DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO.
SAM-2006-1335-JAP

3 August 2006

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ENGINEERING WOOD PROCESSING
FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED STORAGE UNITS,
LAUDERDALE 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). 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: Loblolly Industries, LLC
Attention: Mr. Anderson Thomas, President
P.O. Box 68
Shuqualak, Mississippi 39361

AGENT: Wildlife Technical Services, Inc.
Attention: Mr. Walt Dinkelacker
P.O. Box 820188
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39182-0188

WATERWAY: Nanabe Creek, Section 37, Township 7 North, Range 16 East, Lauderdale County, Mississipi.

WORK: The applicant has requested authorization to impact waters of the U.S. for the proposed construction of a 335,000 square foot engineered wood processing facility, associated storage units, fuel storage unit and employee parking area. The proposed impacts are limited to a 0.53 acre open water pond and 0.10 acre of ephemeral stream.

The applicant has applied for certification the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality 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. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History has given their concurrence by letter, dated May 4, 2006. 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 given their concurrence on June 1, 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 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will make a determination of water quality certification of this proposal in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

Any correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2006-1335-JAP** and should be directed to the following address:

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

with a copy to the:

Director
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Pollution Control
P.O. Box 10385
Jackson, Mississippi 39289

All comments must be received by August 18, 2006.

If you have any questions concerning this public notice, you may contact the Project Manager, **Mr. Juan A. Payne**, at telephone number **(251) 694-3873** or preferably by email at juan.a.payne@usace.army.mil. Please reference the above public notice number when calling or in your 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.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

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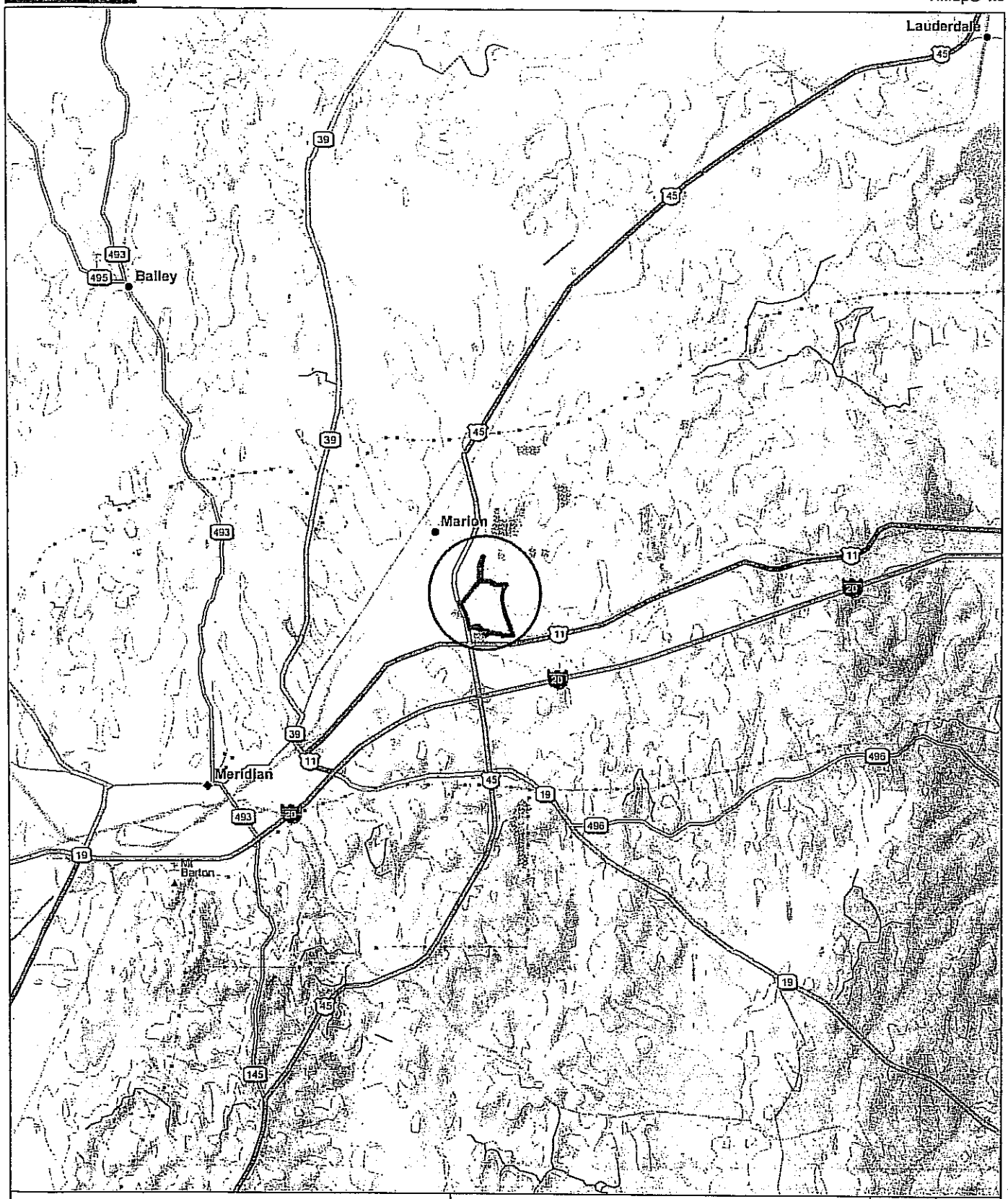

