

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Permit Application Number
MVN 2015-00515 ES

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
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Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 200401-04

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).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

Expansion of a Sand and Gravel Plant Adjacent to the Natalbany River, Tangipahoa Parish

NAME OF APPLICANT: Southern Aggregates, LLC. c/o Matrix New World Engineering, Attn: Lee Womack, 4451 Bluebonnet Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

LOCATION OF WORK: Project site is located adjacent to Natalbany River, bound by US Interstate 55 to the east, Natalbany River to the west, Tangipahoa Parish Landfill to the north, managed pine timber acreage to the south, near Independence, in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the attached drawings.

Hydrologic Unit Code: 08070203 - Tickfaw Location: Latitude: 30.676251, Longitude: -90.54164

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant proposes to clear, grade, excavate and fill to construct sand and gravel pits and berms that is 488.6 acres which contains approximately 8.0 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 3.8 acres of jurisdictional waters for the expansion of a sand and gravel plant. The applicant has proposed the use of an approved compensatory mitigation bank to offset any unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands.

The applicant may be required to fully or partially restore the project site to pre-project conditions, if issuance of the permit is determined to be contrary to the overall public interest.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 days** from the date of this joint 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 and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH. 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 Section 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.**

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

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 at this time. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project will not affect any endangered species based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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 **11.8** 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.

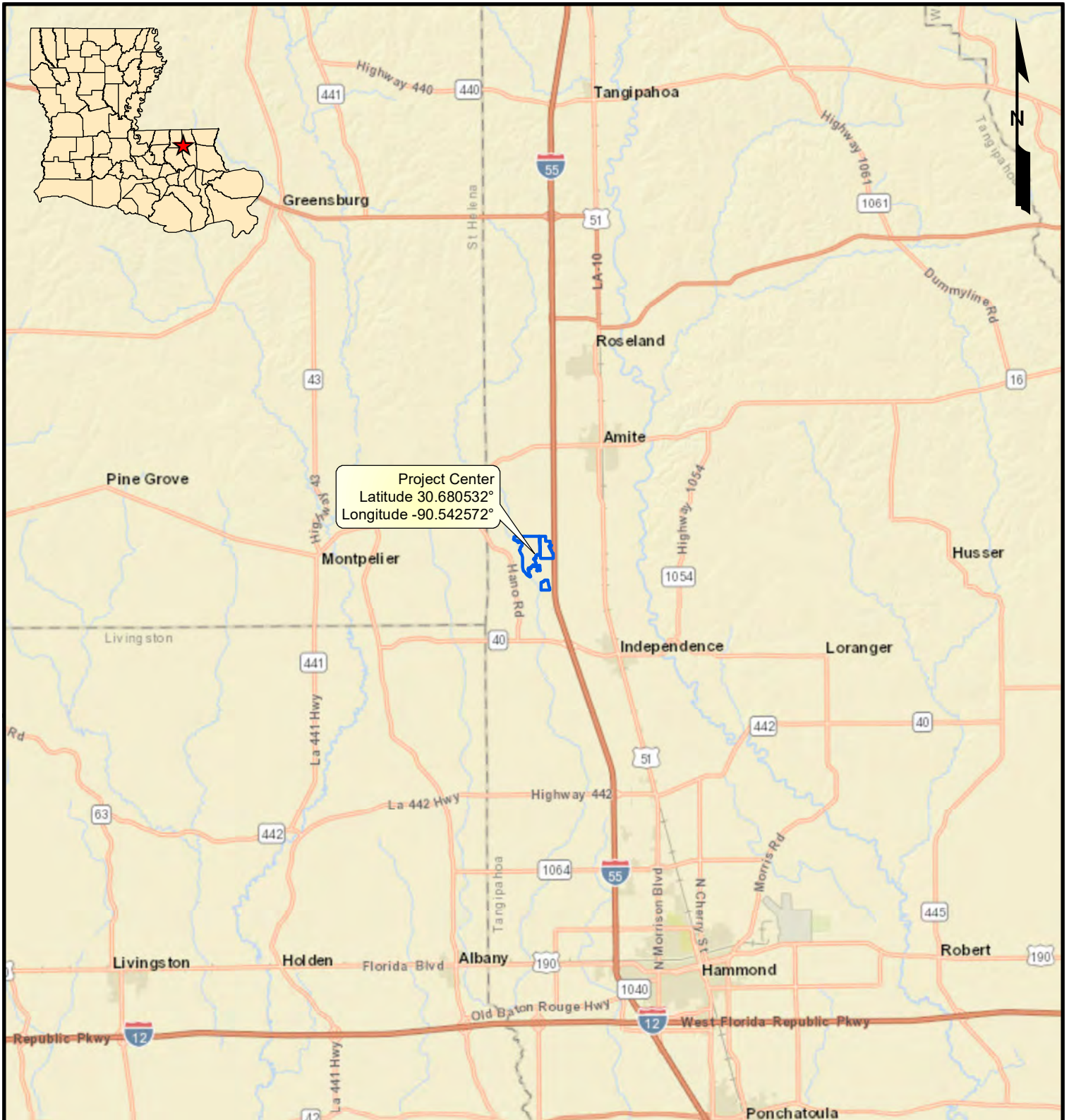
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

Michael V. Farabee
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

Enclosure



Legend

 Modified Plant Boundary (488.6 acres)

Source: Base map comprised of ESRI StreetMap USA data.

