

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC 181029-04

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, 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).

EXPANSION OF EXISTING AGGREGATE MINING OPERATIONS NEAR DARLINGTON, LOUISIANA IN SAINT HELENA PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Bishop Endeavors, LLC, c/o Matrix New World Engineering, Attn: Lee Womack, 2798 O'Neal Lane, Building F, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816.

LOCATION OF WORK: On an approximate 352.93-acre tract, located along at approximate address of 274 Otis and Willie Matthews Road, in Section 39, Township 2 South, Range 4 East, along and east of the left descending bank of the Amite River, near Darlington, Louisiana, located in Saint Helena Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings (Latitude 30.86089 N Longitude -90.84925 W). This project is located in the Pontchartrain Basin (Amite River HUC 08070202).

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant is requesting a Department of the Army permit modification to expand a previously authorized sand and gravel mining operations. The applicant is proposing to clear, grade, excavate and place material for the commercial aggregate mining of approximately 213.35 acres (Chandler Tract) located immediately adjacent and north of the existing and previously authorized aggregate mining operations. The previous permit authorization for the existing mine was issued on August 25, 2014. The proposed expansion consists of the excavation of approximately 49.16 acres of jurisdictional Section 10 waters and the filling of approximately 3.51 acres of jurisdictional Section 10 waters. Also, the proposed project would impact approximately 1.41 acres of Section 404 Other Waters of the U.S. from excavation activities. Approximately 0.22 acre of Section 10/404 jurisdictional wetlands and 1.86 acres of Section 404 wetlands are proposed to be permanently impacted as a result of project implementation. Approximately 1,693,676 cubic yards of native material would be excavated in jurisdictional areas and 6,043 cubic yards of material would be placed as

fill in jurisdictional areas. Approximately 38.31 acres of jurisdictional Section 10 waters, 24.59 acres of Section 404 jurisdictional wetlands, 9.44 acres of Section 10/404 jurisdictional wetlands, and 0.02 acre of Section 404 waters would be avoided and not directly impacted by the proposed mining expansion operation. All material proposed to be mined from the Chandler Tract would be hauled to the existing mining operations site for washing and stockpiling of material. The proposed project expansion is required to ensure future minable reserves for supply to the existing Redi-Mix Operations. 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 all impacts to jurisdictional wetlands would be mitigated through the purchase of mitigation bank 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.

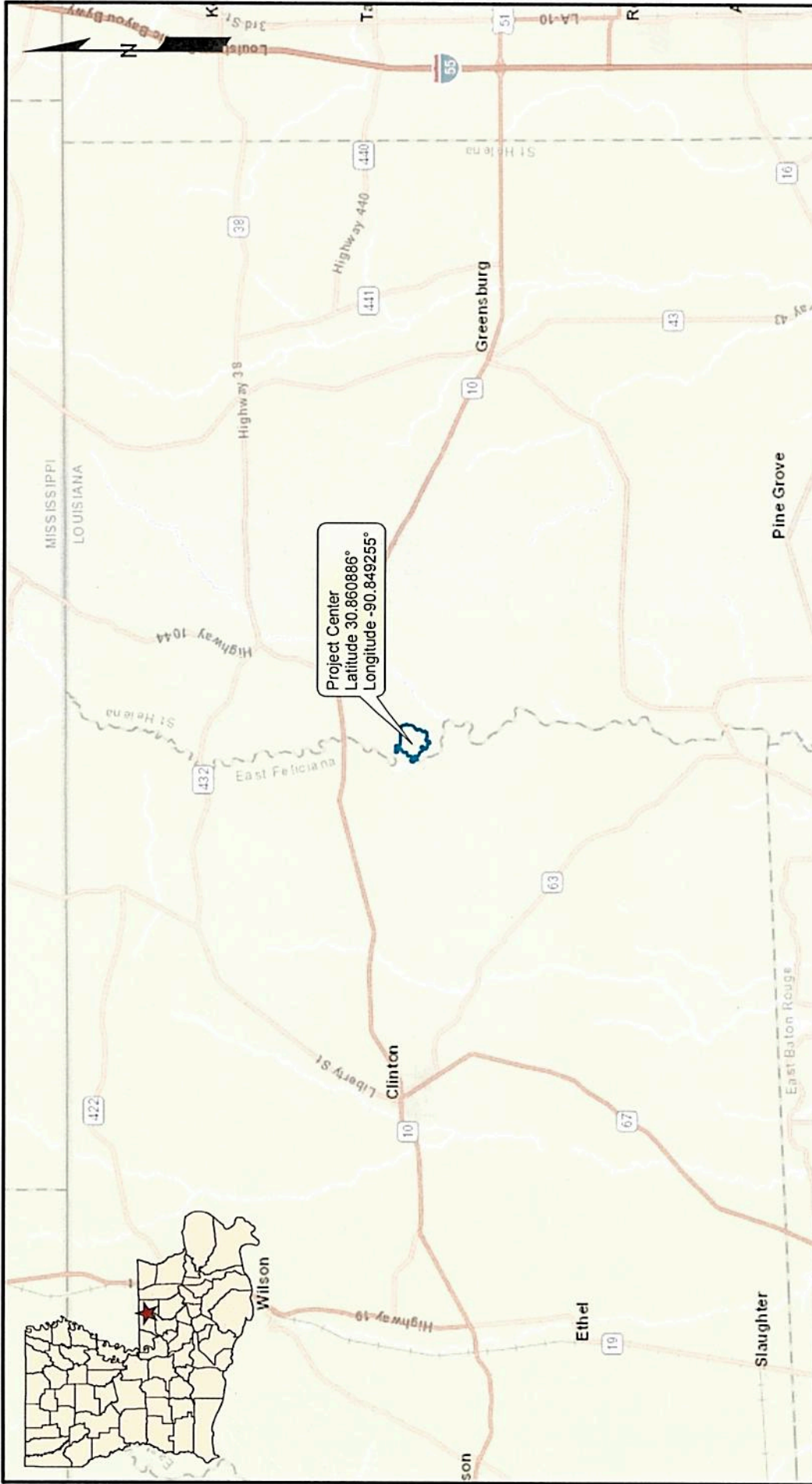
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of NA acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our 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



