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South Mississippi Branch
Regulatory Division

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2014-01342-AFM
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

BANK STABILIZATION ALONG BIG CREEK NEAR SOSO, JONES 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). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Mr. Tim Parker
306 Willie Hilbun Road
Soso, Mississippi 39480

WATERWAY: Big Creek, tributary to Leaf River, Soso, Jones County, Mississippi (Latitude 31.676682° N, Longitude 89.311093° W).

WORK: The applicant requests after-the-fact authorization for the placement of material along Big Creek in Soso, Mississippi for the purpose of bank stabilization. The project is located along Big Creek, off of Centerville Road, South of Highway 84. Approximately 1,191 linear feet of bank has been armored with concrete rubble as indicated on the attached diagram. The applicant requests authorization to leave the material in place. Along the north end of the project, the applicant created a berm on the top of the bank approximately 5 feet high and extending along 169 linear feet. In addition to the above, the applicant requests authorization to place additional rip rap along a small ditch crossing the property. The ditch is exhibiting erosion and the applicant proposes to place concrete rubble within the ditch in an area approximately 25 feet by 35 feet. Compensatory mitigation is not proposed.

The applicant has applied for state water quality (WQ) certification in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to WQ certification will be made by the Mississippi Office of Pollution Control.

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 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, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership 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 affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the Corps has determined the permit area consists of the areas of concrete placement along Big Creek, the proposed rip rap area within the ditch, and the associated work area around the ditch. The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. This action 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 project area. 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 the general public regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties which may be affected by the work.

A preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates the following listed species may occur in Jones County: Black Pine Snake, Gopher tortoise, Louisiana quillwort, Gulf sturgeon, Louisiana black bear, Pearl darter, Red cockaded woodpecker, and Yellow blotched map turtle. The FWS further refined the list of potential species occurring in this watershed, HUC 031700040403, to Black Pine Snake, Gopher tortoise, and Louisiana quillwort. The Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project will have no effect on listed species in the watershed. This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service for information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigative measures is subject to review by and coordination with the Services.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2014-01342-AFM and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office

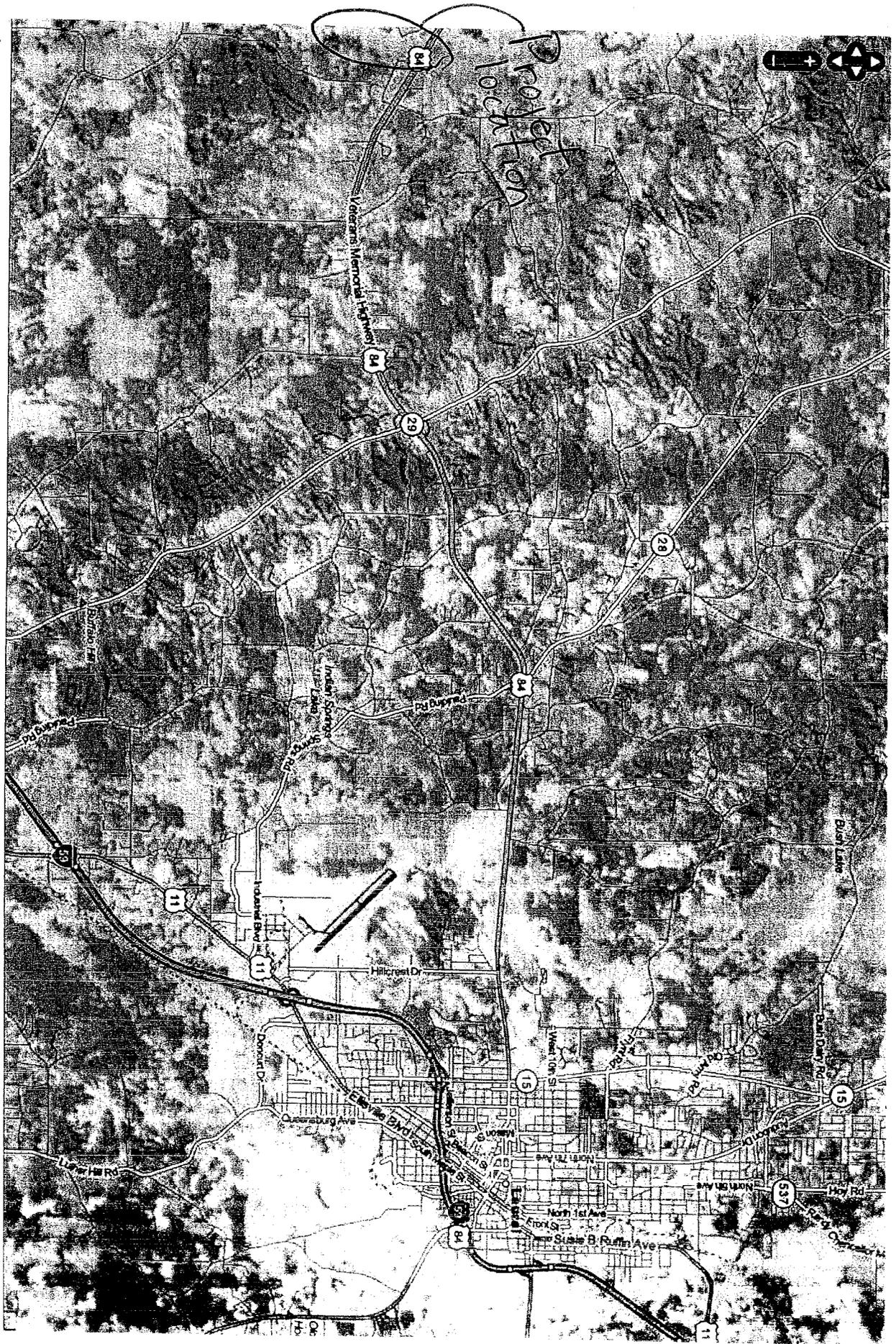
Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: South Mississippi Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289, in time to be received within **30 days** of the date of this public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager for this application, Mrs. Allison F. Monroe (allison.f.monroe@usace.army.mil), phone (251) 690-3228. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our website at: www.sam.usace.army.mil 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.

