

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Permit Application Number
MVN 2007-4389-EPP

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
ATTN: Water Quality Certifications
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(225) 219-3225

Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 151215-03

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. 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, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

MODIFICATION/TIME EXTENSION FOR EMERALD FOREST BOULEVARD EXTENSION IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: St. Tammany Parish Government, LLC, c/o Biological Surveys, Inc., Post Office Box 94, Covington, Louisiana 70434.

LOCATION OF WORK: Project site will begin at the end of the existing Emerald Forest Boulevard and end at 11th Street, in Covington, Louisiana, in St. Tammany Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

Latitude: 30.4444/Longitude: -90.07833 Hydrologic Unit Codes: 08090201 Liberty Bayou-Tchefuncta.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear, grade, and fill to modify the existing layout of the previously authorized expansion to Emerald Forest Boulevard. The modification consists of eliminating the northern two lanes of the originally proposed road and, instead of the road enlarging, southward, expanding the existing Crestwood detention pond located north of and adjacent to the proposed project site. Project implementation will require the excavation of 4,000.0 cubic yards of native material and deposition of approximately 4,373.0 cubic yards of sandy clay and 2,020.0 cubic yards of asphalt. The project area was previously permitted and mitigated. The applicant has purchased mitigation credits from the St. Tammany Mitigation Services, LLC, to compensate for wetland impacts, thus no compensatory mitigation is anticipated.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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, prehistorical, 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.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed activity will have no effect on the threatened Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus Polyphemus*) and the endangered Dusky Gopher Frog (*Rana sevosa*) based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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 **0.0** acre 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 applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, 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.

Michael V. Farabee
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

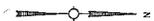
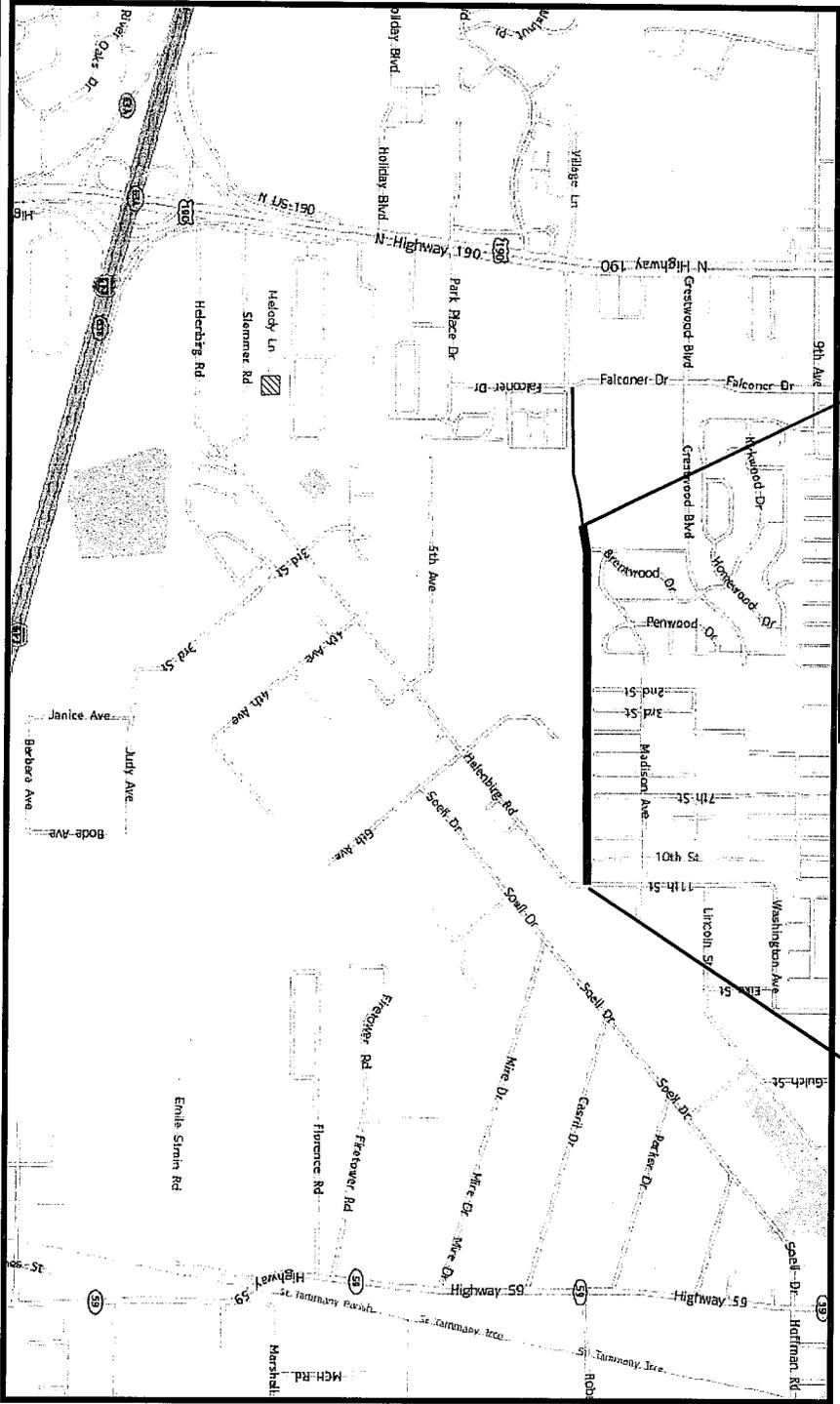
Enclosure

STATE OF LOUISIANA
 ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT
 PLANS OF
Emerald Forest Boulevard Extension
 Capital Improvement Project

