

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

July 20, 2015

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
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Permit Application Number
MVN 2015-0683 EOO

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

(225) 219-3225
Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 150716-01

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: [X] 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).

After-the-fact (ATF) City Park Golf Course Construction in Orleans Parish, Louisiana

NAME OF APPLICANT: New Orleans City Park Improvement Association % U.S. Helm, Attn: Kimberly Arcement, 4307 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

LOCATION OF WORK: Within City Park, off Mona Lisa Drive and east of Coterie Forest, in Orleans Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Latitude: 30.004931, Longitude: -90.091244
Hydrologic Unit Code: 08090203 – Eastern Louisiana Coastal

The work described below was partially completed prior to obtaining a Department of the Army permit and was in violation of Section 301 of the Clean Water Act. All legal issues concerning the unauthorized work have been deferred.

CHARACTER OF WORK: An ATF request to clear, grade, excavate, and deposit fill for the City Park Golf Course Complex. Clearing activities have removed 1.31 acres of jurisdictional wetlands for construction of the hole 5 design. Construction within the wetland area will include 4,400 cubic yards of sand fill material with subsurface drainage features. An additional 190 cubic yards of sand fill would be placed into 0.11 acres of a water of the U.S. The work is part of the reconstruction and reconfiguration of the City Park East and West Courses into a single 18-hole professional level course.

When the ATF wetland issue was identified, the applicant considered redesigning hole 5 by shifting it west, east, north, and shortening the hole length. The applicant maintains that shifting the hole in any direction would create safety issues and conflict with surrounding hole designs. Shortening hole 5 would change the designation from a "par 4" to a "par 3" and jeopardize the professional level design of the golf course.

The applicant may be required to fully or partially restore the project site to pre-project conditions, if issuance of the permit is determined to be contrary to the overall public interest. If a permit can be issued, the applicant proposes to offset any unavoidable losses to wetland functions by purchasing the required credits from an approved compensatory 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**. **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. 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 the 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, Water Quality Certifications, before a permit is issued.

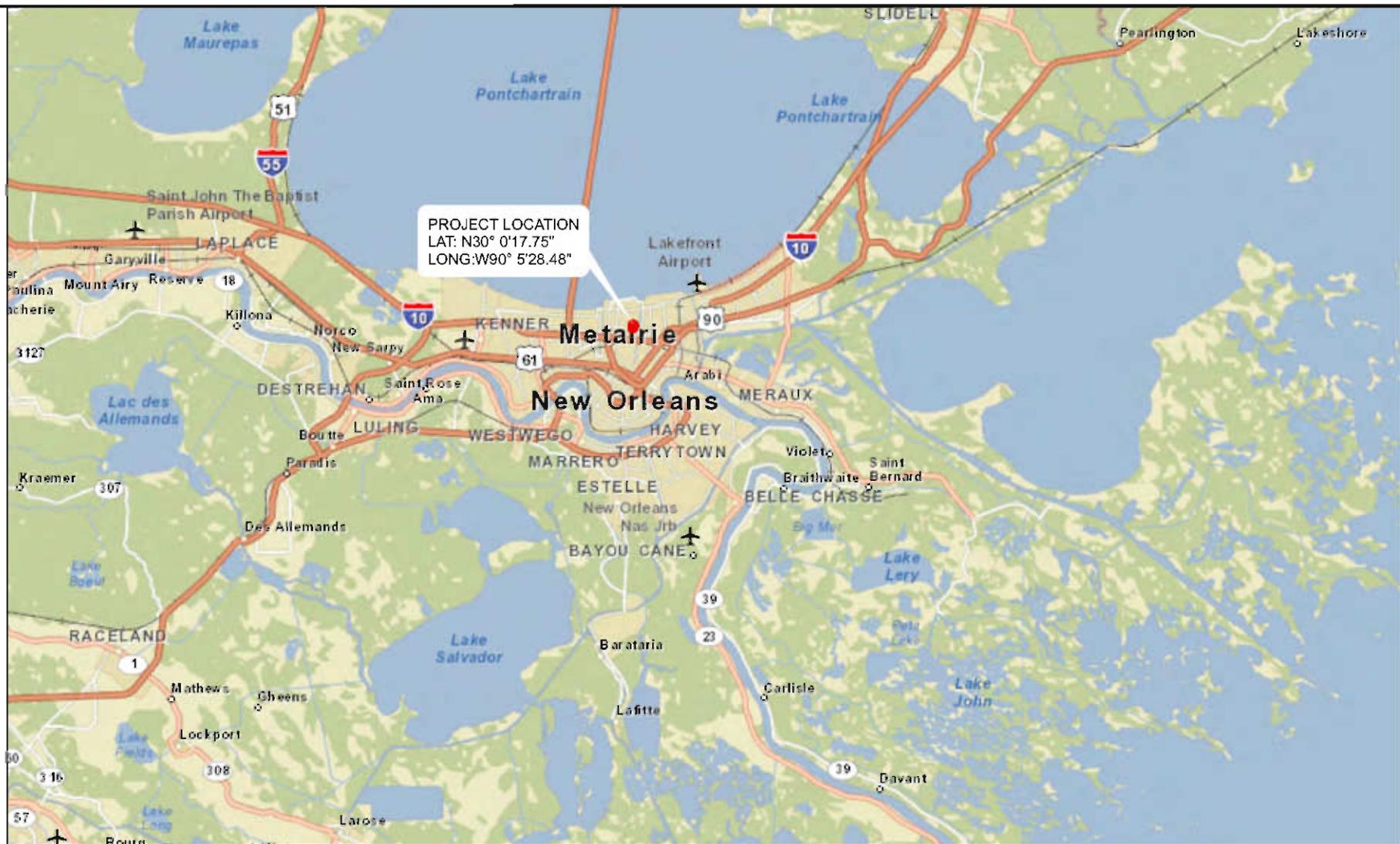
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

