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Application Number: MVN-2021-00753-CG

## **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: [ ] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

### **CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** America Homeland, c/o Hydrik Wetlands Consultants, Attn: Mike Henry, 2323 Hwy 190 East, Suite 2, Hammond, LA 70401.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** North of Bayou Manchac in Section 42, Township 8 South, Range 2 East, on and south of Hoo Shoo Too Road and just east of Highway 73 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana within East Baton Rouge Parish, within the Pontchartrain Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070202), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 30.349779 N, Longitude -90.970433 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 a residential subdivision (Woodhill Residential Development) to include 193 residential lots, roadways, green spaces, utilities, and drainage infrastructure. Approximately 76,804 cubic yards of earthen material would be excavated on site and redistributed to achieve required grade elevation requirements. Approximately 1,500 cubic yards of asphalt will be placed for the roads. The proposed project is situated on an approximately 62-acre tract that has been determined to have jurisdictional waters and wetlands onsite. Of this, approximately 0.20 acre of wetlands and approximately 0.358 acre of non-wetland waters would be impacted for the project. The portion of the property abutting Bayou Manchac will be left in its natural state.

**MITIGATION:** The applicant proposes to avoid additional direct impacts and minimize secondary impacts by avoiding 2 acres of wetlands and approx. 1,113 linear feet of non-

wetland waters, by limiting the construction activity to the designated project areas onsite and maintaining average construction distances from Bayou Manchac of 500 linear feet and 100 linear feet of the avoided wetlands, by utilizing best management practices for erosion and siltation control during and after the construction phase of the project, and by disposing of all removed fill and vegetation not approved as fill material to an off-site, non-jurisdictional location.

As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to use a Corps approved mitigation bank within the watershed of impact.

If authorized, the project will receive approval from all appropriate local drainage authorities and sewerage agencies.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **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 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 and preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, S. Gail Gainey**. 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 Branch 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. This public notice is also available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>.

### **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. Further, all factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the potential cumulative effects associated with the proposed project.

The New Orleans District utilizes the National Register of Historic Places to identify properties listed on or near the proposed work and the Audubon Plantation House is located within a one-mile radius of the project site. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. However, extent of impacts is undetermined at this time pending a National Historic Preservation Act compliance determination. As deemed necessary, copies of this notice are made available to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer, and federally recognized Native American tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would have no effect on any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species under their jurisdiction.

Utilizing the Information & Planning Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana protocol, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CEMVN has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect to any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any 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 would result in the destruction or alteration of NA 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, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or in writing), within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider

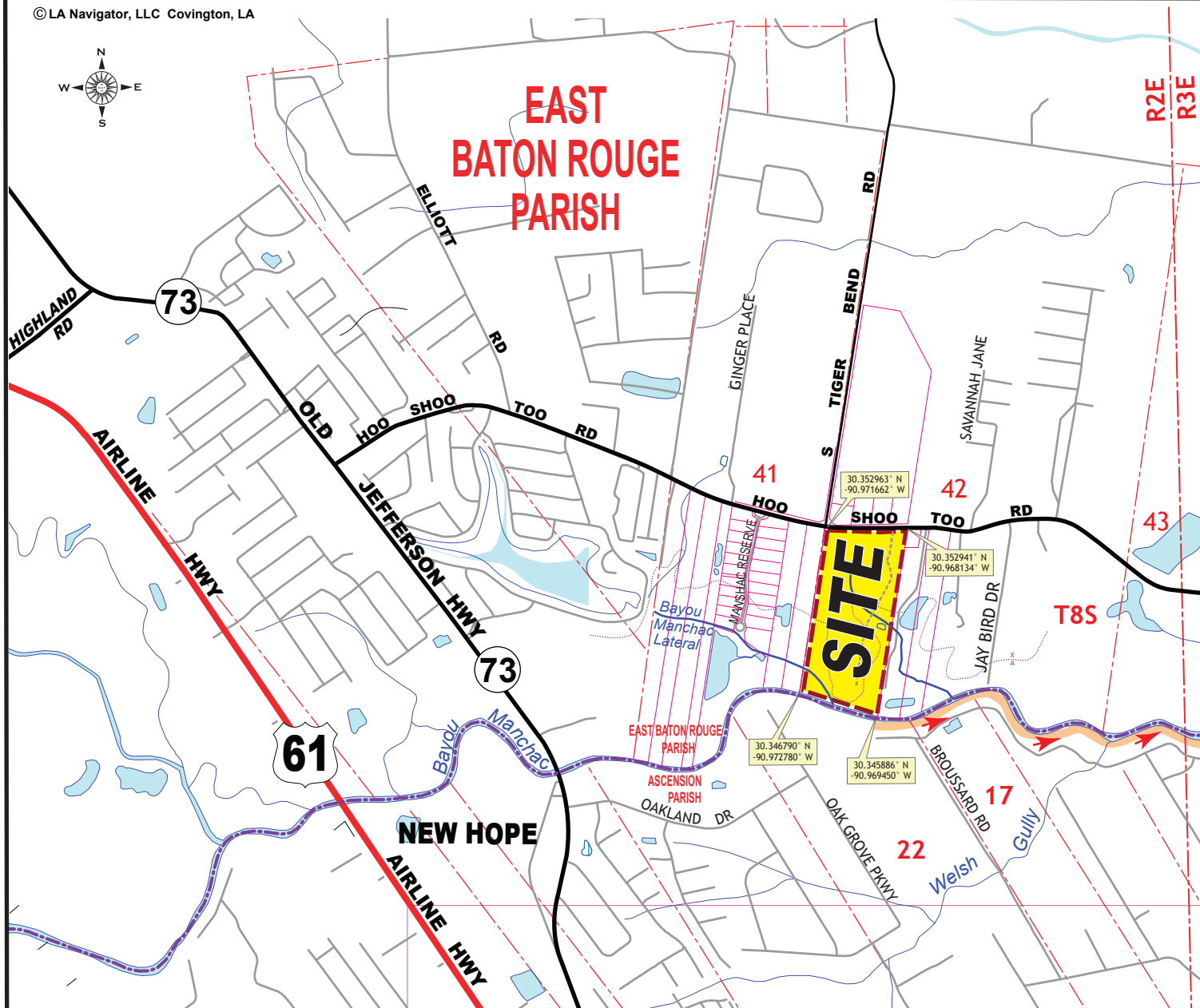
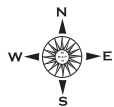
this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

You are invited 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

Enclosures

TO BATON ROUGE  
TO INTERSTATE 10



TO GONZALES

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SITE COORDINATES  
30.3498 N, -90.9705 W

**LEGEND:**

-  = SITE LOCATION
-  = DRAINAGE DISCHARGE DIRECTION

APPLICANT:

