

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1835 Assembly Street, Room 865B-1
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

and

THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N # 2014-00290-6F

February 12, 2015

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control by

Laurens County
c/o Andy Ruocco
Terracon Consultants, Inc.
1450 Fifth Street West
North Charleston, SC 29405

for a permit to place fill material in

Unnamed Tributaries of Stoddard Creek and adjacent wetlands

At a location south of Old Laurens Road, between Wells Road and Stoddard Mill Road, Laurens County, South Carolina (Latitude 34.647923 N, Longitude 82.166451W).

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 the placement of fill material in 2,732 linear feet of stream and 0.23 acres of wetlands. In detail, the work consists of the placement of fill material in 2,732 linear feet of stream and 0.23 acres of wetlands for an approximate 1,000,000 square foot manufacturing facility. The proposed site development allows for a large single build and one additional future phase of assembly and warehouse expansion. The applicant stated they looked at several on-site and off-site alternatives; however the only site development alternative that meets the applicants need is the proposed alternative. The applicant has provided mitigation credit calculation worksheets that indicate the project will require 16,225.4 stream credits and 2.2 wetland credits. The Corps has not verified these credit calculations. The applicant is proposing to buy the required credits from Grove

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Creek Mitigation Bank, Taylors Creek Mitigation Bank, and Arrowhead Farms Mitigation Bank. The applicant is requesting a 25% reduction in credits. The site has been delineated, but a jurisdictional determination has not been issued for this site. The applicant has stated the project purpose is to develop a support facility for the existing Project Circle manufacturing facility.

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 District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certification is received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to Water Quality Certification must submit all comments in writing to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

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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 habitat upstream of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our 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). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request for written concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service on this determination.

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 also 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 this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

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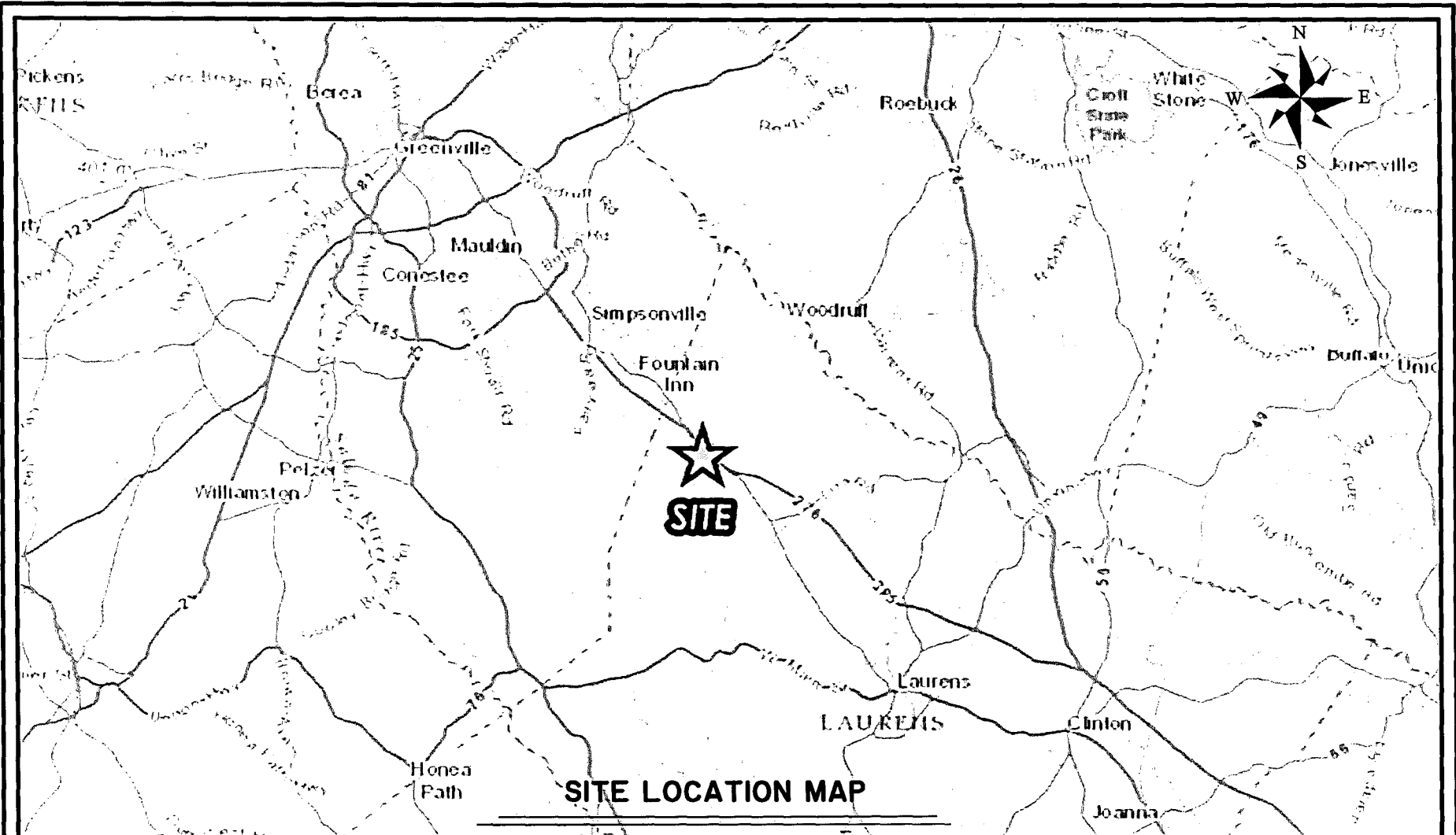
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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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 and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. 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 of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers 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 of Engineers 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 Kristin Andrade at 803-253-3903.



