

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT P.O. BOX 2288 MOBILE, AL 36628-0001

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2018-00737-GAC

April 2, 2019

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

REQUEST TO DISCHARGE FILL MATERIAL INTO 1.76 ACRES OF WETLANDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REPAIR AND REINFORCEMENT OF AN EXISTING AERATION STABILIZATION BASIN AT THE GEORGIA-PACIFIC MILL, BREWTON, ESCAMBIA 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 U.S.C. 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Georgia-Pacific Brewton, LLC

32224 Highway 31 South Brewton, Alabama 36427

AGENT: Arcadis U.S., Inc.

3850 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 990

Metairie, Louisiana 70002

LOCATION: In wetlands adjacent to the Conecuh River, 32224 Highway 31 South, Latitude 31.067893° North, Longitude -87.105967° West, Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Brewton, Escambia County, Alabama.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The basic project purpose is to repair and stabilize an existing impoundment. The overall project purpose is to repair and stabilize the outboard slopes of an existing aeration stabilization basin at the Georgia-Pacific Brewton Mill to prevent additional deterioration and potential failure of the southern embankment.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to discharge approximately 21,700 cubic yards of commercially-obtained clay and gravel material into a total of 1.76 acres of hardwood forested wetlands for the construction of a compacted clay buttress on the exterior slopes of the existing aeration basin perimeter embankment, and for construction of a new gravel access road along the toe of the improved embankment for long-term maintenance. The proposed clay buttress would extend approximately 2,200 feet along the southern perimeter of the embankment and be graded with 3H:1V slopes to provide an increased safety factor and to allow access for maintenance equipment. The work would also involve the temporary clearing of 0.21 acre of forested wetlands along the project perimeter to provide area for temporary construction access and installation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as silt fencing.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant has evaluated alternative designs that would avoid and/or minimize impacts to aquatic resources while meeting the project purpose and need. Due to the extent and location of wetlands adjacent to the project, and the need for stable, maintainable side slopes, complete avoidance of all aquatic resource impacts was not considered practicable by the applicant. The applicant has stated that impacts to aquatic resources were minimized to the maximum extent practicable by steepening the proposed buttress slope to 3H:1V to limit the overall footprint of impacts while providing appropriate grade for routine maintenance. Additionally, the applicant has proposed to utilize construction BMPs to prevent loss of sediment in adjacent wetlands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts at this time.

MITIGATION: The applicant has proposed to compensate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands through the purchase of wetland mitigation credits from a USACE approved mitigation bank. The USACE has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's proposed mitigation plan at this time.

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. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to water quality certification will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the Mobile District has determined that the permit area consists of the entire undertaking in waters of the United States, which includes the footprint of the proposed fill areas and portions of the adjacent property that would be utilized for construction access and equipment and materials staging. The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register, which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. The Mobile District is seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the existence, or the potential for existence, of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity will have <u>no effect</u> on the following listed endangered or threatened species with the potential to exist within the watershed of the permit area: Wood Stork (T), Eastern Indigo Snake (T), Gopher Tortoise (candidate species), Choctaw Bean (E), Fuzzy Pigtoe (T), Narrow Pigtoe (T), Round Ebonyshell (E), Southern Kidneyshell (E), Southern Sandshell (T), and Gulf Sturgeon (T). There is designated critical habitat for the above-listed mussel species in the Conecuh River approximately 0.50 mile south of the action area; however, no direct or indirect effects to designated

critical habitat are anticipated as a result of the project activities. This determination is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via this Public Notice.

COMMENTS: This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the USACE can be based. The Mobile District 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 USACE 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 below. 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. 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, historic properties, 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 and fiber production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will also include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Correspondence concerning this notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2018-00737-GAC**, and should be directed to the USACE project manager, Mr. Dylan C. Hendrix, by e-mail at dylan.c.hendrix@usace.army.mil, or (251) 694-3772, or by mail at USACE, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Attention: Mr. Dylan C. Hendrix, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy furnished to the ADEM, Field Operations Division, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2059.

All comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Please refer to the above Public Notice Number SAM-2018-00737-GAC, in any communication concerning this project.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

MOBILE DISTRICT U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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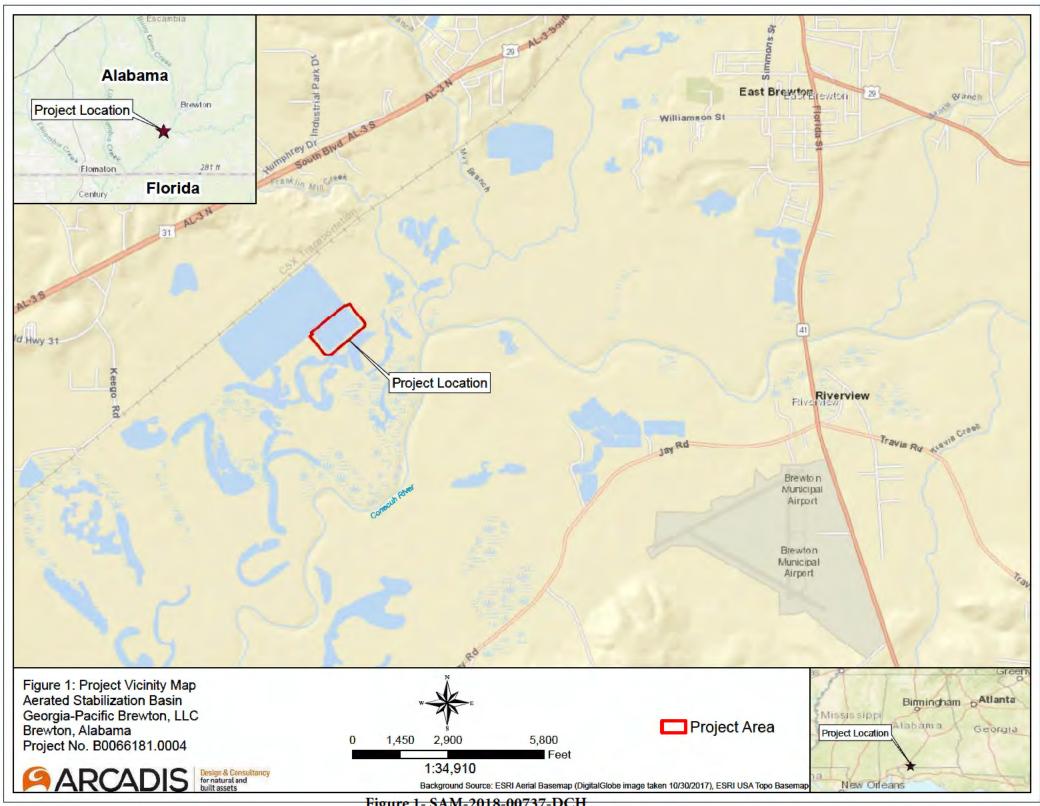
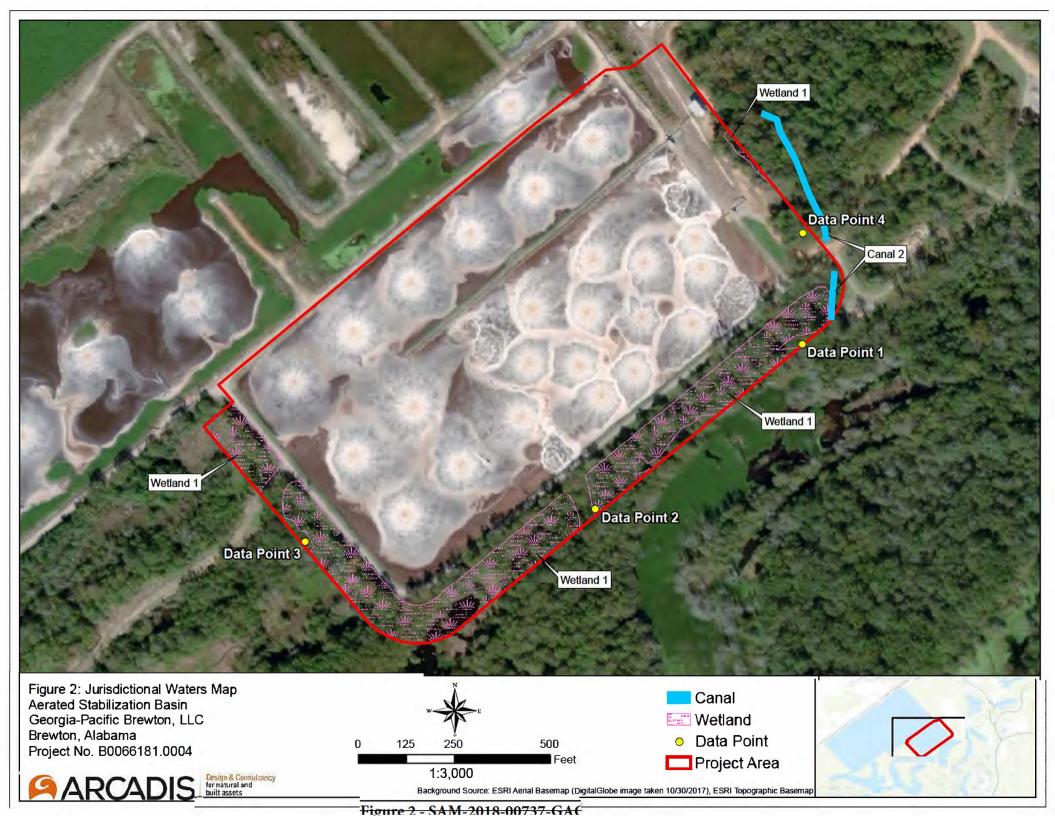


