



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2014-01126-SBC**

**October 30, 2013**

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2014-01126-SBC**  
**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**AND**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**PROPOSED FILLING OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONJUNCTION WITH**  
**THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVED TAXIWAY FOR A MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN**  
**BALDWIN 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 Corps can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: **Bay Minette Municipal Airport Authority**  
**Attention: Mr. Michael P. Ryan, Jr.**  
**25 Hand Avenue**  
**Bay Minette, Alabama 36507**

AGENT: **Volkert, Inc.**  
**316 South McKenzie Street**  
**Foley, Alabama 36535**

LOCATION OF WORK: **The proposed project is located at the terminus of Airport Road, just west of Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama. Specifically, the project is located within Section 13 of Township 2 South, Range 3 East (near Latitude 30.87044°, Longitude -87.82244°). The project site drains to Red Hill Creek.**

PROJECT PURPOSE: **The overall purpose of the project is to construct a taxiway that will connect with an existing runway and help maintain safe operating conditions at the airport, which is experiencing increasing utilization.**

PROPOSED WORK: **The applicant proposes to construct a 2,600-foot long by 35-foot wide paved taxiway, located parallel to an existing runway. The taxiway would connect the west apron of the airport to the runway. Approximately 0.46 acre of jurisdictional wetlands would be filled in order to complete the project.**

**This proposed project is part of the second phase of an overall project to expand facilities at the airport. The first phase, which previously extended the airport's runway and constructed turnarounds at each end of the runway, required the filling of approximately 0.15 acre of jurisdictional wetlands at the site. The first phase was authorized under Department of the Army Nationwide Permit 39 (File Number ALN02-00633-E).**

**MITIGATION:** The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands through purchase of the appropriate amount of in-kind mitigation credits from a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) approved mitigation bank.

**WATER QUALITY:** The applicant has applied 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 by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES/CULTURAL RESOURCES:** 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. 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 the this undertaking are also being considered. In addition to the provided comments from the State Historic Preservation Officer (the Alabama Historical Commission), we are seeking comments from 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.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The following species, listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as being either threatened or endangered, are found within Baldwin County, and may be located within the watershed of the project: Wood stork (*Mycteria americana*), eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*), and Alabama red-belly turtle (*Pseudemys alabamensis*). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a statement of concurrence with the project on March 20, 2012.

**COMMENTS:** This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons and serves to solicit comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes and other interested parties, in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Corps can be based.

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. 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.