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

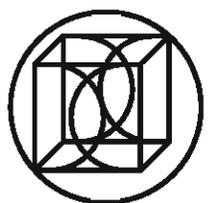


PROJECT LOCATION
 LAT: N30° 0'17.75"
 LONG: W90° 5'28.48"

NOTE: THIS DRAWING WAS PREPARED FOR PERMITTING PURPOSES ONLY, AND IS NOT A PROPERTY BOUNDARY SURVEY AND AS SUCH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE "MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PROPERTY BOUNDARY SURVEYS" AS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD.



CITY VICINITY MAP

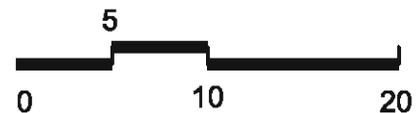


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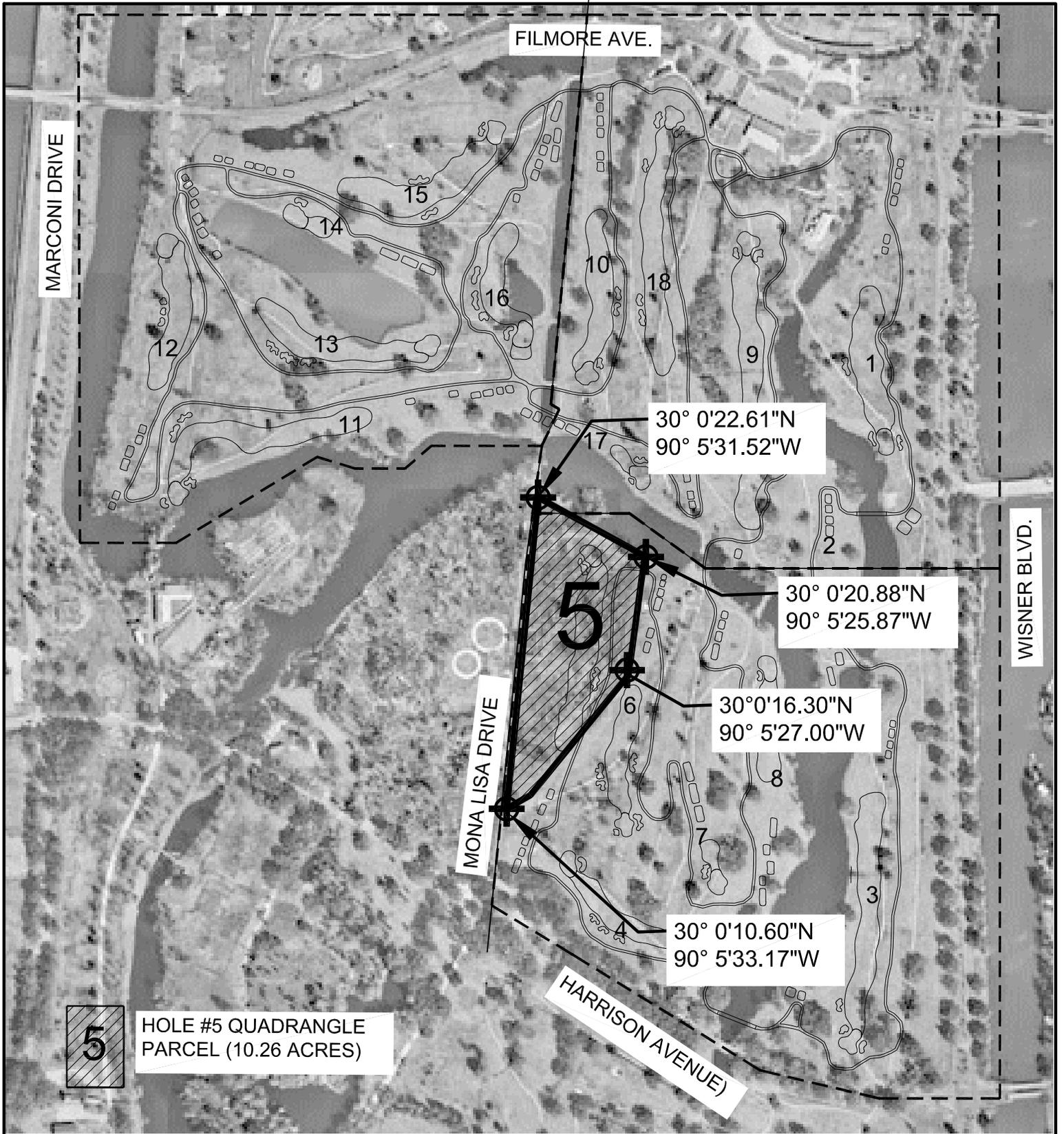
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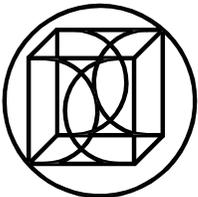


