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**JANUARY 29, 2025**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ALTER A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF  
ENGINEERS PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408**

**Section 408 Permit Identification Number:** 408-SAS-2024-0026

**Overview:** The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), in coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is proposing to replace the U.S. 301 Bridge over the Savannah River, located in Allandale County, SC and Screven County, GA. As the proposed bridge replacement will cross the Savannah River Below Augusta Federal Navigation Channel, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 408 review is required to determine the impacts of the bridge replacement to the Federal Navigation Channel. The public is invited to provide comments on this review at the addresses listed at the end of this notice no later than February 28, 2025.

**Requestor's Proposed Action:** The bridge replacement would include the construction of a new bridge within 10 feet of, and on a similar alignment to the existing bridge. The main-span navigational clearances of the existing bridge would be maintained by the new bridge. The existing bridge would remain open to the public during construction. A copy of the proposed bridge design is included with this Public Notice for reference.

**Project Location:** U.S. 301 Bridge over the Savannah River in Allandale County, SC, and Screven County, GA.

**Section 408 Authority:** The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent use, occupation or alteration of any USACE civil works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 U.S.C. 408 ("Section 408"). Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a USACE project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Secretary of Army's authority under Section 408 has been delegated to the USACE Chief of Engineers and further delegated to the USACE Directorate of Civil Works and Division and District Commanders, depending upon the nature of the activity. The impact of the proposed action on the federally authorized Savannah River Below Augusta Federal Navigation Channel is the subject of this Section 408 review.

**Limits of Section 408 Authority:** A requester has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations,

including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program (e.g., Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act). Approval under Section 408 does not grant property rights, exclusive privileges, or authorization to injure the property or rights of others. The proposed action is being reviewed by both the USACE Savannah District and Charleston District Regulatory Divisions for regulatory compliance.

**Evaluation Factors:** The decision whether to grant the requested permission for project alteration under Section 408 will be based on several factors. 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 proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Review of requests for alteration will be reviewed by a USACE technical review team considering the following factors:

**a) Impair the Usefulness of the Project Determination.** The review team will determine if the proposed alteration would limit the ability of the USACE project to function as authorized, or would compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs. In order for an alteration to be approved, the requester must demonstrate that the alteration does not impair the usefulness of the federally authorized project.

**b) Injurious to the Public Interest Determination.** Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest evaluation depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and the nature of the proposed alteration and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation. This evaluation will consider information received from the interested parties, including tribes, agencies, and the public. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be compared against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision whether to approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks and by the net impact of the alteration on the public interest using the public interest factors.

**c) Environmental Compliance.** A decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action, and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. While USACE is responsible for ensuring environmental compliance, the requester is responsible for providing all information that the Savannah District identifies as necessary to satisfy all applicable federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies, and procedures. NEPA and other analysis completed to comply with other environmental statutes (e.g. Endangered Species Act) should be commensurate with the scale and potential effects of the activity that would alter the USACE project. The Savannah District will

work with the requester to determine the requirements, which will be scaled to the likely impacts of the proposed alteration and should convey the relevant considerations and impacts in a concise and effective manner.