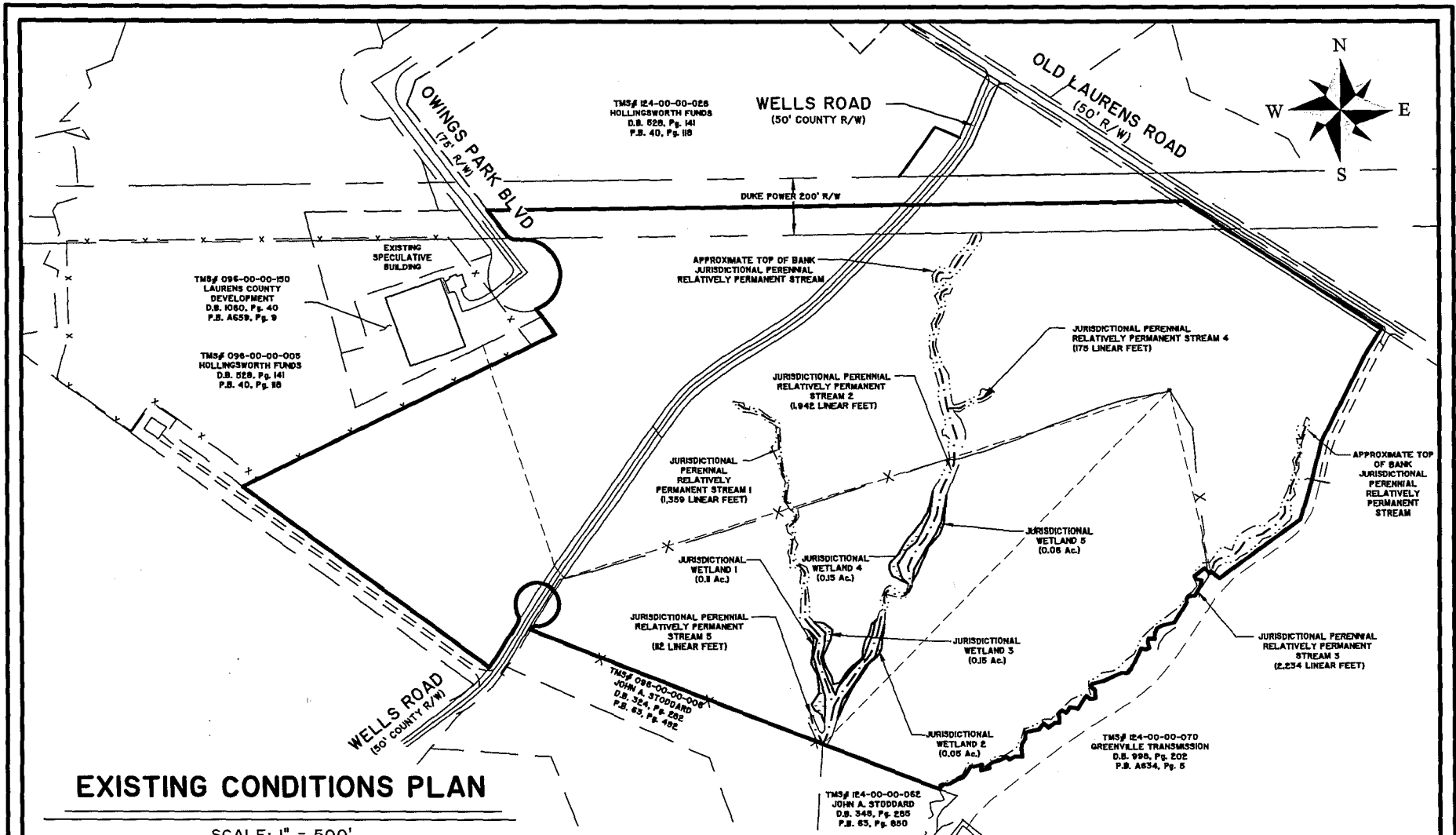
SITE LOCATION MAP

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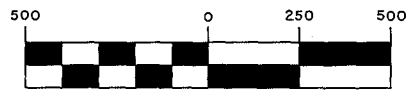
