

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

REGULATORY DIVISION
Refer to: P/N SAC-2019-01500

October 16, 2019

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et. seq.), and the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program (R. 19-450, et. seq., 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

Mr. Jon Rembold
Beaufort County Airports
120 Beach City Road
Hilton Head, South Carolina 29926
c/o Mr. Jim Gentry
127 Woodlawn Street
Walterboro, South Carolina 29488

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

PORT ROYAL SOUND

at the Hilton Head Airport located at 120 Beach City Road in Hilton Head, Beaufort County, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.225694 °, Longitude: -80.700583 °), (Hilton Head Quad).

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 3.35 acres of freshwater, non-tidal wetlands for expansion of the existing Hilton Head Airport. In detail, the proposed work involves the discharge of fill material into 3.35 acres of freshwater, non-tidal wetlands for the expansion of the existing terminal building, construction of additional vehicle parking spaces, and expansion of the aircraft apron. Please note that the proposed project also includes impacts to 0.071 acre of storm water retention ponds. The purpose of the proposed project is to expand the commercial service terminal, parking and aircraft apron area necessary to serve increased passenger numbers due to the addition of three major airline services. Please note that a Department of the Army (DA) Permit, SAC-2015-00606, was issued in 2016 to fill 1.74 acres of waters of the U.S. at the Hilton Head Airport to provide safety for aircraft traffic. A second DA permit, SAC-2017-00150, was issued in 2017 to fill 0.6 acre of wetlands at the Hilton Head Airport to provide additional hangar space. The impacts associated with the 2 previous DA permits have been completed.

As stated in the application, in 2019, Hilton Head Airport began serving three major airlines which provide flights to major hub airport destinations. The three airlines, Delta, United, and American Airlines, are projected to serve an estimated 120,000 passengers in 2019. Current airport records indicate that 29,310 passengers used the airport in June of 2019 compared to 5,491 passengers in June of 2018. Increased public use of the airport demands an improved level of service for passengers and aircraft. The improved level of services will be provided by:

1. Increasing terminal space to accommodate increased passenger loads, accommodate TSA services and administration, regional airline services, car rental services, restrooms, and to accommodate baggage handling facilities.
2. Provide increased apron area to accommodate three regional jets simultaneously as well as allow ground support equipment (GSE) to safely access the planes.
3. Increase parking from 345 existing spaces to 395 spaces to handle peak activity and increase employee parking.

In addition the airport is the only place on Hilton Head Island that can be used for medical evacuations and it serves as an air freight center for UPS. The airport also serves as an important role in local disaster recover in the event a disaster strikes the island and damages the infrastructure and bridges serving the island. A composite squadron of the Civil Air Patrol is based at the airport and is an integral part of the County Disaster Recovery Plan.

The applicant stated that avoidance of wetland impacts was limited due to the location of the existing terminal and by limited property available for purchase. Minimization of wetland impacts will occur by use of sediment and erosion control measures and by use of clean fill material. To compensate for the 3.35 acres of wetland impacts, the applicant is proposing to purchase 36 credits from Swallow Savannah 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. 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 3.35 acres of freshwater, non-tidal wetlands inland 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.

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 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.