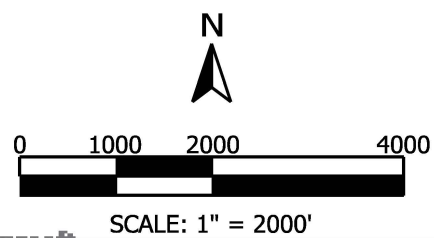
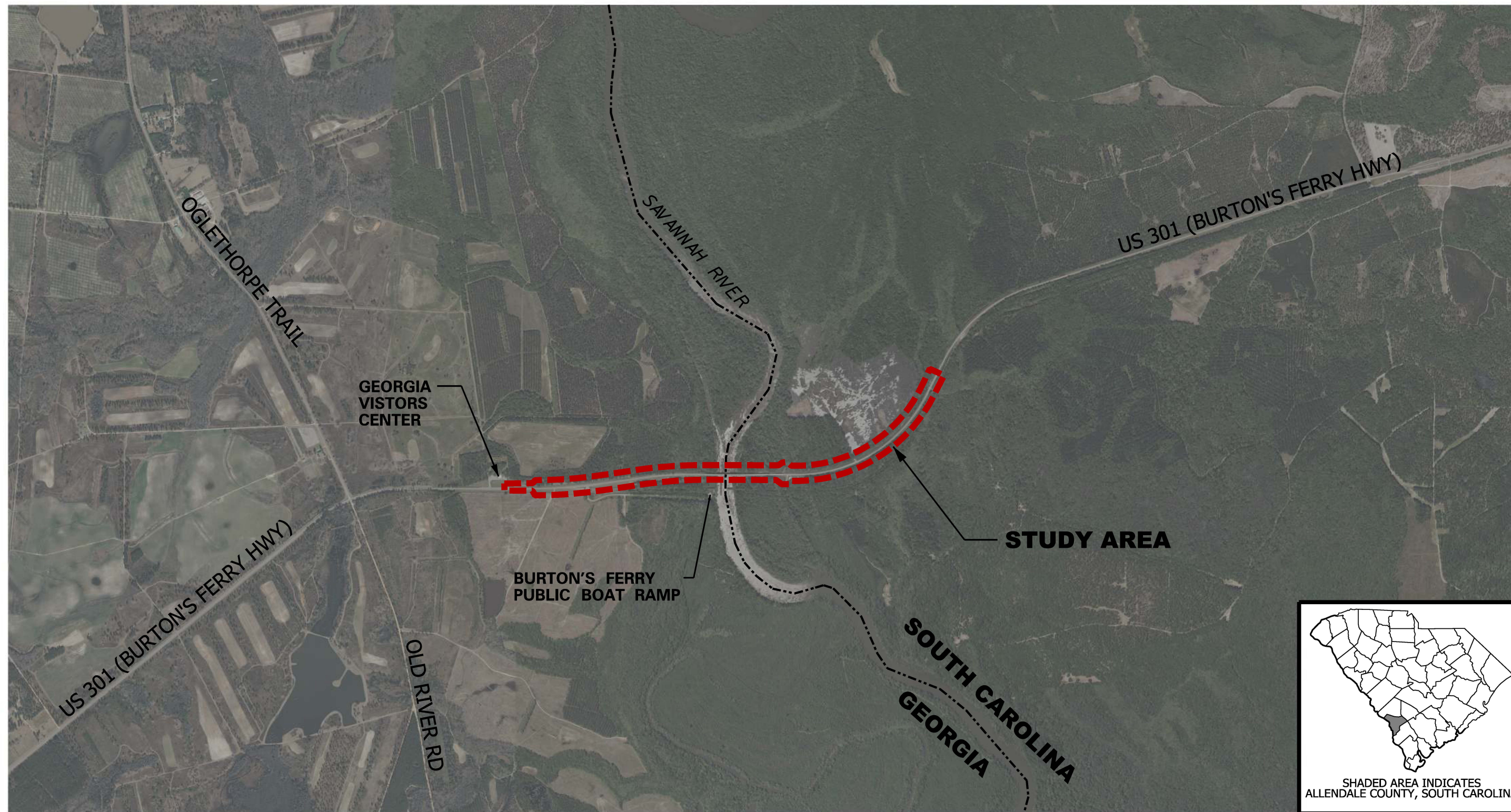
**Public Involvement:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; tribes; and other interested parties, regarding the U.S. 301 Savannah River Bridge replacement as it is a proposed alteration to the federally authorized Savannah River Below Augusta Federal Navigation Channel. Comments received within 30 days of this notice's publication will be considered in the evaluation of potential impacts of the proposed action on important resources and in determining whether the proposed alteration would be injurious to the public interest and/or would impair the usefulness of the authorized project.

**Comment Submittal:** Written comments, referencing identification number (408-SAS-2024-0026), must be submitted to the office listed below on or by February 28, 2025.

Public comments may be submitted via email at SAS-408-Submittals@usace.army.mil by 11:59 PM February 28, 2025.

