

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 # 2003-1N-198-W

22 August 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

LAMONT V. JONES
SOUTH CAROLINA CENTRAL RAILROAD
101 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29550

for a permit to place fill material in waters of the United States to construct a railroad storage yard in

LUCAS CREEK

at a location near the intersection of Floyds Road and Leavensworth Road in Darlington County, South Carolina. (Latitude – 34.36966 N, Longitude – 79.93316 W).

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 both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2003

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

The proposed work consists of relocating the Hartsville Railroad Storage Yard to a more rural location west of the Town of Hartsville. The construction of the proposed railyard will result in the placement of fill material in 0.80 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and other waters of the United States to construct two road crossings and for site development. The proposed road crossings will impact 0.31 acres of wetlands and will provide access to Leavensworth Road and Great Cypress Road at either end of the project site. The existing gravel road that bisects the property will be eliminated because it is perpendicular to the proposed railyard. Continuing to use this road would impact the applicant's ability to use all seven of the proposed rail sidings.

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The applicant plans to relocate a 0.46-acre jurisdictional ditch that will be impacted by the proposed access road, four rail sidings, and the engine fueling shed. It is our understanding that the new ditch will be designed to convey all waters which currently flow through the existing ditch. A second jurisdictional ditch (0.03 acres) will be filled and replaced by a sand underdrain. This portion of the jurisdictional ditch runs under all seven rail sidings and the proposed access road.

As mitigation for the impacts to waters of the United States, the applicant has proposed to create 2.6 acres of jurisdictional freshwater wetlands. The applicant plans to excavate an upland area that is located adjacent to an existing onsite wetland system. The applicant plans to plant appropriate wetland vegetation and to monitor the success of the wetland creation site for a period of five years. According to the applicant, the overall purpose of the proposed work is to relocate the existing Hartsville Railroad Storage Yard to eliminate traffic congestion and safety concerns associated with operating a railyard in downtown Hartsville and to create additional "green space" in the Town of Hartsville.

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 0.80 acres of waters of the United States located 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).

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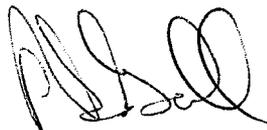
The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed 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.

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.

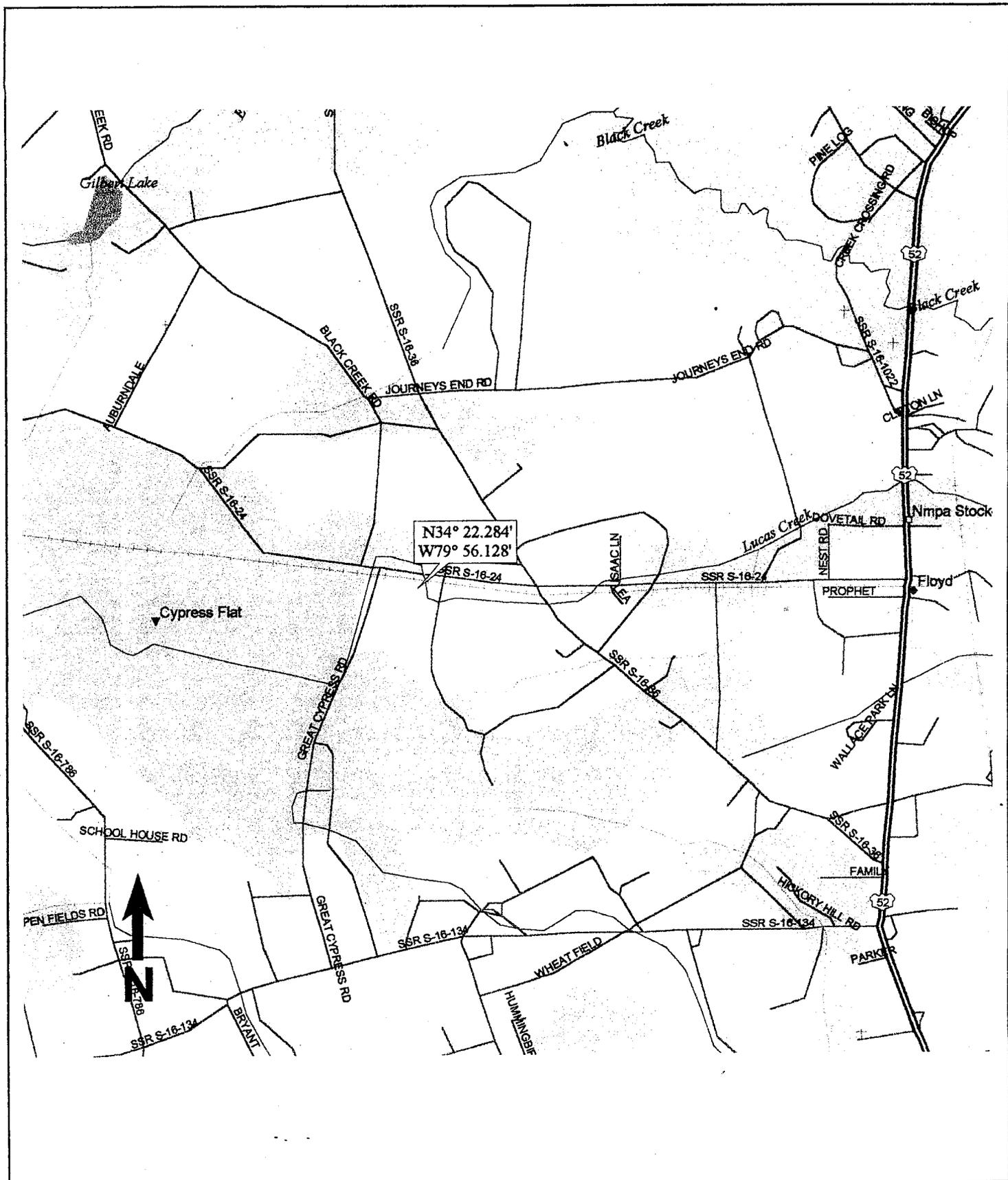
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 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



