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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2014-00077-JMT

DATE 10 Feb 2014

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 EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING SCHOOL, JEFFERSON 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: Prince of Peace Catholic School
Attention: Mr. Jim Atkinson
4600 Preserve Parkway
Hoover, Alabama 35226

AGENT: Spectrum Environmental, Inc.
Attention: Ms. Diane Schneider
85 Spectrum Cove
Alabaster, Alabama 35007

LOCATION: The Prince of Peace Catholic School is located on Preserve Parkway approximately .5 mile south of the intersection between Sulphur Springs Road and Preserve Parkway in Hoover, Jefferson County, Alabama. Specifically, the project site is located in Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 3 West and is centered at coordinates N33.369489, W-86.852632. Impacts to waters of the United States are located in the Cahaba watershed (HUC 03150202).

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill .82 acres of forested wetlands, 830 linear feet of an intermittent stream and 375 linear feet of ephemeral streams.

PURPOSE AND NEED: The applicant stated: "The purpose of the proposed project is to construct additional parking spaces, an educational facility addition to the existing church/school structure, and recreational ball fields."

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant designed a series of development layouts exhibiting an increase in avoidance and minimization after each iteration. As a result, the applicant avoided impacts to 90 linear feet of Black Creek, 25 linear feet of ephemeral stream #4 and .12 acre of wetland B.

MITIGATION: The applicant is proposing permittee responsible mitigation for the stream impacts associated with this project. The location of the permittee responsible mitigation is not known at this time. Stream credits are available through a Corps approved mitigation bank within the Cahaba

watershed. Therefore, this option of compensatory mitigation will be evaluated along with the permittee responsible mitigation proposal. The applicant also proposes to purchase wetland credits at a Corps approved mitigation bank.

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 avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking. **The applicant requested a database review of known and recorded archeological sites within the immediate area of the subject property and also the surrounding areas prior to submittal of this application. The University of Alabama, Office of Archeological Research performed the database search and found no recorded site within the subject property.**

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 most likely will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. **By letter dated November 27, 2013, the USFWS stated: "No endangered or threatened species or critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW.**

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2014-00077-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 or telephone number **(205) 290-9096**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

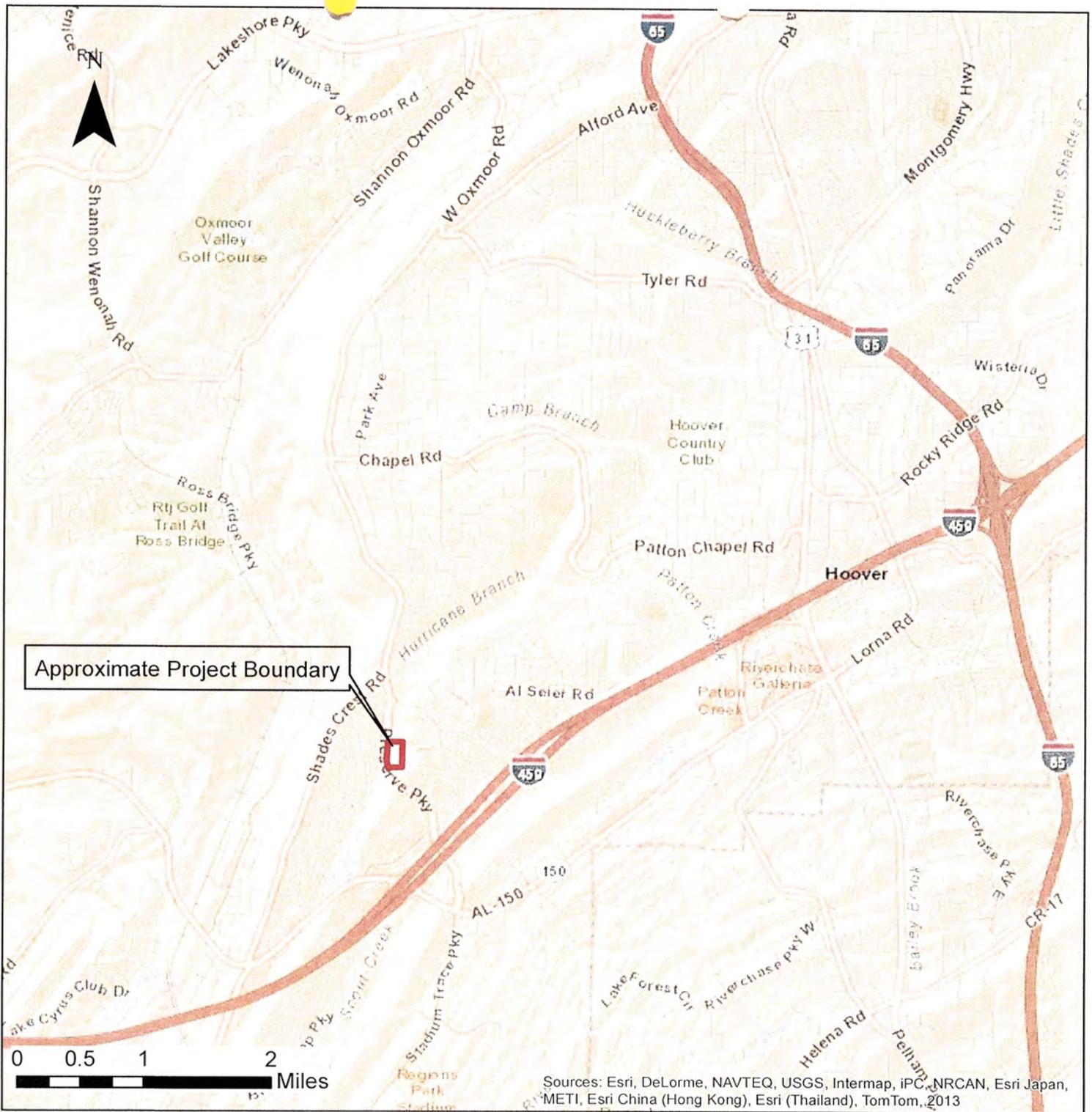
For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Home/reg, and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

