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Application #: MVN-2021-01194-CF

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 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).

PROPOSED EROSION REPAIR AND FILL FOR STUDENT HEALTH CENTER AND PARKING LOT ON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

NAME OF APPLICANT: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, c/o C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC, 135 Regency Square, Lafayette, LA 70508, ATTN: Chris Guidry.

LOCATION OF WORK: Southern University, Ravines behind the Millennium Apartment complex parking lot and Baranco-Hill Student Center as shown in the drawings, Louisiana, in East Baton Rouge Parish, within the Lake Pontchartrain Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070204), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested a Department of the Army authorization to construct catch basins and place rip-rap and earthen fill for erosion repair behind the Baranco-Hill Student Health Center and the Millennium Apartment complex parking lot on Southern University campus. Approximately 1,394 and 213 cubic yards of material will be placed in wetlands and other waters of the U.S. for the erosion repair projects. Additionally, 1.135 acres of wetlands and 0.603 acre of other waters of the U.S. will be permanently impacted by the placement of fill material.

The applicant states the wetland mitigation credits will be purchased from an approved mitigation bank.

The comment period for the Department of Army Permit will close in **20 days** from the date of this public notice. This public notice is also 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 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, 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 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.

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.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and

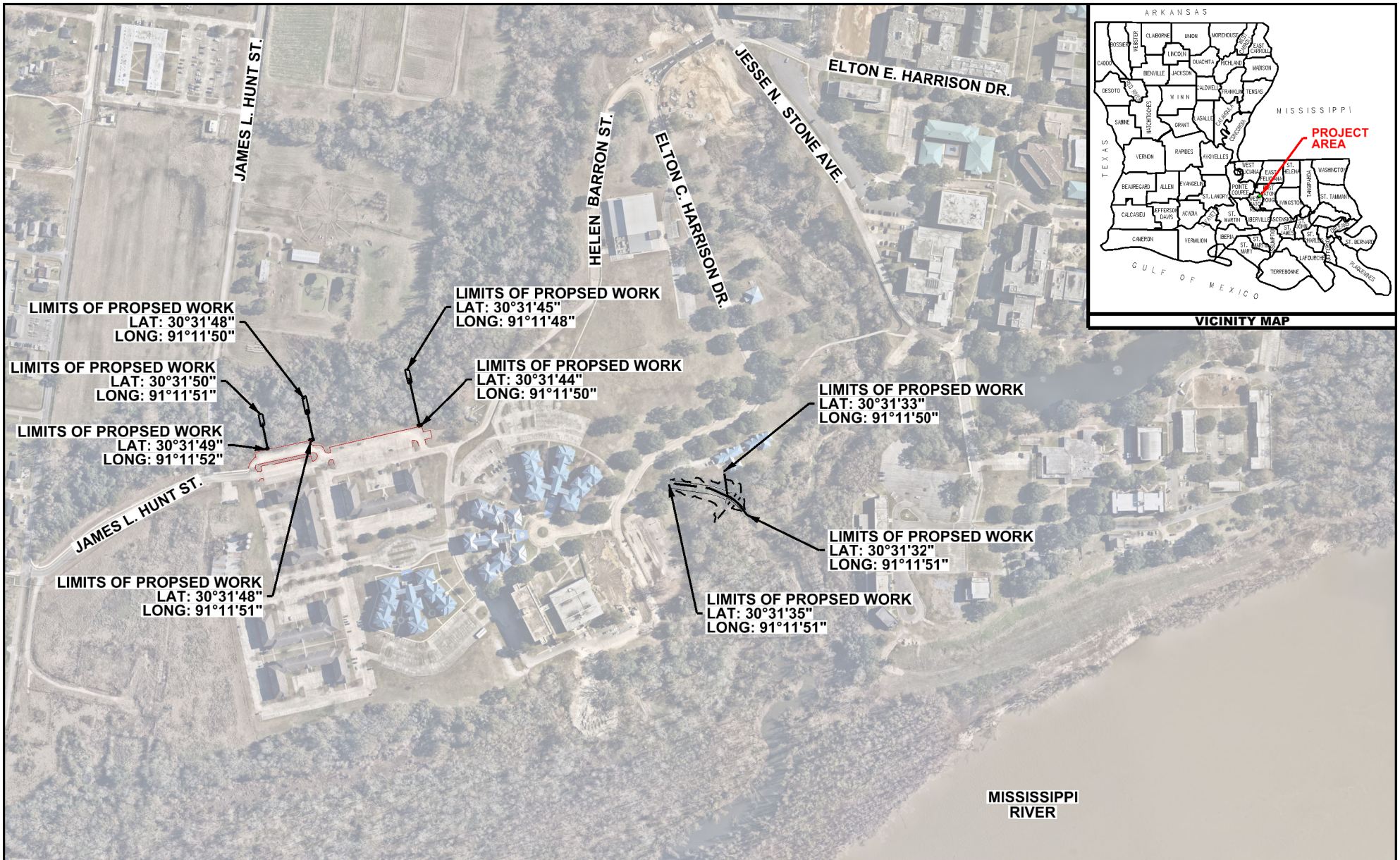
determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species based on the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species (IPaC) procedure, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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 **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.

