

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC 200428-02

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US 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 LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION (WHISPERING SPRINGS) IN LIVINGSTON PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: J. Breaux Enterprises, c/o Hydrik Wetlands Consultants, Attn: Mike Henry, 2323 Hwy 190 East, Suite 2, Hammond, Louisiana 70401.

LOCATION OF WORK: Between West Colyell Creek and Beaver Branch, on the south side of Springfield Rd., north of Cane Market Rd., east of Perkins Rd., and west of Walker Rd. (30.57454, -90.881303) in Walker, Louisiana, in Livingston Parish within the Amite River Basin hydrologic unit (HUC 08070202), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to clear, grade, excavate, and place fill on a 198-acre site for the construction of a 478-lot residential development (Whispering Springs) to include drainage, utility infrastructure, eight storm water detention ponds, roadways, and green space. Approximately 431,000 cubic yards of onsite material will be excavated for the detention ponds and re-deposited to be used in construction. Approximately 3,450 cubic yards of concrete and aggregate material will also be deposited for this project. Approximately 10.3 acres of jurisdictional forested wetlands will be permanently impacted by clearing, filling or excavation. Approximately 0.06 acre of jurisdictional other waters of the U.S. will be permanently impacted and approximately 0.6 acre will be rerouted to

accommodate the development.

A Preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed project would permanently impacts approximately 10.3 acres of jurisdictional forested mixed pine/hardwood flats wetlands and 0.06 acre of other waters of the U.S. Additionally, 0.6 acre of other waters of the U.S. will be temporary impacted.

The applicant stated that they have designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Any further reduction would limit the ability to provide residential housing and, therefore deem the project impracticable. The applicant has proposed to purchase credits at a mitigation bank within the watershed of impacts and of the same habitat type.

The comment period for the Department of Army 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, pre-historical, 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 not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

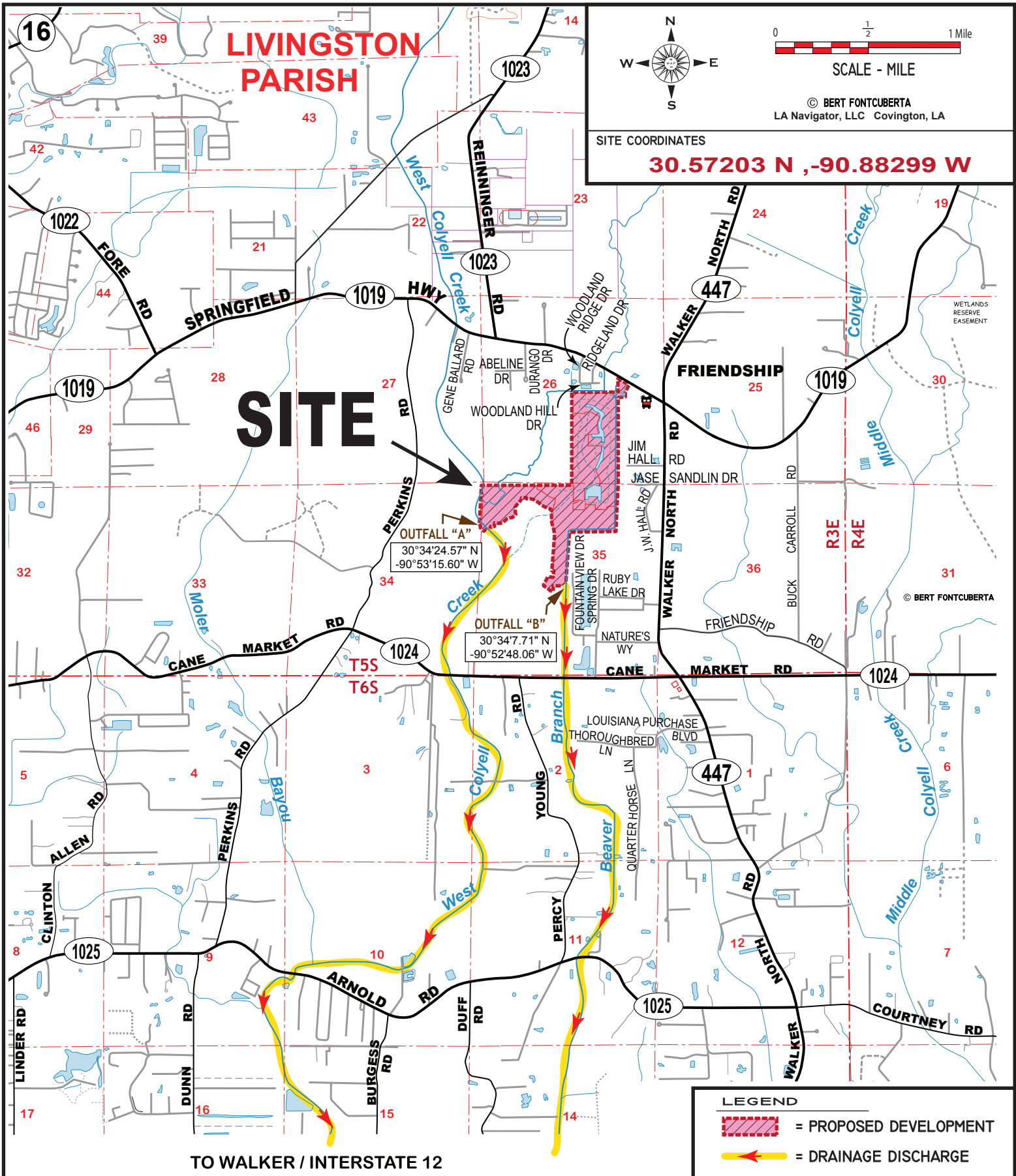
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This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 0 acres of EFH utilized 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 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



