

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

May 6, 2019

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WQC Application Number  
WQC 190501-01

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, Water Quality Certifications Section, 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 CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION (WICKER PLACE) IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Wicker Place LLC, c/o Hydrik Wetlands Consultants, Attn: Mike Henry, 2323 Hwy 190 East Suite 2, Hammond, Louisiana 70401.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Approximately 0.75 miles east of the Comite River between W.J Wicker Road and Millwood Creek Road just east of U.S. Hwy 67 (30.66525, -91.10944) in Zachary, Louisiana, in East Baton Rouge Parish, within Lake Pontchartrain Basin hydrologic unit (HUC 08070202), as shown on the attached drawings.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to clear, grade, excavate, and place fill on a 45-acre site for the construction of a 169-lot residential development (Wicker Place) to include drainage, utility infrastructure, three storm water detention ponds, roadways, and green space. Approximately 37,132 cubic yards of native material will excavated for the detention ponds and re-deposited on site to be used in the construction. Approximately 6.8 acres of forested jurisdictional wetlands will be cleared and filled and approximately 0.6 acre of other waters if the U.S will be will modified, realigned, and relocated to maintain pre-construction drainage capability. It is anticipated that the proposed action would have little or no impact on remaining adjacent wetlands.

A Preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed project would directly impact approximately 6.8 acres of forested wetlands and approximately 0.6 acre of other waters if the U.S.

The applicant claims that the proposed project has been designed to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Any further reduction would limit usage of the property deeming the project impracticable. 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, pre-historical, 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 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 Commerce.

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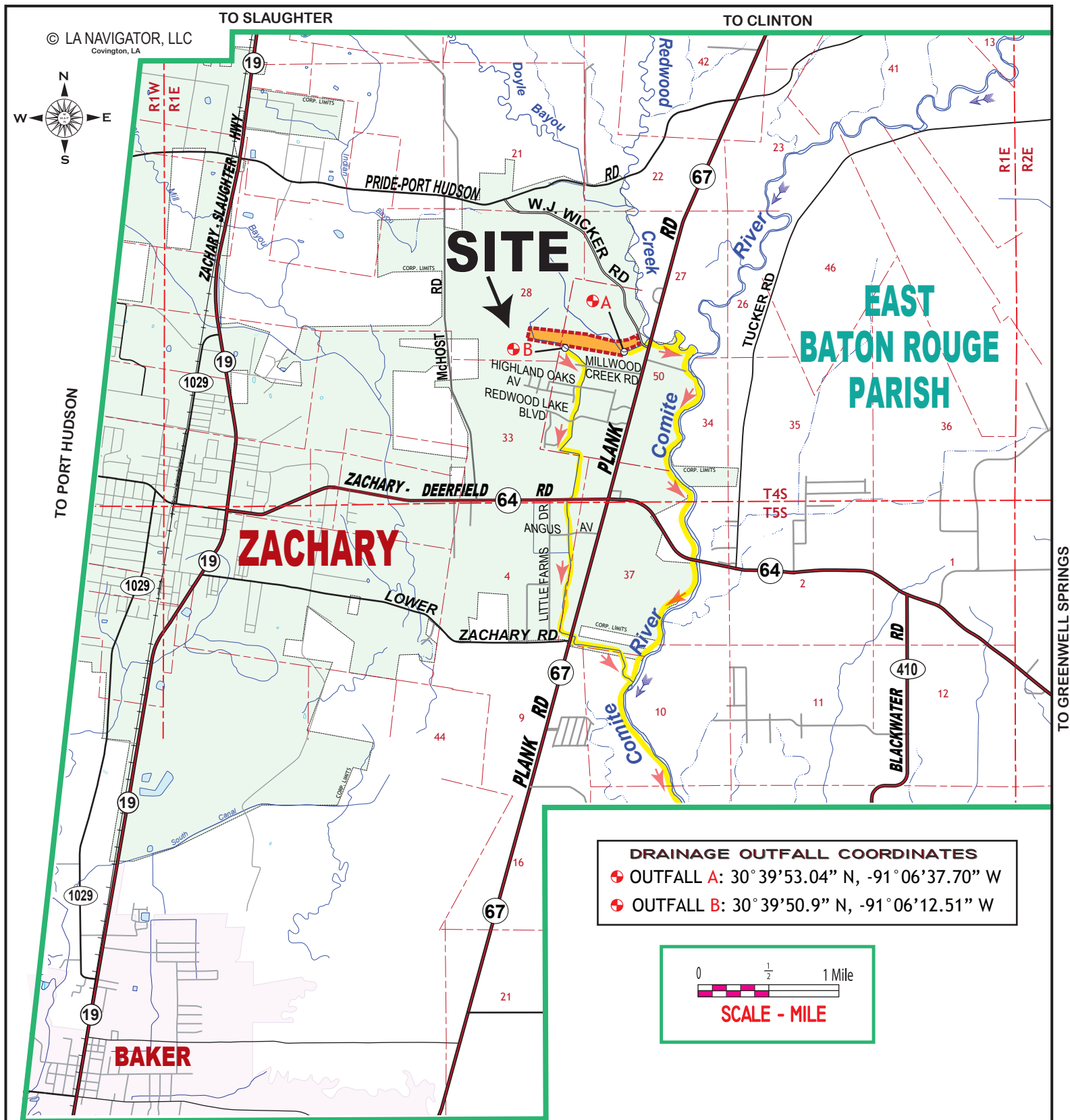
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. 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.

