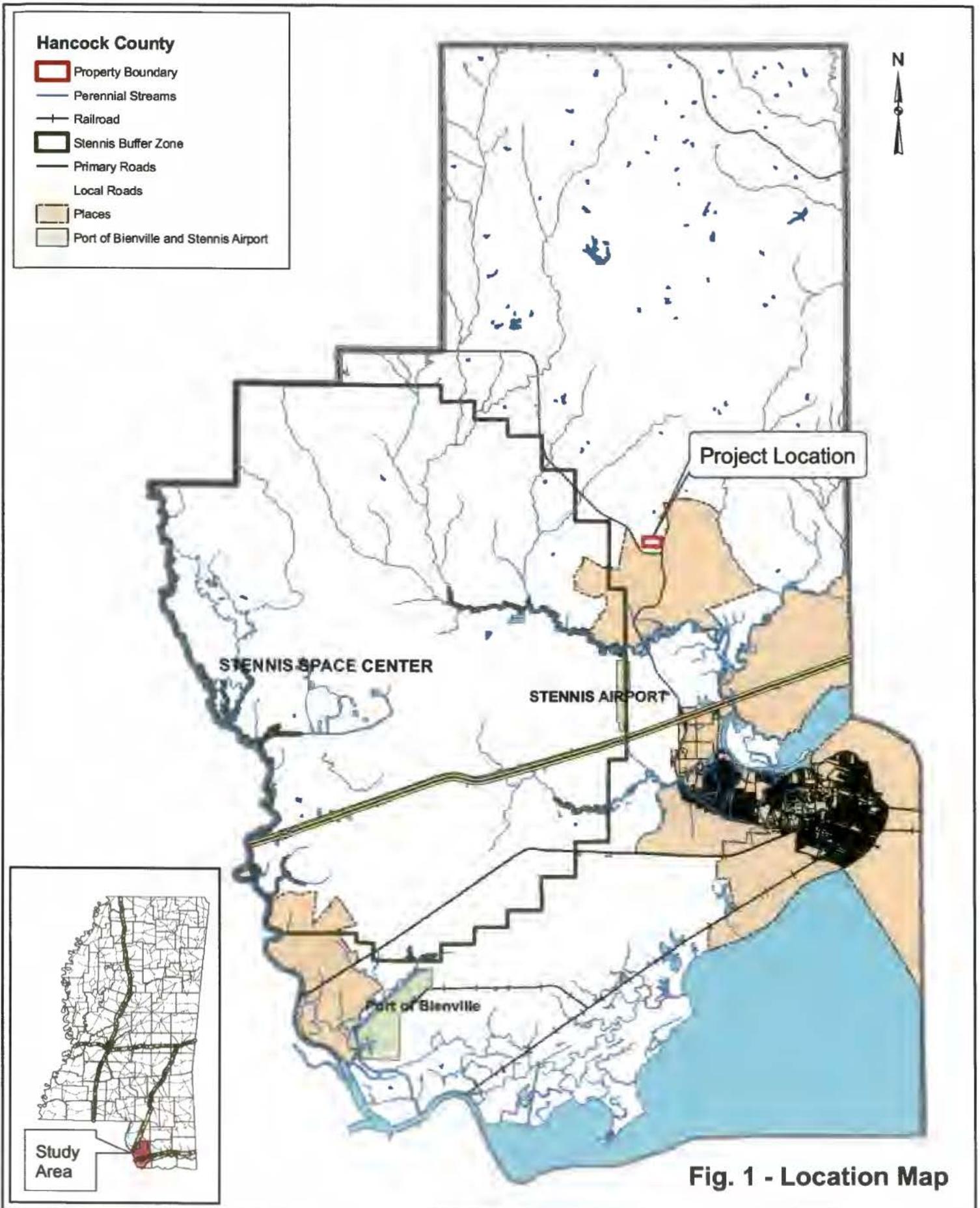
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2013-00619-SMZ and should be directed to District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Attention: Mrs. Sheri M. Zettle, Regulatory Division (RD-M), Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a 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-2013-00619-SMZ.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program or to view this public notice electronically, please visit our web site at: <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>, 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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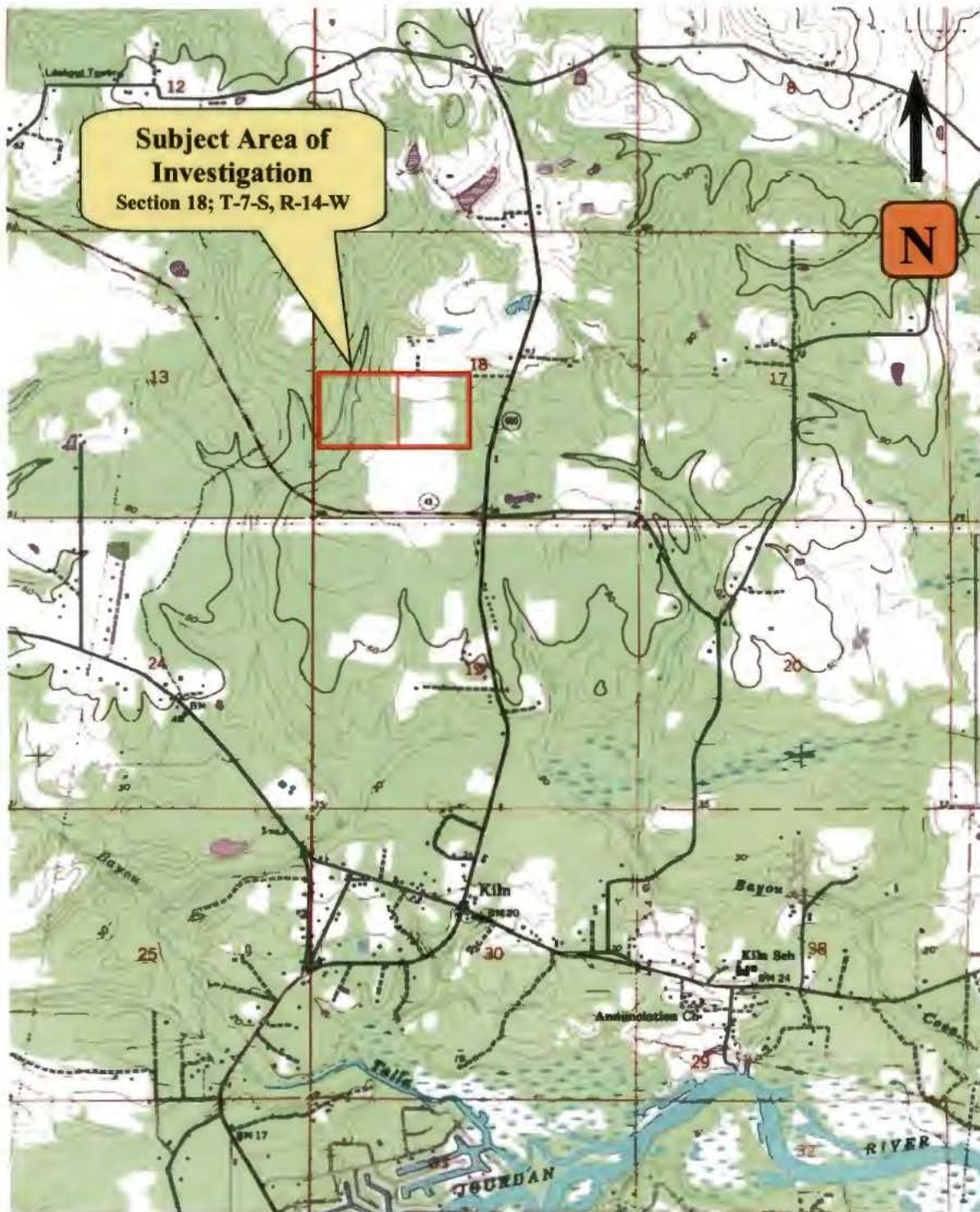
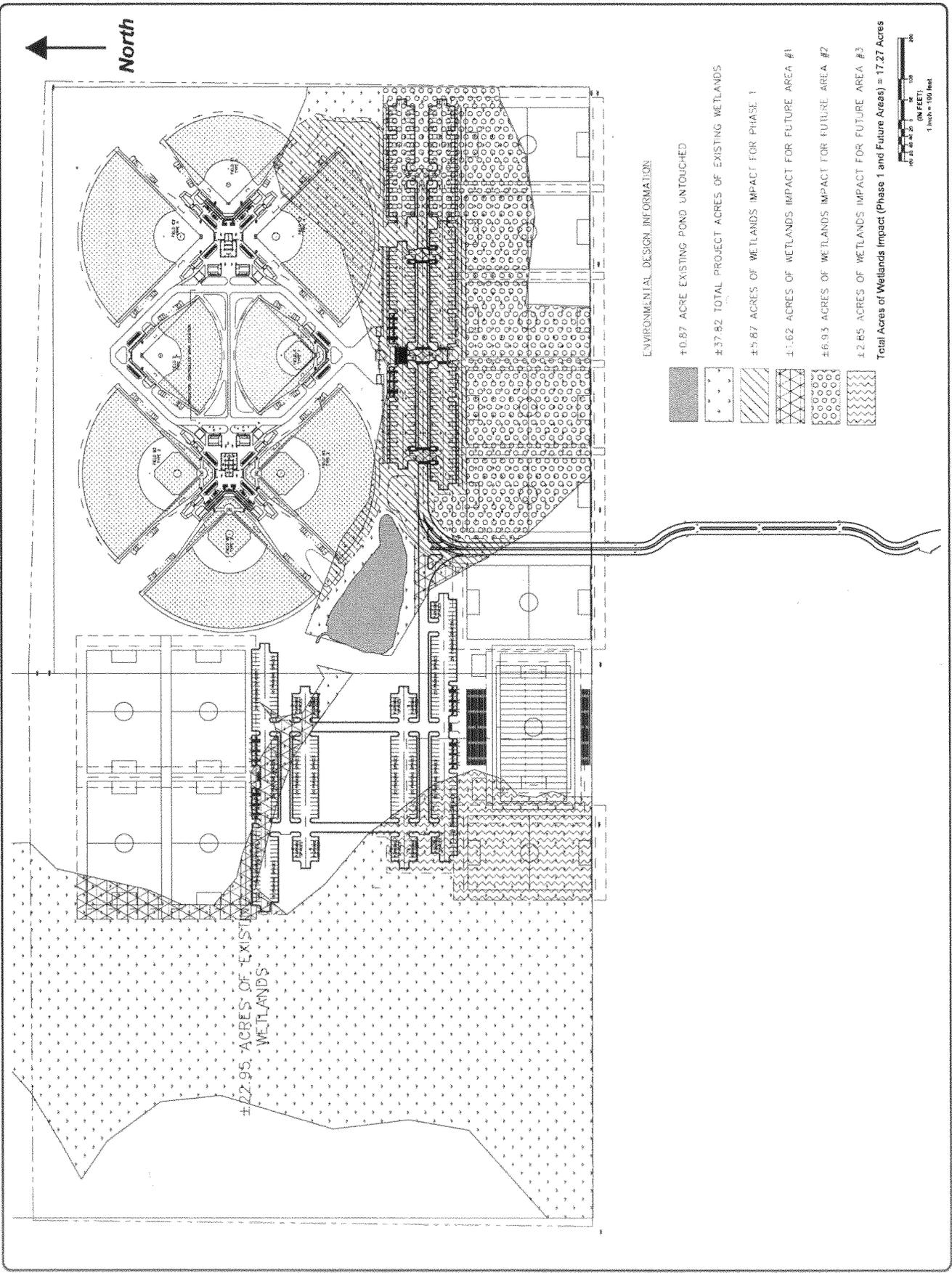


