

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Permit Application Number  
MVN 2014-0157 EOO

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Project Manager  
Elizabeth Johnson  
WQC Application Number  
WQC 140319-03

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).

## **C.J. Finn Memorial Park Expansion in Abita Springs, LA**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Saint Tammany Parish Recreation District #11, % PAS Interiors and Spicuzza Associates, LLC, Attention: Luke Spicuzza, Post Office Box 1569, Abita Springs, Louisiana, 70420.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** An 8.6 acre parcel at 22517 Louisiana Highway 36, Abita Springs, Louisiana, Saint Tammany Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Latitude: 30.47273/Longitude: -90.02683, Hydrologic Unit Code: 08090201 – Liberty Bayou-Tchefuncte

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** Clear, grade, excavate, and deposit fill for a recreational ballpark expansion to include a parking lot, gymnasium, and three baseball fields. The project area is entirely wetlands, directly impacting 5.1 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. The applicant proposes to contract with a Corps approved mitigation bank (Mossy Hill Mitigation Bank) to compensate for the unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands.

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**. **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. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

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 **N/A** 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.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

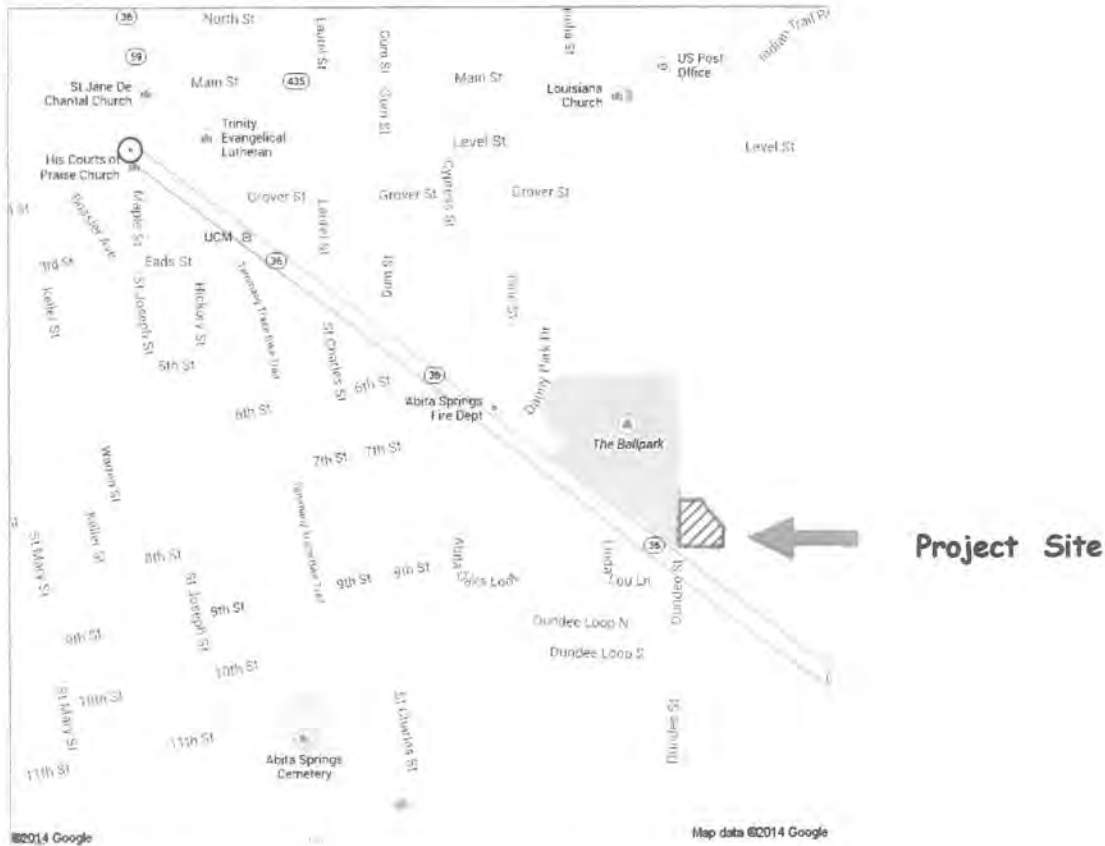
You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Michael V. Farabee  
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

Enclosure



Phase 1 Project Site is just East of the Existing Abita Ball Park on Hwy 36 - See Below site Boundary in Red.



