

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number  
WQC # 190502-02

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 TRAFFIC ROUNDABOUTS IN ASCENSION PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Ascension Parish Government, c/o Flynn Daigle of ELOS Environmental, LLC, 43177 E. Pleasant Ridge Road, Hammond, LA 70403.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** On Louisiana Highway 929 at the intersections of Louisiana Highway 930 and Braud Road in Prairieville, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, within the Pontchartrain Basin in hydrologic units (HUC 08070202 and HUC 08070204), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 30.298579 N, Longitude -90.955556 W and Latitude 30.298784 N, Longitude -90.938663 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 construct and maintain two traffic roundabouts to include relocation of ditches and installation of culverts. A total of approximately 7,970 cubic yards of gravel, concrete, clay asphalt, and riprap material would be hauled in and deposited to achieve required grade elevation requirements. A Preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed project would directly impact approx. 0.66 acres of wetlands and approx. 0.42 acres of waters.

It is presumed that the applicant has minimized the project footprint to the maximum extent practical to reduce impacts to wetlands by reconfiguring existing roadways instead of constructing new roadways in areas not previously impacted. The applicant is proposing to utilize all appropriate best management practices to avoid any unnecessary impacts to the avoided wetland areas. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant

proposes to purchase the required mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank to offset unavoidable wetland impacts.

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, including the Inflated Heelsplitter Mussel.

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 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.

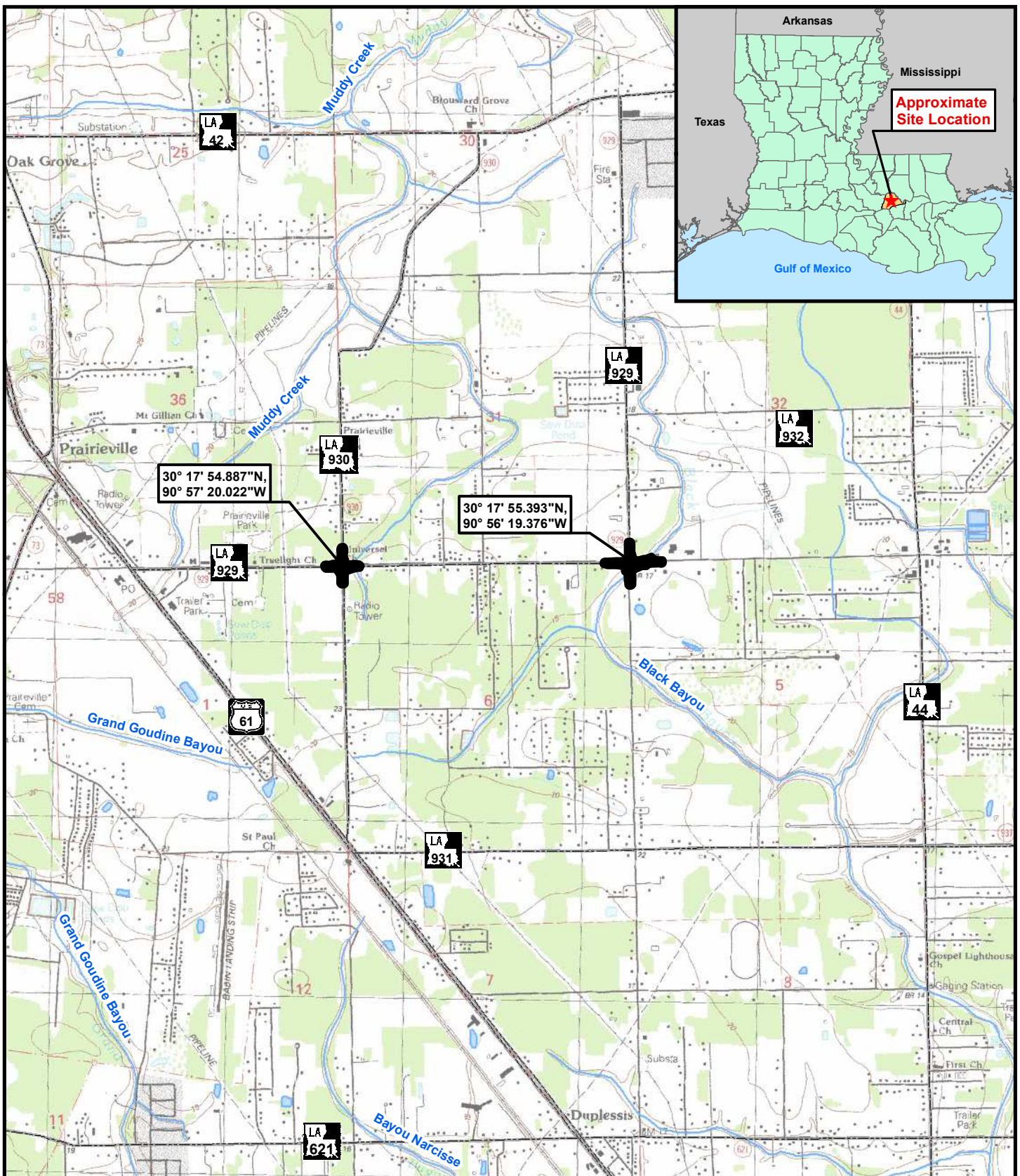
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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


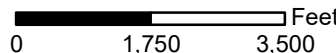

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information 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

