

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC # 180802-02

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 Permits Division, 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).

EXCAVATION AND FILL TO EXPAND BLUE BAYOU AND DIXIE LANDIN' IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Haynes Interest, LLC., c/o G.E.C, Inc. ATTN: Barry McCoy, 8282 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806.

LOCATION OF WORK: In wetlands, Ward's Creek and Ward's Creek Diversion Canal located at latitude: 30.350714, Longitude: -91.031086 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, East Baton Rouge Parish within the Amite River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070202), as shown in the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The work described herein was previously authorized for Haynes Interest, LLC. on September 7, 2010, extended on September 3, 2015. The applicant has procured the property and begun construction. The applicant is requesting the Department of the Army authorization to complete the project to clear, grade and fill an area to expand an existing amusement park and water park. The proposed project consists of the excavation and deposition of fill to construct parking areas, and a campground to expand the existing theme parks. Approximately 2.81 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 2.85 acres of jurisdictional waters would be impacted by the proposed project. Approximately 35,963 cubic yards of earthen fill material will be excavated for construction of the proposed project.

The applicant proposes to avoid additional direct impacts and minimize secondary impacts by remaining in the previously authorized footprint of the worksite and no additional impacts to wetlands or waters of the U.S. are anticipated for this project. As compensation for any unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant has purchased in-kind wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit modification 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 modification 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**. **Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.** 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. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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 Interior. Utilizing Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on 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 would not result in the destruction or alteration 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.

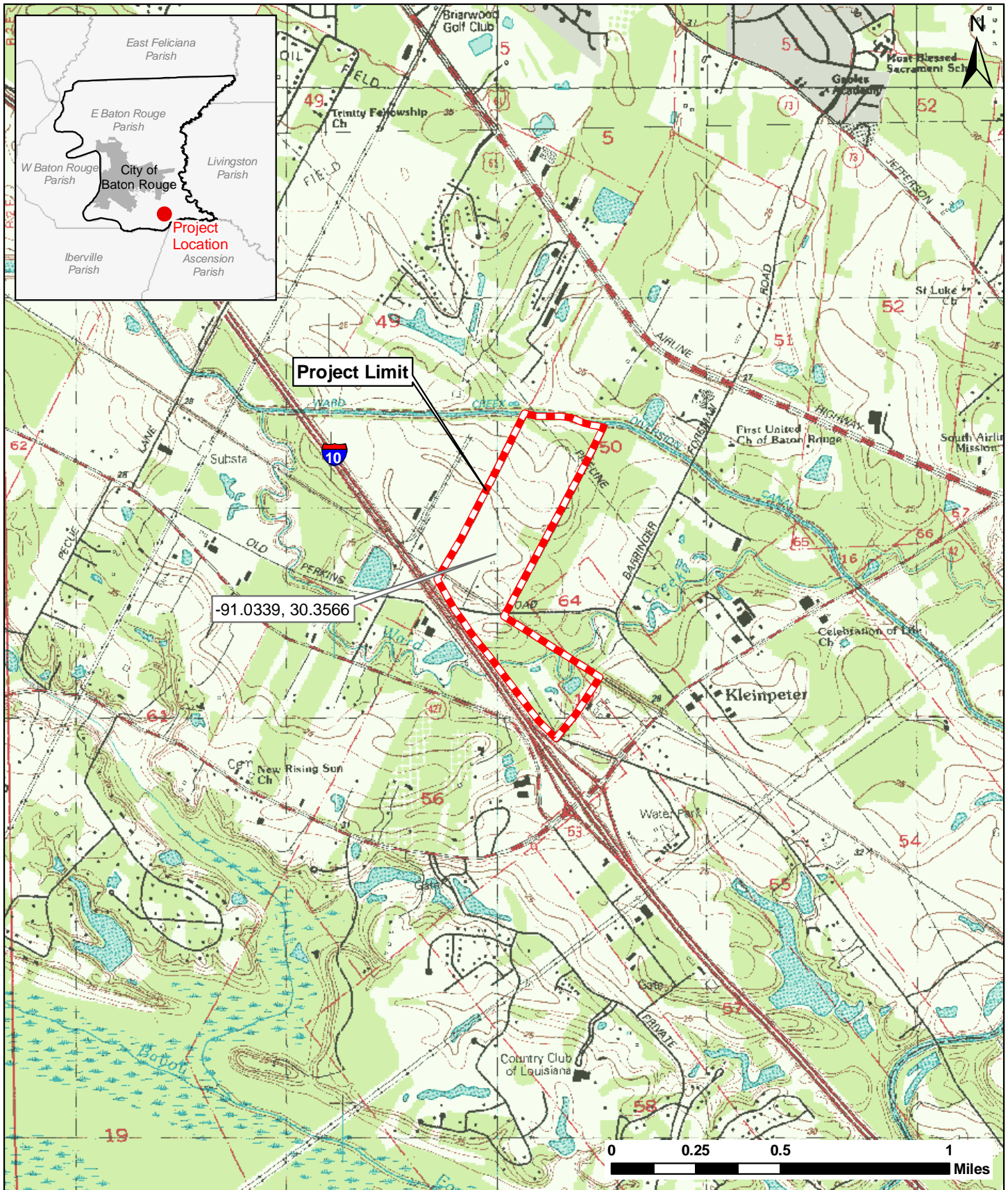
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards has been issued from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications Section under permit number WQC-180802-02.