AMERICA HOMELAND, LLC

**WOODHILL**  
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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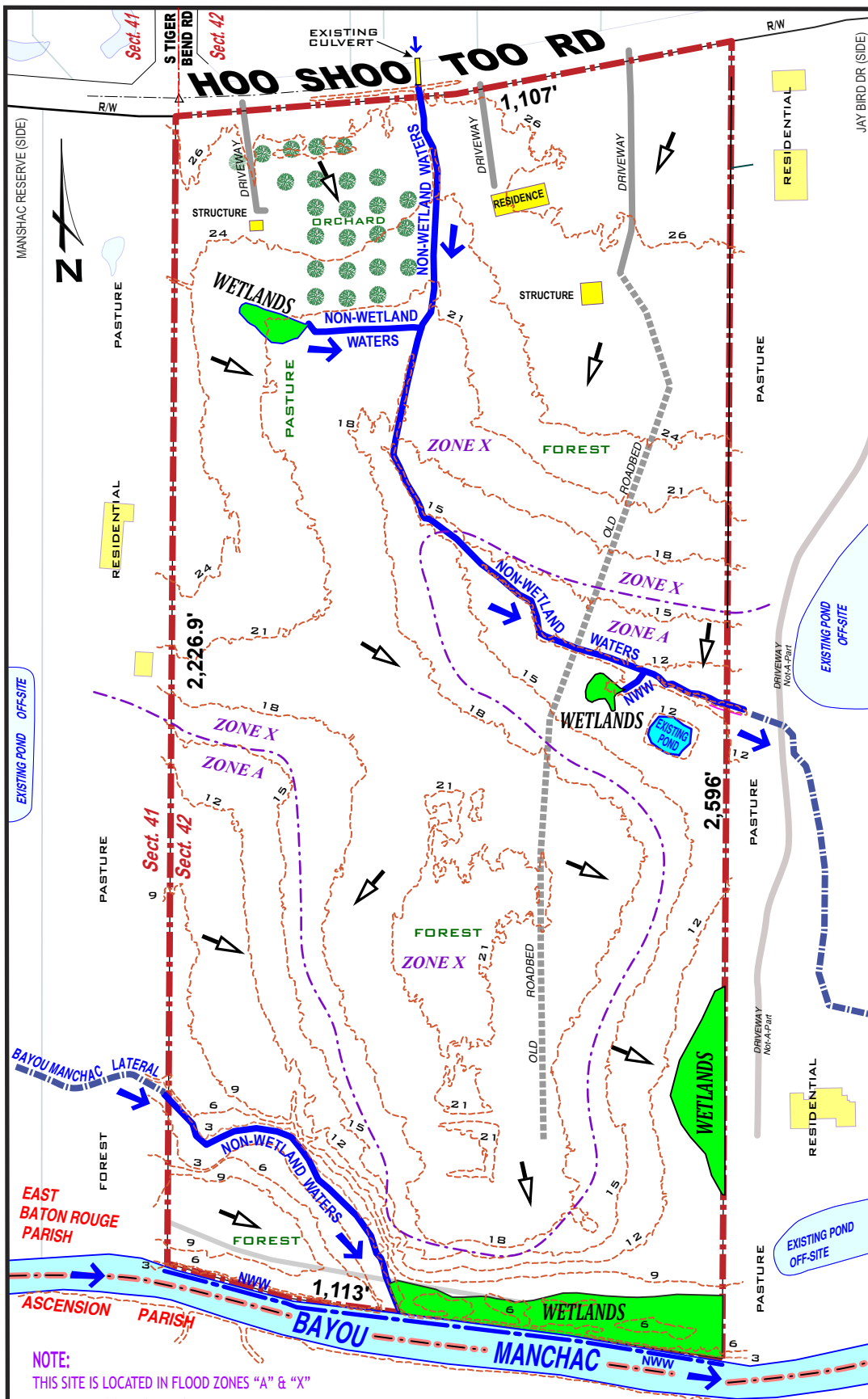
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# EXISTING CONDITIONS & DRAINAGE FEATURES