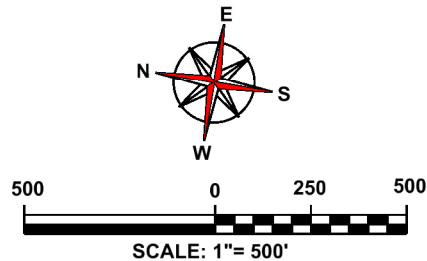
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate water quality standards will be required from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services before a Department of the Army permit can be 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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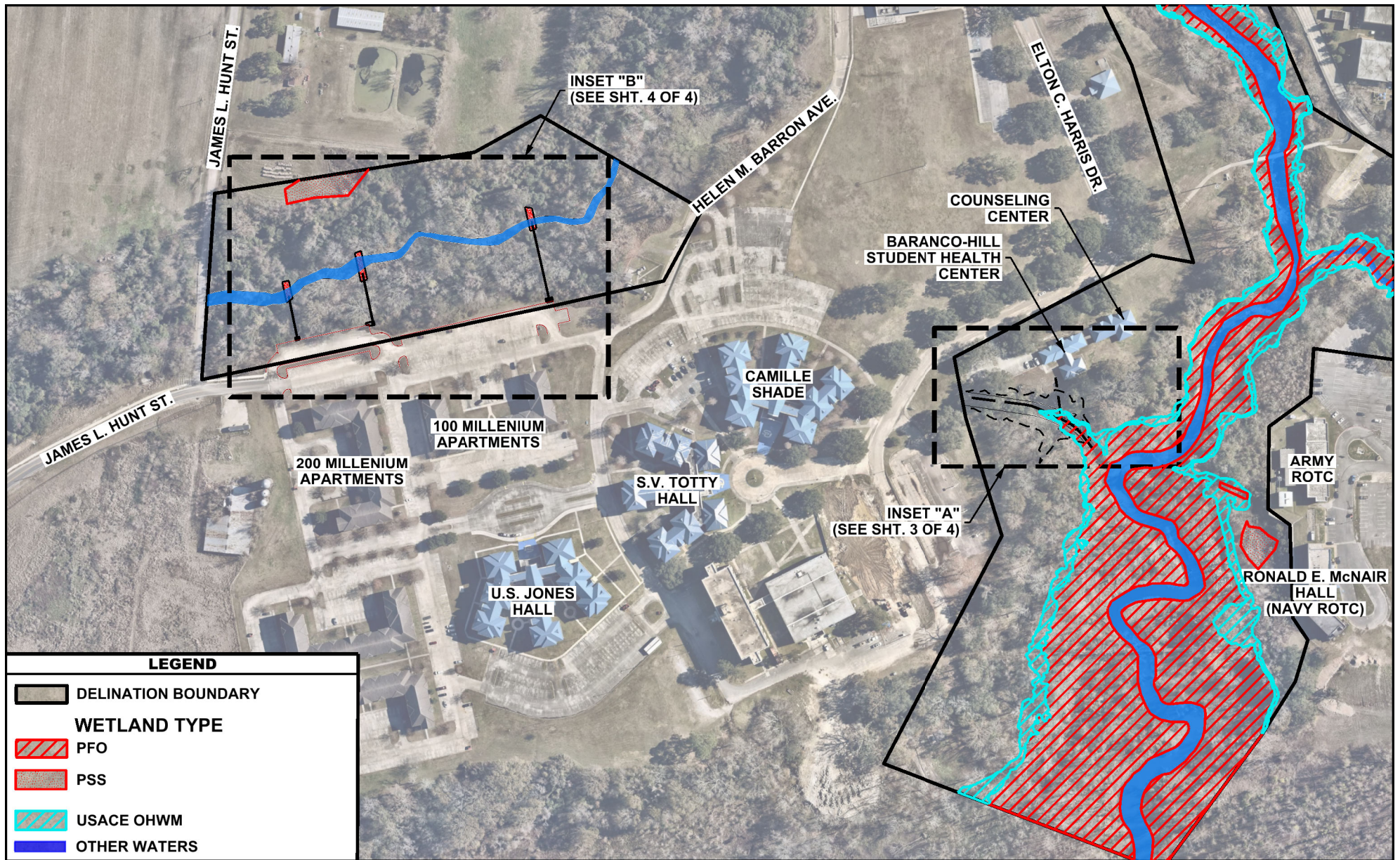
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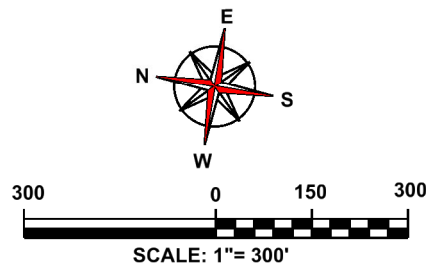
Figure 1 Vicinity Map