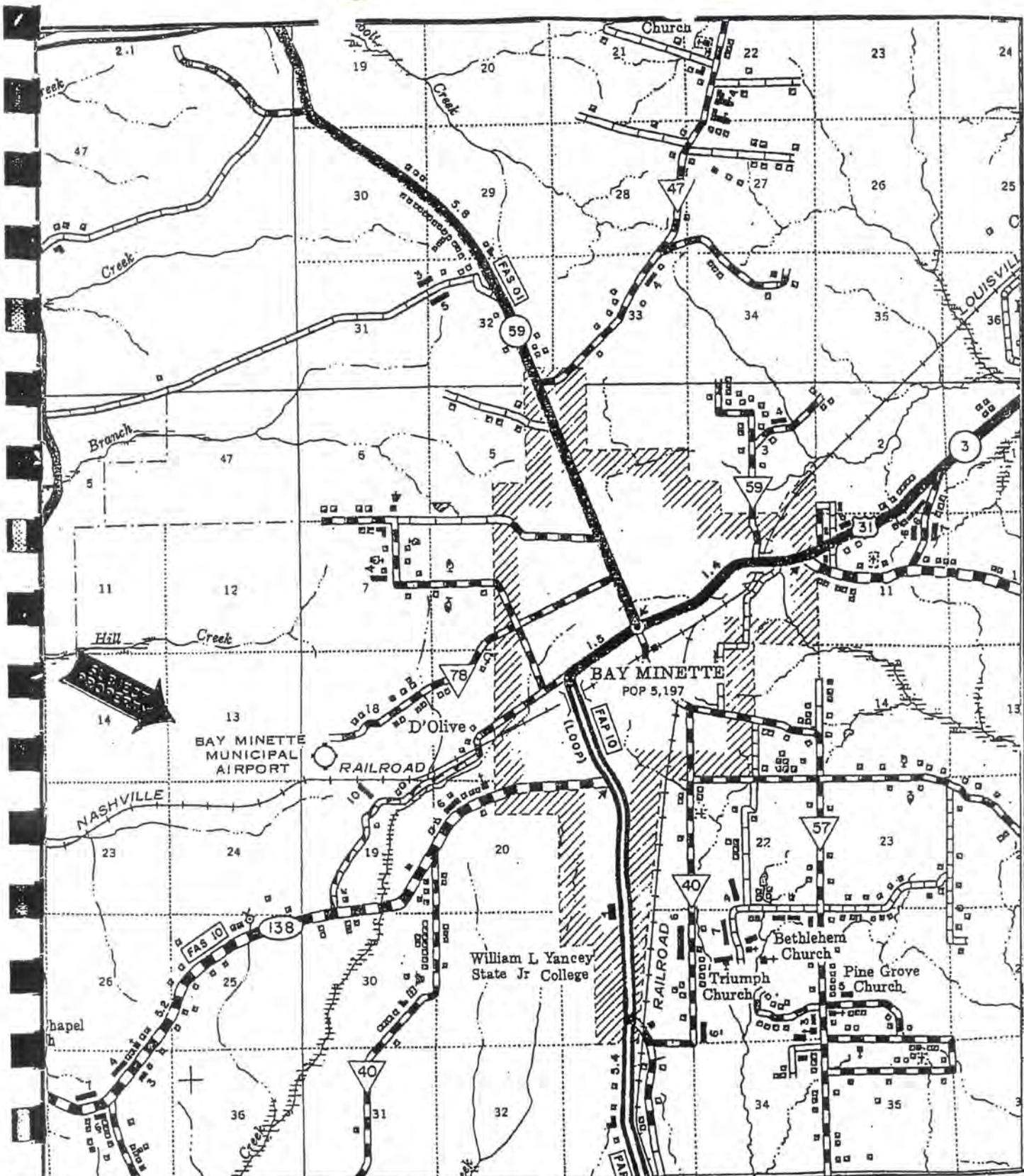
The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, 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.

Correspondence concerning this notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2014-01126-SBC** and should be directed to the District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, RD-A, Attention: Mr. S. Brad Crosson, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, and a copy