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EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN

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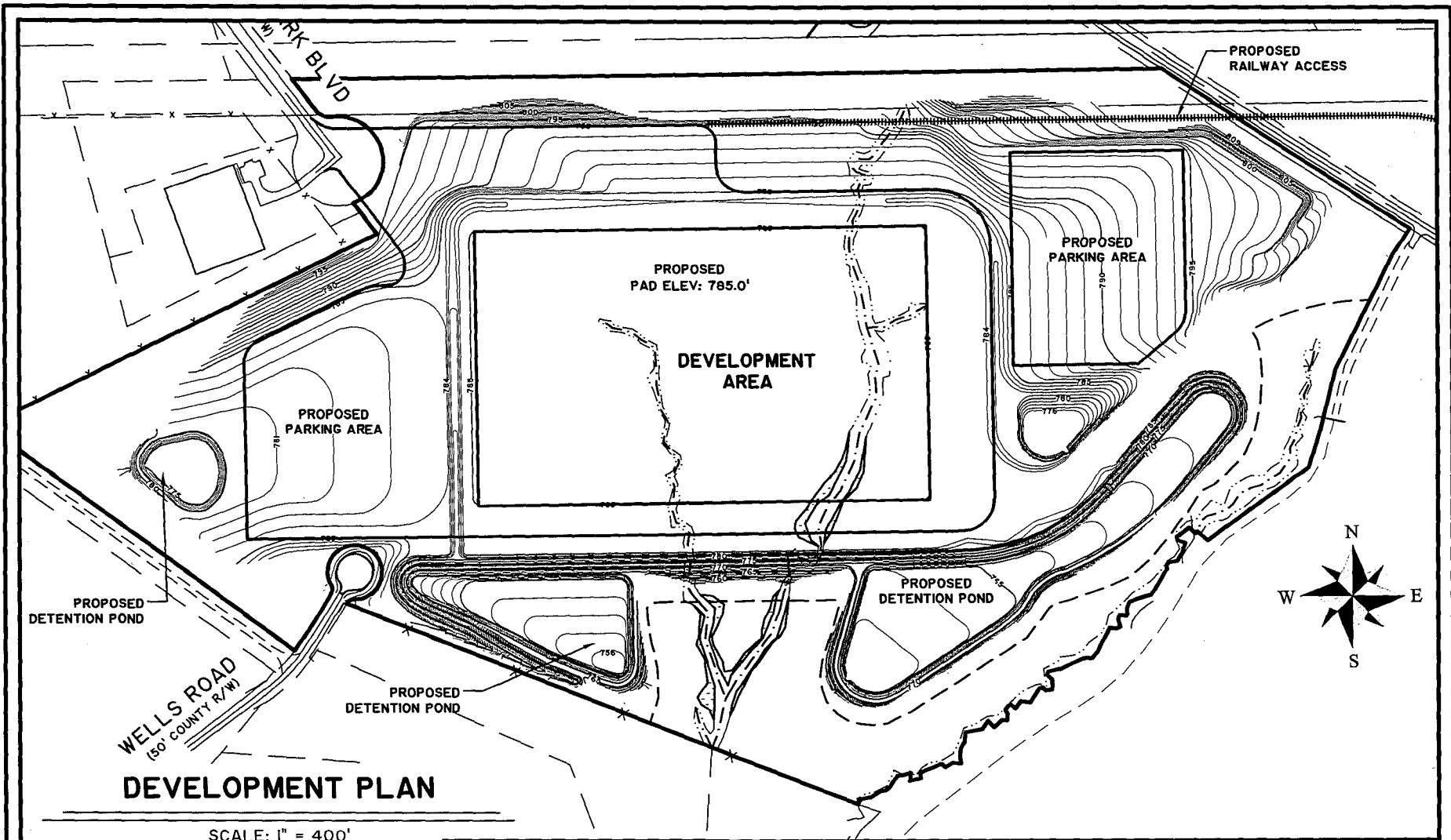


