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United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
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Application #: MVN-2021-00491-WLL

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).

MAINTENANCE DREDGING IN ST MARTIN PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: St. Marin Parish Government, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, LA 70582.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located off LA Highway 182 in Sections 66,67,68,36,72,39 in the community of Cade, LA at (30 05 28.39, -91 54 30.92) in the Vermilion Teche Watershed, within St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, as shown in the attached drawings.

<u>CHARACTER OF WORK:</u> Proposed maintenance dredging of approximately 500,000 cubic yards of excavated material to clear obstructions and dredge silted areas, for the purpose of stormwater drainage improvements. Approximately 69 acres of wetlands will be permanently impacted by the spoil placement within the existing 50-foot and 80-foot easement with a proposed spoil height of approximately 2-feet.

If a Department of the Army permit is warranted, the applicant has proposed to mitigate unavoidable wetlands impacts at an approved and acceptable mitigation bank within the N.O. District.

The comment period on the requested Department of the Army Permit will close **20 days** from the date of this 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 request, and must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the Applicant's Name and the Permit Application Number: MVN-2021-00491-WLL and can be emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION**, REG-W, "Michael H. Herrmann Jr.". Individuals or parties may also request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by mail or by emailing the specified project manager listed above. Any request for an extension of time to comment 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 and inclusive of the initial comment period and 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. As necessary, copies of this public notice will be sent to the State Archeologist, State Historic Preservation Officer and federally listed tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

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. 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 August 25, 2020 and it has been determined that the proposed project is "Not likely to adversely Affect" the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*).

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, and/or disturbance of **0.0 of an acre** 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.

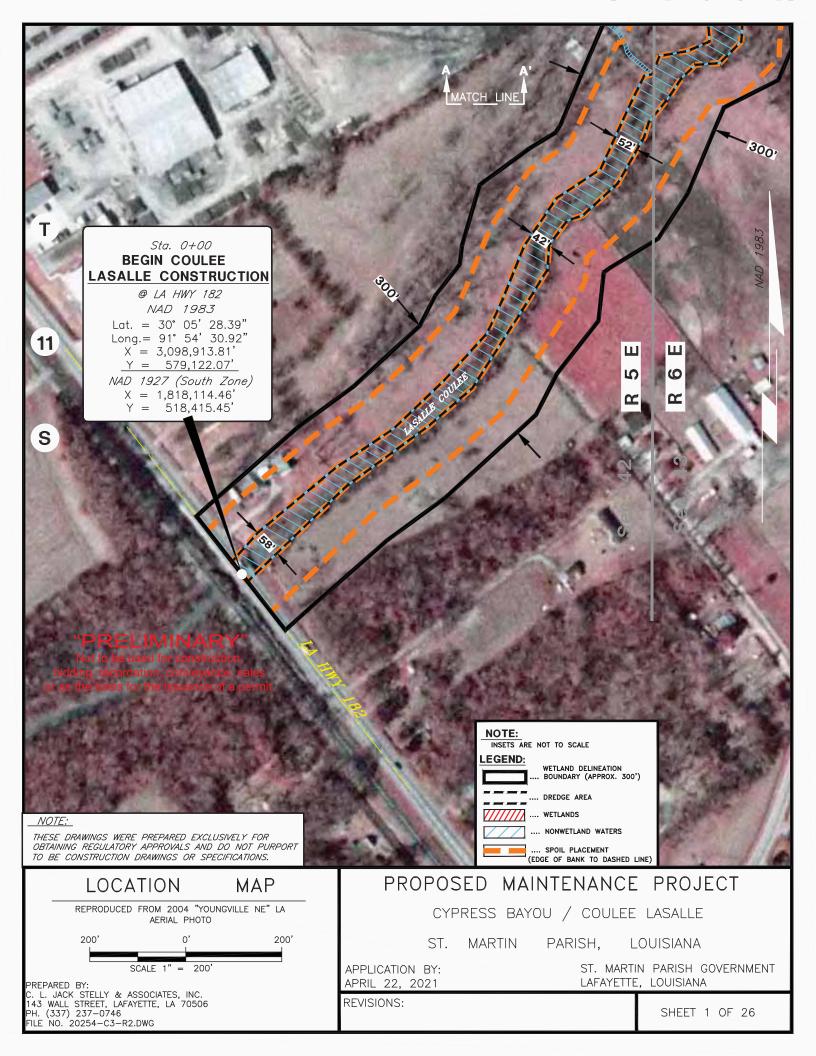
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

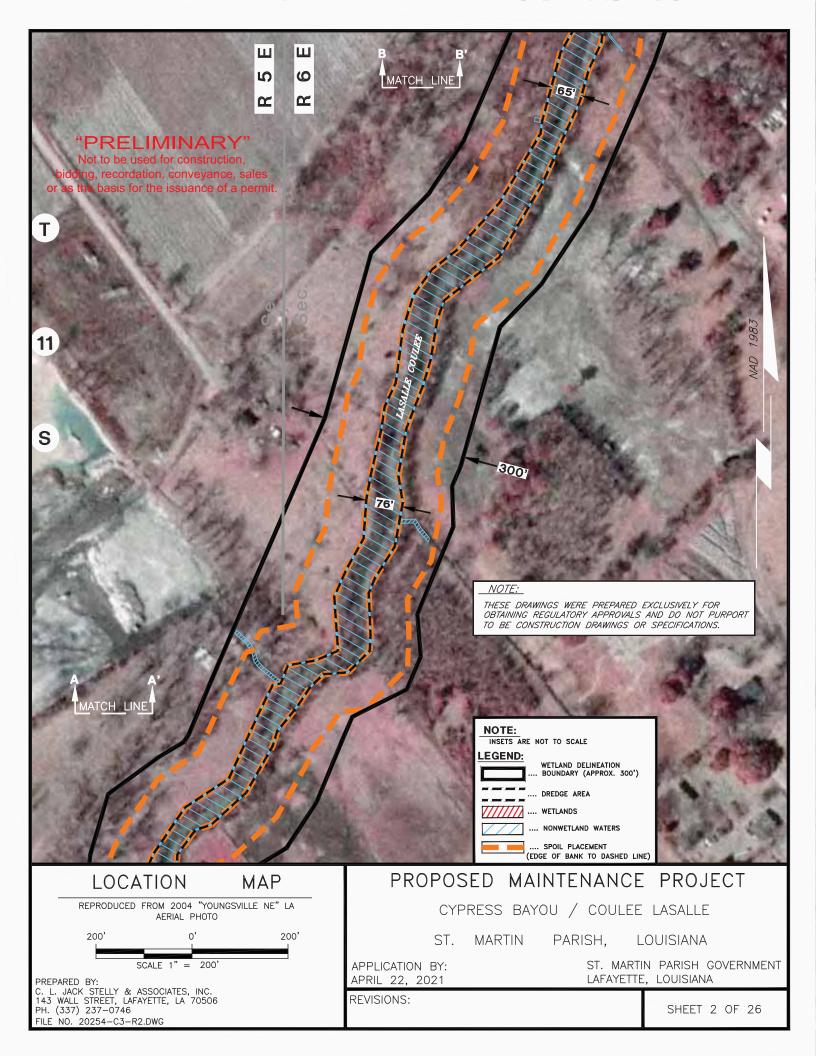
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