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GEORGIA-PACIFIC BREWTON, LLC AERATED STABILIZATION BASIN

EMBANKMENT REPAIR PLANS

BREWTON, ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARCH 2018

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LOCATION MAP

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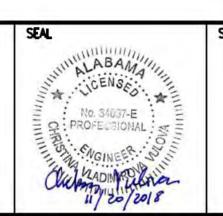
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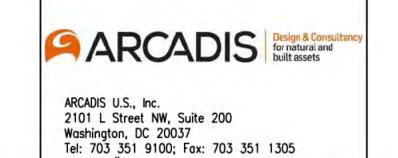
GEORGIA-PACIFIC BREWTON, LLC 32224 HIGHWAY 31 SOUTH BREWTON, ALABAMA 36426 TELEPHONE: 251-809-7358 CONTACT: ROBERTO FLORES

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AERATED STABILIZATION BASIN EMBANKMENT REPAIR DESIGN

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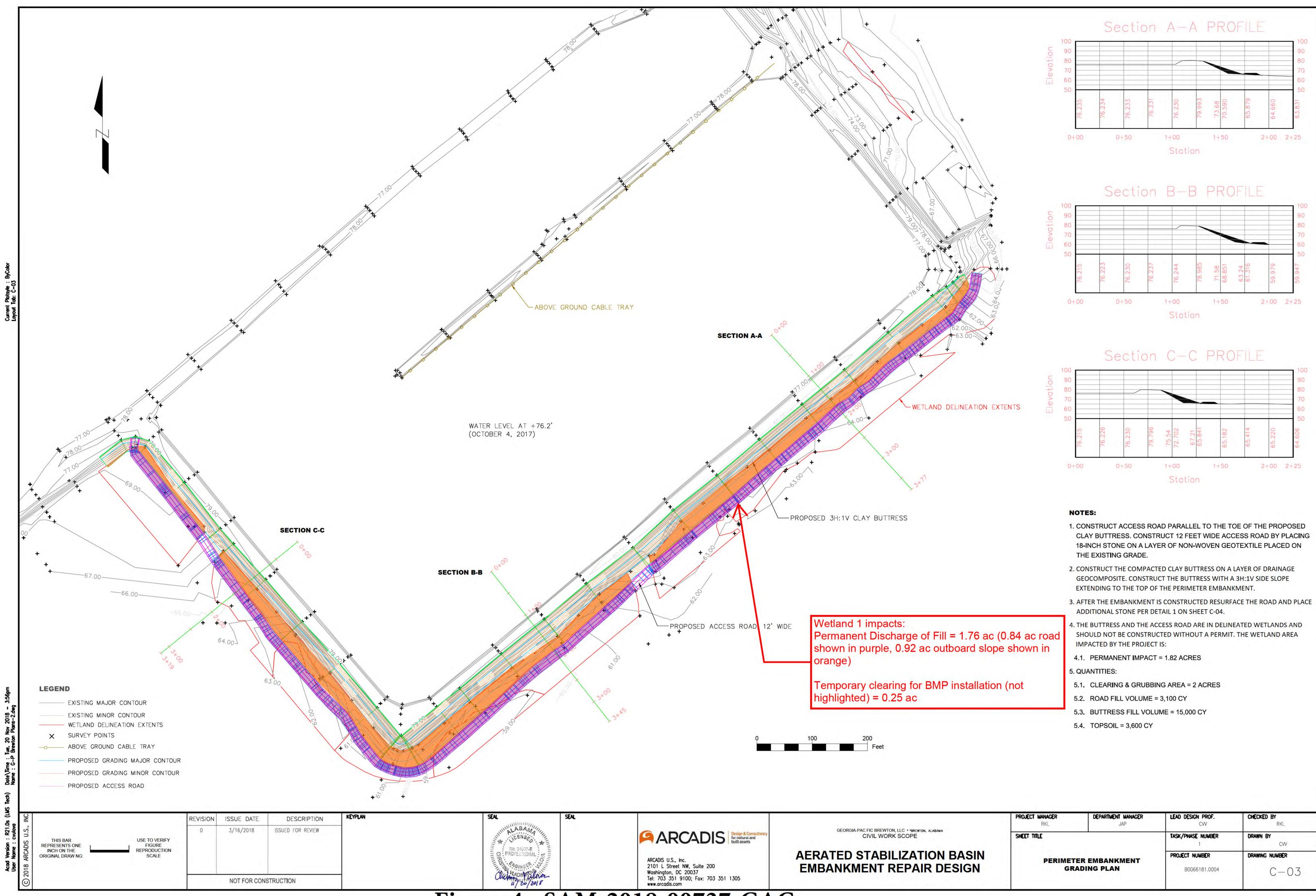
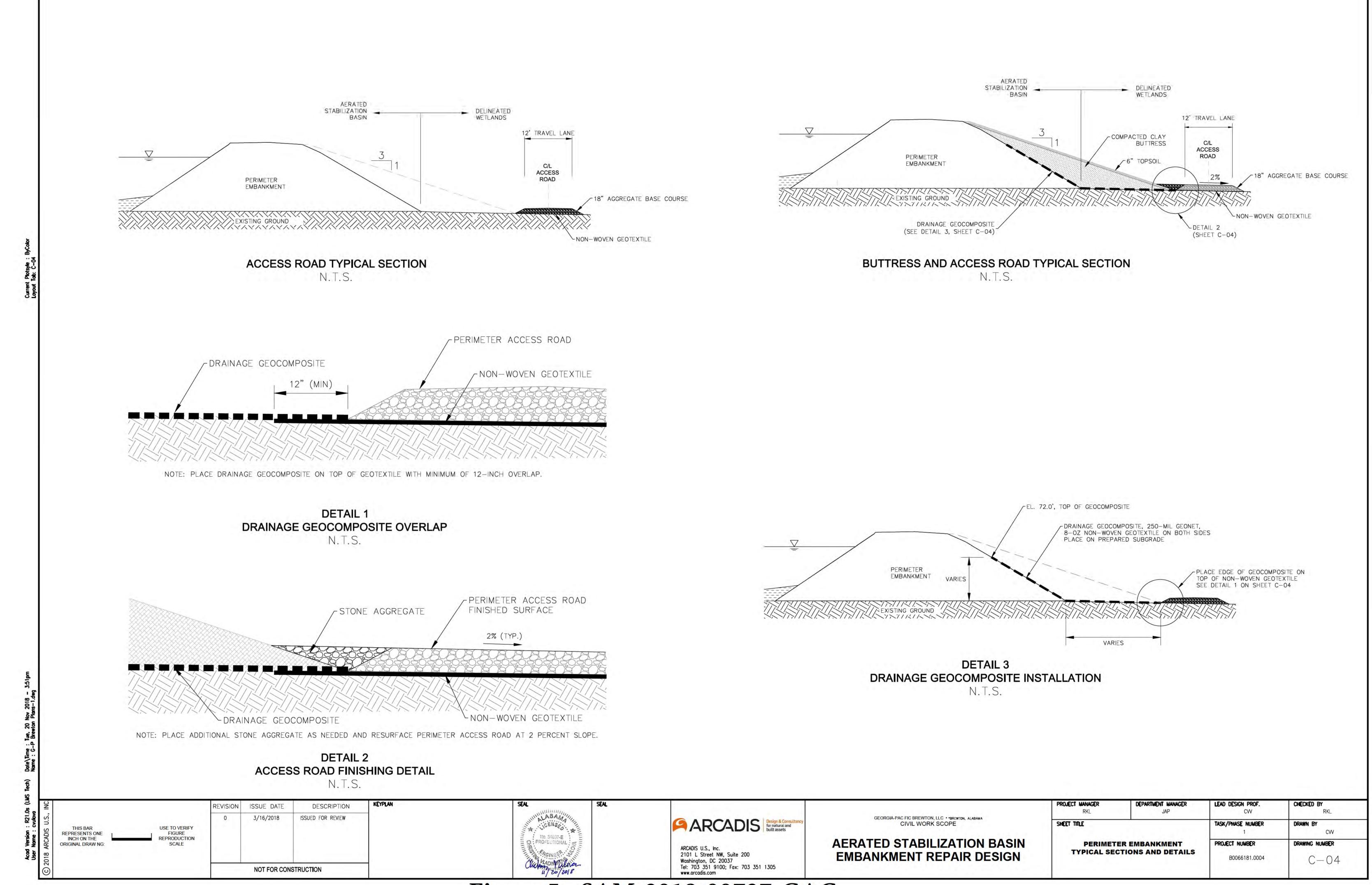


