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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2022-00535-JDC**

**September 16, 2022**

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

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**PROPOSED UNDERGROUND CROSSING OF THE COOSA RIVER AND TEMPORARY DISCHARGE OF DREDGED AND FILL MATERIAL INTO WETLANDS AND UNNAMED TRIBUTARIES TO THE COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN UNINCORPORATED CHILTON COUNTY AND COOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company  
Attention: Joseph Dean  
2800 Post Oak Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77056  
joseph.dean@williams.com

AGENT: SWCA Environmental Consultants  
Attention: Rachel Bell  
269 Forest Parkway  
Alabaster, Alabama 35007  
rachel.bell@swca.com

LOCATION: **The proposed project is located in wetlands, unnamed tributaries to Davidson Creek, and unnamed tributaries to the Coosa River in unincorporated Chilton and Coosa Counties, Alabama. Specifically, the project is located within Sections 19 and 24, Township 21 North, Ranges 16 and 17 East. Center coordinates of the crossing are latitude 32.791198, longitude -86.417884. The project is located in the Lower Coosa 8-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC 03150107).**

**PROJECT PURPOSE:** The basic project purpose is the installation of 1.9 miles of new natural gas pipeline from milepost (MP) 909.63 to MP 911.53 of the existing Transcontinental Gas PipeLine Company (Transco) mainline.

**PROPOSED WORK:** The applicant is requesting authorization to horizontally bore a 42-inch natural gas pipeline under the Coosa River and temporarily discharge dredged and fill material into 1,958.90 linear feet of stream and 0.22 acres of wetlands in association with the installation of 1.9 miles of a new natural gas pipeline (referred to as the Chilton Loop). Specifically, the applicant is proposing the temporary discharge of dredged material into 0.22 acres of non-forested wetlands, 507.17 linear feet of intermittent stream, and 1,451.73 linear feet of perennial stream for the excavation and backfill of open trench pipeline installations and the temporary discharge of fill material for the placement of BMP materials, equipment mats, and temporary road crossings to facilitate equipment access. The temporary impact areas would be returned to pre-disturbance contours and revegetated following completion of project construction. Additionally, the pipeline pig traps located at MP 909.63 and MP 911.53 on the existing mainline would be removed, a new compressor unit would be installed at Compressor Station 105, and three (3) existing compressor units would be modified/updated. The work at Compressor Station 105 would involve mechanized land clearing in uplands that would not impact waters of the United States (U.S.). The project also includes the use of two (2) upland contractor yards for temporary contractor field offices, parking, equipment and material storage, equipment turn-arounds, and pipe preparation and assembly areas.

**AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION:** According to the applicant, alternative compressor station site plans, route alignments, and construction methods (including open cut trenching portions of the Coosa River) were considered before application submittal. The project currently proposes no permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. 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 is not proposing to provide compensatory mitigation as the impacts to waters of the U.S. would be temporary.

**LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY ROLE:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is considered the lead federal agency for the coordination and conduct of environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the proposed project. Pursuant to NEPA and FERC regulations, FERC is in the process of preparing its environmental effects documentation for the proposed natural gas pipeline loop and compressor station improvements. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is considering adopting FERC's final environmental documentation findings; however, a separate decision document would be

**prepared prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army (DA) permit. Comments received would be used by the USACE in the preparation of any supplemental EA and/or an Environmental Impact Statement, if required, pursuant to NEPA prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the DA permit.**

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. 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 the general public regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties which may be affected by the work.

**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: Indiana bat, Wood Stork, Finelined Pocketbook, Coosa Moccasinshell, Ovate Clubshell, Southern Acornshell, Southern Clubshell, Southern Pigtoe, Triangular Kidneyshell, Upland Combshell, Kral's Water Plantain, and White Fringeless Orchid. 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.

