

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC # WQC 200708-02

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).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a renewed Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with the statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217; 33 U.S.C. 1341).

CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION IN EVANGELINE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Whitetail Properties, c/o EDI Environmental, Attn: Ben Summerlin, 1279 Atteberry Road, Eunice, LA 70535.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located along the east side of LA Hwy 3042, in Ville Platte, Louisiana, in Evangeline Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Latitude: 30.743061° Longitude: -92.282508° Hydrologic Unit Code 08080102 (Vermilion-Teche Basin Watershed)

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested authorization to clear, grade, and deposit fill and/or aggregate material to construct a residential housing development, Whitetail Subdivision. Work will include construction of 14 lots and residential home sites, roads, green spaces, and utilities. Approximately 2,238 cubic yards of hauled in fill material will be placed on-site to achieve the necessary grade elevations for the development. Two 36-inch culvert crossings will be installed in a jurisdictional water feature on-site to allow driveway access on the 2 lots, as shown on the permit drawings. The project is expected to permanently impact approximately 2.05 acres of forested wetlands, 0.01 acre of open waters, and approximate 0.75 acre of wetlands will be avoided. The applicant proposes to purchase compensatory mitigation credits from a USACE approved mitigation bank for unavoidable wetland impacts, should a DA permit be issued.

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 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. Copies of this public notice are being sent to 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. Based on the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC) agreement, signed January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the project will have no effect on the Endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*).

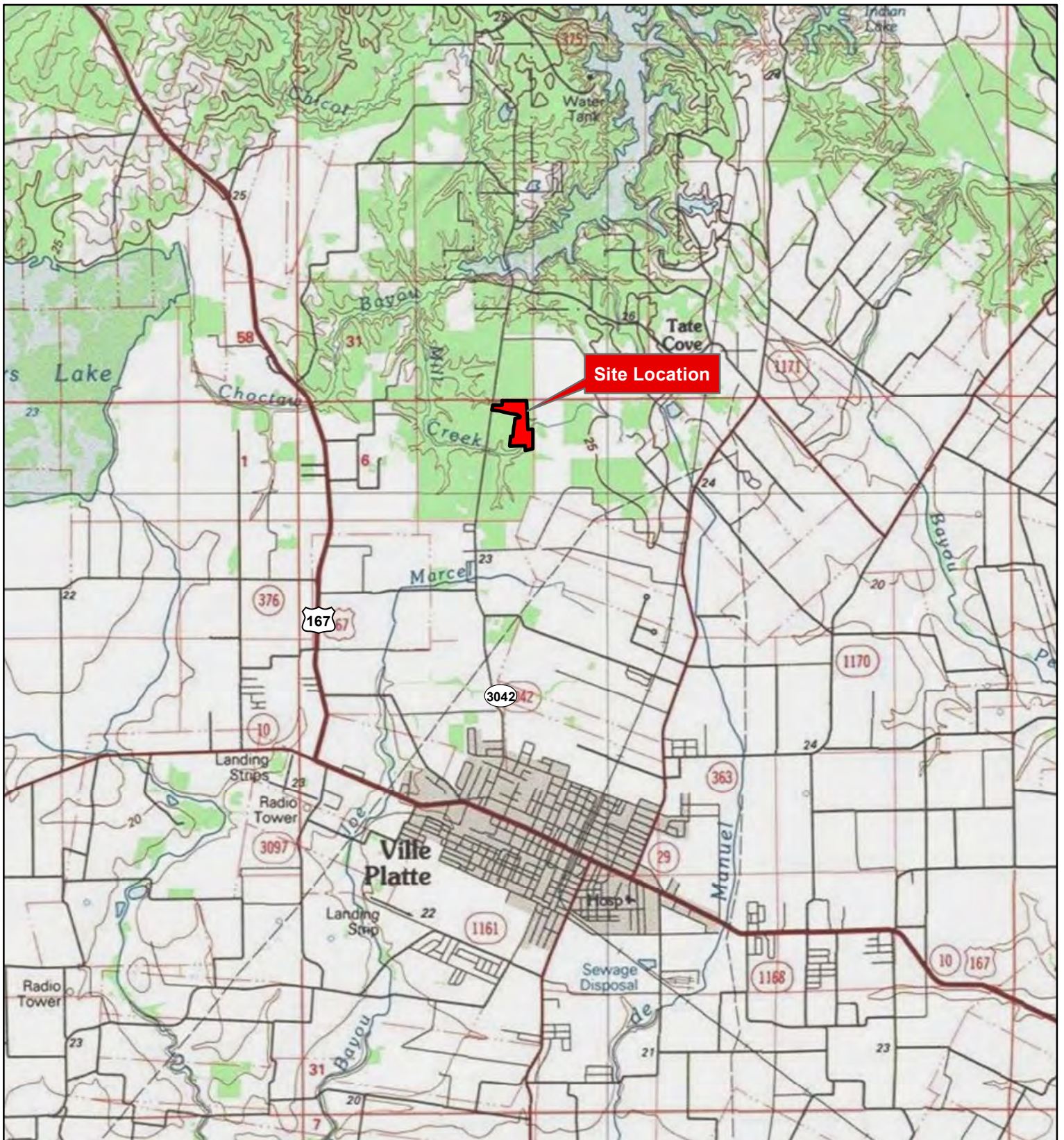
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnus-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction, alteration, and/or disturbance to N/A acres of EFH. Our initial determination is that the proposed action 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 and certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

