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PUBLIC NOTICE

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 [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

PROPOSED WILLOW POINT CONFLUENCE IMPROVEMENT AND WIDENING

NAME OF APPLICANT: LVINGSTON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT 1, c/o ELOS Environmental, LLC, 607 W. Morris Avenue, Hammond, LA 70403.

LOCATION OF WORK: Confluence of Willow Creek and Grays Creek , Latitude 30.494327, Longitude -90.933074, Denham Springs, Louisiana, in Livingston Parish, within the Lake Pontchartrain Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070202), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested a Department of the Army authorization to place rip-rap fill and widen Willow Creek and Grays Creek for drainage improvements and better water flows for high water events. Approximately 1,400 cubic yards of Willow Creek and Grays Creek will be excavated for widening of the confluence point. Additionally, approximately 75 cubic yards of rip-rap will be placed to prevent discharges and erosion. The proposed project site does not include any proposed impacts to wetlands.

A Preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed project would not have permanent impacts on wetlands. All spoil will be hauled off to the Woodside Landfill non-wetland spoil disposal site.

The comment period for the Department of Army Permit will close in **20 days** from the date of this public notice, which is available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>. 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 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 DIVISION, REG-C, Zachary Steinkoenig**. 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.

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 regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

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 the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species (IPaC) procedure, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife

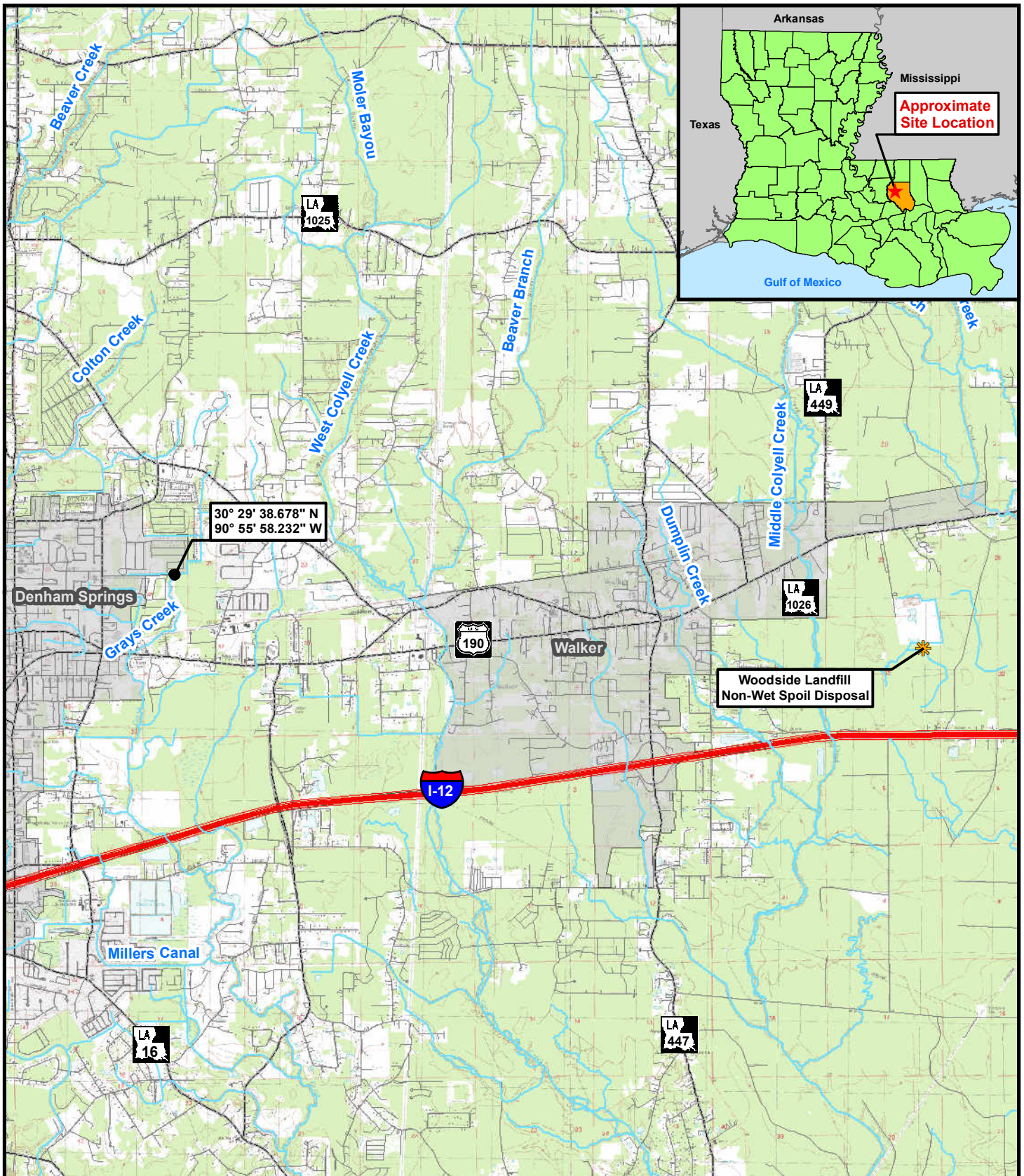
Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on any listed species.

