

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

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

REGULATORY DIVISION
Refer to: P/N #SAC 2016-01715

November 18, 2016

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

MR. JAMES VAN NESS
SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS AUTHORITY
POST OFFICE BOX 22287
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29413

for a permit to develop an inland port facility that provides an overnight rail connection both to and from the Port of Charleston in wetlands adjacent to

AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF OLD MILL CREEK

at a location near the intersection of Old Latta Highway and East Fairfield Road in Dillon County, South Carolina, (Latitude: 34.38242°N, Longitude: -79.39996°W, Dillon West USGS Quadrangle Map).

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 the Corps and SCDHEC 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 development of a 13,600-foot long lead track and a 163-acre inland port facility approximately one mile southwest of Dillon, South Carolina. In detail, the project would require the placement of fill material in 5.54 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 0.05 acres of jurisdictional ditches. The proposed lead track would be located within an existing CSX rail right-of-way and the proposed support and processing tracks would be located west of the existing CSX rail line between West Countryside Road and West Fairfield Road.

The proposed inland port facility includes the construction of approximately 30,000 linear feet of new rail tracks, grounded container storage, wheeled container storage, a chassis yard, operations and maintenance facilities, and rubber tired gantry cranes for transferring containerized cargo between trucks and rail cars. The project site is located approximately 140 miles northeast of the Port of Charleston and would provide an overnight rail connection both to and from the Port of Charleston. The proposed inland port facility would process one inbound train and one outbound train daily and would help accommodate existing growth in the demand for intermodal rail traffic.

According to the SCPA, the proposed inland port is projected to handle approximately 25,000 international containers and 10,000 domestic containers in 2018, and container throughput is projected to increase to approximately 90,000 to 130,000 containers per year in 2038. Although the proposed project would be constructed in phases in order to meet future demand for containerized cargo, the majority of the proposed rail infrastructure would be installed (and all of the impacts to waters of the U.S. would occur) during the first phase of development.

The applicant has proposed to mitigate for impacts to wetlands and other waters of the United States by implementing a Permittee-Responsible Mitigation (PRM) plan. The proposed mitigation plan consists of the preservation of 62.9 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands adjacent to Ropers Mill Branch, a tributary of the Little Pee Dee River. In addition, the applicant would enhance hydrology within Ropers Mill Branch by replacing existing culverts and installing additional culverts under Scotland Road, which is located approximately 1,000 feet upstream of the proposed mitigation site. According to the SCPA, the project purpose is to construct an inland port facility in partnership with CSX to provide intermodal logistics service to 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. 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 5.59 acres of freshwater wetlands that are located 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)(1)(1)), and has initially determined that historic properties may be present, and if present, may be affected by the proposed project. 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.

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.

