

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC # 170622-01

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 RUBICON FACILITY EXPANSION

NAME OF APPLICANT: Rubicon, LLC, c/o Natural Resource Professionals, LLC, 10621 N Oak Hills Pkwy, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

LOCATION OF WORK: 9156 Highway 75 in Section 11, T10S-R2E, in Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, within the Lake Pontchartrain Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070204), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 30.200818 N, Longitude -91.015104 W).

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to construct and maintain an expansion to an existing Rubicon Facility, specifically for a lay down yard. The proposed project will involve the clearing, grubbing and leveling/grading of an adjacent lot. Approximately 10,500 cubic yards of clean fill material will be deposited followed by approximately 5,300 cubic yards of geotech material and crushed limestone. It is anticipated that the proposed action will impact approximately 2.75 acres of forested wetlands.

It is presumed that the applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Any further reduction would limit usage of the property and, therefore function deeming the project impracticable. The applicant is proposing to compensate for the unavoidable impact by purchasing mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank.

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, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the 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 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 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.

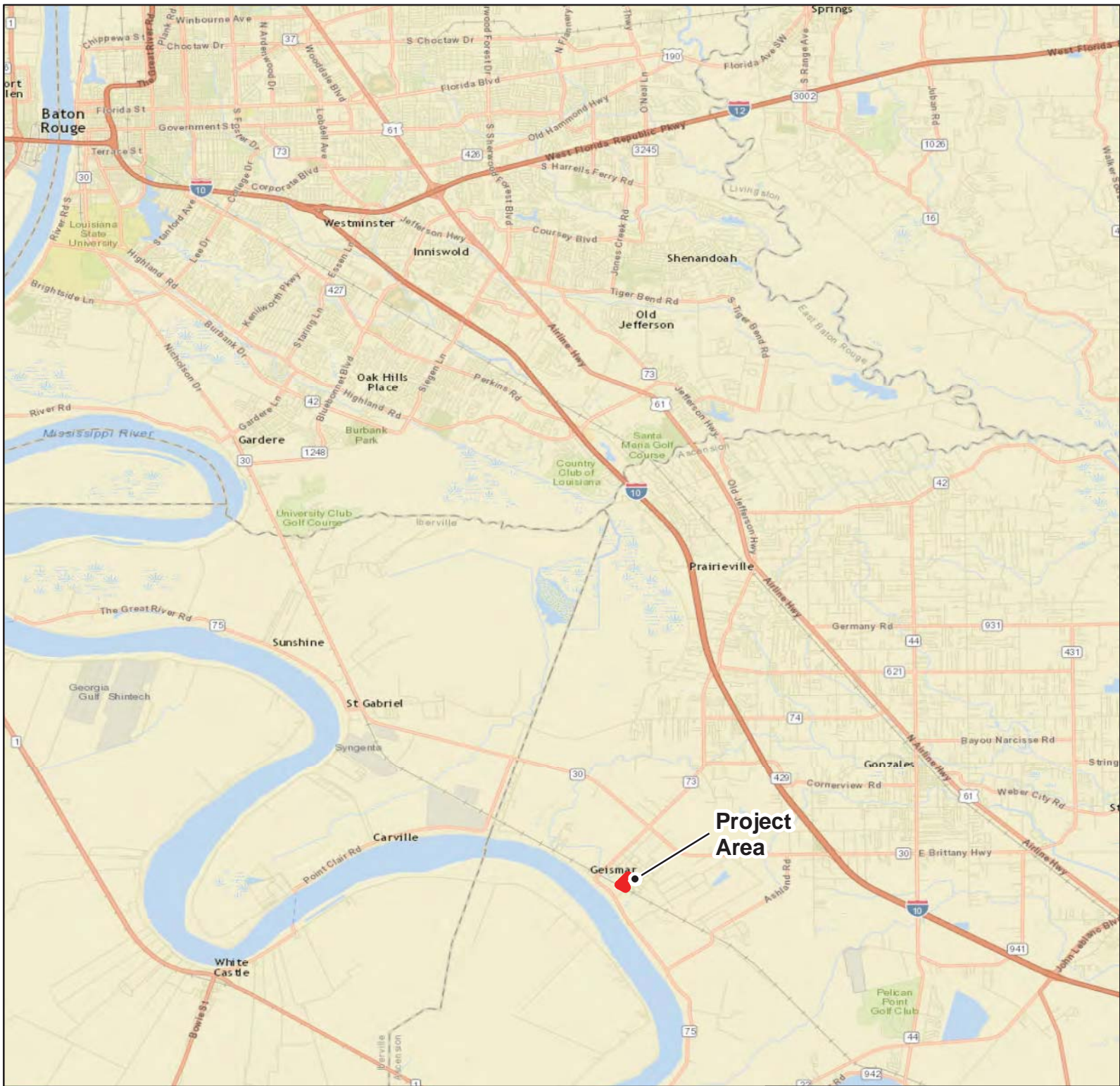
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