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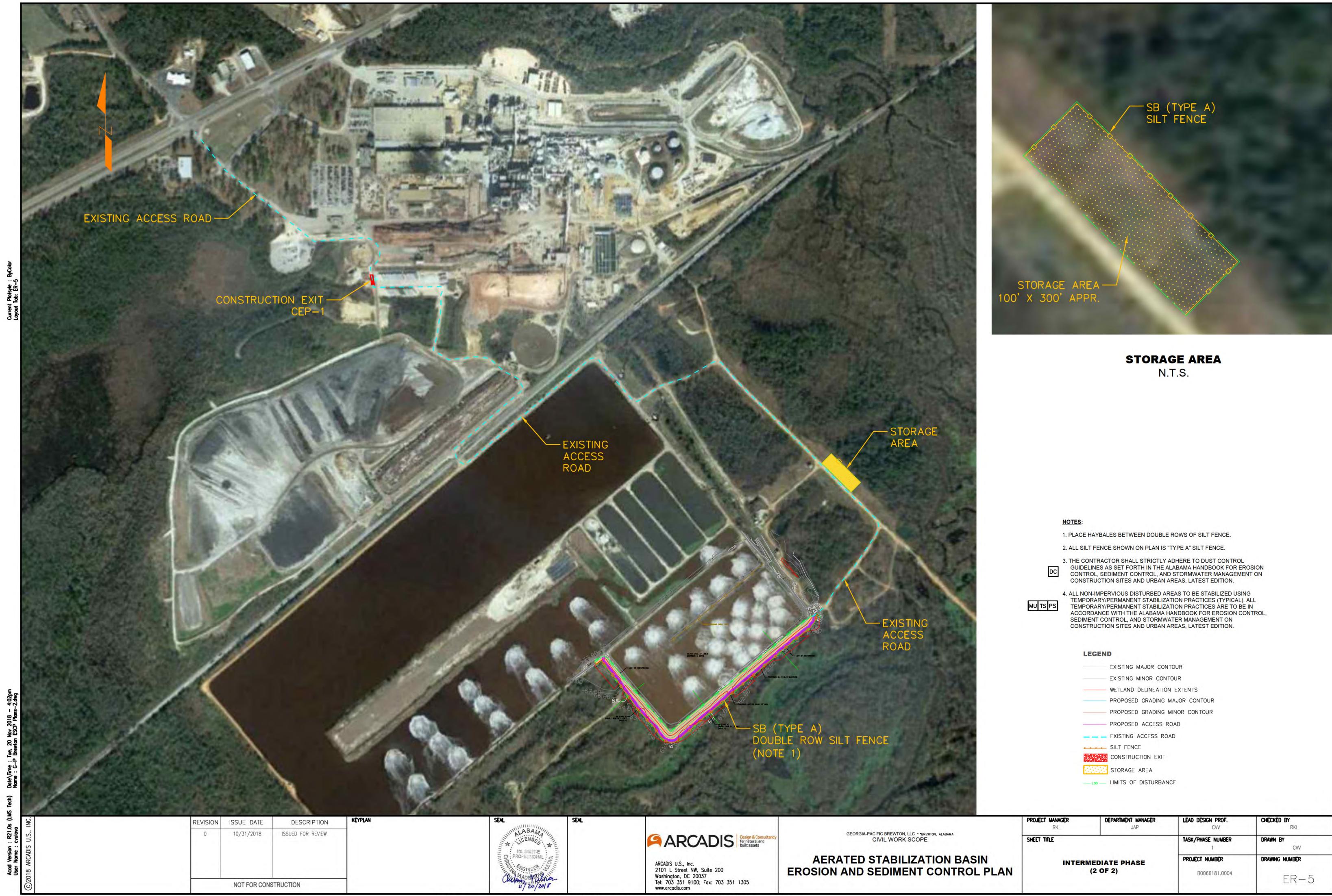