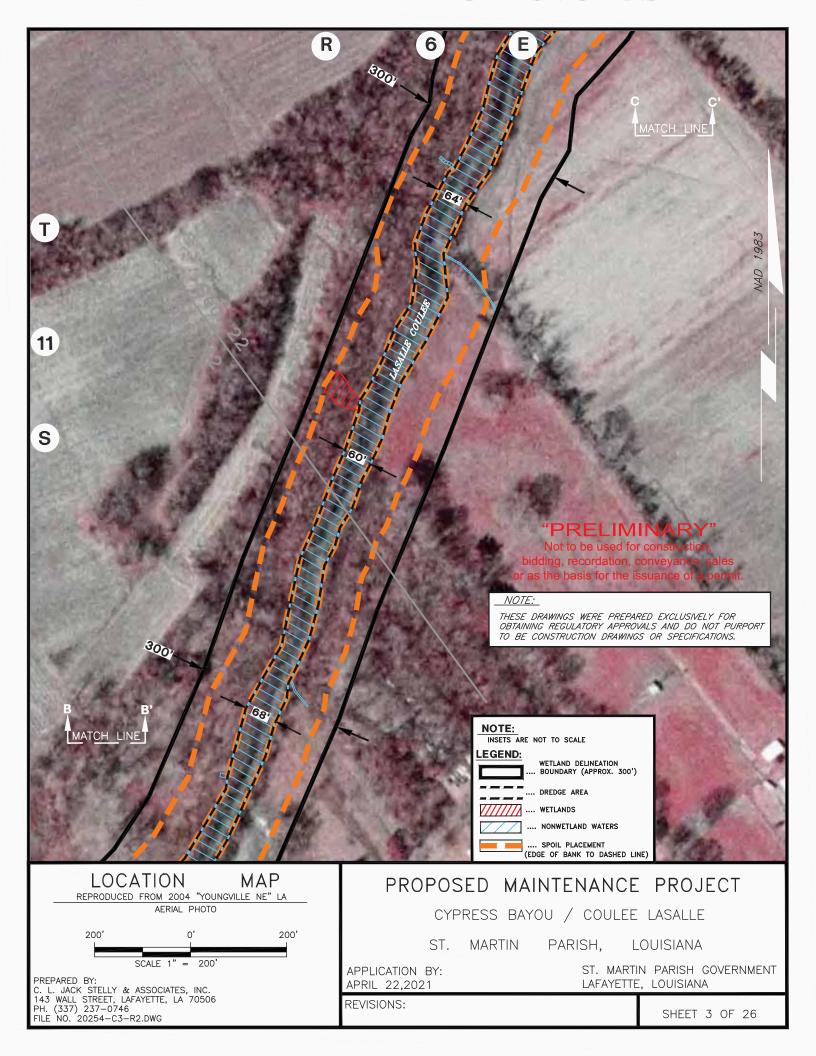
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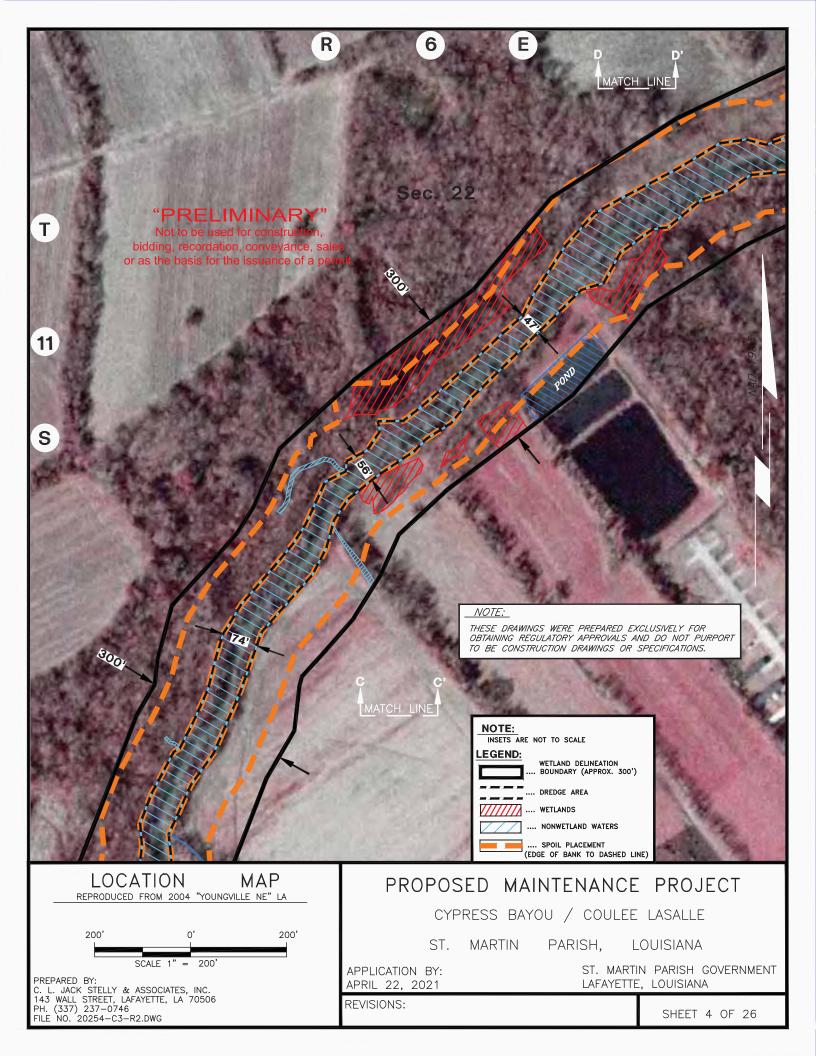
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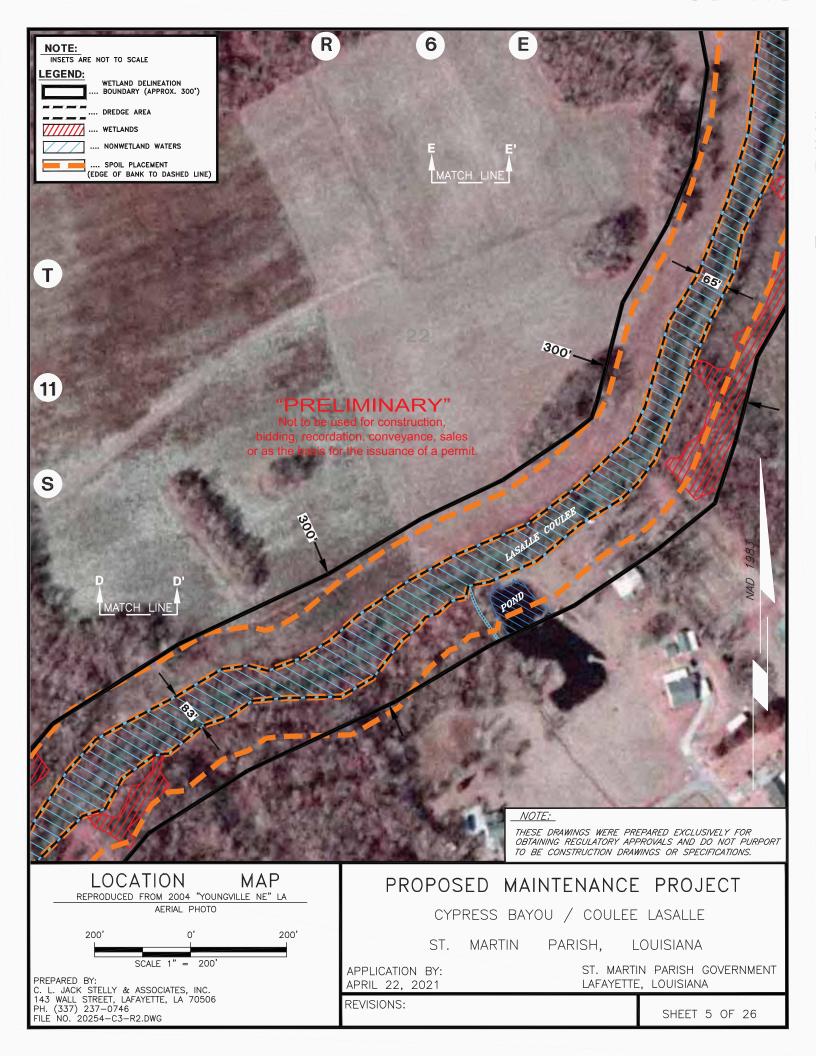
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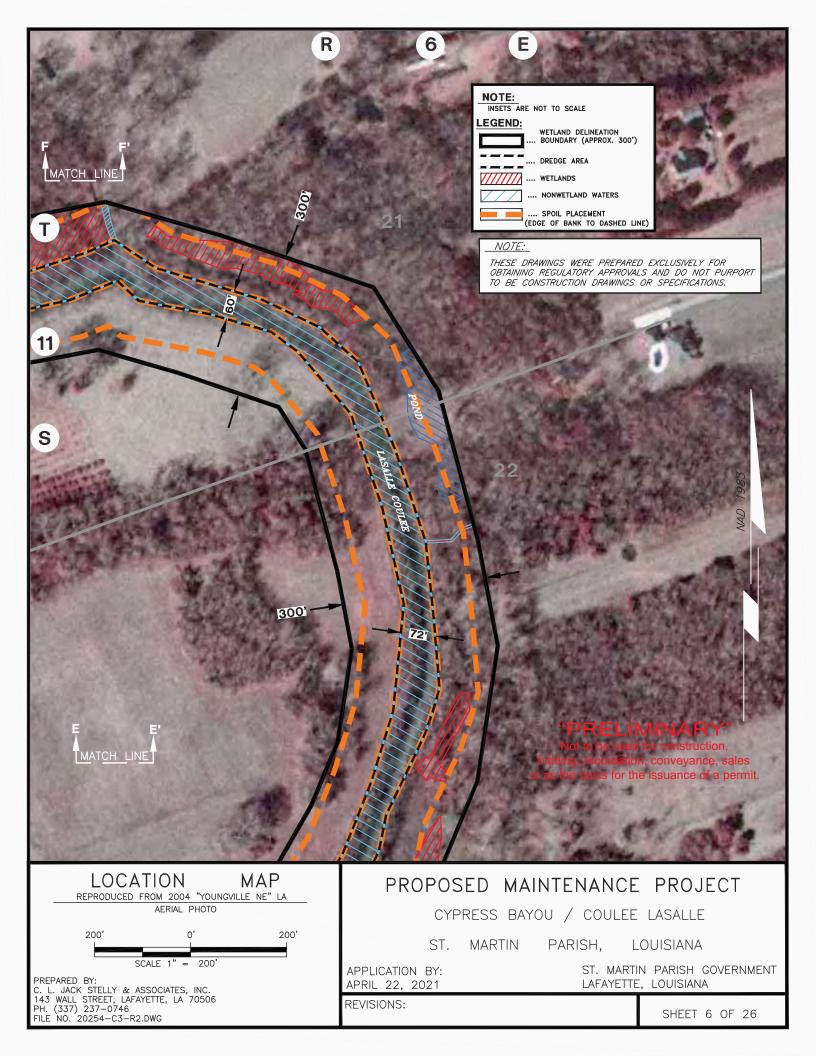


