

**JOINT**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
69A Hagood Avenue  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107  
and  
**THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**  
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management  
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400  
Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N #SAC-2015-00562-1C

AUGUST 5, 2015

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**CITY OF BEAUFORT**  
C/O: JEFFREY WILLIAMS  
**SLIGH ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.**  
31 PARK OF COMMERCE WAY, SUITE 200B  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31405

for a permit to construct a stormwater treatment in

**BATTERY CREEK**

Located east of and adjacent to SC Highway 170, and west of and adjacent to Old Jericho Road within the City of Beaufort, in Beaufort County, South Carolina. (Latitude: 32.42523, Longitude: -80.7256987).

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

**NOTICE**

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the **Corps** until

**15 Days from the Date of this Notice,**

and **SCDHEC** will receive written statements regarding the proposed work until

**30 Days from the Date of this Notice**

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of a stormwater treatment project that would impact 0.148 acres of a jurisdictional tidal ditch. In detail, the tidal ditch will be impacted by excavation, fill, and installation of riprap within two areas of the ditch. The stormwater runoff currently entering Battery

Creek receives no pretreatment and is directly discharged via the on-site tidal ditch. The proposed project would reroute the stormwater through an on-site pond prior to entering the critical area/ section 10 wetlands and waters of Battery Creek. The project purpose is for the treatment of approximately 500 acres of upstream stormwater runoff into Battery Creek.

Impact A requires excavation of 5,442 square feet of uplands and excavation of 3,000 square feet (350 cubic yards) of the tidal ditch for the creation of a catch basin to assist in collecting sediment that is anticipated to enter from upstream stormwater runoff. For stabilization of the area and to prevent scouring, 2,100 square feet (78 cubic yards) of riprap will be installed.

Impact B is from the proposed installation of an emergency overflow weir. The weir will be set at an elevation that will not allow tides to flood or move into the upstream area (Impact A, catch basin). The impact associated with the weir is 340 square feet (30 cubic yards). Impact B will also ensure that the stormwater generated upstream will be diverted to the proposed settling pond. The area upstream of Impact B (catch basin) is not anticipated to receive tide and would be converted to freshwater once the weir is constructed. This would prohibit tidal waters from entering the proposed stormwater treatment pond.

Impact C is a proposed outfall that will require installation of a tide gate, excavation of the tidal ditch, and installation of riprap for bank stabilization. The tidal ditch excavation will total 800 square feet (20 cubic yards), and involve 800 square feet (20 cubic yards) of riprap to replace the excavated material.

The existing stormwater pond is a non-jurisdictional, upland dug pond that will be utilized for the stormwater treatment. The pond will require dredging of 19,000 cubic yards to facilitate treatment and storage prior to the stormwater discharging into Battery Creek.

The applicant is not proposing mitigation at this time because the proposed project will drastically reduce the amount of stormwater that is directly discharged to critical area/ Section 10 wetlands and waters. In addition, they believe the reduction in bacteria discharged, the reduction in discharge of suspended solids and other trash and the amount of freshwater entering critical area/ Section 10 waters during storm events should have net benefits to downstream areas of Battery Creek and should be considered ample mitigation for the proposed impacts.

**NOTE: This public notice and associated plans are available on the Corps' website at: <http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices> . For those unable to access the website, a copy of this notice and the associated plans will be provided, upon receipt of a written request. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided. Your request should be addressed to the**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this

application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S. C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 0.148 acres of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. The District Engineer's initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The District Engineer's final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to the Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the Corps has reviewed the project area, examined all information provided by the applicant, and the District Engineer has determined, based on the most recently available information that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein and initially determined that no historic properties, nor properties eligible for inclusion in the National Register, are present; therefore, there will be no effect on historic properties. This public notices serves as a request for concurrence within 30 days from the SHPO (and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer).