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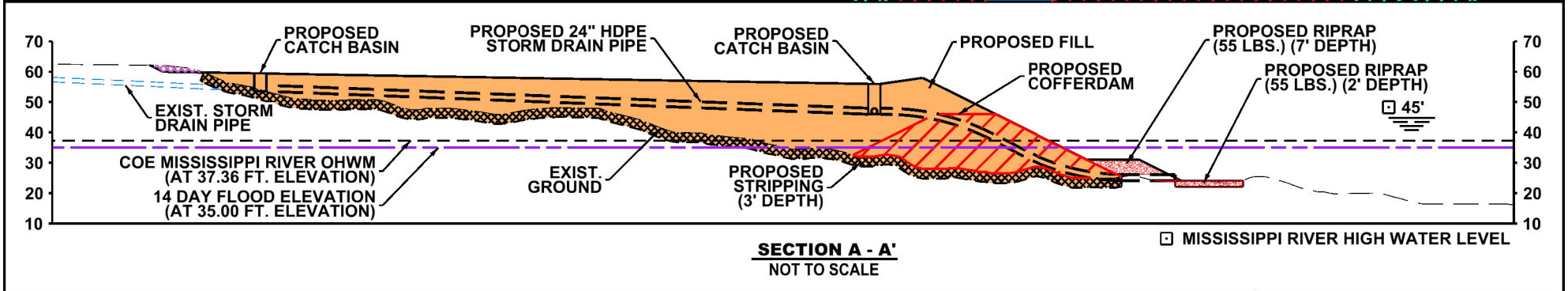
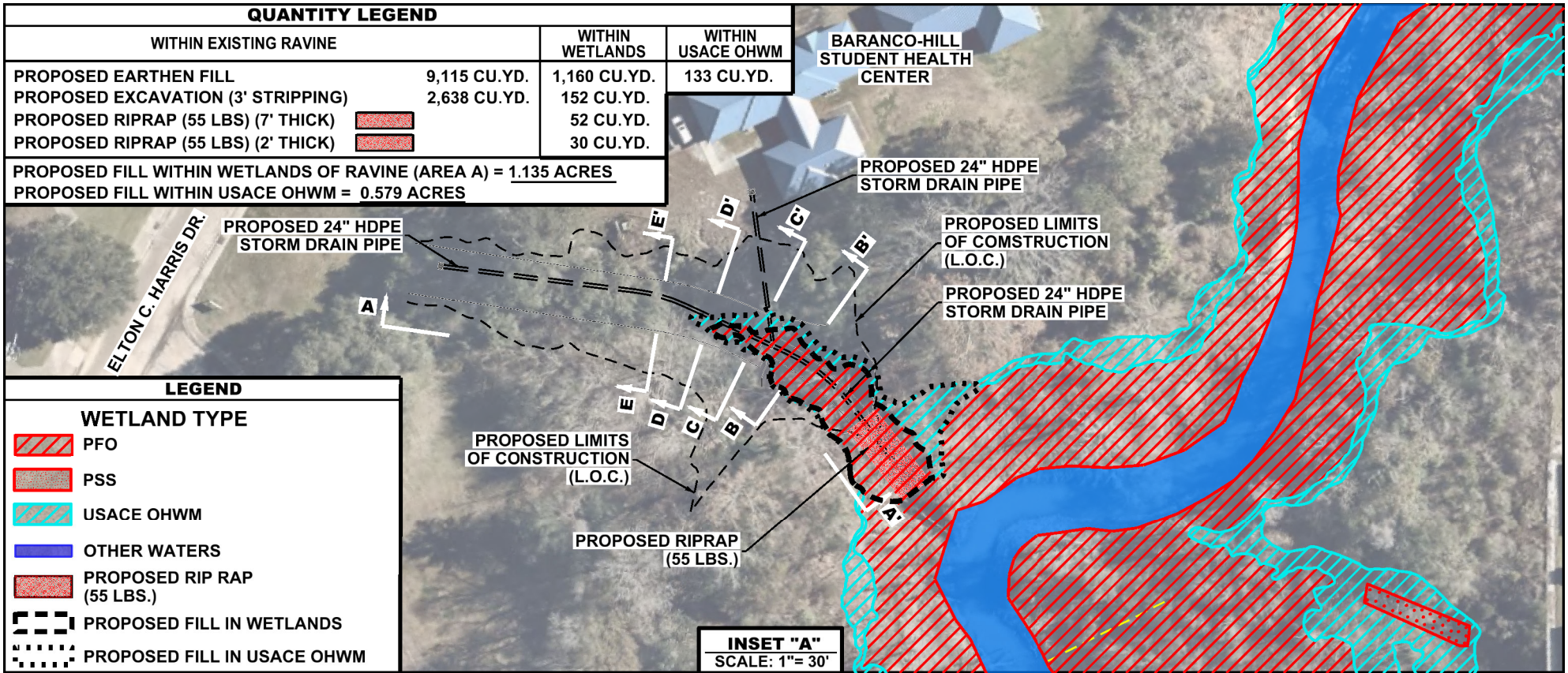
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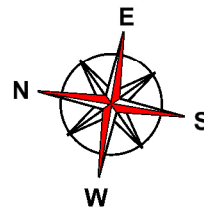
Figure 2 Plan View

