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September 14, 2021

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED DISCHARGE OF FILL MATERIAL INTO WETLANDS AND UNNAMED
TRIBUTARIES TO THE TOMBIGBEE RIVER AND DREDGING A BARGE SLIP ON THE
TOMBIGBEE RIVER ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERMODAL
TRANSPORT FACILITY IN FORKLAND, GREENE 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) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Parker Towing Company, Inc.
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AGENT: TTL, Inc.
Attention: Chris Stanford
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LOCATION: **The proposed project is in wetlands, unnamed tributaries to the Tombigbee River, and the Tombigbee River in Forkland, Greene County, Alabama. Specifically, the project boundary is located within Section 24, Township 19 North and Range 2 East. Center coordinates of the project site are latitude 32.609598, longitude -87.838657. The project is in the Middle Tombigbee-Lubbub 8-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC 03160106).**

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

PROPOSED WORK: **The applicant is requesting authorization to discharge fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.) and dredge navigable waters of the**

U.S. in association with the construction of an intermodal transport facility to offload various materials via rail and truck for transport via barge. The applicant proposes to discharge fill material in 0.9 acre of jurisdictional wetlands for access road improvements and a storage area, install a culvert in 85 linear feet of perennial stream for an access road, and install riprap in a total of 325 linear feet of perennial stream upstream and downstream of the new culvert for erosion control.

Approximately 80,500 cubic yards of material is proposed to be dredged from a 4.59-acre area in an existing barge slip, which includes dredging 0.07 acre of wetland and 60 linear feet of perennial stream. The barge slip is proposed to be dredged to an elevation of 60 feet above mean sea level (12 feet below normal pool of 72.1 feet). Two dolphin piles are proposed to be installed in the barge slip adjacent to proposed dock (to be constructed above the ordinary high water mark).

AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION: According to the applicant, the original design included discharging fill material into 2.58 acres of wetlands and 410 linear feet of stream, which included the construction of one of four proposed dredge disposal basins within jurisdictional wetlands. The revised, proposed plan includes only two dredge disposal basins in uplands or non-jurisdictional areas. The applicant proposes to utilize best management practices to reduce turbidity in the water and introduction of sediment into receiving waters. 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 stream and wetland credits from an approved mitigation bank.

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 has not made a determination of effects to historic properties at this time. 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: northern long-eared bat, wood stork, Alabama heelsplitter, heavy pigtoe, ovate clubshell, and southern clubshell. An aquatic species survey has been conducted, and the Corps will be initiating consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under separate cover. 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-2021-00417-CMS** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District, Birmingham Field Office, Attention: **Ms. Courtney Shea**, 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 **Courtney.M.Shea@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 **Courtney.M.Shea@usace.army.mil** or telephone number **(205) 381-8108**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