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

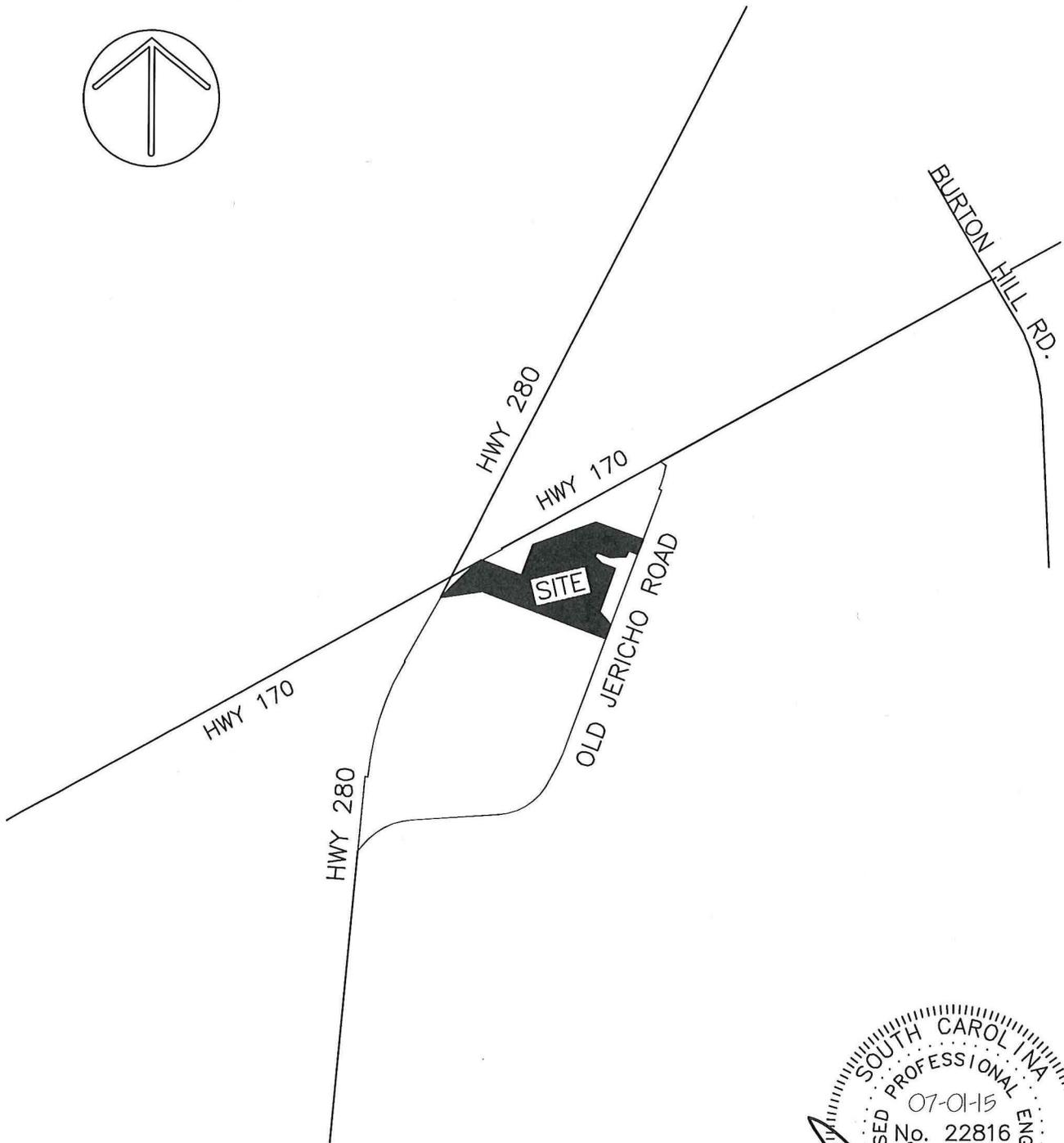
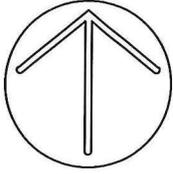
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application

of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. 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 project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project 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. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

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 activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. 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 activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact **Chelsea Bowman** at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



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STORMWATER RETROFIT



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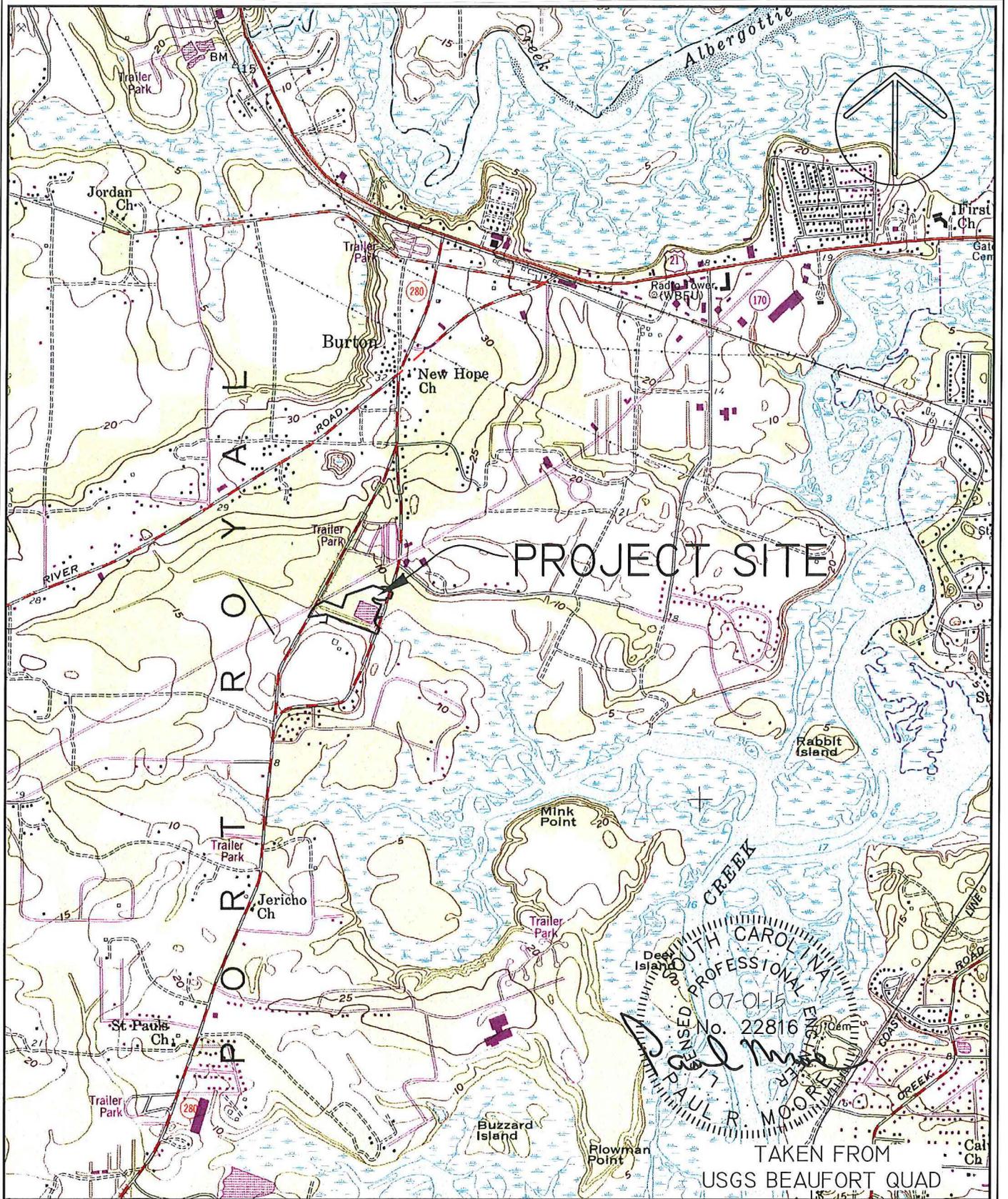
VICINITY MAP

