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**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**PROPOSED DISCHARGE OF FILL MATERIAL INTO WETLANDS TO UPHAPEE  
CREEK ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT HANGAR AND TAXIWAY EXPANSION IN  
TUSKEGEE, MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: City of Tuskegee  
Post Office Box 860687  
Tuskegee, Alabama 36083  
tuskegeeairportmgr@tuskegeealabama.gov

AGENT: Wetland Sciences, Inc.  
Attention: Craig D. Martin  
3308 Gulf Beach Highway  
Pensacola, Florida 32507  
craig@wetlandsciences.com

LOCATION: **The proposed project is located in wetlands along Uphapee Creek and unnamed tributaries to Uphapee Creek in Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama. Specifically, the project boundary is located within Section 18, Township 17 North and Range 24 East. Center coordinates of the project site are latitude 32.46046, longitude -85.68413. The project is located in the Lower Tallapoosa 8-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC 03150110).**

PROJECT PURPOSE: **The basic project purpose is transportation facility improvements.**

PROPOSED WORK: **The applicant is requesting authorization to discharge 14,000 cubic yards of sandy fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.) to support airport improvements at Moton Field Municipal Airport, including the expansion of airplane hangar facilities and expansion of the taxiway and apron to the**

**existing runway. The discharge would result in the unavoidable impact to 2.3 acres of wetlands associated with the construction of the proposed facility improvements to enhance airport operations.**

**AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION: The agent has stated, on behalf of the applicant, that the location of wetlands and existing airport infrastructure on the property will not allow further avoidance and minimization of impacts to aquatic resources. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts at this time.**

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to purchase wetland credits from an approved mitigation bank located within the Mobile District USACE regulatory area of responsibility.**

The applicant will apply 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.

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. 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 USACE 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 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.

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES:** 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 affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. The USACE made a preliminary determination of no potential to cause effect to historic properties due to the undertaking being located entirely within previously disturbed, graded, and maintained clear zones of the airfield. Copies of this public notice are being distributed to the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally recognized American Indian tribes, and the National Park Service, Division of Archaeological Services for review and comment.

**ENDANGERED/THREATENED SPECIES:** Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Species indicates the following species have the potential to occur in the project watershed: Southern clubshell (*Pleurobema decisum*), Finelined pocketbook (*Hamiota altilis*), Ovate clubshell (*Pleurobema perovatum*), Wood stork (*Mycteria americana*). An effects determination will be made during the evaluation process, at which time the USACE will initiate consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), if necessary. Copies of this public notice are being sent to the USFWS for review and comment.

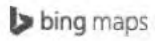
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2020-01090-LET** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District, Birmingham Field Office, Attention: **Ms. Leslie Turney**, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Field Operations Division, Office of Field Services, Attention: Mr. Richard Hulcher, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to USACE at **Leslie.E.Turney@usace.army.mil** and to ADEM at **fieldmail@adem.alabama.gov**.

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 **Leslie.E.Turney@usace.army.mil** or telephone number **(205) 213-9623**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

