

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

October 19, 2015

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Regulatory Branch  
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MVN 2014-2017-CQ

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Project Manager  
Ms. Elizabeth Johnson  
WQC Application Number  
WQC 151002-01

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 LRS30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

## **BOARD AN ACCESS ROAD, REFURBISH EXISTING BRIDGE CROSSING AND STRUCTURES FOR OIL AND GAS WELL SITE IN IBERVILLE PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Branta Lago, LLC c/o C.H. Fenstermaker and Associates, Inc., Attn: Mr. Chris Guidry, 135 Regency Square, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In Sections 1&12, Township 9 South, Range 1 East and in Sections 2, 7 & 18, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, within the Lake Maurepas hydrologic unit (HUC 08090204), located approximately 3.5 northwest of St. Gabriel, Louisiana, in IBERVILLE Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings (Latitude 30.295277 N Longitude -91.061111 W).

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** Clear, grade, excavate, place and maintain fill material for the construction of a board road, turning wings, vehicle pullovers, bridge refurbishment, other appurtenant structures, and drill pad site to drill the Lago OAC Well No.1. The project was previously authorized under a Corps general permit NOD-13 on November 25, 2014 but could not use the authorized access route. A Geologic Review meeting was held on September 2, 2015 and determined that the currently proposed access route is the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative. Approximately 4.7 acres of potentially jurisdictional Other Waters of the United States and 1.2 acres of potentially jurisdictional forested wetlands would be impacted as a result of project implementation. The applicant has submitted a wetland delineation to the Corps' Surveillance and Enforcement Section for verification of potential jurisdictional areas. Approximately 15,271 cubic yards of hauled in material is to be placed as fill in potentially jurisdictional areas. The applicant has claimed that the project has been designed to avoid and minimize impacts as much as possible. The applicant is proposing to compensate for the unavoidable impact by purchasing mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank.

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**. 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 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. Utilizing 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, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on any listed 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.

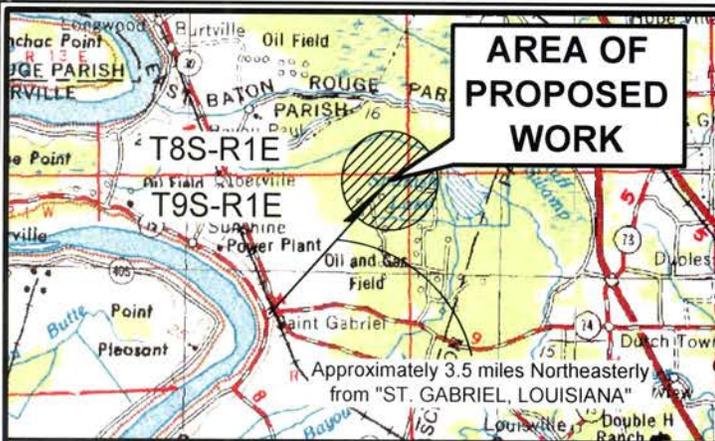
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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.