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GOLF COURSE VICINITY MAP - 10.26 PARCEL

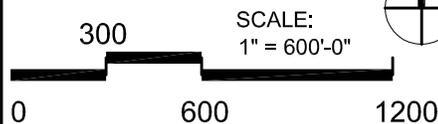


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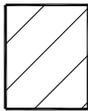
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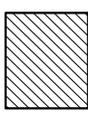
 UNDISTURBED AREAS-

 DESIGNED GOLF COURSE GRASSING

 SCHEDULED TO BE CLEARED (1.01 AC)

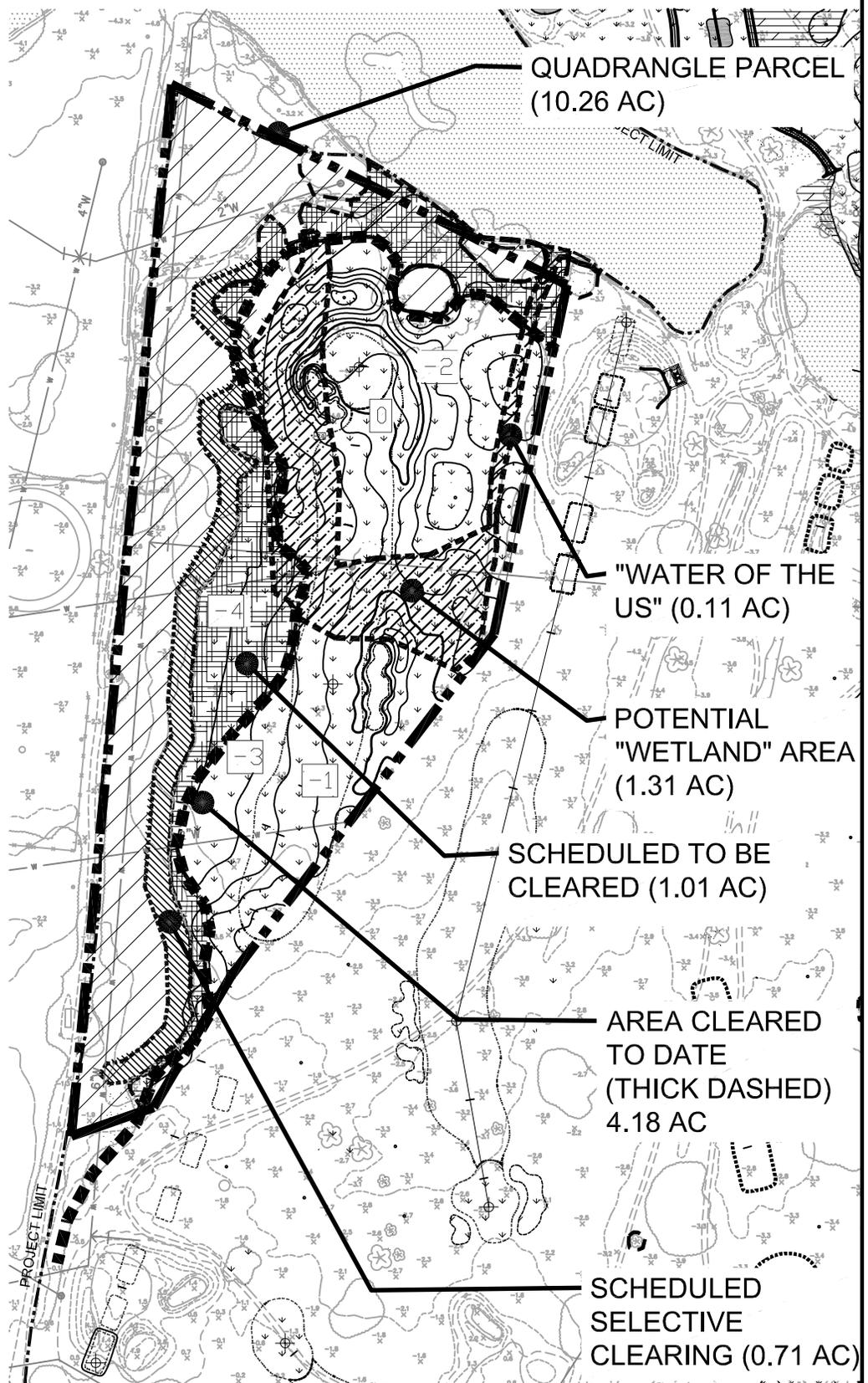
 POTENTIAL WETLAND (1.31 AC)

