

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number  
WQC 150225-01

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, Office of Environmental Services, 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).

## **ROAD CONNECTING ST. LANDRY AVE TO EDENBORNE DEVELOPMENT IN ASCENSION PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Ascension Parish Government, c/o Natural Resource Professionals, LLC, 7478 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Within the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, in the Lake Maurepas hydrologic unit (HUC 08070204), beginning at St. Landry Ave. approximately 1.2 miles south of its intersection with LA Highway 30, and ending at Edenborne Traditional Neighborhood Development, which is located at the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Interstate 10 and Louisiana Highway 44, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant proposes clear, grade, and deposit fill to install a 5,200-foot roadway and associated utilities to improve access to the Lamar Dixon Expo Center and River Parish Community College, in addition to providing a second ingress/egress point for the Edenborne Traditional Neighborhood Development. The proposed road will consist of 5 lanes and will be installed within 160-foot permanent

right of way. The road will drain via subsurface drainage as well as 2,780 linear feet of roadside ditches installed north of the proposed road and 4,400 linear feet of roadside ditches installed south of the proposed road. To facilitate hydrology beneath the road, two 48-inch culverts and four 36-inch culverts will be installed. Approximately 5.7 acres of forested wetlands and 0.7 acre of jurisdictional waters will be impacted by the proposed activity. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts the applicant proposes to purchase wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

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

### **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.

This project has been evaluated using Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office. 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 **N/A 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 applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

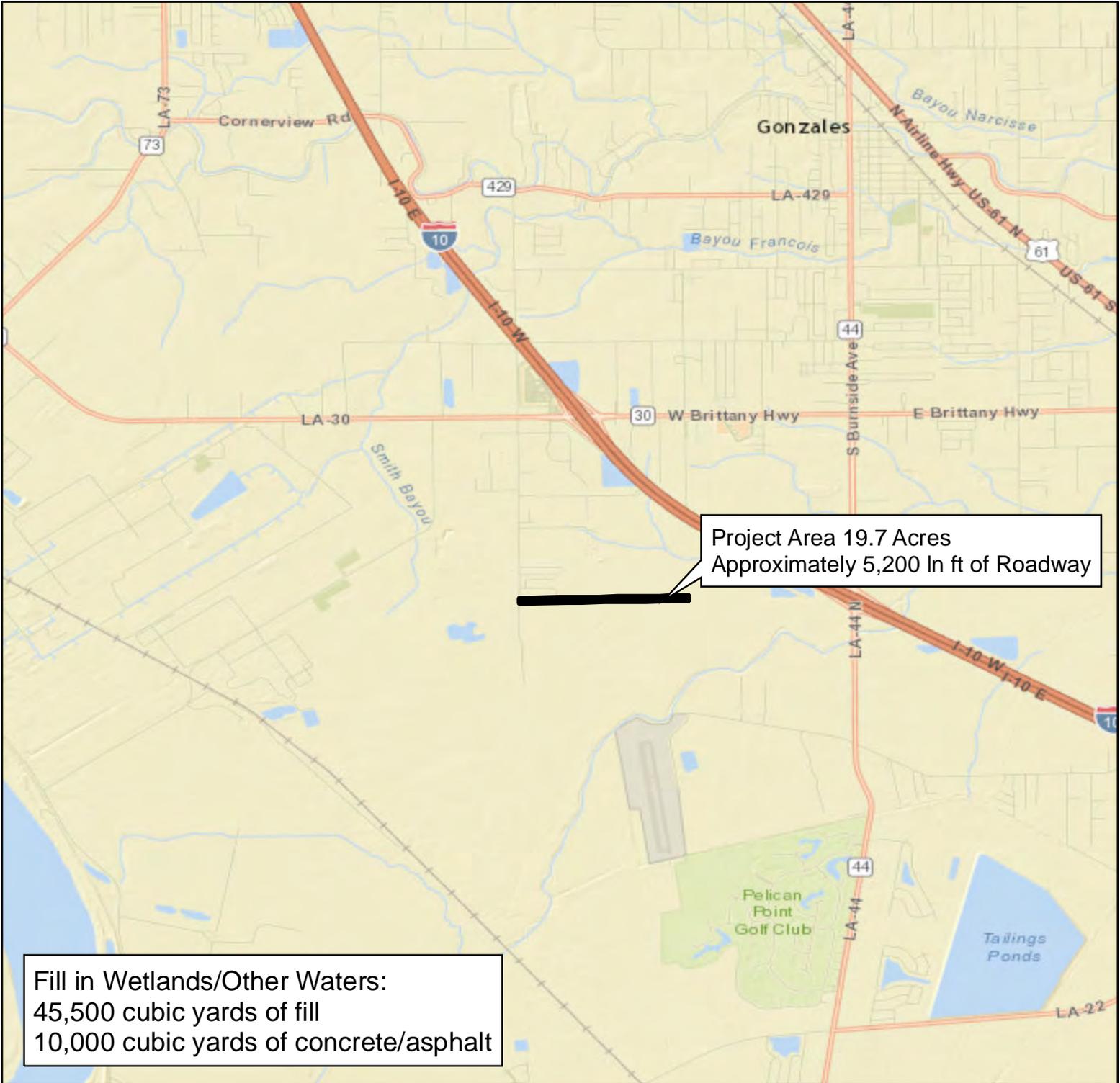
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are

requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

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John M. Herman  
Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



Project Area 19.7 Acres  
 Approximately 5,200 In ft of Roadway

Fill in Wetlands/Other Waters:  
 45,500 cubic yards of fill  
 10,000 cubic yards of concrete/asphalt

**Legend**

 Project Area (19.7 Acres)



**Map Notes:**

1. The boundary shown is based on the boundary survey provided by the client.
2. Map projected to NAD83 UTM Zone 15.

**Ascension Parish Government**

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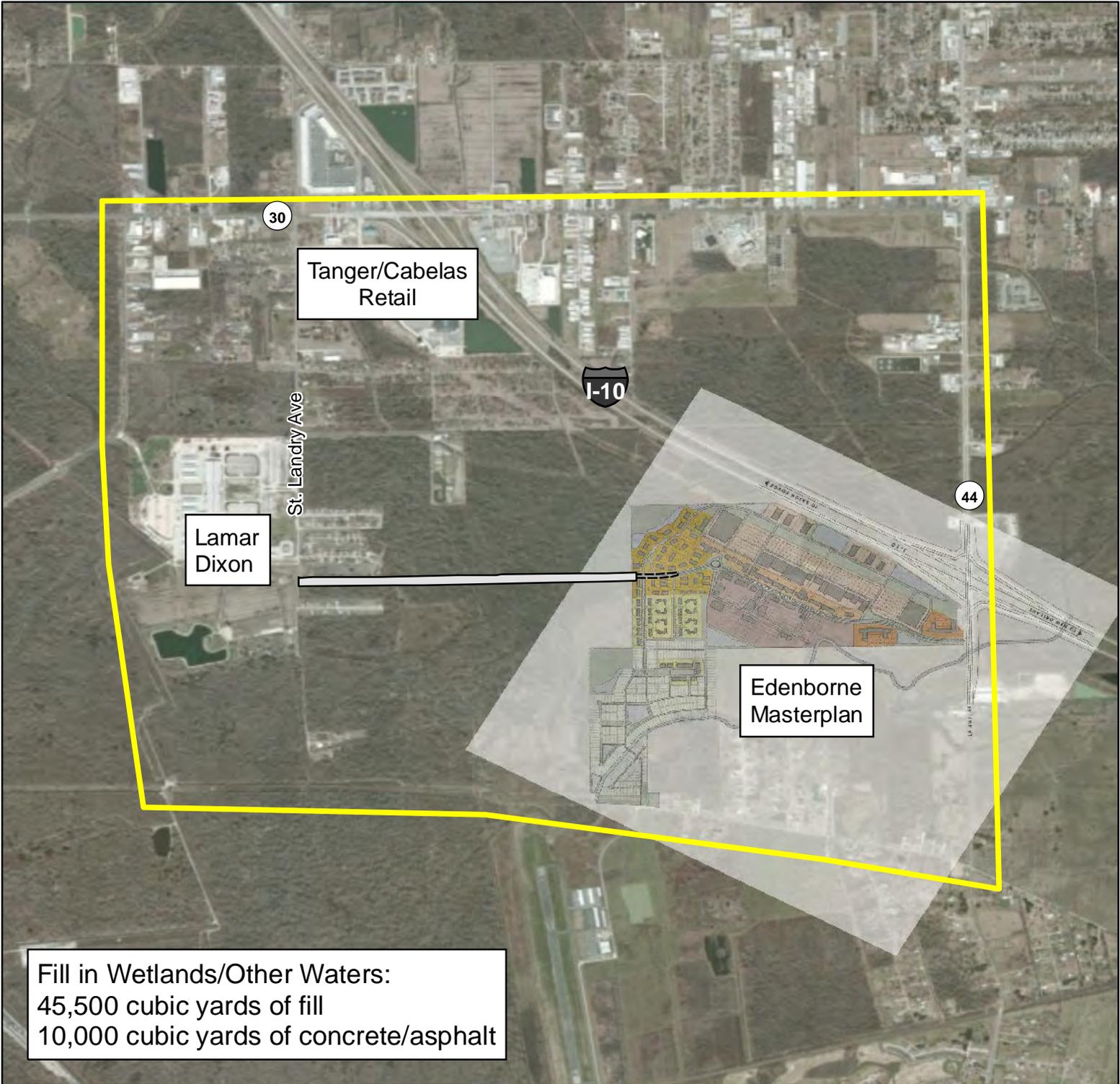
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**FIGURE 1**





