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Application #: MVN-2023-00079-CF

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New Orleans District (CEMVN) pursuant to: [ X ] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344)

### **MARTIN MINI PARTITION IN LIVINGSTON PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** The Martin Group Inc, c/o: Hydrik, attn.: Michael Henry, 2323 Hwy 190 East, Suite 2, Hammond, LA 70401

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Located adjacent to Cane Market Road in Walker, Louisiana within Livingston Parish (lat. 30.553245, long. -90.839641), as shown within the attached drawings. (Hydrologic Unit Code 08070202 (Amite), Lake Pontchartrain Watershed).

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested Department of Army authorization to clear, grade, and fill wetlands for the construction and development of eight (8) lots, utilizes, and a road adjacent to Cane Market Road. The applicant proposes to impact approximately 4.73 acres of wetlands for the construction of the road, house pads and driveways. The applicant proposes various culverts on site to maintain the natural predevelopment flow. Indirect effects to wetlands are anticipated to be minimal with required best management practices (BMPs) to reduce runoff and erosion and proposed wetland impact buffers. Approximately 131.50 acres of wetlands will be avoided for the construction of the lots.



**MITIGATION:** The applicant claims that they will purchase mitigation credits at an approved pine savannah and bottomland hardwood bank(s) for unavoidable impacts to wetlands. The applicant also claims that the layout has been revised to minimize wetland impacts compared to the previously submitted application designs.

The comment period for the requested Department of 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 and can be preferably emailed to the CEMVN's project manager listed above or forwarded to the CEMVN at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, Zach Steinkoenig**. Individuals or parties may also request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by mail or preferably 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 Branch Chief will review the request and the requester 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. This public notice is also available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>

### **USACE 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.

CEMVN is soliciting comments from area residents, 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 CEMVN 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 communities with environmental justice concerns, 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.

CEMVN is presently unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places at or near the proposed work but is pending further review in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. As deemed 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 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 such species.

Based on the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the CEMVN and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office (USFWS), it has been determined that the proposed project would have no effect to any species listed as threatened or endangered by the USFWS, 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 may result in the destruction, alteration, and/or disturbance of 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 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, (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.

