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Application #: MVN-2023-00718-WCE

## **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: [ ] 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), and/or [ ] Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 408)

**THIS IS A PUBLIC NOTICE REPOSTING TO CORRECT PLANS INCLUDED WITHIN  
THE ORIGINAL PUBLIC NOTICE DATED JUNE 17, 2024:**

### **COULEE CLEANOUT AND IMPROVEMENTS IN LAFAYETTE PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** City of Carencro, c/o: C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC, 210 East St. Peter Street., Carencro, Louisiana 70520.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Located in Lafayette Parish, located off 511 W Gloria Switch Road, in Carencro, Louisiana, (lat. 30.29778° N, long. -92.03639° W), as shown within the enclosed drawings. (Hydrologic Unit Code 08080103, Francis Coulee Watershed)

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested Department of Army authorization to perform the cleaning out of existing coulee and culverts. Some re-alignment of bank-line will be required. Articulated concrete block mats will be installed at cross-sections C-C (34 linear ft.) and D-D (84 linear ft.) in Lafayette Parish. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve drainage flow and prevent bank erosion. The proposed earthen fill discharge is 30 cubic yards, and the proposed earthen excavation total is 835 cubic yards. The proposed concrete block matting impacts are 510 square yards, and a surface area of other waters filled for a total of 0.06 acres. No impacts to wetlands are anticipated.

**MITIGATION:** The applicant states the proposed project was designed to minimize impacts to the channel (other waters) and improve water flow. No impacts to wetlands are anticipated.

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, RGW, Christophe Eldridge**. 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.

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 **0.00** 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.

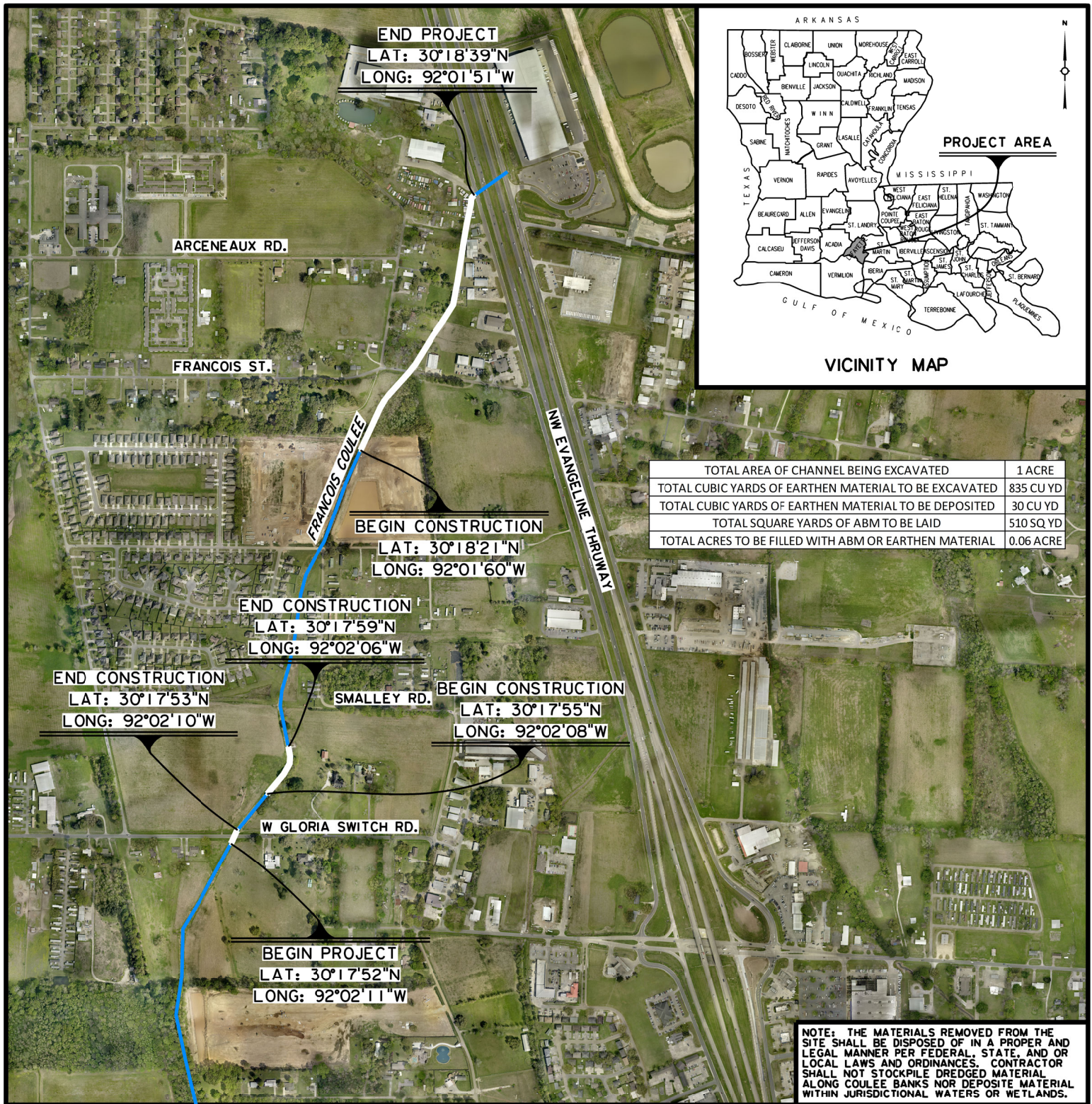
Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or in writing), within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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.

