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ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD OFFICE
218 SUMMIT PARKWAY, SUITE 222
HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA 35209

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2016-00055-JMT

DATE 24 Jan 2016

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

REQUEST FOR THE FILLING OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CENTER,
LOWNDES 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: East Mississippi Community College
Attention: R. Paul Miller
Post Office Box 100
Mayhew, Mississippi 39753

AGENT: Headwaters, Inc.
Attention: Mr. Cullen Dendy
Post Office Box 3658
Tupelo, Mississippi 38803

LOCATION: The proposed project site is located on approximately 25 acres within Section 27, Township 19 North, and Range 16 East in Mayhew, Lowndes County, Mississippi (N33.479066, W-88.608153). The project is located in the Tibbee watershed (HUC 03160104).

PROJECT PURPOSE: The basic project purpose is institutional development

WORK: The applicant is seeking authorization for the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States for the purpose of constructing a 133,690 square foot building (three story), parking lots associated drives and sidewalks. These activities would impact 1,317.77 linear feet of intermittent stream and 184.13 linear feet of ephemeral stream.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATON: The USACE has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization at this time.

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MITIGATION: The applicant is proposing to purchase credits at a USACE approved mitigation bank for impacts associated with this project. The USACE has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's compensatory mitigation plan at this time.

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

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 use 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.

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 effect 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 this undertaking are also being considered. 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 concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking. **By letter (MDAH Project Log #12-008-15, Report #15-0422, Lowndes County) dated December 17, 2015, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History stated: "We have reviewed the November 2015 cultural resources report by Dr. Jay K. Johnson, Principal investigator, received on December 1, 2015, for the above referenced undertaking, pursuant to our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800, and the Mississippi antiquities law. After reviewing the information presented, we concur the project area has been previously surveyed and is unlikely to contain eligible resources. As such, we have no objections with the proposed undertaking.**

ENDANGERED SPECIES: 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 most likely will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. **By letter dated January 7, 2016, the USFWS stated: "In a letter dated December 21, 2015, the Service informed you (the agent) that the project site could have suitable habitat for the federally protected endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalists*), the threatened Northern long-eared bat (NLEB) (*Myotis septentrionalis*), and the threatened Price's potato bean (*Apios priceana*). Consequently, your agency conducted surveys for these species on the subject site. These field surveys have determined that the site does not support suitable habitats for these species.**

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Therefore, you have determined that the development project would not likely adversely affect any protected species. We concur with that finding.”

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2016-00055-JMT and should be directed to:

U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile
Birmingham Field Office
Attention: Mr. Joseph Tanko
218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222
Homewood, Alabama 35209

with a copy to the:

State of Mississippi
Department of Environmental Quality
Post Office Box 2261
Jackson, Mississippi 39225

