



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

**WETLAND FILL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES, WITHIN
UNNAMED WETLANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DAVIS BAYOU WATERSHED,
LAKEVIEW AVENUE, OCEAN SPRINGS, HANCOCK 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: **Randall Corporation of Mississippi**
Post Office Box 930
Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39566

LOCATION: **In an unnamed tributary to Davis Bayou at the northern terminus of Lakeview Drive, Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi (Latitude 30.412778° North, Longitude 88.736944° West).**

WORK DESCRIPTION: **The applicant proposes the filling of 7.62 acres of low quality disturbed pine savannah wetlands for the construction of single-family homes in the Lakeview Subdivision. The on-site wetlands alternate with uplands that were formerly utilized as part of a citrus growing operation. The entire site is 25.74 acres in size and is owned by the applicant. The applicant is requesting a 5-year authorization for this permit.**

EXISTING CONDITIONS: **There are currently developed portions of the same subdivision (Lakeview) located along Lakeview Drive. The site is 25.74 acres in size with 13.37 acres of wetlands on-site. Wetlands in the southern and eastern portion of the tract have been bedded and rowed in the past for utilization as a citrus grove. Due to the limited flow and connectivity of the on-site wetlands to other wetlands and the lack of a fire regime, the wetlands scored as LOW QUALITY in a Wetlands Rapid Assessment Procedure for the site.**

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED: The proposed activity is for the construction of single family residences.

ALTERNATIVES: The applicant evaluated 6 other sites and determined that the selected site offers the best combination of cost, location, and environmental impacts for success. Additionally, the applicant has reduced the amount of wetland impacts from an initial 13.37 acres to 7.62 acres.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to purchase the sufficient number of in-kind credits from an approved mitigation bank.

STATE WATER QUALITY PERMIT: 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.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT: The applicant has received certification from the State that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the State Coastal Zone Management Program by letter dated April 17, 2008.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks has indicated there are no State or Federally endangered, threatened or candidate species present on the project site.

The Mobile District has determined that the proposed action would not adversely impact Essential Fish Habitat or associated fisheries managed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice has been 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 have sought 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. By letter dated March 25, 2008, the State Historic Preservation Officer has stated that no resources are present on-site. However, the district engineer remains the final decision authority.

COMMENTS: 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.

