

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Ms. Elizabeth Hill  
WQC Application Number  
WQC 200311-01

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).

## **PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL NEAR PRAIRIEVILLE, LOUISIANA IN ASCENSION PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Ascension Public Schools, c/o T. Baker Smith, LLC, Attn: Brady Turk, 17534 Old Jefferson Highway, Suite D1, Prairieville, Louisiana 70769.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Located on an approximate 64-acre parcel, at the northeast portion of the intersection of Parker Road and Hornsby Road, near Prairieville, Louisiana, located in Ascension Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings (Latitude 30.315466 N Longitude - 90.936012 W). This project is located in the Pontchartrain Basin (Amite River HUC 08070202).

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant is a Department of the Army permit authorization to clear, grade, excavate, place and maintain fill material for the construction of a new high school (Parker High School). The proposed project would involve the construction of new high school facilities, sports fields and facilities, parking lots, 4 onsite detention ponds, and other appurtenances. The proposed high school is to be located west of the existing Prairieville Primary School facility. The applicant has claimed that the proposed project is needed to accommodate the future increase in the number of students in Ascension Parish. Approximately 5.51 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 0.55 acre of Other Waters of the United States (Black Bayou) would be directly impacted as a result of project implementation. Approximately 5,298 cubic yards of native onsite material would be excavated from jurisdictional areas and placed as fill for the project during construction. Approximately 12,001 cubic yards of clean soil material, 1,079 cubic yards of concrete, and 321 cubic yards of limestone material would be utilized as fill material and placed onsite. Approximately 3.09 acres of jurisdictional wetlands would be avoided and not directly impacted as a result of project implementation. The applicant has claimed that the project has been designed to avoid and minimize direct and



secondary adverse wetland impacts to the maximum extent practicable. The applicant is proposing to utilize best management practices during and after the construction phase of the project. The applicant has stated that any unavoidable impacts to wetlands would be offset by the purchase of mitigation credits at a Corps approved mitigation bank.

The comment period for the Department of Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will close in **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**. Similar 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. 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 US 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 US 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 notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic



Preservation Officer.

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 with the proposed activity will 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 NA 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.

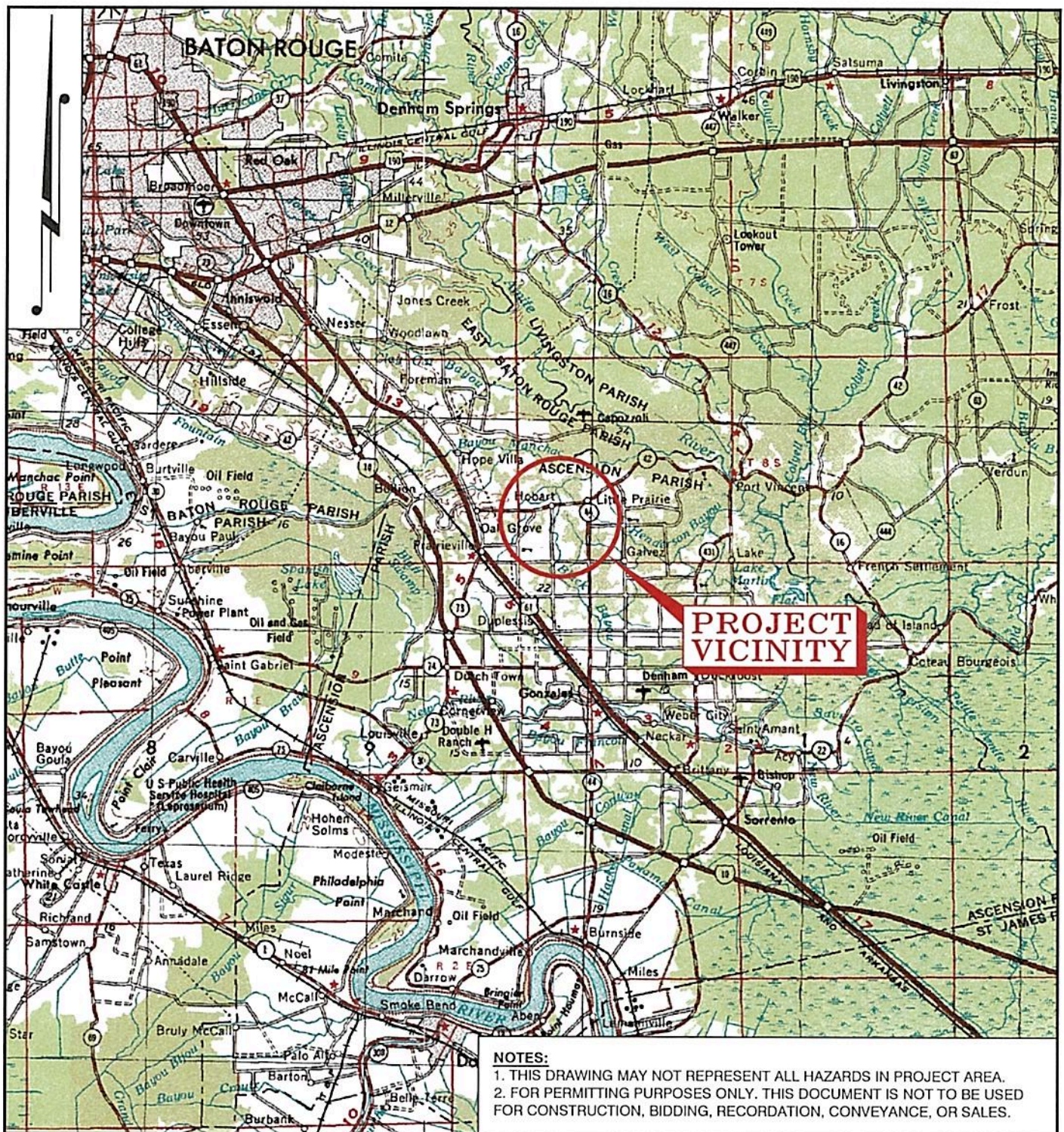
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not 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





