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Permit Application Number: MVN-2016-00018-EPP

PUBLIC NOTICE

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).

REGIONAL DETENTION POND IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: St. Tammany Parish Government, c/o Biological Surveys, Inc., Attn: Tom Brown, Post Office Box 94, Covington, Louisiana 70434 or biosurveysinc@gmail.com

LOCATION OF WORK: At approximately Latitude: 30.407481, Longitude: -90.071733, located east of Westwood Drive, in Mandeville, Louisiana, in St. Tammany Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Construct a 63.22 regional detention pond to aid the surrounding residential area with drainage concerns. Project implementation will excavate and haul off-site 564, 225 cubic yards of native material and deposit 102 cubic yards of concrete and 13, 973 cubic yards of topsoil/dirt. The project as proposed would directly impact 46.03 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. The applicant proposed to contract with an approved mitigation bank to offset the adverse impact to jurisdictional wetlands.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close 20 days from the date of this 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 must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the Applicant's Name and the Permit Application Number and can be preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGE, Stephanie Castaing. This public notice is also available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>. Individuals or parties may also request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by mail or preferably by emailing the specified project manager listed above. Any request for an extension of time to comment 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 Branch 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 and inclusive of the initial comment period and will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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 any 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. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The New Orleans District has determined that the activity will have no effect on the threatened Gopher Tortoise, endangered Louisiana Quillwort, and the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker, based on the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC), dated January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work is Not Likely to Adversely Affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such 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 0.0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would have no 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.

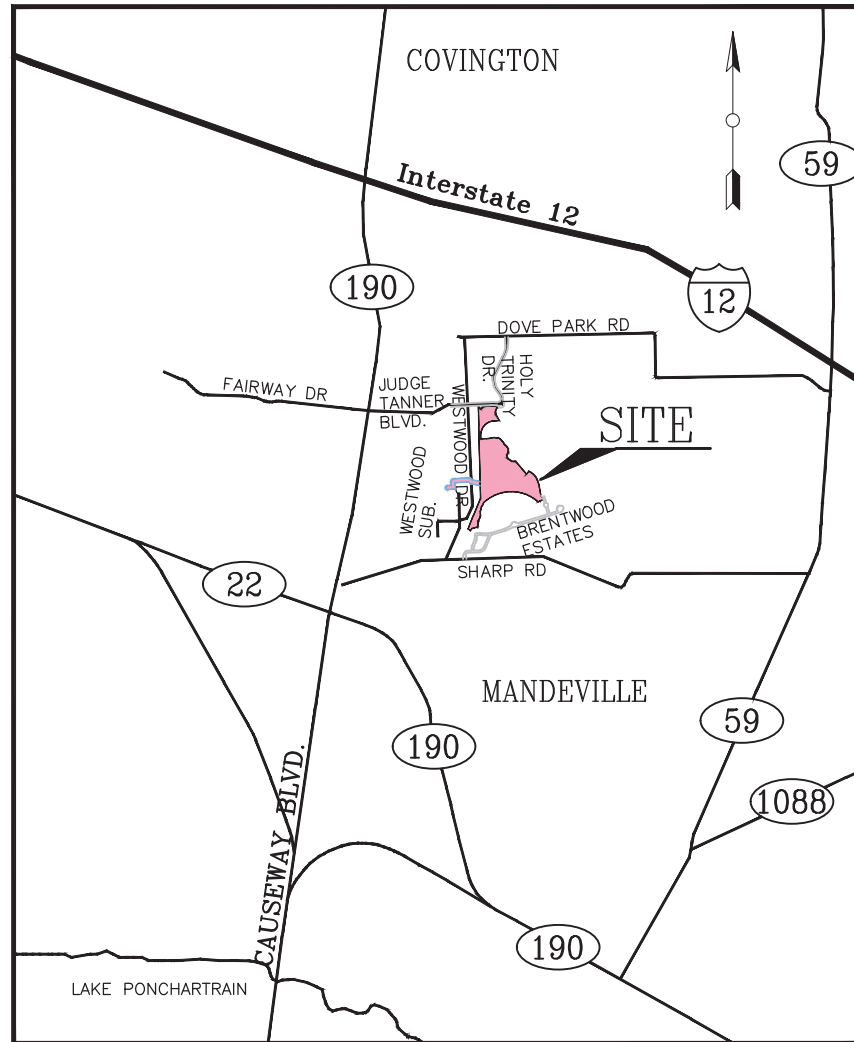
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, 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.