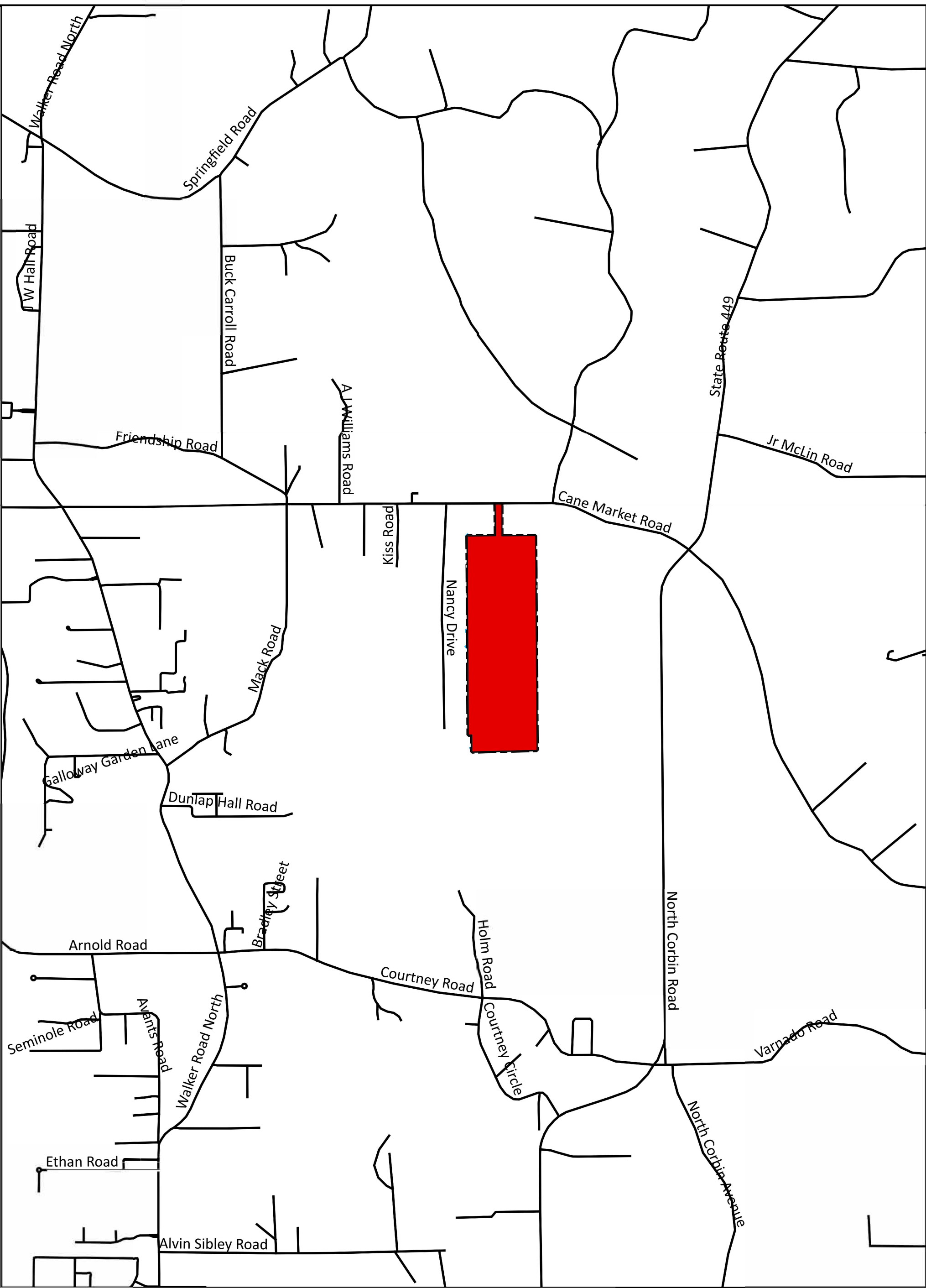
You are invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Sincerely,

John M. Herman  
Chief, Central Evaluation Branch  
Regulatory Division


Enclosure






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WALKER, LA  
LIVINGSTON PARISH  
LSP NAD83



