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Central Evaluation Branch

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Application #: MVN-2024-00210-CR

## **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).

# PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER DETENTION AND RETENTION PONDS WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS ROAD AND PARKING AREA in ASCENSION PARISH

**NAME OF APPLICANT**: City of Gonzales, c/o Duplantis Design Group, PC (DDG), 1308 Camellia Blvd, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508.

**LOCATION OF WORK**: This project is located along Bayou Boyle, within in the city of Gonzales, Louisiana, approximately 0.75 mile southeast of the intersection of LA-HWY 30 and S. Burnside Ave, in Ascension Parish, within the Lake Pontchartrain Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070204), as shown on the attached drawings. Coordinates: 30.204147, -90.909967.

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 residential storm water retention and detention ponds, access roads and parking areas for maintenance, and water control structures along Bayou Boyle. The applicant states the project will provide reductions to storm water elevations during storm events. Approximately 328,433 cubic yards of earthen material would be excavated and reused as fill on site or hauled offsite to an upland, non-wet disposal location. The proposed project is situated on an approximately 54-acre tract that has been determined to be primarily forested wetlands. Of this, approximately 41.62 acres of wetlands and approximately 1.45 acres of other waters would be impacted during construction. The remainder of the property will be left in its natural state. It is anticipated that the proposed action would have minimal impact on adjacent wetlands.

<u>MITIGATION</u>: The applicant claims that the proposed project has been designed to minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. The applicant has also stated that the pond bottoms will be replanted with native bottomland hardwood species in an effort to encourage re-vegetation within the area. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to use a Corps approved mitigation bank within the watershed of impact.

The comment period for the requested Department of Army Permit 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 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, Jeremy Rodriguez. 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. 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 is presently unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places 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 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 District (CEMVN) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CEMVN has determined that the project 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 up to <u>0</u> 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.

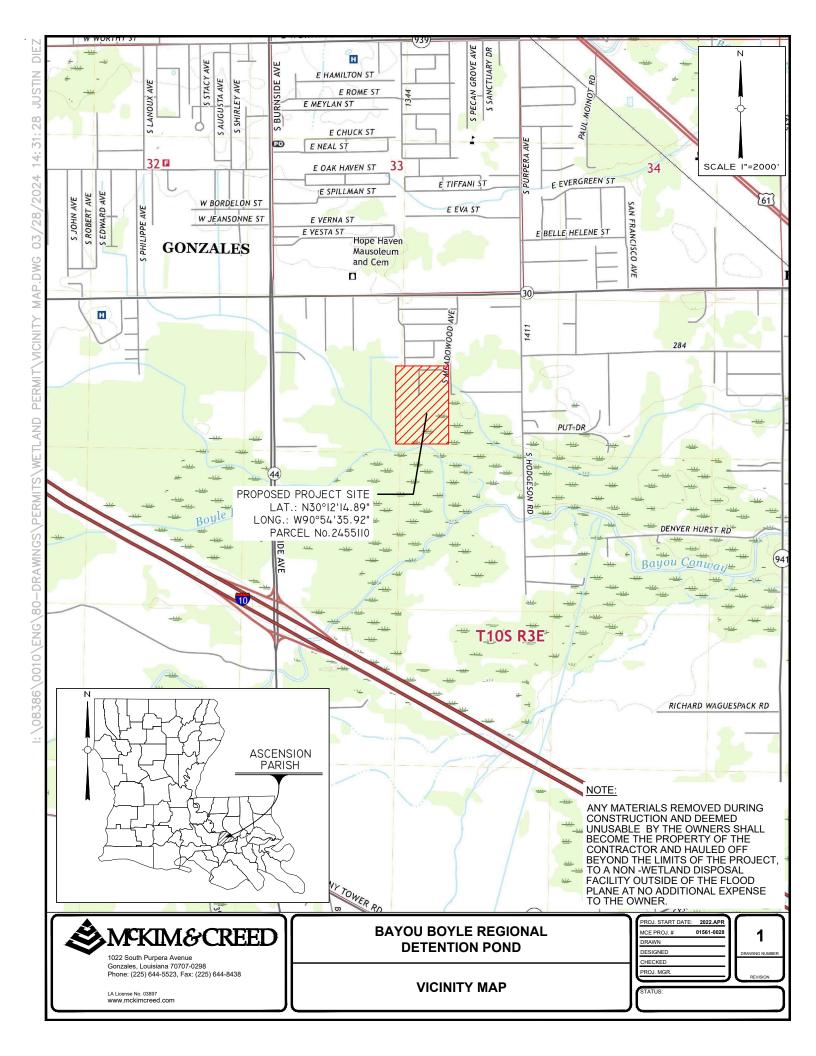
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality before a permit is issued.