Comments may also be submitted via mail to the address below. Mailed comments must be postmarked by February 28, 2025.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District  
ATTN: Section 408 Coordinator  
100 W Oglethorpe Ave  
Savannah, GA 31401**



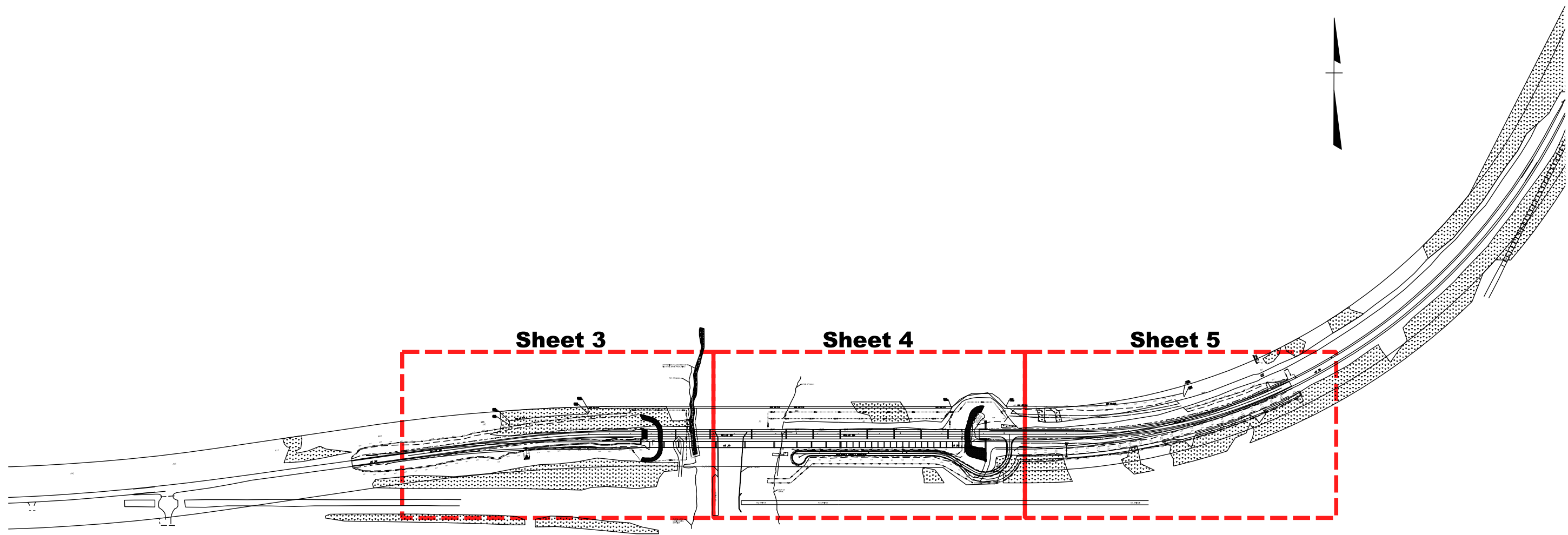
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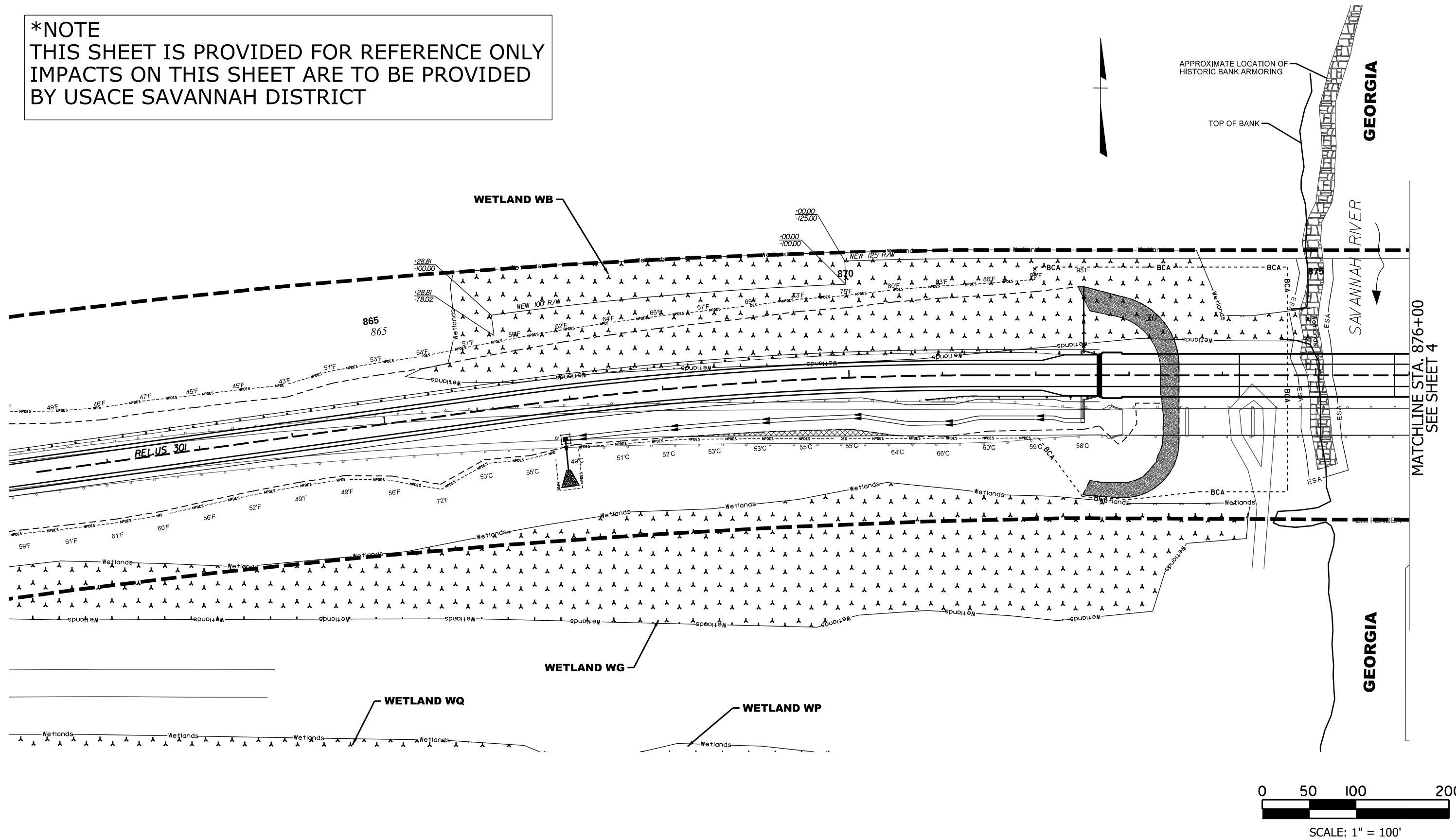


