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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

PROPOSED WETLAND FILL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION IN LATIMER, JACKSON 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: JR Road LLC
Post Office Box 1380
Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39566

WATERWAY: Wetlands adjacent to Costapia Bayou south of Jim Ramsey Road at Latitude 30.508°N, Longitude -88.839°W, in Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 9 West, Latimer, Jackson County, Mississippi.

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill 11.47 acres of wetlands associated with construction of a single-family residential subdivision in Latimer, Jackson County, Mississippi. The project site is a 120-acre tract located along Jim Ramsey Road, containing approximately 66 acres of wetlands, an intermittent stream, and a perennial stream. The proposal includes development of 53.62 acres on the northern half of the property for 220 single family residences. The majority of the northern half of the property has been maintained as pasture for livestock and is heavily disturbed; however, a small intermittent drainageway originates in the northwest portion of the property. The southern portion of the property would not be developed. It contains pine savanna wetlands and is transected by Costapia Bayou. As mitigation for impacts to 11.47 acres of wetlands, the applicant proposes to preserve 63 acres on site, including wetlands and Costapia Bayou, through restrictive covenants.

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.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

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 known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. This review will constitute 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, Division of Archeological Services.

The project site lies within the range of several Federally listed threatened or endangered species. However 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. In accordance with 33 CFR 325.2(b)(5), this public notice serves as a request for information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2007-1999-ALF** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Coastal Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530. Comments should be received no later than **21 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 Allison.L.Felsher@usace.army.mil or telephone number **(251) 690-2658**. 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 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.

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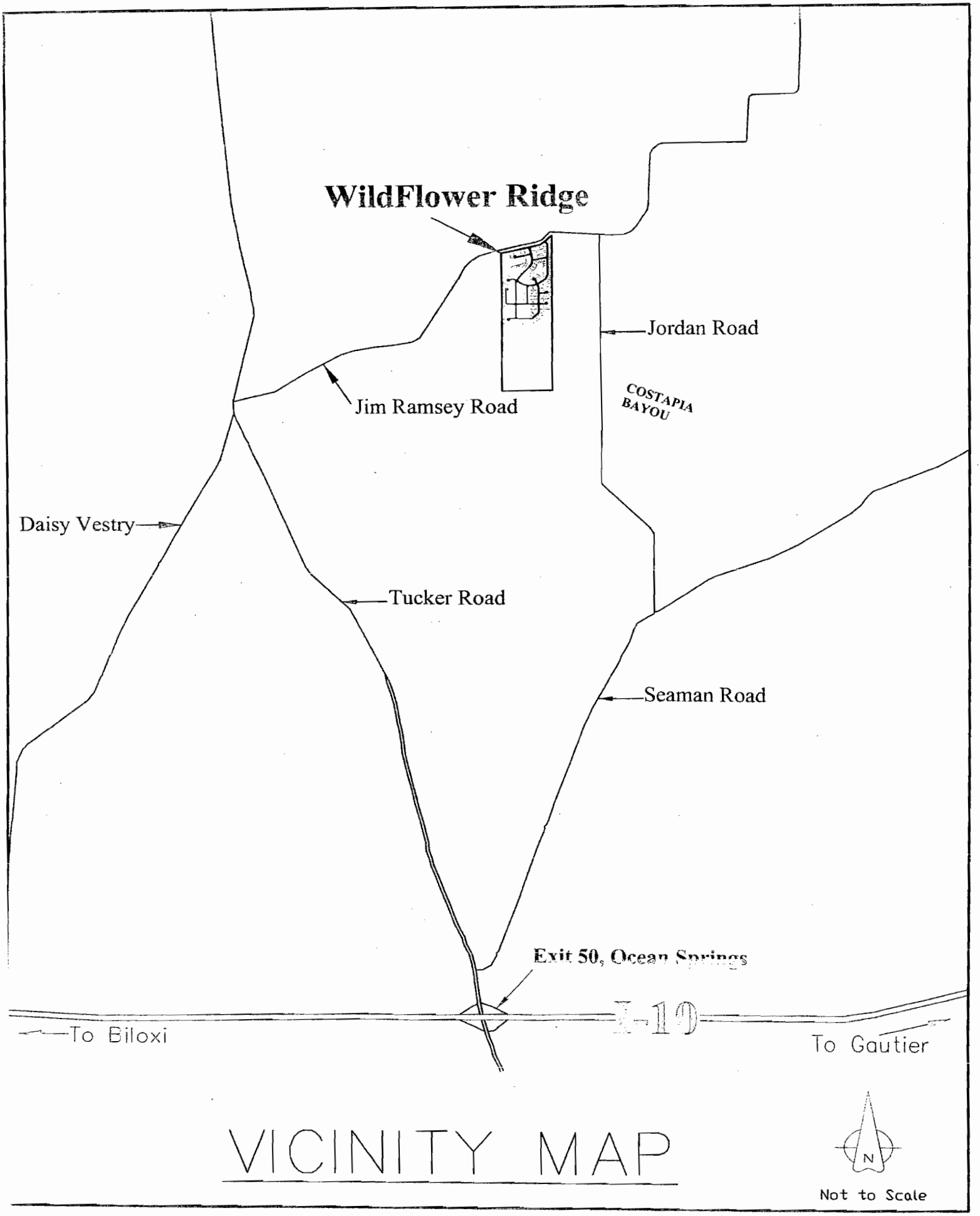

