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Joint Public Notice

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LRL-2018-78-LCL

Date:
29 Oct 2018

Closing Date:
28 Nov 2018

Please address all comments and inquiries to:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District
Indianapolis Regulatory Office
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46216

Phone: 317-543-9424

This notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit, subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and for State Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Quality.

APPLICANT: Southeastern Indiana Medical Holdings, Inc.
2400 East 17th Street
Columbus, Indiana 47201

AGENT: Natural Resource Consulting, Inc.
7719 Knapp Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46259

LOCATION: Wetlands adjacent to Driftwood River on a 20.7 acre site, Southeast ¼ of Section 22, Township 9 North, Range 5 East, Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana.

Latitude: 39.2028° N
Longitude: 85.9564° W
7.5 Minute Quad: Columbus, IN

PURPOSE: Construct a medical care facility, hotel, and retail stores.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Discharge 30,000 cubic yards of clean earthen fill and 15,000 cubic yards of crushed stone into 4.46 acres of forested wetlands, 0.5 acre of scrub-shrub wetland, 0.8 acre of emergent wetland, and 0.8 acre of open water, to provide building pad foundations, roads, parking areas, a trail, and associated infrastructure. This work would support the construction of a new medical facility on the west side of the city and along the I-65/S.R. 46 corridor, to provide additional medical services in the area, and a new hotel to provide lodging and workshop/seminar facilities. Additionally, parcels on the site would be developed for future retail such as restaurants and shopping for patients and visitors, and a trail would be constructed to connect to an existing trail in the area.

AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND MITIGATION MEASURES: A total of 7.51 acres of jurisdictional waters were delineated on the 20.7 acre site. This includes 5.41 acres of forested wetlands, and 2.1 acres of open water, emergent, and scrub-shrub wetland complex. The applicant redesigned the site development to minimize impacts to wetlands, and the final proposed

development avoids 0.95 acres of forested wetland. As compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable impacts to 6.56 acres, the applicant proposes the off-site establishment of 23.09 acres of forested wetlands, with 50 foot surrounding buffers, on a 34 acre site located in the floodplain of Youngs Creek near Franklin, Indiana. The mitigation site is located in the same 8-digit Driftwood River watershed as the project site, and would be protected in perpetuity through a Corps-approved site protection instrument.

It is noted that this proposed mitigation plan is open to comment and subject to change. The Corps will make a determination of appropriate mitigation, upon review of all submitted information.

REVIEW PROCEDURES: A DA Permit cannot be issued if any legally required Federal, State, or local authorization or certification is denied.

A DA Permit, if otherwise warranted, will not be issued on this project until a State of Indiana Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is on file in this office or it is considered waived. This Public Notice serves as the notice for a Clean Water Act Section 401 application for water quality certification from the IDEM. IDEM will review this proposal for compliance with the applicable provisions of Section 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the CWA, including the state water quality standards currently set forth at 327 IAC 2. They will consider comments regarding this proposal postmarked by the closing date of this notice. Comments to IDEM should be addressed to: IDEM, Office of Water Quality, Section 401 WQC Program, 100 N. Senate Avenue Room N1255, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. The applicant is responsible for obtaining the certification from IDEM.

Copies of this notice are sent to the appropriate Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Their views and comments are solicited in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956. Based on available information, the proposed activity will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act, and therefore, initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. A request for a public hearing must state the specific interest which might be damaged by issuance of the DA Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been examined, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the Register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archaeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 – Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits 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; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetic values, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the public. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines (40 CFR Part 230) promulgated by the Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the CWA.

The 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. It is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, 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 the 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.

Written statements received in this office on or before the closing date will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the determination on this permit request. Any objections which are received during this period will be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

Information pertaining to this application is available for public examination during normal business hours upon prior request. Drawings are available on Louisville District's Internet site at <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. All comments regarding this proposal should be addressed to Mr. Laban Lindley, CELRL-RDN at the address noted above and should refer to the Public Notice Number LRL-2018-78-LCL.