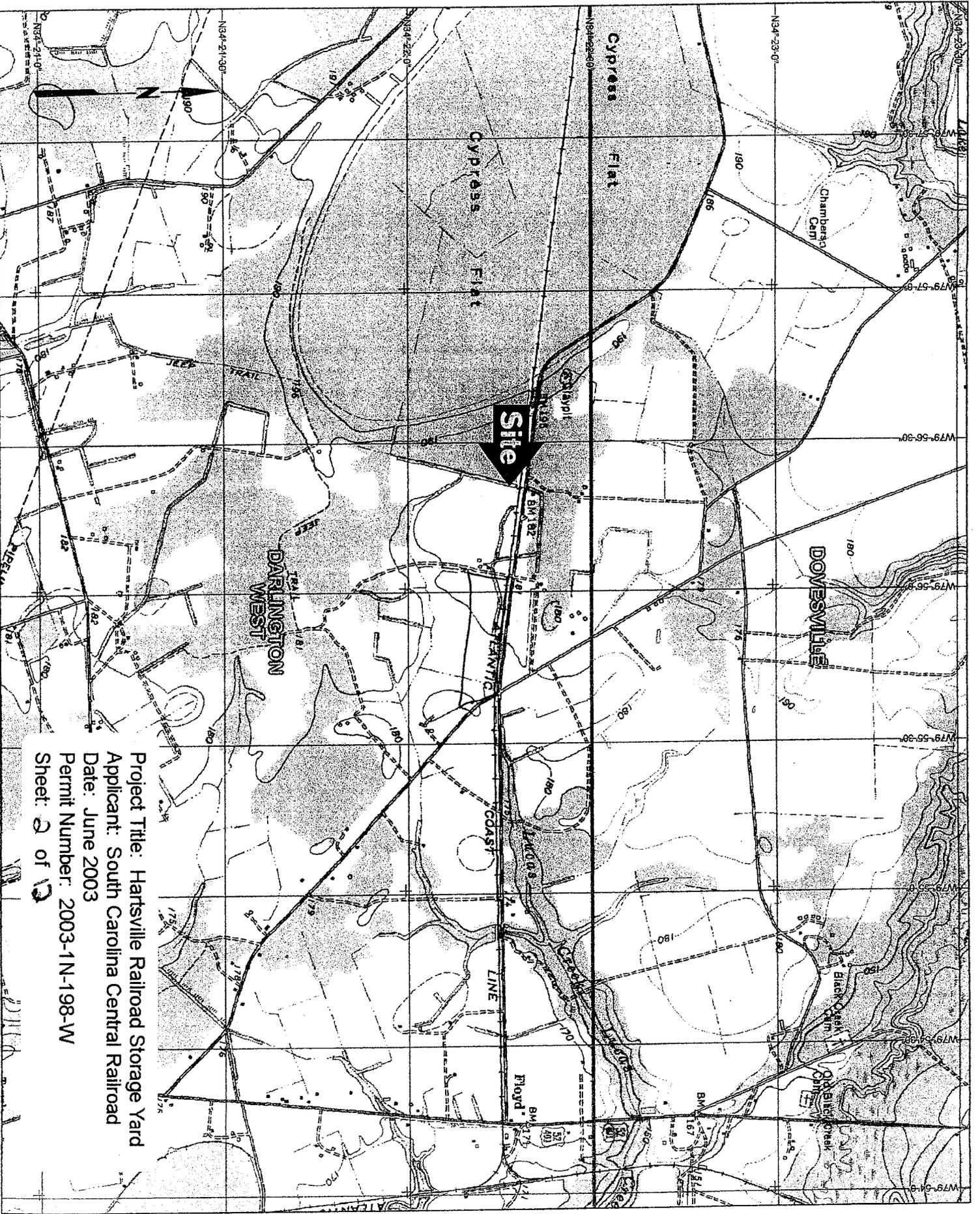
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**Hartsville Railroad Relocation Tract, 23.67±
 acre site. Darlington County, South
 Carolina. Site location map**

**Date: June 2003
 Approx. scale: 1 in. = 2,667 ft.**

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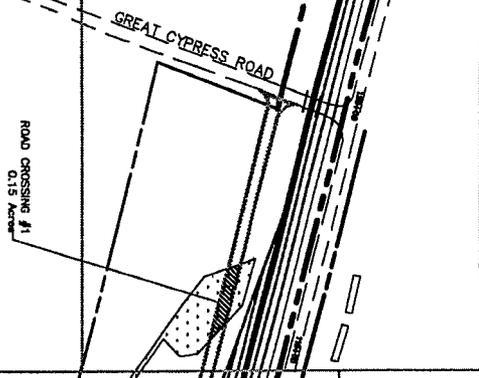


