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Application #: MVN-2023-000581-CQ

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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).

### **LIVINGSTON PARISH EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION CENTER NEAR LIVINGSTON IN LIVINGSTON PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, c/o: ELOS Environmental, LLC, attn.: Mr. Cory Ricks, 607 West Morris Avenue, Hammond, Louisiana 70403.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Located on an approximate 53.01-acre site located along and west of LA Highway 63 (S. Frost Road), in Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, near Livingston, Louisiana, in Livingston Parish, within the Pontchartrain Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070202), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 30.518232 N, Longitude - 91.044093 W).

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested a Department of the Army permit to clear, grade, excavate and deposit fill to construct and maintain an emergency response center to include 6 structures totaling approximately 230,182 square feet. The project also entails the proposed construction of a helicopter pad, parking lot, greenspace, onsite detention ponds, utilities and drainage infrastructure. The project purpose is to construct an emergency response center for the growing population of Livingston Parish. The center would be utilized for disaster planning, critical incident management, and training center for disaster response personnel. Approximately 72,353 cubic yards of hauled in material (gravel, asphalt, and concrete material) would be placed as fill material in jurisdictional areas. Approximately 13.31 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 0.78 acre of jurisdictional Other Waters of the US would be directly impacted as a result of the project. The applicant proposes to utilize best management practices for erosion and siltation control during and

after the construction phase of the project. If authorized, the project will receive approval from all appropriate local drainage authorities.

**MITIGATION:** The applicant claims that the proposed project has been designed to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. To offset unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands, the applicant is proposing to purchase in kind within basin bottomland hardwood credits an approved mitigation bank.

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 and can be preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineer's project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, Kenneth Blanke**. 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>

### **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 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 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 and Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the project would have no effect to 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 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.

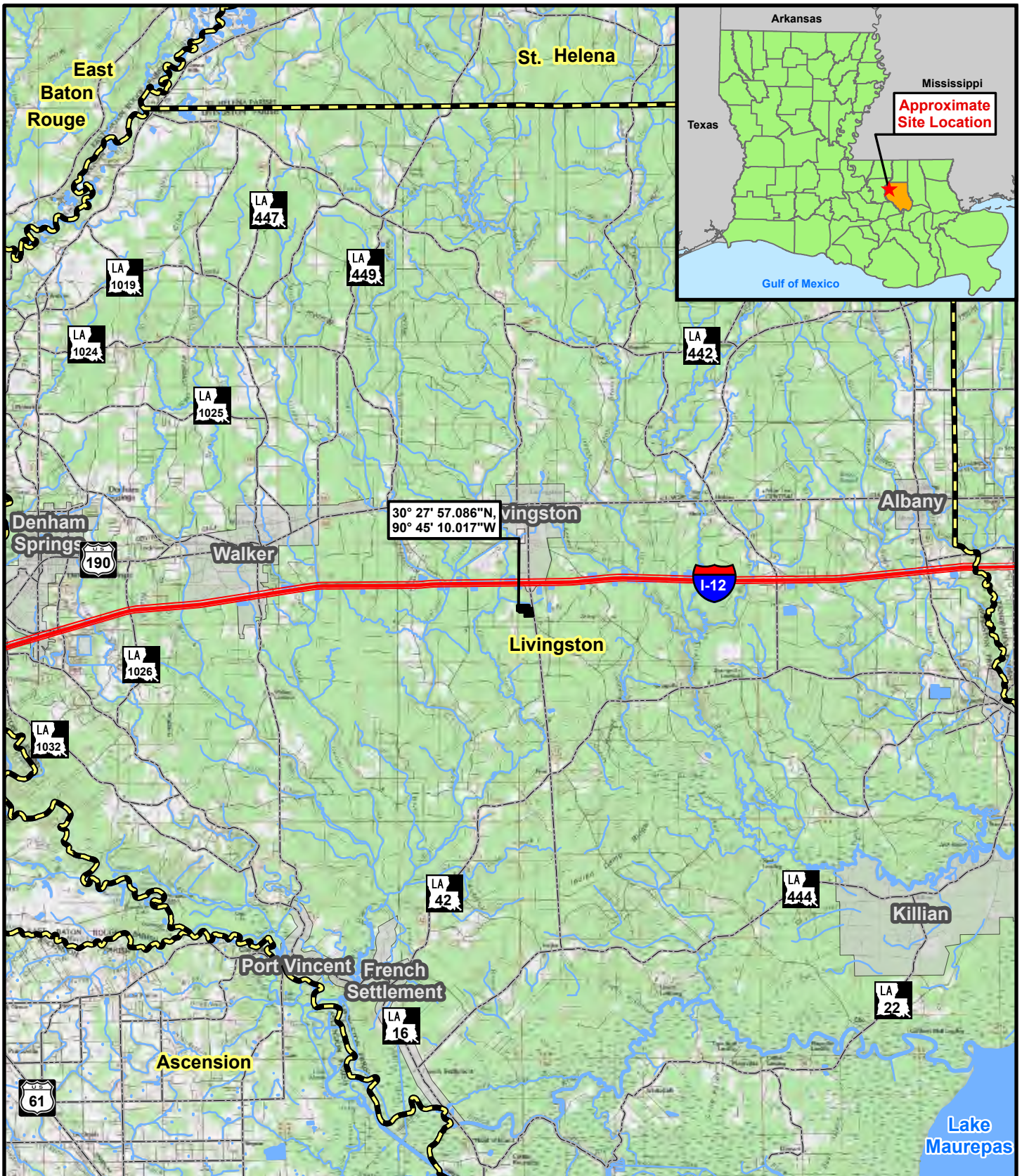
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. ***Also, a certification that the proposed activity will 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.

