

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC 180302-02

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).

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 LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION ON HILLON HOOD ROAD IN LIVINGSTON PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Unified Capital, LLC, c/o ELOS Environmental, LLC, 43177 East Pleasant Ridge Road, Hammond, Louisiana 70403.

LOCATION OF WORK: Within the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, in the Amite River hydrologic unit (HUC 08070202), located adjacent to and northeast of Hillon Hood Road, approximately 0.04 mile northwest of its intersection with Louisiana Highway 1032, in Denham Springs, Louisiana, in Livingston Parish.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested authorization to clear, grade, and install and maintain fill approximately 3 acres to allow for construction of 9 single-family residential homes. Approximately 9,497 cubic yards of clay, 109 cubic yards of gravel and 400 cubic yards of concrete will be hauled in and deposited on-site. As the result of construction, approximately 1.8 acres of forested bottomland hardwood forests will be impacted. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts the applicant proposes to purchase wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

To minimize wetland impacts, the project has been designed such that approximately 3.3 acres of forested wetland will be avoided during construction. The impacted area contains approximately 1 acre of uplands that has been used to the maximum extent practicable. Additionally, best management practices will be implemented during construction to avoid impacting adjacent property.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **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**. The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction. 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. 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.

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 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.

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 **n/a 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.

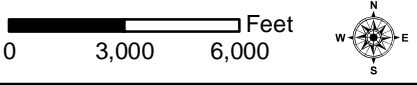
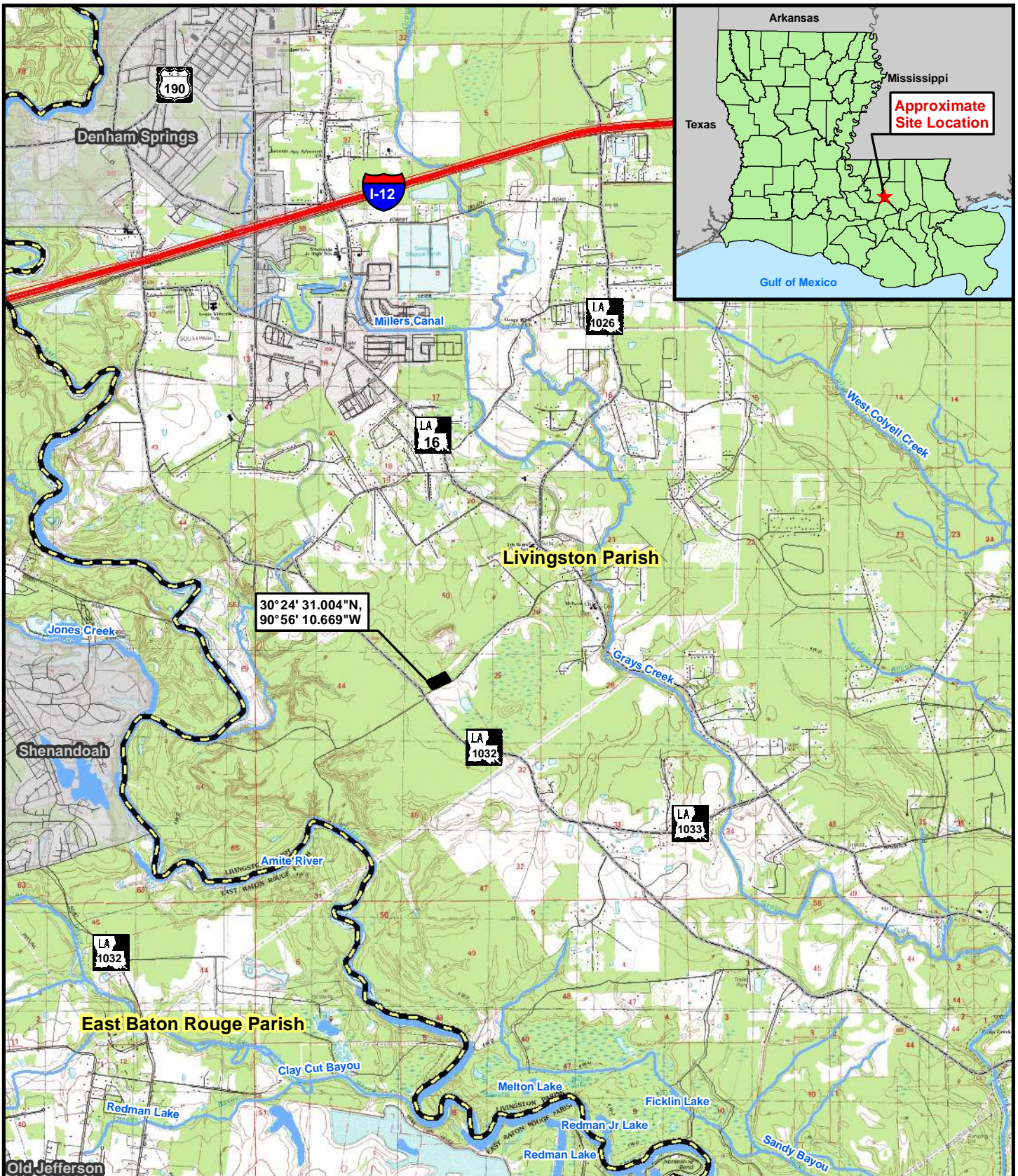
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