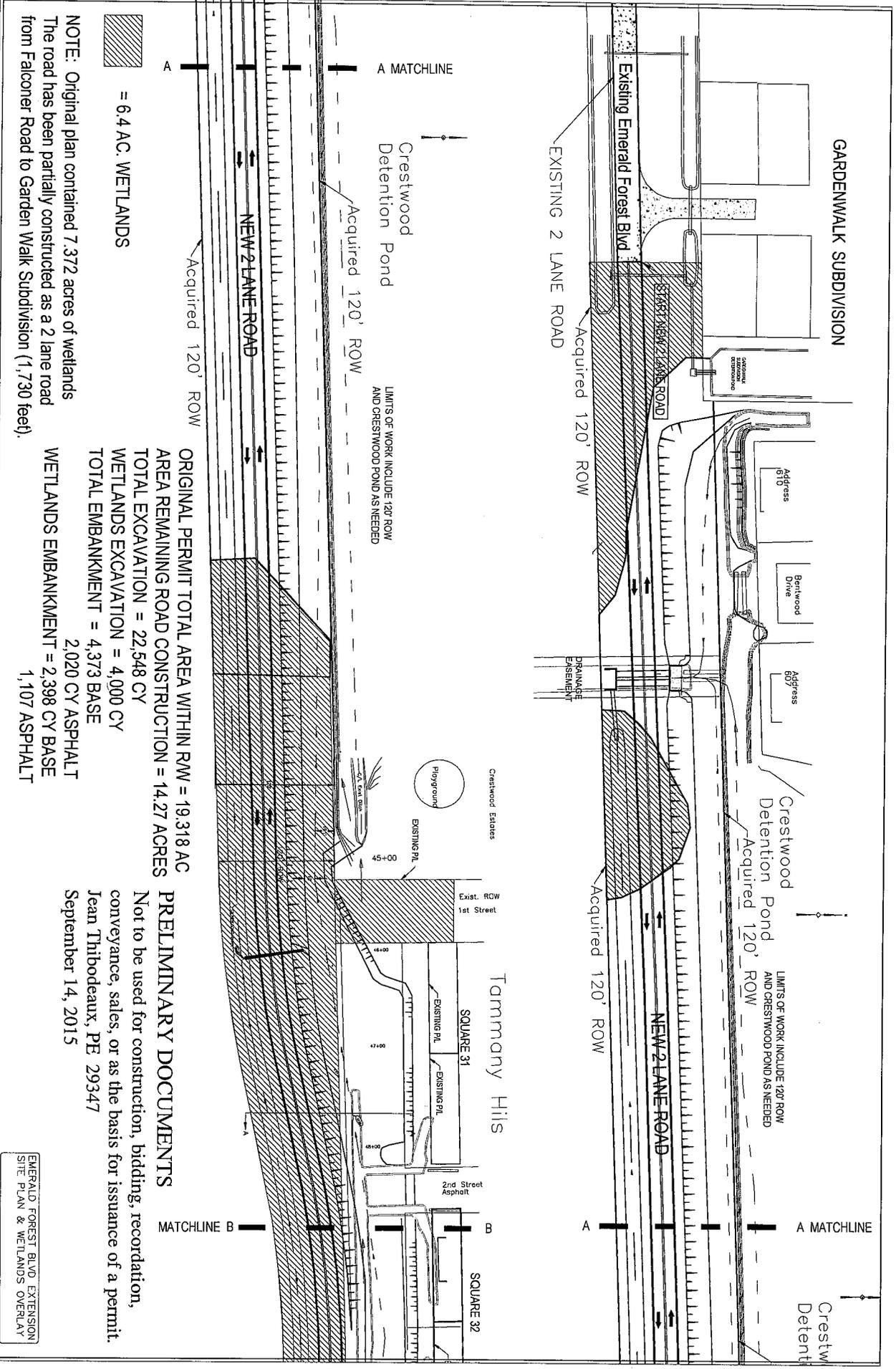
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BEGIN PROJECT AT END OF
 EXISTING EMERALD FOREST BLVD
 STA. 27+62

END PROJECT AT 11TH STREET
 STA. 72+56



EMERALD FOREST BLVD EXTENSION
 VICINITY MAP



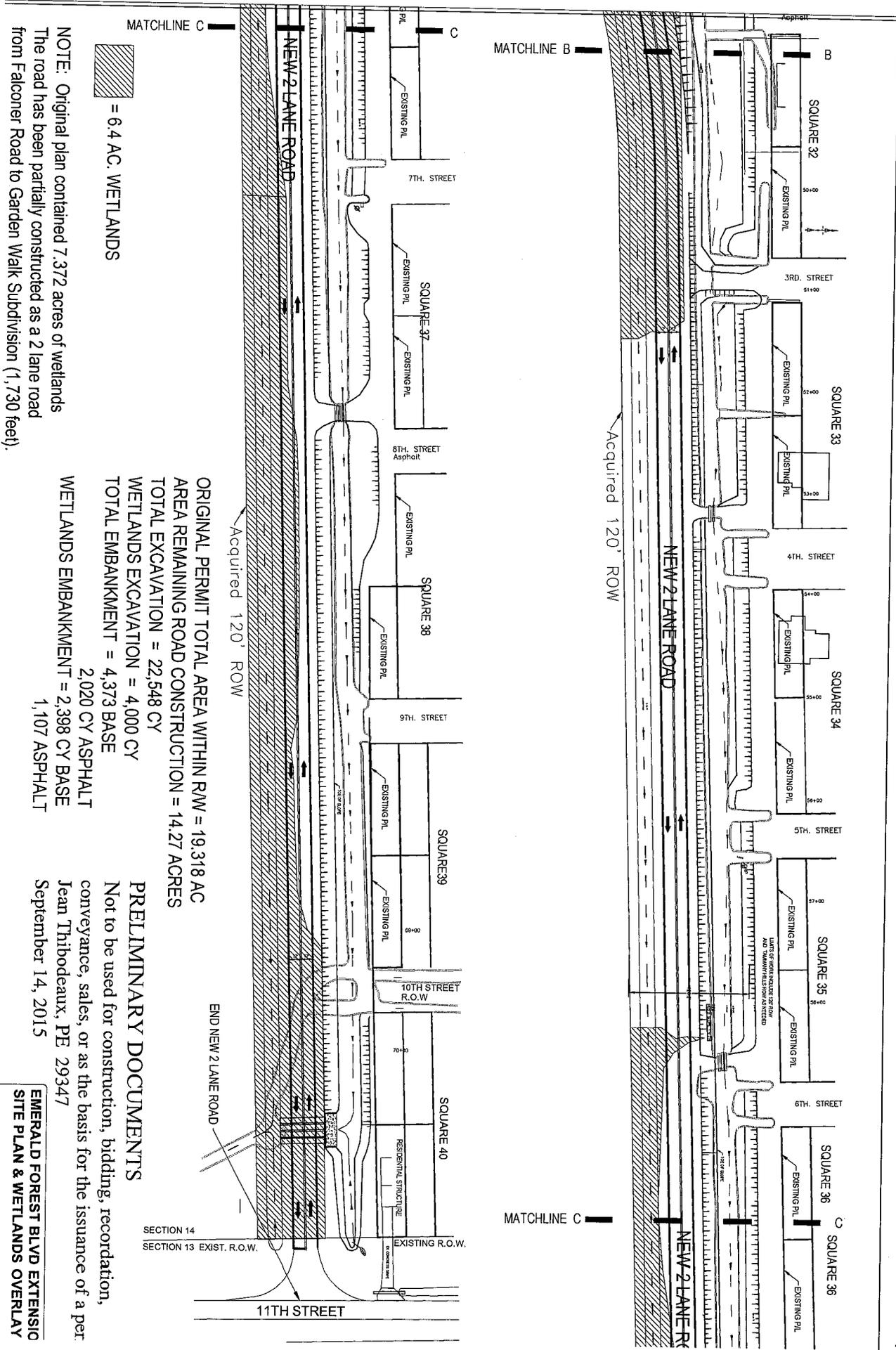
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 The road has been partially constructed as a 2 lane road
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 AREA REMAINING ROAD CONSTRUCTION = 14.27 ACRES
 TOTAL EXCAVATION = 22,548 CY
 WETLANDS EXCAVATION = 4,000 CY
 TOTAL EMBANKMENT = 4,373 BASE
 2,020 CY ASPHALT
 WETLANDS EMBANKMENT = 2,398 CY BASE
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EMERALD FOREST BLVD EXTENSION
 SITE PLAN & WETLANDS OVERLAY