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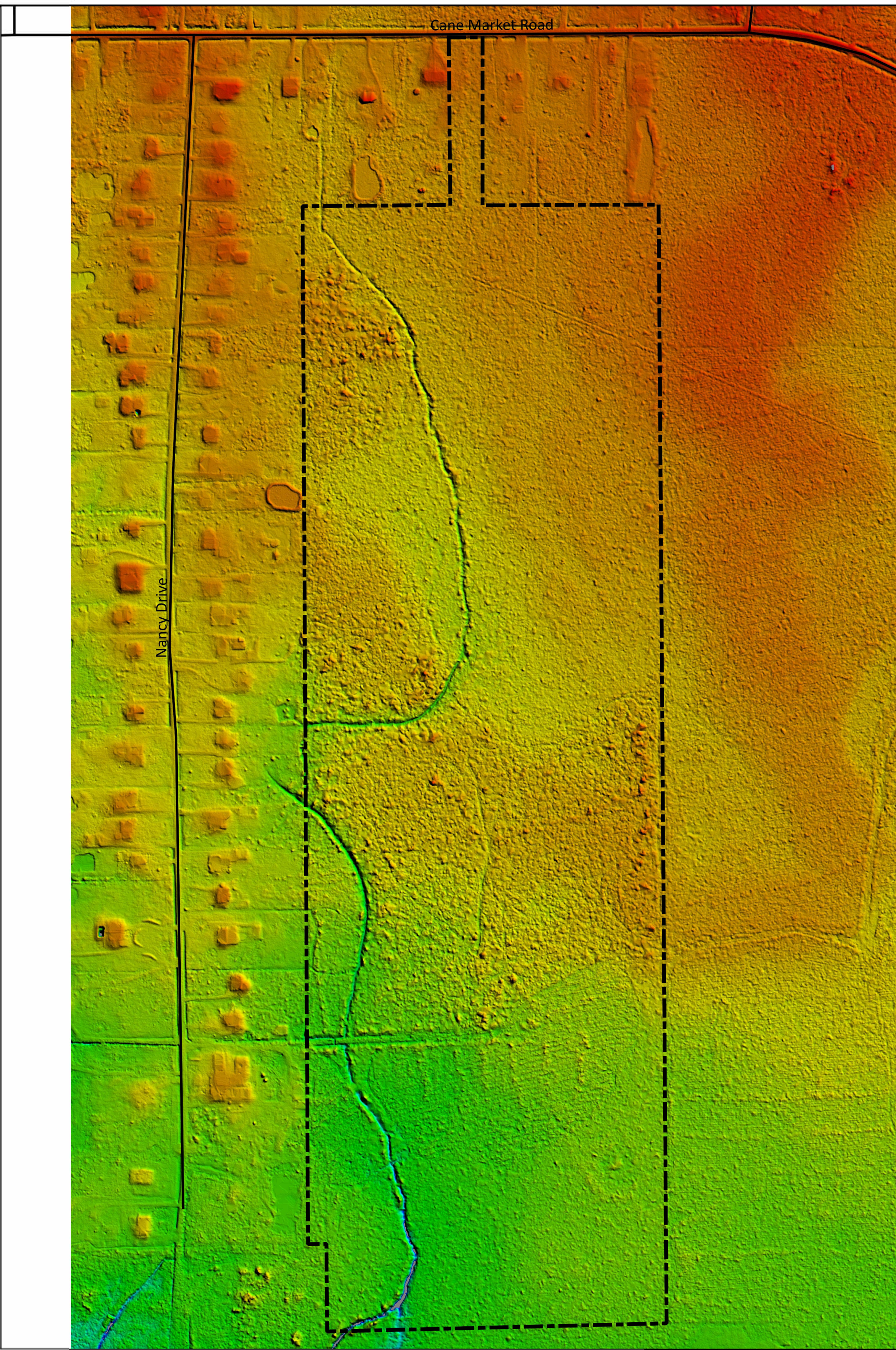
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<b>MARTIN</b>	
<b>VICINITY</b>	
<b>FIGURE 1</b>	
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WALKER, LA  
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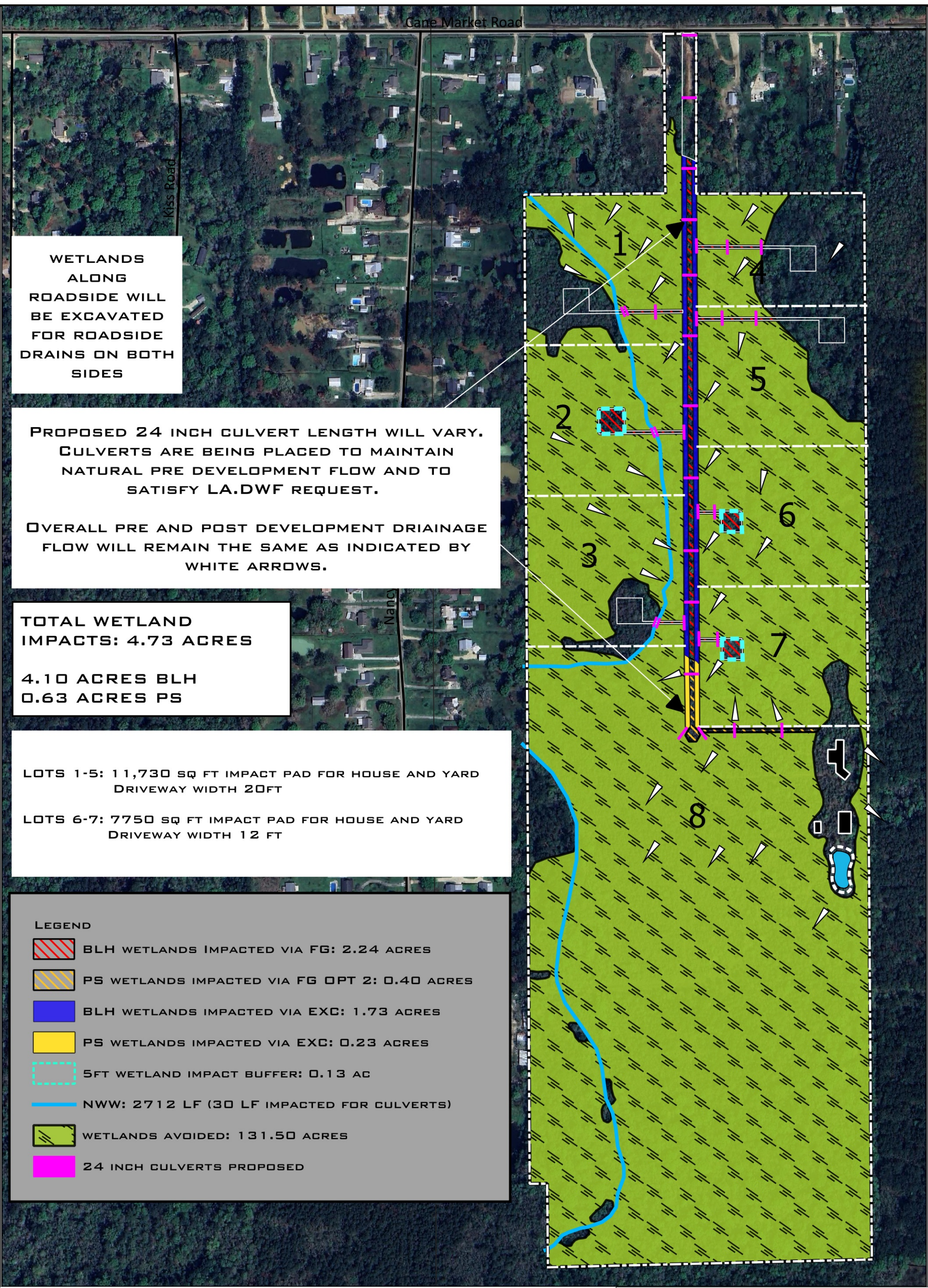
FIGURE 2