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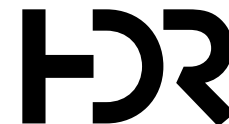


**\*NOTE**  
 THIS SHEET IS PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY  
 IMPACTS ON THIS SHEET ARE TO BE PROVIDED  
 BY USACE SAVANNAH DISTRICT



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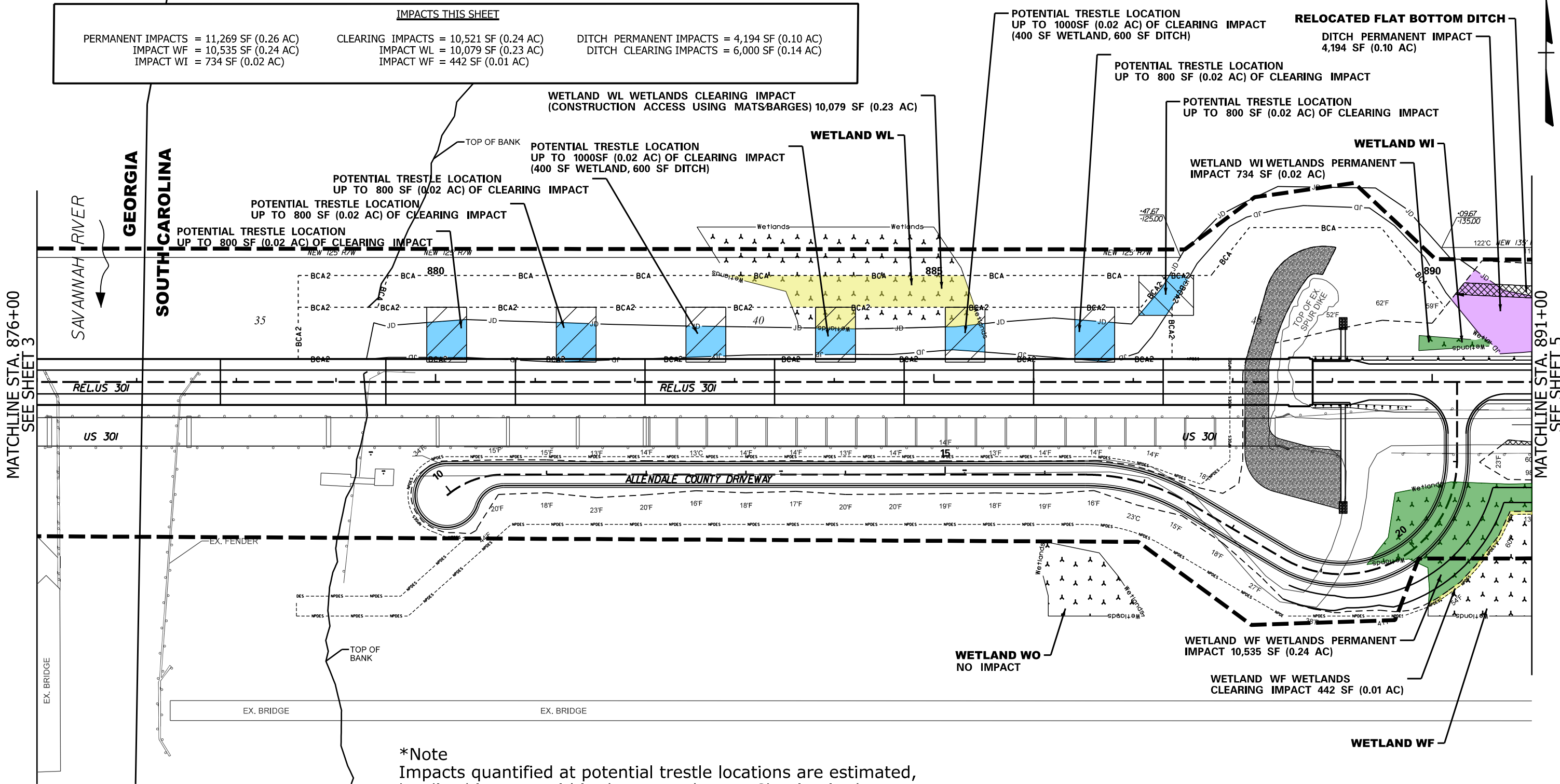


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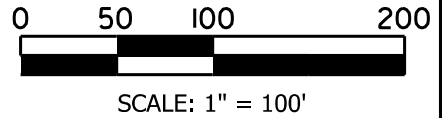
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IMPACT WF = 10,535 SF (0.24 AC)	IMPACT WL = 10,079 SF (0.23 AC)	DITCH CLEARING IMPACTS = 6,000 SF (0.14 AC)
IMPACT WI = 734 SF (0.02 AC)	IMPACT WF = 442 SF (0.01 AC)	



**\*Note**  
 Impacts quantified at potential trestle locations are estimated, localized impacts within the areas shown. Clearing in these areas will be limited to that which is necessary to install the trestle supports within the limits of the ditch



