

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
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400
Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N SAC-2016-00977

November 4, 2016

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

Mr. Ron Gillette
Country Club of Charleston
1 Country Club Drive
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

for a permit to construct improvements to a driving range/ practice facility on

WAPPOO CREEK

at the Country Club of Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.7654 °N, Longitude: -79.9622°W), Quad Sheet: SC- Charleston.

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 constructing improvements to a driving range/ practice facility at the Country Club of Charleston (CCC) in preparation of hosting the U.S. Womens Open professional golf tournament in 2019. In detail the applicant proposes to lengthen their driving range by 30 yards and add additional width for teeing spaces. This will involve filling a 9,151 square foot (0.21 acre) tidal stormwater pond and re-routing the stormwater on the golf course. In

order to provide viewing area for spectators, sponsors, and media, the applicant is also proposing to construct up to three temporary grandstands/ hospitality boxes around the back of the practice area. Current plans indicate two structures at 36' by 74.7' and one structure at 23.5' by 68'. It is anticipated that these structures will need to encroach into adjacent tidal wetland areas by 3,060 square feet. The structures encroaching into the wetlands will be supported on temporary pilings. The structures will be elevated a minimum of 4 feet above the existing substrate. A 90 day temporary impact is proposed to accommodate construction, inspection in advance of the tournament, and dismantling and removal of the structures after the tournament. All disturbed wetland areas will be restored to pre-project conditions upon removal of the structures. The applicant has proposed to mitigate for impacts to tidal wetlands and/or waters of the United States by purchasing 1.554 salt marsh credits from the Clydesdale Tidal Mitigation Bank. Mitigation is not proposed for the temporary impacts. The project purpose is construct improvements to a golf course at the Country Club of Charleston in preparation of hosting the U.S. Womens Open professional golf tournament in 2019 and to position the CCC to compete for other tournaments in the future.

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 0.21 acre 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.

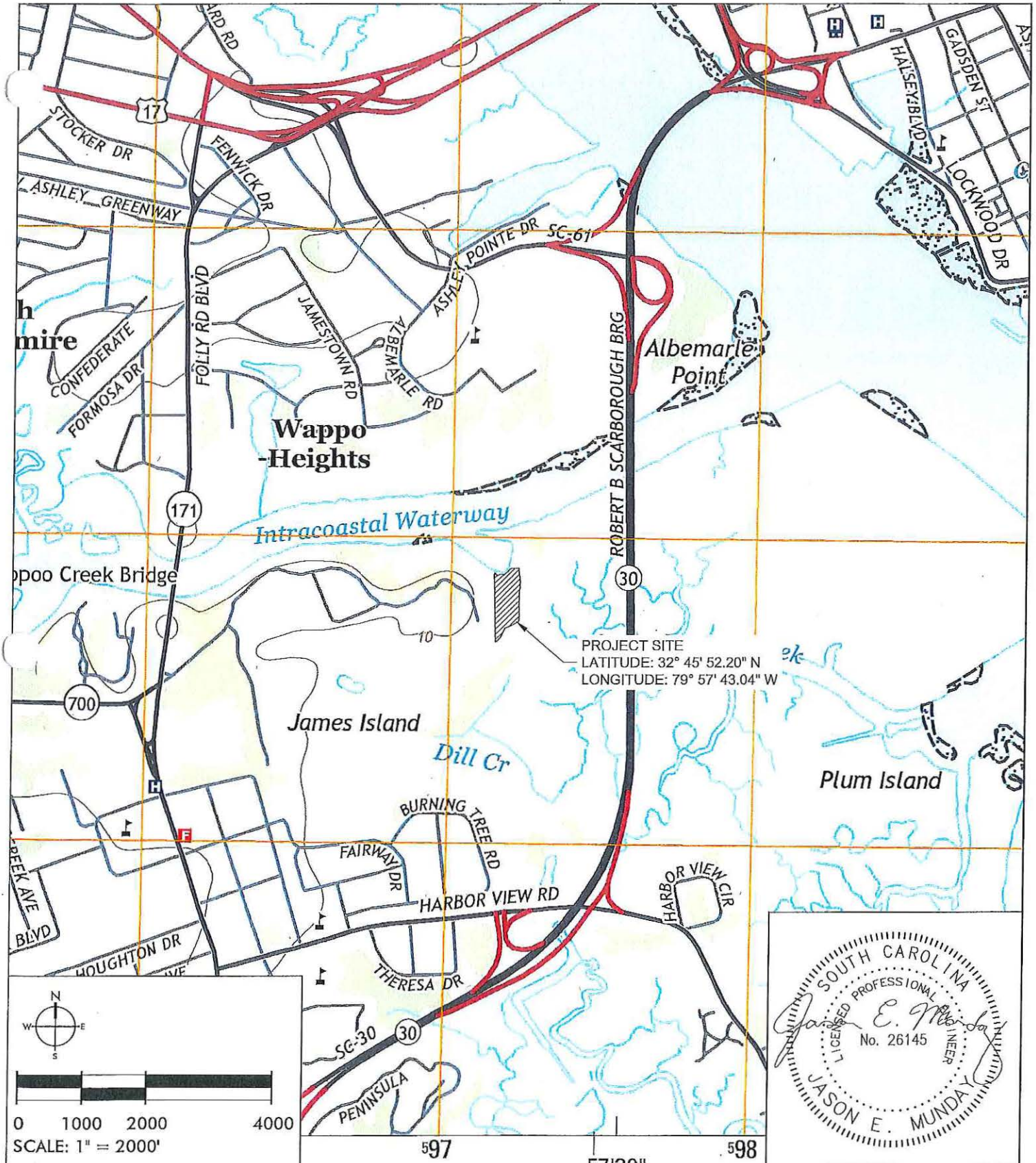
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section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