Township of Abita Springs - Louisiana



### VICINITY MAP

N.T.S.

**Latitude: N 30° 28' 21.82" Longitude: W 90° 01' 36.58"**

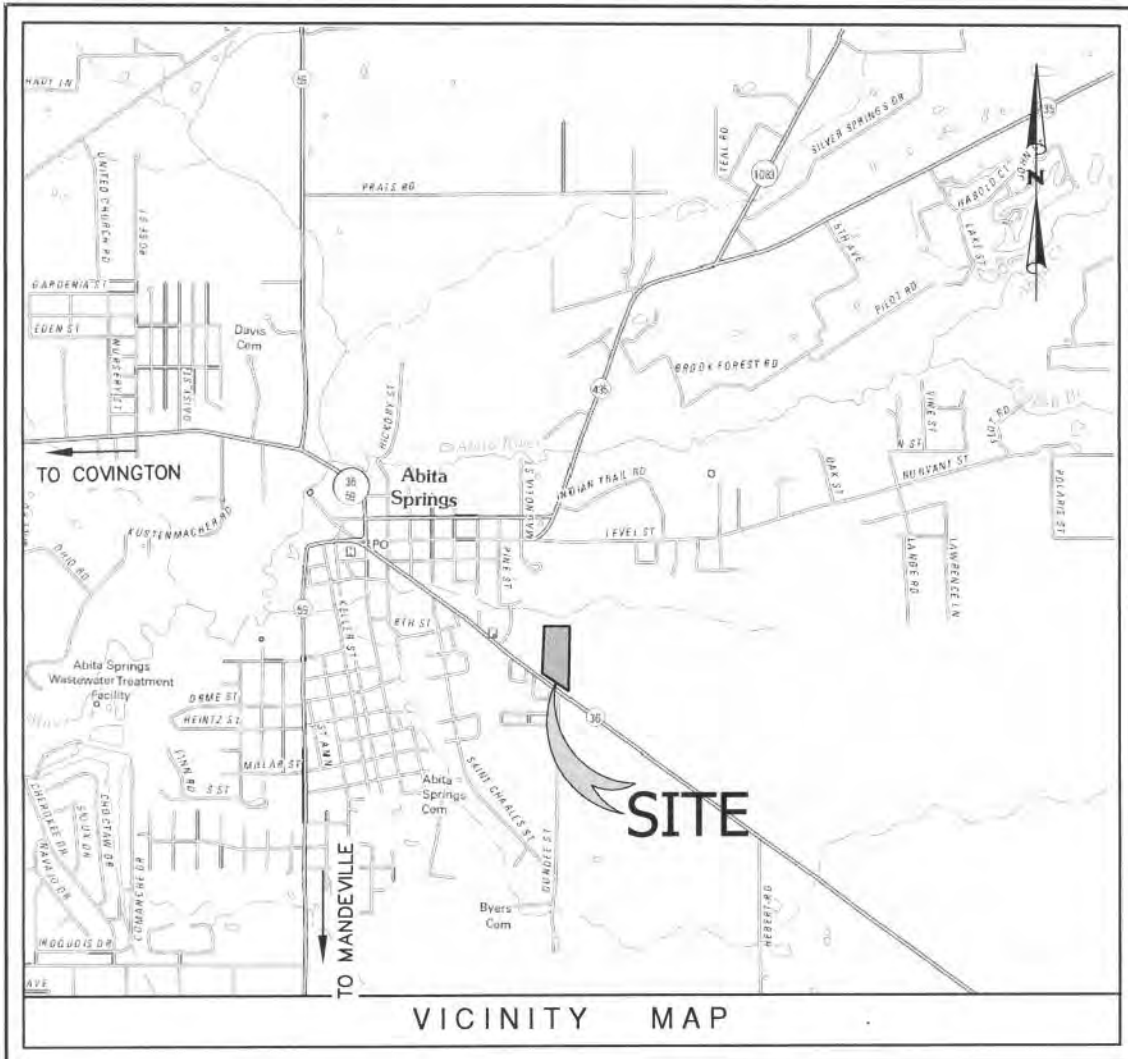
**St. Tammany Parish - Abita Rec. District 11**