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John M. Herman
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



Legend:	
Site Outline	Interstate
Parish Boundary	Waterbody
City/Town	Stream/River
Highway	Roadway

Figure 1: TopoVicinity Map

Hillon Hood Rd

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Sections: 44
Township: 07 South
Range: 03 East

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Figure 2: Existing Conditions

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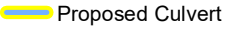
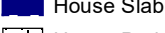

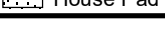
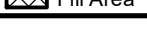
- Site Outline
- Roadway

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Figure 3: Plan View
Hillon Hood Rd

Legend:
 Site Outline  MODAD Treatment System
 Driveway  Proposed Culvert
 House Slab  Lot Lines
 House Pad  Fill Area

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Proposed Impacts

Site Outline	~6.06 Acres
Total Wetland Impacts BLH	~1.82 Acres
Total Excavation	~0.03 Acres
Clay	~161 CY
Total Fill	~2.79 Acres
Clay	~9,497 CY
Gravel	~109 CY
Concrete	~400 CY

All excavated material will be used as fill.



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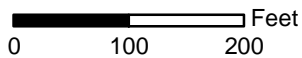


Figure 4: Proposed Impacts

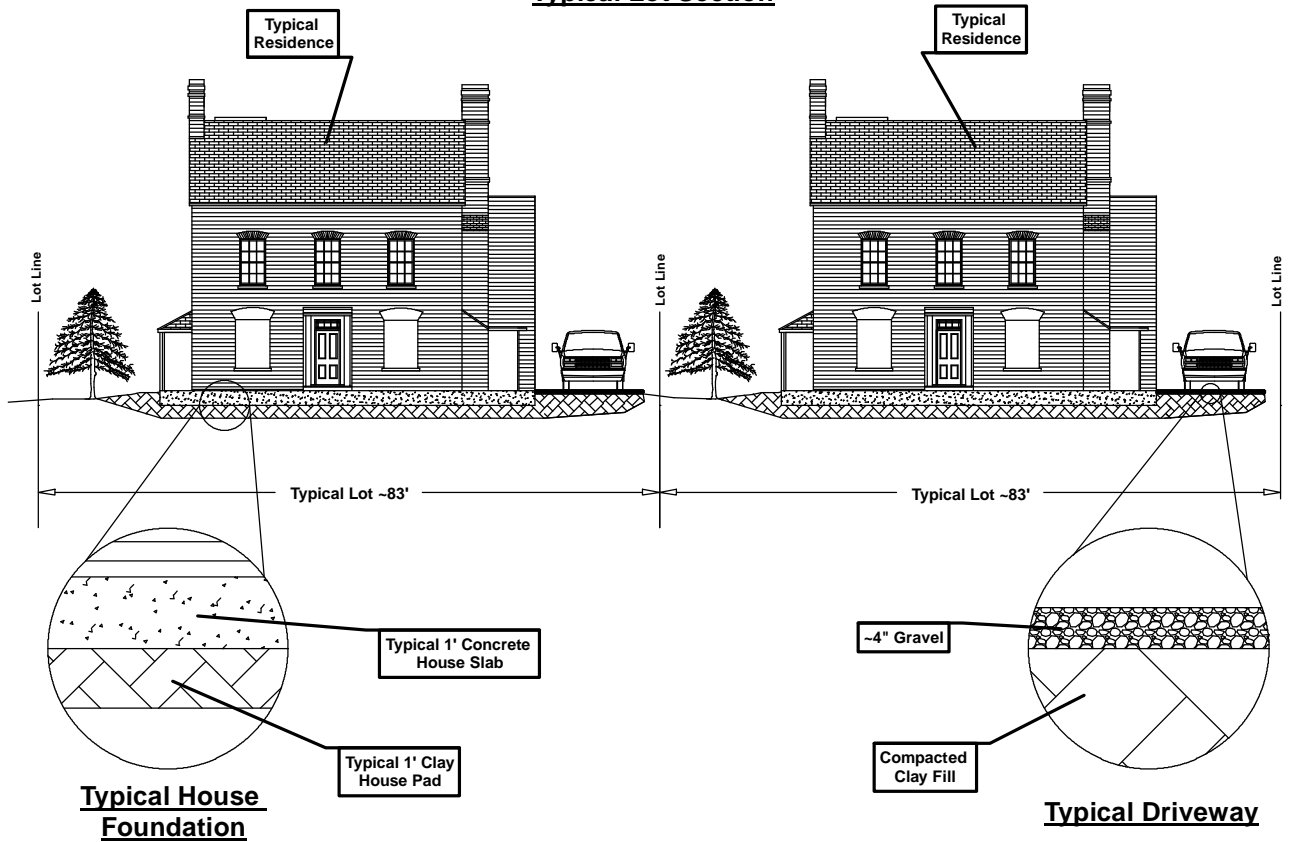
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Legend:

- Site Outline
 - Fill Area
 - Excavation/Fill Area
 - Wetland Impacts BLH
 - Non-Wetland Impacts
 - Wetland Avoidance Area
- Refer to MVN-2017-00247-SG

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Typical Lot Section



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Figure 5: Lot Typical Section

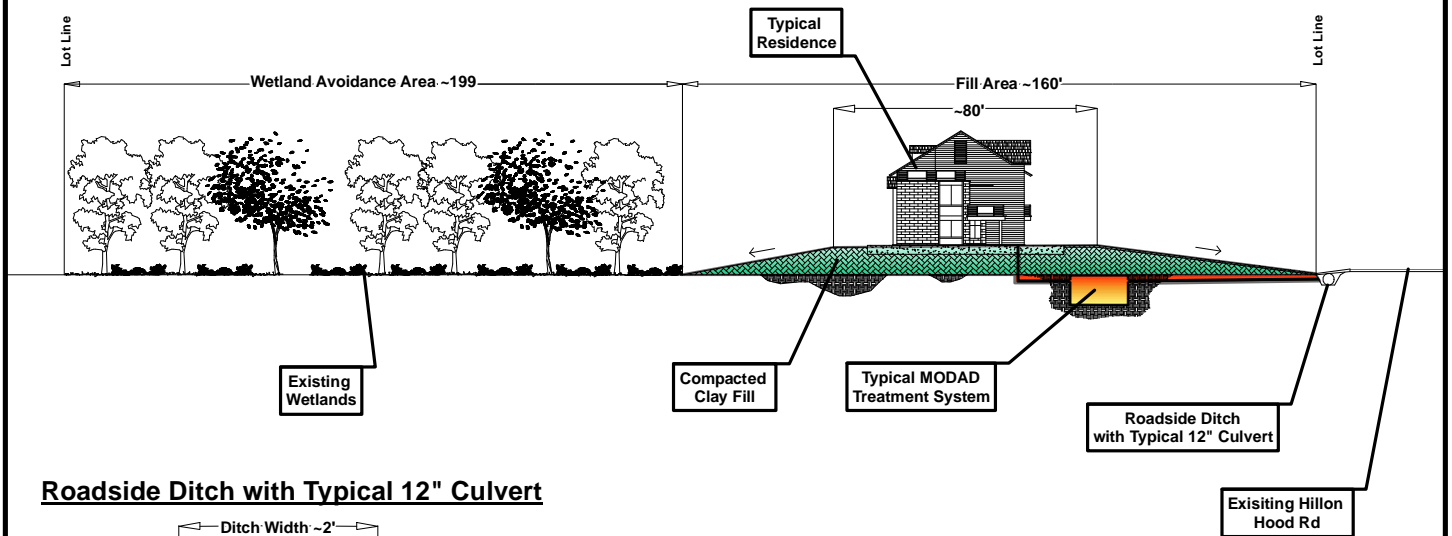
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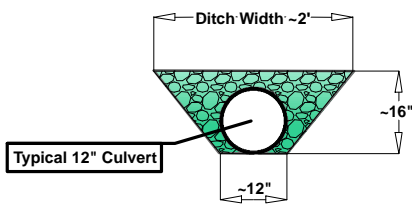


