



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2007-1086-LET

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

**PROPOSED FILLING OF WETLANDS TO CONSTRUCT A COUNTY/CITY
SPORTS COMPLEX NEAR BAY BRANCH IN ANDALUSIA, COVINGTON
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). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Covington County Commission
Mr. Gregory B. White, Chairman
Post Office Box 188
Andalusia, Alabama 36420

AGENT: CDG Engineers and Associates
Post Office Box 278
Andalusia, Alabama 36420

WATERWAY: The subject site is a 62 acre parcel of property located west of Whatley Street at the intersection of Whatley Street and Beatrice Street in Section 30, Township 4 North, Range 16 East, near Latitude 31° 17.071' N and Longitude 86° 29.022' W, along Bay Branch, south of Andalusia in Covington County, Alabama.

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill 2.16 acres of hardwood forested wetland on a 62-acre site to construct a sports complex that would be shared by Covington County and the Town of Andalusia. The project would include the construction of 12 new baseball/softball fields (consisting of 5 medium sized ball fields, 5 small ball fields, and 2 large ball fields), sidewalks, and required parking areas. It is indicated that the proposed project site has been chosen, in part, due to its proximity to established youth soccer and adult softball fields located to the south of the property. The stated purpose of the project is to attract and retain major youth sports tournaments while also serving the practice and playing field needs of local youth teams and leagues. The applicant has indicated that compensatory mitigation for proposed wetland impacts would be provided through the purchase of credits from an approved mitigation bank.

The applicant has applied 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.

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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.

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. The district engineer remains the final decision authority.

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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 endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. The National Marine Fisheries Service requires the evaluation of impacts to Essential Fish Habitat of estuarine species.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2007-1086-LET and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-000, Attention: Regulatory Division, with a copy to the Director, 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 via e-mail at leslie.e.turney@usace.army.mil or telephone number **(251) 694-3873**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

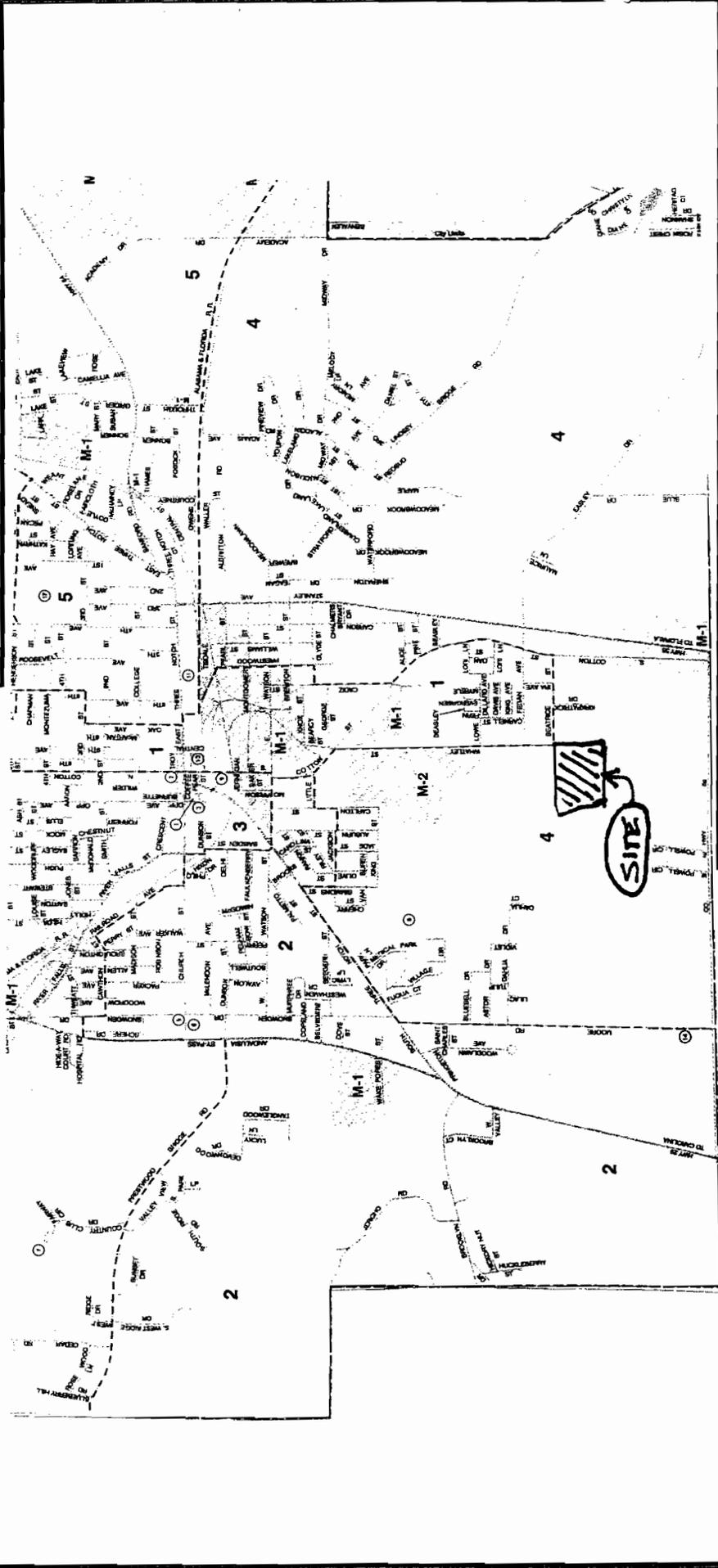
For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg, and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Enclosures

MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

QUADRANGLE 7.5 MINUTE SERIES		COUNTY		TOWNSHIP		RANGE		SECTION		WEITLAND LOCATION	
ANDALUSIA		COVINGTON		4 NORTH		16 EAST		30		LATITUDE	
										LONGITUDE	
										86° 29.022'	
										86° 29.049'	

VICINITY MAP



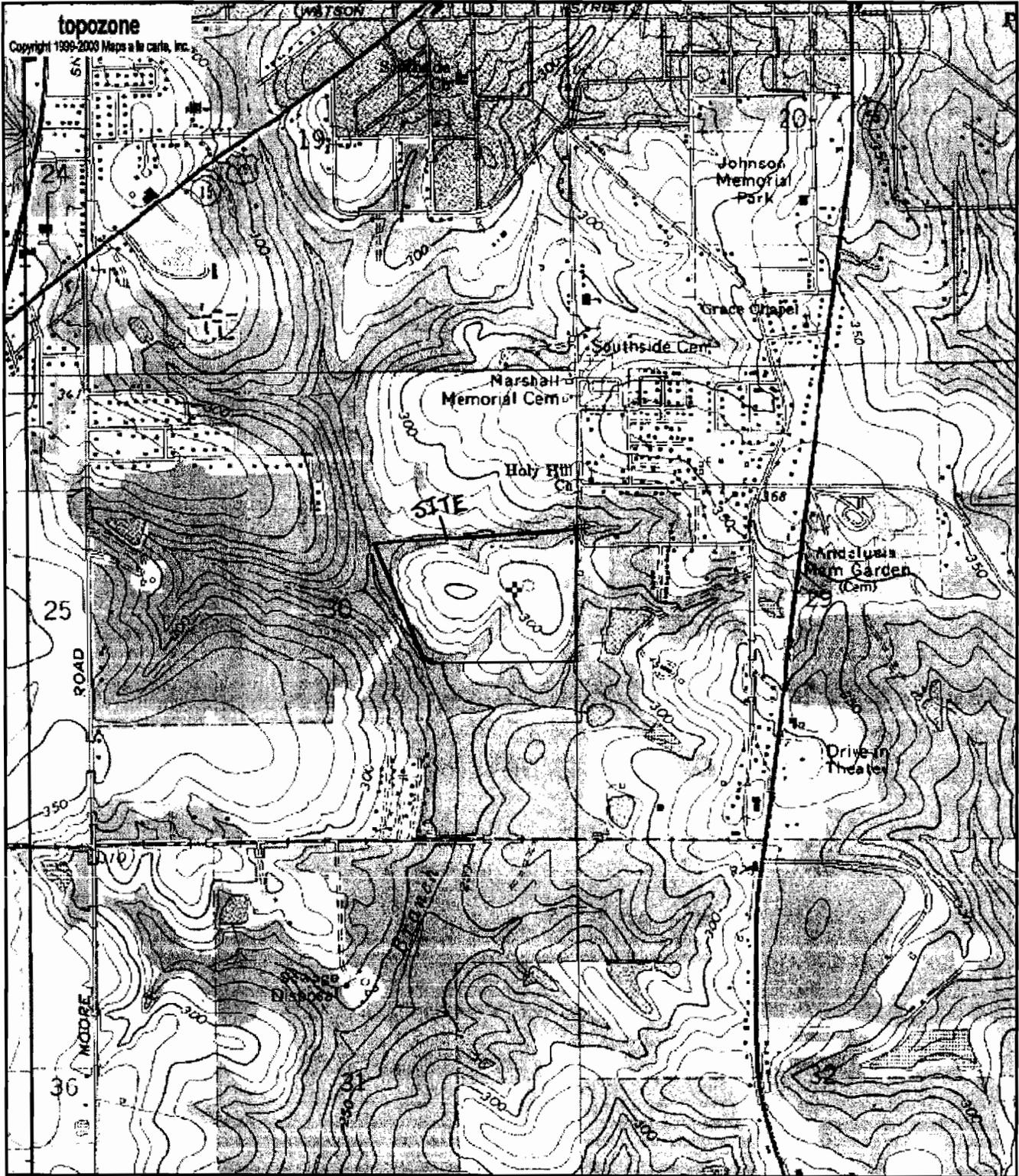
ANDALUSIA BALL COMPLEX
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

