

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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MVN 2014-01530 CJ

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WQC Application Number  
140807-01

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, 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).

## **AIRPORT RUNWAY UPGRADE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, c/o Natural Resource Professional, LLC, Alissa G. Berthelot, 7478 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Located on Louisiana Highway 67, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Latitude 30.5438891 N and Longitude -91.136389 W within the Lake Pontchartrain-Amite River Hydrologic Unit (HUC 08070202) in East Baton Rouge Parish.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to clear, grade, grind, excavate, and deposit fill and/or aggregate material to upgrade the Runway Instrument Landing System (ILS) to Category (CAT) II. The proposed project would require approximately 100 cubic yards of concrete and 75 cubic yards of wood piers, impacting approximately 1.99 acres of forested wetlands and 1,100 linear feet of Other Waters of the U.S. subject to Corps of Engineers jurisdiction.

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

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 acre(s)** 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.

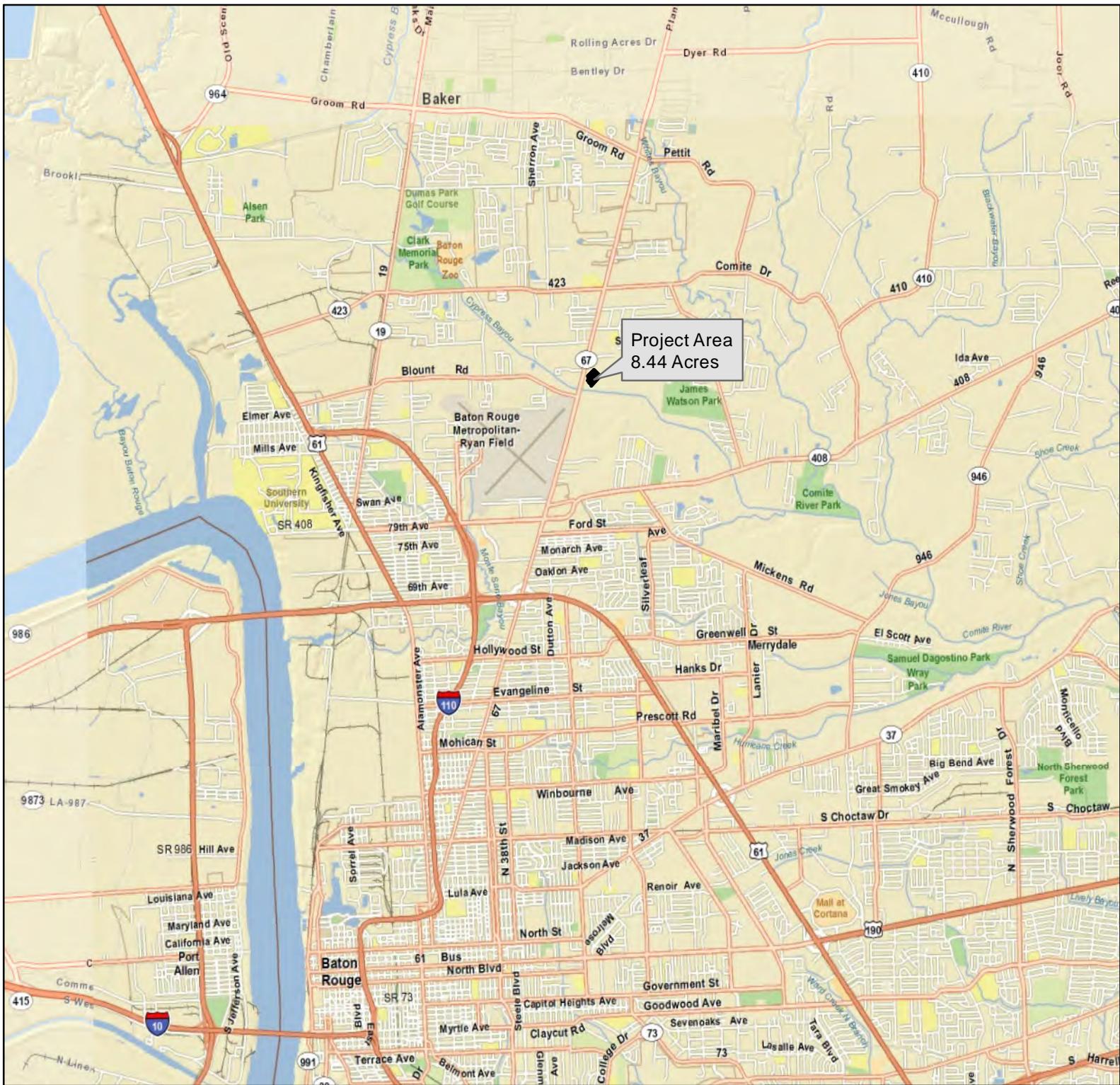
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

