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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2009-00628-JSC

June 21, 2009

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

PROPOSED MOTON FIELD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT APRON EXPANSION

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 to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Corps can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: City of Tuskegee
P.O.Box 860687
Tuskegee, AL 36083

AGENT: Mr. Craig Martin
Wetland Sciences, Inc.
1829 Bainbridge Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32507

LOCATION: Moton Field Municipal Airport; wetlands adjacent to an UT of Choctafaula Creek Section 18, Township 17 North, Range 24 East, near the Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama (Latitude 32° 27' 37.7"North, Longitude 85° 40' 50.3" West).

OVERALL PROJECT PURPOSE: The overall purpose of the proposed project is to provide additional parking adjacent to the existing aircraft fueling and storage area.

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill approximately 3.93 acres of jurisdictional wetlands in association with a proposed apron expansion at Moton Airfield. The proposed impacts will consist of the placement of approximately 23,000 cubic yard (cy) of fill material into existing low quality wetlands. The proposed impact area is located within an obstruction free area and thus is subject frequent maintenance activities (e.g. mowing). The impact area has also been previously ditched and has been secondarily impacted due the airport's expansion through the years.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATON: The applicant states that proposed aircraft expansion efforts cannot be located within any other area on the existing site that would result in fewer impacts to waters of the U.S. The applicant notes that project placement is further restricted due to airport infrastructure constraints including an active runway to the north and physical facilities to the south. The proposed expansion efforts are focused within an area that has been cleared and has been constantly maintained since the 1970's. Minimization efforts have resulted in the avoidance of 25.78 acres of on site wetlands.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to mitigate unavoidable impacts to waters of the U.S. through the purchase of wetland mitigation credits at a USACE approved mitigation bank.

The applicant is presently preparing their application 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 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 preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat.

The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register which 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

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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 project 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.

Any correspondence concerning this publication should refer to this Public Notice SAM-2009-00628-JSC and should be directed to the following address:

District Engineer:

U. S. Army Engineer District, Mobile
Regulatory Division, Montgomery Field Office
Attn: James S. Cherry, II
25 LeMay Plaza S., Bldg. 853
Maxwell, AFB, AL 36112

with a copy to the :

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

All comments should be received no later than 30 **days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice.