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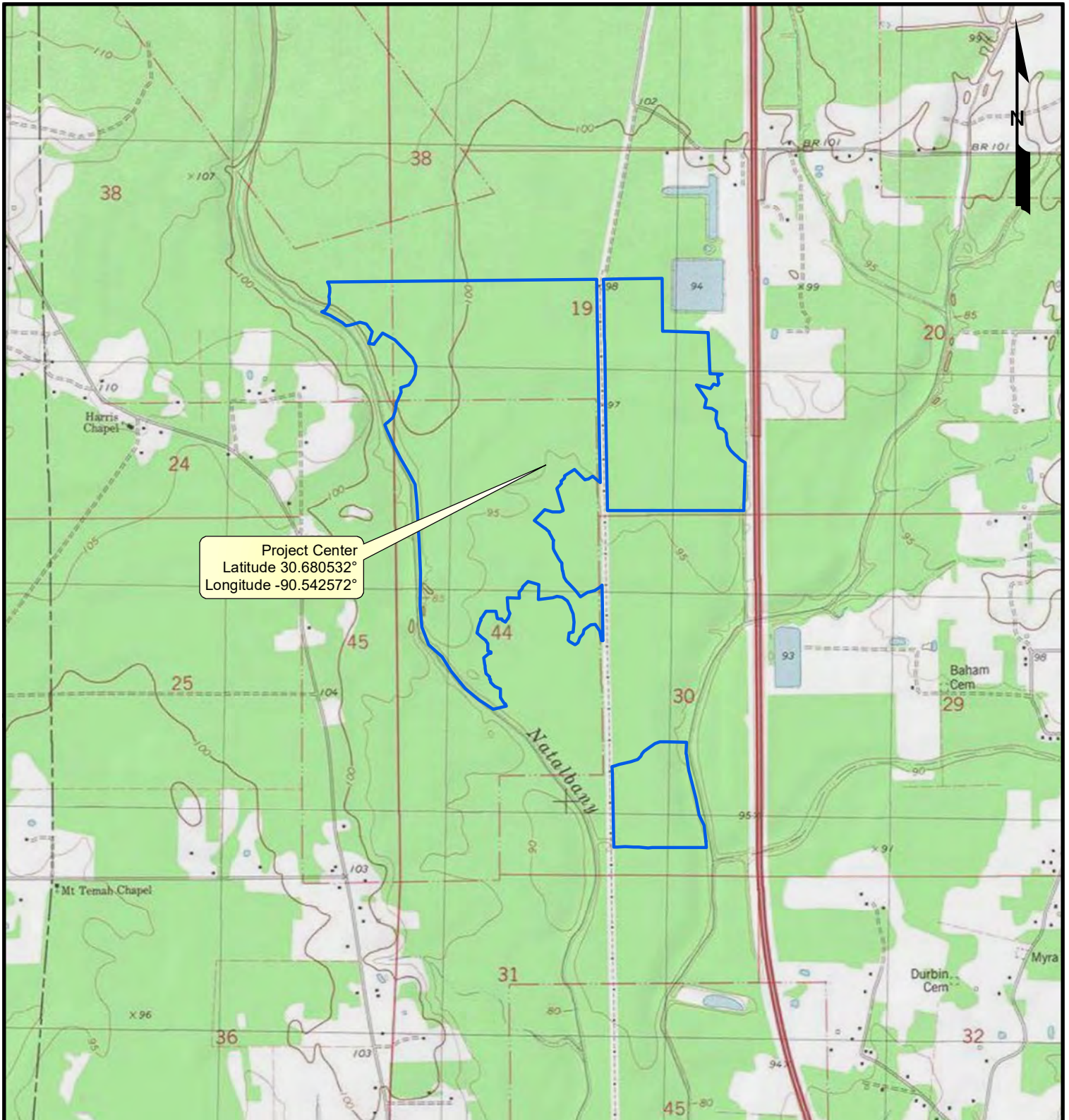
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Legend

Modified Plant Boundary (488.6 acres)

Source: Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5-minute topographic map(s), "Amite, LA" dated 1974.