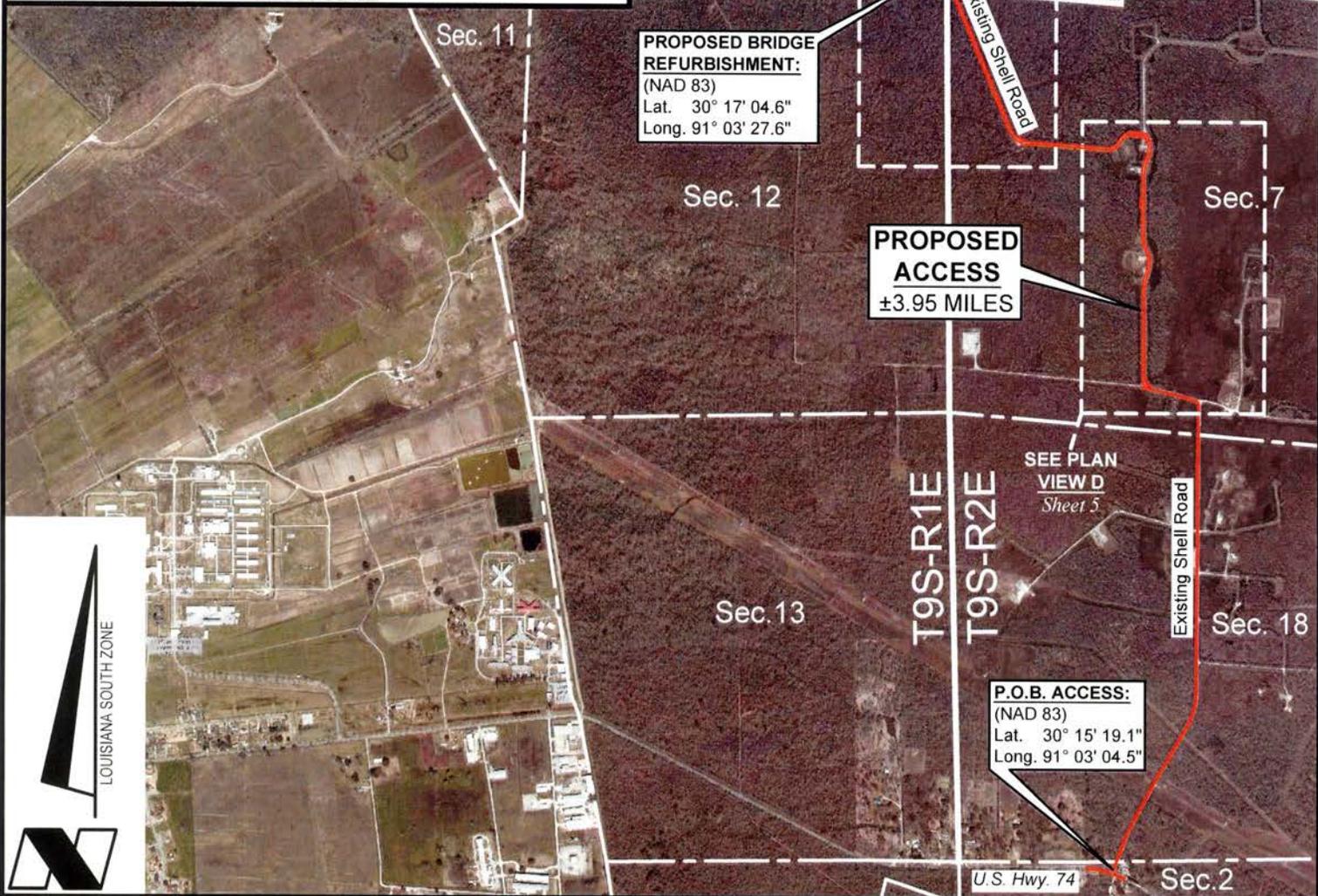
JOHN M. HERMAN  
Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure

**AREA OF PROPOSED WORK**



**VICINITY MAP**  
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**PROPOSED ACCESS, BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT & STRUCTURES:**  
Branta Lago LLC-  
Lago OAC No. 1 Well  
(NAD 27)  
X = 2,085,915  
Y = 592,242  
(NAD 83)  
Lat. 30° 17' 43"  
Long. 91° 03' 40"

**PROPOSED BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT:**  
(NAD 83)  
Lat. 30° 17' 04.6"  
Long. 91° 03' 27.6"