JOHN M. HERMAN  
Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



**WICKER PLACE**  
SECTIONS 28 & 50, T4S-R1E  
CITY OF ZACHARY  
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA  
SITE COORDINATES  
30.66525 N, -91.10944 W

APPLICANT:  
**WICKER PLACE, LLC**

LEGEND  
 [Red dashed line] = PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT  
 [Yellow arrow] = DRAINAGE DISCHARGE

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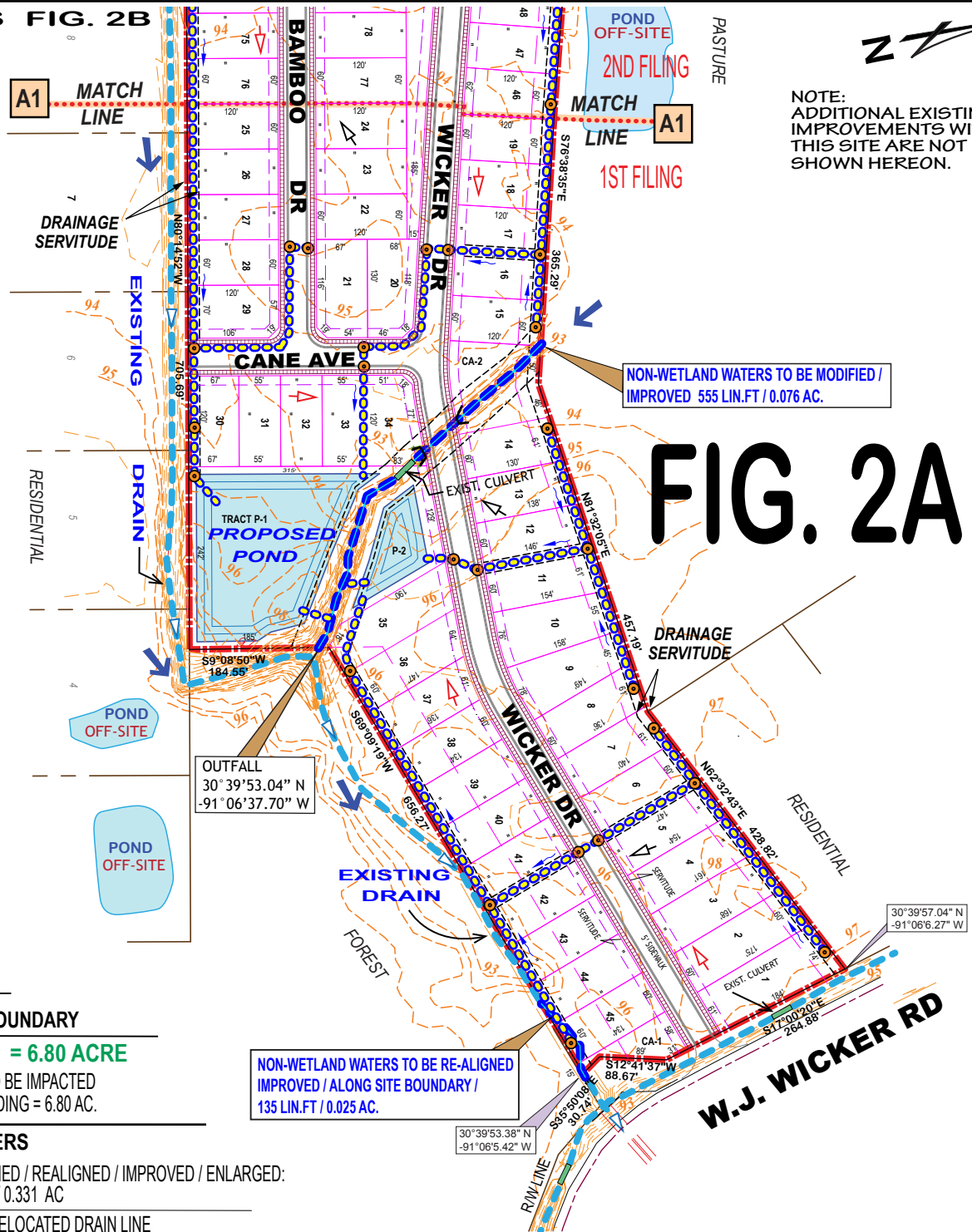


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NOTE:  
ADDITIONAL EXISTING  
IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN  
THIS SITE ARE NOT  
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MILLWOOD CREEK RD (SIDE)



### LEGEND:

--- PROJECT BOUNDARY

**TOTAL WETLANDS = 6.80 ACRE**

**WETLANDS** WETLANDS TO BE IMPACTED  
VIA FILL / GRADING = 6.80 AC.

### NON-WETLAND WATERS

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--- PROPOSED RELOCATED DRAIN LINE  
1,585 LIN. FT / 0.218 AC

--- PROPOSED SUB-SURFACE DRAINAGE

○ PROPOSED DRAIN INLET

--- EXISTING CULVERT

---95--- ELEVATION / LINE

--- PROPOSED DETENTION PONDS (3) 2.39 AC.