to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, 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. S. Brad Crosson** at **(251) 694-3664** or via e-mail at **steven.b.crosson@usace.army.mil**. 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/Missions/Regulatory.aspx](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx).

Enclosures



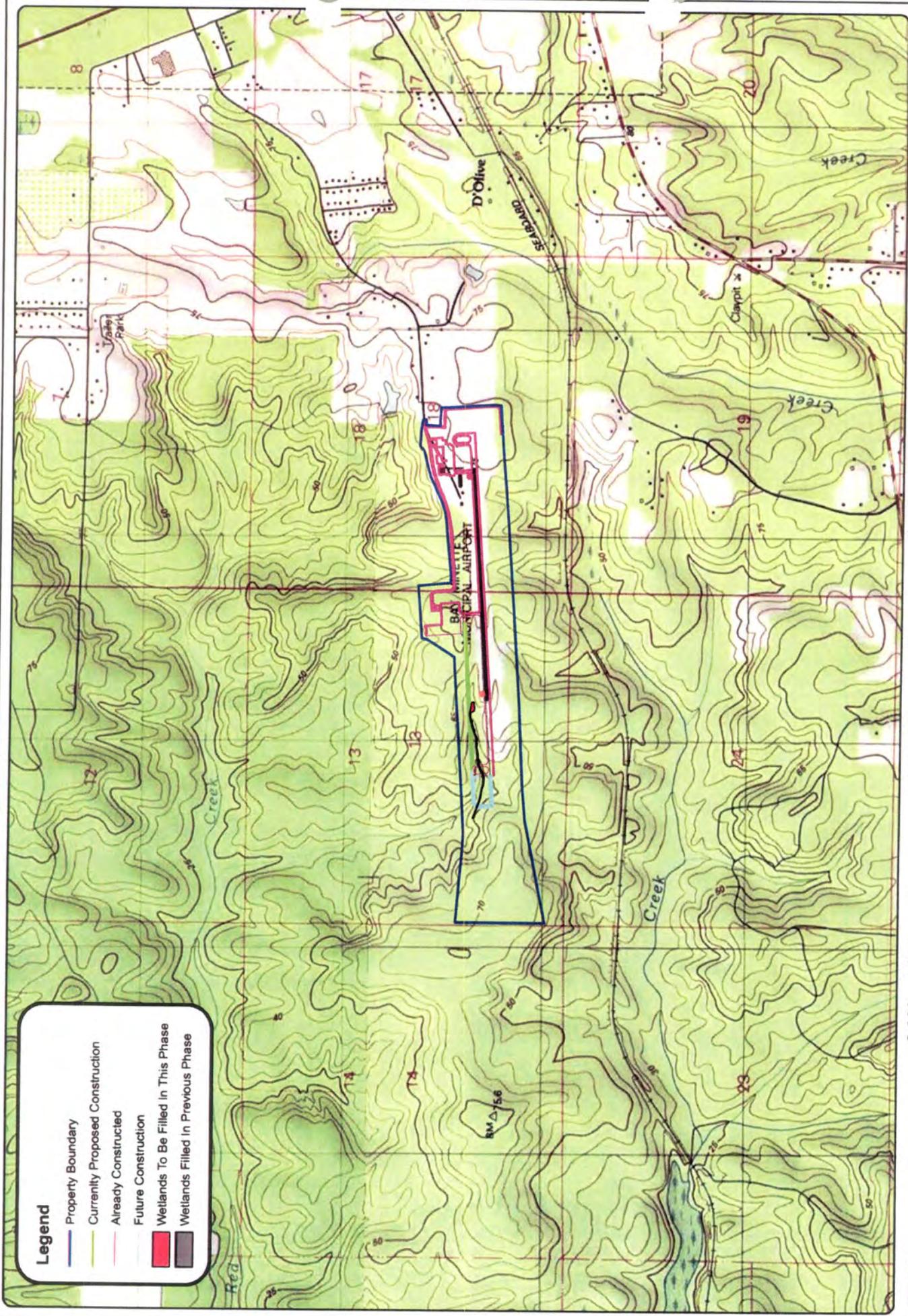
Proposed Runway Extension  
 Bay Minette Airport  
 Bay Minette, Alabama  
 Volkert Project No. 102101.12

