

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

8 February 2021

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Regulatory Branch (ODR-E)
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
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Project Manager
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Permit Application Number
MVN-2020-00488-EG

(225) 219-3225
Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 210203-01

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, Water Quality Certifications, 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).

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Edson Group, c/o Hydrik Wetland Consultants, Attention: Michael Henry, 2323 Hwy. 190 East, Suite 2 Hammond, LA 70401

LOCATION OF WORK: At approximately Latitude: 30.481263, Longitude: -90.397353, near I-12 and Hipark Blvd., in Hammond, Louisiana, in Tangipahoa Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings. Hydrologic Unit Code: 08070204 (Lower Mississippi- Lake Maurepas)

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear, grade, excavate, and place fill material to facilitate the construction of an approximate 96.4-acre commercial development. Approximately 207,610-cubic yards of excavated native earthen material and approximately 103,503-cubic yards of hauled-in earthen fill material would be placed for the construction of 5 buildings, parking areas, drainage improvements,

and appurtenant structures. The applicant proposes to compensate for unavoidable project-related impacts to 44.302-acres of jurisdictional wetlands through the purchase of wetland credits from a Corps' approved mitigation bank within the appropriate watershed.

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**. **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 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. 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 project footprint is located in an area that may be known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee, the Gopher Tortoise, and the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. It has been determined that the activity will have no effect on the West Indian Manatee, the Gopher Tortoise, or the 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 is not expected to result in the destruction or alteration 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

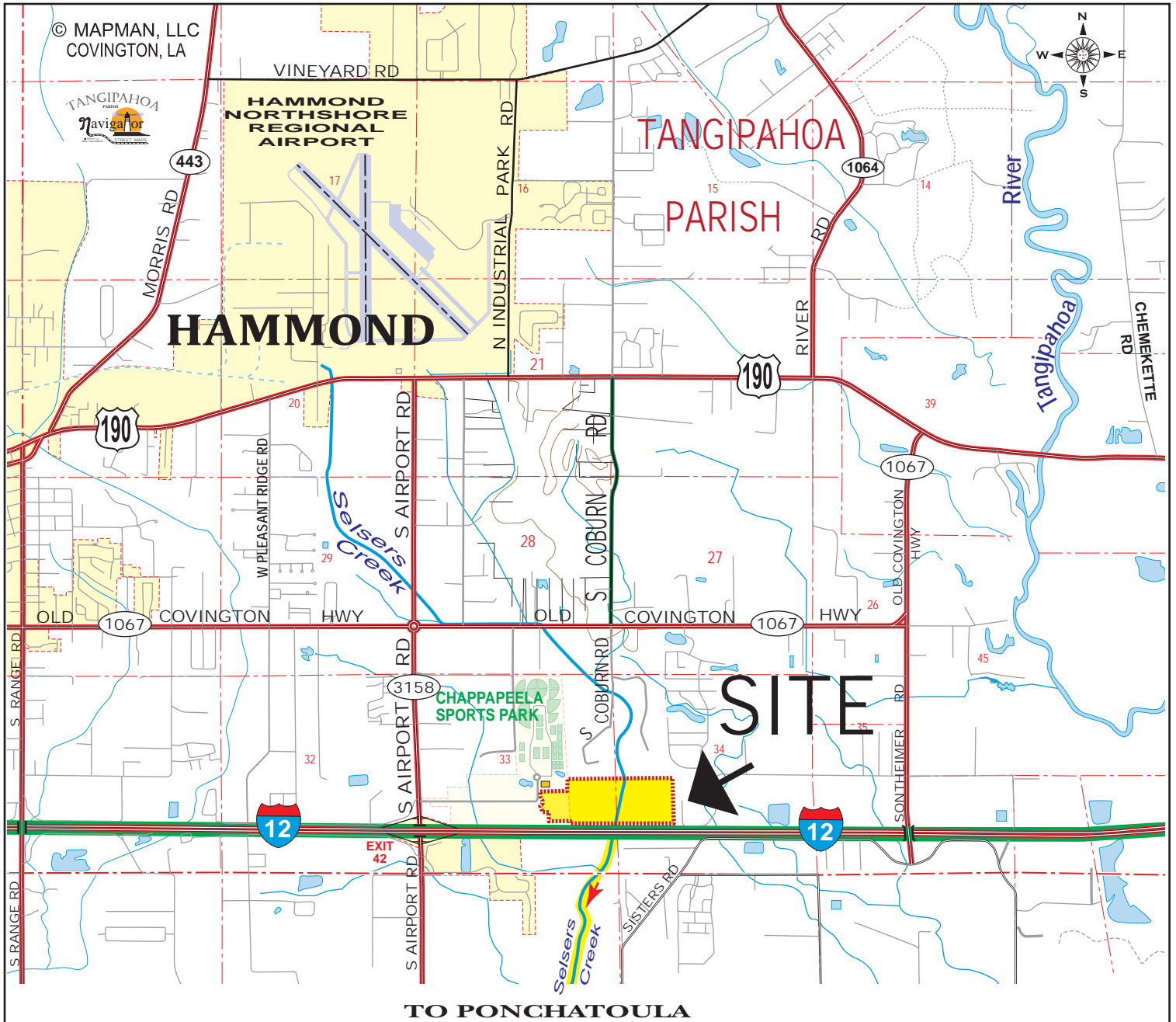
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, before a permit is issued.