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DATE: 02/16/2018 JOB NO: 2018 0087

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SHEET NO: 1 OF 3

PROJECTION: LOUISIANA SOUTH  
GEO. DATUM: NAD83 | VERT. DATUM: NAVD88  
GRID UNITS: US SURVEY FEET

SCALE: 1" = 4 Miles

4 Miles 2 Miles 0 4 Miles

## VICINITY MAP

ASCENSION PUBLIC SCHOOL  
 WETLAND DELINEATION FOR A PROPOSED  
 PUBLIC SCHOOL ON PARKER ROAD  
 LOCATED IN SECTION 29, T8S-R3E  
 ASCENSION PARISH  
 LOUISIANA



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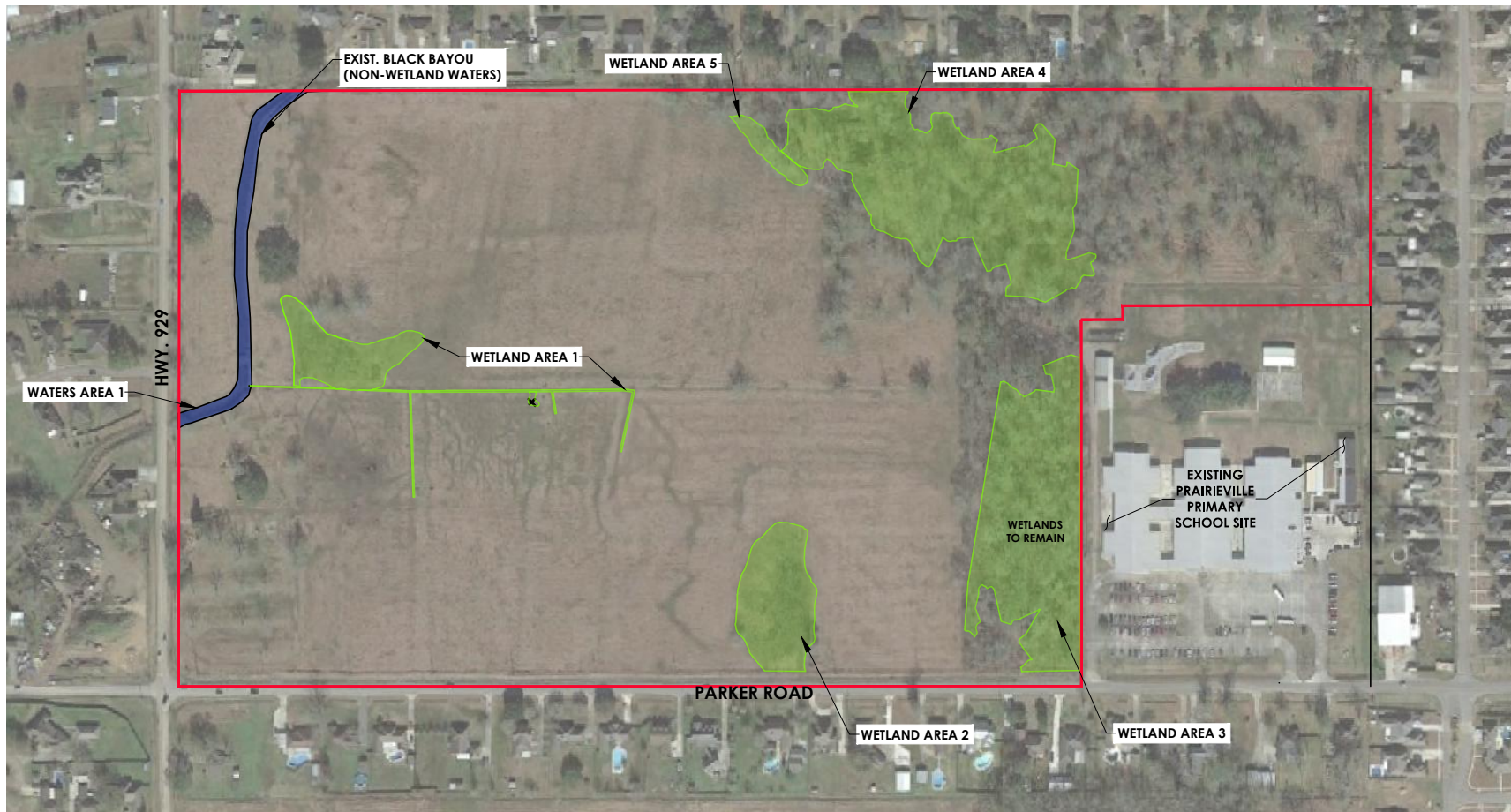
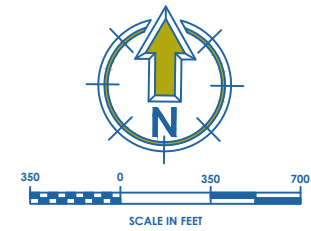
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## LEGEND