Project Center
 Latitude 30.860886°
 Longitude -90.849255°

Legend

 Tract Boundary (352.93 acres)

Vicinity Map

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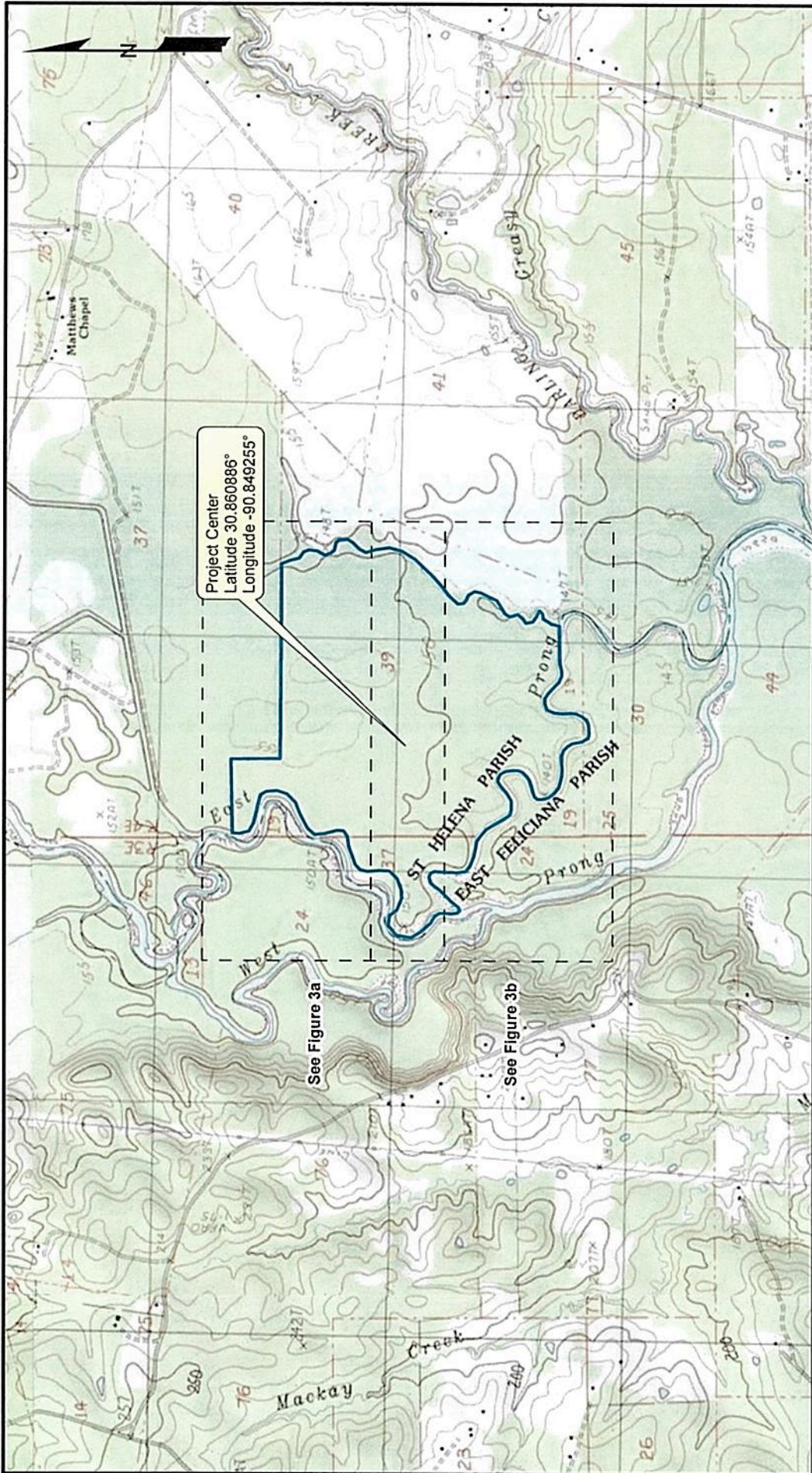
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Source: Base map comprised of ESRI StreetMap USA data.