 WATER OF THE US (0.11 AC)

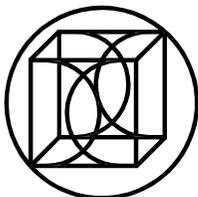
 SCHEDULED SELECTIVE CLEARING/THINNING OF TALLOW TREES (0.71 AC)

-4.3 X EXISTING SPOT GRADE (EXSTG.)

-2.0 PROPOSED GRADE



HOLE 5 LAYOUT PLAN



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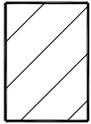
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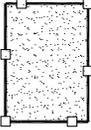


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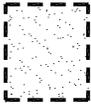
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AREAS REQUIRING
NO ADDITIONAL FILL



TOTAL SAND FILL AREAS
(20,000 CU.YD.)
(5.18 AC)



SAND FILL AREAS WITH
SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE
WITHIN POTENTIAL "WETLAND"
(4,400 CU.YD.)
(1.31 AC)



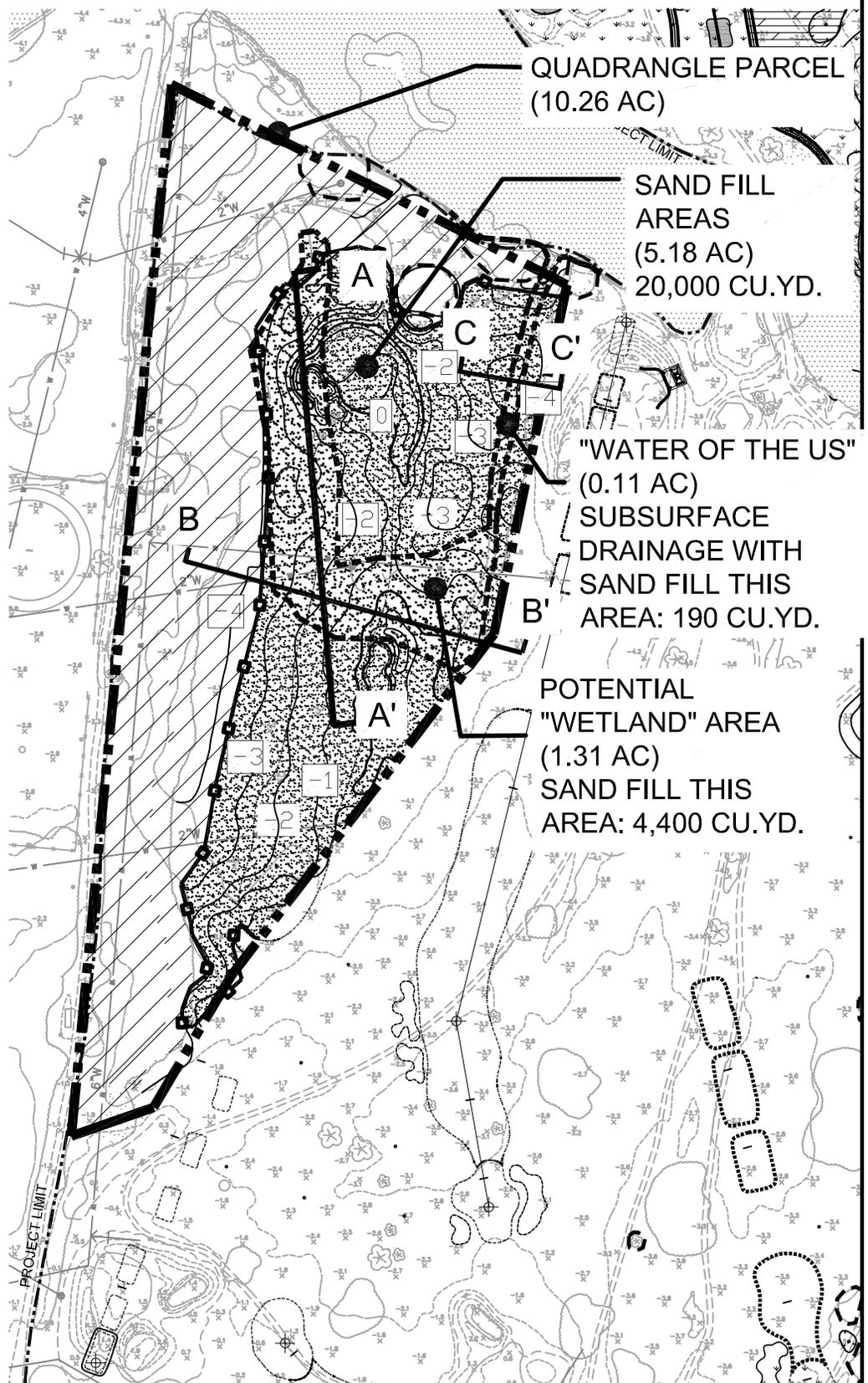
SAND FILL AREAS WITH
SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE
WITHIN "WATER OF THE US"
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(0.11 AC)