- WETLAND
- NON-WETLAND WATERS
- SITE BOUNDARY



### GENERAL NOTES:

1. A MAJORITY OF THE SITE (APPROXIMATELY 64 ACRES) WILL BE FILLED COMPLETELY & DEVELOPED FOR USE AS AN ASCENSION PARISH HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY.
2. APPROXIMATELY 5.51 ACRES OF WETLANDS AND 0.55 ACRES OF WATERS OF THE U.S. WILL BE PERMANENTLY IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. 3.09 ACRES OF WETLANDS WILL BE AVOIDED.
3. APPROXIMATELY 0.00 ACRES OF WETLANDS WILL BE TEMPORARILY IMPACTED.

Client:

**ASCENSION  
PARISH SCHOOL  
BOARD**

Project:

**PARKER  
HIGH SCHOOL**

### WETLAND PERMIT DRAWINGS

### EXISTING CONDITIONS

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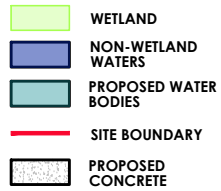
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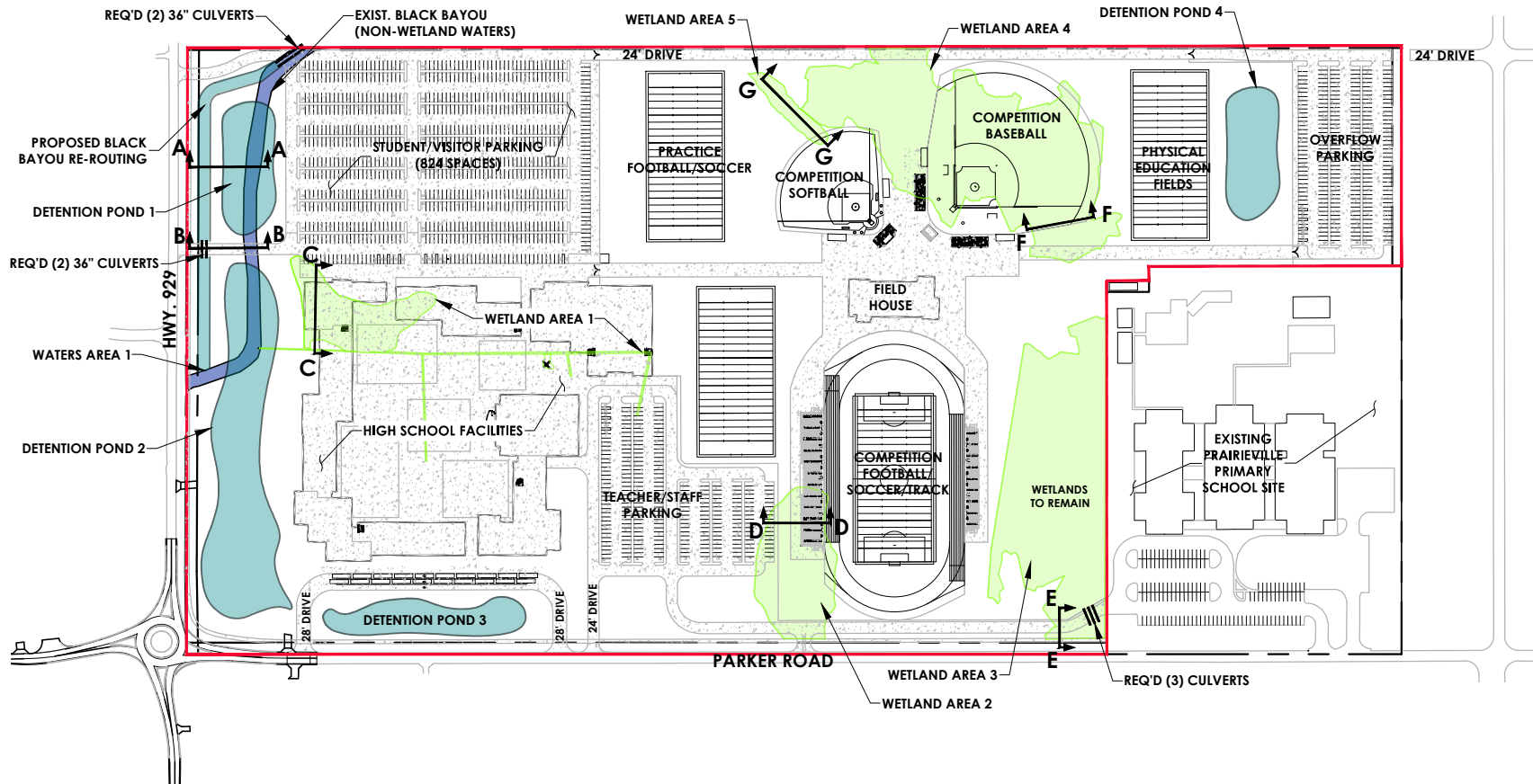
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4. APPROXIMATELY 5,297.5 C.Y. WILL BE CUT FROM THE WETLANDS & UTILIZED FOR GRADING OF THE SITE OUTSIDE OF THE WETLANDS.
5. A TOTAL OF 13,401 C.Y. OF FILL WILL BE PLACED ON THE SITE WHICH WILL CONSIST OF 12,001 C.Y. OF SOIL, 1,079 C.Y. OF CONCRETE & 321 C.Y. OF LIMESTONE.