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.

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.

Brad P. LaBorde
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Branch



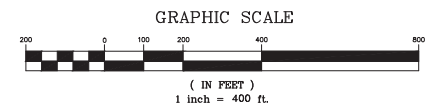
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VICINITY MAP
St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana

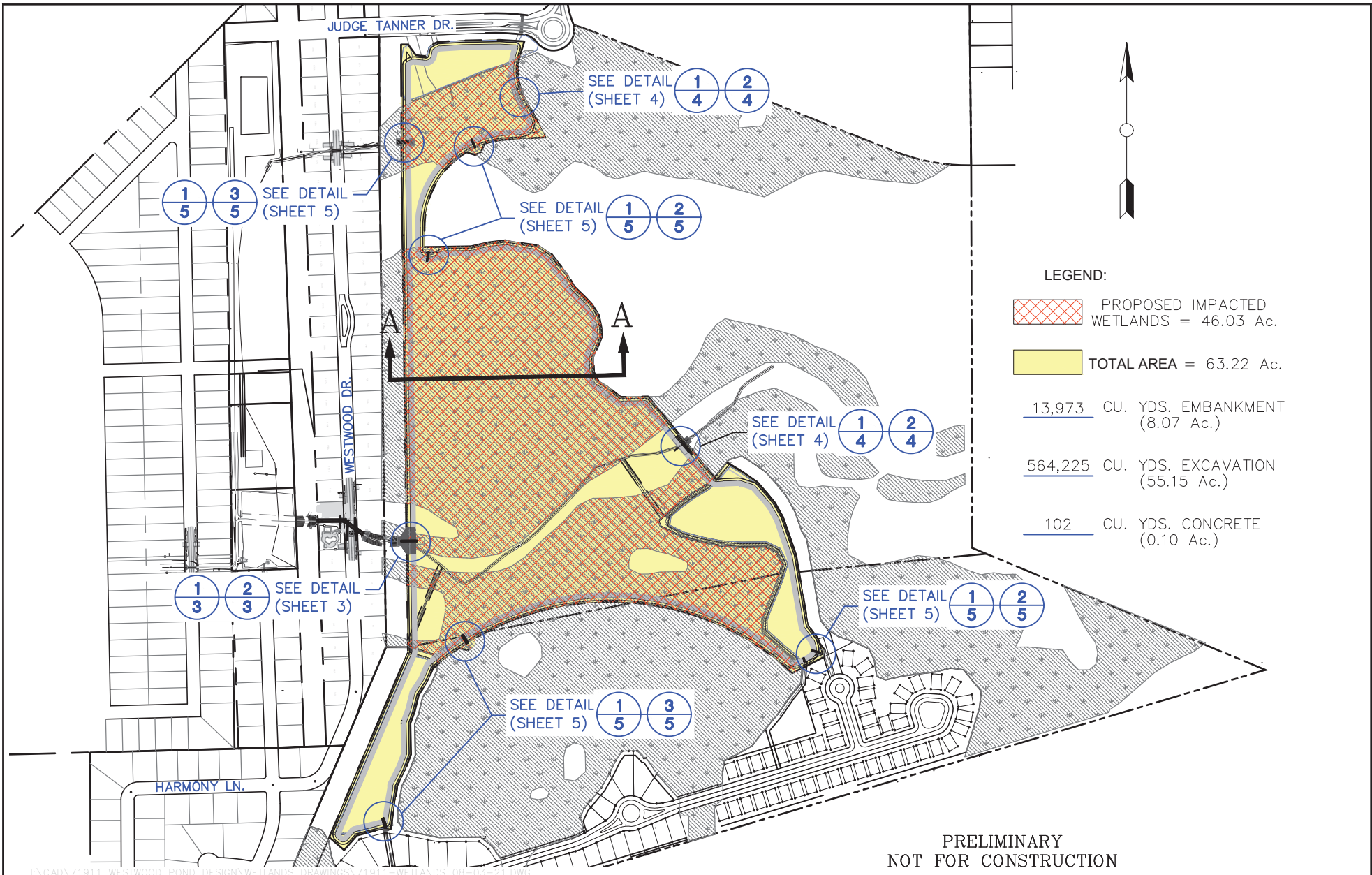


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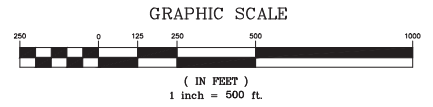
	PROPOSED IMPACTED WETLANDS = 46.03 Ac.
	TOTAL AREA = 63.22 Ac.
<u>13,973</u>	CU. YDS. EMBANKMENT (8.07 Ac.)
<u>564,225</u>	CU. YDS. EXCAVATION (55.15 Ac.)
<u>102</u>	CU. YDS. CONCRETE (0.10 Ac.)