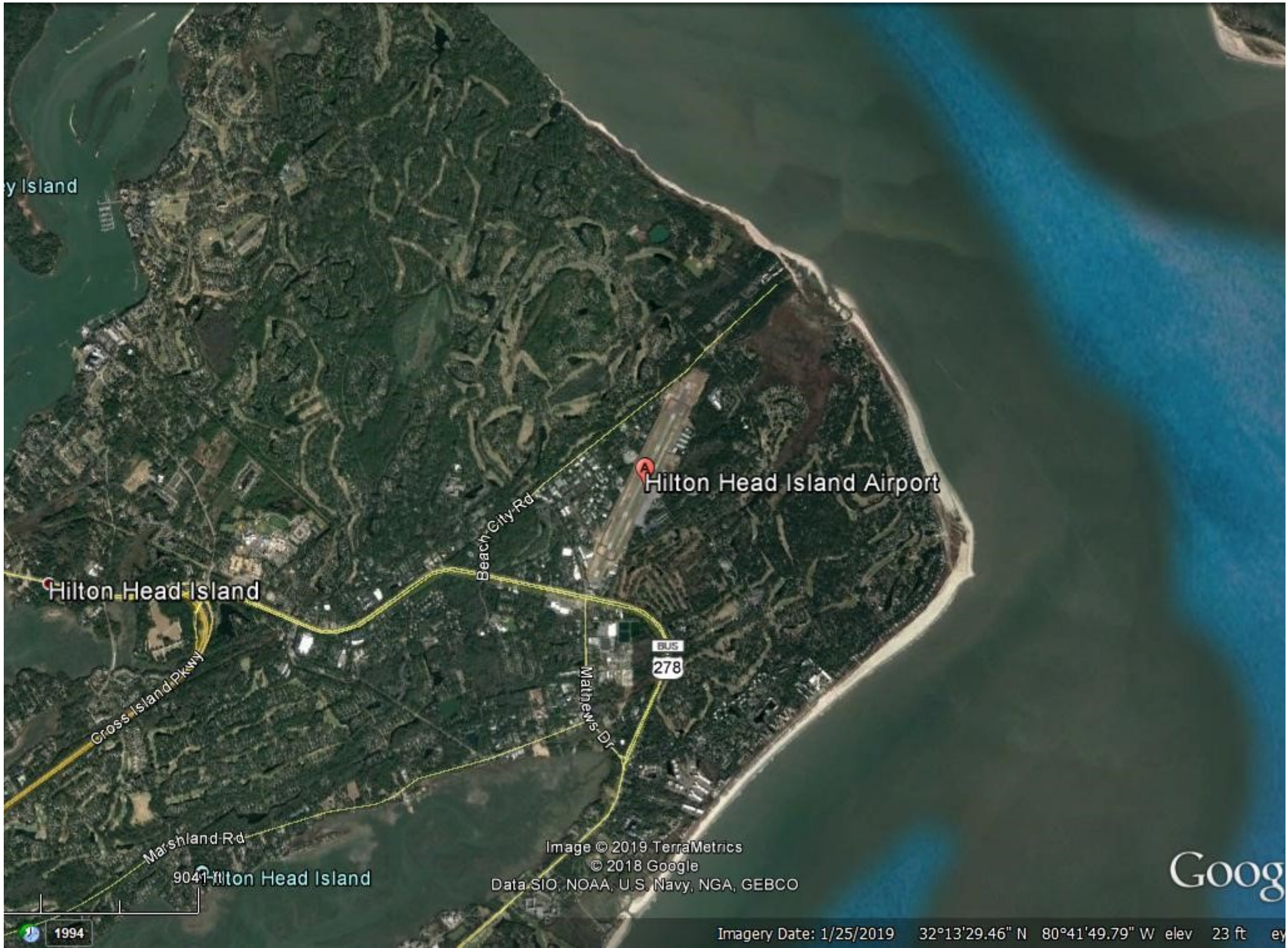
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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, toll free at 1-866-329-8187, or by email at Tracy.D.Sanders@usace.army.mil.