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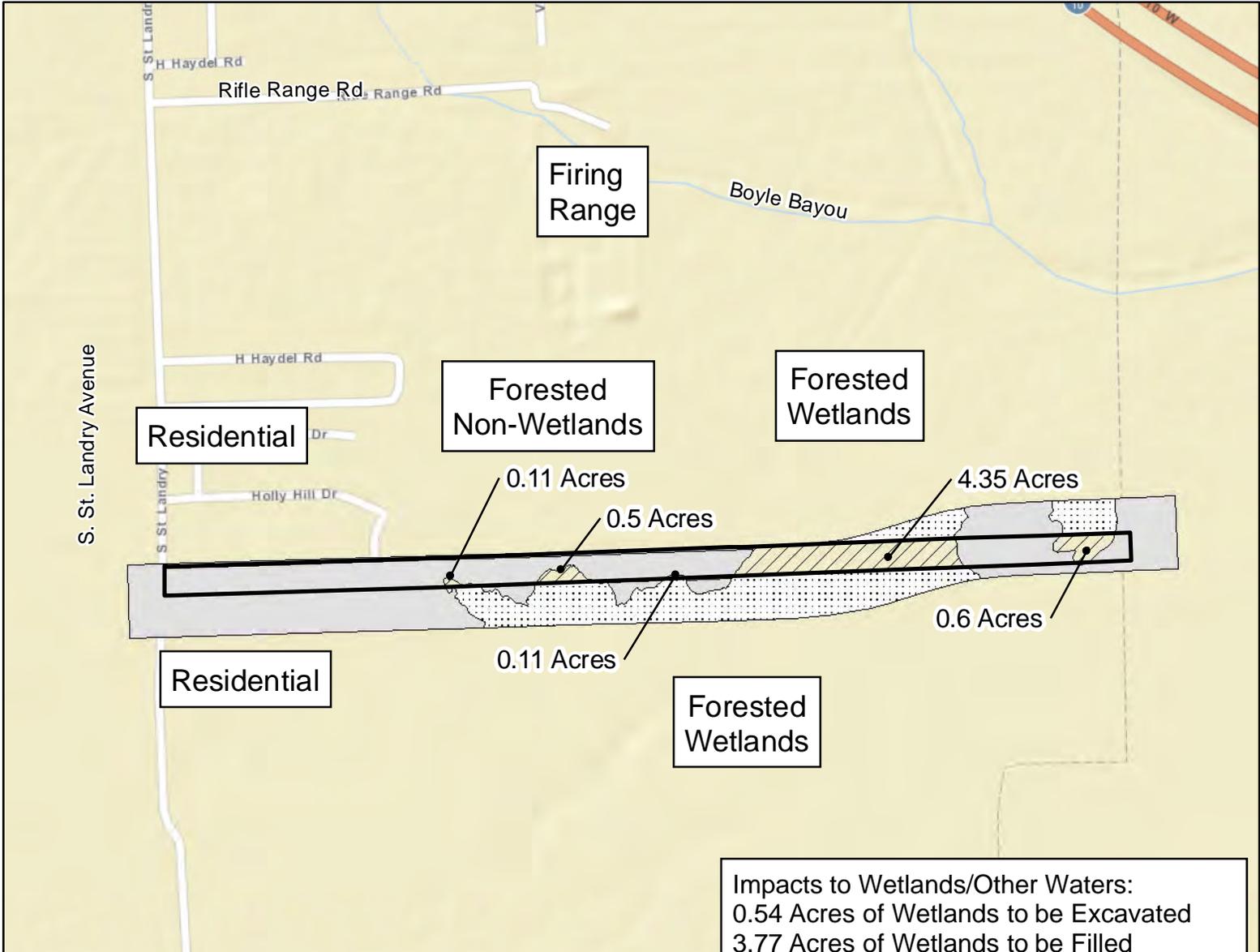
-  Target Area (3,600 Acres)
-  Project Area (19.7 Acres)
-  Edenborne Connector Under Construction

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<b>TARGET AREA MAP</b>	
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<b>FIGURE 2</b>	



**Impacts to Wetlands/Other Waters:**  
 0.54 Acres of Wetlands to be Excavated  
 3.77 Acres of Wetlands to be Filled  
 1.36 Acres of Wetlands to be Cleared  
 5.67 Acres of Total Impact

0.12 Acres of Other Waters to be Excavated  
 0.1 Acres of Other Waters to be Filled  
 0.22 Acres of Total Impact

**\*\*All Impacts are to Forested Wetlands**

**Legend**

-  Project Area (19.7 Acres)
-  Jurisdictional Wetlands Within Project (5.67 Acres)
-  Jurisdictional Wetlands Outside Project
-  Forested Non Wetlands