Site Location Map

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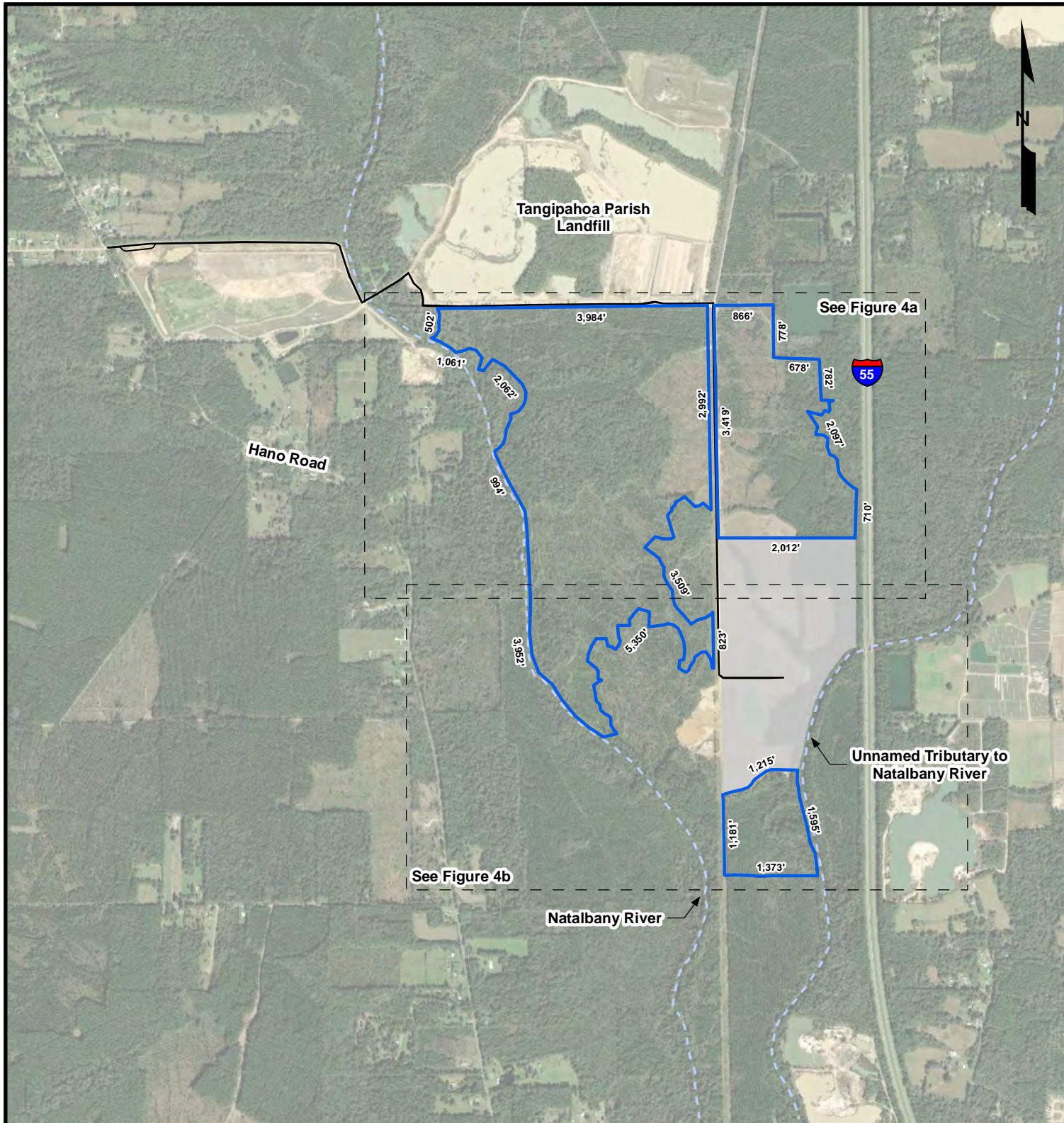
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Legend

- Modified Plant Boundary (488.6 acres)
- Previously Permitted Plant Boundary (135.1 acres)
- Existing Roads
- Site Plan Index

Source: Base map comprised of ESRI World Imagery.