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Beach City Rd

Cross Island Pkwy

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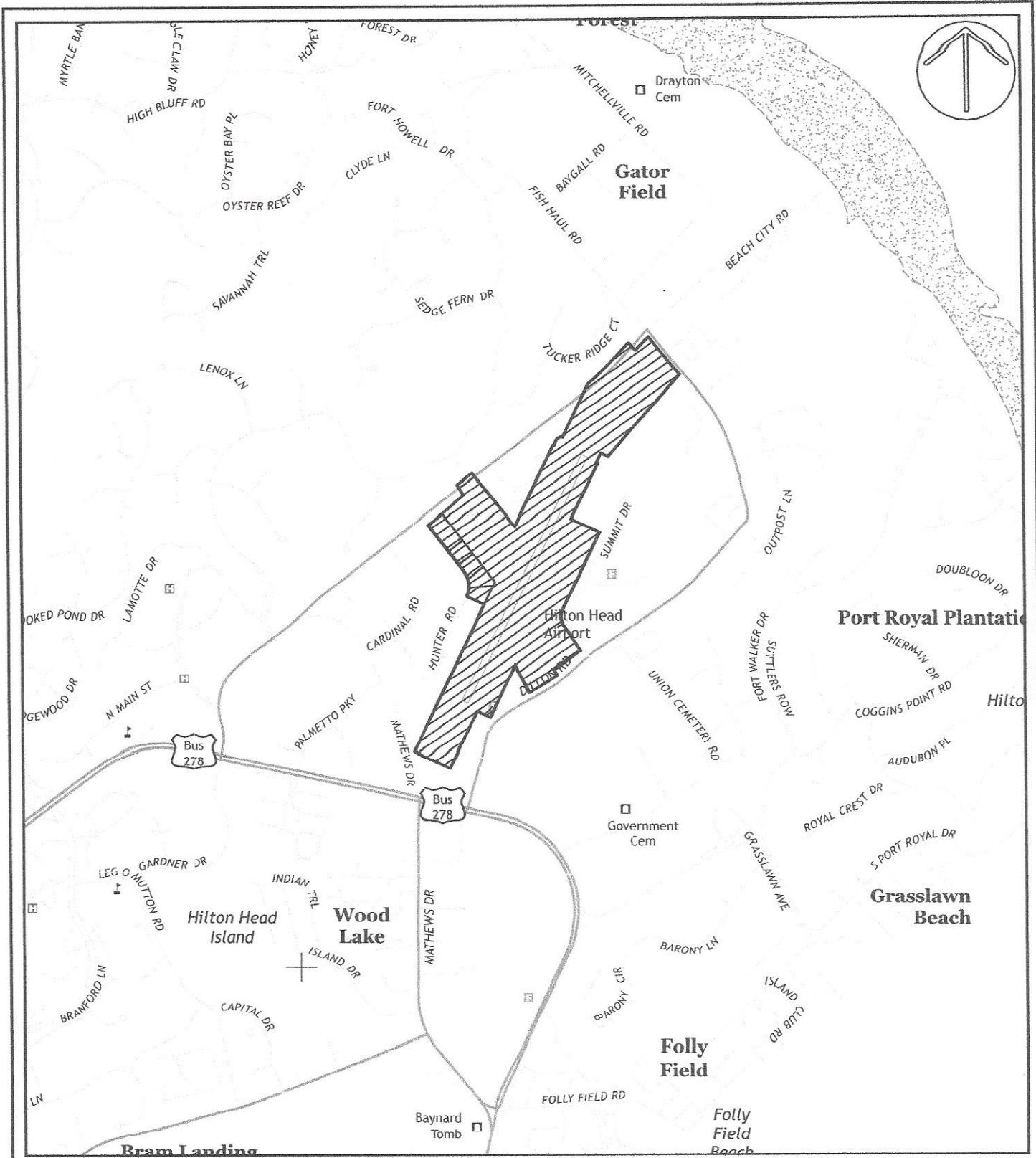
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LOCATION MAP
HILTON HEAD AIRPORT TERMINAL EXPANSION
 CLIENT: HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT
 SAC-2015-0606-1T

LOCATION: TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC
 DATE: 08/22/19 SHEET: 2 OF 12
 PROJECT #: 1002666 SCALE: 1"=2000'

BEACH CITY ROAD
 ST. HWY 333

UNVERIFIED WETLAND "I"
 0.49 Ac.
 UNVERIFIED WETLAND "J"
 0.47 Ac.
 VERIFIED WETLAND "G"
 0.41 Ac.
 VERIFIED WETLAND "F"
 0.48 Ac.
 VERIFIED WETLAND "E"
 1.48 Ac.
 CONSTRUCTED STORMWATER
 RETENTION 5 0.06 Ac.
 CONSTRUCTED STORMWATER
 RETENTION 4 0.0008 Ac.
 CONSTRUCTED STORMWATER
 RETENTION 3 0.01 Ac.

WETLAND "K"
 0.01 Ac.

CONSTRUCTED
 STORMWATER
 RETENTION 2
 0.21 Ac.