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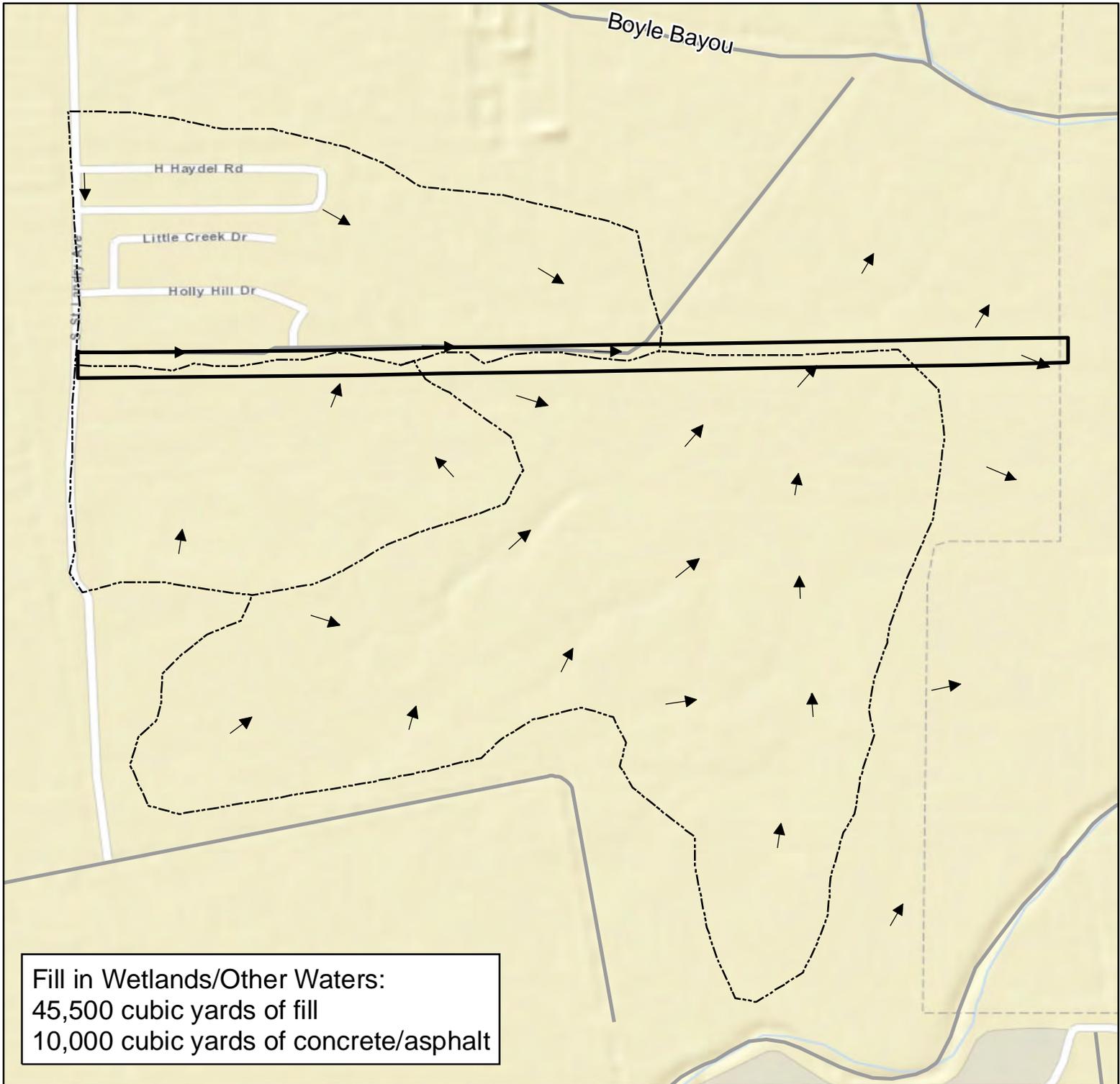
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**POTENTIAL WETLAND MAP**

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**FIGURE 3**



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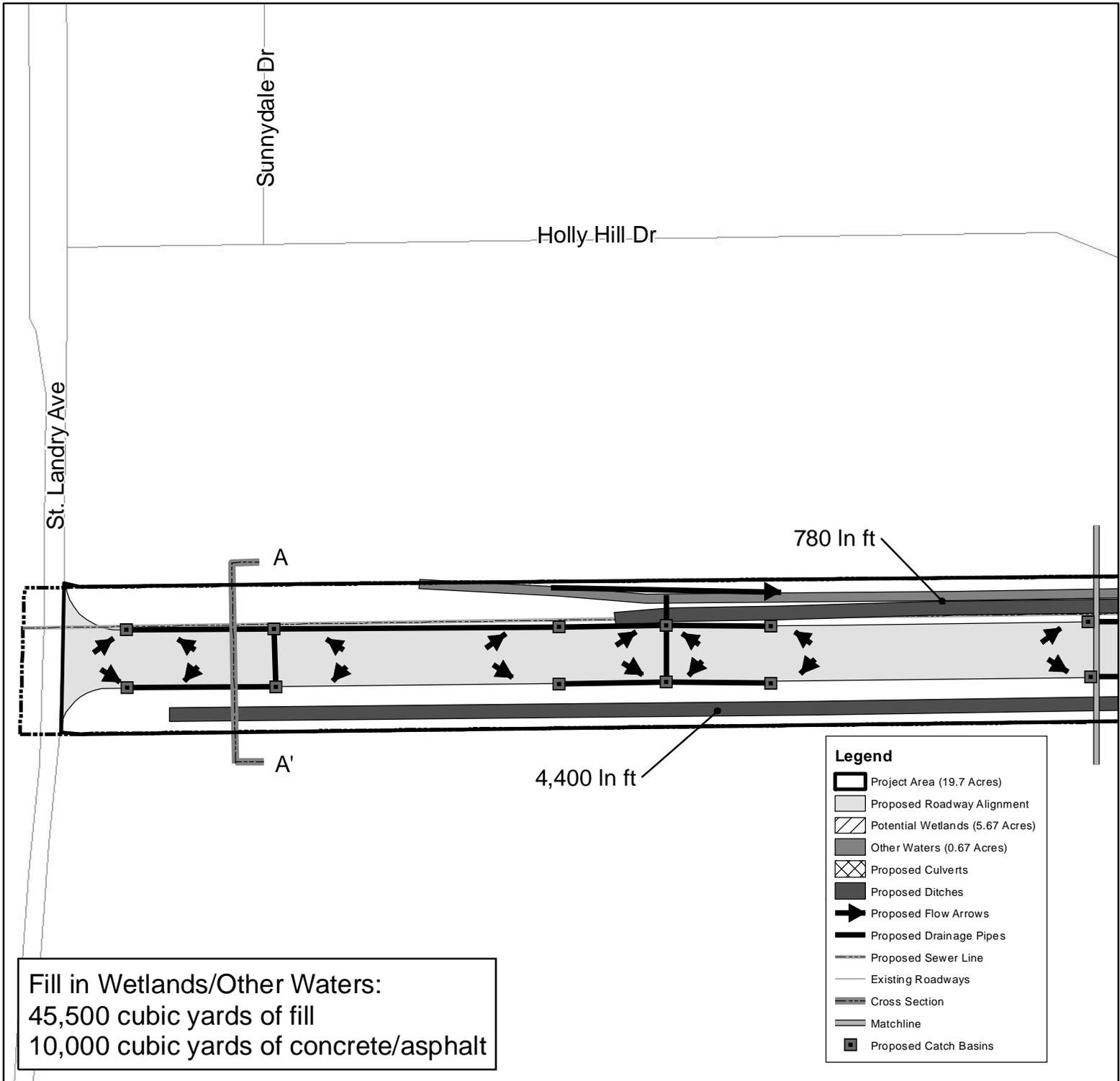
- Project Area (19.7 Acres)
- Flow Arrows
- Watershed Boundary
- Existing Waterways

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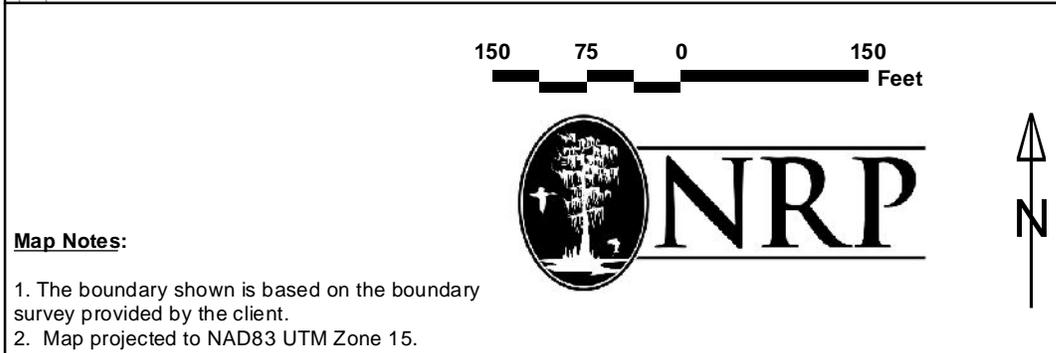
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<b>EXISTING DRAINAGE MAP</b>	
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<b>FIGURE 4</b>	



Fill in Wetlands/Other Waters:  
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**PROPOSED DRAINAGE MAP**