Enclosure

JOHN M. HERMAN  
Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch



Project Area  
8.44 Acres

**Legend**

 Project Area (8.44 Acres)



**Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport  
Runway 22 CAT II ILS Upgrade  
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**VICINITY MAP**

**E BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA**

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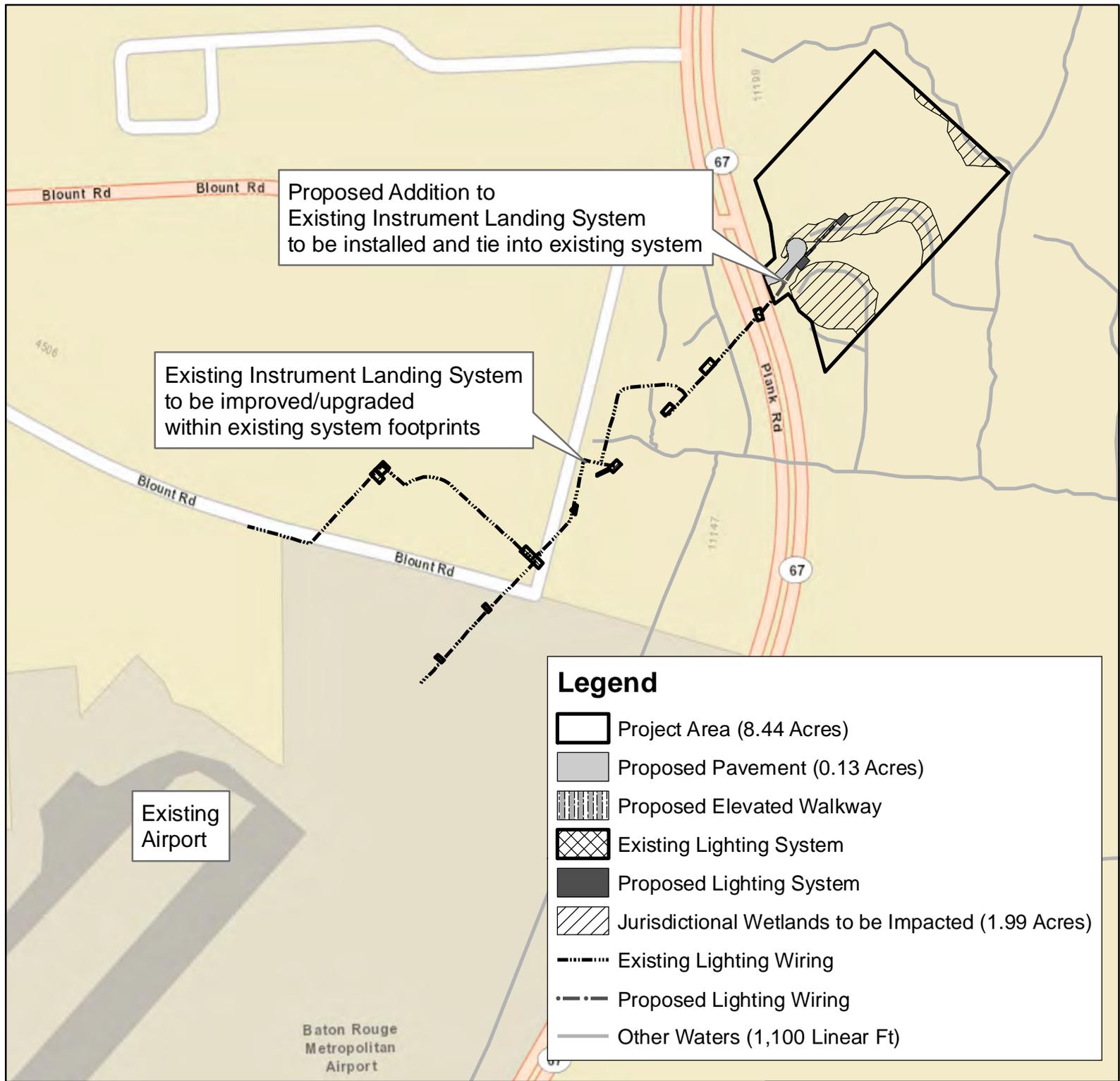
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**FIGURE 1**

