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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2016-00162-CMS

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

**PROPOSED DISCHARGE OF FILL MATERIAL IN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION OF AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY  
MCCALLA, JEFFERSON 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT:** Gestamp Alabama  
7000 Jefferson Metropolitan Parkway  
McCalla, Alabama 35111

**AGENT:** Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood  
Attention: Mr. Stuart Blackwell  
2701 First Avenue South, Suite 100  
Birmingham, Alabama 35233

**LOCATION:** The proposed project is located on existing Gestamp property located within the Jefferson Metropolitan Industrial Park in McCalla, Jefferson County, Alabama (33.305312, -87.043049) in Sections 10 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 5 West. The project is located within the Cahaba River 8-digit HUC (HUC 03150202).

**WORK:** The applicant is seeking authorization for the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States for the purpose of expanding the existing industrial facility to meet the demands of the automobile industry. This activity would impact 2.13 acres of wetlands for the expansion of the facility, to include expansion of the building, additional parking spaces, and construction of a new access road.

**PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES:** The discharge of fill material into wetlands associated with the construction of this facility was originally permitted in 2002 under project number

AL02-02764-H, which was issued to the Jefferson County Economic and Industrial Development Authority. The 2002 permit authorized fill in 3.06 acres of wetlands and required on-site wetland creation/restoration and/or enhancement as compensatory mitigation for the wetland loss. The wetlands proposed to be filled for the proposed expansion currently under review were part of the on-site compensatory mitigation for the previously authorized activity.

**AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION:** The applicant considered several alternatives during the project planning stages. Once the preferred site was selected, design plans were prepared and revised to minimize impacts to aquatic resources on the preferred site. According to the applicant, the preferred alternative avoids impacts to 7.45 acres of wetlands. The USACE has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization at this time.

**MITIGATION:** The wetland functions were assessed using Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) to calculate the compensatory mitigation. The applicant proposes to mitigate for unavoidable wetland impacts through the purchase of wetland credits from the Cahaba River Mitigation Bank. The applicant is also proposing to purchase wetland credits for the wetland impacts associated with the previous permitted activity since a portion of the previous permittee-responsible mitigation area is proposed to be filled by this activity.

**WATER QUALITY:** The applicant will apply 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.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the 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 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 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 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.

**HISTORIC AND 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. Copies of this public notice are being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally recognized American Indian tribes, and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archaeological Services for review.

**ENDANGERED/THREATENED SPECIES:** A preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates that the proposed activity will not affect listed species or their critical habitat. Copies of this public notice are being sent to the USFWS for review and comment.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2016-00162-CMS and should be directed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District  
Birmingham Field Office  
Attention: Ms. Courtney Shea  
218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222  
Homewood, Alabama 35209

with a copy to the:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Post Office Box 301463

Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

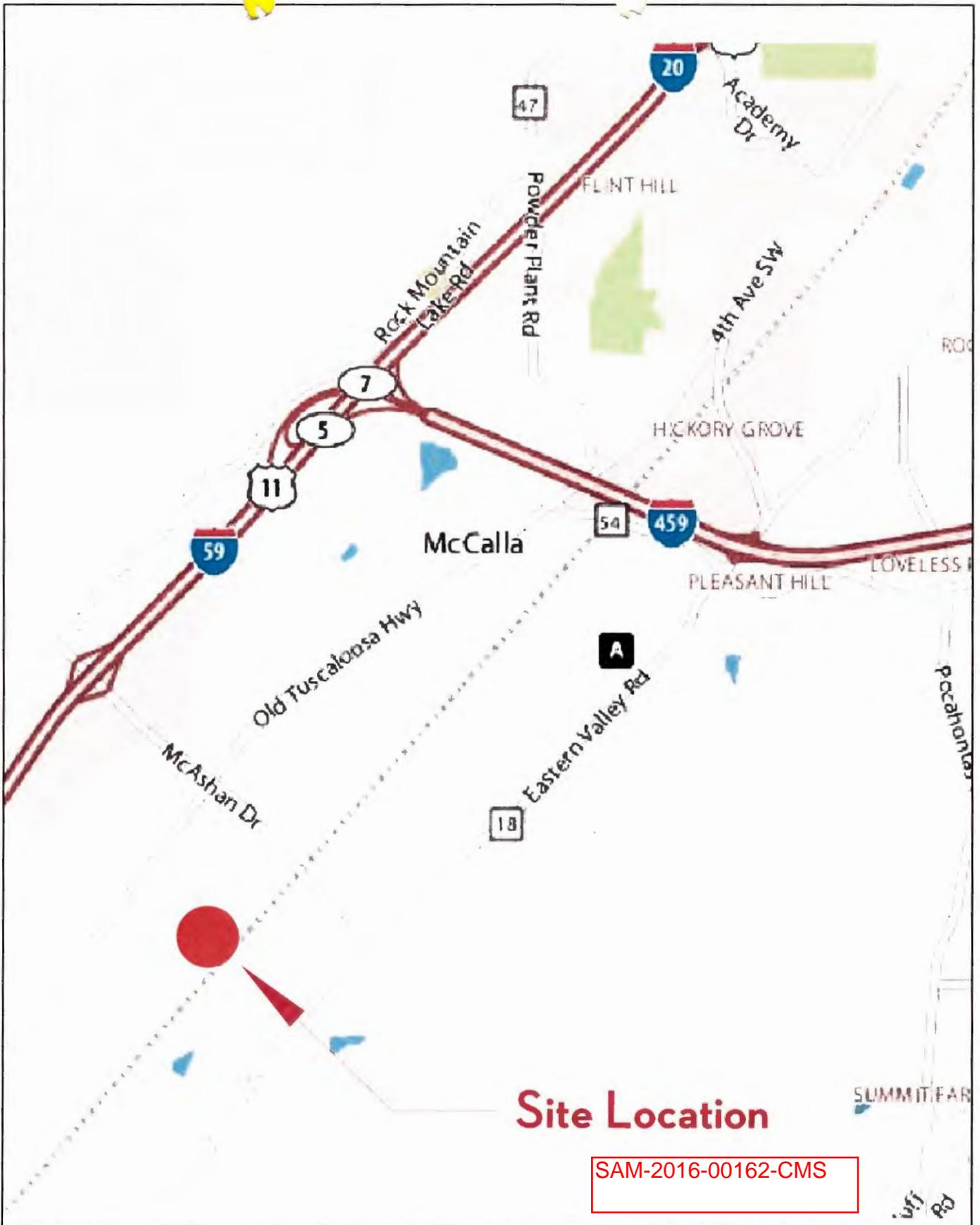
Comments should be received no later than **30 days** from the date of this Public notice.