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Abita Springs, Louisiana

# GYMNASIUM FOR RECREATIONAL DISTRICT NO. 11 OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LA



Not to Scale

22517 HWY. 36  
ABITA SPRINGS, LA 70420



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200

feet  
meters

Google earth

**AERIAL SITE PHOTO**

Exhibit 3

**St. Tammany Parish - Abita Rec. District 11**

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 www.landsurveying.com

**Abita Recreation District Number 11**

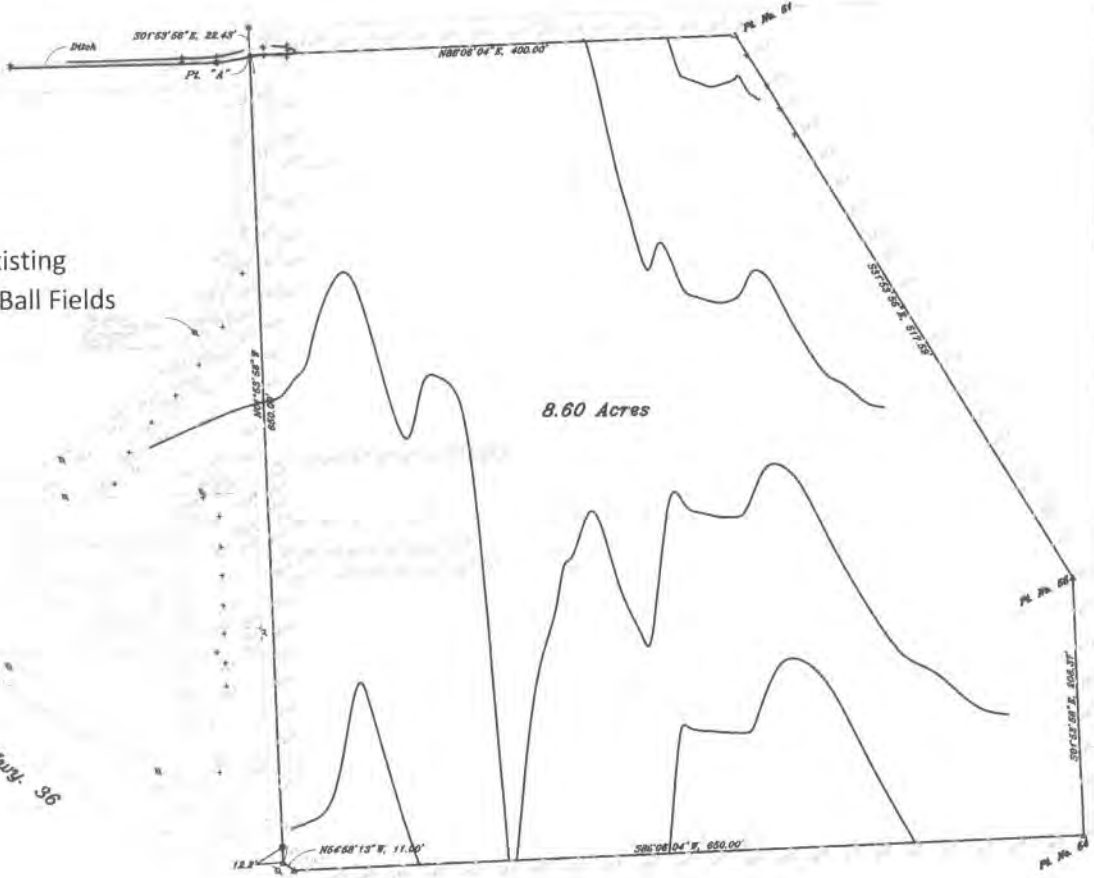
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PROJECT Abita Recreation District #11, Phase 1, Project Site Development	
DRAWN BY J. V. DUKES & ASSOC.	
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Point "A" is 307'30" 1/4" E,  
 50'00" 3/4" S of 307'30" 1/4" E,  
 01'53'58" E, 22.43' from  
 the Station Corner common to  
 sections 31 & 32 T05 R12E  
 and sections 8 & 9 T03 R12E,  
 St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana



Existing  
 Large Ball Fields

*La. Hwy. 36*



8.60 Acres

### Ph. 1 Legal Site Survey Plat

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BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON (IF ANY) ARE NOT NECESSARILY  
 EXCLUSIVE. BEARINGS OF RECORD AS SHOWN ON TITLE  
 PLAT OR TITLE POLICY WILL BE ADDED HERETO UPON  
 REQUEST. AS THE UNDERSIGNED HAS PERFORMED NO ABSTRACT  
 OF TITLE SEARCH. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS MADE NO ATTEMPT  
 TO LOCATE ANY BURIED UTILITIES OR ASSOCIATED PEDESTALS.