→ DRAINAGE FLOW - PRE-DEVELOPMENT

→ DRAINAGE FLOW - POST DEVELOPMENT

NON-WETLAND WATERS TO BE RE-ALIGNED  
IMPROVED / ALONG SITE BOUNDARY /  
135 LIN.FT / 0.025 AC.

NOTE:  
BASE DRAWINGS PROVIDED BY:  
MR ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, LLC  
BATON ROUGE, LA. DATED 12/2018.

THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN FLOOD ZONE "X"  
PER FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP  
NUMBER: 22033C 0065F, DATED 6/19/2012.  
B.F.E. = 93.0'

### PROJECT DATA

PROJECT AREA = 44.43 ACRES  
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL LOTS = 169  
TOTAL LIN. FT. STREETS = 6,030 LIN. FT.  
POND AREAS (3)= 2.39 ACRES  
-37,132 CU. YDS. TO BE REMOVED &  
DISPERSED ON SITE.  
**OPEN SPACE AREA = 4.92 AC**

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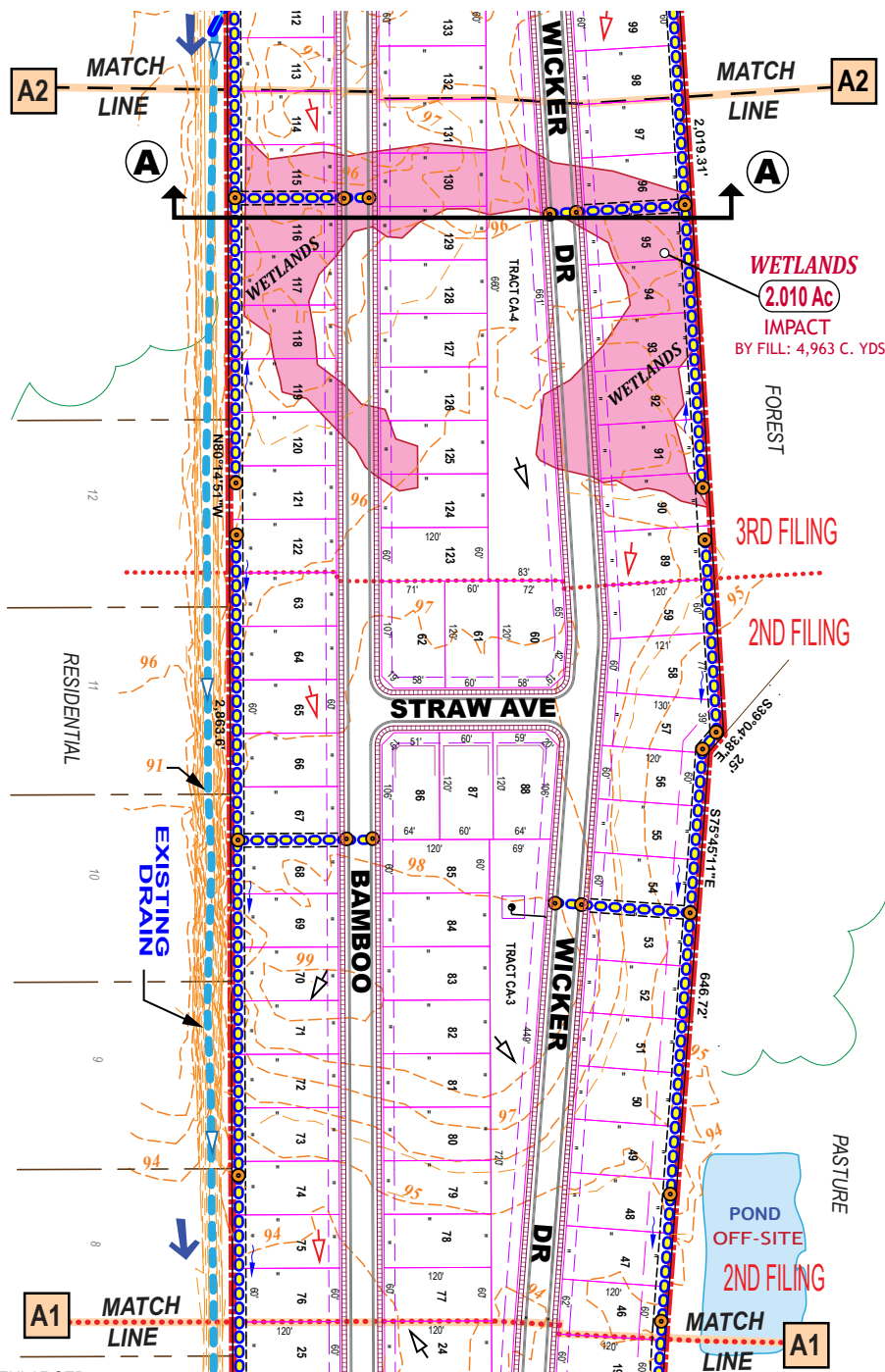
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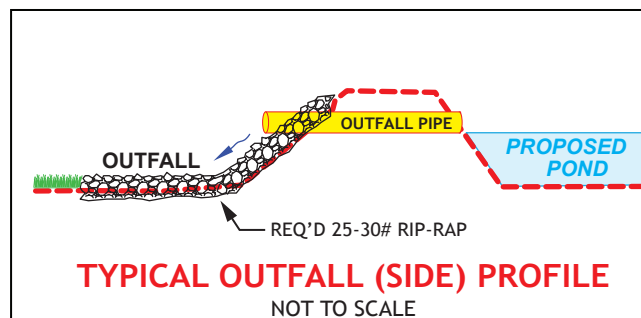
