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January 30, 2015

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

**PERMANENT FILLING OF WETLAND AREA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT BRIDGE ALONG PADGETT SWITCH ROAD
IN BAYOU LA BATRE, 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: Mobile County Commission
205 Government Plaza
Mobile, Alabama 36644**

**AGENT: Volkert, Incorporated
Attention: Ms. Paige Collins Felts
316 South McKenzie Street
Foley, Alabama 36535**

**LOCATION: Padgett Switch Road, Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 3 West,
Bayou La Batre, Mobile County, Alabama.**

WATERWAY: Carls Creek

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill 0.78 acre of forested wetland area in conjunction with replacement of an obsolete bridge and construction of a new, longer and wider bridge on Padgett Switch Road, Bayou La Batre, Alabama.

The new bridge will be immediately south of the existing bridge and will be 240 feet long by approximately 43 feet wide. The proposed wetland fill is needed to construct the new eastern bridge approach.

Compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts to wetland area is proposed through the purchase of wetland mitigation credits in an approved wetland mitigation bank.

On 19 December 2014, the Federal Highway administration concurred with the Categorical Exclusion for this project.

All work is proposed in accordance with the attached plans and drawings.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The overall project purpose is to provide safe and efficient transportation infrastructure.

The applicant has applied for State water quality (WQ) certification in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and for coastal zone (CZ) consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to WQ certification and CZ consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

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 (Corps) 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 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.

The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. Additional notification will be furnished to the State Historic Preservation Officer via this Public Notice. This review 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 permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service and Division of Archeological Services.

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 would result in a "no effect" to listed species, or their critical habitat. This notice and application will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assess if the proposed activity will affect listed endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat.

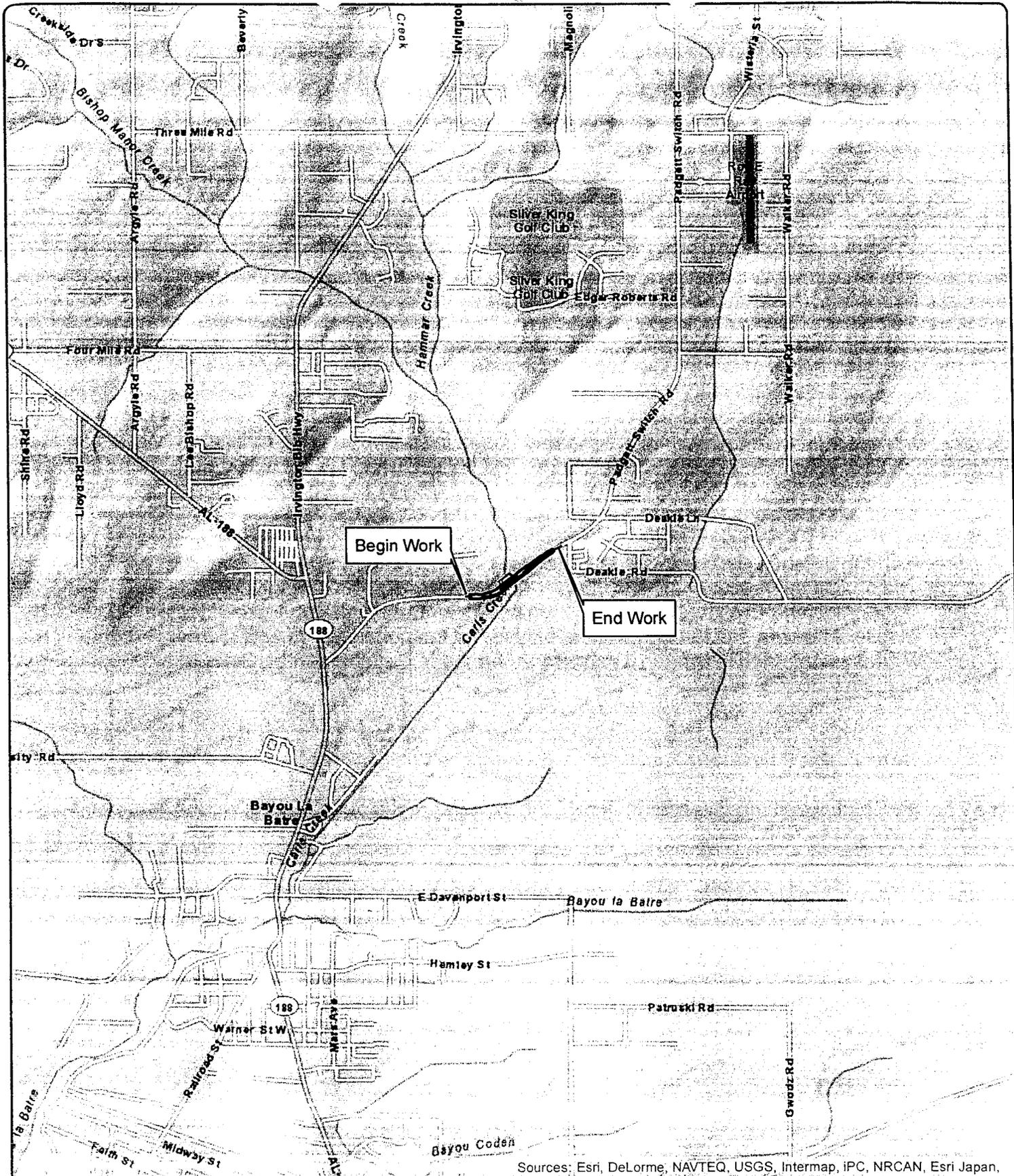
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to SAM-2015-00067-GAC and should be directed to District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, Attention: South Alabama Branch, Regulatory Division, (Glen Cunningham), Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to the Alabama 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. Glen Cunningham at (251) 694-4077 or by e-mail at glen.a.cunningham@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice Number SAM-2015-00067-GAC.

