JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

September 21, 2015

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Attn: Regulatory Branch
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

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bobby.d.quebedeaux@usace.army.mil
Permit Application Number:
MVN-2015-1791-WJJ

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Water Quality Certification Sec.
Post Office Box 4313
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

Project Manager:
Elizabeth Johnson
(225) 219-3225 / fax: (225) 325-8125
WQC Application Number:
WQC 150908-02

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).

The application has also been mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statute 30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-17).

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CALCASIEU PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: SWLA Funeral Solutions, LLC, c/o: Spooner & Associates, Inc., Attn: Scott Spooner, P.O. Box 12685, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70612

LOCATION OF WORK: On U.S. Hwy 171 in Moss Bluff, Louisiana, in Calcasieu Parish (30.33551, -93.20353, Hydrologic Unit Code 08080203, Upper Calcasieu River Watershed).

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear, grub and grade approximately 4 acres to construct a funeral home and parking area. Approximately 5,000 cubic yards of native soil will be excavated and removed off-site and a total of approximately 4,000 cubic yards of stabilized fill clay will be excavated from a retention pond and deposited to construct the building and parking lot foundations. Approximately 1.75 acres of unavoidable wetland impacts (pine savannah) will be compensated for through the purchase of credits from an approved mitigation bank in the same hydrologic basin.

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 submitted 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 forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing, faxing, 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.

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.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of 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 may result in the destruction or alteration of **0.0** acres of potential 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.

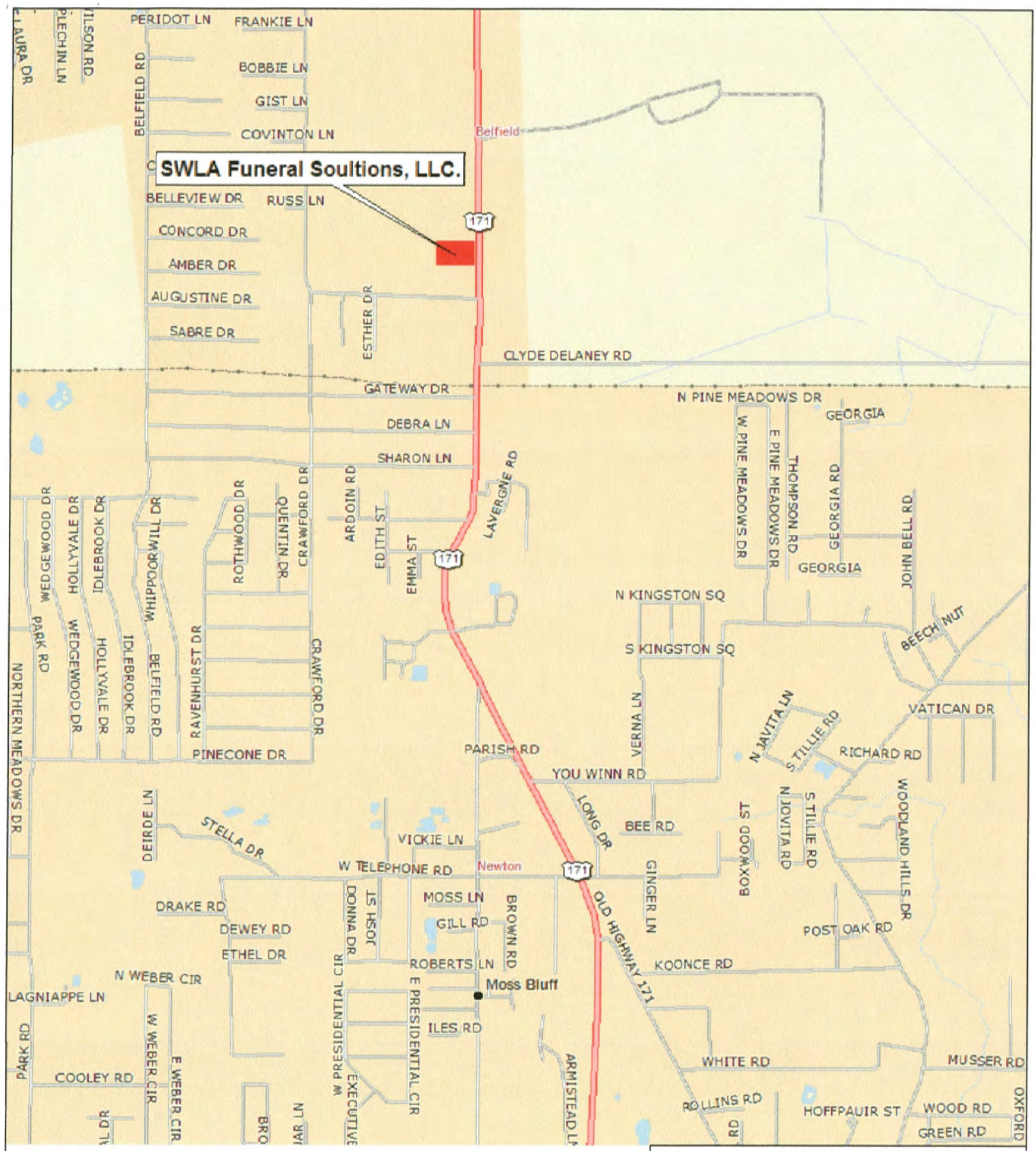
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