HIS MAP IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MINIMUM STANDARD  
 DETAILED REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THE ACCURACY  
 STANDARDS OF A C SURVEY AND THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS  
 OF PRACTICE CITED IN LAC 48:151.

HIS MAP IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PHYSICAL SURVEY MADE  
 IN THE GROUND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

**Reference Surveys:**  
 1. Survey prepared by Land Surveying, LLC  
 dated March 31, 2011 Survey No. 15252  
 (Basis of Bearings)  
 2. Survey prepared by J. V. Dukes & Assoc.  
 Inc. dated July 1, 2000 Drawing No. 20090501

**Note:**  
 Elevations based on NAVD 88  
 Geoid 12A

Building setback lines should be determined by  
 owner or contractor prior to any construction.

**Legend:**  
 \* 1/4" Nail Set  
 + Elevation  
 - Fence  
 o 5/8" Iron Pipe Found  
 o 1/2" Iron Pipe Found  
 - 1/2" Iron Pipe Found

L.A. PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR  
 J. V. DUKES JR. 4804

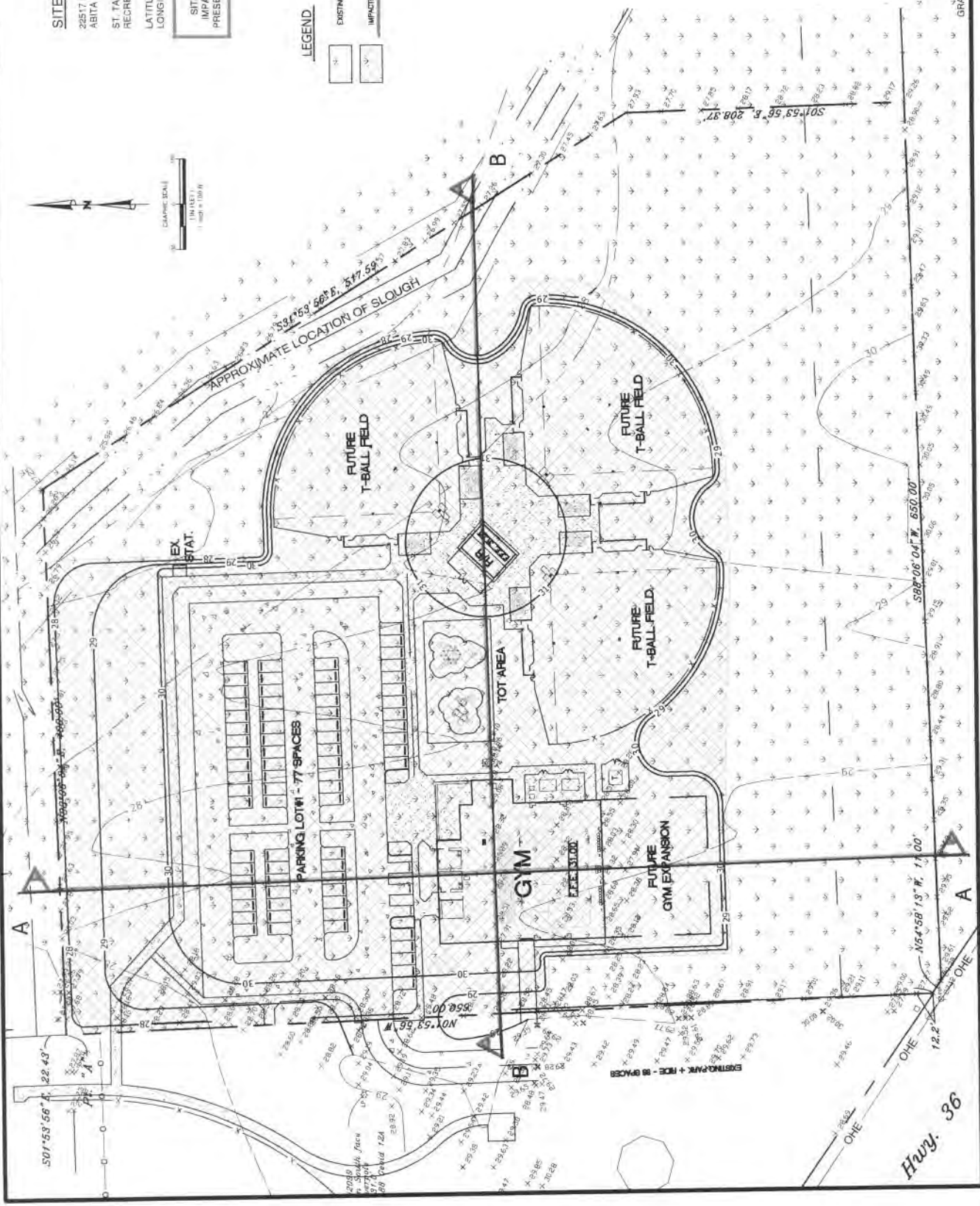


**SITE DATA**

22517 HWY 36  
ABITA SPRINGS, LA  
ST. TAMMANY PARISH  
RECREATIONAL DISTRICT NO. 11  
LATITUDE: 30° 28' 21.82" N  
LONGITUDE: 90° 1' 36.58" W

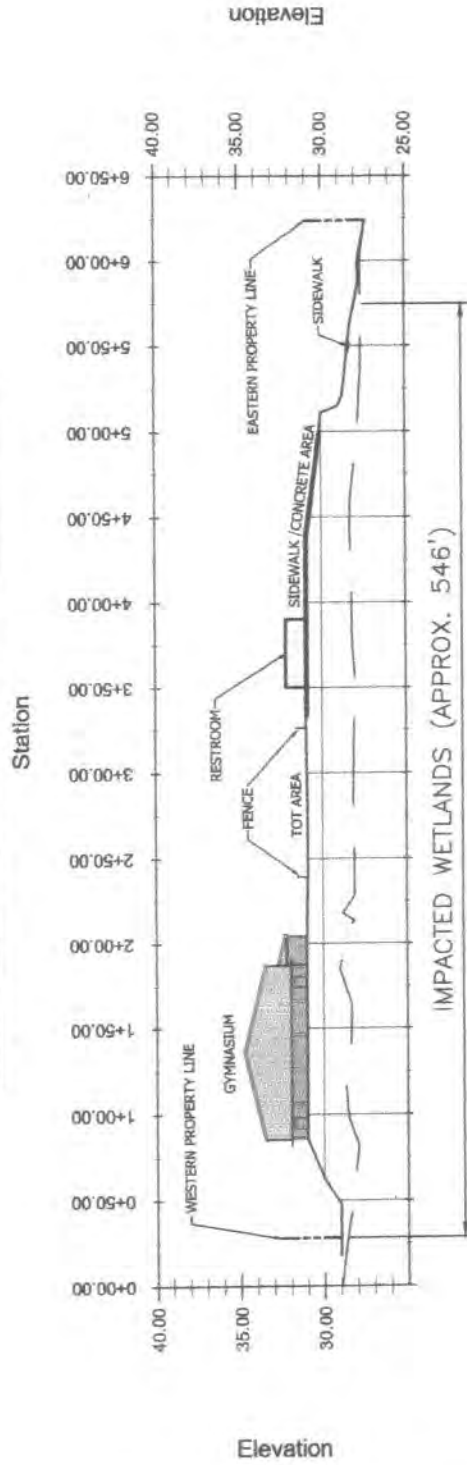
SITE AREA: 8.60 AC  
SITE WETLAND AREA: 8.60 AC  
IMPACTED WETLANDS: 5.12 AC  
PRESERVED WETLANDS: 3.48 AC