Legend

Tract Boundary (352.93 acres)

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Site Location Map

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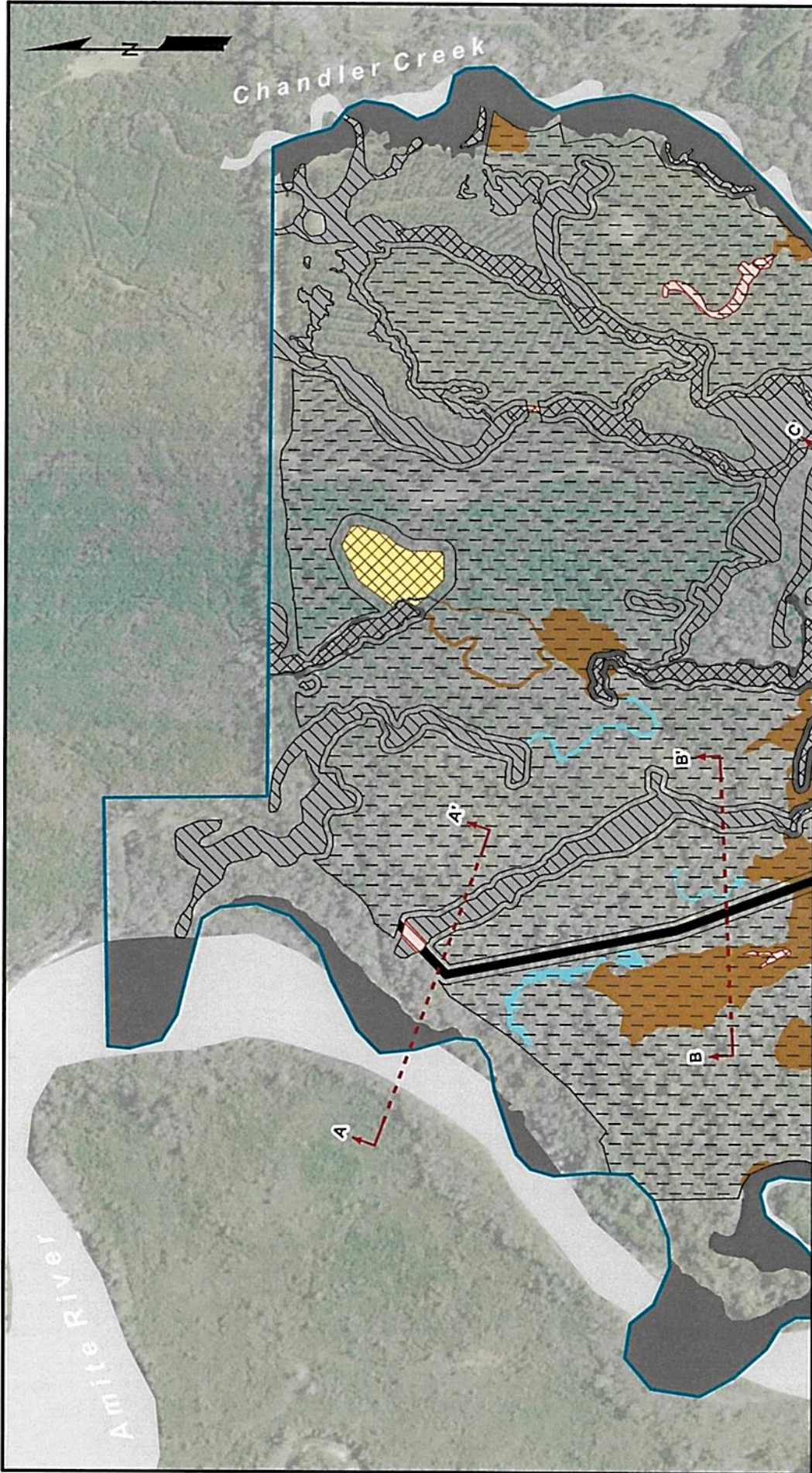
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Source: Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Chipola, LA-MISS" and "Hatchersville, LA" dated 1984.



Legend

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- Impacted Section 10 Waters (52.67 acres)
- Impacted Other Waters of the U.S. (1.41 acres)
- Non-Impacted Section 10/404 Wetlands (9.44 acres)
- Non-Impacted Section 404 Wetlands (24.59 acres)
- Non-Impacted Section 10 Waters (38.31 acres)
- Non-Impacted Other Waters of the U.S. (0.02 acre)
- Archaeological Site with 50' Avoidance Buffer