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TOTAL WETLAND  
IMPACTS: 4.73 ACRES

4.10 ACRES BLH  
0.63 ACRES PS

WETLANDS ALONG ROADSIDE  
WILL BE EXCAVATED FOR  
ROADSIDE DRAINS ON BOTH  
SIDES


LOTS 1-5: ~11000 SQFT  
HOMESITE FOOTPRINTS FOR  
YARD AND HOME, DRIVEWAYS  
20 FT WIDE

LOTS 6-7: ~7800 SQFT  
HOMESITE FOOTPRINTS FOR  
YARD AND HOME, DRIVEWAYS  
12 FT WIDE


PROPOSED 24 INCH CULVERT  
LENGTH WILL VARY.  
CULVERTS ARE BEING PLACED  
TO MAINTAIN NATURAL PRE  
DEVELOPMENT FLOW AND TO  
SATISFY LA.DWF REQUEST.

OVERALL PRE AND POST  
DEVELOPMENT DRAINAGE  
FLOW WILL REMAIN THE SAME.


LEGEND




BLH WETLANDS IMPACTED VIA FG: 2.24 ACRES




PS WETLANDS IMPACTED VIA FG OPT 2: 0.40 ACRES




BLH WETLANDS IMPACTED VIA EXC: 1.73 ACRES




PS WETLANDS IMPACTED VIA EXC: 0.23 ACRES




5FT WETLAND IMPACT BUFFER: 0.13 AC



NWW: 2712 LF (30 LF IMPACTED FOR CULVERTS)