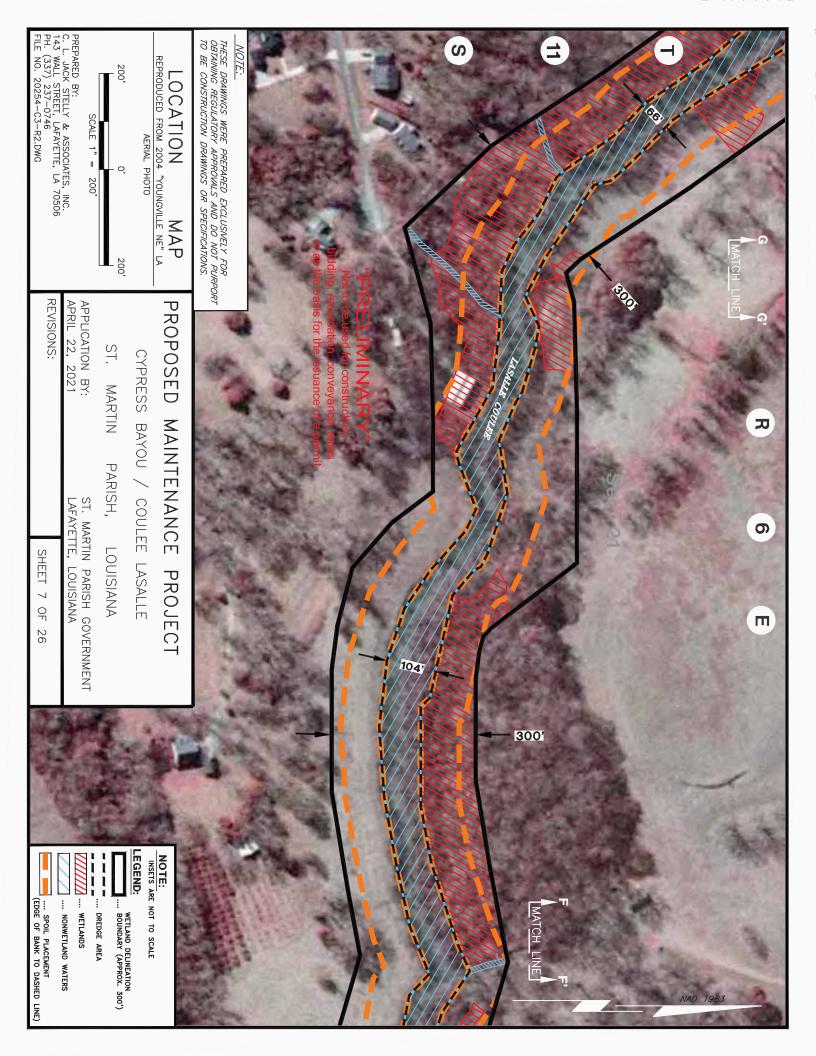


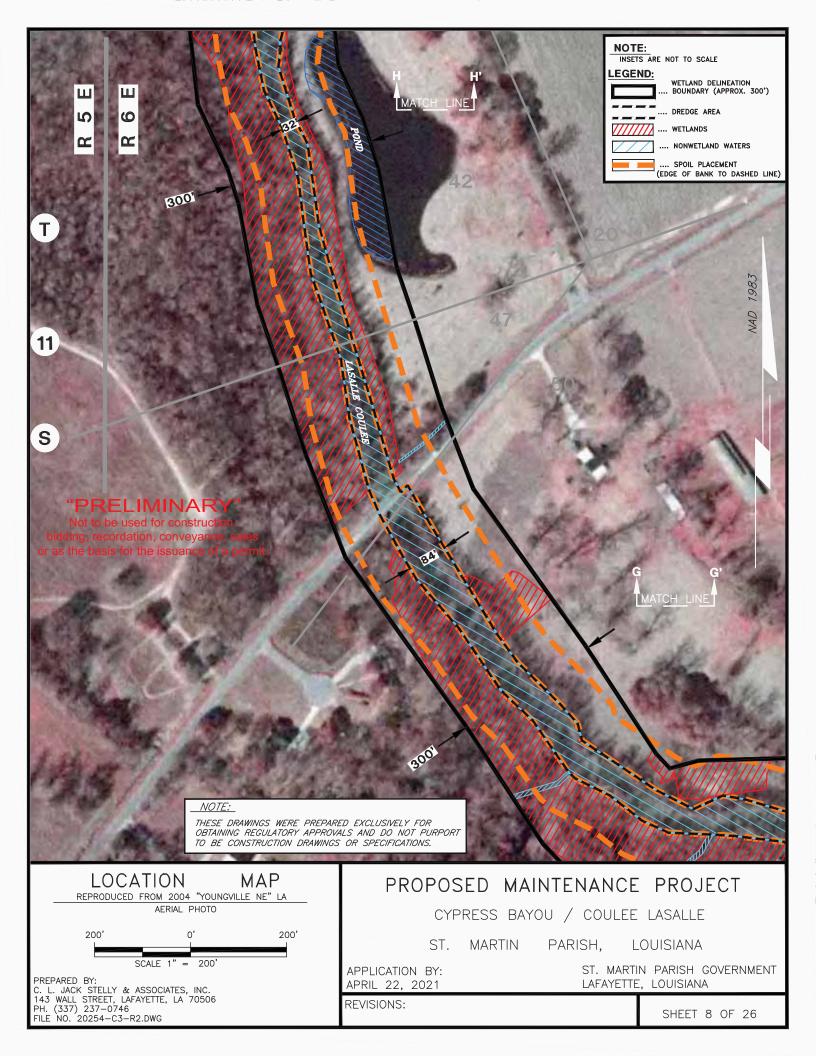


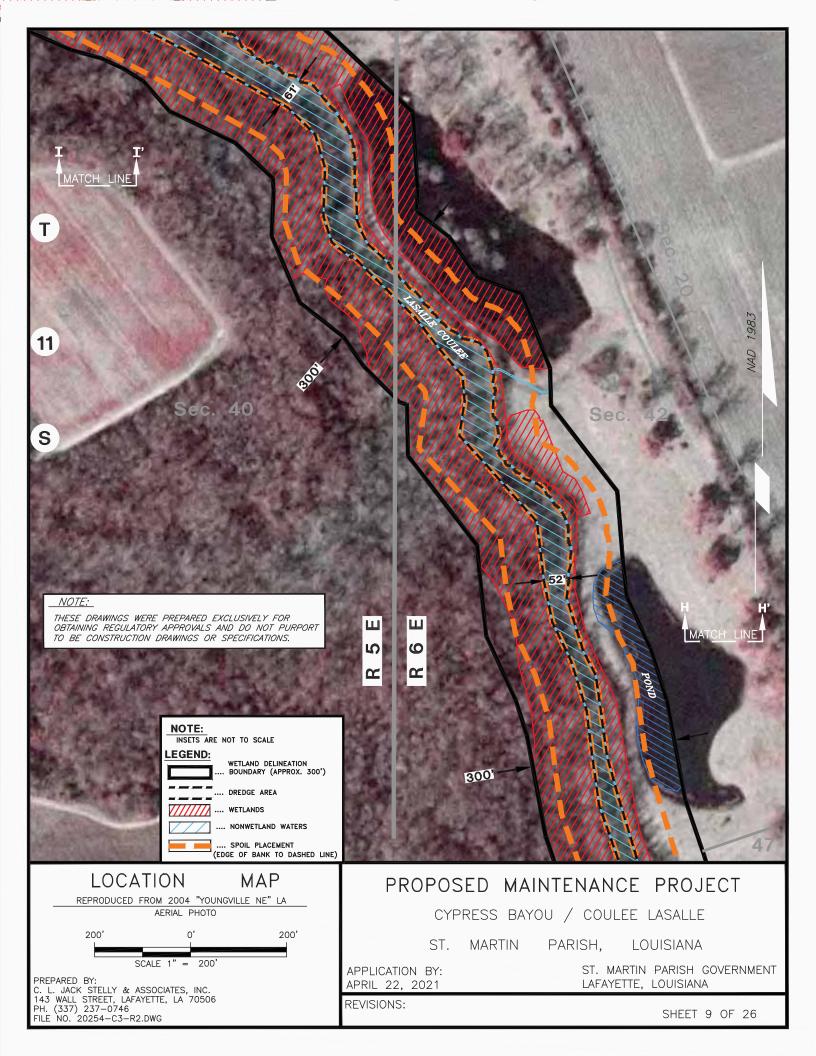


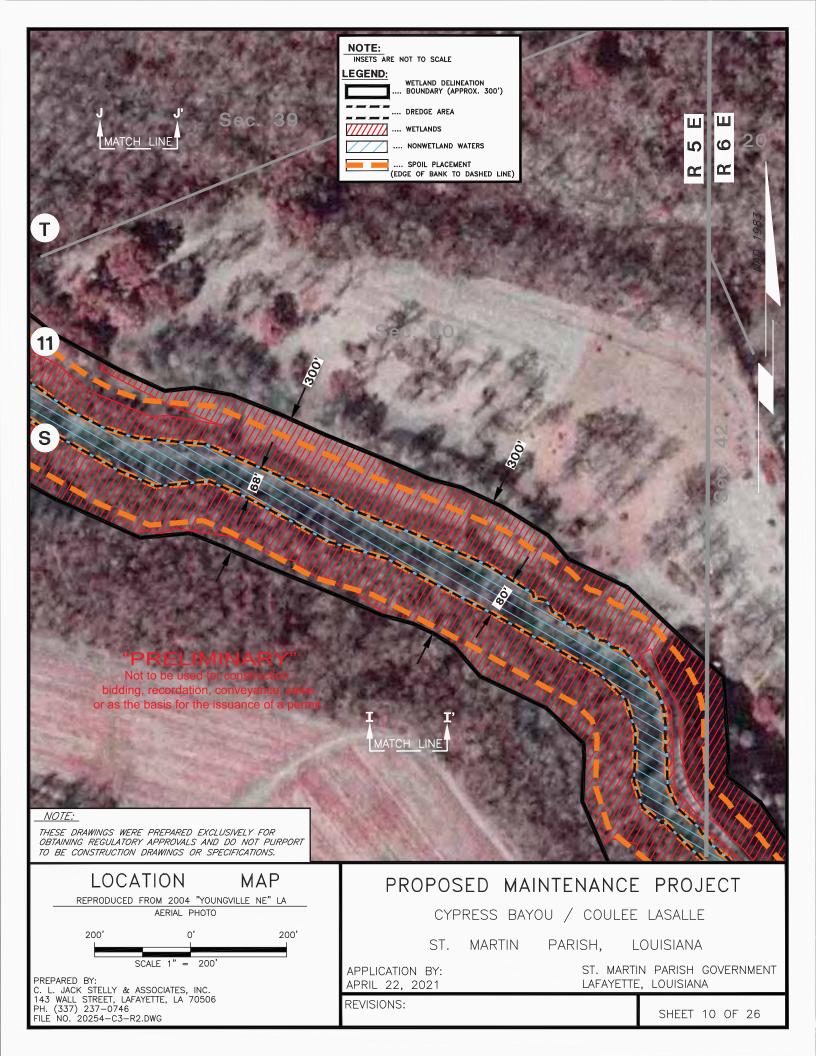


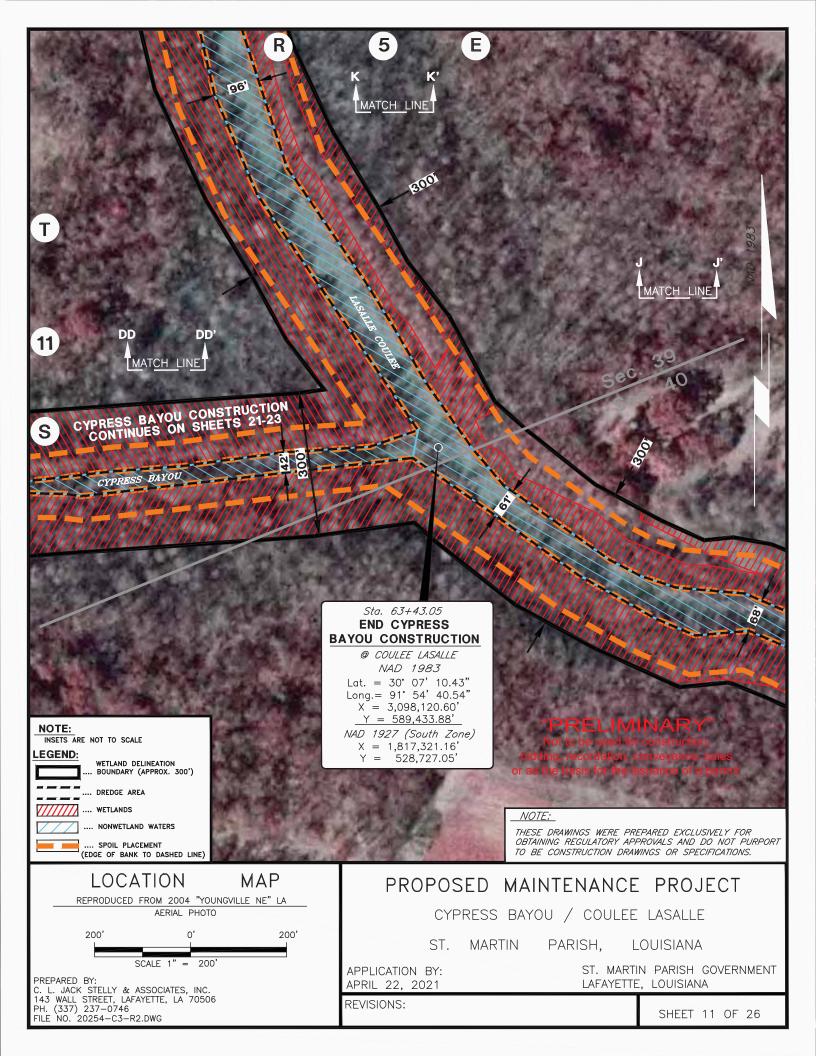


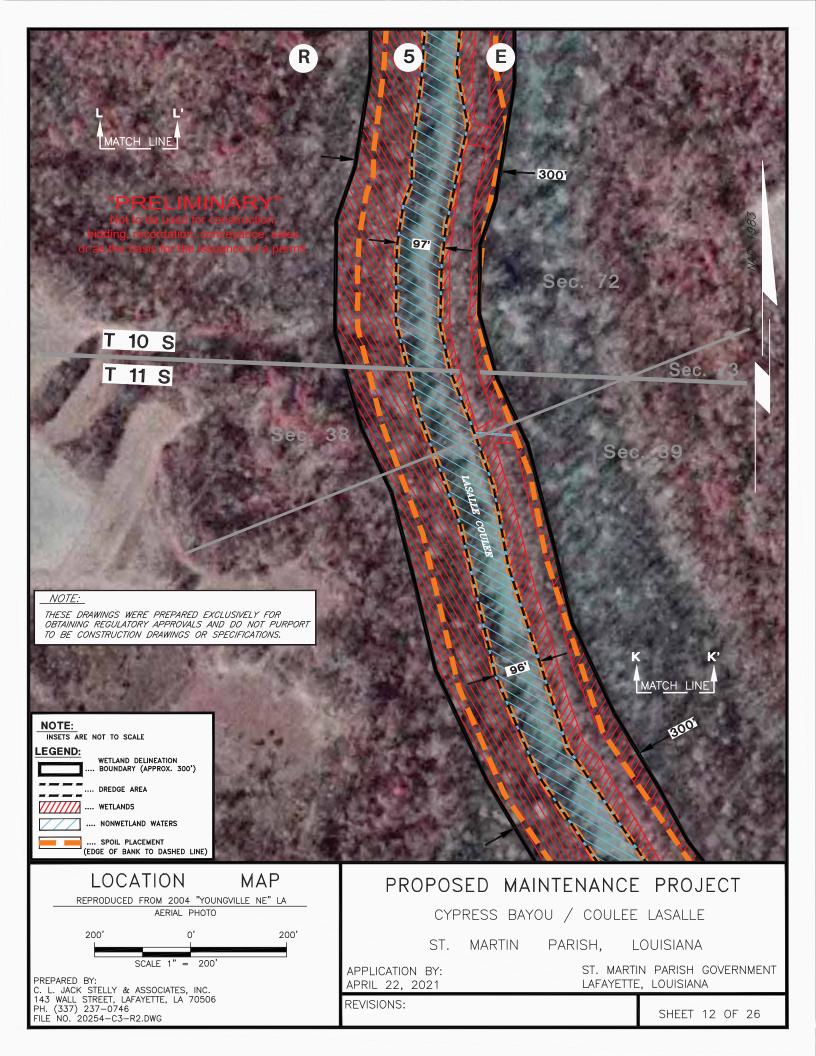


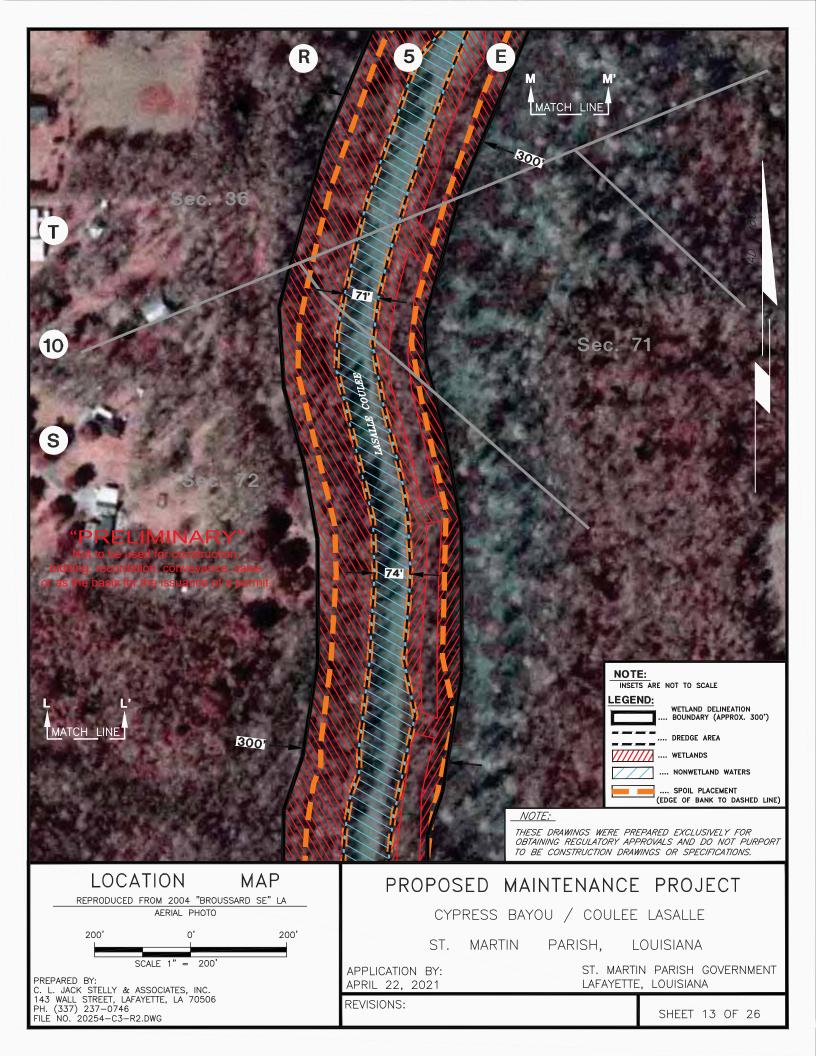


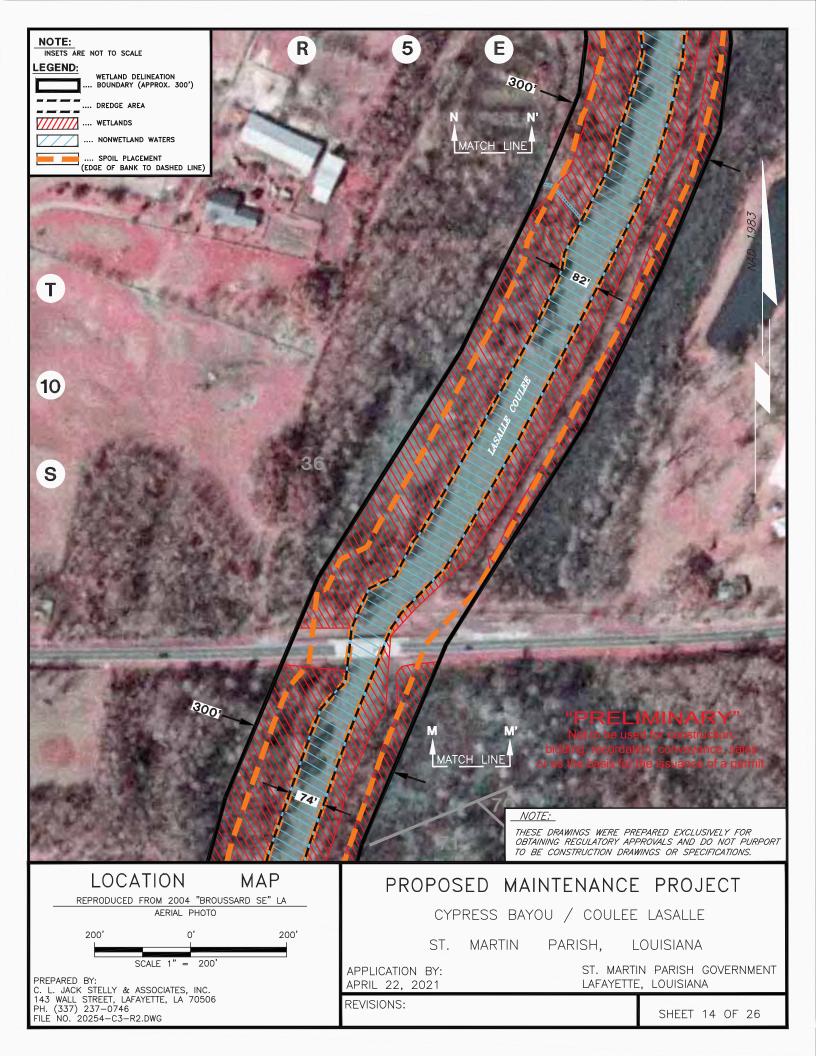