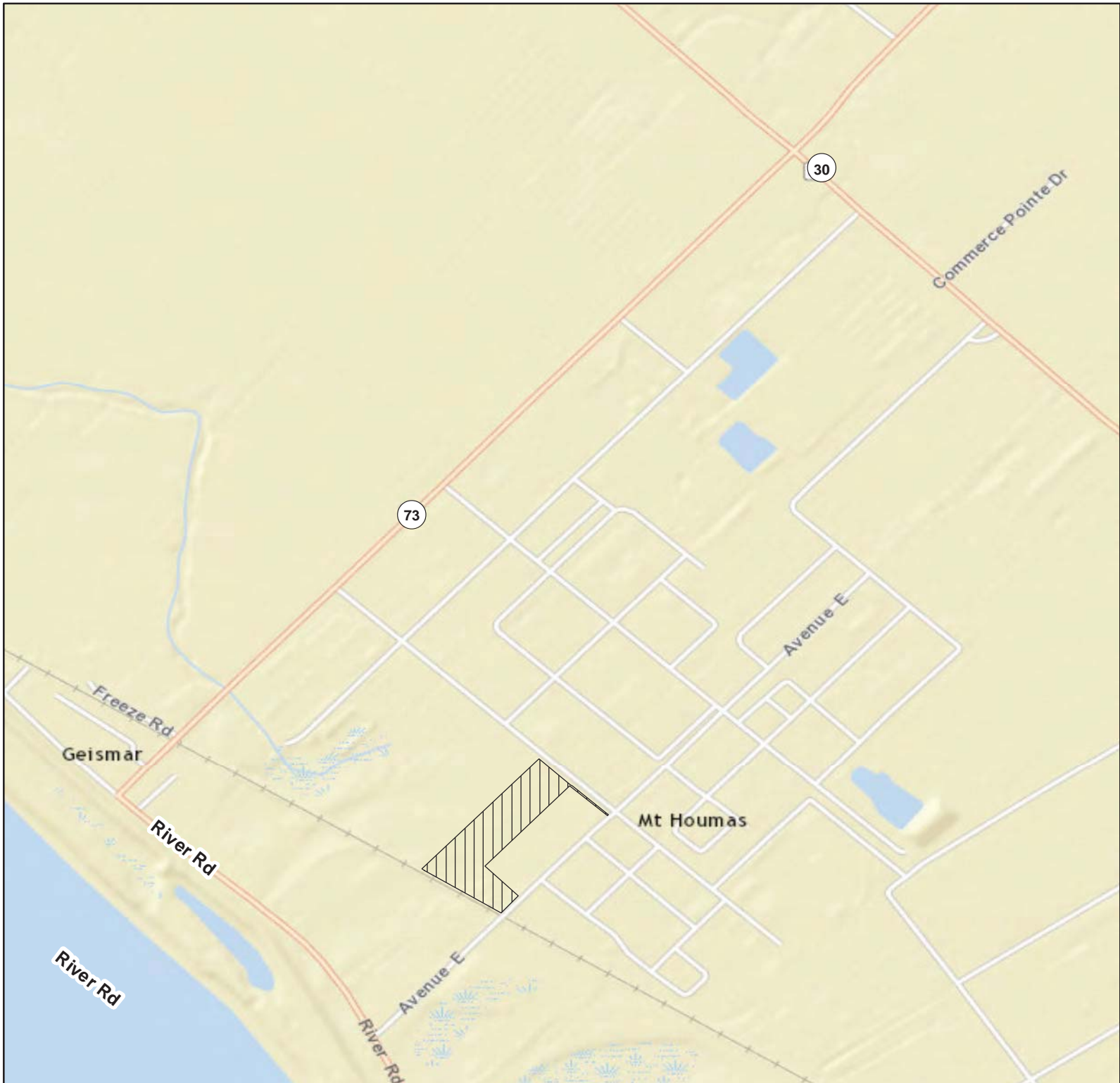
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver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

for JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



Legend  Property Boundary (12.19 Acres)			Rubicon, LLC	
			Geismar, LA VICINITY MAP	
Map Notes: 1. The boundary shown is based on the boundary survey provided by the client. 2. Map projected to NAD83 UTM Zone 15.				ASCENSION PARISH, LA
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Legend

 Property Boundary (13.892 Acres)



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Rubicon, LLC

Geismar, LA

SITE MAP

ASCENSION PARISH, LA

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FIGURE 2






Elevations (ft)

- High : 44.1207

- Low : 7.87363

Legend

-  Property Boundary (13.892 Acres)
-  Potential Wetlands (2.75 Acres)
-  Pre and Post Construction Drainage

Map Notes:

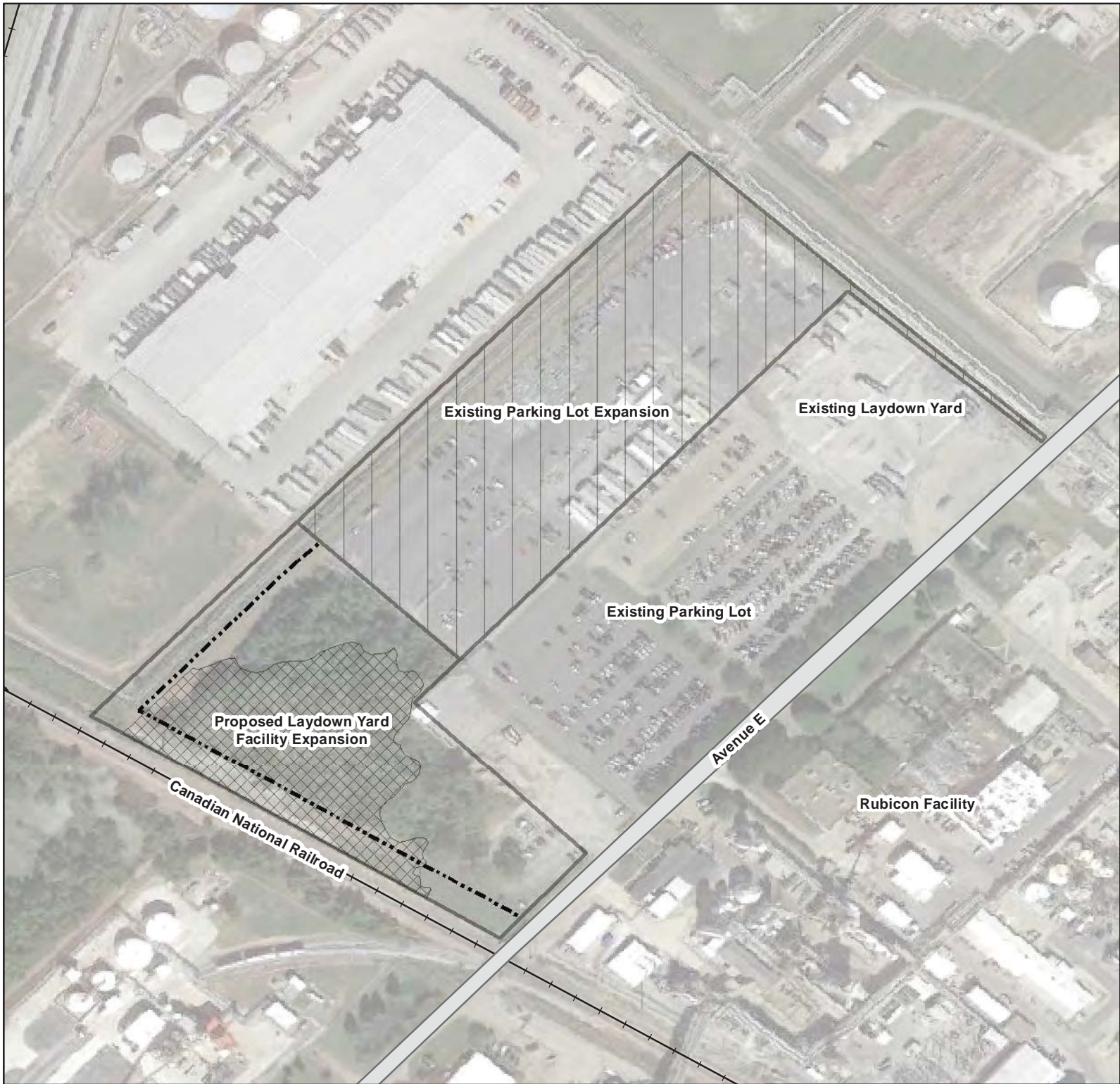
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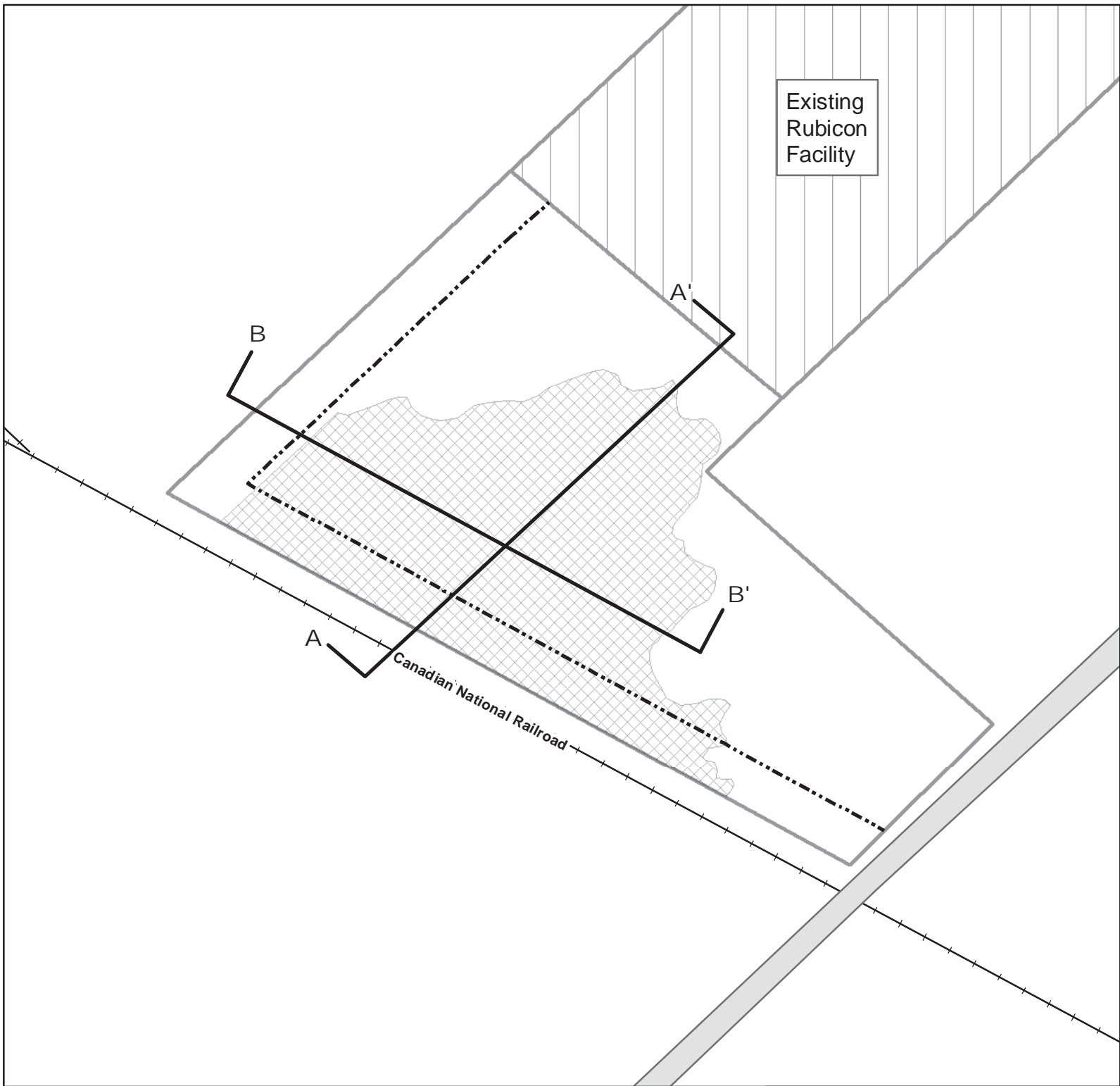