WHISPERING SPRINGS
SECTIONS 26 & 35 T5S-R3E
LIVINGSTON PARISH, LA

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SITE DEVELOPMENT KEY MAP

SEE FIGURE # FOR DETAIL

PROJECT DATA

TOTAL AREA = 197.941 ACRES
 TOTAL RESIDENTIAL LOTS = 478
 TOTAL LENGTH OF STREETS = 17,458 LIN. FT.
 POND AREAS (8) = 39.27 AC.
 - 431,113 CU. YDS TO BE EXCAVATED &
 DISPERSED ON SITE.
 RECREATION AREAS (1) = 10.88 AC.
 COMMON AREAS (12) = 83.23 AC.

PHASE	AREA	NO. OF LOTS
PHASE 1	63.598 ACRES	140
PHASE 2	59.841 ACRES	125
PHASE 3	36.571 ACRES	117
PHASE 4	37.931 ACRES	96
TOTALS	197.941	478

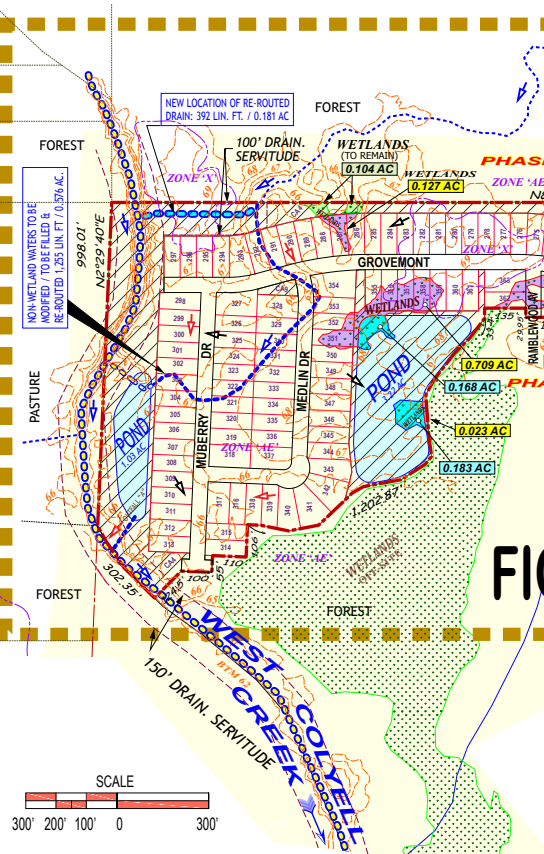


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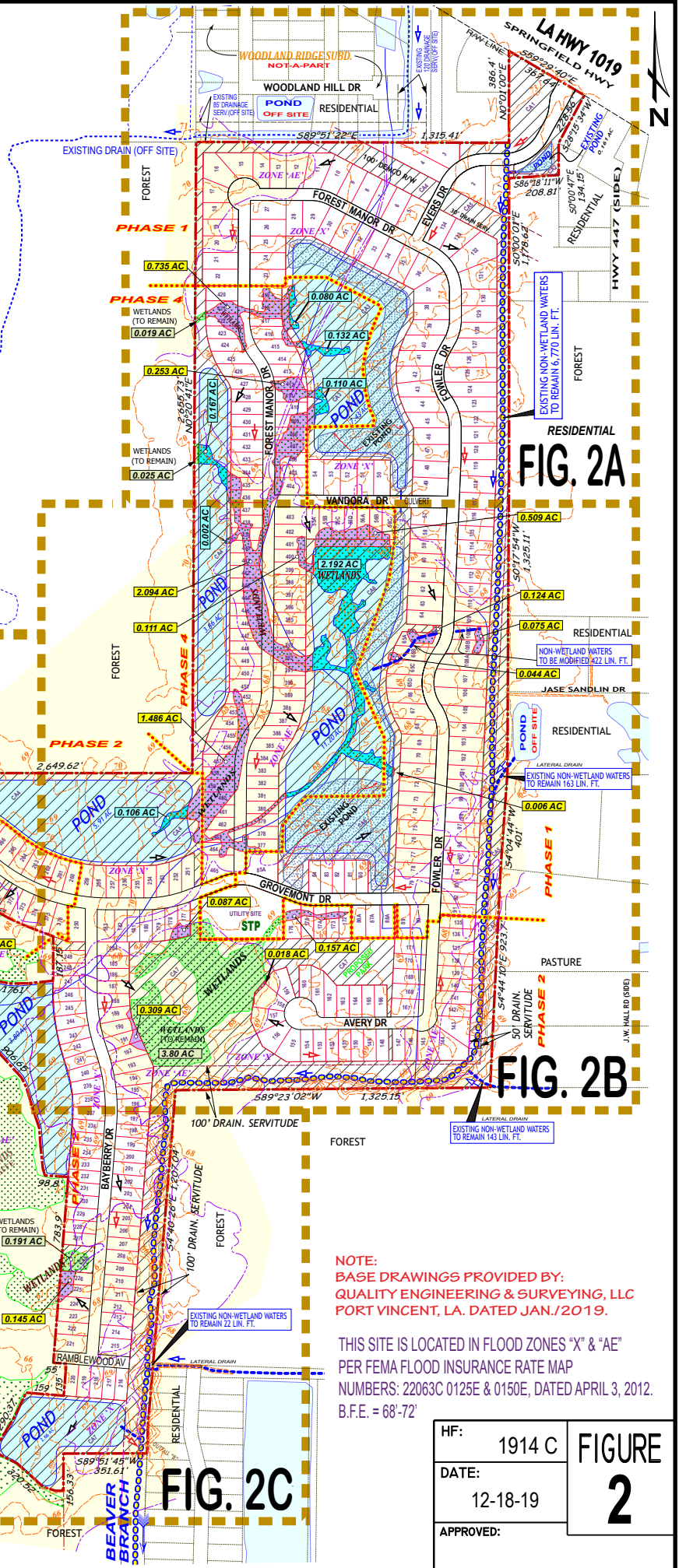


FIG. 2A

FIG. 2B

FIG. 2C

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THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN FLOOD ZONES "X" & "AE"
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 NUMBERS: 22063C 0125E & 0150E, DATED APRIL 3, 2012.
 B.F.E. = 68'-72'

