

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 Environmental Quality Control
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

REGULATORY DIVISION
Refer to: P/N # 2002-1N-568-C

24 January 2003

Pursuant to 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

MR. BILL LEWIS
CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 CALHOUN STREET
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29401

for a permit to place fill material in waters of the United States adjacent to the Goose Creek Reservoir

at a location near the intersection of Northside Drive and Ashley Phosphate Road in Charleston County, South Carolina (Latitude – 32.94280 N, Longitude – 80.05669 E).

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

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is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2003

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

The proposed work consists of placing fill material in 0.83 acres of waters of the United States in order to construct a new access road and a new stormwater detention area. The proposed work is a portion of a larger site renovation plan that includes the expansion of existing parking areas, changes to traffic flow patterns, and maintenance and rehabilitation of existing structures. According to the applicant, the proposed work will facilitate the transition of the existing Alice Birney Middle School and Stall High School facilities into Middle School (6th-8th Grades) and Intermediate School (4th and 5th Grades) facilities.

The applicant has proposed a mitigation plan that consists of preserving 2.85 acres of onsite wetlands and establishing approximately 0.14 acres of upland buffer adjacent to a portion of the wetland boundary. According to the applicant, 1.47 acres of preserved wetlands will be unaltered, the remaining 1.38 acres of preserved wetlands will be subject to increased hydrology due to the construction of the proposed retention area.

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According to the applicant, the purpose of the new access road is to reduce school traffic through an adjacent neighborhood, to increase traffic safety, and to reduce congestion on the school grounds by separating school bus and automobile traffic. The new stormwater detention area is required for non-point source pollutants from the existing and proposed structures on the school grounds.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

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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 South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (15 CFR 930). 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. Persons wishing to comment or object to State 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.

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 0.83 acres of jurisdictional wetlands 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.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined 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 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

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 this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. Consultation of the National Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

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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.

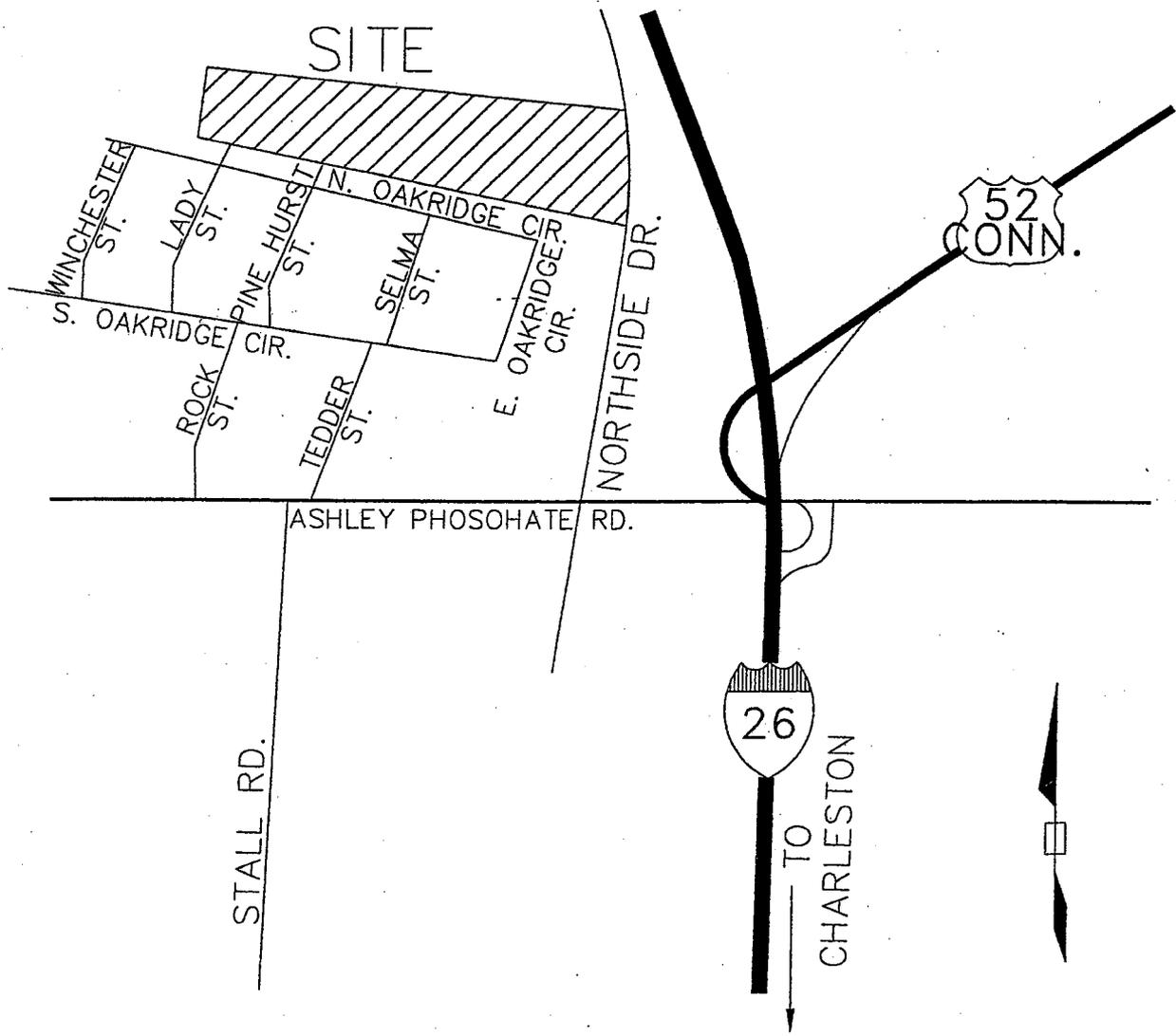
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 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 me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