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

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Enclosures



REF. SHEET: NTS  
 DESCRIPTION: SITE VICINITY MAP

**GESTAMP FACILITY**  
 MCCALLA, ALABAMA

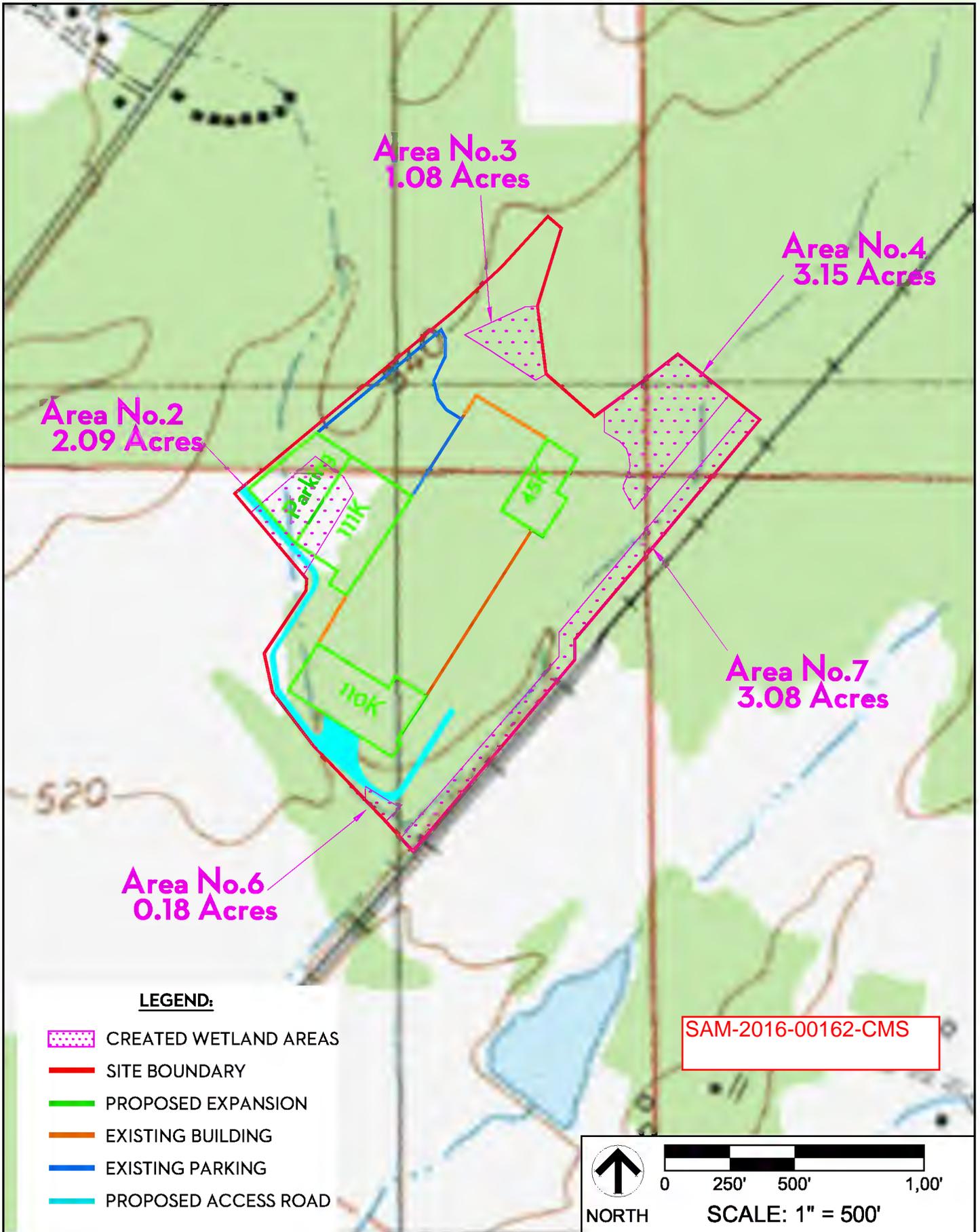
**FIGURE 1**

SITE LOCATION MAP  
 GMC # EBHM155008  
 DATE: 02/02/2016  
 DRAWN BY: SAB



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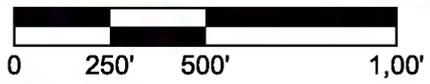
**LEGEND:**

-  CREATED WETLAND AREAS
-  SITE BOUNDARY
-  PROPOSED EXPANSION
-  EXISTING BUILDING
-  EXISTING PARKING
-  PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD

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NORTH



SCALE: 1" = 500'

REF. SHEET: USGS QUADRANGLE MAPS  
 DESCRIPTION: USGS QUADRANGLE MAP WITH JURISDICTIONAL AREAS

**FIGURE 2**

USGS QUADRANGLE MAP  
 GMC # EBHM155008  
 DATE: 02/04/16  
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**GESTAMP ALABAMA**  
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SCALE: 1" = 500'