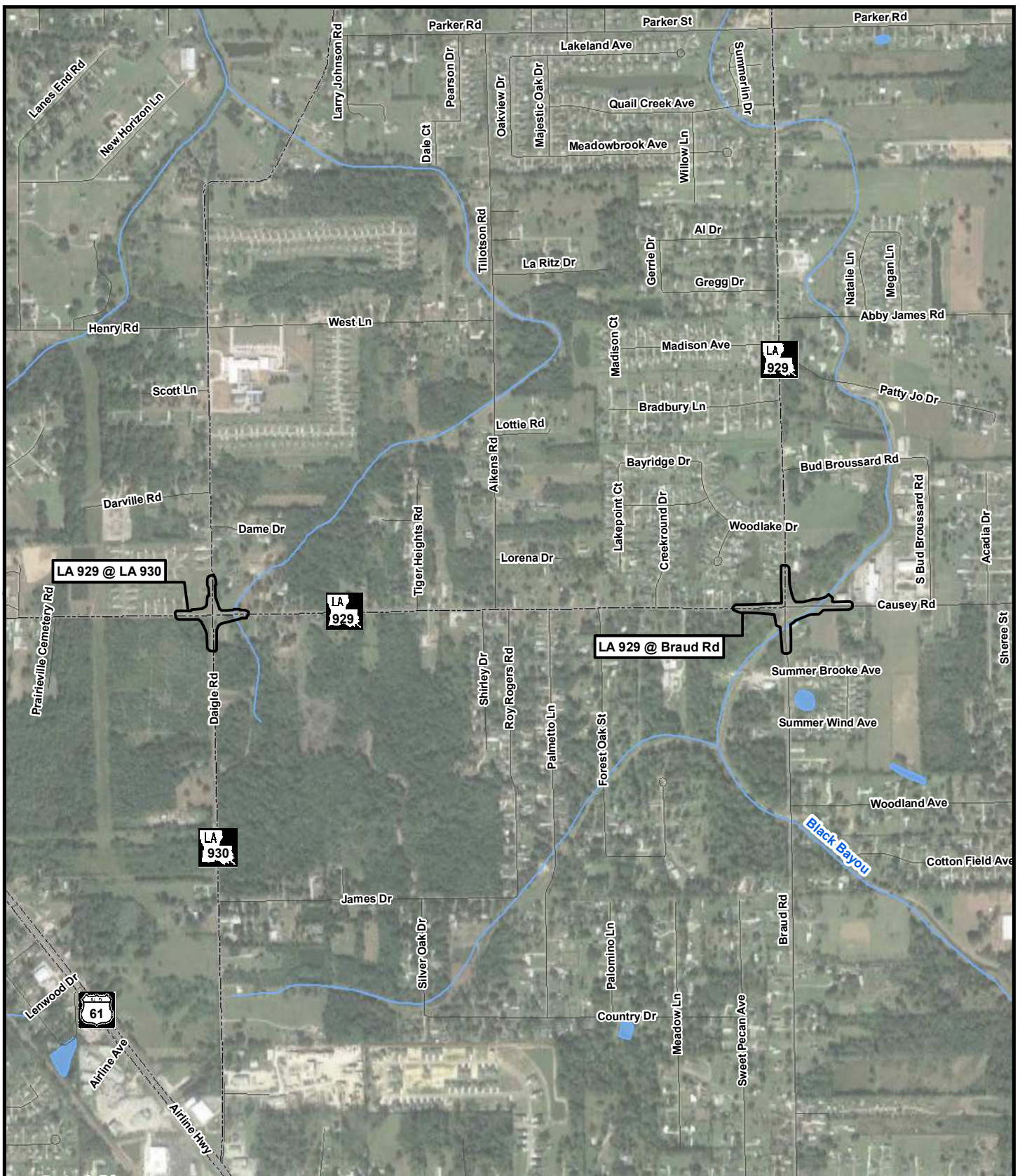
Enclosures





 <p>environmental  <a href="http://elosenv.com/">http://elosenv.com/</a>          43177 East Pleasant Ridge Road          Hammond, Louisiana 70403          P. 985-662-5501, F. 985-662-5504</p>	  <p><b>Figure 1: TopoVicinity Map</b></p>	<p><b>Legend:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> Site Outline</td> <td> Roadway</td> </tr> <tr> <td> City/Town</td> <td> Stream/River</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Highway</td> <td> Waterbody</td> </tr> </table>	Site Outline	Roadway	City/Town	Stream/River	Highway	Waterbody
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Figure 2: Existing Conditions