**LEGEND**





**Profile View of Cross Section B-B**



CROSS SECTION OF IMPACTED WETLANDS  
(SECTION B-B)  
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**GYMNASIUM**

FOR

RECREATIONAL  
 DISTRICT NO. 11 OF  
 ST. TAMMANY PARISH  
 LOUISIANA

22517 HIGHWAY 36  
 ABITA SPRINGS, LA 70420

KEY PLAN



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Project No.	212006.03	Sheet No.	A1.0
Contract No.		Date	03/20/11
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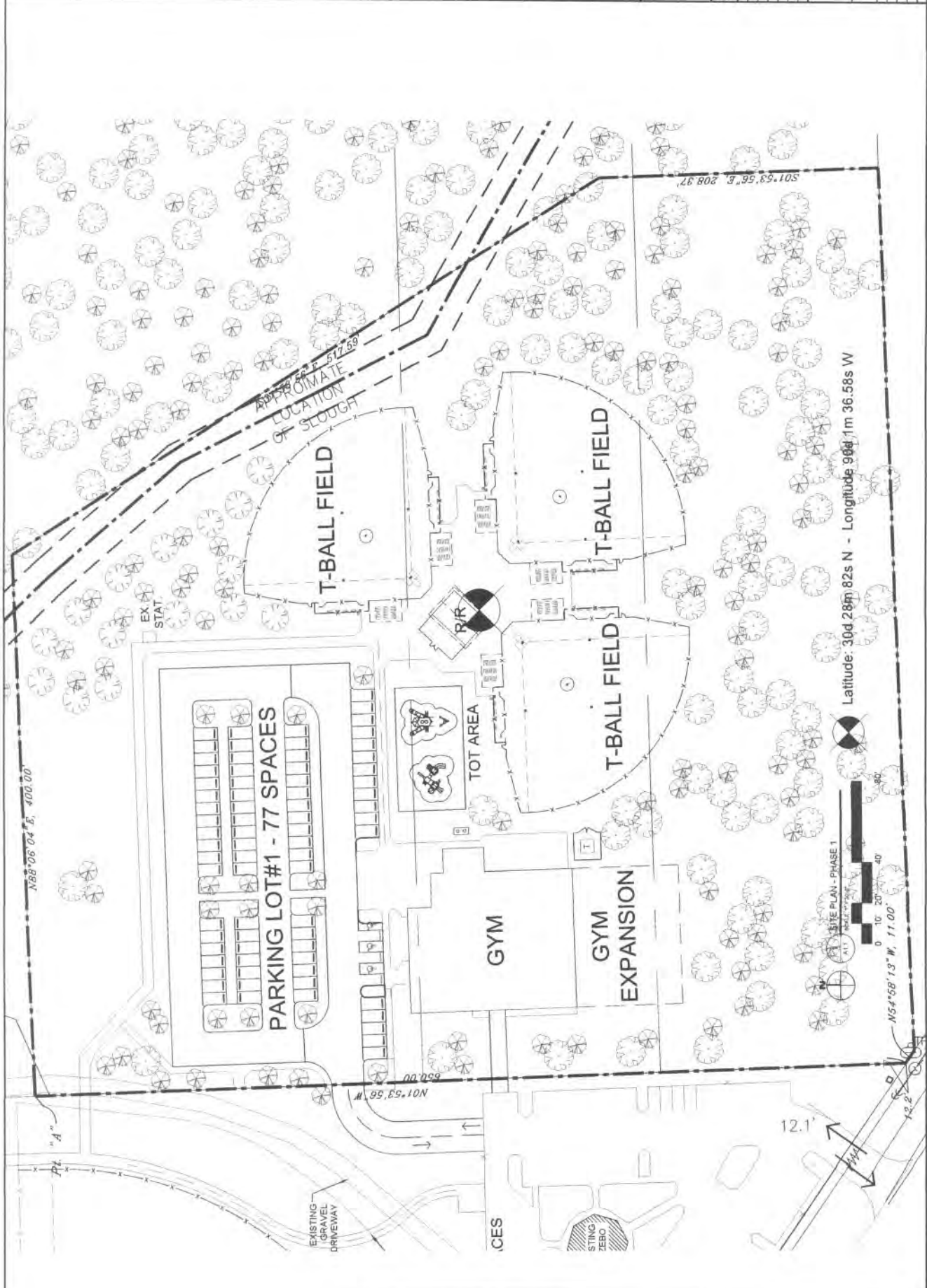
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