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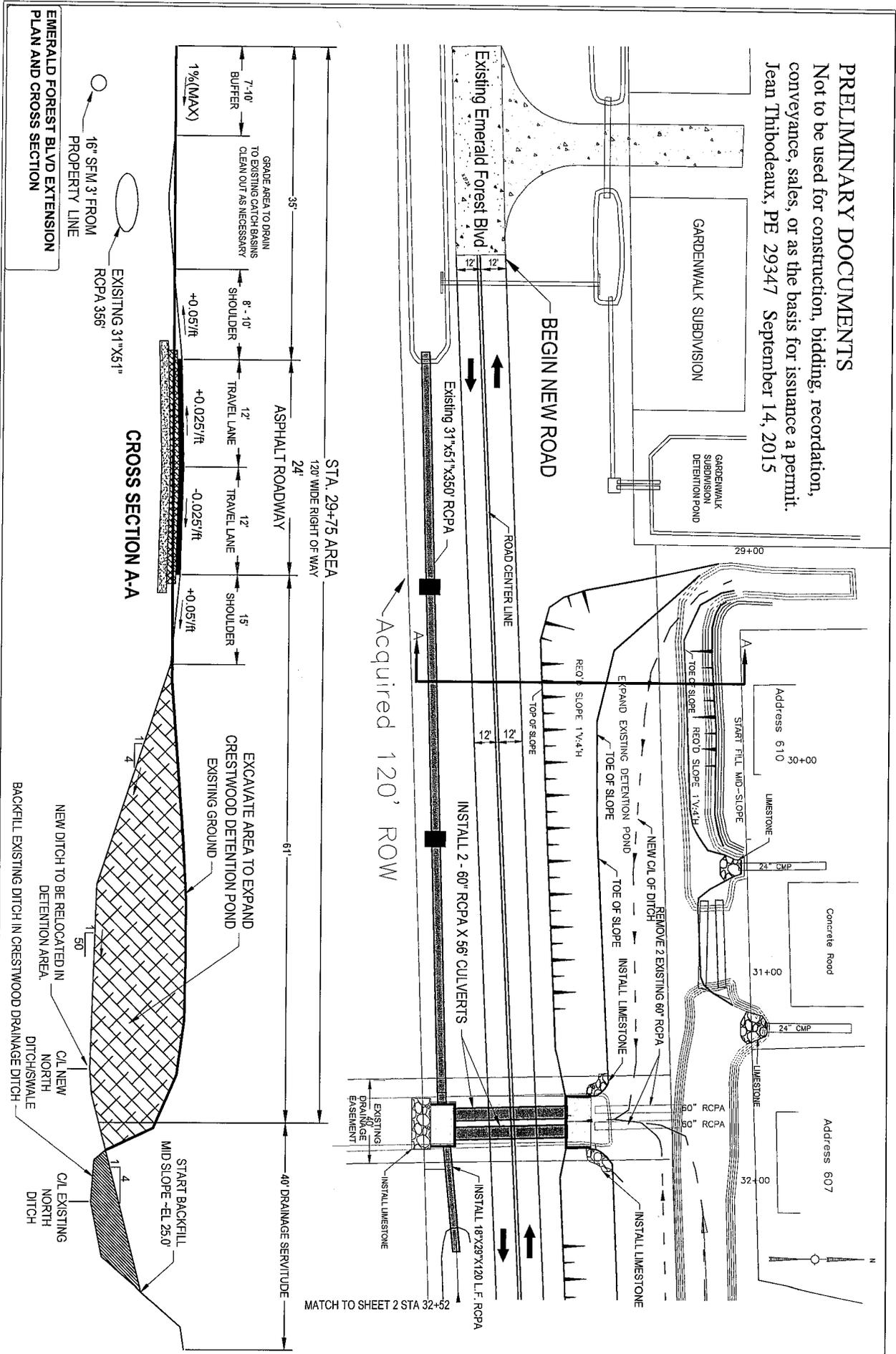
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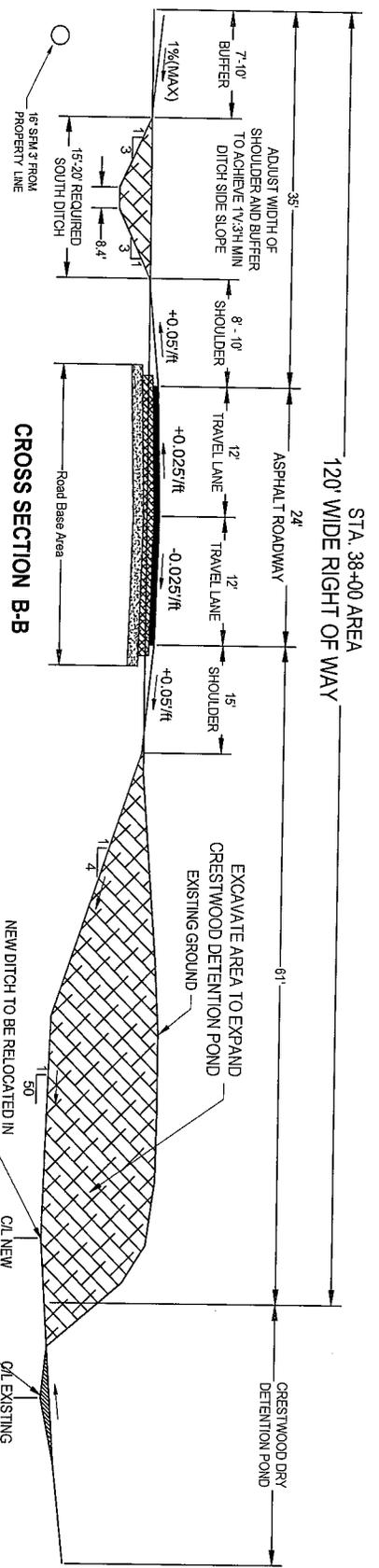
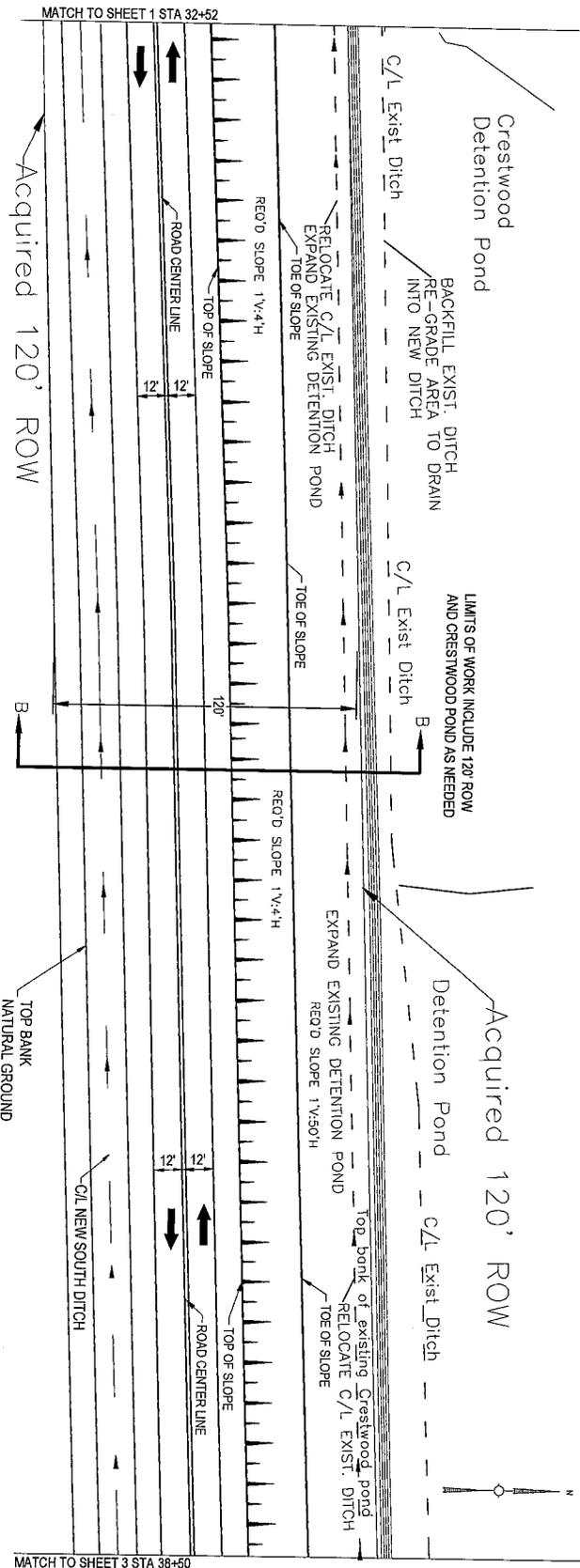