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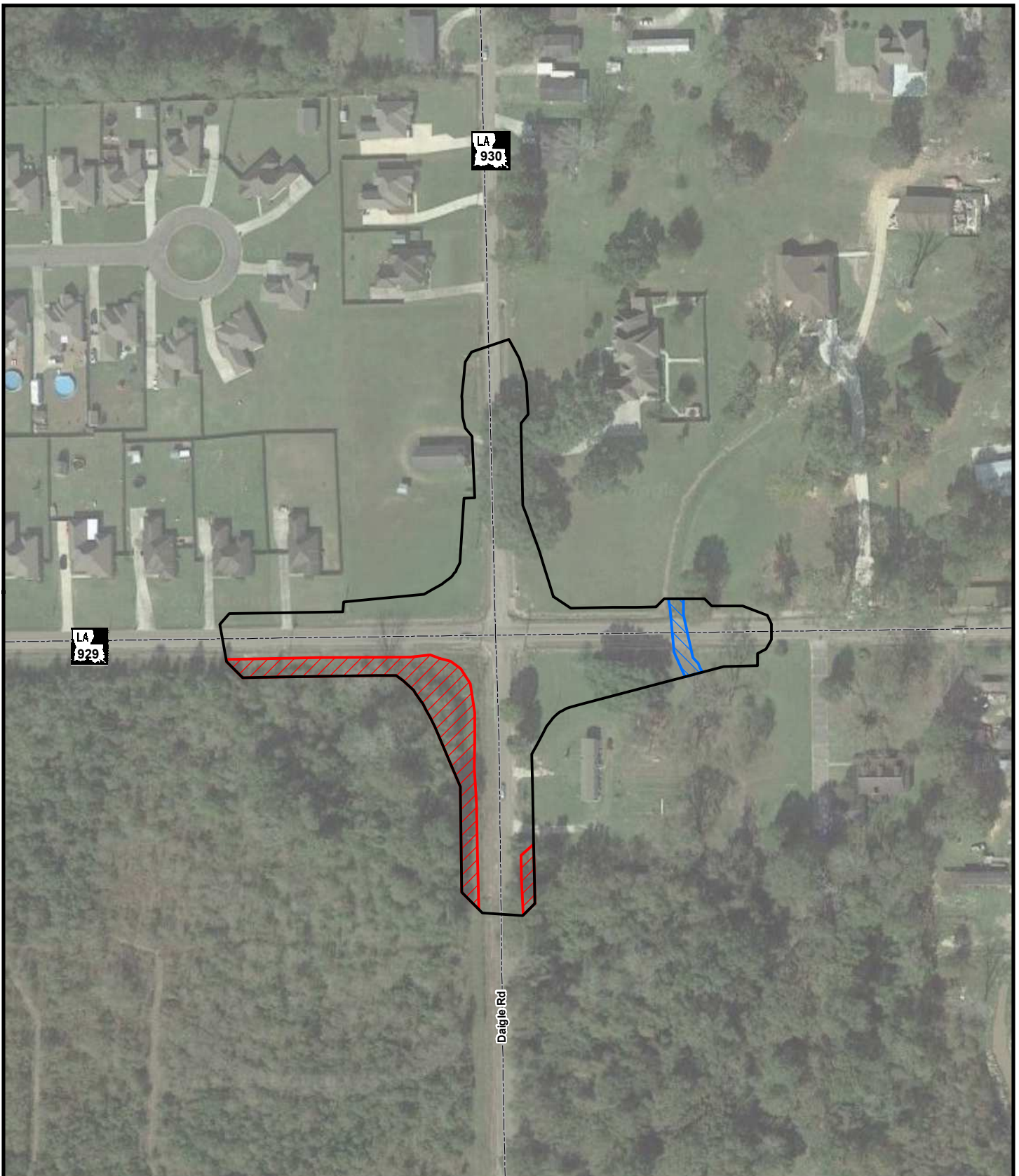
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- Site Outline
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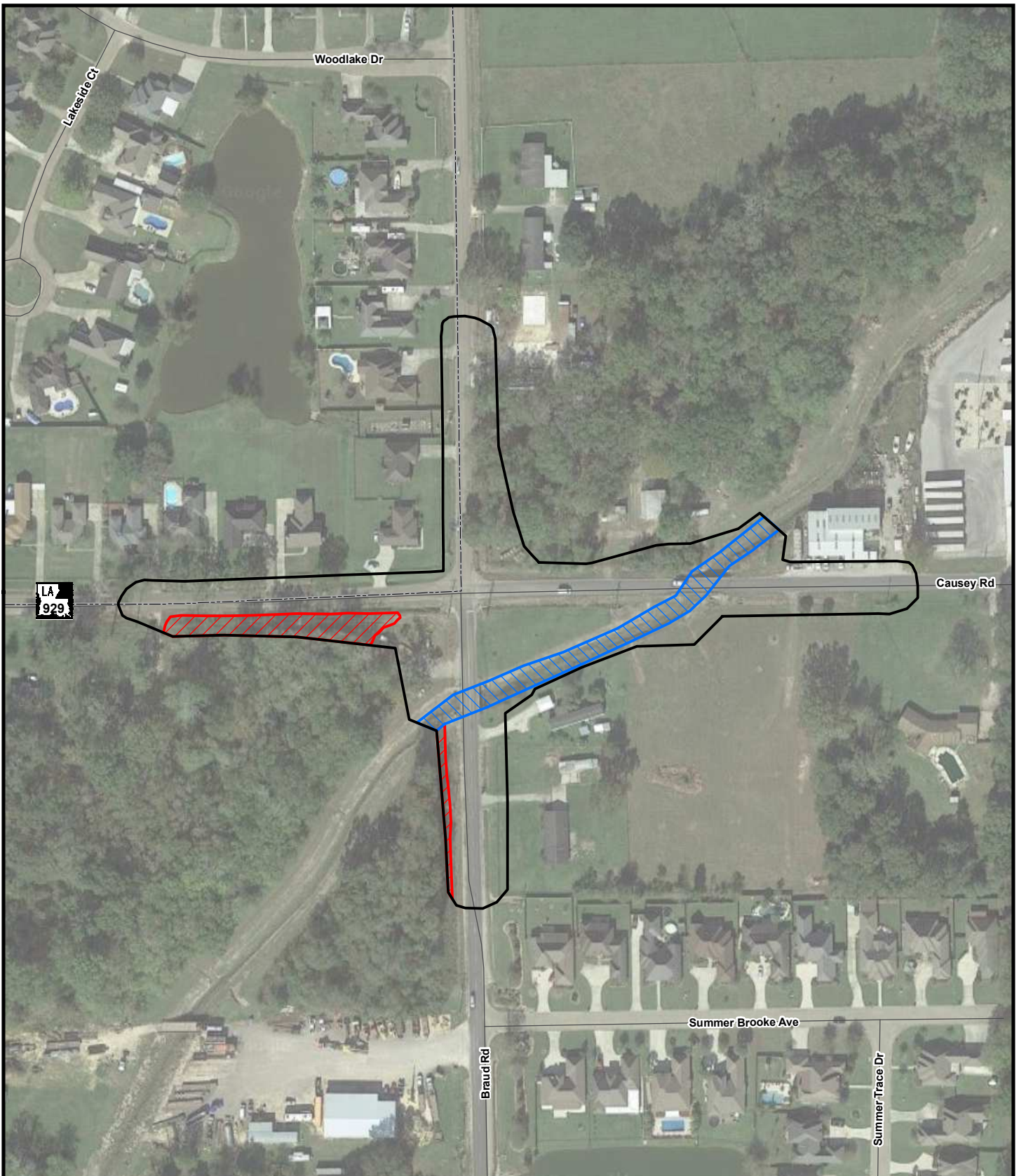
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- Site Outline
- Wetlands
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**Figure 2.2: Existing Conditions  
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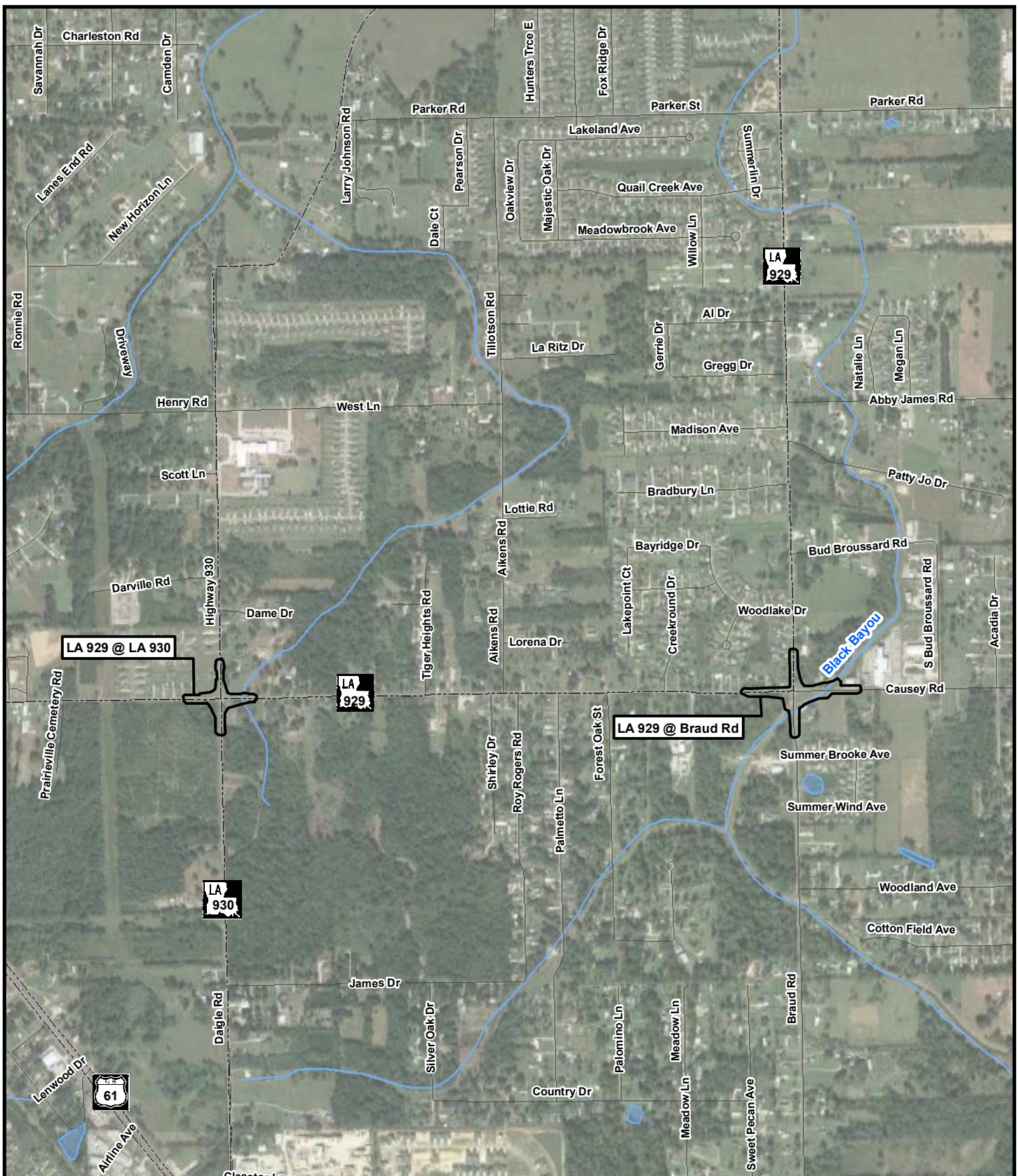
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Figure 3: Plan View