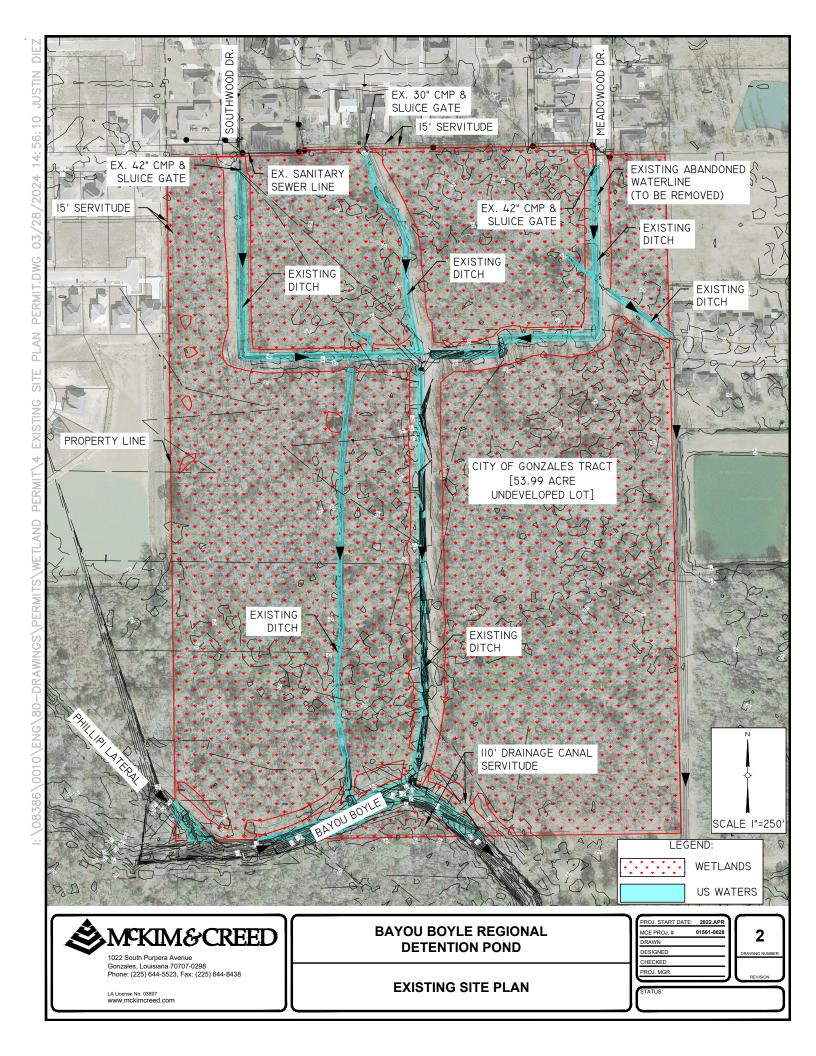
Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or in writing), within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