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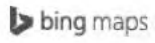
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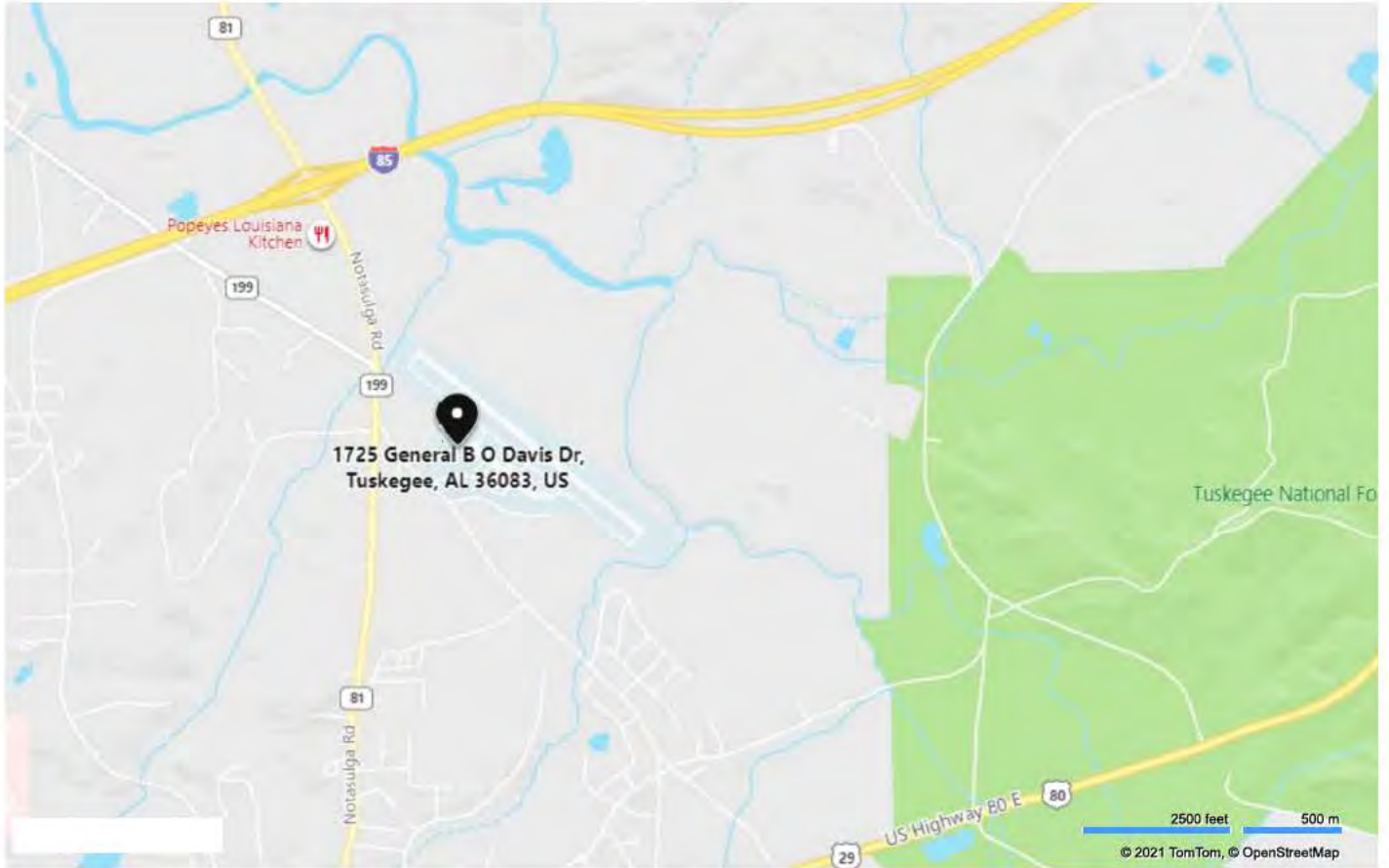
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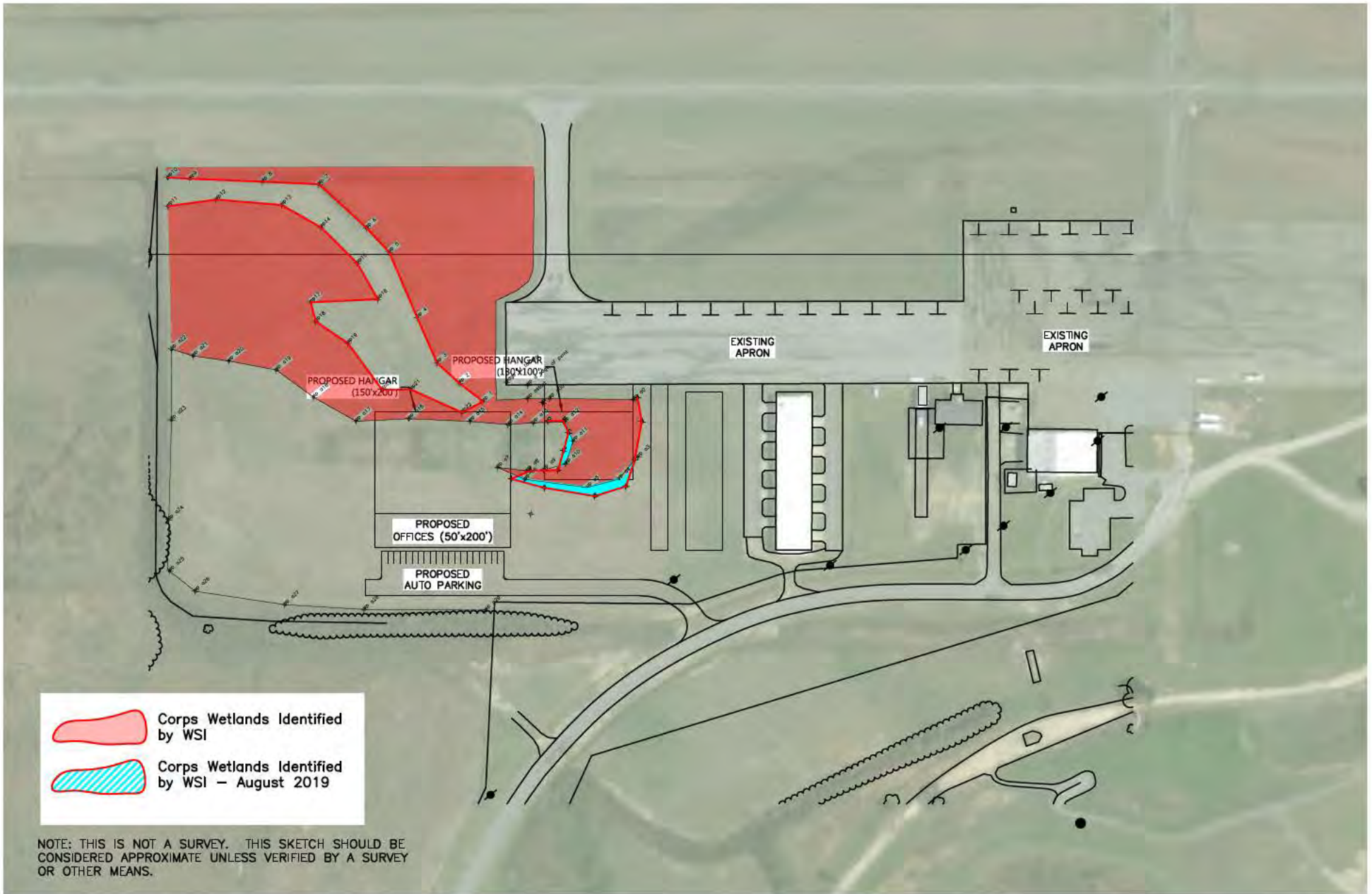