## LEGEND:

<span style="color: red;">---</span>	PROJECT BOUNDARY 62 ACRES
<span style="background-color: green; color: black;">WETLANDS</span>	WETLANDS: 2.20 AC.
<span style="color: blue;">---</span>	NON-WETLAND WATERS
<span style="color: blue;">---</span>	NON-WETLAND WATERS: 2,545 LIN. FT / 0.659 AC.
<span style="color: blue;">---</span>	NON-WETLAND WATERS BAYOU MANCHAC: 1,113 LIN. FT
<span style="color: blue;">---</span>	EXISTING DRAINAGE FLOW
<span style="background-color: lightblue; border: 1px solid blue;">EXISTING POND</span>	EXISTING POND: 0.106 AC.
<span style="color: brown;">---</span>	ELEVATION / CONTOUR
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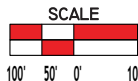
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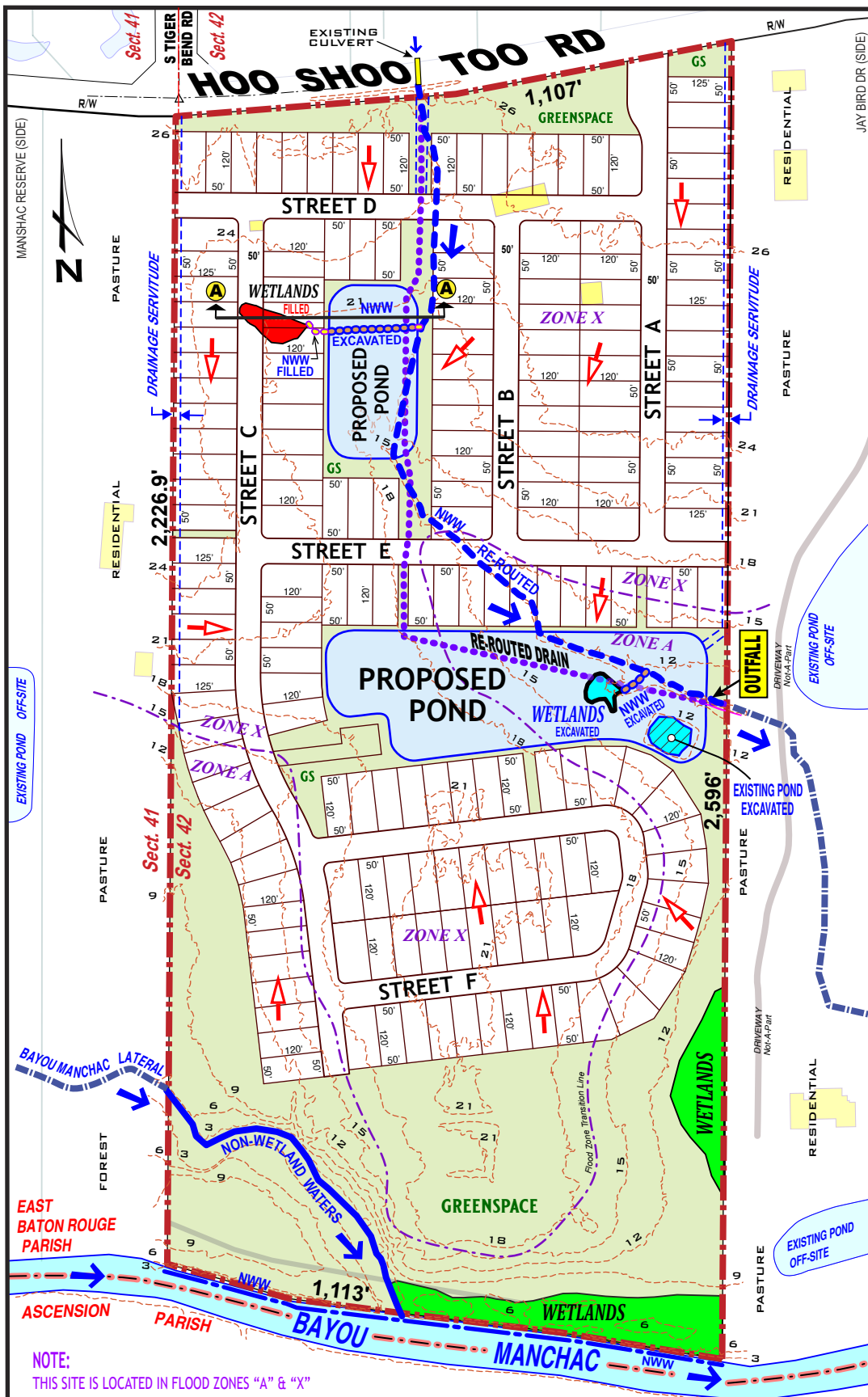
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## PROJECT DATA

PROJECT AREA = 62 ACRES

TOTAL LOTS = 193

TOTAL GREENSPACE = 19.70 AC (W/O POND)

TOTAL LENGTH OF STREETS = 6,602 LIN. FT.

DETENTION POND = 5.1 ACRES

-76,804 CU. YDS. CLEAN SILT FROM ON SITE  
EXCAVATION TO BE DISBURSED ON SITE.

## LEGEND:

- PROJECT BOUNDARY 62 ACRES
- WETLANDS WETLANDS AVOIDED: 2.00 AC.
- WETLANDS IMPACTED VIA EXCAVATION: 0.07 ACRE
- WETLANDS IMPACTED VIA FILLING / GRADING: 0.13 ACRE
- NON-WETLAND WATERS**
- NON-WETLAND WATERS AVOIDED: 709 LIN. FT. / 0.407 ACRE
- NON-WETLAND WATERS AVOIDED BAYOU MANCHAC: 1,113 LIN. FT
- NON-WETLAND WATERS MODIFIED / RELOCATED: 1,665 LIN. FT. 0.228 ACRE
- NON-WETLAND WATERS EXCAVATED: 223 LIN. FT. 0.019 ACRE
- NON-WETLAND WATERS FILLED: 55 LIN. FT. 0.005 ACRE
- NEW LOCATION RE-ROUTED DRAIN 1,730 LIN. FT (THRU POND ALSO)
- PROPOSED POND (2)
- ➔ PROPOSED DRAINAGE FLOW
- EXISTING POND EXCAVATED: 0.106 AC.
- ELEVATION / CONTOUR
- FLOOD ZONE / TRANSITION LINE
- EXISTING STRUCTURE
- GREENSPACE AREA

