

PUBLIC NOTICE

May 10, 2021

United States Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
ATTN: Regulatory Branch
7400 Leake Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118

Project Manager:
Carrie Schott
(504) 862-1153
Carrie.g.schott@usace.army.mil
Application # MVN-2020-00121-WS

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).

The application has also been mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statute 30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-17).

CONSTRUCT A VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY IN CALCASIEU PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Associated Builders and Contractors, c/o: Mr. Cleveland Hoffpauir, 510 Clarence Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601

LOCATION OF WORK: The work is to take place off Prater Road in Section 29 Township 9-S, Range 9-W, (30.244912, -93.30789) in the City of Sulphur, within Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. The project is located within the Calcasieu Watershed Basin.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested a Department of the Army (DA) authorization to clear, grub, and grade approximately 8.4 acres to construct a new vocational training facility. The proposed development will consist of training buildings, parking areas, and a limestone equipment training area. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards of offsite fill material and approximately 4,000 cubic yards of concrete will be utilized to raise the site to the desired elevation and provide structural foundation. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 1.26 acres of permanent impacts to wetlands. Following construction, areas temporarily impacted by the project will be restored to pre-construction grade and allowed to revegetate. The applicant proposes to offset unavoidable wetland impacts by purchasing mitigation credits from a Corps-approved mitigation bank within the New Orleans District, if a DA permit is warranted.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit 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 must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Comments concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be emailed to the USACE project manager listed above, or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. 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 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 public notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Based on the **Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC)**, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the proposed project was evaluated under the determination key on May 4, 2021 and it has been determined that the proposed project will have “No Effect” on any known Threatened or 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 may result in the destruction, alteration or disturbance 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.

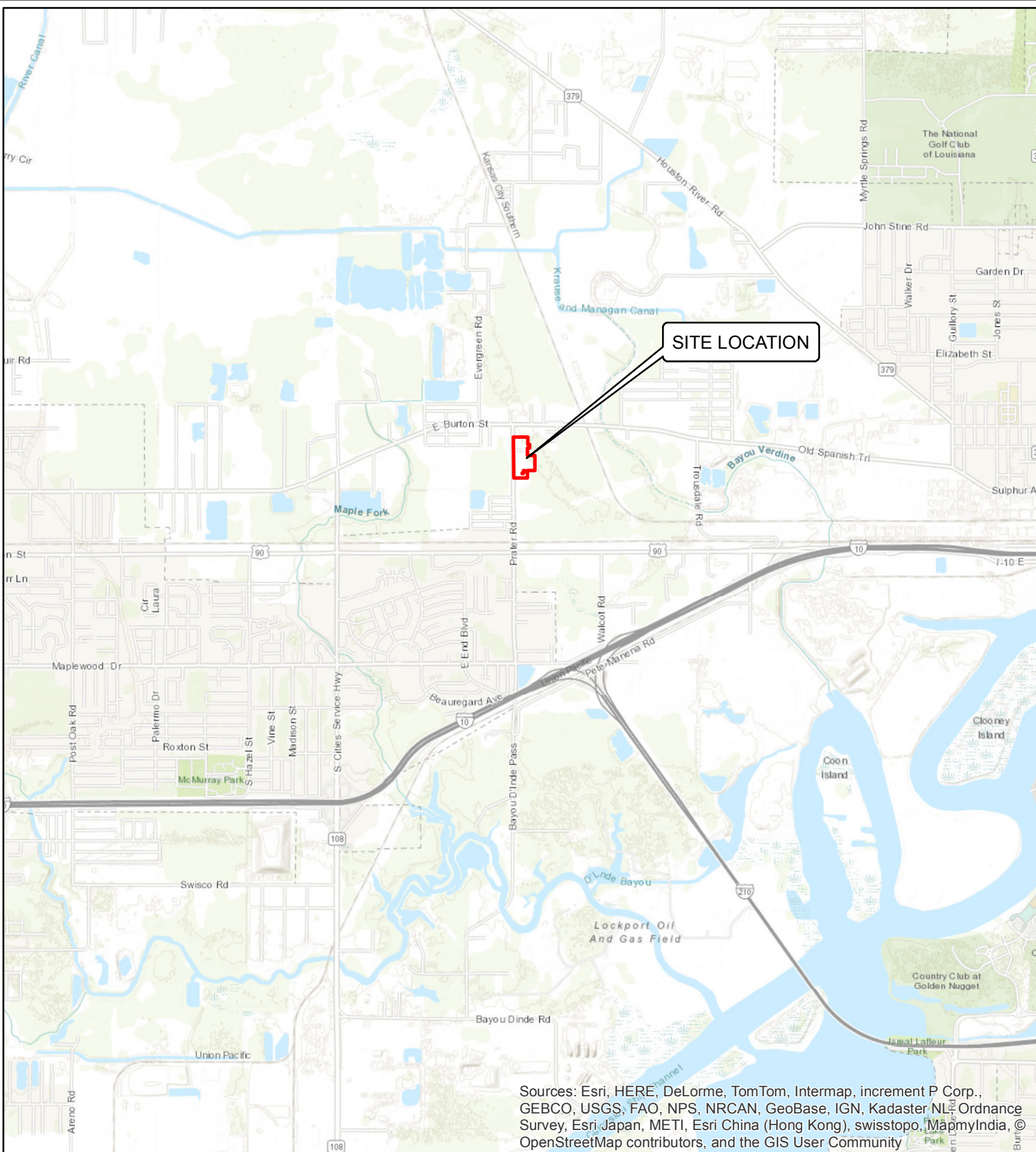
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