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Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, USGS, Intermap, iPC, NRCAN, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri (Thailand), TomTom, 2013

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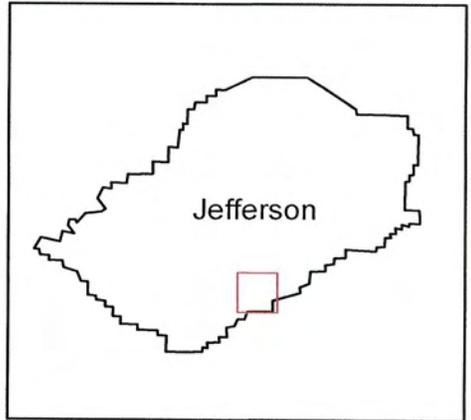
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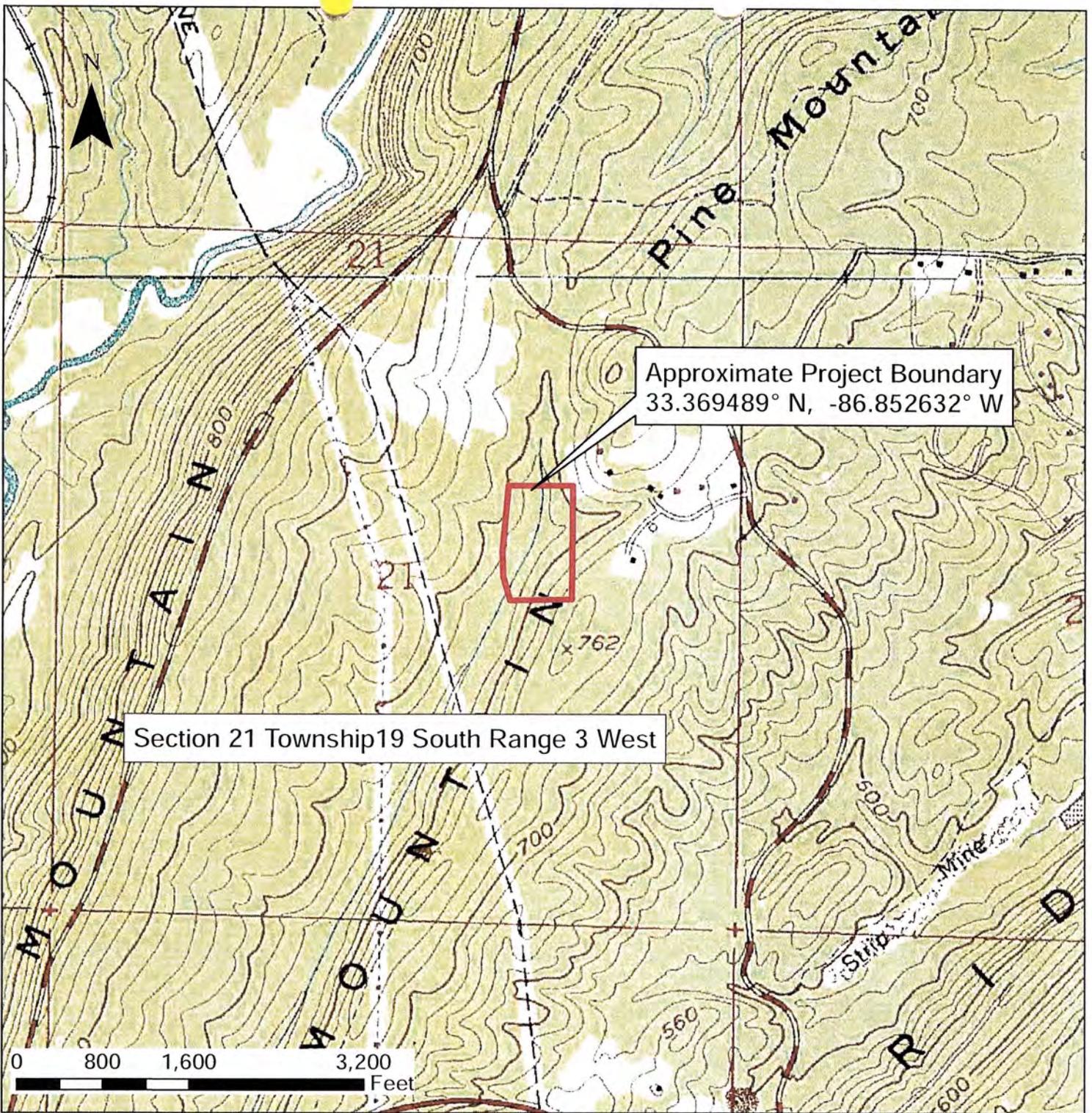
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Figure 2689001-IP1
 Site Locator Map
 Prince of Peace School Expansion
 Hoover, Jefferson County, AL



