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March 19, 2015

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

**PROPOSED ARLINGTON PLANTATION MITIGATION BANK
WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received a complete mitigation banking prospectus for the establishment of a mitigation bank referred to as the **Arlington Plantation Mitigation Bank**. A copy of the prospectus is available upon request. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

BANK SPONSOR: Arlington Plantation Mitigation Bank
Lone Oak Capital Management, L.L.C.
2285 Benton Road, Suite D-101
Bossier, Louisiana 71111

CONSULTANT: Headwaters, Inc.
Attention: Mr. Clay Cromwell
P.O. Box 2836
Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158

Lone Oak Capital Management, L.L.C., is proposing to establish the 605.45-acre Arlington Plantation Mitigation Bank in Wilcox County, Alabama, to generate commercial wetland and stream mitigation credits for purchase by interested Department of Army (DOA) permit applicants in order to fulfill compensatory mitigation requirements for various project-related wetland and stream impacts and losses subject to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regulatory authority pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Approval for DOA permittees to use mitigation bank credits would be determined on a case-by-case basis at the time of permit evaluation. The proposed mitigation bank is located within the 03150203 Middle Alabama Watershed

which would be the service area for the bank. Use of the mitigation bank for impacts outside of designated service area would require authorization on a case-by-case basis and the use of the Mobile District Proximity Factor Method.

The proposed Arlington Plantation Mitigation Bank site is located south of Arlington, Alabama. More specifically the project is located in Sections 4 and 5 of Township 12 North, Range 5 East, and Sections 32 and 33 of Township 13 North, Range 5 East, at 32°2'50.77" N, 87°35'43.76" W (32.048574, -87.595493). The mitigation bank site contains nine stream reaches, with approximately 27,988.32 linear feet of perennial stream channel within seven stream reaches, 1,852.45 linear feet of intermittent stream channel within one stream reach, and 694.26 linear feet of ephemeral stream channel within one stream reach. The existing wetlands on the site are approximately 180.49 acres of pine plantation, 111.73 acres in hardwood forest, and 0.89 acre of emergent wetlands.

To generate stream mitigation credits, the sponsor proposes to restore, enhance, and preserve bottomland hardwood wetlands within the maximum allowable riparian buffer widths along all stream channels within the proposed mitigation bank. To generate wetland credits, the sponsor proposes to restore 125.57 acres and enhance 14.27 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands located outside the stream riparian buffers. Proposed land management actions include the removal of the pine plantation trees, planting target bottomland hardwood tree species to achieve target density, diversity and composition, removal of culverts and installation of low water crossings, and exotic species control. The proposed mitigation bank will use the Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure and the Mobile District 2012 Compensatory Stream Mitigation Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines as its functional assessment methods. The IRT is still evaluating the proposed wetland and stream mitigation strategies.

On 10 April 2008 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued new regulations, in the Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 70, governing compensatory mitigation for losses of aquatic resources. The new regulation, 33 CFR 332 – Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources, establishes performance standards and criteria for mitigation projects including mitigation banks. Part 33 CFR 332.8 addresses requirements for establishing, operating, and maintaining mitigation banks that provide credits to satisfy mitigation requirements of the Clean Water Act, Section 404 permit program. Recognizing the potential benefits mitigation banking offers for streamlining the permit evaluation process and providing more effective

mitigation for authorized impacts to wetlands, the agencies encourages the establishment and appropriate use of mitigation banks in the Section 404 program. This guidance became effective June 9, 2008.

An interagency group of Federal and State regulatory and resource agency representatives, referred to as the IRT, is signatory to a banking instrument and oversees the establishment, use and operation of a mitigation bank. Information provided in the prospectus will serve as the basis for establishing a banking instrument which will describe in detail the physical and legal characteristics of the bank and how the bank will be established and operated.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties for consideration while evaluating this proposed activity. Copies of all comments received will be distributed to the other members of the IRT and the bank sponsor for full consideration in the development of the mitigation bank.