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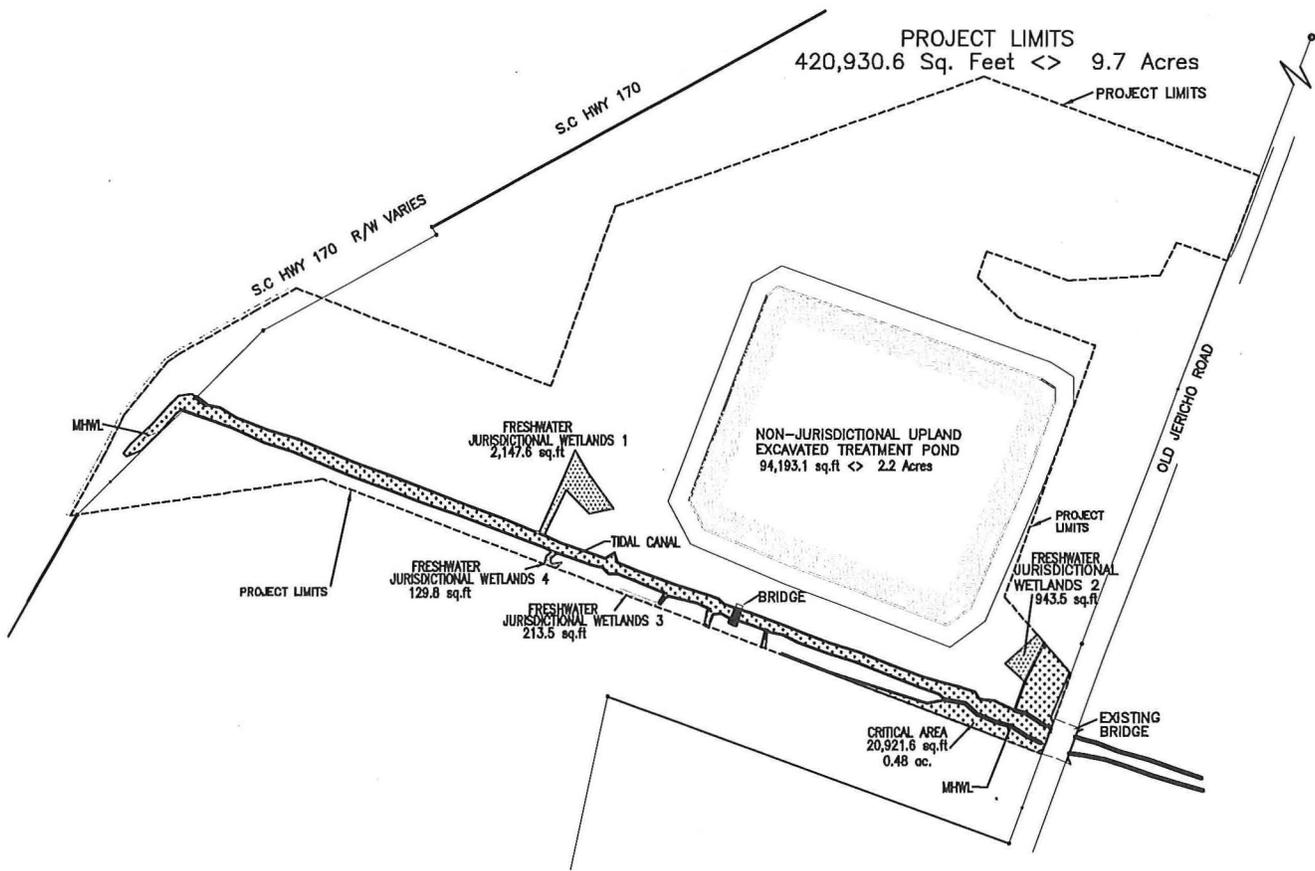
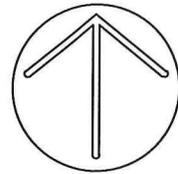