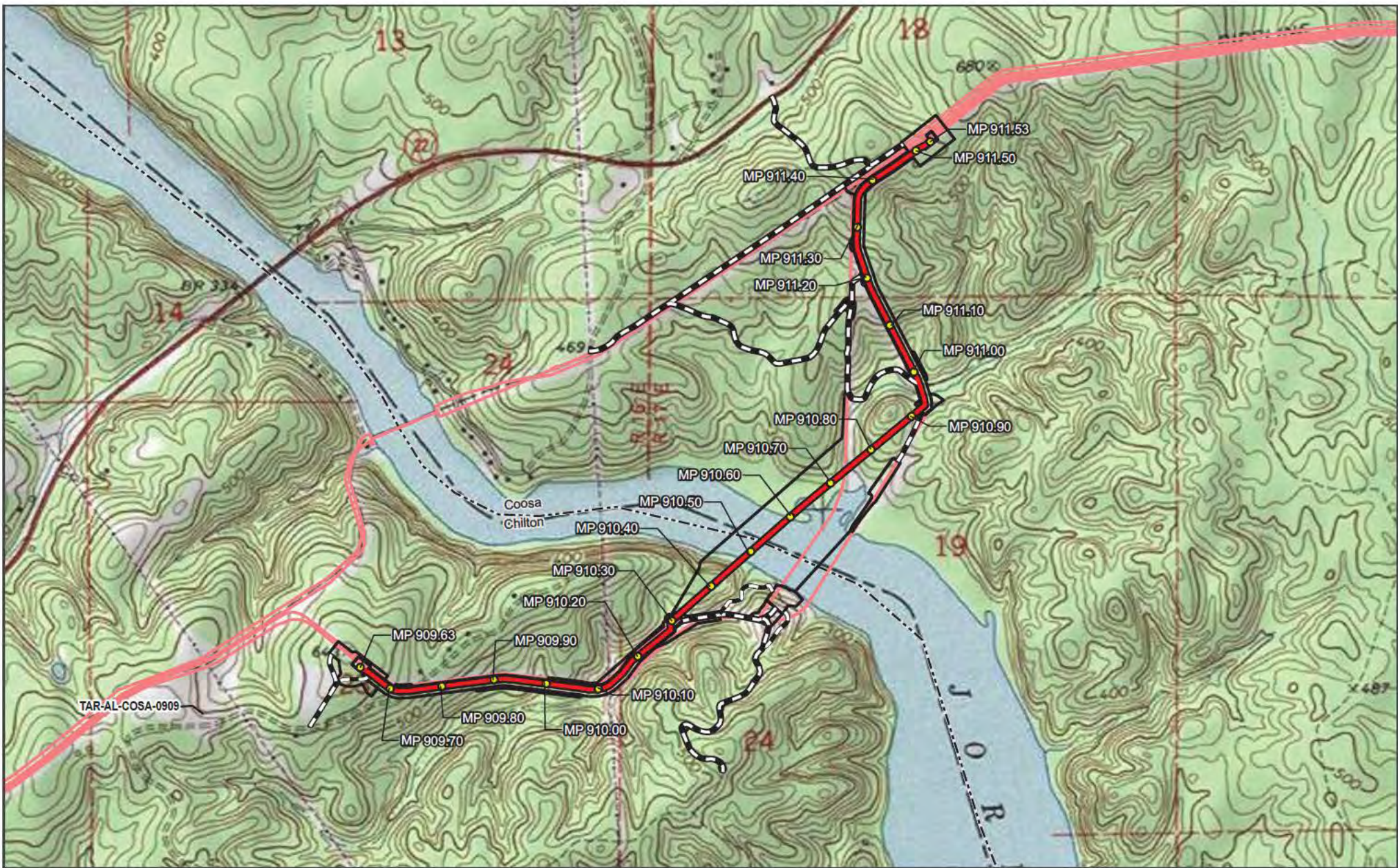
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2022-00535-JDC** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District, Birmingham Field Office, Attention: **Mr. Jevon Coleman**, 600 Vestavia Parkway, Suite 203, Vestavia Hills, Alabama 35216, 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 **Jevon.D.Coleman@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 **Jevon.D.Coleman@usace.army.mil** or telephone number **(205) 381-0741**. 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>.

MOBILE DISTRICT  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Attachments



SOUTHEAST ENERGY CONNECTOR  
**Chilton Loop**  
 Location Map



- Proposed 42" Chilton Loop
- Access Road
- Existing Transco Pipelines
- Milepost
- Proposed Chilton Loop Workspace
- County Boundary