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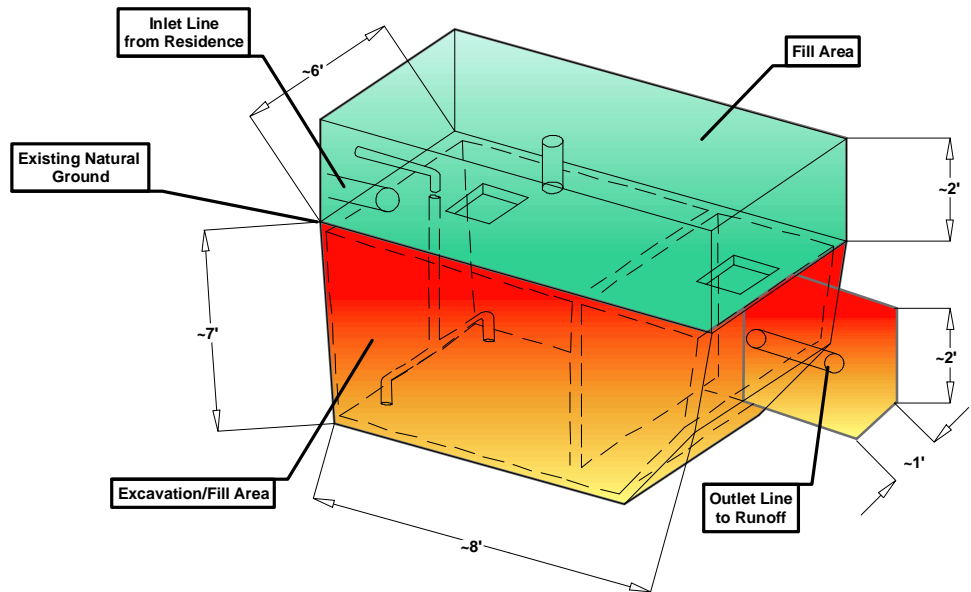
Typical Excavation/Fill Section



Roadside Ditch with Typical 12" Culvert



Typical MODAD Treatment System



Note:

MODAD Inlet Line from Residence has same Excavation/Fill dimensions as the Outlet Line to Runoff.

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Figure 6: Typical Section
Excavation/Fill

