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WQC Application Number
WQC 140709-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [ ] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications Section, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Proposed Expansion and Modification of an Existing Residential Subdivision in Tangipahoa Parish

NAME OF APPLICANT: McCormick Construction, c/o Hydrik Wetlands Consultants, Mike Henry, 2323 Hwy. 190 East, Suite 2, Hammond, Louisiana 70401.

LOCATION OF WORK: Near Sellers Creek, at the southeast corner of Dunson Road and Brown Road, Section 3, T6S-R8E, approximately 3.7 miles northeast of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, in Tangipahoa Parish, within the Lake Maurepas Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070204), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization for a time extension and modification to an existing permit which authorized work to clear, grade, excavate and deposit fill for the construction of the Blythwood Estates subdivision. Phase I is complete and more time will be needed to complete phase II. No additional impacts to jurisdictional waters will occur. Approximately 0.87 acre of jurisdictional wetlands were preserved in five separated small blocks within phase II. The applicant would like to consolidate these into one larger single piece of jurisdictional wetlands at the northwest corner of phase II and utilize the other areas as part of the subdivision. The original areas of preservation added to 0.87 acre and the new single area proposed is approximately 0.88 acre. In addition some modifications have been made to the layout of phase I and II which include the addition of a detention pond at the

southeast corner of phase I, the elimination of two parks and addition of three detention ponds in phase II, and the elimination of a buffer zone at the south end of phase II.

A Preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed wetland acreage to be impacted has not changed from the original authorization.

The applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. 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 proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal 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, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The US Army Corps of Engineers 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 proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the US Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and 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 proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, pre-historical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to **0** acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications Section before a permit is issued.

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 public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