Proposed Loblolly Industries, LLC
Vicinity Map
Lauderdale Co., Mississippi

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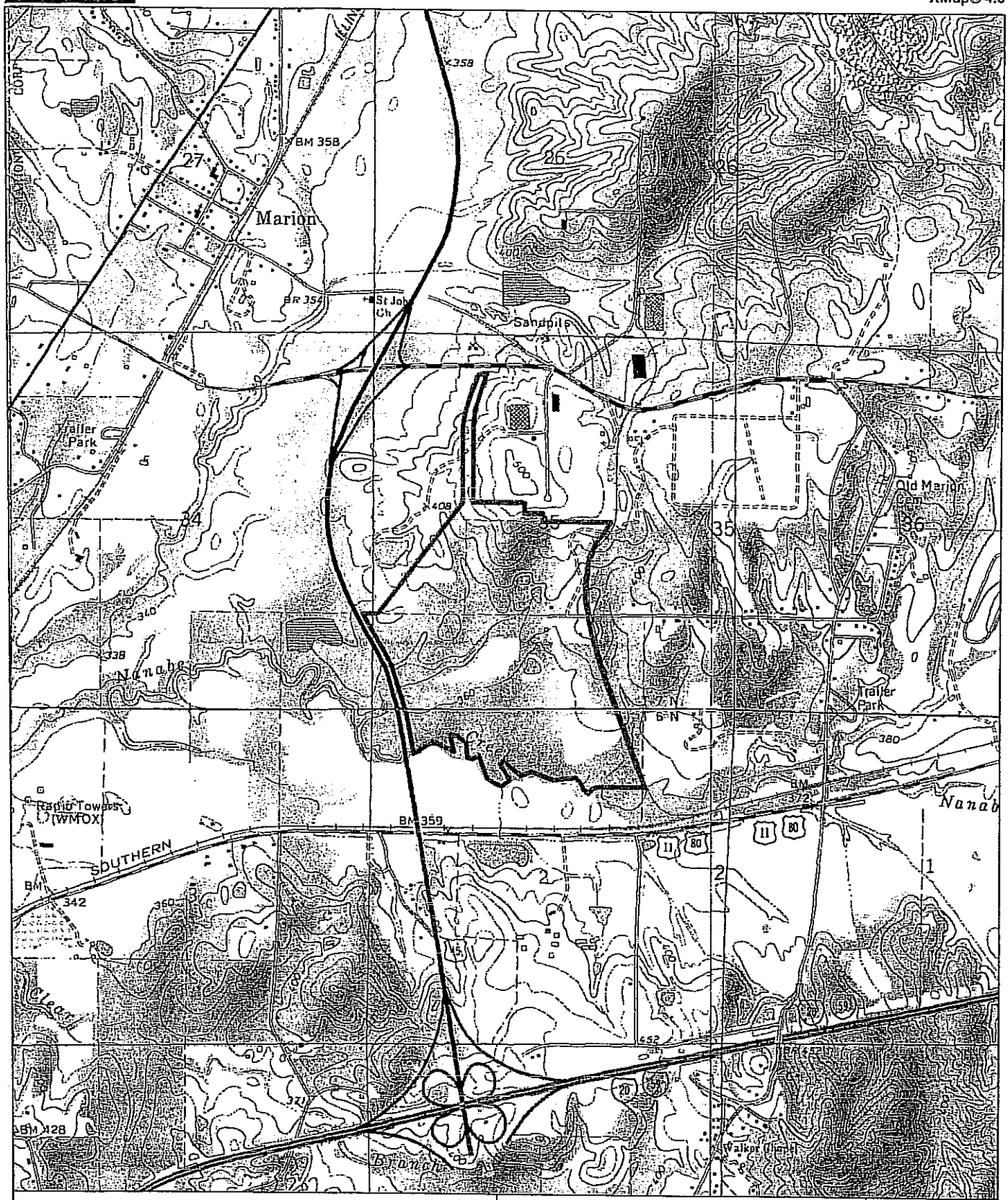