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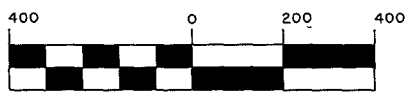
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DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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**FILL
AREA**



WETLAND IMPACT SUMMARY

TOTAL

SITE DEVELOPMENT FILL

0.23 ACRES

STREAM IMPACT SUMMARY



SITE DEVELOPMENT FILL

2,732 FT

PROPOSED ONSITE PRESERVATION SUMMARY



BUFFER - AVERAGE WIDTH: 155 FT
BUFFER - MIN. WIDTH: 20 FT
BUFFER - AVERAGE SLOPE 8%

10.70 ACRES



WETLAND TO BE PRESERVED
AND BUFFERED

0.29 ACRES



STREAM TO BE PRESERVED
AND BUFFERED

3,090 FT

PROPERTY SUMMARY

TOTAL PROPERTY ACRES:

112 ACRES

TOTAL JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS:

0.52 ACRES

TOTAL JURISDICTIONAL STREAMS:

5,822 LF

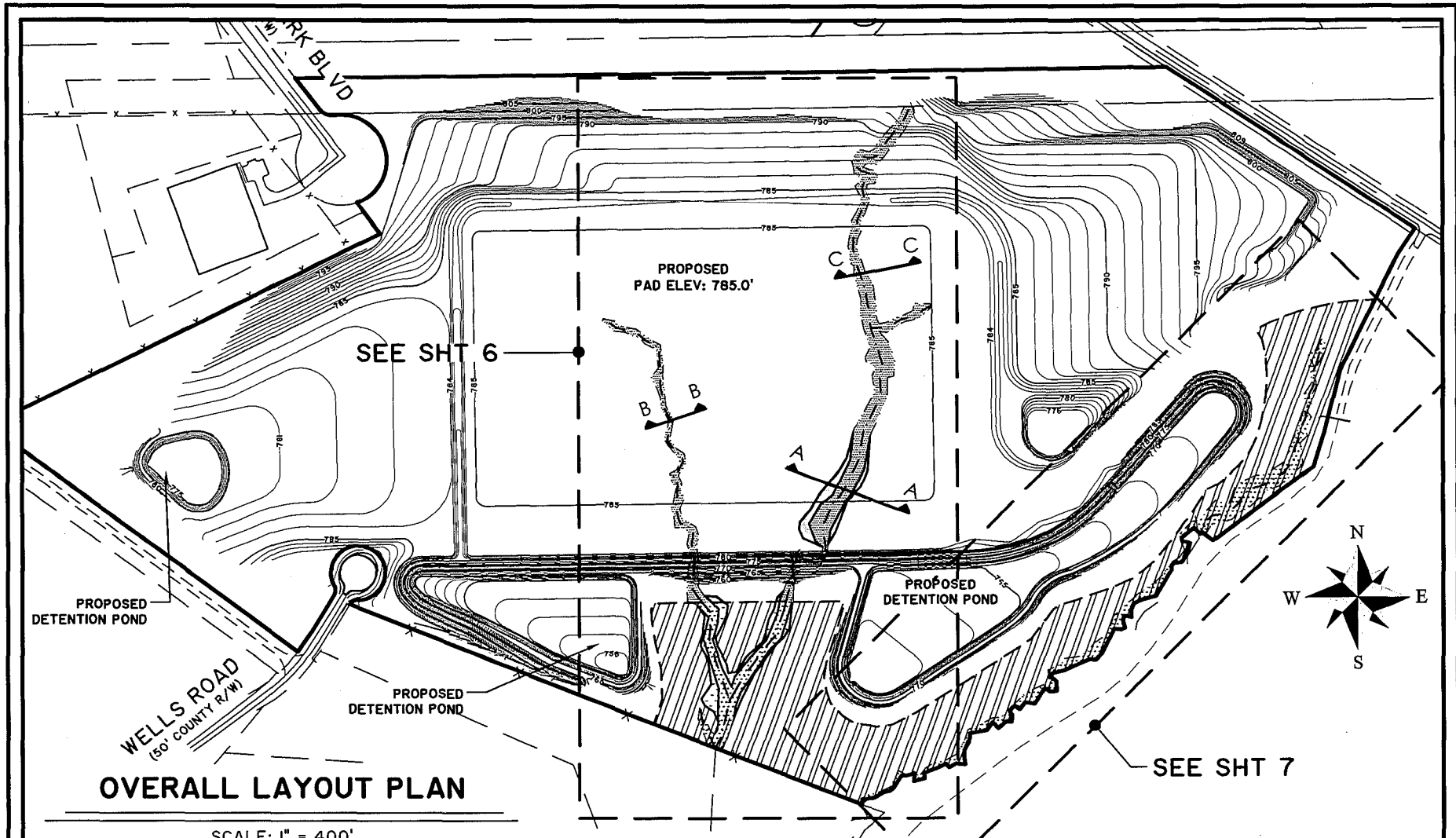


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OVERALL LAYOUT PLAN

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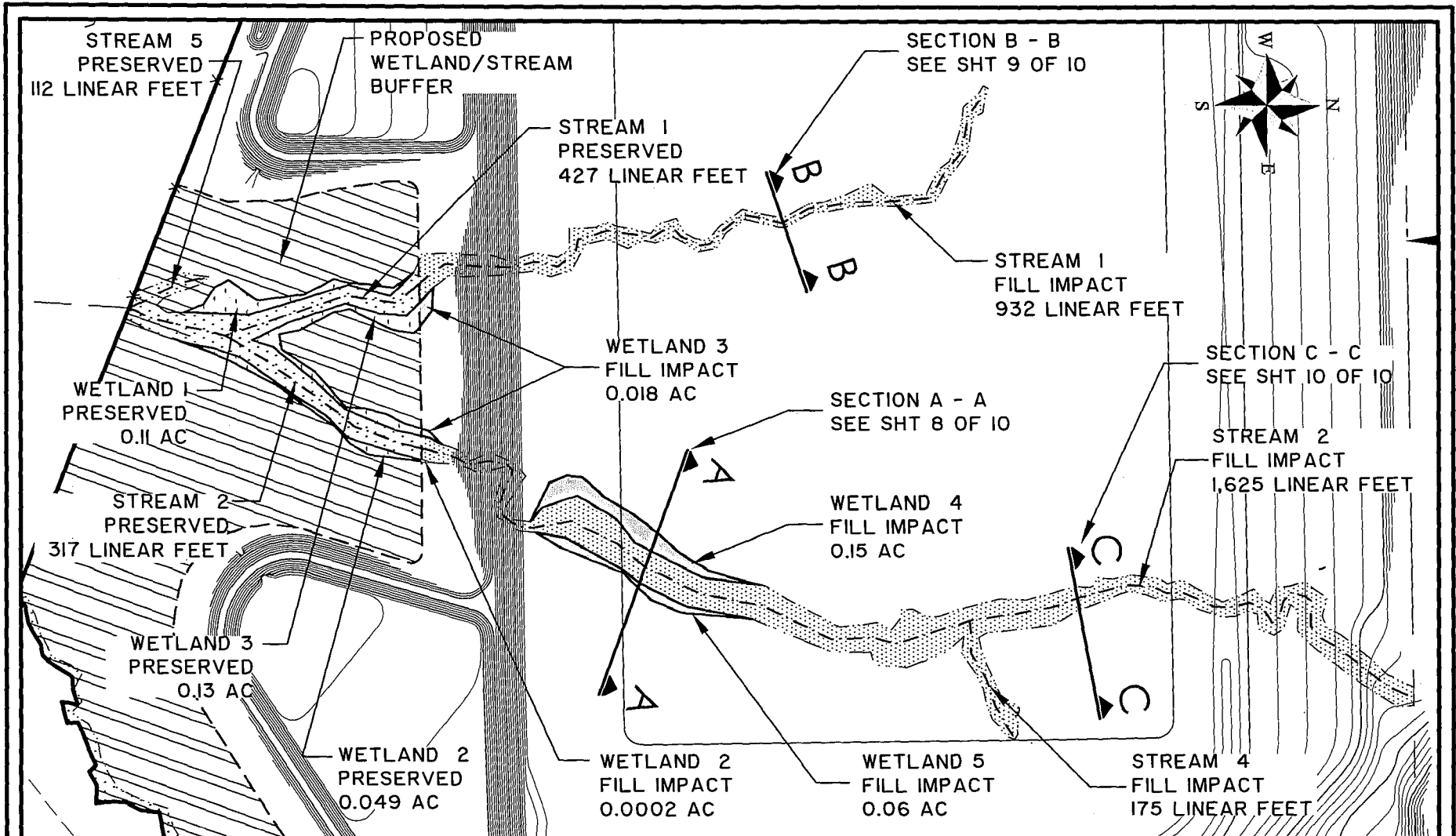


