



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Mississippi Branch
Regulatory Division

January 13, 2016

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2015-01044-KMN
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL**

**PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A MEDICAL PARK DEVELOPMENT,
HATTIESBURG, FORREST 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. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT: Hattiesburg Clinic, P.A.
Attention: Mr. Greg Brou
415 South 28th Avenue
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401**

**AGENT: Pittman Environmental Services, LLC
Attention: Bart Pittman
Post Office Box 1926
Purvis, Mississippi 39475**

WATERWAY: An unnamed tributary to Burkett's Creek, Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Mississippi, (Latitude 31.2824° North, Longitude -89.3230° West). The area is depicted on the Mississippi Hattiesburg Quadrangle, United States Geological Survey Topographic Map, Hydrologic Unit Code 03170005.

WORK: The applicant is requesting a permit to place fill material in 1.48 acres of wetlands for the construction of a medical park development. The approximately 15.2-acre site contains approximately 1.48 acres of wetlands. Wetlands present on the project site were forested pine prior to being timbered. The wetlands drain northward into an unnamed tributary to Burkett's Creek. Fill material is proposed to be placed in the entire 1.48 acres of wetlands located on the project site. The site is bordered to the northwest by Veterans Boulevard (Highway 11), to the southwest by Parkway Boulevard, and to the north by a forested parcel. The proposed development would be comprised of approximately four separate clinic buildings, associated parking, roads, utilities, and detention ponds.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The 15.2-acre site was forested but recently timbered. The site is bordered by an unnamed tributary to Burkett's Creek to the north, undeveloped acreage to the north, and major roadways to the northwest and southwest. The majority of properties around the proposed project area have been developed. The property has a rolling topography that slopes to the north. The wetland area is comprised of two narrow wetland drains that merge into one linear feature before exiting the site to the north into an unnamed tributary to Burkett's Creek. The tributary drains into Burkett's Creek east of the project site. Burkett's Creek flows into Leaf River, which drains into the Pascagoula River.

PROJECT PURPOSE: Construction of a medical park development.

AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION: As part of their avoidance measures, the applicant evaluated three different properties as possible locations for the proposed development. Once the applicant determined which site was most feasible for the proposed project, multiple on-site alternatives were evaluated regarding clinic layouts and roadways; however, due to the size requirements of each clinic and associated utilities, wetland impacts could not be reduced. During construction the applicant proposes minimization of wetland impacts through use of best management practices to ensure that additional wetlands outside the project footprint not be affected. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization at this time.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to mitigate for unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands through the purchase of mitigation credits from a wetlands mitigation bank approved by the Mobile District, USACE. USACE has not verified the adequacy of this mitigation proposal at this time.

USACE initially determined the basic project purpose is construction of a medical park development. The project as proposed would not be considered a water dependent activity. Additional reviews will be performed by USACE and cooperating agencies.

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi 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 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 benefits, 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, protected species, 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.

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 USACE 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 for consideration of 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 effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, USACE has determined that the project as proposed would have "no potential to cause effects". (In a letter dated September 23, 2015, the State Historic Preservation Office reviewed the project site under **Project Log #08-164-15** and stated that no cultural resources are likely to be affected.) **USACE will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to make a final determination based upon this review 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.**

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 have "no effect" on listed endangered or threatened species. In a letter dated September 8, 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated that the proposed project would have "no effect" on Federally listed species.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2015-01044-KMN** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Attention: Ms. Kaaren M. Neumann, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, Attention: Ms. Kaaren Neumann, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Attention: Ms. Florance Bass, P.E., Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, in time to be received within **30 days** of the date of this public notice.

