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Application #: MVN-2022-01248-ECS

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS STATION AND APPURTENANCES
IN ST. CHARLES PARISH**

NAME OF APPLICANT: RaceTrac Petroleum, c/o: Hydrik Wetlands Consultants, attn.: Mr. Michael Henry, 2323 Highway 190 East, Suite 2, Hammond, Louisiana 70401.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located southwesterly of US HWY 90 and LA HWY 632 (WPA Rd.) in Des Allemands, in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, (lat. 29.82355, long. -90.46534), as shown within the attached drawings. (Hydrologic Unit Code 080903010302, Des Allemands-Crawford Canal Watershed).

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project is to construct a new gas station and appurtenances on a 5.35 acres parcel. The project as proposed would directly impact 1.39 acres (permanently) of jurisdictional wetlands and 0.026 acres of non-tidal waters.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposed to contract with an approved mitigation bank in order to offset the adverse impact to jurisdictional wetlands, should a DA permit be issued.

The comment period on the requested Department of the 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 Corps of Engineer's project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above,

ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGE, Carrie Schott. 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 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 such 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 and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been 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 may result in the destruction, alteration, and/or disturbance of 0 acre 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.

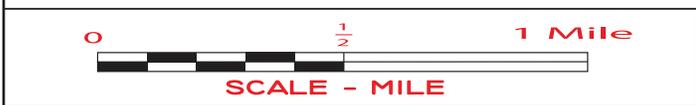
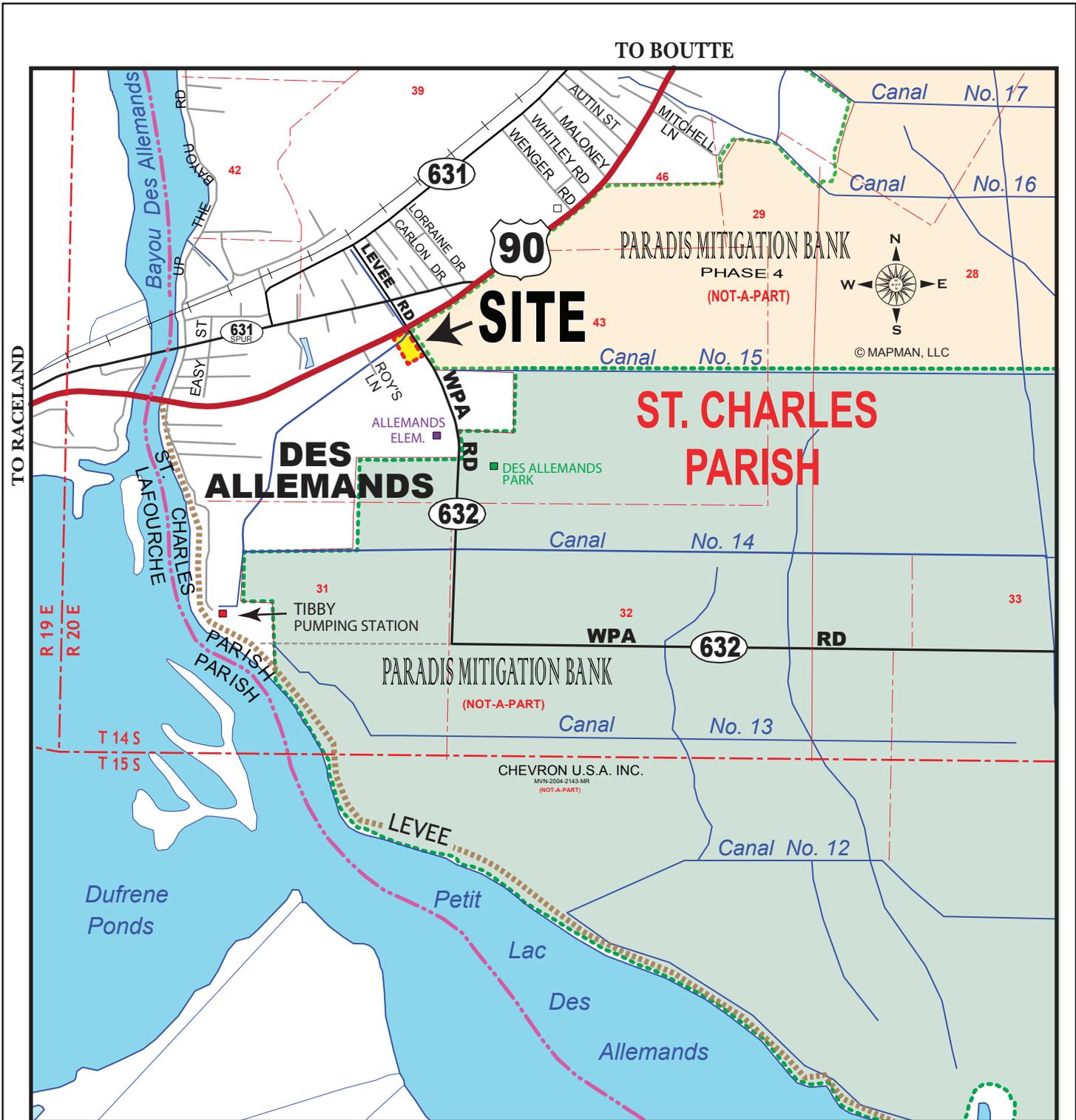
Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or in writing), within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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 (Louisiana Coastal Zone Application P20220928. 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 invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Brad LaBorde
Chief, Eastern Branch
Regulatory Division