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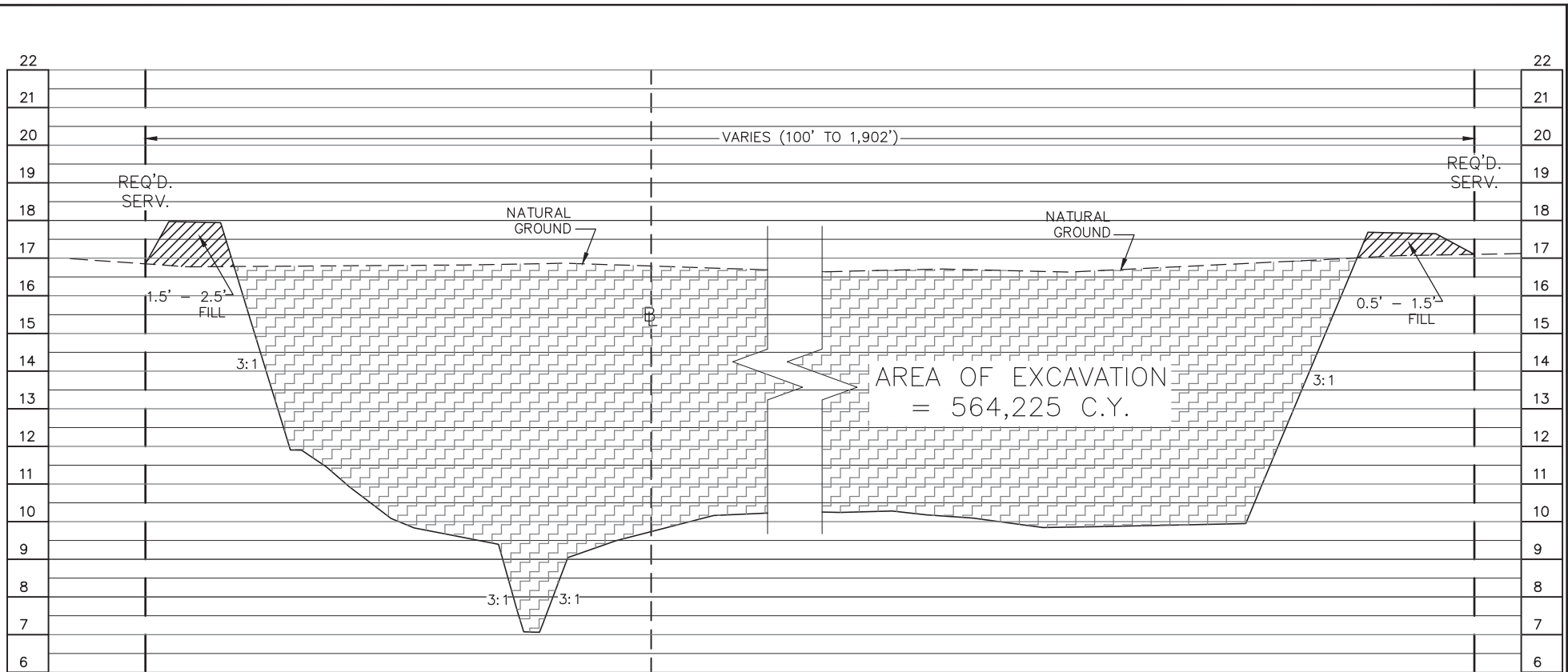
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 Mandeville, LA 70470
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WESTWOOD REGIONAL POND
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WETLAND PLAN
 St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana



RE:	Date: 08-03-21	SHEET NO. 1
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SECTION "A-A"
TYPICAL REQUIRED POND SECTION
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 1" = 4' VERTICAL