Chilton and Coosa Counties, AL  
 USGS 7.5' Quadrangle: Mitchell  
 Dam, AL, 32086-G4  
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 21N 16E Section 23, 24  
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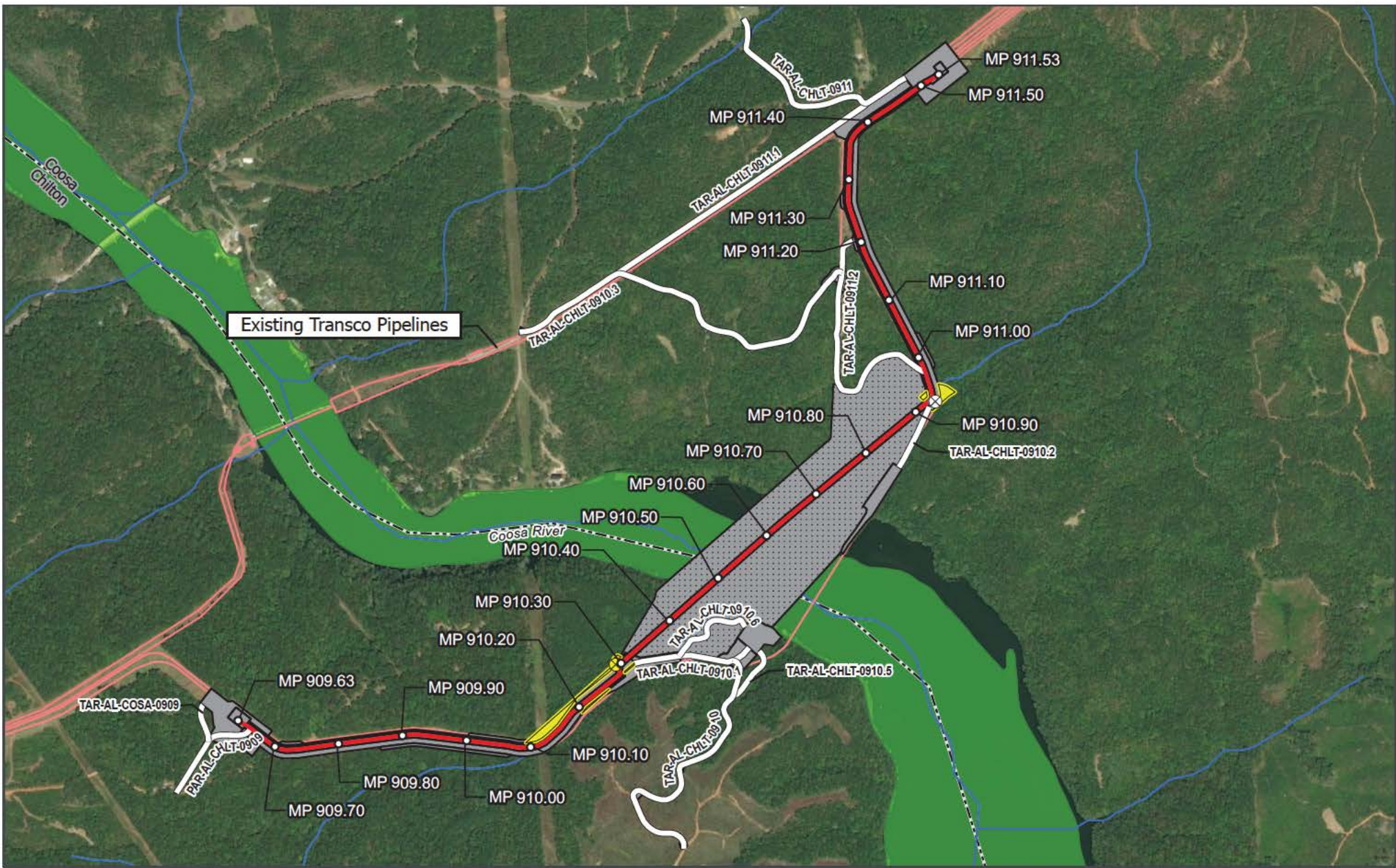


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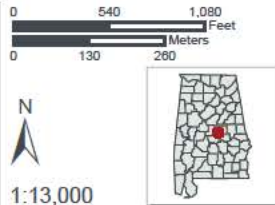