Enclosures



COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

SITE VICINITY
 PT. LOT 13 COTEAU de FRANCE
 SECTION 43, T14S-R20E
 DES ALLEMANDS, ST. CHARLES PARISH, LA



APPLICANT:
RACETRAC PETROLEUM, INC

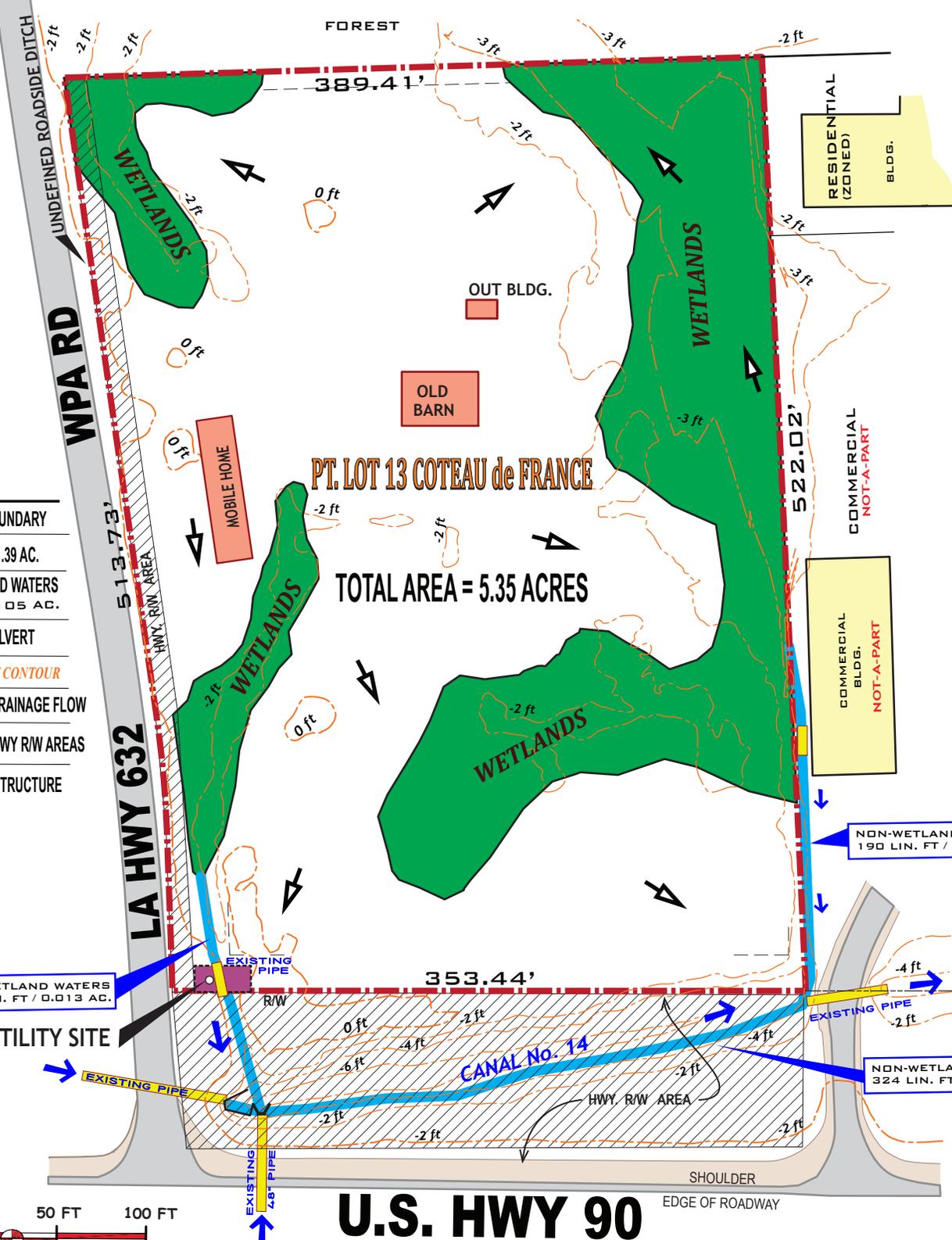
LEGEND:
 = PROJECT SITE

FIGURE
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SITE COORDINATES: **29.82355° N, -90.46534° W**

PLEASE NOTE: MAP DATA IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY.
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HF: 22032 ABC DATE 8/19/22 APPROVED:



LEGEND:

- PROJECT BOUNDARY
- WETLANDS: 1.39 AC.
- NON-WETLAND WATERS
655 LIN. FT / 0.105 AC.
- EXISTING CULVERT
- ELEVATION/CONTOUR
- EXISTING DRAINAGE FLOW
- U.S. & LA. HWY R/W AREAS
- EXISTING STRUCTURE

NON-WETLAND WATERS
138 LIN. FT / 0.013 AC.

NON-WETLAND WATERS
190 LIN. FT / 0.017 AC.

NON-WETLAND WATERS
324 LIN. FT / 0.074 AC.



THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN FLOOD ZONE "X"
PER FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
NUMBER: 220160 0175C, DATED 6/16/1992.