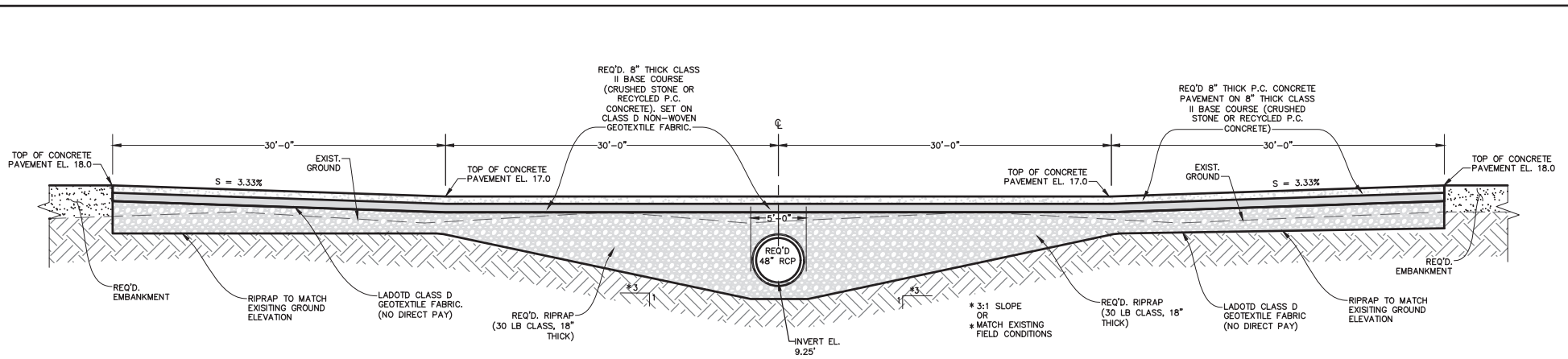
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TYPICAL CROSS SECTION
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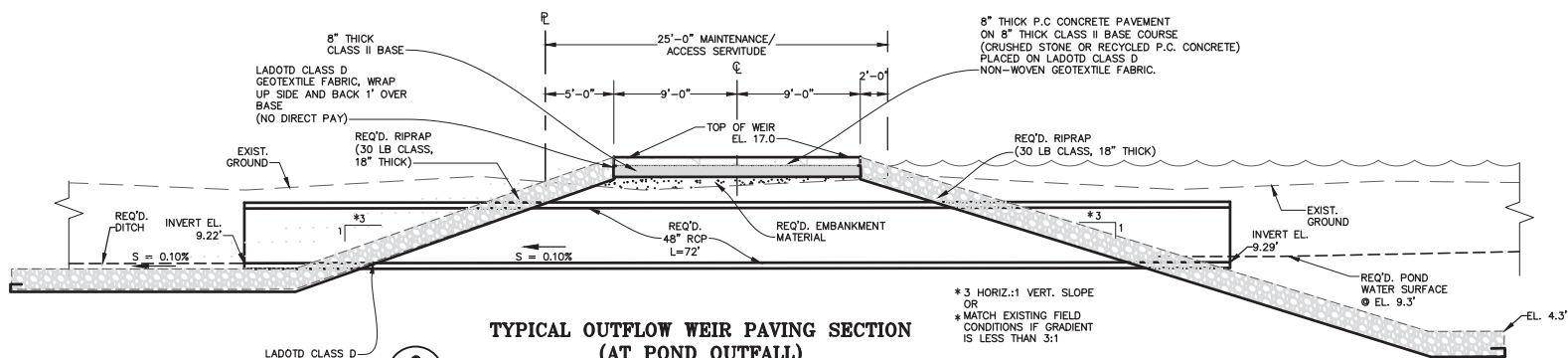
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**TYPICAL REQUIRED WEIR PAVING SECTION
(AT POND OUTFALL STA. 112+71.4)**

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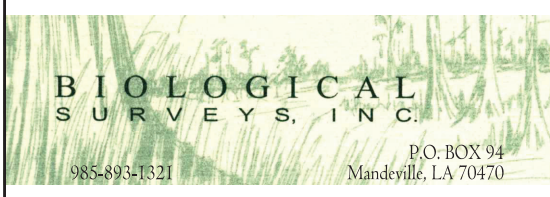