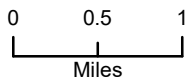
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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.

Darrell S. Barbara
Chief, Western Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch



Legend
 Project Area



Reference: Topographic Imagery

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Whitetail Tract

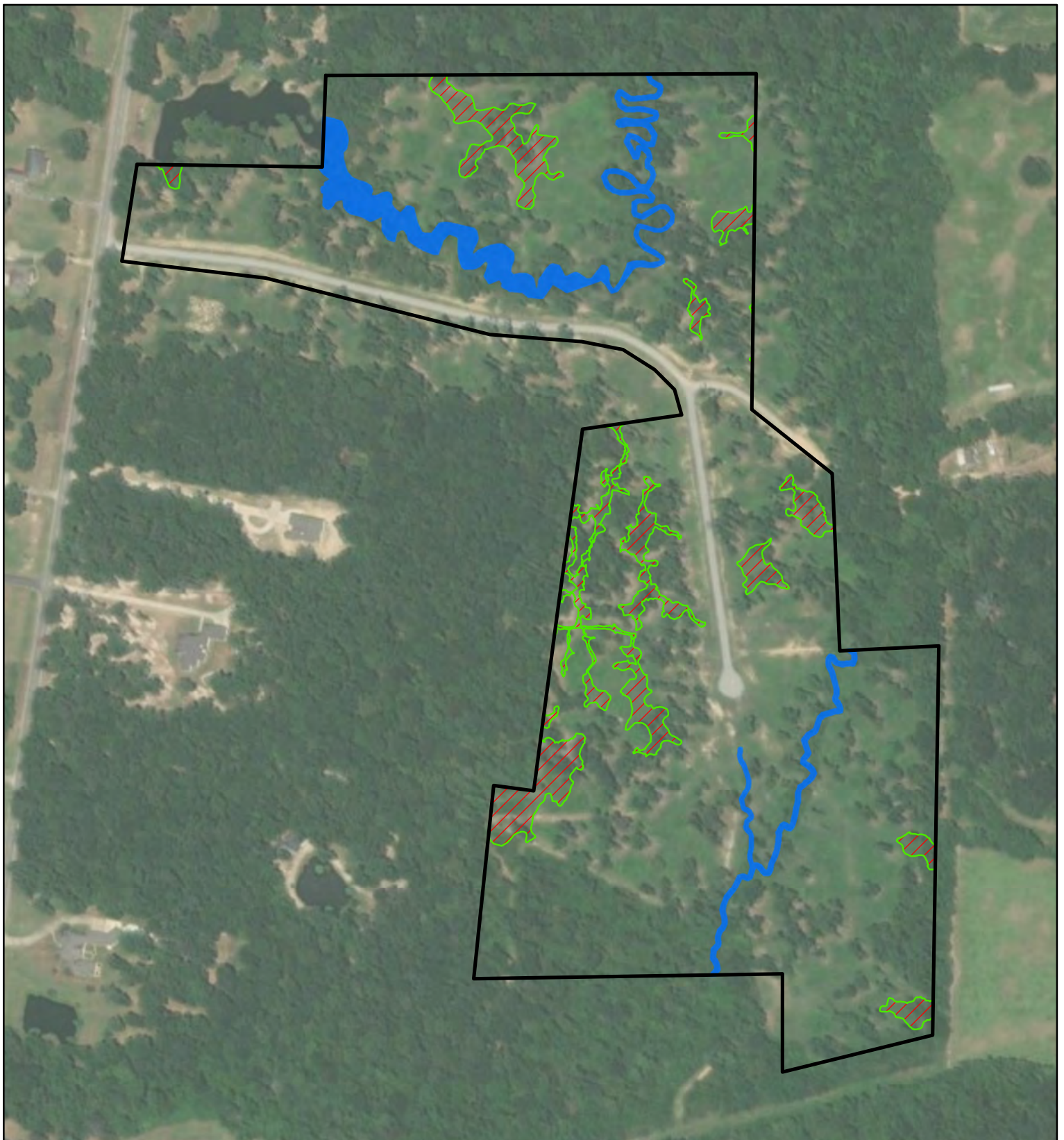
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Evangeline Parish