Site Plan Overview

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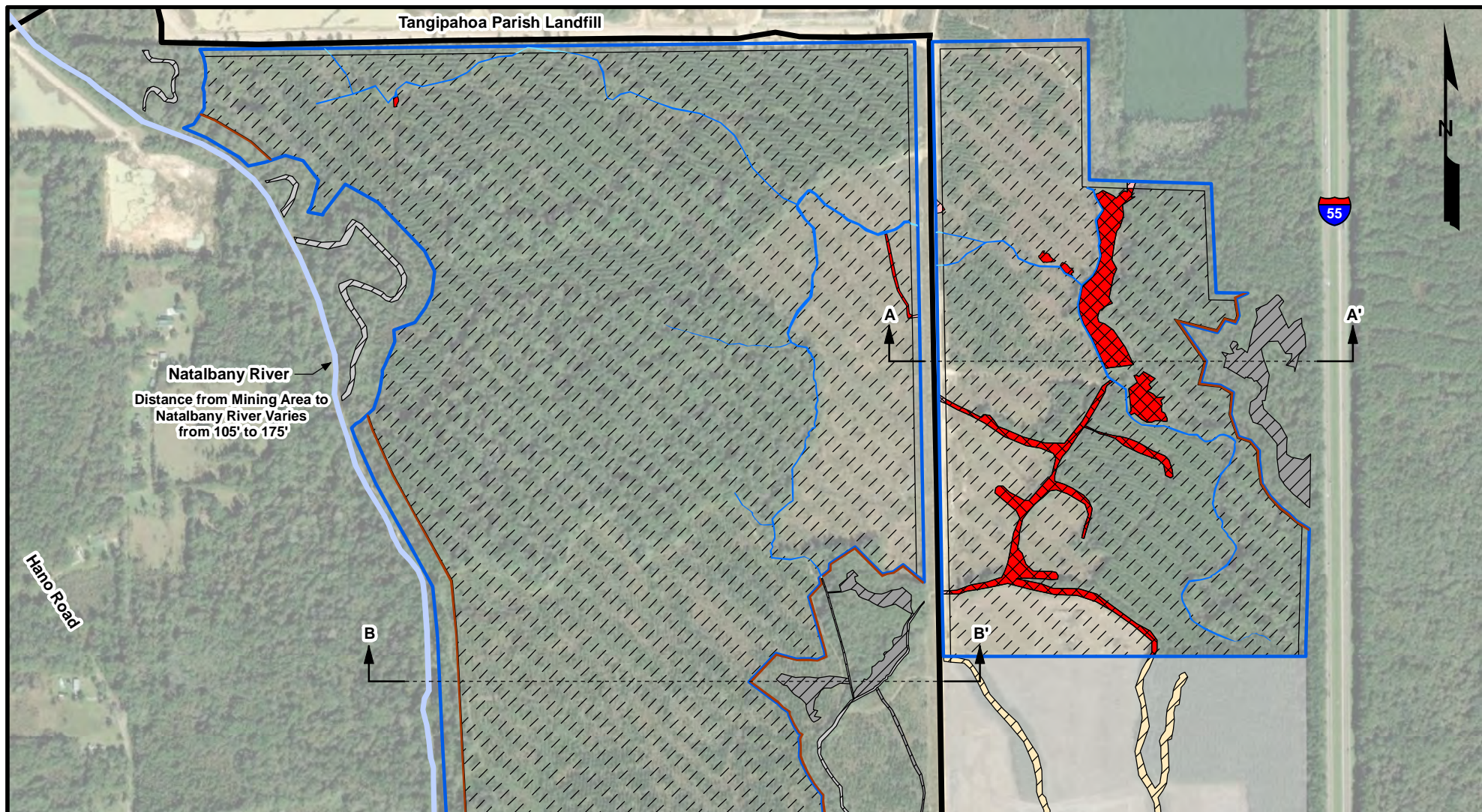
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	Modified Plant Boundary (488.6 acres)		Previously Permitted Wetland Impacts (5.2 acres)
	Previously Permitted Plant Boundary (135.1 acres)	Impacted Wetlands (8.0 acres)	
	Proposed Mining Area (455.4 acres)		Bottomland Hardwood Wetlands (Excavated; 7.5 acres)
	Proposed Berms (5.3 acres)		Bottomland Hardwood Wetlands (Filled; 0.1 acre)
	Existing Roads		Pine-Dominant Wetlands (Excavated; 0.3 acre)
	Non-Impacted Wetlands		Pine-Dominant Wetlands (Filled; 0.1 acre)
	Non-Impacted Other Waters of the U.S.	Impacted Other Waters of the U.S. (3.8 acres)	
	Natalbany River (Not Impacted)		Excavated (3.7 acres)
			Filled (0.1 acre)

Source: Base map comprised of ESRI World Imagery.