COVINGTON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
201 HILLCREST DRIVE, ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA 36420

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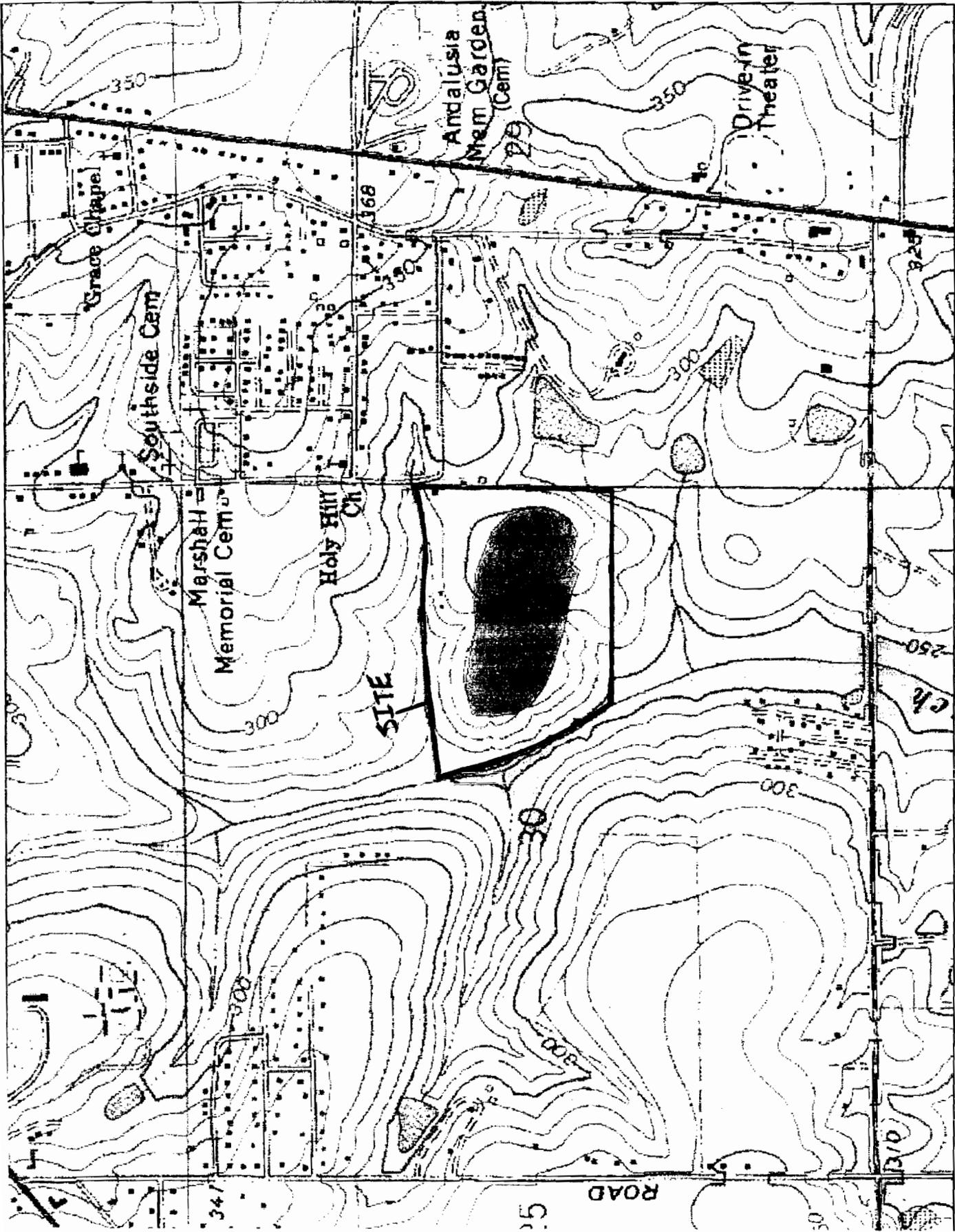