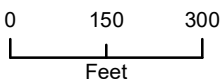
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Figure 1



Legend

-  Wetlands (2.79 Acres)
-  Non-Wetland Waters (1.20 Acres)
-  Non-Wetlands (36.64 Acres)
-  Project Area



Reference: 2018 Imagery

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Whitetail Tract

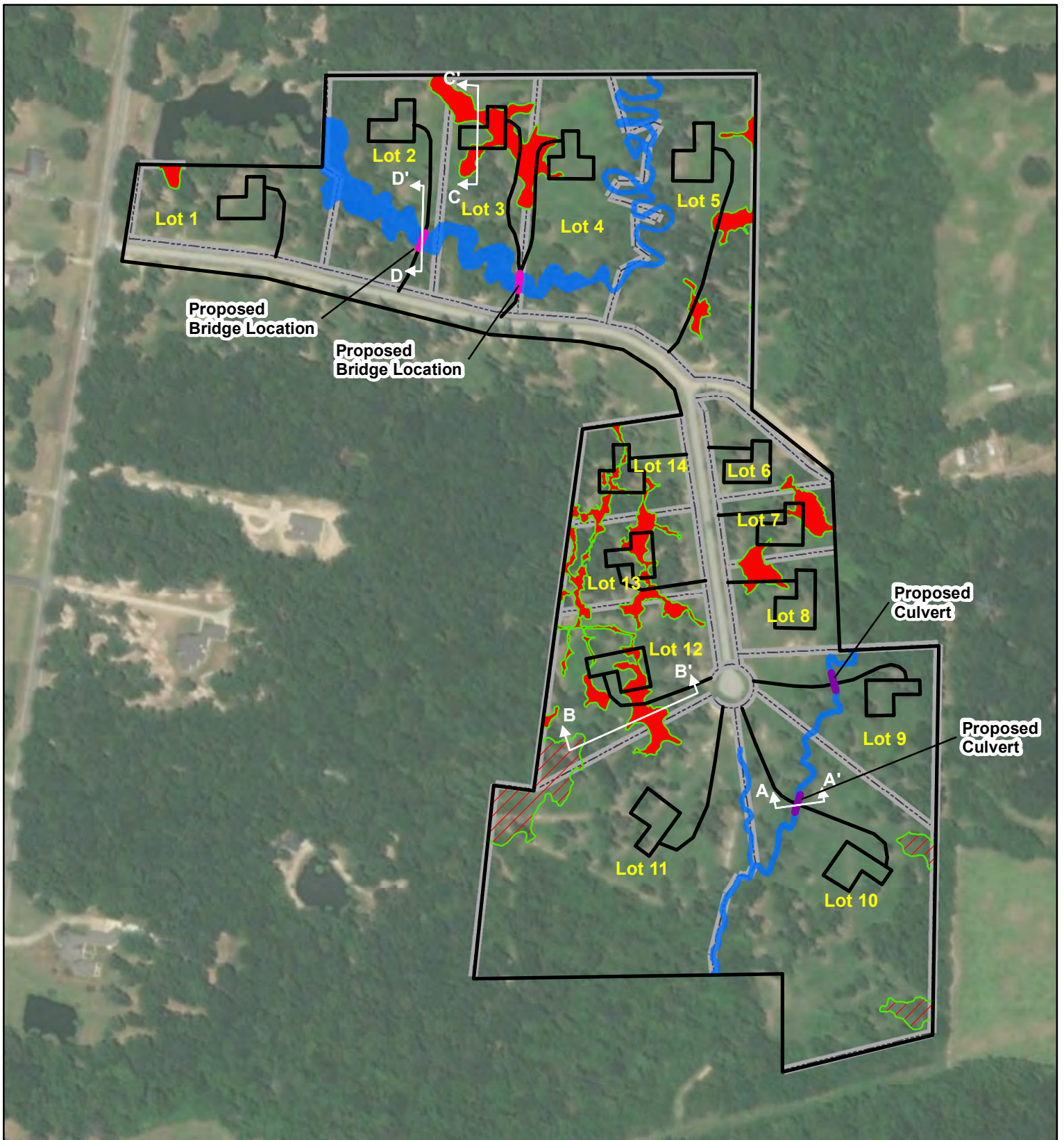
Plan View - Existing Conditions