Correspondence concerning this notice should refer to **Public Notice Number SAM-2014-00722-MBM** and should be directed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District, Regulatory Division (RD), Attention: Mike Moxey, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mobile Branch, Coastal Section, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile, Alabama 36608.

All 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, Mr. Michael Moxey, at (251) 694-3771 or via e-mail at michael.b.moxey@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice number SAM-2014-0722-MBM.

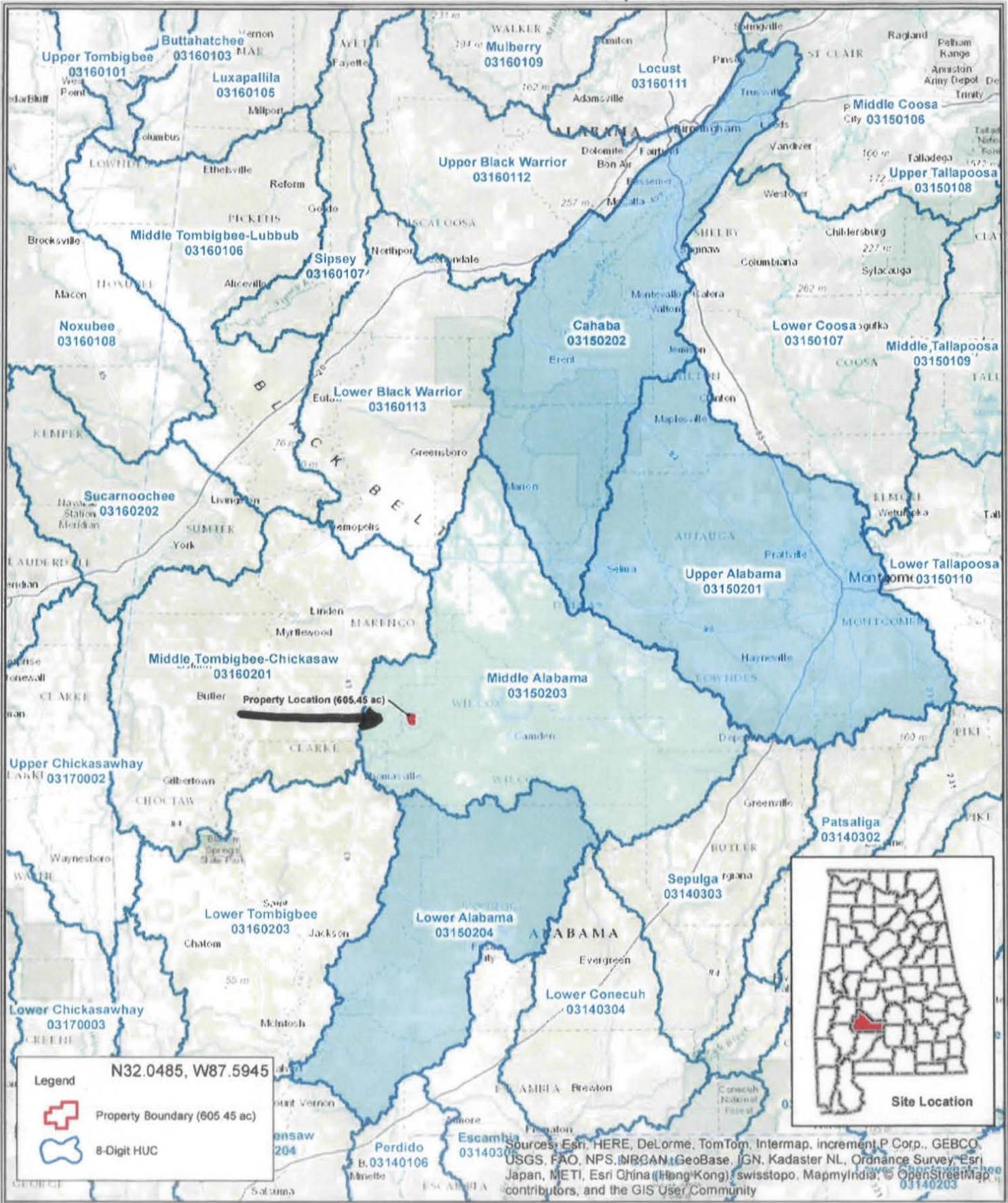
For additional information about our Regulatory Program, Please visit our web site at: www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

