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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO.
SAM-2006-1309-JAP

18 July 2006

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

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED BRIDGE ON COUNTY ROAD 34, WASHINGTON 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). 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. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Office of County Engineer
Washington County
Attention: Mr. Bob Gunter, P.E., P.L.S.
P.O. Box 335
Chatom, Alabama 36518

AGENT: Thompson Engineering, Inc.
Attention: Mr. John McFadyen, P.G.
2970 Cottage Hill Road, Suite 190
Mobile, Alabama 36606

LOCATION: Pine Barren Creek in the Tombigbee River watershed; County Road 34, northwest of Bigbee, Washington County, Alabama. See Bigbee, Alabama 7.5 minute quadrangle map; Section 37, Township 8 South, Range 2 West, near Latitude 31°37.38' North, Longitude 88° 12.34' West.

WORK: The applicant has requested authorization to impact waters of the U.S. for the proposed replacement of the damaged County Road 34 Bridge over Pine Barren Creek. The applicant's proposed plan consists of construction of 263 feet of roadway with a 240 foot long girder bridge, which will result in the discharge of 8000 cubic yards of fill material and will impact 0.93 acres of emergent herbaceous wetlands. The applicant will also remove approximately 1000 cubic yards of fill material that was placed adjacent to the bridge as a temporary bypass. As mitigation for the unavoidable proposed impacts, the applicant

proposes to purchase 2.12 mitigation credits from the Weeks Bay Mitigation Bank.

The applicant has applied for state certification in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

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 the Section 404 (b)(1) guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A copy of this public notice is being sent to the appropriate State and

Federal agencies, including the State Historic Preservation Officer, the U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service, Division of Archaeological Services. No properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. Comments are requested regarding the potential or existence of cultural resources which may be affected by this proposed work. The applicant has conducted a survey for threatened or endangered species and the survey was submitted to the U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service. The Service has concurred, by letter dated April 28, 2006, there are no threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat that will affected by this proposed project. After a review of the public comments, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management will make a determination of water quality certification of this proposal in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

For additional information, please contact Project Manager, Juan Payne, at telephone number (251) 694-3873 or by email at juan.a.payne@usace.army.mil . Please refer to Public Notice number **SAM-2006-1309-JAP** when calling or in your correspondence. **All comments must be received by August 18, 2006.** Please direct your written correspondence concerning this Public Notice to:

District Engineer
U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile
Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001
Attention: Regulatory Division, RD-I

with a copy to the:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management
4171 Commanders Drive
Mobile, Alabama 36615

For additional information about our 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

Enclosure

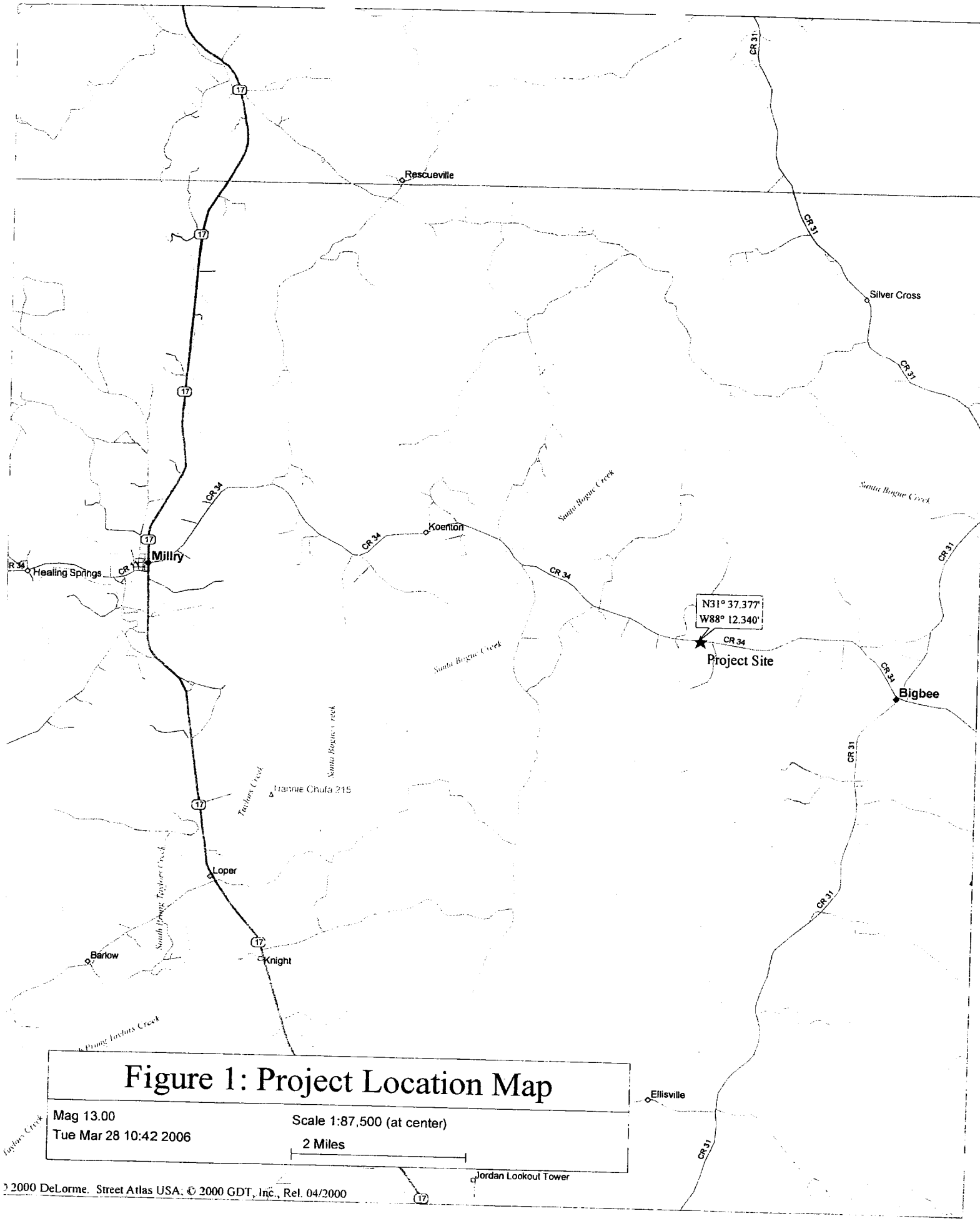
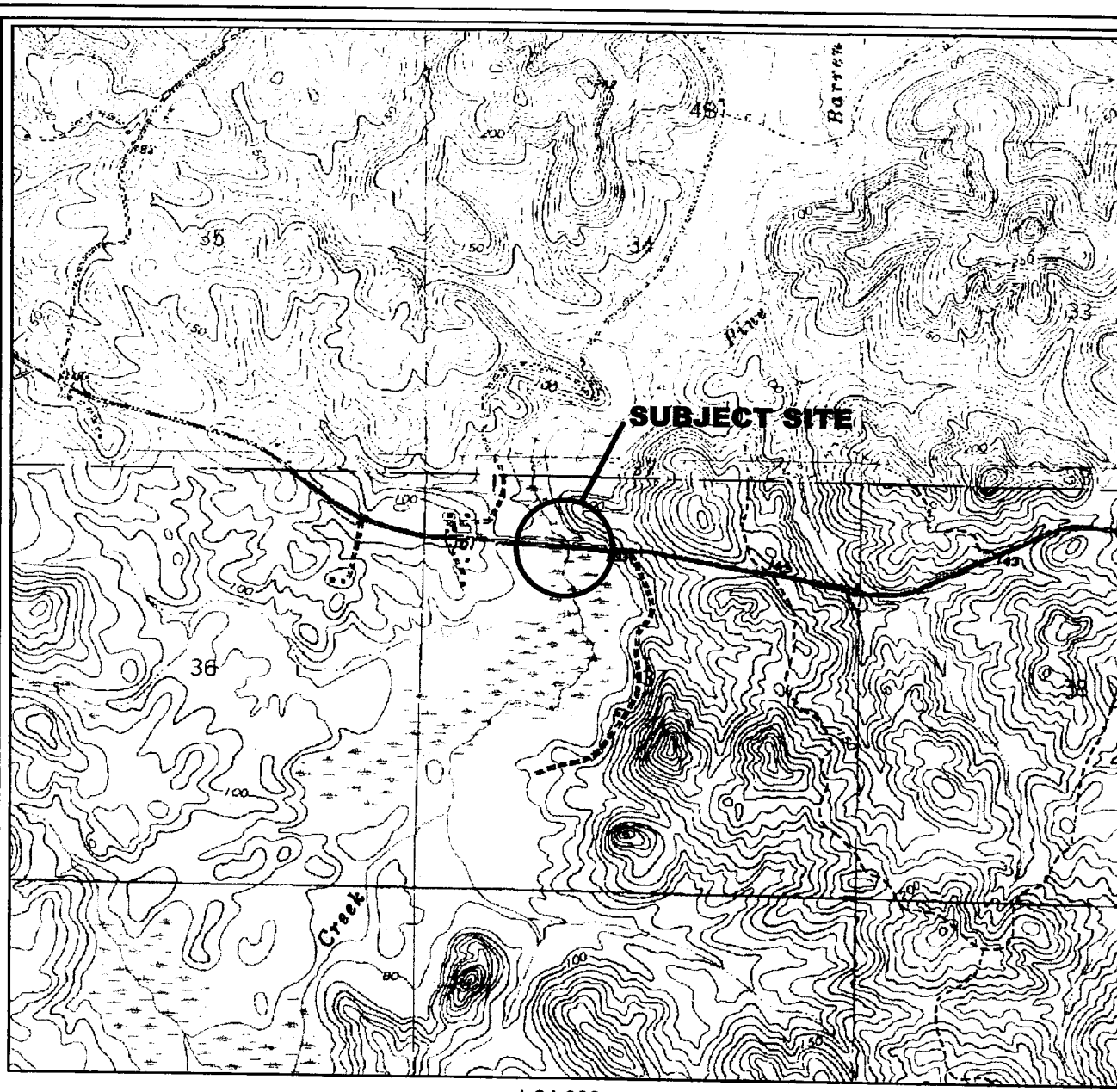


Figure 1: Project Location Map



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WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD 34 AT PINE BARREN CREEK WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA	thompson ENGINEERING	FIGURE 1 SITE VICINITY MAP
		PROJECT NO.: 06-4023-0007 / DATE: APRIL 2006

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MOBILE, ALABAMA 36606
TEL: (251) 666-3443
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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER PINE BARREN CREEK ON COUNTY ROAD 34

ROADWAY FILL AREAS

SCALE:	PLOT SCALE:	DRAWN BY:	CHECKED BY:	APPROVED BY:	DATE:	ARN NO.:	DRAWING NO.	REVISION NO.:
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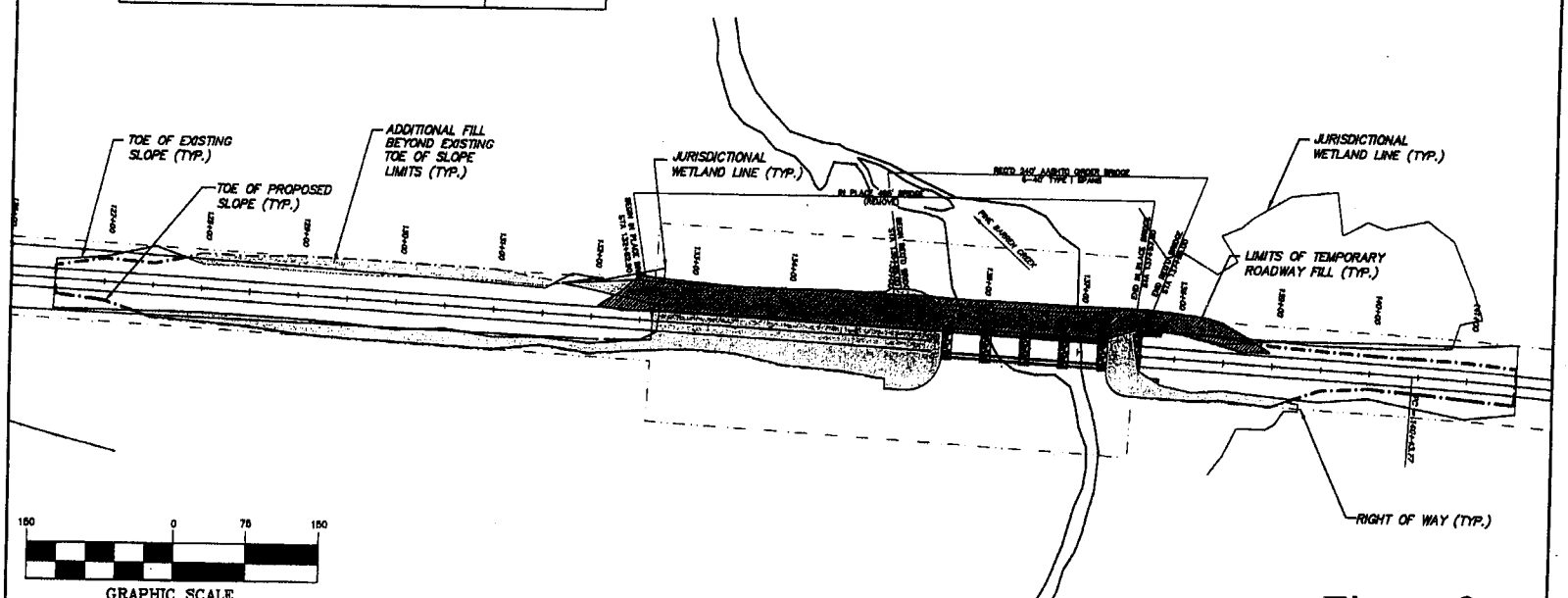
DESCRIPTION	AREA
PERMANENT ROADWAY FILL REQUIRED	0.93 ACRES
EXISTING TEMPORARY ROADWAY FILL AREA	0.45 ACRES
EXISTING TEMPORARY ROADWAY FILL AREA TO BE REMOVED	0.14 ACRES

LEGEND

ADDITIONAL FILL BEYOND EXISTING TOE OF SLOPE LIMITS

LIMITS OF TEMPORARY ROADWAY FILL



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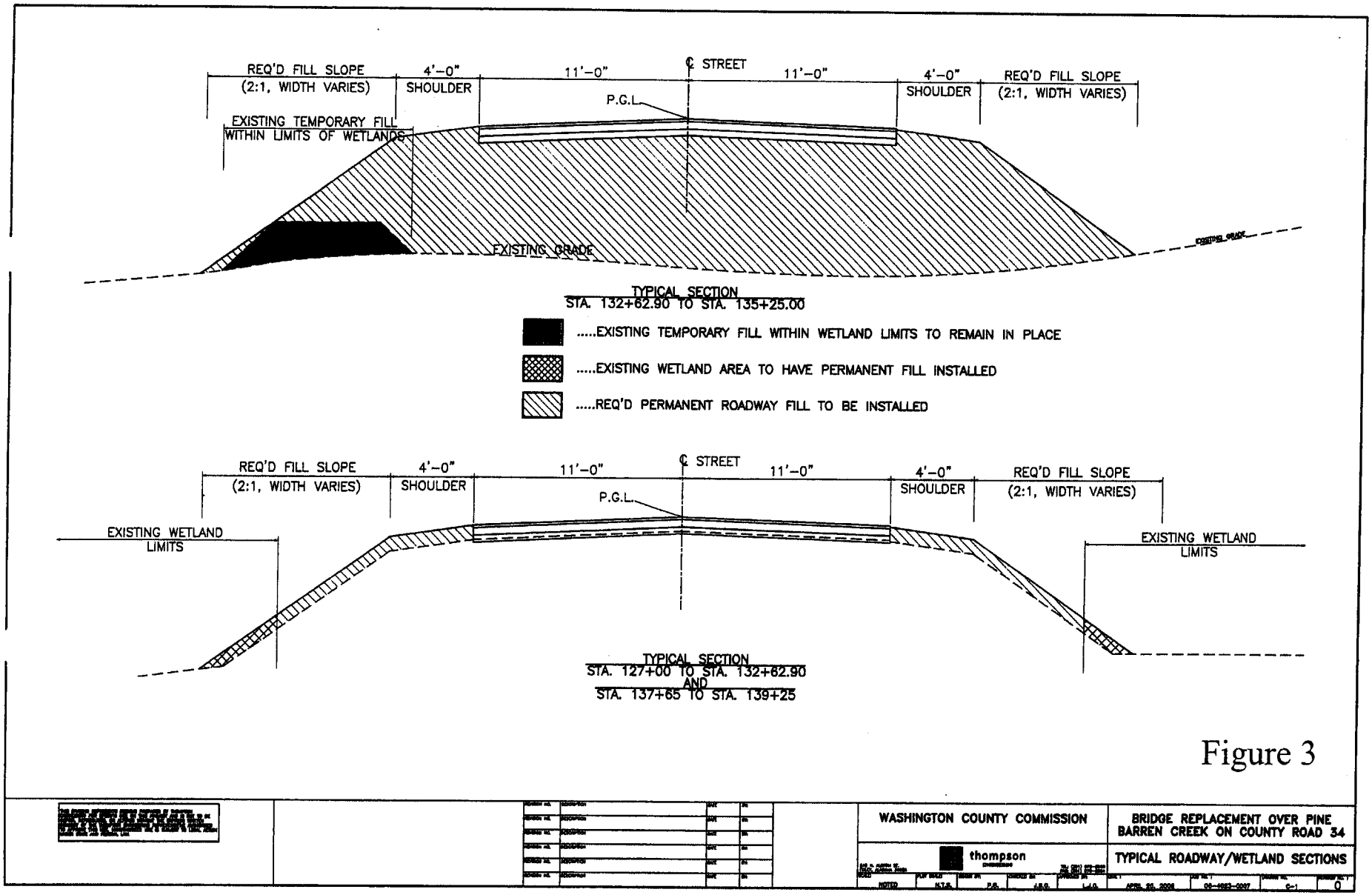
GRAPHIC SCALE

(IN FEET)
1 inch = 150ft.

Figure 2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.....EXISTING TEMPORARY FILL WITHIN WETLAND LIMITS TO REMAIN IN PLACE
.....EXISTING WETLAND AREA TO HAVE PERMANENT FILL INSTALLED
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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER PINE
BARREN CREEK ON COUNTY ROAD 34
TYPICAL ROADWAY/WETLAND SECTIONS
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