Site Plan

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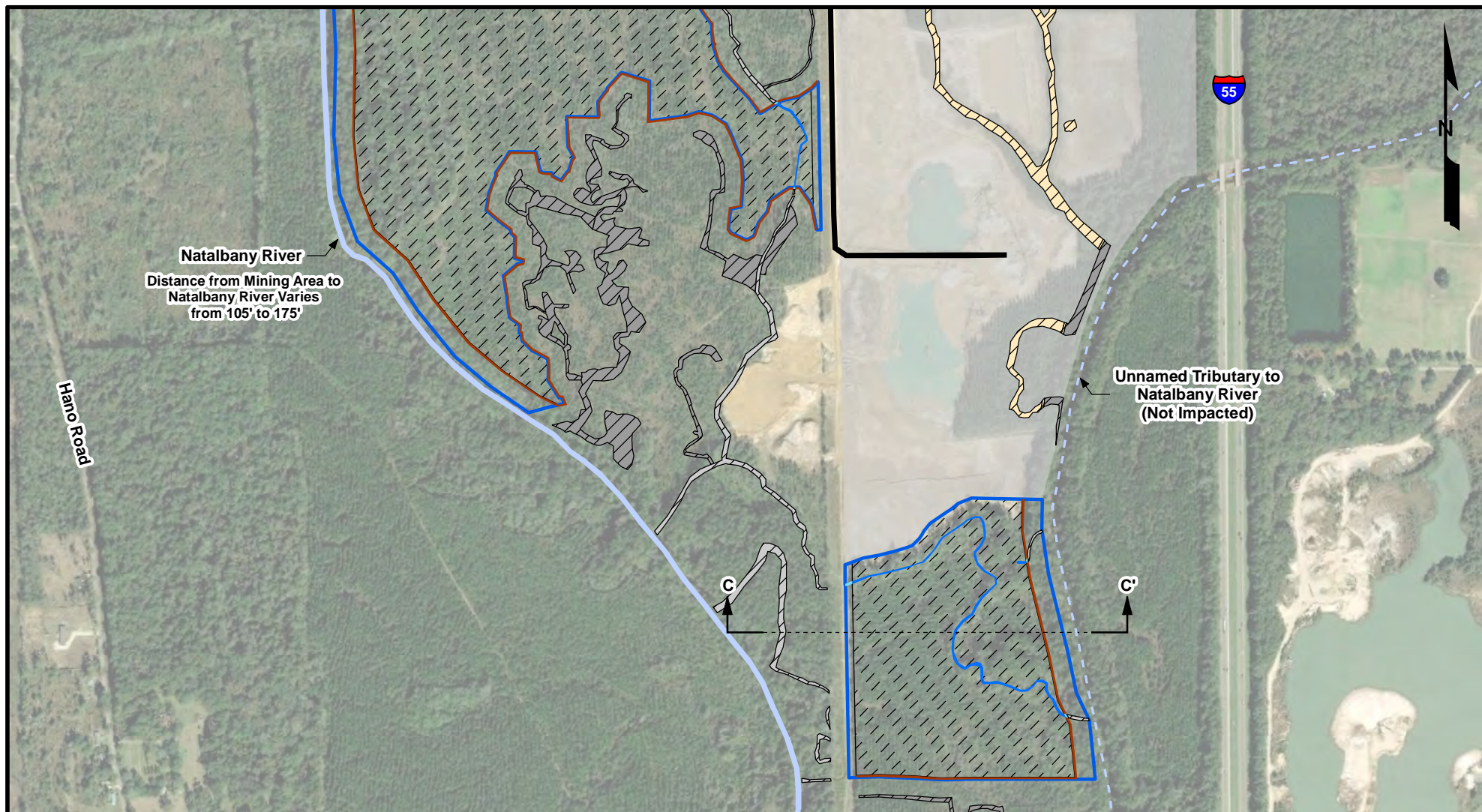
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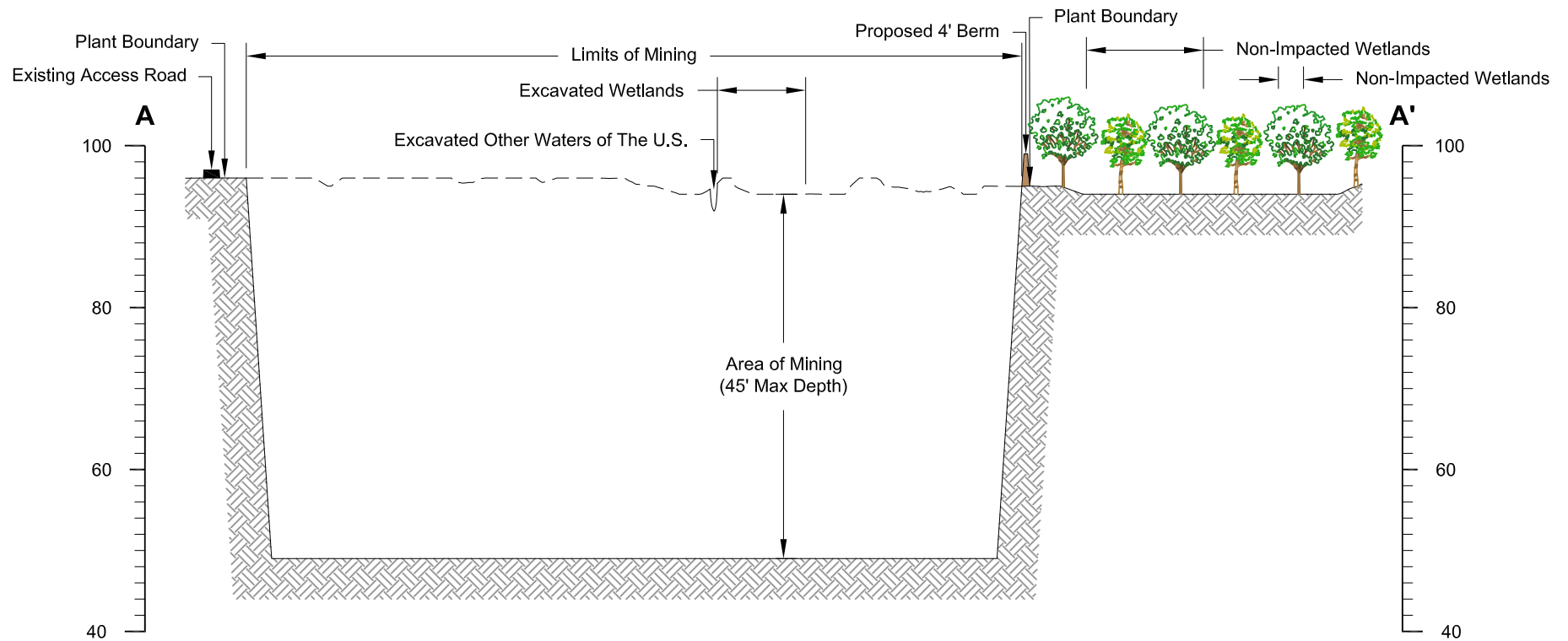
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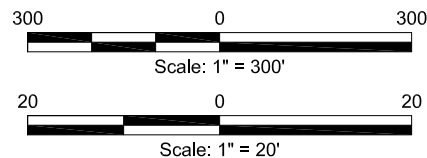
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Cross Section A-A'