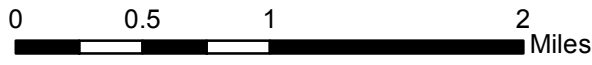
You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Darrell S. Barbara
Chief, Western Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, TomTom, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, MapmyIndia, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



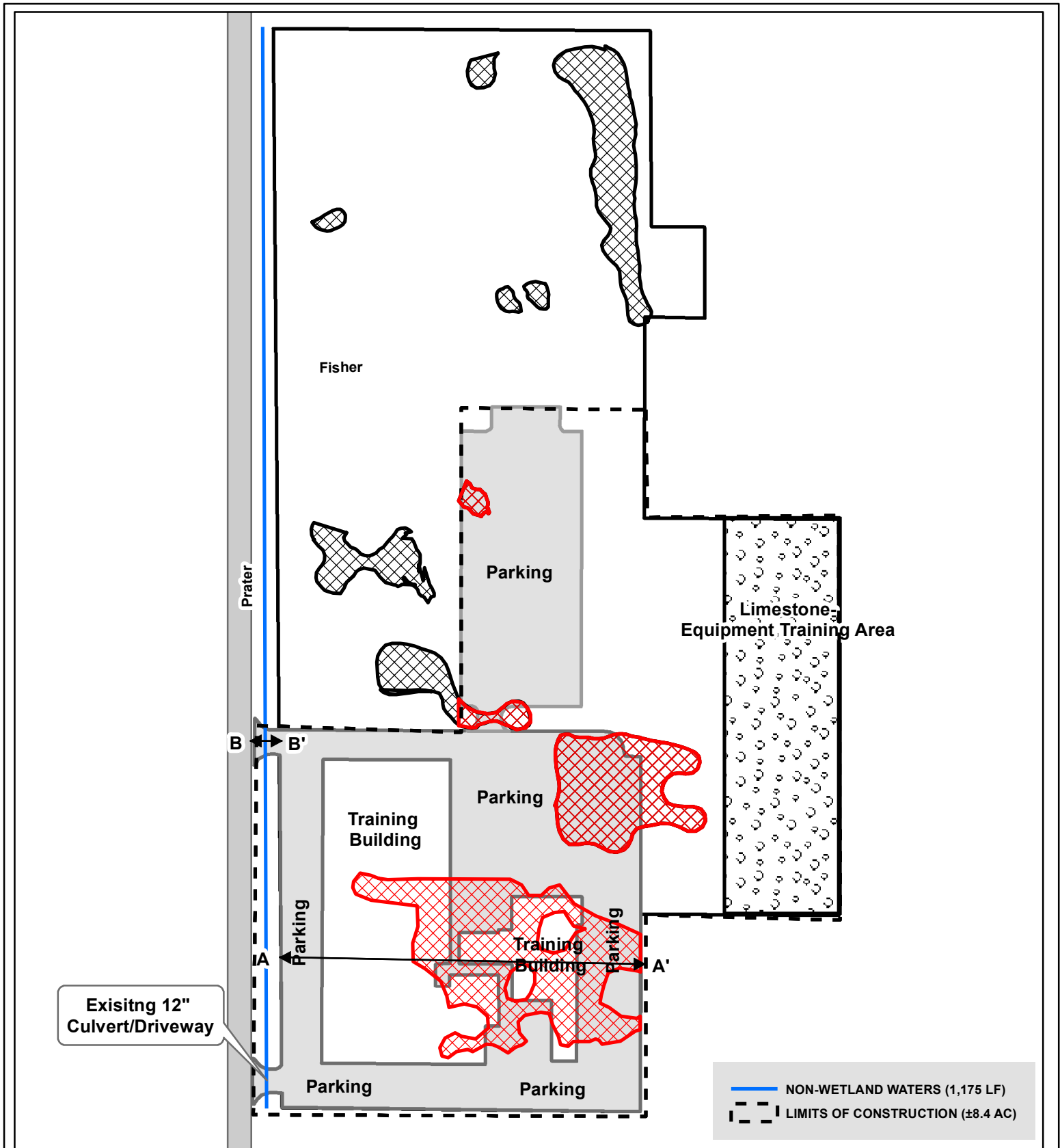
SITE LOCATION (±13.5 AC)