-4.3
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EXISTING SPOT GRADE
(EXSTG.)

-2.0

PROPOSED GRADE



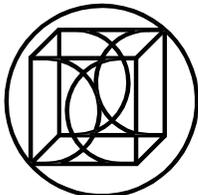
QUADRANGLE PARCEL
(10.26 AC)

SAND FILL
AREAS
(5.18 AC)
20,000 CU.YD.

"WATER OF THE US"
(0.11 AC)
SUBSURFACE
DRAINAGE WITH
SAND FILL THIS
AREA: 190 CU.YD.

POTENTIAL
"WETLAND" AREA
(1.31 AC)
SAND FILL THIS
AREA: 4,400 CU.YD.

SAND FILL AREA WITHIN QUADRANGLE



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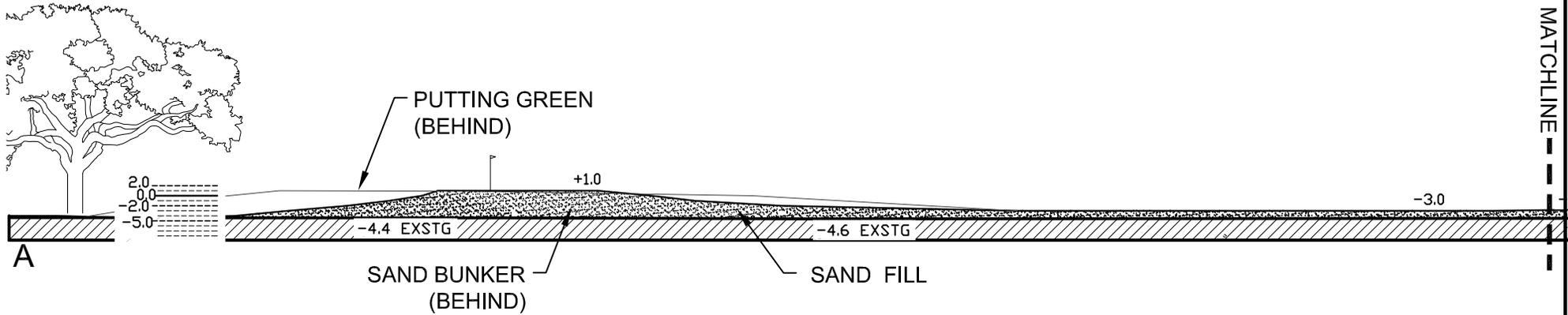
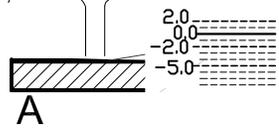
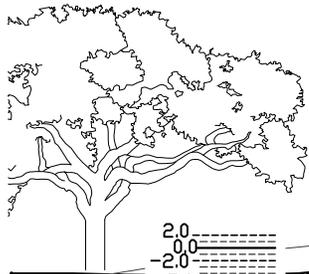
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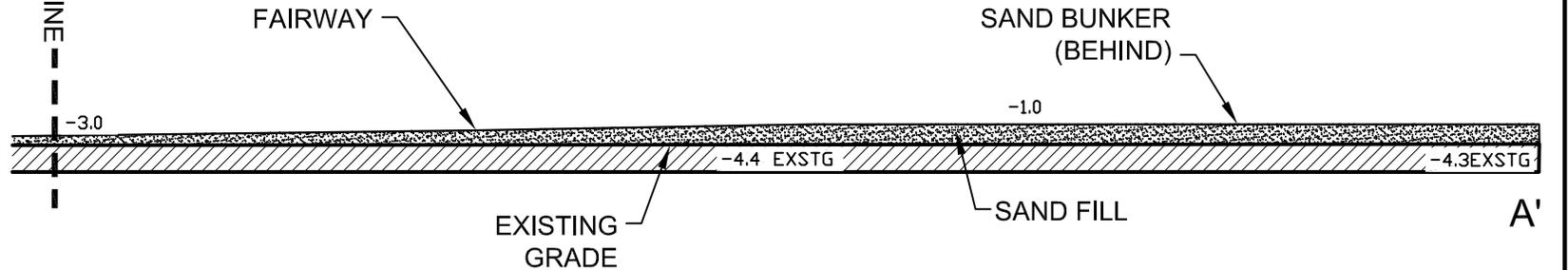
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SITE CONTOURS