CONSTRUCTED
 STORMWATER
 RETENTION 1
 0.08 Ac.

WETLAND "B"
 0.99 Ac.
 WETLAND "C"
 0.77 Ac.
 WETLAND "D"
 0.12 Ac.

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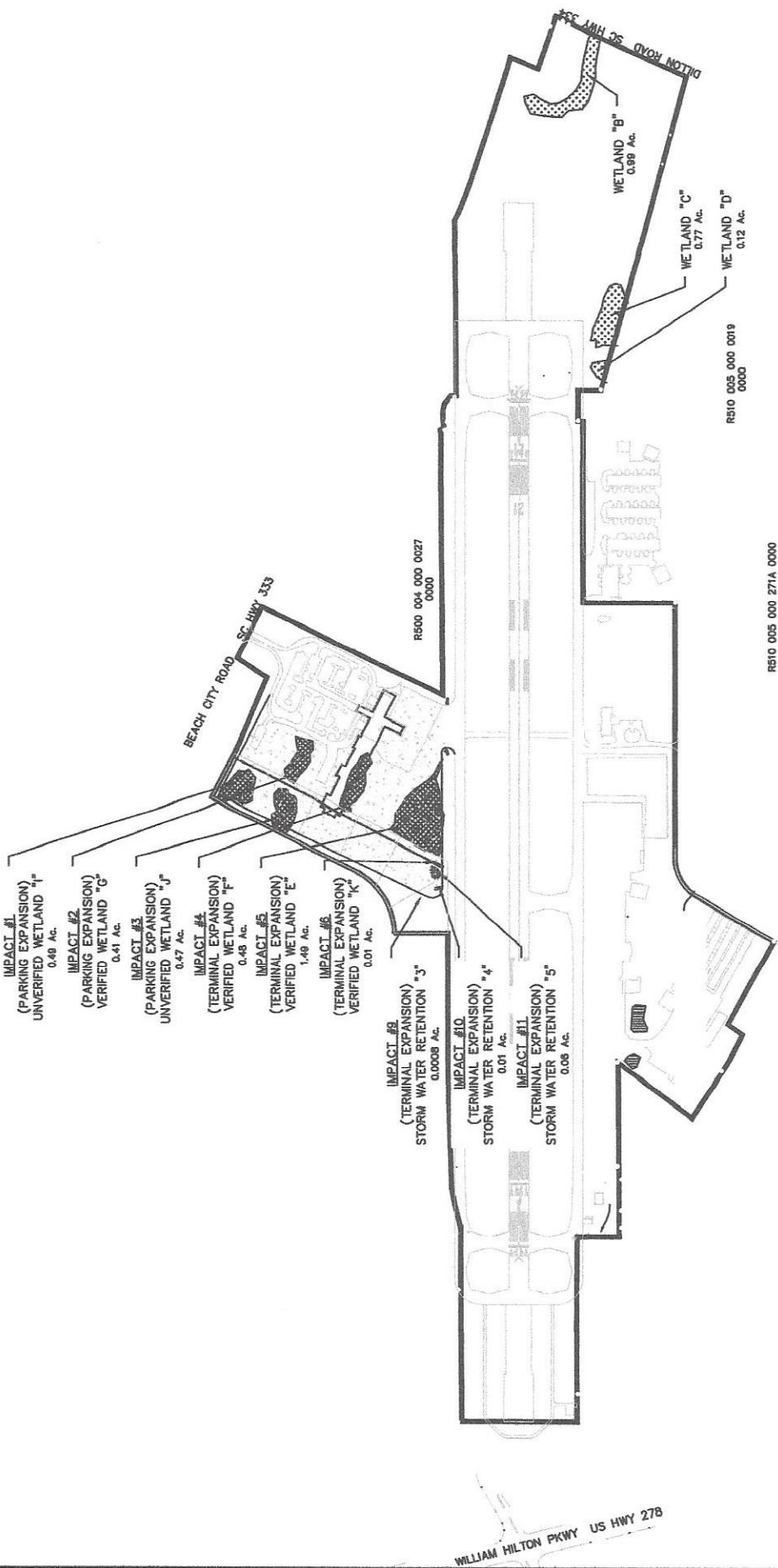
WETLANDS EXISTING CONDITIONS
 HILTON HEAD AIRPORT TERMINAL EXPANSION
 CLIENT: HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT
 SAC2011-1249-1Q
 LOCATION: HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC
 DATE: 08/22/18
 PROJECT #: 100286G
 SHEET: 3 OF 12
 SCALE: 1"=1000'