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USGS Andalusia (AL) Quadrangle
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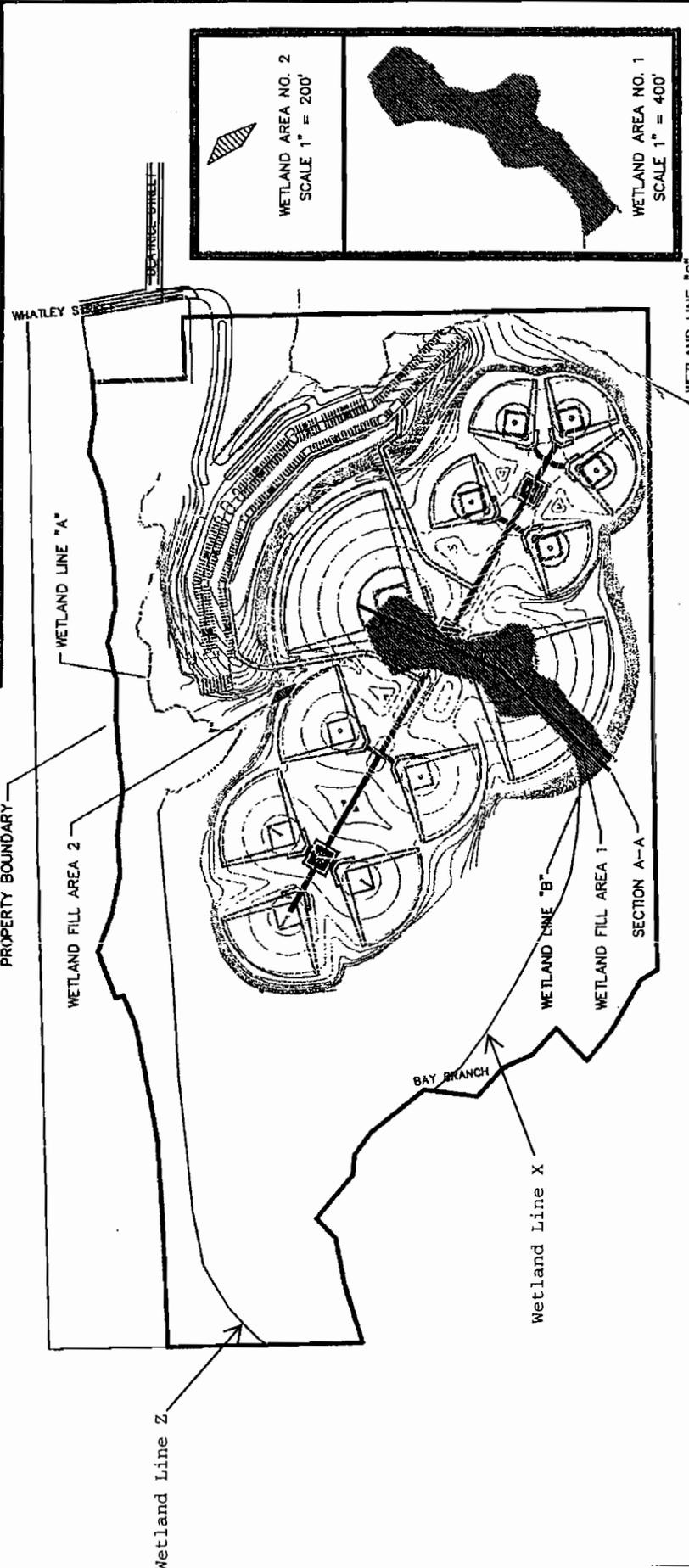