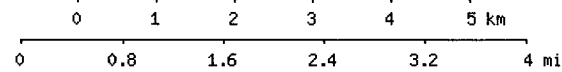
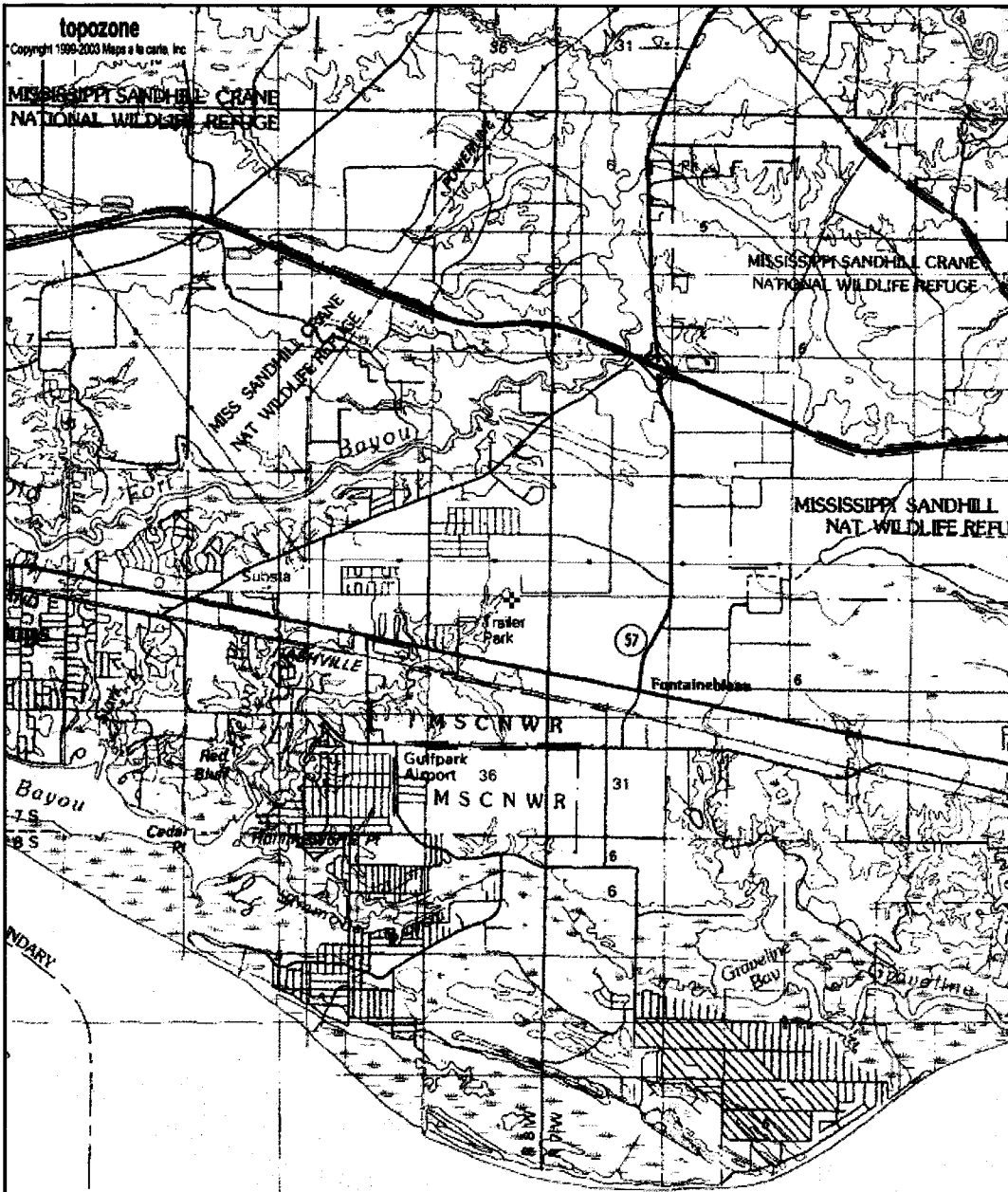
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2008-00177-CRO** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Coastal Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Attention: Ms. Florance Watson, P.E., Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39289-2261, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Attention: Lakeview Subdivision, Phase 3, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, in time to be received within **15 days** of the date of this public notice.

Comments should be received no later than **15 days** from the date of this Public renotification. If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at philip.a.hegji@usace.army.mil or phone **(251) 690-3222**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

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MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer



30.4130°N, 88.7372°W (NAD83/WGS84)
USGS Gautier North (MS) Quadrangle
 Projection is UTM Zone 16 NAD83 Datum

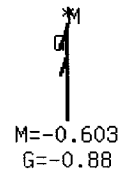


FIGURE 2. LAKEVIEW SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3, OCEAN SPRINGS (JACKSON COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