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.

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.

Michael V. Farabee
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

Enclosure



SITE:
 WAREHOUSE DIST.
 SECTIONS 31 & 34, T6S-R-8E
 TANGIPAHOA PARISH, LA

APPLICANT:
 EDSON GROUP, LLC

SITE COORDINATES
 30.29157° N, -90.98512° W



SCALE - MILE

LEGEND:

= PROJECT SITE

= DRAINAGE DISCHARGE DIRECTION



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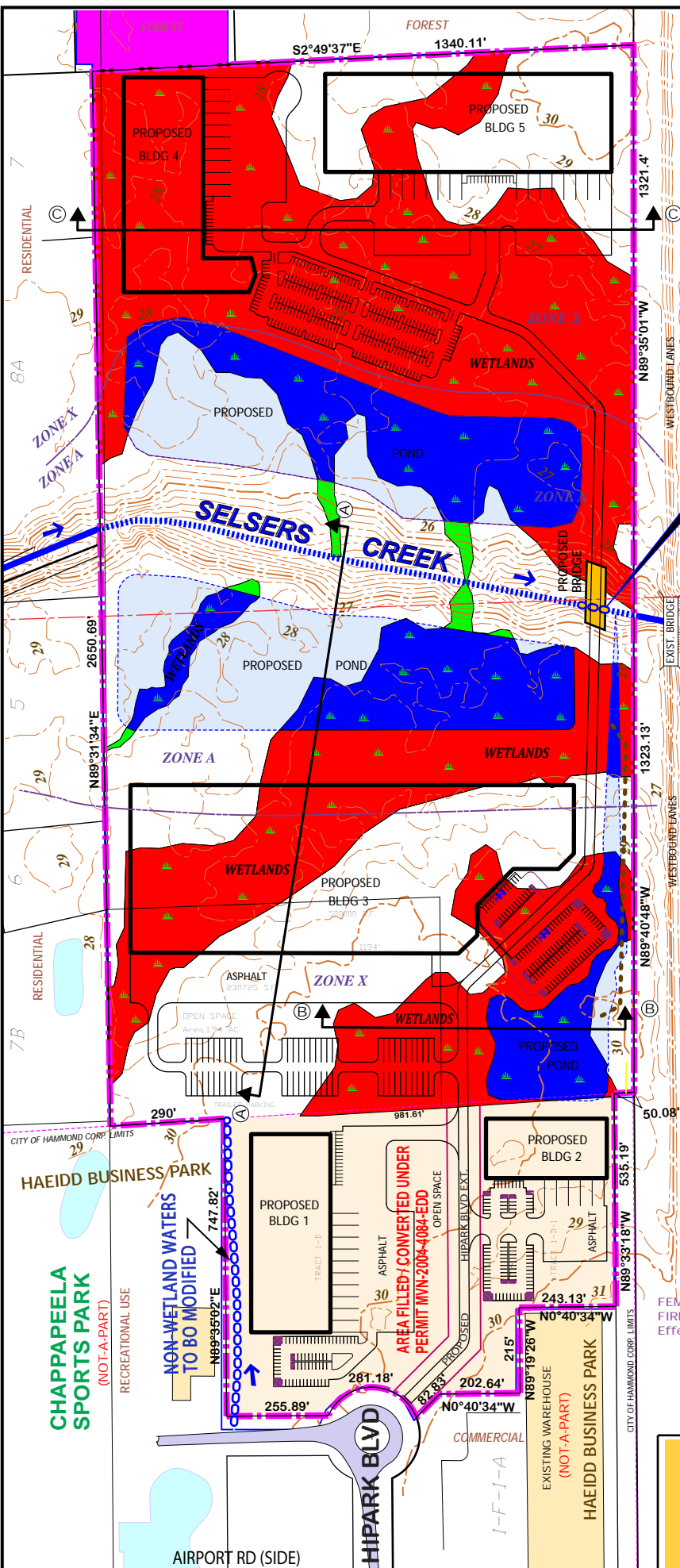
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PLEASE NOTE: MAP DATA IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY, THIS IS NOT A LEGAL SURVEY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED AS SUCH.