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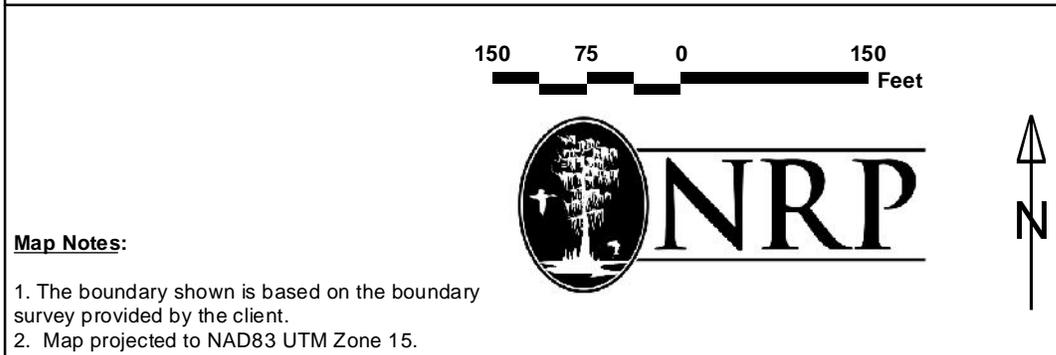
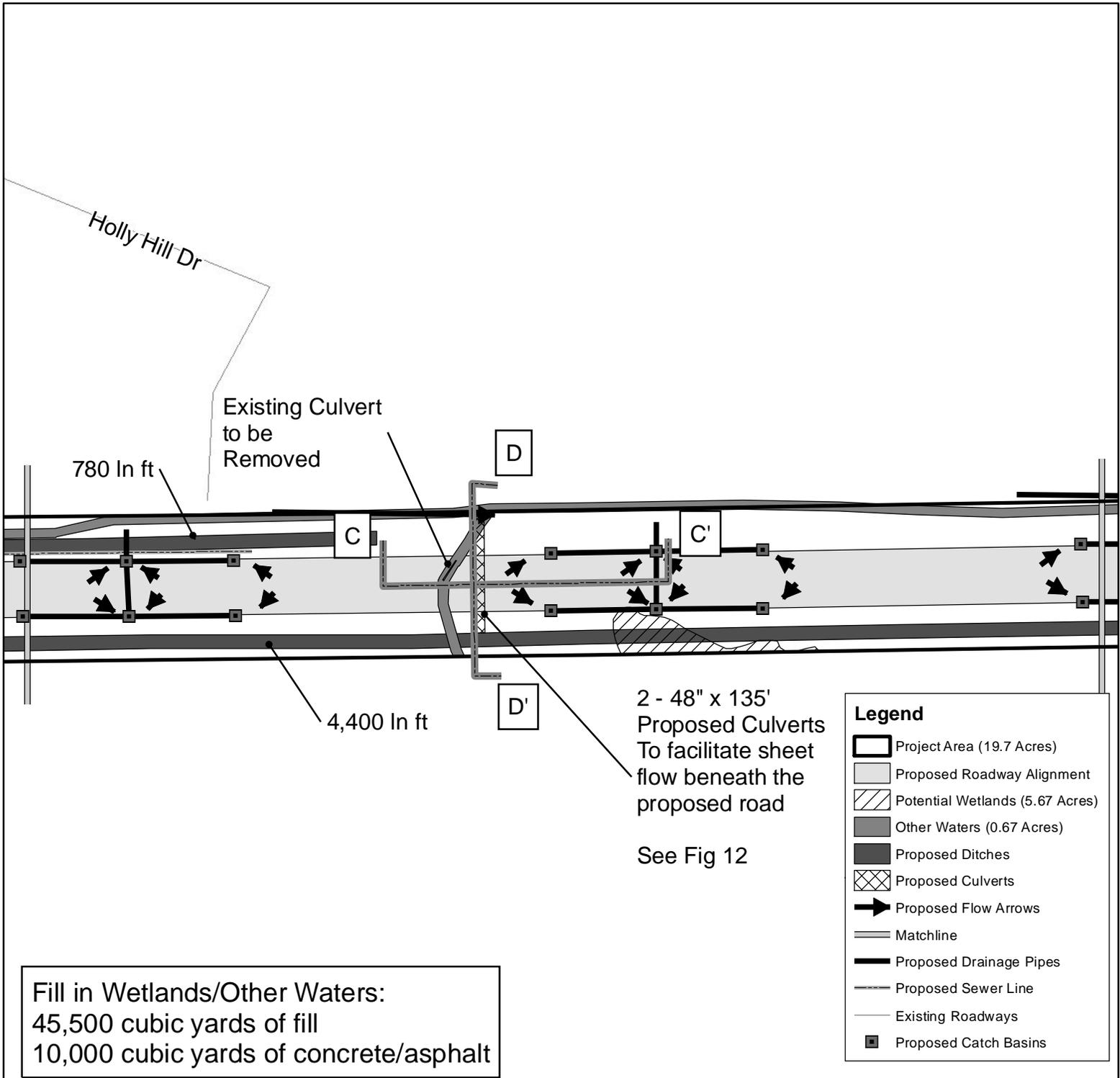
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**FIGURE 5**



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**PROPOSED DRAINAGE MAP**

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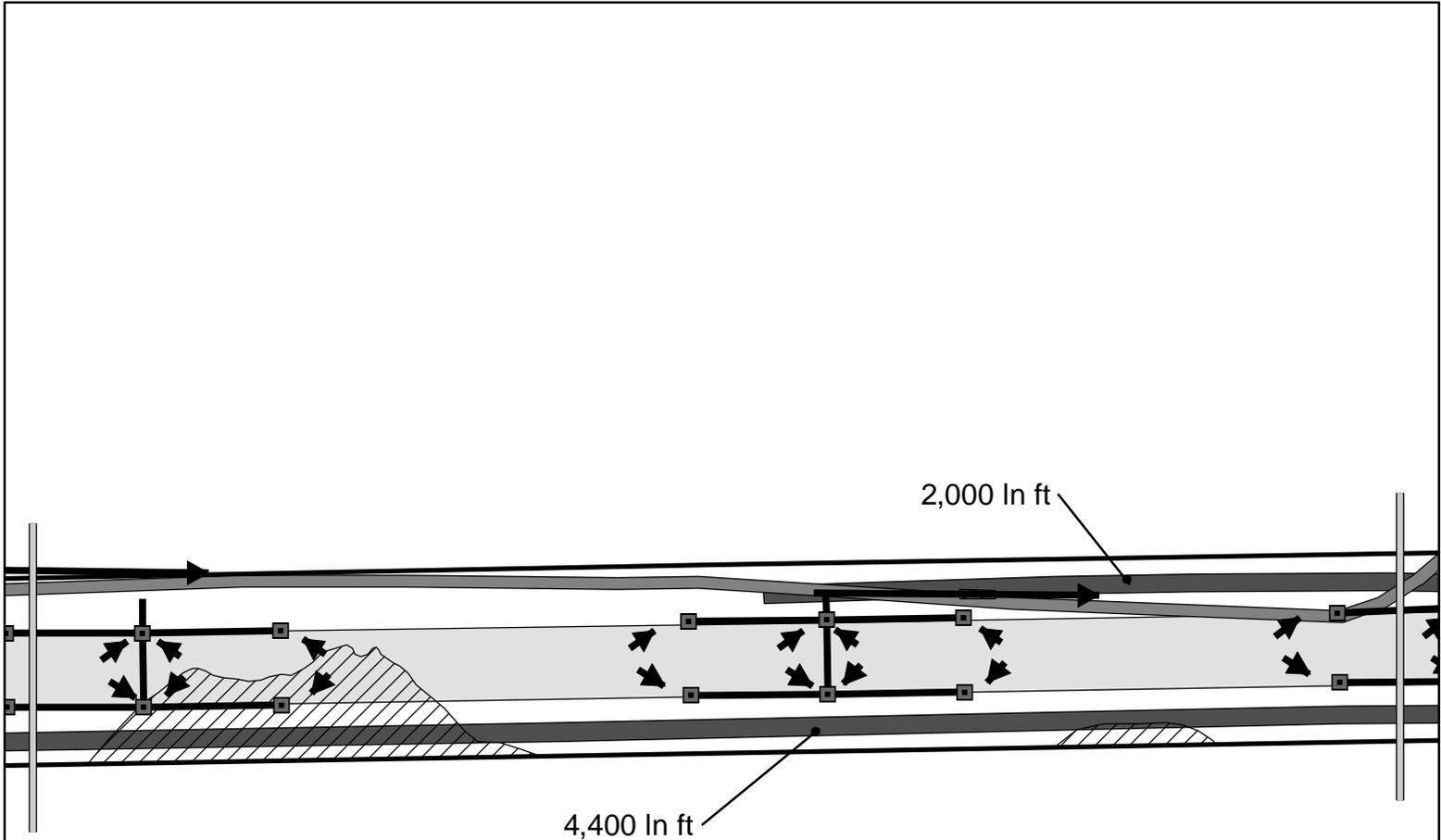
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**FIGURE 6**