Figure 1  
 Project Location Map

**VOLKERT**  
 ENVIRONMENTAL  
 GROUP, INC.

**Legend**

-  Property Boundary
-  Currently Proposed Construction
-  Already Constructed
-  Future Construction
-  Wetlands To Be Filled In This Phase
-  Wetlands Filled In Previous Phase



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1 inch = 2,000 feet

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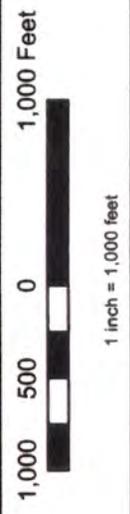
**Bay Minette Municipal Airport  
Construct & Light Parallel Taxiway Phase II  
Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama**



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Construct & Light Parallel Taxiway Phase II  
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PARALLEL TAXIWAY  
TO BE CONSTRUCTED  
(PHASE II)

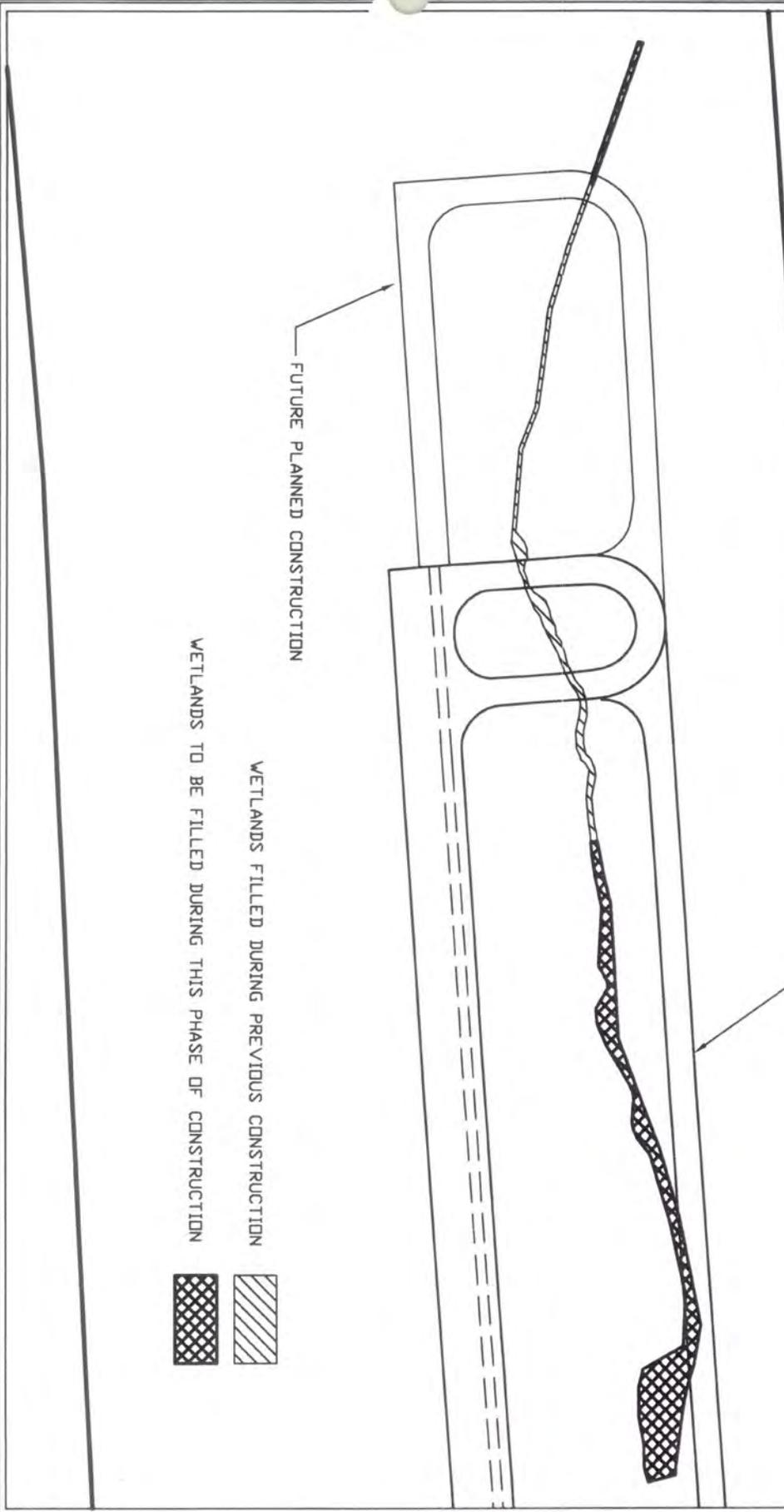
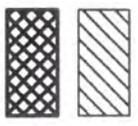
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FUTURE PLANNED CONSTRUCTION

WETLANDS TO BE FILLED DURING THIS PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION

WETLANDS FILLED DURING PREVIOUS CONSTRUCTION



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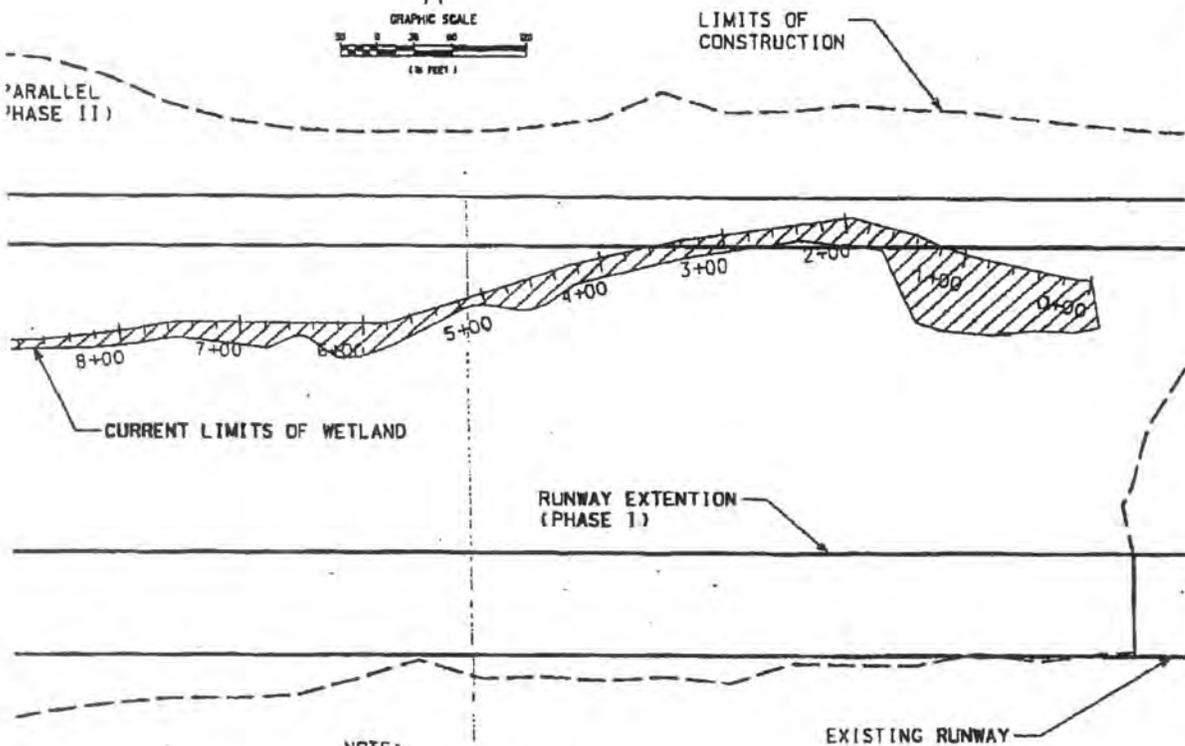
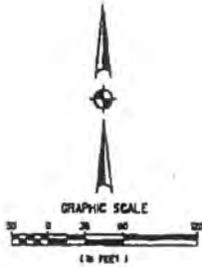
BAY MINETTE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
NATIONWIDE 39 AUTHORIZATION  
APRIL 2, 2012

