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SUBJECT: SAM-2006-2170-ALF

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

**PROPOSED WETLAND FILL FOR EXPANSION WITHIN BAYOU BERNARD
INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT IN GULFPORT, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Harrison County Development Commission
Post Office Box 1870
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502

WATERWAY: Wetlands tributary to Bayou Bernard Industrial Seaway at Seaway Road/Intraplex Drive in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi.

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill 83.7 acres of wetlands for expansion within the existing Bayou Bernard Industrial District (BBID) in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi. The proposed project would provide for 10 additional commercial/ light industrial sites within the Industrial District. The Department of the Army permit, MS93-00034-I, originally authorized the filling of wetlands for development of BBID. On-site mitigation was used to compensate for wetland impacts associated with the original development. Approximately 63.5 acres of the current proposed wetland fill would occur in wetlands previously designated for mitigation. The applicant proposes to purchase credits from an approved wetland mitigation bank to replace the mitigation credits generated by the original on-site mitigation and to compensate for the proposed impacts to 83.7 acres of wetlands. In total, the applicant proposes to purchase approximately 440 mitigation credits, incorporating a 1.5-temporal loss multiplier for impacts to previous mitigation sites.

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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.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

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.

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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 will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register which are known to exist in the project area and would be affected by the proposed work. This review will constitute the full extent of cultural resources 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 State Historic Preservation Officer and 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.

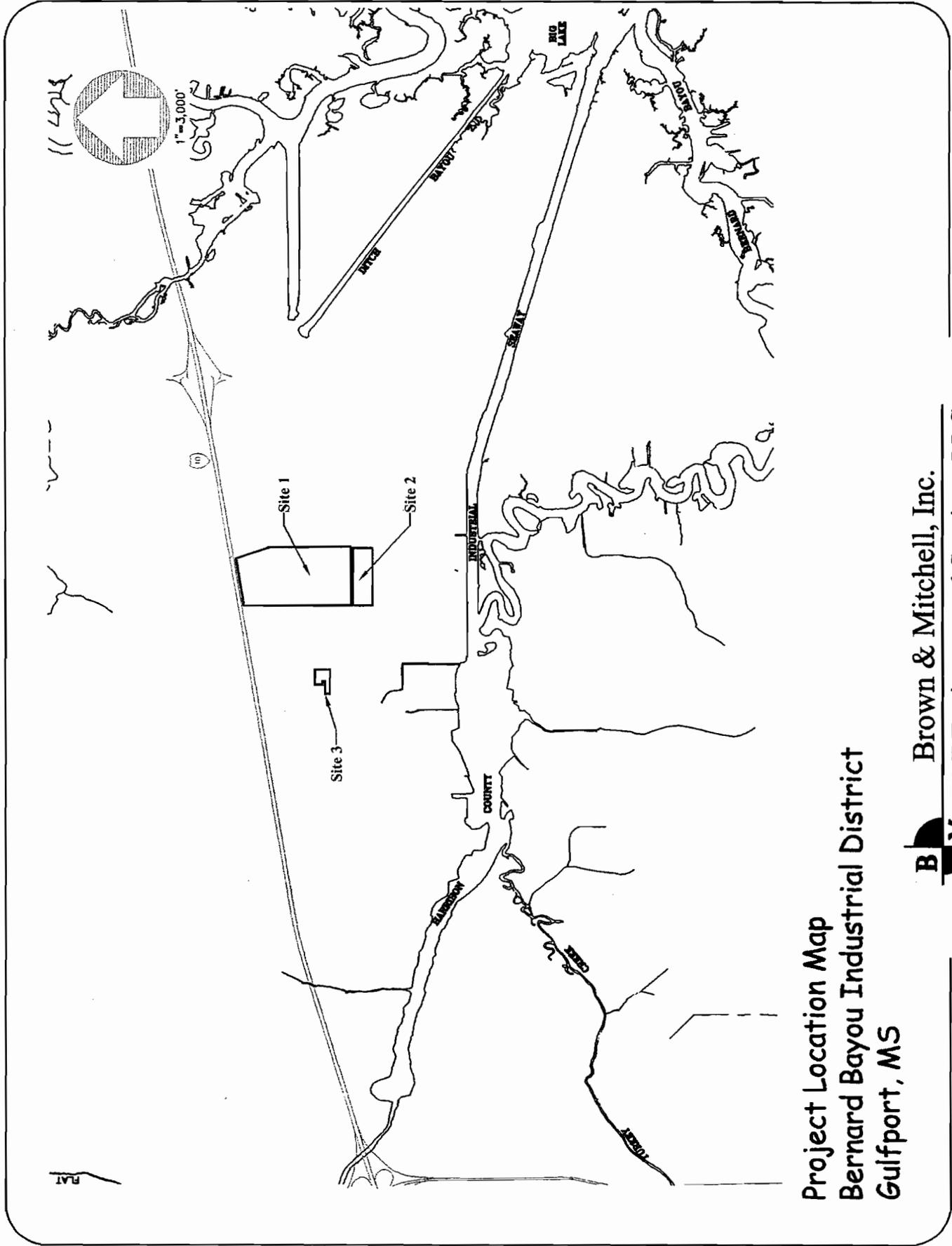
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2006-2170-ALF** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Coastal Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530. Comments should be received no later than **21 days** from the date of this Public Notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the Project Manager via e-mail at allison.l.felsher@sam.usace.army.mil or telephone number **(251) 694-2658**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