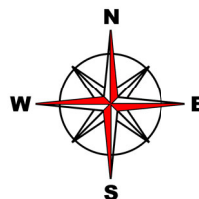
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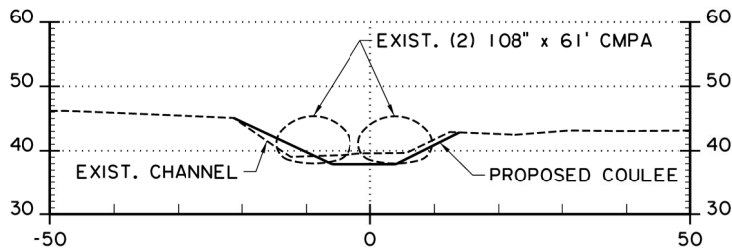
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COULEE CLEANING

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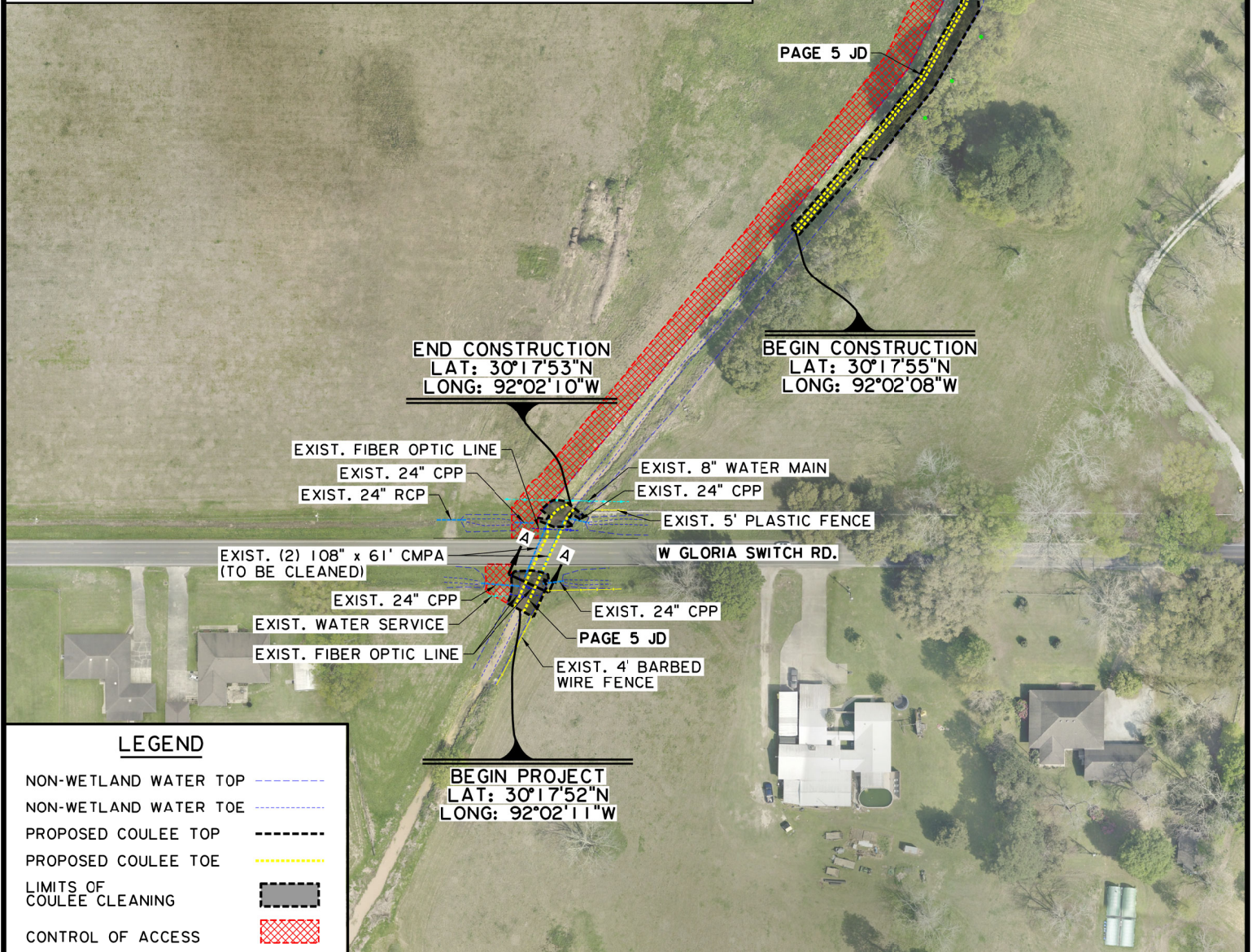
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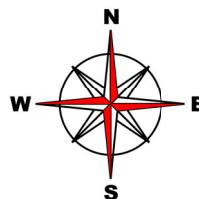