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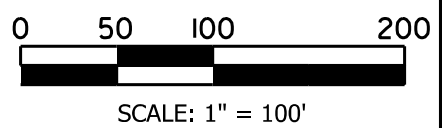
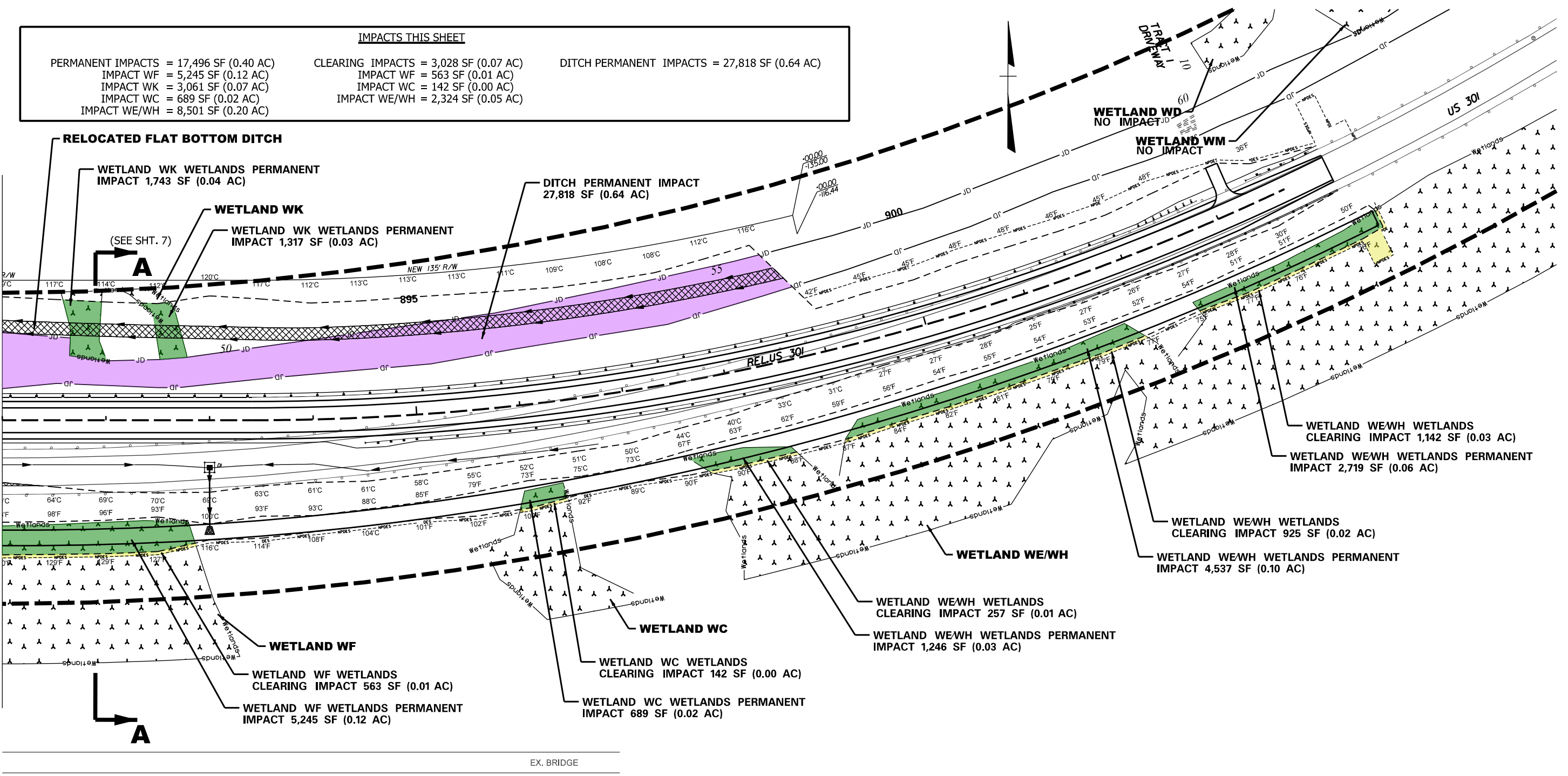
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IMPACT WD = 689 SF (0.02 AC)	IMPACT WE/WH = 2,324 SF (0.05 AC)	
IMPACT WE/WH = 8,501 SF (0.20 AC)		