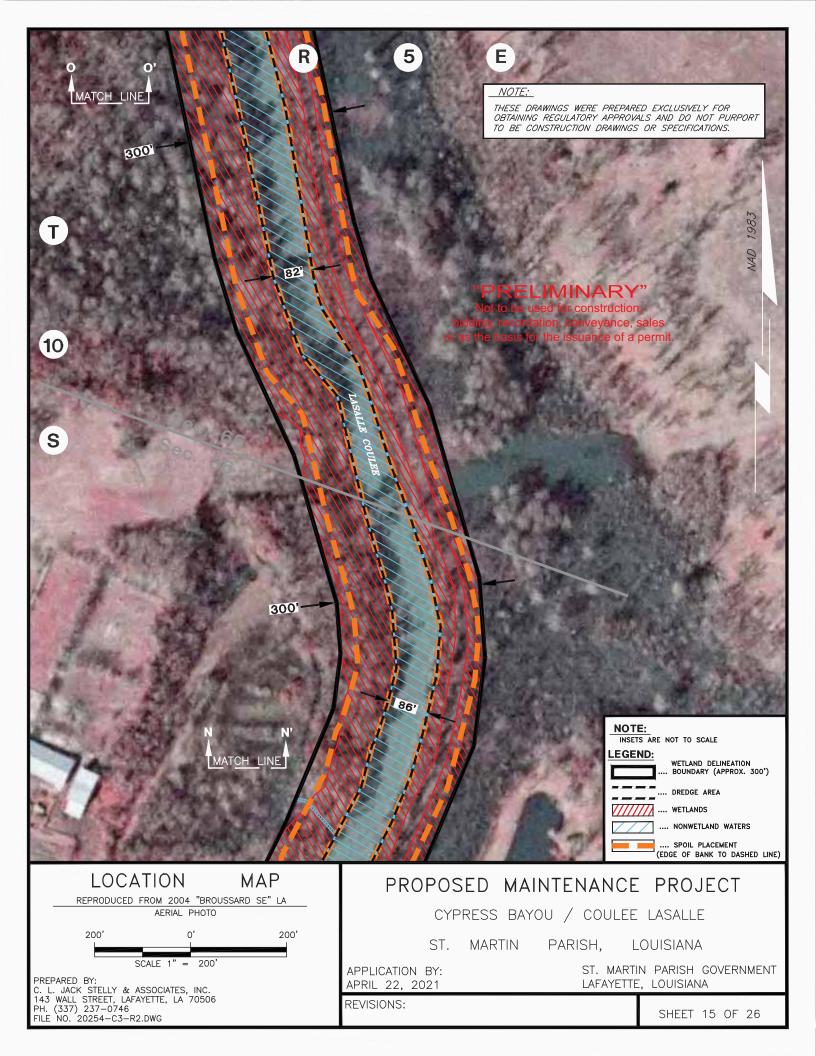


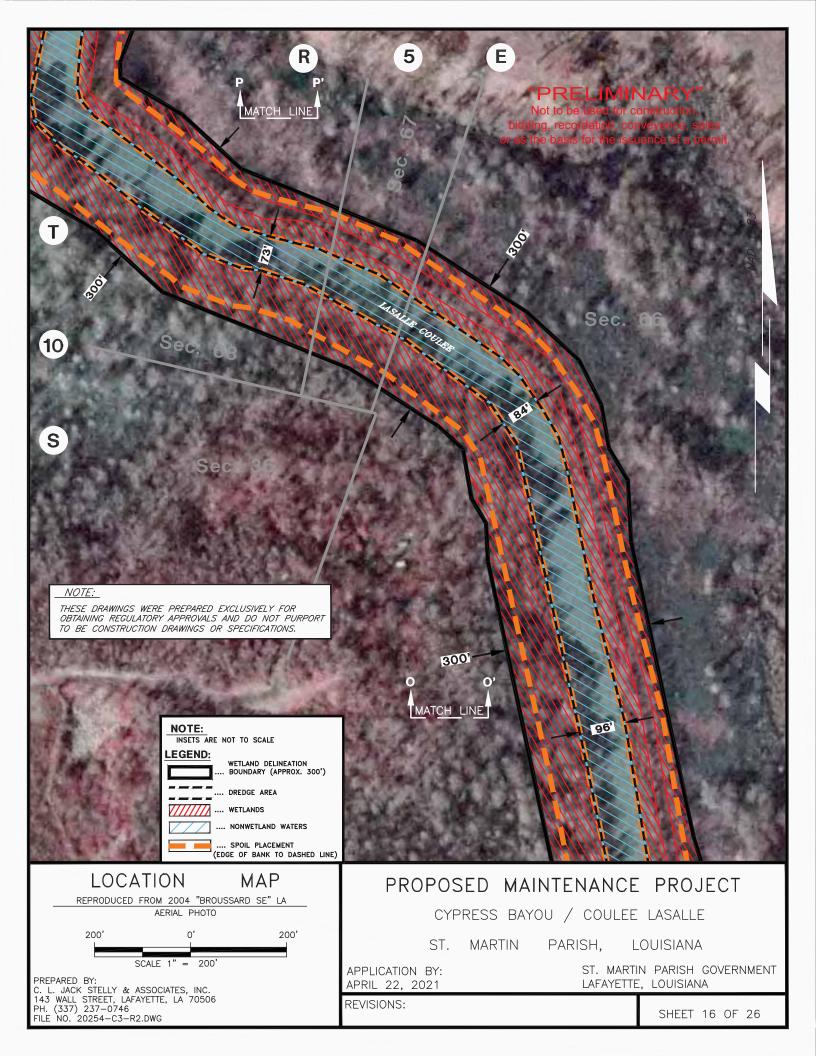


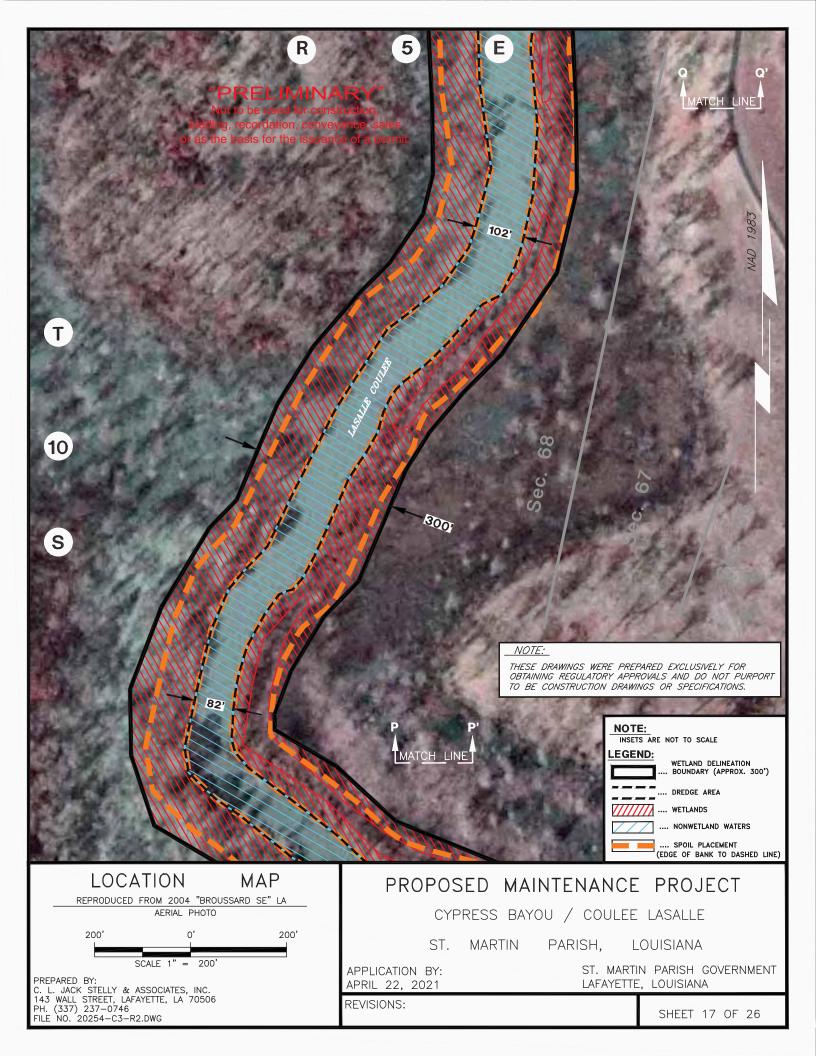


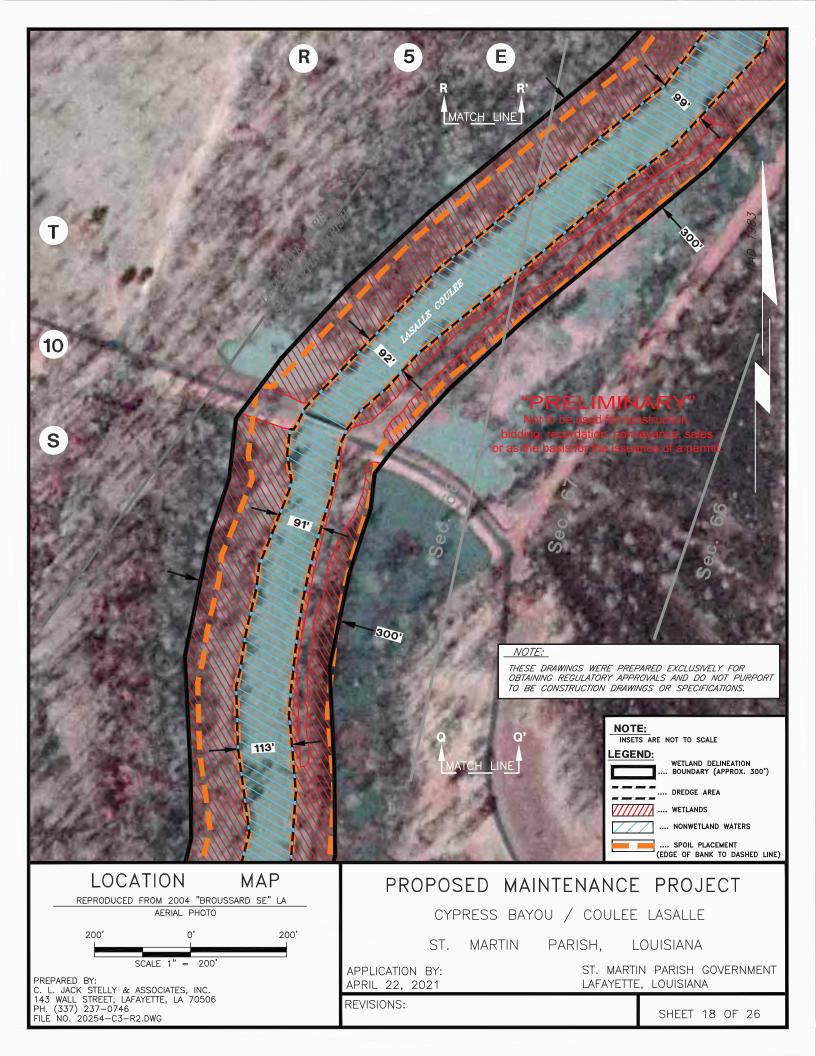


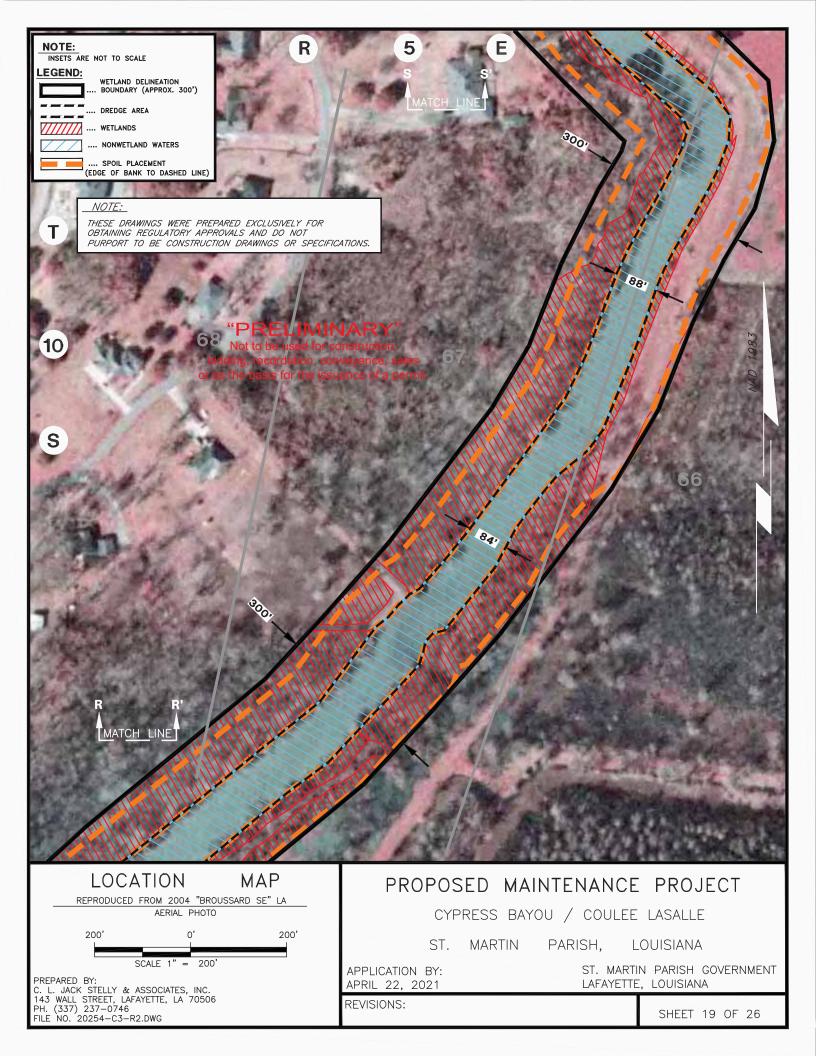


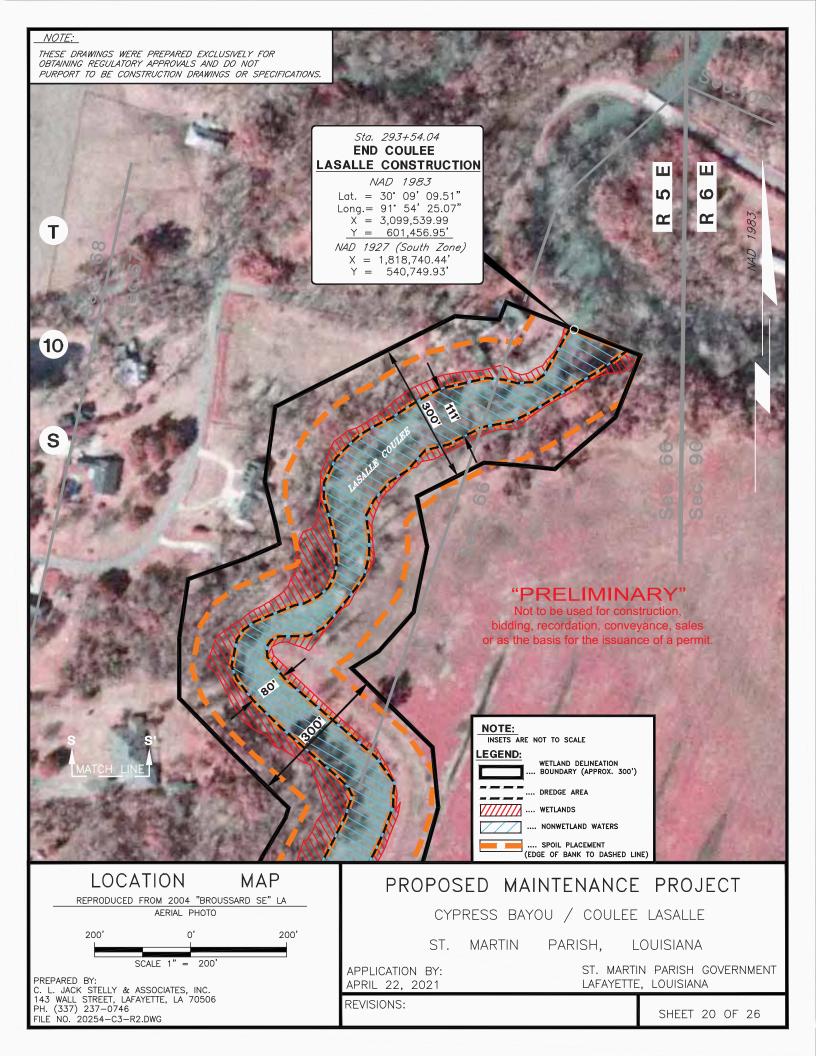


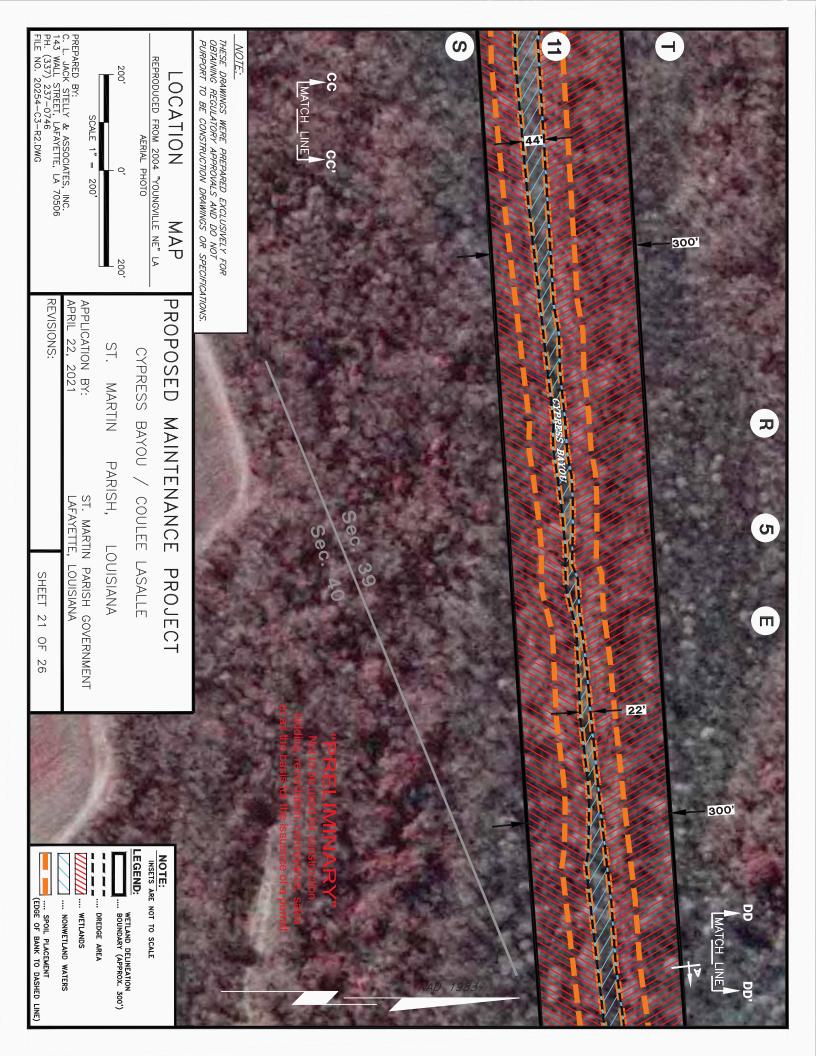


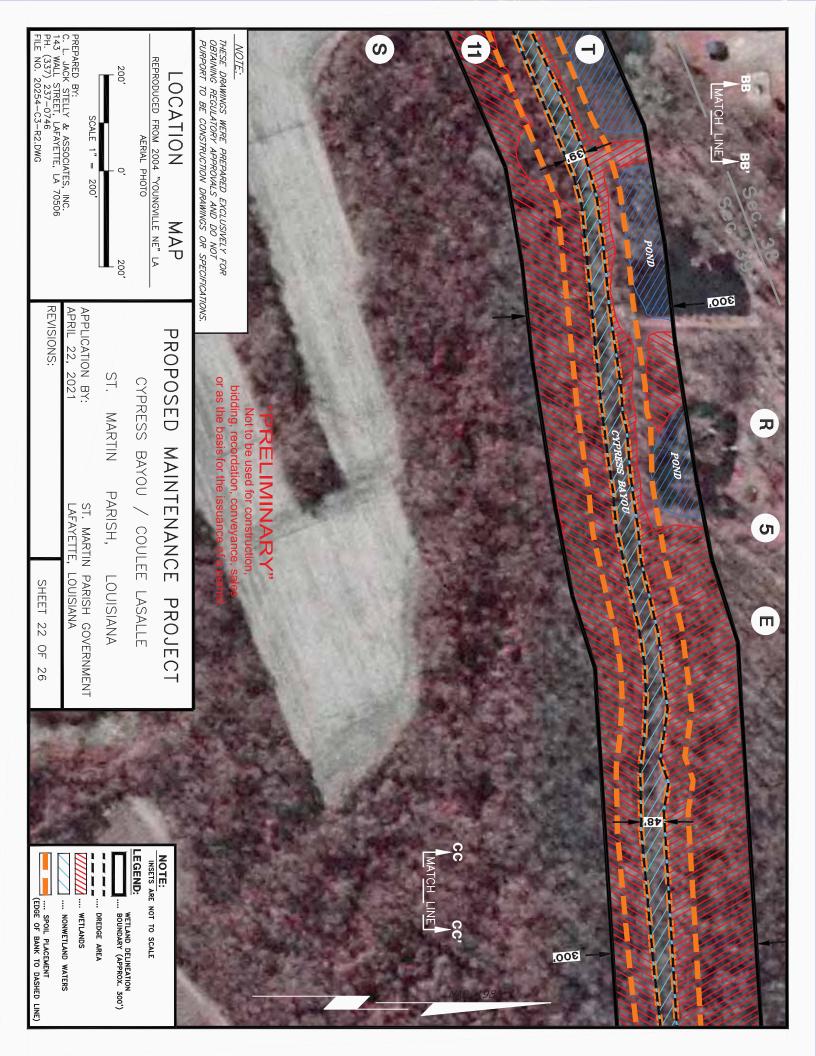