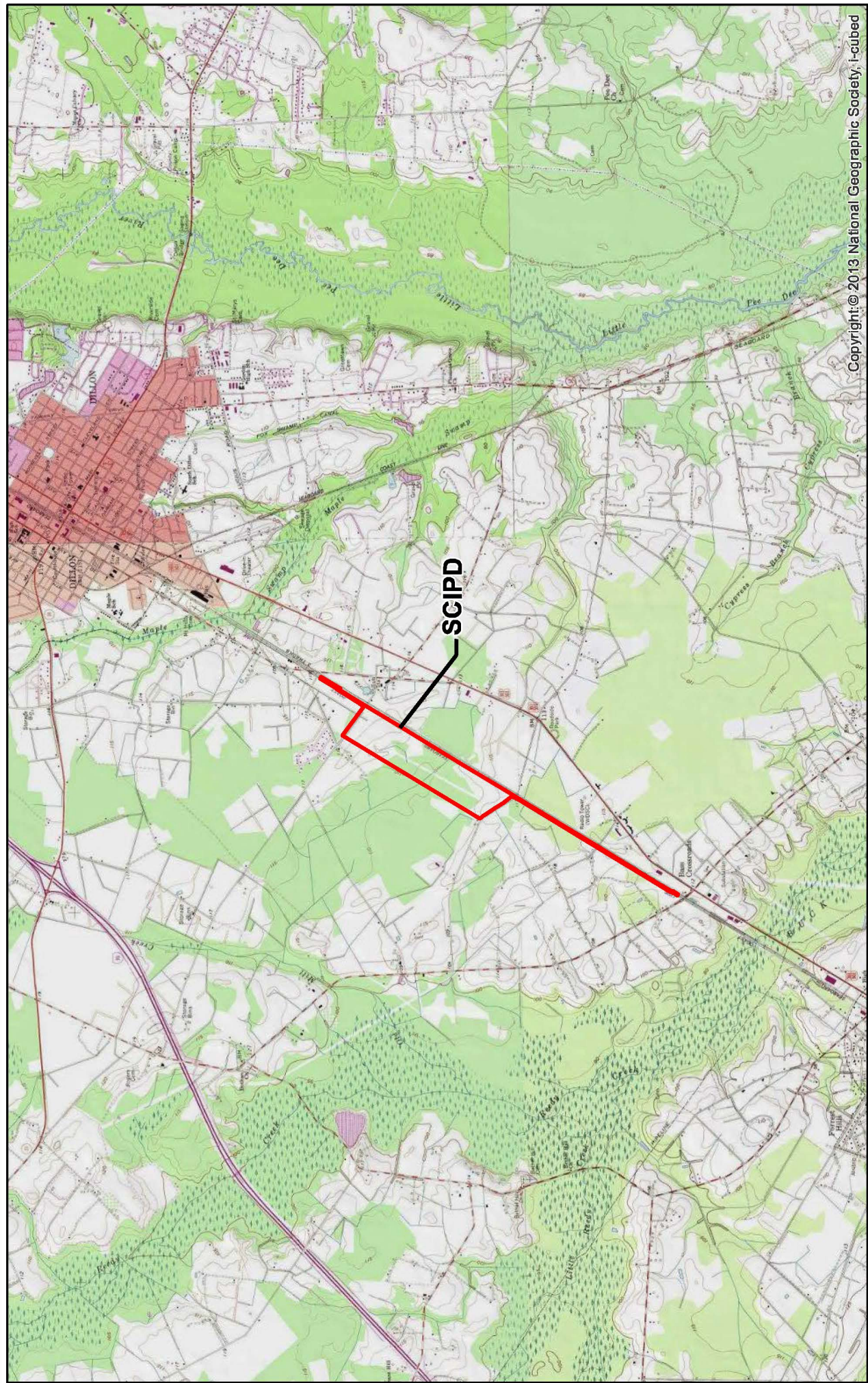
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate. 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, South Carolina 29403**

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Nat Ball, Project Manager, at (843) 329-8047 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



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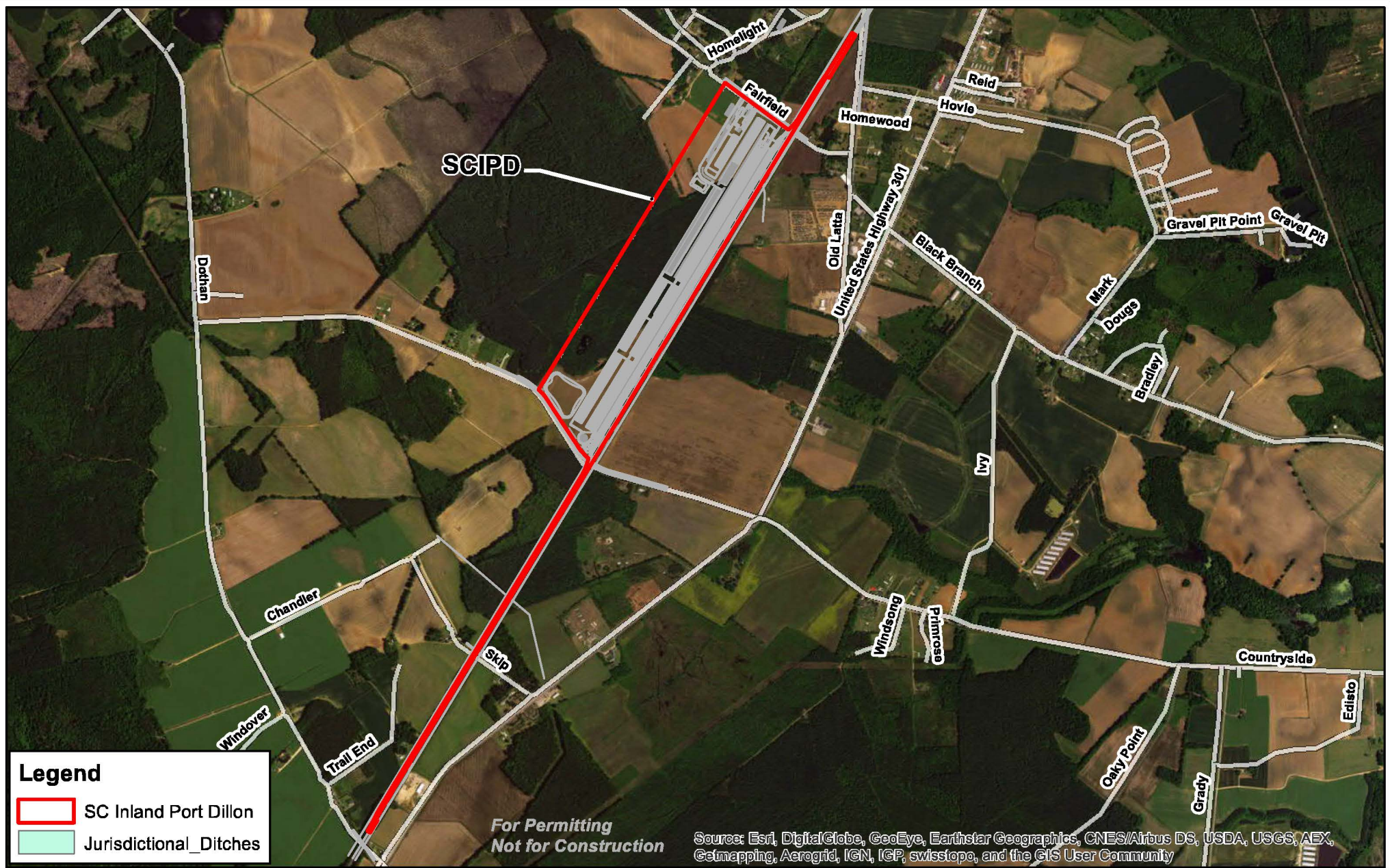
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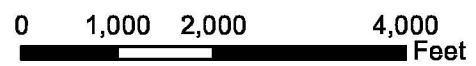