John M. Herman  
Chief, Central Evaluation Branch  
Regulatory Division

Enclosures



30° 27' 57.086"N,  
90° 45' 10.017"W



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**Figure 1: TopoVicinity Map**

**Livingston Parish  
Emergency Response Center**

**Legend:**

- Site Outline
- Parish Boundary
- Waterbody
- Stream/River
- City/Town

*Section: 6  
Township: 07 South  
Range: 05 East*

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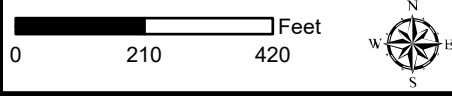
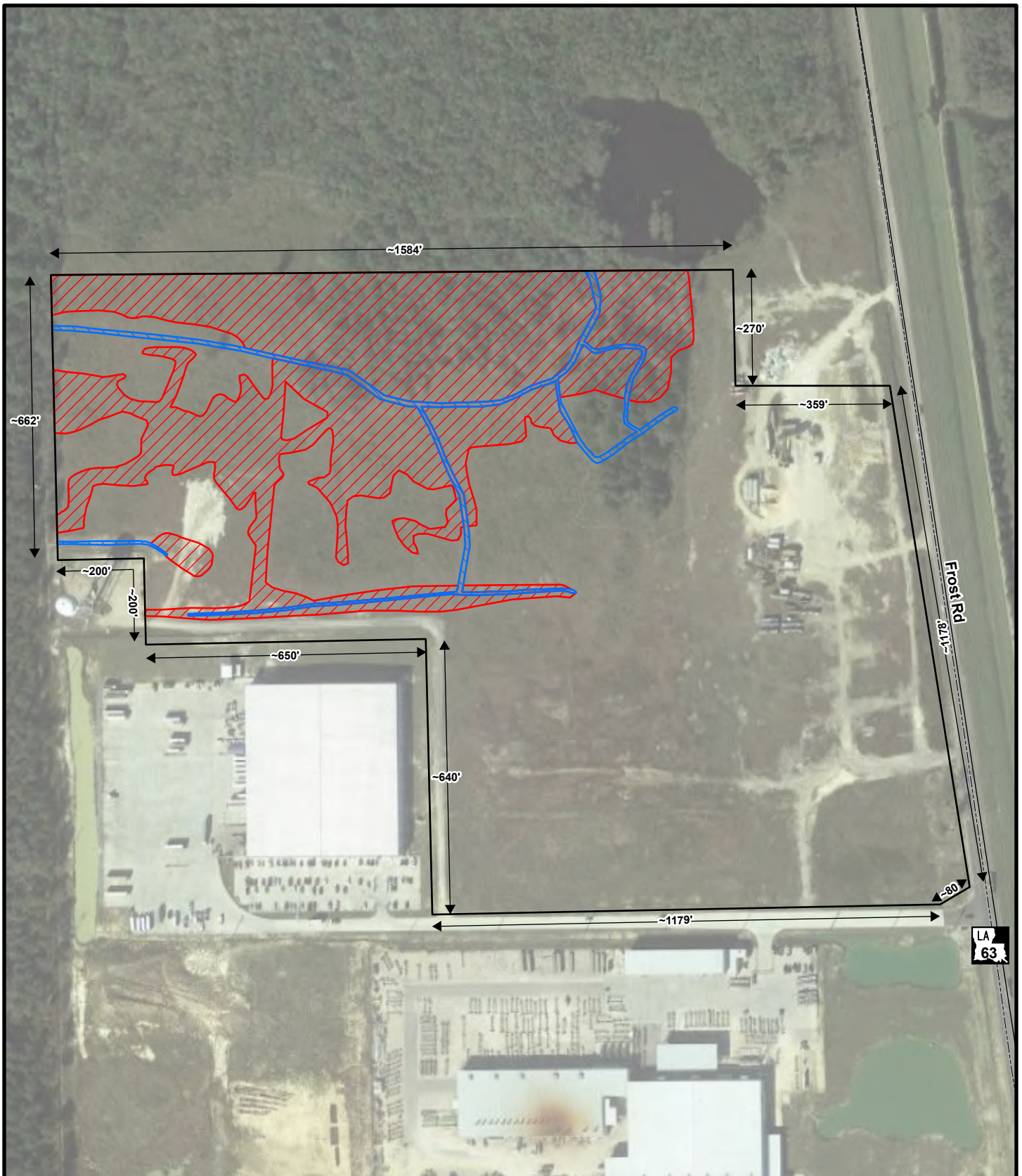