**PROPOSED ACCESS**  
±3.95 MILES

**P.O.B. ACCESS:**  
(NAD 83)  
Lat. 30° 15' 19.1"  
Long. 91° 03' 04.5"



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VICINITY MAP

**BRANTA LAGO LLC**

**PROPOSED ACCESS, BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT & STRUCTURES**

Lago OAC No. 1 Well

Sections 1 & 12, T9S-R1E & Sections 2, 7, & 18, T9S-R2E

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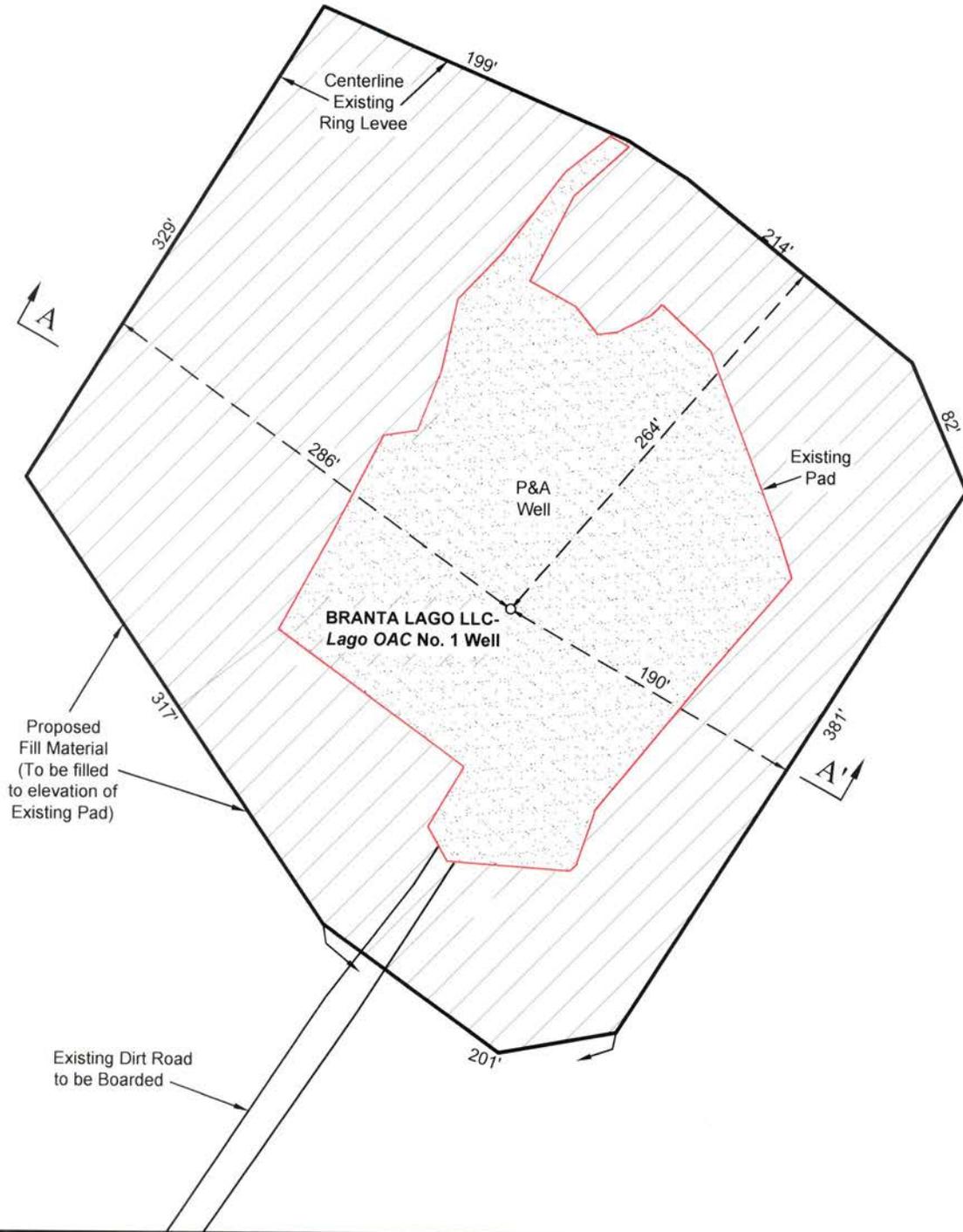
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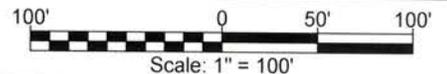
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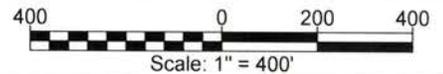
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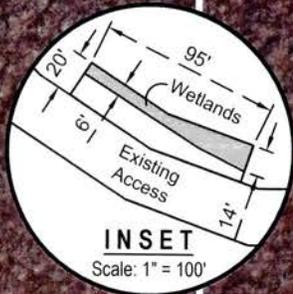