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QUADRANGLE 7.5 MINUTE SERIES	COUNTY	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION	WETLAND LOCATION		
ANDALUSIA	COVINGTON	4 NORTH	16 EAST	30	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
<p style="text-align: center;">PLAN VIEW</p>					1	31° 17.071'	86° 29.022'
					2	31° 17.202'	86° 29.049'



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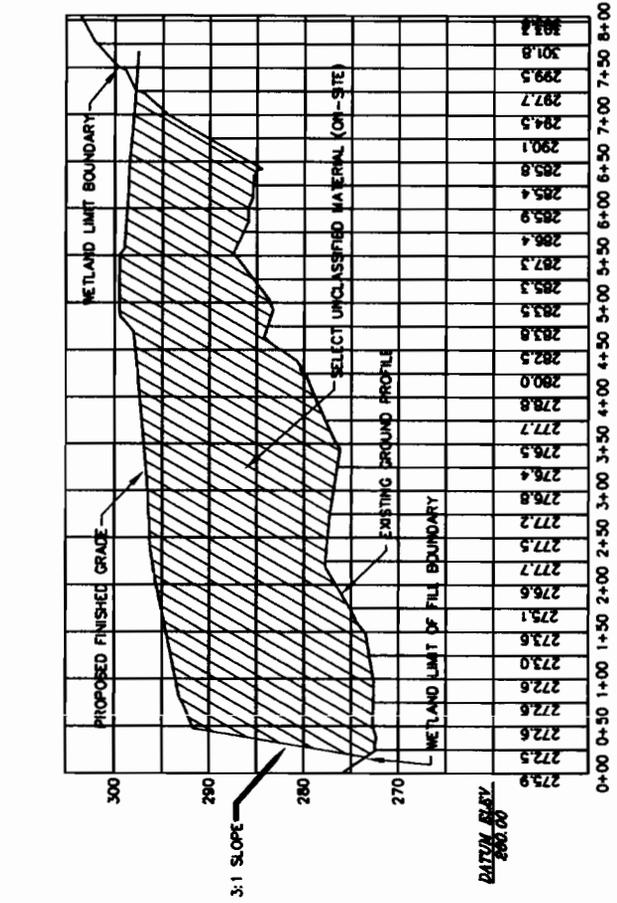
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WETLAND FILL AREA 1 = 92,997.08 SQ. FT. = 2.13 ACRES

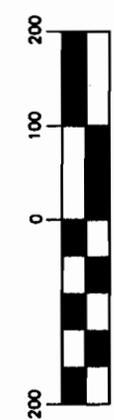
WETLAND FILL AREA 2 = 1135 SQ. FT. = 0.03 ACRES

GRAPHIC SCALE

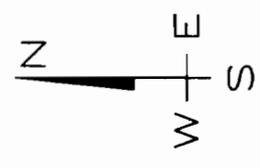
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