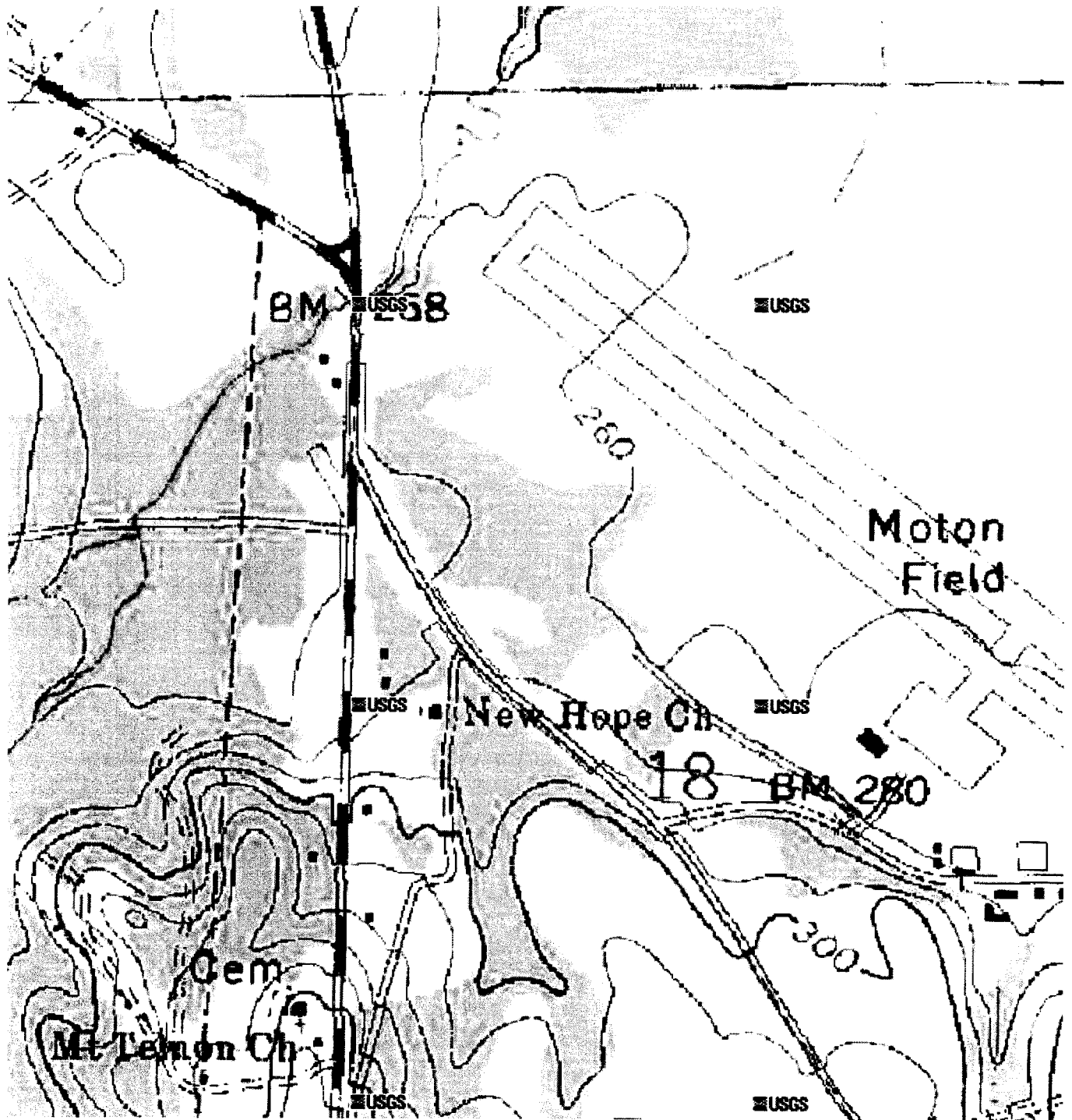
Enclosed to assist you with your review are: Location map; Corps Jurisdictional Waters map; Proposed Impacts map.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the Project Manager via e-mail at