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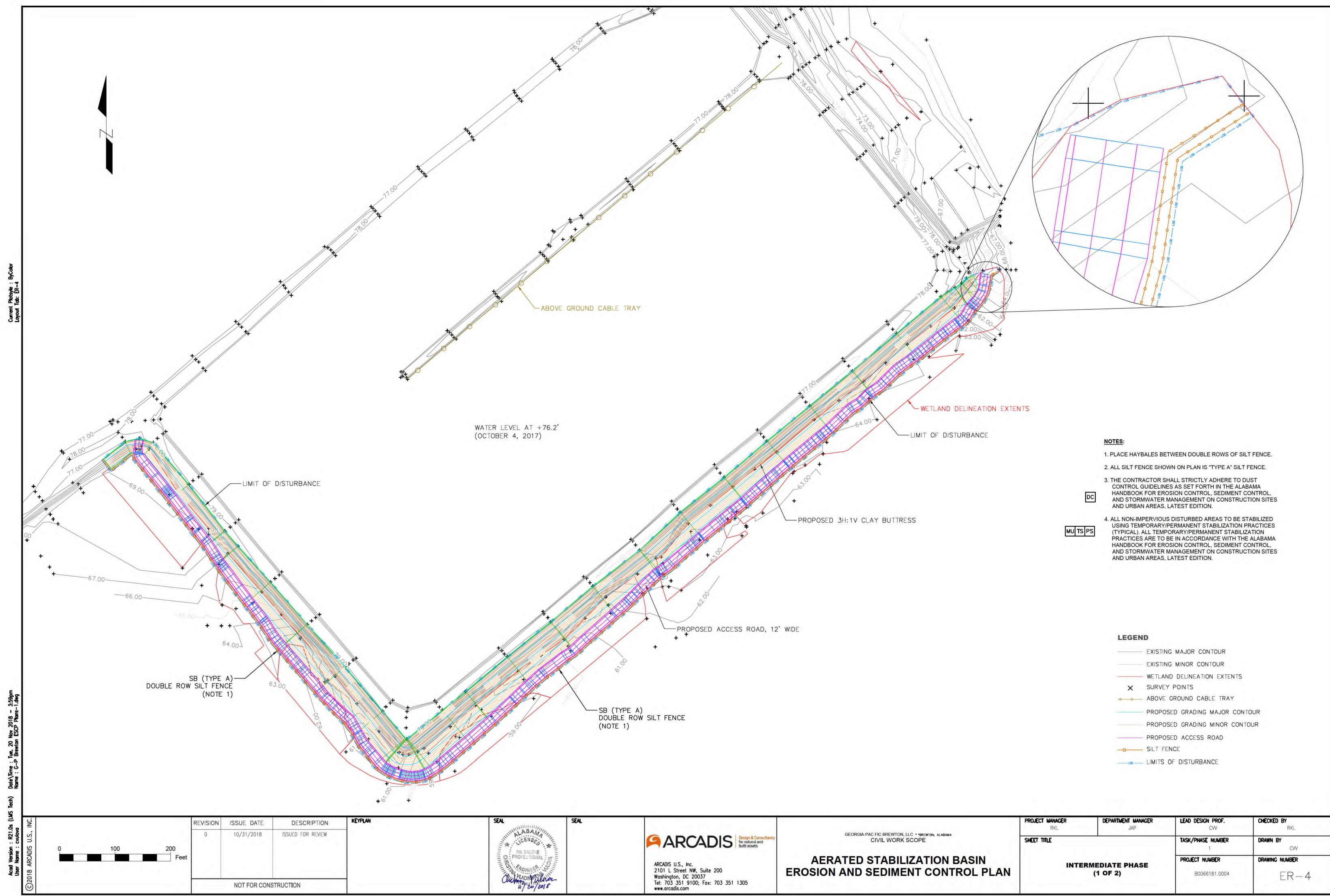