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VOLKERT, INC.  
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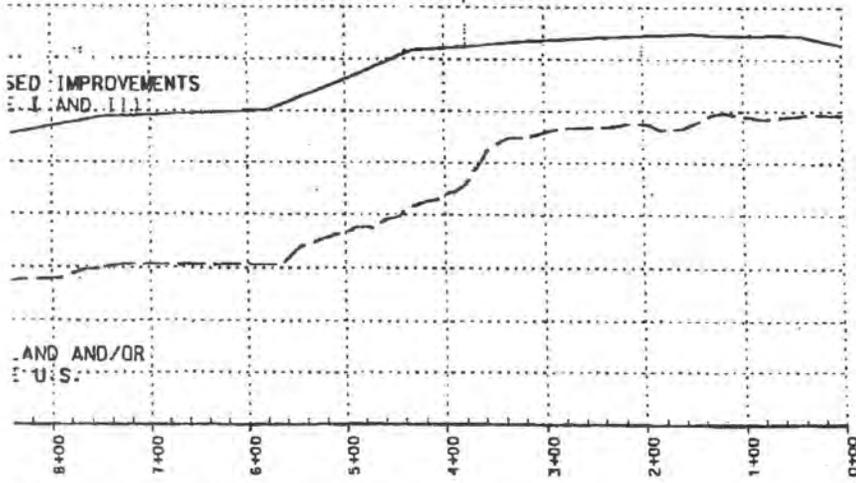
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A.I.P. NO.	PROJECT NO.	SHEET NO.
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NOTE:

1. ENTIRE AREA TO BE CLEARED AND GRUBBED TO MAINTAIN APPROACH SURFACES.
2. LIMITS OF WETLANDS ARE APPROXIMATE.



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RAY MINETTE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
RAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