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 Louisiana 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 Branch
Regulatory Division



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Figure 1: TopoVicinity Map

Willow Point

Legend:

- Site Outline
- Woodside Landfill
- City/Town
- Interstate
- Highway
- Stream/River
- Roadway

Sections: 48
 Township: 06 South
 Range: 03 East

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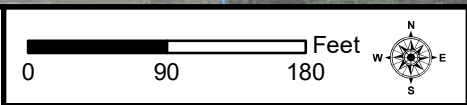
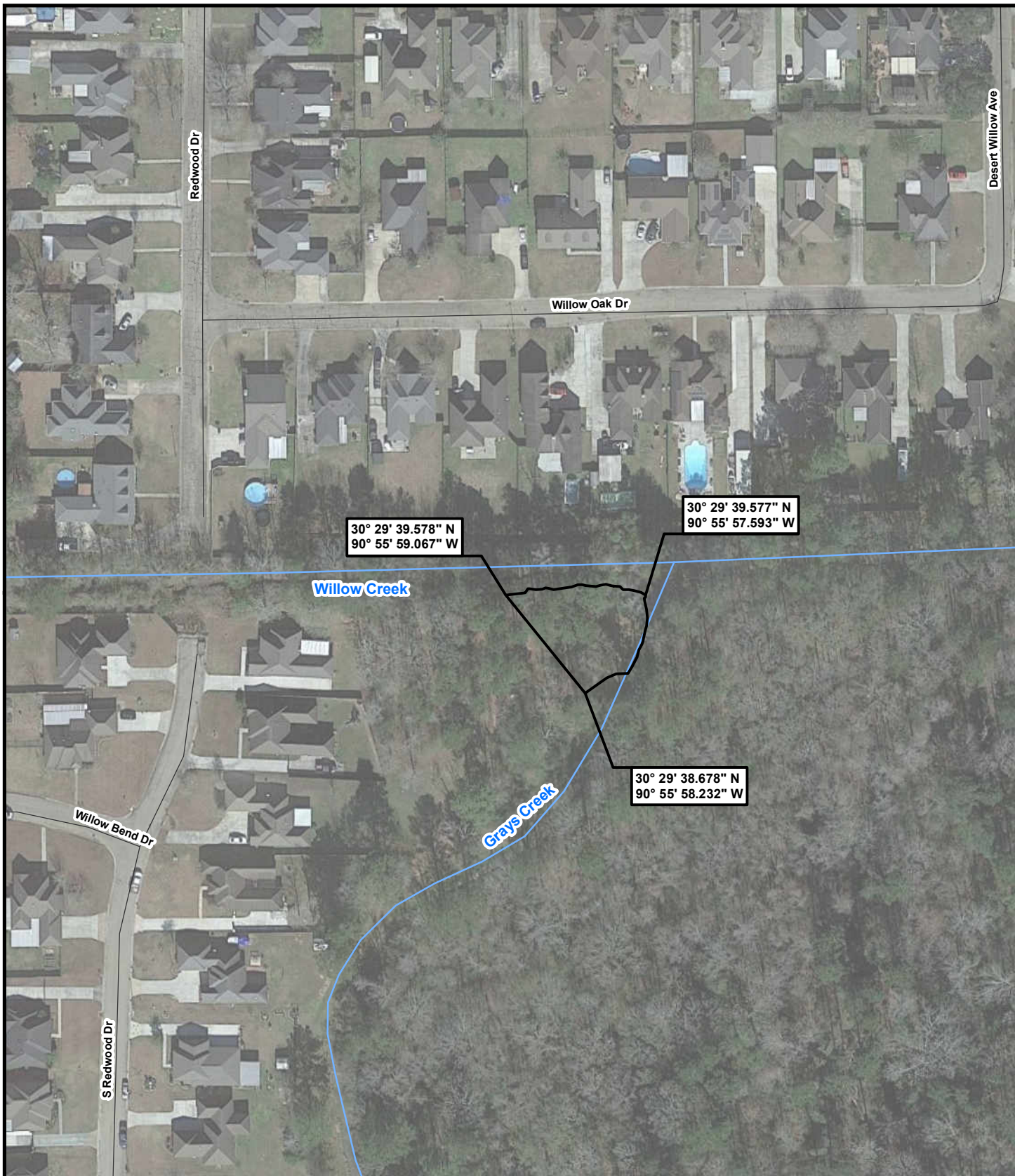