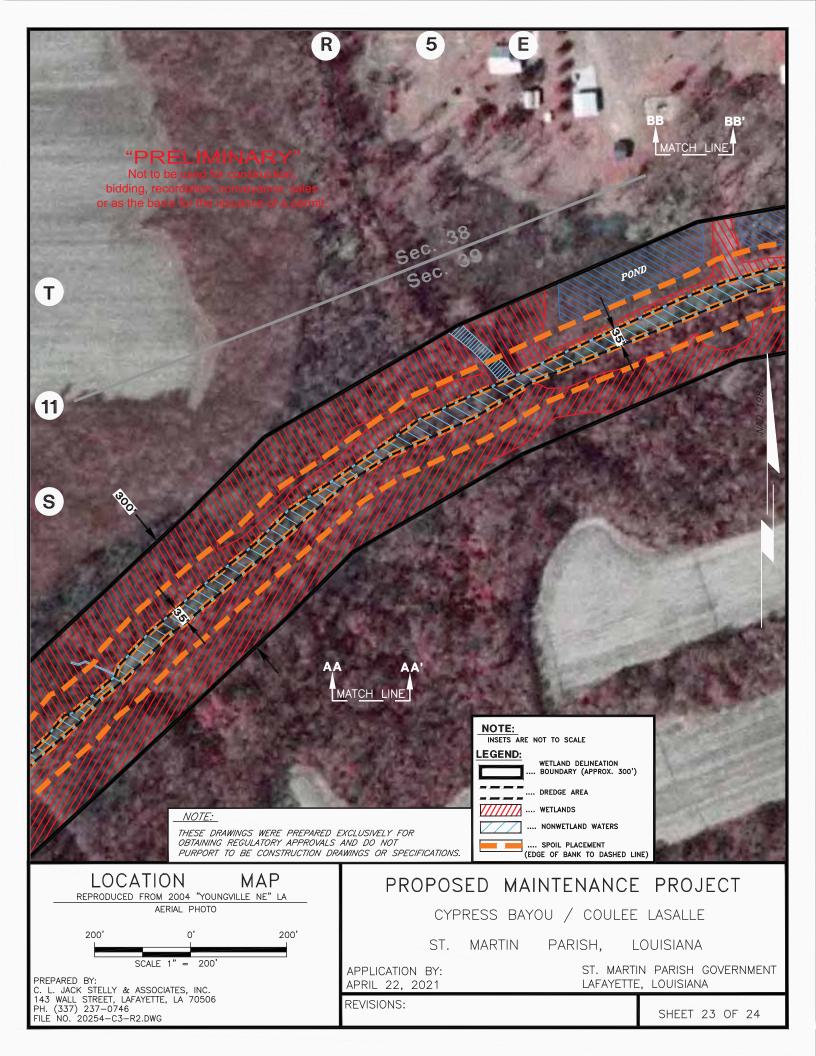


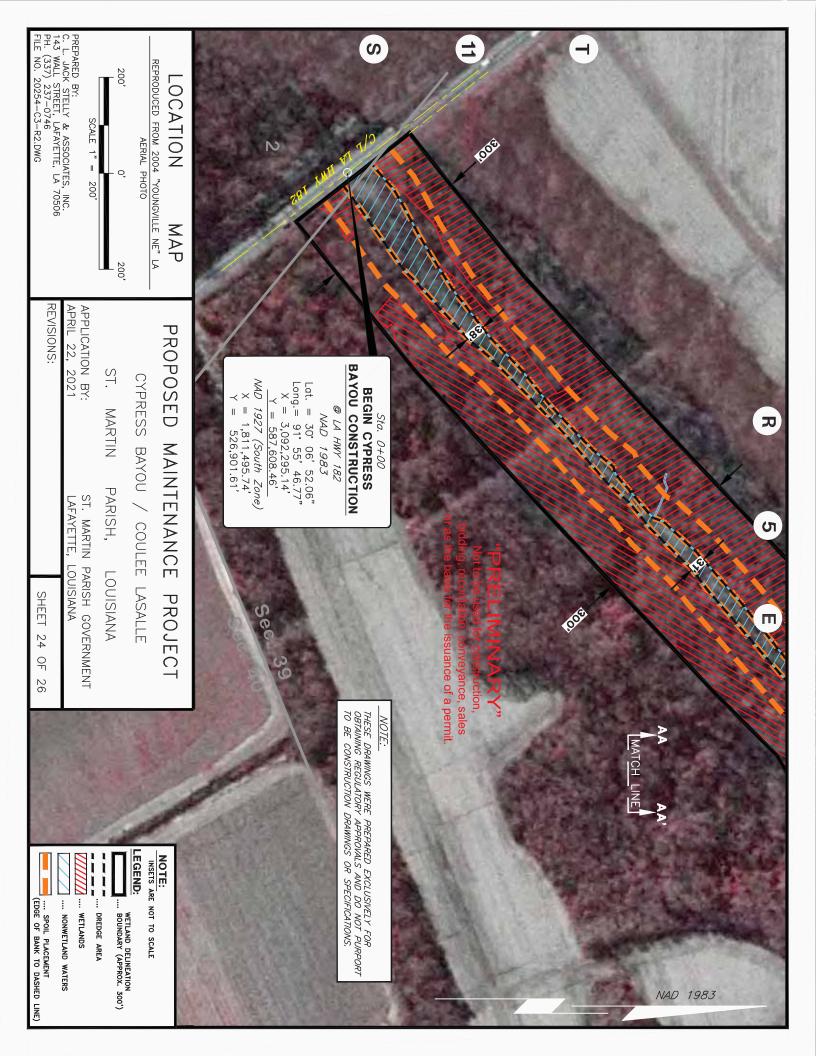




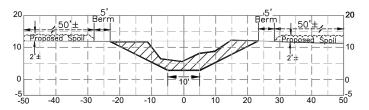




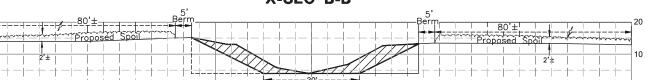




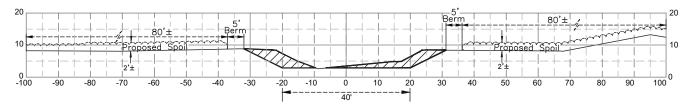
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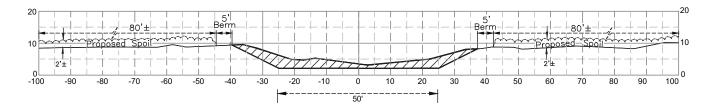
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30' SCALE 1"

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PROPOSED MAINTENANCE PROJECT

CYPRESS BAYOU / COULEE LASALLE

ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA

ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT APPLICATION BY: LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA APRIL 22, 2021

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NOTES:

- 1.) Project footprint is approximately 246 Acres. Approximately 500,000 cubic yards of excavation required for proposed drainage maintenance.
- 2.) Proposed spoil to be placed within 50'(+/-) clearing on both sides of Cypress Bayou, and within the 80'(+/-) clearing on both sides of Coulee Lasalle.
- 3) The project will be accessed from existing roads and within the project footprint.
- 4) In order to ensure the safety of all parties, the permittee shall contact the LOUISIANA ONE CALL at (1-800-272-3020) a minimum of 48 hours prior to the commencement of any excavation or demolition activity.

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