



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
218 SUMMIT PARKWAY, SUITE 222
HOMEWOOD, AL 35209-4752

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2007-1339-HWL

November 19, 2007

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

REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT LEEDS NATURE PARK
A RECREATIONAL PARK AND POND
IN LEEDS, JEFFERSON 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). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: **City of Leeds**
 8373 First Avenue
 Leeds, Alabama 35094

WATERWAY: The subject site is located along and unnamed tributary to the Cahaba River in Jefferson County within the city limits of Leeds. The subject site encompasses approximately 25.6 acres located in Section 4 of Township 17 South, Range 1 West. The site is centered at Latitude 33° 32'29" N and Longitude 86° 35'43"W.

WORK: The purpose of this project is to provide a recreational nature park in relation to an adjacent planned commercial development (Bass Pro Shop and other commercial development). The nature park will include a scenic access road to the adjacent development, nature trails and a 2.9 acre pond. This project will result in impacts to 0.83 acres of wetlands and 981 linear feet of perennial stream. The applicant has avoided impacts to 0.15 acres of wetlands and 2,310 linear feet of perennial stream. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the impacts by purchase of 0.7 wetland mitigation credits from an area mitigation bank and by onsite preservation and enhancement of the remaining perennial stream. This project is being proposed by the City and is not affiliated with Bass Pro Shop or any other development. The project is designed to compliment the adjacent commercial area; however, the park and adjacent development are not dependent upon one another. The Bass Pro Shop has a separate entrance into their facility and no impacts to jurisdictional waters are anticipated as a result of the construction of the Bass Pro Shop Facility. The applicant's drawings are attached.

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.

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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. 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 guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being 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 are seeking 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. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking. The district engineer remains the final decision authority.

Preliminary endangered species surveys have been conducted to determine the presence of Federally listed species or critical habitat. These surveys are being provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service in

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accordance with the provisions of the Federal Endangered Species Act, to insure that the proposed activities will not adversely affect any listed or proposed species.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2007-1339-HWL and should be directed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mobile District
218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222
Homewood, AL 35209

with a copy to the:

Director
Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Post Office Box 301463
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

Comments should be received no later than **30 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 howard.w.ladner@usace.army.mil or telephone number **(205) 290-9096**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our 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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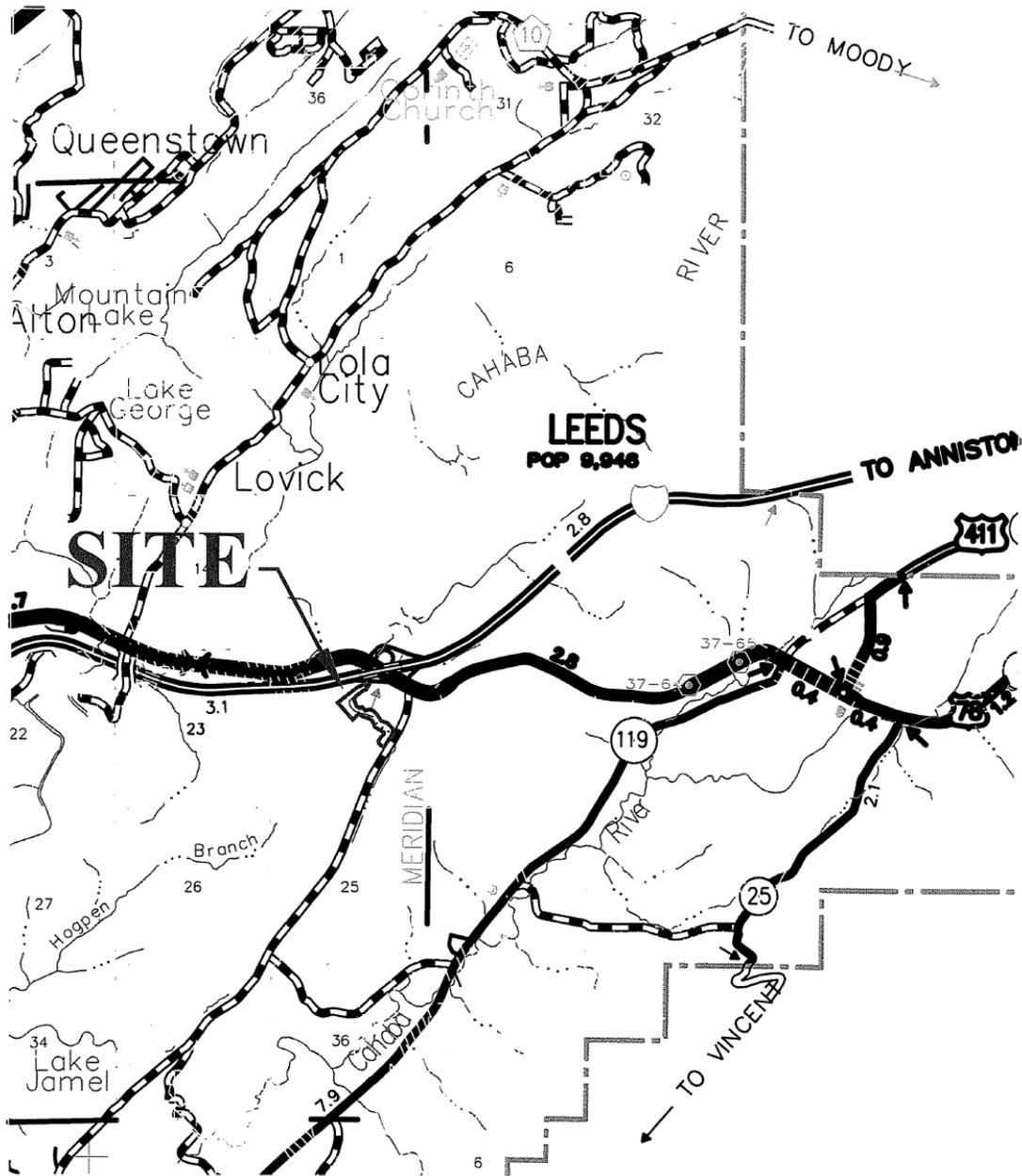