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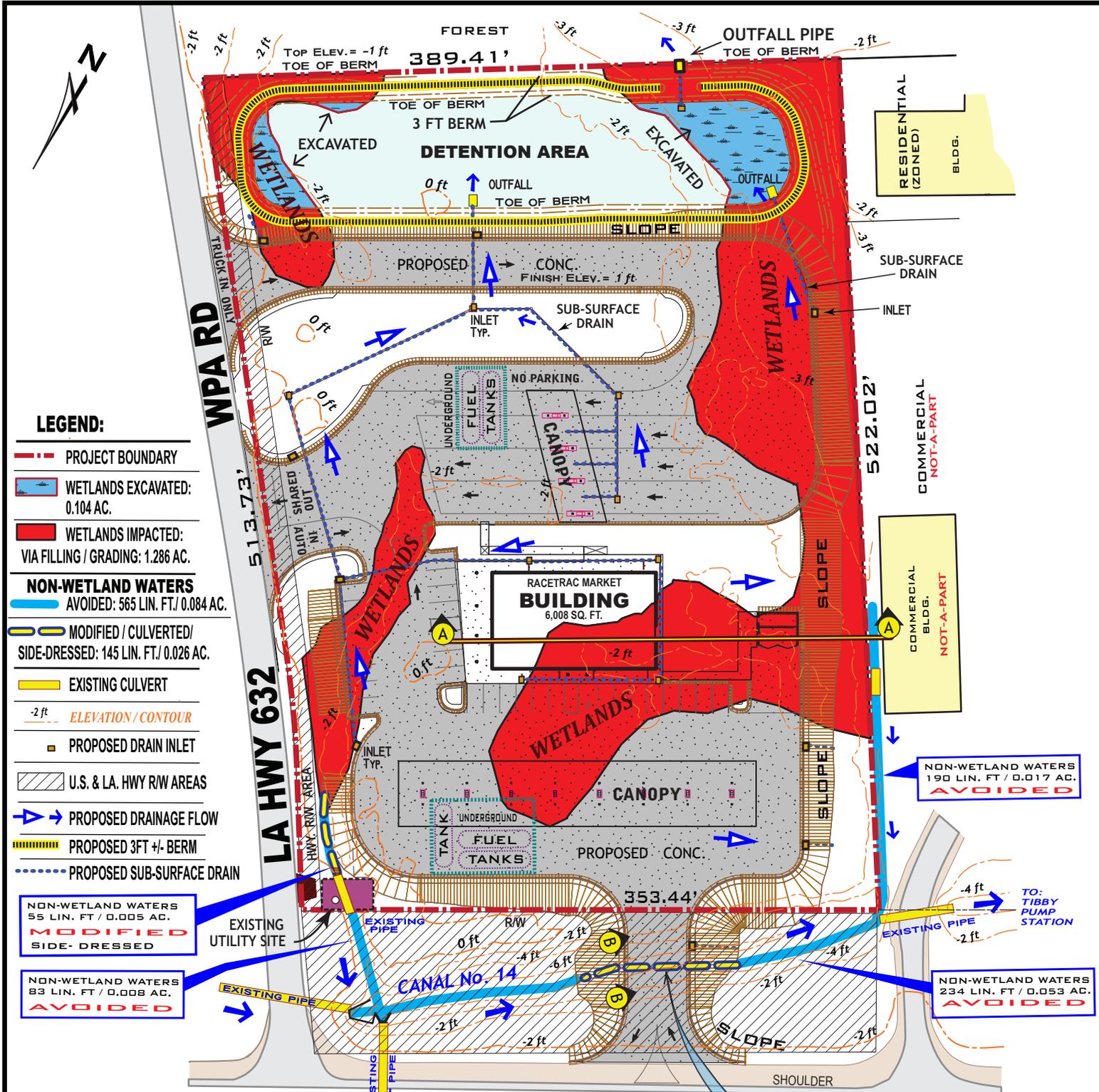
EXISTING CONDITIONS & DRAINAGE FEATURES

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FIGURE 1A



LEGEND:

- PROJECT BOUNDARY
- WETLANDS EXCAVATED: 0.104 AC.
- WETLANDS IMPACTED: VIA FILLING / GRADING: 1.286 AC.
- NON-WETLAND WATERS AVOIDED: 565 LIN. FT./ 0.084 AC.
- MODIFIED / CULVERTED/ SIDE-DRESSED: 145 LIN. FT./ 0.026 AC.
- EXISTING CULVERT
- ELEVATION / CONTOUR
- PROPOSED DRAIN INLET
- U.S. & LA. HWY R/W AREAS
- PROPOSED DRAINAGE FLOW
- PROPOSED 3FT +/- BERM
- PROPOSED SUB-SURFACE DRAIN