**Map Notes:**

1. The boundary shown is based on the boundary survey provided by the client.
2. Map projected to NAD 83 UTM Zone 15.



**Legend**

- Project Area (8.44 Acres)
- Proposed Pavement (0.13 Acres)
- Proposed Elevated Walkway
- Existing Lighting System
- Proposed Lighting System
- Jurisdictional Wetlands to be Impacted (1.99 Acres)
- Existing Lighting Wiring
- Proposed Lighting Wiring
- Other Waters (1,100 Linear Ft)



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**SITE MAP**

**E BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA**

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**FIGURE 2**

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-  Project Area (8.44 Acres)
-  Existing Roadways
-  Existing Lighting System
-  Proposed Lighting System
-  Proposed Pavement (0.13 Acres)
-  Proposed Culvert
-  Proposed Elevated Walkway
-  Jurisdictional Wetlands to be Impacted (1.99 Acres)
-  Existing Lighting Wiring
-  Proposed Lighting Wiring
-  Proposed Limits of Fill
-  Other Waters (1,100 Linear Ft)



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**DETAIL MAP**

**E BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA**

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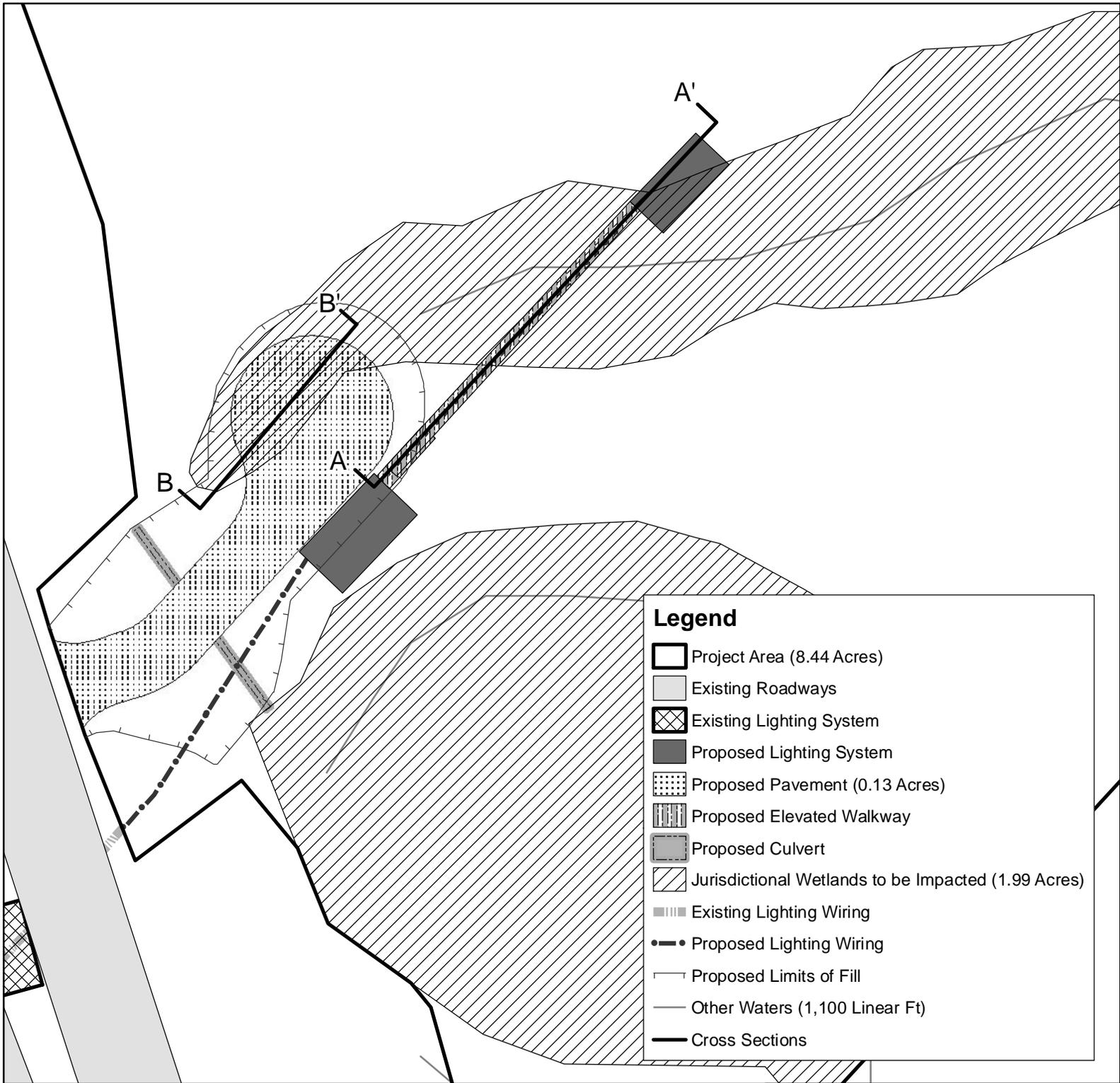
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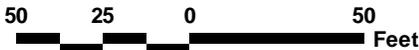
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- Existing Roadways
- Existing Lighting System
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- Jurisdictional Wetlands to be Impacted (1.99 Acres)
- Existing Lighting Wiring
- Proposed Lighting Wiring
- Proposed Limits of Fill
- Other Waters (1,100 Linear Ft)
- Cross Sections



**Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport  
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**CROSS SECTION MAP**

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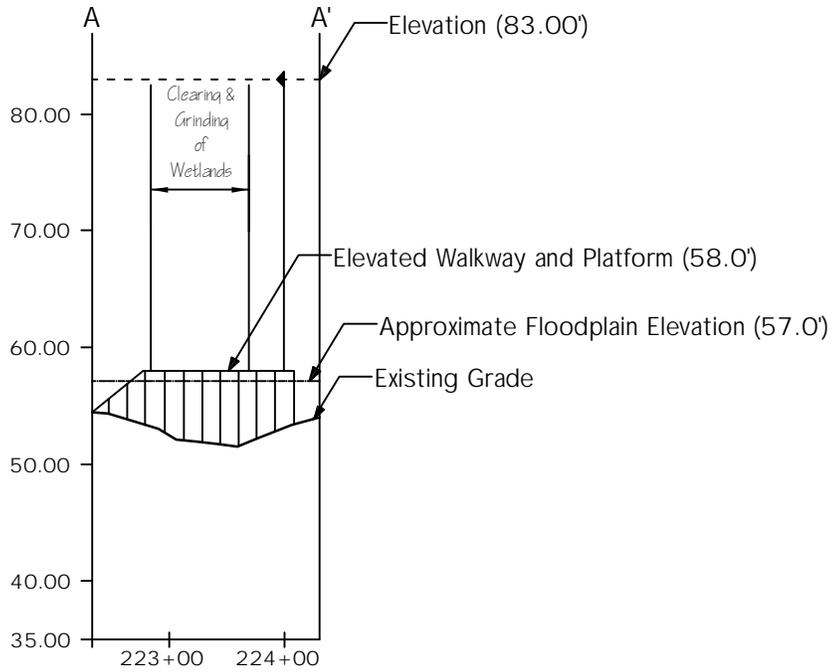
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**FIGURE 4**

