

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 #2003-1U-052-W

14 March 2003

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

HONDA OF SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING, INC.
C/O MR. RAY SANDERS
1111 HONDA WAY
TIMMONSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29161

for a permit to place fill material in wetlands adjacent to

LAKE SWAMP

at a location approximately one mile southeast of the city of Timmons ville, on the western side Interstate 95, at the Honda Way Exit, in Florence County, South Carolina (Latitude 34.10972 N; Longitude 79.92138 W).

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, 14 APRIL 2003

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

The proposed work consists of the expansion of the existing Honda of South Carolina manufacturing facility, requiring placement of fill material in 5.3 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 0.52 acres of non-jurisdictional wetlands to be evaluated as secondary impacts. In detail, the 565-acre site currently includes an existing plant, associated parking and access roads, as well as a test track for All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and test lake for Personal Watercraft (PWCs) that will also serve as stormwater control. Proposed features within this tract include an immediate expansion area, a future expansion area, research and development buildings, parking lots, access roads, and a public recreation area. Proposed mitigation includes the on-site preservation of 47.88 acres, including 34.85 acres of unaltered wetlands, 3.1 acres of restored wetland, and 9.93 acres of adjacent, upland buffer. The purpose of the proposed work, as stated by the applicant, is to expand the existing manufacturing facility to accommodate current market demand for powered sports products, primarily ATVs and PWCs.

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 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.

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 5.3 acres of freshwater 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.

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).

An archaeological survey of the project area was conducted. The survey is entitled "Archaeological Survey of the Proposed Project Indigo Tract, Florence County, South Carolina", prepared by Dr. Michael Trinkley and dated April 22, 1997. Three sites (38FL340, 38FL343, and 38FL344) were recommended as potentially eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The potential impacts of the proposed work on these cultural resources will be further evaluated in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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.

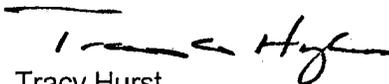
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated

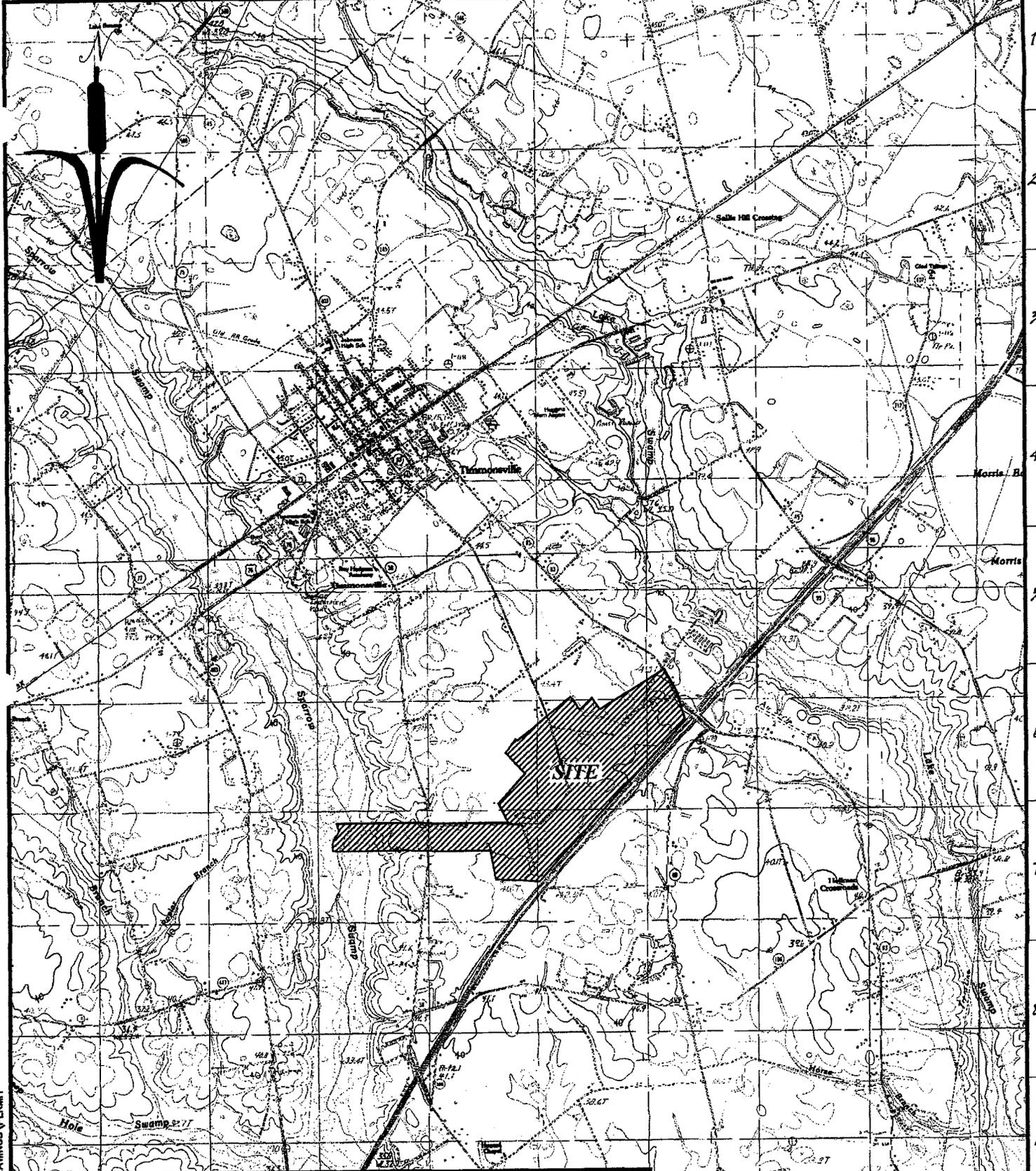
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by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that 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.


for Tracy Hurst
Project Manager
Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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HONDA LOCATION MAP