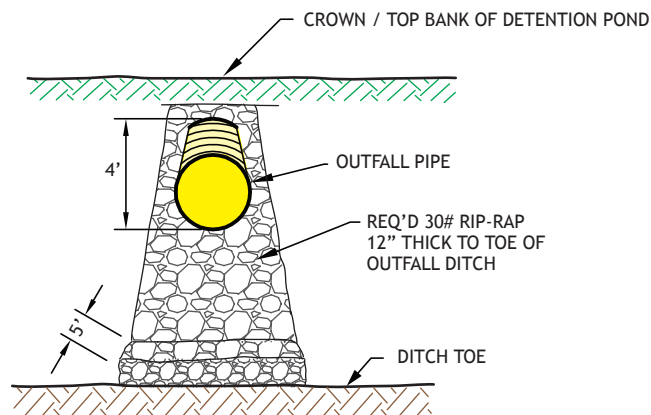
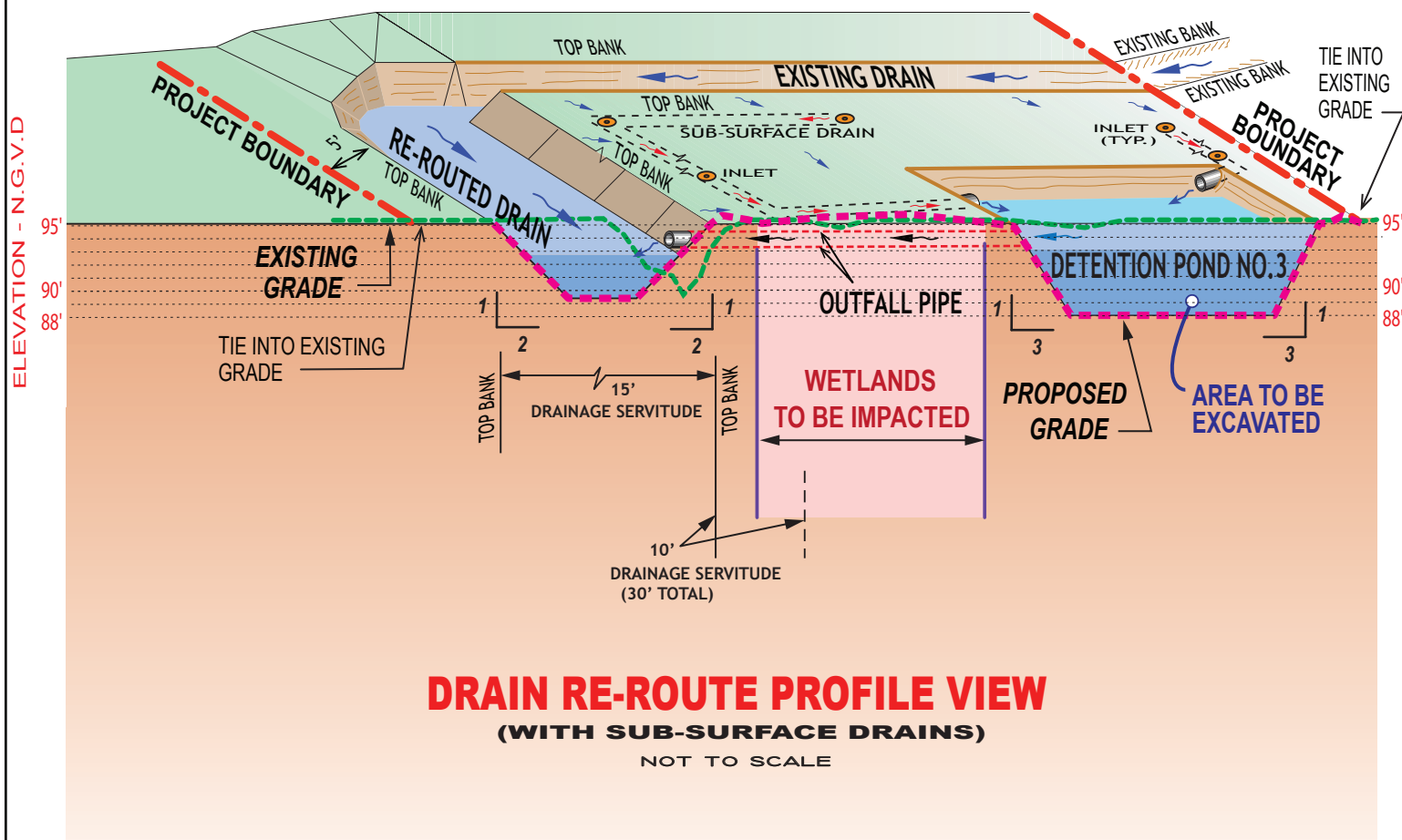
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FIGURE  
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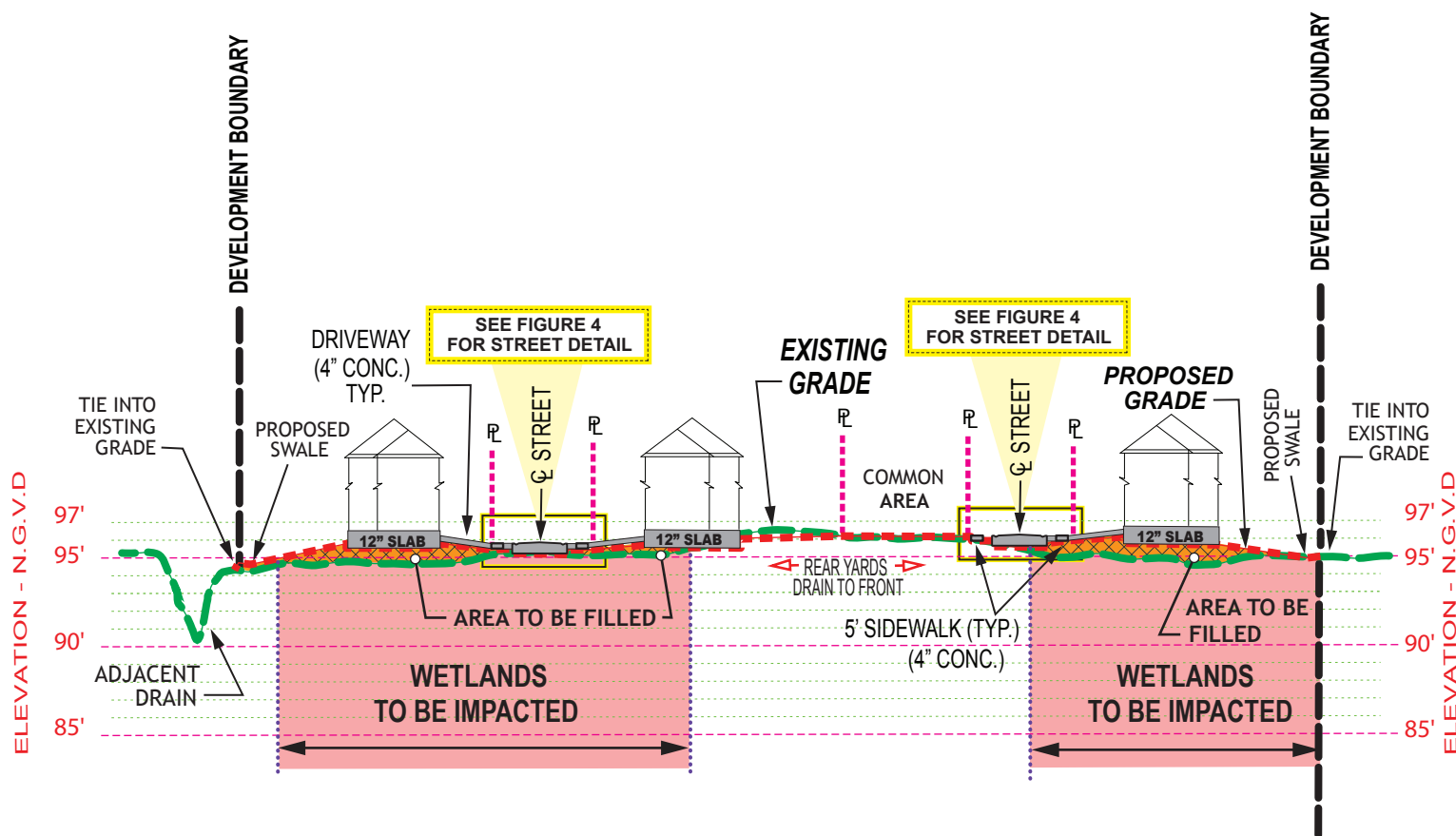