If you desire to submit your comments by email, you must comply with the following:

- a) In the subject line of your email, type in **ONLY** the Public Notice ID No. LRL-2018-78-LCL

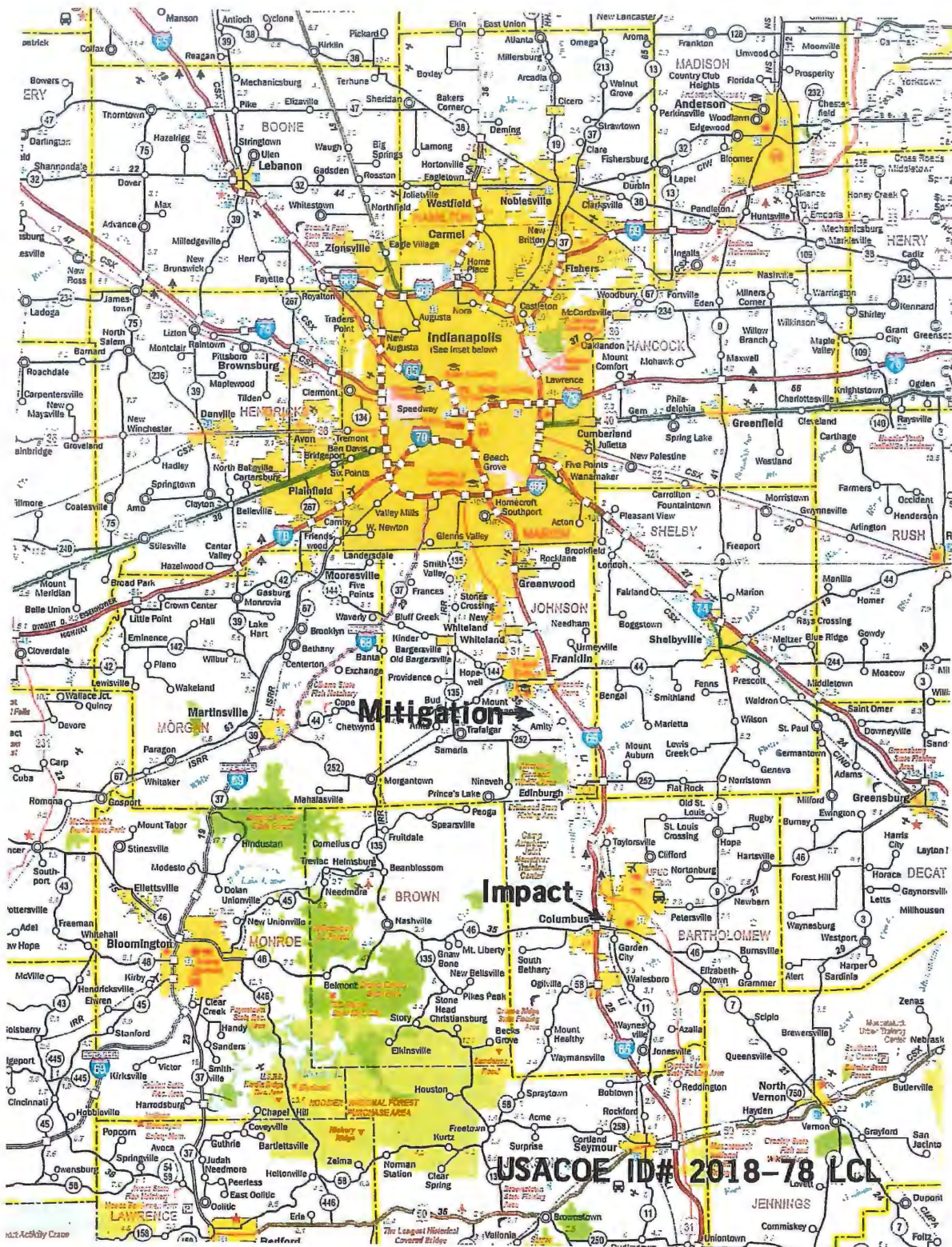
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- b) Provide your physical mailing address and telephone number.

- c) Send your email to: lrl.regulatorypubliccomment@usace.army.mil

d) If you are sending attachments greater than 1 Mb in size with your email, you must send a hard copy (CD or paper) to the Corps' physical address as well.



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LEGEND

SP-1 Sample Plot



Open water pond consists of 0.8 ac. of open water, 0.8 ac. emergent and 0.5 ac. scrub wetland.