james.s.cherry@usace.army.mil or telephone number (334) 953-2172. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

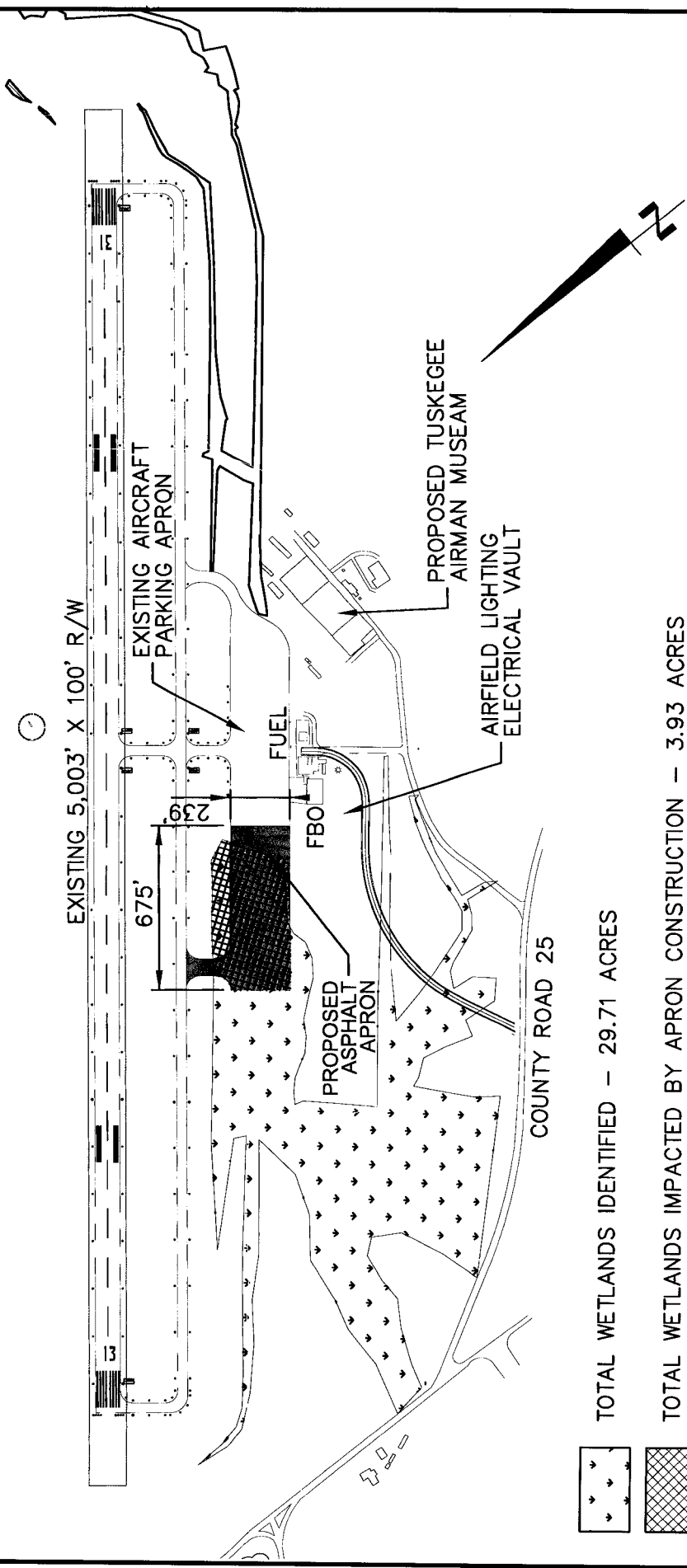
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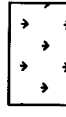