Site Plan

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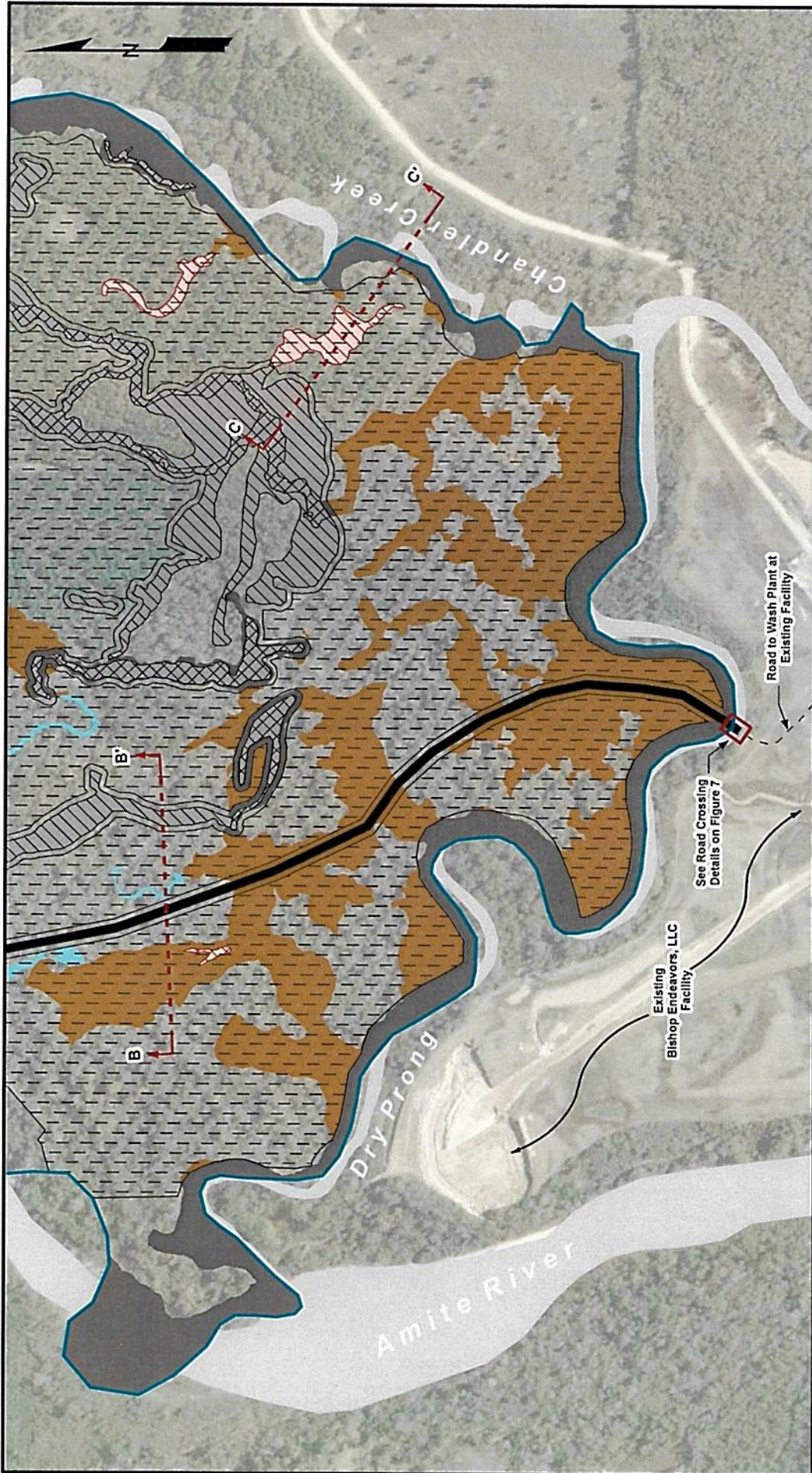


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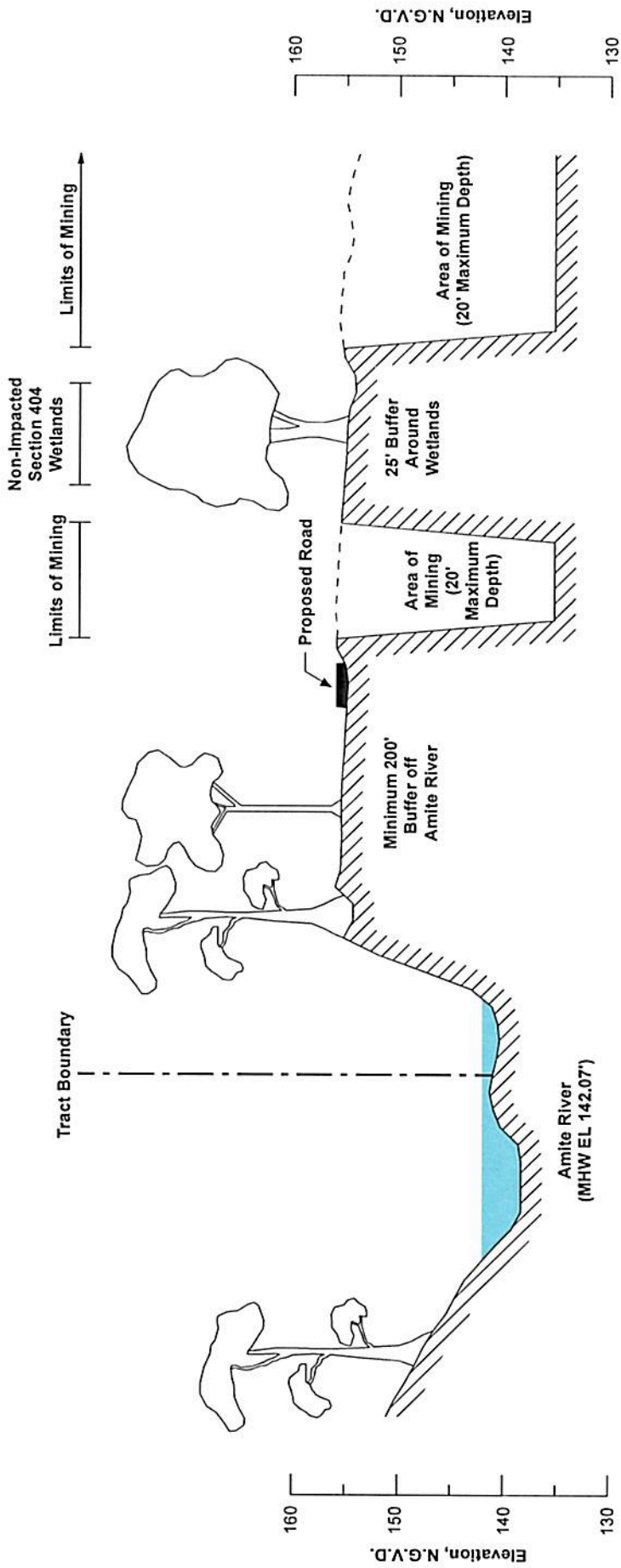


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Notes

Mean High Water Elevation was extrapolated from USGS Gauge 07377000 (Amite River near Darlington, LA) and corresponding elevation drop between the referenced gauge and the location of the site.