Fill in Wetlands/Other Waters:  
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 10,000 cubic yards of concrete/asphalt

**Legend**

- Project Area (19.7 Acres)
- Proposed Roadway Alignment
- Potential Wetlands (5.67 Acres)
- Other Waters (0.67 Acres)
- Proposed Ditches
- Proposed Culverts
- Proposed Flow Arrows
- Existing Roadways
- Matchline
- Proposed Drainage Pipes
- Proposed Catch Basins



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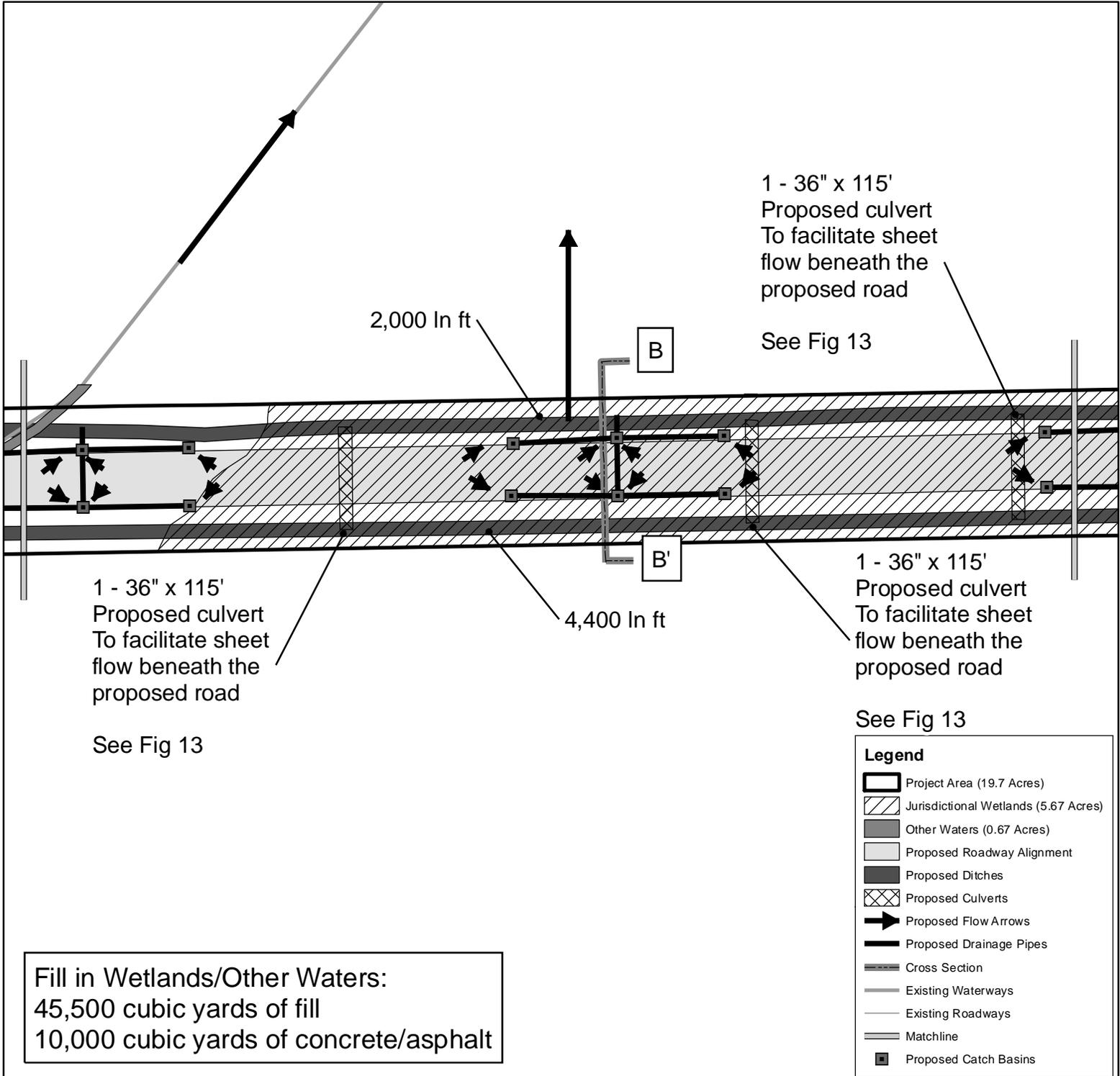
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**PROPOSED DRAINAGE MAP**

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FIGURE 7



Fill in Wetlands/Other Waters:  
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 10,000 cubic yards of concrete/asphalt

**Legend**

- Project Area (19.7 Acres)
- Jurisdictional Wetlands (5.67 Acres)
- Other Waters (0.67 Acres)
- Proposed Roadway Alignment
- Proposed Ditches
- Proposed Culverts
- Proposed Flow Arrows
- Proposed Drainage Pipes
- Cross Section
- Existing Waterways
- Existing Roadways
- Matchline
- Proposed Catch Basins