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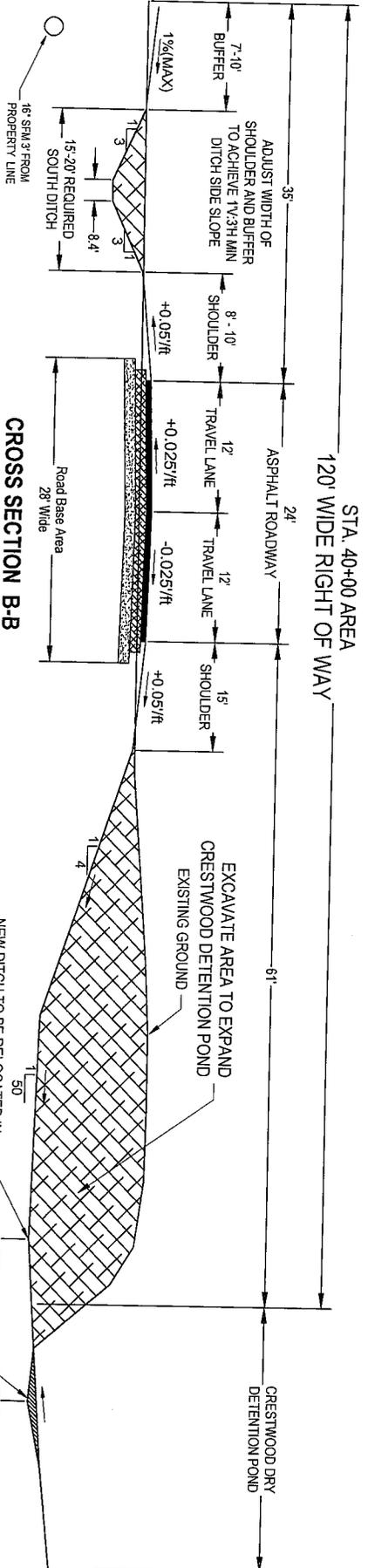
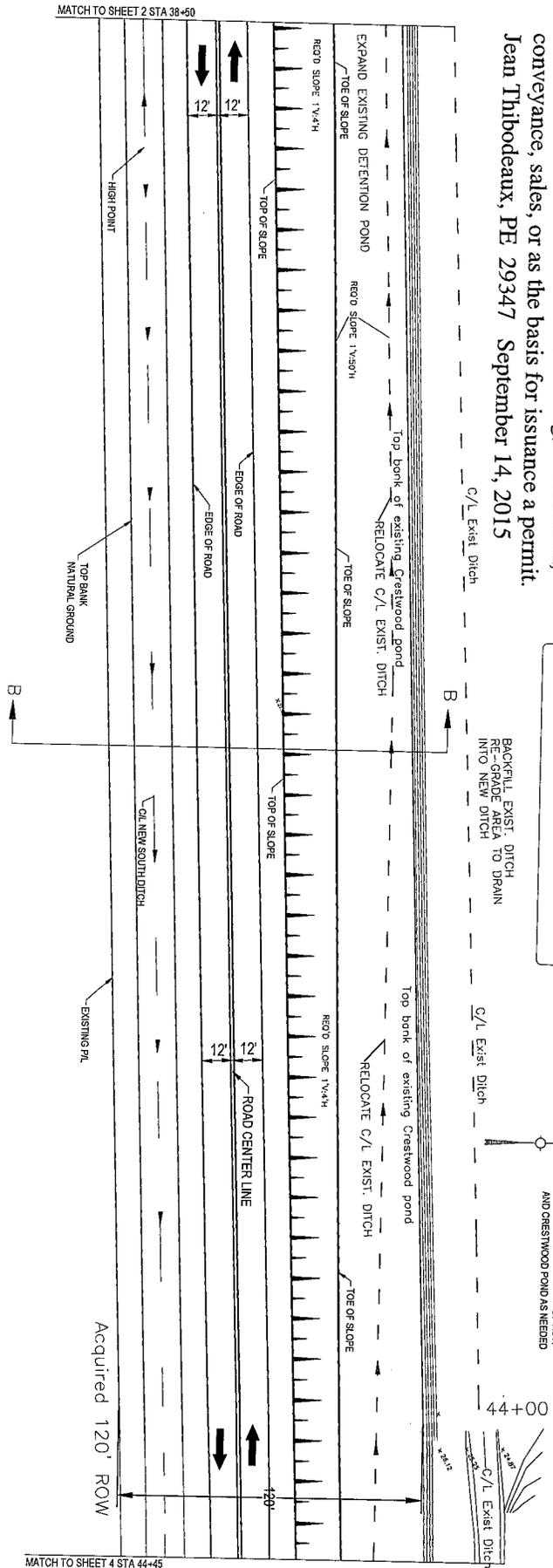
**EMERALD FOREST BLVD EXTENSION
 PLAN AND CROSS SECTION**