**TYPICAL OUTFLOW WEIR PAVING SECTION
(AT POND OUTFALL)**

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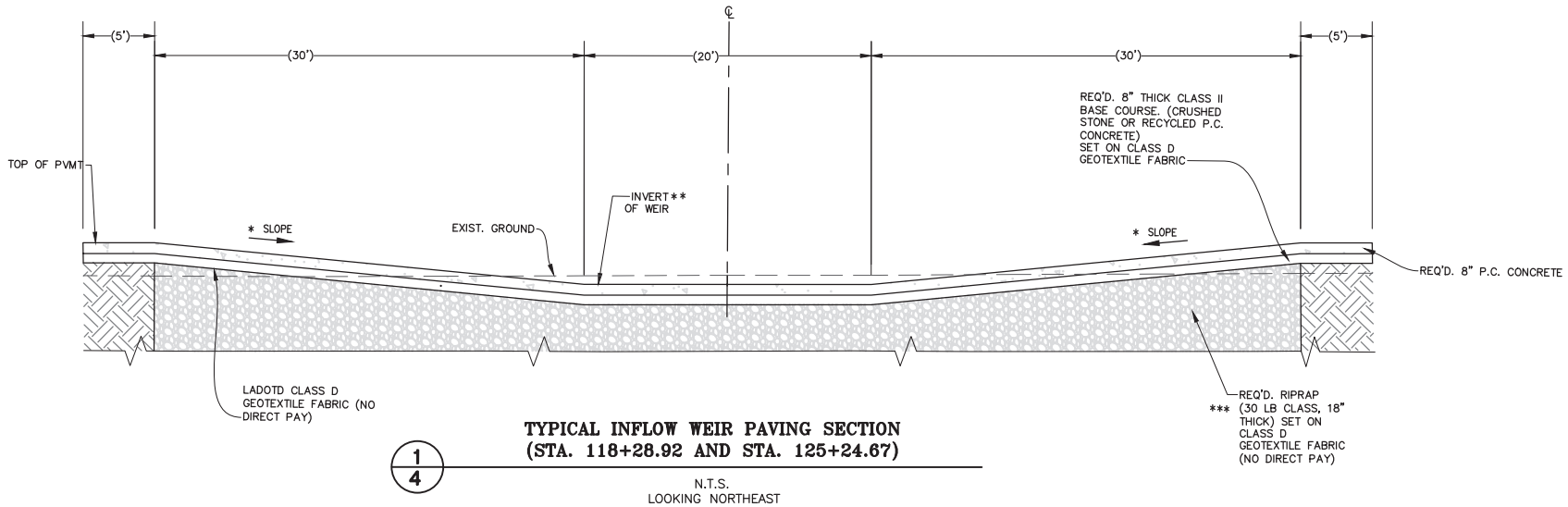
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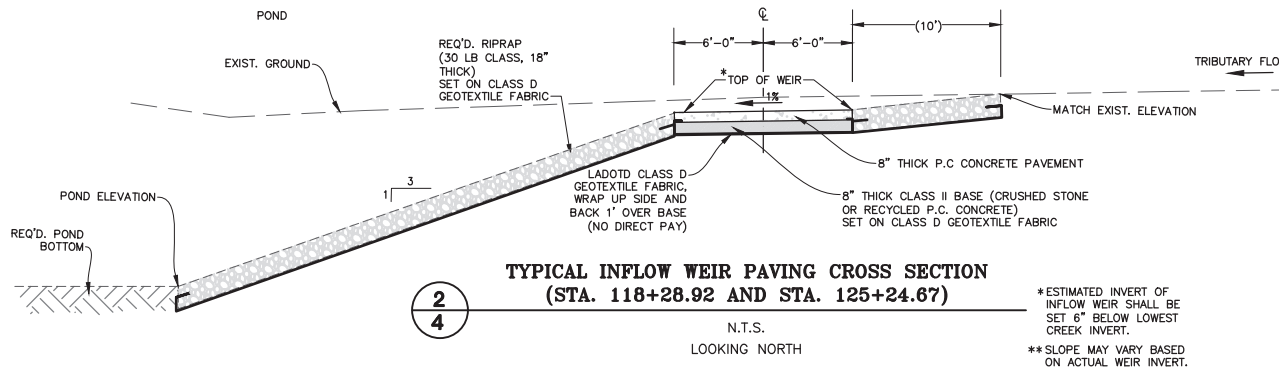
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*SLOPE MAY VARY BASED ON ACTUAL WEIR INVERT.