Horizontal Scale: 1" = 300'

Vertical Scale: 1" = 20'



Cross Section A-A'

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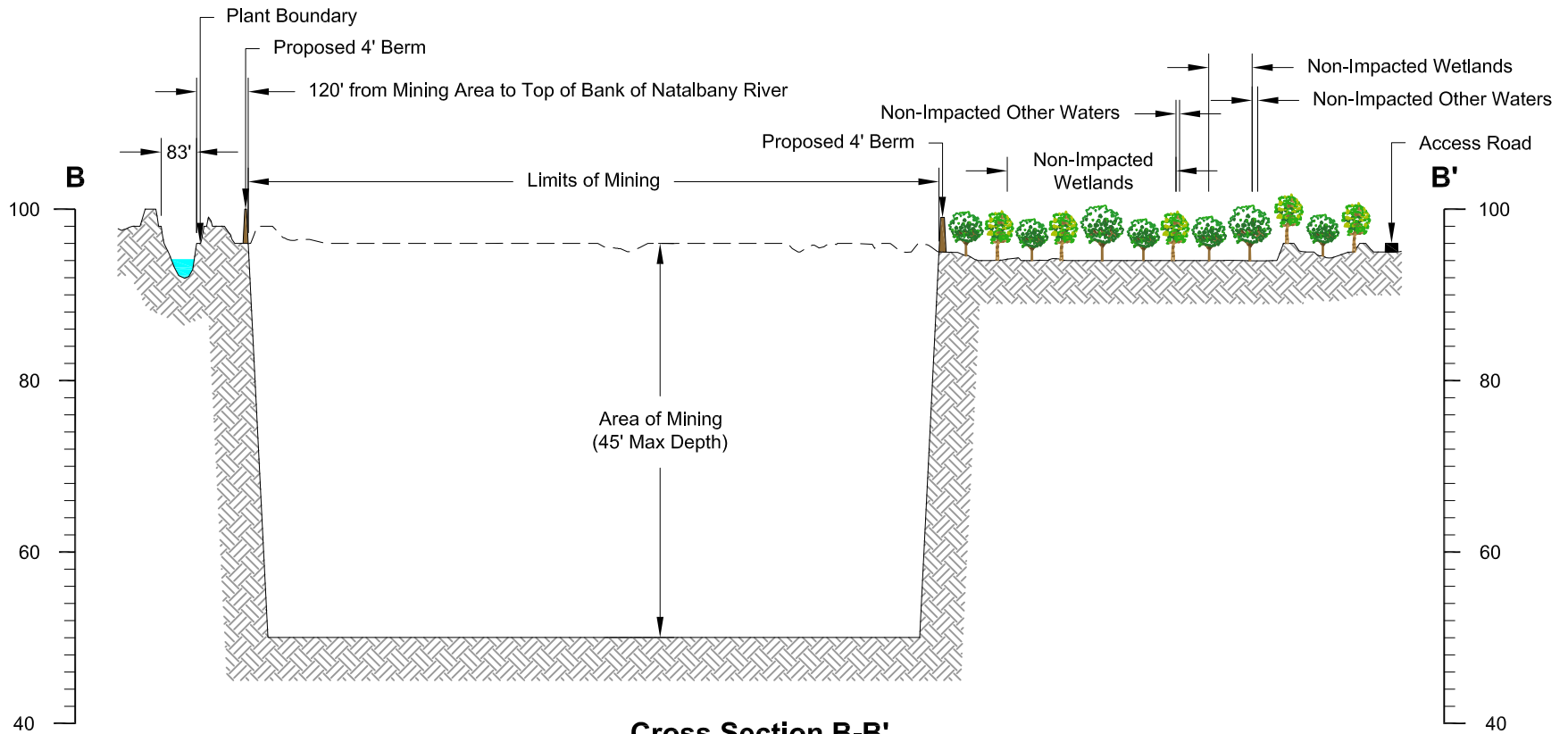
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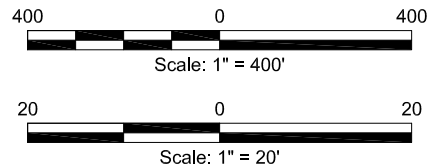