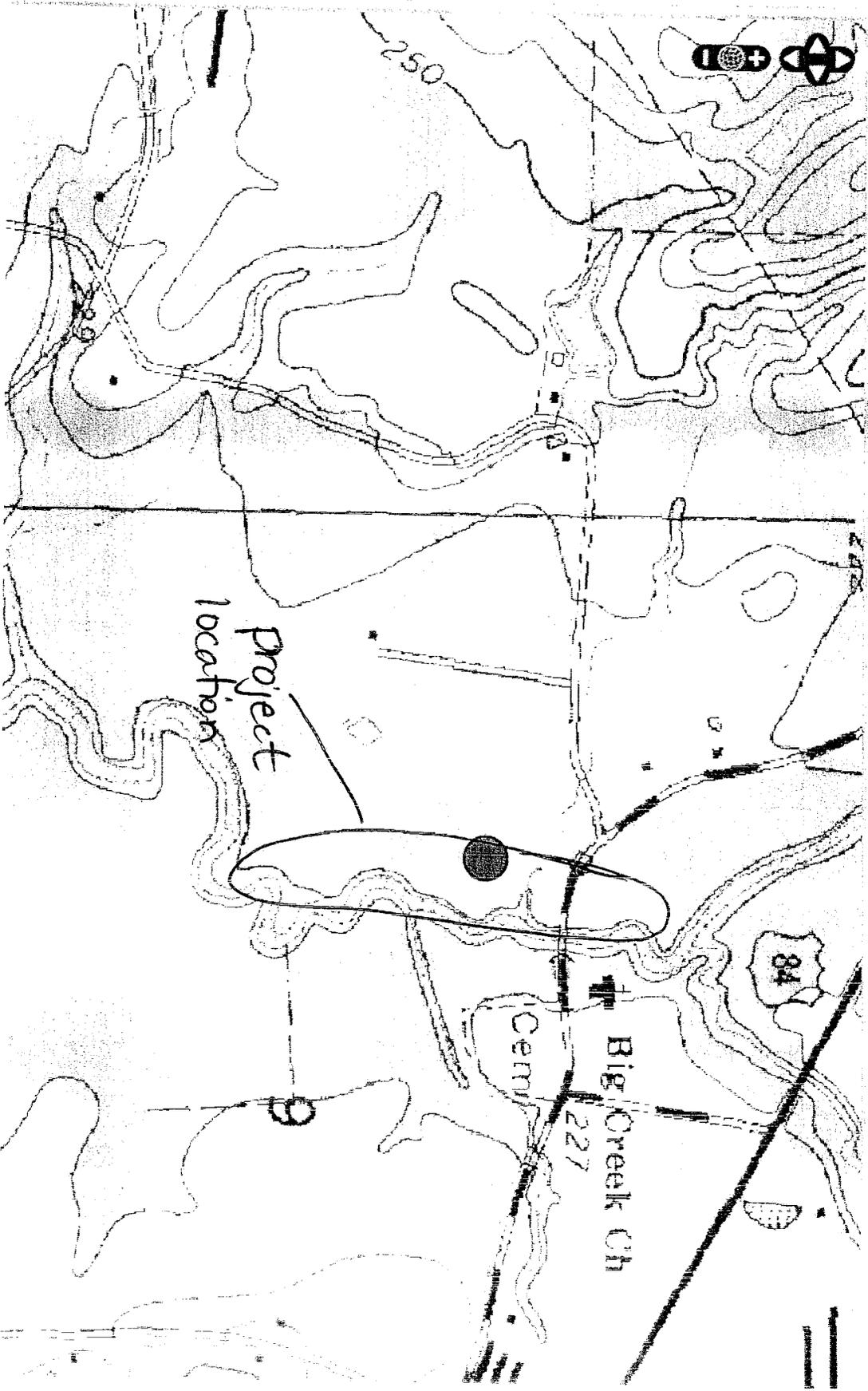
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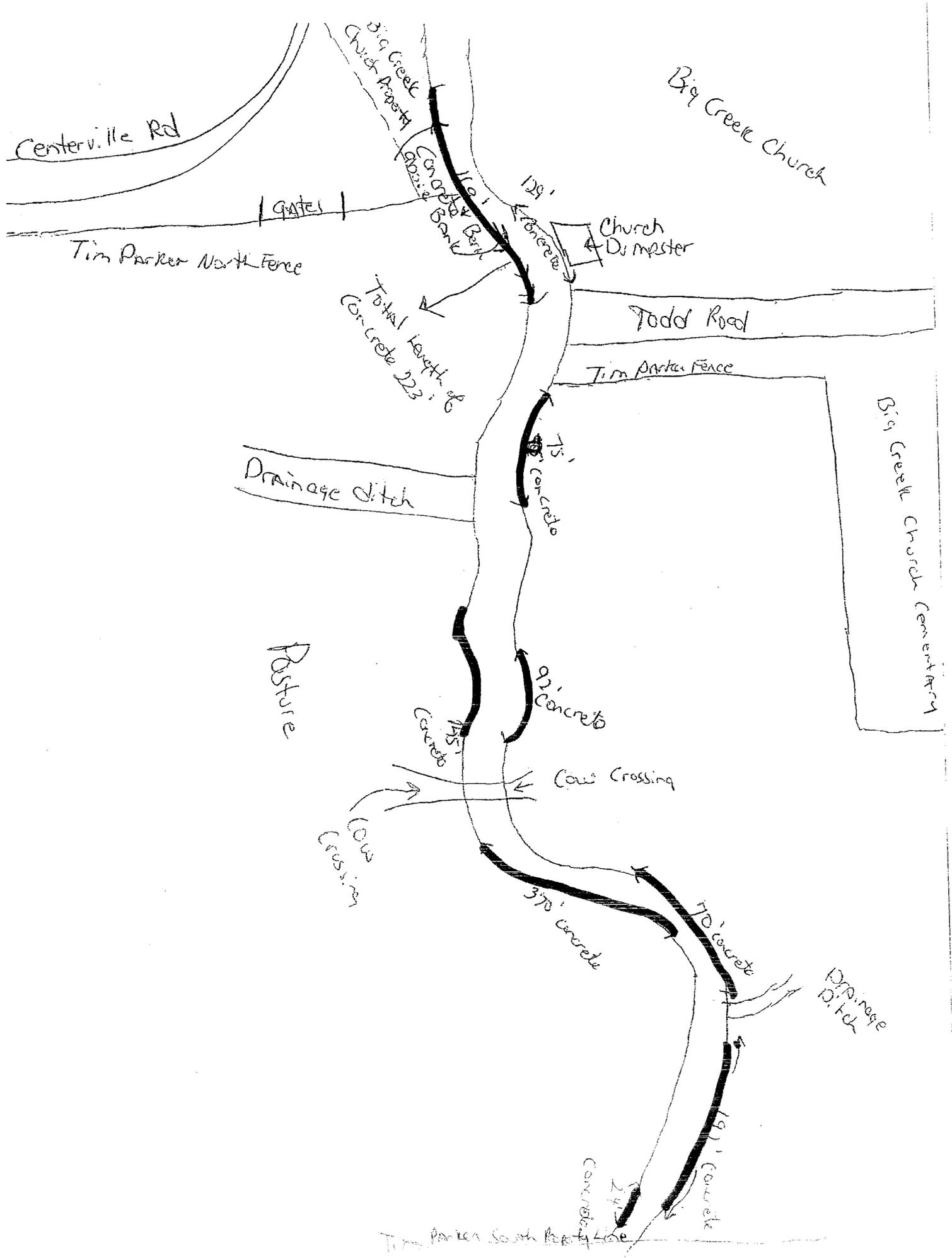
Goose Big Creek

Mill Creek

Mill Creek

Project location





Centerville Rd

Big Creek Church

Big Creek Church Property

129'

Church & Dumpster

GATES

Tim Parker North Fence

Total Length of Concrete 223'

Todd Road

Tim Parker Fence

Big Creek Church Cemetery

Drainage ditch

15' concrete

Pasture

92' concrete

Cow Crossing

Cow Crossing

370' concrete

170' concrete

Drainage Ditch

191' concrete

24' concrete

Tim Parker South Property Line

Centerville
Road

Ditch

25' →
↓ 35'

25'

35' Creek
Proposed

30' Creek
Cementation

Proposed concrete
In cross-section one
on drain cap ditch
25' wide x 35' long