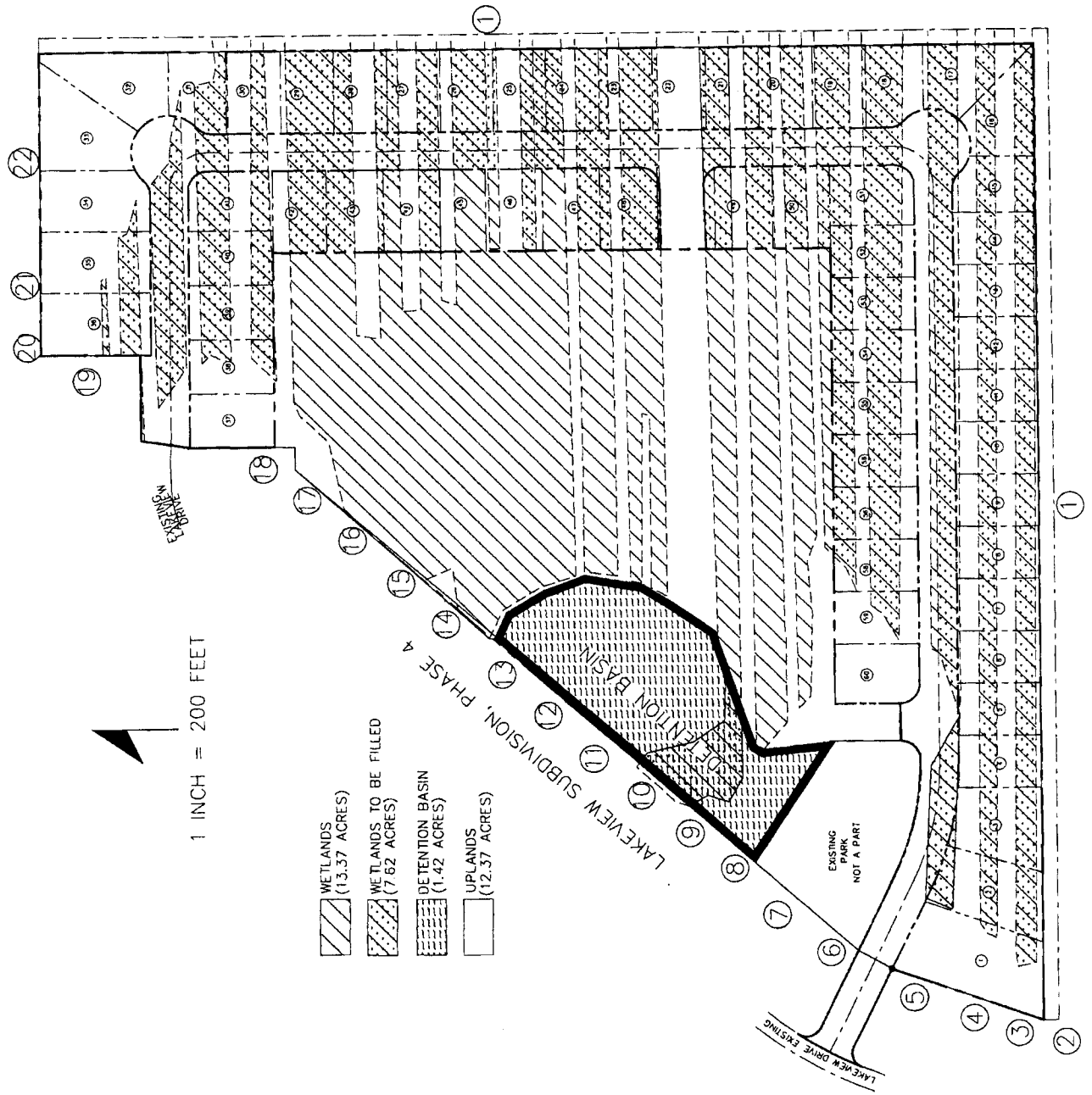


FIGURE 3. CROSS-SECTION OF TYPICAL LOT IN WETLANDS
LAKEVIEW PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION

(VERTICAL SCALE IN FEET ABOVE GROUND SURFACE)

