

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403-5107
and
THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

PN: SAC-2016-01882

May 19, 2017

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

Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores
Mr. Rick Shuffield
c/o Ms. Mary Manning
Terracon Consultants, Inc.
1450 Fifth Street West
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405

for a permit to place fill material in wetlands associated with the

TULIFINY RIVER

at a location 409 Yemassee Highway in Yemassee, Hampton County, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.7053 °N, Longitude: -80.8747 °W), (Yemassee Quad Sheet).

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.

The proposed work consists of the discharge of fill material into 3.01 acres of wetlands for

the construction of a Love's Travel Stop and Country Store travel plaza. In detail, the proposed project consists of the discharge of 13,440 cubic yards of fill material into 3.01 acres of wetlands for the construction of a travel plaza including 136 total parking spaces (4 ADA, 61 standard car, 6 RV and 65 truck), a stormwater management facility, gas pumps, and buildings. As stated in the application the purpose of the proposed project is to construct a travel plaza to service the essential needs of South Carolina travelers along an approximately 30 mile stretch of I-95 between Exit 68 (Canadys) and Exit 28 (Coosawhatchie). The need for the proposed project is based on various requests from the applicant's fleet customers for the development of a travel plaza within the proposed stretch of I-95.

No avoidance of wetland impacts has occurred as the proposed project will impact all wetlands (3.01 acres) located on the approximate 12.40-acre site. As stated in the application, the proposed project site plan is typical of Love's travel plaza facilities and the current site design is representative of the applicant's minimization efforts based on the highly compressed design when compared to similar developments. As part of the avoidance and minimization effort, the applicant considered the purchase of a property adjoining the western boundary of the Yemassee site. After further consideration, it was determined that based on the location and size of potential wetlands, the available upland space would not be suitable for the applicant's large semitrailer trucks to utilize the available space safely. Potential impacts will be minimized through the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) specified as conditions by SCDHEC in its Water Quality Certification issued to address water quality specific to this project. In addition, storm flow and drainage from the site will be routed to the water quality treatments systems prior to discharge off the site as required by permits to be issued pursuant to Section 402 of the Clean Water Act.

To compensate for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant is proposing to purchase 15.8 preservation credits and 15.9 restoration credits from the Sweet Leaf Swamp Mitigation Bank.

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. 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 3.01 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 Corps has reviewed the project area, examined all information provided by the applicant, and the District Engineer has determined, based on the most recently available information 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 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 no historic properties are present; 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 any 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 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 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
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403-5107**

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Tracy D. Sanders, Project Manager, at (843) 329-8190 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