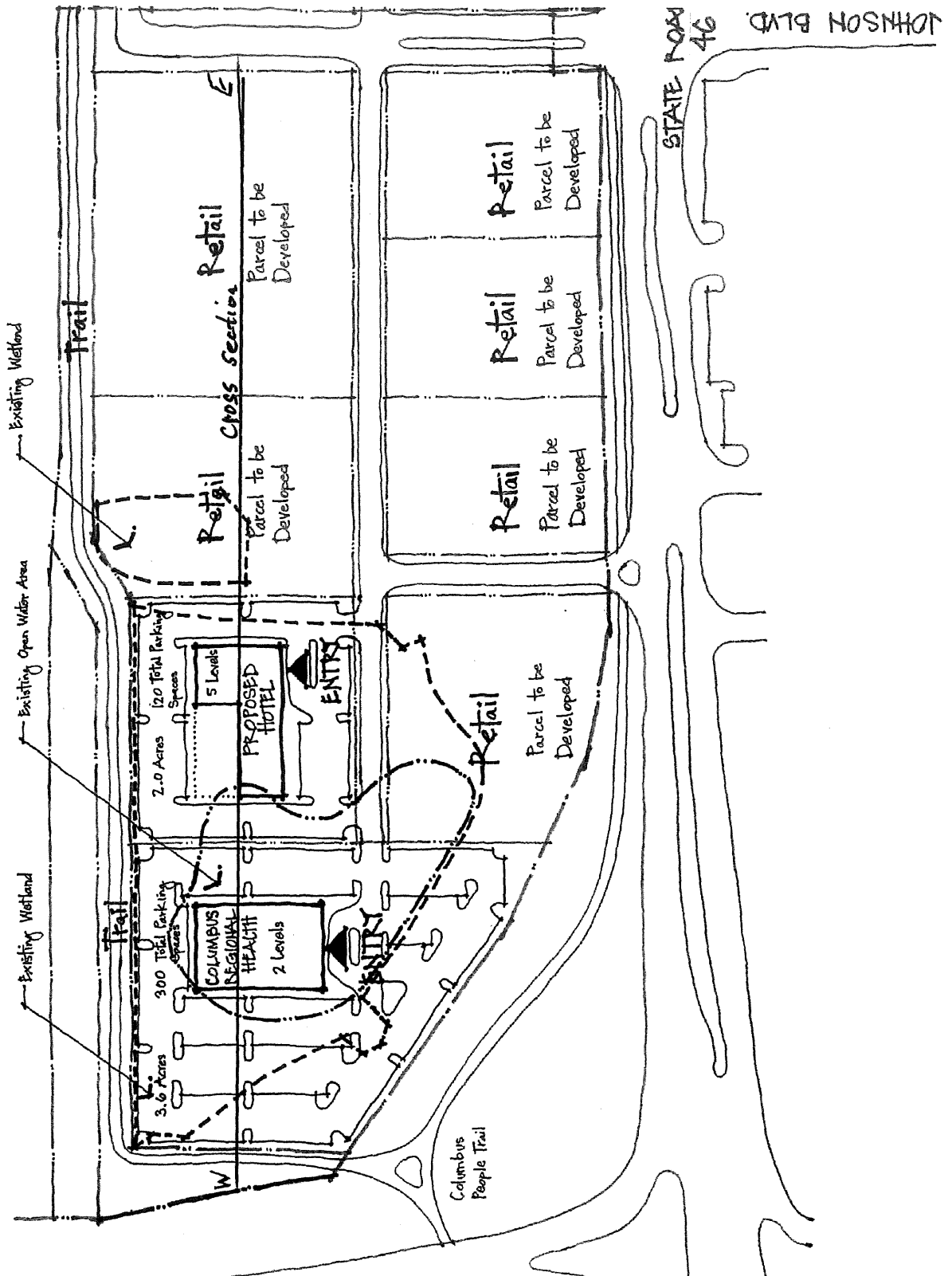
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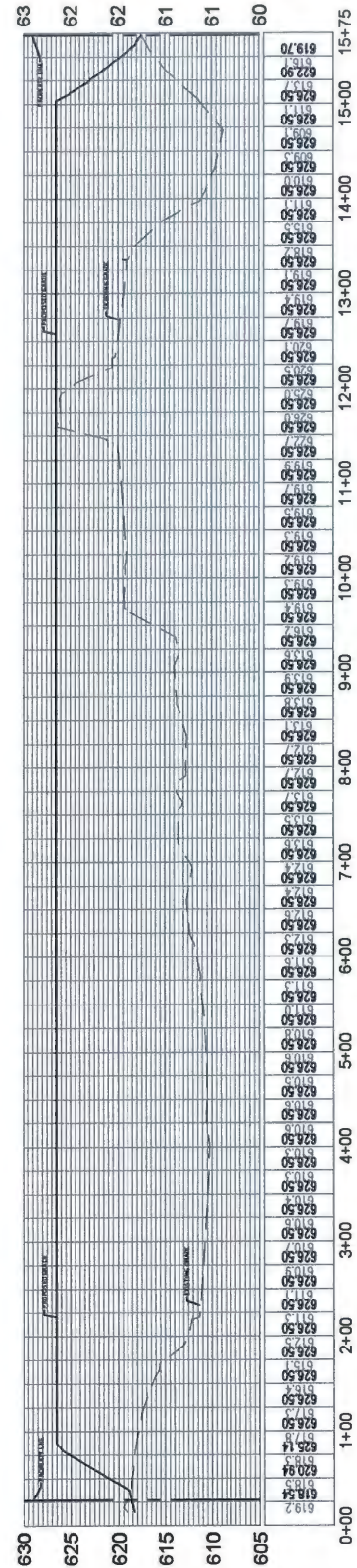
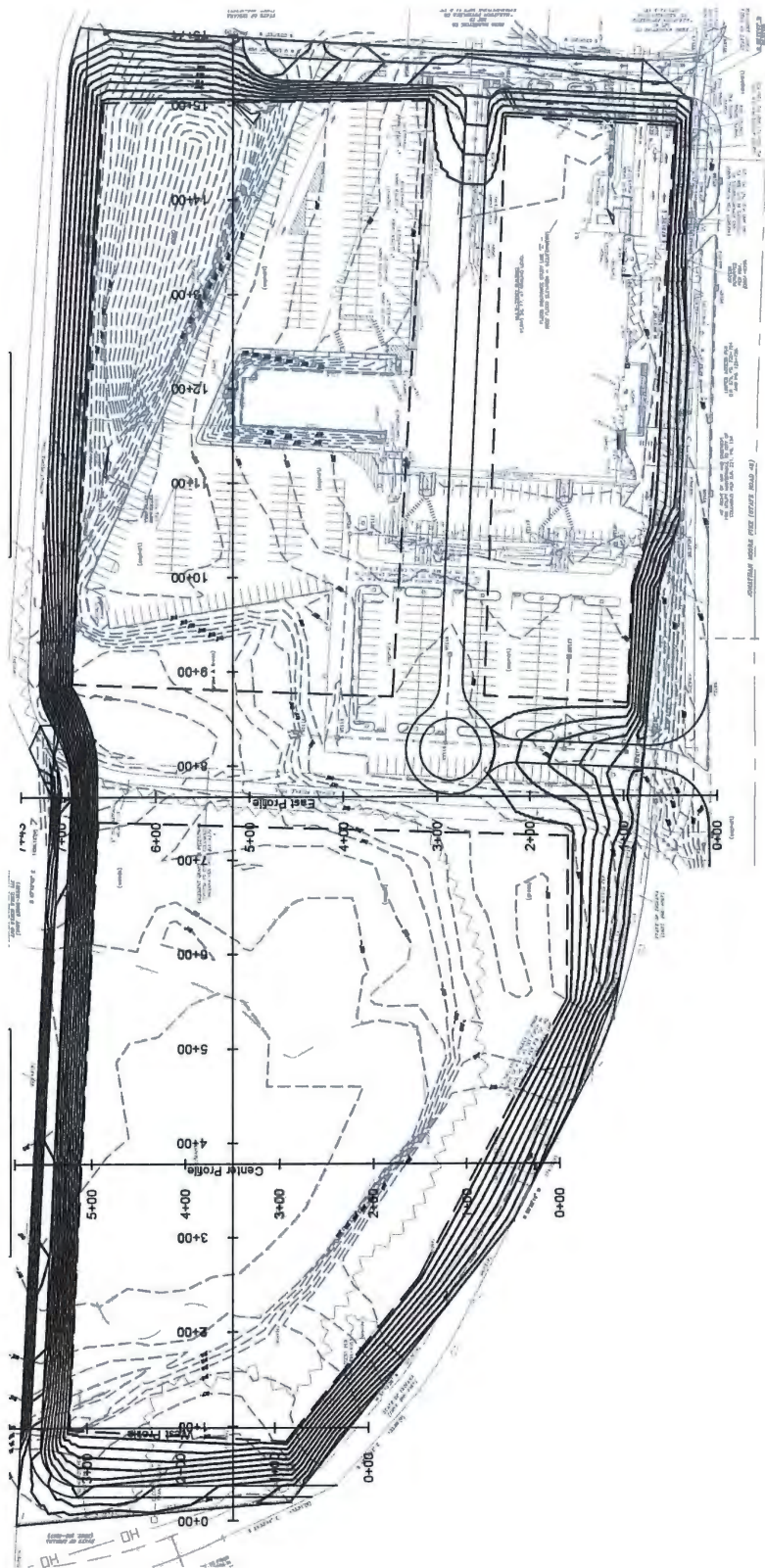
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34 Acre Wetland Mitigation Site

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Legend

⬮ Approximate Wetland Boundary



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