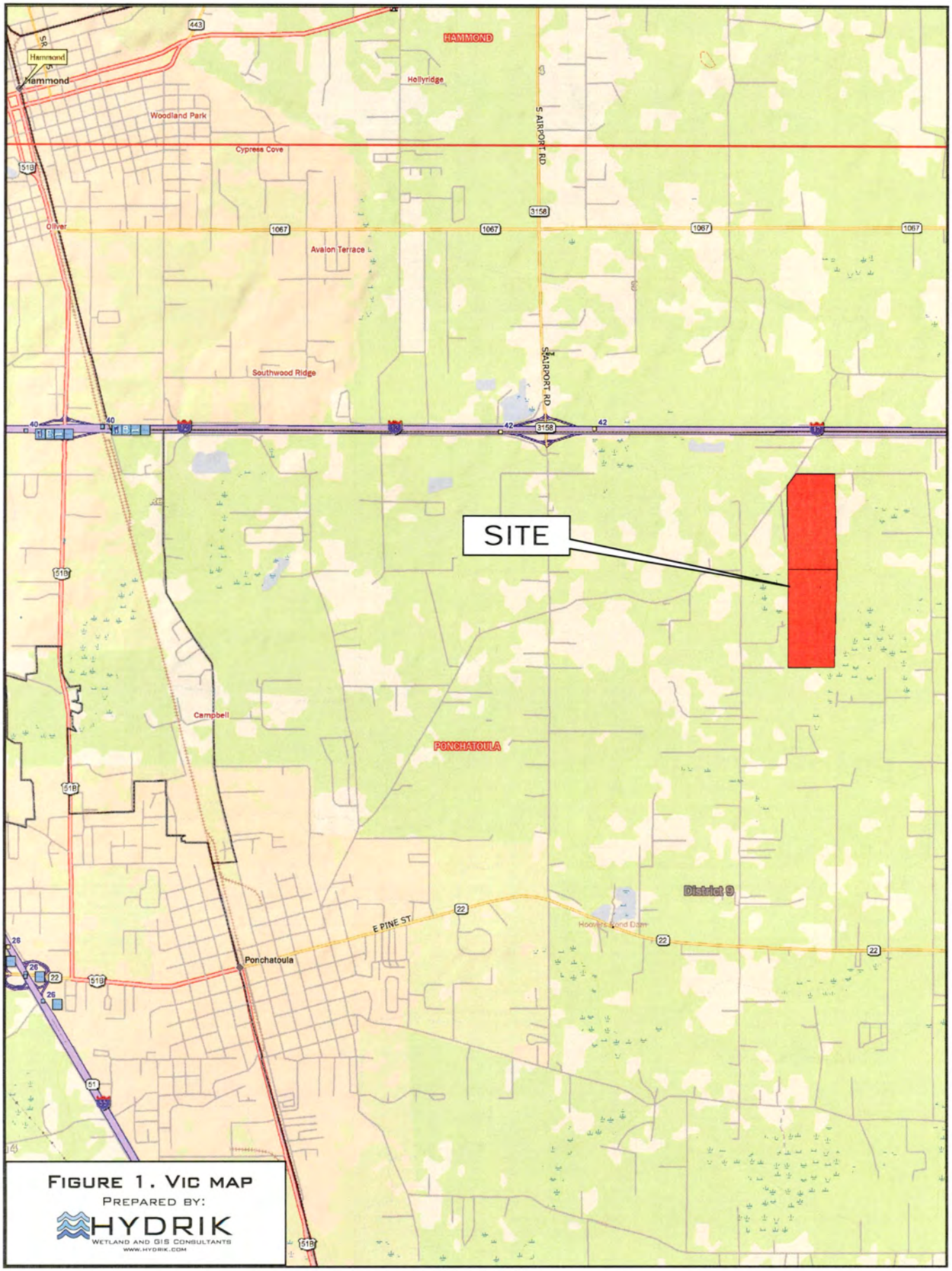

FIGURE 1. VIC MAP
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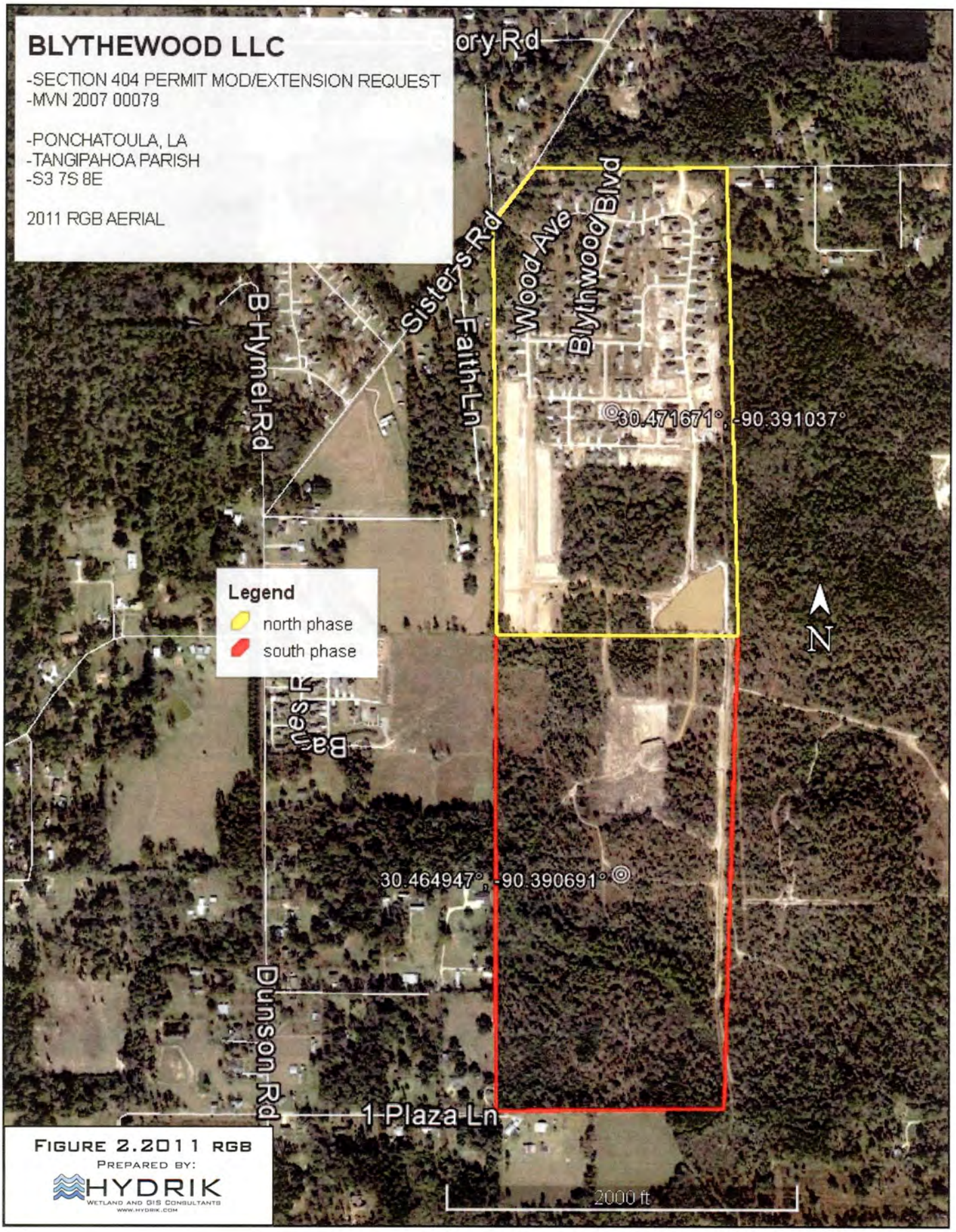