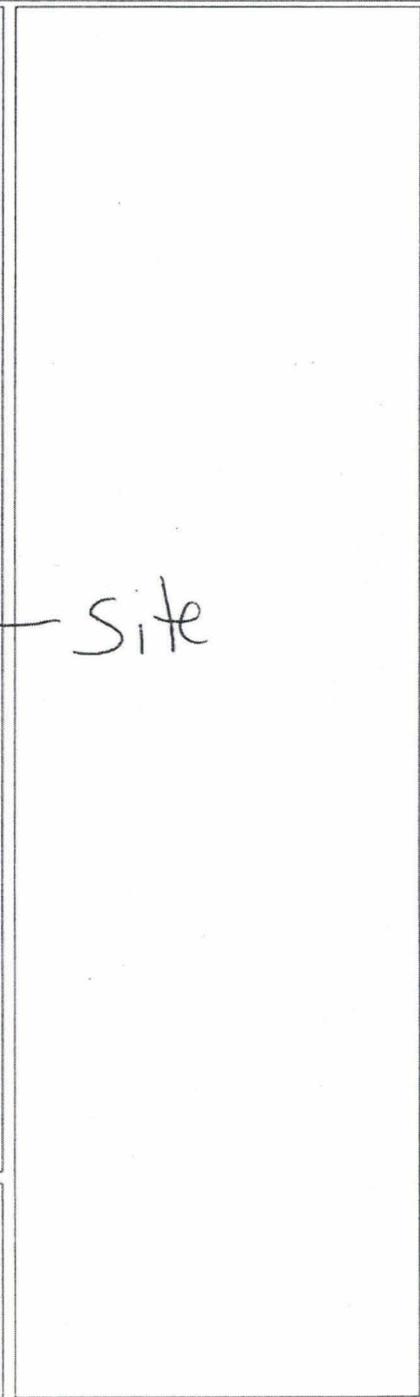
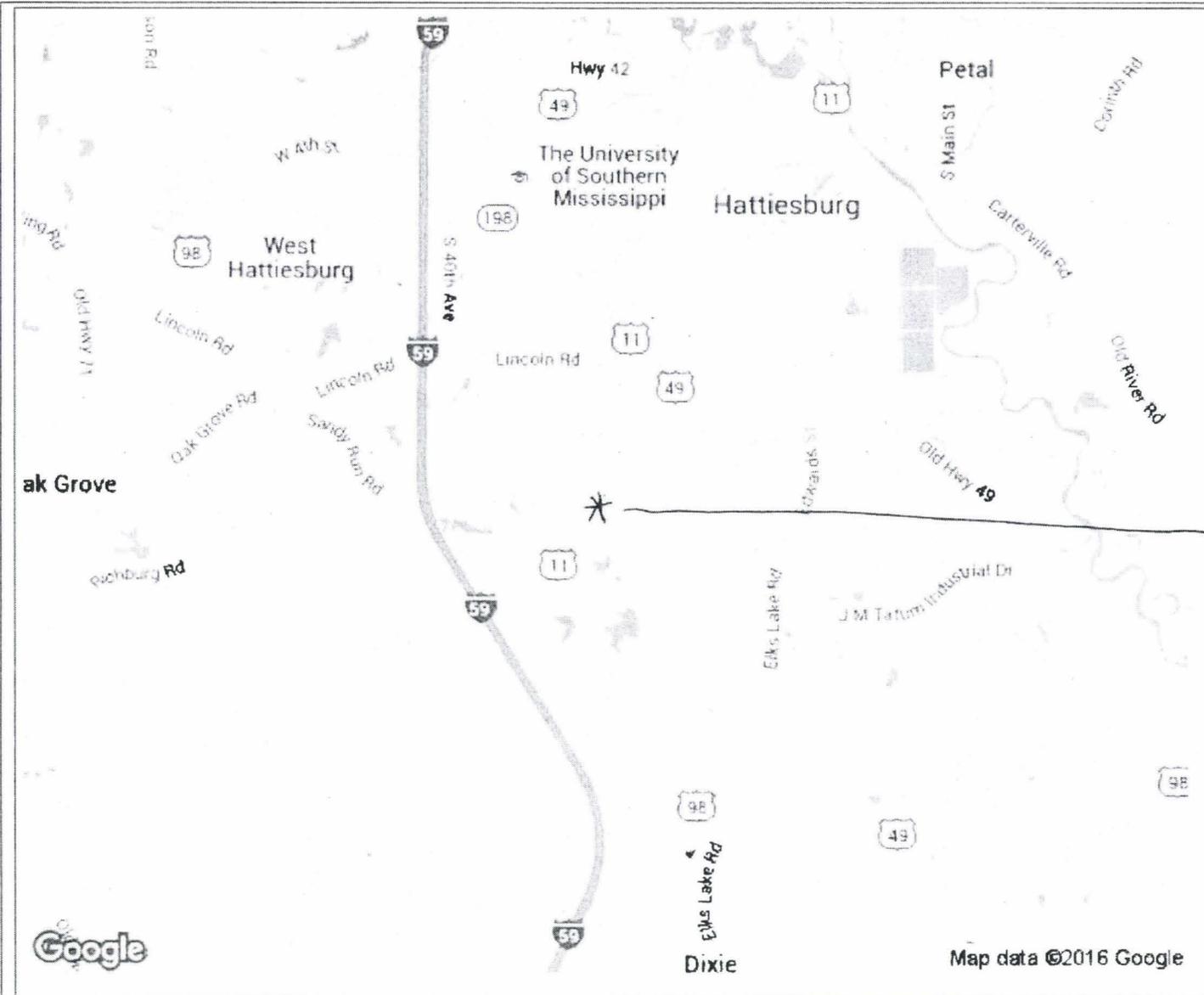
If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager for this application, **Ms. Neumann** (kaaren.m.neumann@usace.army.mil), **(228) 523-4024**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