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PLAN VIEW

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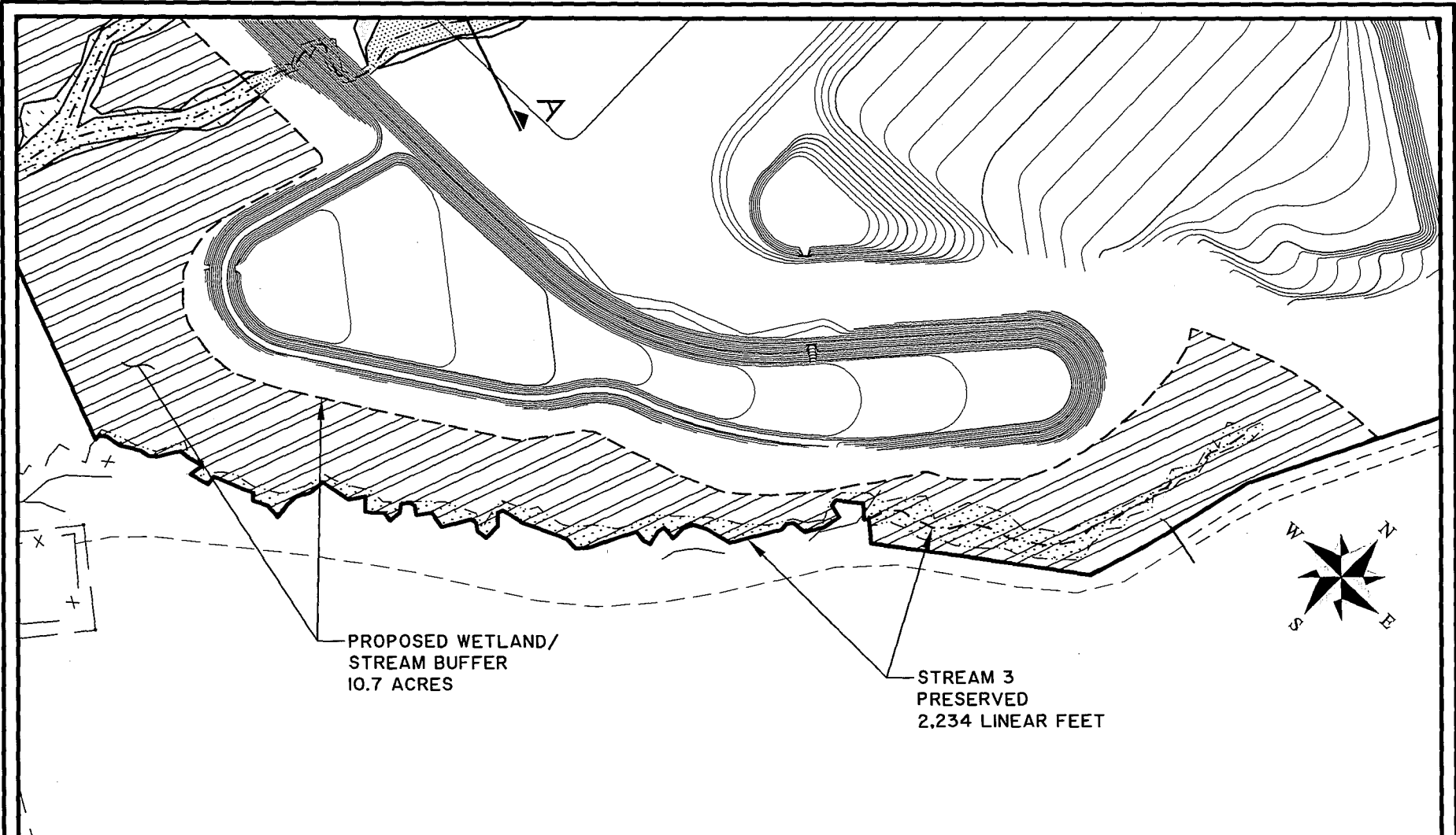