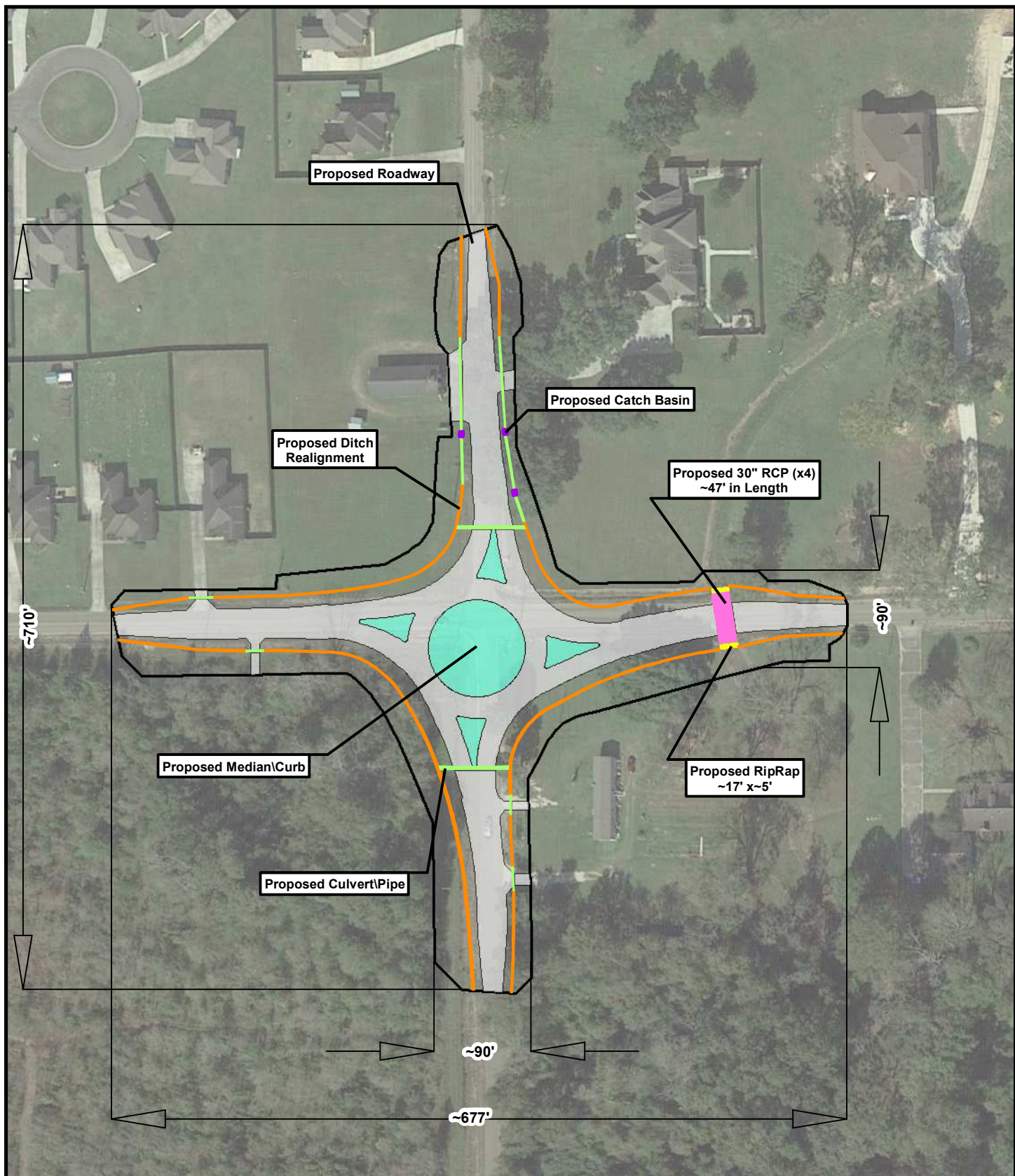
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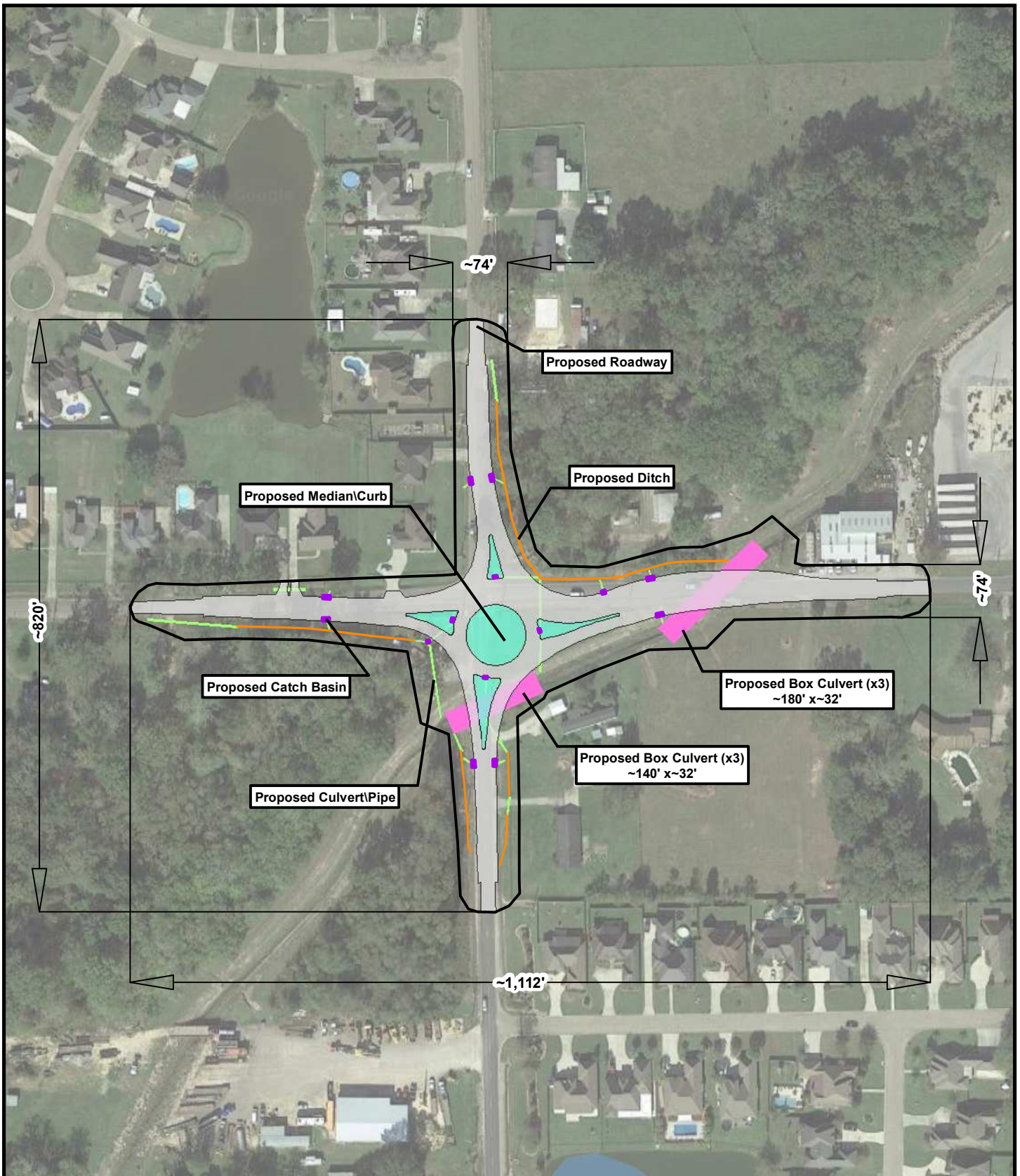
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| Site Outline               | Proposed RCP          |
| Proposed Roadway           | Proposed Culvert/Pipe |
| Proposed Median/Curb       | Proposed Catch Basin  |
| Proposed Ditch Realignment | Proposed RipRap       |