Proposed Loblolly Industries, LLC
Site Map
U.S.G.S. Meridian North, MS Quadrangle

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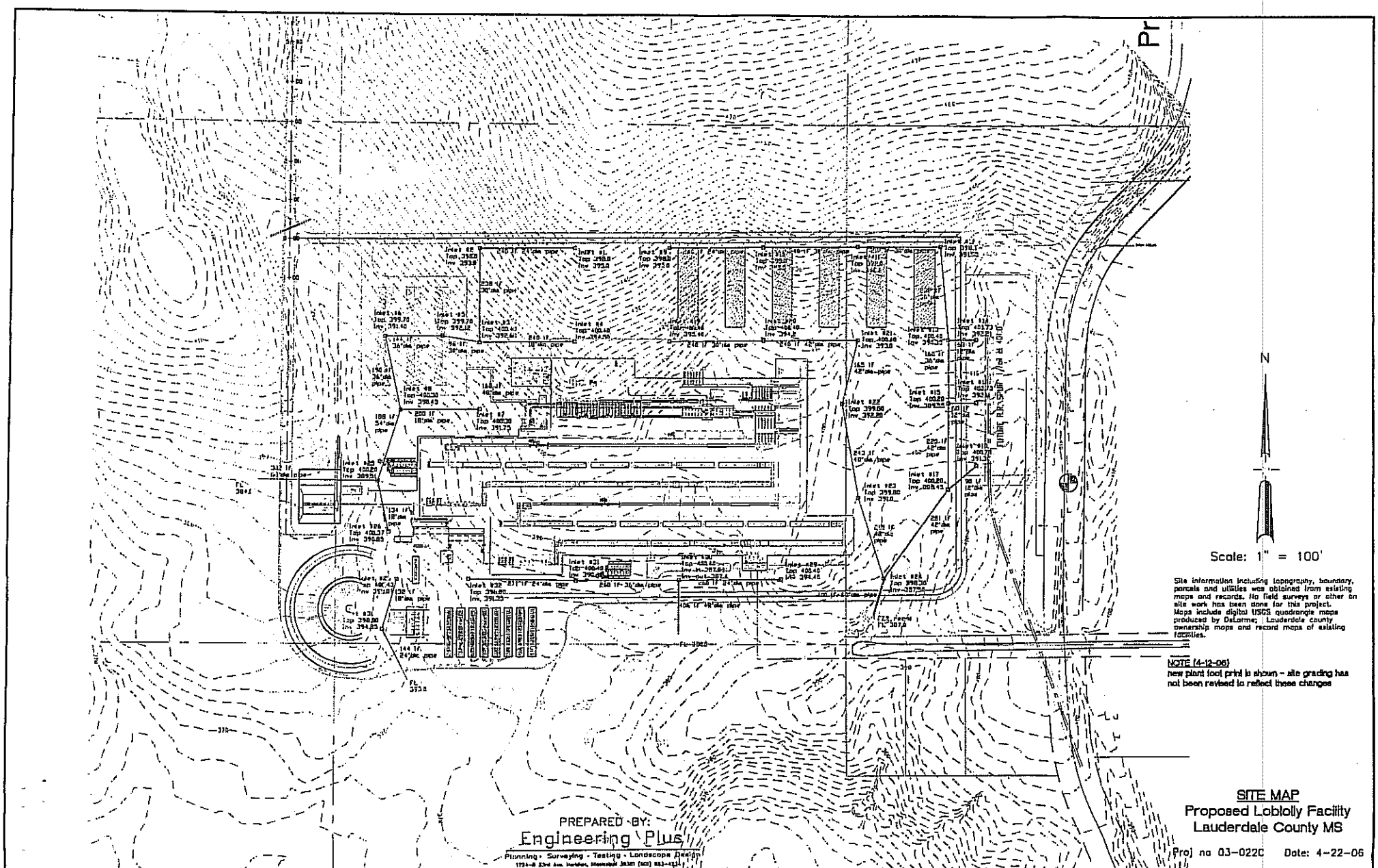
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Site information including topography, boundary, parcels and utilities was obtained from existing maps and records. No field surveys or other on site work has been done for this project. Maps include digital USGS quadrangle maps produced by DeLorme; Lauderdale county ownership maps and record maps of existing facilities.
NOTE (4-12-06)
new plant foot print is shown - site grading has not been revised to reflect these changes
SITE MAP
Proposed Loblolly Facility
Lauderdale County MS
Proj no 03-022C
Date: 4-22-06
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Planning • Surveying • Testing • Landscape Design