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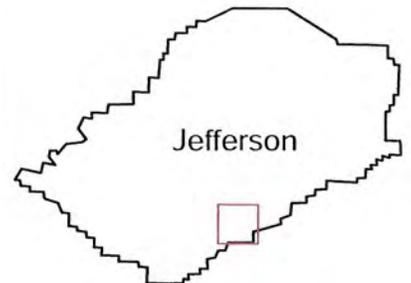
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Figure 2689001-IP2
Topographic Map
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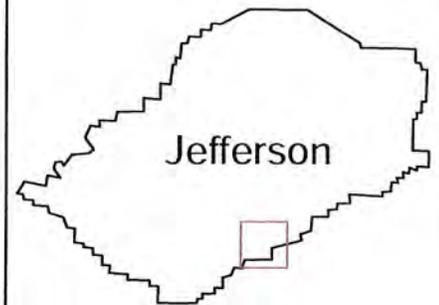
-  Freshwater Emergent Wetland
-  Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
-  Freshwater Pond
-  Lake
-  Riverine
-  Approximate Project Boundary

As depicted on the map, there is an absence of wetlands on the subject site.

Figure 2689001-IP4
NWI Map
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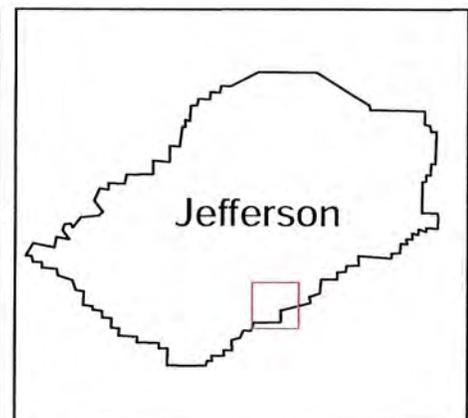
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	Approximate Project Boundary
Map Unit	Map Unit Name
20	Gorgas-Rock outcrop complex, steep
27	Leesburg-Rock outcrop complex, steep
34	Nauvoo-Montevallo association, steep

Figure 2689001-IP3
Soils Map
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-  Approximate Project Boundary
-  Streams
-  Wetlands

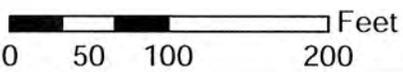


Figure 2689001-IP5
 Jurisdictional Determination Map
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