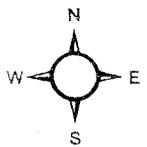
For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

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Enclosures



Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, USGS, Intermap, iPC, NRCAN, Esri Japan.

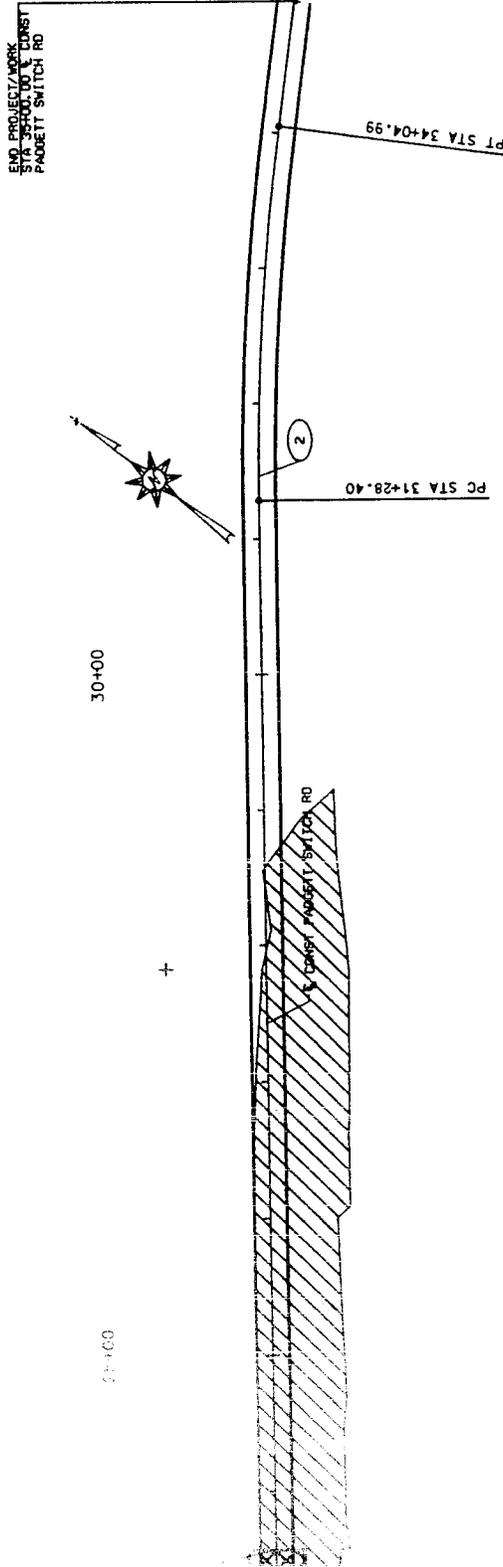
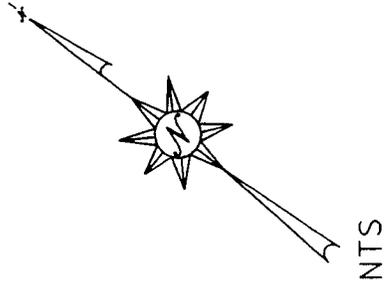