- Legend**
-  Proposed Laydown Yard Expansion (6.05 acres)
 -  Existing Facility Expansion (7.84 acres)
 -  Wetlands to be Impacted (2.75 Acres)
 -  Proposed 50' Buffer








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DETAIL MAP
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FIGURE 4



Legend

-  Proposed Laydown Yard Expansion (6.05 acres)
-  Existing Facility Expansion (7.84 acres)
-  Jurisdictional Wetlands
-  Servitude/Buffer
-  Cross sections

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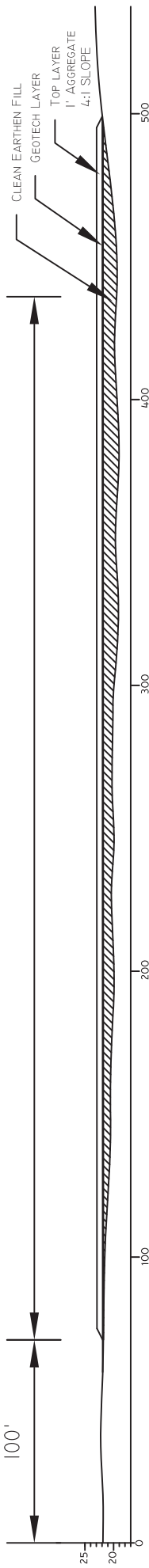
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LIMITS OF PROJECT

WETLANDS TO BE IMPACTED & FILLED TO 22.0'

RAILROAD ROW

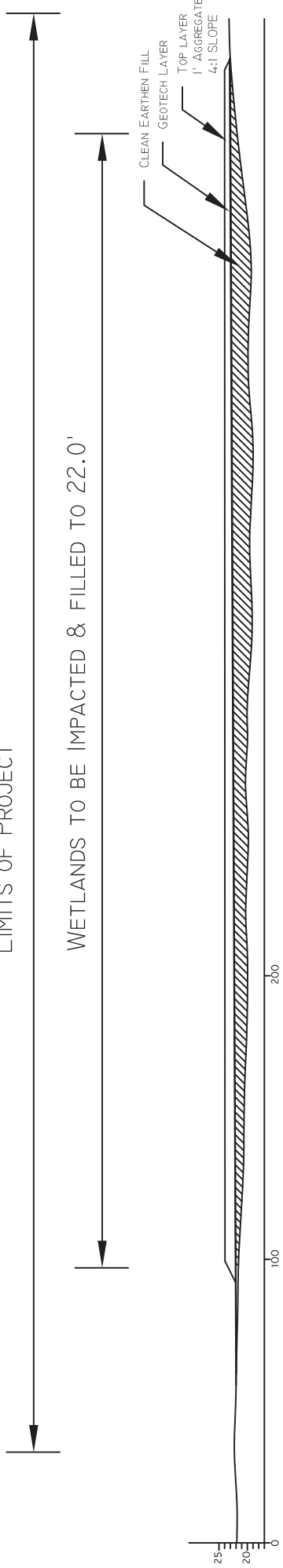
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CROSS SECTION A-A': PROPOSED LAYDOWN AREA
2:1 VERTICAL SCALE

LIMITS OF PROJECT

WETLANDS TO BE IMPACTED & FILLED TO 22.0'



CROSS SECTION B-B': PROPOSED LAYDOWN AREA
2:1 VERTICAL SCALE

Rubicon, LLC

Geismar, LA

CROSS SECTIONS

ASCENSION PARISH, LOUISIANA

Created: AGB

Approved:

Date: 5.19.2017

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FIGURE 6