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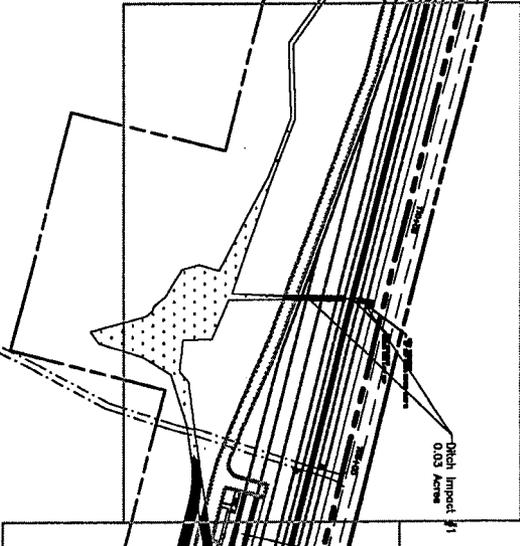


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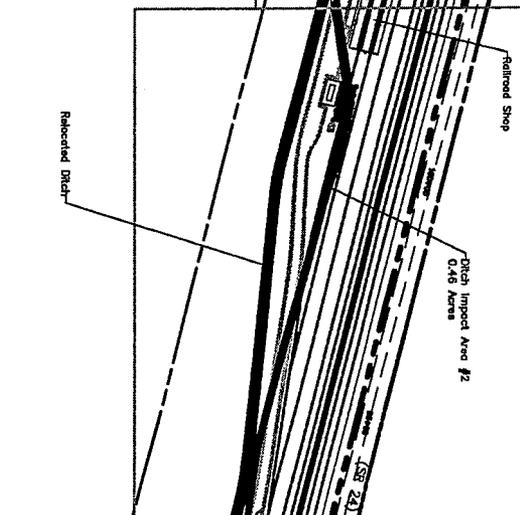
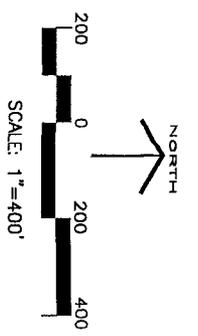
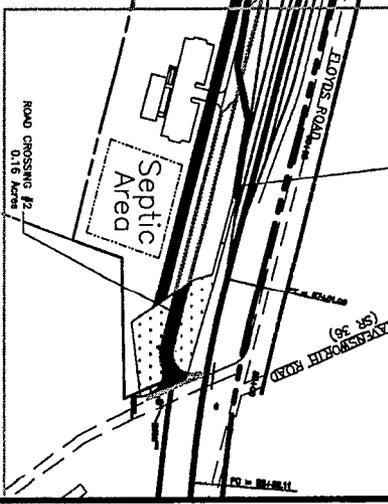


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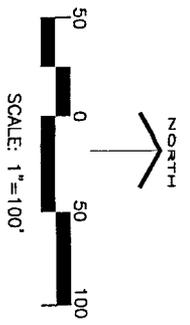
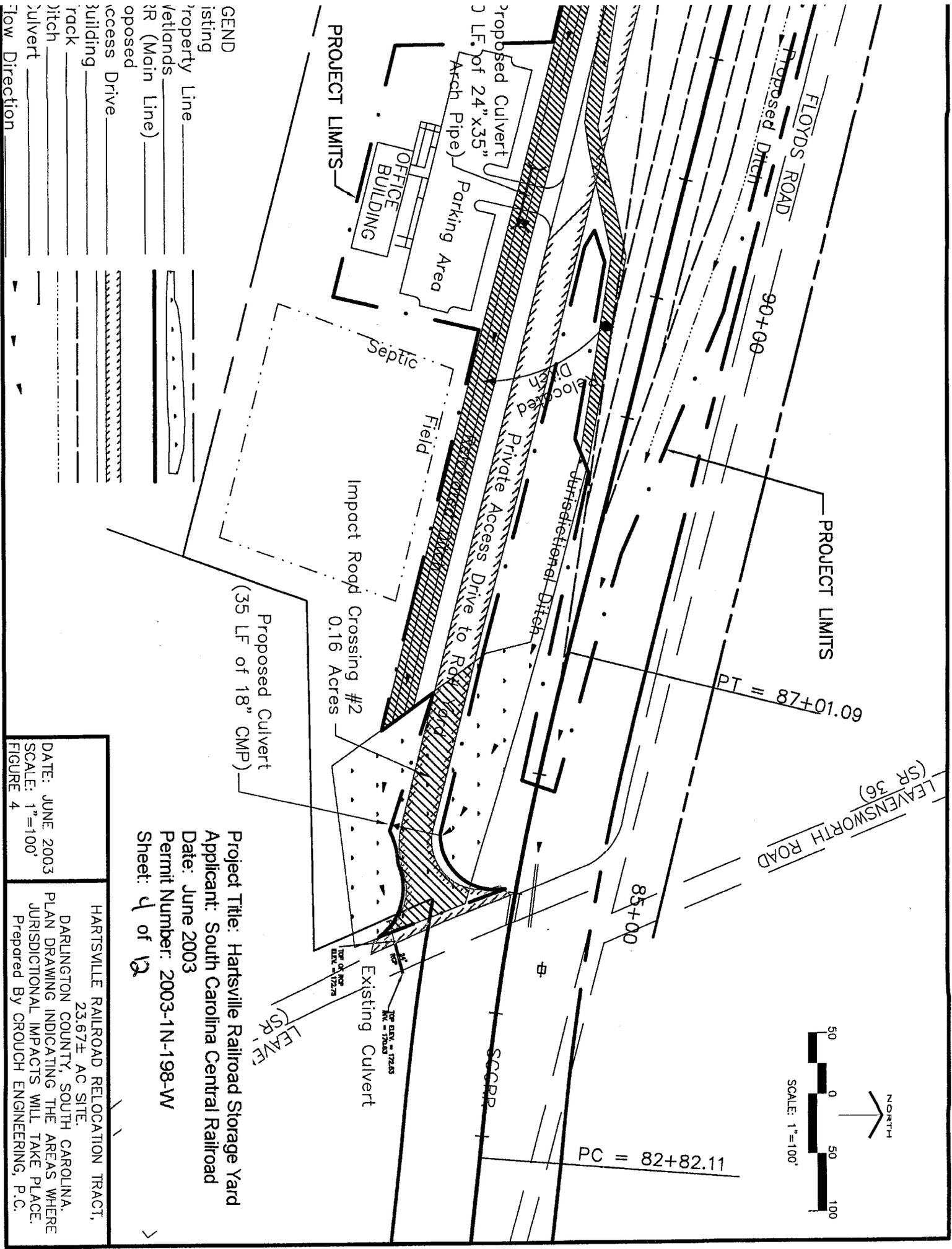
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- LEGEND
- Existing Property Line _____
 - Wetlands _____
 - RR (Main Line) _____
 - Proposed Access Drive _____
 - Building _____
 - Track _____
 - Ditch _____
 - Culvert _____
 - Flow Direction _____