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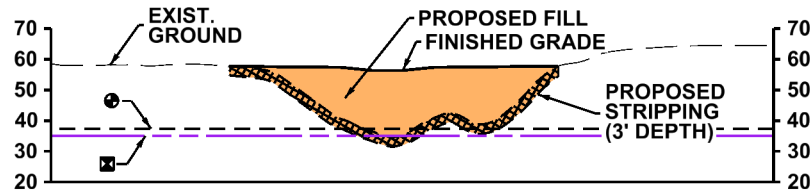
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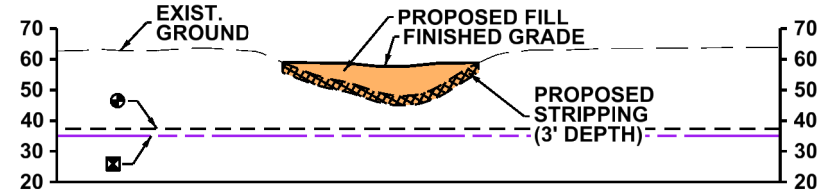
Figure 3 Sections & Details

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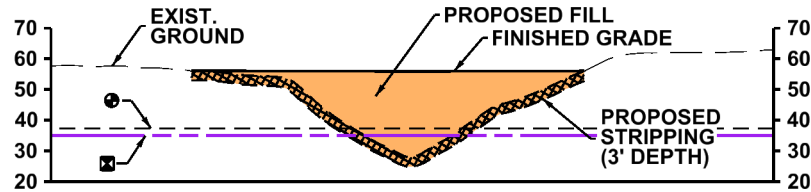
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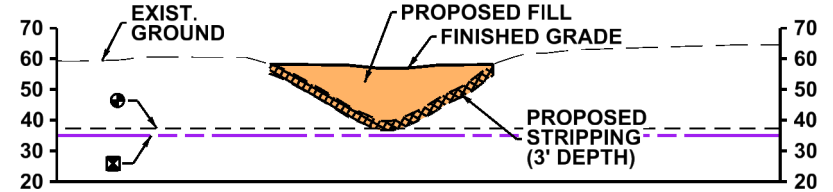
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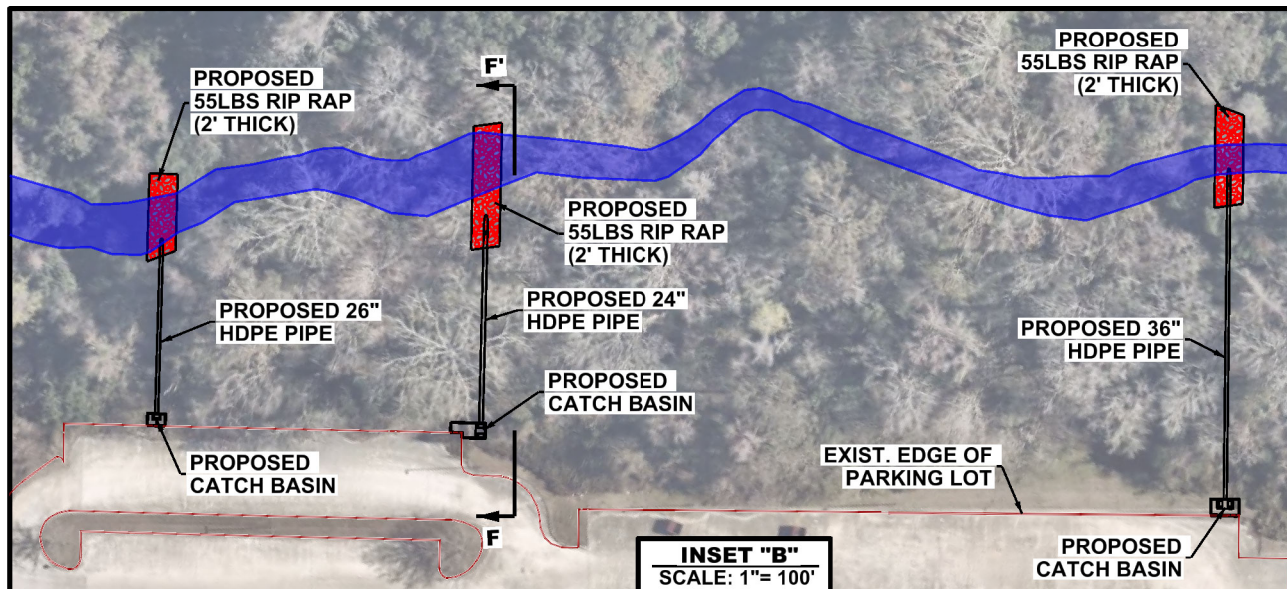