SOUTHEAST ENERGY CONNECTOR  
**Chilton Loop**  
 Aerial Map



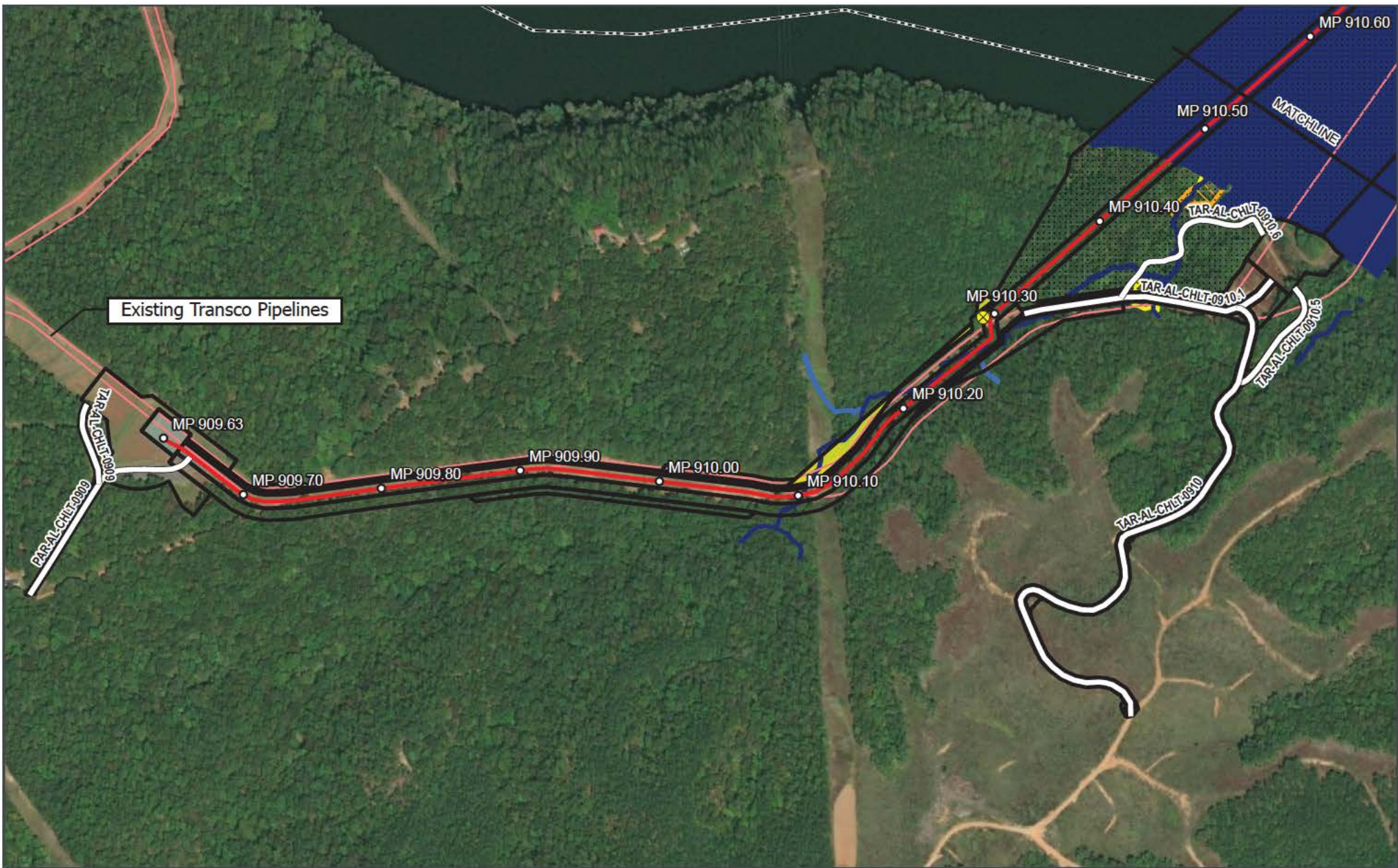
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- National Hydrography Dataset
- National Wetlands Inventory
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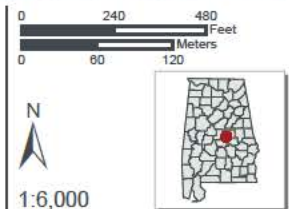
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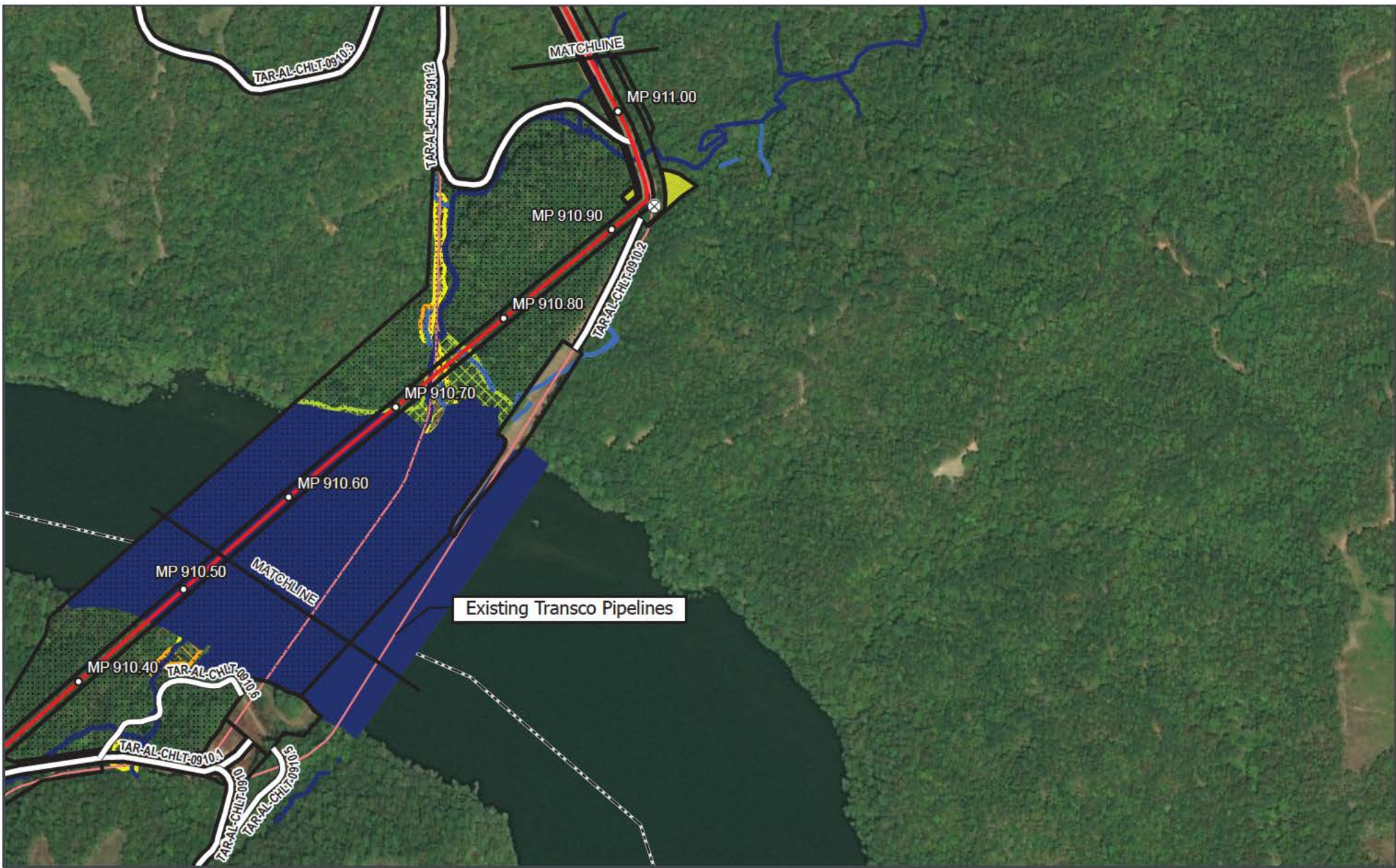
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| Access Road                  | Ephemeral Stream                |
| Existing Transco Pipelines   | Intermittent Stream             |
| Milepost                     | Perennial Stream                |
| HDD Entry Point              | Emergent Wetland                |
| HDD Exit Point               | Scrub-shrub Wetland             |
| HDD Cable Tracking Workspace | Forested Wetland                |
| HDD Pullback Workspace       | County Boundary                 |