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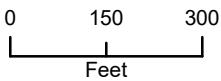
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Figure 2



Legend

- Project Area
- Non-Wetlands (36.64 Acres)
- Wetlands to be Avoided (0.74 Acres)
- Wetlands to be Filled (2.05 Acres)
- Non-Wetland Waters (1.20 Acres)



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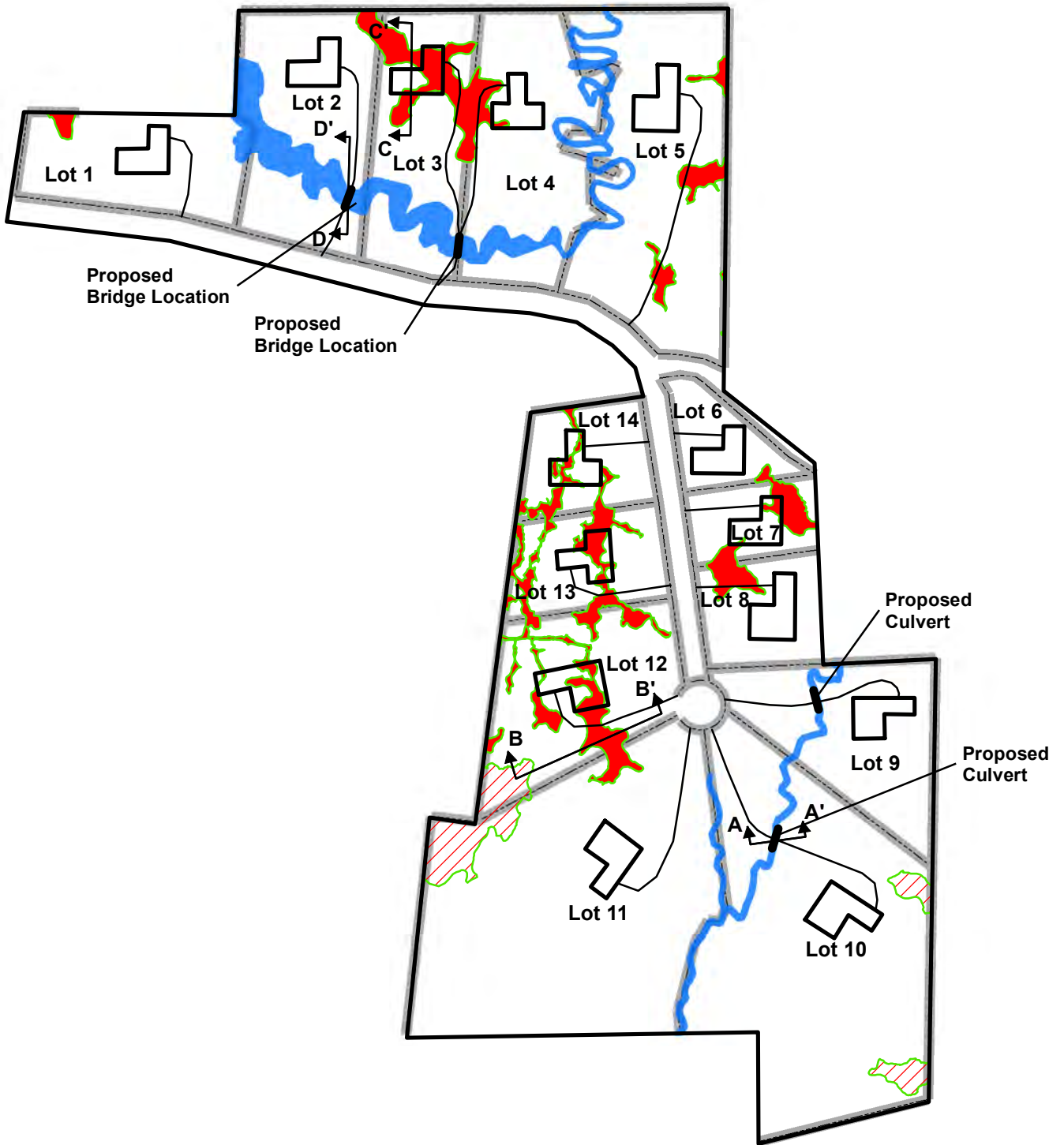
Plan View - Proposed Development