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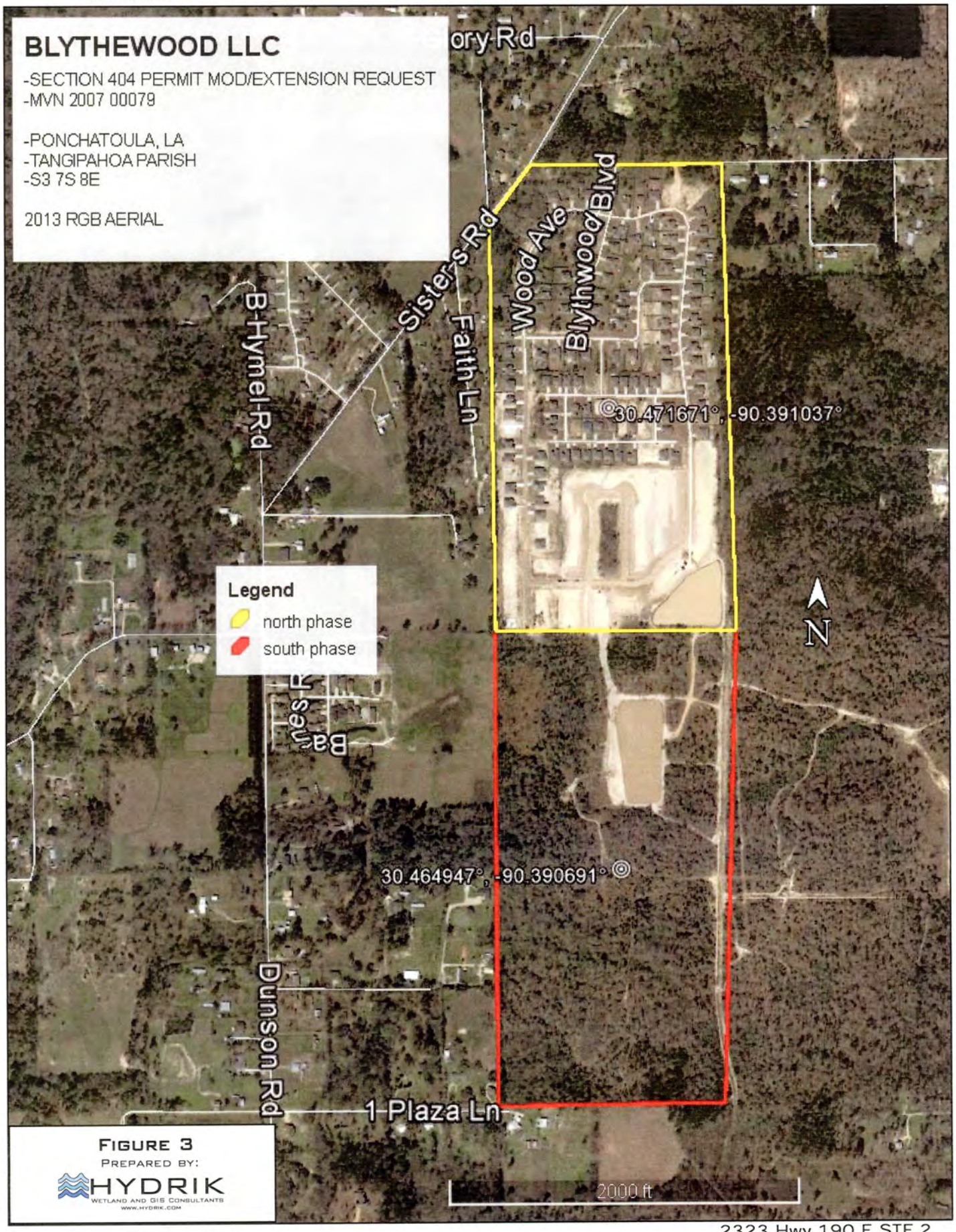