- IMPACT #1
(PARKING EXPANSION)
UNVERIFIED WETLAND "I"
0.48 Ac.
- IMPACT #2
(PARKING EXPANSION)
VERIFIED WETLAND "G"
0.41 Ac.
- IMPACT #3
(PARKING EXPANSION)
UNVERIFIED WETLAND "J"
0.47 Ac.
- IMPACT #4
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
VERIFIED WETLAND "F"
0.48 Ac.
- IMPACT #5
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
VERIFIED WETLAND "E"
1.49 Ac.
- IMPACT #6
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
VERIFIED WETLAND "K"
0.01 Ac.

- IMPACT #9
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
STORM WATER RETENTION "3"
0.0008 Ac.
- IMPACT #10
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
STORM WATER RETENTION "4"
0.01 Ac.
- IMPACT #11
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
STORM WATER RETENTION "5"
0.06 Ac.

- WETLAND "B"
0.89 Ac.
- WETLAND "C"
0.77 Ac.
- WETLAND "D"
0.12 Ac.



LEGEND

- JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS TO BE FILLED
- JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS
- CONSTRUCTED STORM WATER RETENTION
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WETLAND MASTER PLAN
 HILTON HEAD AIRPORT TERMINAL EXPANSION
 CLIENT: HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT
 SAC2011-1249-1Q
 LOCATION: HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC
 DATE: 08/22/19
 PROJECT#: 100266G
 SHEET: 4 OF 12
 SCALE: 1"=80'

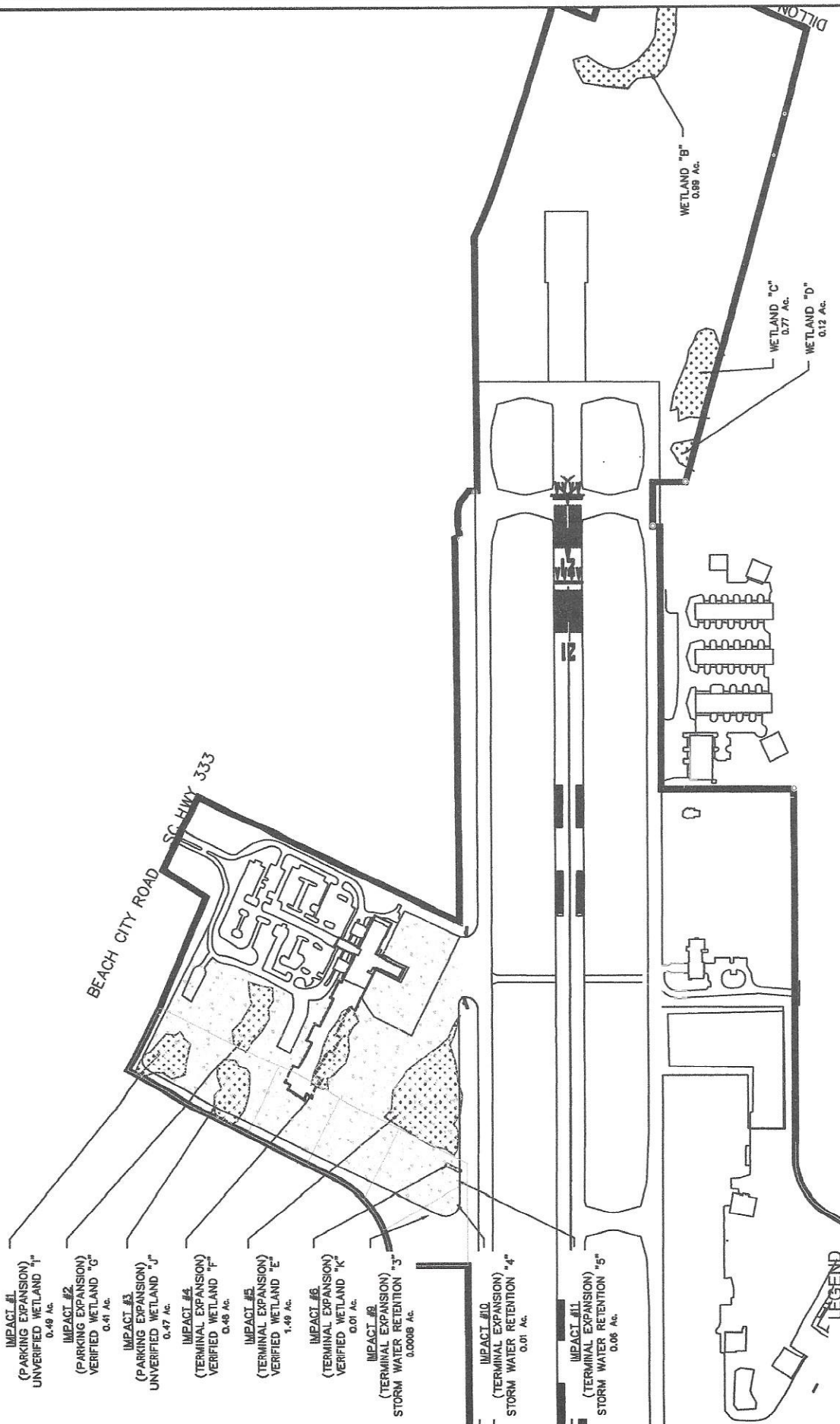
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VERIFIED WETLAND "E"
1.49 Ac.
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(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
VERIFIED WETLAND "K"
0.01 Ac.
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(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
STORM WATER RETENTION "3"
0.0008 Ac.
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(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
STORM WATER RETENTION "4"
0.01 Ac.
- IMPACT #11
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
STORM WATER RETENTION "5"
0.06 Ac.