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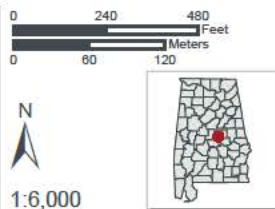
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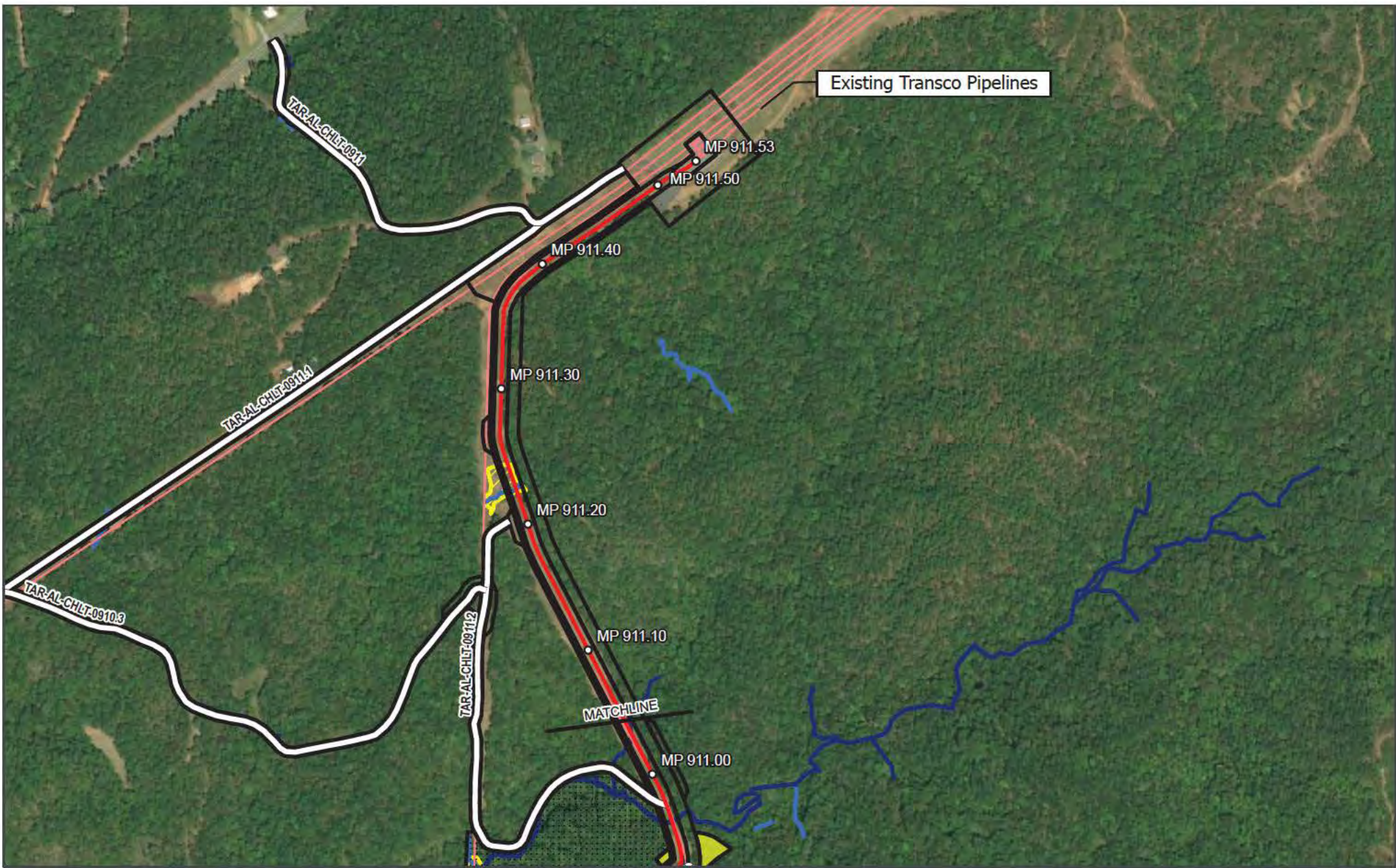
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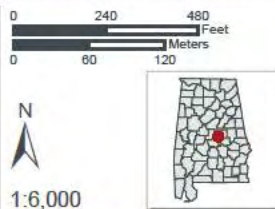
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Existing Transco Pipelines