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

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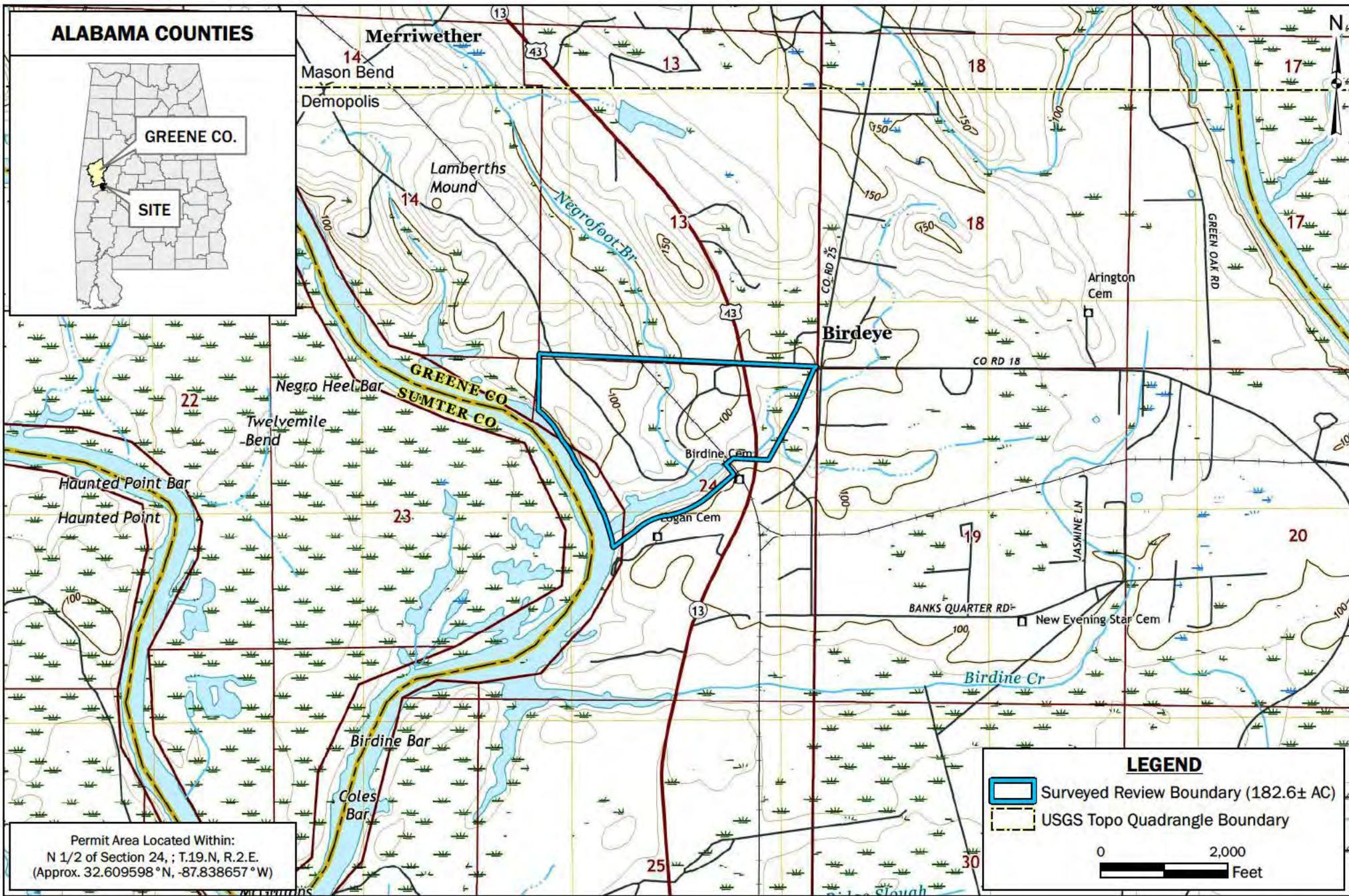


FIGURE 1: SITE LOCATION & TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
 PARKER TOWING - FORKLAND, AL SITE
 INDIVIDUAL PERMIT
 FORKLAND, GREENE COUNTY, ALABAMA

BASEMAP: Mason Bend (N) & Demopolis (S), Alabama, USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map, 2018 (10-ft Contour Interval).