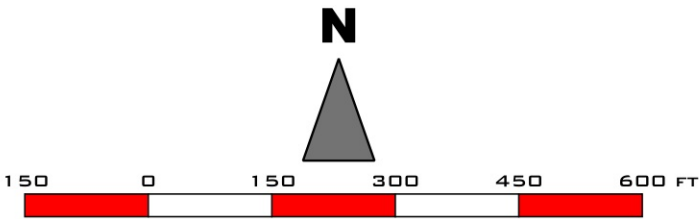


WETLANDS AVOIDED: 131.50 ACRES



24 INCH CULVERTS PROPOSED

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MARTIN

PROPOSED WETLAND IMPACTS  
ZOOM

FIGURE 4

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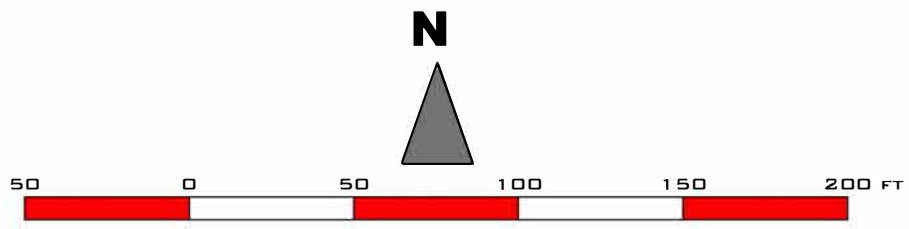
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PROPOSED WETLAND IMPACTS  
ZOOM B

FIGURE 5

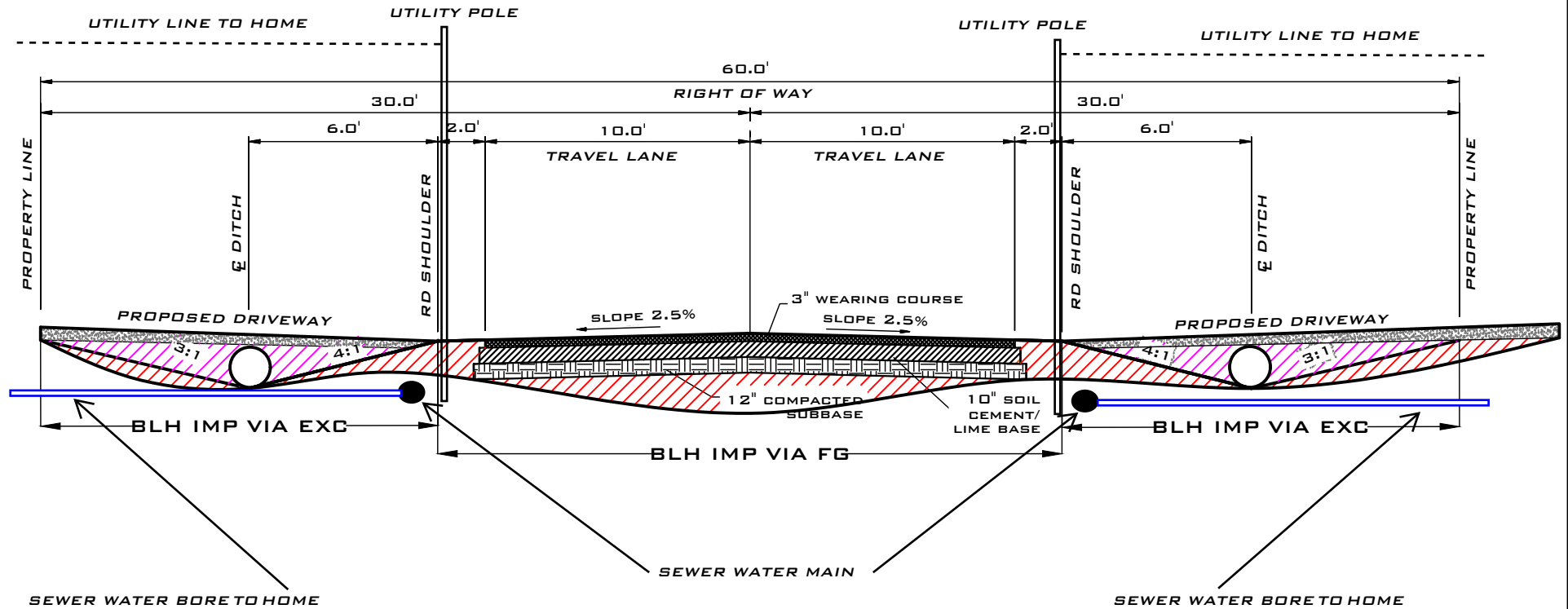
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# TYPICAL E/W ACCESS ROAD AND DRIVEWAY PROFILE (A-A)