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# USGS MAP

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CRITICAL AREA APPROVED BY:  
GEORDY MALINGER ON 10-22-14



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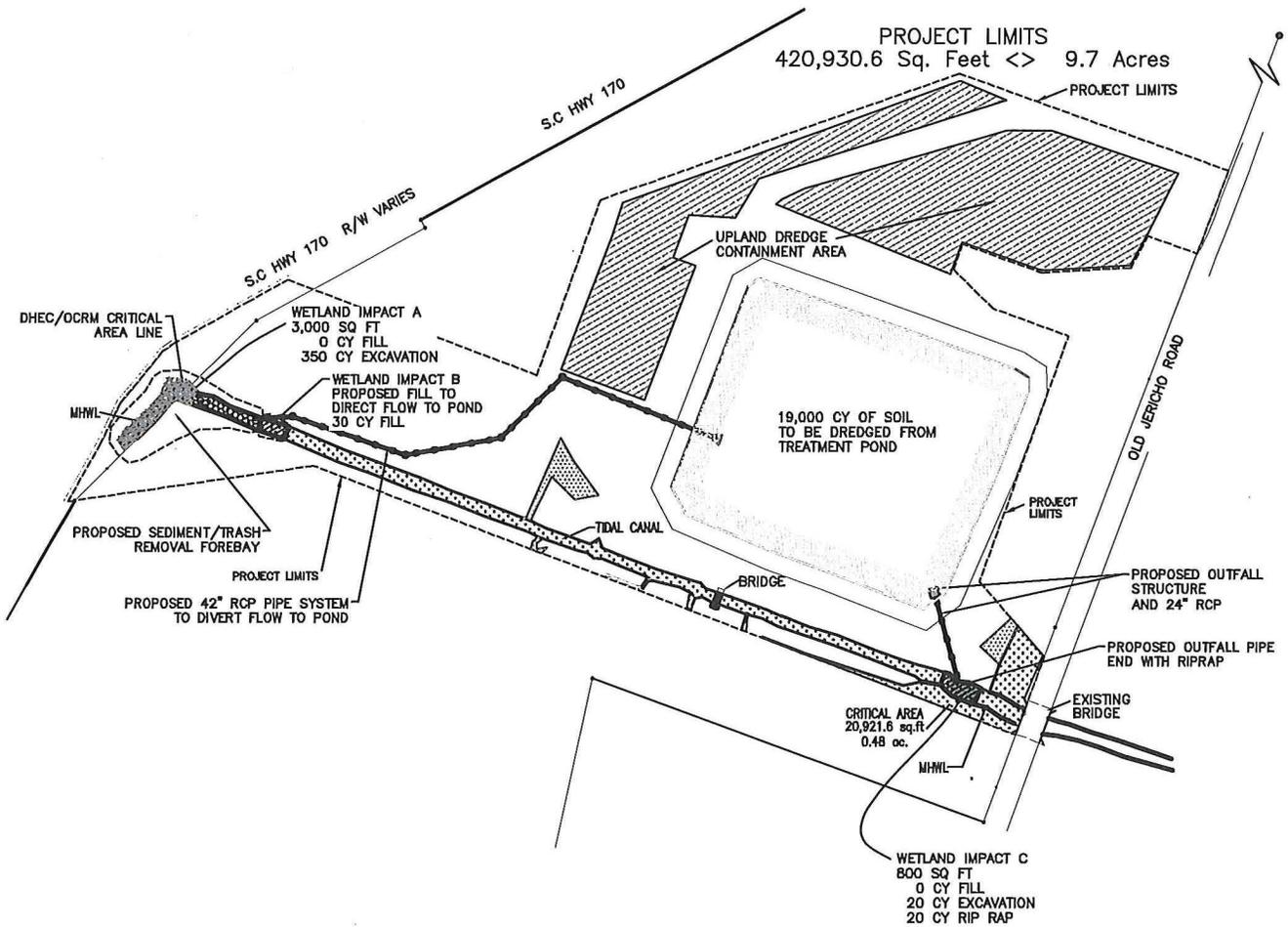
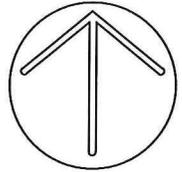
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EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS**

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| TOTAL PROJECT LIMITS:              | 420,930.6 SQ FT | 9.7 AC.  |
| CRITICAL AREA:                     | 20,921.6 SQ FT  | 0.48 AC. |
| FRESHWATER JURISDICTIONAL WETLAND: | 3,434.4 SQ FT   | 0.79 AC. |
| UPLAND EXCAVATION:                 | 5,442.0 SQ FT   | 725 CY   |
| CRITICAL AREA EXCAVATION:          | 2,358.0 SQ FT   | 370 CY   |
| CRITICAL AREA FILL:                | 340.0 SQ FT     | 30 CY    |
| RIPRAP REVETMENT:                  | 3,726.0 SQ FT   | 128 CY   |