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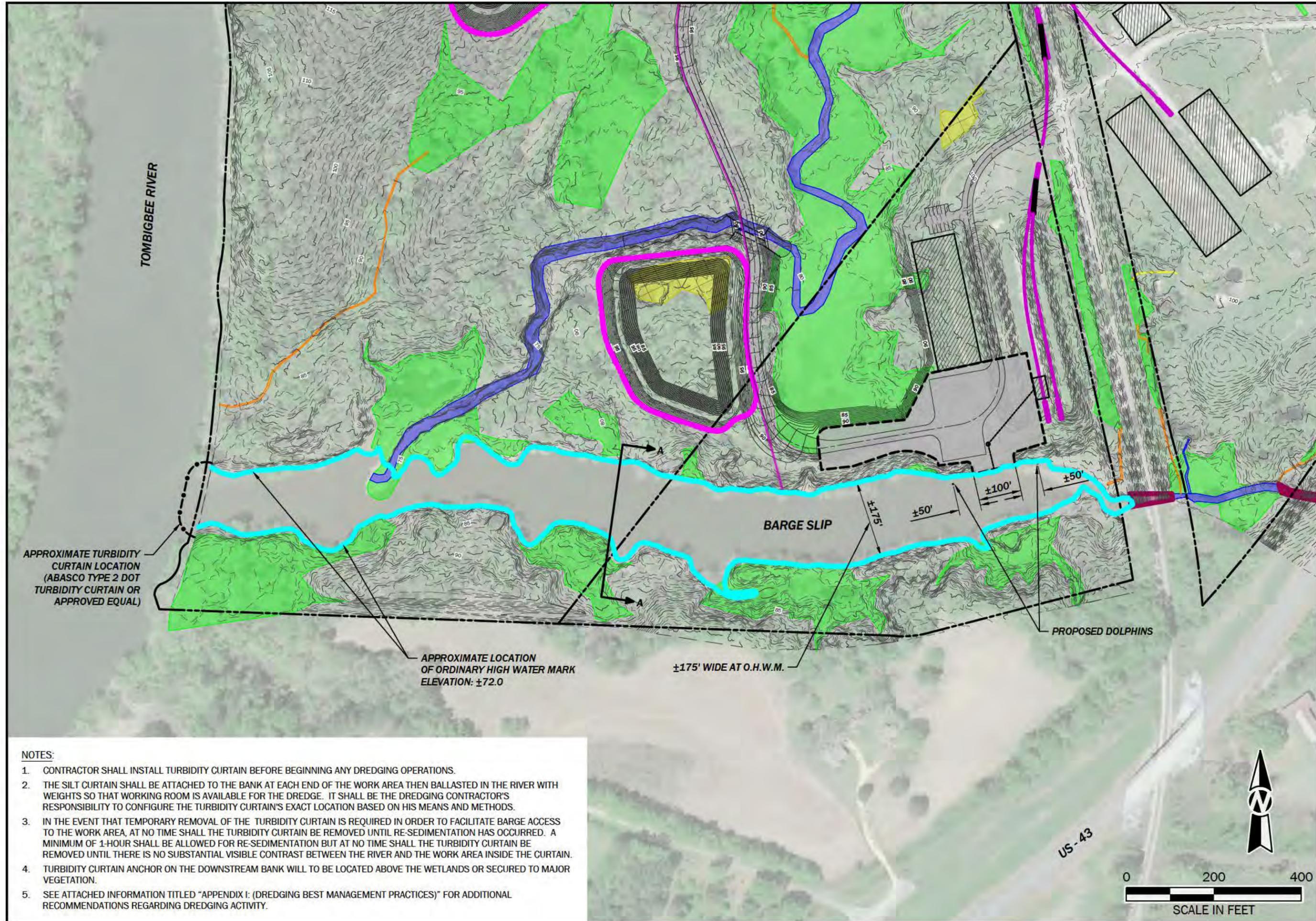
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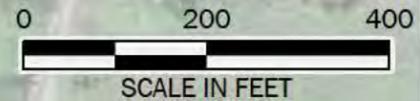
APPROXIMATE TURBIDITY CURTAIN LOCATION (ABASCO TYPE 2 DOT TURBIDITY CURTAIN OR APPROVED EQUAL)