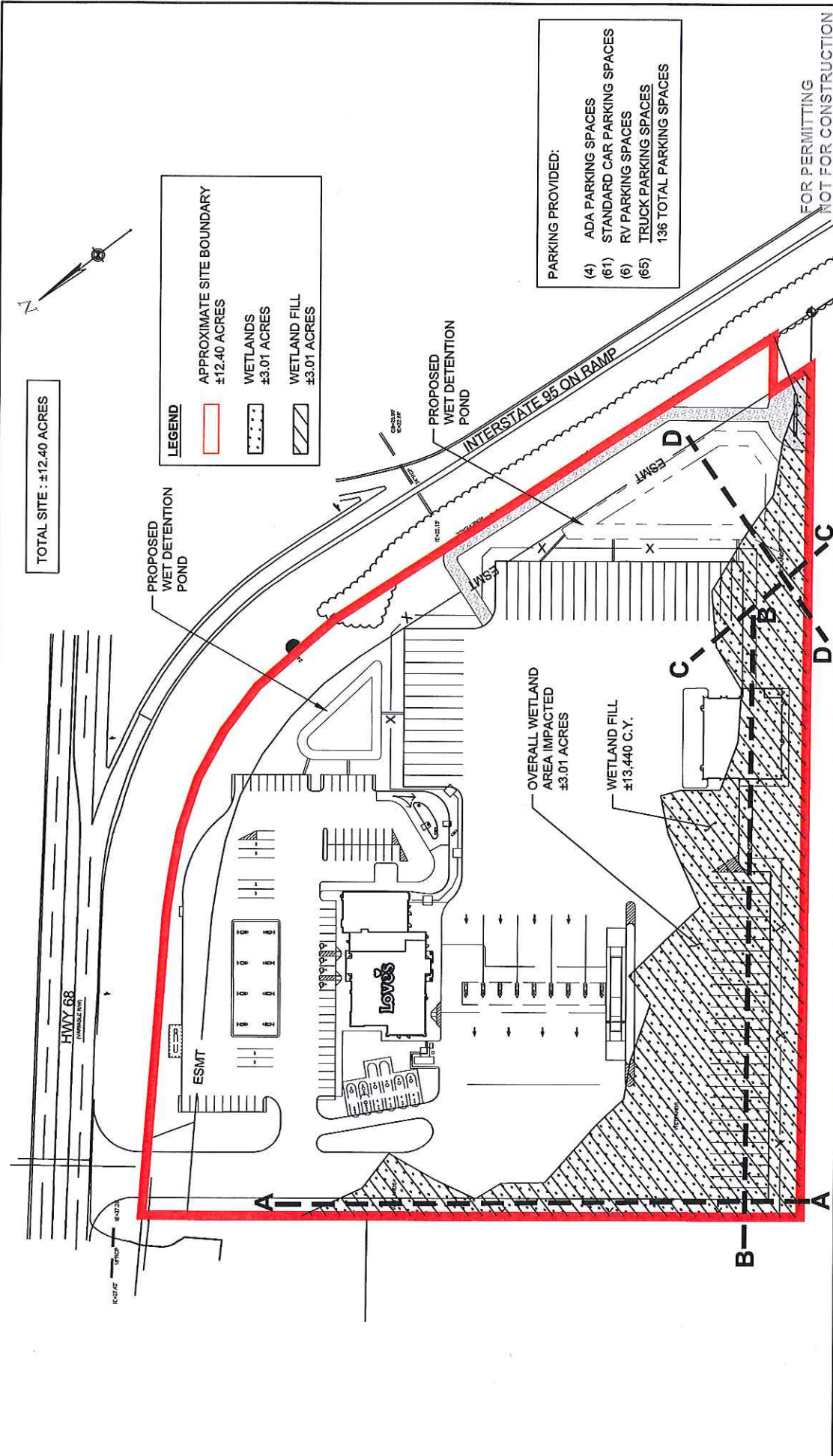


TOTAL SITE : ±12.40 ACRES

LEGEND	
	APPROXIMATE SITE BOUNDARY ±12.40 ACRES
	WETLANDS ±3.01 ACRES
	WETLAND FILL ±3.01 ACRES

PARKING PROVIDED:

- (4) ADA PARKING SPACES
- (61) STANDARD CAR PARKING SPACES
- (6) RV PARKING SPACES
- (65) TRUCK PARKING SPACES
- 136 TOTAL PARKING SPACES



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ISSUE:	DATE:
EXHIBIT:	PROJECT:
JOB NO.:	DESIGN:
752978	KAC
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SITE PLAN	
YEMASSEE SITE	
TOWN OF YEMASSEE, HAWKINS, S.C.	
HWY 68	