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<p>Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc.</p> <hr/> <p>1102 South 20th Street Birmingham, Alabama (205) 879-4462</p>	<p>TITLE: VICINITY MAP WITH SITE LOCATION</p>	<p>DESIGNED:</p>
	<p>PROJECT: PROPOSED LEEDS NATURE PARK</p>	<p>DRAWN: SAB</p>
		<p>SCALE: NTS</p>
		<p>DATE: 05/02/07</p>

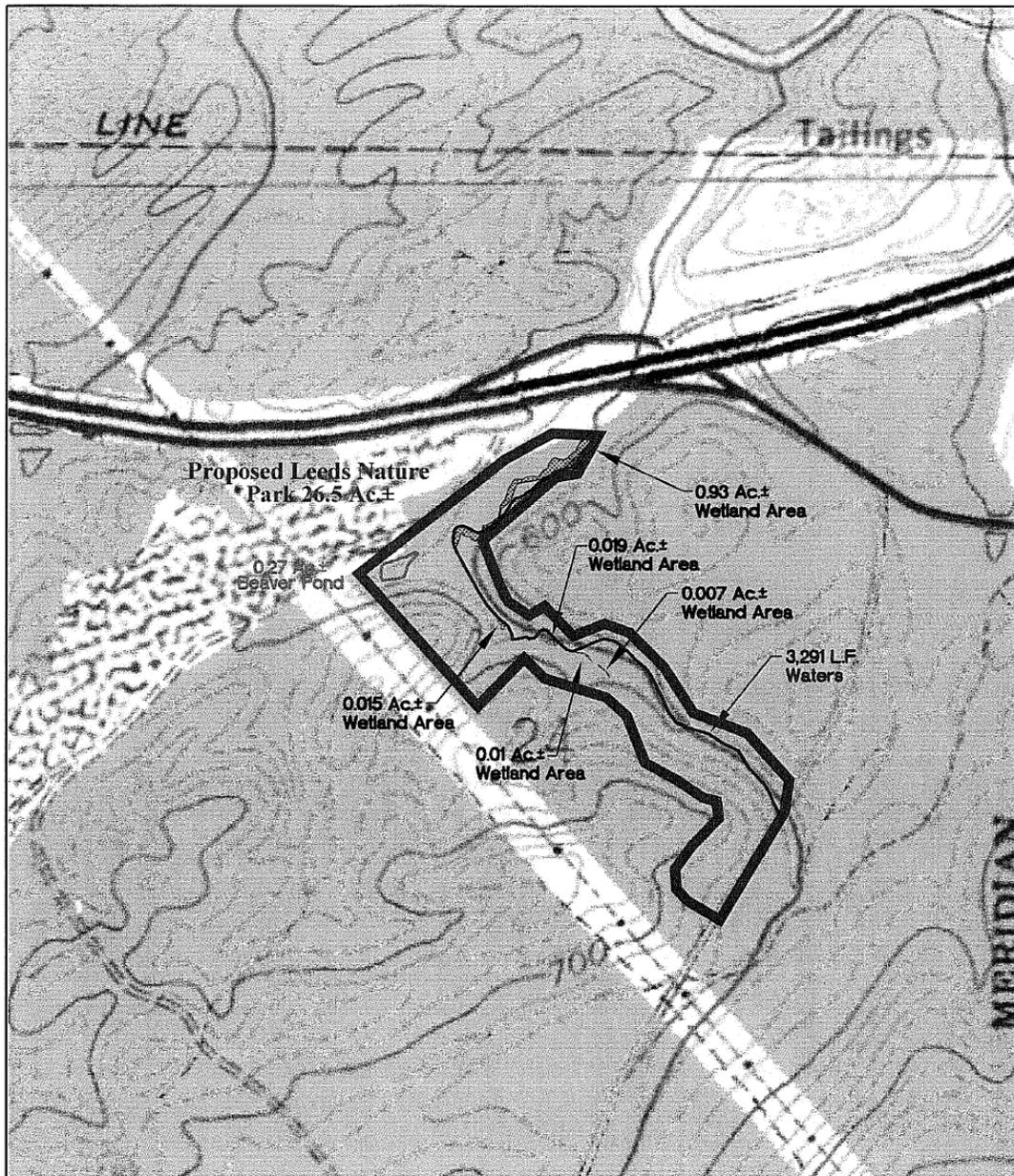


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<p>Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc.</p> <hr/> <p>2701 1st Avenue South, Suite 100 Birmingham, Alabama (205) 879-4462</p>	<p>TITLE: USGS QUADRANGLE MAP WITH WETLAND DELINEATION</p>	<p>DESIGNED:</p>
	<p>PROJECT: PROPOSED LEEDS NATURE PARK</p>	<p>DRAWN: SAB</p>
		<p>SCALE: 1" = 750'</p>
		<p>DATE: 04/20/07</p>