DATE: JUNE 2003
SCALE: 1"=400'
FIGURE 3

HARTSVILLE RAILROAD RELOCATION TRACT,
23.67± AC SITE,
DARLINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.
PLAN DRAWING INDICATING THE AREAS WHERE
JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS WILL TAKE PLACE.
Prepared By CROUCH ENGINEERING, P.C.

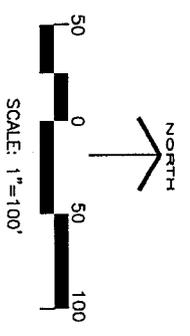


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GEND _____
 Listing _____
 Property Line _____
 Wetlands _____
 RR (Main Line) _____
 Proposed _____
 Access Drive _____
 Building _____
 Track _____
 Ditch _____
 Culvert _____
 Flow Direction _____

PROJECT LIMITS



Ditch Impact #2
0.46 Acres

100+00

FLOYDS ROAD

95+00

1+0000

Engine Shed

Fuel Storage & Containment

Private Access Drive to Roll Yard

Relocated Ditch

PROJECT LIMITS

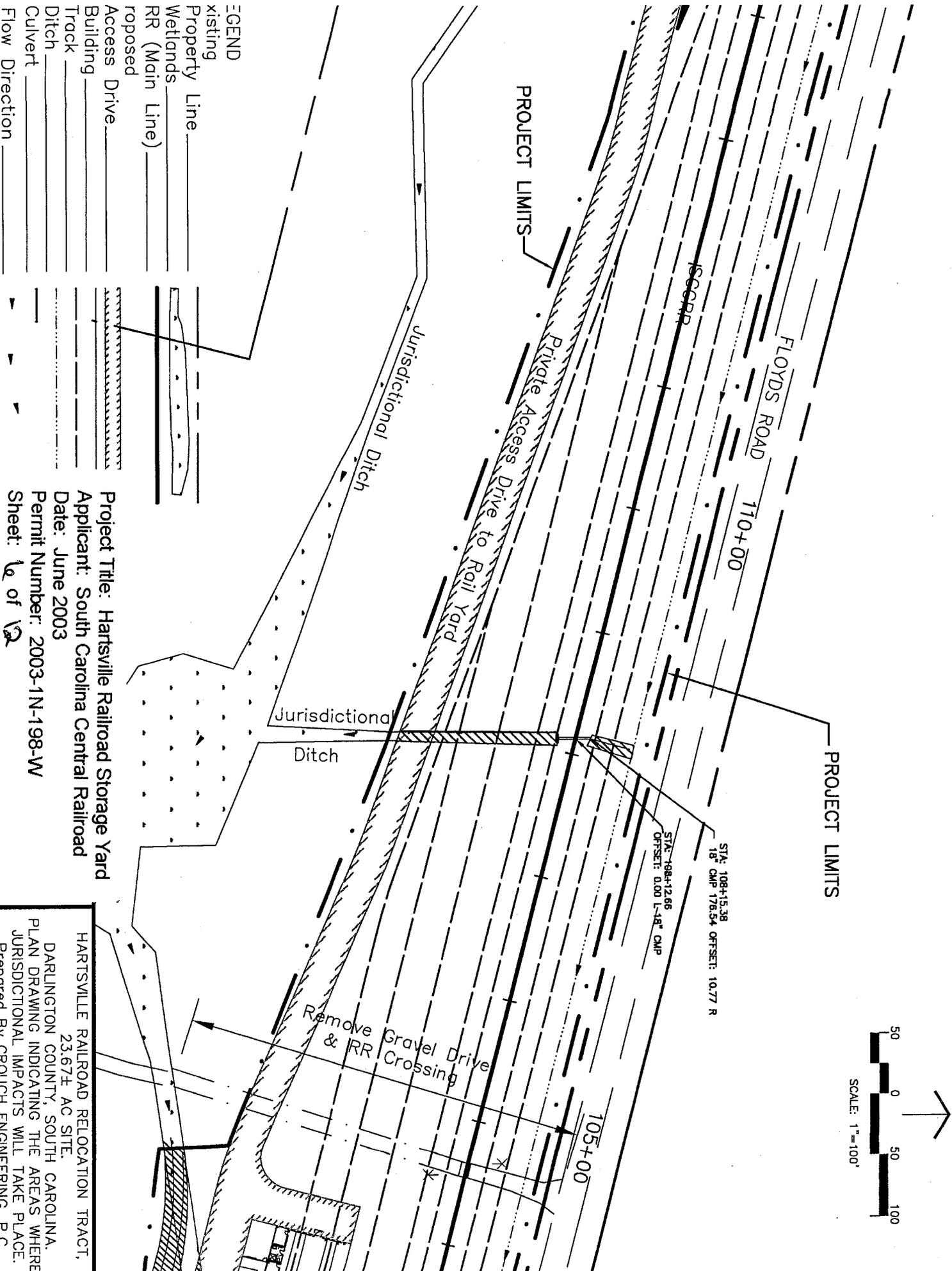
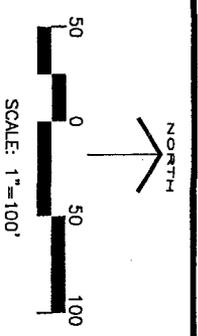
LEGEND