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

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Enclosures

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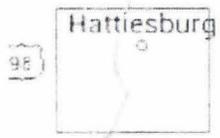


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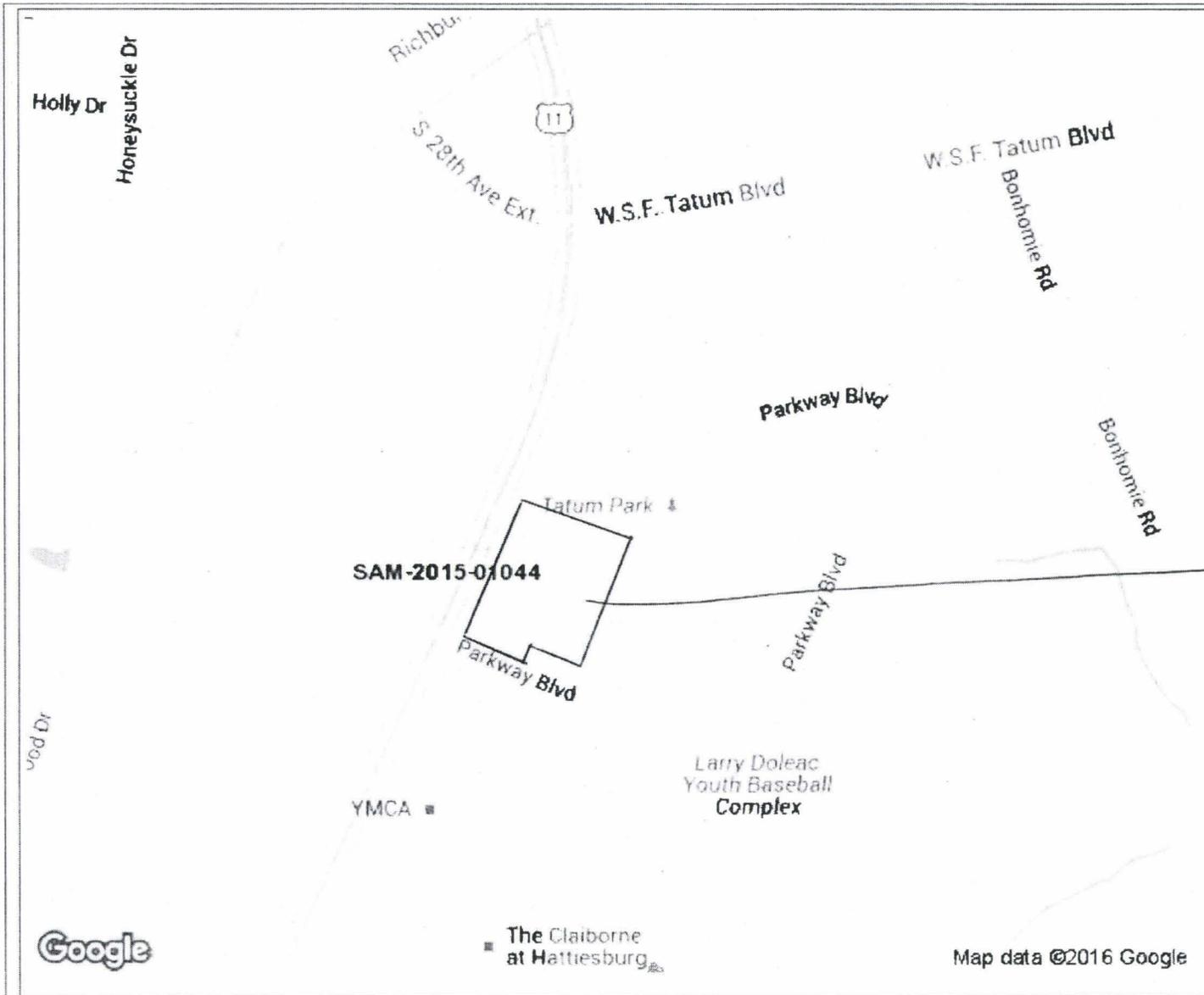
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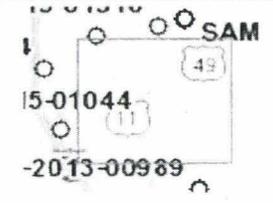
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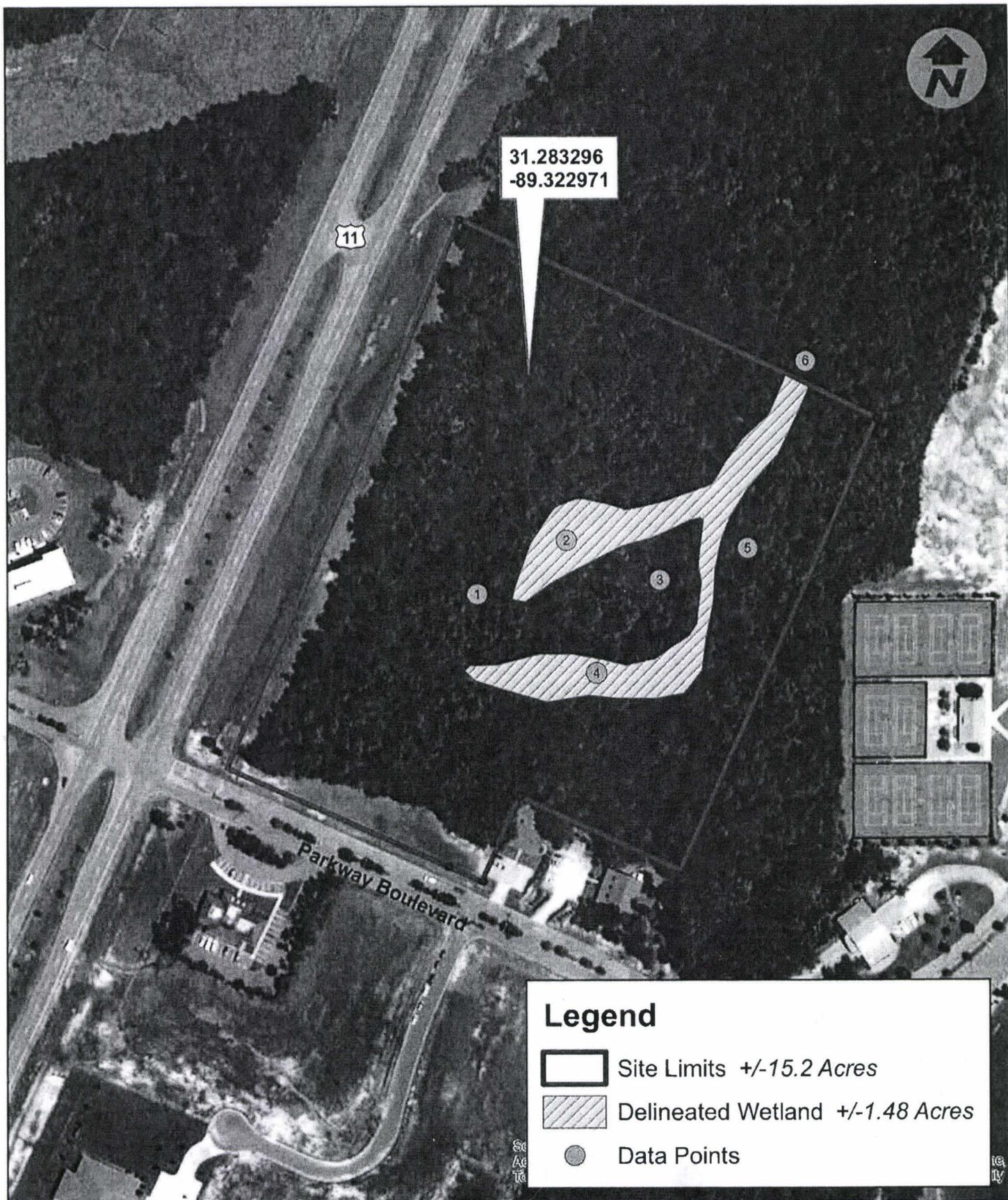