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Enclosures

Wilcox Co., Alabama

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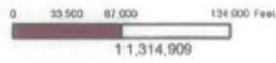
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Property Boundary (605.45 ac)

8-Digit HUC

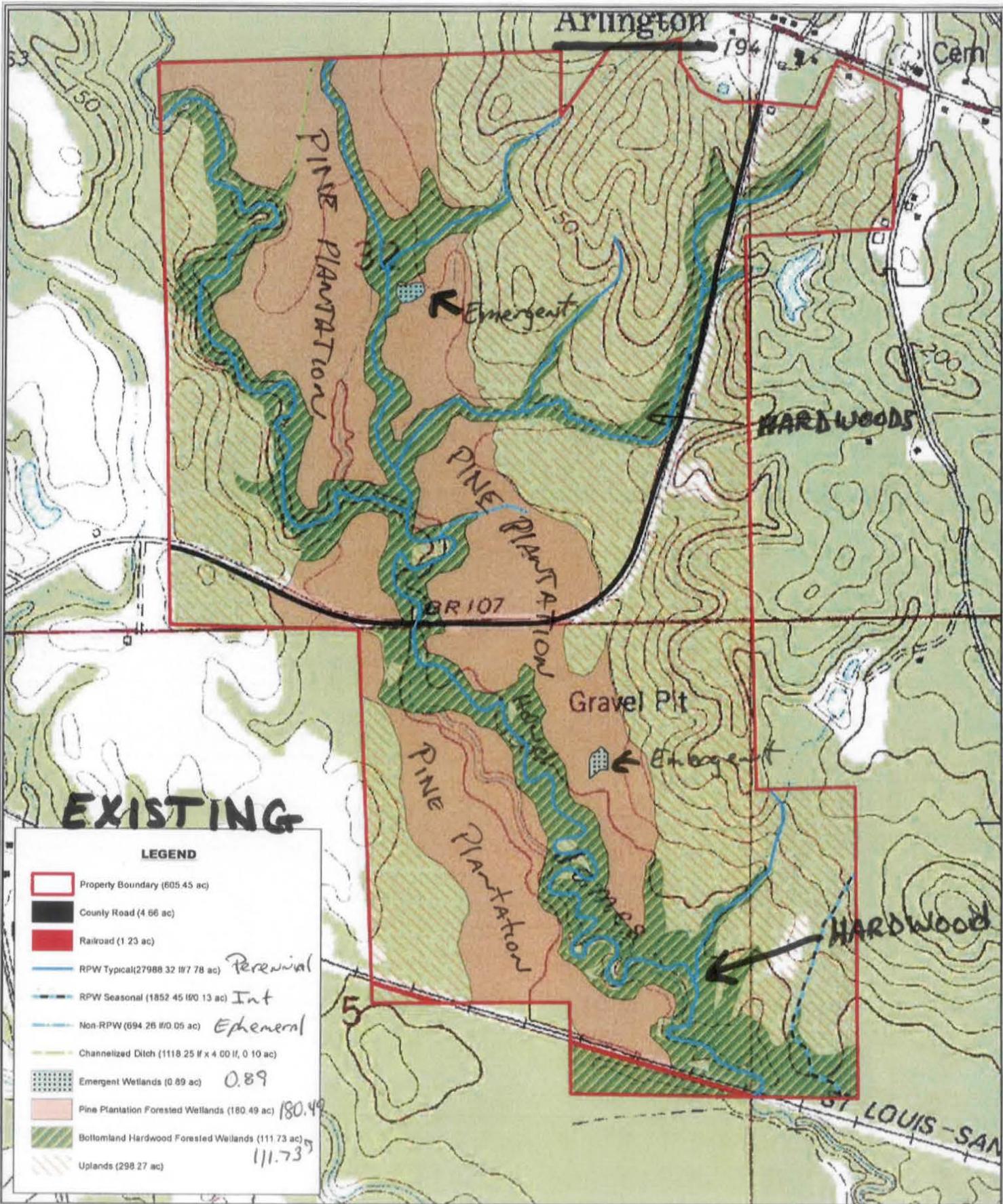
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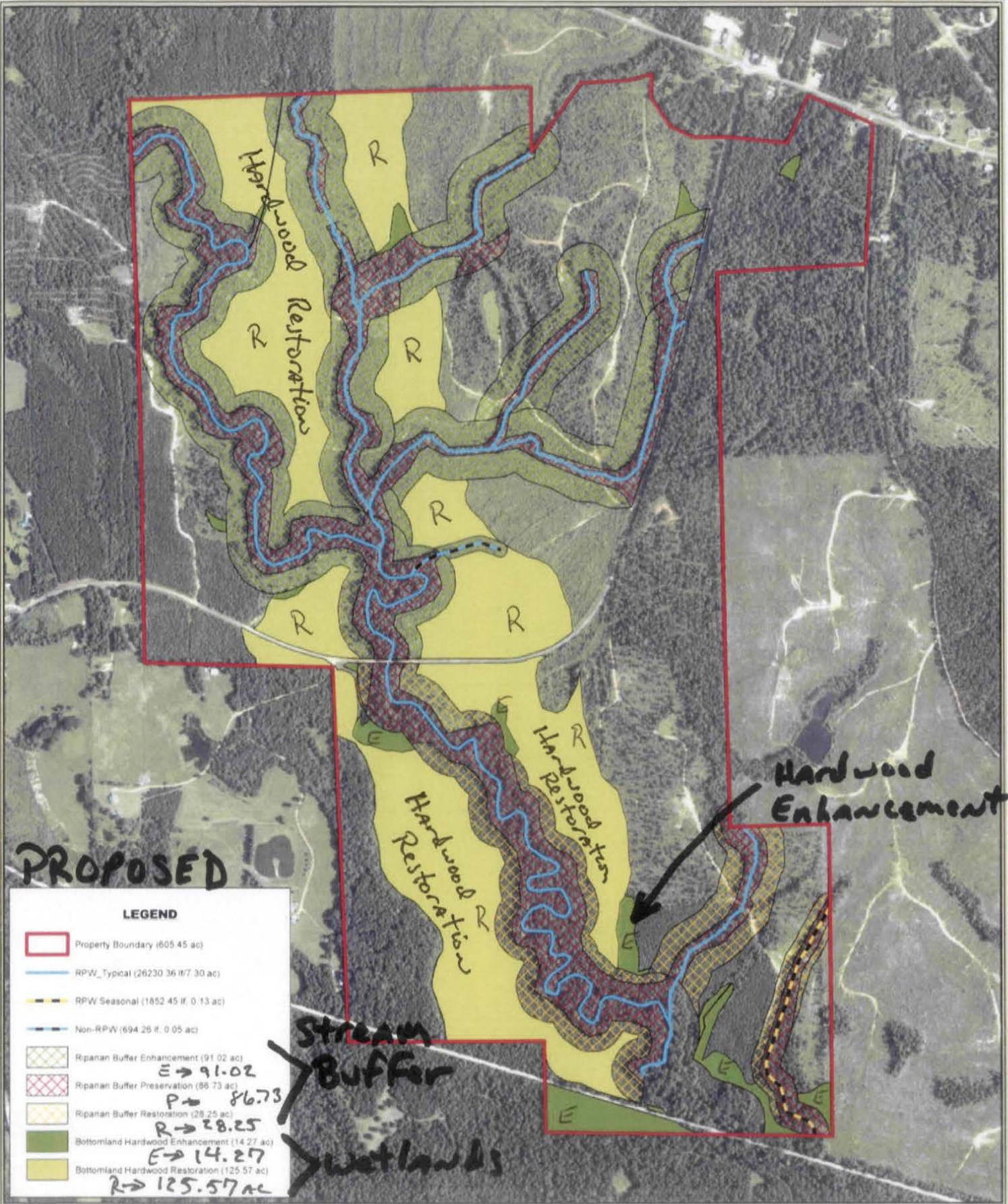
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Figure 4 - 8-Digit HUC/Service Area Map



