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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2014-00770-JSC**

**April 27, 2015**

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

**PROPOSED DISCHARGE OF FILL MATERIAL IN WATERS OF THE**  
**UNITED STATES FOR A PROPOSED LANDFILL EXPANSION IN**  
**HOUSTON 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). This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT:** The City of Dothan  
Attention: Mr. Ernest F. Stokes  
Post Office Box 2128  
Dothan, Alabama 36302

**AGENT:** TTL, Incorporated  
Attention: Ms. Mary E. Sullivan, P.E.  
20210 Highway 59 North, Suite 2  
Summerdale, Alabama 36580

**LOCATION:** The approximately 40 acre expansion parcel is located south of the City of Dothan's existing landfill in Dothan, Houston County, Alabama. Specifically, the site is located at latitude 31.2353° North and longitude 85.3512° West in Sections 16 & 17, Township 3 North, Range 27 East. The area is depicted on the Dothan East, Alabama Quadrangle; United States Geological Survey Topographic Map and is situated within the Apalachicola River watershed (HUC 03130004).

**PROPOSED WORK:** The applicant is seeking authorization for the discharge of fill material into 2.30 acres of wetlands and an unnamed tributary to Golf Creek. The purpose of the proposed work is the expansion of the existing 45 acre city landfill, which services the City of Dothan and greater Houston County. The current facility is expected to reach capacity sometime in 2015, and the desired expansion would

provide an additional 2,650,000 cubic yards of disposal capacity. Proposed work in waters of the United States (WOUS) is detailed in the following table.

Proposed Unavoidable Project Impacts

Resource ID	Latitude	Longitude	Impact amount	Classification	Impact Type
Stream S-1a	31.230	-85.3514	890 lf	R6	fill
Stream S-1b	31.2350	-85.3490	270 lf	R4	fill
Wetland	31.2352	-85.3514	2.25 ac	PFO	fill

**AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATON:** According to the applicant alternate sites were considered. Other site locations were removed due to current and future property uses, site availability, as well as quantity and quality of aquatic resources on the property. The applicant states that once a suitable alternative was selected the design process began in earnest and conceptual designs were drafted around minimizing impacts to WOUS. The project's proposed general design would require impacts to 51 percent of the on-site wetlands and 84 percent of the on-site streams. Specifically, the proposed design would avoid impacts to 2.12 acres of on-site wetlands and 217 linear feet of on-site intermittent stream. The USACE has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization statement at this time.

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:** Presently, there is not a compensatory mitigation bank located within the Apalachicola watershed; therefore, the applicant proposes to mitigate for unavoidable impacts to WOUS through the purchase mitigation credits from a USACE approved mitigation bank within the abutting Middle Chattahoochee – Walter F. George watershed (HUC 03130003).

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATON:** The applicant is preparing their application for certification from the State of Alabama 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.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the USACE 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 utilization 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 USACE 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 received are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments received are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments received are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and 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 discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A 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 applicant's "Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment Report" for the project site was previously reviewed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2014 TA-0666). A copy of this notice is being sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The National Register of Historic Places, as well as the applicant provided cultural resource assessment, "A Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for a Proposed Landfill Expansion in Dothan, Houston County, Alabama", will be consulted for properties or resources listed in or eligible for the National Register which would be affected by the proposed work. The referenced report was previously reviewed by the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC 2015-0156). A copy of this notice is being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

April 27, 2015

Any correspondence concerning this publication should refer to this Public Notice **SAM-2014-00770-JSC** and should be directed to the following address:

District Engineer:

U. S. Army Engineer District, Mobile  
Regulatory Division, Montgomery Field Office  
Attention: James S. Cherry, II  
605 Maple Street  
Building 1429, Room 105  
Maxwell, AFB, Alabama 36112

with a copy to the :

Director  
Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Post Office Box 301463  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

All comments should be received no later than 30 **days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice.

Enclosed to assist you with your review are: Location map; Impacts figures; Project layout figure.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the Project Manager via e-mail at [james.s.cherry@usace.army.mil](mailto:james.s.cherry@usace.army.mil) or telephone number (334) 953-2172. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about the Mobile District's Regulatory Program, please take a moment to visit our web site at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>, while there please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