Cross Section B-B'

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Notes

1. Natalbany River MHW EL = 94.06'.
2. Mean High Water Elevations were extrapolated from USGS Gauge 07376420 (Natalbany River @ Amite, LA, Upstream) and USGS Gauge 07376500 (Natalbany River @ Baptist, LA, Downstream), and corresponding elevation drops between the referenced gauges and the location of the site.



Cross Section B-B'

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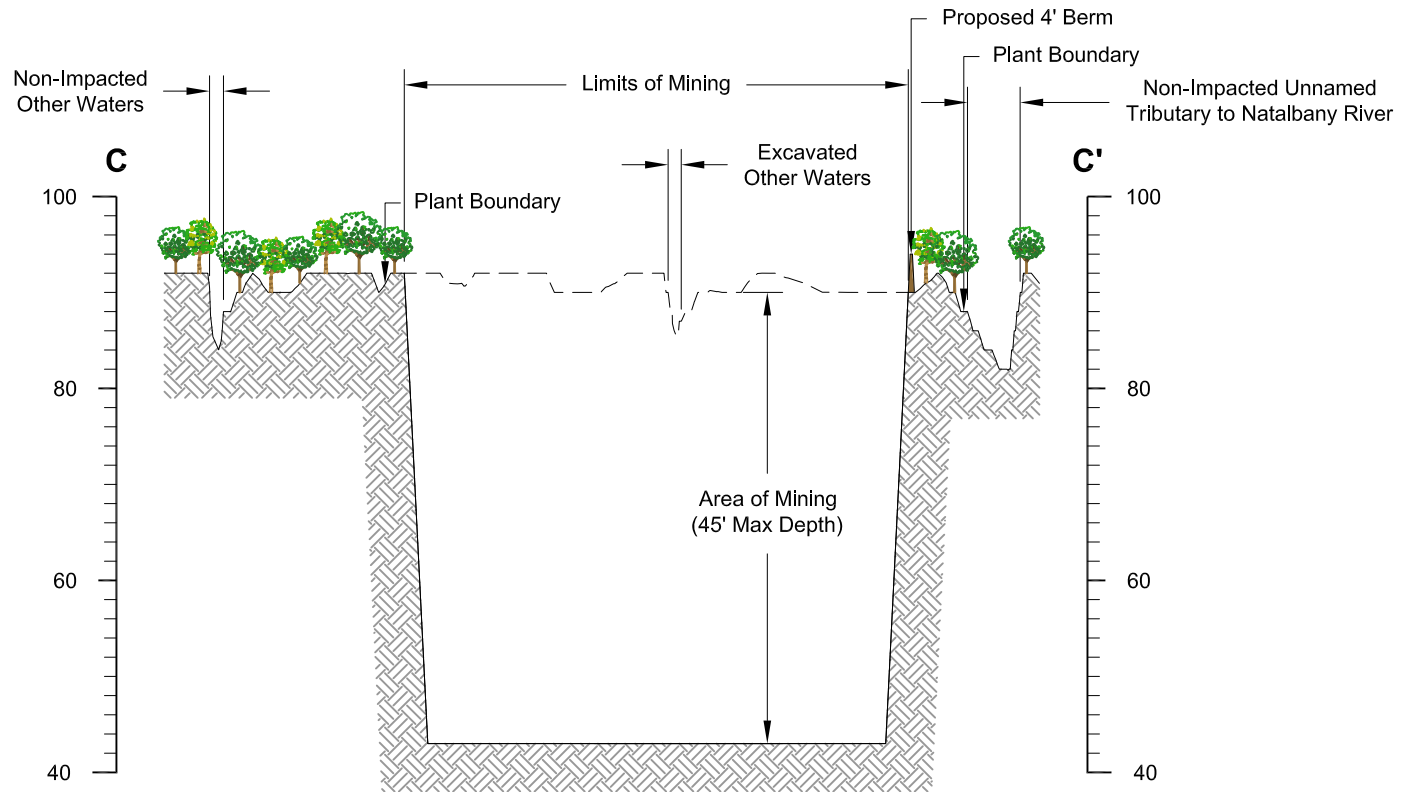
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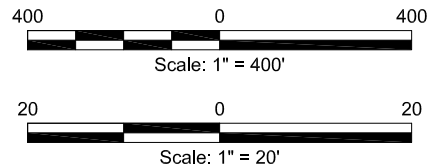
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Cross Section C-C'