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.

John M Herman
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure

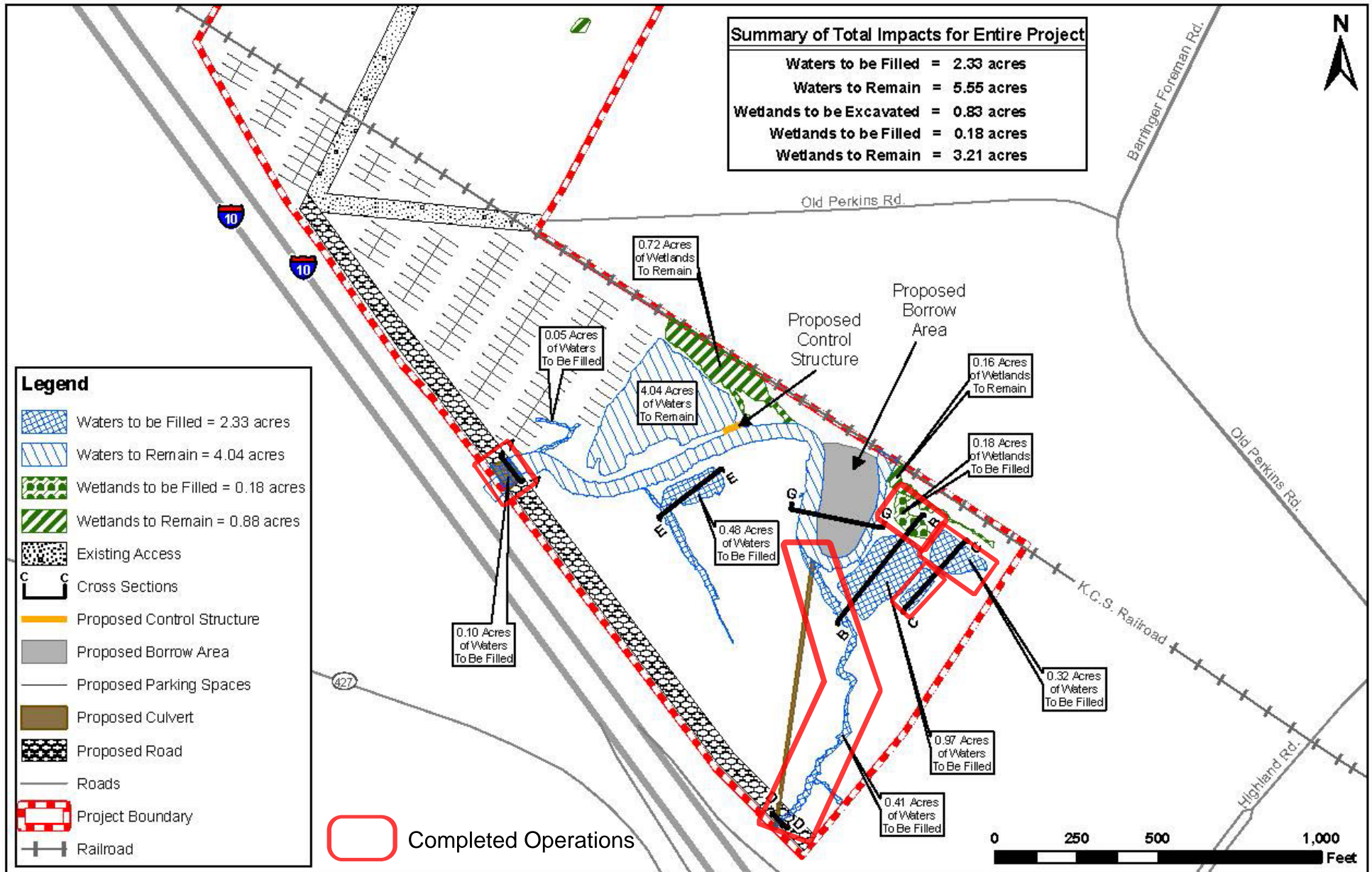


SITE LOCATION MAP

Kleinpeter, Christy, and Scott Tracts - Haynes Interest, LLC
 Sections 17 & 50, T-8-S, R-2-E
 East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