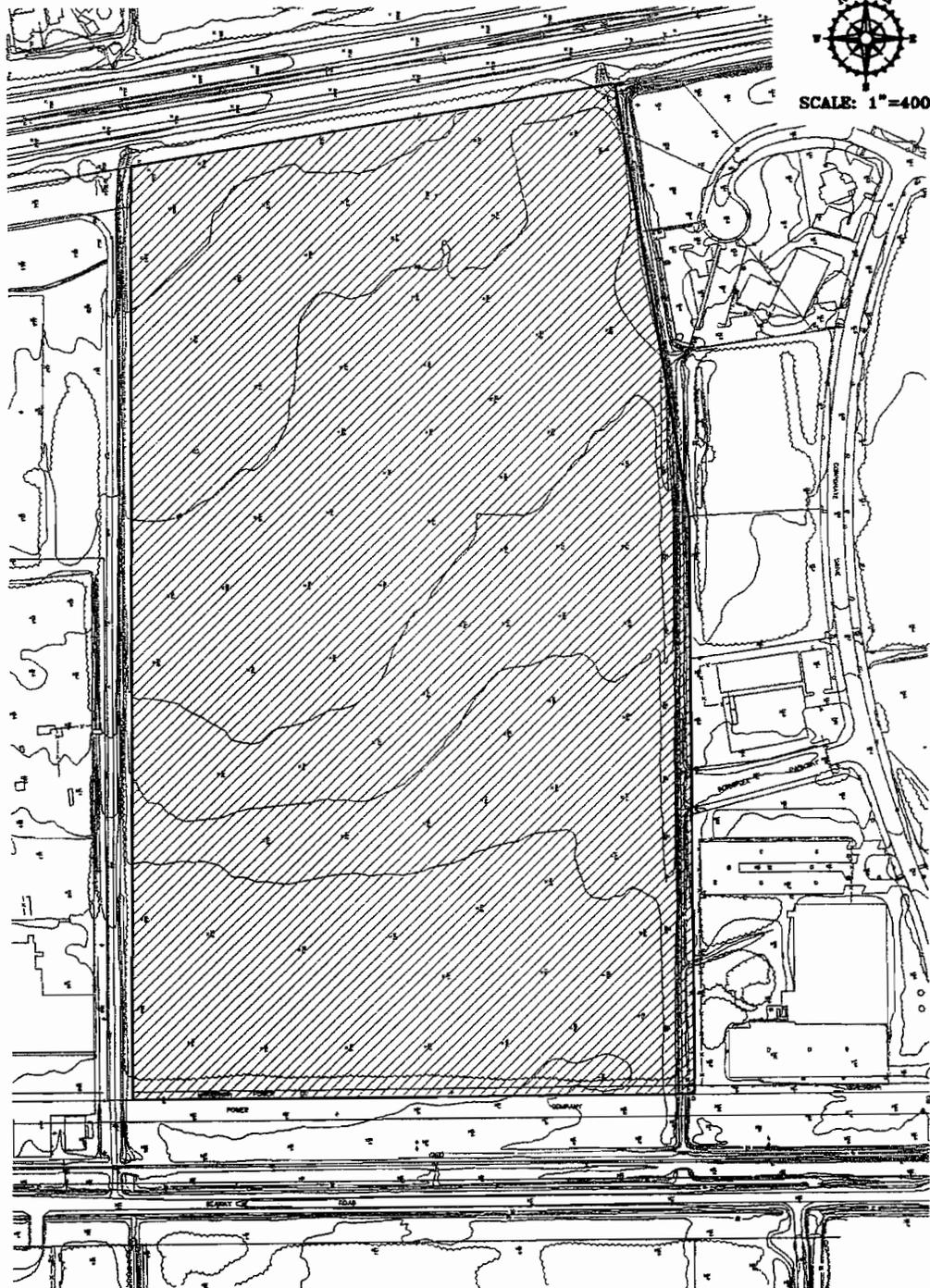
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NORTH
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**Wetland Delineation
Site 1 (West of Intraplex 10)
Bernard Bayou Industrial District**