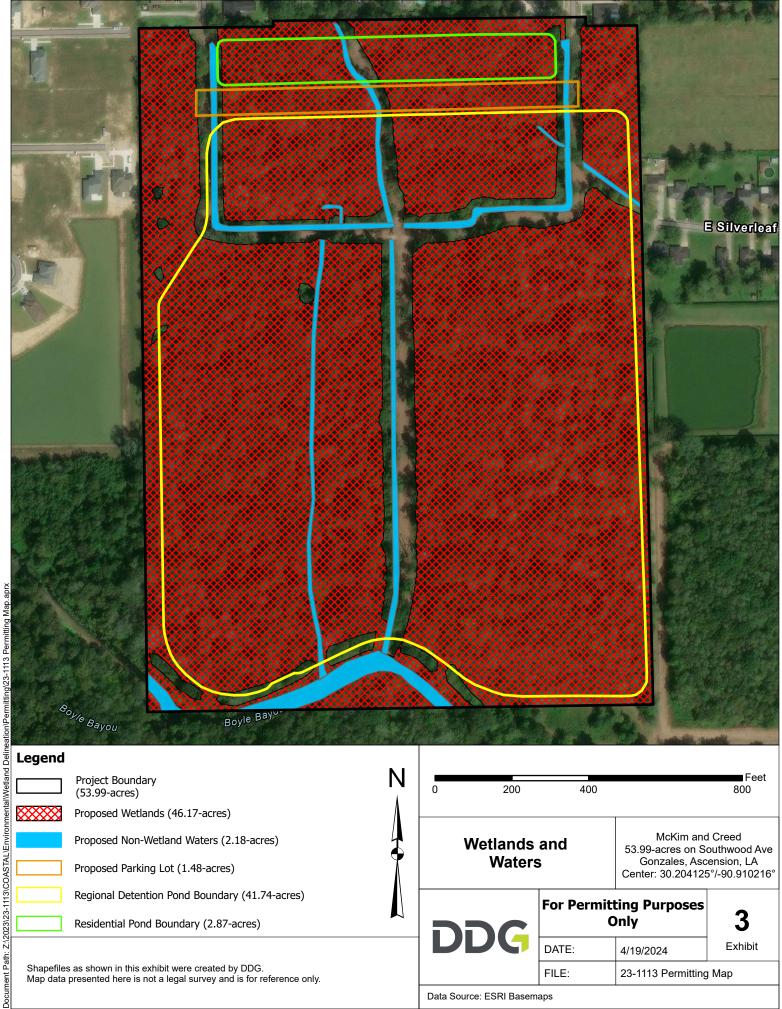
You are invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

John M. Herman Chief, Central Evaluation Branch Regulatory Division

Enclosures







Project Boundary (53.99-acres)

Proposed Wetlands (46.17-acres)

Proposed Non-Wetland Waters (2.18-acres)

Proposed Parking Lot (1.48-acres)

Regional Detention Pond Boundary (41.74-acres)

Residential Pond Boundary (2.87-acres)