**FIGURE 1
SITE LOCATION MAP**

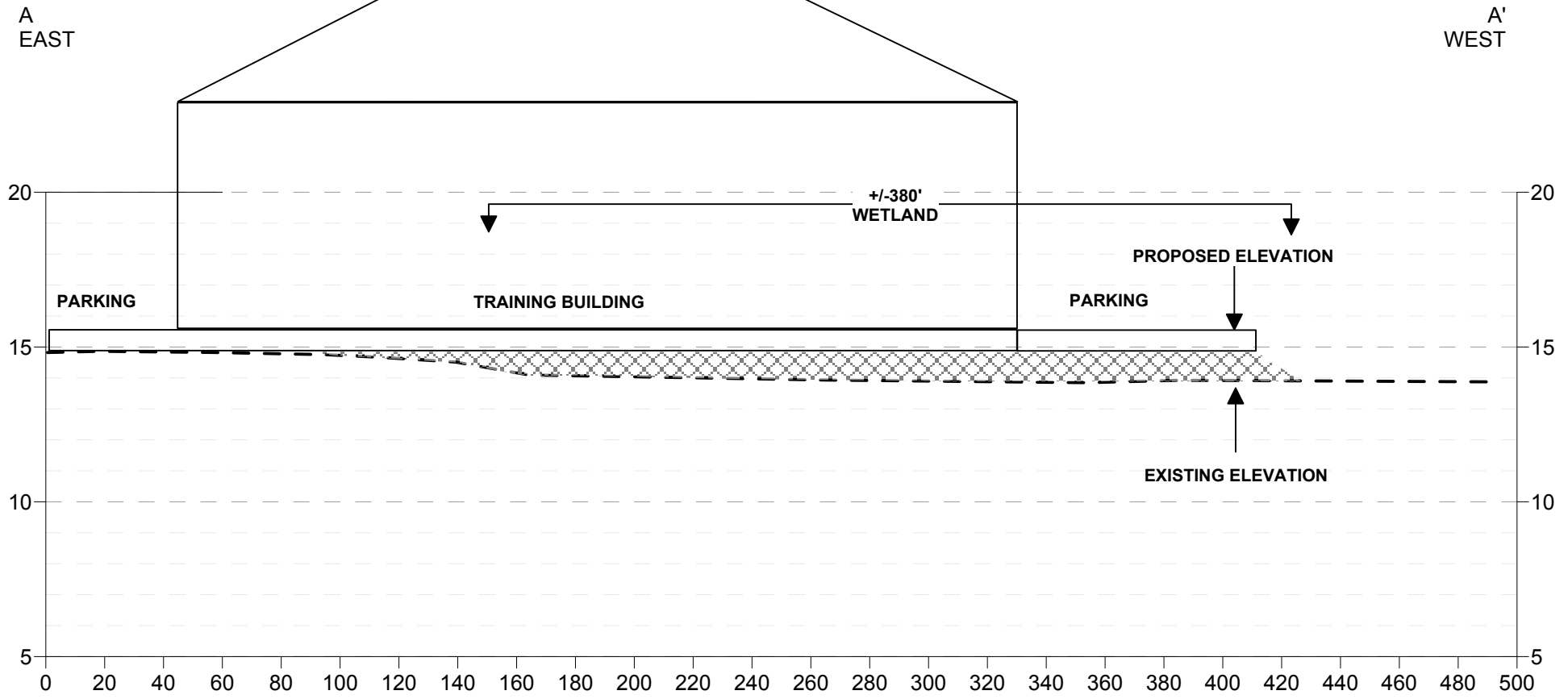
PERMIT APPLICATION
 CSRS, INC
 ABC SOUTHWEST TRAINING FACILITY
 SULPHUR, CALCASIEU PARISH
 29-09S-09W