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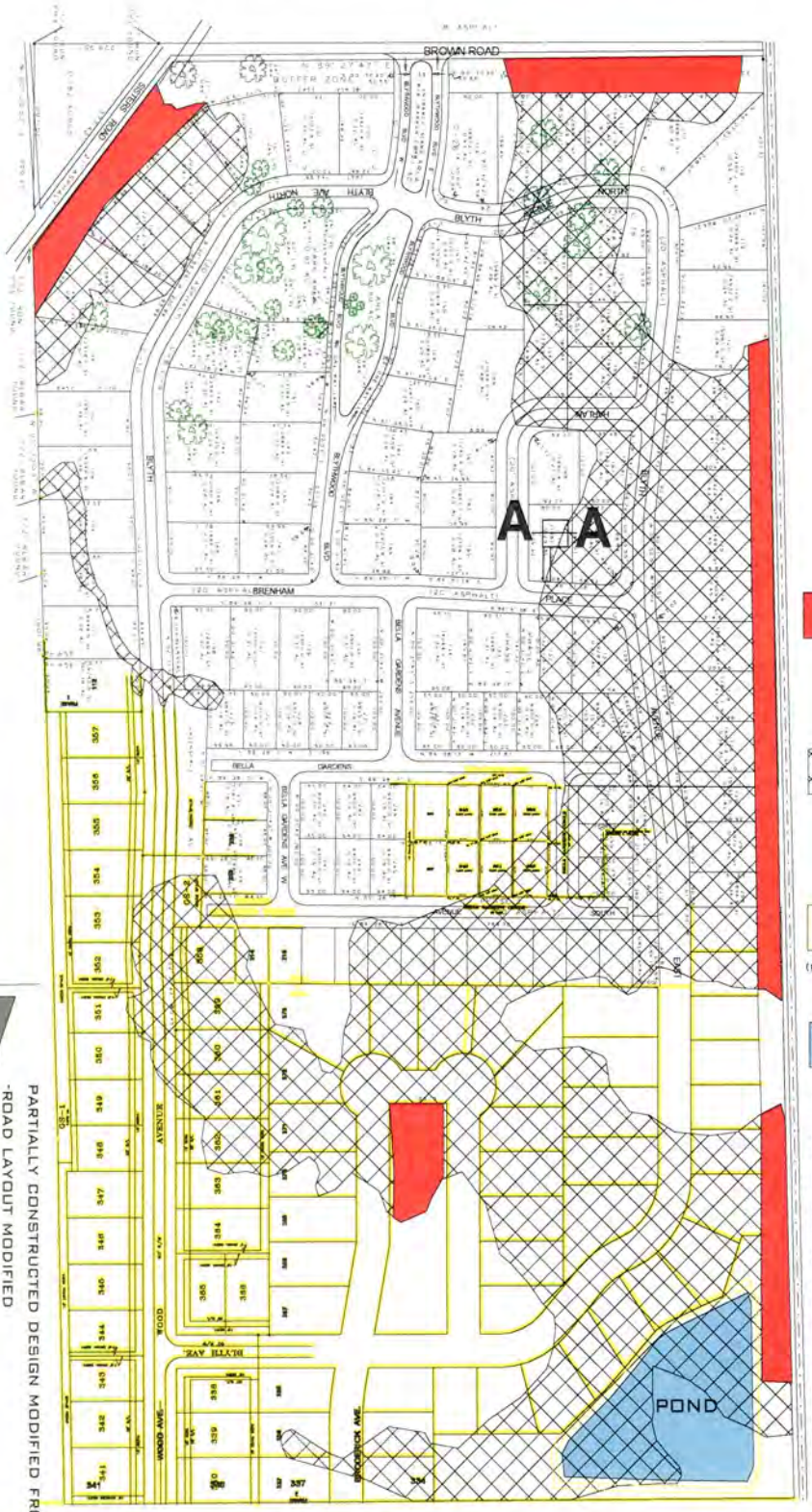