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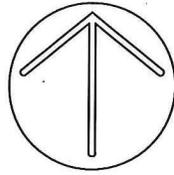
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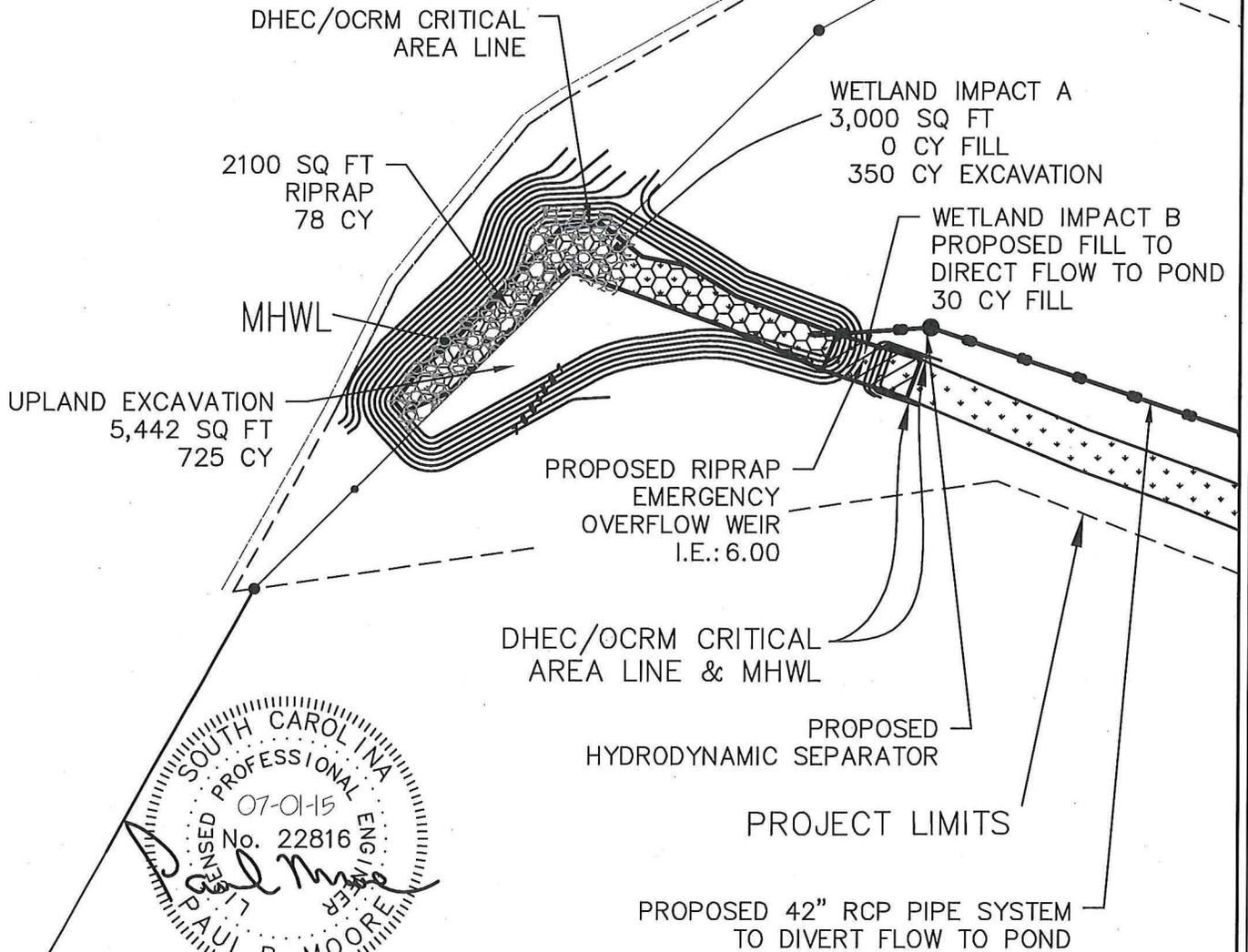
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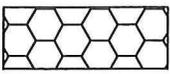