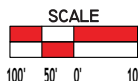
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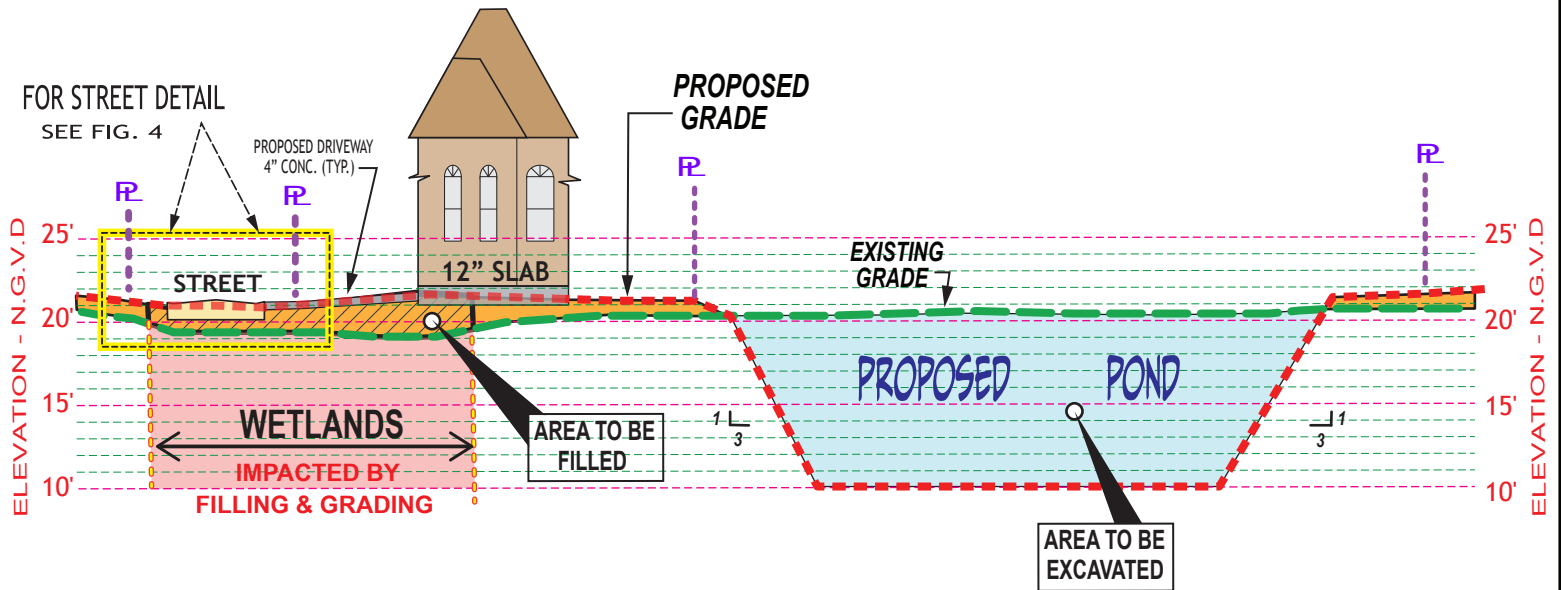
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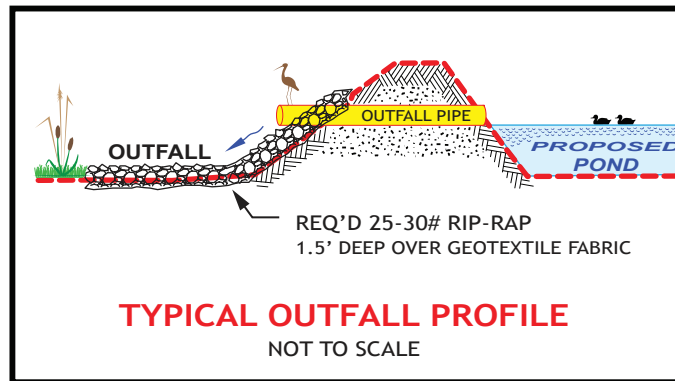
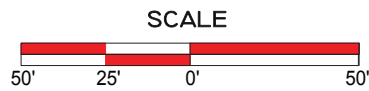
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## SECTION A-A PROFILE VIEW