Nathaniel I. Ball
Project Manager
Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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LOCATION MAP



PROJECT: ALICE BIRNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
 PROJECT #: 3841
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 DATUM: NGVD 1929

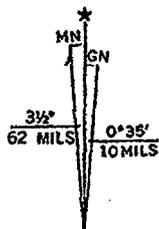
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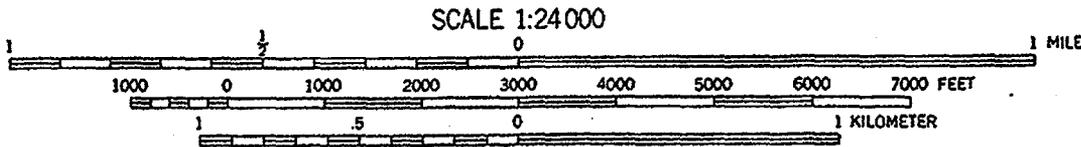


PROJECT SITE

SITE COORDINATES
 Latitude: 32°56'N
 Longitude: 80°03'W



UTM GRID AND 1979 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



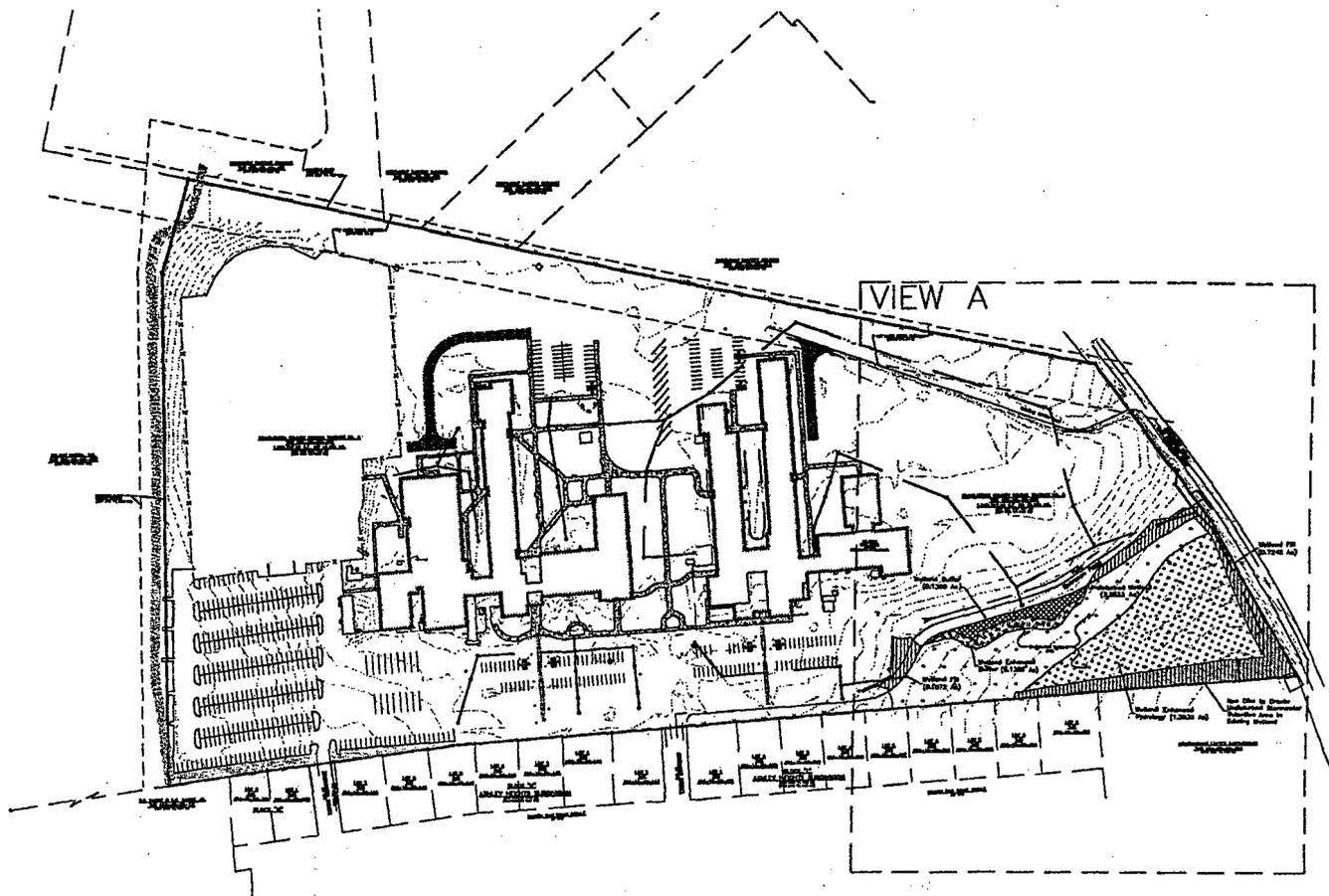
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
 SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
 THE AVERAGE RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 5.2 FEET