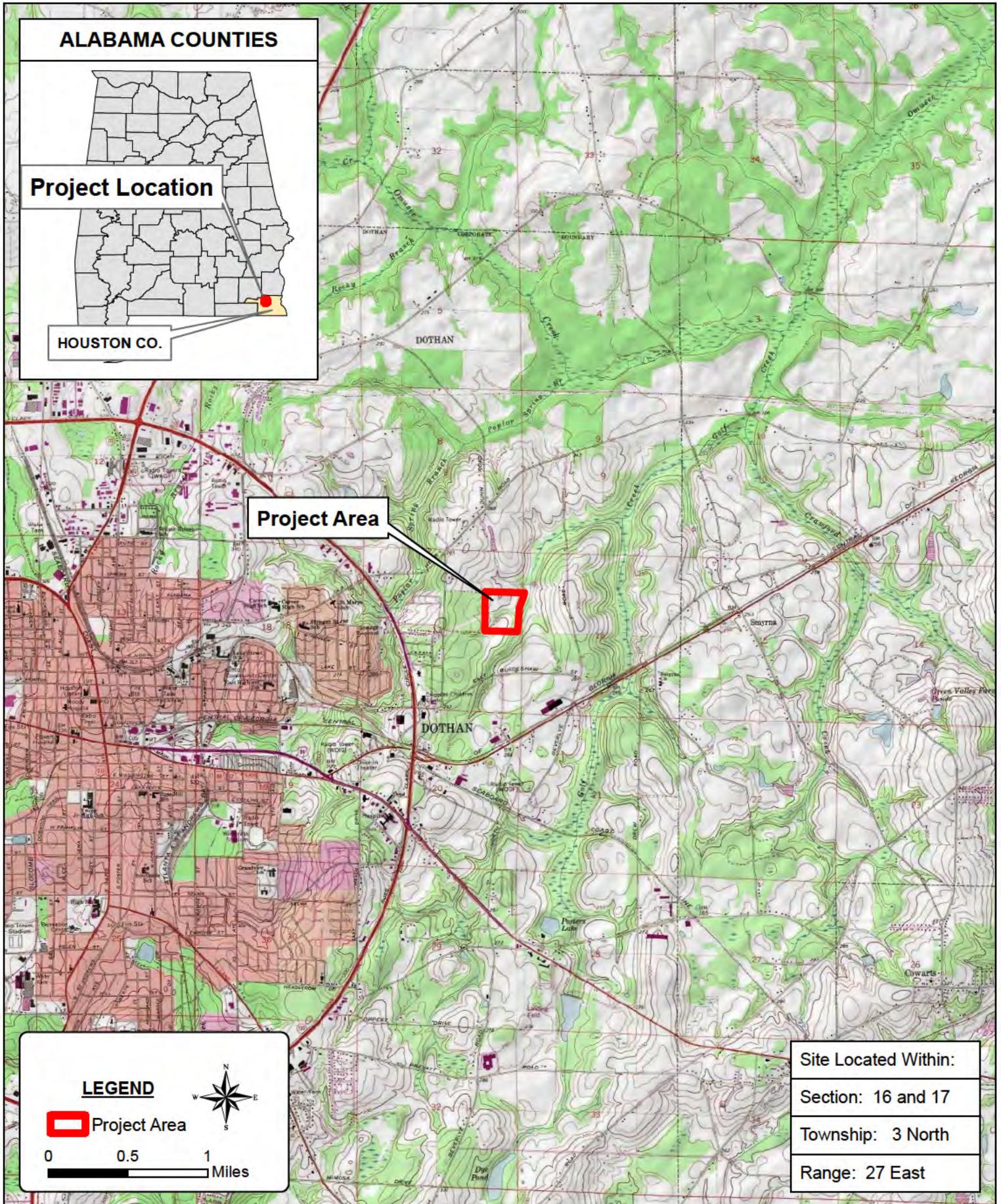
Enclosure(s)

MOBILE DISTRICT  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer

**ALABAMA COUNTIES**

**Project Location**

**HOUSTON CO.**



**Project Area**

**LEGEND**

 Project Area

0 0.5 1 Miles



Site Located Within:

Section: 16 and 17

Township: 3 North

Range: 27 East

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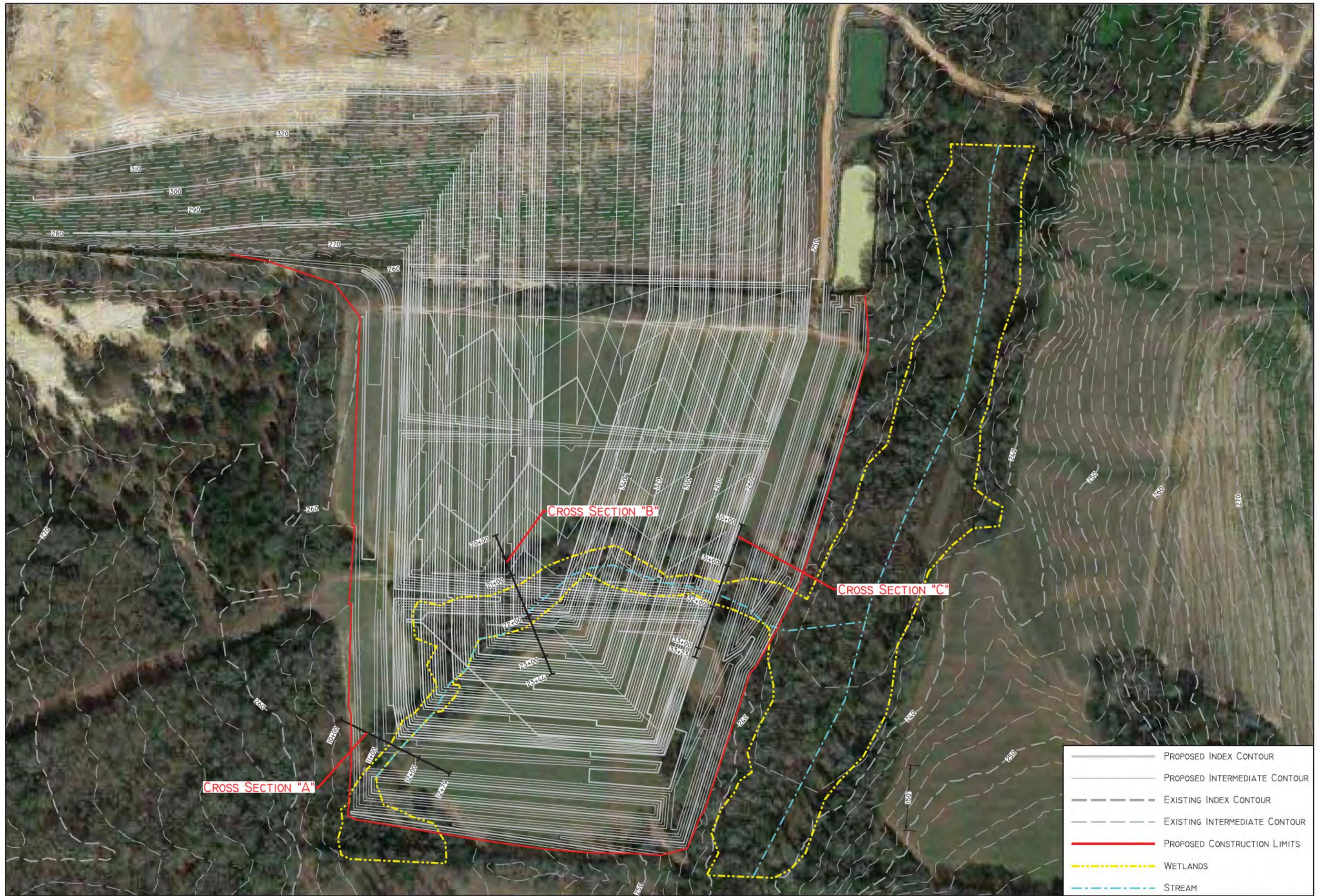
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March 20, 2015

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

Basemap: 7.5' USGS Topographic Map of Dothan East, Alabama (1981)

City of Dothan  
Proposed Landfill Expansion  
Dothan, Houston Co., Alabama



- PROPOSED INDEX CONTOUR
- PROPOSED INTERMEDIATE CONTOUR
- - - EXISTING INDEX CONTOUR
- - - EXISTING INTERMEDIATE CONTOUR
- PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION LIMITS
- - - WETLANDS
- - - STREAM

CDG PROJECT NUMBER: 061485010
DRAWN BY: APW
REVIEWED BY: SJS/RDW
ISSUE DATE: FEBRUARY 2015
SCALE: 1" = 200'
SHEET NUMBER: <b>1 OF 2</b>

**WETLAND IMPACTS MAP**  
**DOTHAN LANDFILL EXPANSION**  
 DOTHAN, HOUSTON COUNTY, ALABAMA

  
**Engineering. Environmental. Answers.**

This map is not a survey and should be used for planning purposes only. This map represents features identified in the field that were mapped with a Trimble ProXH GPS unit set to submeter accuracy. These features are jurisdictional upon verification by the USACE.  
 VERIFICATION DATE: September 2, 2014  
 USACE FILE NO.: SAM-2014-0070-JSC



**LEGEND**

-  Impact Area (2.25 ac)
-  Ephemeral
-  Intermittent
-  Project Area
-  Wetlands (4.37 ac)

0 125 250 Feet



Proposed Impacts			
ID	Type	Area (ac)	Length (LF)
Wetland	---	2.25	---
S1a	Ephemeral	---	890
S1b	Intermittent	---	270
S2b	Intermittent	---	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>2.25</b>	<b>1160</b>

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February 4, 2015

**Figure 5: Proposed Impact Map**

Basemap: 2013 National Agriculture Imagery Program Mosaic

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