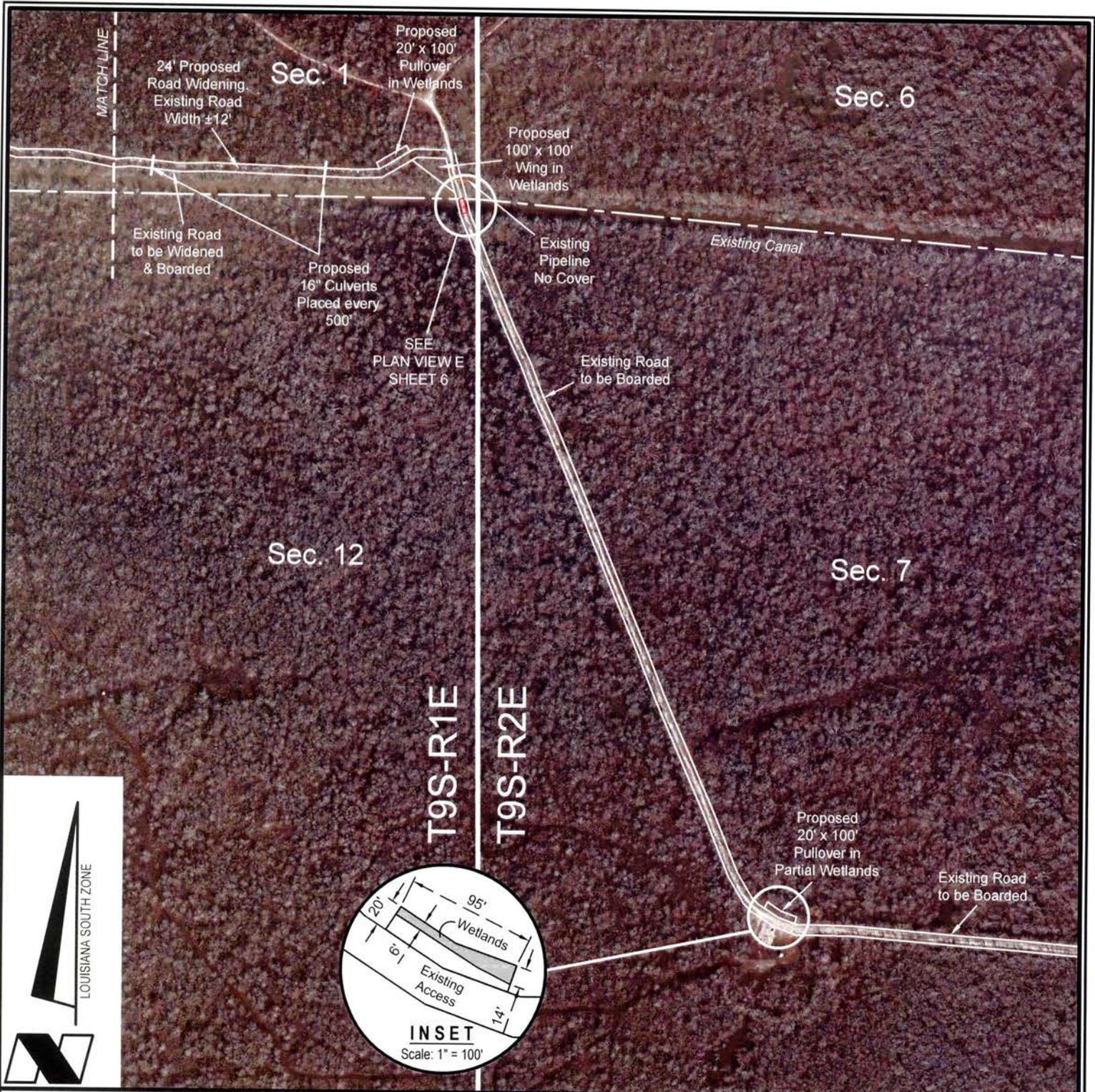
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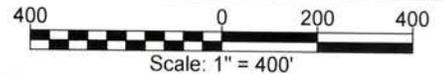
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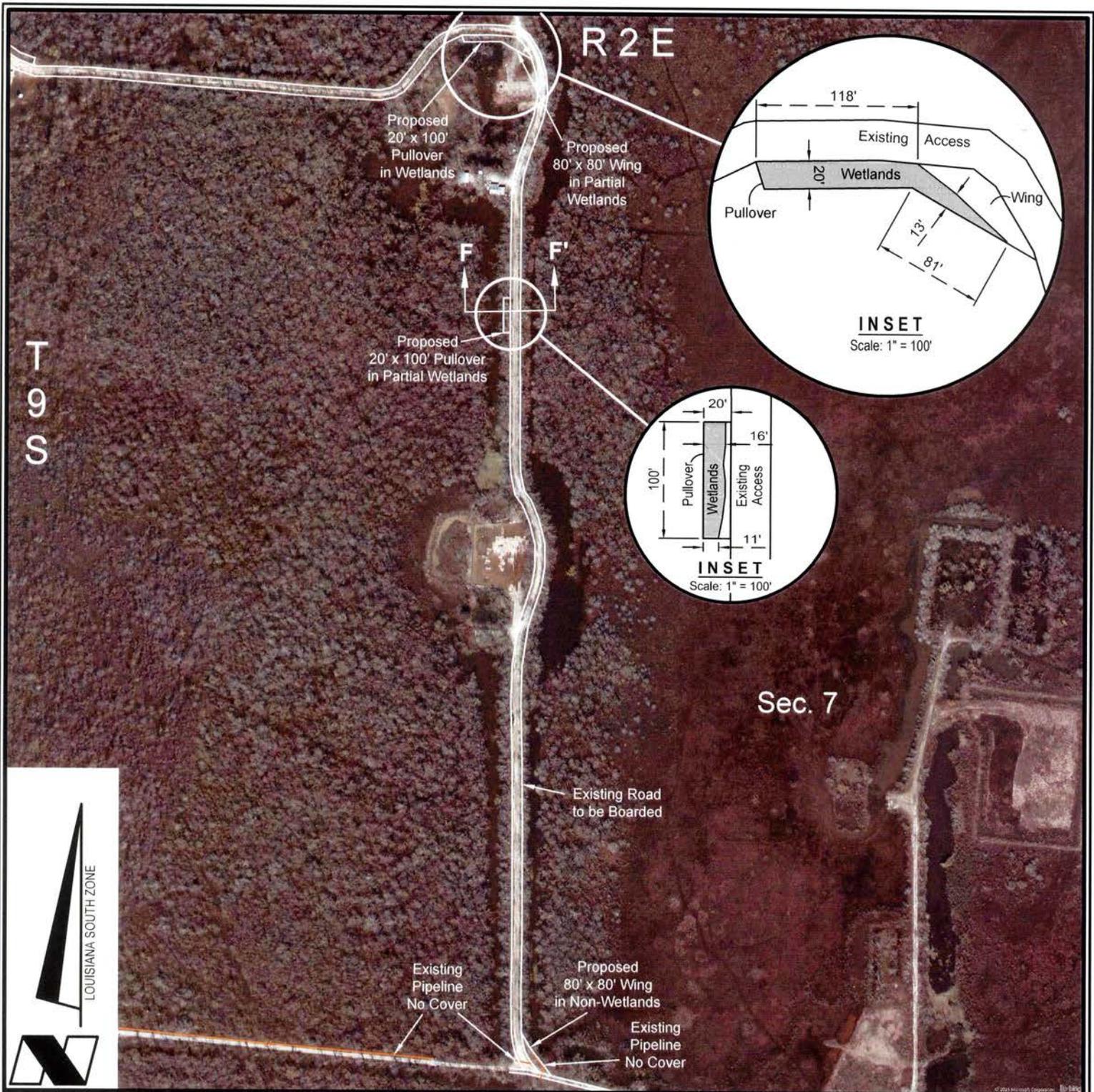
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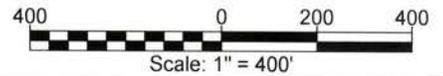
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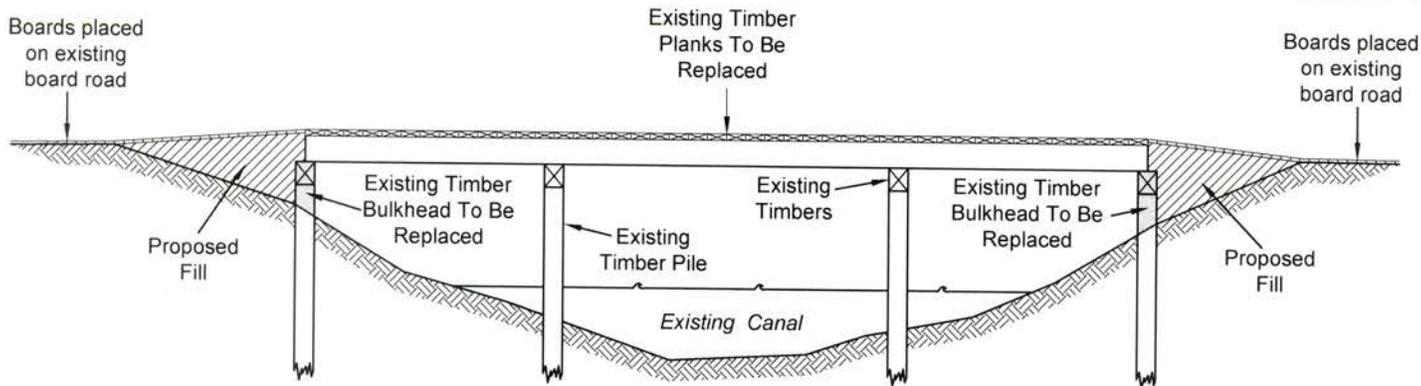