Data Source: 7.5 Minute USGS Topographic Maps, St. Gabriel (1997) & Baton Rouge East (1999)

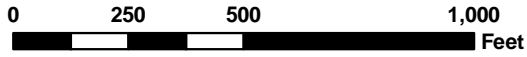
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IMPACTED WETLANDS MAP--SOUTHERN PART OF SITE

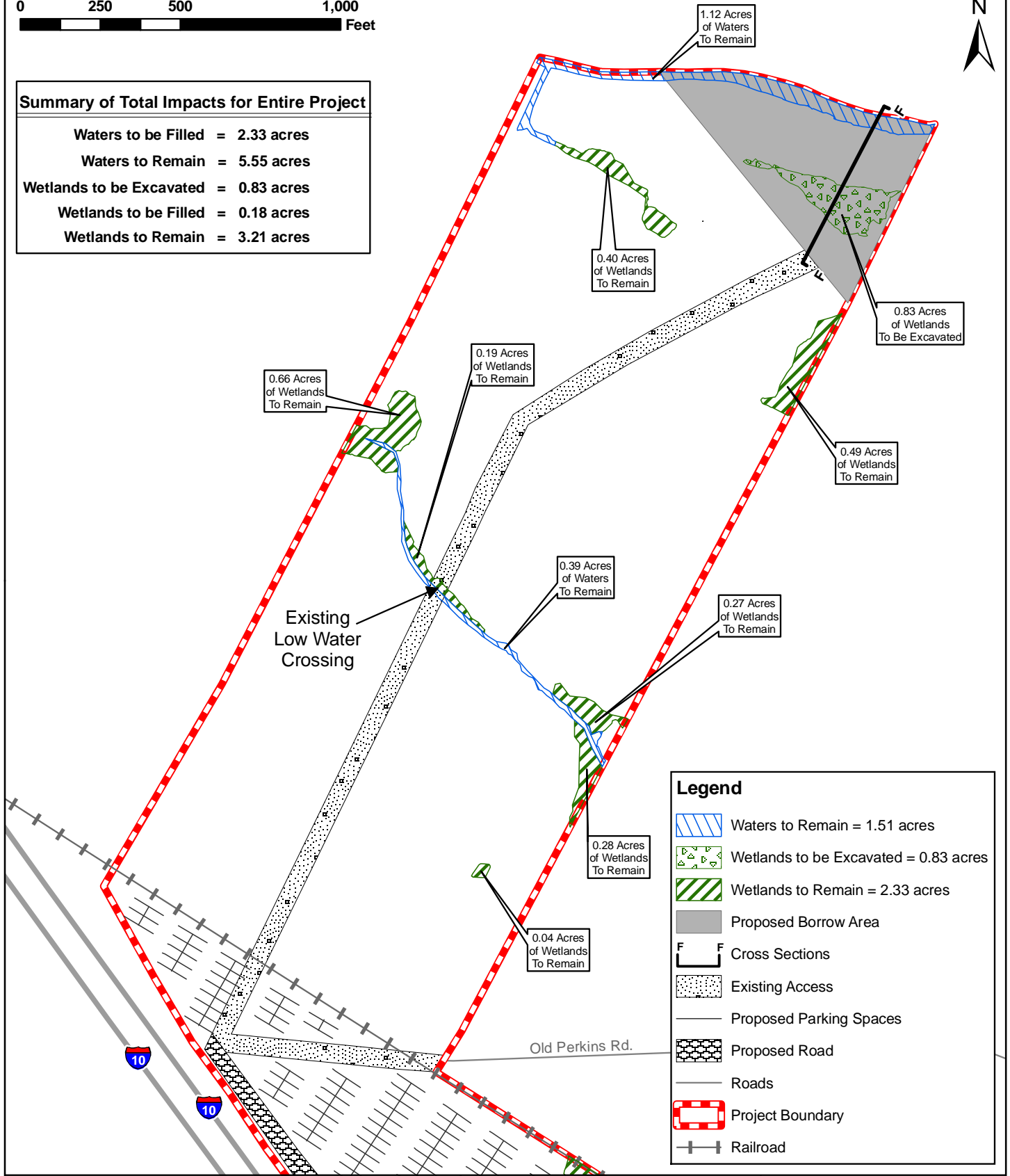
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Summary of Total Impacts for Entire Project