Project Vicinity Map
 Padgett Switch Road Bridge Replacement

1 inch = 3,000 feet

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PADGETT SWITCH ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



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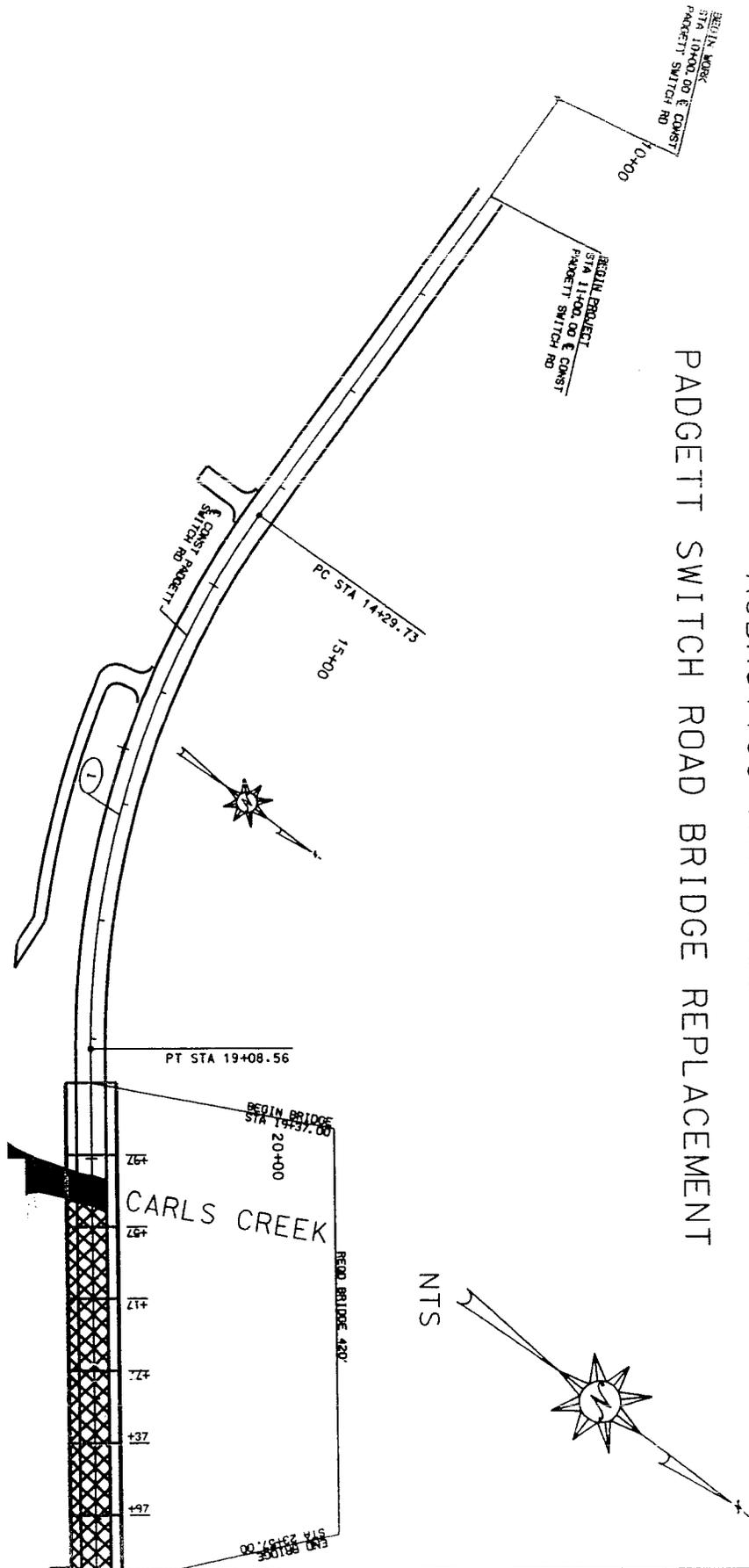
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