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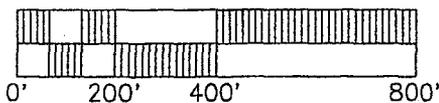


Notes

- 1) Average wetland buffer width=17.4'.
- 2) Approximate soil volume to be placed in wetlands to be filled=2.512 cy.
- 3) Total tract acreage=42.831.

Legend

Symbol	Acres	Description
	1.3302	Preservation Area
	0.1389	Wetland Enhanced By Buffer
	1.3832	Wetland Enhanced By Hydrology
	2.8523	Total Undisturbed Wetland
	0.8314	Proposed Wetland Fill (Jurisdictional)
	0.1389	Wetland Buffer



GRAPHIC SCALE: 1" = 400'



OVERALL SITE PLAN

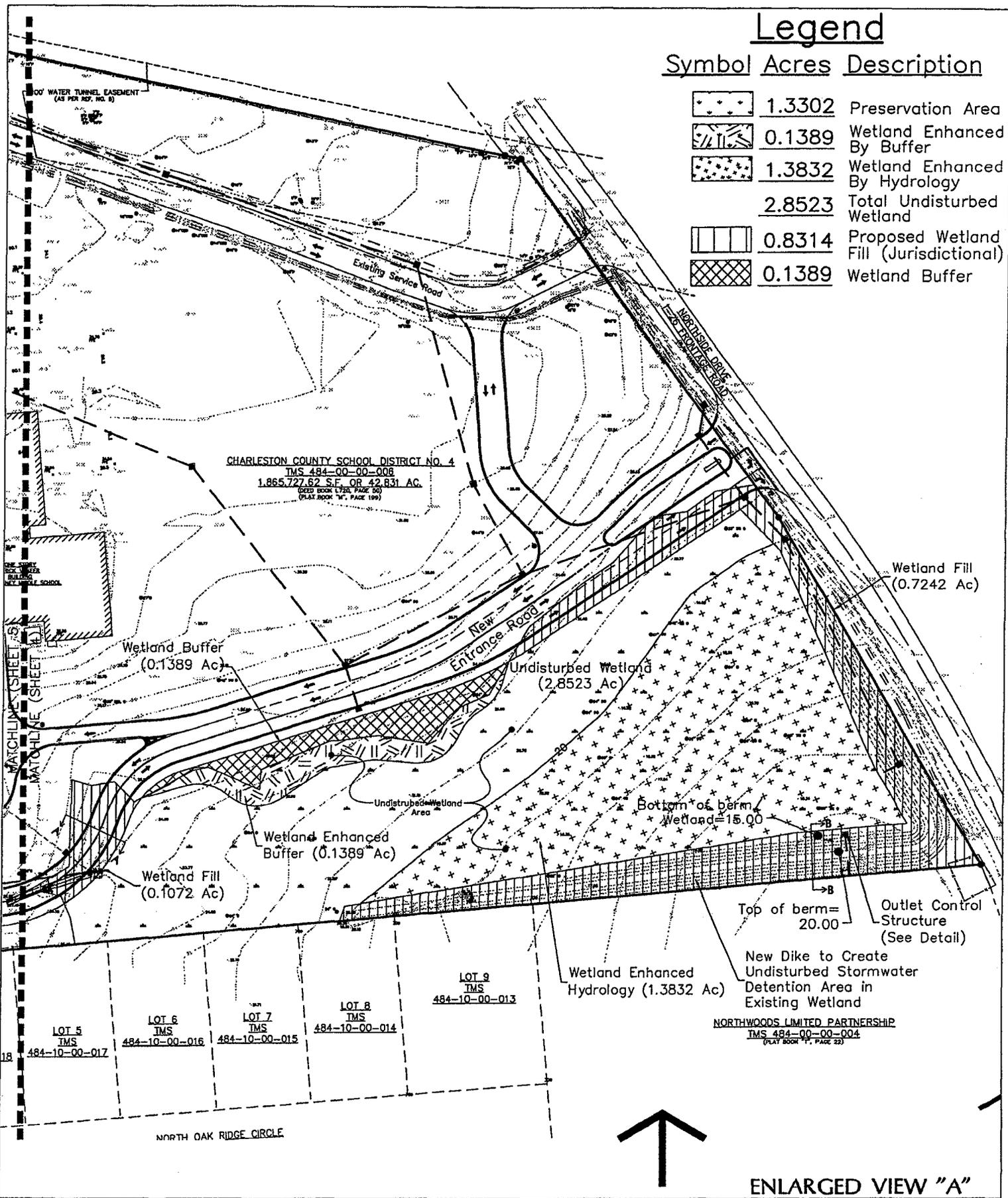


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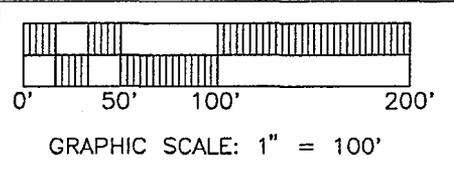
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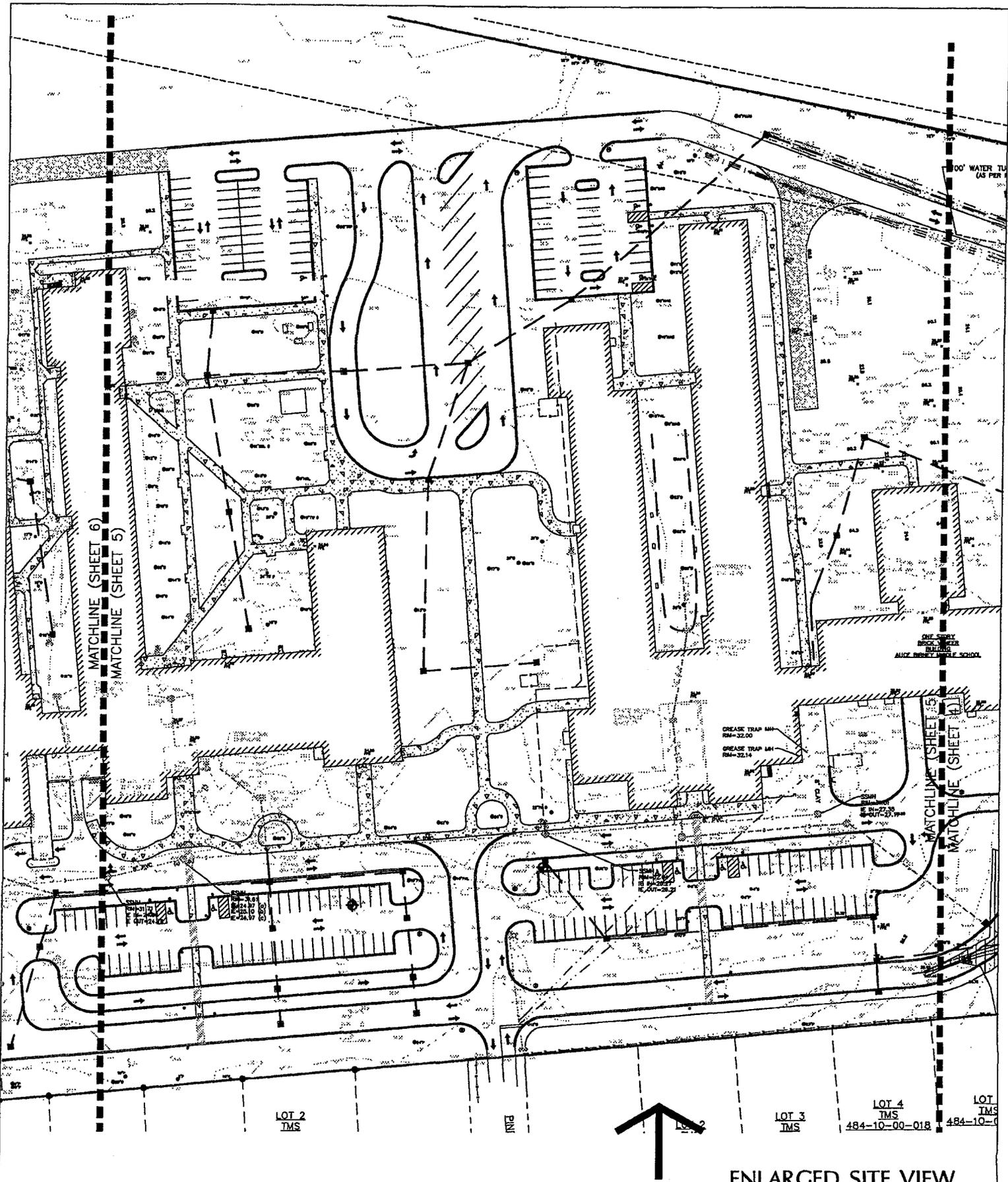
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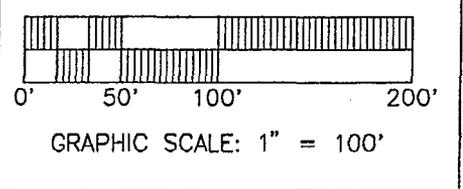
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ENLARGED SITE VIEW