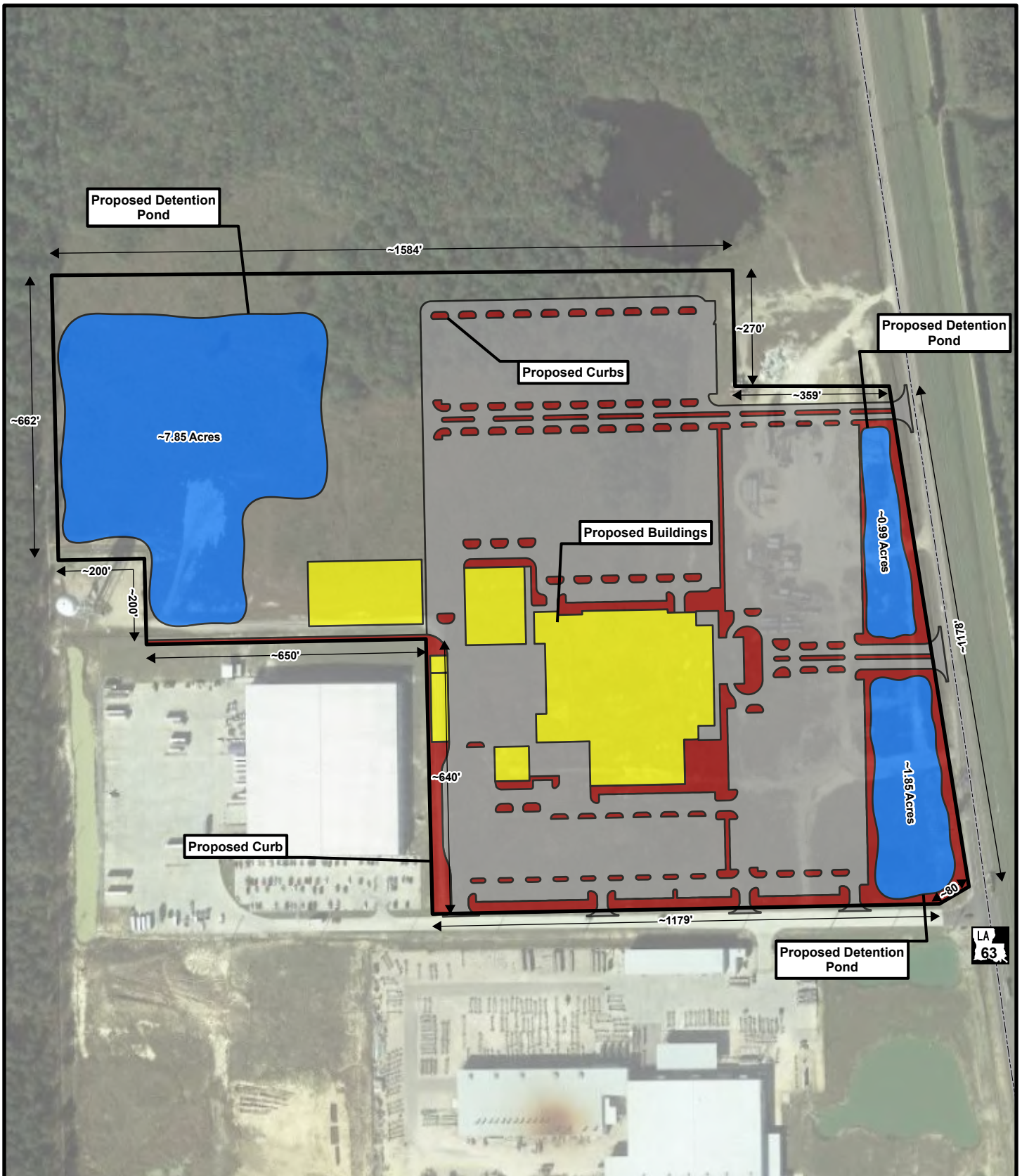
Figure 2: Existing Conditions

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**Legend:**

- Site Outline
- Other Waters
- Wetlands
- Highway
- Roadways

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Figure 3: Plan View

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**Legend:**

Site Outline	Detention Pond
Building	Pavement
Curb	Highway

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Proposed Impacts	
Site Outline	~53.01 Acres
Wetland Impacts	~13.31 Acres
Other Water Impacts	~0.78 Acres
Excavation/Fill	~53.01 Acres
Fill	~72353 CY
Gravel	~32834 CY
Asphalt	~23204 CY
Concrete	~16315 CY