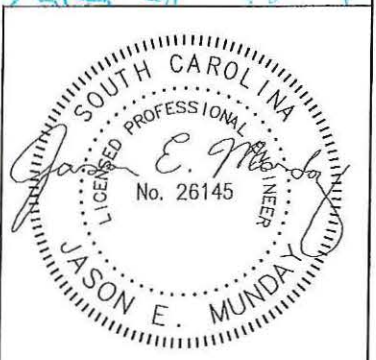
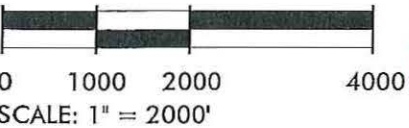
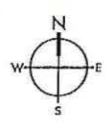
**comments in writing, identifying the project of interest by public notice number,
to the following address:**

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



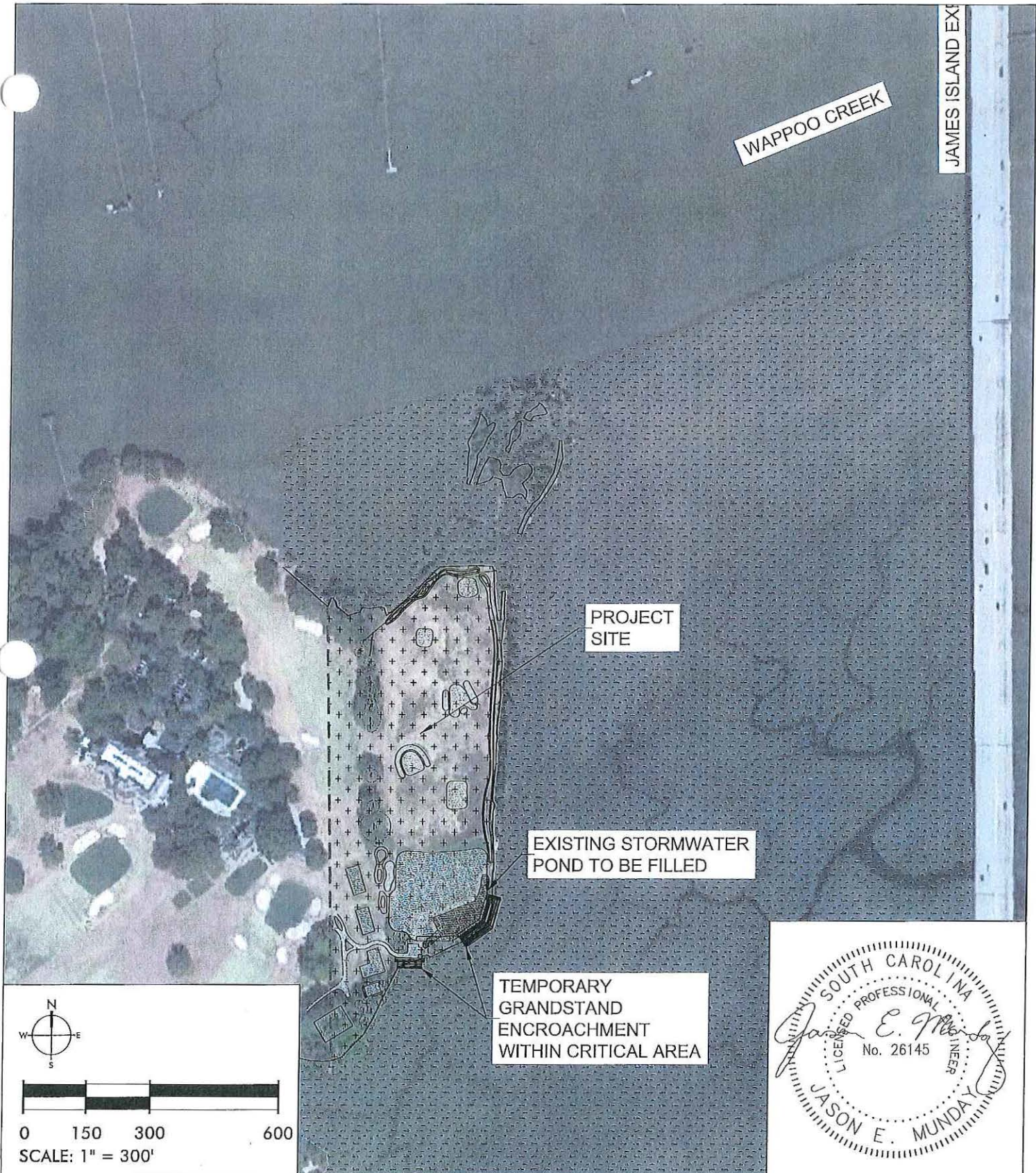
PROJECT SITE
 LATITUDE: 32° 45' 52.20" N
 LONGITUDE: 79° 57' 43.04" W



USGS QUAD MAP	SCALE: 1" = 2000'	PROPOSED ACTIVITY: GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT NAME: COUNTRY CLUB OF CHARLESTON IMPROVEMENTS	DRAWN BY: RPF CHECKED BY: JEM	COUNTY: CHARLESTON
DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2016	SHEET: 1 OF 6	APPLICANT: COUNTRY CLUB OF CHARLESTON
		USACE PERMIT: TBD

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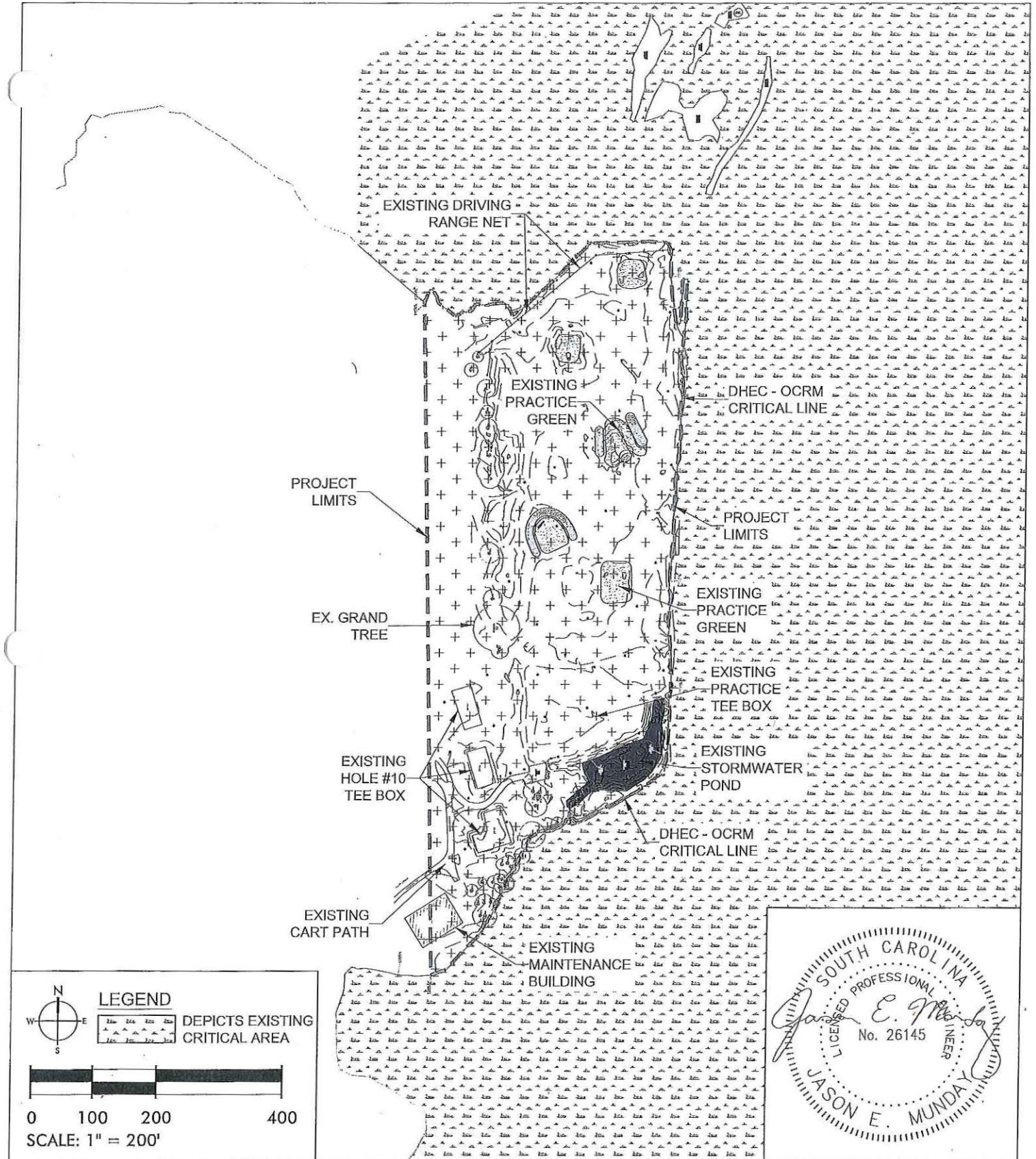
PROJECT SITE

EXISTING STORMWATER POND TO BE FILLED

TEMPORARY GRANDSTAND ENCROACHMENT WITHIN CRITICAL AREA



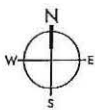
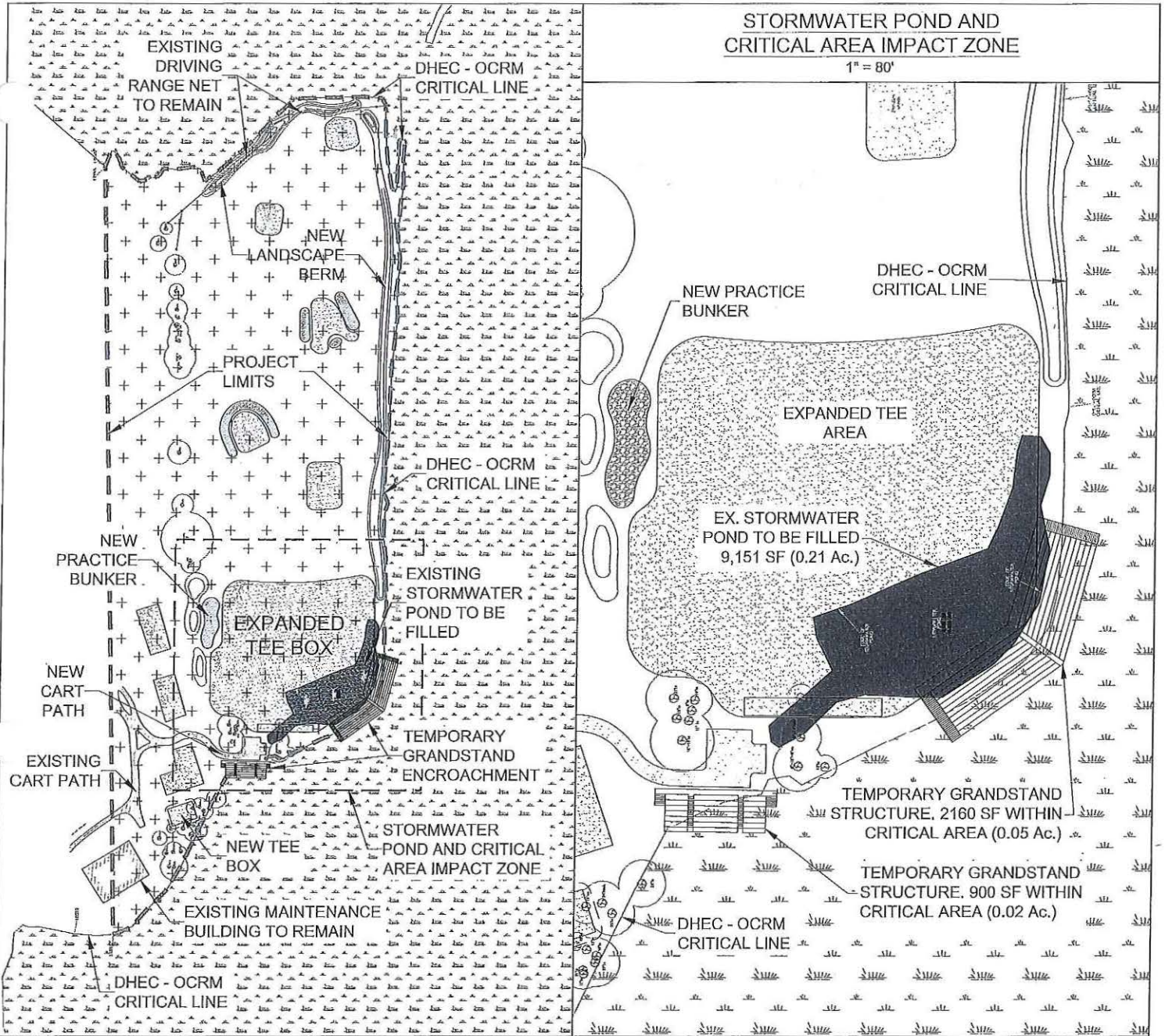
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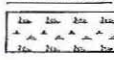

STORMWATER POND AND
CRITICAL AREA IMPACT ZONE

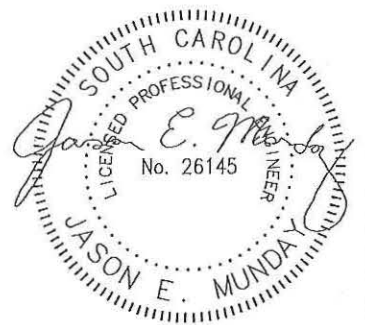
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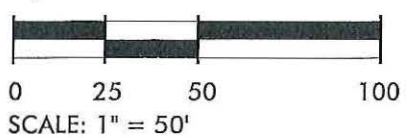
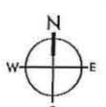
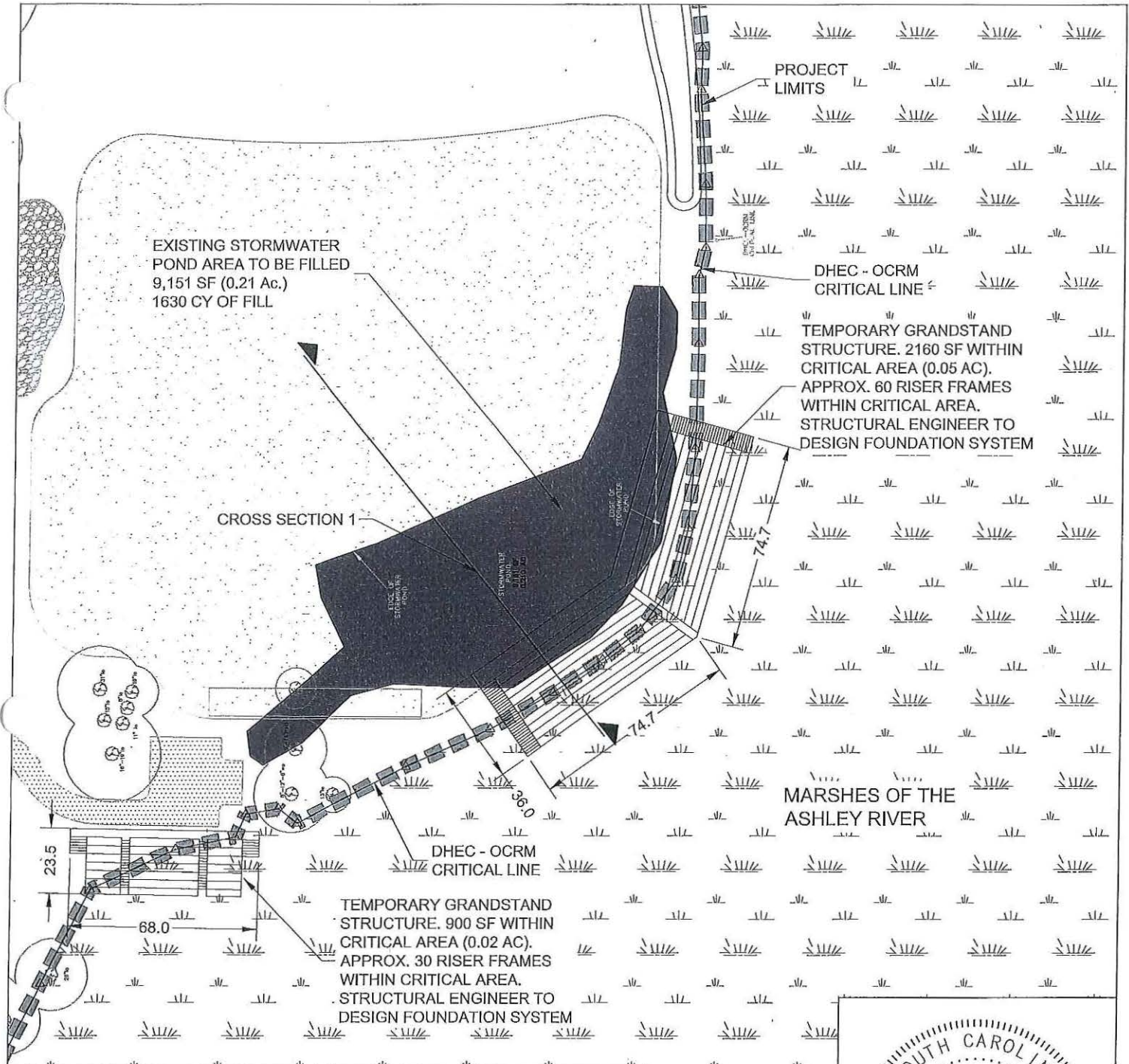
SCALE: 1" = 200'