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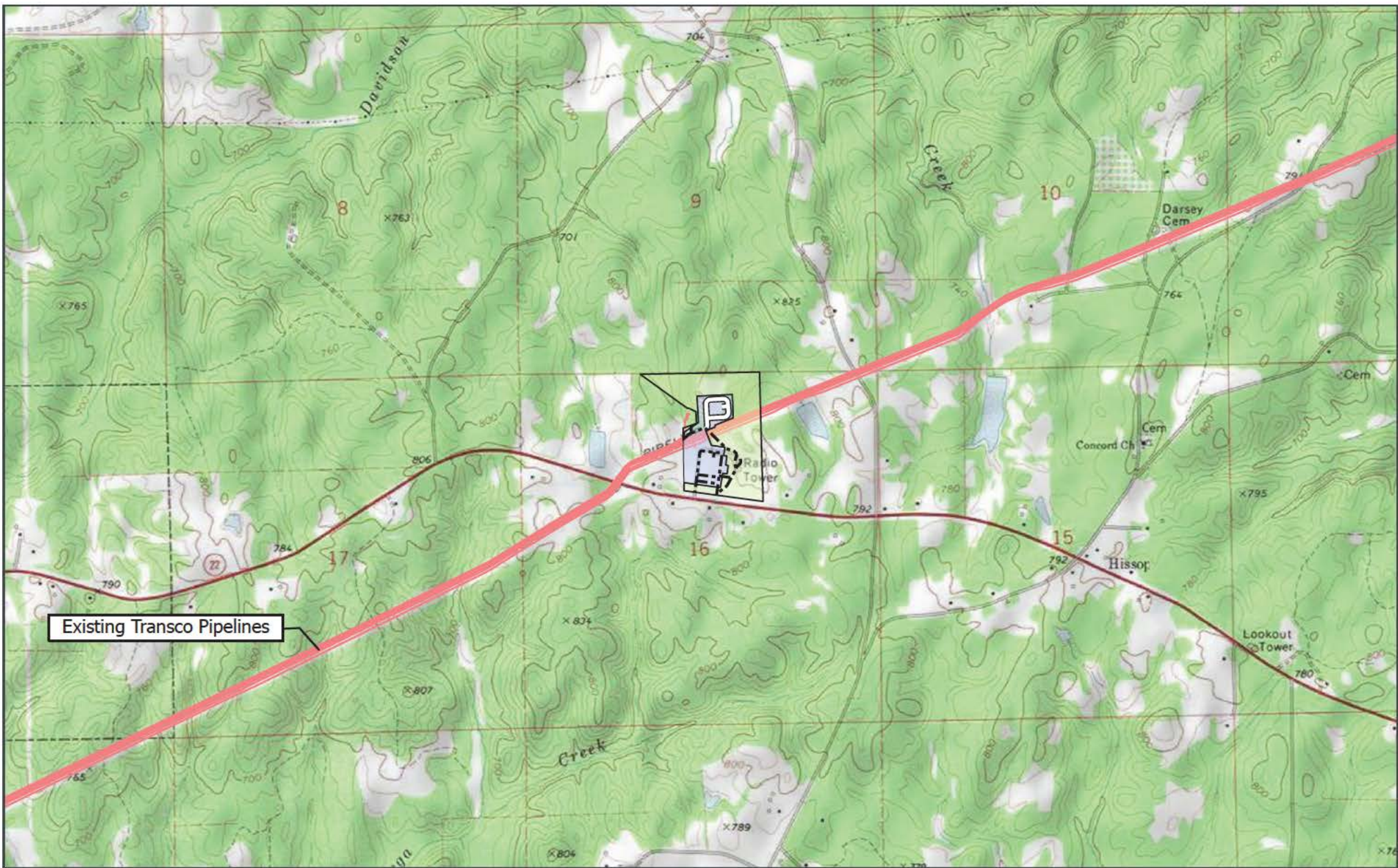
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**Compressor Station 105**  
 Location Map