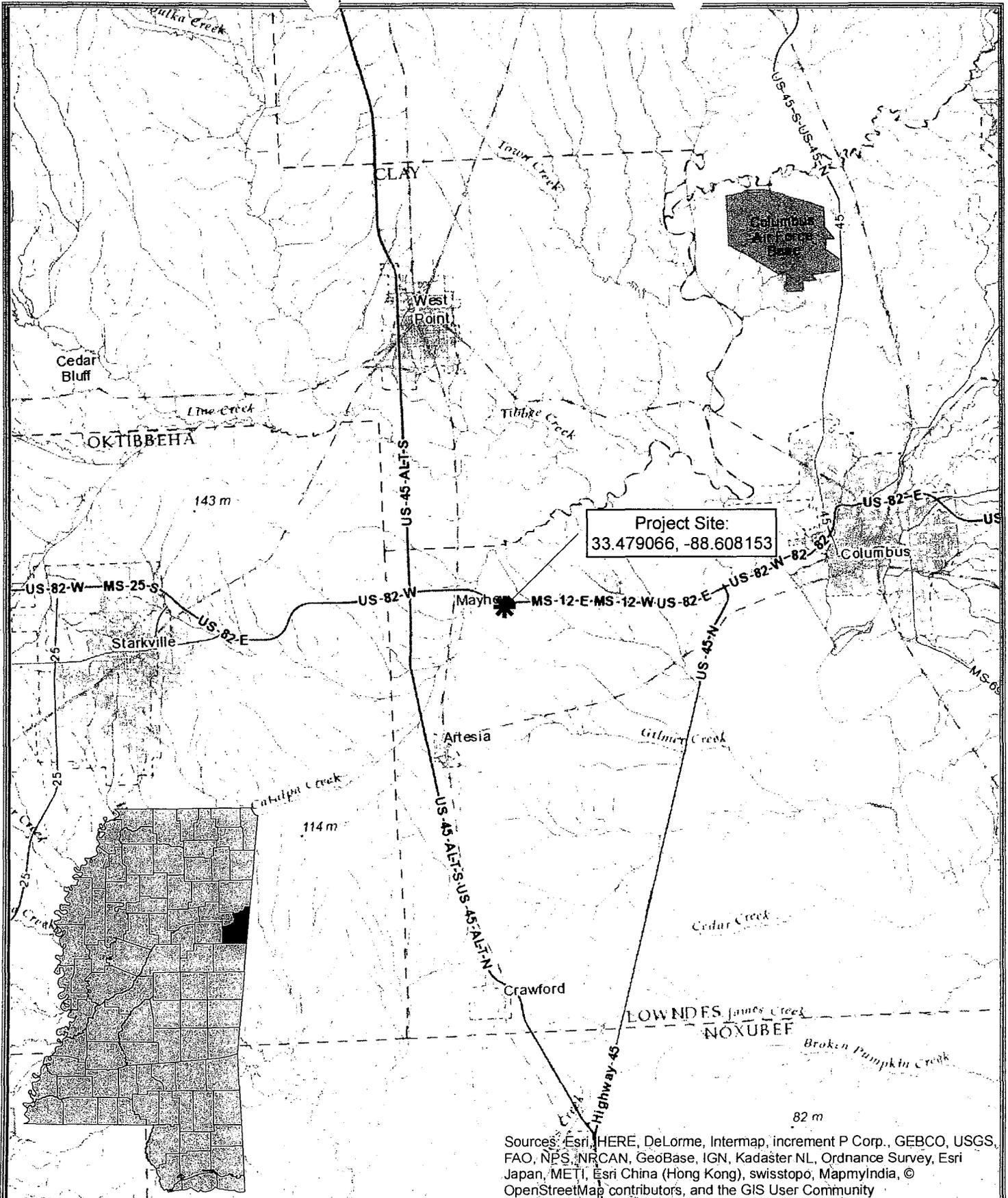
Comments should be received no later than **30 days** from the date of this Public Notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at joseph.m.tanko@usace.army.mil or telephone number **(205) 290-9096**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our program, visit our web site at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will help us to improve our services.

MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer

Enclosures



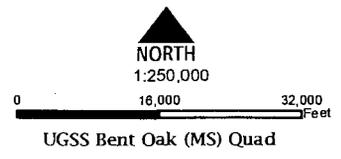
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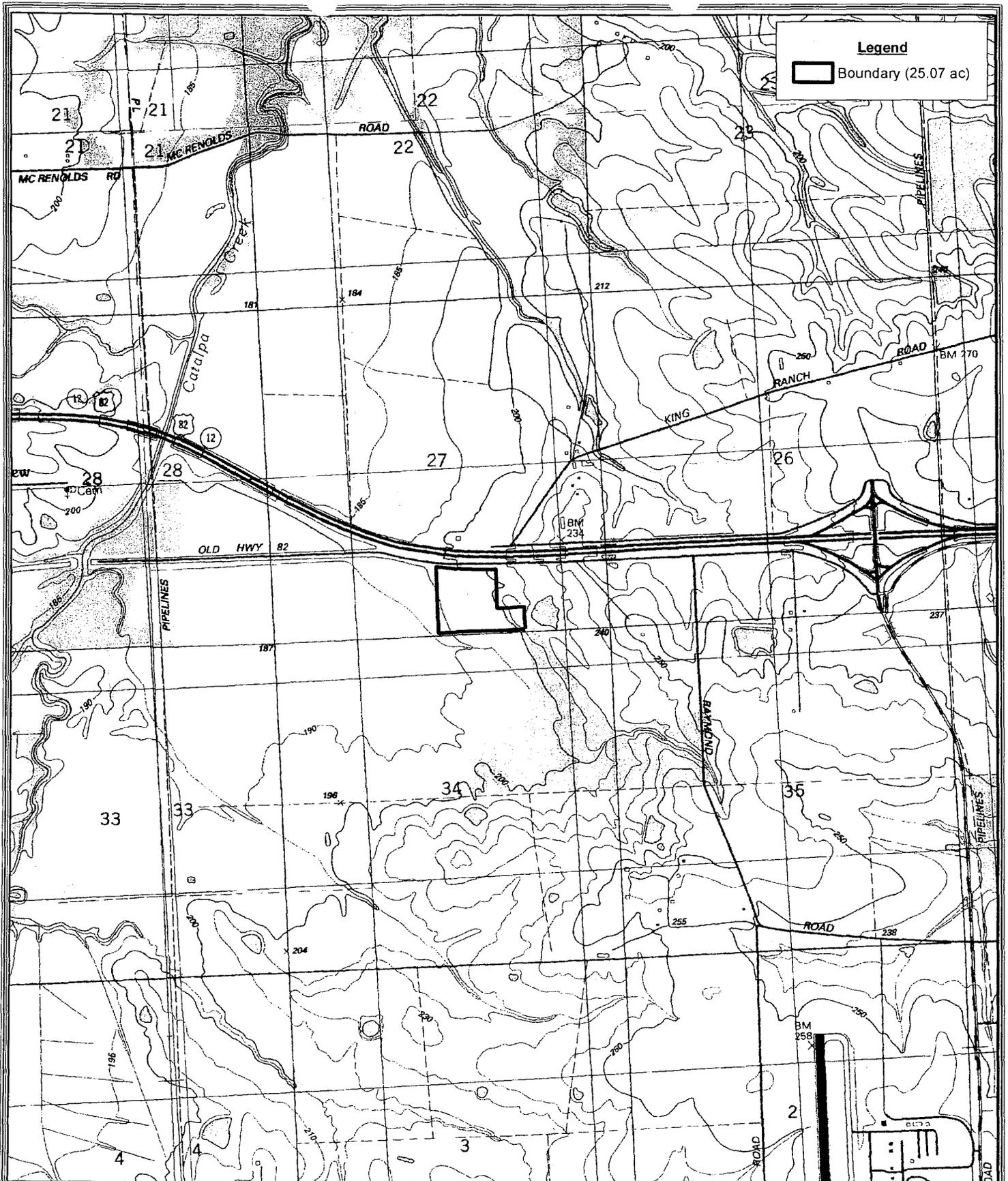
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EMCC
Golden Triangle Center for Manufacturing Technology and Engineering
 Sec 27 - T 19 N - R 16 E
 Lowndes County, Mississippi
General Location Map





Legend

□ Boundary (25.07 ac)