Existing	_____
Property Line	_____
Wetlands	_____
RR (Main Line)	_____
Proposed	_____
Access Drive	_____
Building	_____
Track	_____
Ditch	_____
Culvert	_____
Flow Direction	_____

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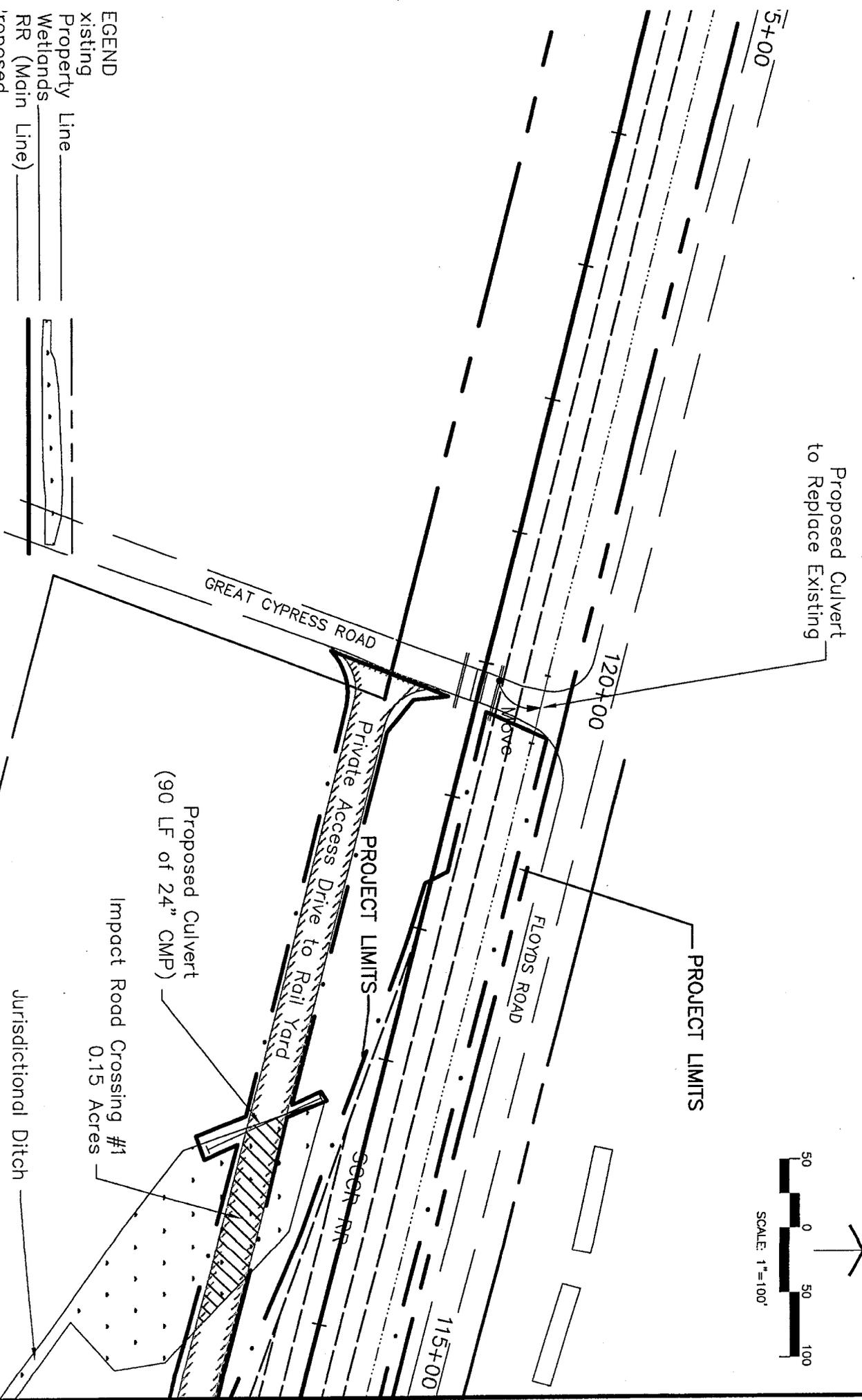
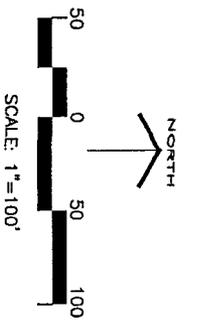
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 FIGURE 5