-  Extended Facility Roads
-  Existing Facility Roads
-  Existing Transco Pipelines
-  Permanent Workspace
-  Temporary Workspace



Coosa County, AL  
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 32086-H2  
 22N 19E Section 16

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**Compressor Station 105**  
 Aerial Map



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| Permanent Workspace     | Existing Transco Pipelines |
| Temporary Workspace     | Ephemeral Stream           |
| Trees to be Removed     | Intermittent Stream        |
| Proposed New Building   | Perennial Stream           |
| Extended Facility Roads | Forested Wetland           |
| Existing Facility Roads |                            |

Coosa County, AL  
 USGS 7.5' Quadrangle: Rockford, AL,  
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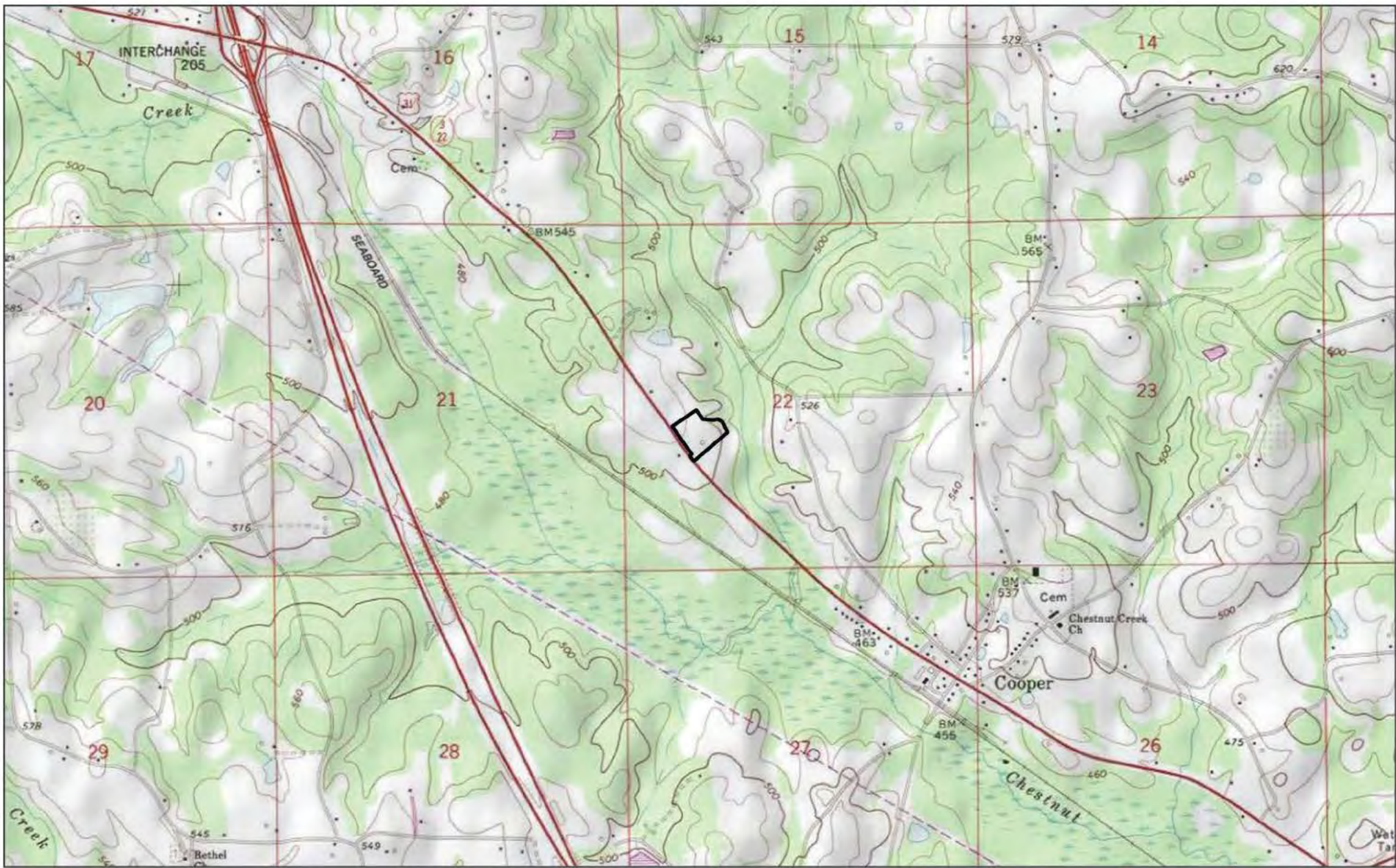
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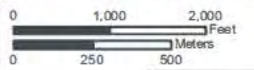