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 TMS 484-00-00-006
 1,865,727.62 S.F. OR 42.831 AC.
(DEED BOOK 1720, PAGE 50)
 (PLAT BOOK "K", PAGE 189)

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 PAGE 190)

MATCHLINE (SHEET 6)
 MATCHLINE (SHEET 5)

GREASE TRAP MH
 RIM=32.88

GREASE TRAP MH
 RIM=32.82

R.G. DARRY & C.P. DARRY, JR.
 TMS 484-00-00-171

LOT 2
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 484-10-00-151

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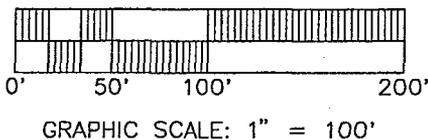
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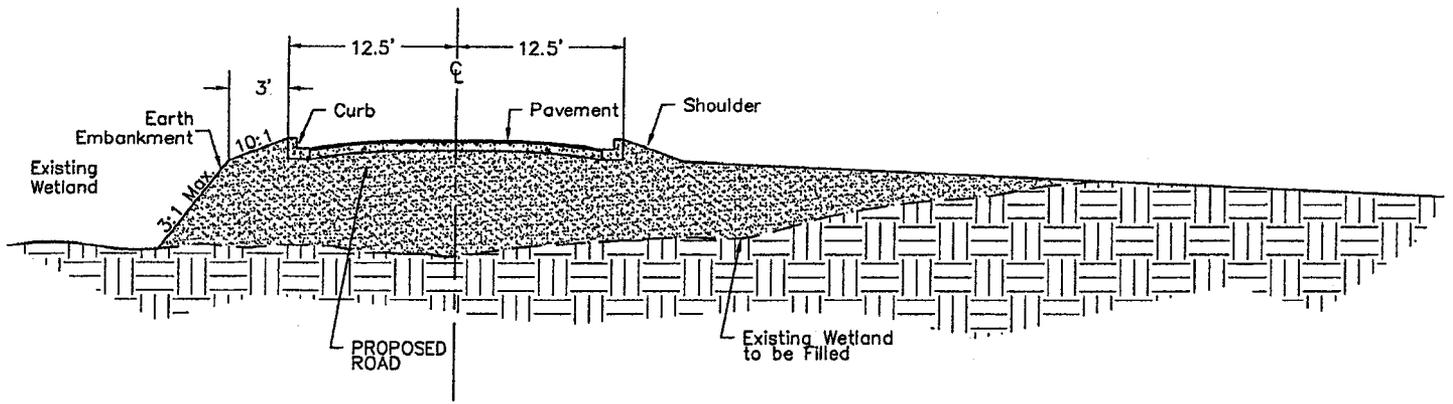
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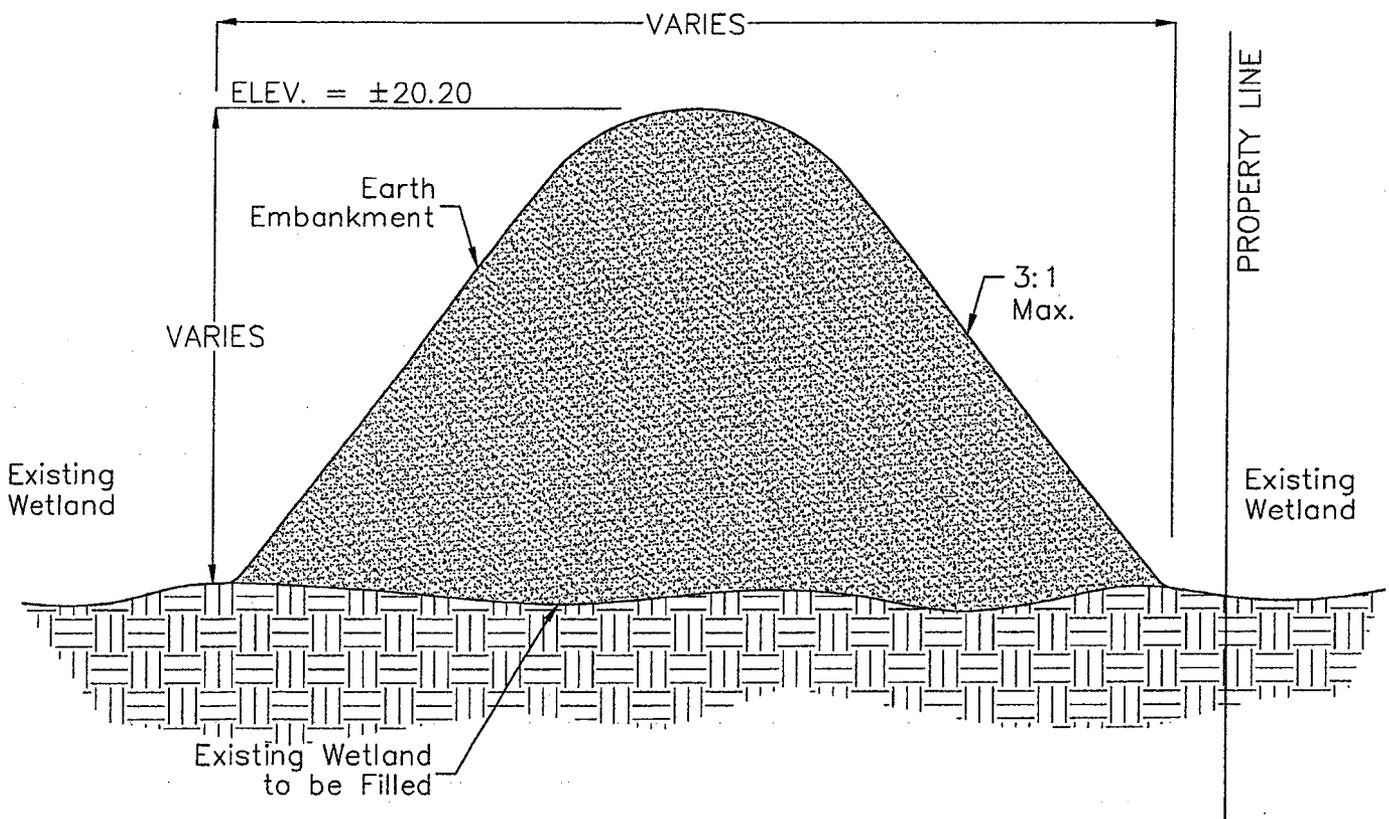
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DETAIL: SECTION "A"-"A" AT ROAD CROSSING