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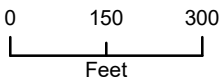
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Figure 3



Legend

-  Wetlands to be Avoided (0.74 Acres)
-  Wetlands to be Filled (2.05 Acres)
-  Non-Wetland Waters (1.20 Acres)
-  Non-Wetlands (36.64 Acres)
-  Project Area



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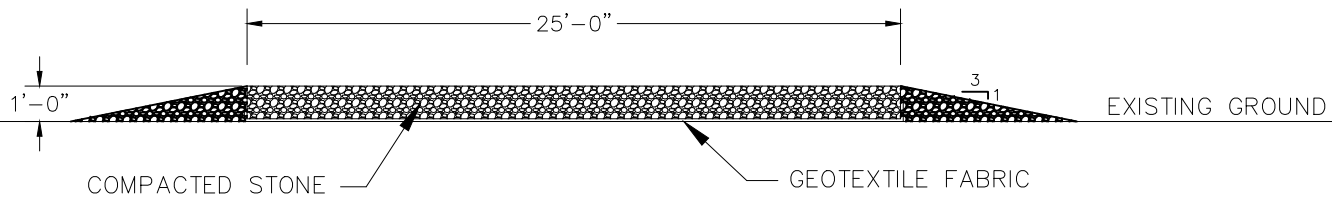
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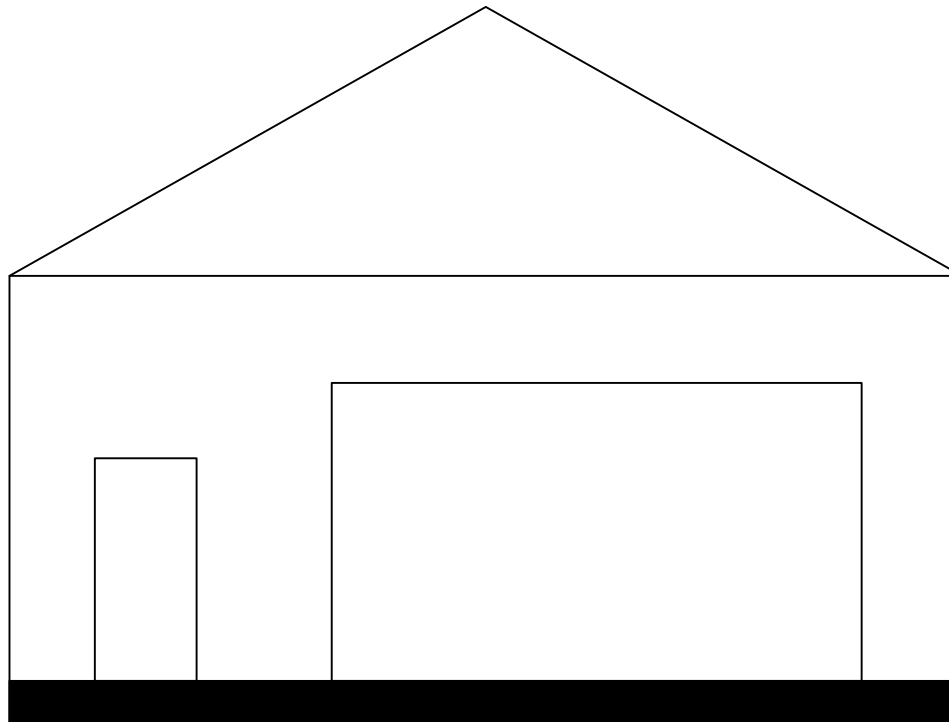