ESRI Topo Map

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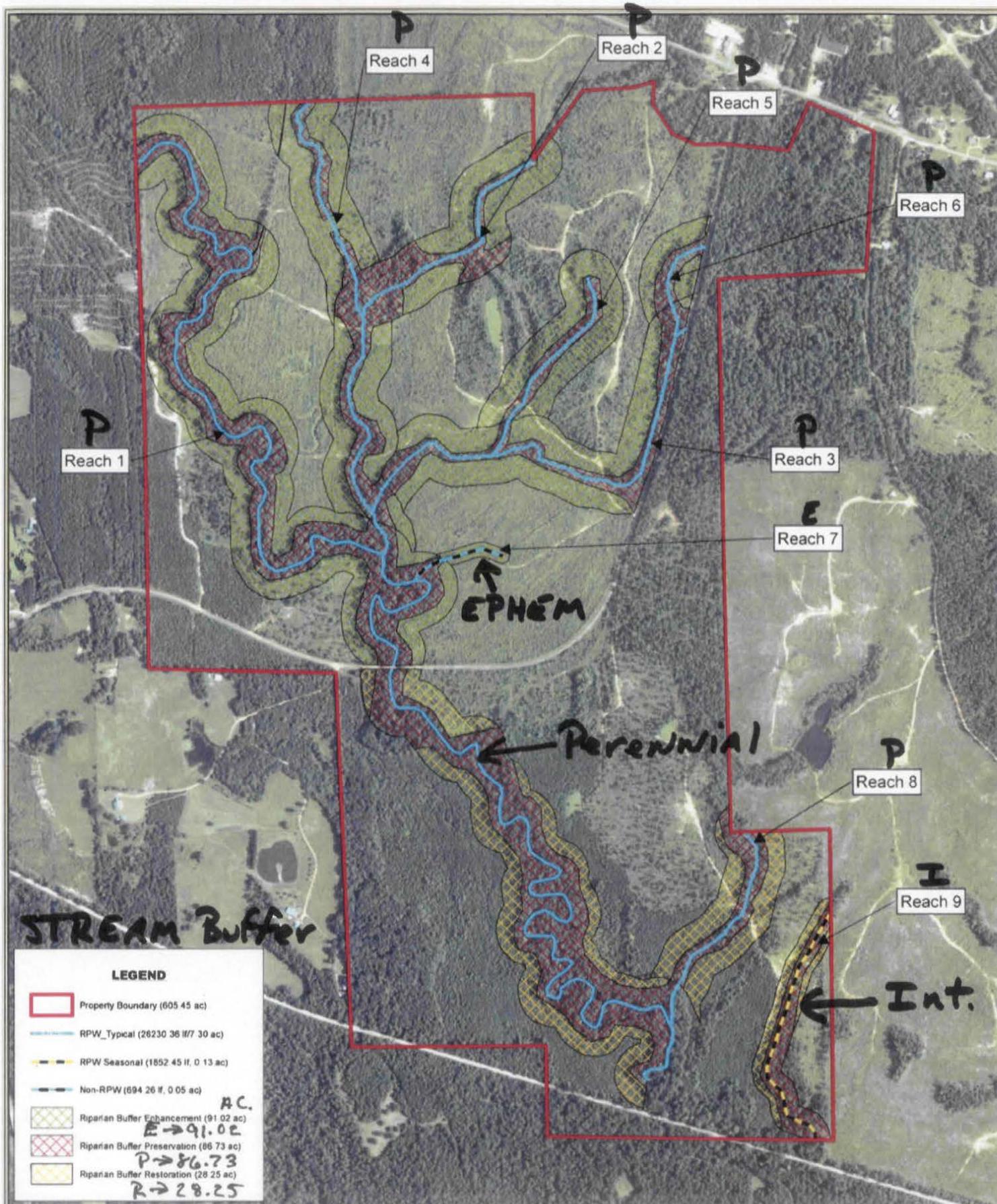
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