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07-01-15  
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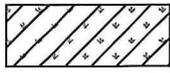
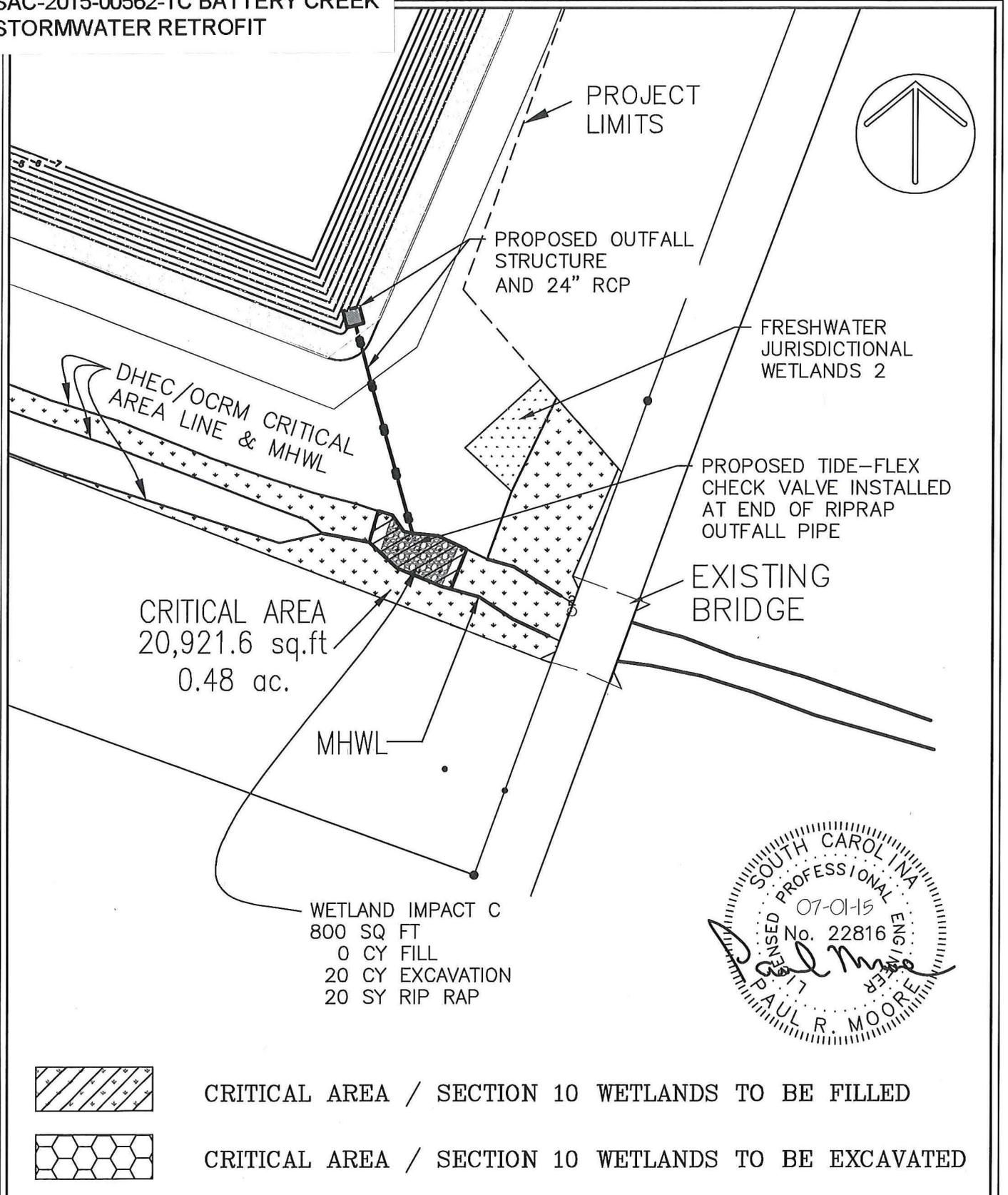