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK ELEVATION: ±72.0

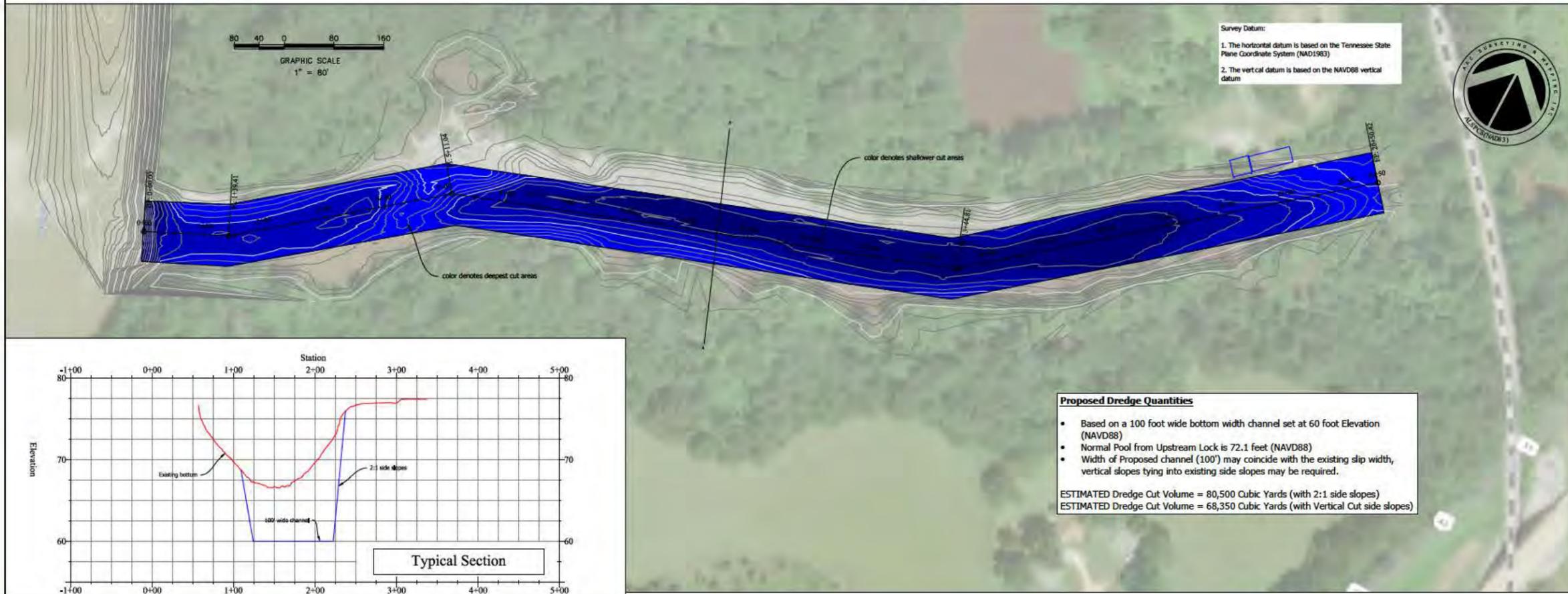
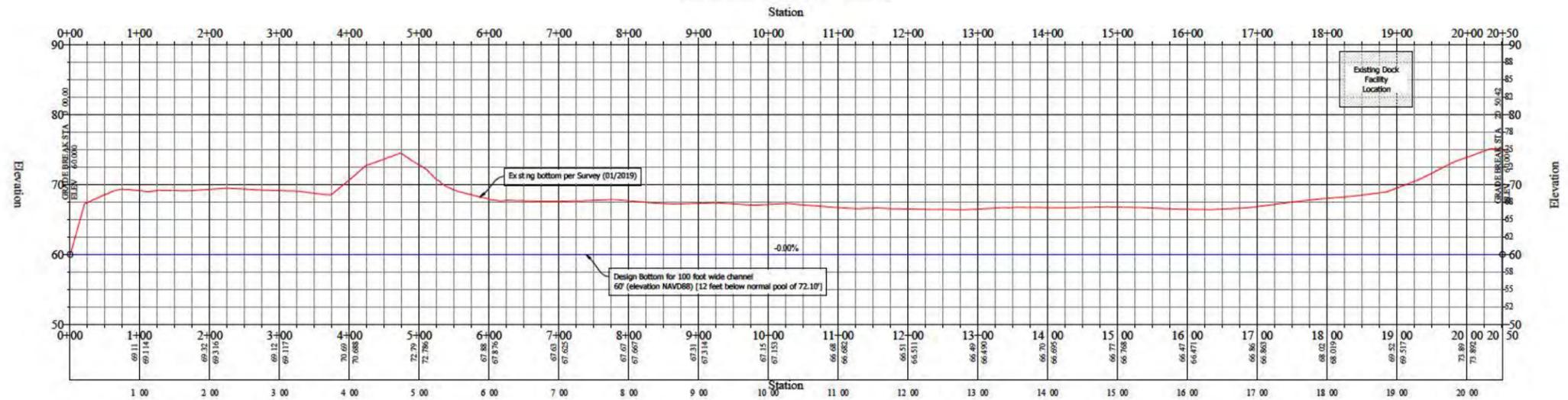
±175' WIDE AT O.H.W.M.