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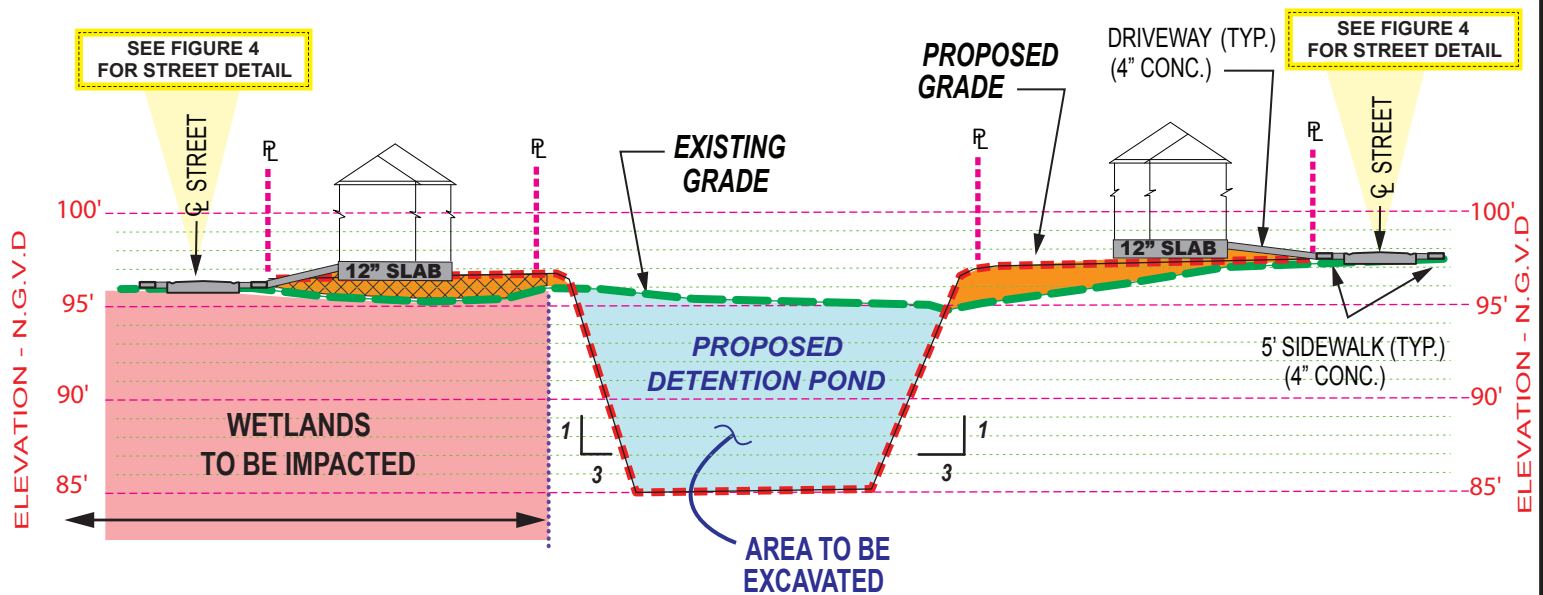
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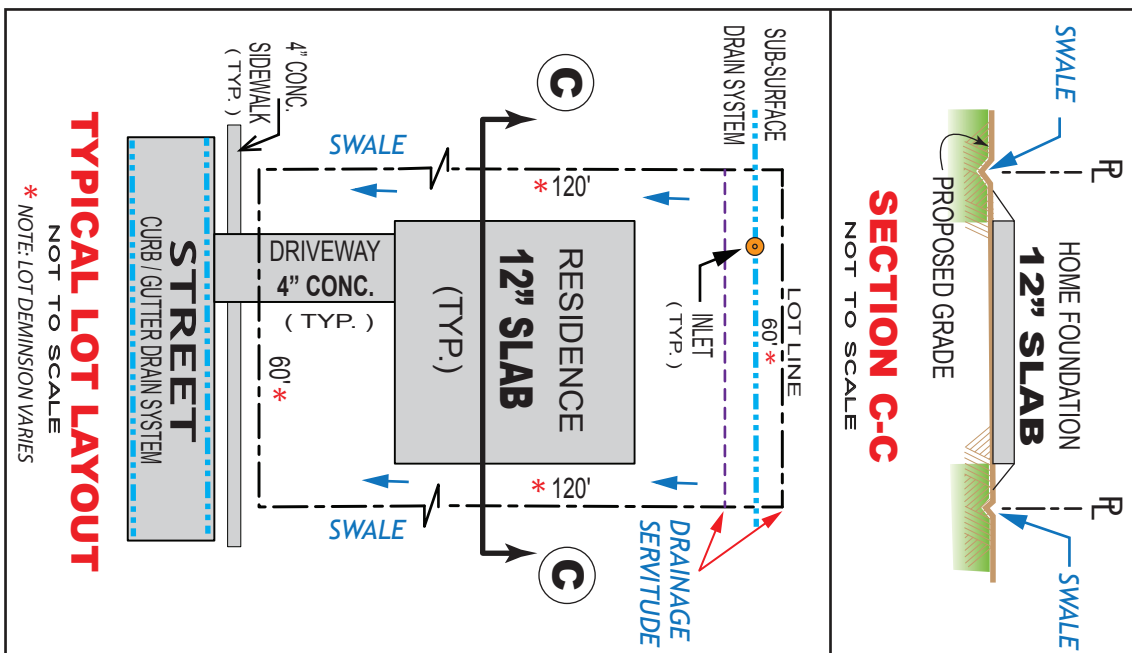
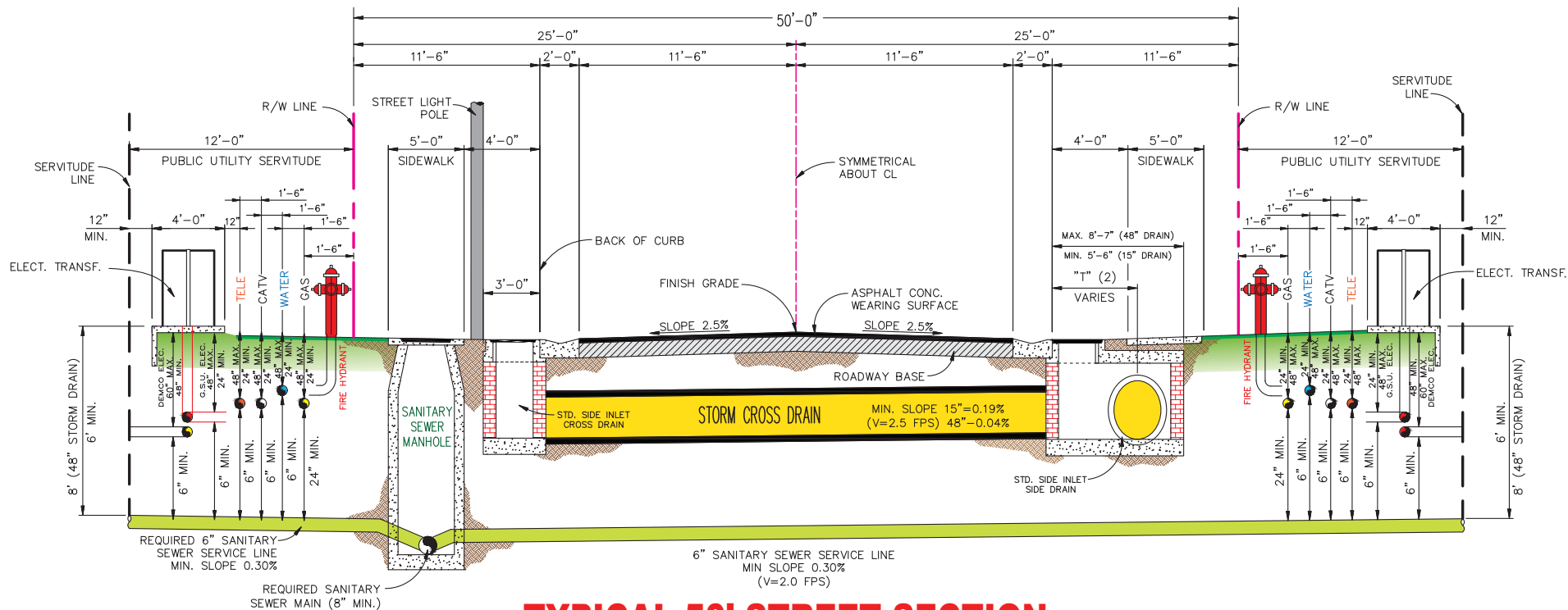
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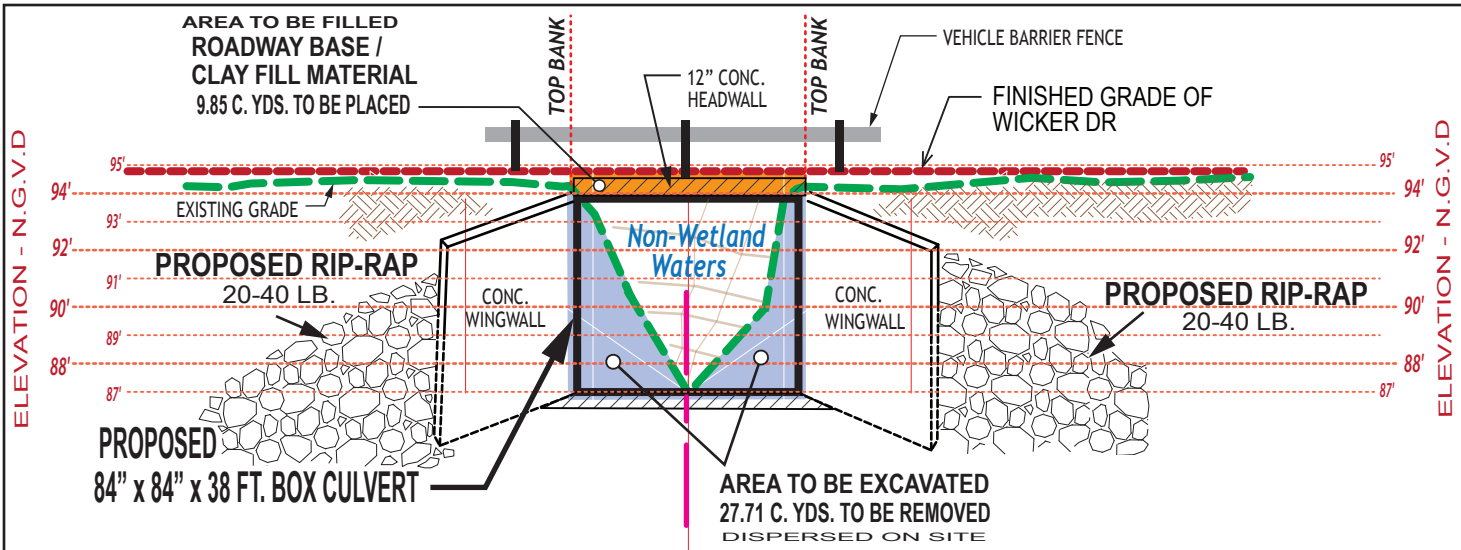