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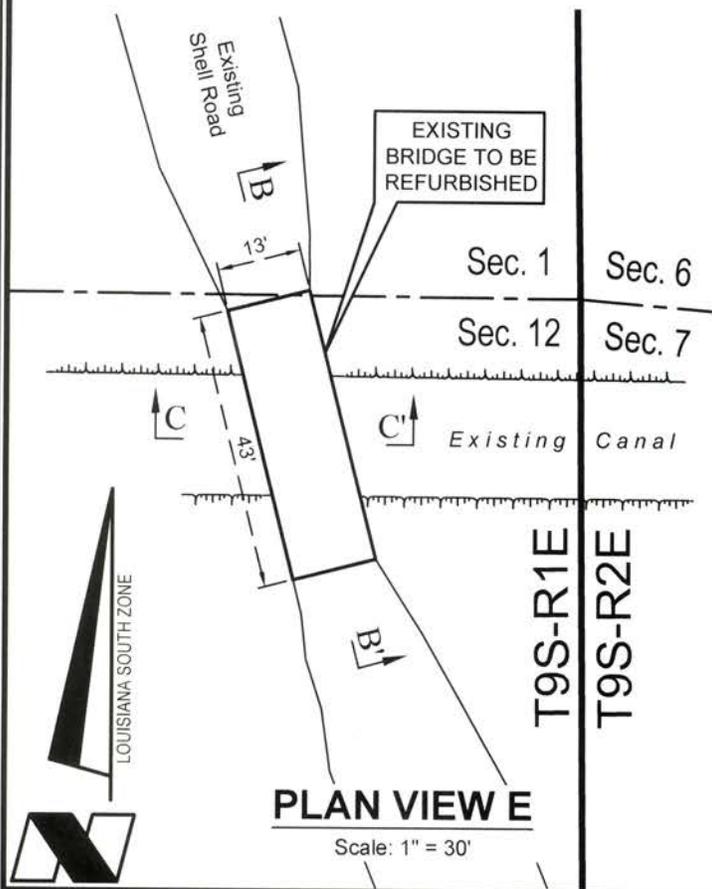
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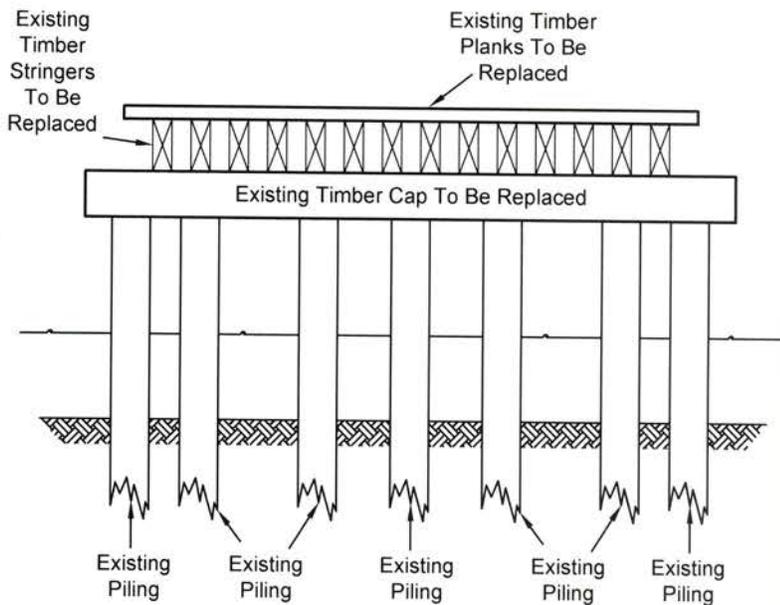
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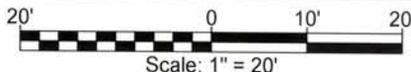
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**CROSS SECTION C-C'**