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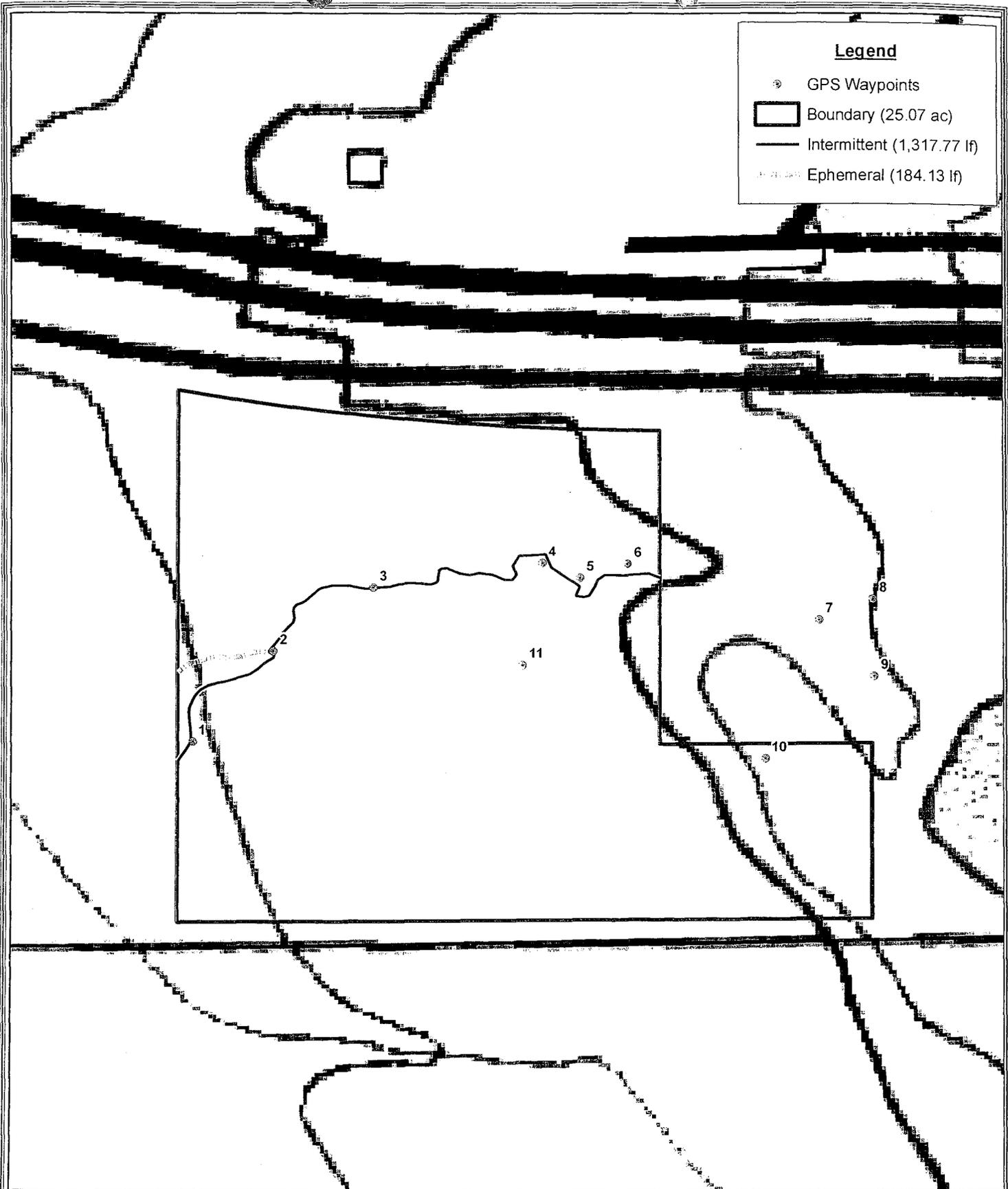
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Technology and Engineering
 Sec 27 - T 19 N - R 16 E
 Lowndes County, Mississippi
Site Location Map