Darrell S. Barbara
Chief, Western Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



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N 30.33551
W 93.20353

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SECTION 404 PERMIT APPLICATION SITE LOCATION	
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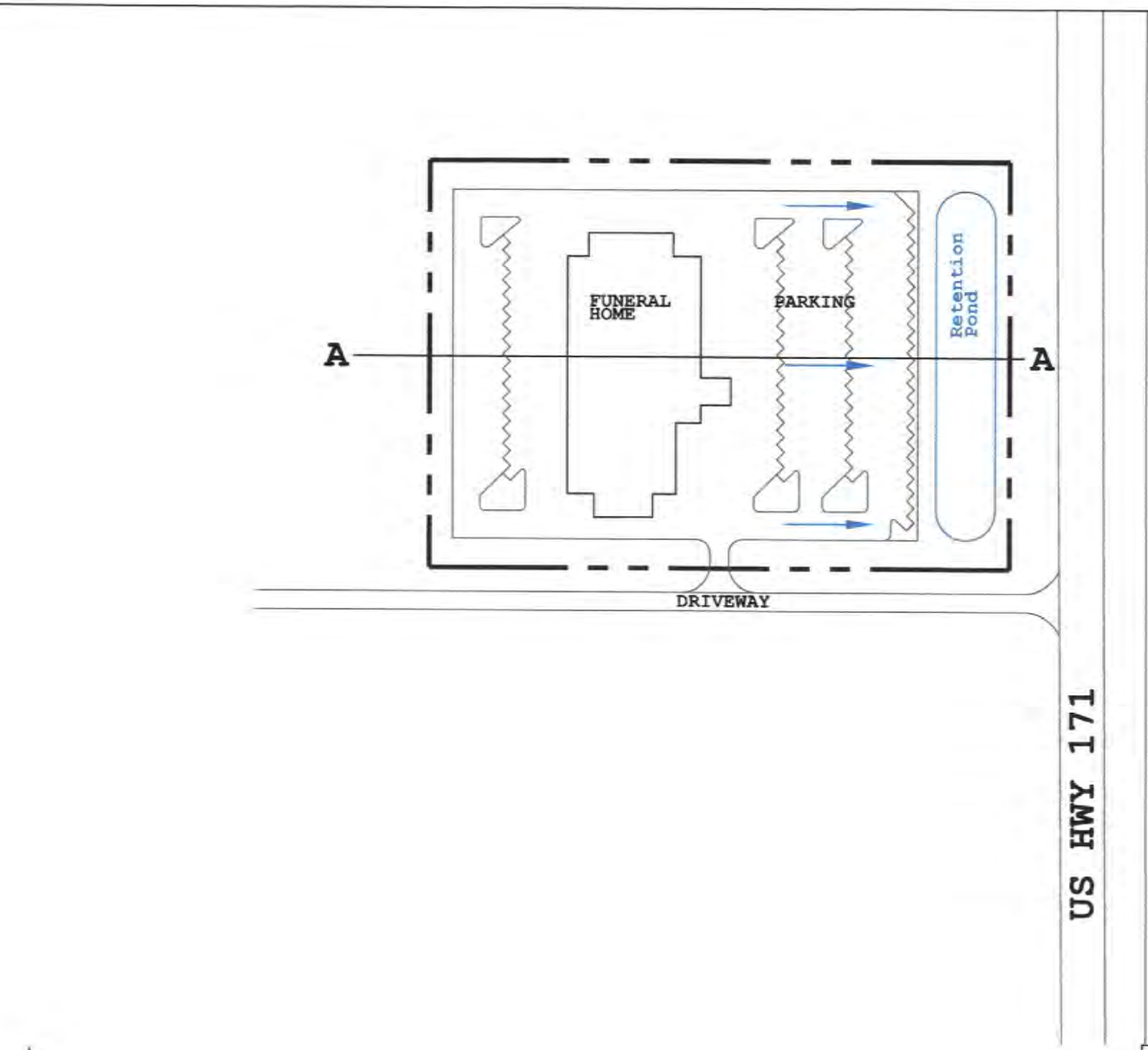