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**PLAN VIEW - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**



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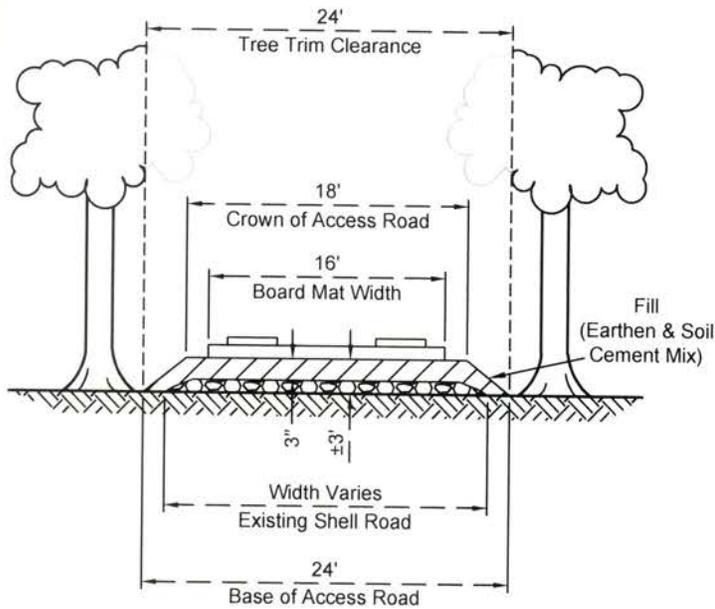
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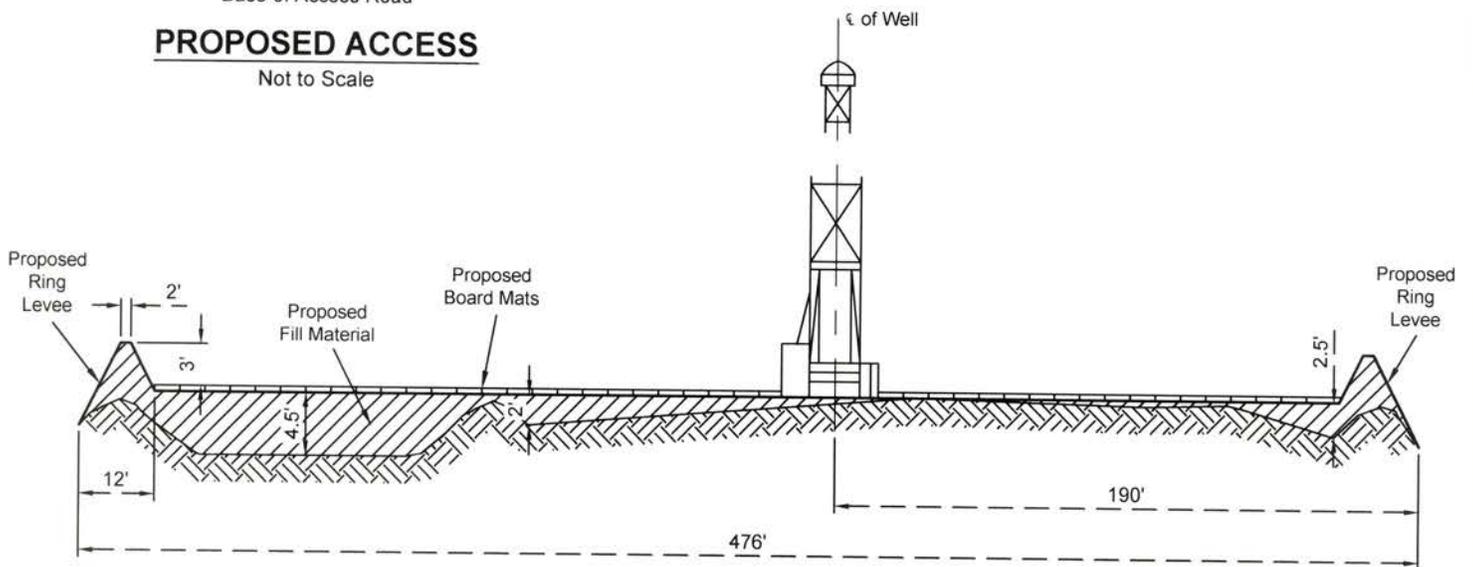
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- NOTES:
1. In order to ensure the safety of all parties, the permittee shall contact the Louisiana ONE CALL System (1-800-272-3020), a minimum of 48 hours prior to the commencement of any excavation (Digging, Dredging, Jetting, etc.) or demolition activity.
  2. Material for drillsite levees to be hauled in.
  3. The drillsite will be degraded within 90 days following abandonment.
  4. In the event the well is productive, boards may be replaced with gravel or other suitable permitted material and the area restored except for the minimum area required for production.
  5. Closed mud system will be used.