Waters to be Filled	= 2.33 acres
Waters to Remain	= 5.55 acres
Wetlands to be Excavated	= 0.83 acres
Wetlands to be Filled	= 0.18 acres
Wetlands to Remain	= 3.21 acres



Legend

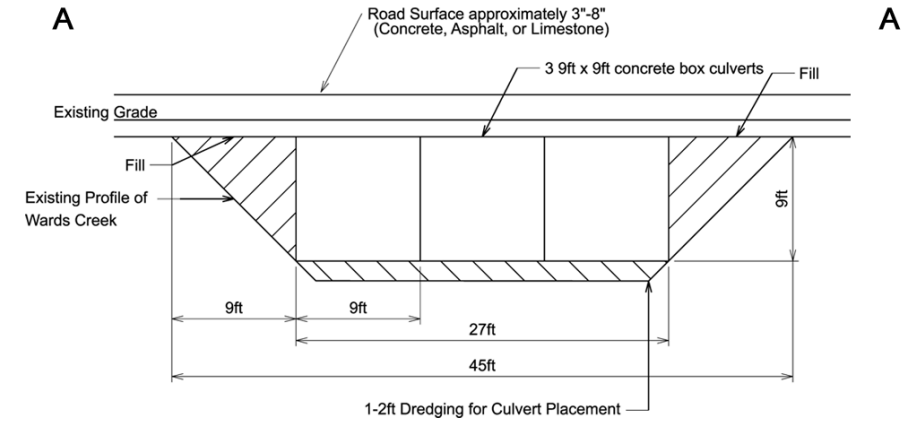
- Waters to Remain = 1.51 acres
- Wetlands to be Excavated = 0.83 acres
- Wetlands to Remain = 2.33 acres
- Proposed Borrow Area
- Cross Sections
- Existing Access
- Proposed Parking Spaces
- Proposed Road
- Roads
- Project Boundary
- Railroad

IMPACTED WETLANDS MAP--NORTHERN PART OF SITE

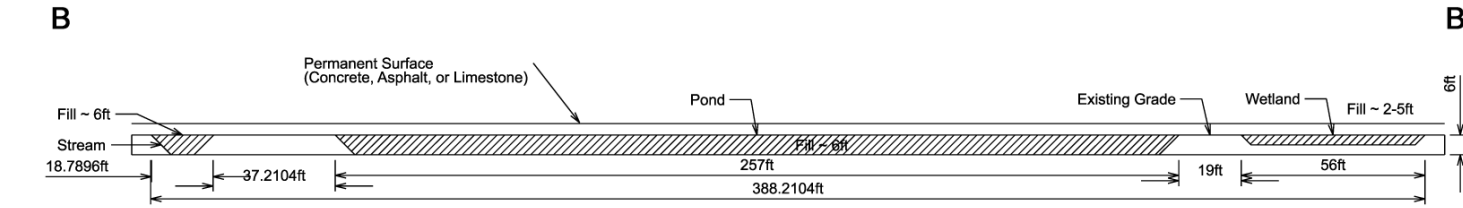
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Cross Section A - Kleinpeter Tract