- NOTES:**
1. CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL TURBIDITY CURTAIN BEFORE BEGINNING ANY DREDGING OPERATIONS.
 2. THE SILT CURTAIN SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE BANK AT EACH END OF THE WORK AREA THEN BALLASTED IN THE RIVER WITH WEIGHTS SO THAT WORKING ROOM IS AVAILABLE FOR THE DREDGE. IT SHALL BE THE DREDGING CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIGURE THE TURBIDITY CURTAIN'S EXACT LOCATION BASED ON HIS MEANS AND METHODS.
 3. IN THE EVENT THAT TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF THE TURBIDITY CURTAIN IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO FACILITATE BARGE ACCESS TO THE WORK AREA, AT NO TIME SHALL THE TURBIDITY CURTAIN BE REMOVED UNTIL RE-SEDIMENTATION HAS OCCURRED. A MINIMUM OF 1-HOUR SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR RE-SEDIMENTATION BUT AT NO TIME SHALL THE TURBIDITY CURTAIN BE REMOVED UNTIL THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL VISIBLE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE RIVER AND THE WORK AREA INSIDE THE CURTAIN.
 4. TURBIDITY CURTAIN ANCHOR ON THE DOWNSTREAM BANK WILL TO BE LOCATED ABOVE THE WETLANDS OR SECURED TO MAJOR VEGETATION.
 5. SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION TITLED "APPENDIX I: (DREDGING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES)" FOR ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DREDGING ACTIVITY.

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Forkland, Alabama
Topographic Survey

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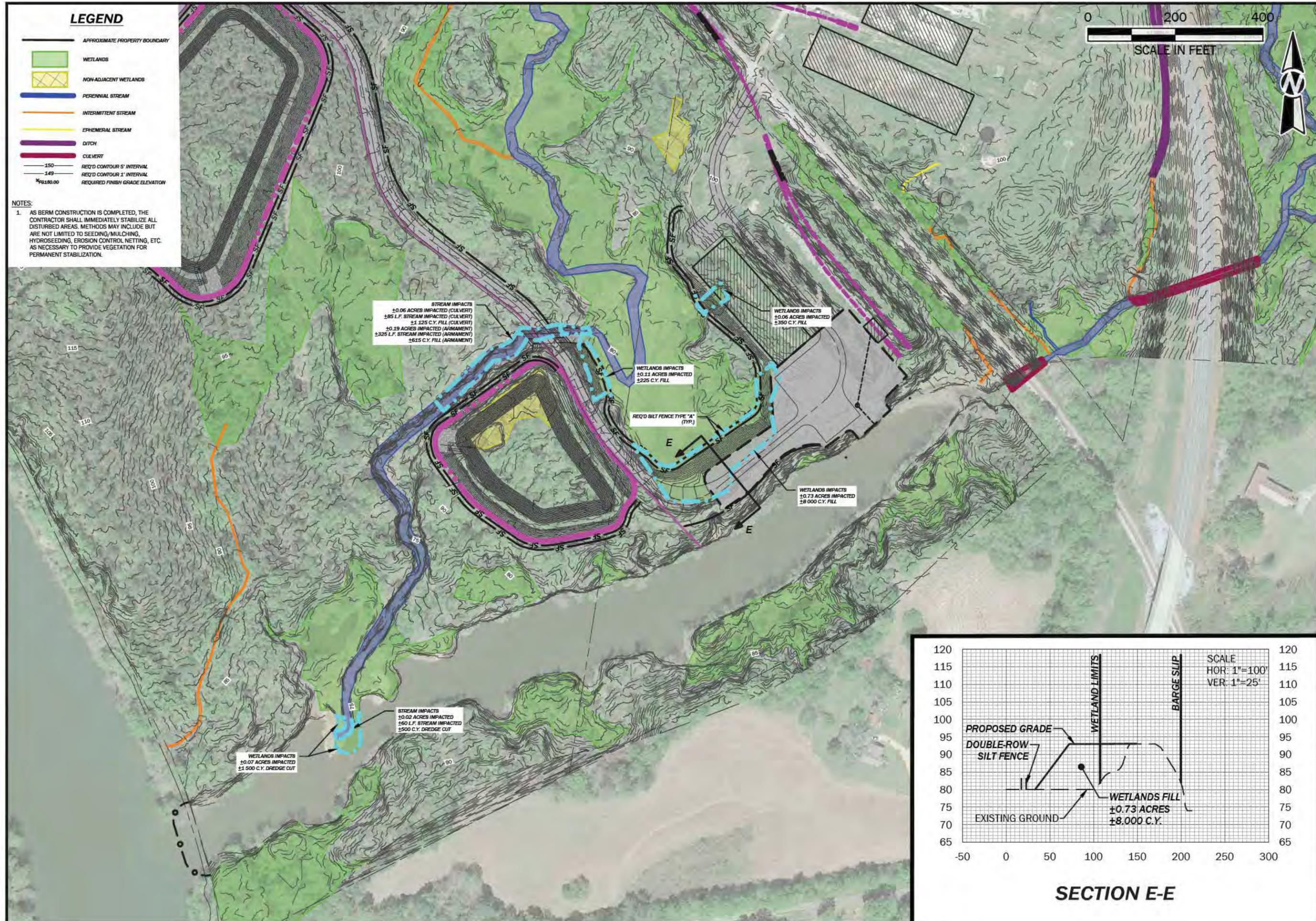