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**PROPOSED DRAINAGE MAP**

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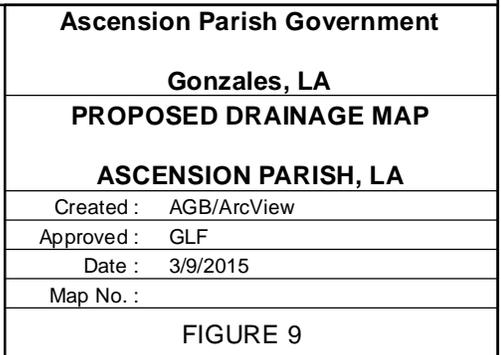
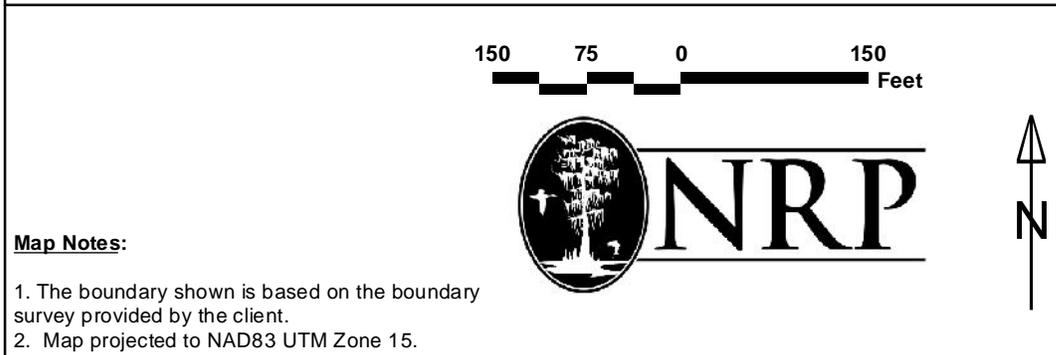
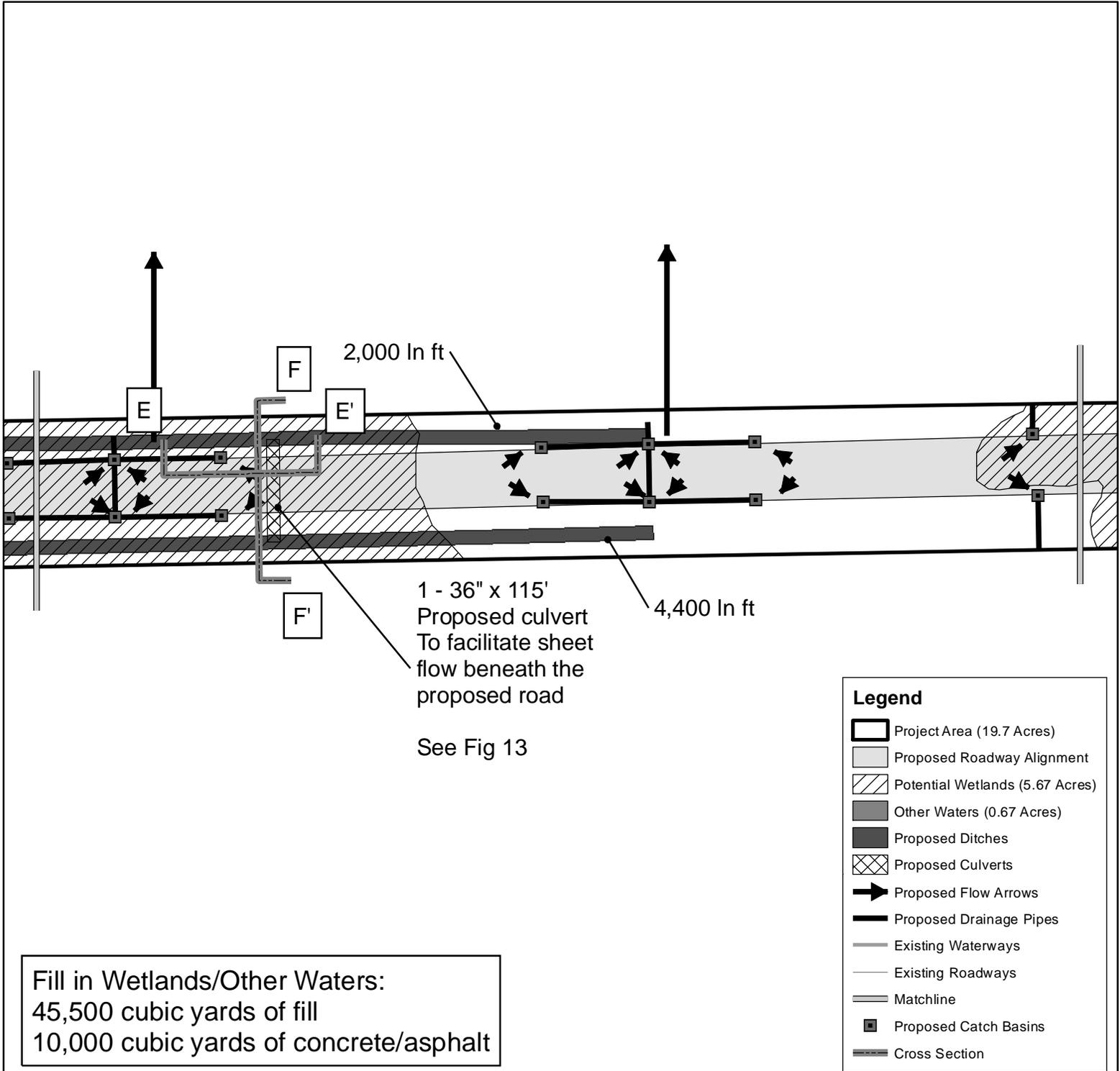
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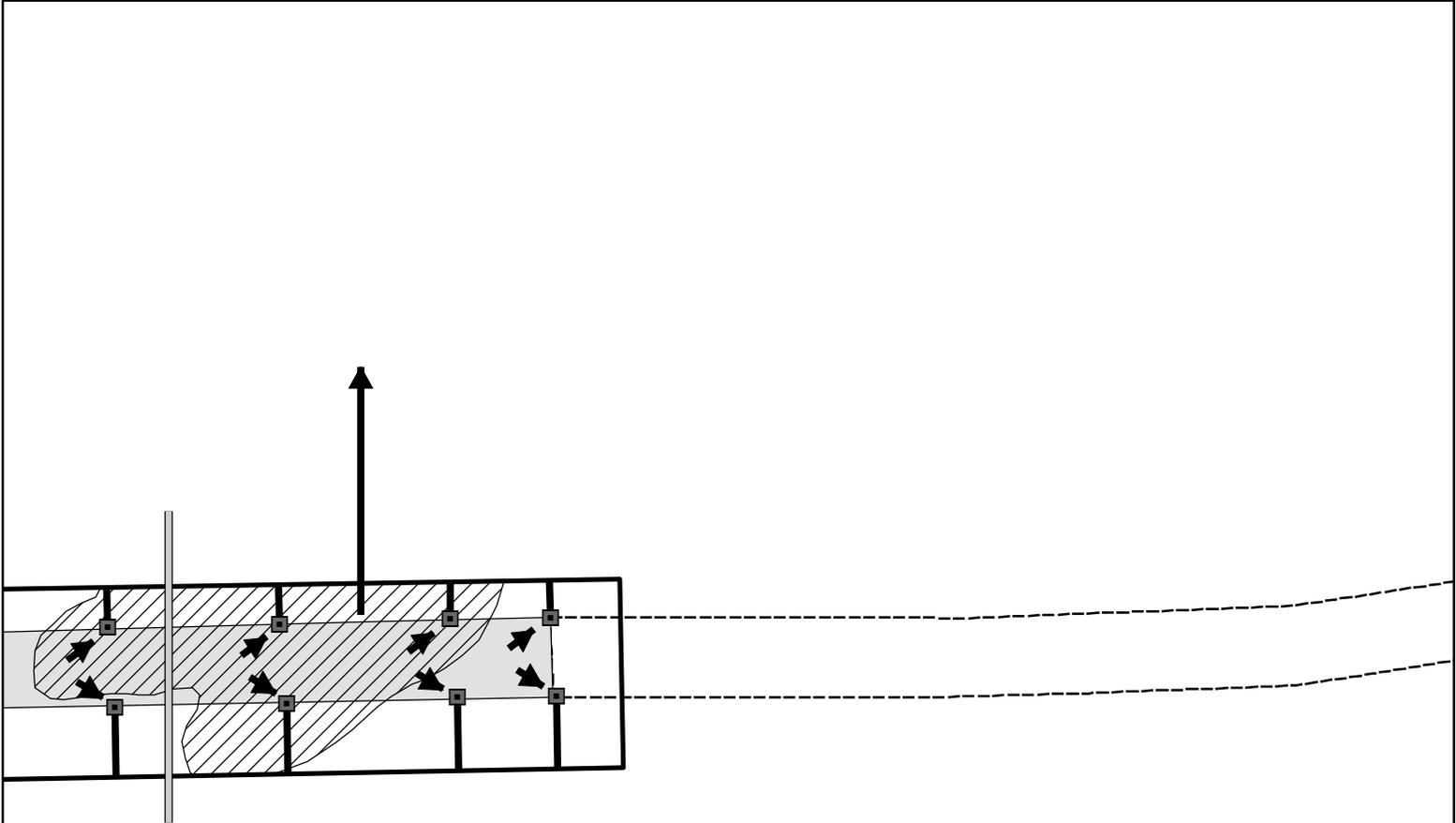
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**FIGURE 8**





Fill in Wetlands/Other Waters:  
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 10,000 cubic yards of concrete/asphalt

**Legend**

- Project Area (19.7 Acres)
- Approved Edenborne Connector (Under Construction)
- Proposed Roadway Alignment
- Other Waters (0.67 Acres)
- Potential Wetlands (5.67 Acres)
- Proposed Flow Arrows
- Proposed Drainage Pipes
- Existing Waterways
- Existing Roadways
- Matchline
- Proposed Catch Basins