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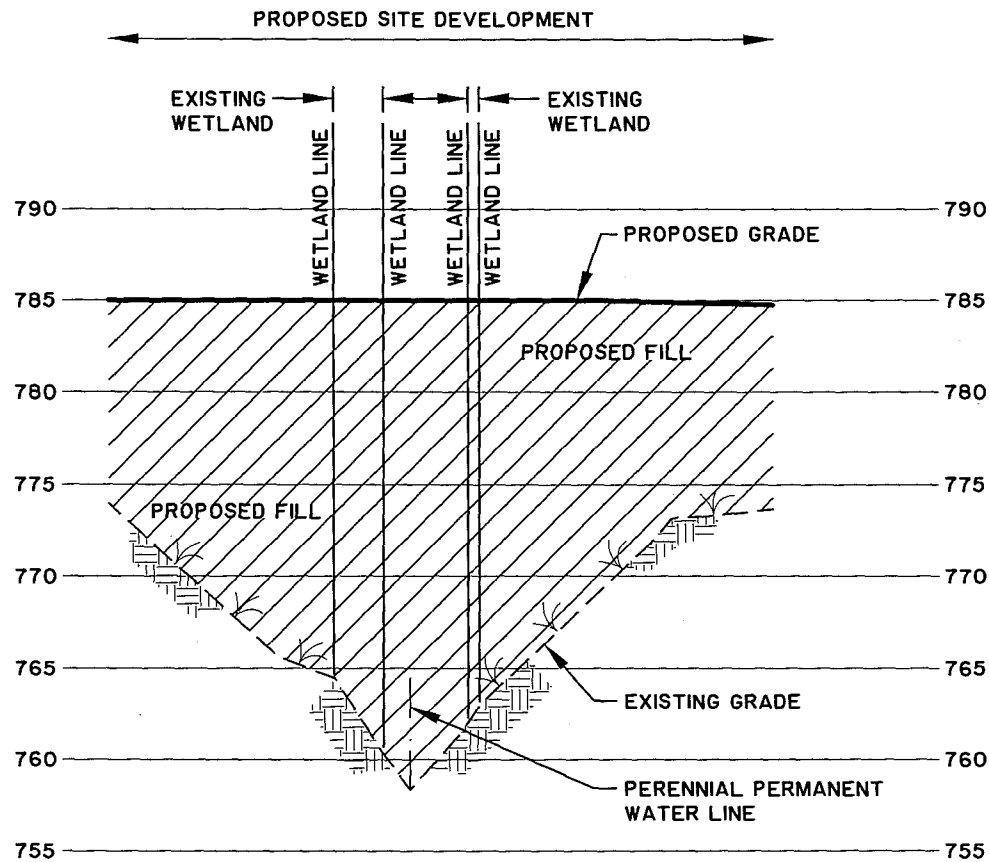


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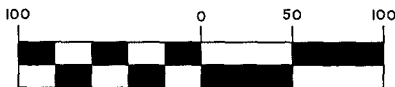
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SECTION A - A