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Crestwood
 Detention Pond
 LIMITS OF WORK INCLUDE 120' ROW
 AND CRESTWOOD POND AS NEEDED



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SQUARE 31

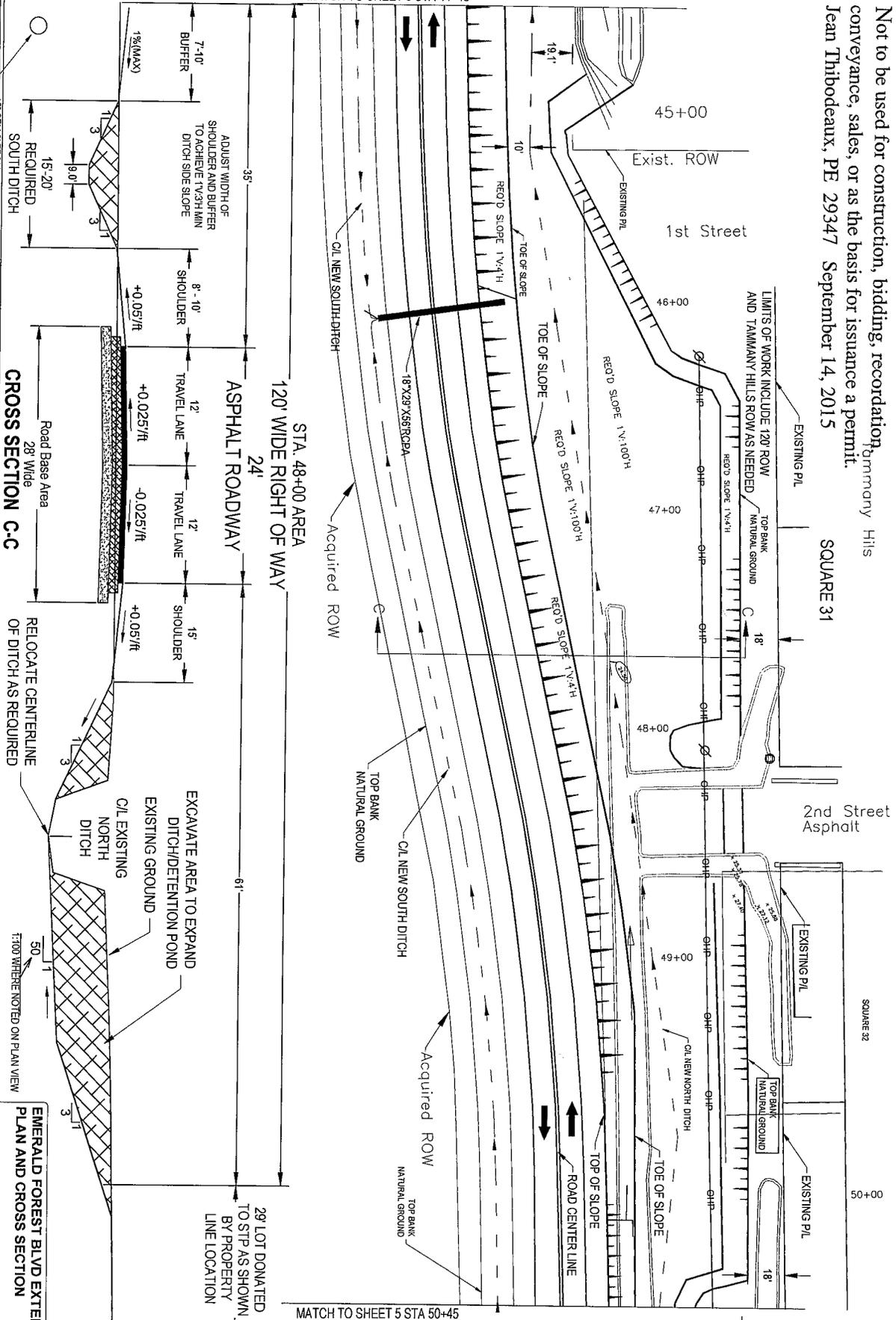
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Asphalt

