

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number  
WQC # 180403-03

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.

## **WASTEWATER TREATMENT POND EXPANSION IN ST. HELENA PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Town of Greensburg, c/o Providence Engineering and Environmental Group, LLC., 1201 Main Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70508.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In wetlands adjacent to an existing wastewater treatment pond, in Greensburg, Louisiana, in St. Helena Parish, within the Tickfaw River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070203), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 30.833795 N, Longitude -90.667902 W).

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to clear, grade, excavate and deposit fill and/or aggregate material to expand and maintain an existing wastewater treatment pond. Approximately 962 cubic yards of material would be excavated and deposited to achieve required grade elevation requirements. The proposed project is situated on an approximately 9.15-acre site and would impact approximately 0.88 acres of forested wetlands and 0.11 acre of other waters of the U.S.

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 in the size of the pond or berm would not meet the intended need for additional storage area or engineering construction standards at the project site. As compensation for

unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to mitigate in-kind wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

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.

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 Interior. 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.

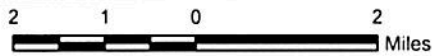
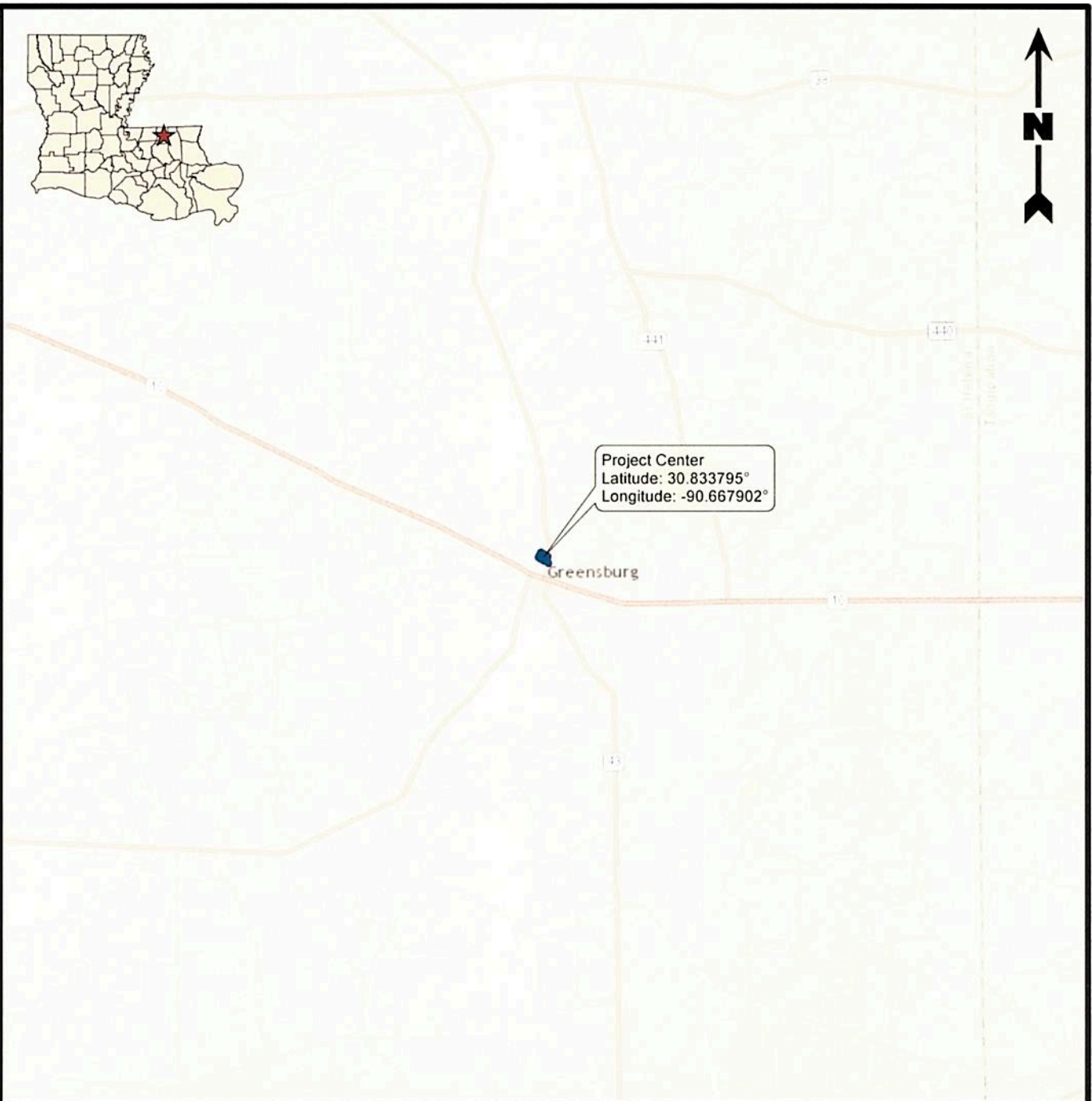
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to **0.0** acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid 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, Water Permits Division 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