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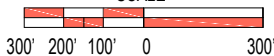
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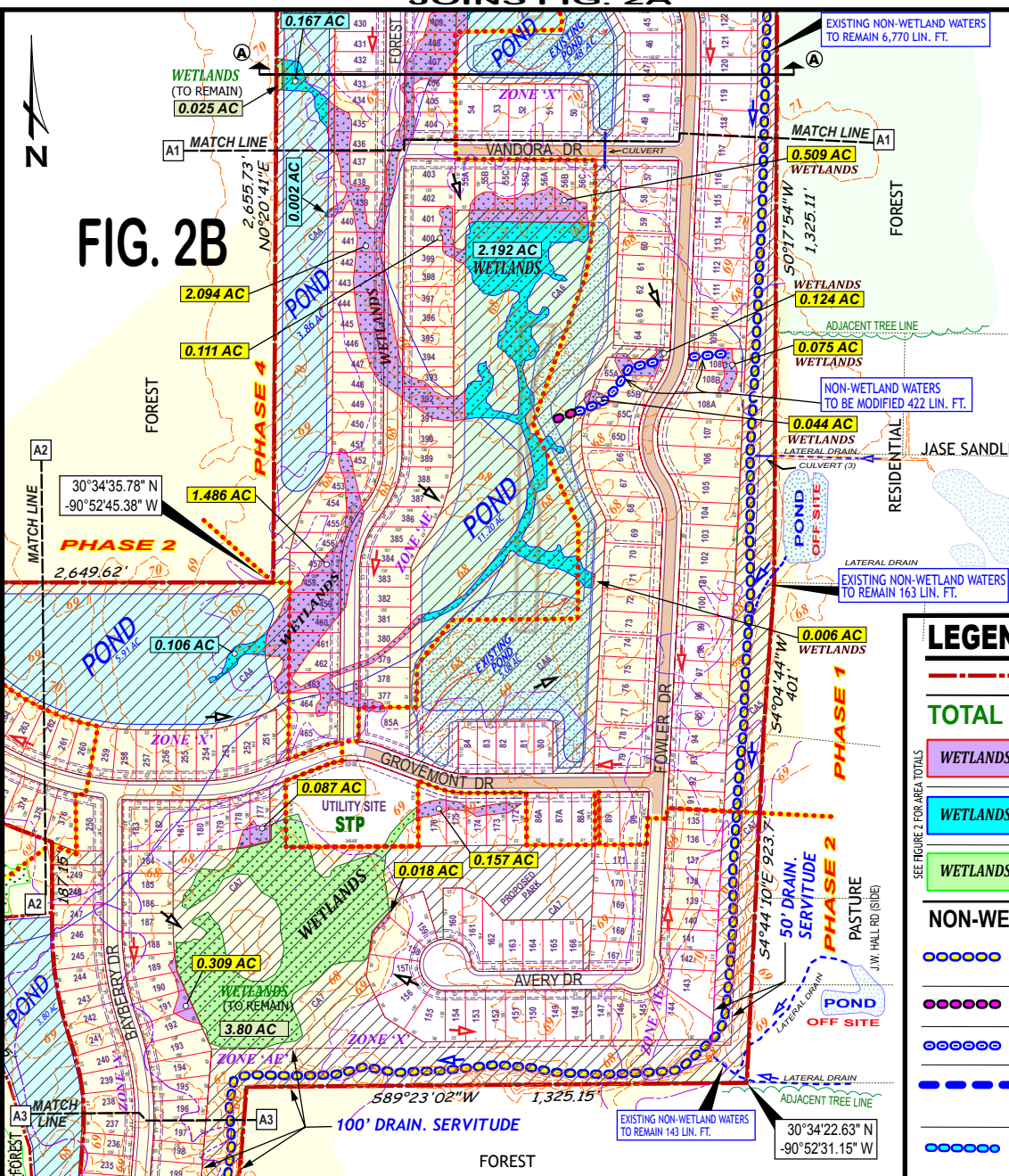
ZONE 'AE'
ZONE 'X' **FLOOD ZONE / TRANSITION LINE**

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 TOTAL LENGTH OF STREETS PRESENTLY
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FIG. 2B



LEGEND:

--- PROJECT BOUNDARY - 197.941 AC

TOTAL WETLANDS = 14.581 ACRES

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1,255 LIN. FT. / 0.576 AC (FIG. 2D)
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(FIG. 2D)

--- 70 --- ELEVATION / LINE

--- EXISTING ROADWAYS CONSTRUCTED WITHIN
PHASE 1: 6,459 LIN. FT. x 23 FT WIDTH

--- PROPOSED DETENTION PONDS

--- EXISTING POND (3 WITHIN SITE) 8.72 AC.