- LEGEND**
- Existing Property Line _____
 - Wetlands _____
 - RR (Main line) _____
 - Proposed _____
 - Access Drive _____
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 - Track _____
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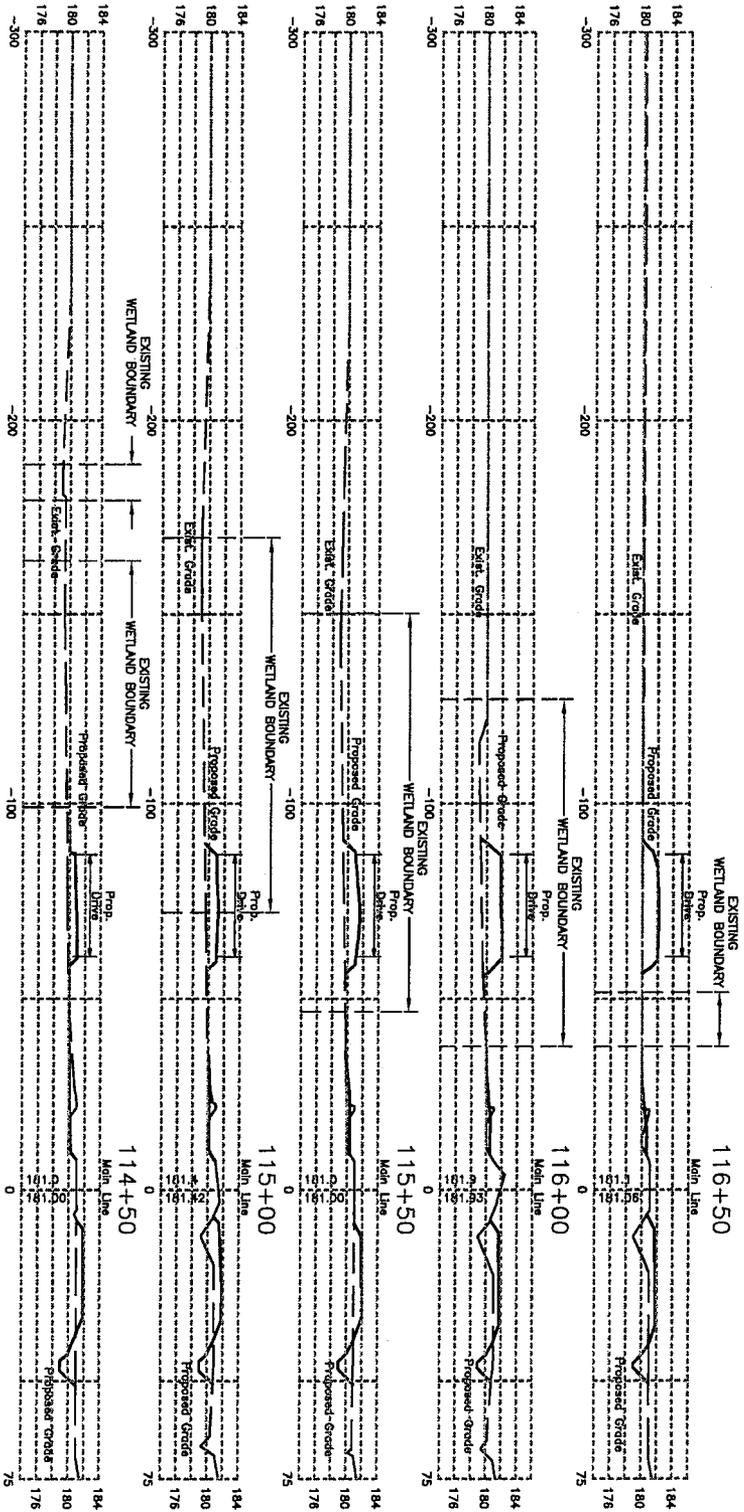
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ROAD CROSSING 1



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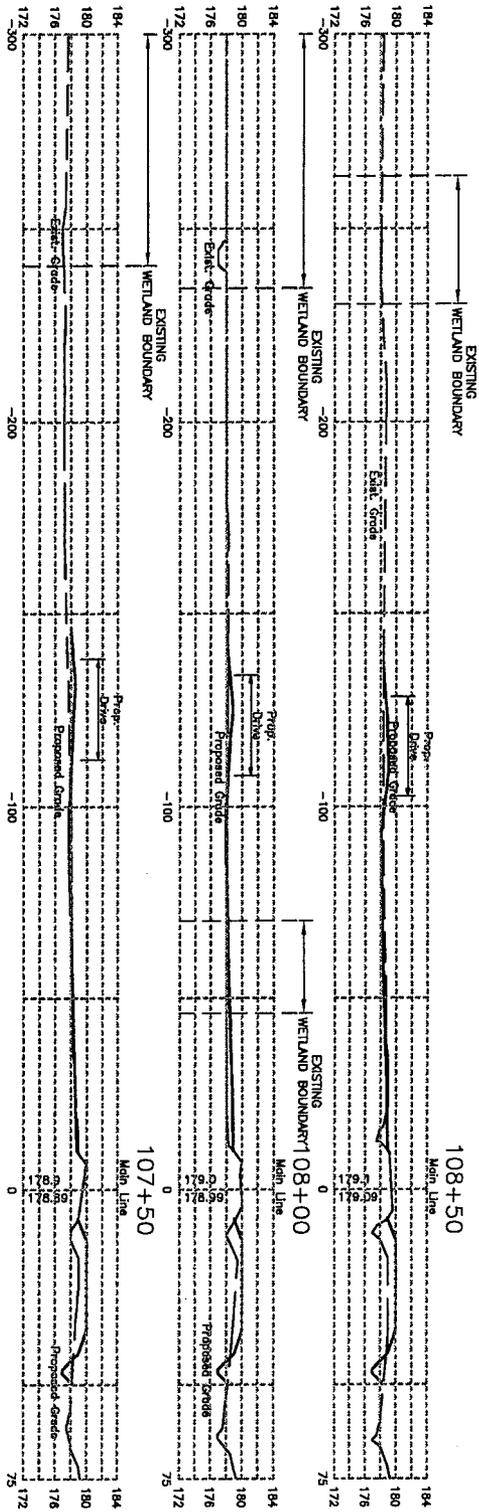
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HARTSVILLE RAILROAD RELOCATION TRACT, 23.67± AC SITE.
 DARLINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. ONE CROSS
 SECTIONS FOR THE IMPACT OF ROAD CROSSING #1. DRAWING
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 SCALE: 1"=50'