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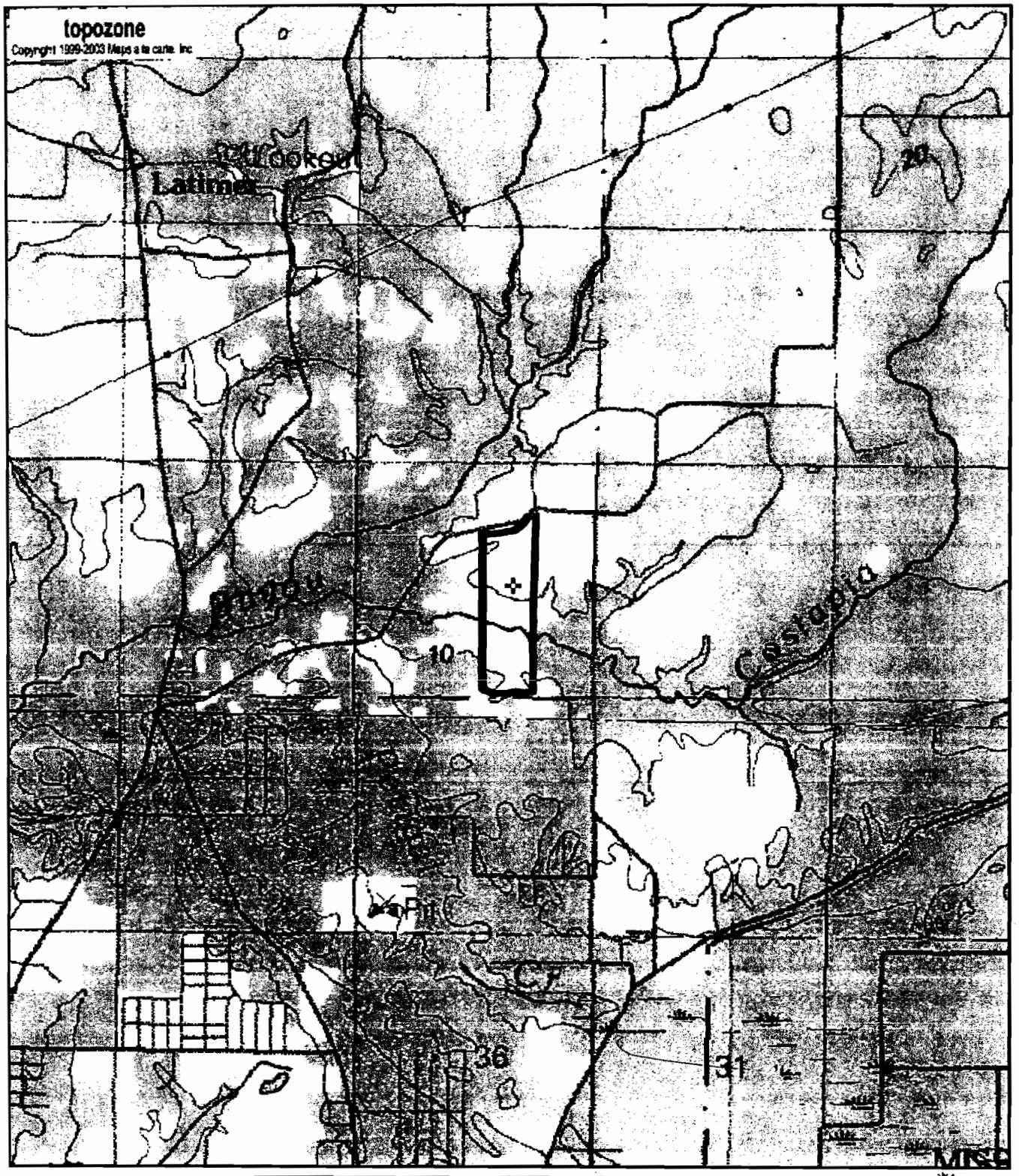