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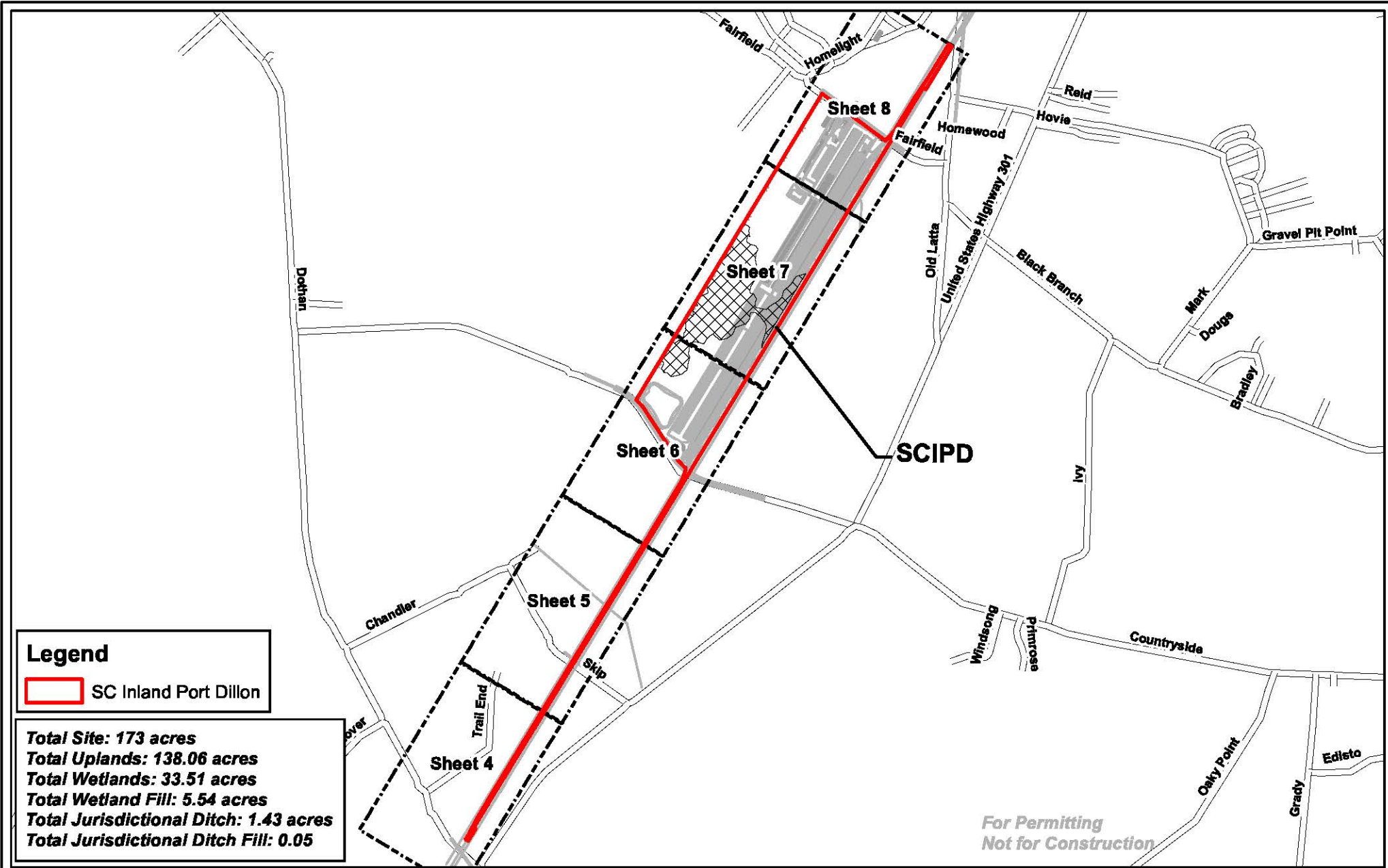
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- Jurisdictional Ditches

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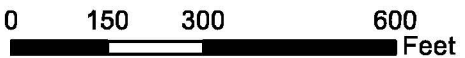
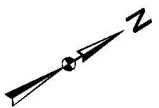
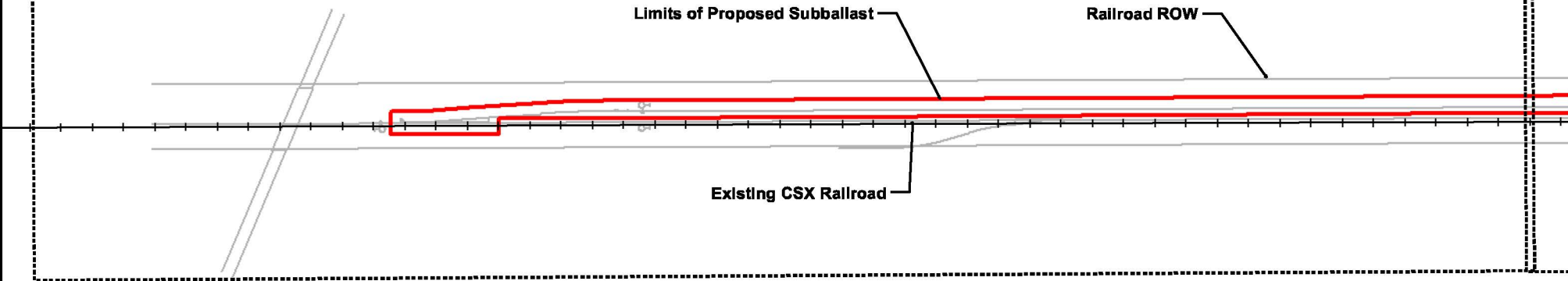
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Limits of Proposed Subballast

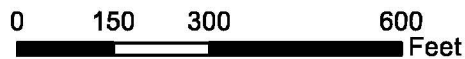
Railroad ROW

Jurisdictional Ditch
No Impact

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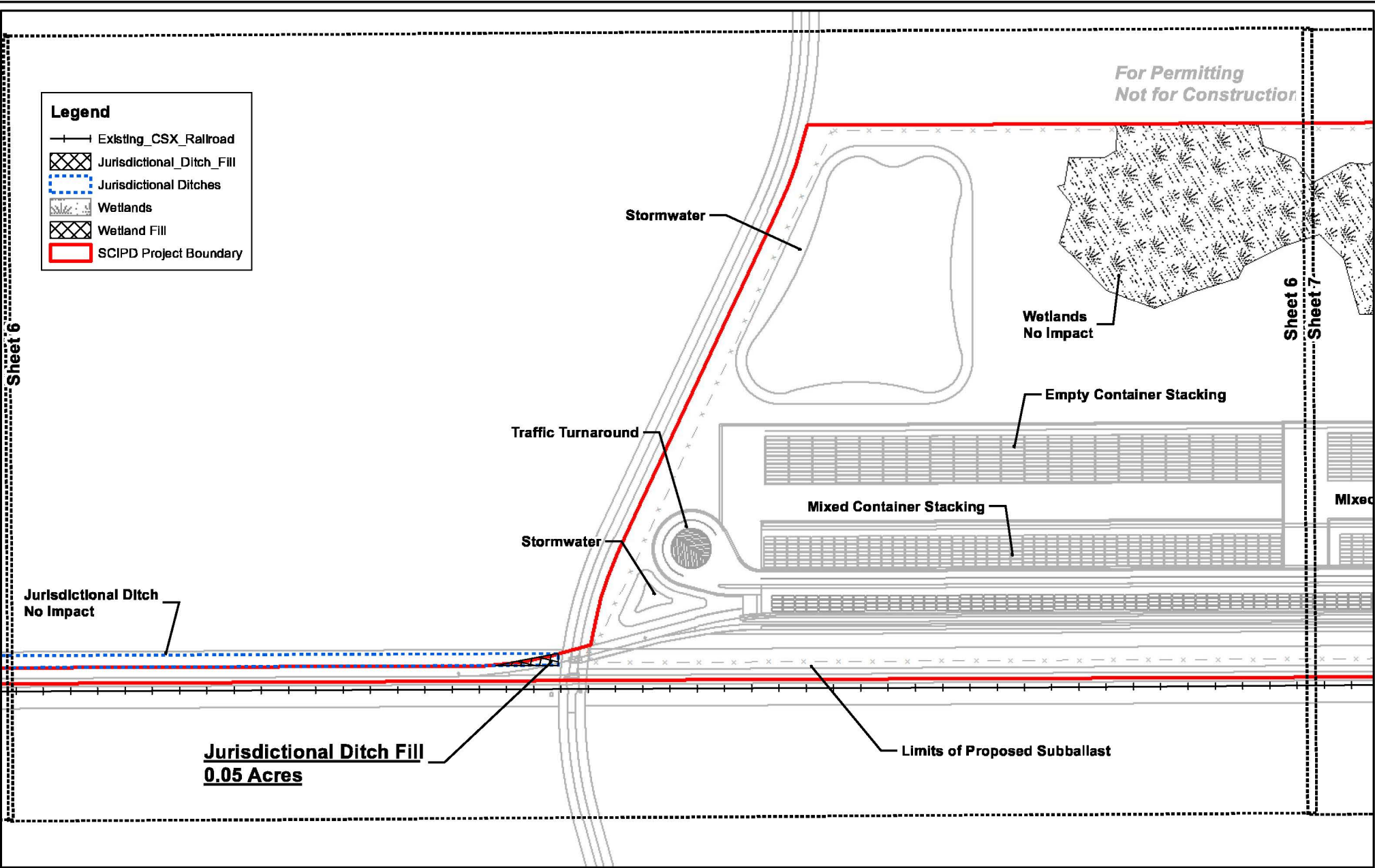
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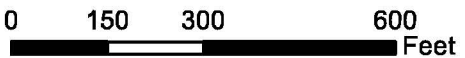
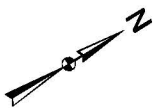
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Jurisdictional Ditch
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Jurisdictional Ditch Fill
0.05 Acres

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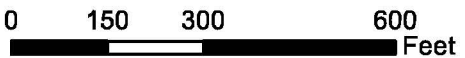
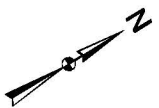
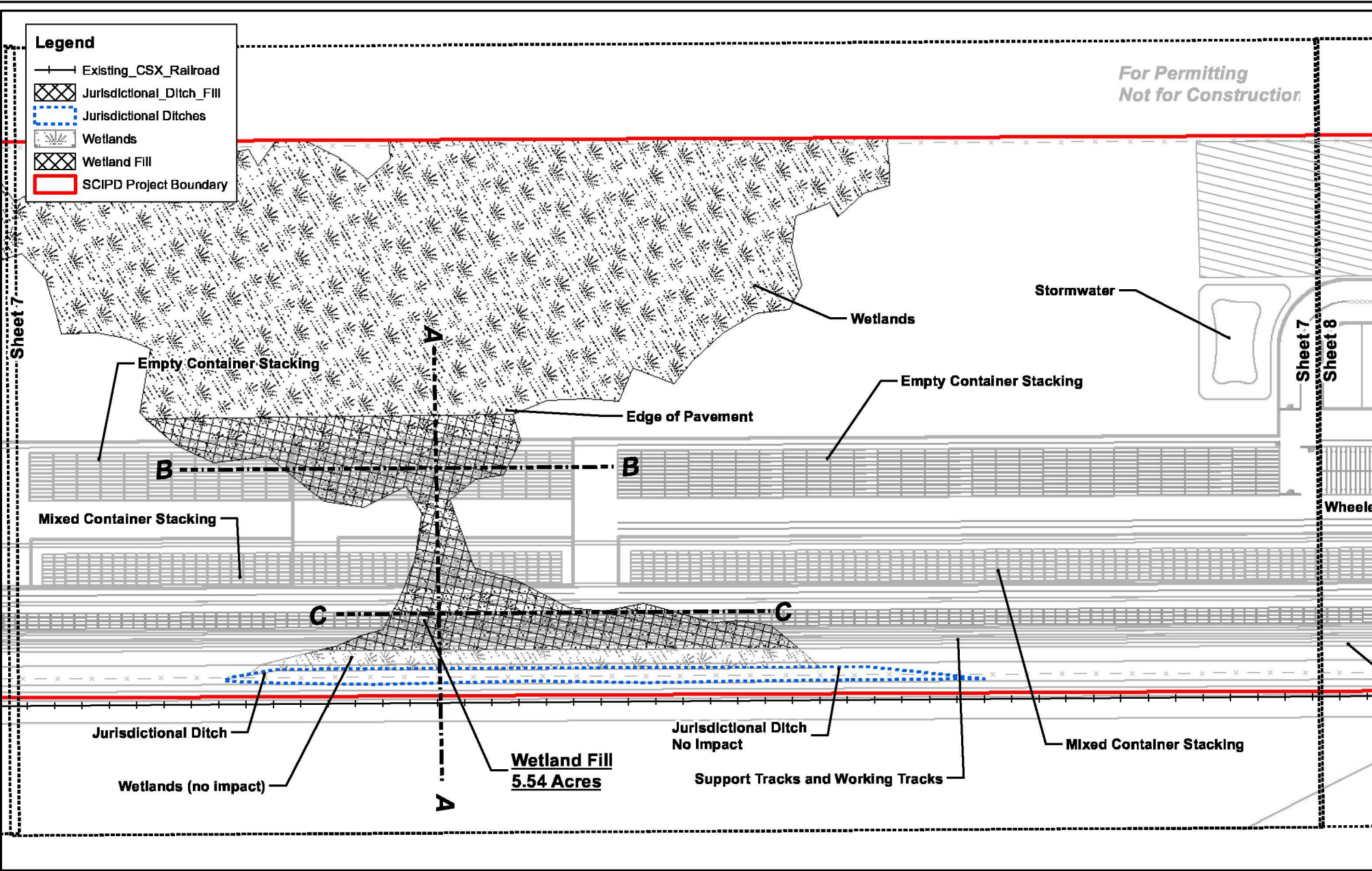
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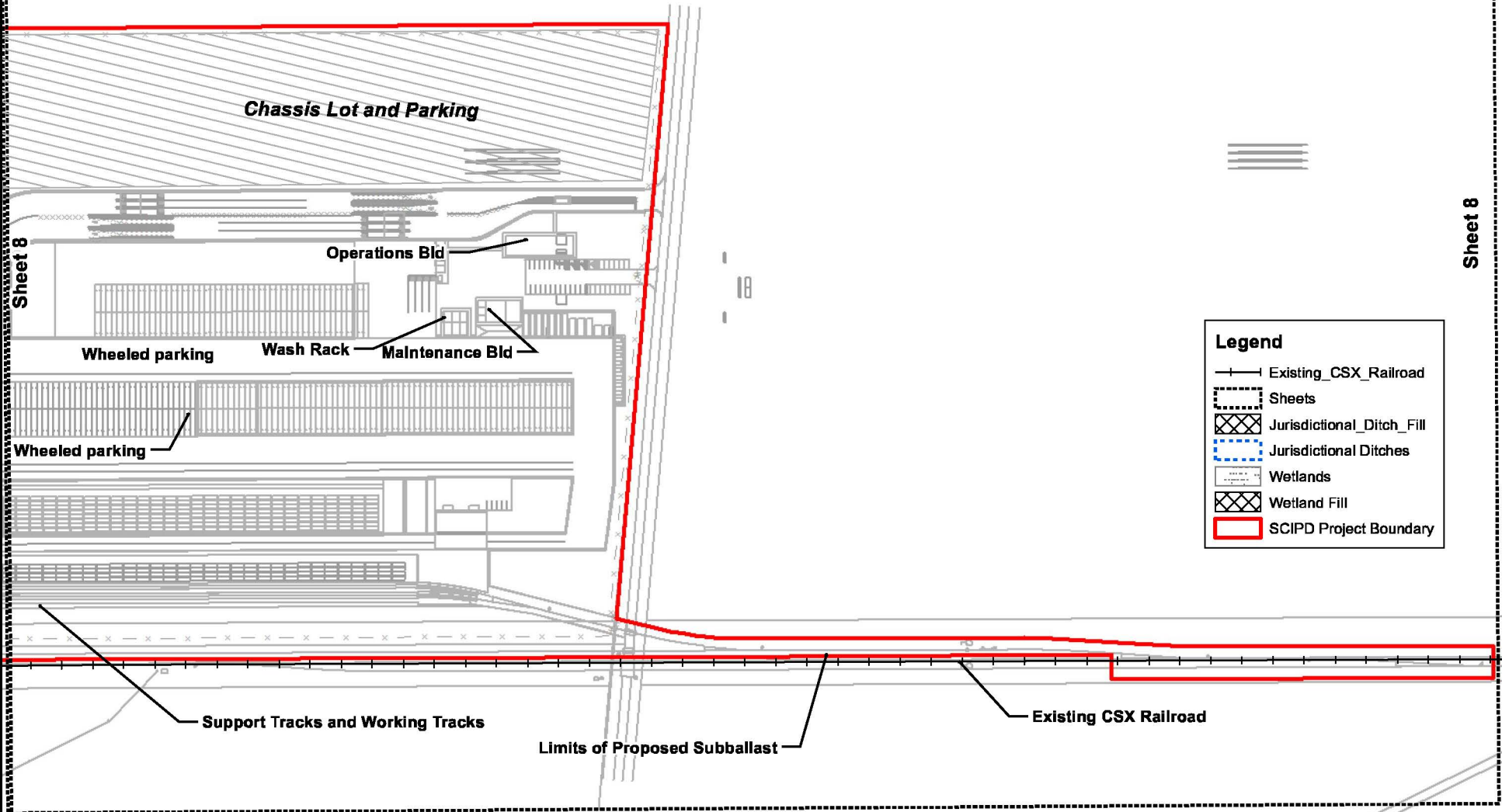
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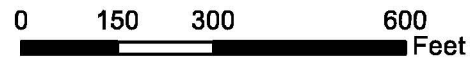