### LEGEND:

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

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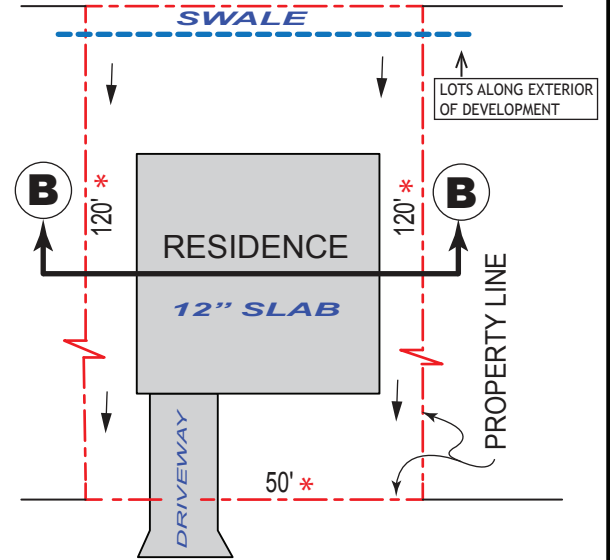
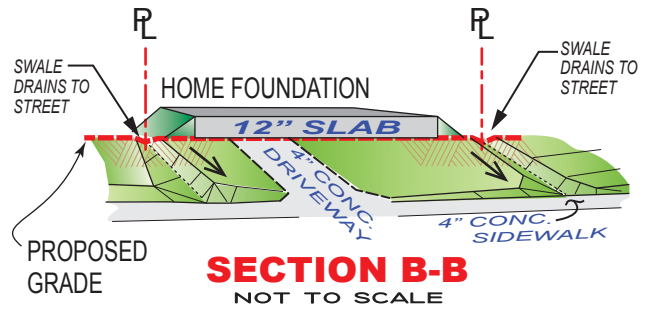
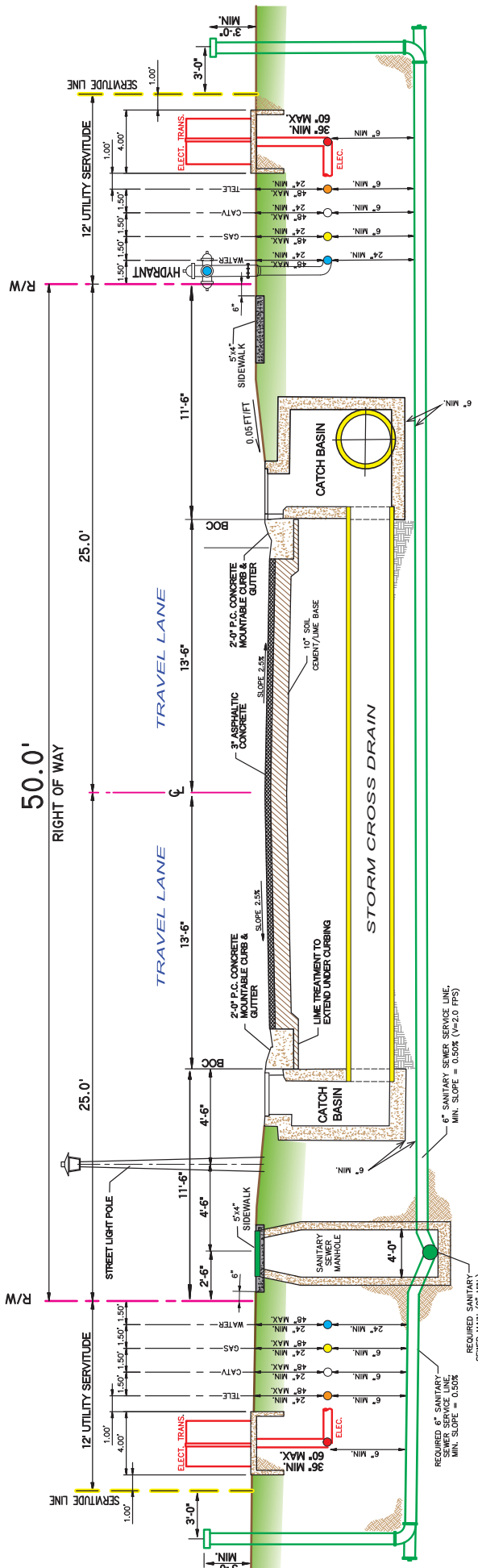
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