Horizontal Scale



Vertical Scale

Cross Section A-A'

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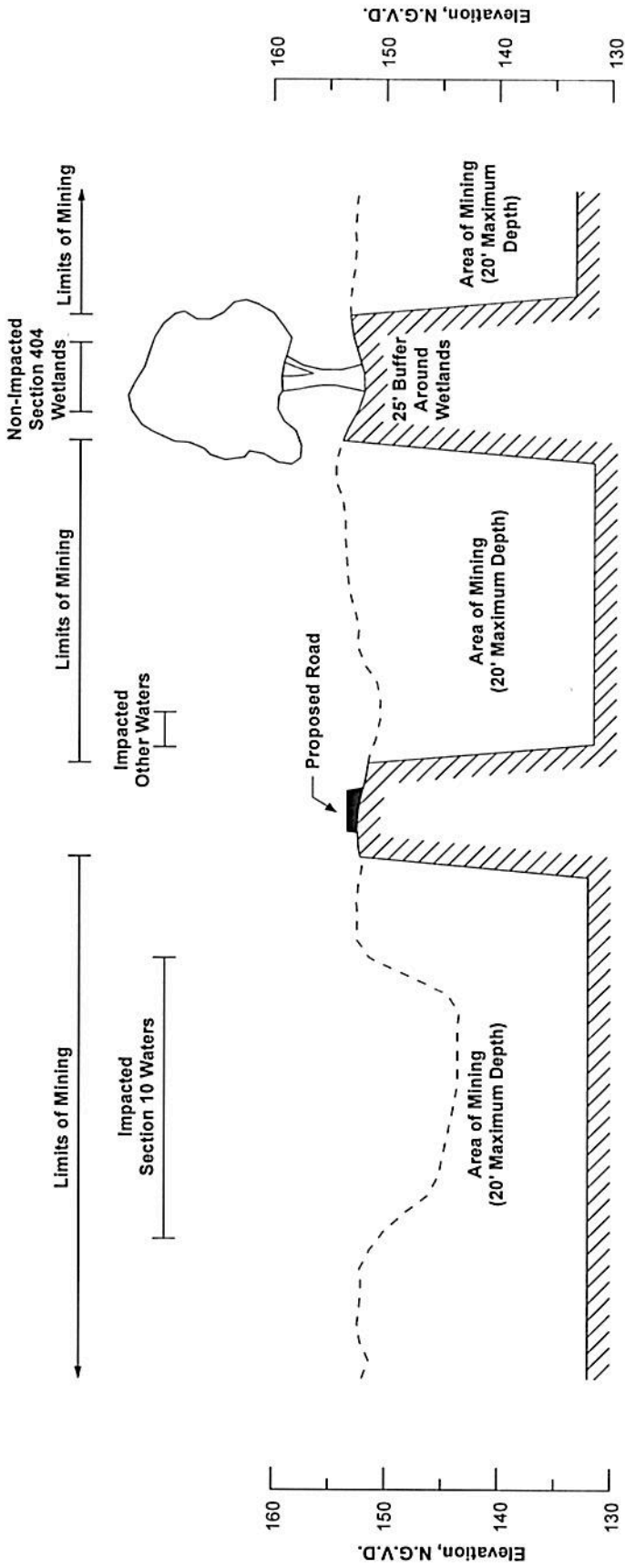
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Horizontal Scale



Vertical Scale

Cross Section B-B'