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## Wetlands and **Waters**

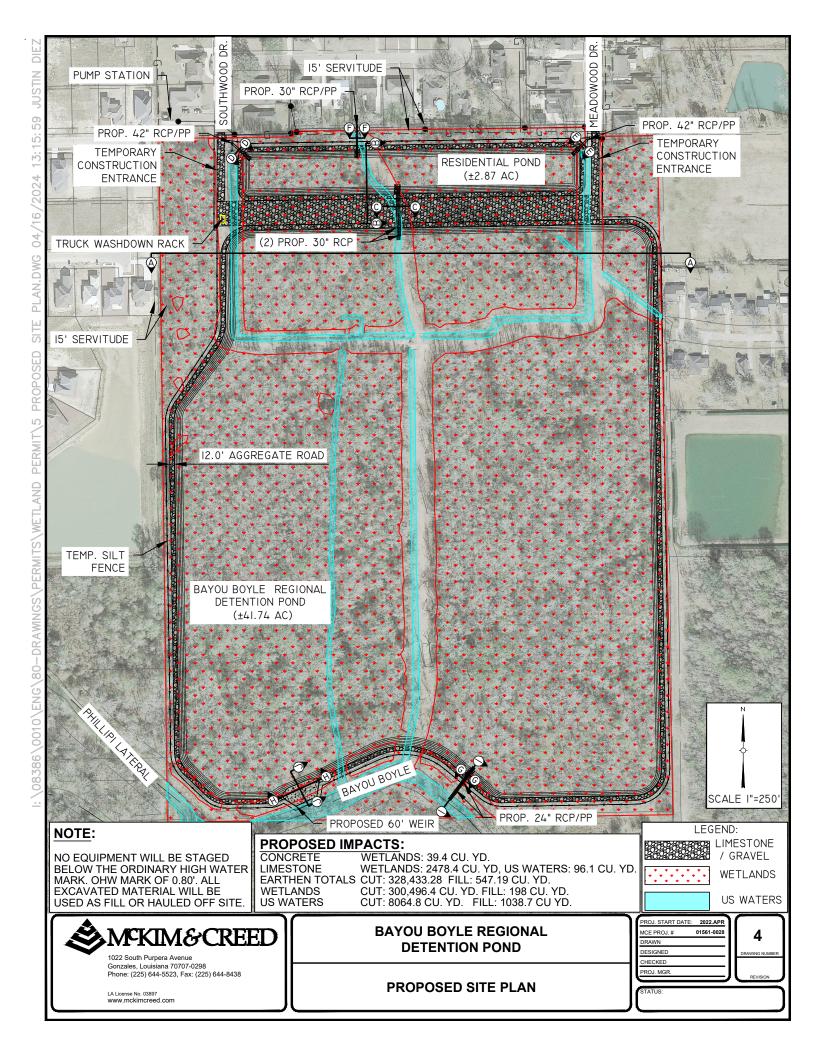
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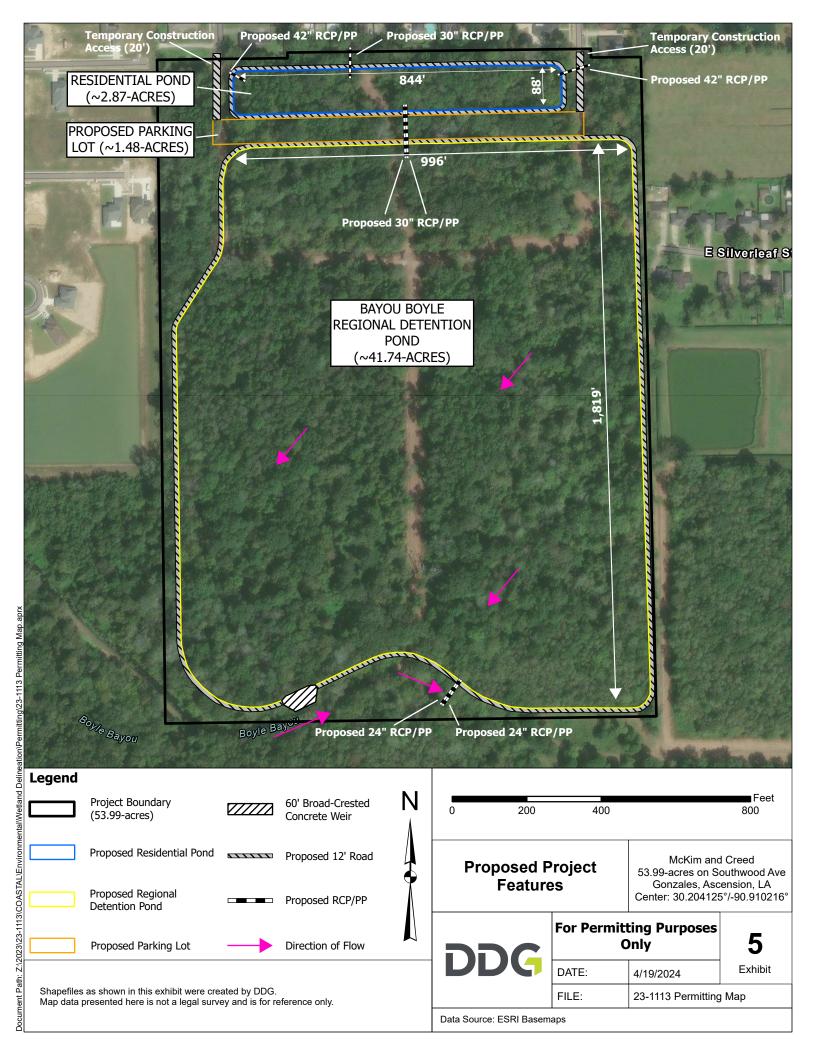
