

JOINT  
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
69-A Hagood Avenue  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

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  
SAC-2011-00189-REVISED

29 JULY 2016

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 S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**OAKRIDGE LANDFILL, INC.**  
**C/O ROBERT BUNCH**  
**PALMETTO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, INC.**  
**955 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE E #52**  
**LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29072**

for a permit to place fill material in freshwater wetlands and

**AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HALFWAY GUT CREEK**

at a location adjacent to the existing Oakridge Landfill, located at 2175 Highway 78, Dorchester, Dorchester County, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.1298°N, Longitude: -80.3684°W; Harleyville and Pringletown Quads)

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.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THIS REVISED NOTICE WILL BE CONSIDERED. This project has been revised. The project area boundaries have modified and the applicant now proposes a project specific mitigation plan.

The proposed work consists of placing approximately 121,000 cubic yards of fill material in approximately 14.0 acres of freshwater wetlands for expansion of the existing landfill facility. The proposed expansion will include extending from the existing facility onto approximately 83.3 acres of land to the southwest that the applicant currently owns. The applicant states that the proposed impacts are unavoidable due to the project footprint requirements and that impacts have been minimized to the extent feasible. The applicant has investigated alternatives as discussed in supplemental information available by request. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the proposed impacts by preserving and enhancing approximately 213 acres of freshwater wetlands and 20 acres of upland buffers in the Edisto River watershed. The total compensatory mitigation plan includes protection in perpetuity by conservation easement of approximately 250 acres of lands. Easements would be held by Audubon and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Funding from the applicant would provide for the purchase, enhancement, and permanent protection of the mitigation areas. The draft mitigation plan is available for review by appointment by contacting the project manager listed at the end of this notice. The applicant has requested a 40 year permit. The project purpose as stated by the applicant is to continue to provide uninterrupted, cost-effective regional Class Three solid waste landfill disposal capacity to the Charleston, Berkeley, Colleton, Orangeburg, Dorchester areas and other entities in the region.

**NOTE: This public notice and associated plans are available on the Corps' website at:**  
<http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices> .

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 Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S. C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. 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.

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 14.0 acres of freshwater wetlands upstream of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. The District Engineer's 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). The District Engineer's final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to the Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the applicant has provided a protected species survey for the property associated with the activity described above. Based upon this report, the District Engineer 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 Section 106 of the NHPA, the District Engineer has consulted South Carolina ArchSite (GIS), for the presence or absence of historic properties (as defined in 36 C.F.R. 800.16)(f)(1)), and has initially determined that there are historic properties present, but they will not be affected; therefore, there will be no effect on historic properties. To ensure that other historic properties 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 and other interested parties to provide any information they may have with regard to historic properties. This public notice serves as a request for concurrence within 30 days from the SHPO (and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer).

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate and required and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

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. 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 cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