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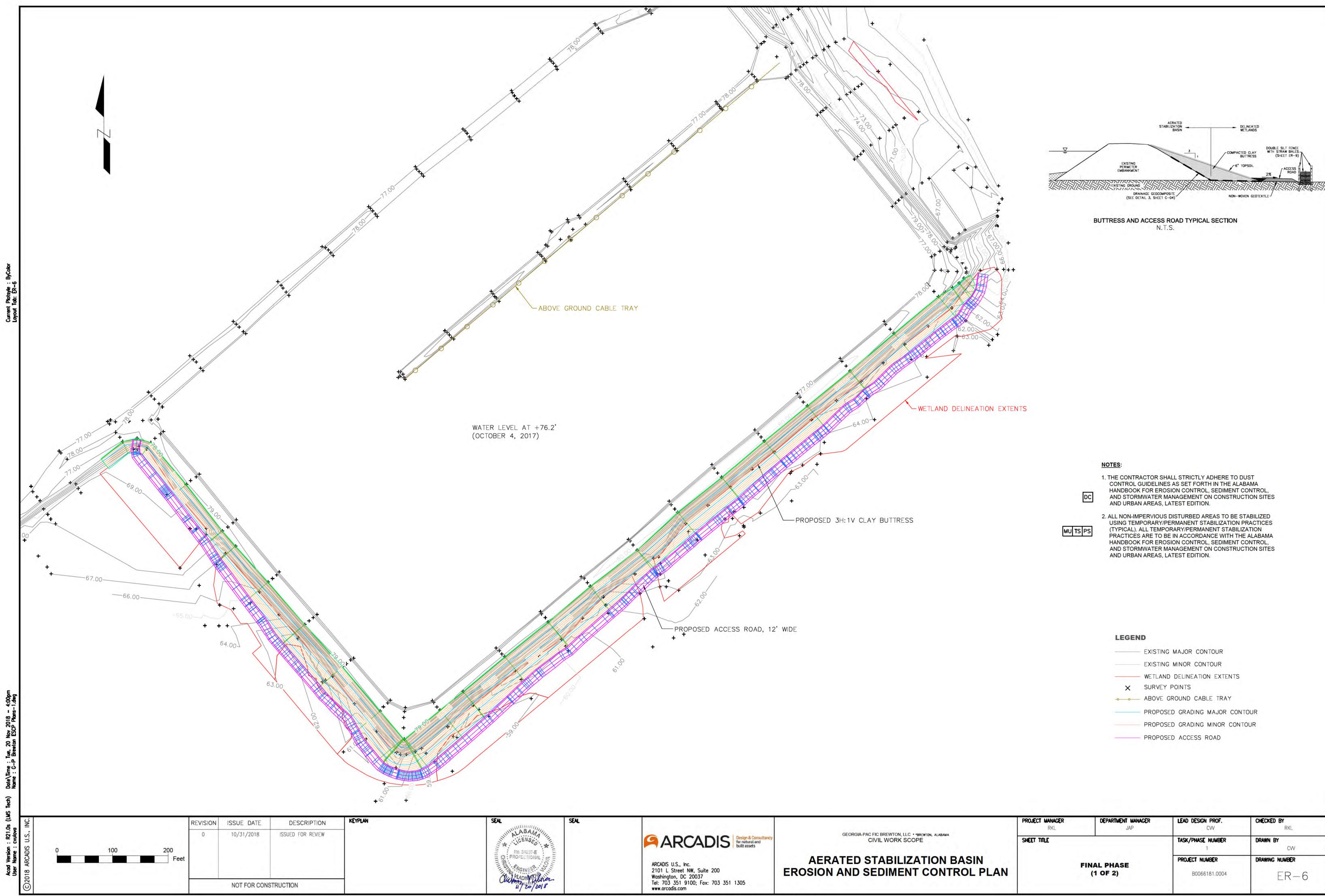


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