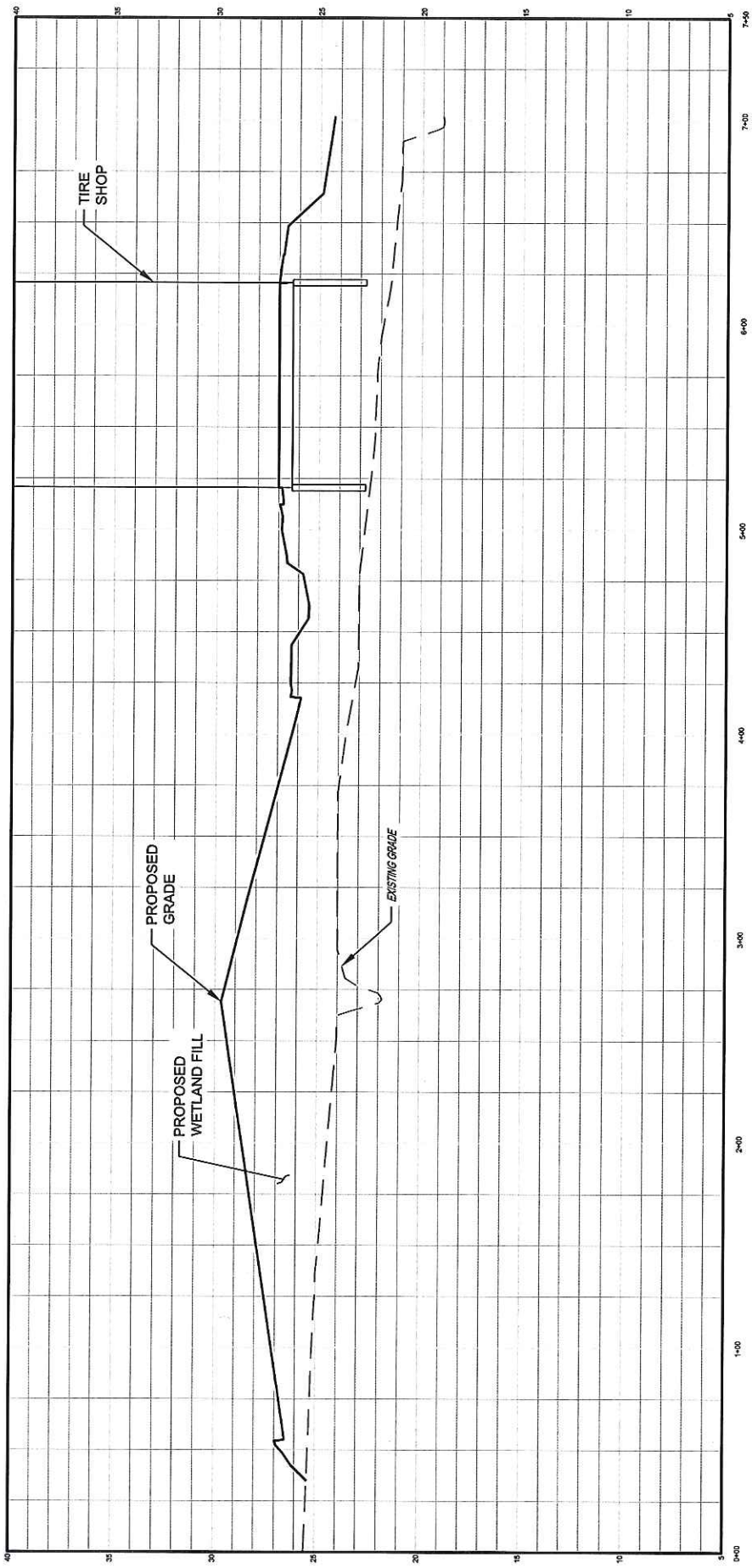
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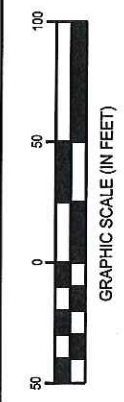
GRAPHIC SCALE (IN FEET)

PROJECT LOCATION: TOWN OF YEMASSEE, HAWKINS, SOUTH CAROLINA. PROJECT NO. 752978



CROSS SECTION B-B
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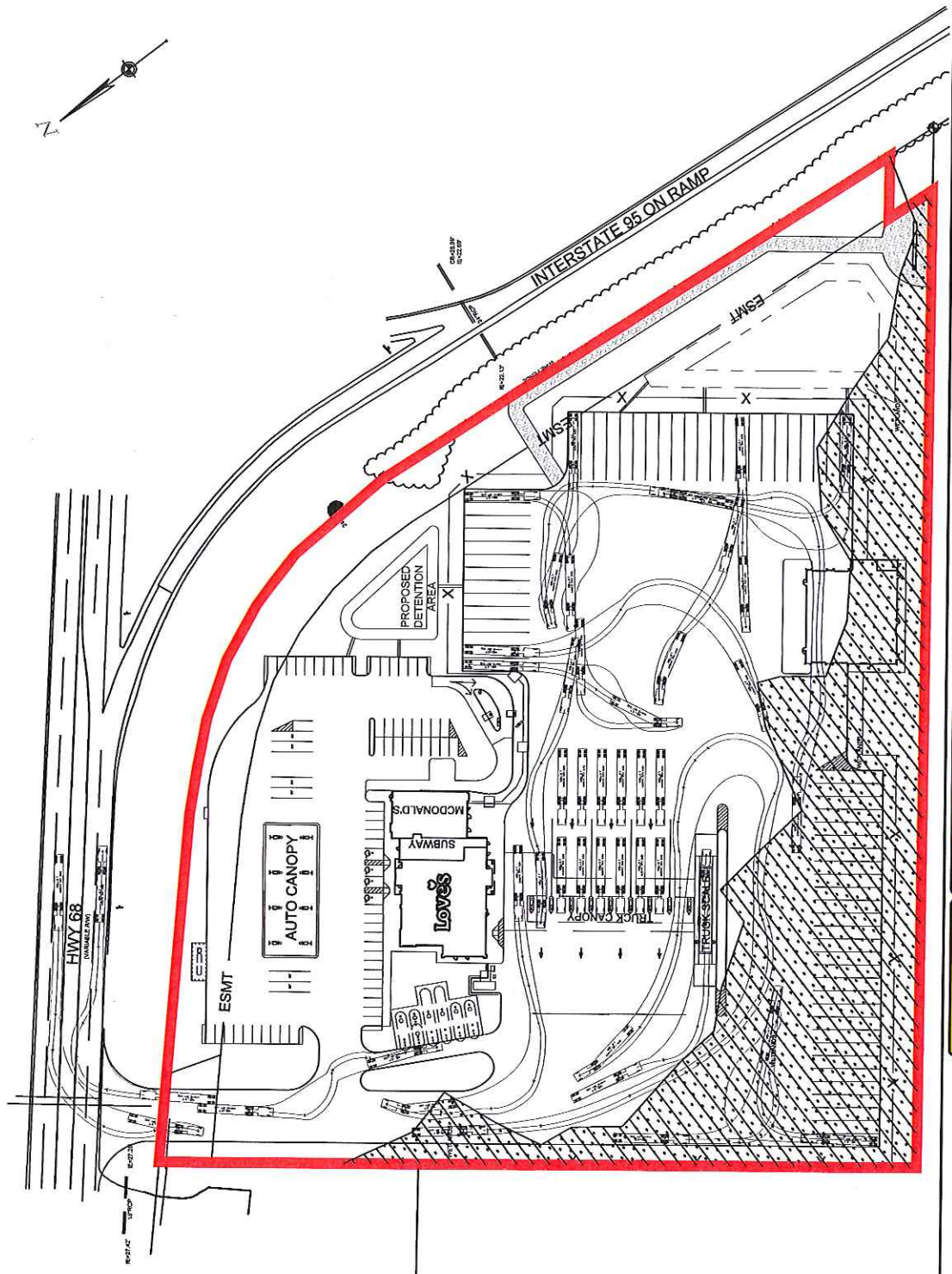
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SECTION VIEW B-B
YEMASSEE SITE
TOWN OF YEMASSEE-HAMPTON, S.C.
HWY 68

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DESIGN: KAC
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CHECKED: JTK
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TRUCK ACCESS SITE PLAN

YEMASSEE SITE

TOWN OF YEMASSEE, HAMPTON, S.C.

HWY 88

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PROJECT LOCATION: 11700 HWY 88, TOWN OF YEMASSEE, HAMPTON, S.C. 29556