LEGEND

-  DEPICTS EXISTING CRITICAL AREA
-  EXISTING STORMWATER POND TO BE FILLED



CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN	SCALE: 1" = 200'	PROPOSED ACTIVITY: GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS
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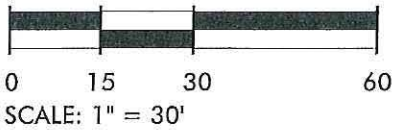
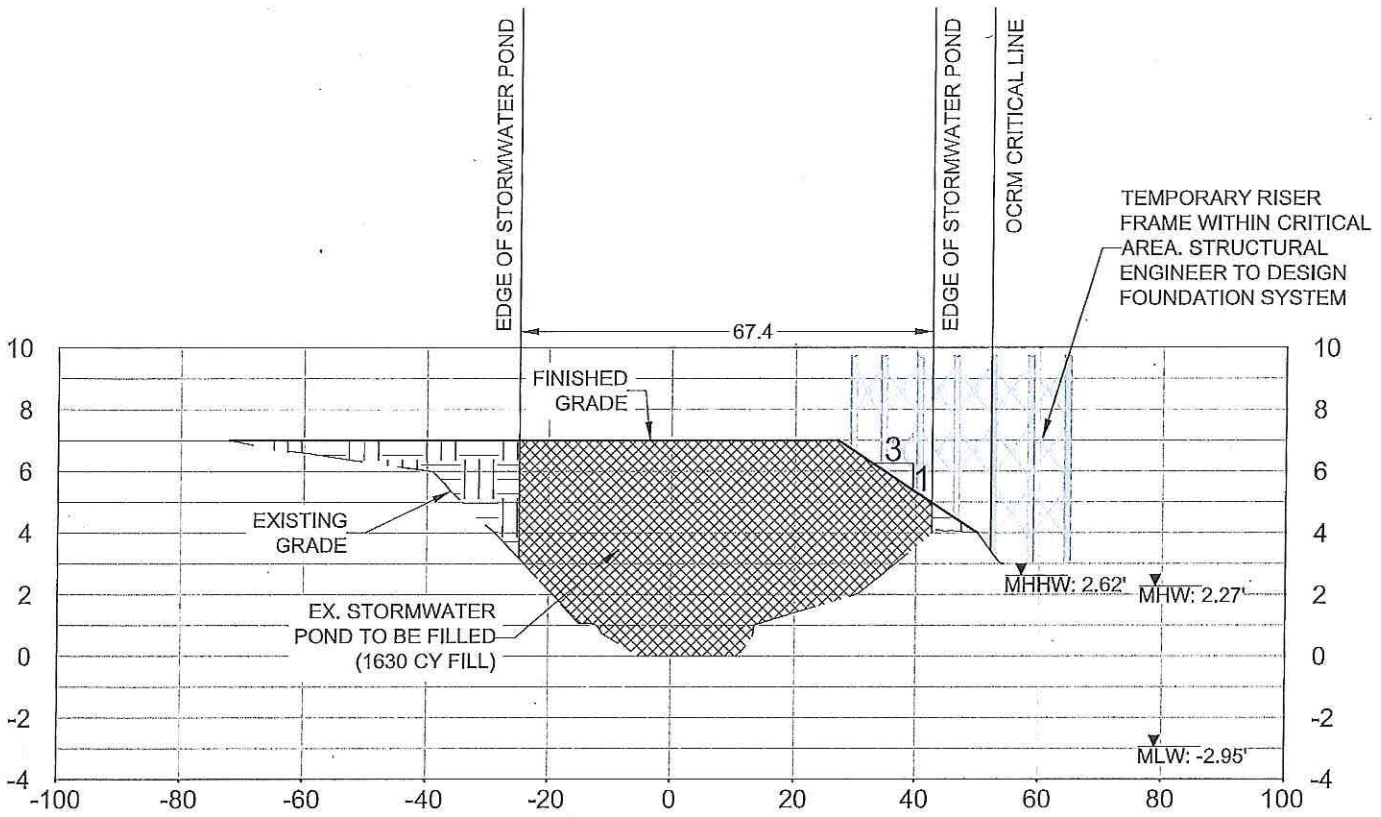


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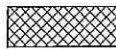
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	STORMWATER POND AND CRITICAL AREA IMPACT	SCALE: 1" = 50'	PROPOSED ACTIVITY: GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS
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STORMWATER POND IMPACT CROSS SECTION 1



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-  DEPICTS FILL ON EXISTING PRACTICE TEE BOX
-  DEPICTS FILL IN EXISTING STORMWATER POND



	CROSS SECTION	SCALE: 1" = 30'	PROPOSED ACTIVITY: GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS
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