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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2006-01770-CJH

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

PROPOSED WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WATER LINES
IN THOMASVILLE, ALABAMA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Mobile District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Please communicate this information to all interested parties.

APPLICANT: Southwest Alabama Regional Water Supply
District
c/o Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc.
Post Office Box 242128
Montgomery, Alabama 36124

WATERWAY: Unnamed tributary to Bear Creek in the Lower Tombigbee watershed, off old Highway 5 North, in Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 3 East, in Clarke County, Alabama.

WORK: The applicant is requesting authorization to permanently fill 4.93 acres of jurisdictional non-forested wetlands as part of a drinking water distribution project. There will be numerous stream crossings however those crossings will be bored therefore a DOA permit is not required. The proposed impacts are for the water treatment plant. The applicant will avoid all stream impacts by direction bore of the waterline, wetland avoidance was not possible due to the size of the proposed project and the available project site. A Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure (WRAP) assessment was conducted by the applicant on the wetlands to be impacted in order to determine the mitigation credits required to offset the unavoidable losses. As mitigation for these unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant has proposed

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to purchase 0.42 wetland credits from an approved Mitigation Bank. All work will be constructed in accordance with the enclosed plans provided by the applicant.

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 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

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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 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 discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A Cultural Resource Survey of the property is being performed by the applicant. The survey results will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer for review and concurrence.

A preliminary review of the proposed site using the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates that the proposed activity will not affect any listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat.

Any correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2006-01770-CJH and should be directed to the U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Corps of Engineers, Birmingham Field Office, 218 Summit Parkway Suite 220, Homewood, Alabama 35209, 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 10 September 2006.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact Ms. Cindy J. House-Pearson at telephone number (205) 290-9096 or by email at cindy.j.house-pearson@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public

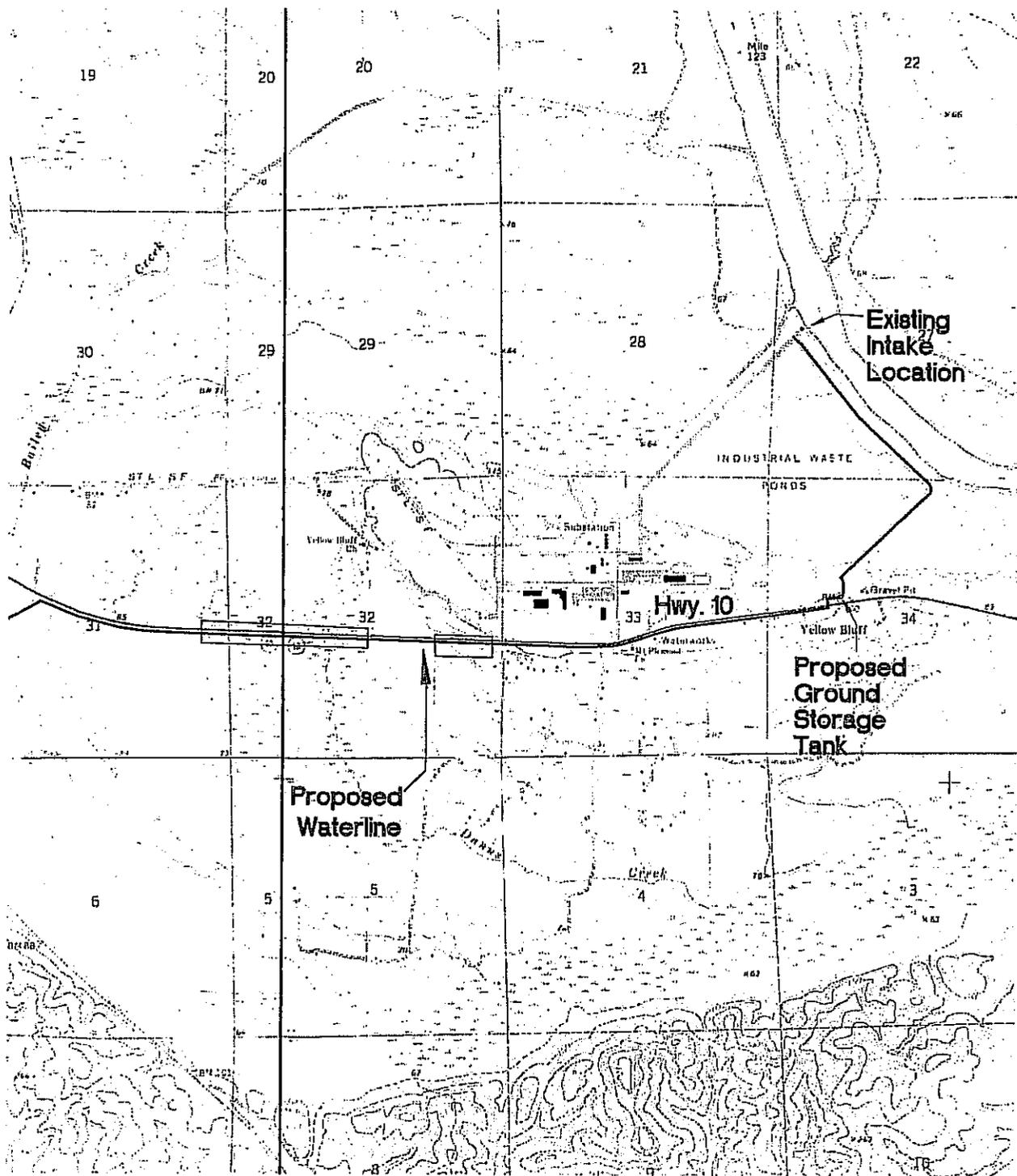
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Notice number when calling or in your email correspondence.