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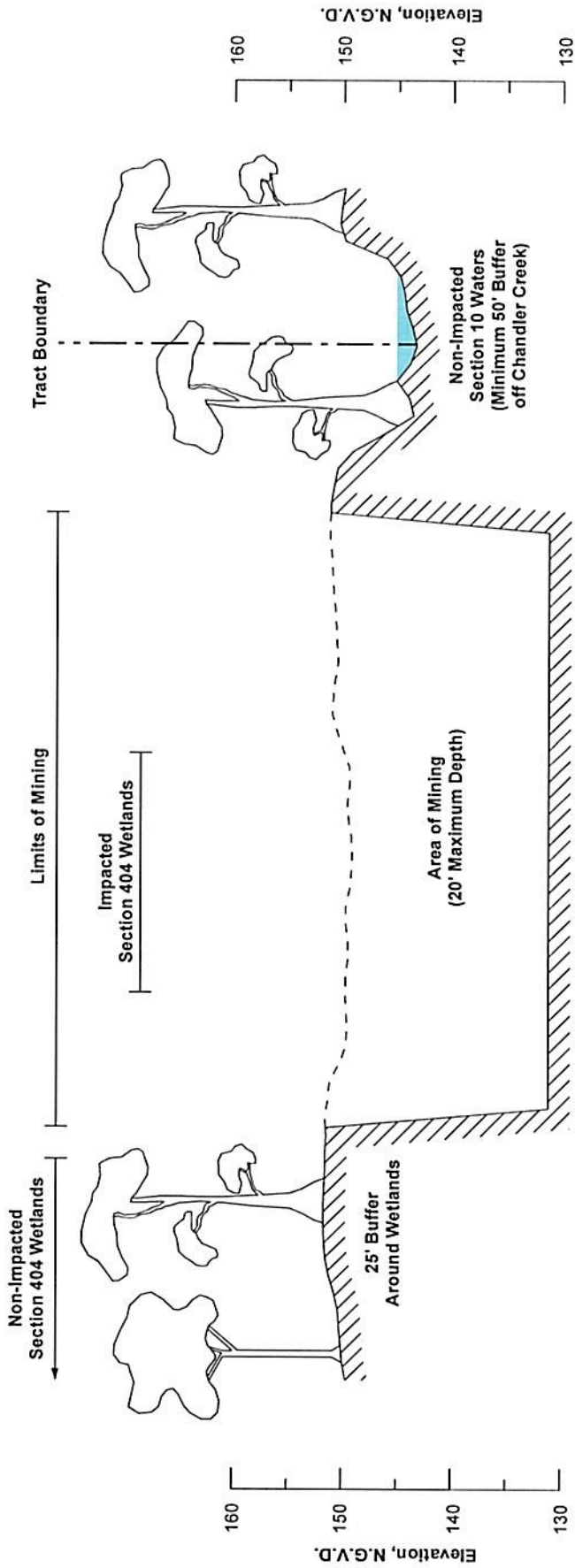
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Cross Section C-C'

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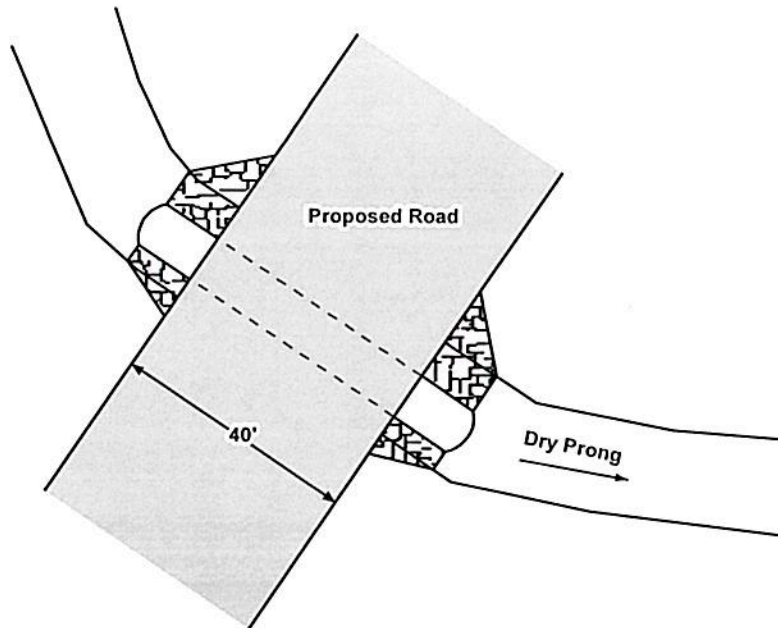
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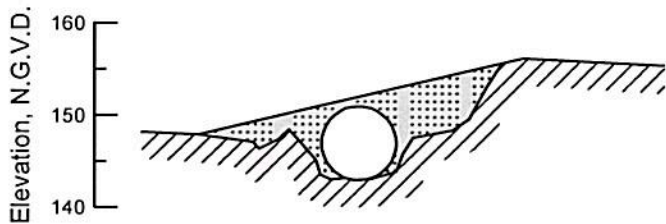
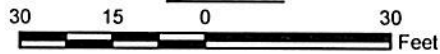
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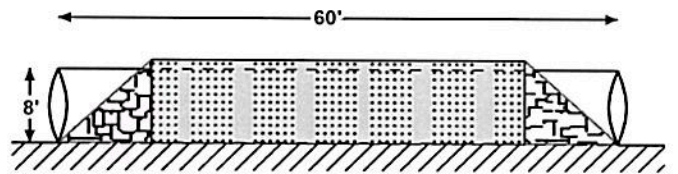
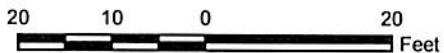
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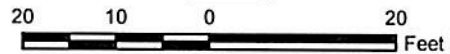
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
Cross Section



Profile



Legend

-  Proposed Road Footprint
-  Proposed Sand Fill
-  Proposed Rip-Rap Fill

Notes

1. Approximately 160.49 cu. yds. of sand will be placed within Section 10 Waters for construction of the Dry Prong road crossing.
2. Approximately 106.66 cu. yds. of rip rap will be placed within Section 10 Waters for construction of the Dry Prong road crossing.