Fig. 2 - Site Location Map
U.S.G.S. 7.5-Minute Quadrangle Map
Kiln, Mississippi
1976
CAC Project # 15744.03



Proposed Project (Phase 1 and Future Phases)

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NO.	REVISION/ISSUE	DATE

GENERAL NOTES

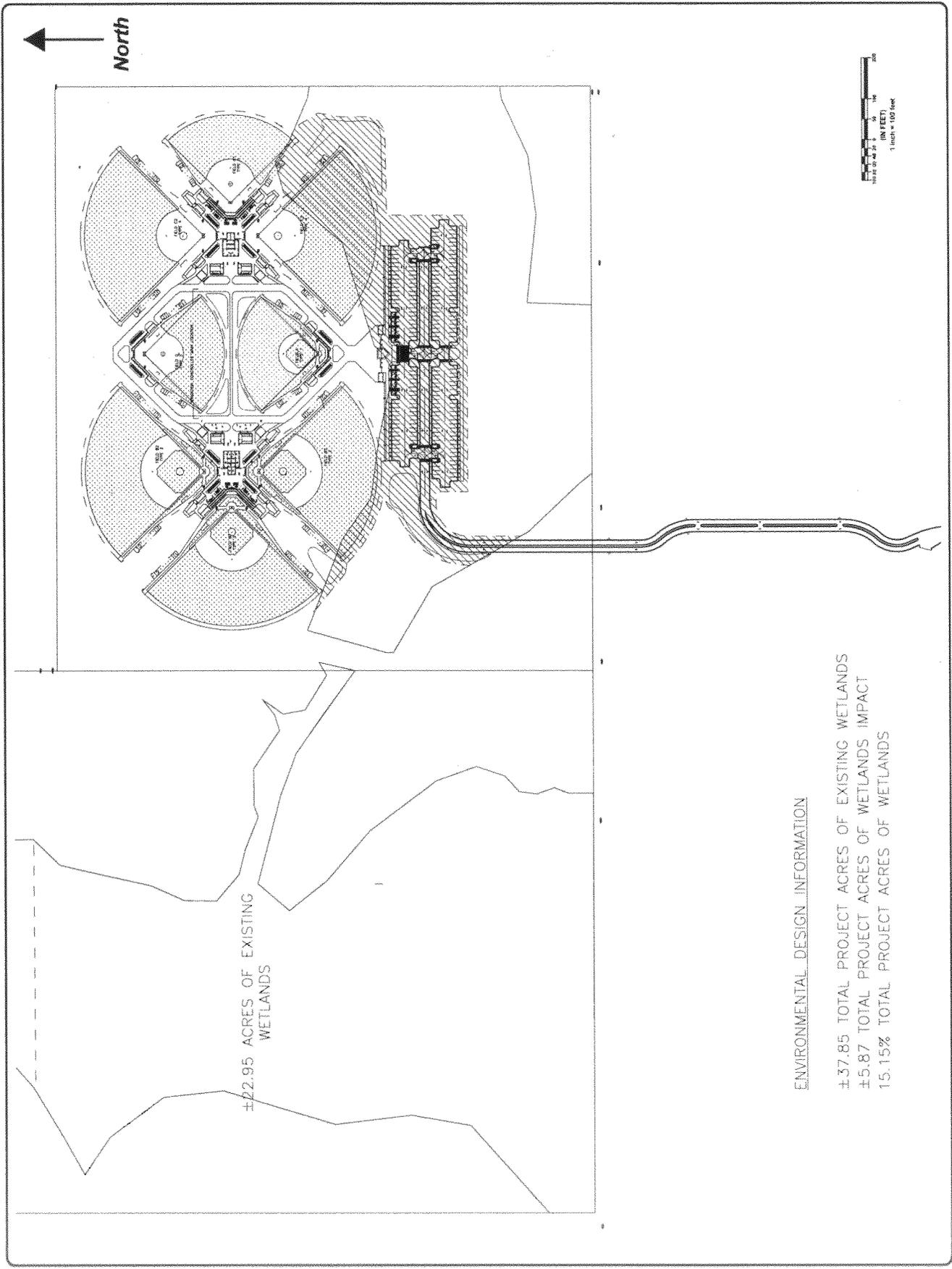
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SITE LAYOUT PLAN WITH
 WETLAND IMPACTS

DATE: _____ SHEET NUMBER: _____

SCALE: 1" = 100'
 DRAWN BY: J. J. JONES
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Fig. 3