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Johnson Funeral Home of Moss Bluff 4 ACRES - US HWY 171	
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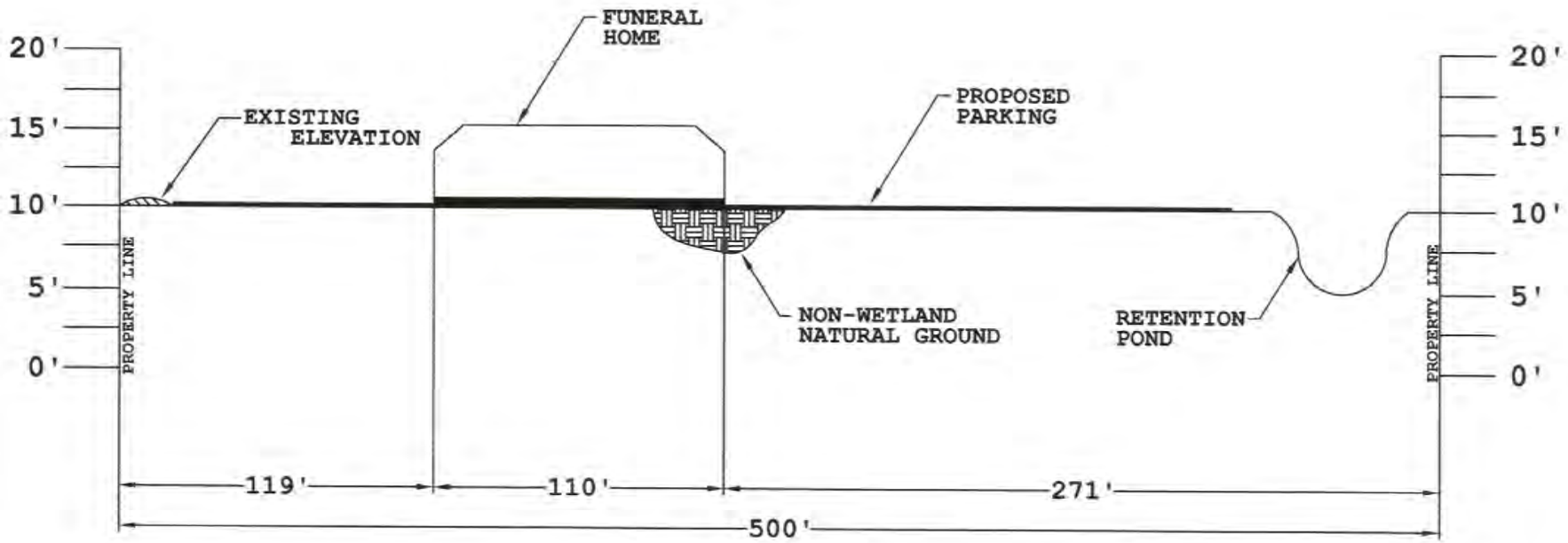