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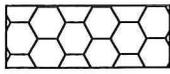
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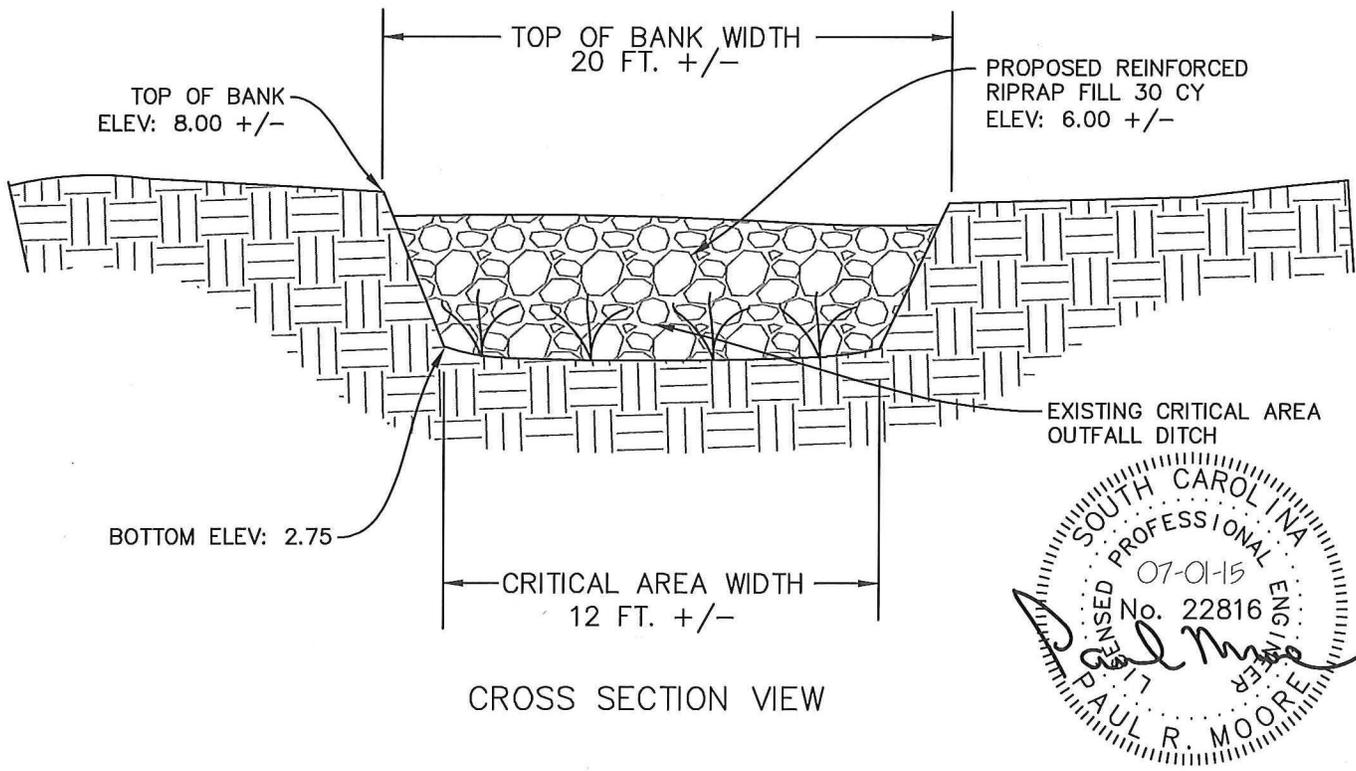
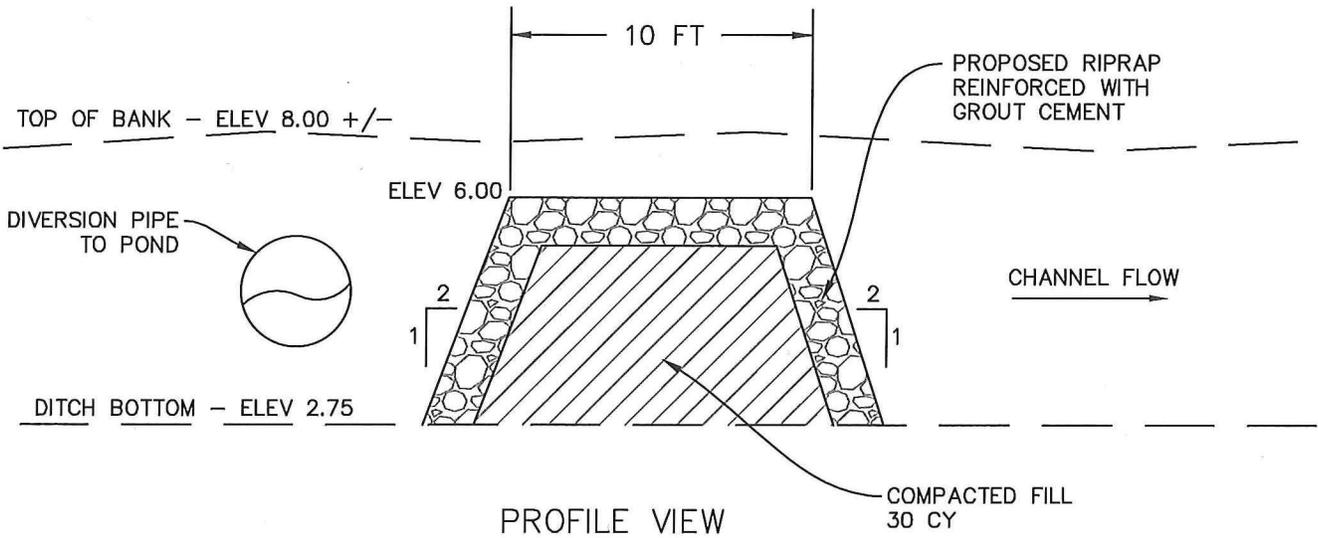