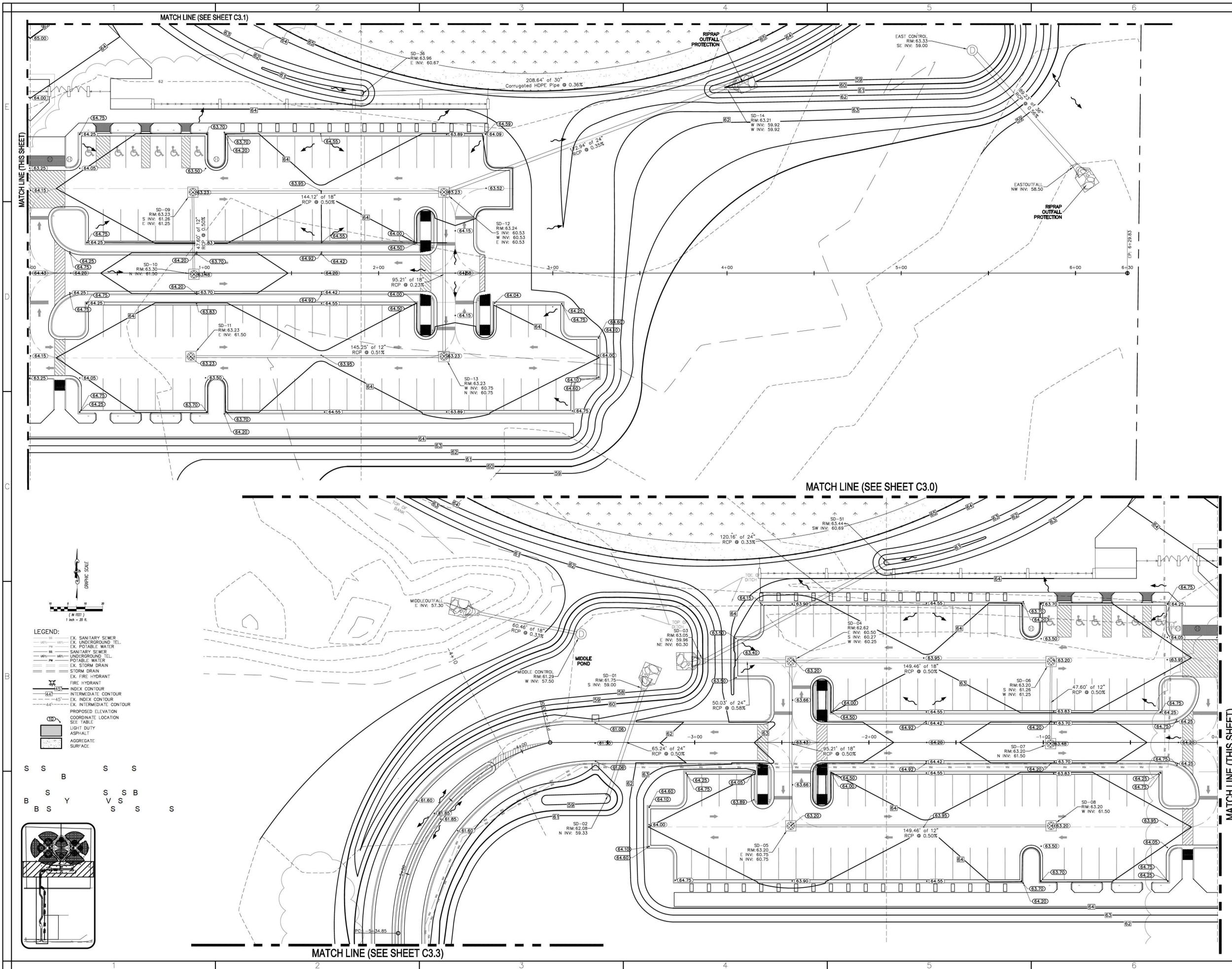


±22.95 ACRES OF EXISTING
 WETLANDS

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN INFORMATION

- ±37.85 TOTAL PROJECT ACRES OF EXISTING WETLANDS
- ±5.87 TOTAL PROJECT ACRES OF WETLANDS IMPACT
- 15.15% TOTAL PROJECT ACRES OF WETLANDS