CROSS SECTION A-A'

SWLA Funeral Solutions, LLC. MOSS BLUFF, LOUISIANA	
SECTION 404 PERMIT APPLICATION CROSS SECTION	
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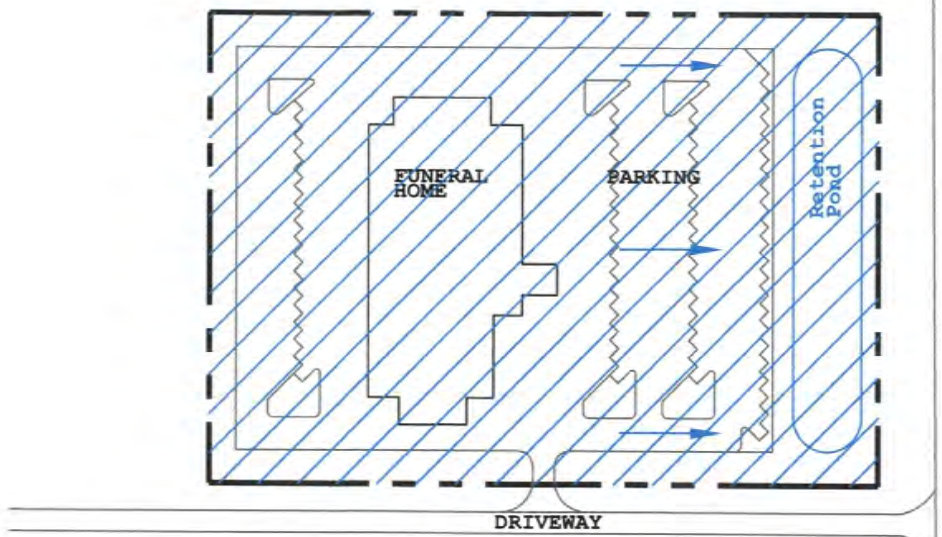

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0 150'