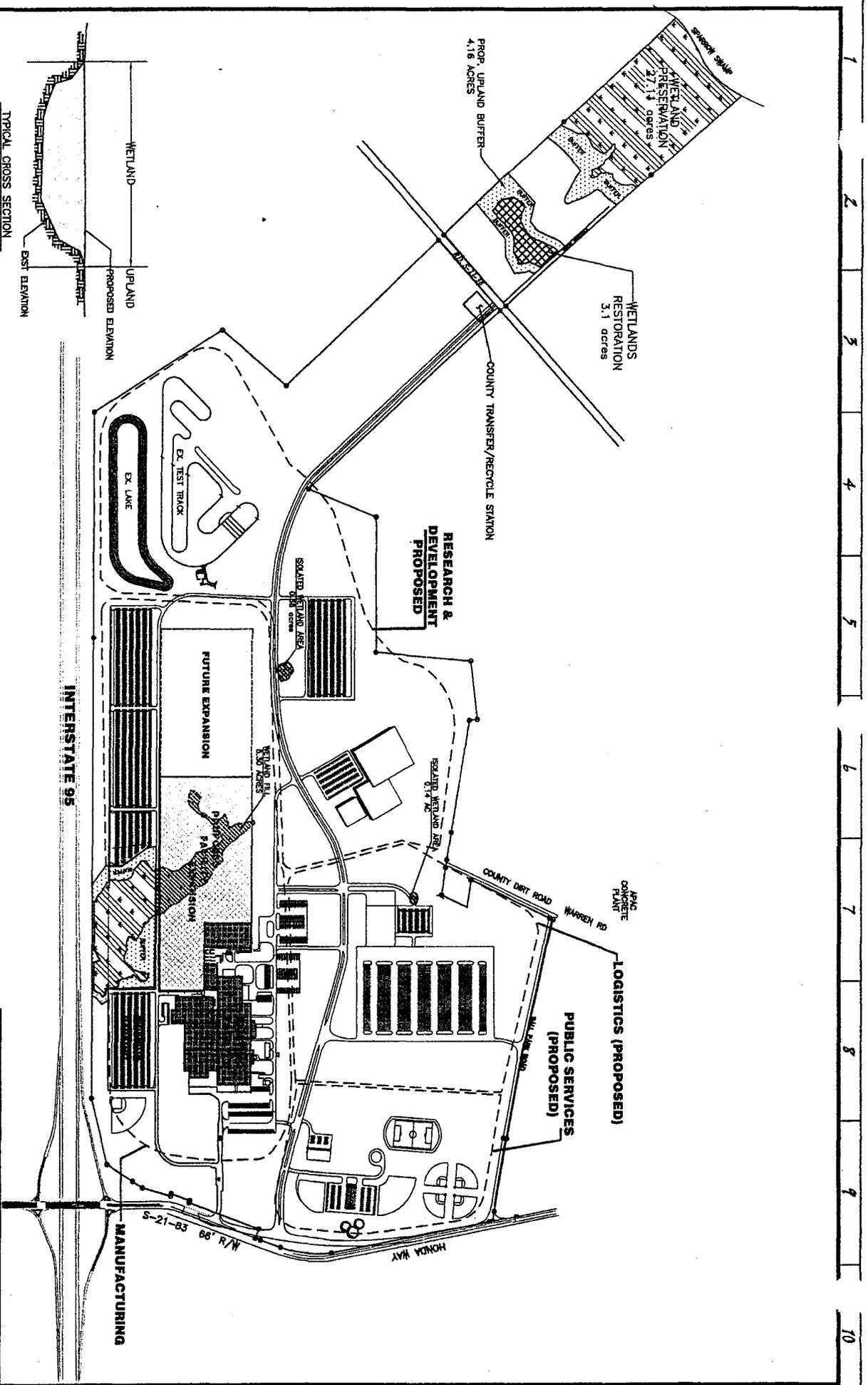
DATE: 1/30/2003

PROJECT TITLE: HONDA EXPANSION
 APPLICANT: HONDA OF SC MANUFACTURING, INC
 LOCATION: FLORENCE COUNTY, SC
 DATE: MARCH 5, 2003
 FILE: P/N #2003-1U-052

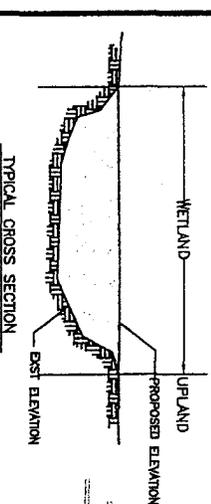
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AGENT: THE BRIGMAN COMPANY, INC., P.O. BOX 1532, CONW

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TYPICAL CROSS SECTION



THE WETLAND DELINEATIONS USED IN PREPARING THIS WETLAND MASTER PLAN HAVE BEEN DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CORPS OF ENGINEERS METHODS AND TECHNIQUES AND ARE AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF ALL JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS WITHIN THE PROJECT. THE DELINEATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE CORPS AND ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING DELINEATION NUMBER: SAC SAC BI-2002-00034(I)

SCALE IN FEET



LAT: 34 06'12" LONG: 79 55'28"

PLAN/SECTION VIEW

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	TOTAL PROP. AREA	564.65 ACRES
	PROP. UPLAND BUFFER	4.16 ACRES
	ORIG. WETLANDS	41.47 ACRES
	WETLAND FILL	5.30 ACRES
	NI ISOLATED WETLAND FILL	0.52 ACRES
	UPLAND BUFFER	9.93 ACRES
	WETLAND PRESERVATION	34.85 ACRES
	WETLAND RESTORATION	3.10 ACRES

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