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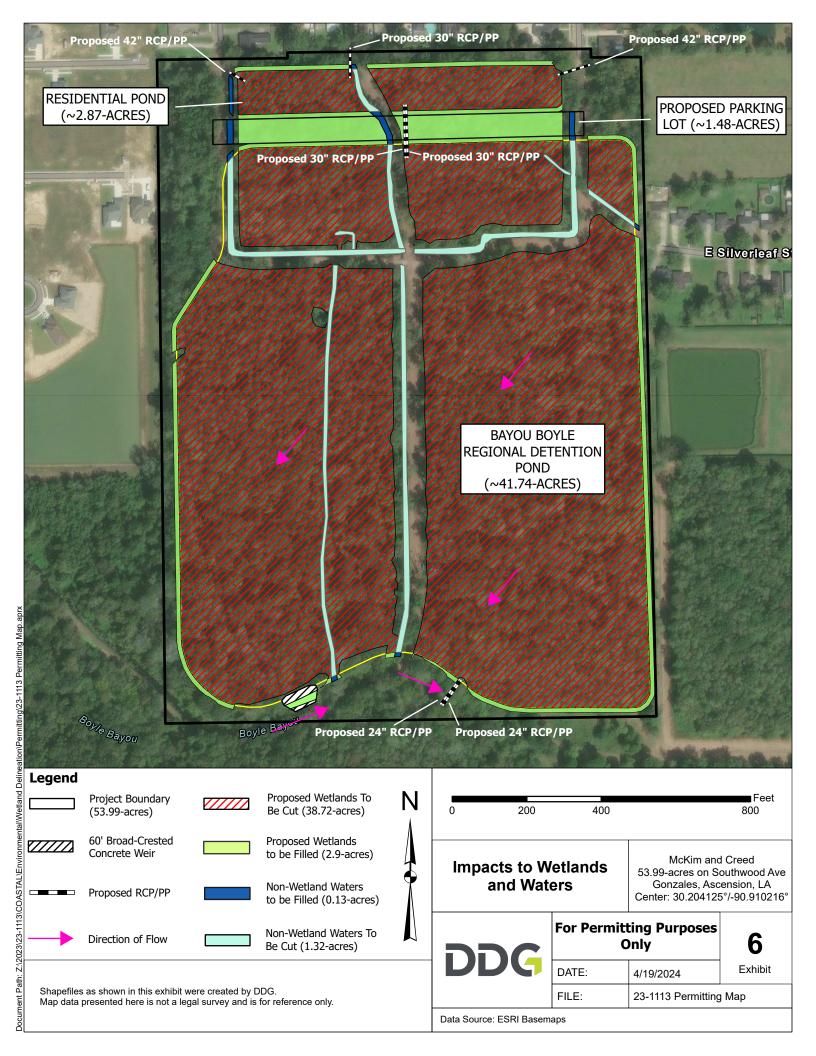
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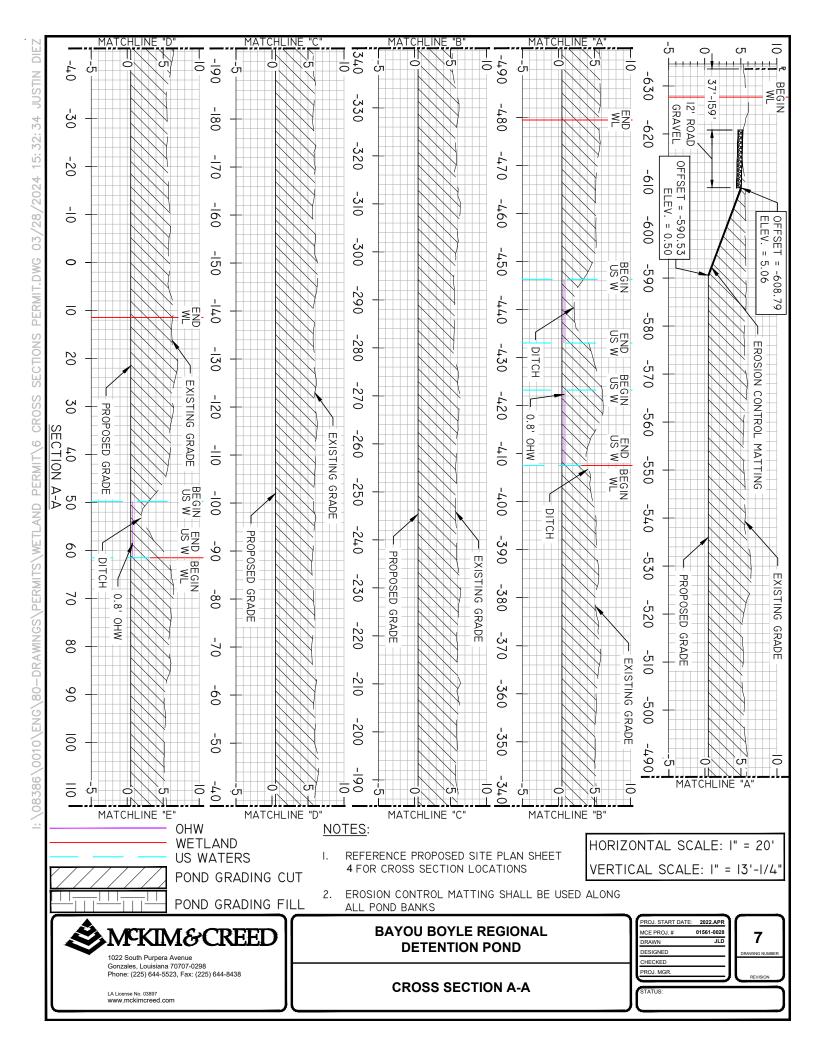
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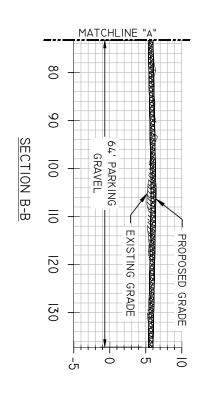
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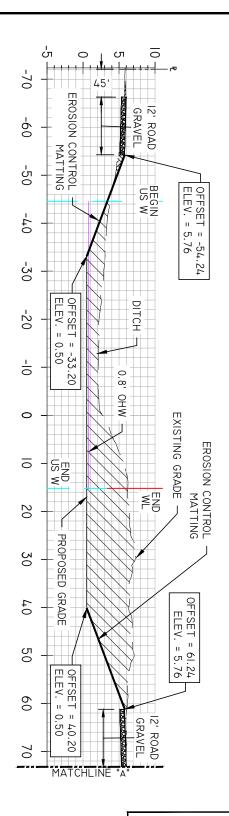


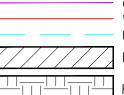












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POND GRADING FILL

### NOTES:

REFERENCE PROPOSED SITE PLAN SHEET 4 FOR CROSS SECTION LOCATIONS

HORIZONTAL SCALE: I" = 20' VERTICAL SCALE: I" = 13'-1/4'

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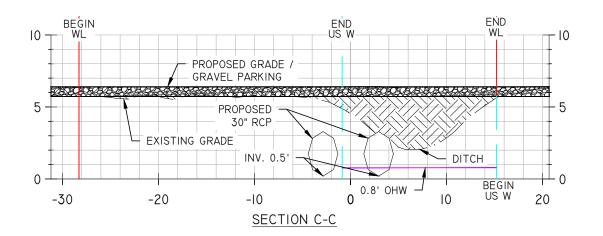
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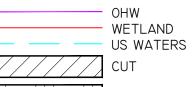
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**RESIDENTIAL POND CROSS SECTION B-B** 

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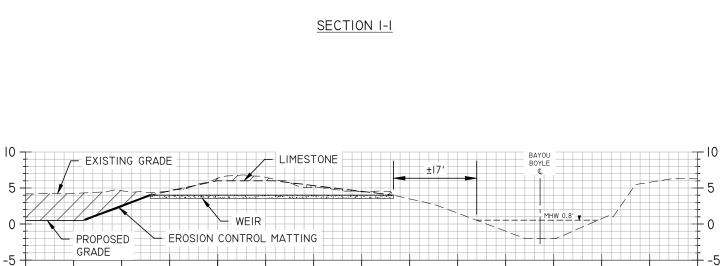
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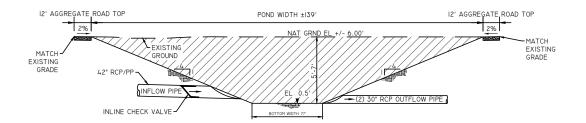
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**WEIR AND EQUALIZER PIPE CROSS SECTION 1-1** 

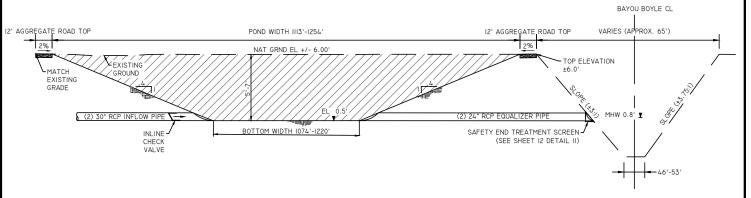
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SOUTHWOOD RESIDENTIAL POND TYPICAL SECTION N.T.S.

#### NOTES:

I. INLINE CHECK VALVES TO BE PLACED AT DOWNSTREAM END OF (3) RESIDENTIAL POND INFLOW PIPES.



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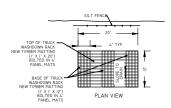
I. INLINE CHECK VALVE TO BE PLACED AT DOWNSTREAM END OF (2) 30" RCP OUTFLOW PIPES.

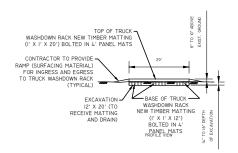


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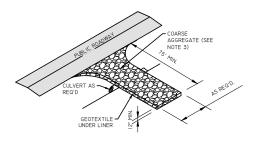




# TRUCK WASH DOWN RACK N.T.S. (TEMPORARY)

#### NOTES:

- I. SLOPE OF TIMBER MATTING TO DRAIN
- 2. TIMBER MATTING IS USED FOR ILLUSTRATION IN THE TRUCK WASH DETAIL. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE TRUCK WASH RACK CONSTRUCTION, AS DETAILED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS
- 3. TRUCK WASHDOWN RACK REQUIRED AT