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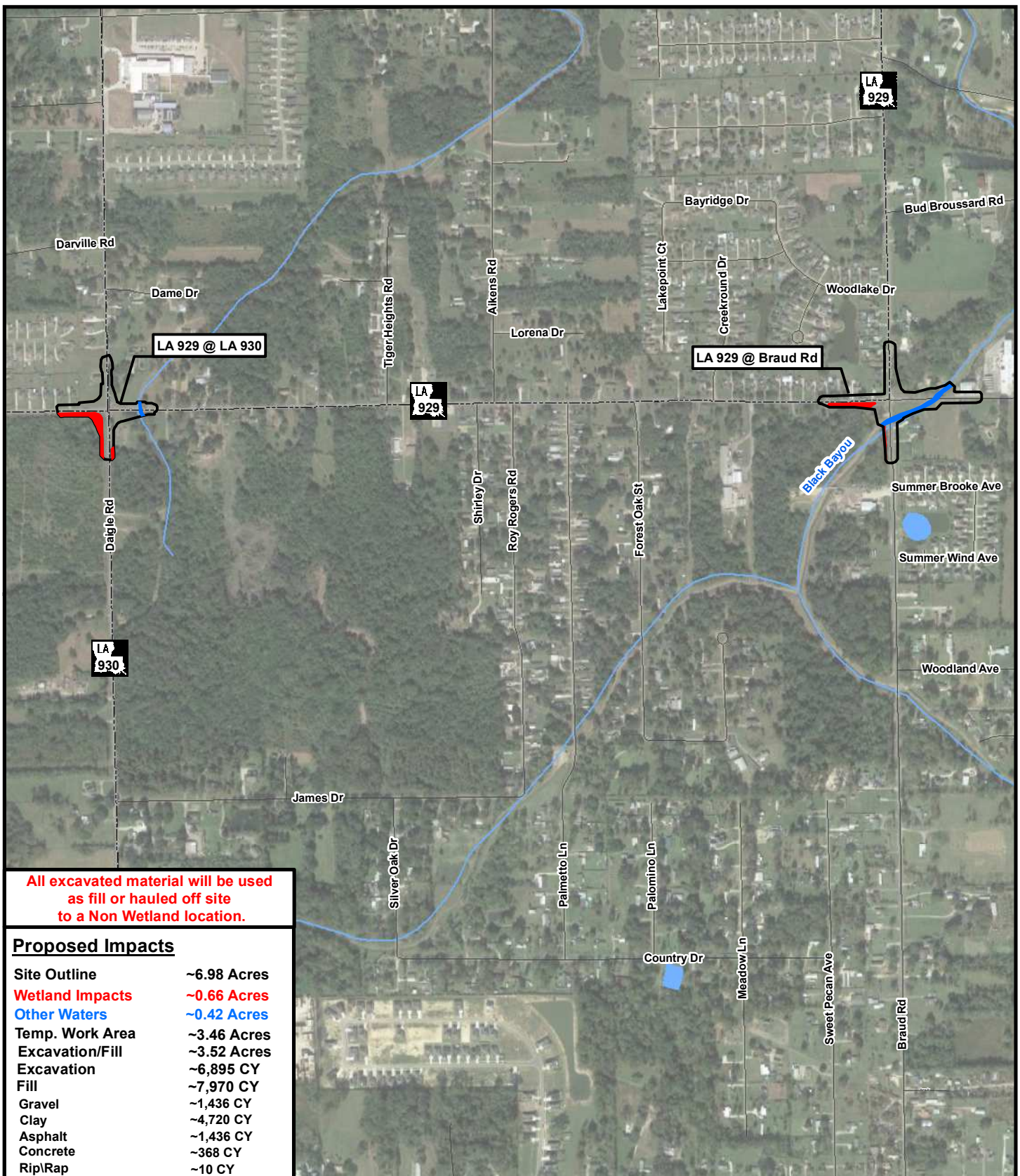
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- Proposed Ditch Realignment
- Proposed Box Culvert
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All excavated material will be used as fill or hauled off site to a Non Wetland location.