 Wetlands ±71.2 Ac.

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**Development Plan
 Site 1 (West of Intraplex 10)
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Wetland Fill
Site 1 (West of Intraplex 10)
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-  Wetlands Fill ±63.5 Ac.
-  Wetlands to Remain ±7.7 Ac.

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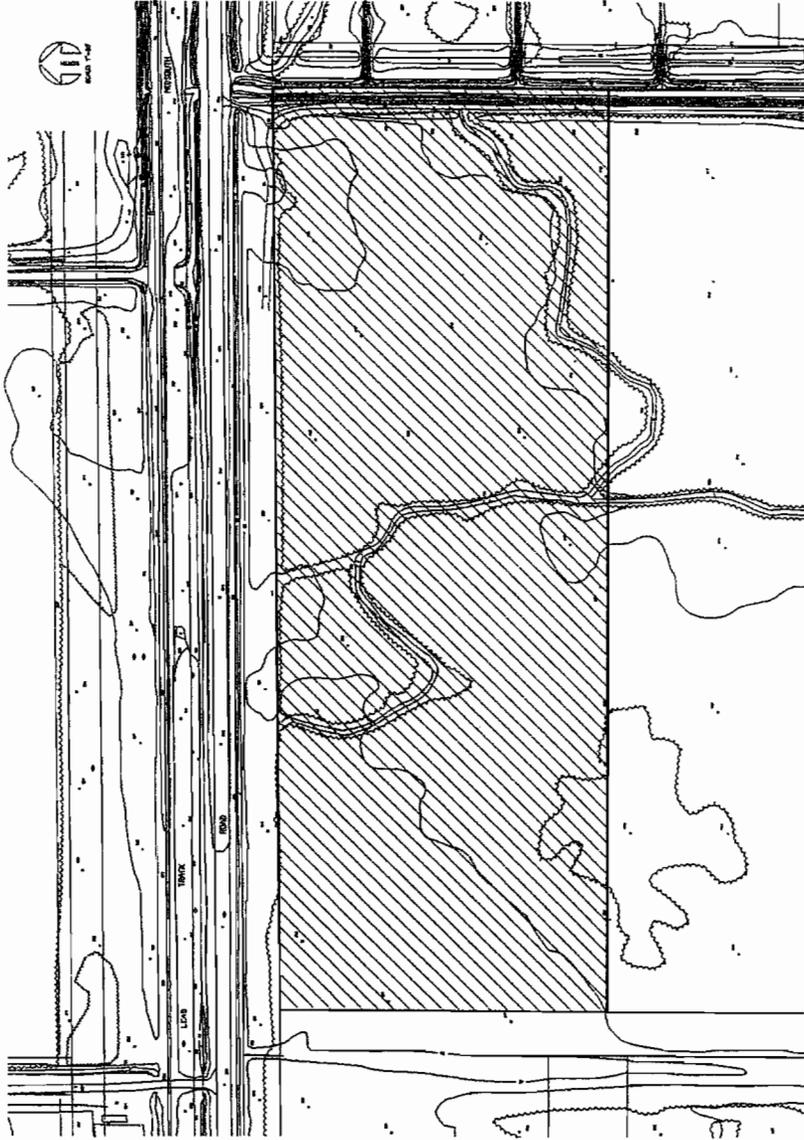
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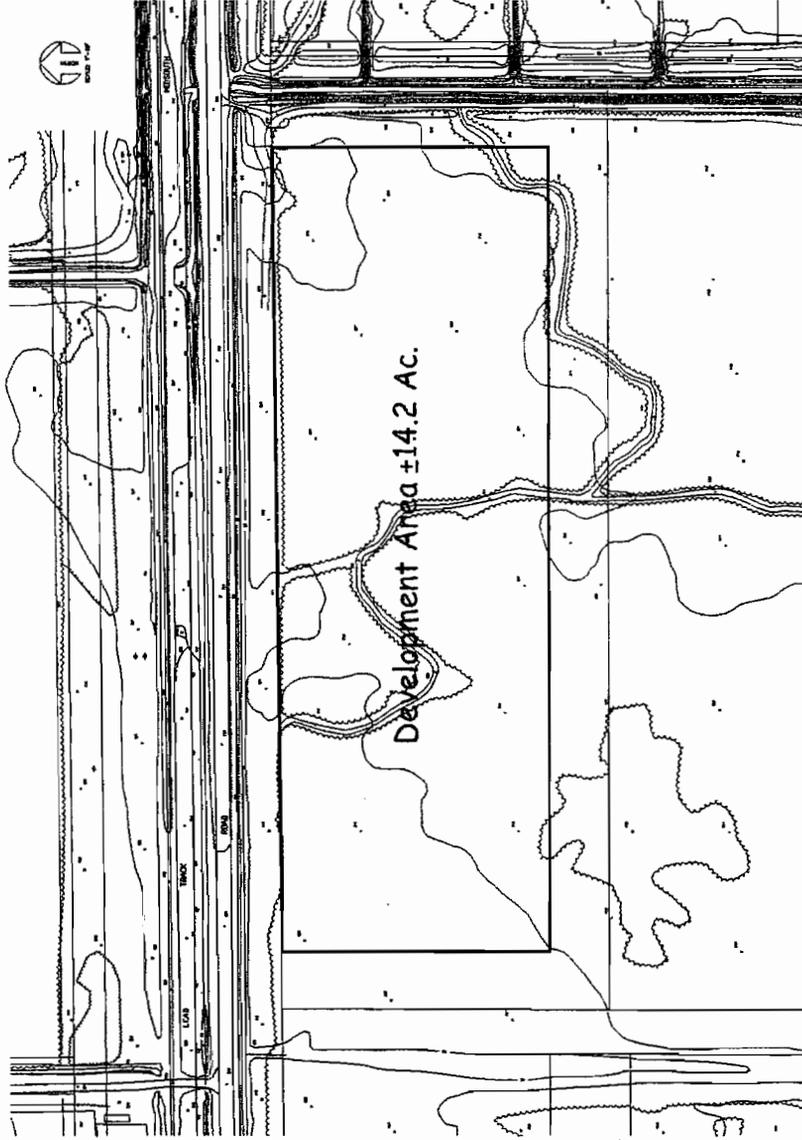
 Wetlands ±19.8 Ac.