For additional information about the Mobile District's 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.

MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Enclosures



LEGEND:

-  = Stream crossing within existing rights-of-way.
-  = Non-Forested wetland area(s) within existing rights-of-way.

FIGURE
1A

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TITLE:
USGS
QUADRANGLE
MAP

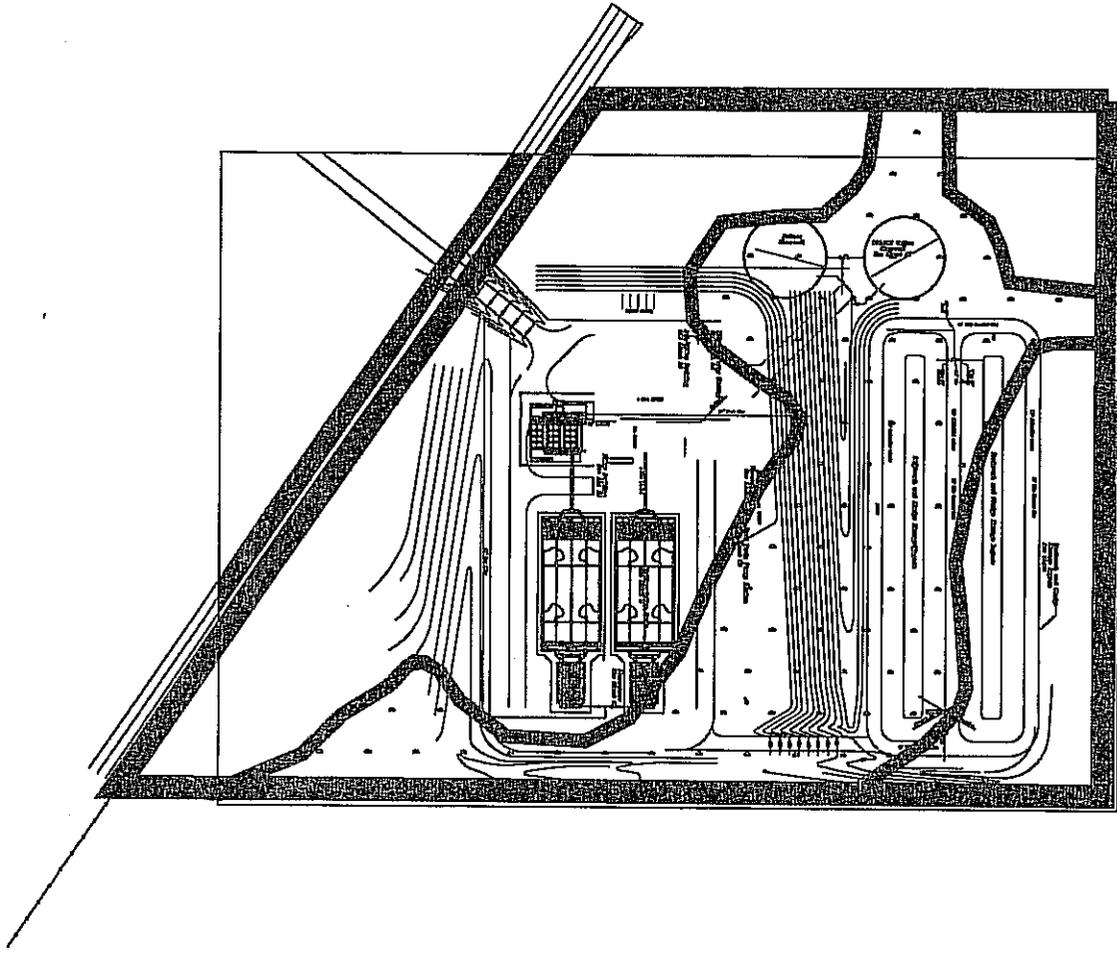
PROJECT:
SWARWSD
E.I.D.