HF: 2049 C

DATE: 8-17-2020

APPROVED:



LEGEND:

- PROJECT BOUNDARY (96.40 AC.)
- TOTAL WETLANDS = 44.532 ACRES
- WETLANDS TO BE IMPACTED VIA FILL / GRADING 35.590 AC.
- WETLANDS TO BE IMPACTED VIA EXCAVATION 8.712 AC.
- WETLANDS AVOIDED: 0.230 AC.
- NON-WETLAND WATERS:
 - NON-WETLAND WATERS TO BE MODIFIED: 795 LIN. FT / 0.110 AC
 - ∞ NON-WETLAND WATERS TO BE MODIFIED: 125 LIN. FT / 0.046 AC (SELSEK CREEK BANK STABILIZATION)
 - NON-WETLAND WATERS AVOIDED: 1,302 LIN. FT / 0.478 AC - SELSEK CREEK
 - AREA FILLED / CONVERTED UNDER PERMIT MVN-2004-4084-EDD
 - 26' ELEVATION / CONTOUR LINE
 - DRAINAGE FLOW - PRE-DEVELOPMENT
 - DRAINAGE FLOW - POST DEVELOPMENT
 - ▭ PROPOSED POND (3): 15.85 AC.
 - PROPOSED BUILDING
 - FLOOD ZONE / TRANSITION LINE

NON-WETLAND WATERS TO BE MODIFIED - BANK STABILIZED FOR BRIDGE CROSSING

SECT. 34
SECT. 33

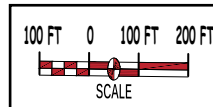
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PROJECT DATA
 PROJECT AREA = 96.40 ACRES
 TOTAL WETLANDS: 44.532 AC.
 WETLANDS IMPACTED: 44.302 AC.
 WETLANDS AVOIDED: 0.230 AC.
 PROPOSED STREET: 3,750 LIN. FT.
 PROPOSED BUILDINGS (5): 939,000 S.F. (BLDG. FOOTPRINT)
 ASPHALT SURFACE: 461,560 S.F.
 POND AREA TOTAL (3) = 18.35 AC.
 DRY POND: 2.5 AC.
 DETENTION POND: 15.85 AC.
 TOTAL VOLUME OF FILL MATERIAL:
 - CLEAN SILT FILL FROM ON SITE EXCAVATION: - 207,610 CU. YDS.
 - CLEAN CLAY FILL: - 103,503 CU. YDS.

NOTE:
 BASE DRAWINGS PROVIDED BY:
 NOVUS REB ENGINEERING, LLC

APPLICANT:
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HIPARK WAREHOUSE
 HAMMOND
 SECTIONS 31 & 34, T6S-R-8-E
 TANGIPAHOA PARISH, LA