DESIGN AS PERMITTED

PARTIALLY CONSTRUCTED DESIGN MODIFIED FROM PERMITTED DESIGN
-ROAD LAYOUT MODIFIED
-LOT LAYOUT MODIFIED
-POND CONSTRUCTED

NO ADDITIONAL WETLANDS IMPACTED

MAN MADE LATERAL (FULLY EXISTING)

BLYTHWOOD 2 LLC
SECTION 404 PERMIT EXTENSION/ MODIFICATION REQUEST
MVN 2007 79 EGG

0' 250' 500'
125'

WETLANDS PRESERVED
2007 79 EGG
3.28 ACRES
CURRENTLY PRESERVED

WETLANDS PERMITTED
2007 79 EGG
FULLY IMPACTED
VIA CLEARING

PORTION OF DEVELOPMENT
PARTIALLY COMPLETED
(FILL, GRADING, ROAD BEDS, LOT SURVEYS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND POND IN PLACE)

POND FULLY CONSTRUCTED

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FIGURE 5

BLYTHWOOD 2 LLC
PONCHATOULA, LA

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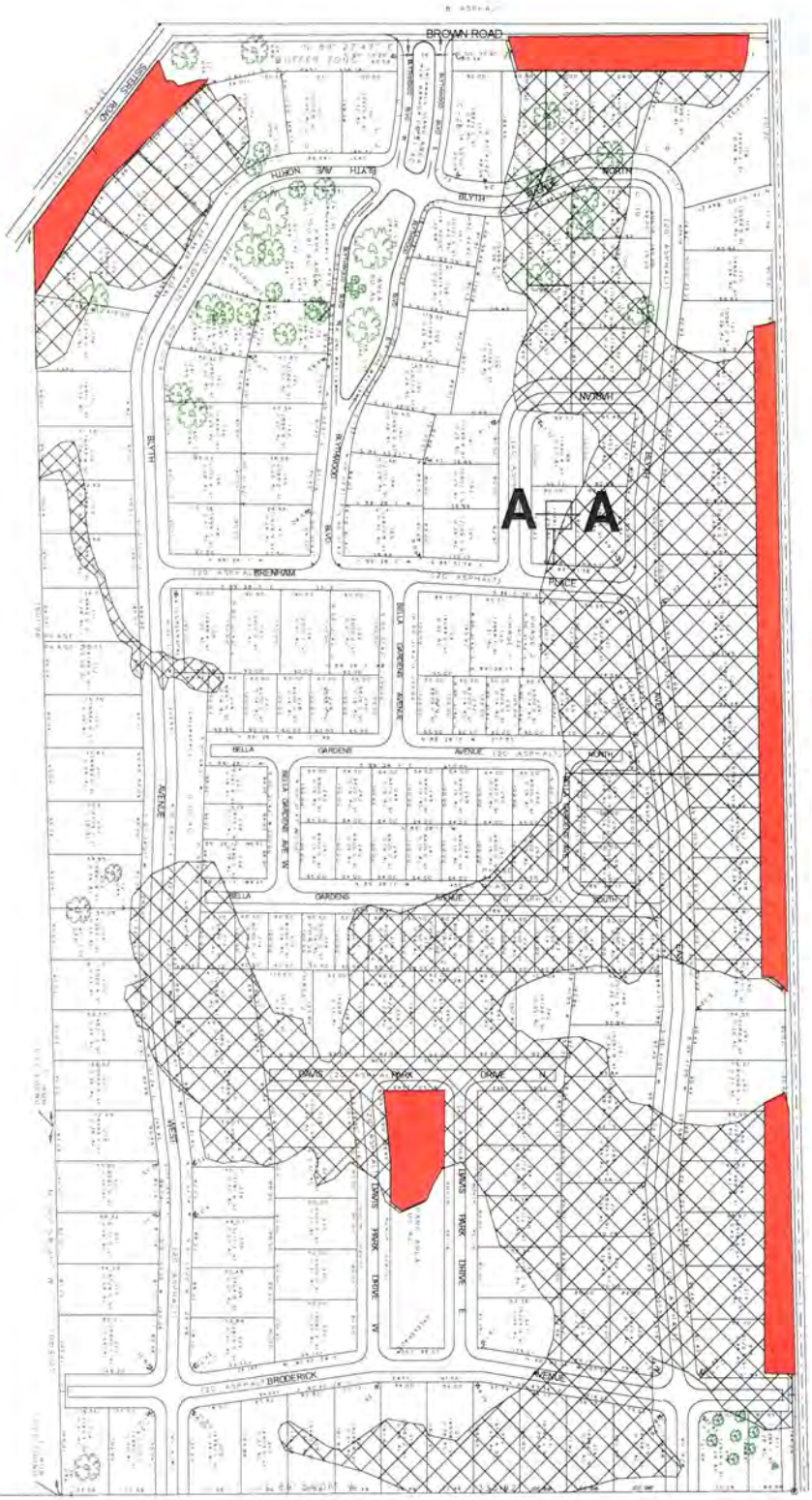