APPLICANT:  
**MARTIN  
FAMILY**

SITE CNTR: 30.55276, -90.83955  
LIVINGSTON PARISH

**TYPICAL  
SECTION**

**FIGURE  
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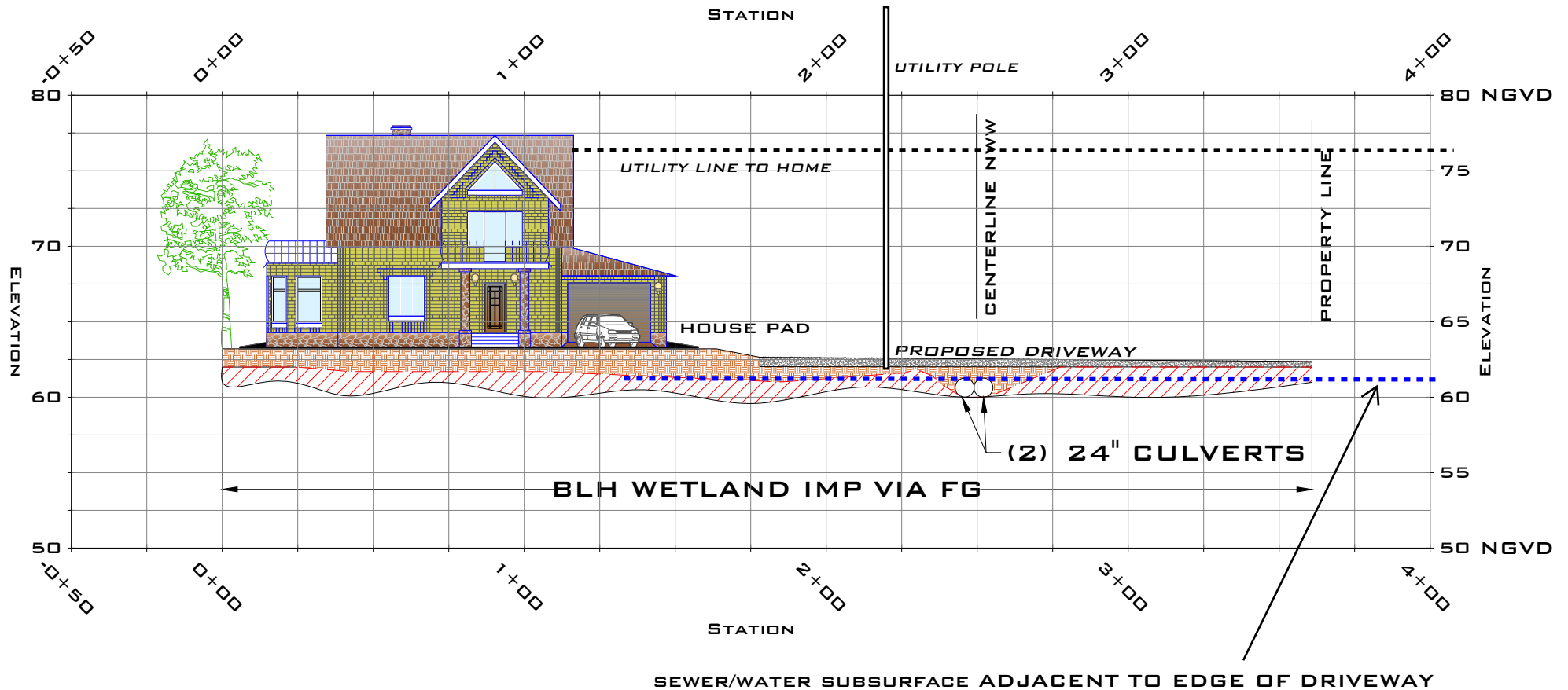
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# TYPICAL HOMESITE WITH CREEK CROSSING PROFILE (B-B)



APPLICANT:  
**MARTIN  
FAMILY**

SITE CNTR: 30.55276, -90.83955  
LIVINGSTON PARISH

**TYPICAL  
SECTION**

**FIGURE  
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