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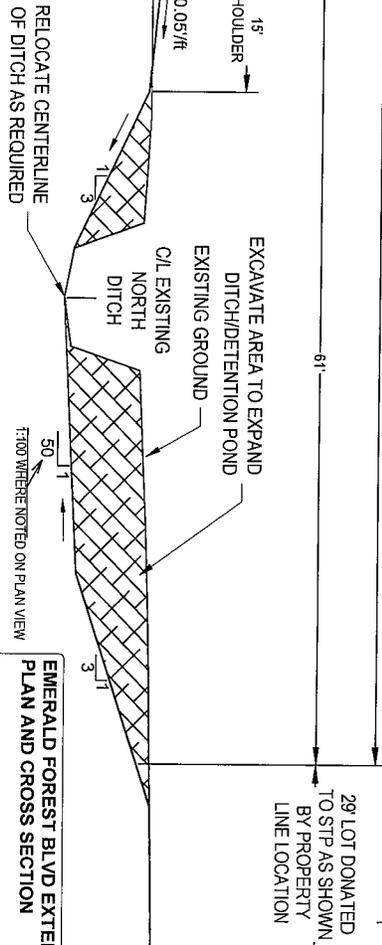
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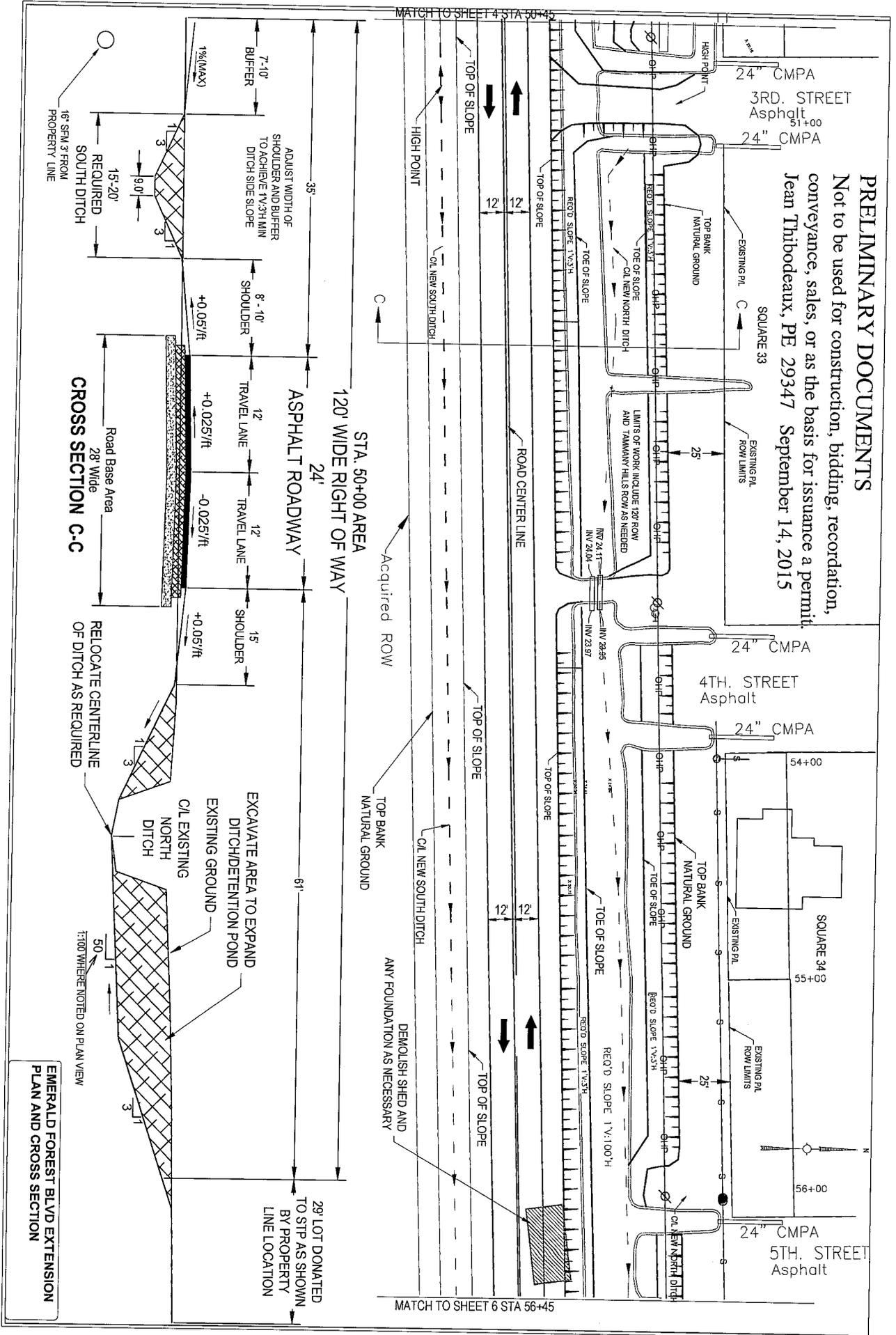
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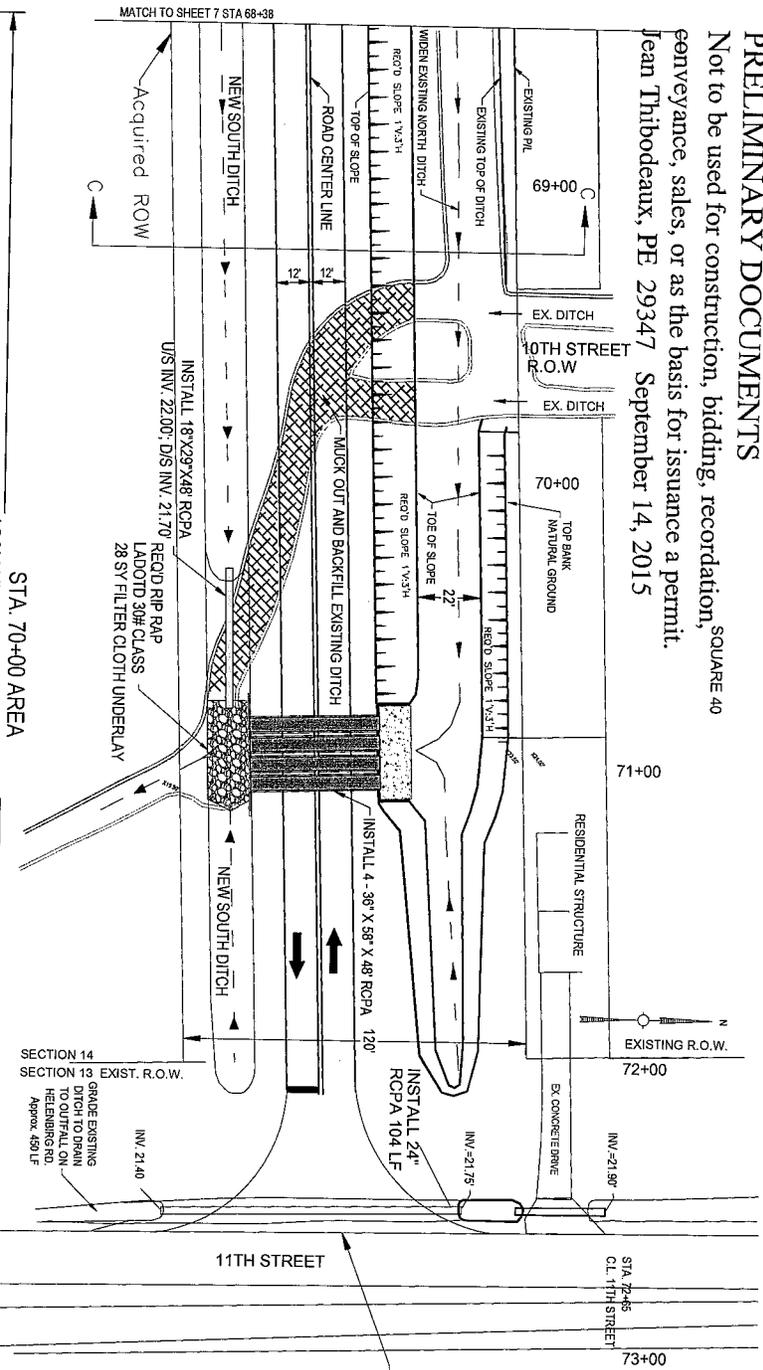