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SITE PLAN

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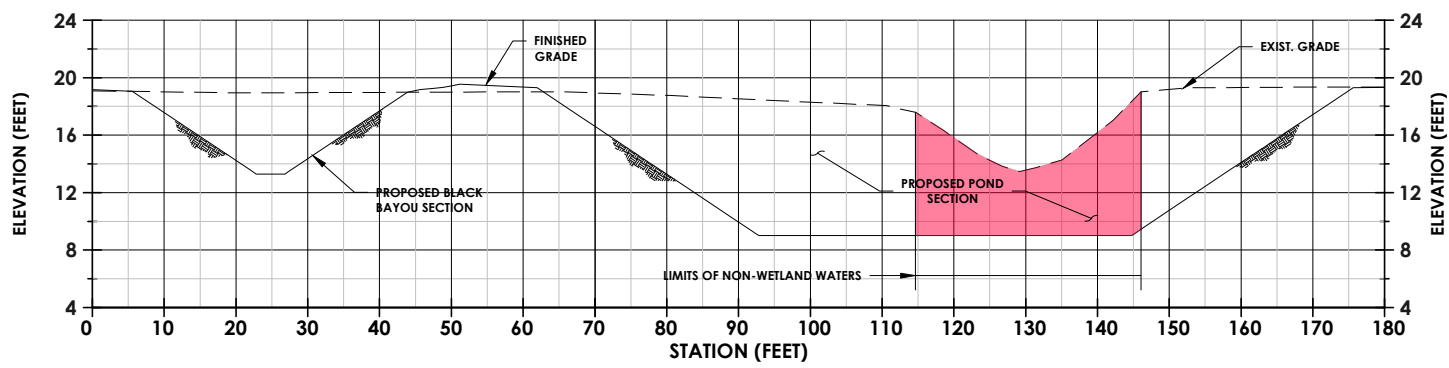
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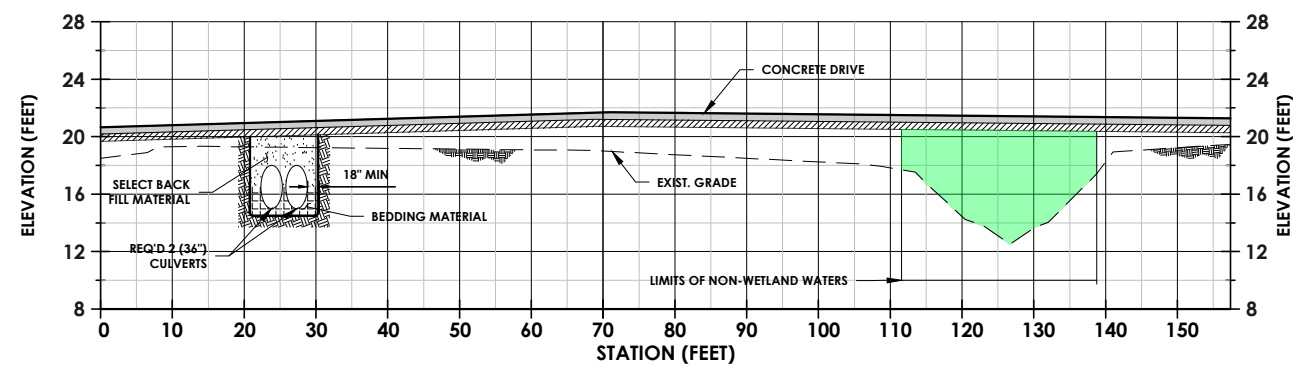


**LEGEND**

- SOIL WITHIN JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS
- CUT WITHIN JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS
- CONCRETE PAVEMENT
- CRUSHED LIMESTONE BASE MATERIAL



**SECTION A-A**

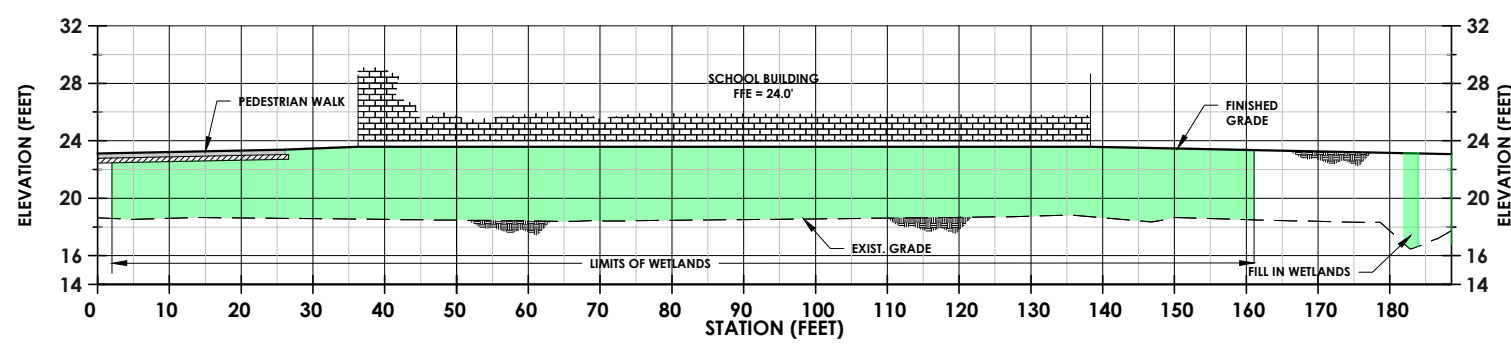


**SECTION B-B**

**\* WATERS AREA 1**

MATERIAL	VOLUME
SOIL:	855 C.Y.
CONCRETE:	46 C.Y.
LIMESTONE:	48 C.Y.
TEMP. IMPACTS:	0 ACRES
PERM. IMPACTS:	0.55 ACRES

\*TABLE IS FOR SECTIONS A-A AND B-B.