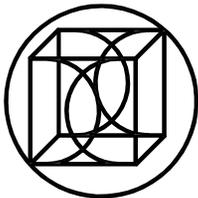
SAND FILL
4,400 CU.YD.
W/IN "POTENTIAL WETLAND"



MATCHLINE



CROSS SECTION A-A'

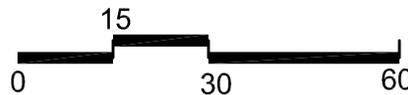


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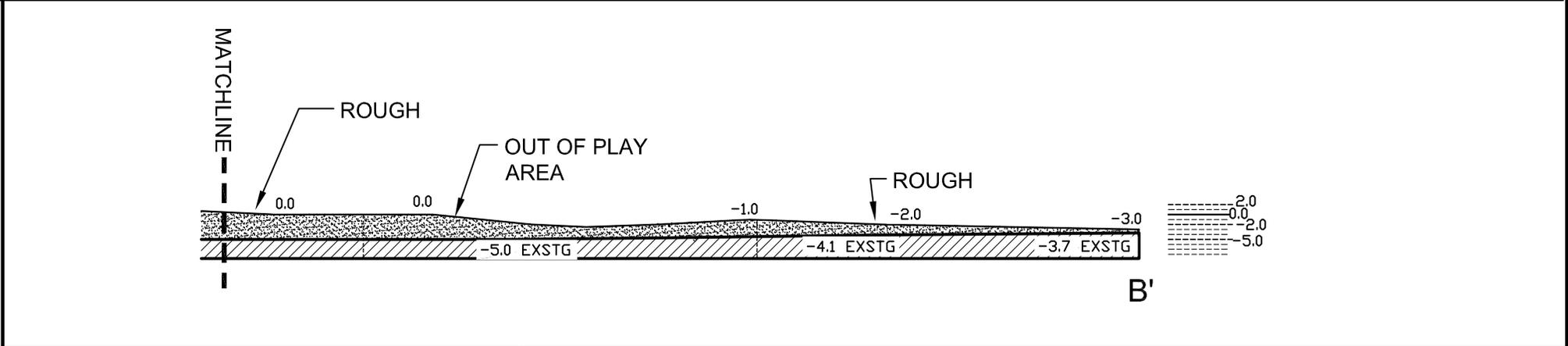
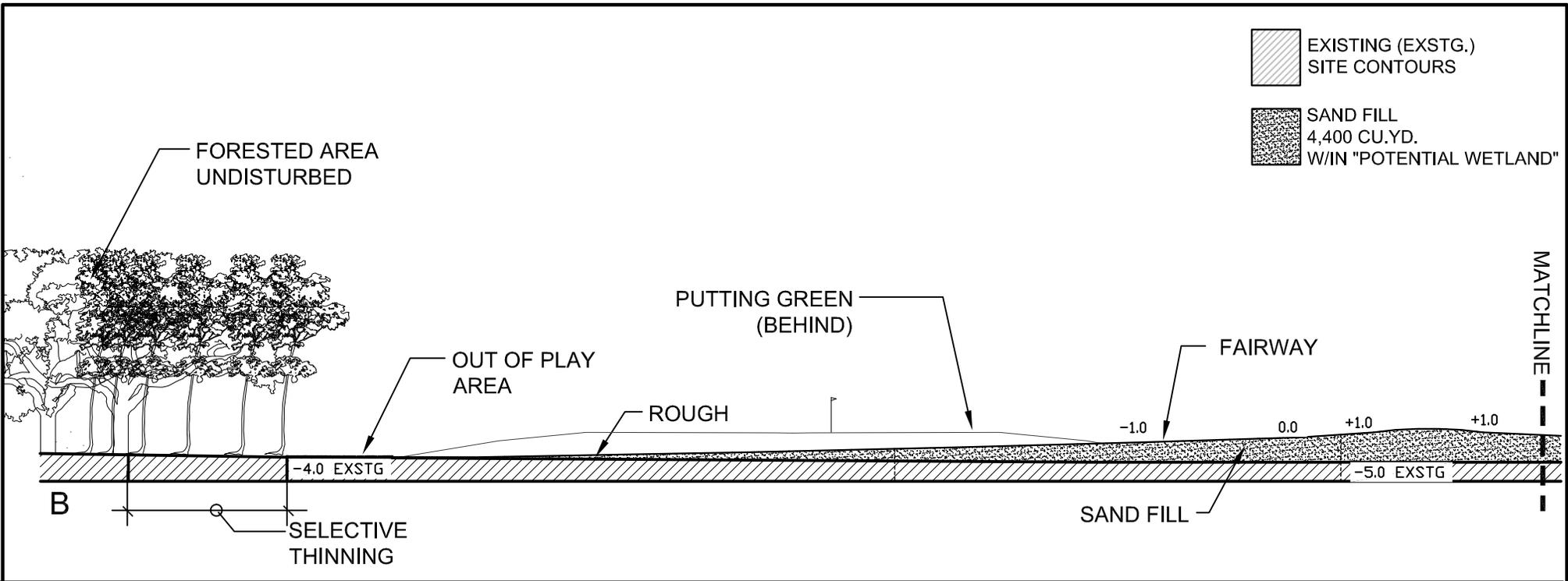
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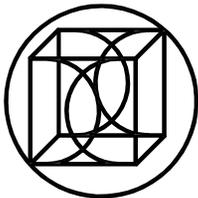