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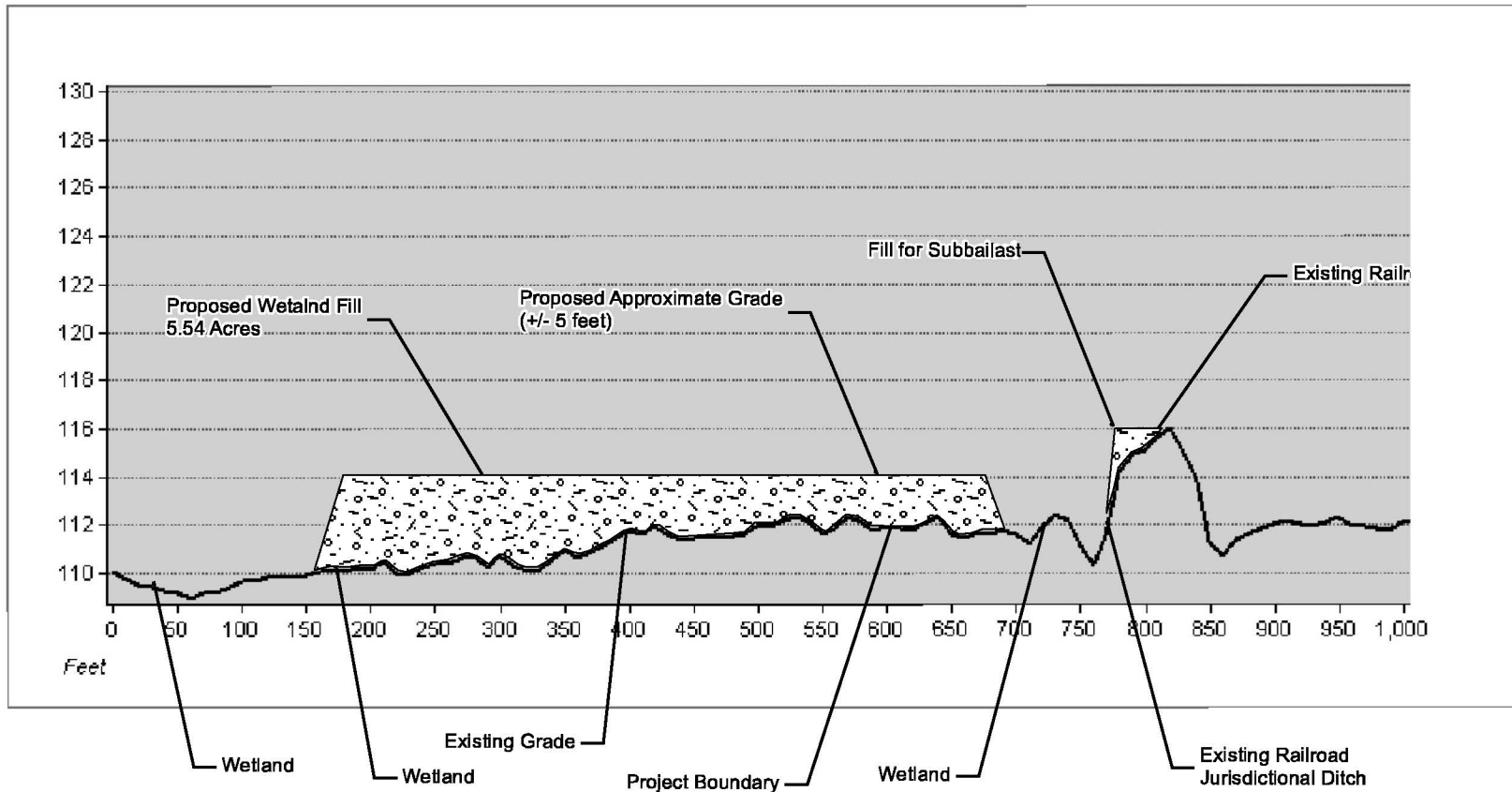
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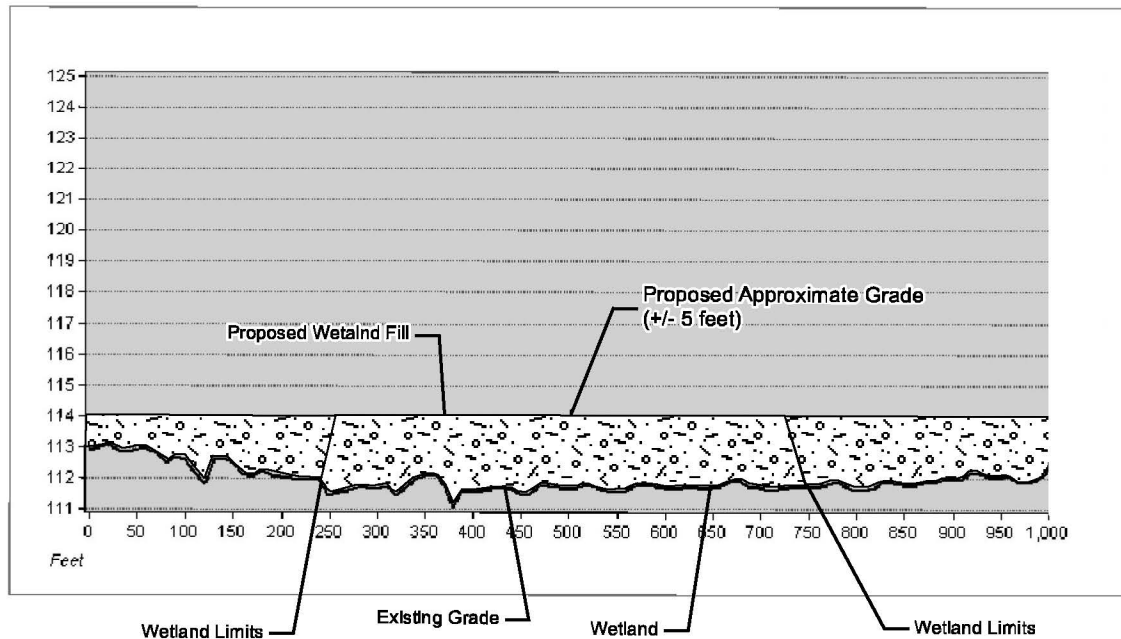
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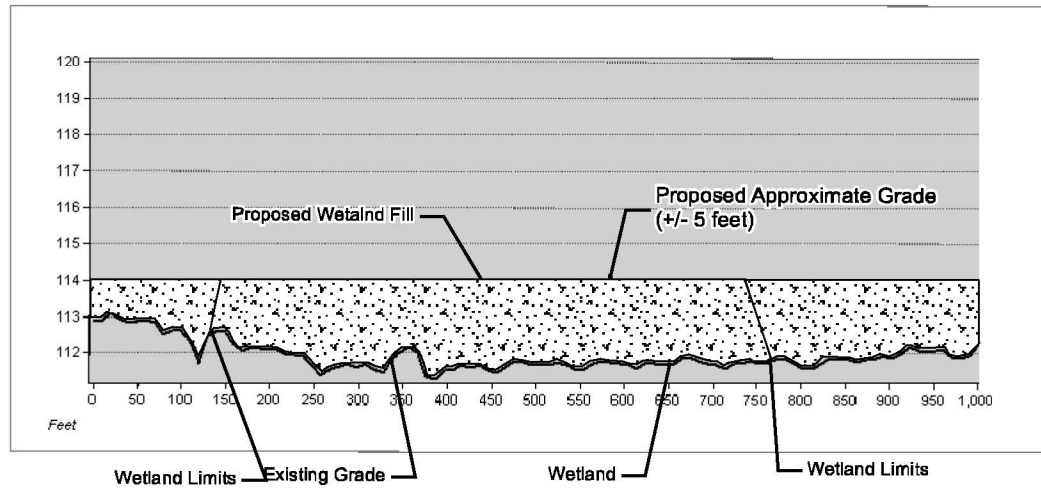
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