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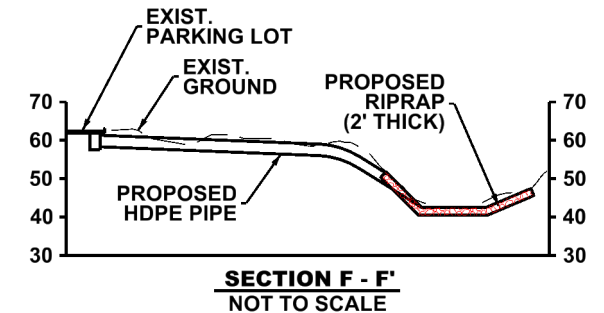
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- COE MISSISSIPPI RIVER OHWM (AT 37.36 FT. ELEVATION)
- 14 DAY FLOOD ELEVATION (AT 35.00 FT. ELEVATION)



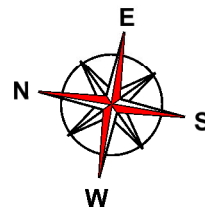
QUANTITY LEGEND

PROPOSED RIPRAP (55 LBS) (2' THICK)		269 CU.YD. (80 CU.YD. IN OTHER WATERS)
PROPOSED FILL IN OTHER WATERS (AREA B) = 0.024 ACRES		



SECTION F - F'
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