DITCH IMPACT 1



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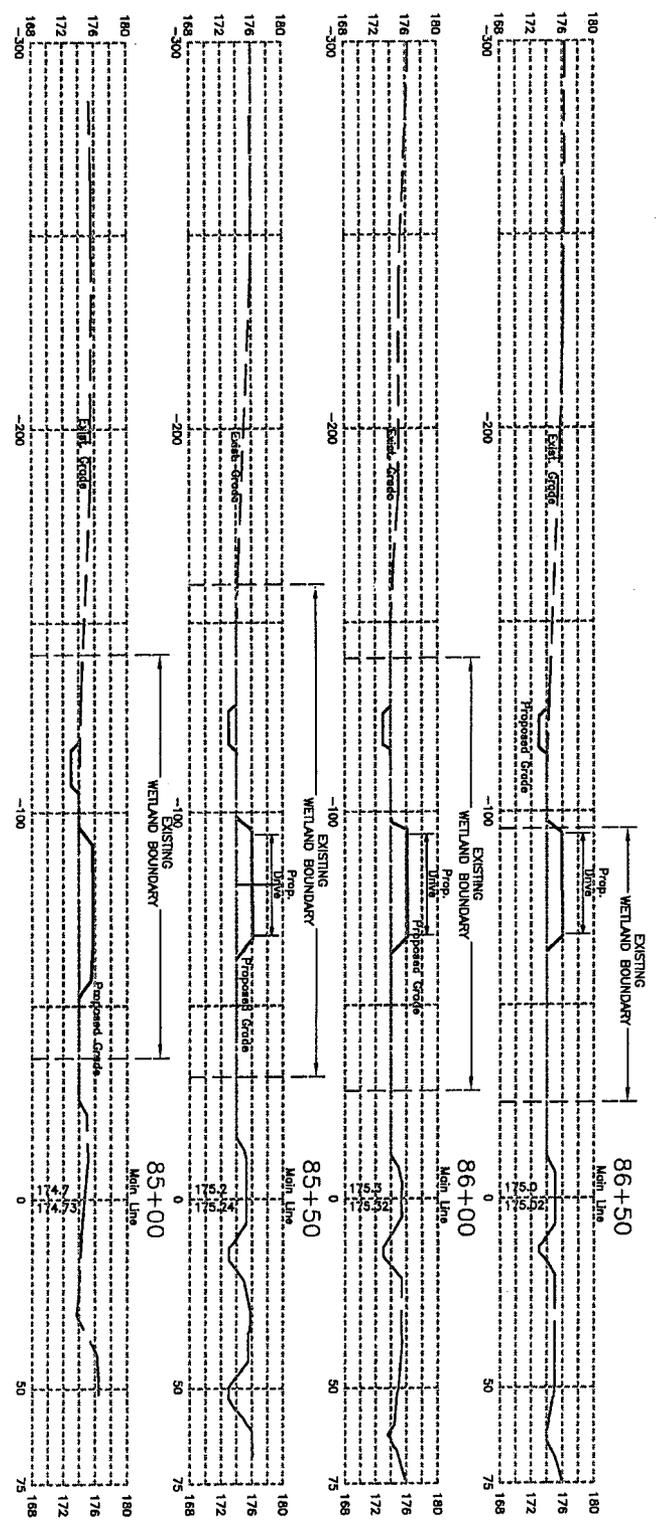
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ROAD CROSSING 2



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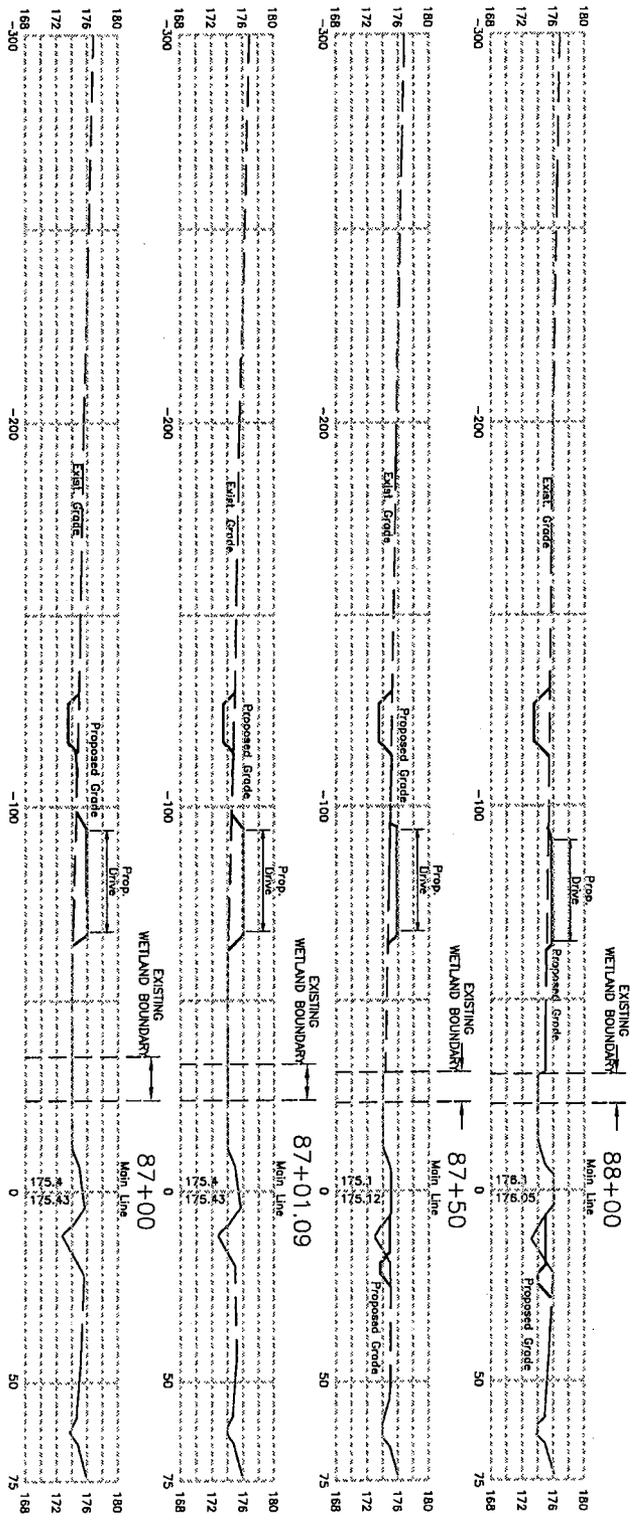