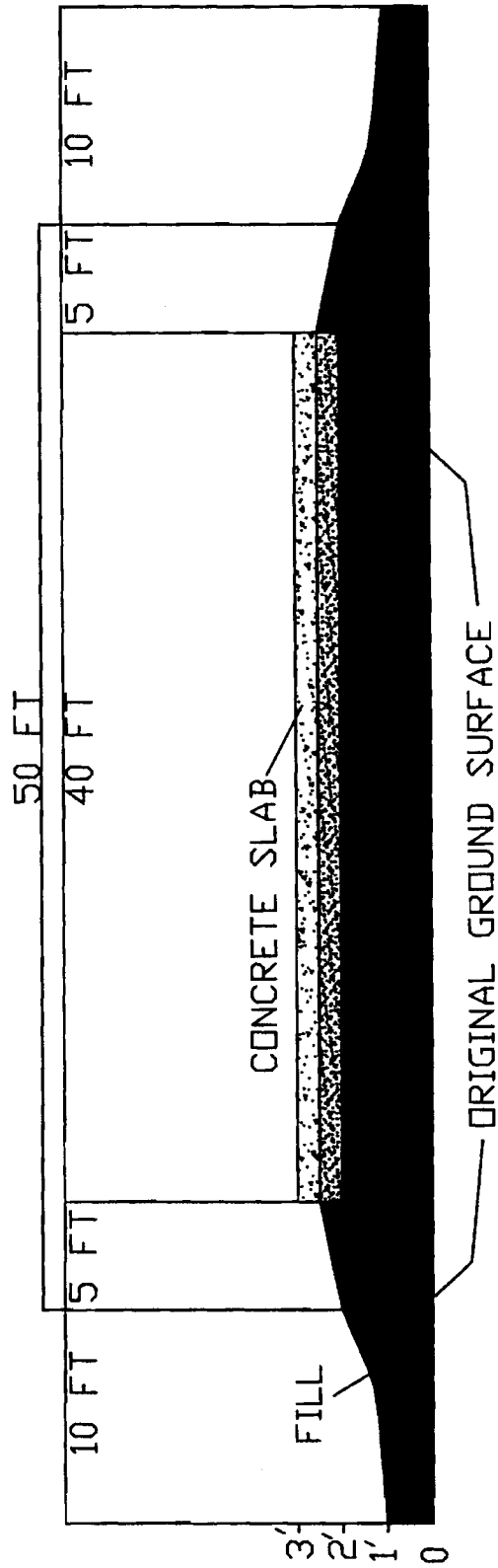
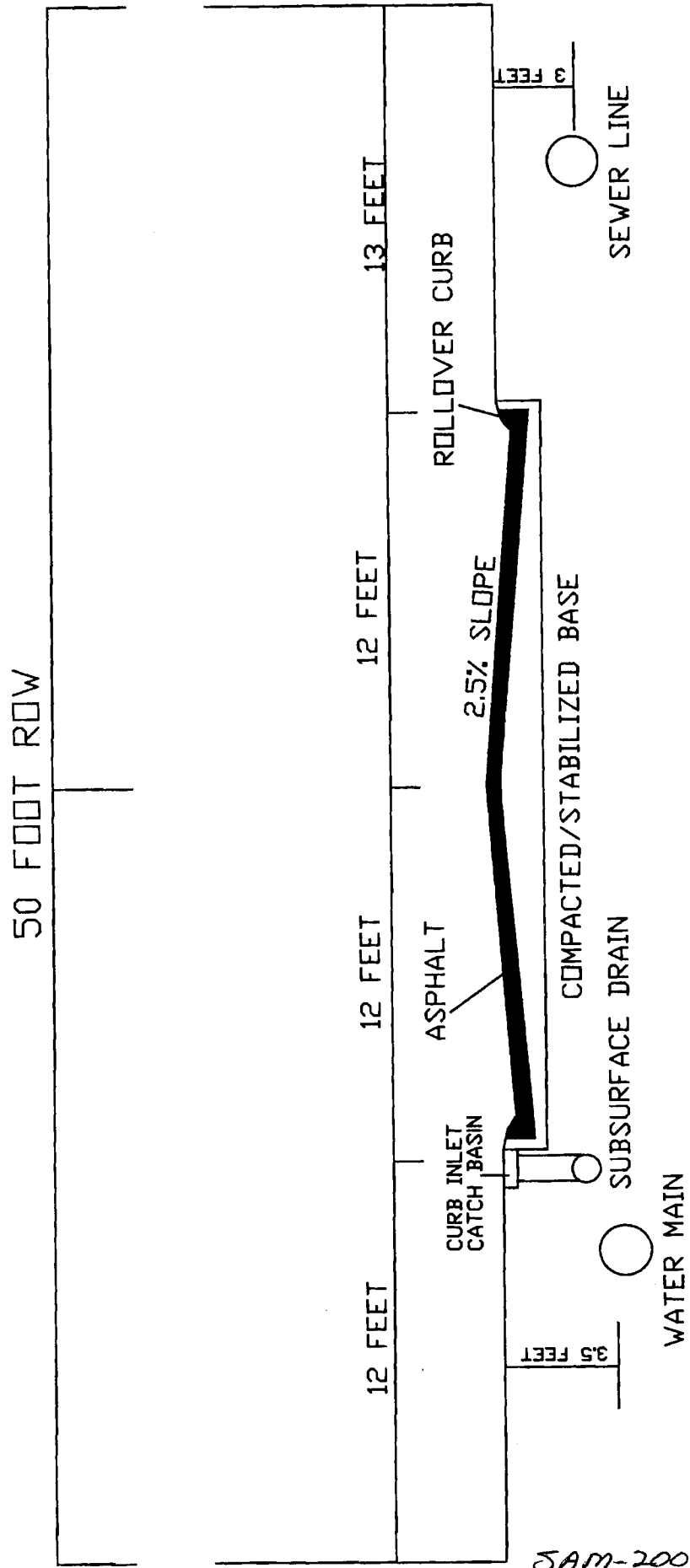


FIGURE 4. LAKEVIEW SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3
TYPICAL STREET CROSS SECTION



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FIGURE 5. PLAN VIEW OF TYPICAL LOT LAKEVIEW DRIVE