#### Proposed Impacts

Site Outline	~6.98 Acres
Wetland Impacts	~0.66 Acres
Other Waters	~0.42 Acres
Temp. Work Area	~3.46 Acres
Excavation/Fill	~3.52 Acres
Excavation	~6,895 CY
Fill	~7,970 CY
Gravel	~1,436 CY
Clay	~4,720 CY
Asphalt	~1,436 CY
Concrete	~368 CY
Rip/Rap	~10 CY



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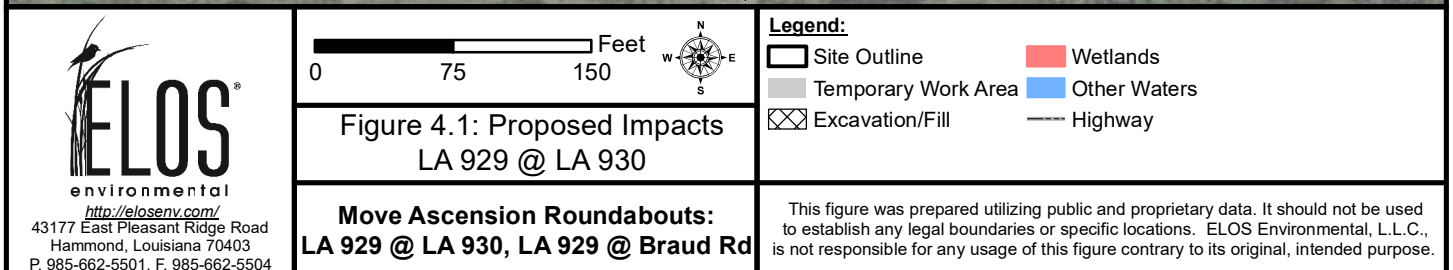
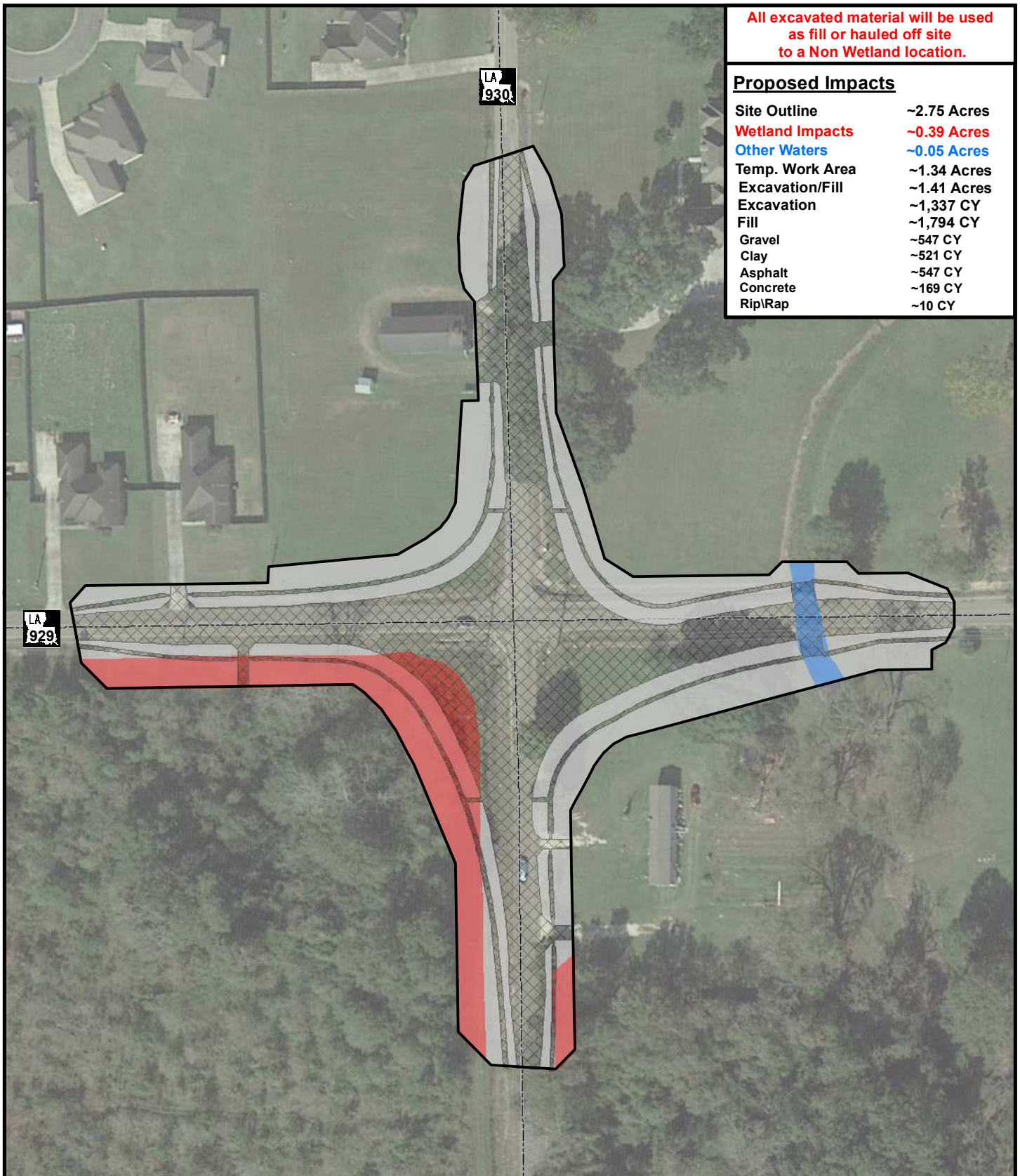
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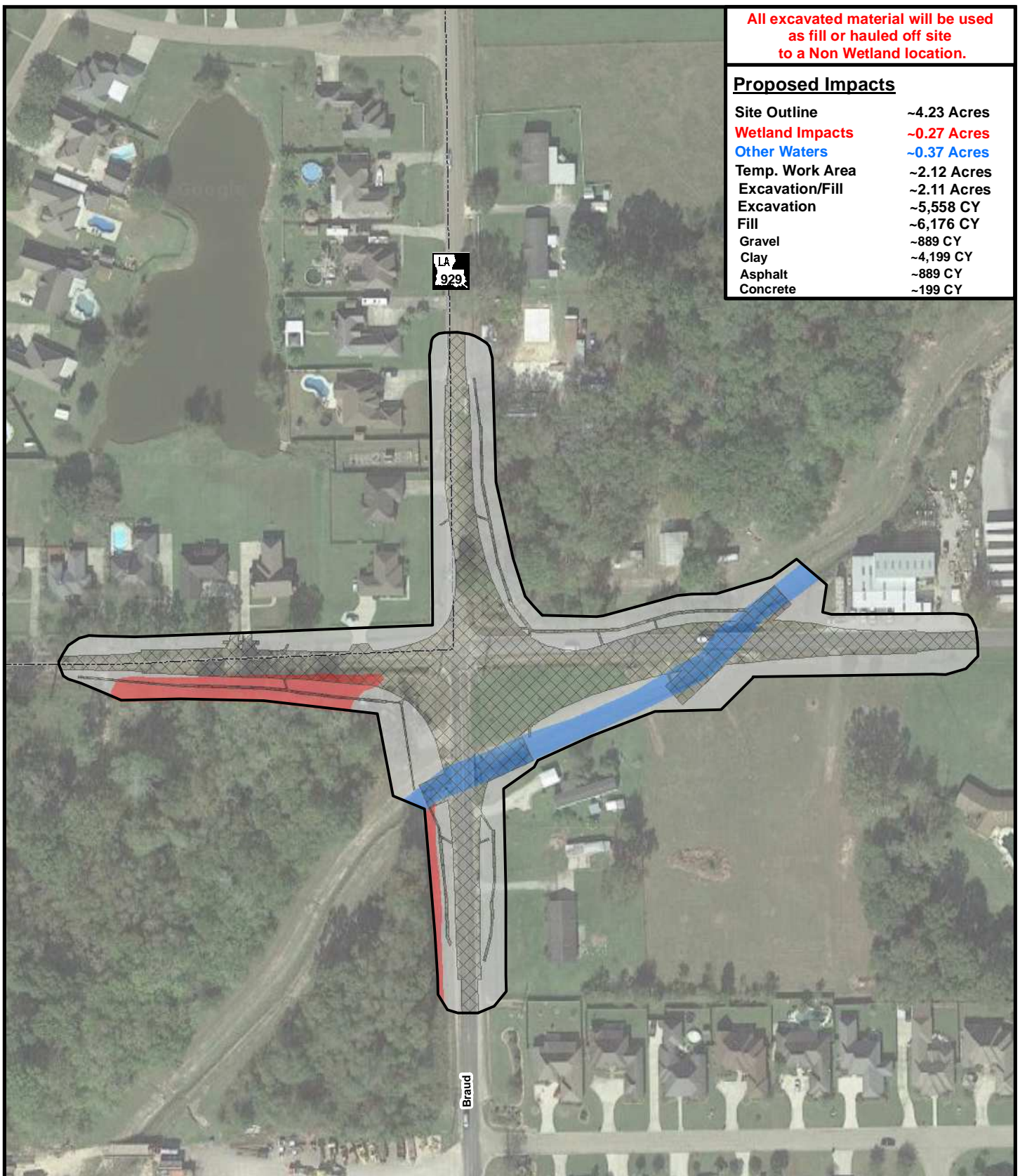
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### Proposed Impacts