REF. SHEET: GOOGLE EARTH

DESCRIPTION: AERIAL PHOTO WITH JURISDICTIONAL/IMPACT AREAS

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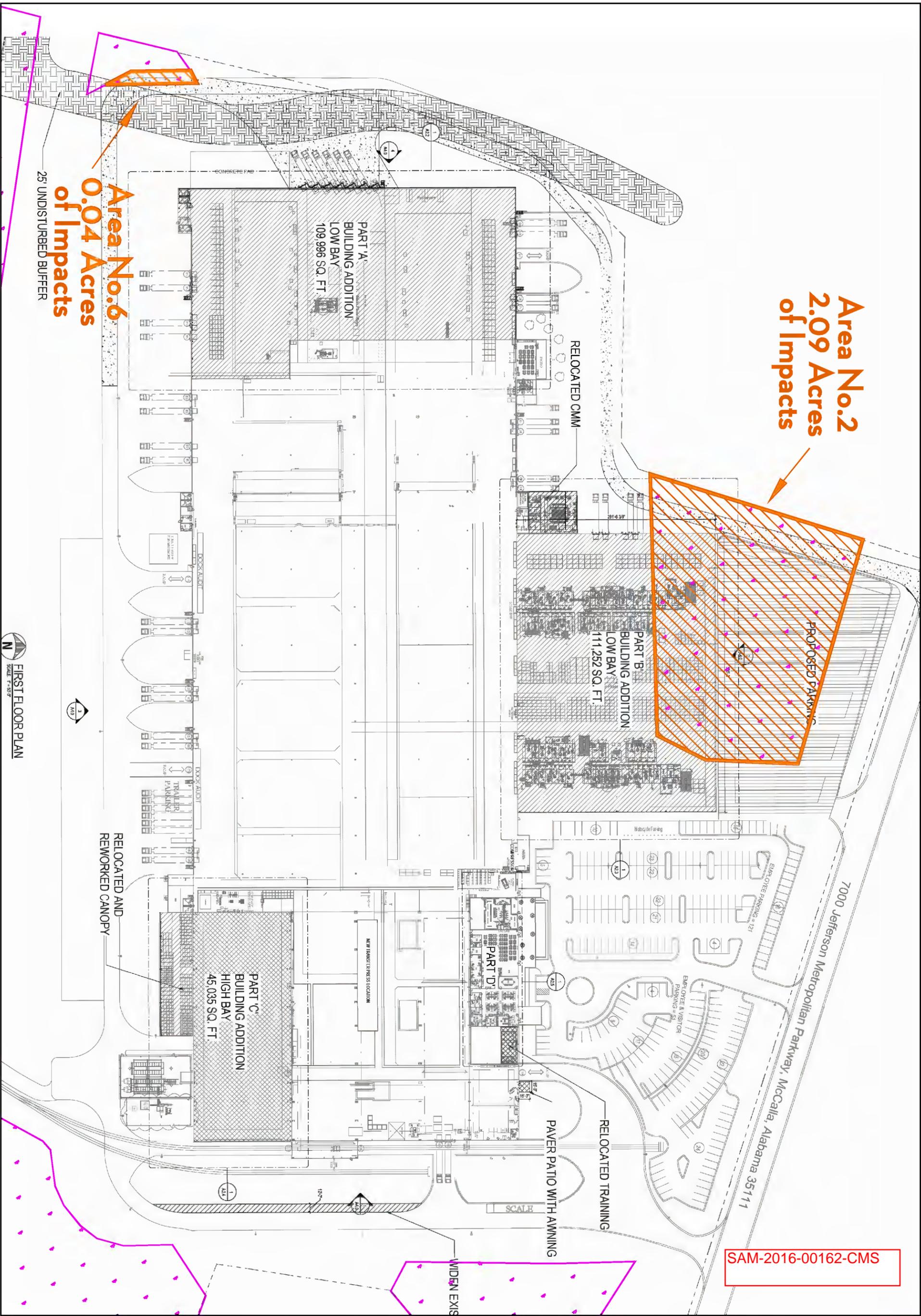
**FIGURE 3**

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH  
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REF. SHEET: ENGINEERING DRAWINGS  
 DESCRIPTION: IMPACTS - NO BACKGROUND  
**GESTAMP EXPANSION**  
 MCCALLA, ALABAMA

**FIGURE 5**

WETLAND IMPACTS  
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