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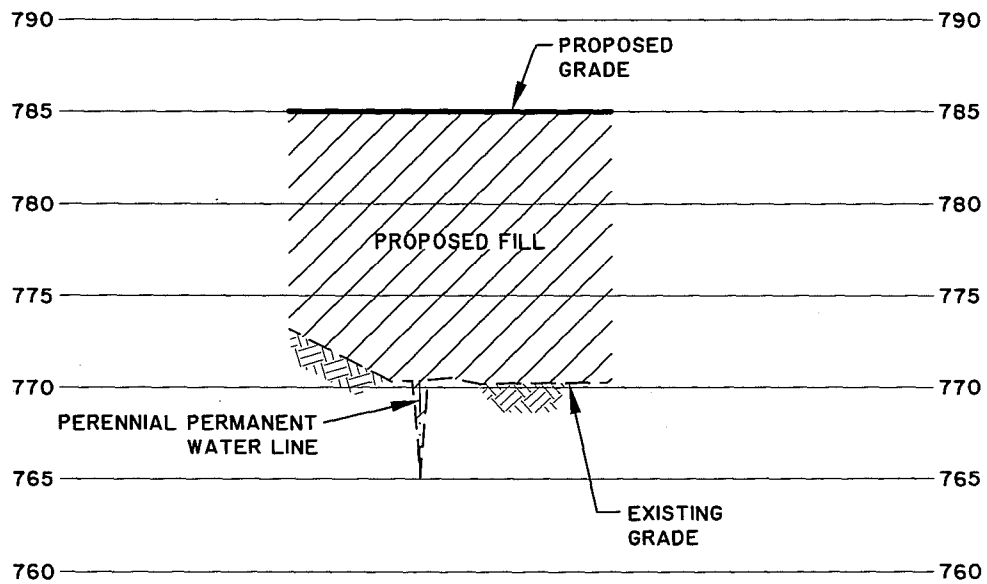
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PROPOSED SITE DEVELOPMENT



SECTION B - B

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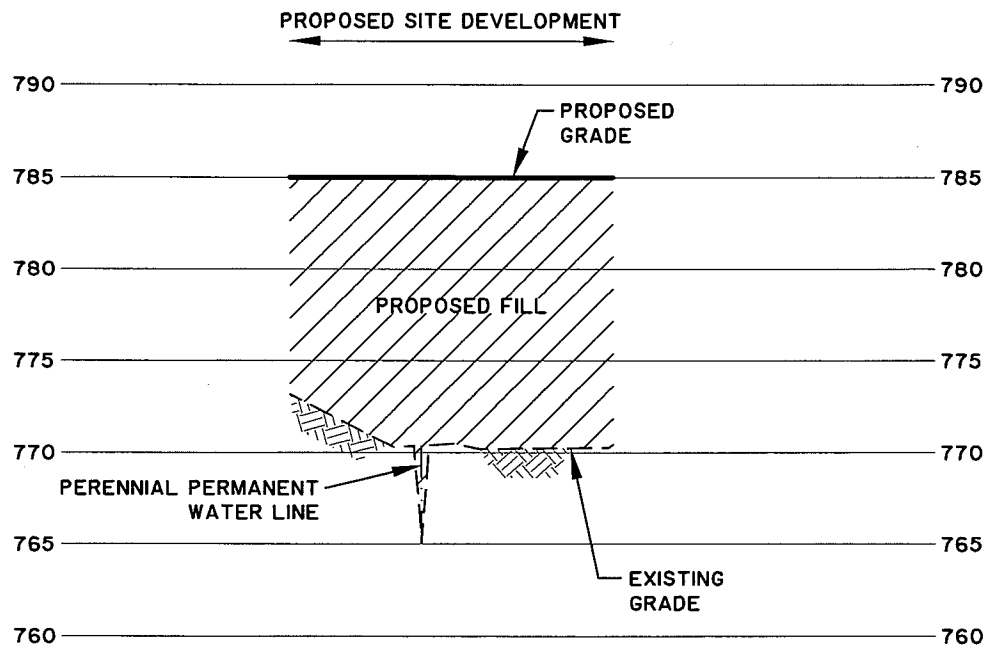


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SECTION C - C

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