Site Outline	~4.23 Acres
Wetland Impacts	~0.27 Acres
Other Waters	~0.37 Acres
Temp. Work Area	~2.12 Acres
Excavation/Fill	~2.11 Acres
Excavation	~5,558 CY
Fill	~6,176 CY
Gravel	~889 CY
Clay	~4,199 CY
Asphalt	~889 CY
Concrete	~199 CY



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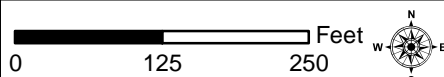


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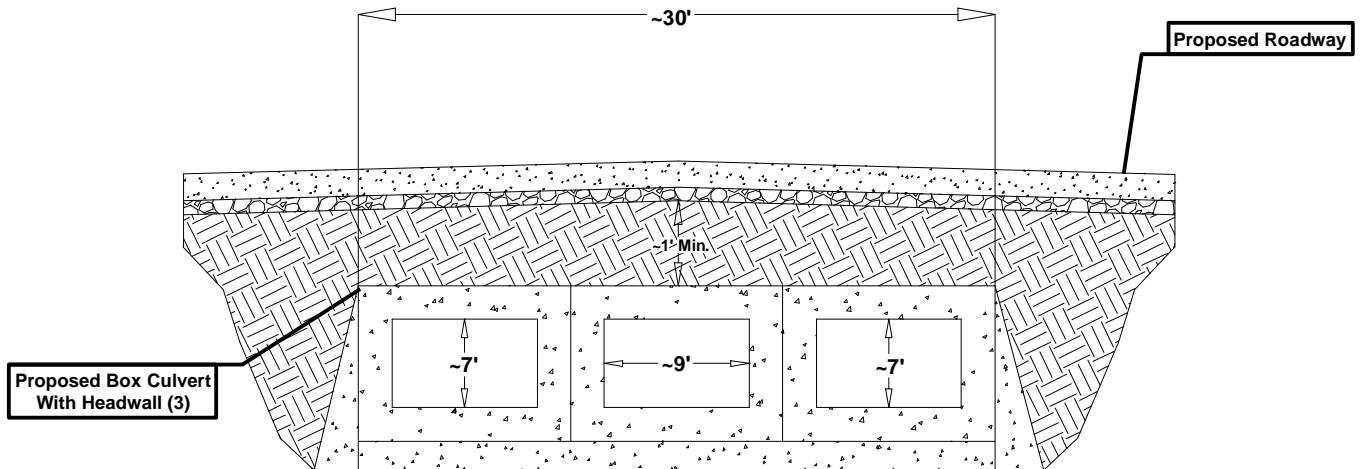
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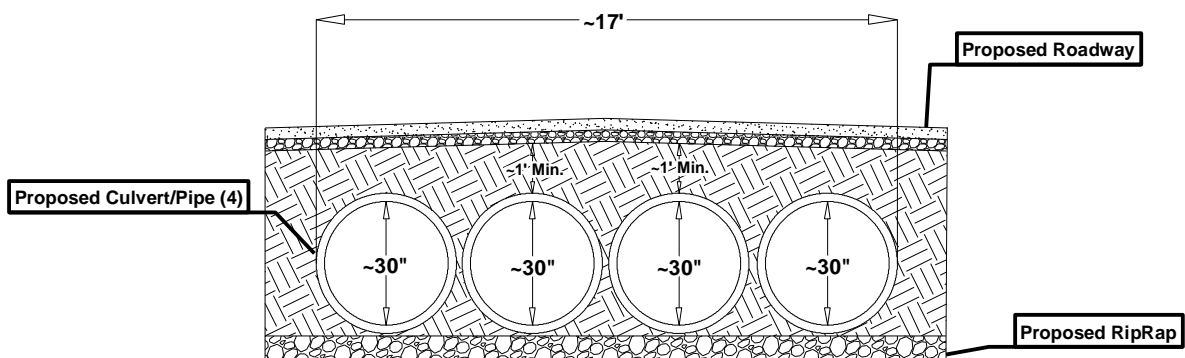
Site Outline	Wetlands	Highway
Temporary Work Area	Other Waters	Roadway
Excavation/Fill		