Road Crossing Details

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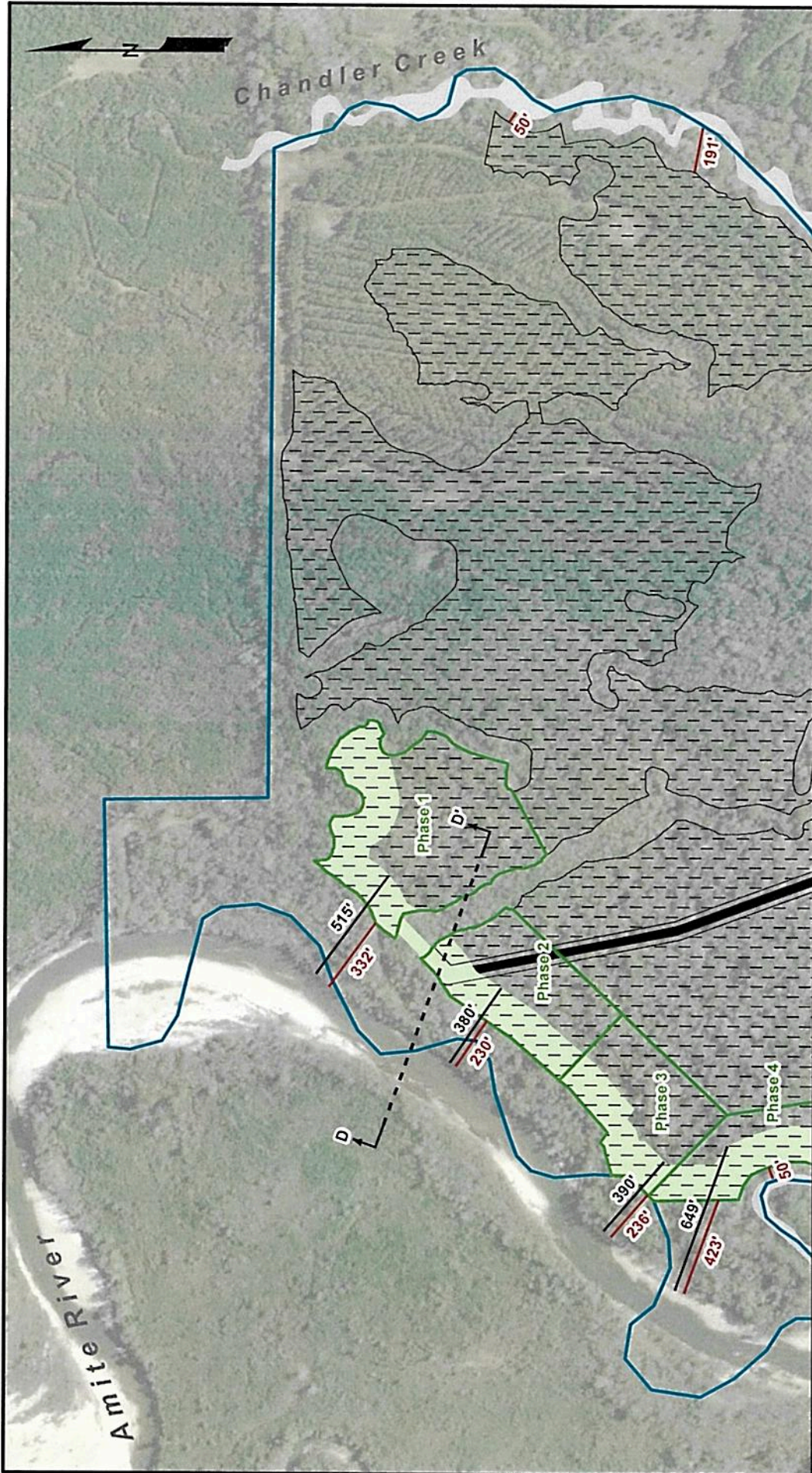
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- Mining Phases
- 150' Reclamation Areas
- River Buffer Distances
- Reclamation River Buffer Distances