Cross Section B - Kleinpeter Tract



Cross Section C - Kleinpeter Tract

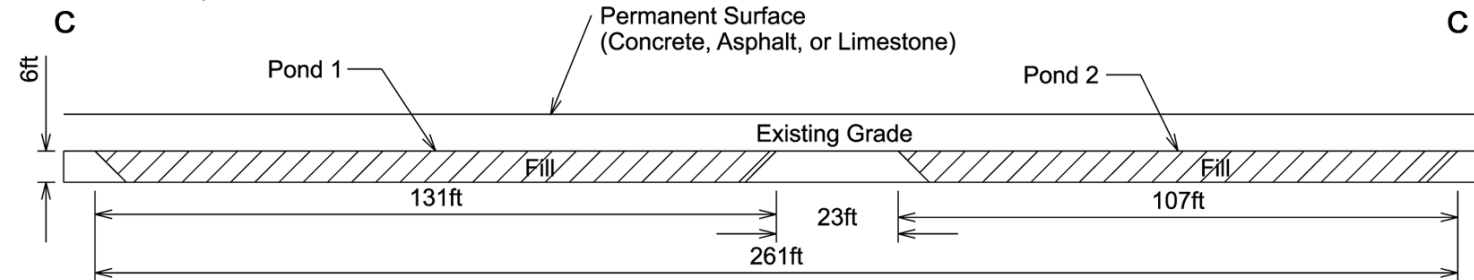
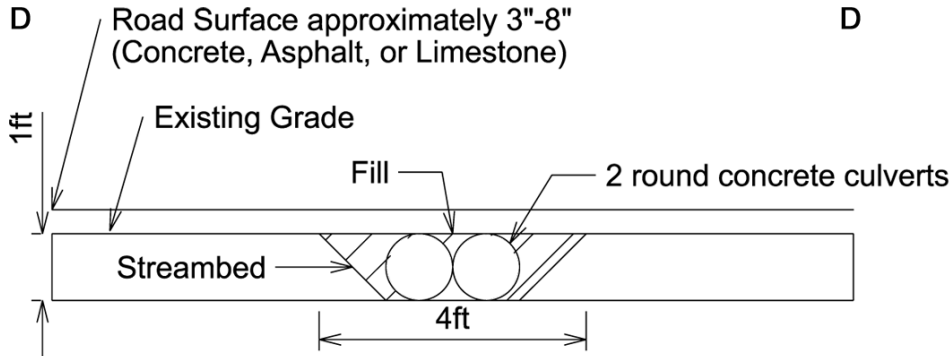


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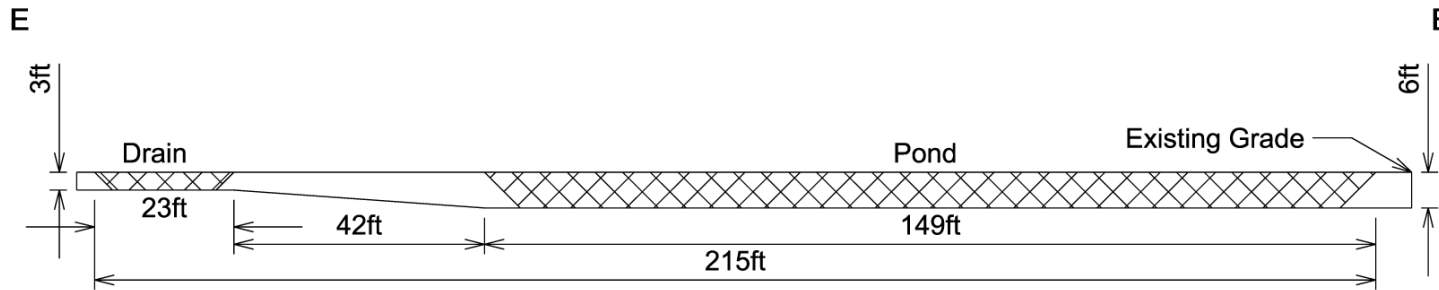
Section 404 Permit Application