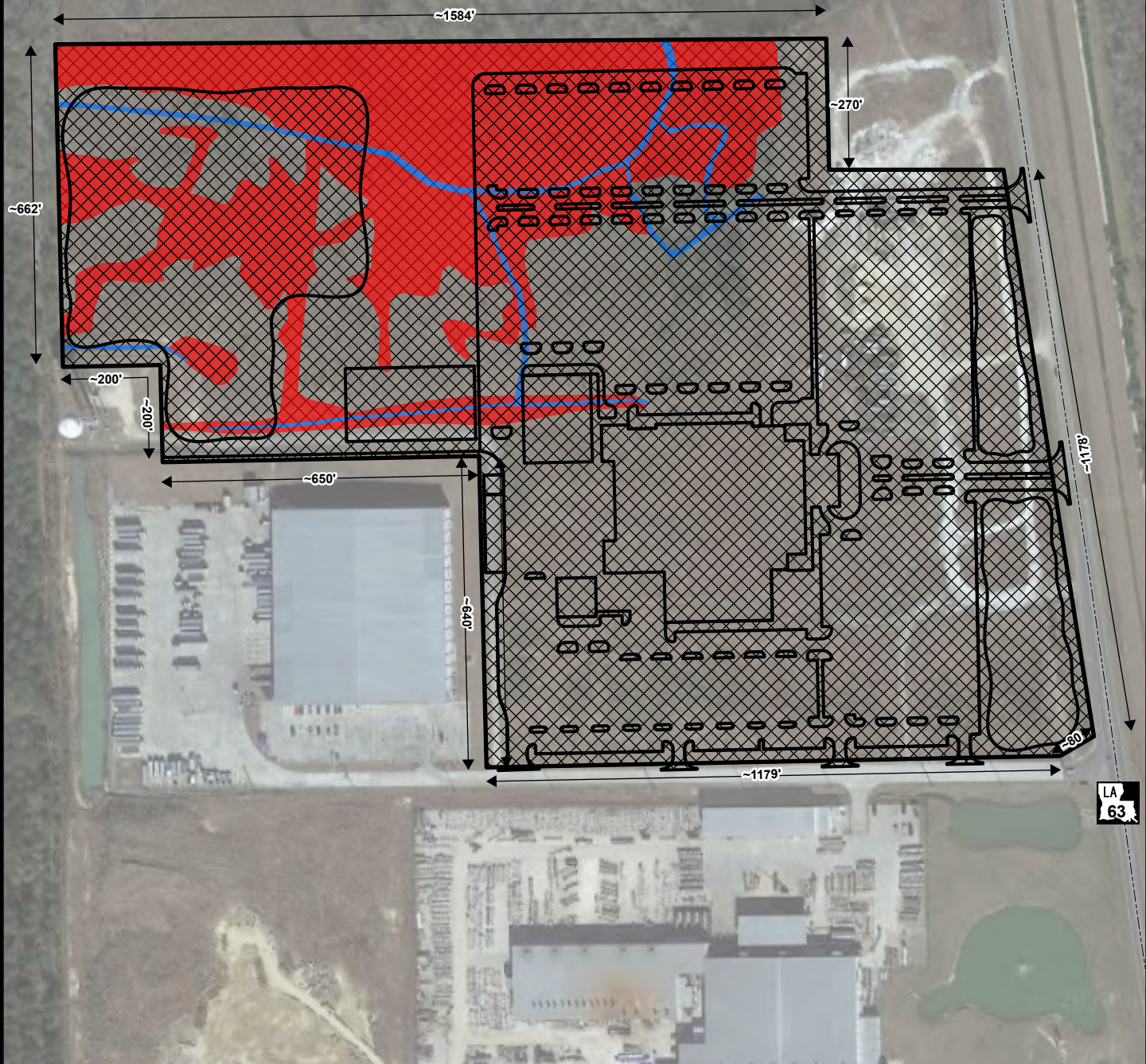


Figure 4: Proposed Impacts

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