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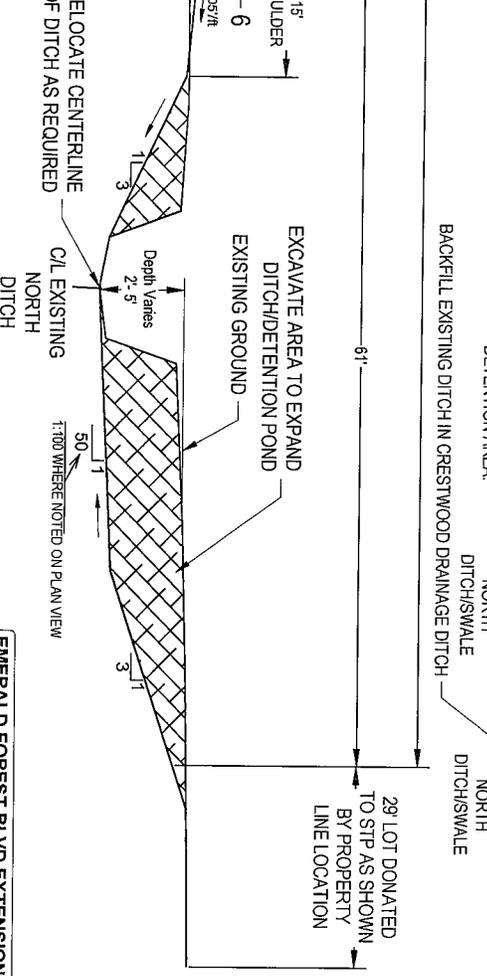
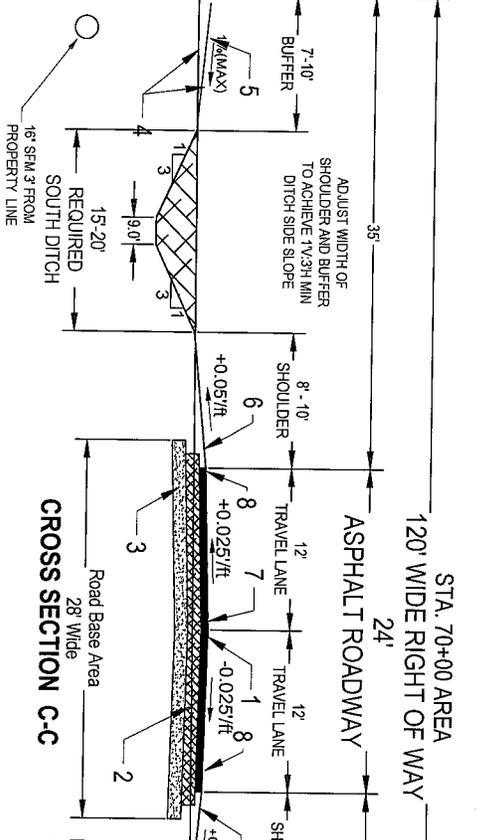
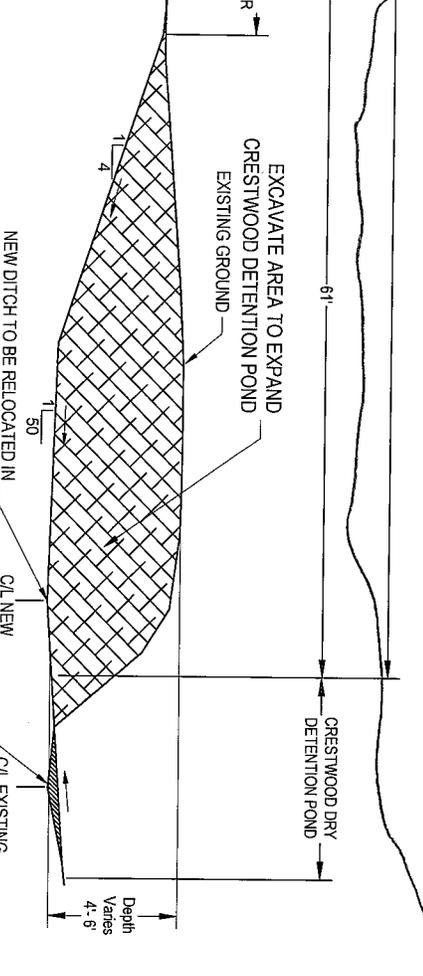
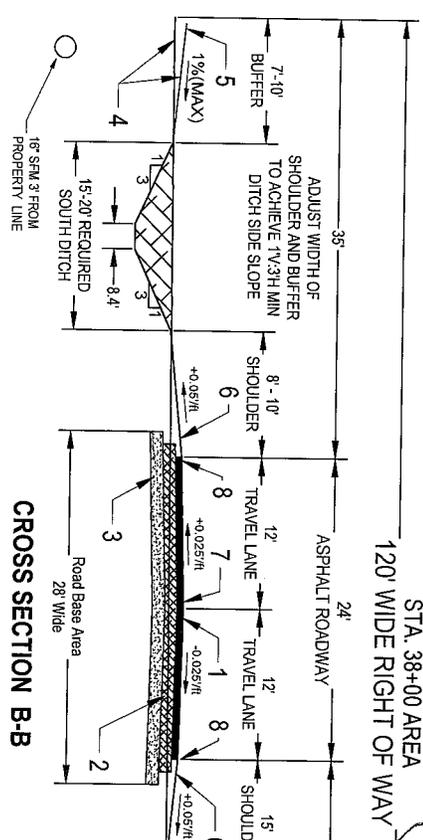
- LEGEND:**
- = SEWER MANHOLE
 - = WATER METER
 - ◻ = WATER VALVE
 - ◻ = MAIL BOX
 - ⊕ = POWER POLE
 - ⊕ = FIRE HYDRANT