NON-WETLAND WATERS 55 LIN. FT / 0.005 AC.
MODIFIED SIDE-DRESSED

NON-WETLAND WATERS 83 LIN. FT / 0.008 AC.
AVOIDED

NON-WETLAND WATERS 190 LIN. FT / 0.017 AC.
AVOIDED

NON-WETLAND WATERS 234 LIN. FT / 0.053 AC.
AVOIDED

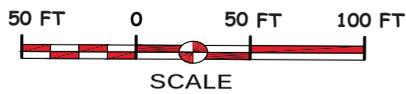
NON-WETLAND WATERS 90 LIN. FT / 0.021 AC.
MODIFIED 36"x48" CULVERT

PT. LOT 13 COTEAU de FRANCE
TOTAL PROJECT AREA = 5.35 ACRES
TOTAL DETENTION AREA = 0.60 AC.

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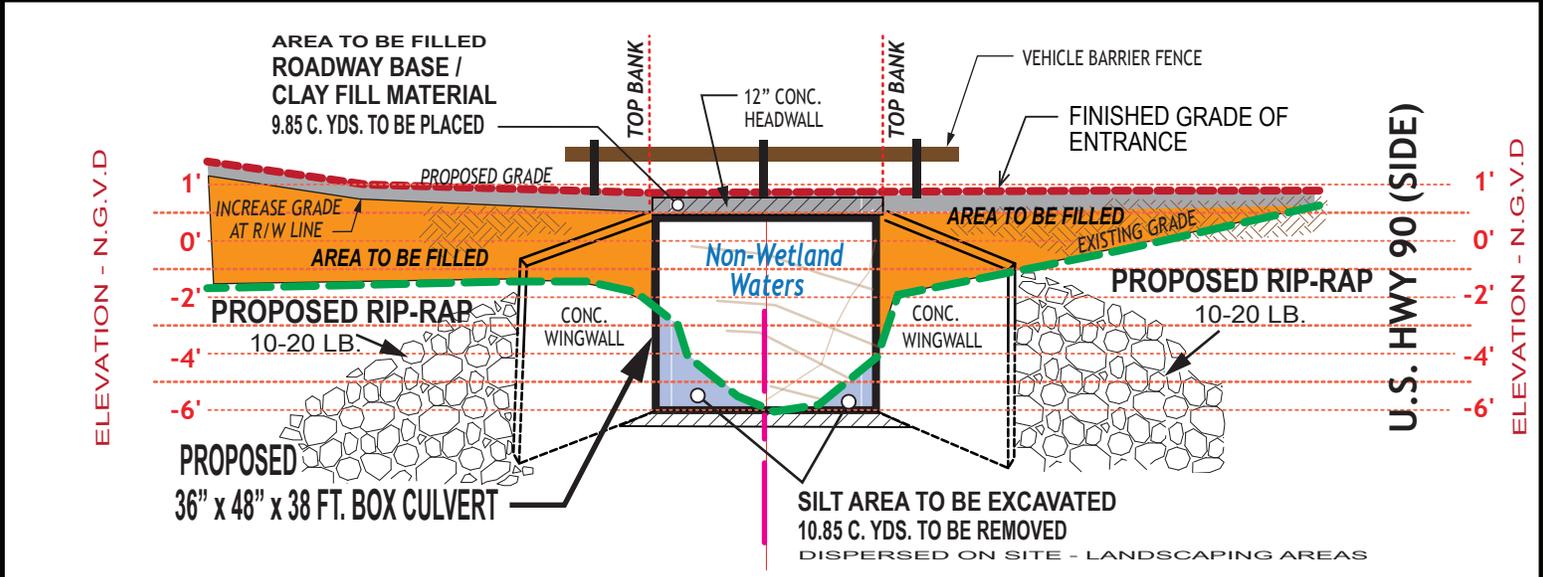
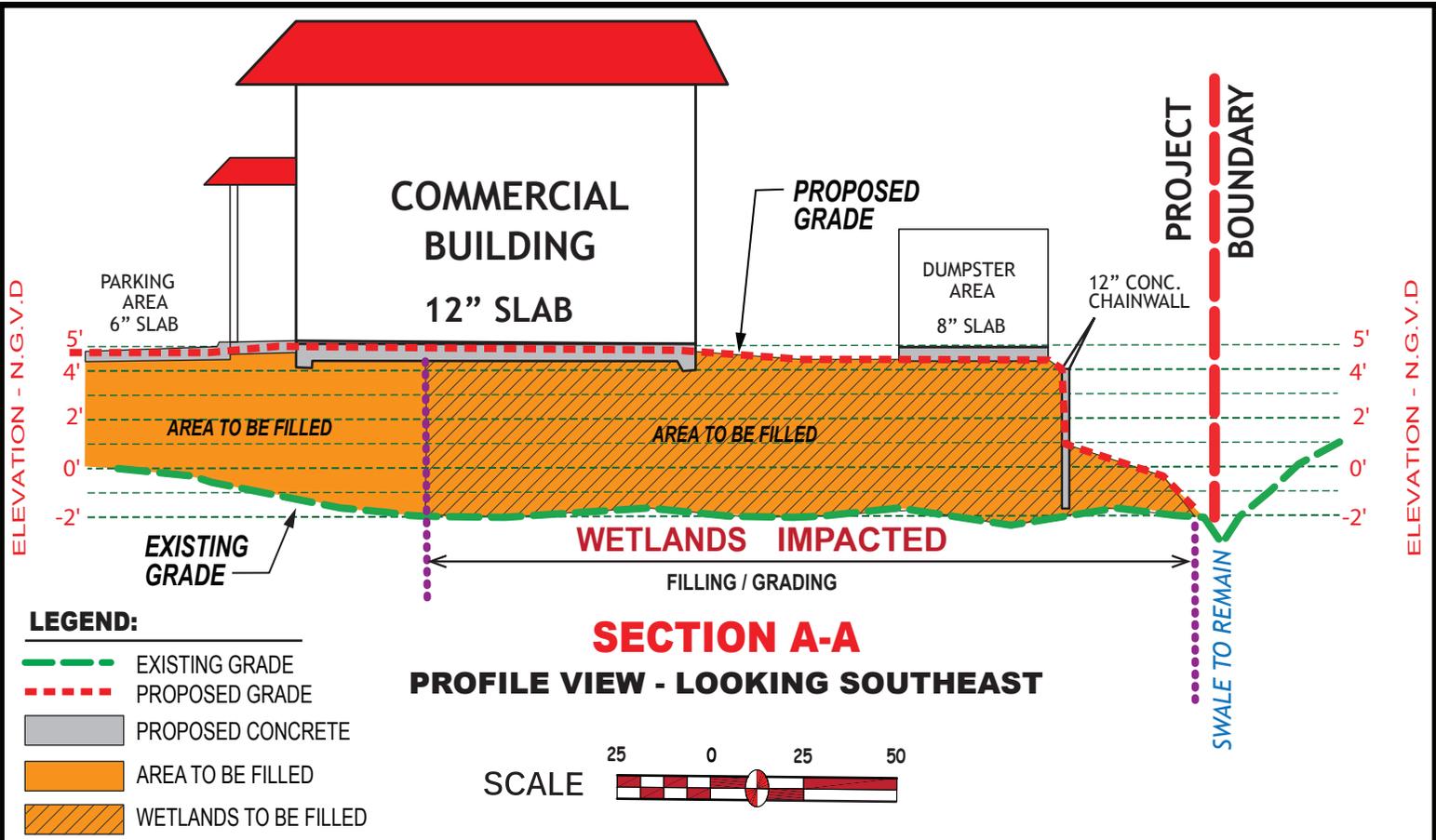


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FIGURE 2



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FIGURE 3

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