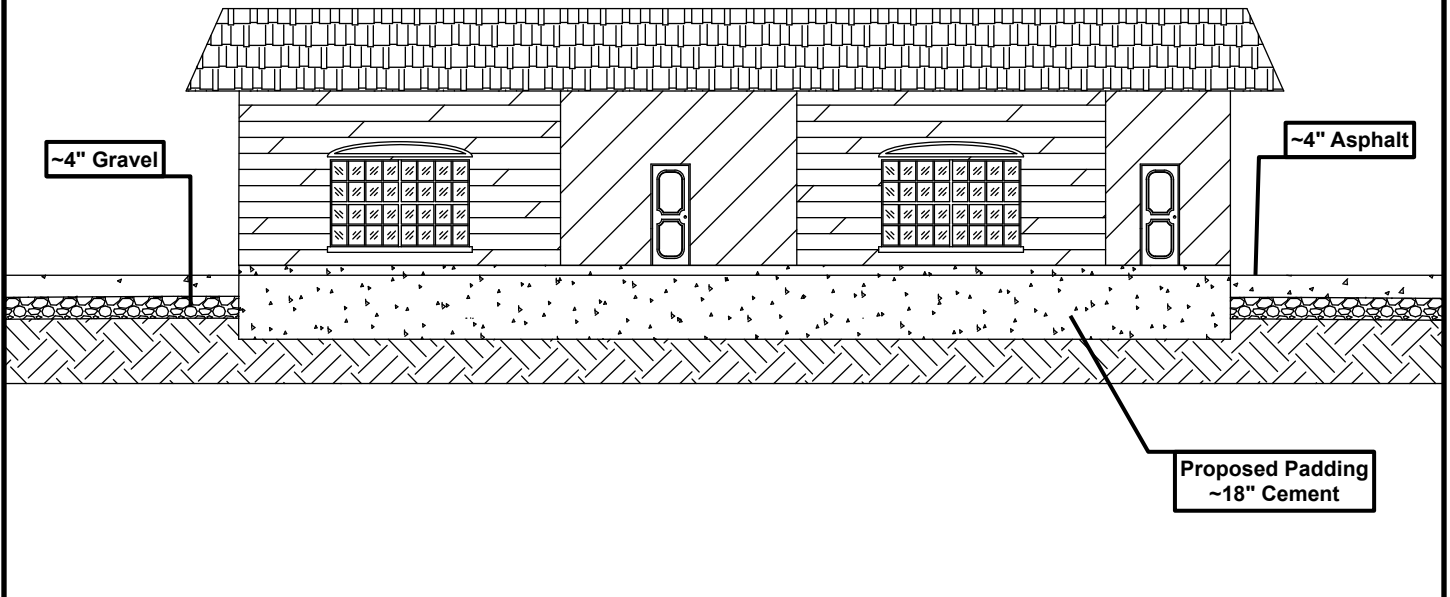
Site Outline	Excavation/Fill
Other Waters	Highway
Wetlands	