Enclosures



**Legend**

 Project Area (9.15 Acres)

**Reference**

Base map comprised of ESRI StreetMap USA data.

**Vicinity Map**

Section 404 Permit Application  
St. Helena Parish, Louisiana

**Town of Greensburg**  
Wastewater Treatment Pond Improvements

Drawn By	LMM	10/19/17
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Approved By	TS	10/19/17



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722-006  
Drawing Number  
722-006-A019

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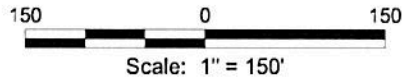


**Legend**

- Project Area (9.15 Acres)
- Jurisdictional Wetlands (1.28 Acres)
- Other Waters of the U.S. (0.11 Acre)
- Wastewater Treatment Pond (4.44 Acres)

**Reference**

Base map comprised of Bing Maps aerial imagery from (c) 2017 Microsoft Corporation and its data suppliers, exported 10/09/17.



**Existing Site Conditions**

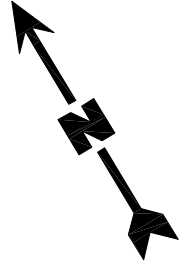
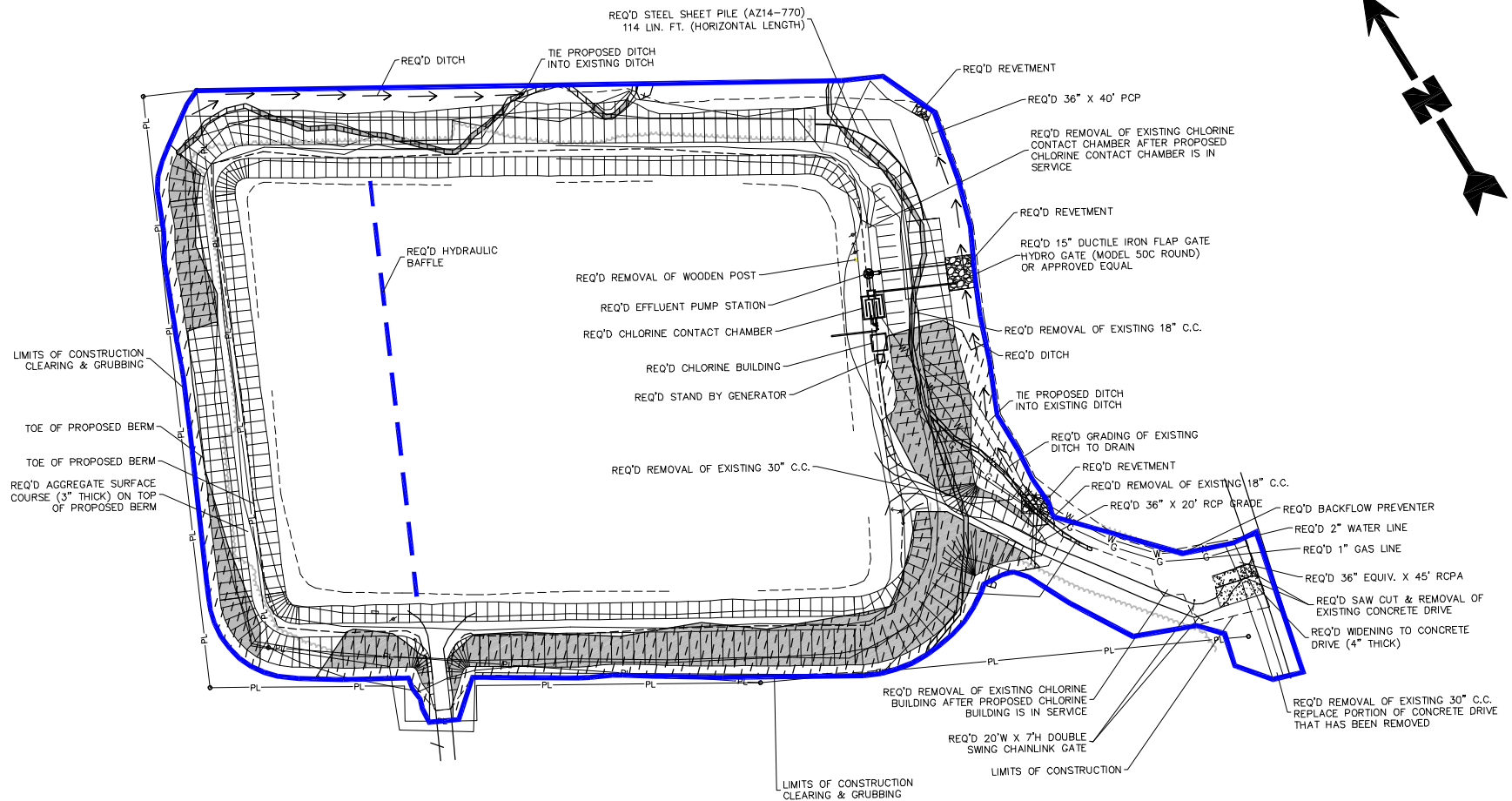
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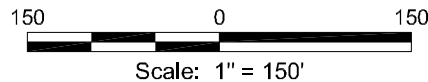


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- Project Area (9.15 Acres)
- Jurisdictional Wetlands (1.28 Acres)
- Impacted Jurisdictional Wetlands (0.88 Acre)
- Other Waters of the U.S. (0.11 Acre)
- Impacted Other Waters of the U.S. (0.08 Acre)
- ← Flow Direction of Proposed Ditch

**Reference**

Base map comprised of client provided titled: Proposed Treatment Facility Improvement Map, project book no: 09-13-06 T-401, sheet no: 3, dated: 07/21/15.