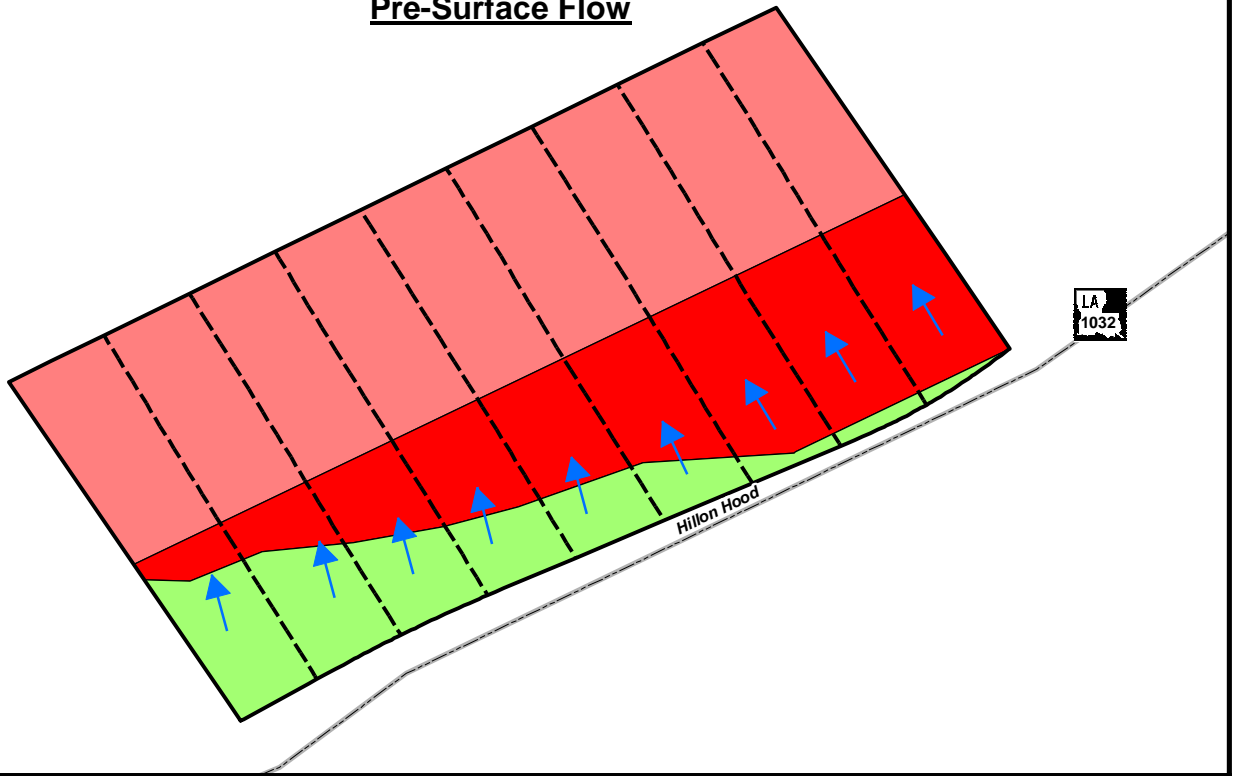
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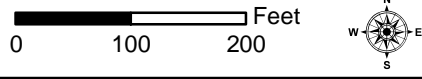
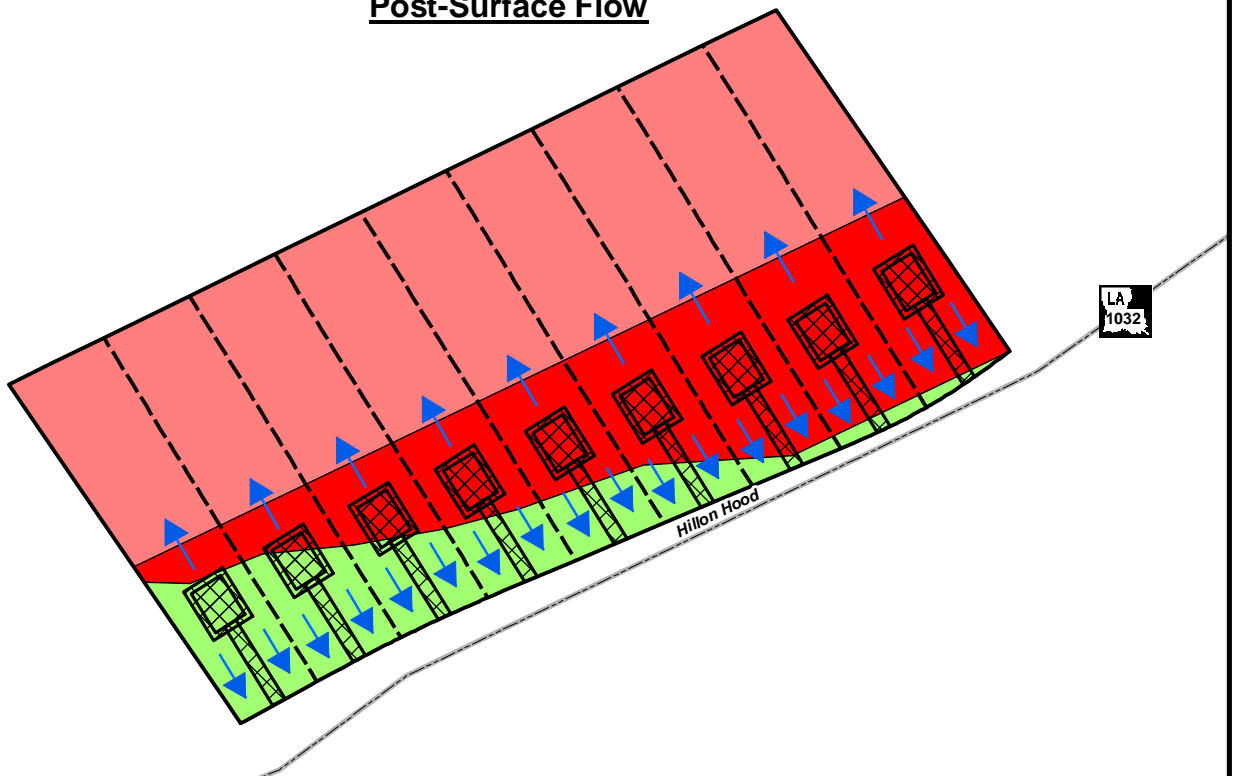
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Pre-Surface Flow



Post-Surface Flow



- Legend:**
- Site Outline
 - Surface Flow
 - Wetland Impacts
 - Non-Wetland Impacts
 - Wetland Avoidance Area

Figure 7: Surface Flow

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