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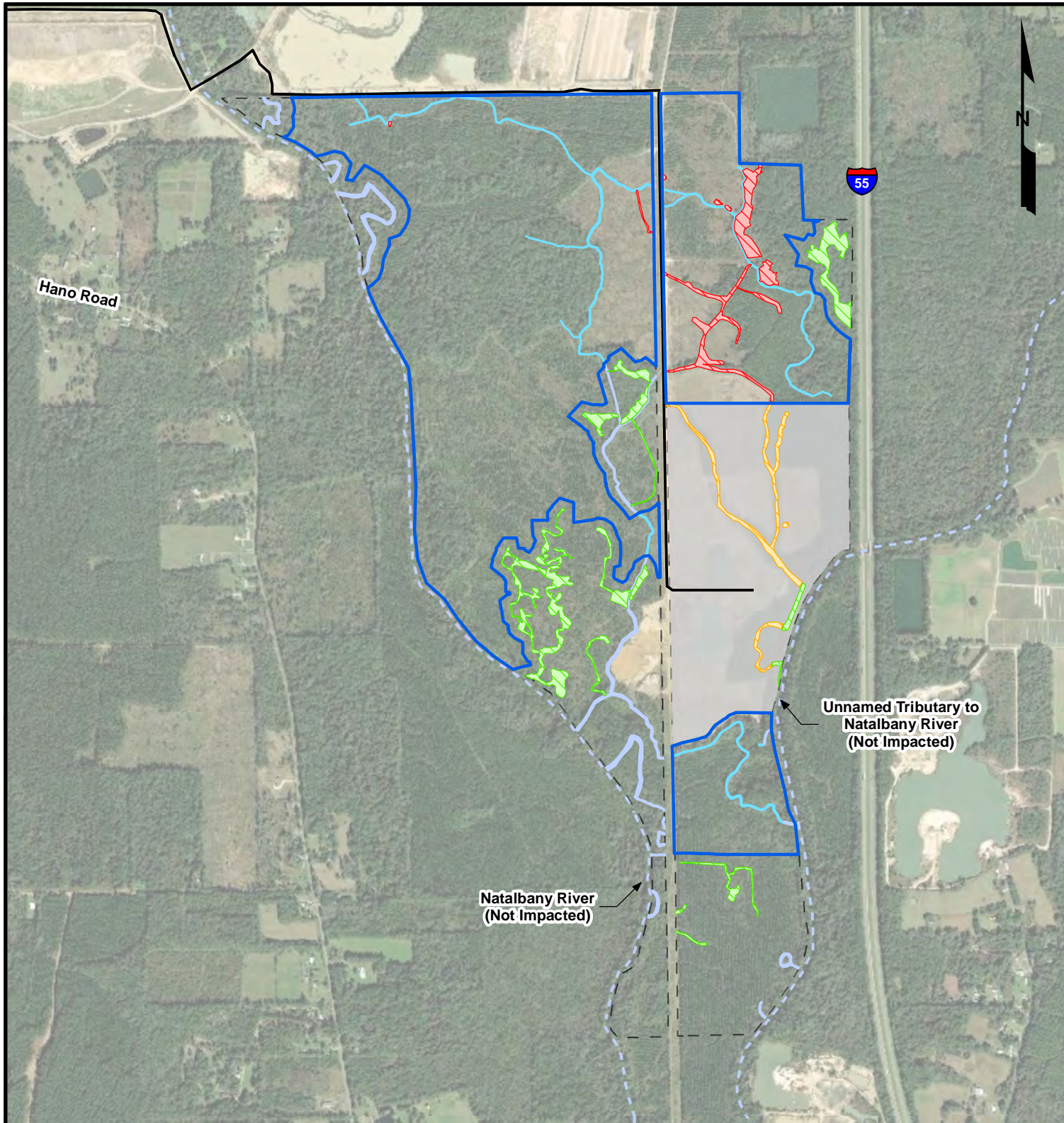
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	Existing Roads		Impacted Other Waters of the U.S. (3.8 acres)
	Non-Impacted Wetlands (17.3 acres)		Jurisdictional Determination Boundary (MVN 2015-00515-SE)
	Non-Impacted Other Waters of the U.S. (6.2 acres)		

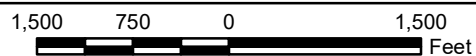
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Avoidance Map

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