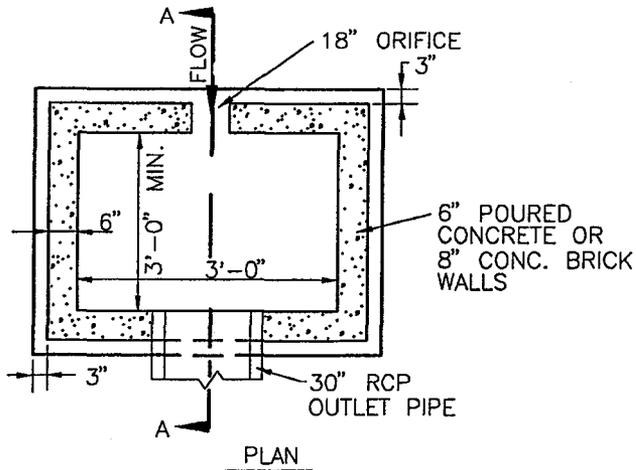
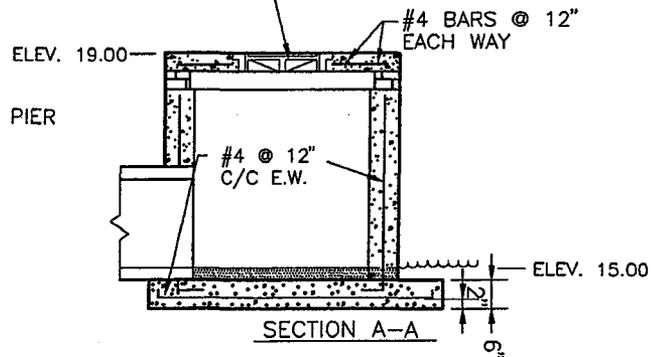
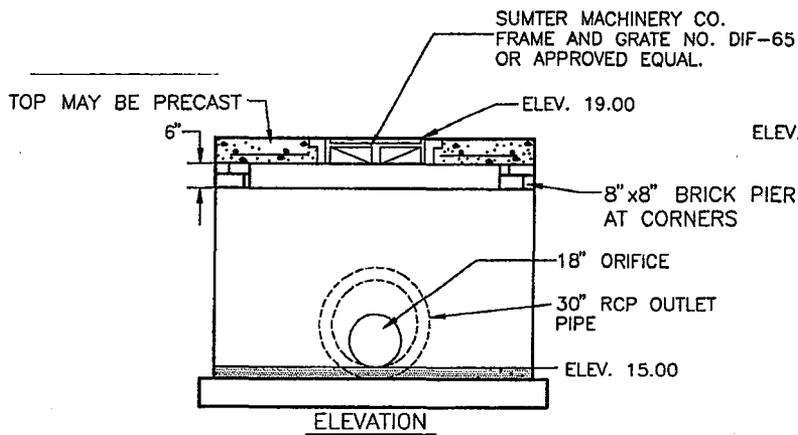
DETAIL: SECTION "B"-"B" AT BERM



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(TOP NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY)

NOTES:

1. PRECAST BOX MAY BE USED APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER.
2. BOXES OVER 4'-6" IN DEPTH SHALL HAVE 12" WIDE CAST IRON OR POLYPROPYLENE PLASTIC STEPS (PROTRUDE 4" MIN. FROM INSIDE OF STRUCTURE). FRAME AND COVER SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED DIRECTLY OVER STEPS INSTEAD OF CENTERED IN TOP.