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Figure 4



TYPICAL ROAD SECTION



TYPICAL HOUSE SECTION

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Whitetail Tract

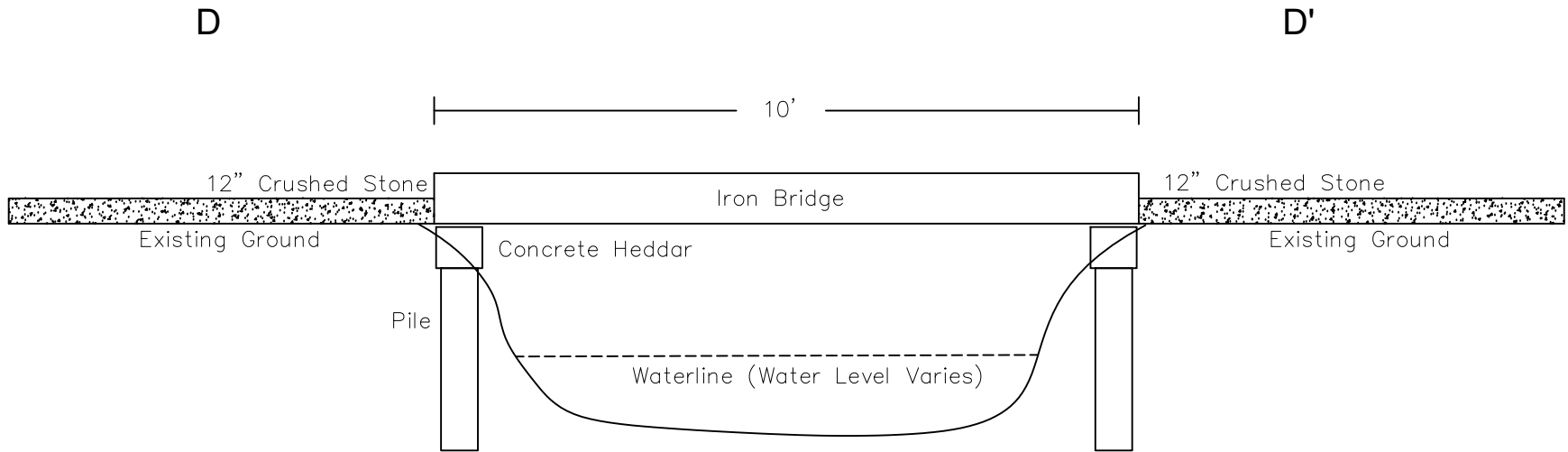
**Typical Cross Section
Road and House**