**CROSS SECTION A-A'**

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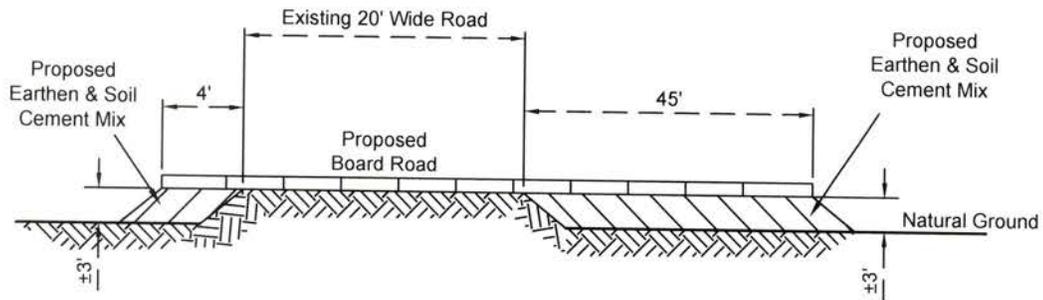
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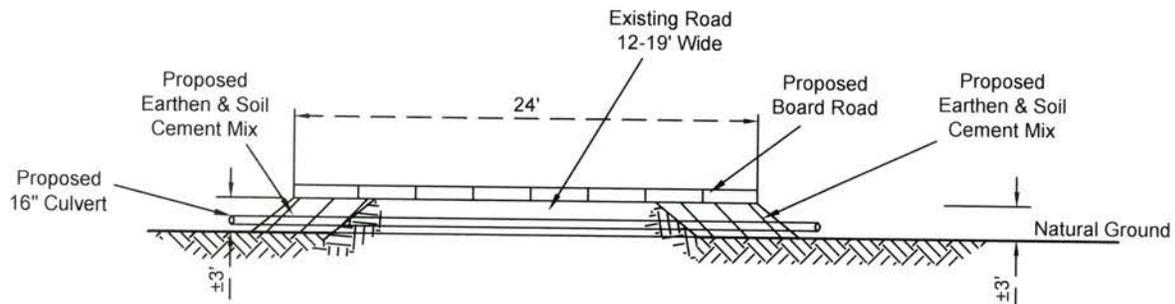
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TOTAL FILL REQUIRED FOR ACCESS ROAD PULLOVERS AND WINGS IN WETLANDS .....	303 CU. YDS.
TOTAL WATERS OF US (OTHER WATERS) IMPACTED BY DRILLSITE .....	4.708 ACRES
TOTAL WETLANDS IMPACTED BY PULLOVERS AND WINGS .....	0.548 ACRES
TOTAL WETLANDS IMPACTED BY ACCESS ROAD .....	0.660 ACRES



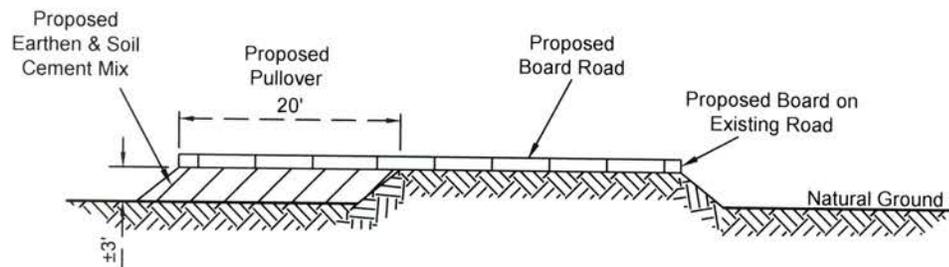
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