**ESTIMATED INVERT OF INFLOW WEIR. ACTUAL INVERT SHALL BE SET 6" BELOW LOWEST CREEK INVERT.

*** RIPRAP SHALL BE INSTALLED AT A 1:3 SLOPE MEETING REQ. GROUND ELEVATION ON WEST SLOPE. EAST SLOPE SHALL HAVE A 10' LENGTH AND MEET EXISTING ELEVATIONS. SLOPE SHALL BE FIELD VERIFIED



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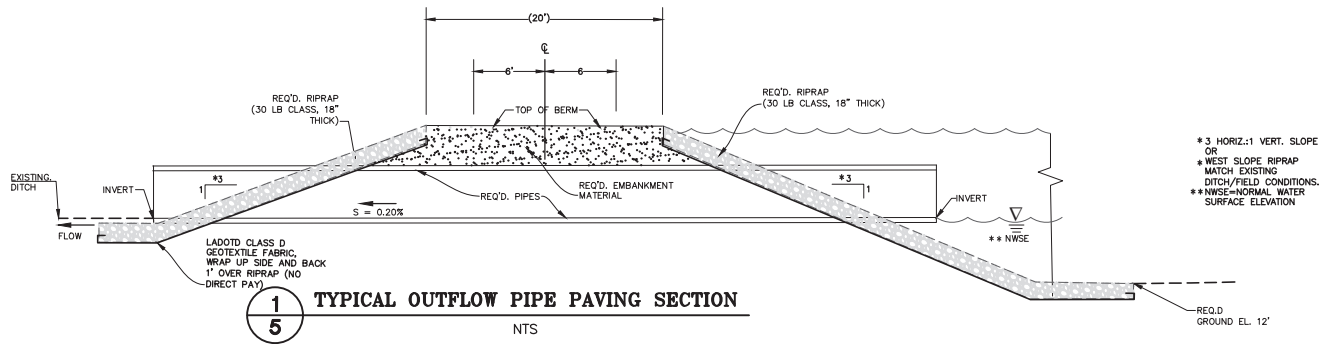
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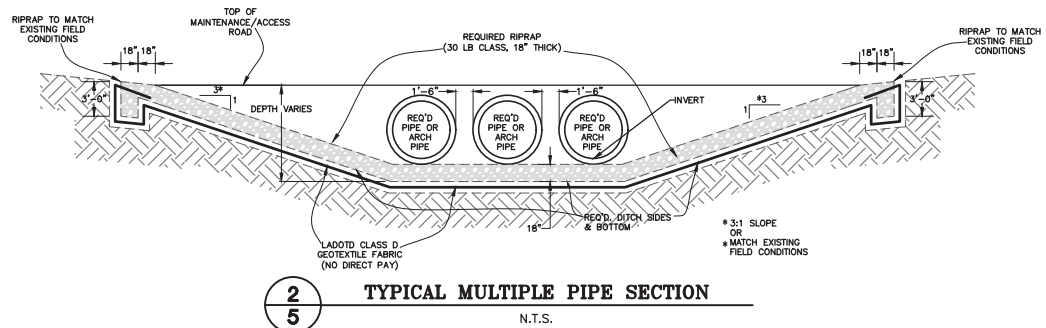


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TYPICAL OUTFLOW PIPE PAVING SECTION

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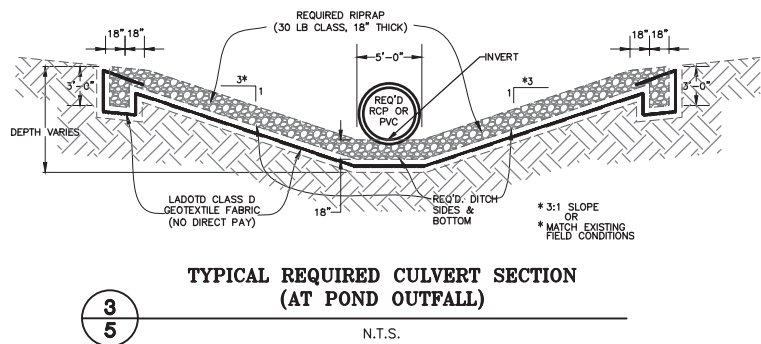
- * 3 HORIZ.:1 VERT. SLOPE OR
- * WEST SLOPE RIPRAP MATCH EXISTING DITCH/FIELD CONDITIONS.
- ** NWSE= NORMAL WATER SURFACE ELEVATION



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TYPICAL MULTIPLE PIPE SECTION

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TYPICAL REQUIRED CULVERT SECTION (AT POND OUTFALL)

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