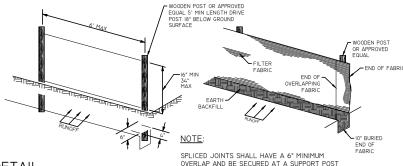


# AT THE TOP OF THE SLOPE, ANCHOR THE FABRIC IN A 6' X 6' TRENCH ONCE SECURED, BACKFILL, COMPACT, AND COVER THE TRENCH ONCE SECURED, BACKFILL, COMPACT, AND COVER THE TRENCH WITH REMAINING 12' OF FABRIC AND STAPLE ALI SIDE SLOPE ALI SIDE SLOPE ALI SIDE SLOPE SLOPE APPLIED AT 1/A RATE AFTER FABRIC BEING LAID HYDRO SEED MIXTURE SHALL BE APPLIED PRIOR TO FABRIC BEING LAID, RE: SPECHICATIONS SECTION 7/7: TABLE 7/1-1 AMEND SOIL AS NCCESSABY PRIOR TO ROLLING OUT FABRIC AT THE TERMINAL END, SECURE EACH MAT ACROSS THE WIDTH WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES/PINS SPACED. IF EXPOSED TO FLOW, FOOT TRAFFIC, WIND UPLIET, OR OTHER DISRUPTION, TRENCH THE TERMINAL END, SECURE EACH MAT ACROSS THE WIDTH WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES/PINS SPACED. IF EXPOSED TO FLOW, FOOT TRAFFIC, WIND UPLIET, OR OTHER DISRUPTION, TRENCH THE TERMINAL END AS SHOWN IN DETAIL

# 4 EROSION CONTROL FABRIC N.T.S. (TEMPORARY)

#### NOTES:

- EROSION CONTROL MATTING SHALL BE INSTALLED ON ALL DISTURBED AREAS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- EROSION CONTROL MATTING SHALL BE INSTALLED AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE AFTER DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES ARE COMPLETE.
- 3. CONTRACTOR SHALL MONITOR FORECASTING AND INSTALL EROSION CONTROL MATTING PRIOR TO RAIN EVENTS TO PREVENT EROSION OF DISTURBED AREAS.



# 5 TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE DETAIL N.T.S.

#### NOTES:

- AGGREGATE AREA TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WHEN SOIL IS EVIDENT ON THE SURFACE OF THE PAD OR AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
- AGGREGATE THICKNESS SHALL BE INCREASED IF SOIL CONDITIONS DICTATE OR PER THE DIRECTION OF THE ENGINEER.
- THE STONE SHALL CONFORM TO SECTION 7II (02) (CLASS 2LB) OF THE LA DOTD STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS;
- A GEOTEXTILE FABRIC UNDERLINER IS REQUIRED. THE GEOTEXTILE FABRIC SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1019 (TYPE D) OF THE LA DOTD STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS;

# 6 SILT FENCE N.T.S. (TEMPORARY)

#### NOTES:

- UPON CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION AND PRIOR TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE, SILT FENCE MUST BE REMOVED.
- 2. FIELD ADJUSTMENTS ALLOWED AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE PROPER PLACEMENT AND FUNCTION.
- ALL EROSION CONTROL ACTIVITIES SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND LOCAL LAWS.



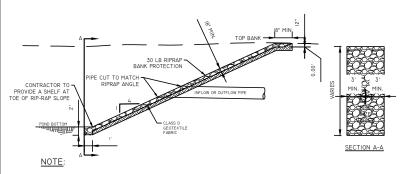
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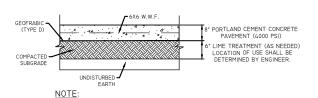
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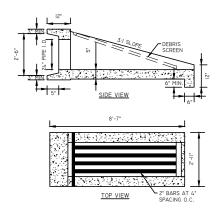
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## 7 POND BANK SHORING AT PIPES N.T.S.

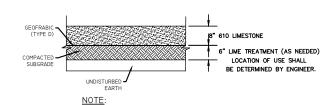


LIME TREATMENT SHALL BE TYPE D, 9% BY VOLUME. LIME TREATED AREAS THAT REMAIN OPEN FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER TREATMENT SHALL BE RETREATED AT NO DIRECT PAY.

## 9 CONCRETE WEIR DETAIL

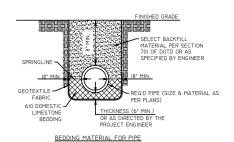


SAFETY END TREATMENT WITH HINGED SCREEN (DEBRIS SCREENS) N.T.S.



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## 8 AGGREGATE LOT / ROAD DETAIL N.T.S.



10 BEDDING DETAIL N.T.S.



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