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**Contractor Yard CY-CHLT-01**  
 Location Map

 Proposed Contractor Yard



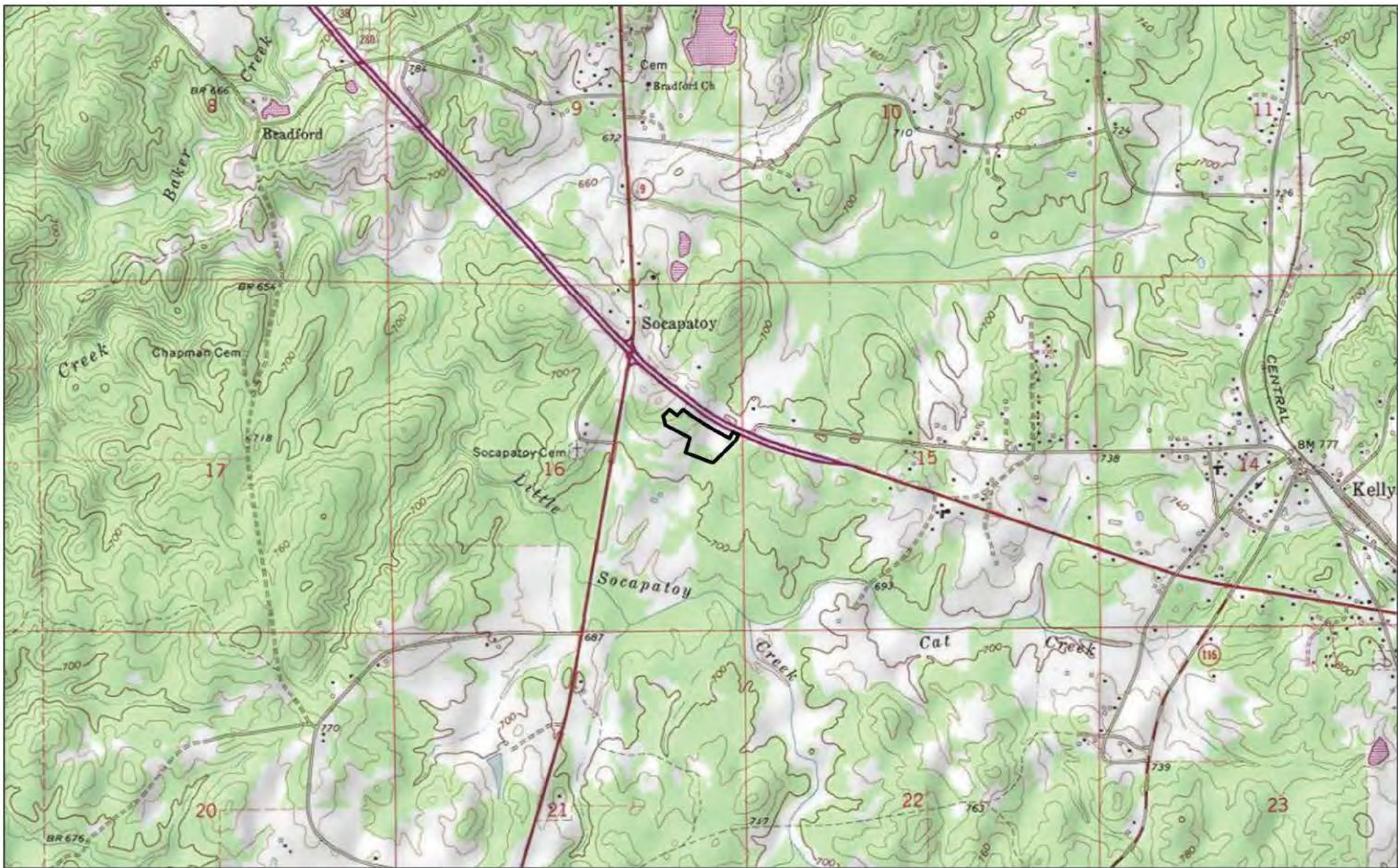
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 Contractor Yard CY-CHLT-02  
 Location Map

 Proposed Contractor Yard



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 AL, 32086 H1  
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