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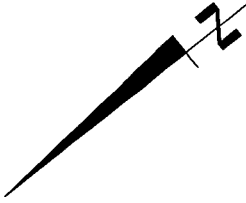
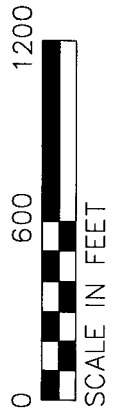
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-  TOTAL WETLANDS IDENTIFIED - 29.71 ACRES
-  TOTAL WETLANDS IMPACTED BY APRON CONSTRUCTION - 3.93 ACRES
-  PROPOSED APRON AND CONNECTOR EXTENSION



DR.	CHK.	DATE	DESCRIPTION

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FILE NO. 34380-01

IMPACTED WETLANDS - APRON EXPANSION

A.I.P. PROJECT NO. 3-01-0078-011-2009

MOTON FIELD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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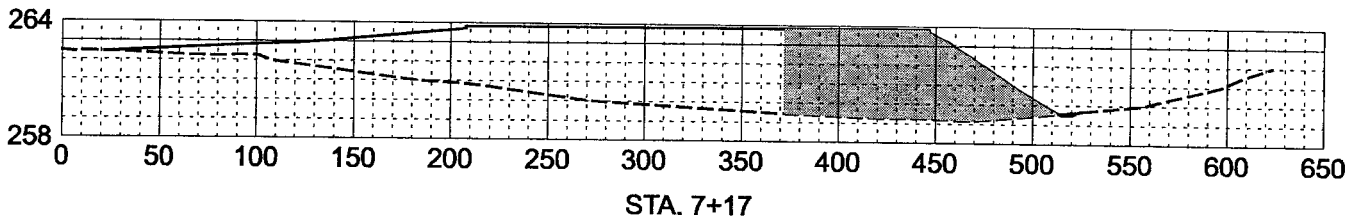
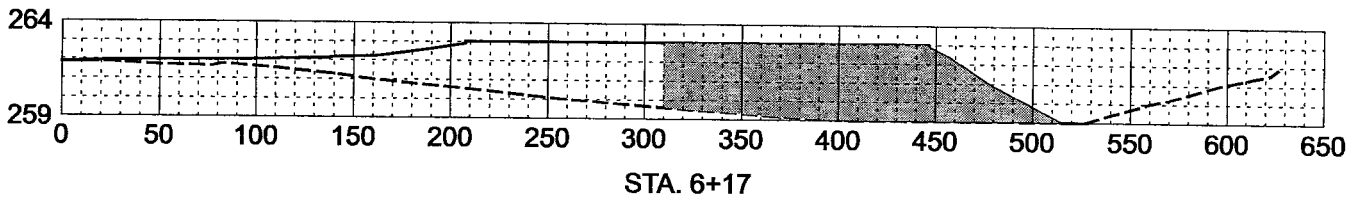
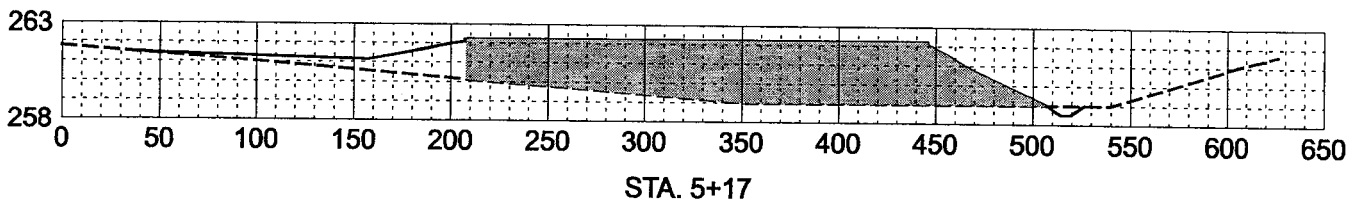
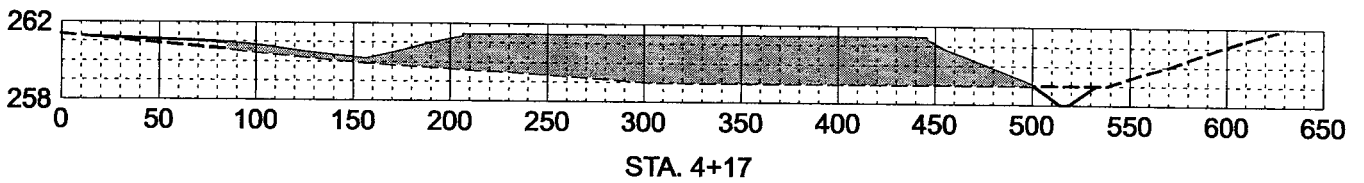
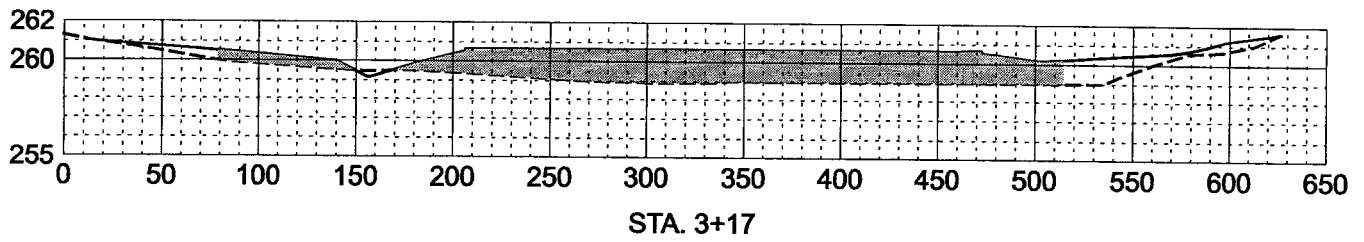
BARBE WAGGONER SUMNER & CANNON, INC.
2047 West Main Street, Suite 1, Dutton, Alabama 36011
Phone (205) 730-6286 Fax (205) 730-4415



**JURISDICTIONAL WETLAND SKETCH
OVERLAID ONTO AERIAL (MOTON FIELD)**

PROJECT # 2004-071	DATE: APRIL 13, 2009
DRAWN BY: KJM	
SCALE: 1"=1,000'	

**WETLAND
SCIENCES**
INCORPORATED



SCALE: H: 1"=100'
V: 1"=10'

 FILL IN WETLANDS

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MOTON FIELD APRON EXTENSION

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