Non Wet

44% Wet

SWLA Funeral Solutions, LLC. MOSS BLUFF, LOUISIANA	
PROPOSED FUNERAL HOME WETLAND DELINEATION	
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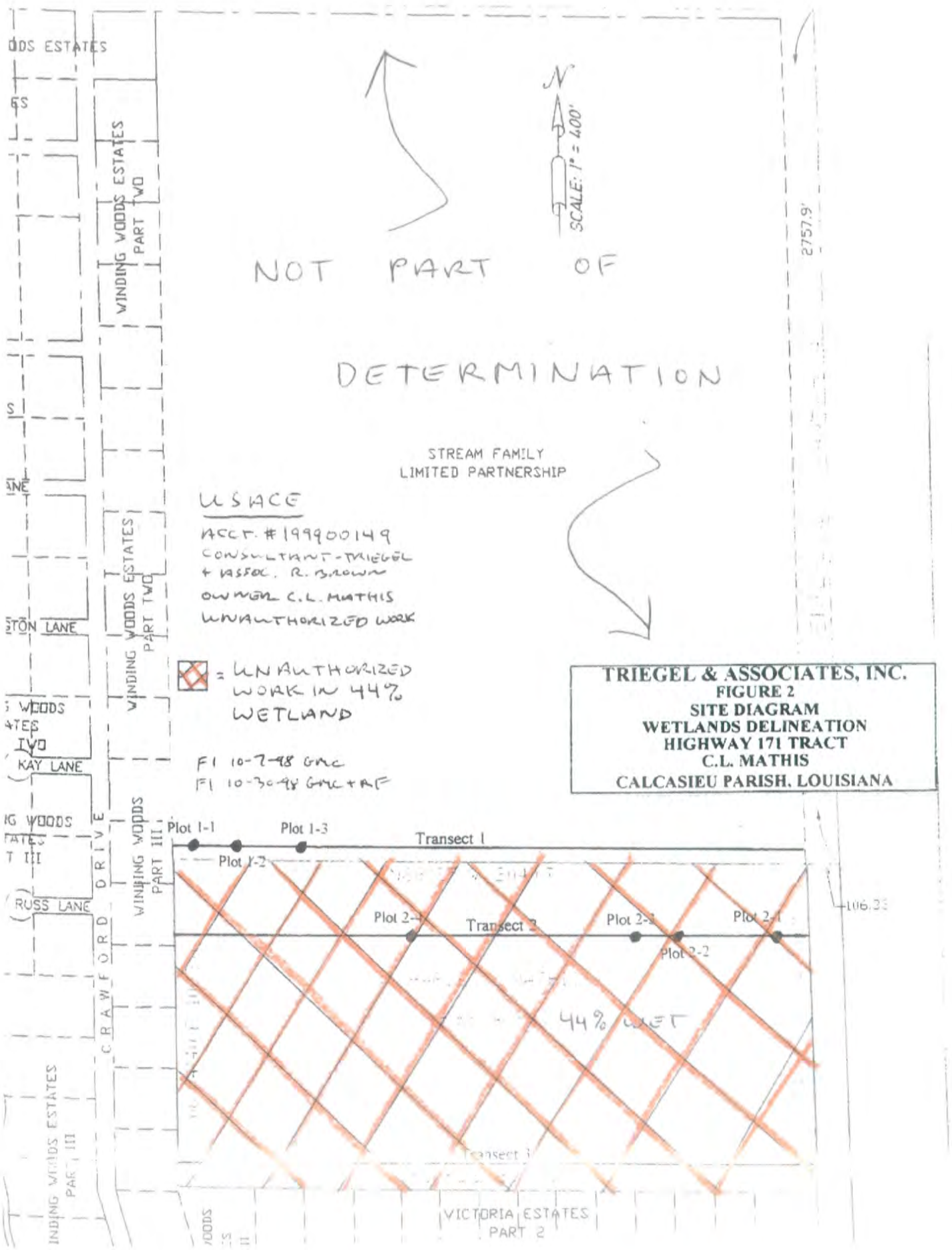
NOT PART OF
DETERMINATION
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SCALE: 1" = 400'
STREAM FAMILY
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
USACE
ACCT. #199900149
CONSULTANT - TRIEGEL
+ ASSOC. R. BROWN
OWNER C.L. MATHIS
UNAUTHORIZED WORK
= UNAUTHORIZED WORK IN 44% WETLAND
F1 10-7-98 GMC
F1 10-30-98 GMC + RF
TRIEGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC.
FIGURE 2
SITE DIAGRAM
WETLANDS DELINEATION
HIGHWAY 171 TRACT
C.L. MATHIS
CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA
Plot 1-1
Plot 1-3
Transect 1
Plot 1-2
Plot 2-4
Transect 2
Plot 2-3
Plot 2-1
Plot 2-2
44% WET
Transect 3
WINDING WOODS ESTATES PART TWO
WINDING WOODS ESTATES PART III
CRAWFORD DRIVE
VICTORIA ESTATES PART 2
2757.9'
106.33