➔ DRAINAGE FLOW - PRE-DEVELOPMENT

➔ DRAINAGE FLOW - POST DEVELOPMENT

--- PHASE LINE

--- COMMON AREAS

--- FLOOD ZONE 'AE'

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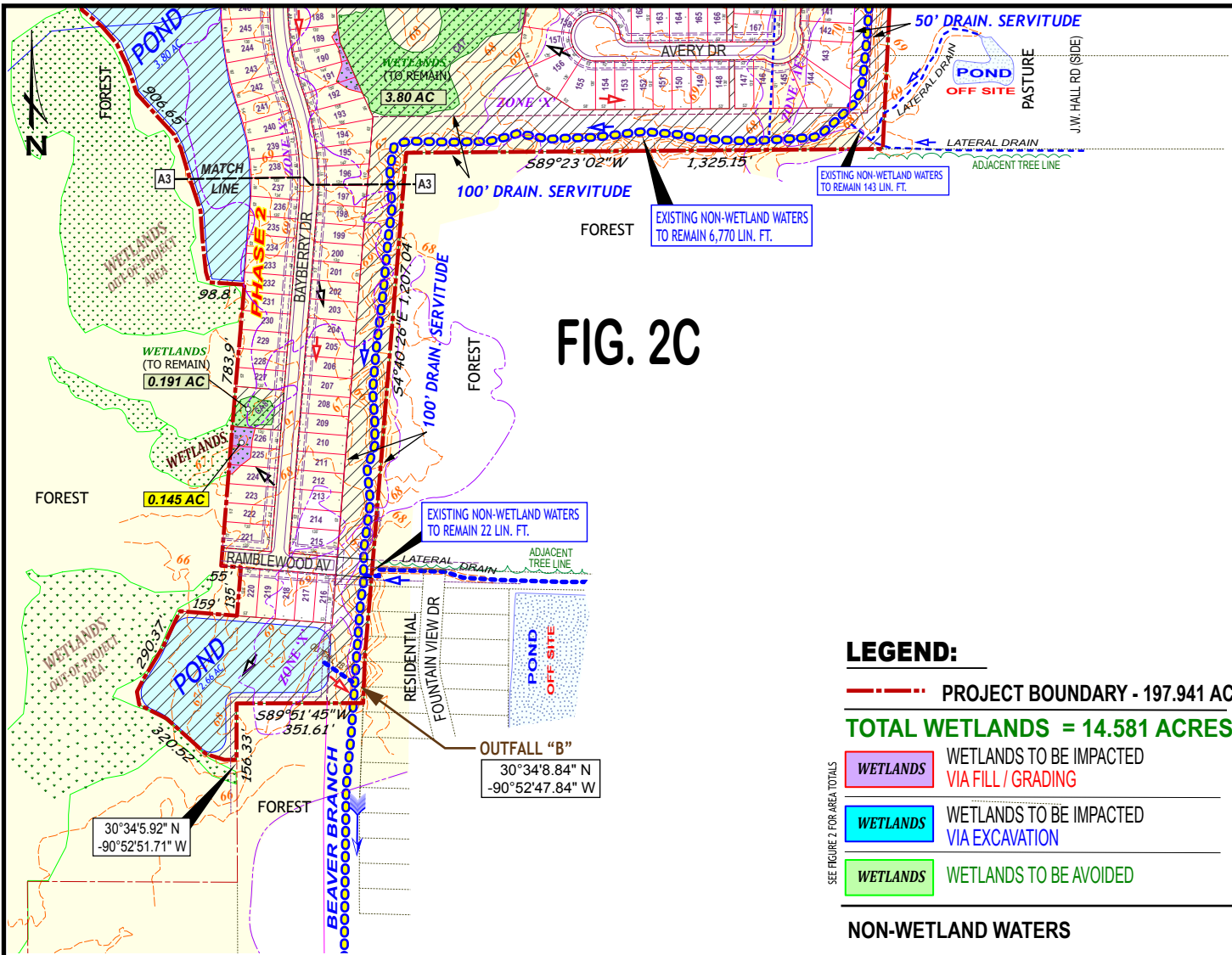


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PHASE LINE

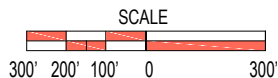
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----- PHASE LINE

▨ COMMON AREAS

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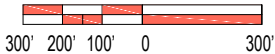
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SEE FIGURE 2 FOR AREA TOTALS