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CROSS SECTION B-B'

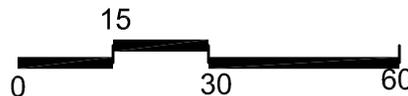


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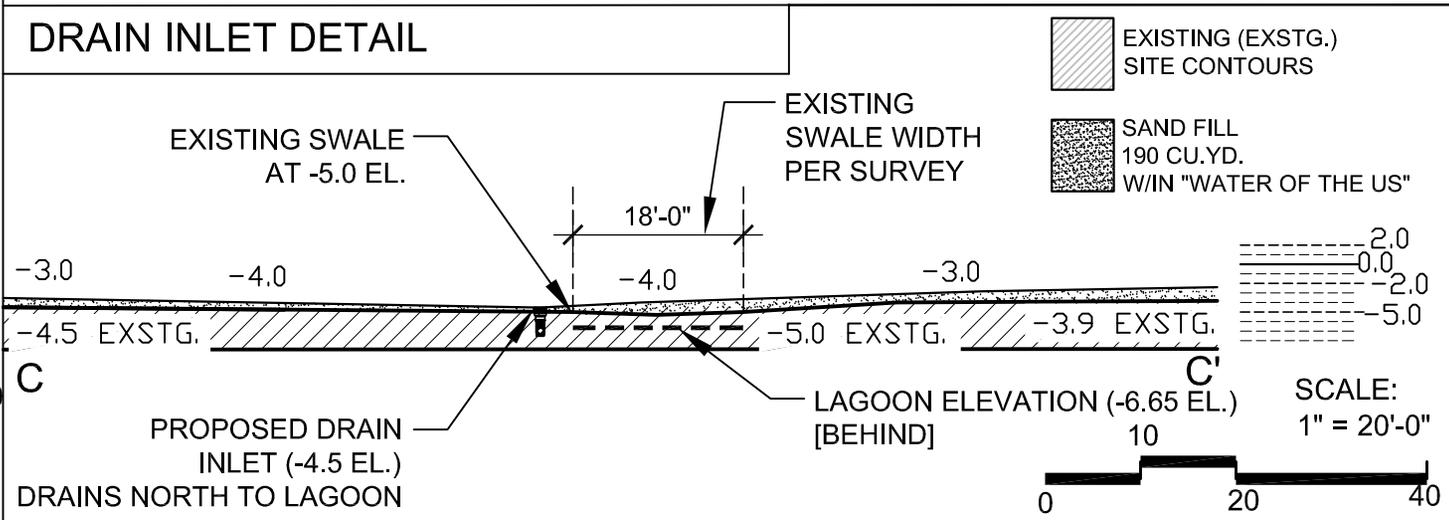
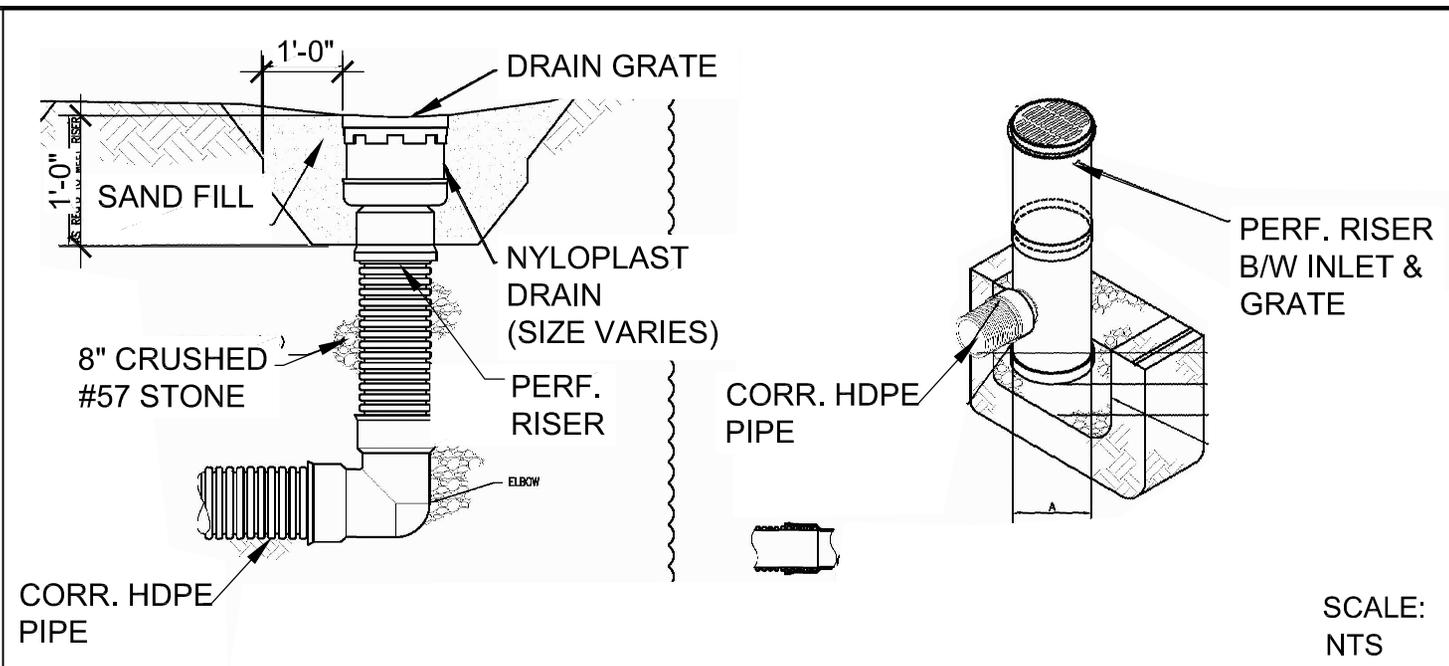
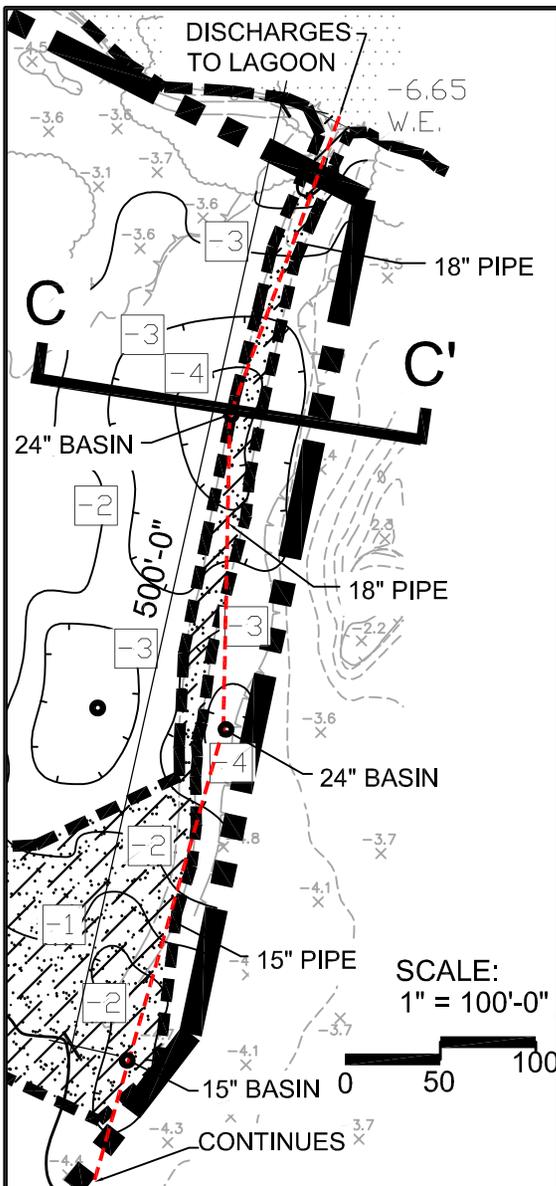
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DRAINAGE PLAN

CROSS SECTION C - C'

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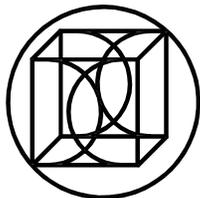
-AS-BUILT DRAWINGS AND/OR PLATS SHALL HAVE WRITTEN ON THEM THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF SAID ACTIVITIES AND SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT, P. O. BOX 44487, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-4487 WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING PROJECT COMPLETION.

-ALL STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, WELL AND PIPELINES/FLOWLINES OCCURRING IN OPEN WATER AREAS OR IN OILFIELD CANALS OR SLIPS SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OR THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL TO LEAVE SUCH STRUCTURES IN PLACE IS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED.

-STRUCTURES MUST ALSO BE MARKED/LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U. S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.

-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.

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