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LEGEND

-  APPROXIMATE PROPERTY BOUNDARY
-  WETLANDS
-  NON-ADJACENT WETLANDS
-  PERENNIAL STREAM
-  INTERMITTENT STREAM
-  EPHEMERAL STREAM
-  DITCH
-  CULVERT
-  REQ'D CONTOUR 5' INTERVAL
-  REQ'D CONTOUR 1' INTERVAL
-  REQUIRED FINISH GRADE ELEVATION

NOTES:
 1. AS BERM CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IMMEDIATELY STABILIZE ALL DISTURBED AREAS. METHODS MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO SEEDING/MULCHING, HYDROSEEDING, EROSION CONTROL NETTING, ETC. AS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE VEGETATION FOR PERMANENT STABILIZATION.



STREAM IMPACTS
 ±0.06 ACRES IMPACTED (CULVERT)
 ±85 L.F. STREAM IMPACTED (CULVERT)
 ±1,125 C.Y. FILL (CULVERT)
 ±0.39 ACRES IMPACTED (ARMAMENT)
 ±325 L.F. STREAM IMPACTED (ARMAMENT)
 ±615 C.Y. FILL (ARMAMENT)

WETLANDS IMPACTS
 ±0.06 ACRES IMPACTED
 ±350 C.Y. FILL

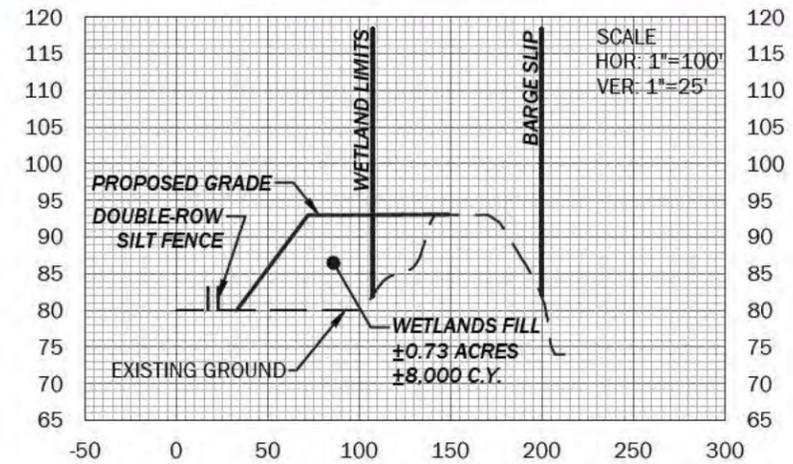
WETLANDS IMPACTS
 ±0.11 ACRES IMPACTED
 ±225 C.Y. FILL

REQ'D SILT FENCE TYPE "A" (TYP.)

WETLANDS IMPACTS
 ±0.73 ACRES IMPACTED
 ±8,000 C.Y. FILL

STREAM IMPACTS
 ±0.02 ACRES IMPACTED
 ±50 L.F. STREAM IMPACTED
 ±500 C.Y. DREDGE CUT

WETLANDS IMPACTS
 ±0.07 ACRES IMPACTED
 ±1,500 C.Y. DREDGE CUT



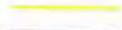
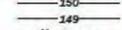

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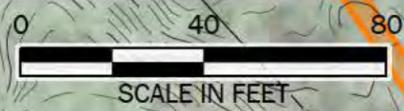
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