Post-Mining Reclamation and River Buffers

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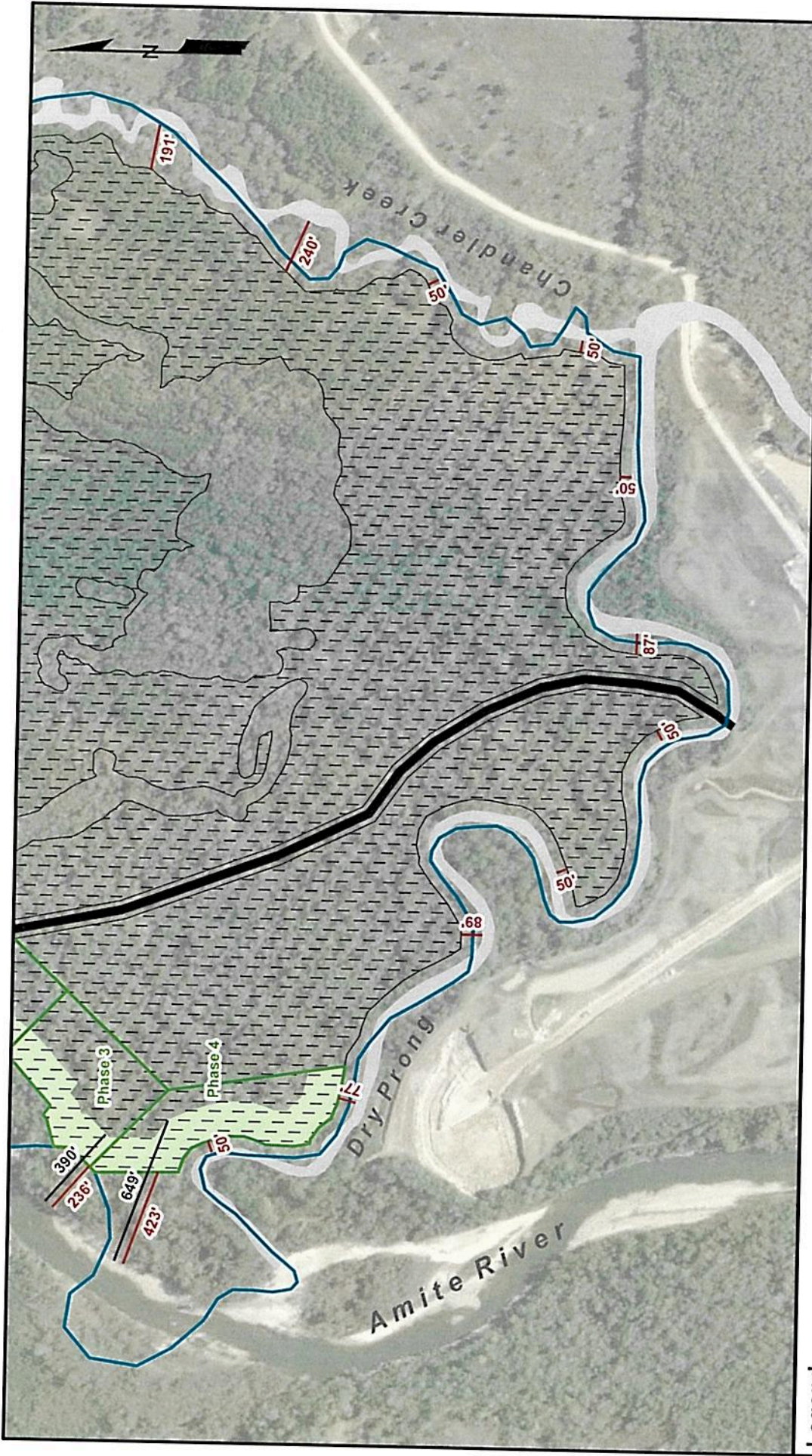
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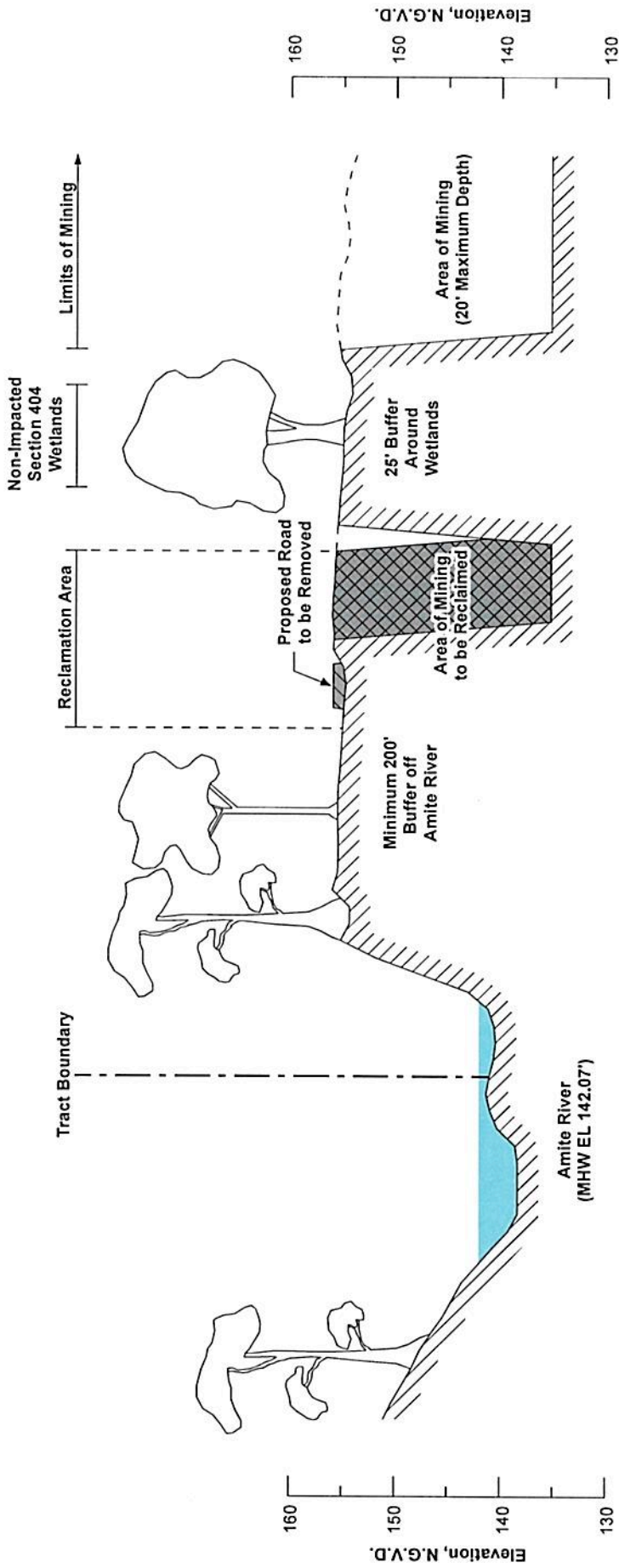


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