Evangeline Parish

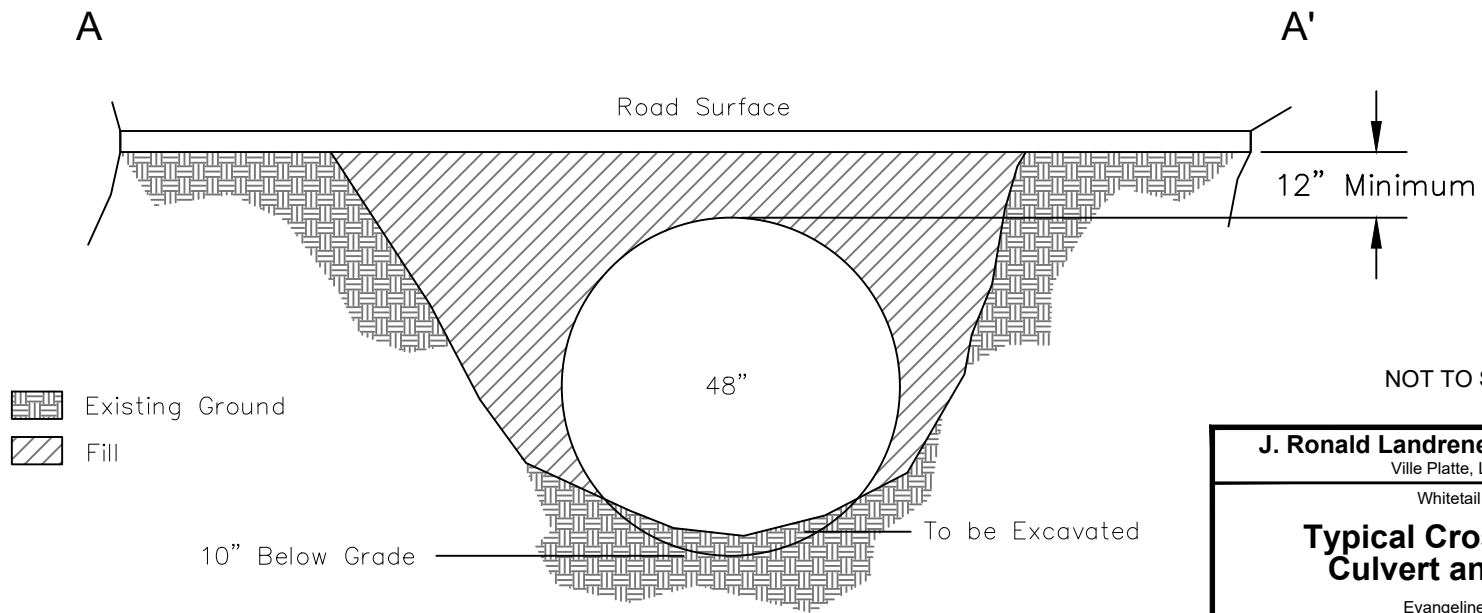


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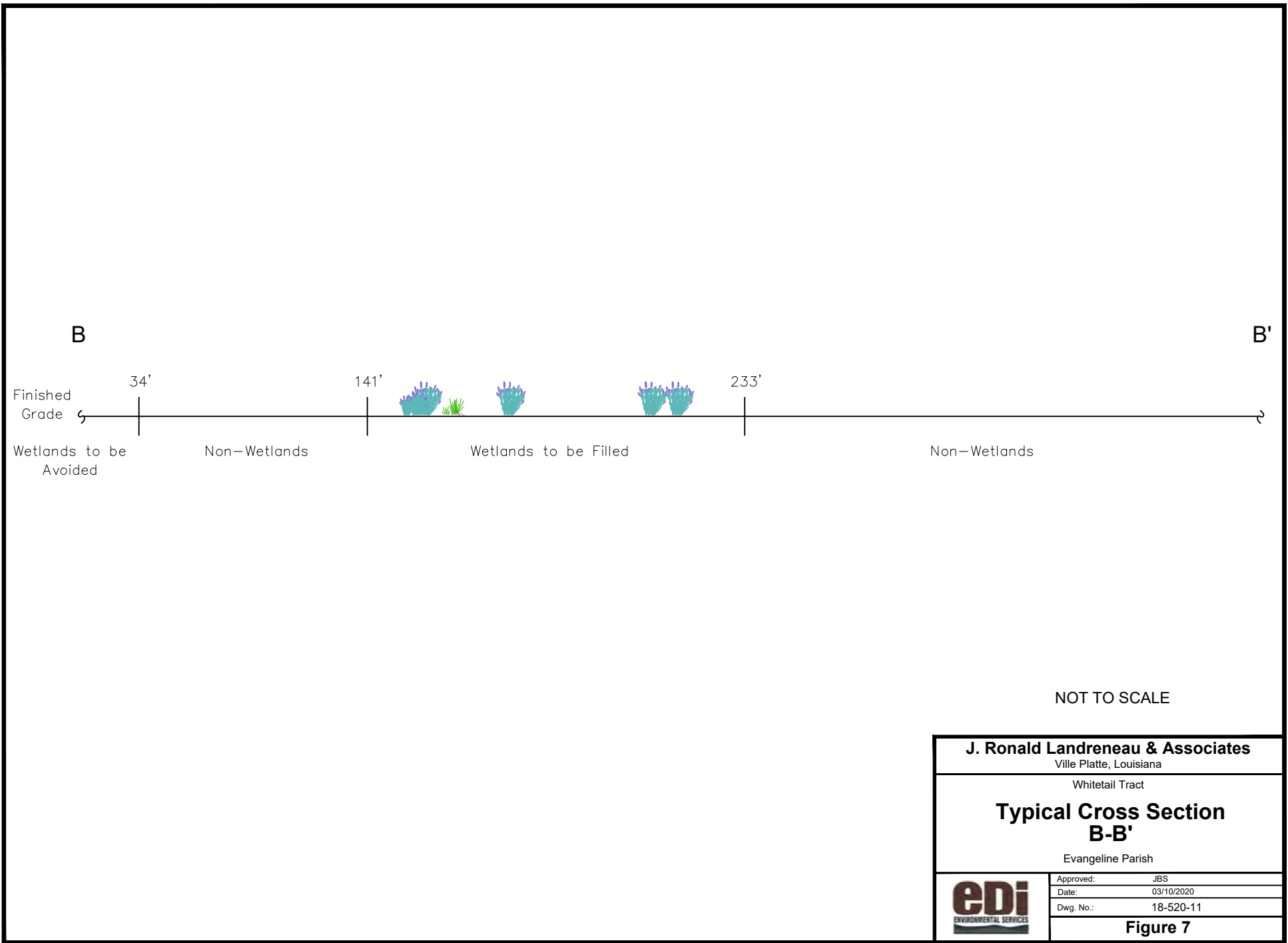
TYPICAL BRIDGE SECTION




TYPICAL CULVERT SECTION

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Typical Cross Section Culvert and Bridge	
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Figure 6	