**Wetland Delineation
Site 2 (South of Seaway Road)
Bernard Bayou Industrial District**

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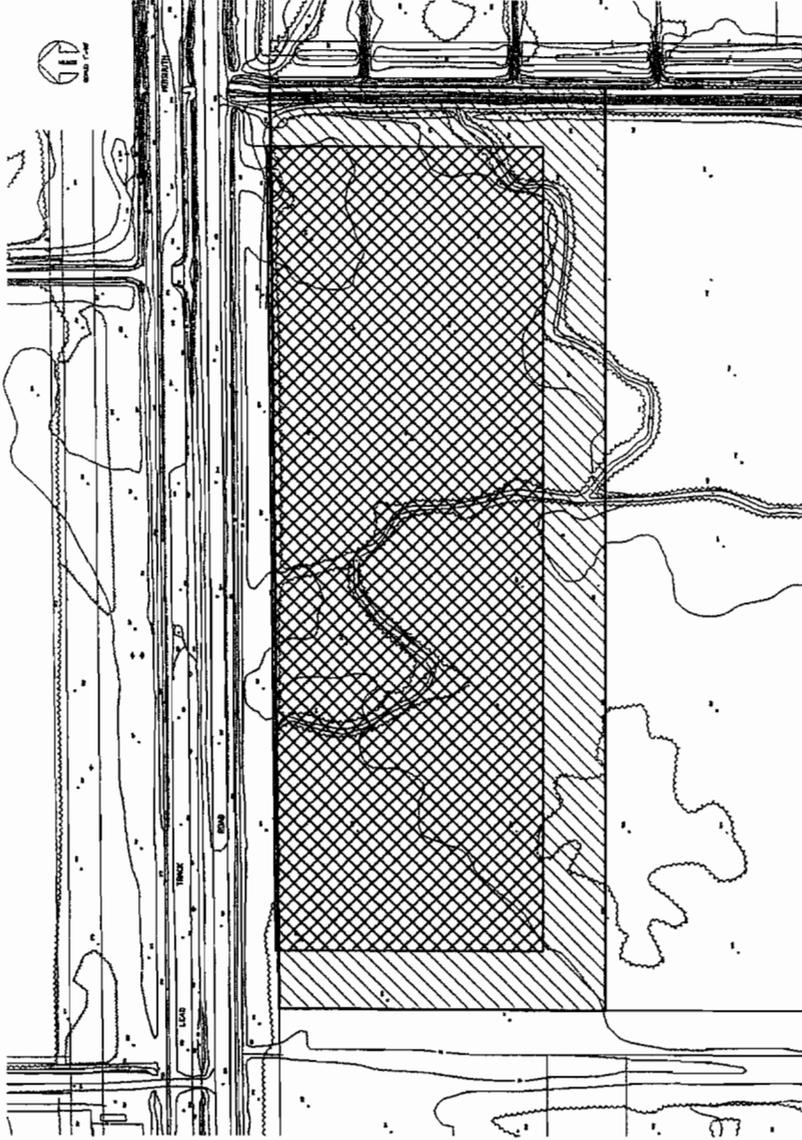
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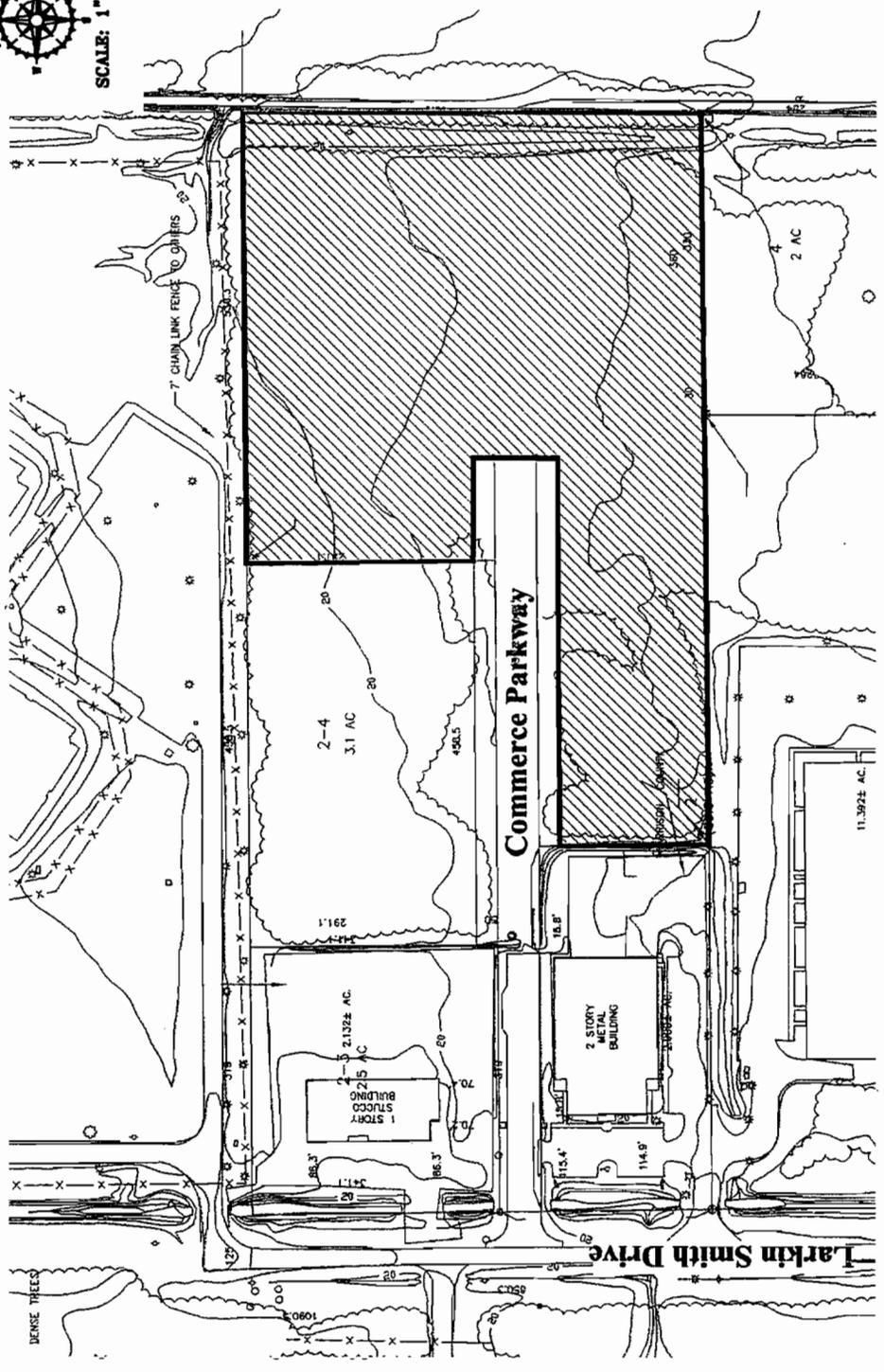