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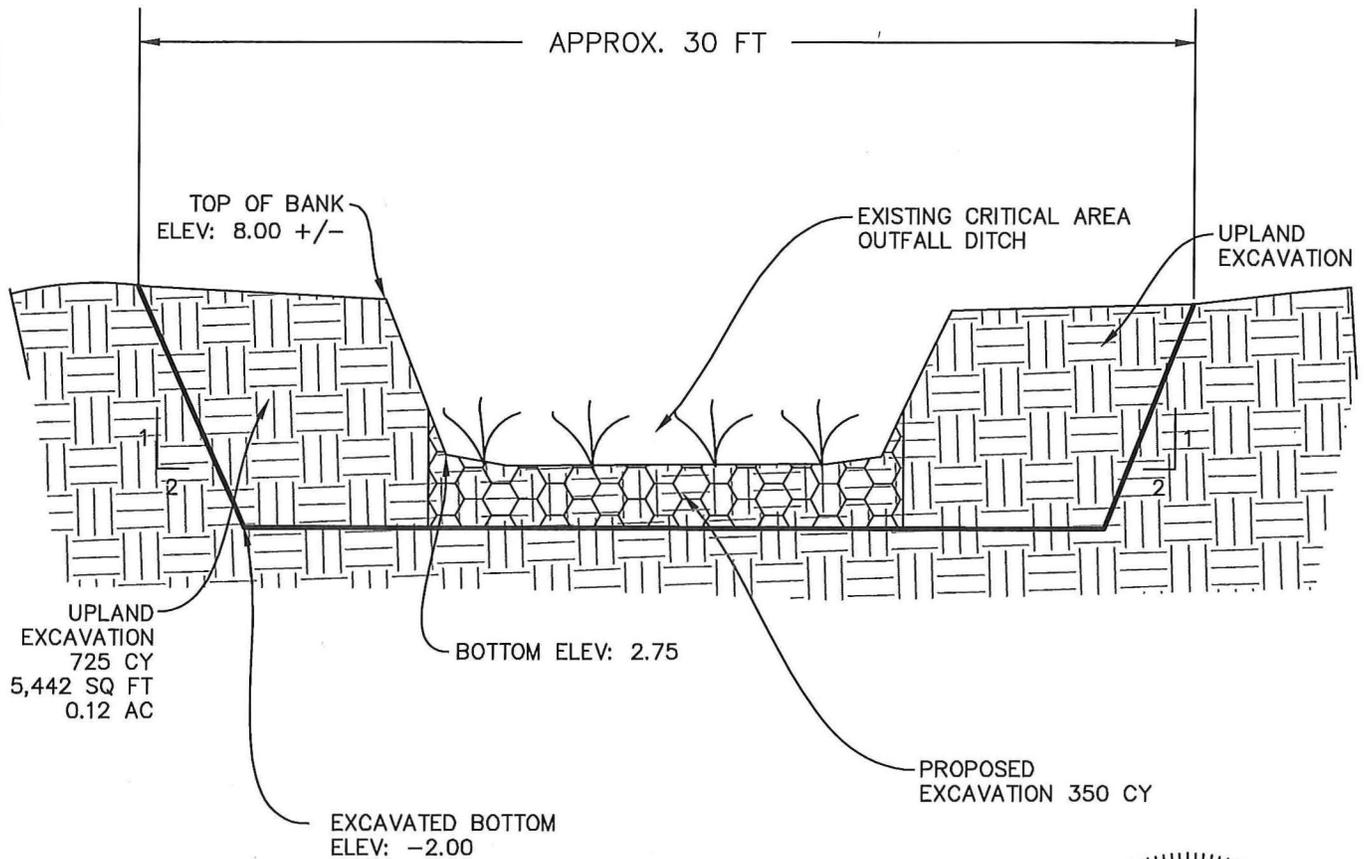
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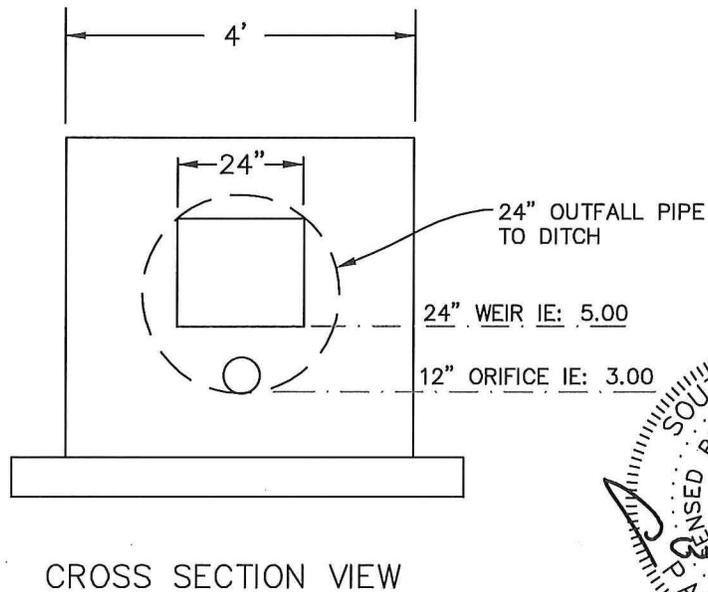
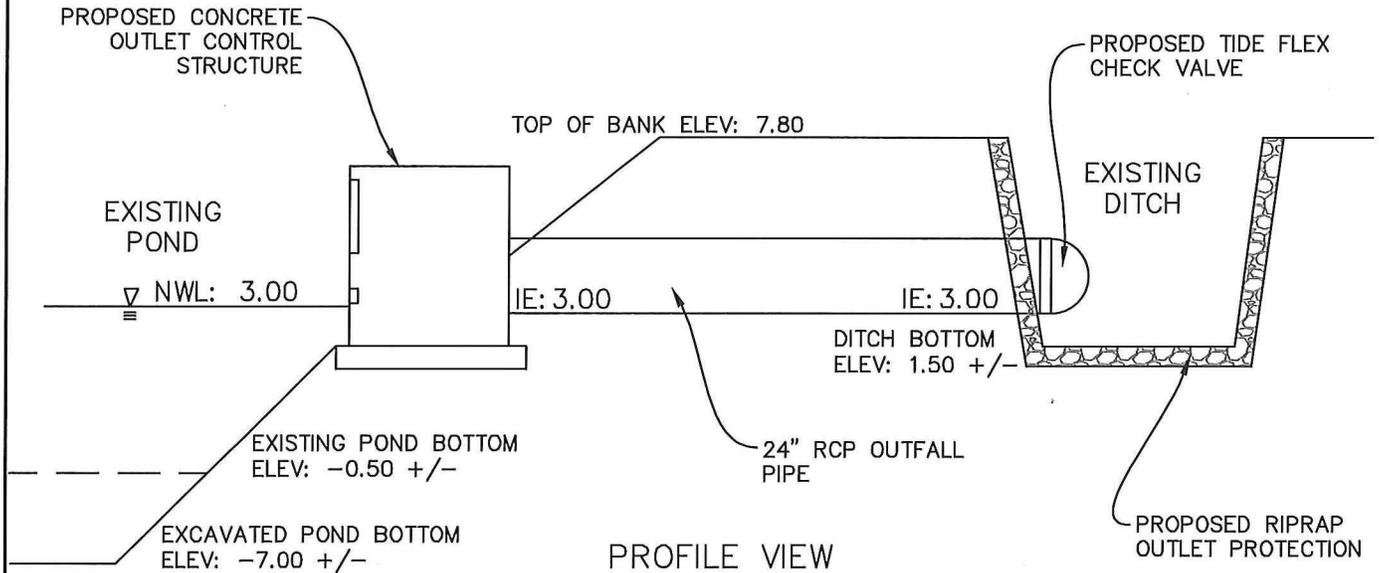
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