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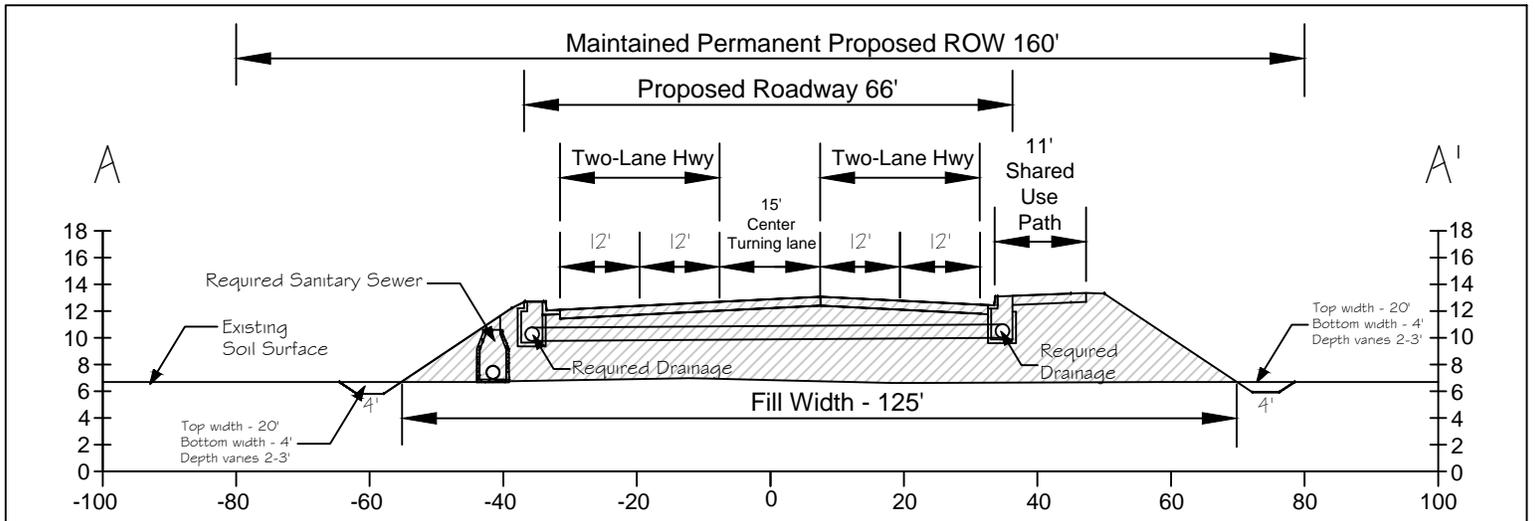
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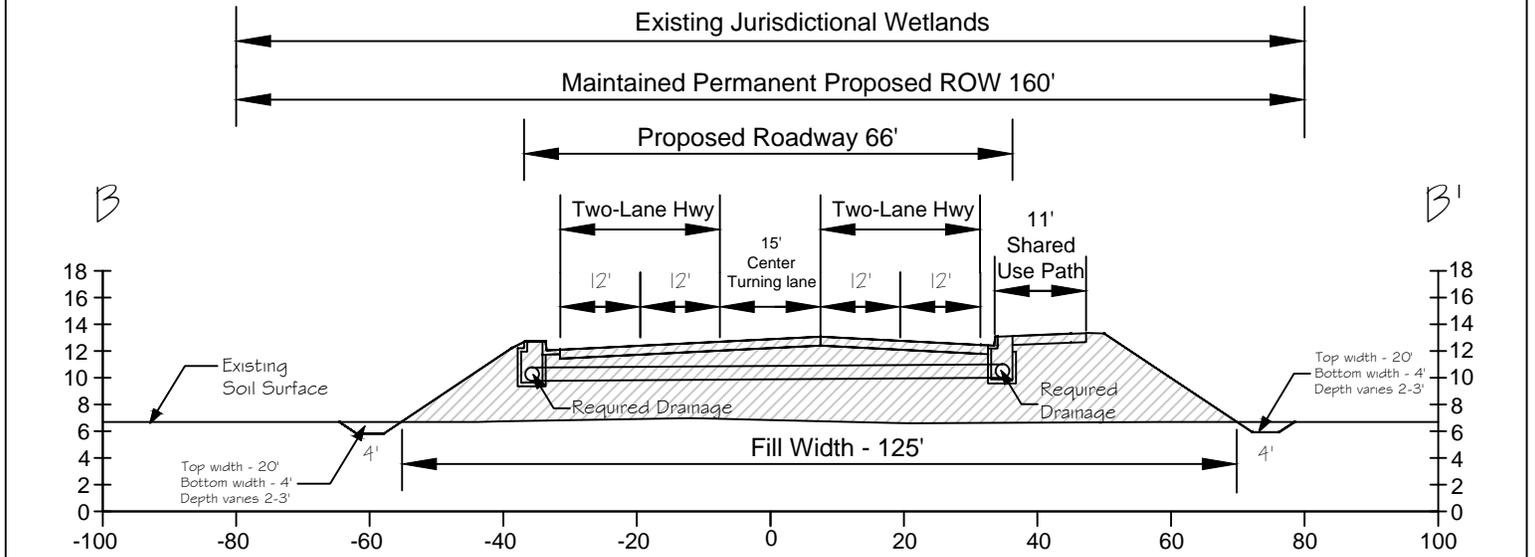
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**FIGURE 10**



A-A'  
Typical Roadway Section  
N.T.S.



B-B'  
Typical Roadway Section  
N.T.S.

Fill in Wetlands/Other Waters:  
45,500 cubic yards  
10,000 cubic yards

 Proposed Fill

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CROSS SECTIONS

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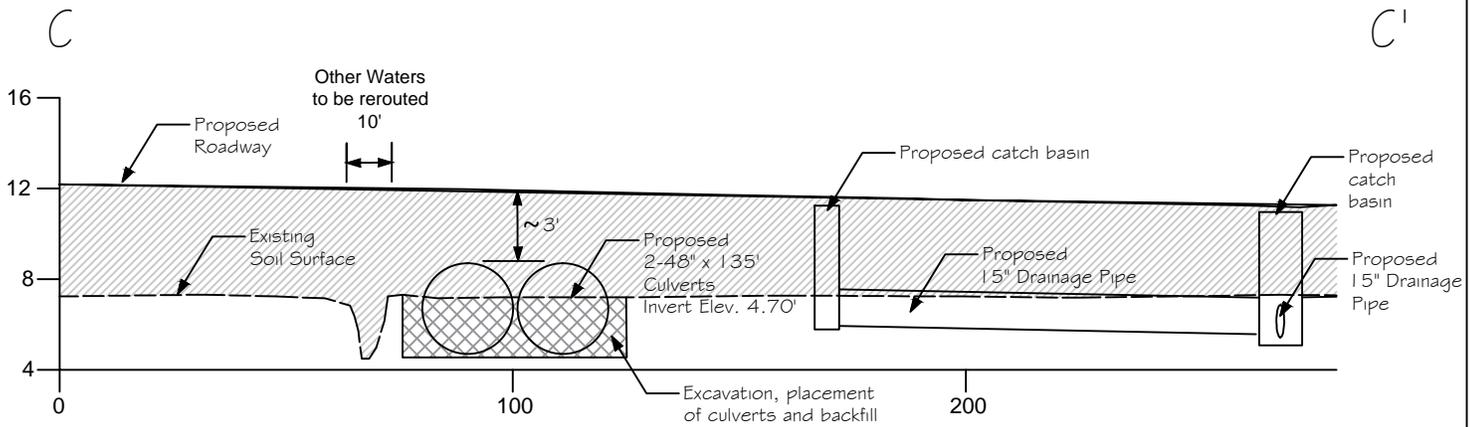
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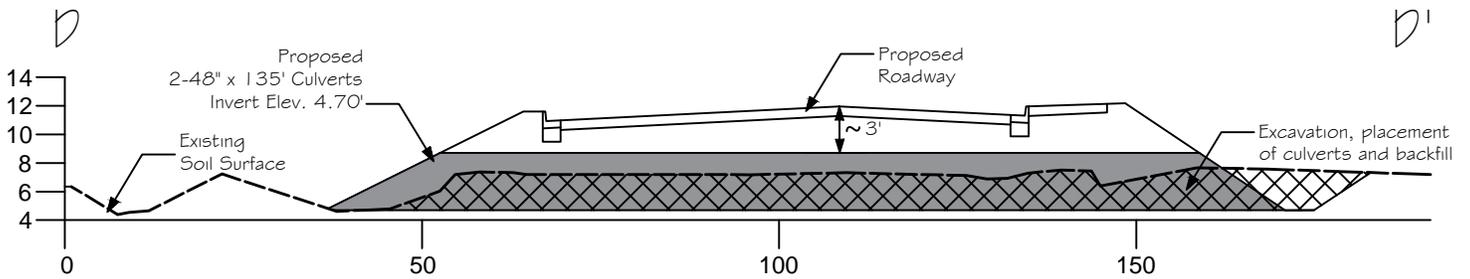
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FIGURE 11



C - C'  
 Typical 48" Culvert Section  
 See Fig 11 for Roadway Detail



D - D'  
 Typical 48" Culvert Section  
 See Fig 11 for Roadway Detail

**Note:**

The 48" and 36" culverts are to facilitate sheet flow beneath the proposed road.