**Proposed Site Conditions**

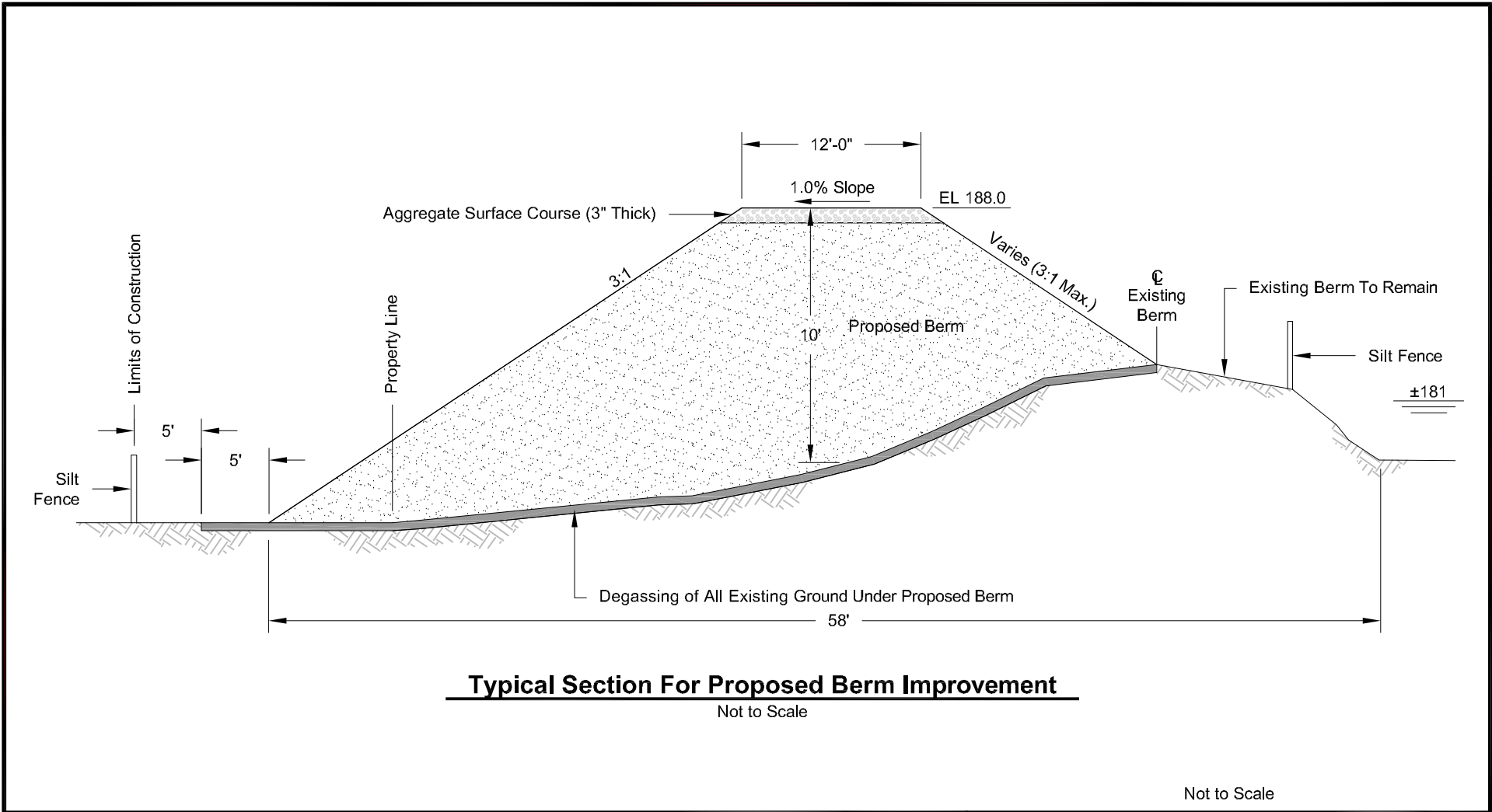
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**Typical Cross Section For Proposed Berm Improvement**