Cross Section - Kleinpeter Tract
 Kleinpeter Tract (30.1 Acres) - Hayes Interest, LLC
 Sections 17, 18, 19, 20
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Cross Section D - Kleinpeter Tract



Cross Section E - Kleinpeter Tract



Cross Section F - Christy Tract

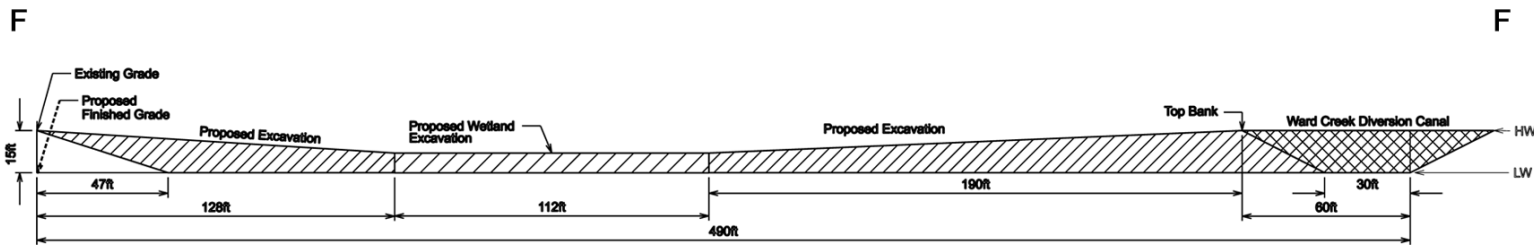
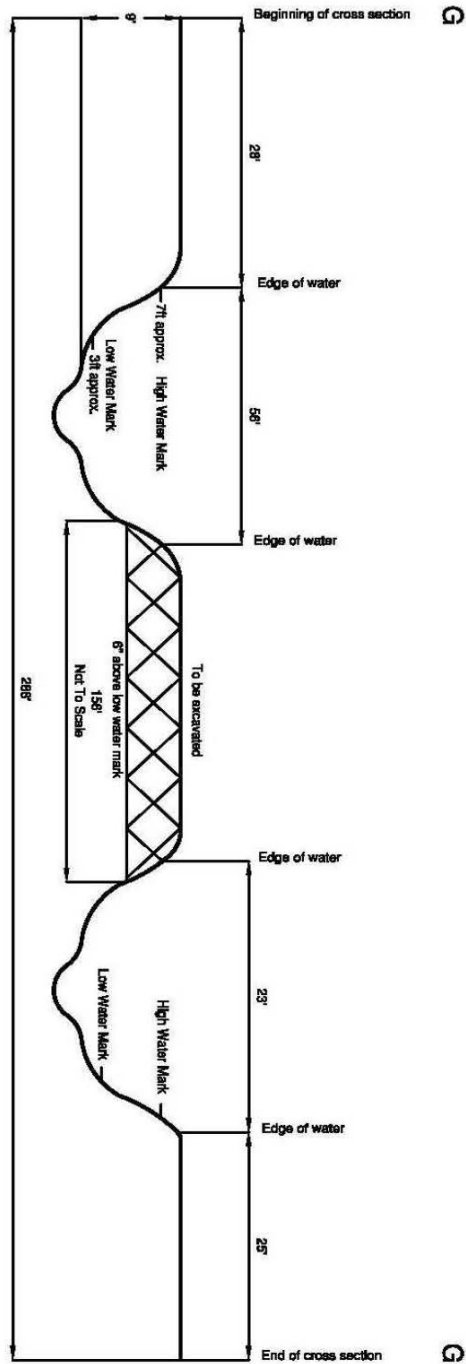


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Section 404 Permit Application

Cross Section - Kleinpeter Tract - Christy Tract
 Kleinpeter Tract (6.4 Acres) - Haynes Interest, LLC
 Christy Tract (30.4 Acres) - Haynes Interest, LLC
 Source: US Army Corps of Engineers
 East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana



Section 404 Permit Application

Cross Section - Kleinpeter Tract

Kleinpeter Tract (30.1 Acres) - Haynes Interest, LLC
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