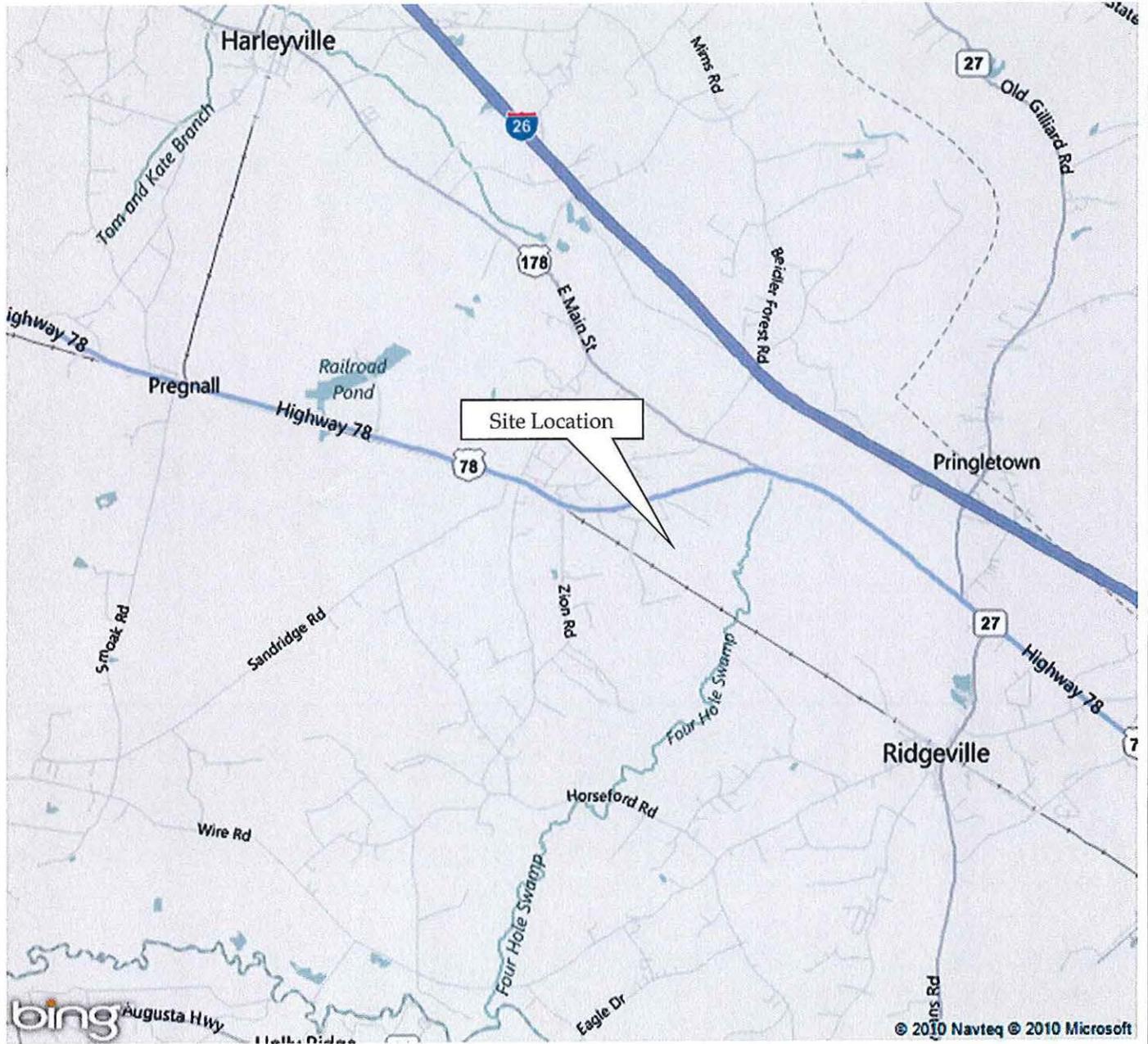
The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, 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. **Please submit comments in writing, identifying the project of interest by public notice number,**

**to the following address:**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION  
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If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Mary Hope Green, Project Manager, at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



Approximate Scale: 1 Inch = 1.5 Miles



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**Applicant:** Oakridge Landfill, Inc.  
**Activity:** Landfill Expansion  
**County:** Dorchester  
**Lat:** N 33 7' 45" **Lon:** W 80 22' 3"