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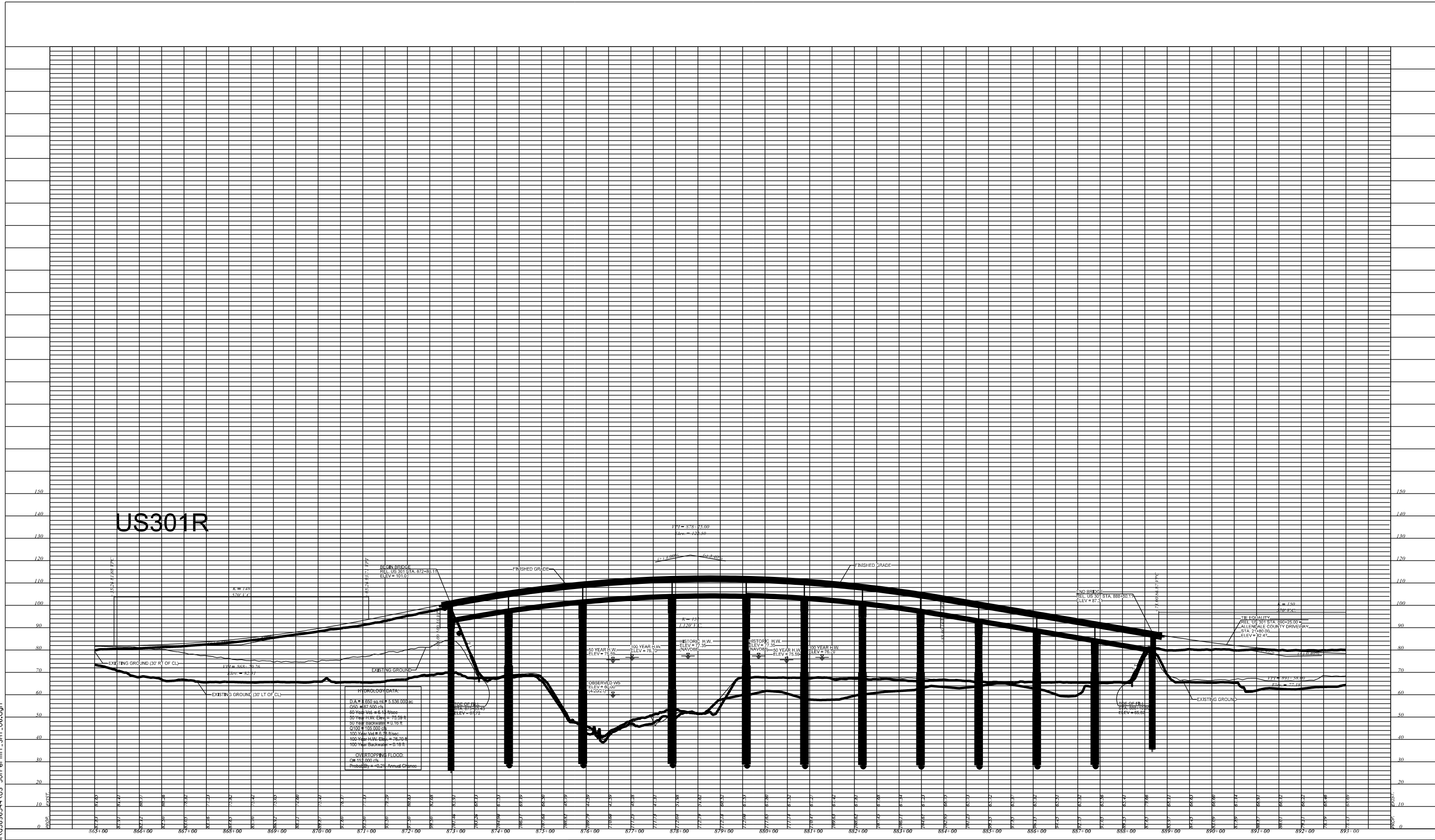