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Section A-A'  
Proposed Lighting Structures  
and Elevated Walkway  
NTS



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CROSS SECTION

E BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA

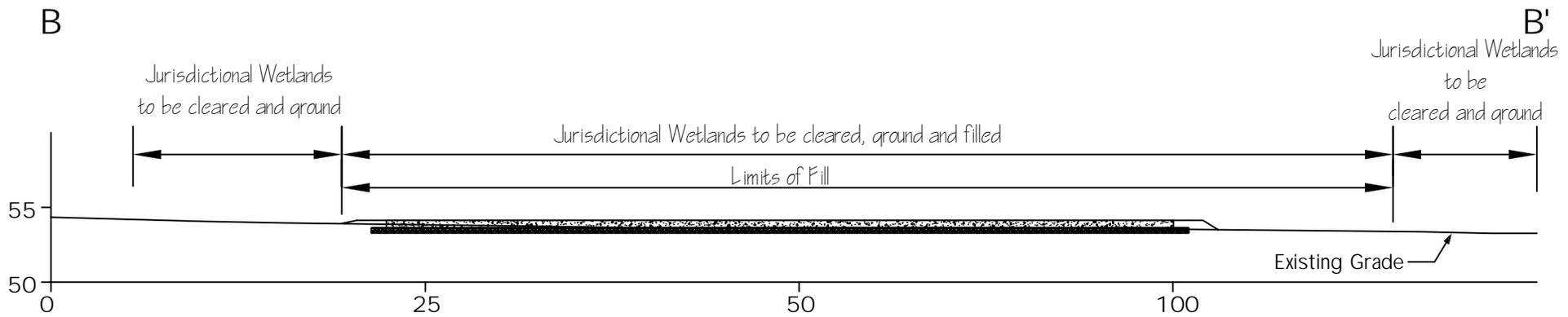
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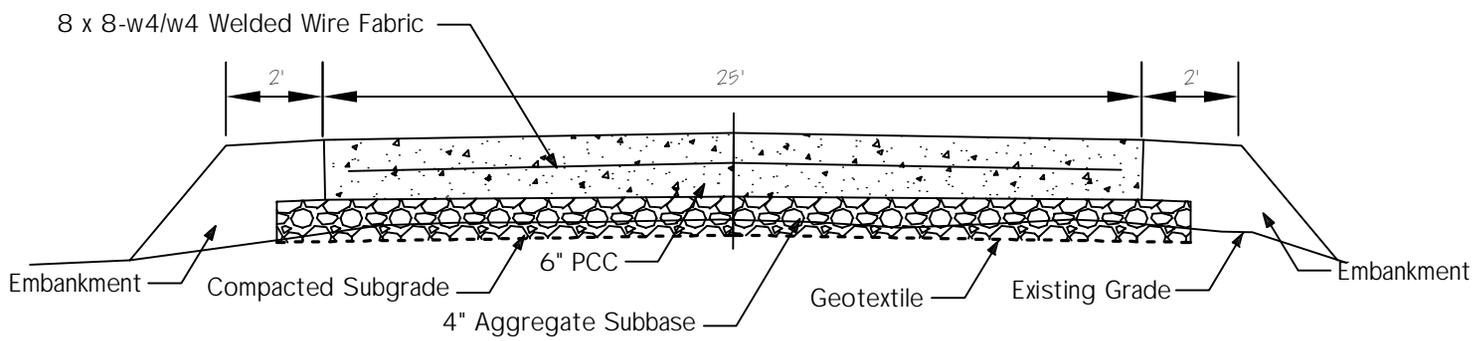
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FIGURE 5



Section B-B'  
Proposed Parking Area  
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Detail of Access Road/Parking Area  
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