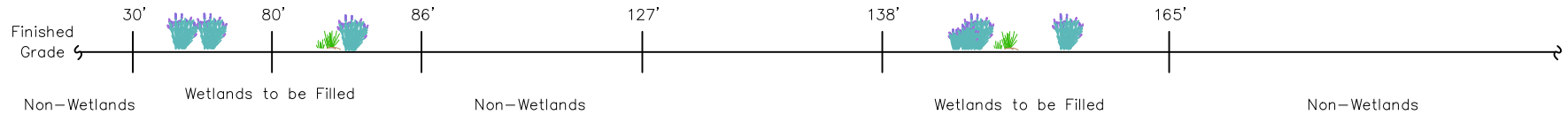
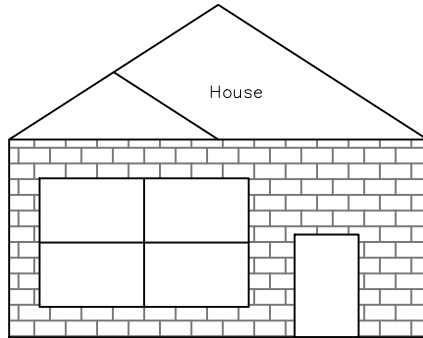


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Typical Cross Section B-B'	
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Figure 7	

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Typical Cross Section C-C'	
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Figure 8	