**EMERALD FOREST BLVD EXTENSION
 PLAN AND CROSS SECTION**

29' LOT DONATED
 TO STP AS SHOWN
 BY PROPERTY
 LINE LOCATION

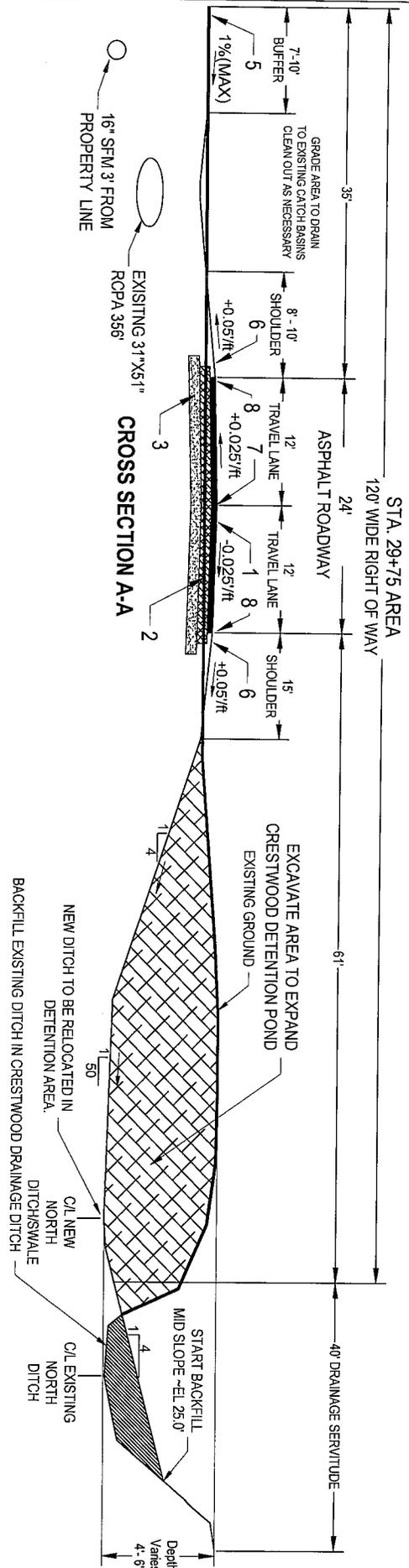
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 2. 12" THICK CEMENT STABILIZED BASE 10% BY VOLUME 26' WIDE
 3. 12" THICK QUICK LIME STABILIZED SUB-BASE 8% BY VOLUME 28' WIDE
 4. NATURAL GRADE ELEVATION VARIES. CONNECT NEW SOUTH DITCH TO ALL SIDE DRAINAGE FEATURE TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE DRAINAGE OF SURROUNDING PROPERTY
 5. GRADE BUFFER AS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE DITCH SIDE SLOPE MAX 1% SLOPE
 6. AGGREGATE SHOULDER MATERIAL 6' WIDE (MINIMUM 5% SLOPE)
 7. 4" YELLOW DOUBLE YELLOW PLASTIC REFLECTIVE STRIPING, YELLOW REFLECTORIZED RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS (40' ON CENTER)
 8. 4" WHITE PLASTIC REFLECTIVE STRIPING (LOCATED 6' FROM EDGE OF ROAD)



EMERALD FOREST BLVD EXTENSION
 TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

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