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FIGURE 4

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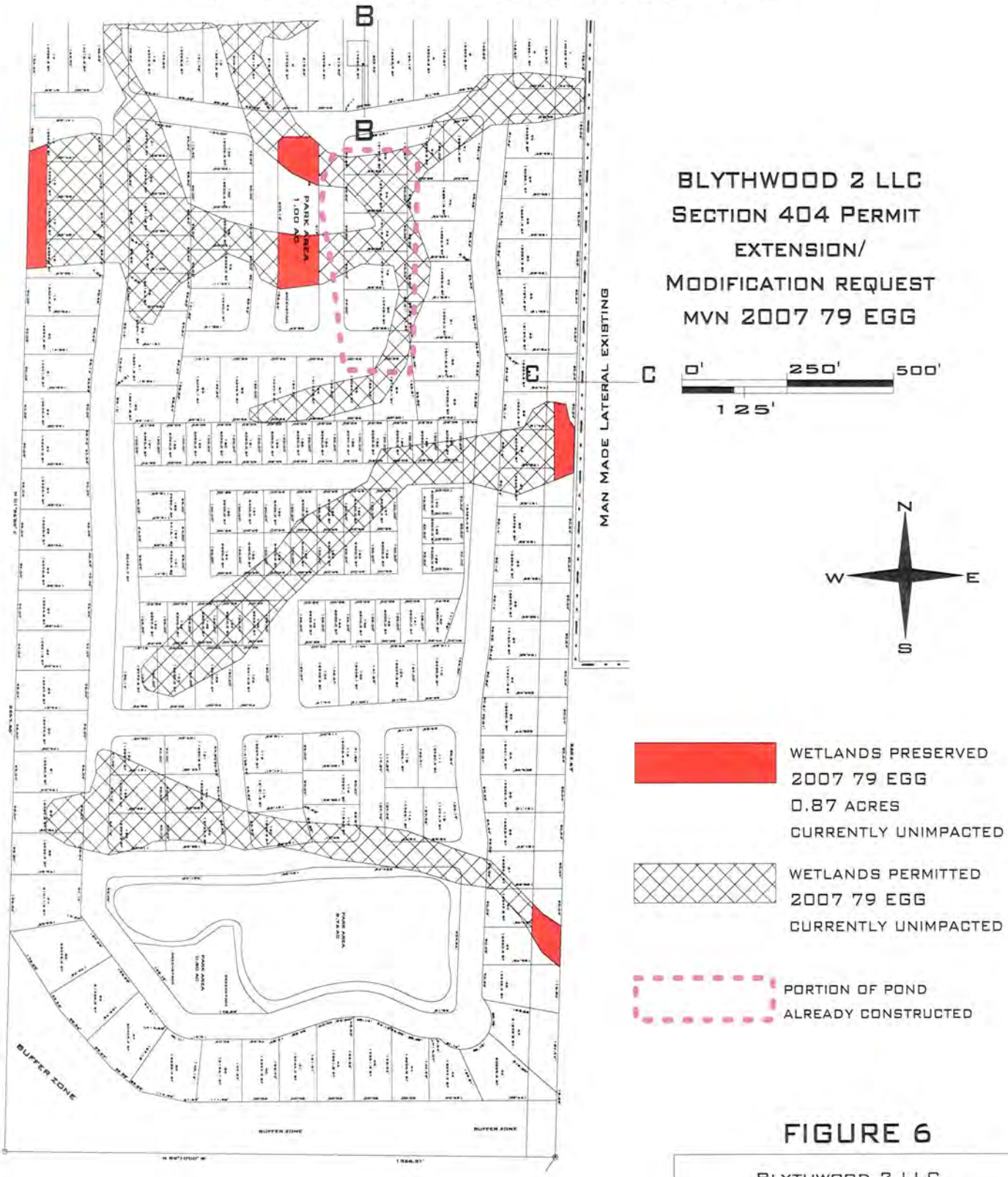