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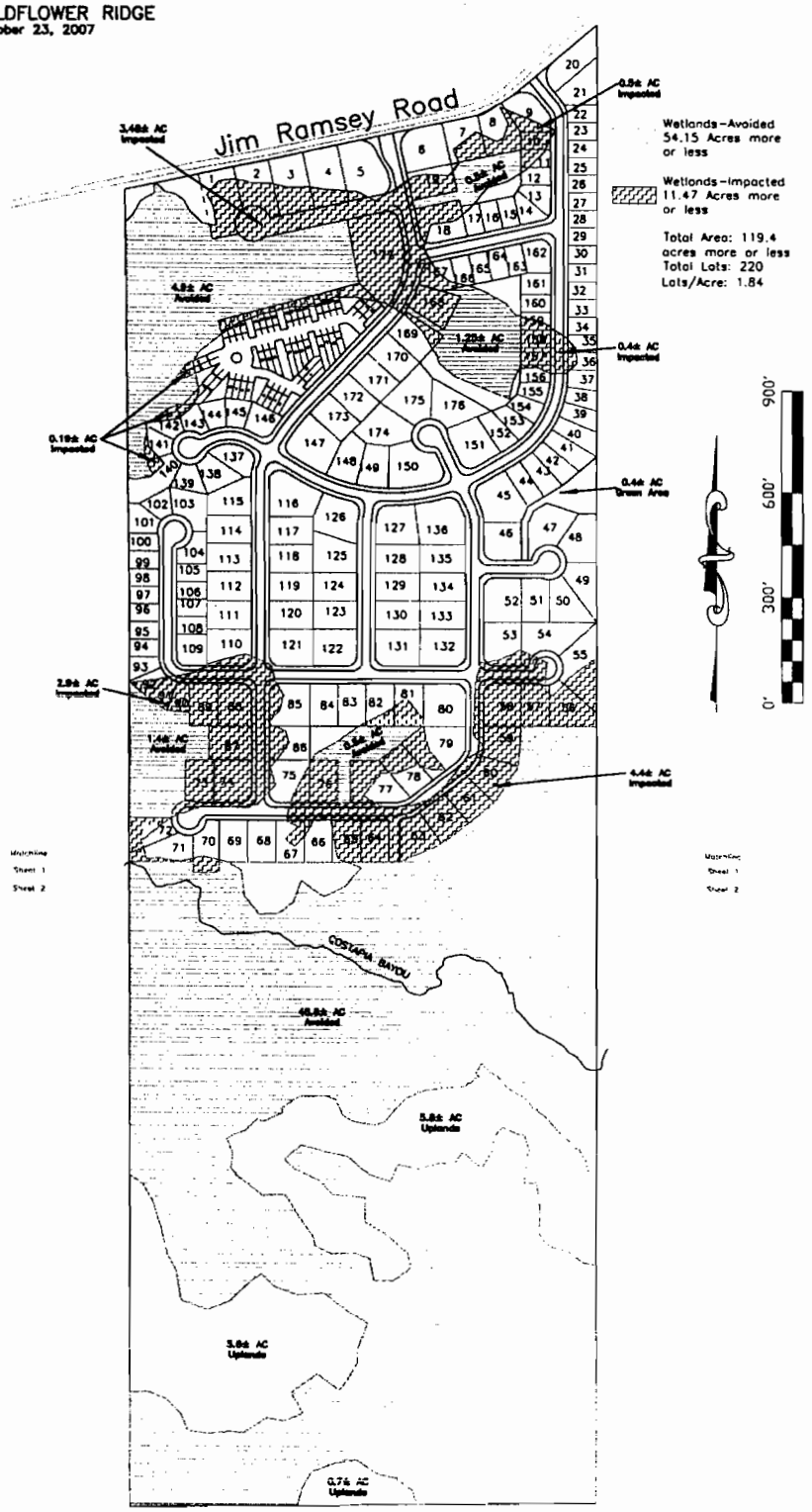
October 23, 2007



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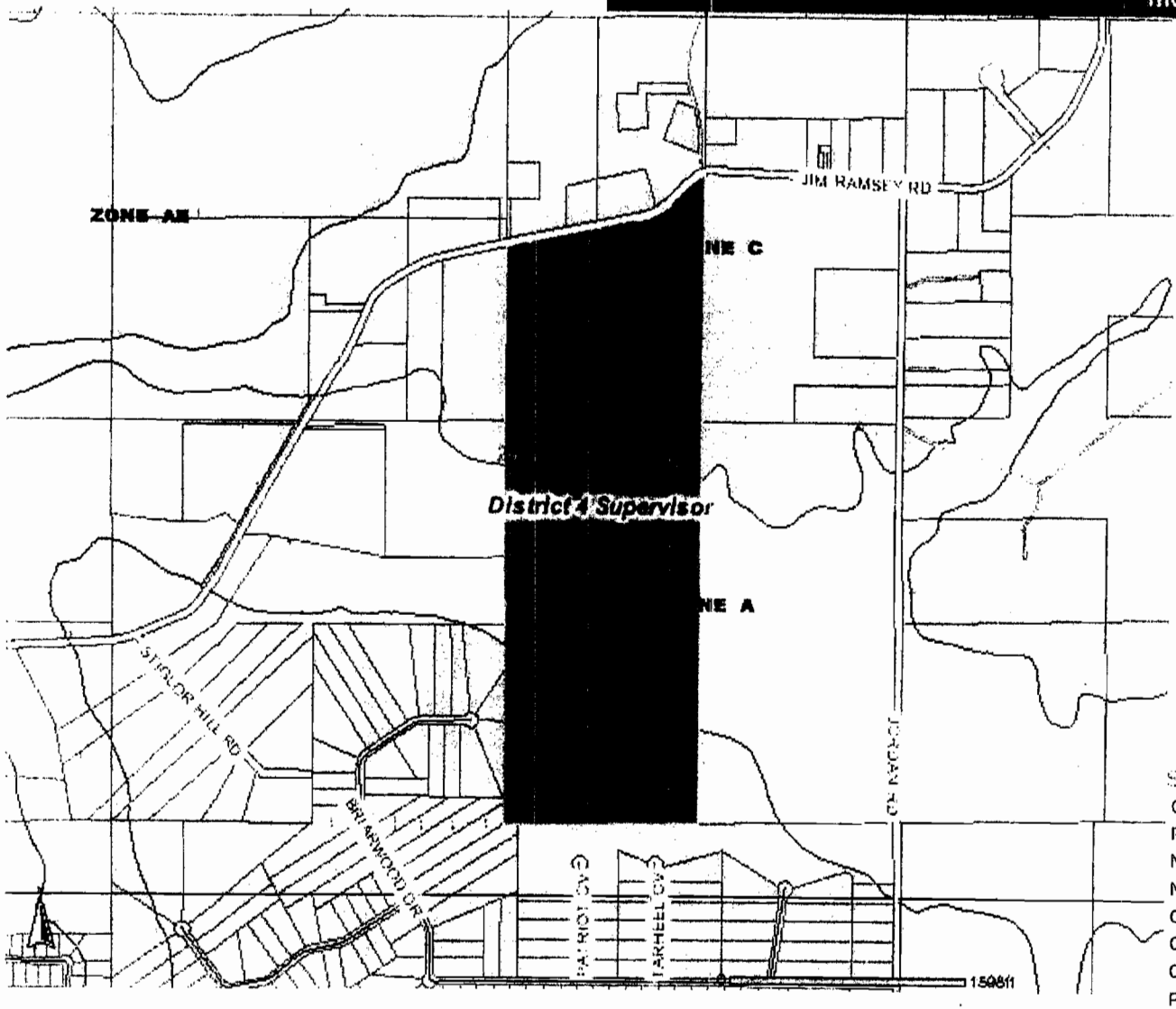

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Selected Parcel Information

GISP	696.24-00-0006.00
PIDN	03524060.000
NAME	J R ROAD LLC
NAME2	
OWNER'S ADDRESS	P O BOX 1380
OWNER'S CITY	OCEAN SPRINGS MS
OWNER'S ZIP	39566
PHYSICAL ADDRESS	
LEGAL DESC1	BEG SWC E1/2 SE1/4 SECT 24 N
LEGAL DESC2	4200' M/L TO S/M JIM RAMSAY RD
LEGAL DESC3	S 50° W 380' M/L S 74° W 1070'
LEGAL DESC4	M/L TO SECT LINE S 3740' M/L E
LEGAL DESC5	1320' TO POB DB 1494-542
LEGAL DESC6	(6 MAP696.24)
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