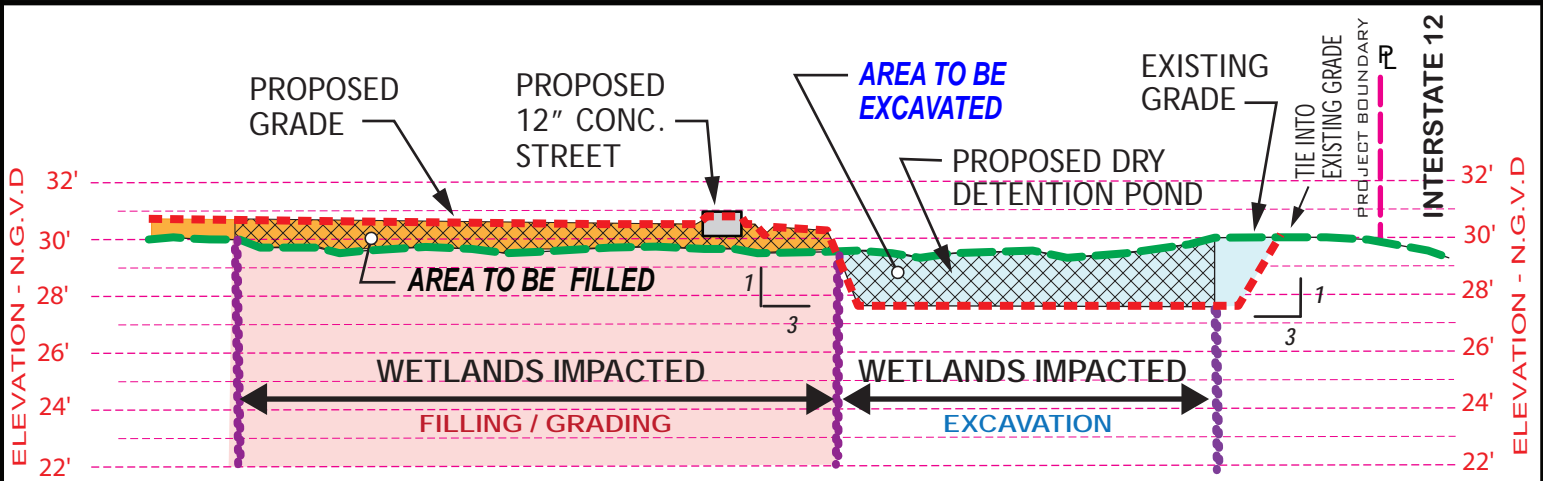
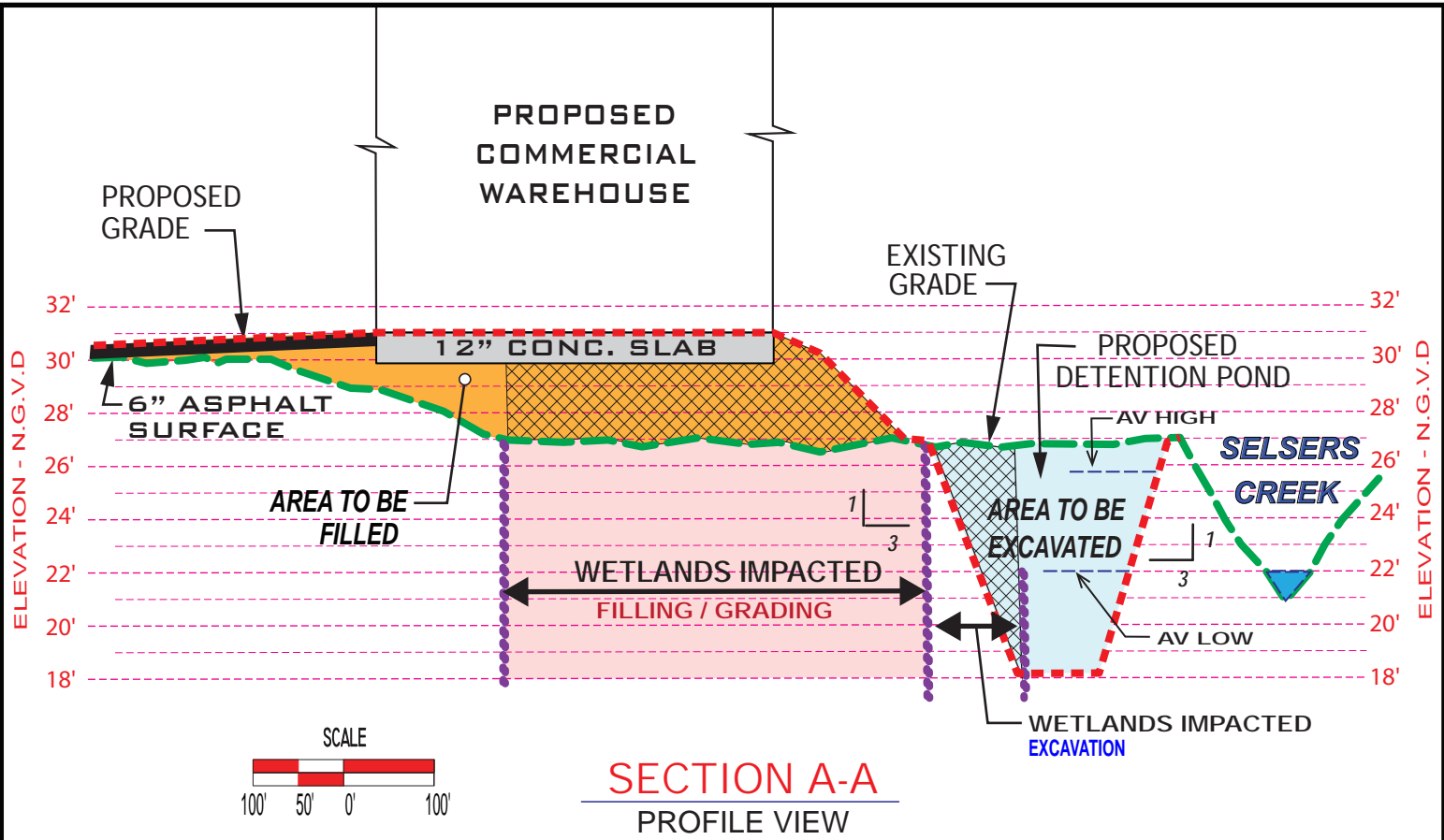
FEMA Flood Zones: 'A' & 'X'
 FIRM Panel ID: 220206C 0435F
 Effective FIRM (7/22/2010)