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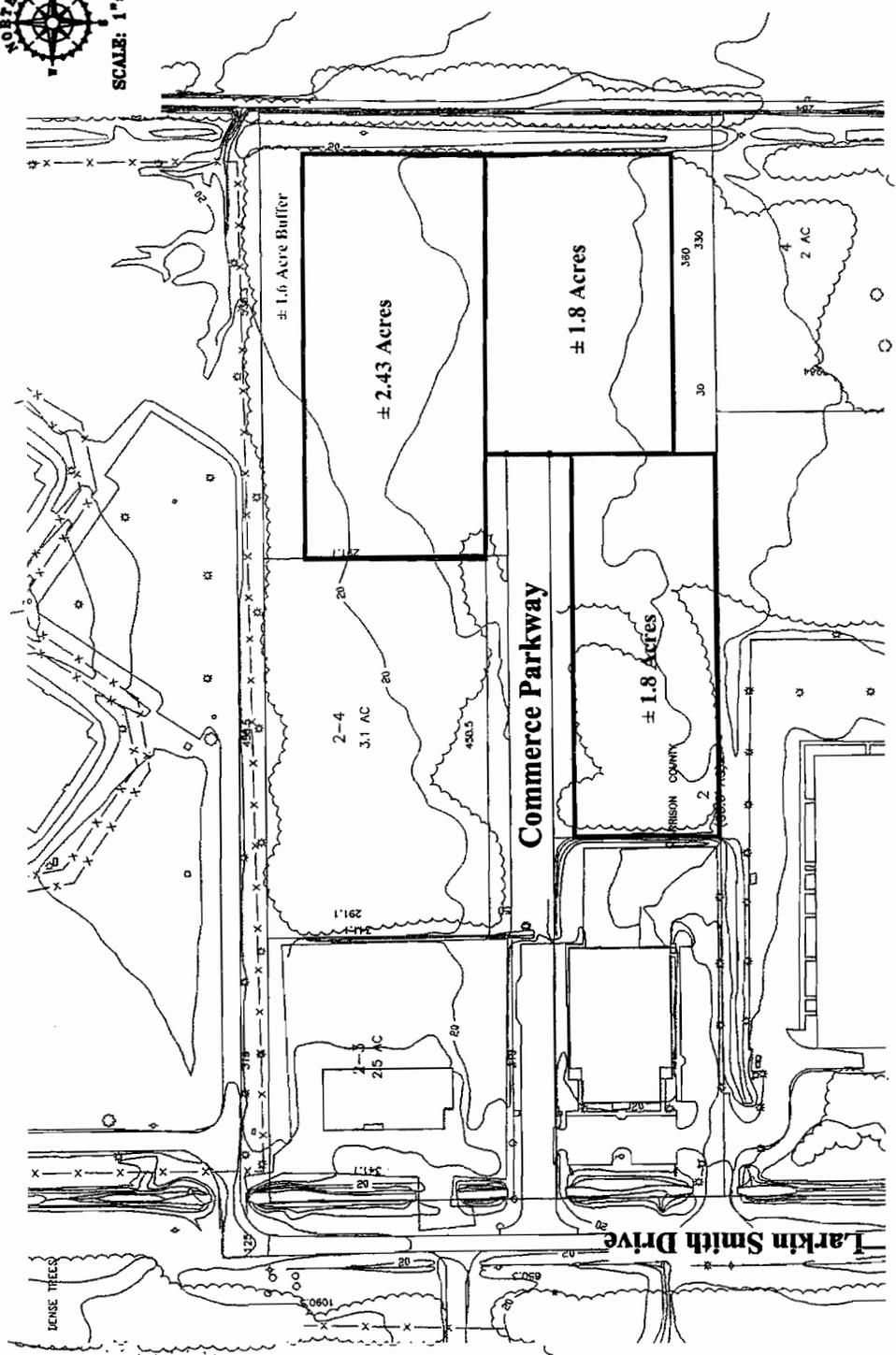
-  Wetlands Fill ±14.2 Ac.
-  Wetlands to Remain ±5.6 Ac.