**Figure 1: Site Location Map**

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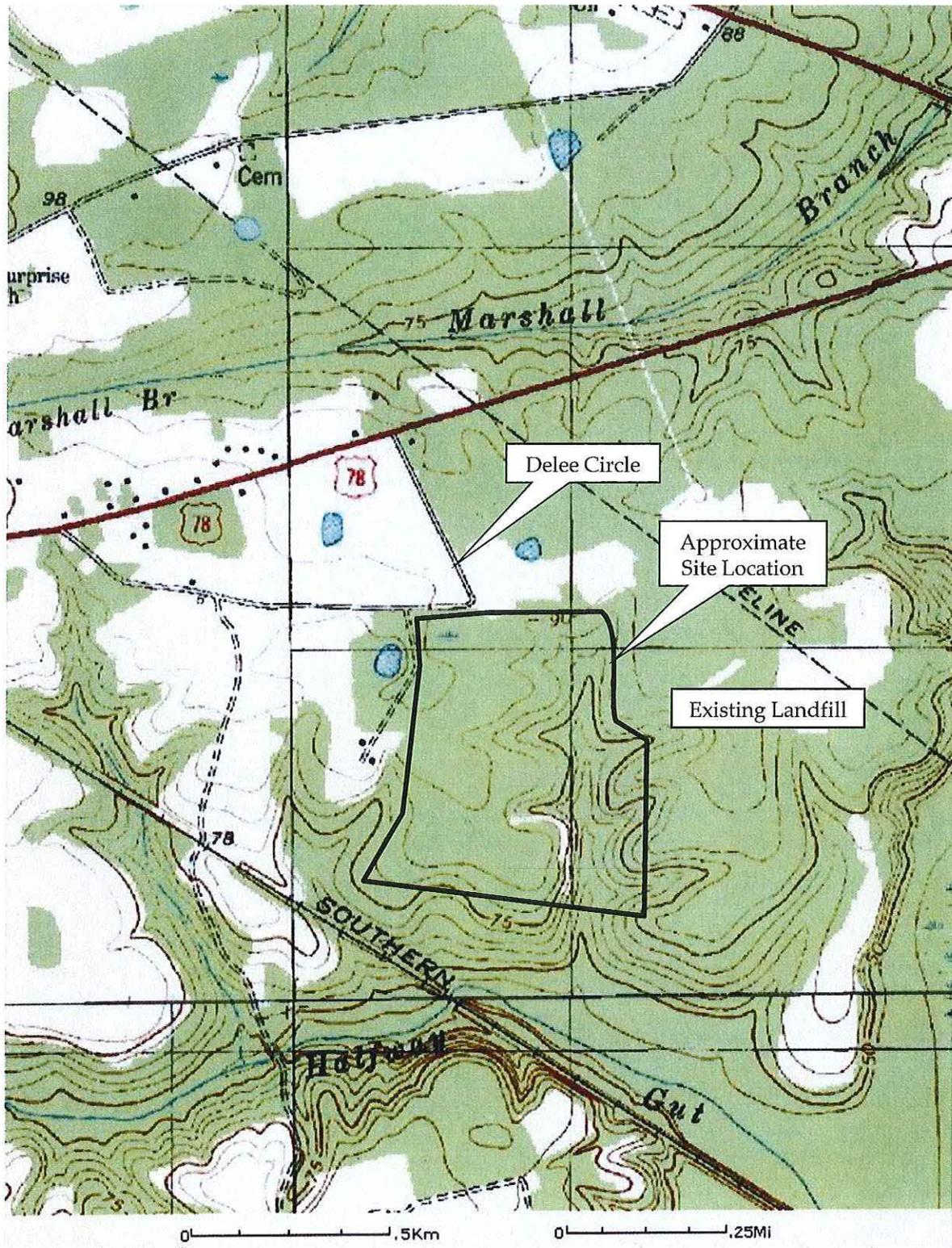
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**Figure 3: Aerial Photograph**  
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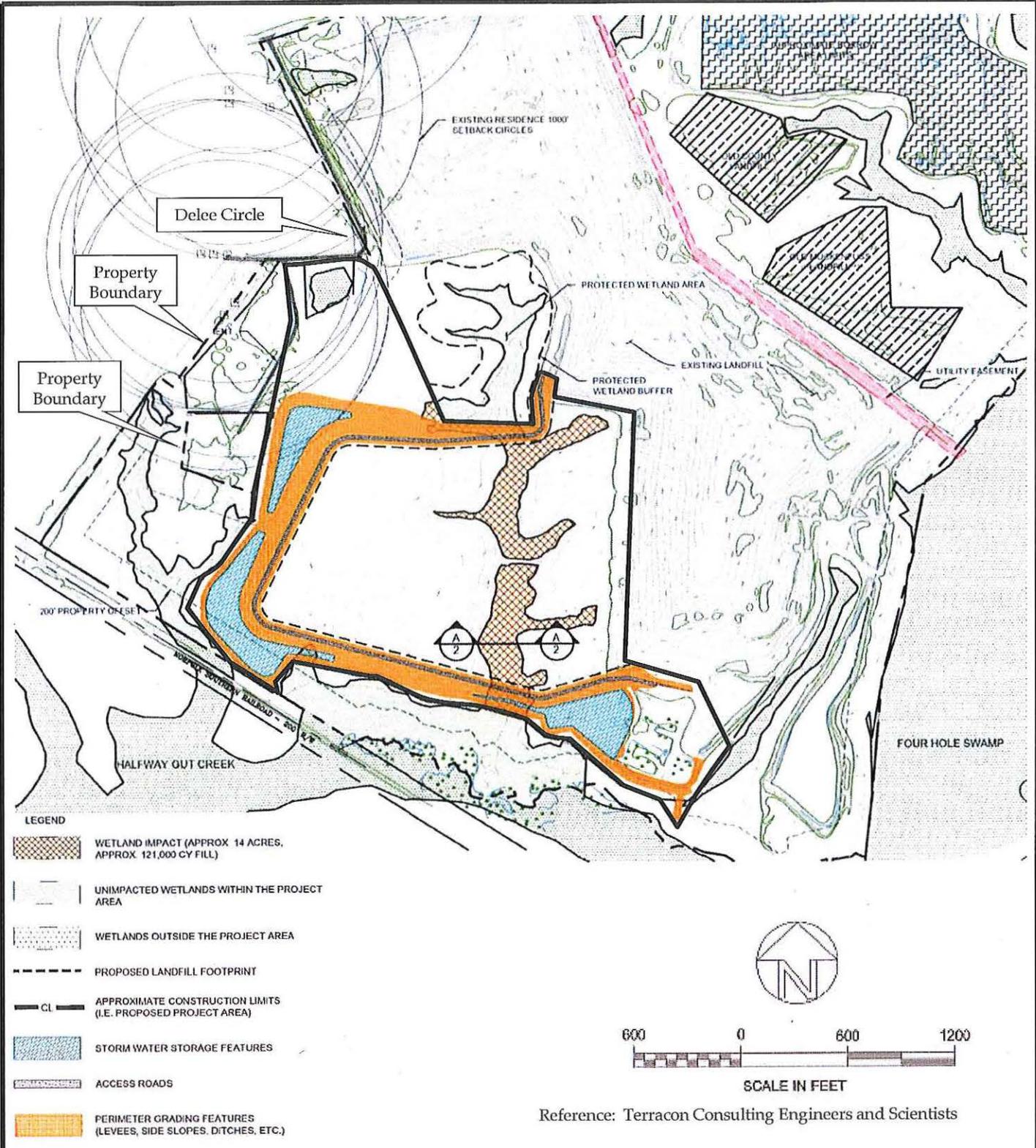