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- NON-WETLAND WATER TOE ————
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- LIMITS OF COULEE CLEANING [Hatched Box]
- CONTROL OF ACCESS [Red Cross-hatch Box]



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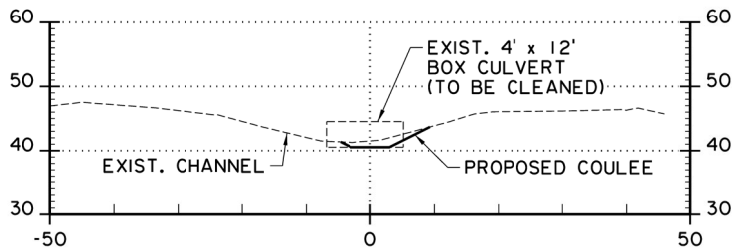
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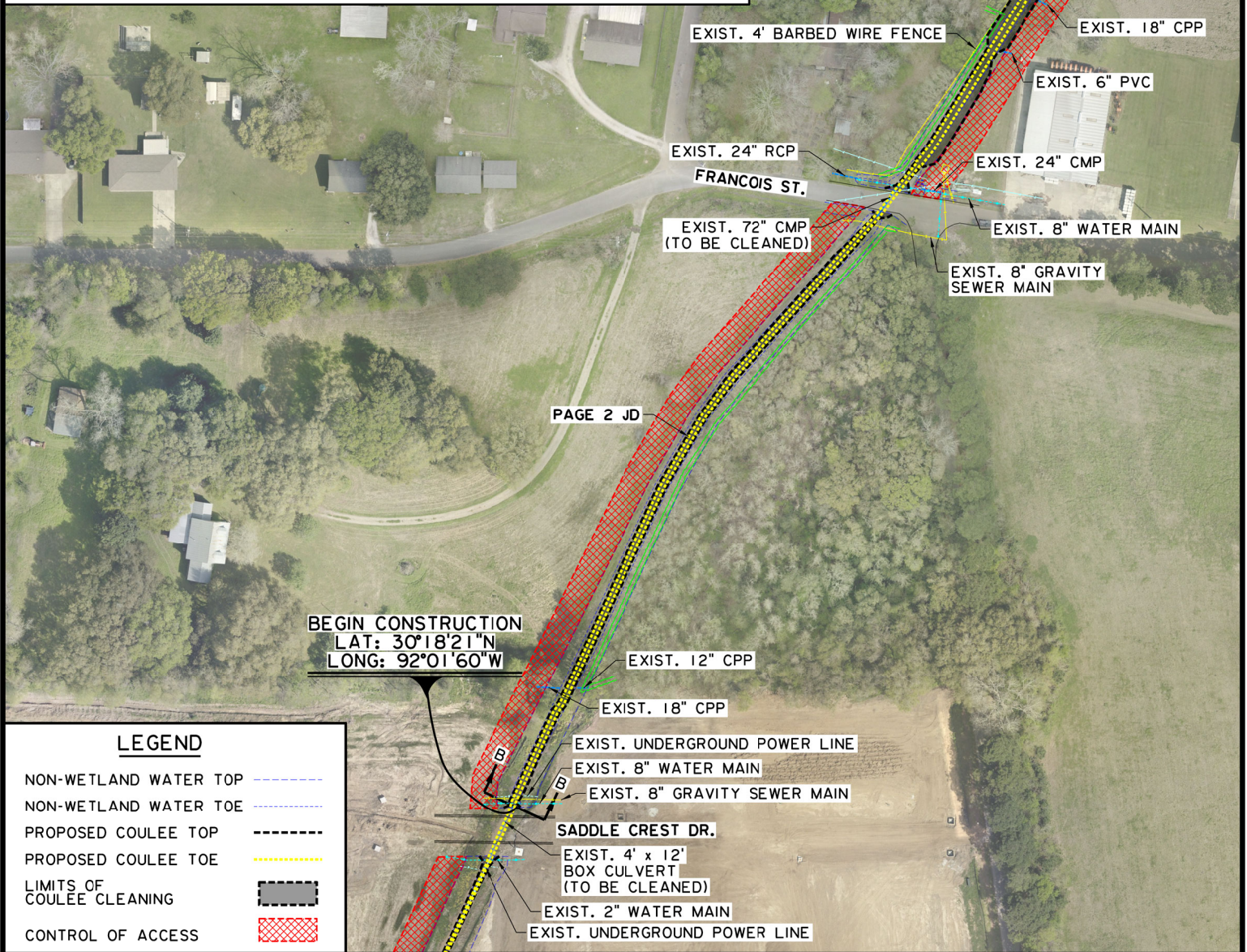
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SECTION B-B  
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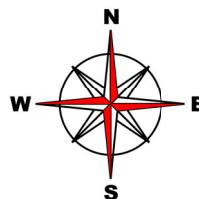