Fill in Wetlands/Other Waters:  
 45,500 cubic yards  
 10,000 cubic yards

-  Proposed Fill
-  Proposed Excavation

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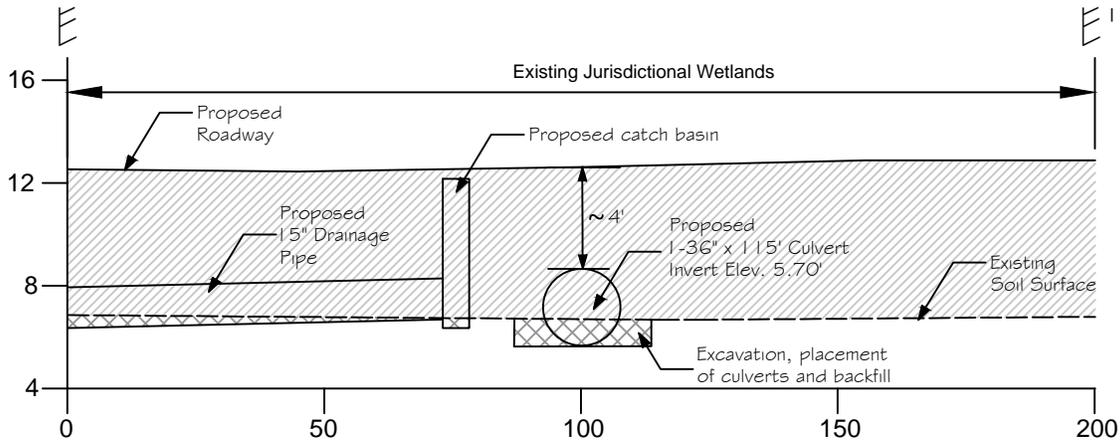
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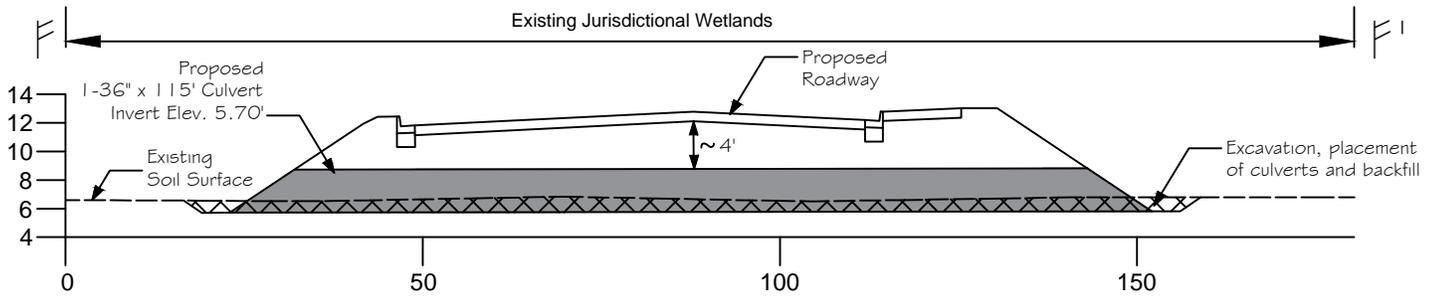
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FIGURE 12



E - E'  
 Typical 36" Culvert Section  
 See Fig 11 for Roadway Detail



F - F'  
 Typical 36" Culvert Section  
 See Fig 11 for Roadway Detail

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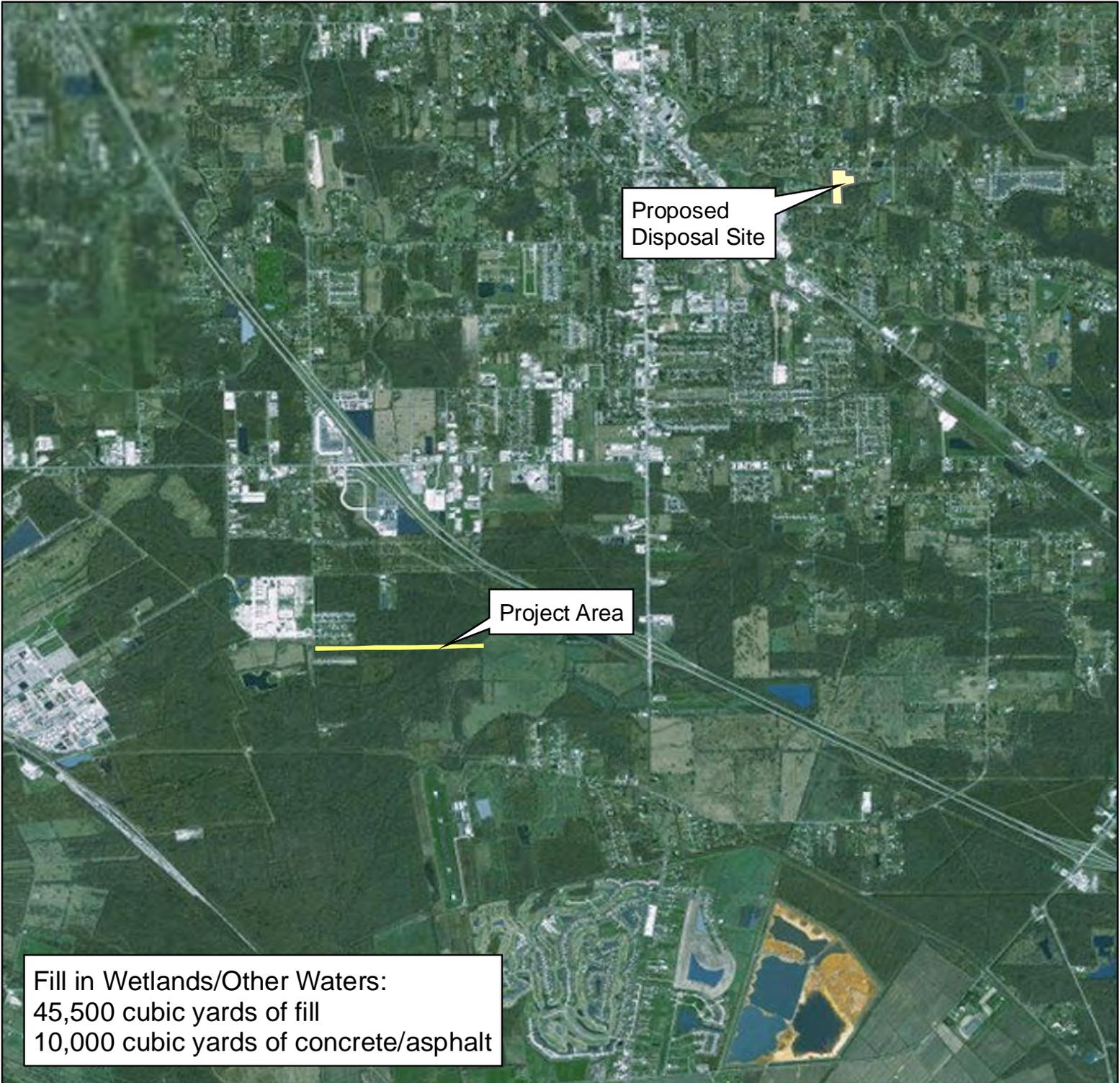
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**DISPOSAL SITE MAP**

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**FIGURE 14**