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WETLANDS PRESERVED 2007 79 EGG PROPOSED FOR IMPACT 0.87 ACRES

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WETLANDS PERMITTED 2007 79 EGG PROPOSED FOR PRESERVATION 0.88 ACRES

WETLANDS PREVIOUSLY PERMITTED UNDER 2007 79 EGG

PORTION OF POND ALREADY CONSTRUCTED

FIGURE 7

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PONCHATOULA, LA

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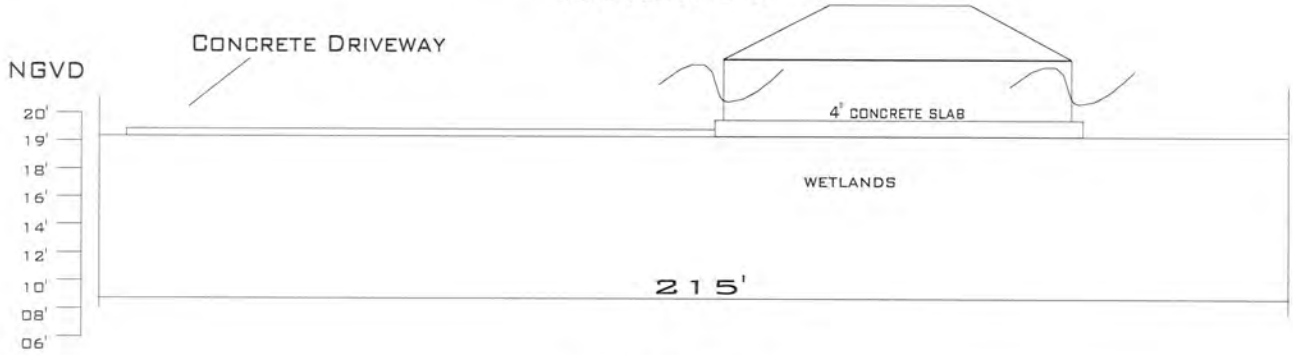

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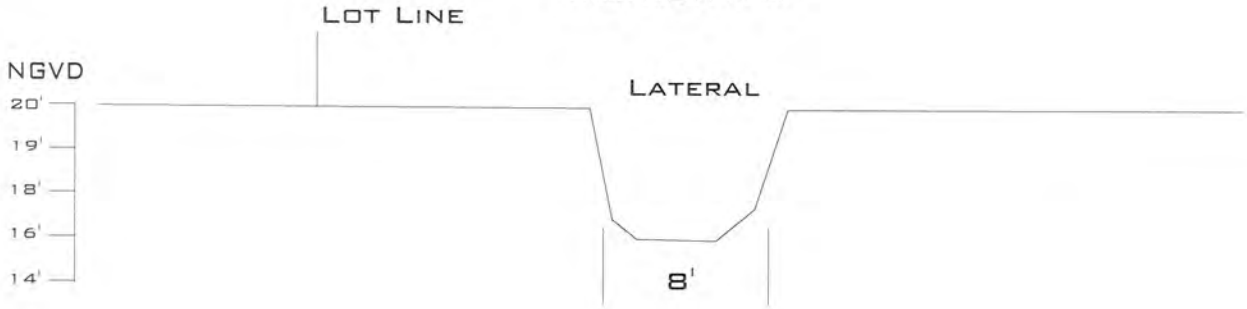

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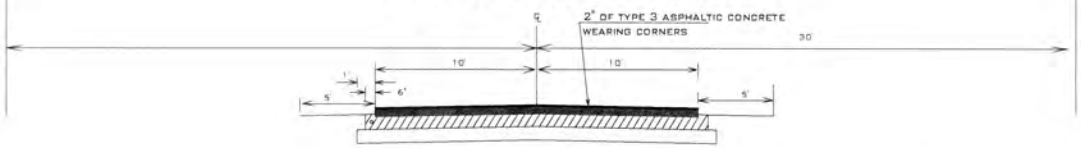

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FIGURE 8

VERTICAL SCALE: AS INDICATED

HORIZONTAL SCALE: AS INDICATED

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