WETLAND MASTER PLAN, PLAN VIEW
 HILTON HEAD AIRPORT TERMINAL EXPANSION
 CLIENT: HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT
 SAC2011-1249-1Q
 LOCATION: HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC
 DATE: 08/22/19
 SHEET: 5 OF 12
 PROJECT #: 1002686
 SCALE: 1"=80'



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UNVERIFIED WETLAND "I"
0.49 Ac.

IMPACT #2
(PARKING EXPANSION)
VERIFIED WETLAND "G"
0.41 Ac.

PROPOSED PARKING EXPANSION

IMPACT #3
(PARKING EXPANSION)
UNVERIFIED WETLAND "J"
0.47 Ac.

IMPACT #4
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
VERIFIED WETLAND "F"
0.48 Ac.


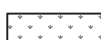


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EXISTING
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PROPOSED TERMINAL BUILDING EXPANSION

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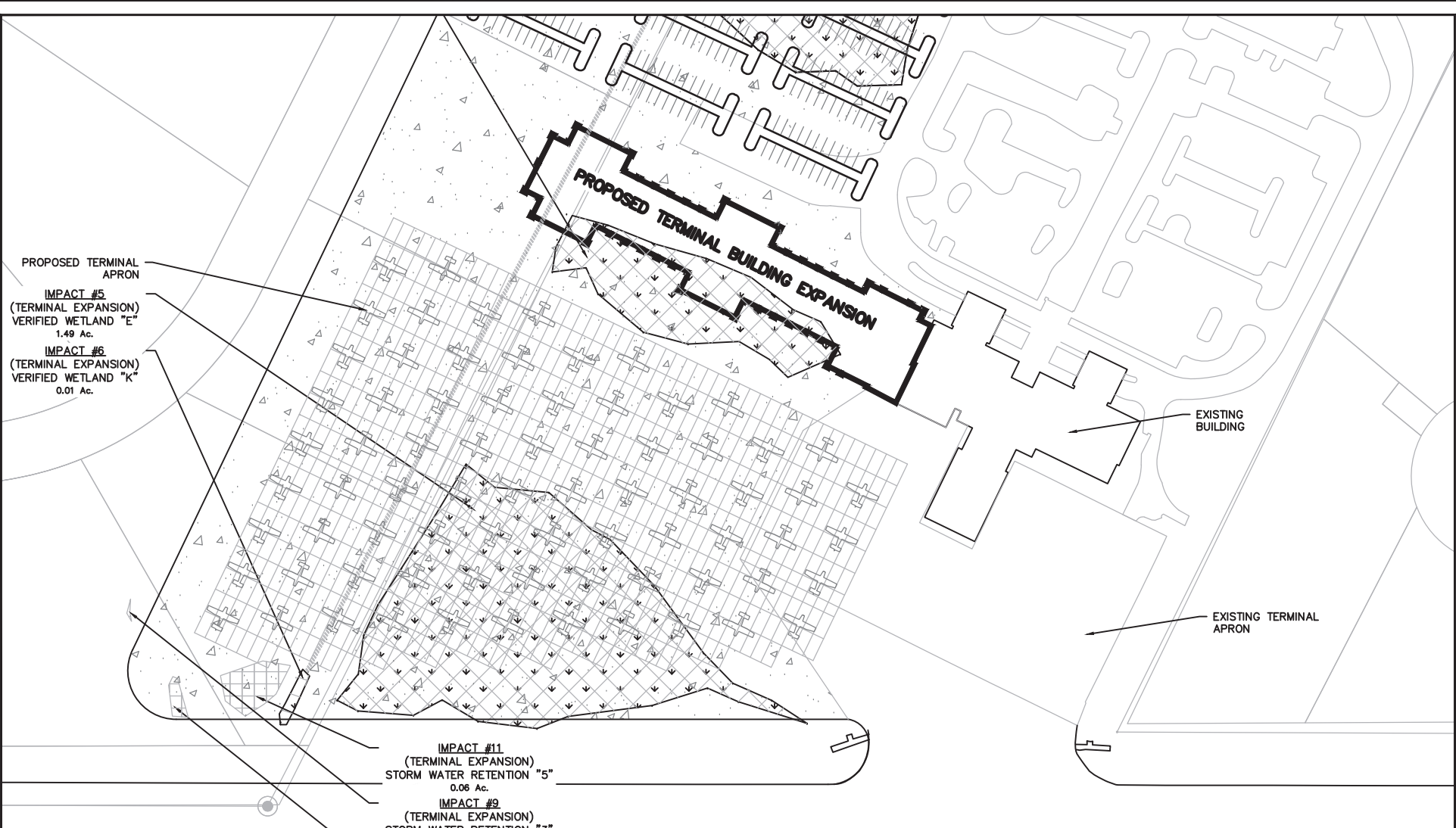
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AIRPORT PARKING PLAN
HILTON HEAD AIRPORT TERMINAL EXPANSION
CLIENT: HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT
SAC2011-1249-1Q
LOCATION: HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC
DATE: 08/22/19
PROJECT #: 1002666
SHEET: 6 OF 14
SCALE: 1"=150'



PROPOSED TERMINAL APRON

IMPACT #5
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
VERIFIED WETLAND "E"
1.49 Ac.

IMPACT #6
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
VERIFIED WETLAND "K"
0.01 Ac.

EXISTING BUILDING

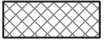
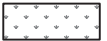


EXISTING TERMINAL APRON

IMPACT #11
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
STORM WATER RETENTION "5"
0.06 Ac.

IMPACT #9
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
STORM WATER RETENTION "3"
0.0008 Ac.

IMPACT #10
(TERMINAL EXPANSION)
STORM WATER RETENTION "4"
0.01 Ac.