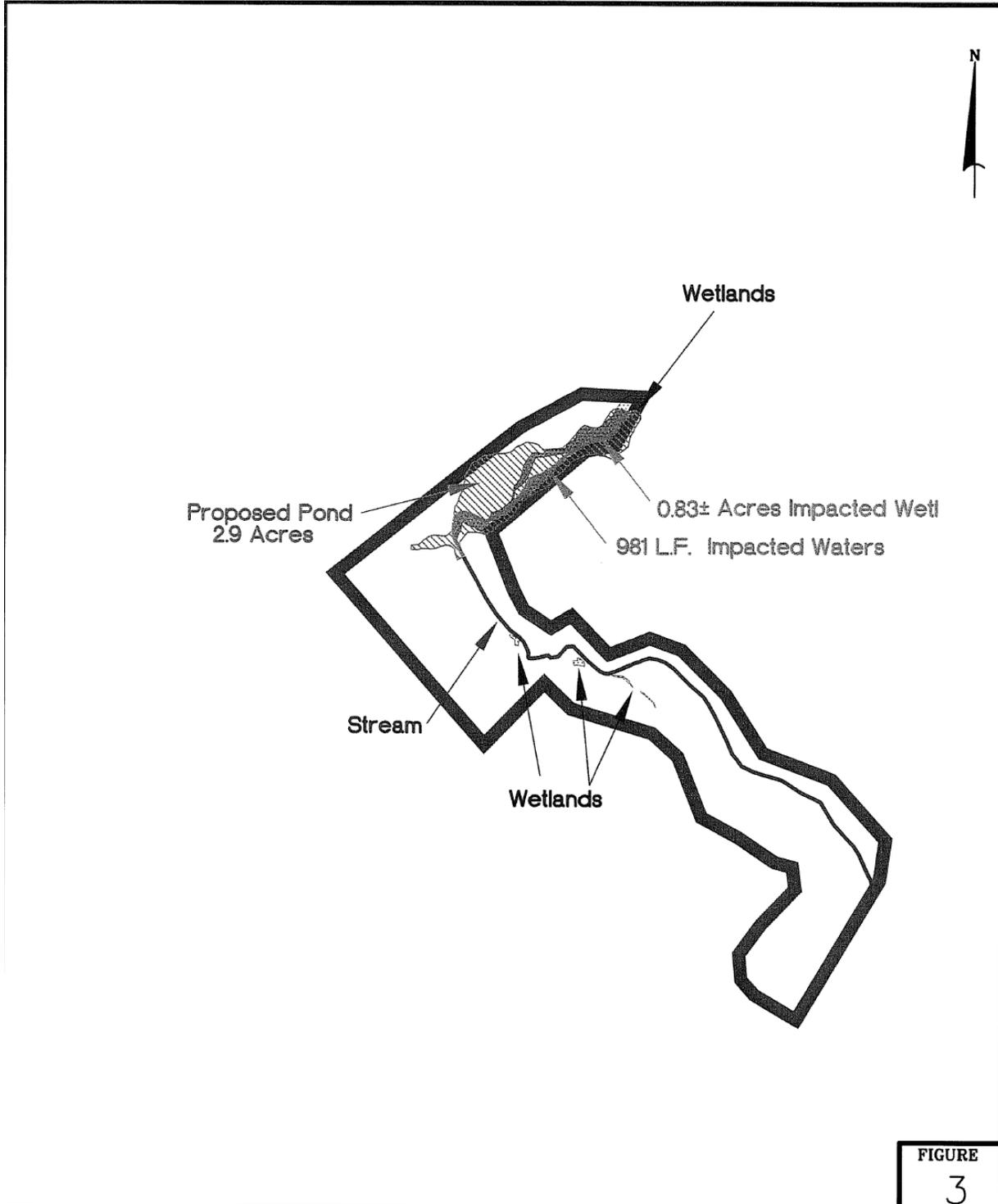


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<p>Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc. 2701 1st Avenue South, Suite 100 Birmingham, Alabama (205) 879-4462</p>	<p>TITLE: PROPOSED STREAM AND WETLAND IMPACTS</p>	<p>DESIGNED:</p>
	<p>PROJECT: PROPOSED LEEDS NATURE PARK</p>	<p>DRAWN: SAB</p>
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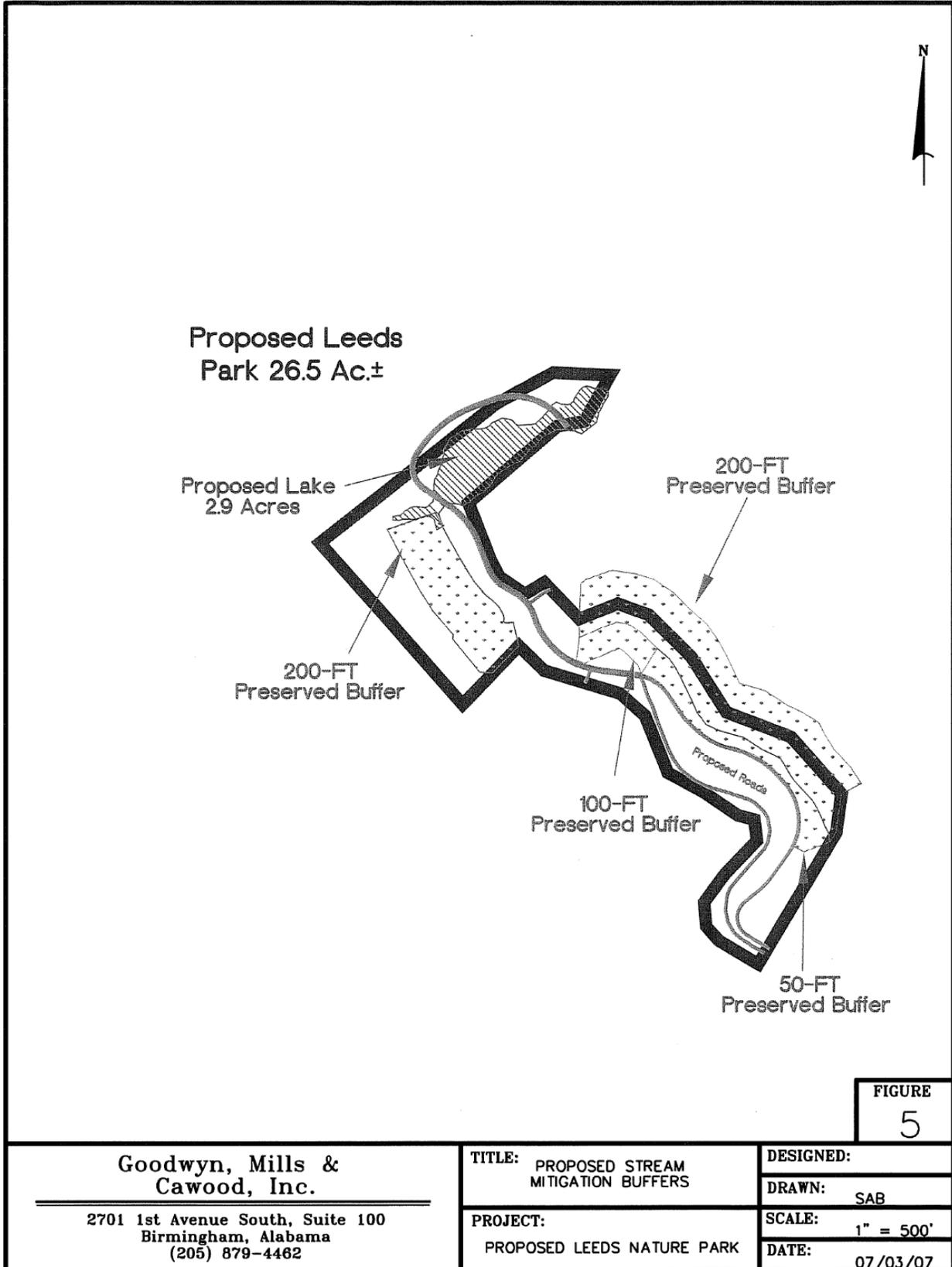


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