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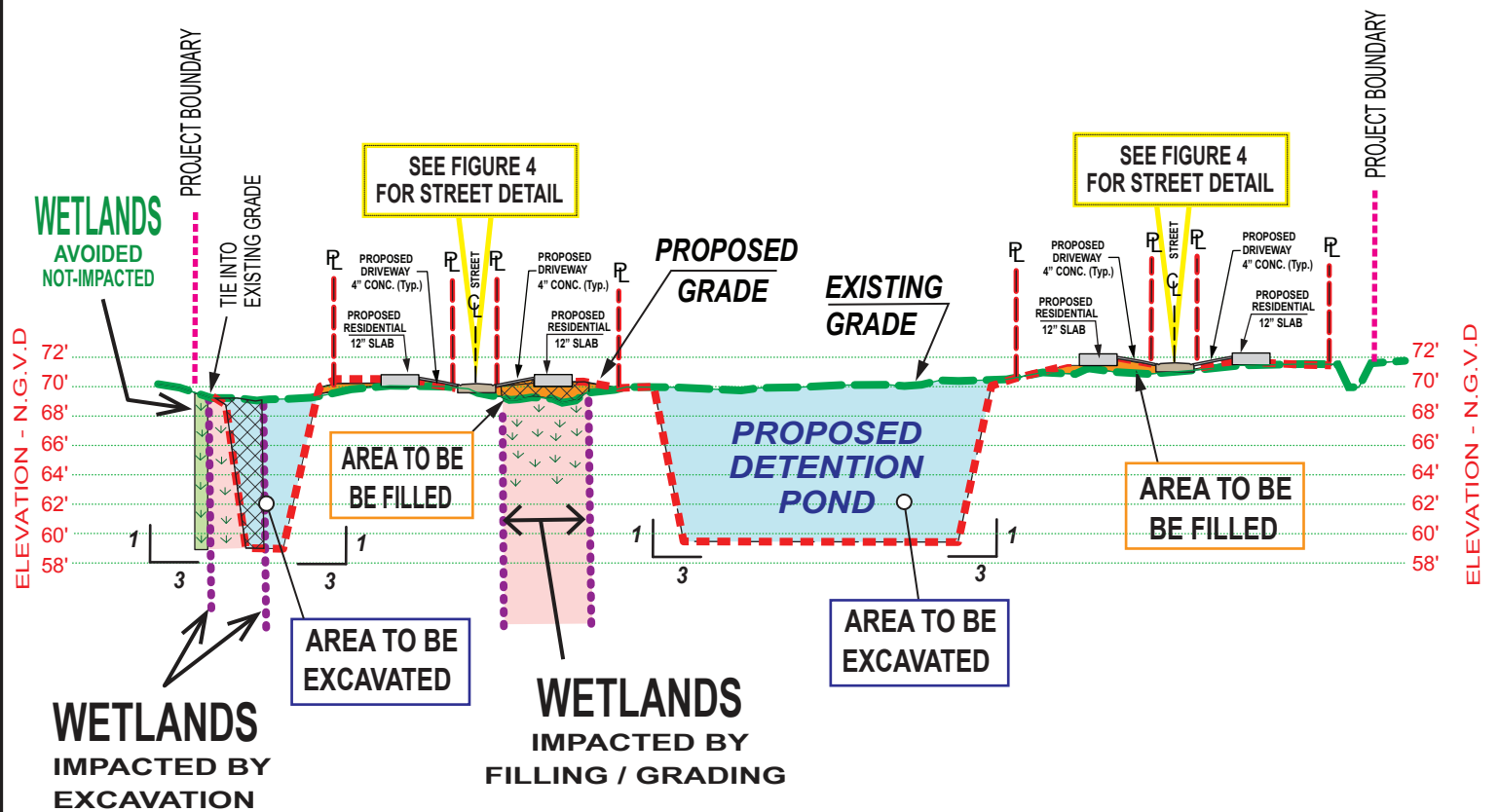
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