Phase 1 Plan



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 KILN, MISSISSIPPI

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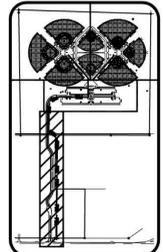
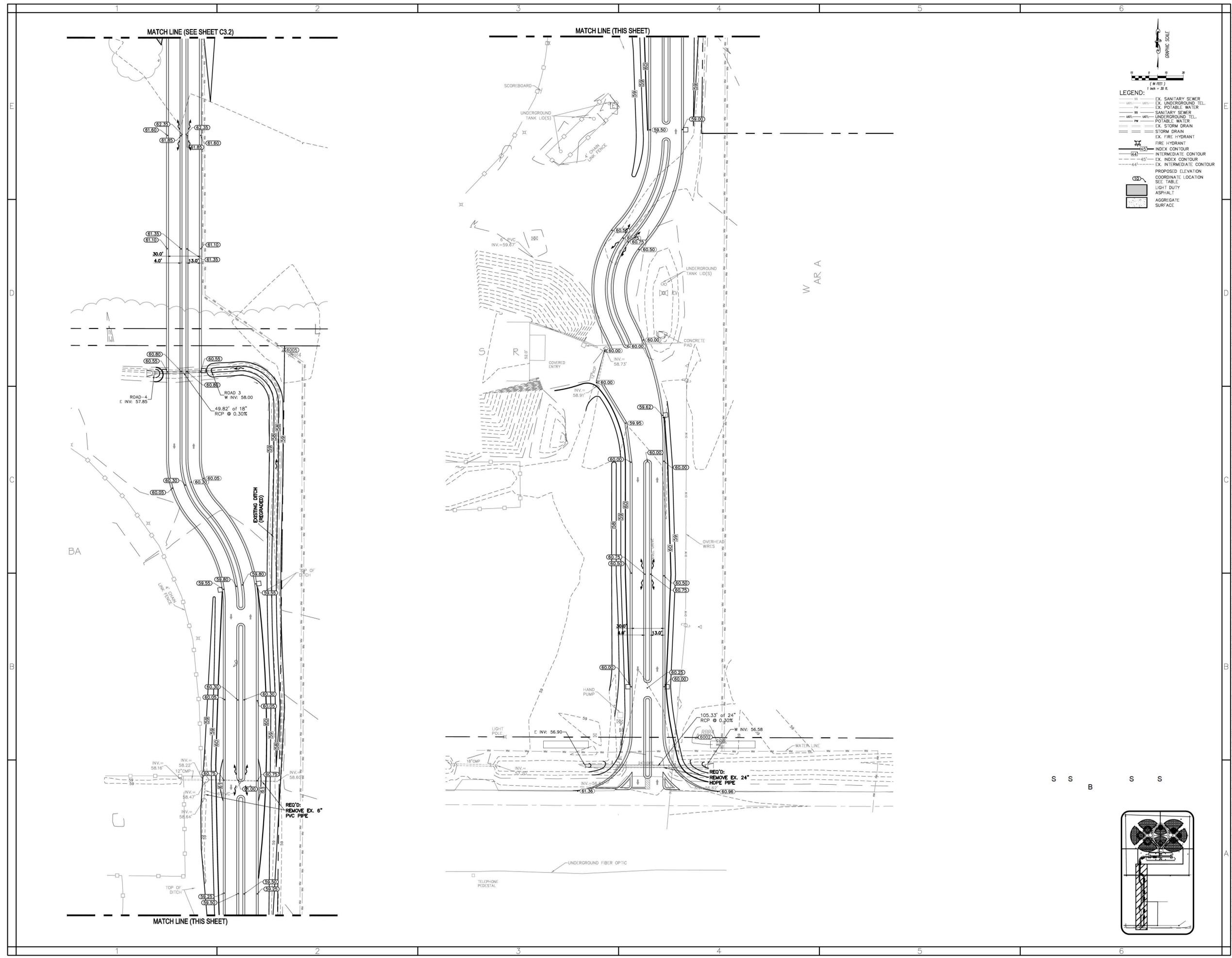
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