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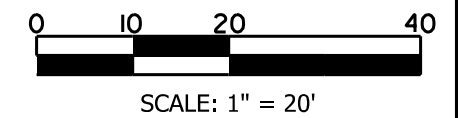
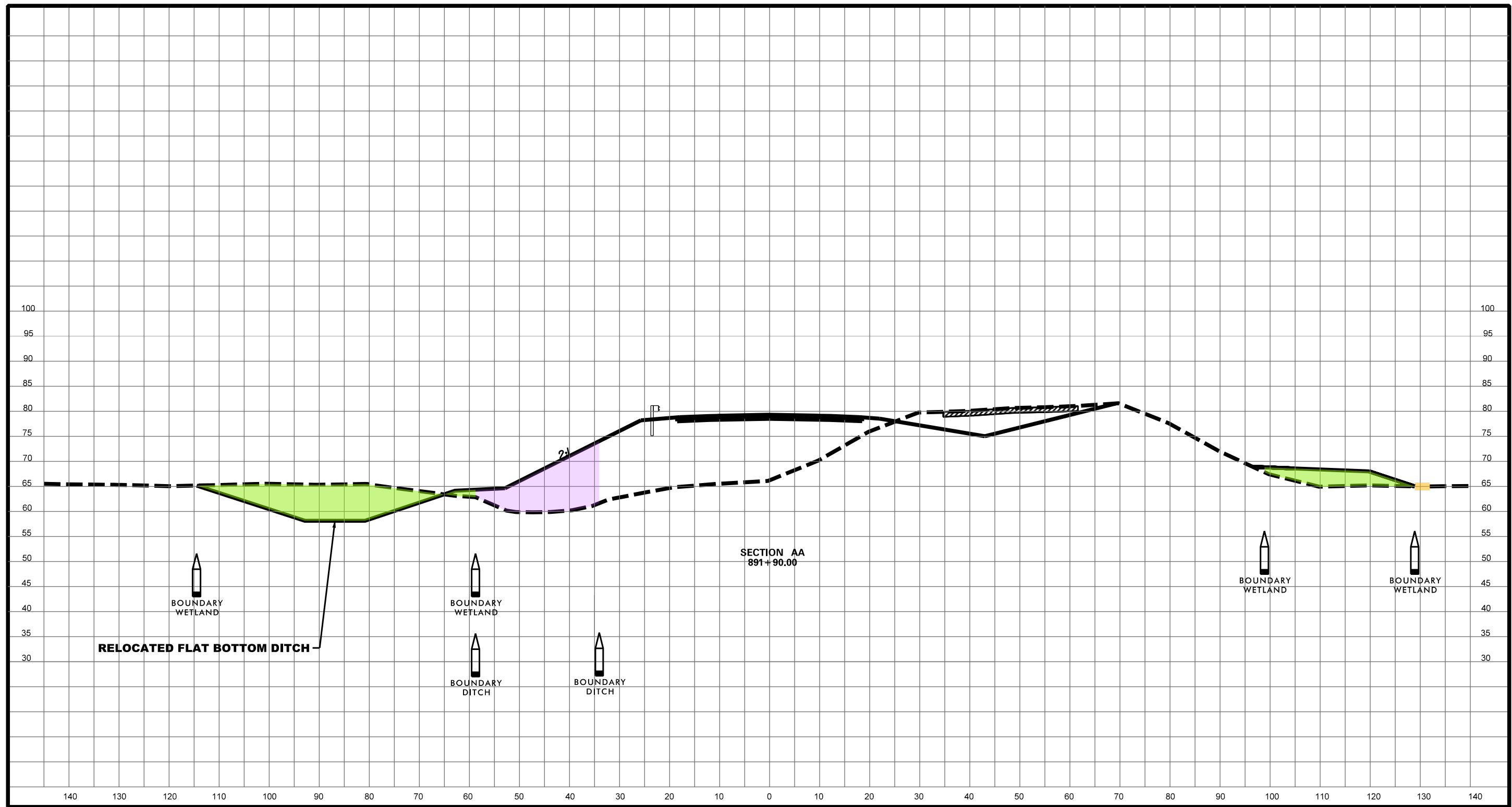
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- PERMANENT DITCH IMPACT

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