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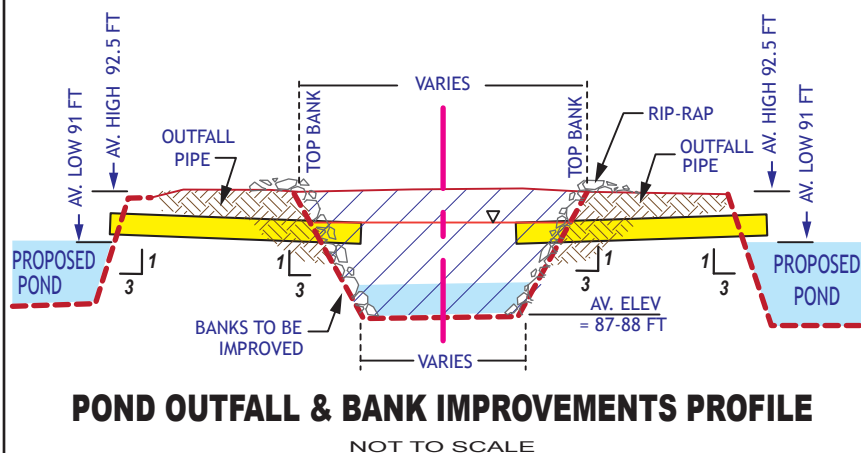
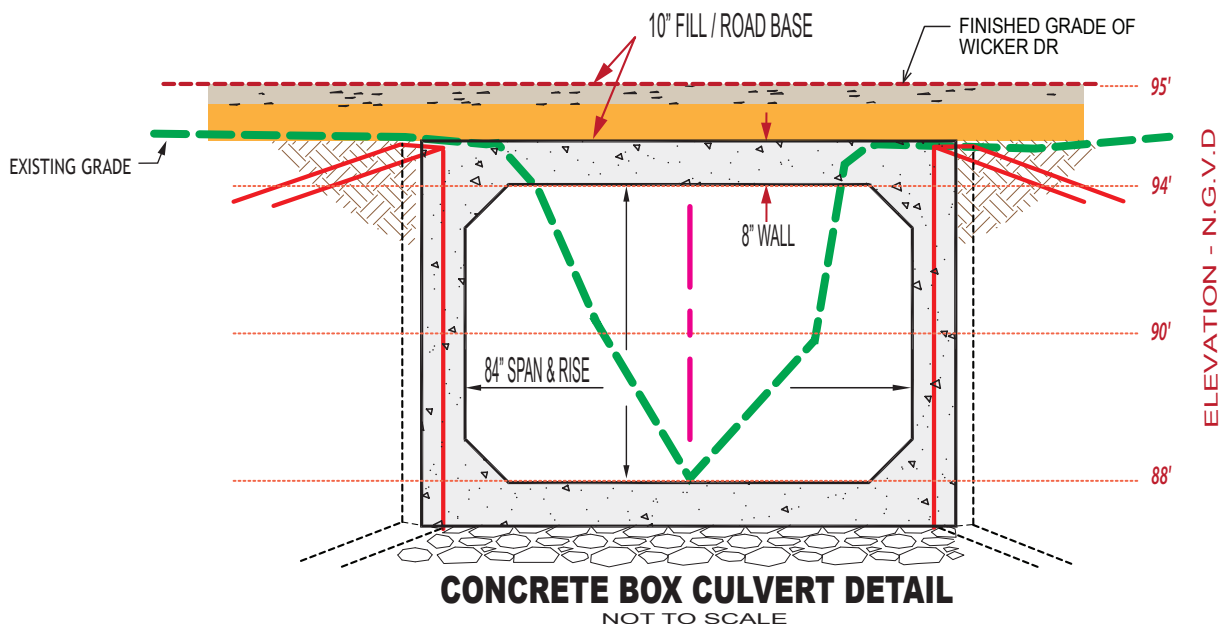


## BOX CULVERT - DRAINAGE CHANNEL - STREET CROSSING

THRU NON-WETLAND WATERS (FUTURE WICKER DRIVE)

### PROFILE VIEW

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