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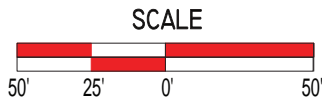
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LEGEND:

- EXISTING GRADE
- PROPOSED GRADE
- PROPOSED CONCRETE
- AREA TO BE FILLED
- WETLANDS TO BE FILLED
- WETLANDS TO BE EXCAVATED
- AREA TO BE EXCAVATED

**SECTION B-B
PROFILE VIEW**



APPLICANT: **EDSON GROUP**

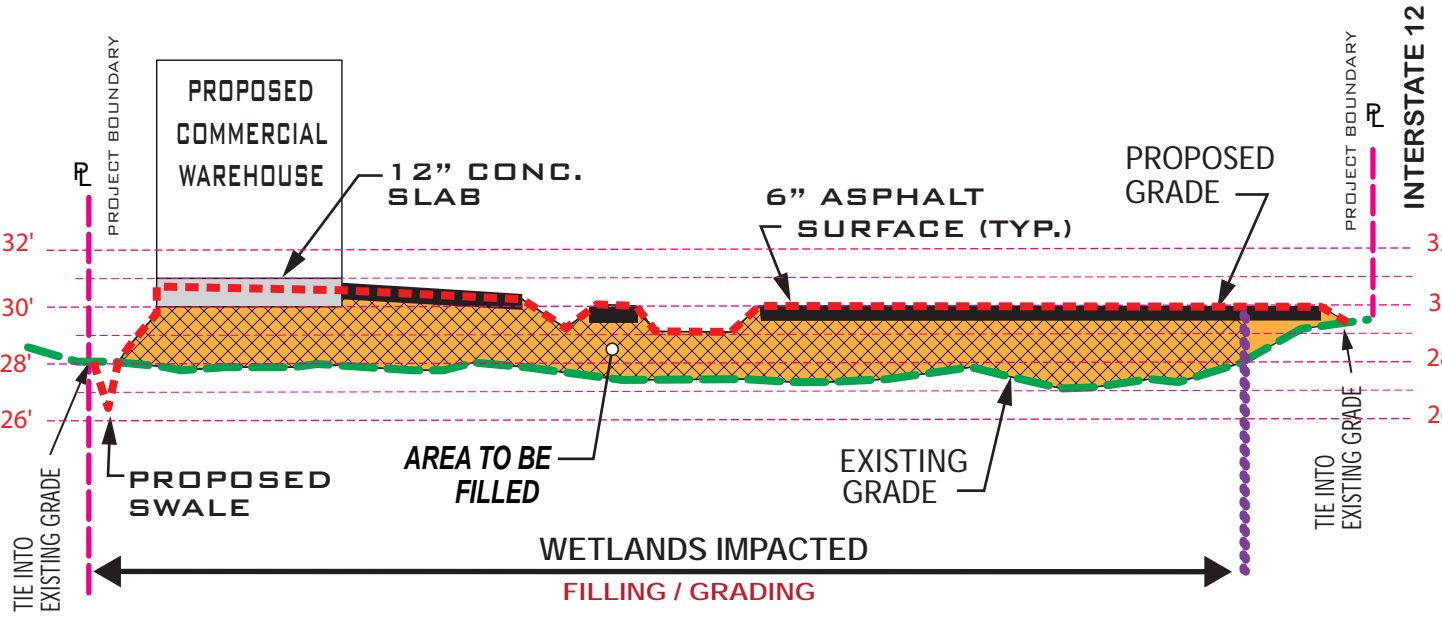
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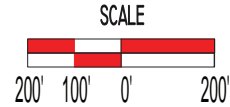
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ELEVATION - N.G.V.D

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SECTION C-C
PROFILE VIEW



LEGEND:

- EXISTING GRADE
- PROPOSED GRADE
- PROPOSED CONCRETE
- AREA TO BE FILLED
- WETLANDS TO BE FILLED

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