Wetland Delineation Site 3 (Commerce Parkway) Bernard Bayou Industrial District

 Wetlands ±7.6 Ac.

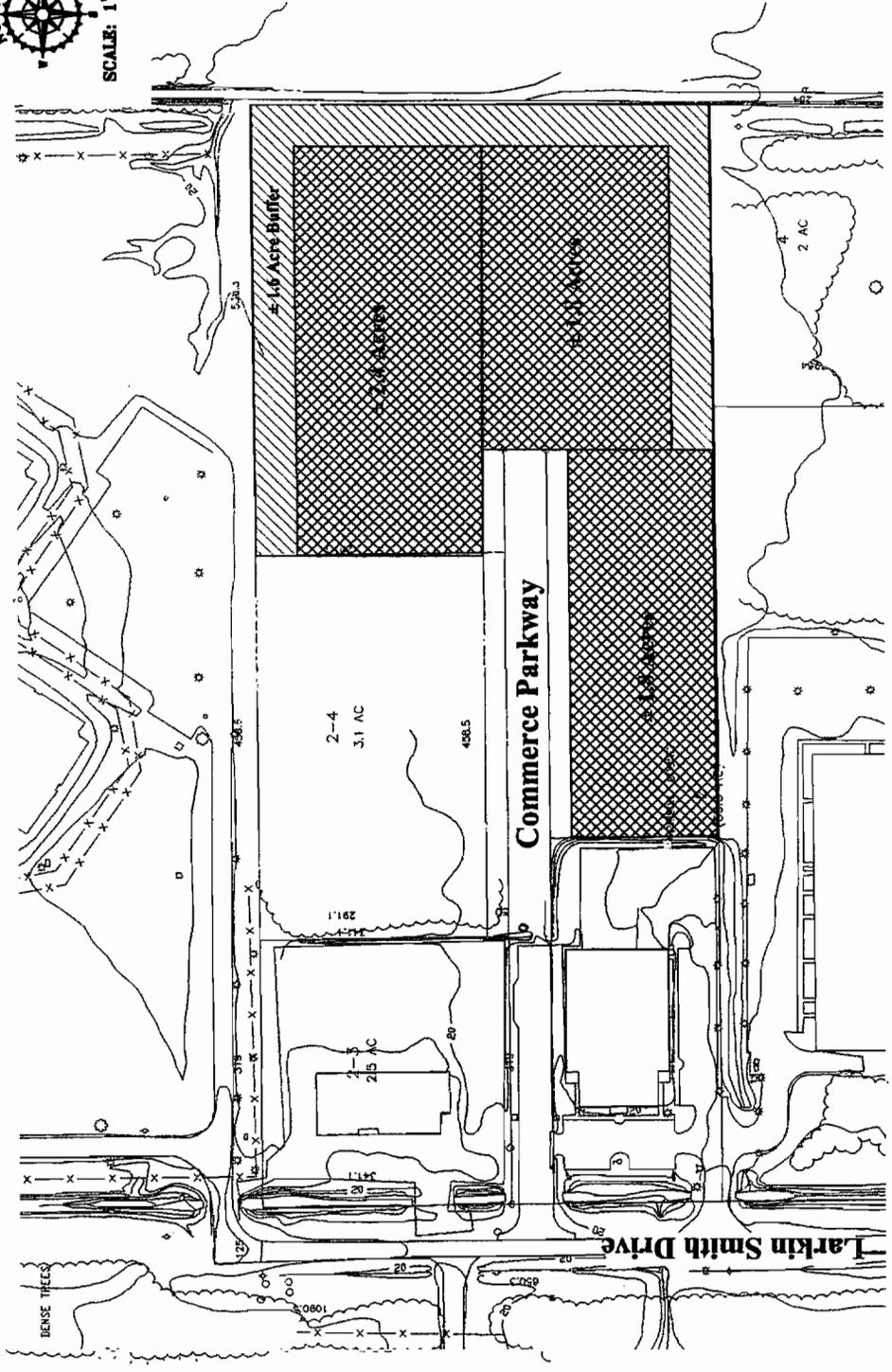
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 Site 3 (Commerce Parkway)
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-  Wetlands Fill ±6.0 Ac.
-  Wetlands to Remain ±1.6 Ac.

**Wetland Fill
Site 3 (Commerce Parkway)
Bernard Bayou Industrial District**

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