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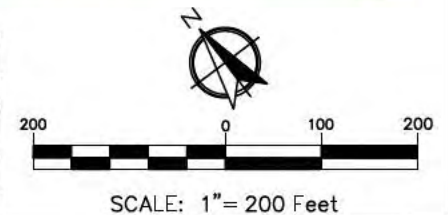




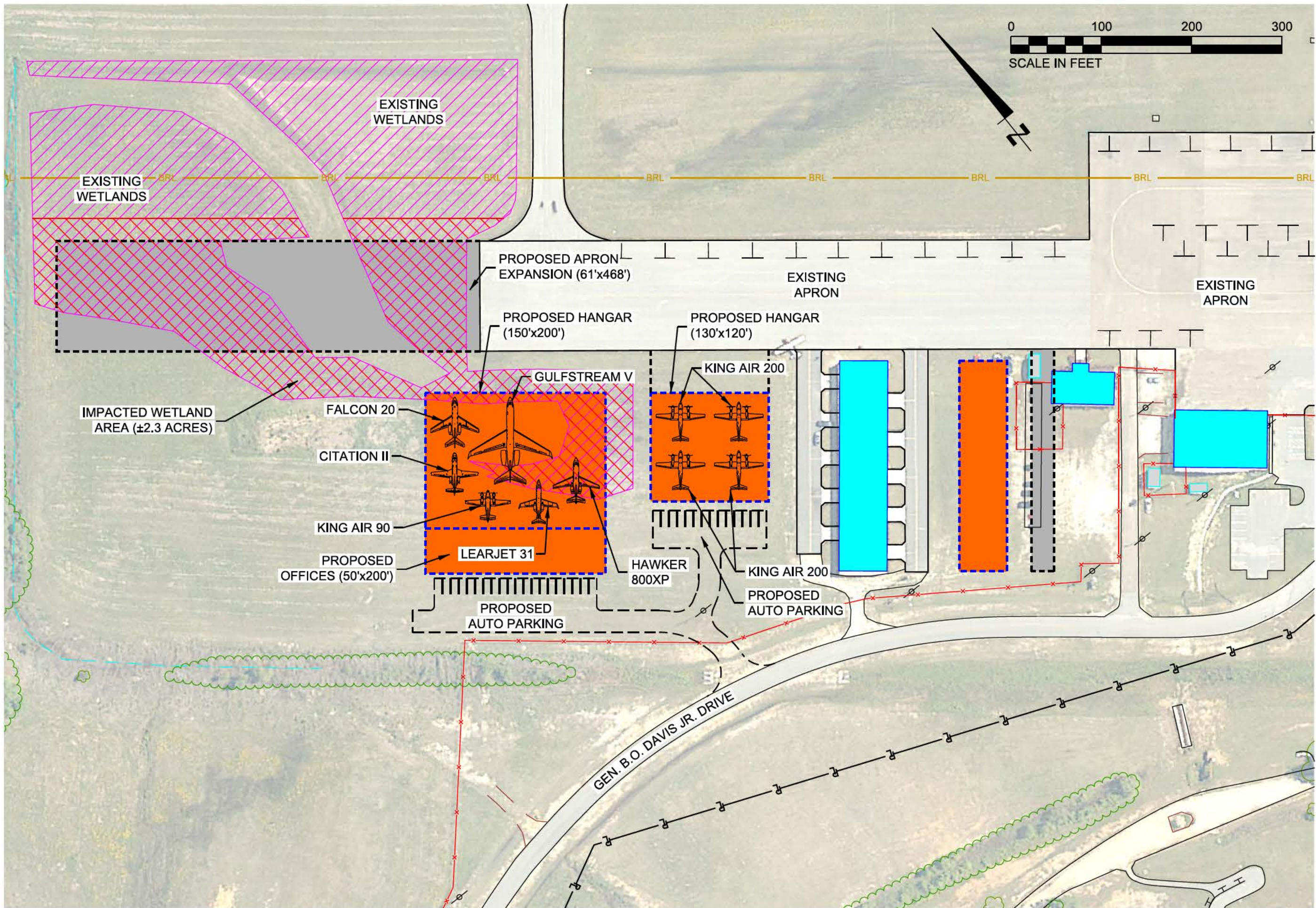
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Sketch of Wetland Resources	
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DRAWN BY: KDJ	DATE: 08/13/2019
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