DETAIL: OUTLET CONTROL STRUCTURE



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WETLAND AREA
 (3.66 ACRES)

MATCHLINE (SHEET 10)
MATCHLINE (SHEET 11)

LOT 5
TMS
484-10-00-017

LOT 6
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LOT 7
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LOT 8
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NORTHWOODS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
 TMS 484-00-00-004
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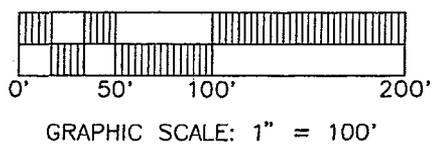
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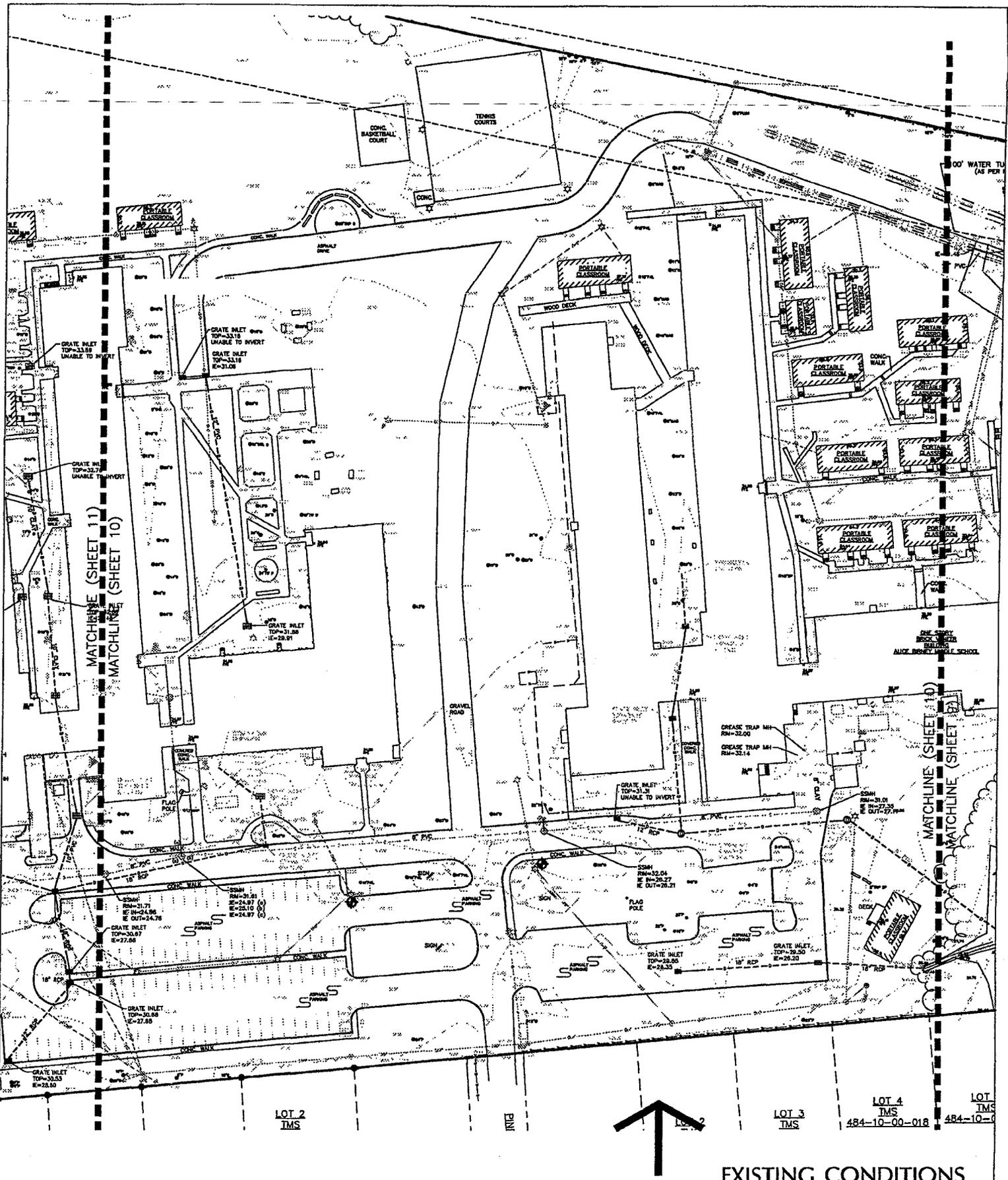
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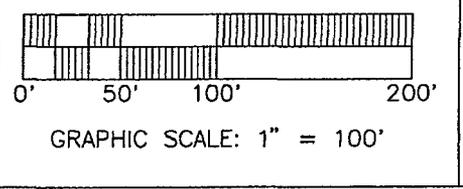
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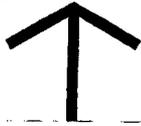