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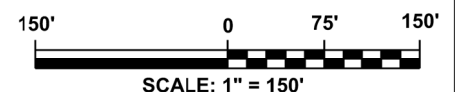


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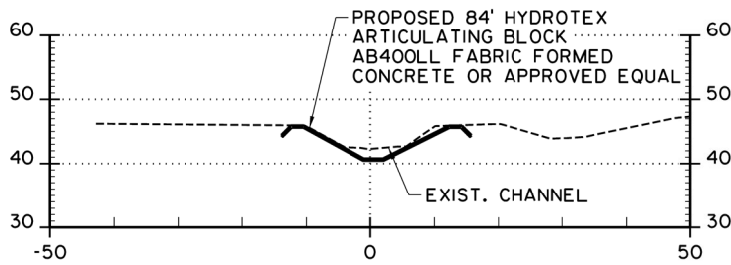


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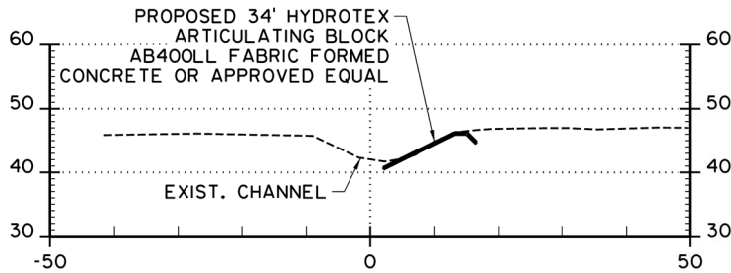
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SECTION C-C  
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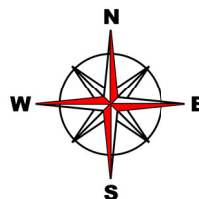


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