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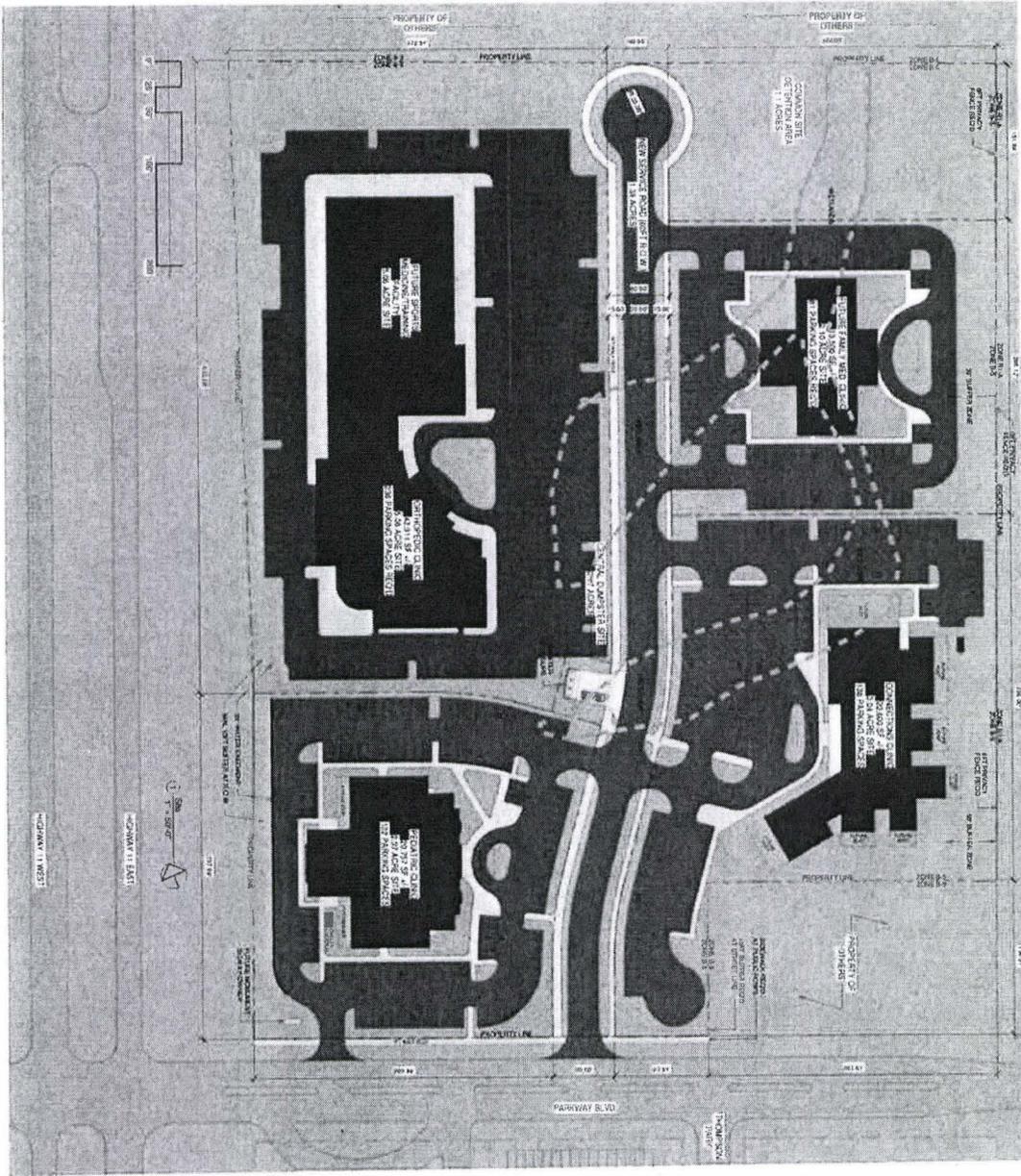
PRELIMINARY WETLAND DELINEATION
Approxiamtely 15.2 Acres
Section 29, T-4N, R-13W
Forrest County, MS

Pittman Env. Serv. LLC
August 21, 2015



Legend

-  Site Limits +/-15.2 Acres
-  Delineated Wetland +/-1.48 Acres
-  Data Points



Proposed Wetland
Impacts, 1.48 Acres



HWY 11 / PARKWAY BLVD SITE
HATTIESBURG CLINIC, P.A.
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