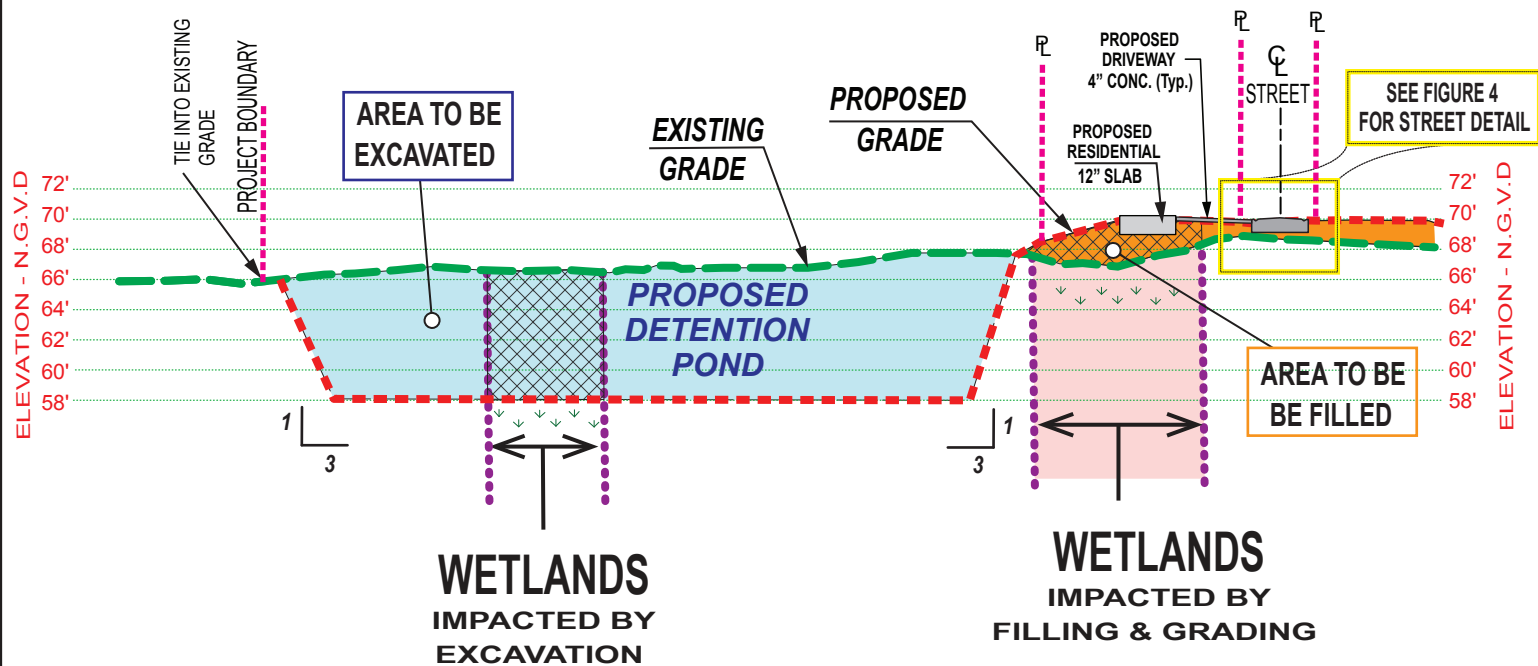
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FIGURE
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LEGEND:

- EXISTING GRADE
- PROPOSED GRADE
- PROPOSED CONCRETE
- AREA TO BE EXCAVATED
- WETLANDS TO BE EXCAVATED
- AREA TO BE FILLED
- WETLANDS TO BE FILLED
- WETLANDS PRESERVED

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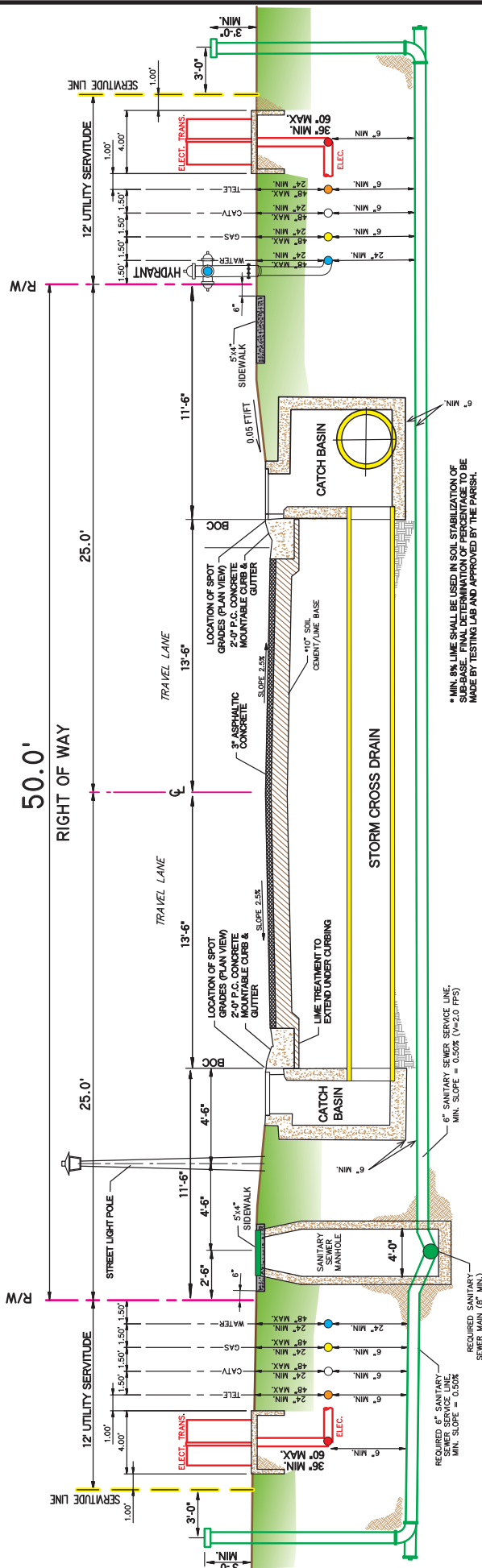
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FIGURE
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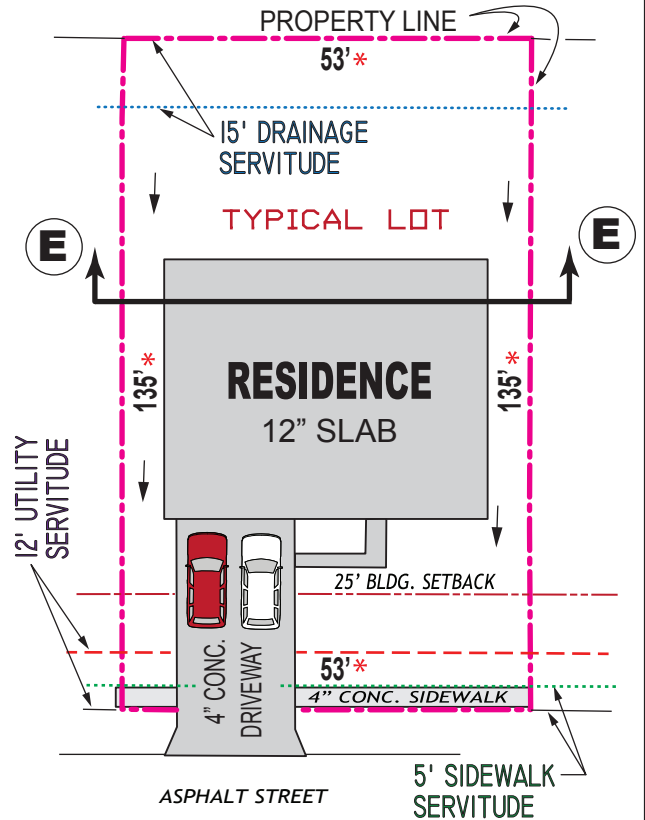
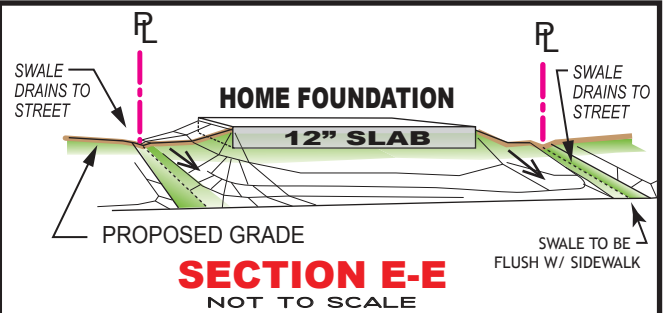
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TYPICAL 50' STREET SECTION

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TYPICAL LOT LAYOUT

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TOTAL LENGTH OF STREETS: 17,458 LIN. FT

TOTAL VOLUME CONCRETE: 8,675 CU. YDS.

TYPICAL STREET / LOT PROFILE

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FIGURE
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