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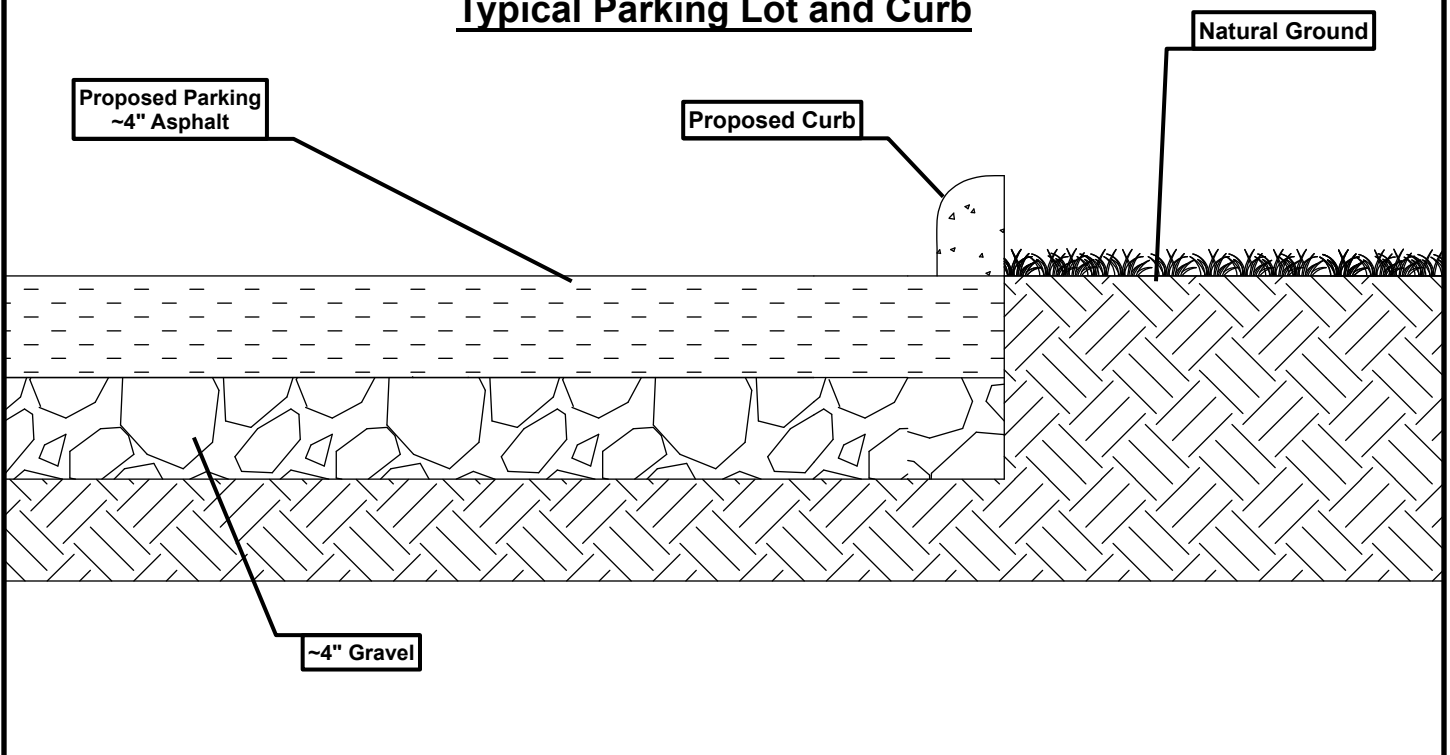




## Typical Building



## Typical Parking Lot and Curb



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43177 East Pleasant Ridge Road  
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**Scale = Not to Scale**

Figure 5: Typical Section

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**Typical Detention Pond**

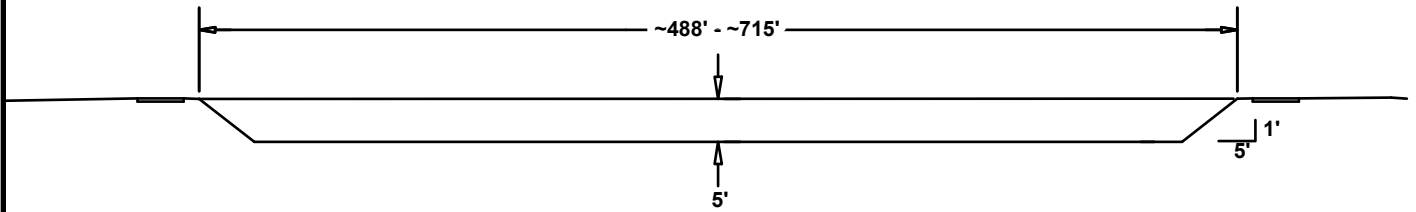


Figure 6: Typical Section

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