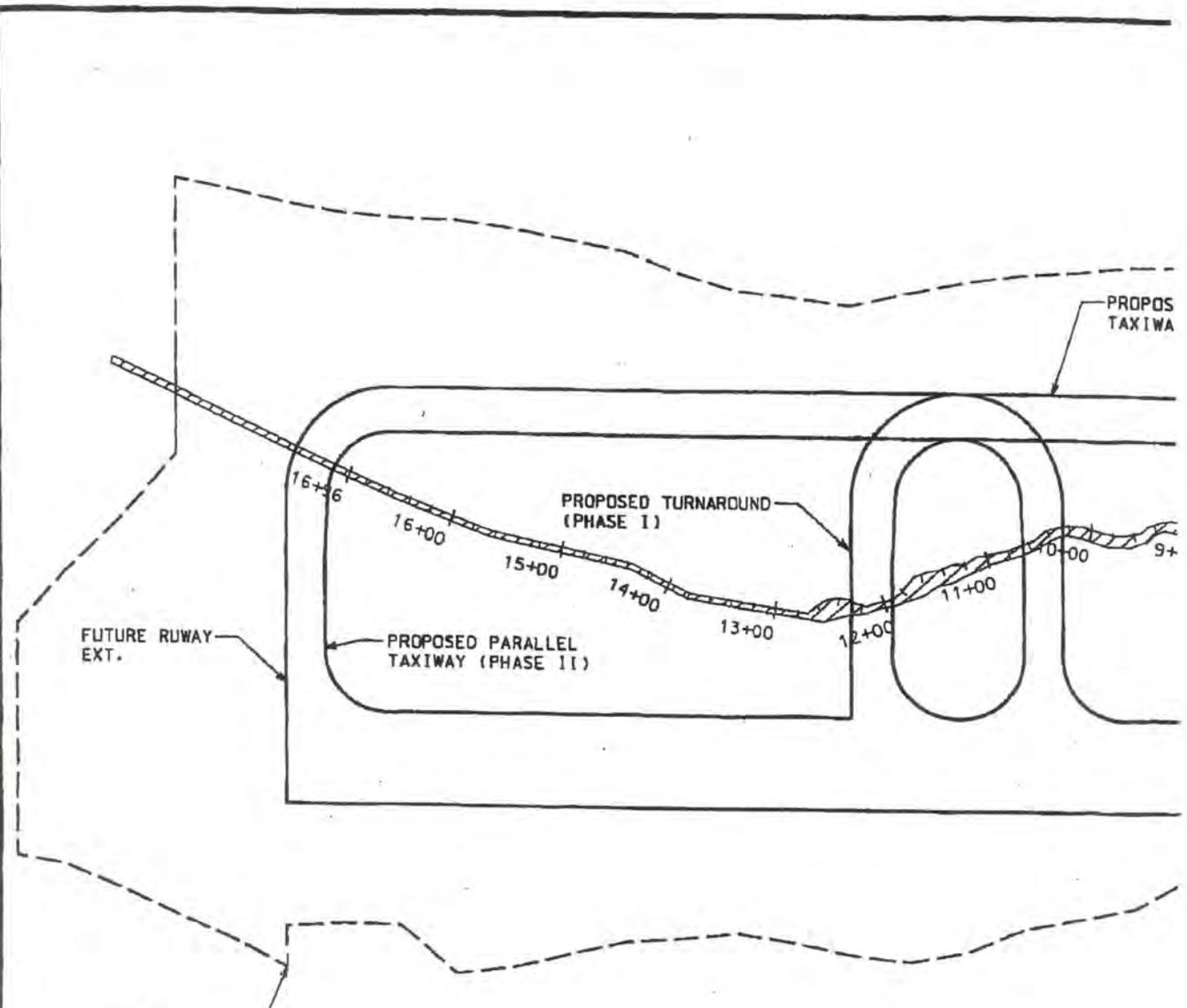
WETLAND IMPACT	
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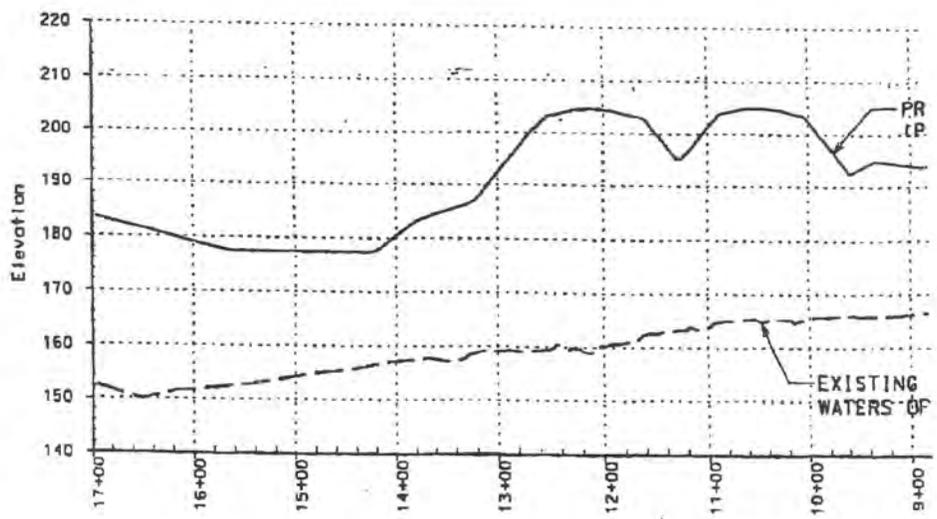
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LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION



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