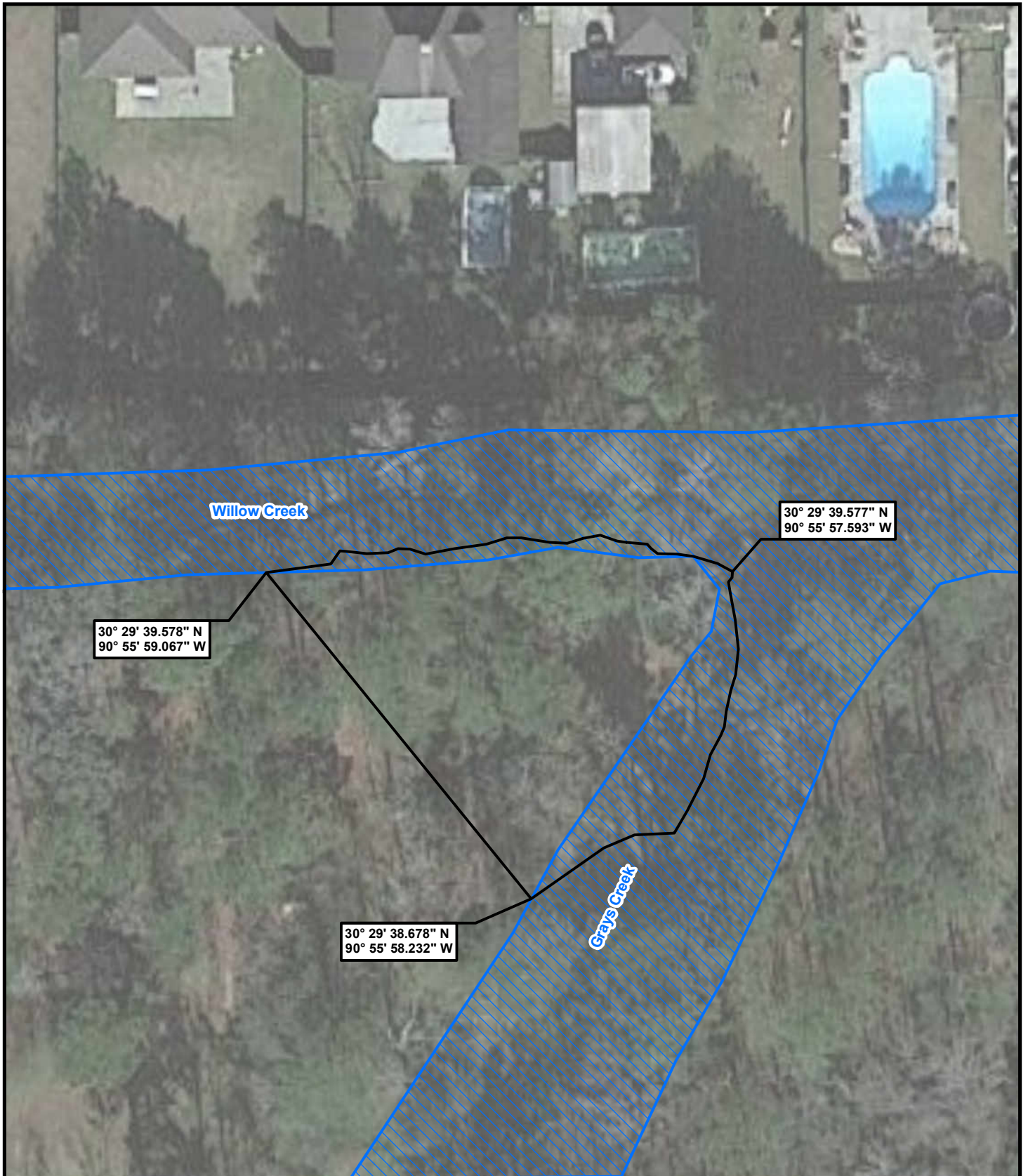
Figure 2: Site Location


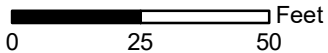



Willow Point

Legend:

- Site Outline
- Roadway
- Stream/River

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	<p>Figure 3: Existing Conditions</p>		
	<p>Willow Point</p>		<p>Refer to MVN-2020-01276-SD</p>
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Proposed Impacts

Site Outline ~0.19 Acres
 Other Water Impacts ~0.04 Acres
 Excavation ~1,400 CY
 Fill (RipRap) ~75 CY

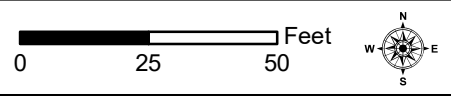
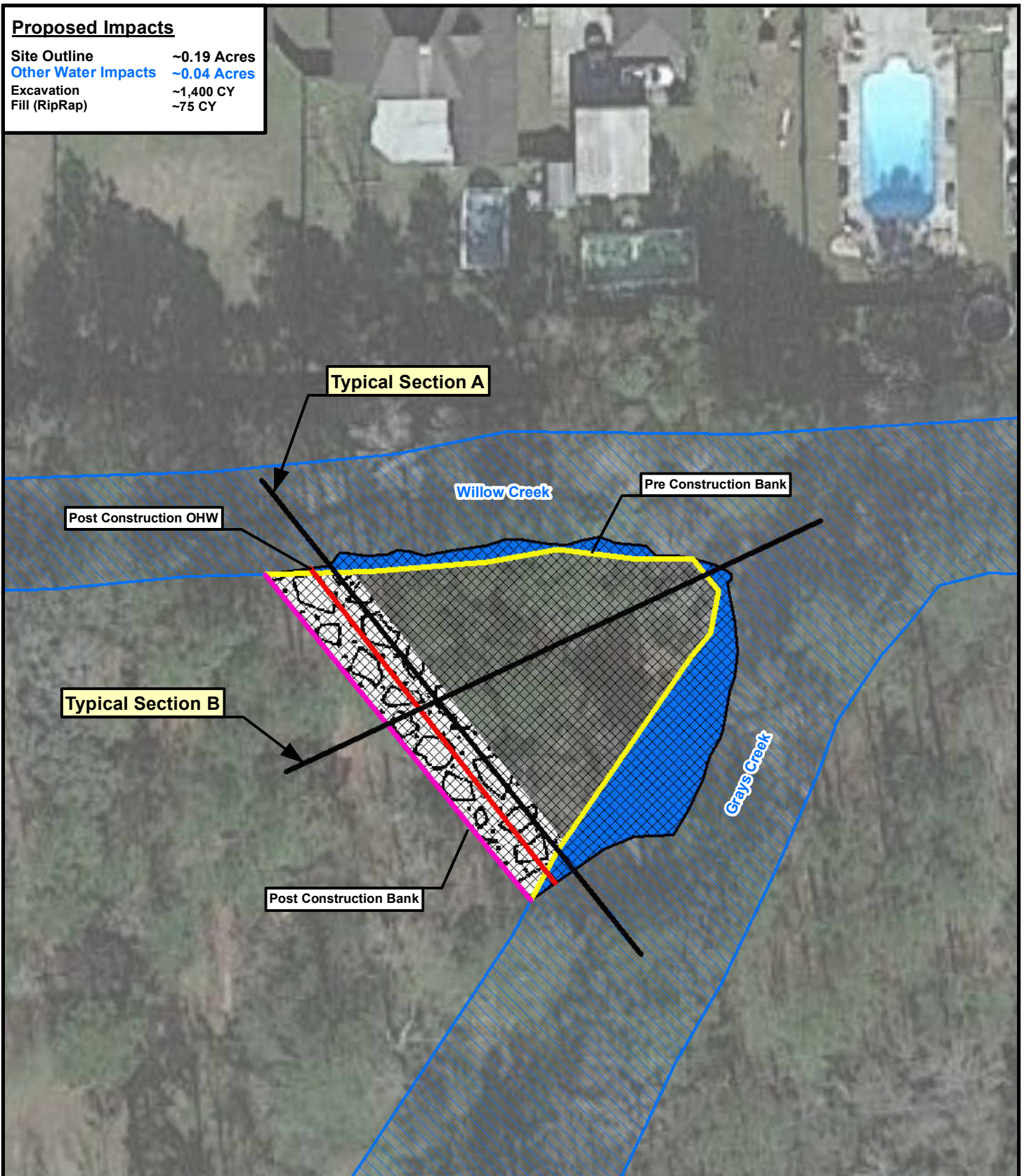


