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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2010-00852-CTM

June 30, 2010

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

PROPOSED AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION SAFETY AREA
BIRMINGHAM, 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: Birmingham Airport Authority
Attention: Mr. Al Denson
5900 Messar Airport Highway
Birmingham, Alabama 35212

AGENT: Volkert Environmental Group, Inc.
Attention: Ms. Paige Felts
316 South McKenzie Street
Foley, Alabama 36535

LOCATION: The proposed runway extension safety area is located at the existing Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. The project will impact an unnamed tributary to Village Creek and associated wetlands situated in the Locust Fork Watershed (HUC 3160111). The proposed project is located in Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 2 West, at latitude 33.55259° N and longitude -87.74569° W, in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.

WORK: The applicant proposes to impact approximately 123 linear feet of stream and 0.67 acre of wetlands to install culverts and re-grade the site.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The project purpose is to make improvements on the approach to Runway 36 to bring the extended runway safety area into compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines. The proposed work will provide the capacity for emergency vehicles to access the extended runway safety area.

AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION: The applicant stated that there is approximately 700 linear feet of stream that flows in a southwest direction across the airport property south of Runway 36. This stream then fans out into a lateral wetland that is approximately 0.67 acre in size before flowing off the airport property. Out of the approximate 700 linear feet of stream, approximately 123 linear feet will be impacted by re-grading leaving approximately 577 linear feet un-impacted.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to compensate for unavoidable impacts by purchasing mitigation credits from a Corps of Engineers approved mitigation bank.

WATER QUALITY: 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.

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 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. A copy of this notice is being provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2010-00852-CTM and should be directed to:

U.S. Army Engineers Mobile District
Birmingham Field Office
Attention: Candice McCullough
218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222
Homewood, Alabama 35209

with a copy to the:

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

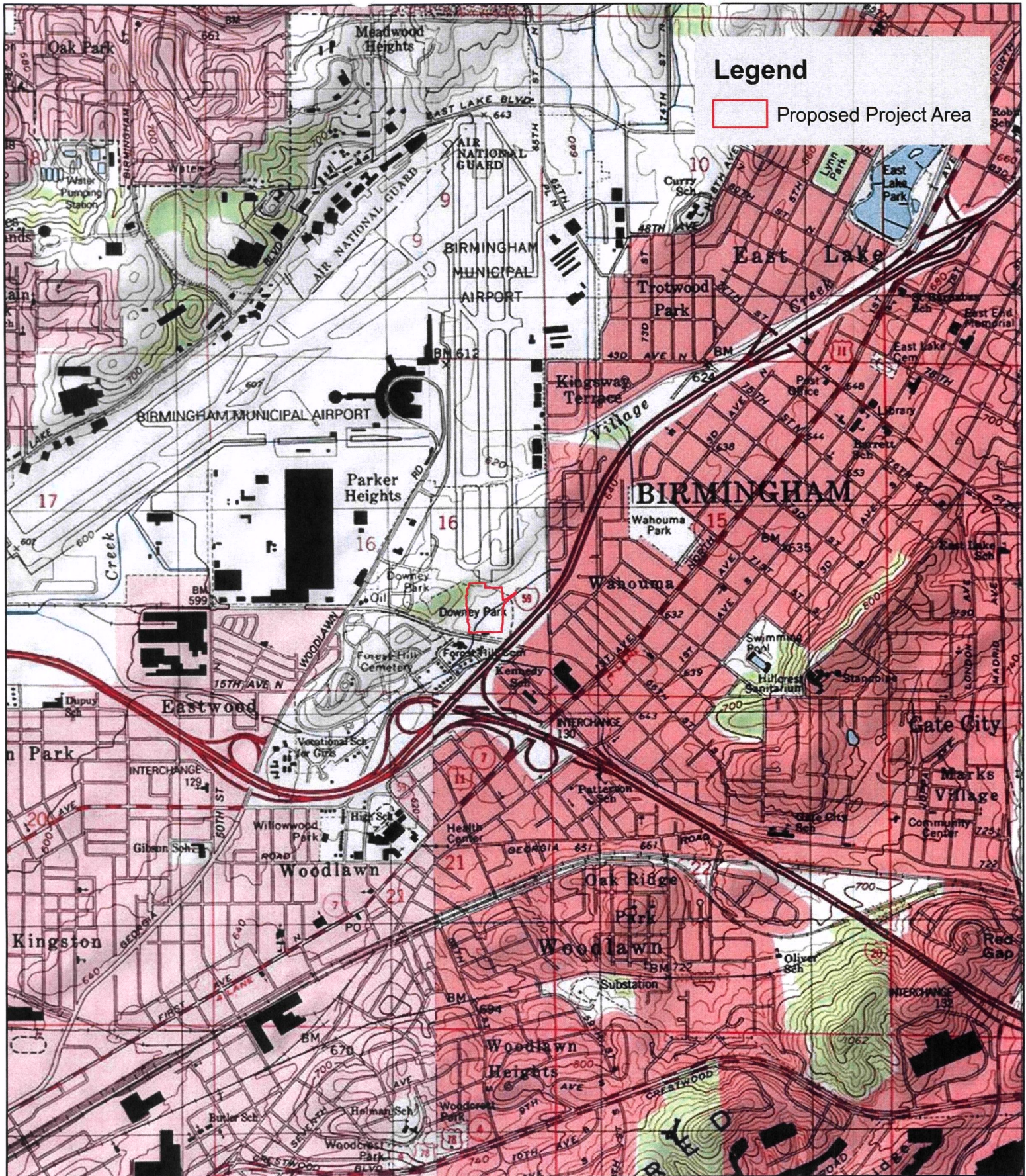
Comments should be received no later than **30 days** from the date of this Public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at Candice.T.Mccullough@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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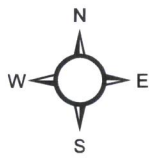
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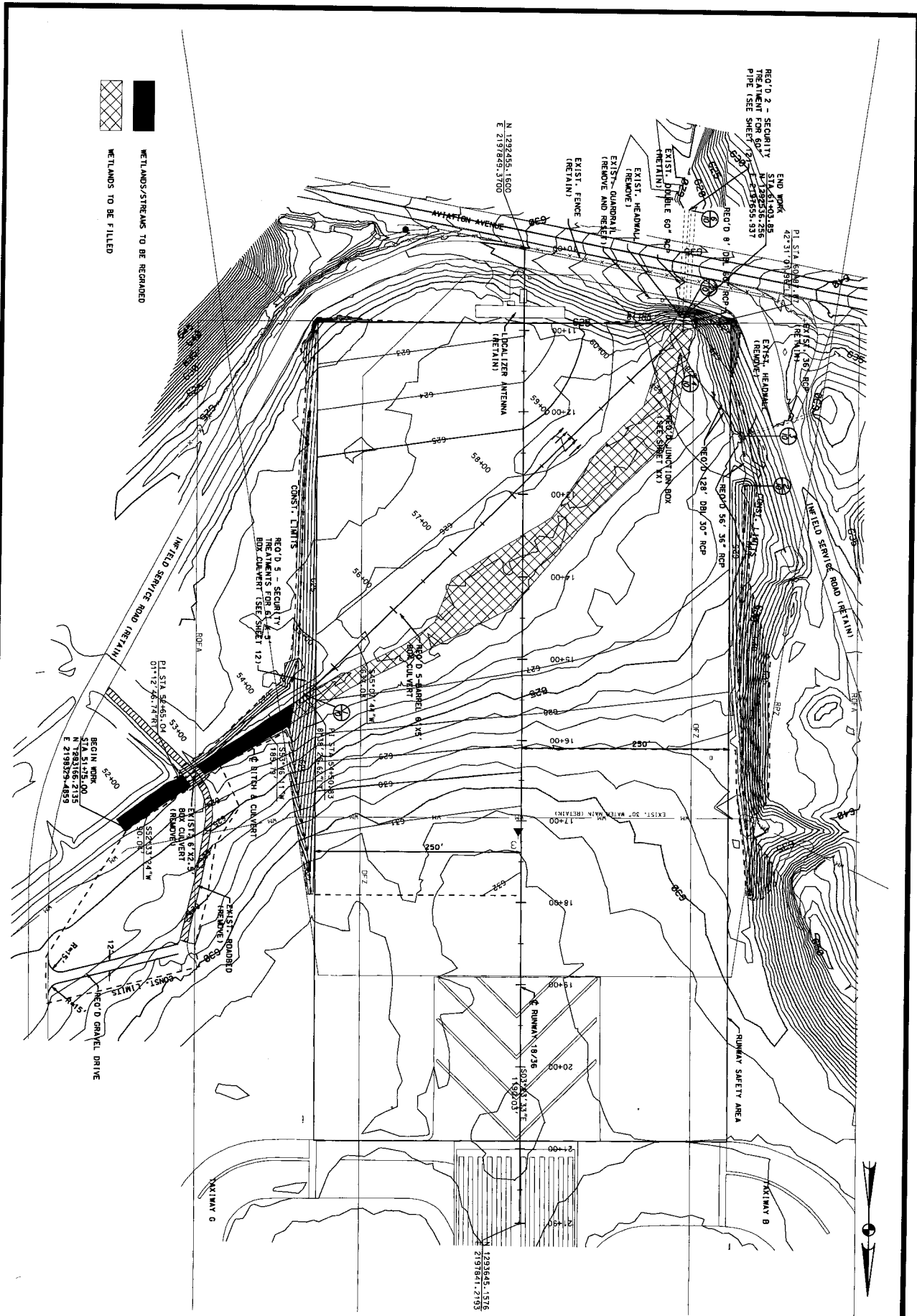
Proposed Project Area



Figure 1
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Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport
 Extended Runway Safety Area Project
 Birmingham, Alabama

1 inch = 2,000 feet





 WETLANDS/STREAMS TO BE REGRABBED
 WETLANDS TO BE FILLED

BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT
 AUTHORITY
 R/W 36 SAFETY AREA
 PLAN SHEET

VOLKERT
 2 NORTH 20TH STREET, SUITE 300
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203
 (205) 214-5500

Figure 2
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PROJECT NO. 974406.99
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