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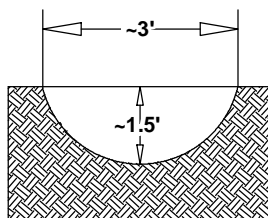
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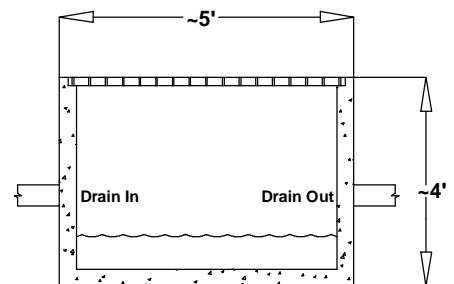
### Typical Underground RCP



### Typical Ditch



### Typical Catch Basin



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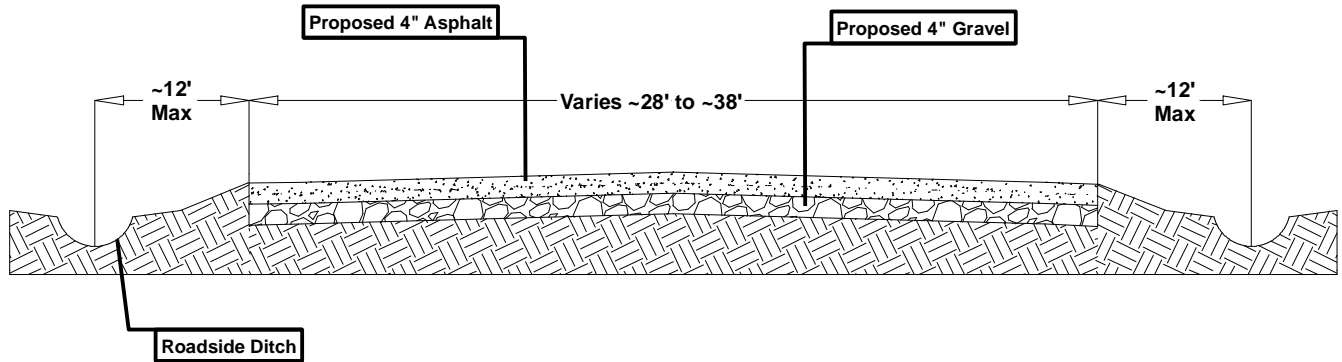
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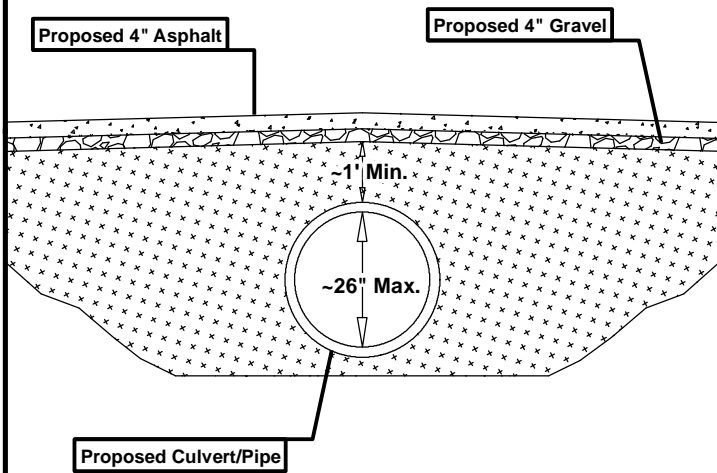
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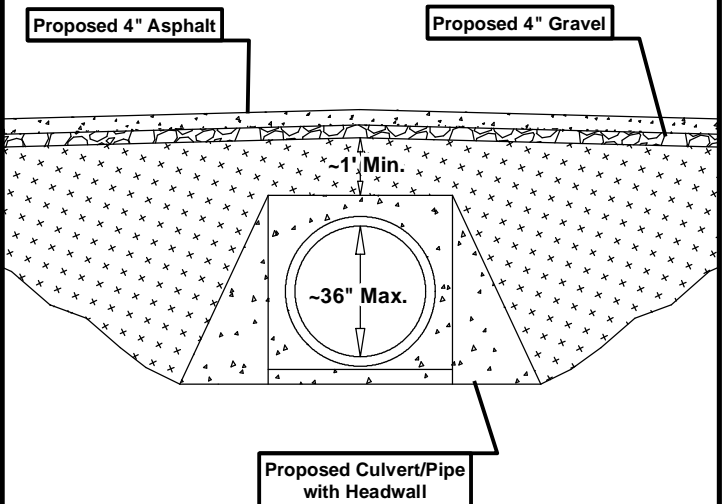
## Typical Proposed Roadway



## Typical Culvert/Pipe



## Typical Culvert/Pipe with Headwall



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