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RELOCATED DITCH



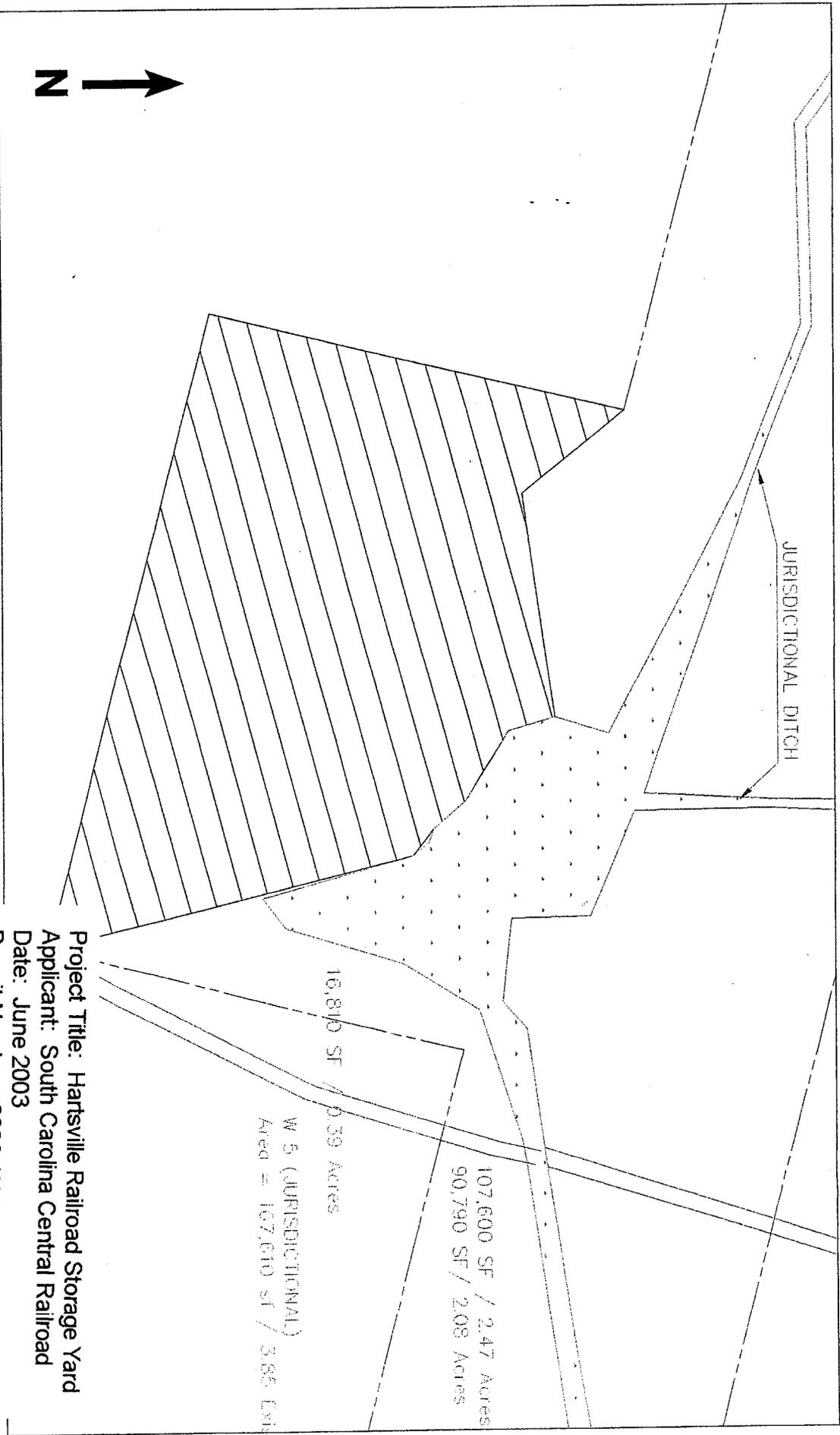
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 DARLINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. PAGE SIX OF THE
 SIX PAGES OF CROSS SECTIONS FOR THE 0.46 AC DITCH.
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Hartsville Railroad Relocation Tract, 23.67± acre site, Darlington County, South Carolina. Plan drawing indicating the location of the proposed creation area. Drawing provided by Crouch Engineering.

Date: June 2003
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 Figure 10