Reference: USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangles of Harleyville and Pringletown, 1987, obtained from TerraServer.

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**Figure 2: USGS Topographic Map**  
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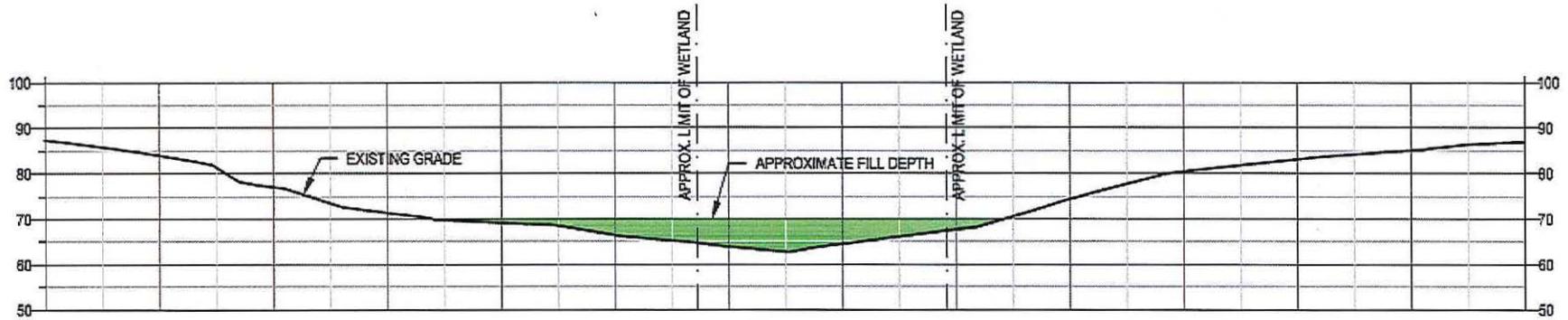
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**Figure 4: Site Plan**  
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SECTION A  
 1" = 50' HORZ.  
 1" = 25' VERT.

Reference: Terracon Consulting Engineers and Scientists

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**Figure 5: Landfill Cross Section**  
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