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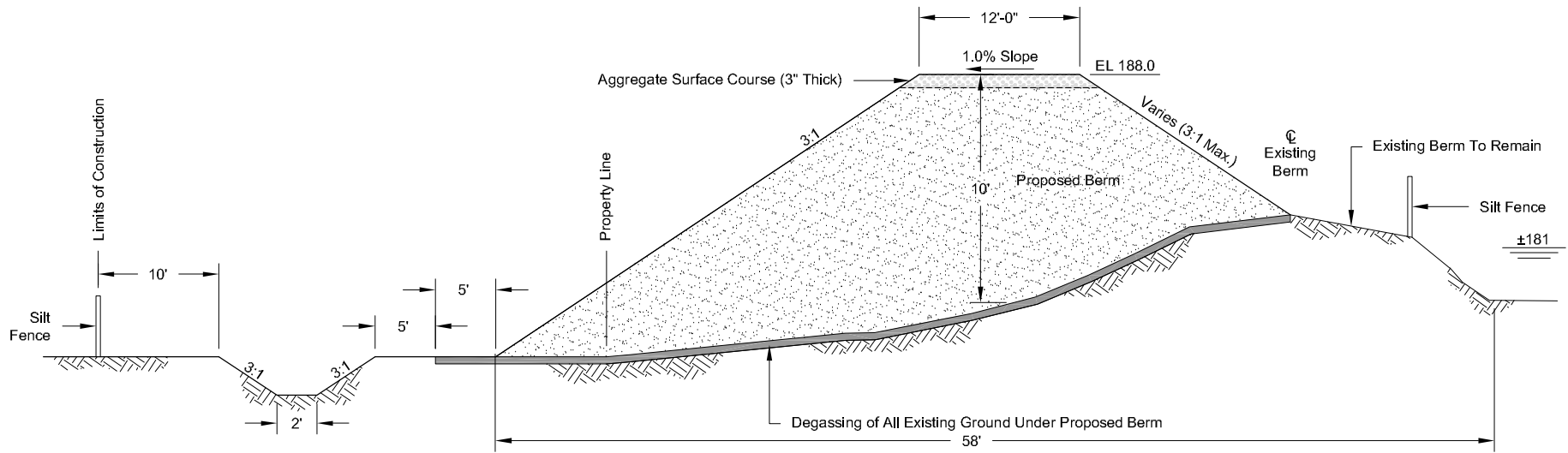
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**Reference**

Base map comprised of client provided titled: Typical Section (Sheet 1 of 4), project book no: 09-13-09 T-401, figure: 2, dated: 07/21/15.





**Typical Section For Proposed Berm Improvement with Ditch**

Not to Scale

Not to Scale

**Typical Cross Section  
For Proposed Berm  
Improvement with Ditch**

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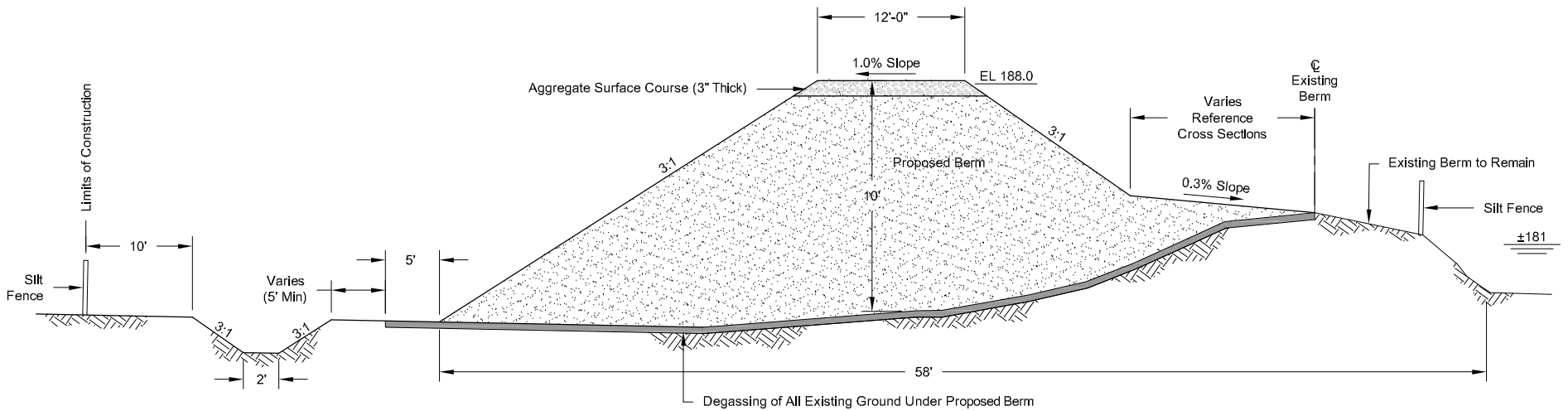
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**Typical Section For Proposed Berm Improvement with Ditch**

Not to Scale

Not to Scale

**Typical Cross Section For  
Proposed Berm Improvement  
(East Side of Pond)**

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