DESIGNED:

DRAWN: THB

SCALE: 1" = 3,000'

DATE: 10/27/05



Proposed jurisdictional wetland impacts (4.93 ac.)
"Non-Forested Wetlands"

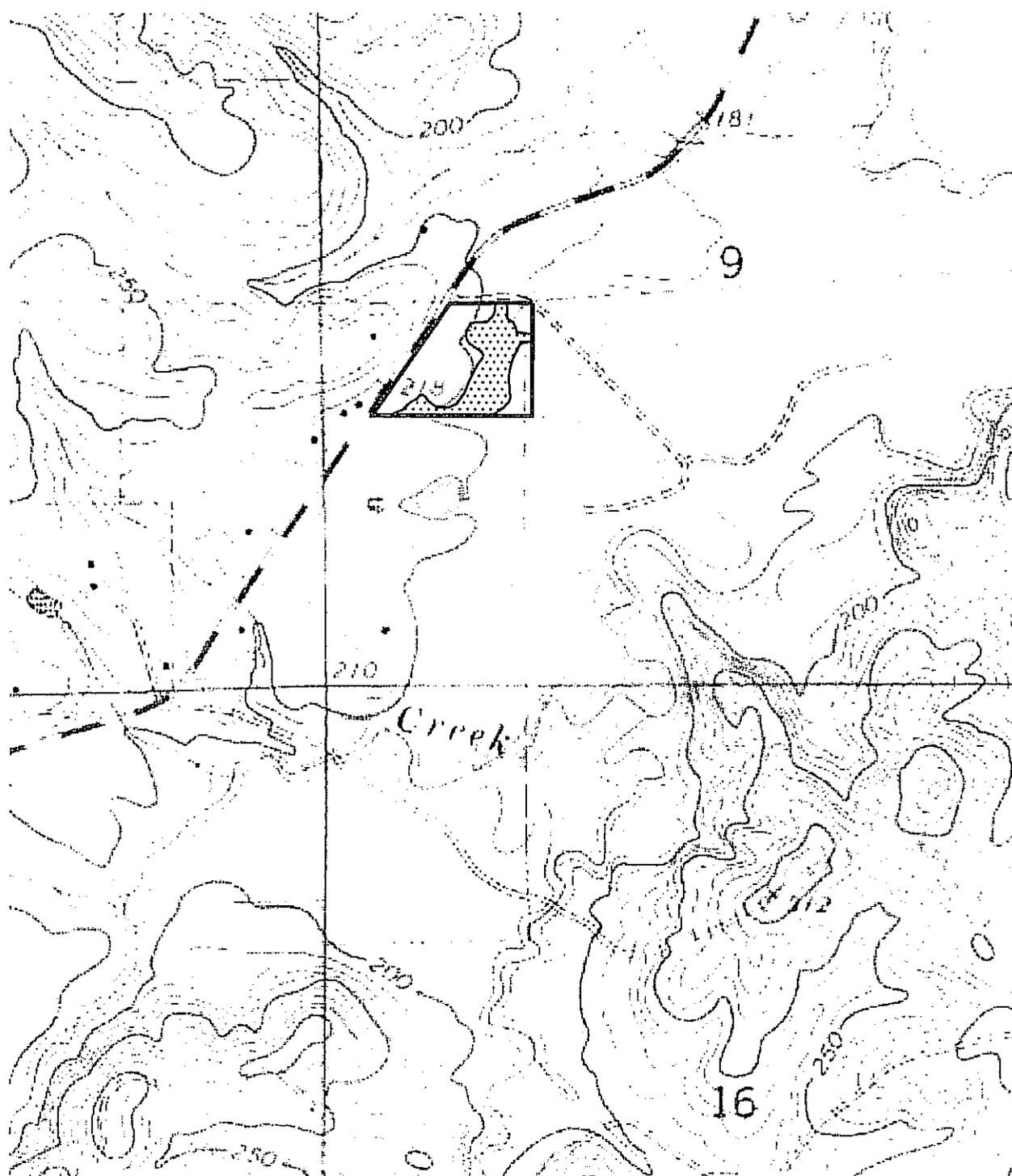
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TITLE: SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
PROJECT: SWARWSD WTP

DESIGNED:
DRAWN: THB
SCALE: 1" = 200'
DATE: 5/25/06



Project Boundary 13+/- acres
 Wetland acreage (4.93+/- acres)

FIGURE
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TITLE: USGS
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 WATER TREATMENT PLANT

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