**SECTION C-C**

**WETLAND AREA 1**

MATERIAL	VOLUME
SOIL:	7,650 C.Y.
CONCRETE:	580 C.Y.
LIMESTONE:	25 C.Y.
TEMP. IMPACTS:	0 ACRES
PERM. IMPACTS:	1.0 ACRES

WETLAND PERMIT DRAWINGS

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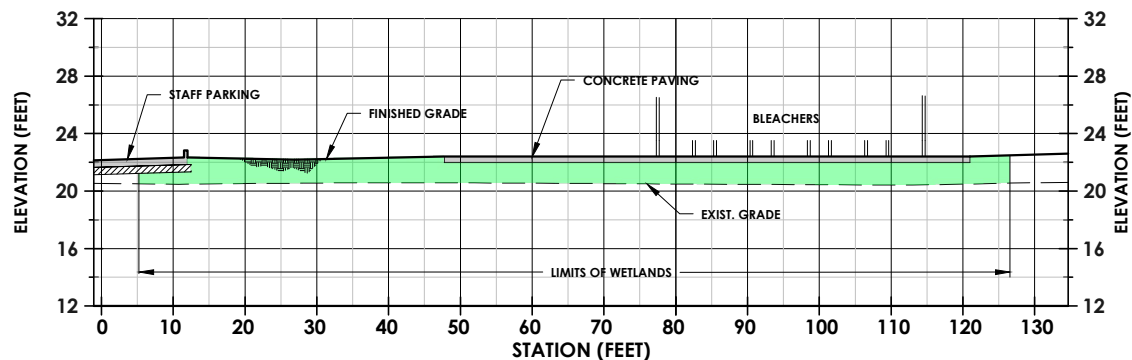
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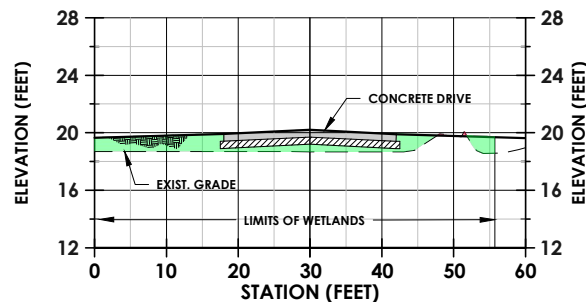
- SOIL WITHIN WETLAND LIMITS
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**SECTION D-D**

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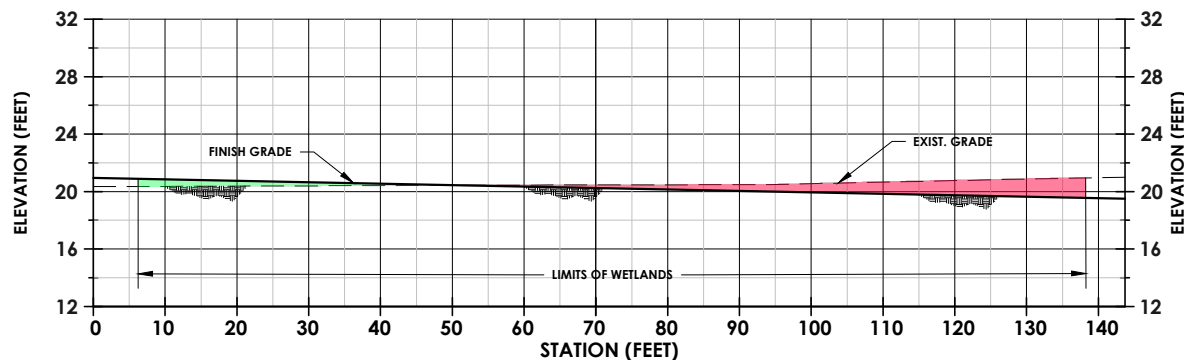
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SOIL:	1,356 C.Y.
CONCRETE:	324 C.Y.
LIMESTONE:	116 C.Y.
TEMP. IMPACTS:	0 ACRES
PERM. IMPACTS:	1.03 ACRES



**SECTION E-E**

## **WETLAND AREA 3**

MATERIAL	VOLUME
SOIL:	375 C.Y.
CONCRETE:	55 C.Y.
LIMESTONE:	58 C.Y.
TEMP. IMPACT:	0 ACRES
PERM. IMPACT:	0.23 ACRES



**SECTION F-F**

## **WETLAND AREA 4**

MATERIAL	VOLUME
SOIL:	1,765 C.Y.
CONCRETE:	74 C.Y.
LIMESTONE:	74 C.Y.
TEMP. IMPACT:	0 ACRES
PERM. IMPACT:	3.07 ACRES