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UGSS Bent Oak (MS) Quad



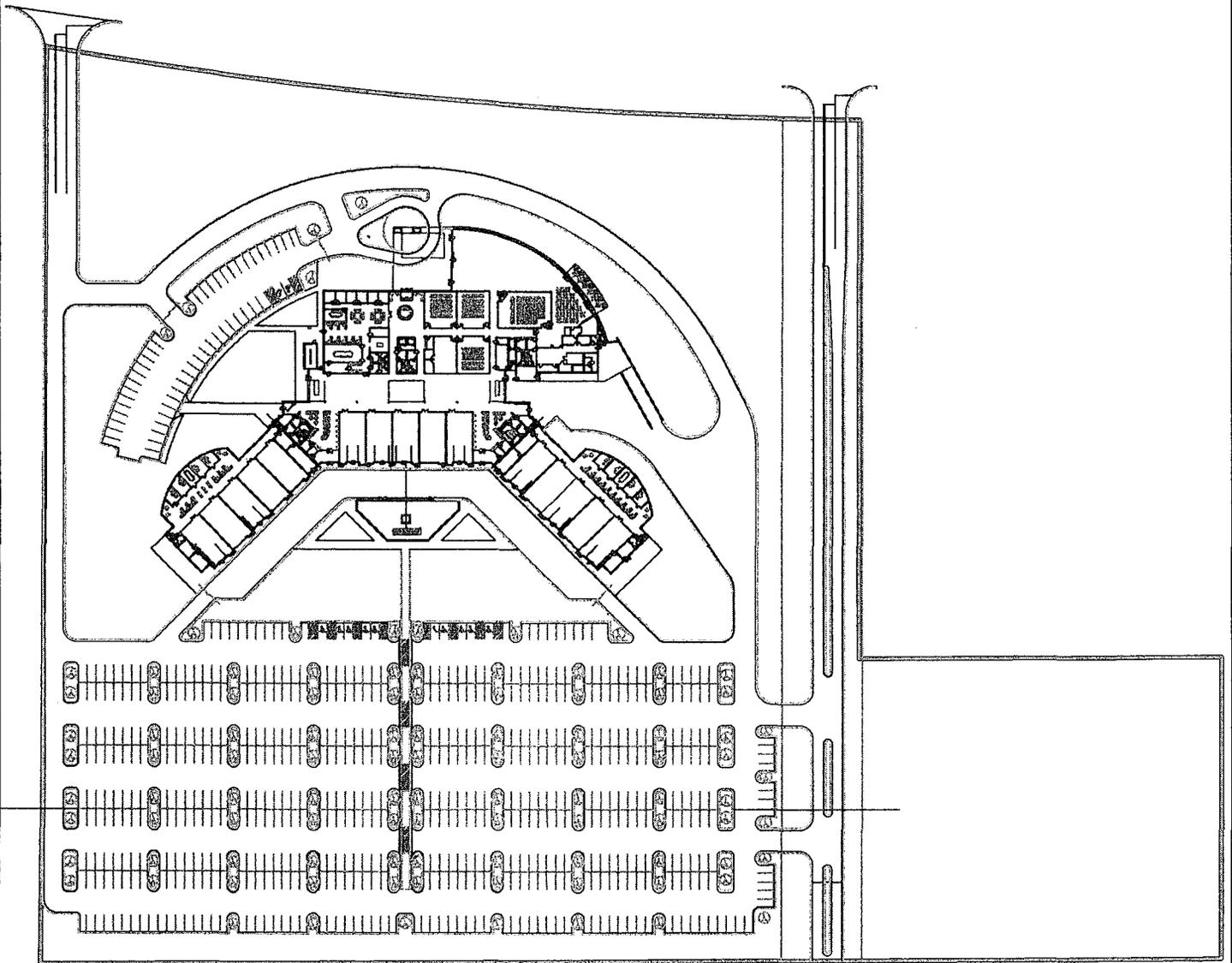
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- GPS Waypoints
- Boundary (25.07 ac)
- Intermittent (1,317.77 lf)
- Ephemeral (184.13 lf)

HEADWATERS^{INC.}
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSULTING
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Technology and Engineering
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Lowndes County, Mississippi
GPS/Wetland Location Map

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 Technology and Engineering**
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 Lowndes County, Mississippi
Proposed Site Plan



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