Drawn By: CRH	Date: 12/3/19	SE Project # 11832
Checked By: CBJ	Date: 12/3/19	Revised:



Existing 12" Culvert/Driveway

	FIGURE 2 SITE DIAGRAM	
	PERMIT APPLICATION CSRS, INC ABC SOUTHWEST TRAINING FACILITY SULPHUR, CALCASIEU PARISH 29-09S-09W	
Drawn By: CRH	Date: 02/18/20	SE Project # 11832
Checked By: CBJ	Date: 02/18/20	Revised: 05/04/21



**NOTE: APPROXIMATELY 1.26 ACRE OF WETLAND WILL BE IMPACTED BY PROJECT.
DRAWING NOT TO SCALE.**

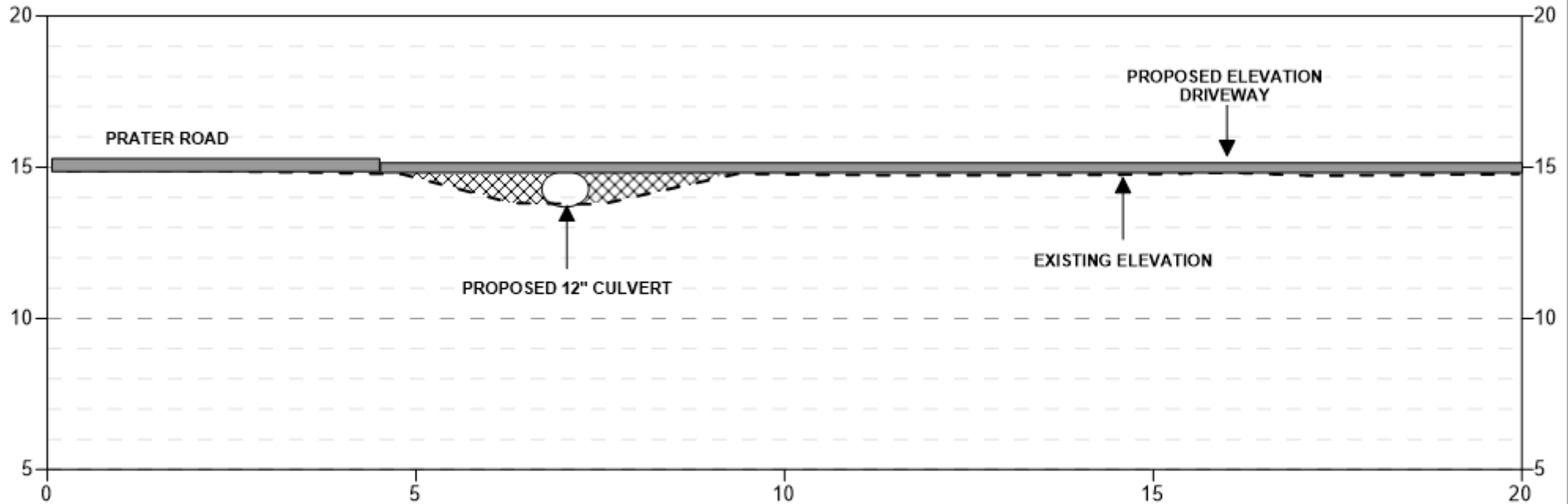


FILL= ±2,000 CUBIC YARDS

	FIGURE 3 TYPICAL CROSS SECTION		
	CSRS, INC. ABC SOUTHWEST TRAINING FACILITY SULPHUR, CALCASIEU PARISH 29-09S-09W		
Drawn By: CRH Checked By: CBJ	Date: 02/18/20 Date: 02/18/20	SE Proj #11832 Rev:	

B
WEST

B'
EAST



NOTE: APPROXIMATELY 1.26 ACRE OF WETLAND WILL BE IMPACTED BY PROJECT.
DRAWING NOT TO SCALE.



FILL = ±2,000 CUBIC YARDS

SE SOUTHLAND ENVIRONMENTAL	CSRS, INC. ABC SOUTHWEST TRAINING FACILITY SULPHUR, CALCASIEU PARISH 29-09S-09W	
	FIGURE 4 B-B' CROSS SECTION	
Drawn By: CRH	Date: 05/04/21	SE Pj #1182
Checked By: CBU	Date: 05/04/21	Rev: