



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

OP-5

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CESAM-OP-S
PUBLIC NOTICE NO. AL04-02384-V

22 September 2004

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

WETLAND FILL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY,
BIG WILLS CREEK WATERSHED, ETOWAH 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: Gadsden City Board of Education
Attn: Mr. Bob Russell
1026 Chestnut Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

WATERWAY: Big Wills Creek Watershed, Etowah County, Alabama.

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill approximately 1 acre of predominantly forested wetland area in conjunction with the construction of a new consolidated high school facility in the City of Gadsden, Alabama.

The applicant is proposing mitigation through the preservation of approximately 10 acres of forested wetland area located in the vicinity of the project site. This area will be protected from future impact and/or development by restrictive covenant.

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.

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

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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 has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources **CESAM-OP-S**

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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 U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services.

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.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number AL04-02384-V and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Regulatory Branch, with a copy to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463 in time to be received **not later than 22 October 2004**.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact this office, **Mr. Glen A. Cunningham**, telephone number (251) 694-4077. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

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Enclosures

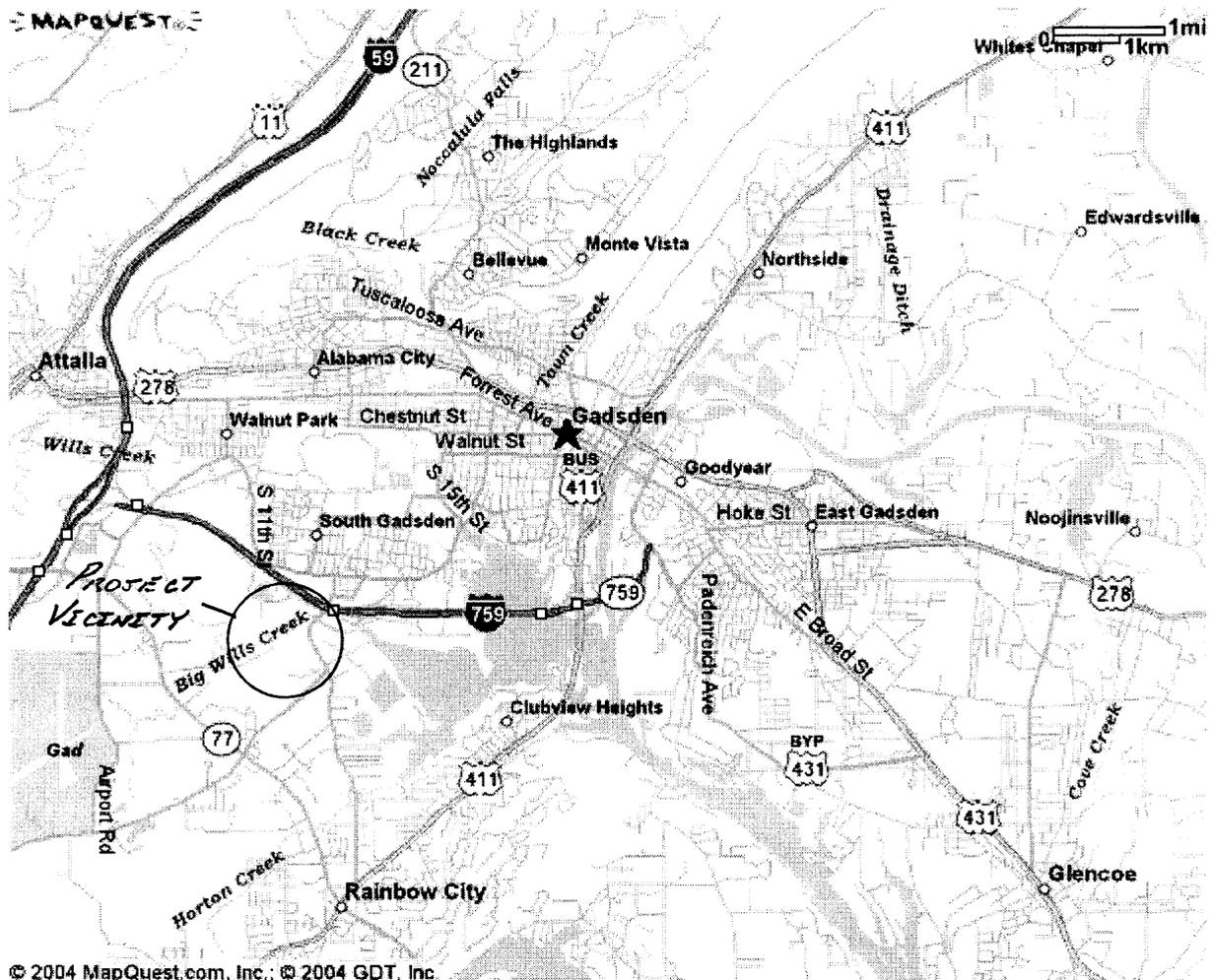


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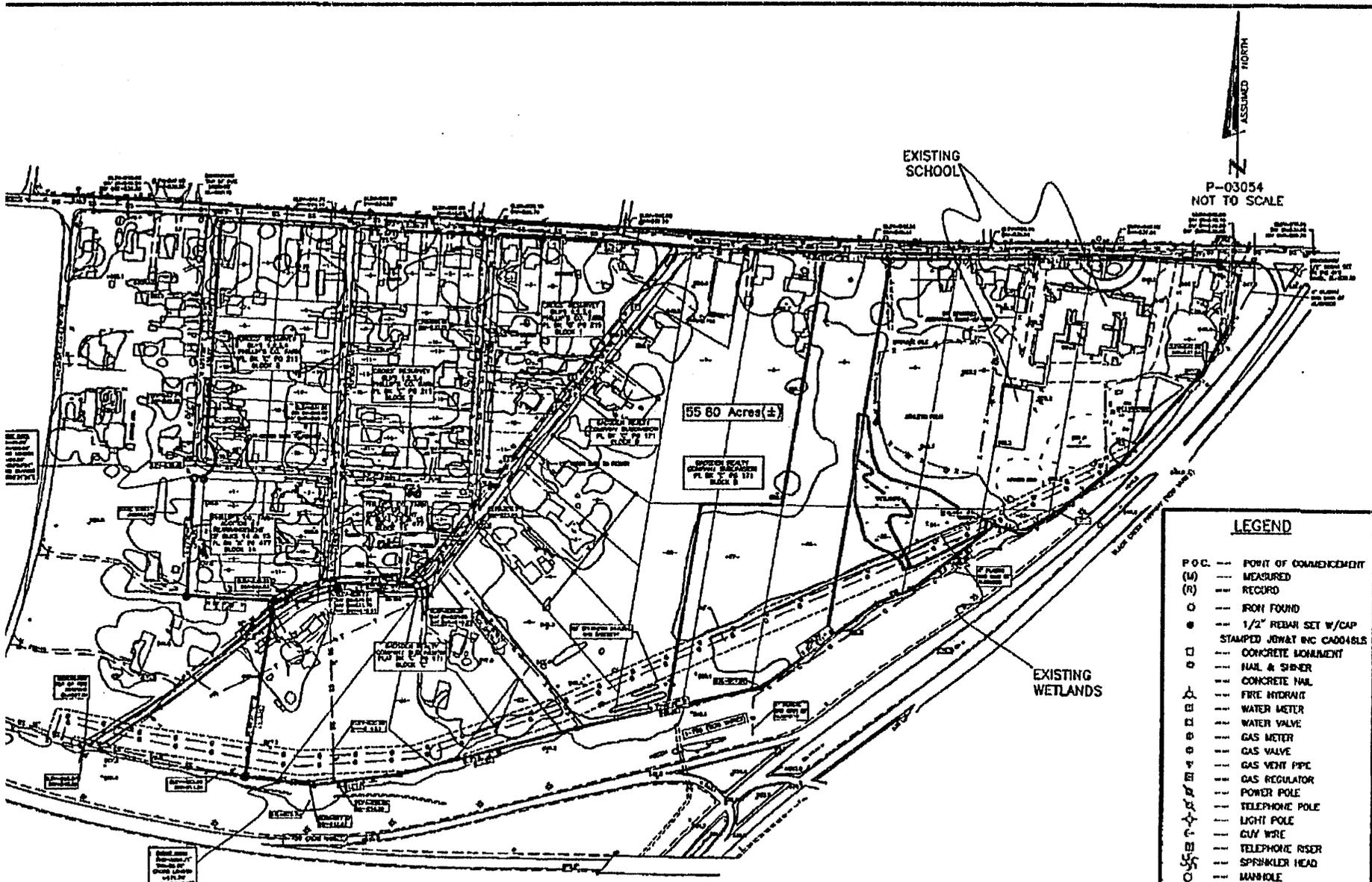
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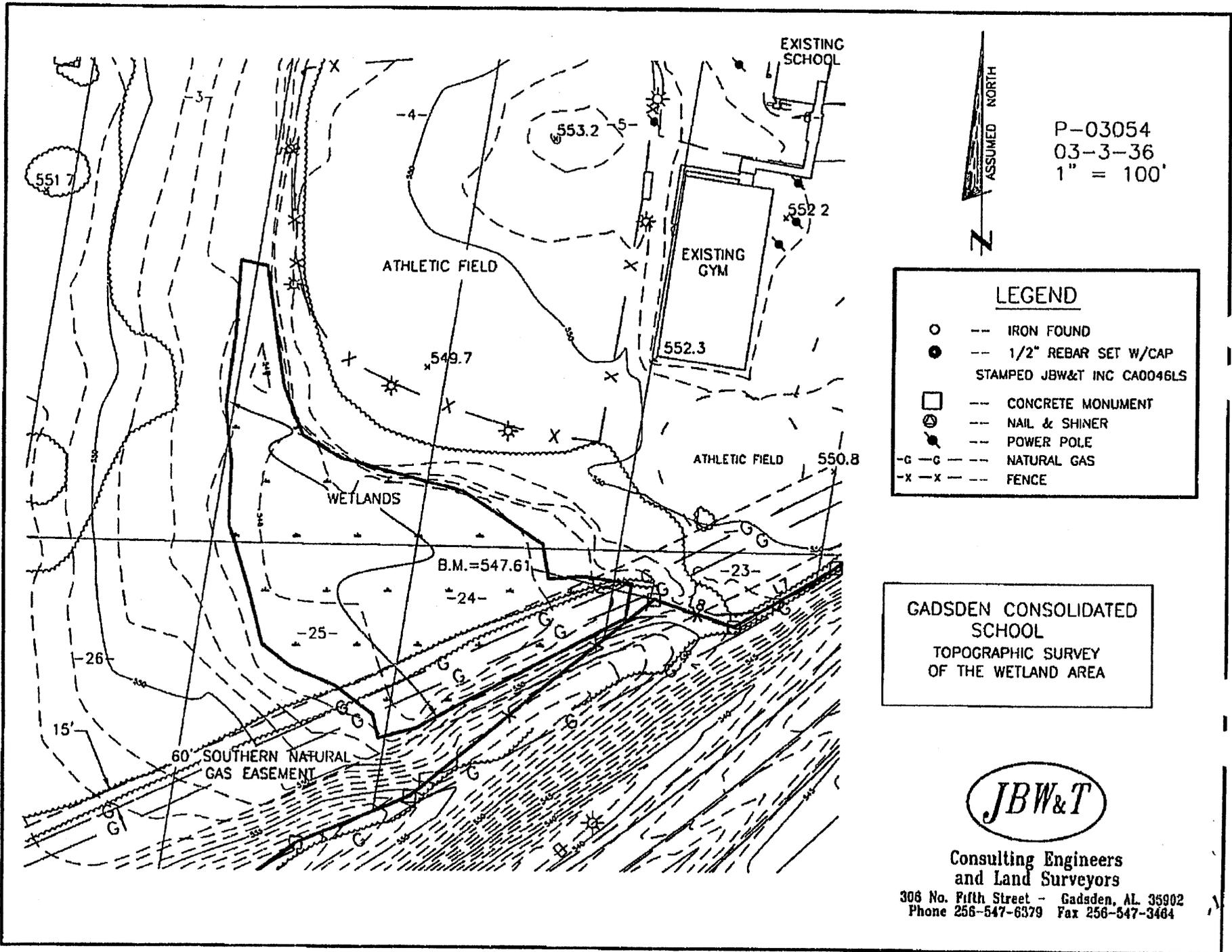
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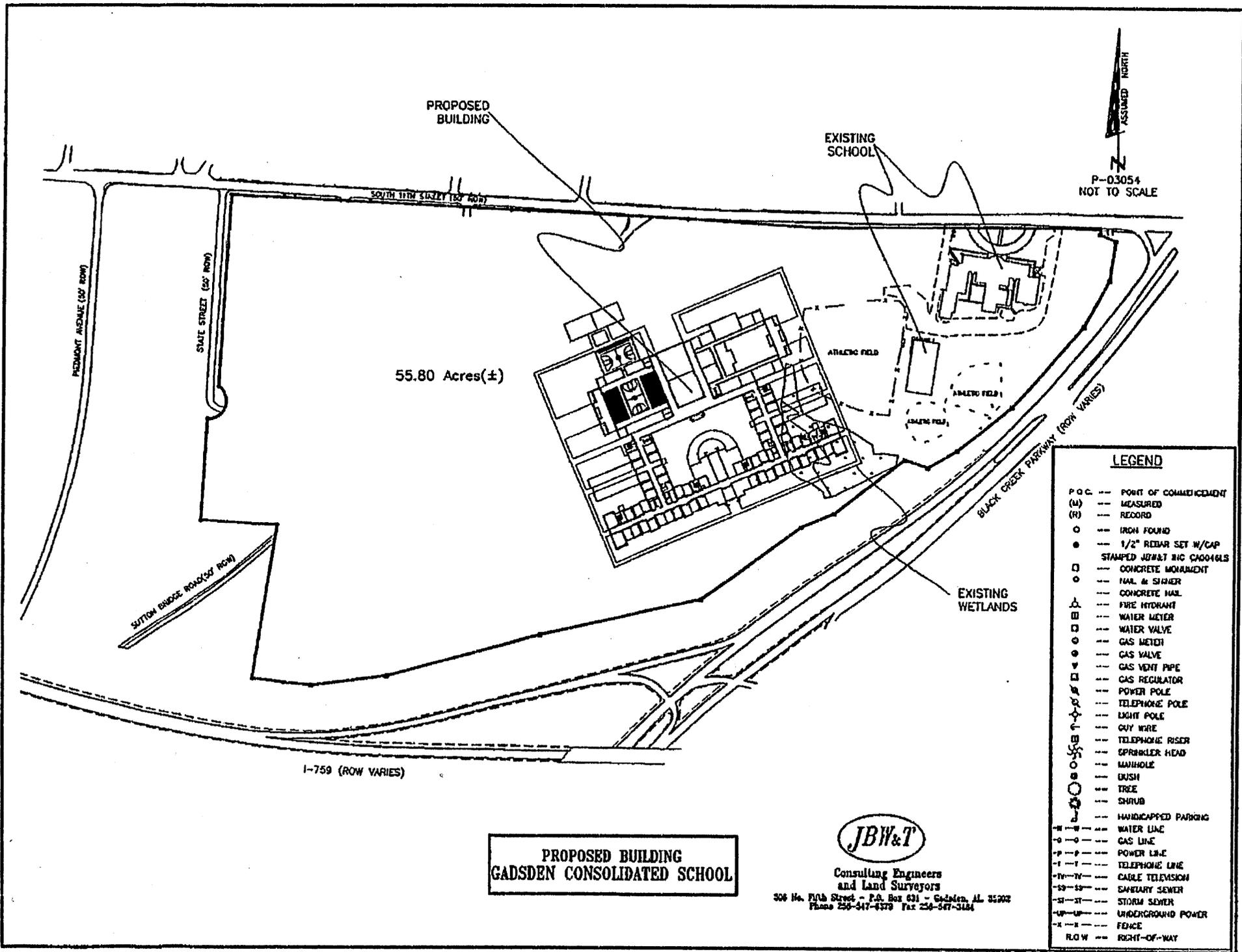
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**EXISTING CONDITIONS
GADSDEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**



**Consulting Engineers
and Land Surveyors**
308 No. First Street - P.O. Box 631 - Gadsden, AL 35902
Phone 256-547-6379 Fax 256-547-3114





55.80 Acres(±)

**PROPOSED BUILDING
GADSDEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**



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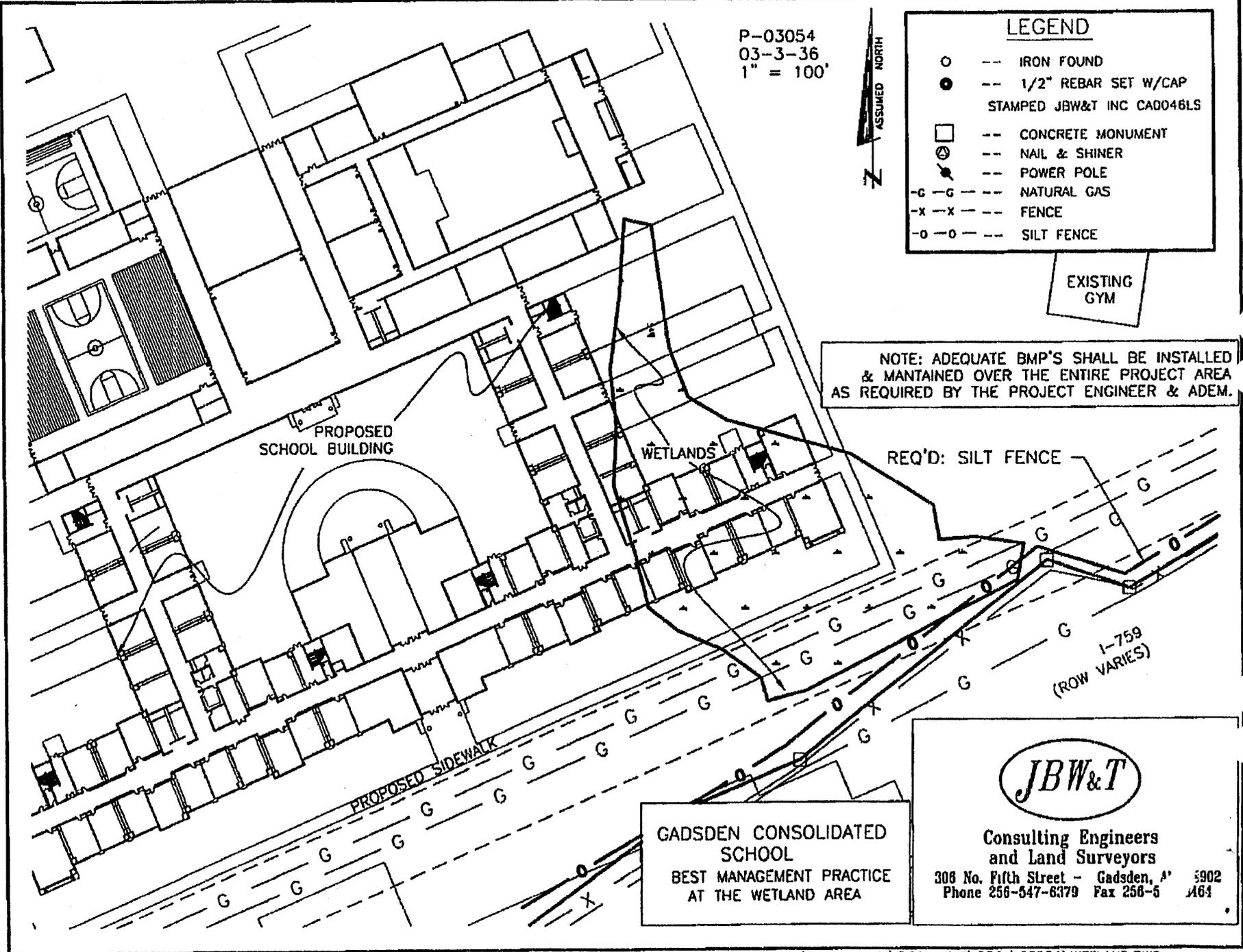
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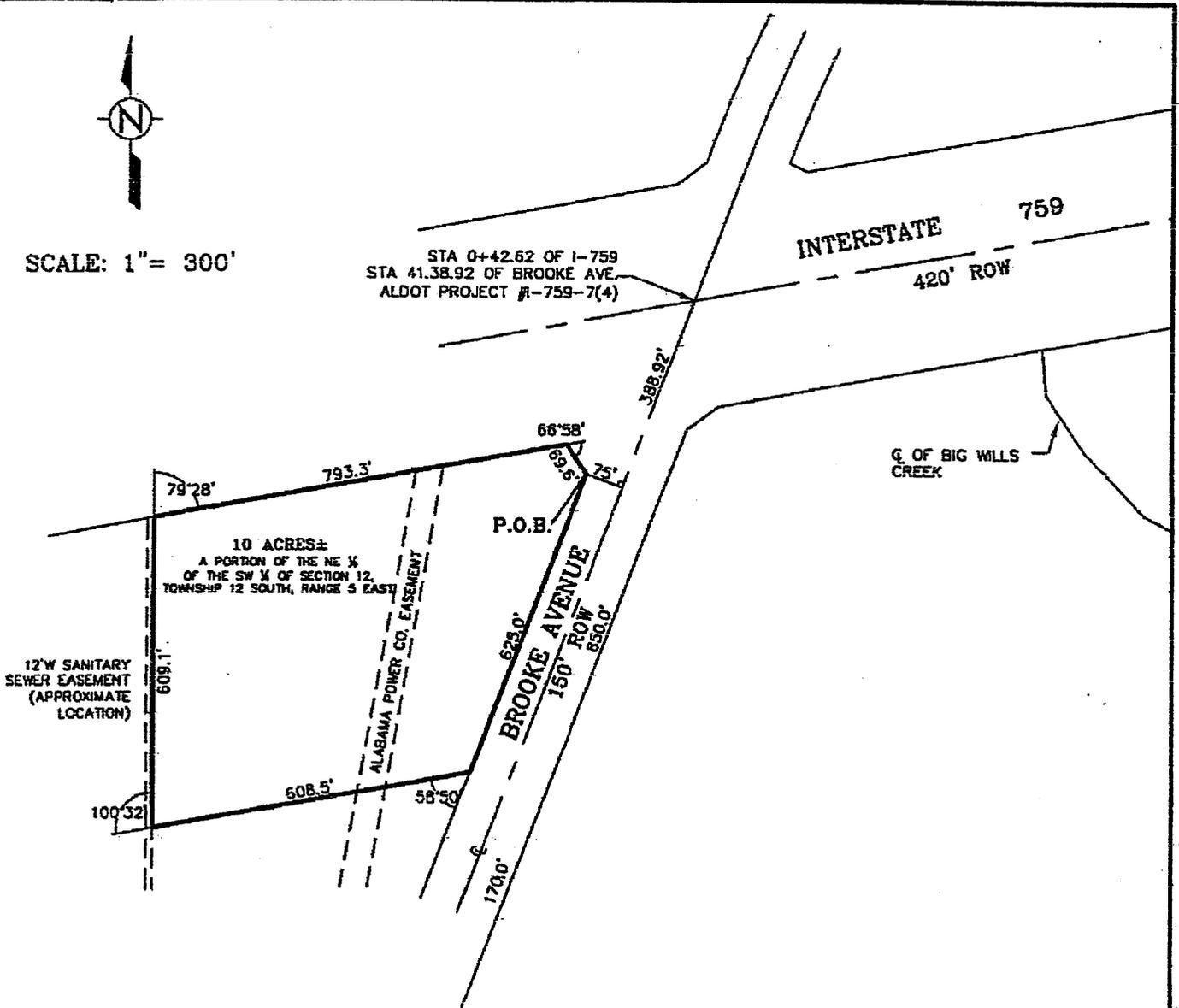


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 SCHOOL
 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE
 AT THE WETLAND AREA

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SCALE: 1" = 300'



Commence at the intersection of the centerline of Interstate 759 and the centerline of Brooke Avenue, being Station 41+38.92 of the Relocation of Brooke Avenue and Station 0+42.62 of Interstate 759, Alabama Department of Transportation project No. I-759-7(4); thence Southwesterly, along the centerline of Brooke Avenue, a distance of 388.92 feet; thence deflect 90° right and run a distance of 75' to the Point of Beginning, being on the westerly right-of-way line of Brooke Avenue; thence from the Point of Beginning deflect 90° left and run along said right-of-way, a distance of 625.0 feet, more or less; thence deflect 58°50' right, leaving said right-of-way run a distance of 608.5 feet more or less to a point located on the east boundary of a sanitary sewer easement; thence deflect 100°32' right and run along said easement a distance of 609.1 feet, more or less, to the southerly right-of-way line of Interstate 759; thence deflect 79°28' right and run along said right-of-way a distance of 793.3 feet, more or less; thence deflect 66°58' right and run a distance of 69.6 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Said parcel of land being a portion of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 12, Township 12 South, Range 5 East and containing 10 acres, more or less. Subject to a 50' wide Alabama Power Company easement.

REVISIONS		CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA	
DATE	INITIAL		
		PROPOSED MITIGATION SITE (PRESERVATION)	
REMARKS		SCALE 1" = 300'	ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SHEET 1 OF 1
		DATE 02/05/2004	FILE BS-25
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