LEGEND

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AIRPLANE PARKING PLAN
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CLIENT: HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT
SAC2011-1249-1Q

LOCATION: HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC
DATE: 08/22/19
PROJECT #: 100266G

SHEET: 7 OF 14
SCALE: 1"=150'

LEGEND



JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS TO BE FILLED



JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS

JURISDICTIONAL FILL

IMPACT	IMPACTED ACREAGE	IMPACTED CU. YARDS
1 (UNVERIFIED WETLAND "I")	0.49	3,557
2 (VERIFIED WETLAND "G")	0.41	2,977
3 (UNVERIFIED WETLAND "J")	0.47	3,412
4 (VERIFIED WETLAND "F")	0.48	3,485
5 (VERIFIED WETLAND "E")	1.49	10,817
6 (VERIFIED WETLAND "K")	0.01	73
7 (STORM WATER RETENTION "3")	0.0008	6
8 (STORM WATER RETENTION "4")	0.01	73
9 (STORM WATER RETENTION "5")	0.06	436
TOTAL	<u>3.4208</u>	<u>24,836</u>

SUMMARY INFORMATION

TOTAL SITE	183.20 AC.
TOTAL WETLANDS TO BE FILLED	3.4208 AC.



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LOCATION MAP

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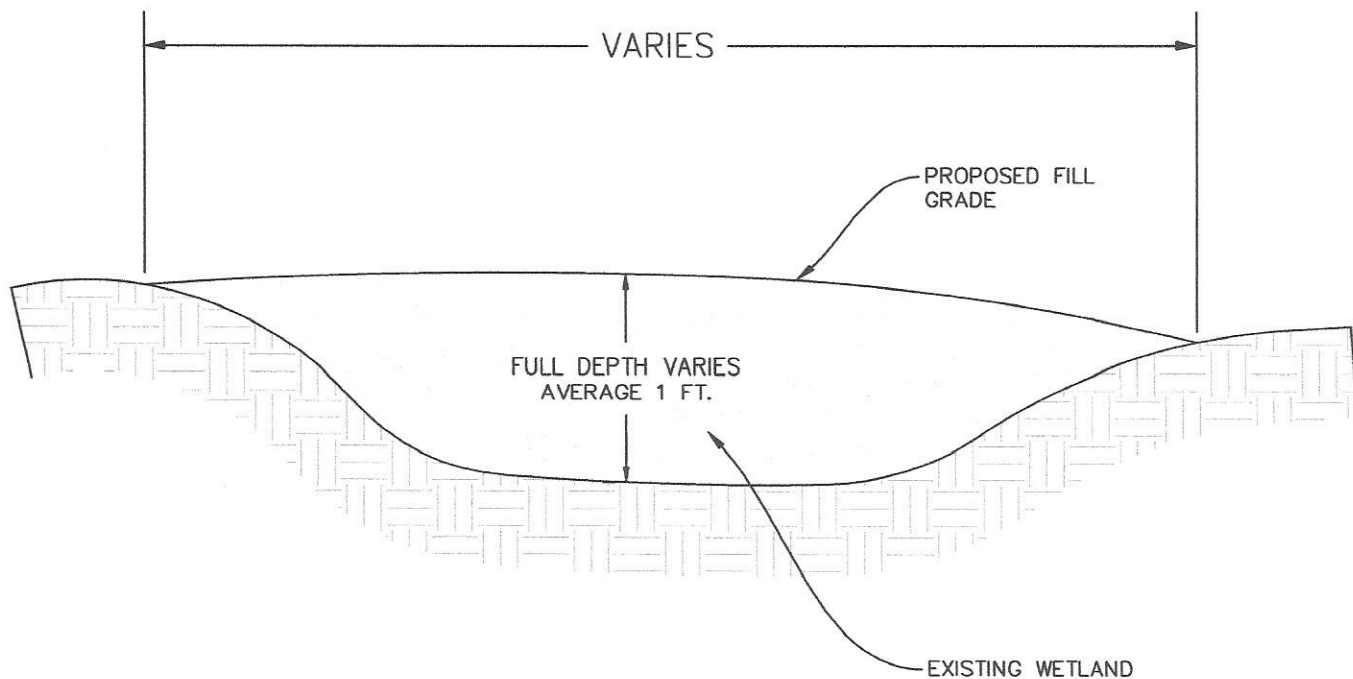
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TYPICAL WETLAND FILL

NOT TO SCALE



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