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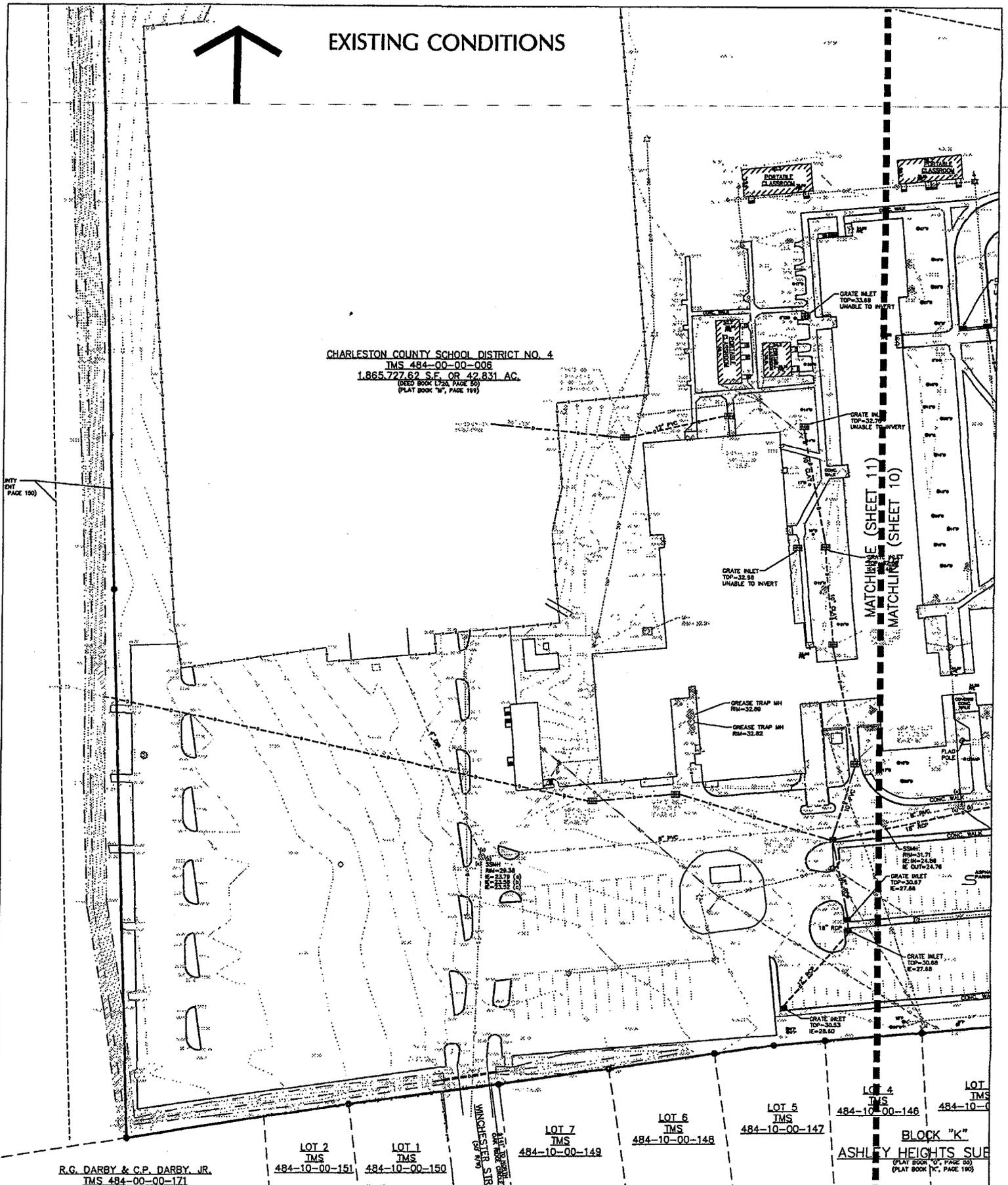
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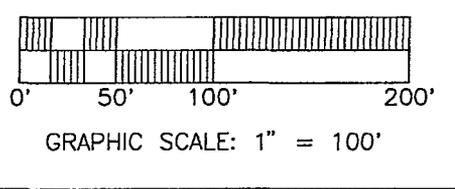
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