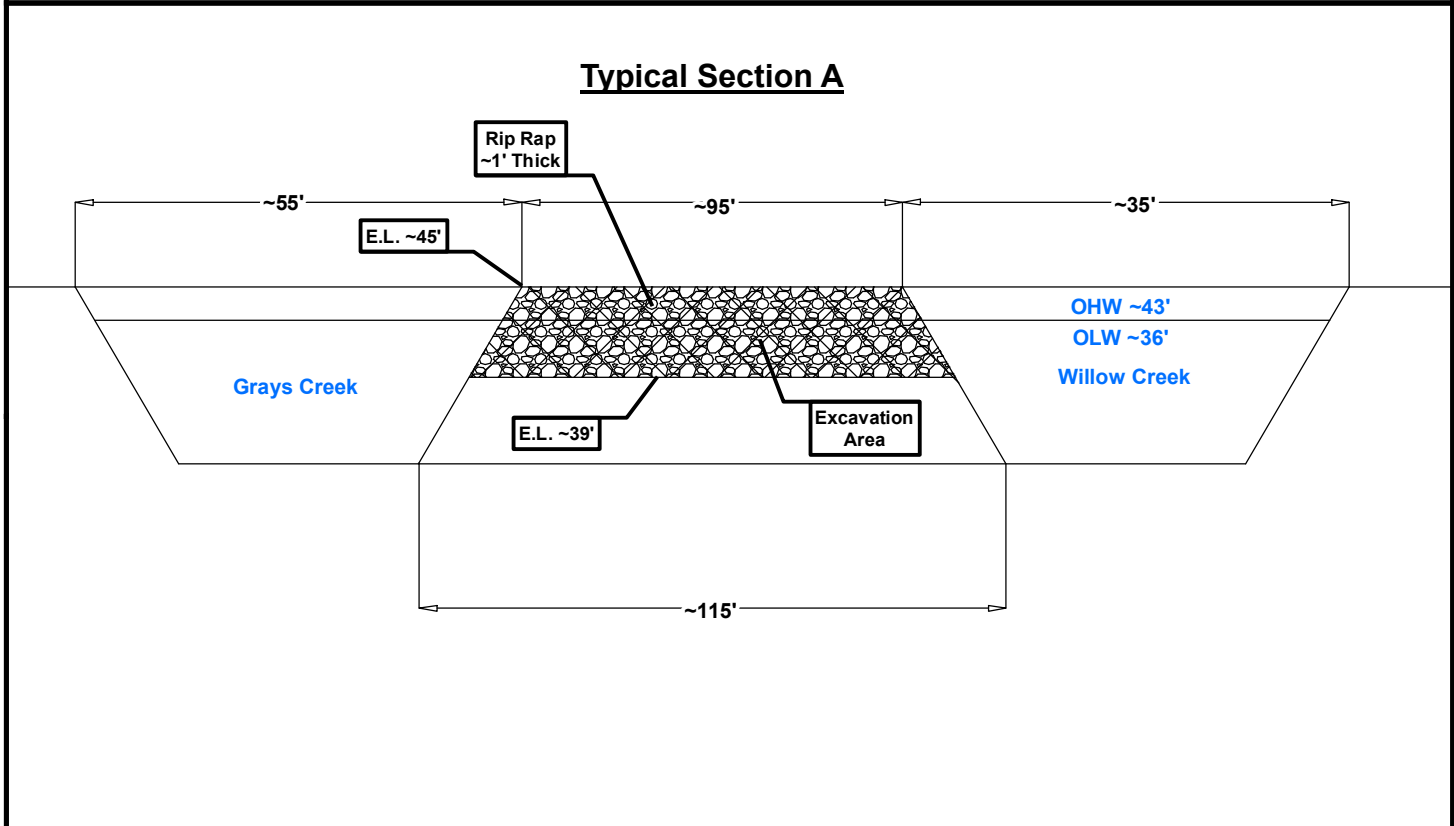
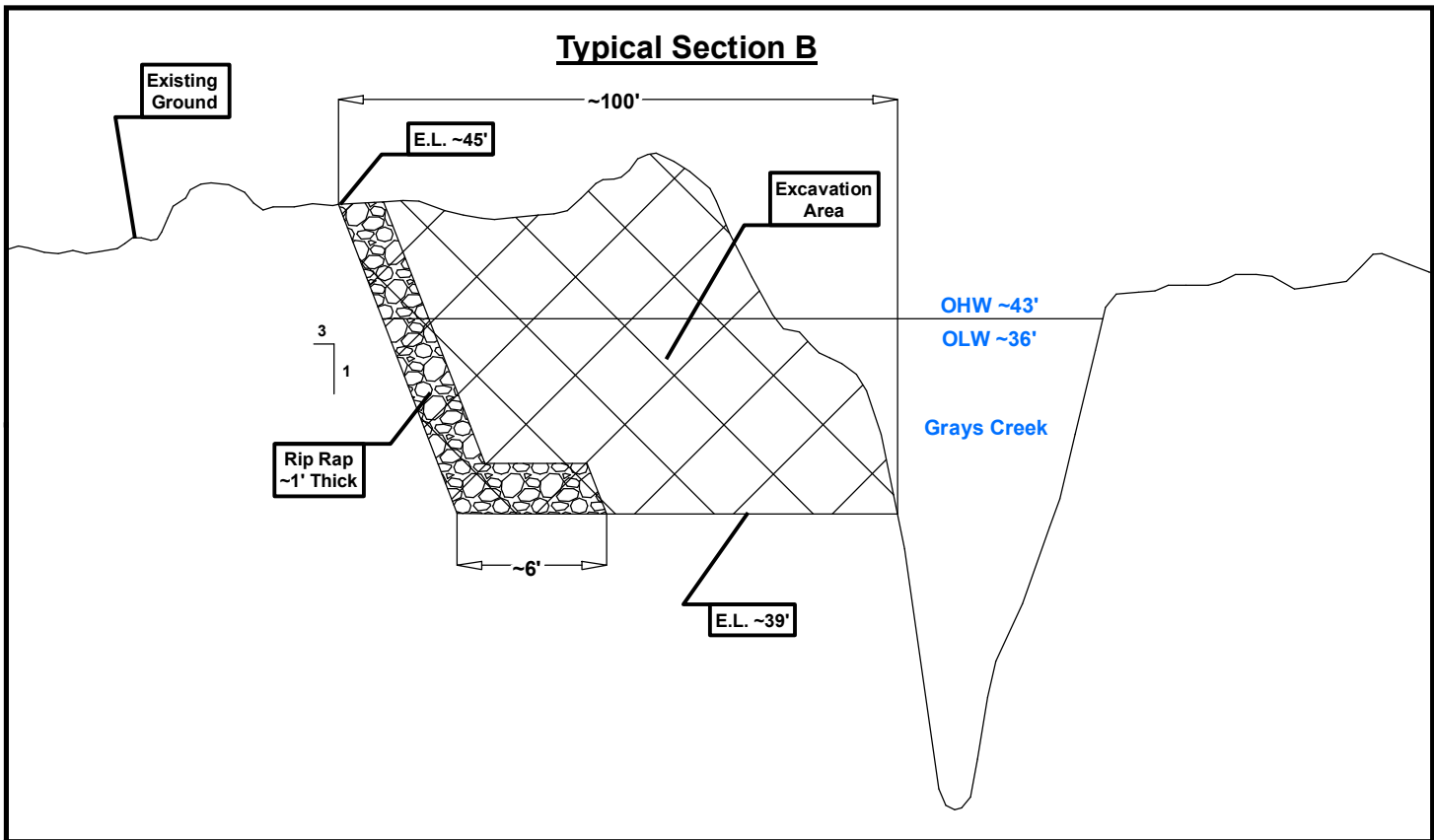
Figure 4: Plan View




Willow Point

Legend:

- Site Outline
- Excavation Area
- Rip Rap
- Other Waters
- Post Construction OHW
- Post Construction Bank
- Pre Construction Bank

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	Figure 5: Typical Section	
	Willow Point	Elevations Represented in NAVD88 <small>This figure was prepared utilizing public and proprietary data. It should not be used to establish any legal boundaries or specific locations. ELOS Environmental, L.L.C., is not responsible for any usage of this figure contrary to its original, intended purpose.</small>