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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	MVK-2002-235
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EXPIRATION DATE:	March 8, 2013

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, are considering an application for a Department of the Army permit and State water quality certification for the work described herein. A water quality certification is required in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of the Clean Water Act. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

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Location of Work: Section 30, T2S-R12E, latitude 30.8532921852875, longitude -90.0404180954609 within the Bogue Chitto drainage basin, Washington Parish, Louisiana.

Description of Work: (See enclosed attachments)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit for the mechanized land clearing and associated discharge of dredged and/or fill material into jurisdictional wetlands for the mining of aggregate materials.

The applicant proposes to dredge sand and gravel from a 163.31-acre area known as the Rayburn Tract. This project would be an expansion of the existing and previously authorized Lafarge Isabel Plant. Sand and gravel would be dredged from the Rayburn Tract and processed at the adjacent Isabel Plant. The site would be cleared and stripped of topsoil prior to clearing. The topsoil would be used to construct a perimeter berm around the proposed project site. Once the desired aggregate layer and water are exposed, the aggregate material would be dredged via barge to a depth of approximately 40 to 50 feet depending on the aggregate deposit. Approximately 1.03 acre of 33.67 acres of jurisdictional wetlands onsite would be impacted by the project.

The vegetation present at the site consists of sweet bay magnolia, inkberry, willow oak, Drummond's maple, maidencane, laurel greenbriar, longleaf pine, live oak, post oak, black cherry, farkleberry, and American beautyberry. The soil is classified as Cahaba fine sandy loam and Fluker silt loam. The Cahaba series consists of very deep, well drained, moderately permeable soils on nearly level to sloping large stream and river terraces. The Fluker series consists of somewhat poorly drained, slowly permeable soils.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for wetland losses by purchasing credits from an approved mitigation bank. The mechanized land clearing and associated discharge of dredged and/or fill material in jurisdictional wetlands requires a Department of the Army permit.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment, and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts.

Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan, as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the proposed undertaking upon these properties: The permit area is composed of low-lying wetlands with no existing or subsided natural levee landforms and therefore has a very low potential for yielding unidentified cultural deposits that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Copies of this public notice have been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally Recognized Tribes, and other interested parties for comment on potential effects to historic properties that could result from the proposed activity.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not likely adversely affect any endangered species or their critical habitat. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat will be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

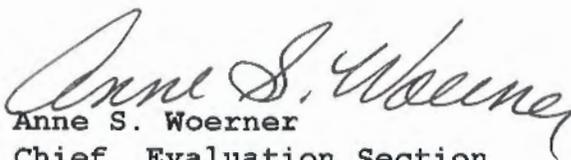
Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be

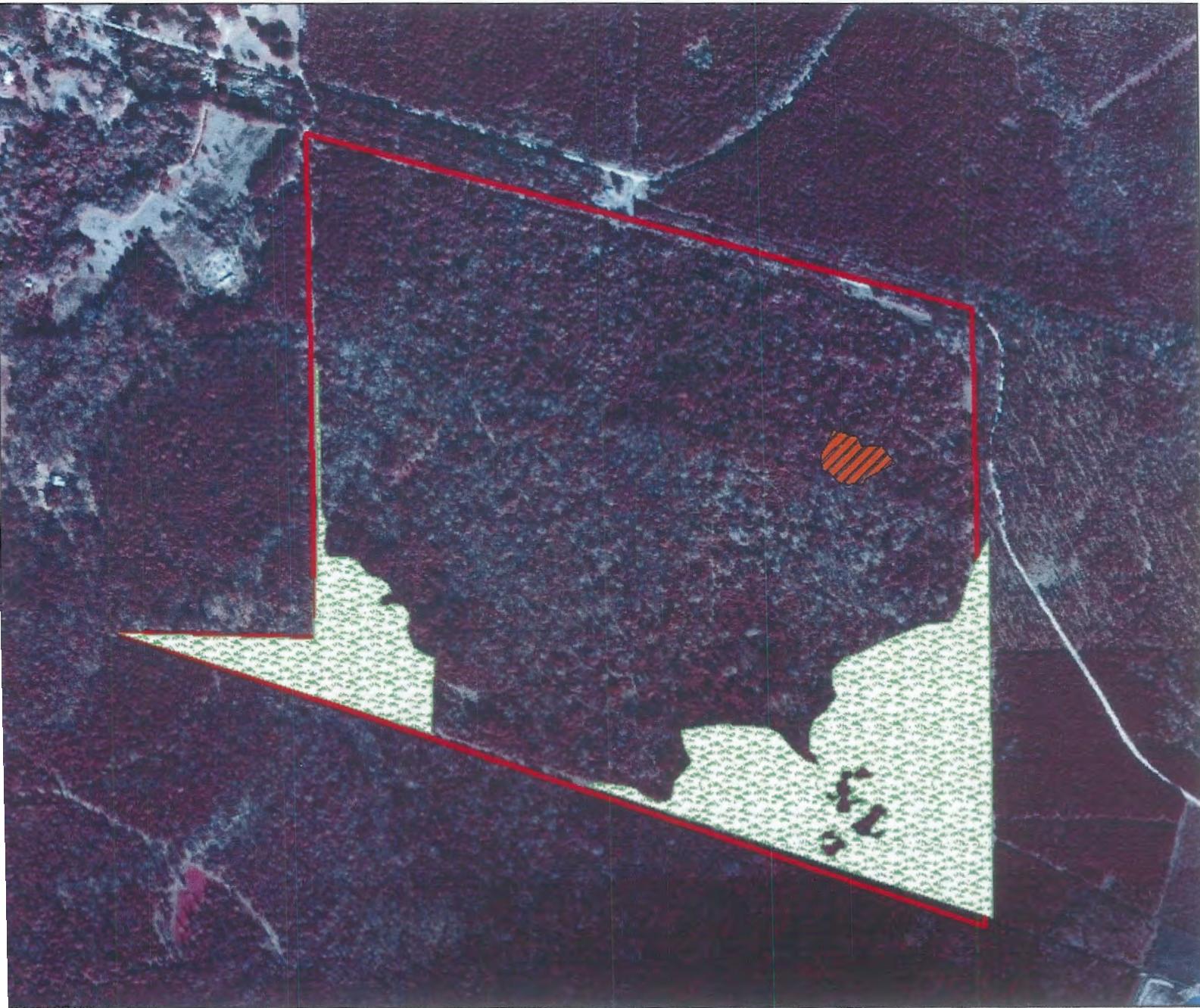
expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/main.asp>, or go directly to the Final Permit Actions web page at <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/PubNotice/MonthlyNotice/pnmain.asp>.


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5 January 2009
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 Wetland Delineation
 Kayburn Trust
 Washington Parish, LA
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 Jurisdictional Determination**
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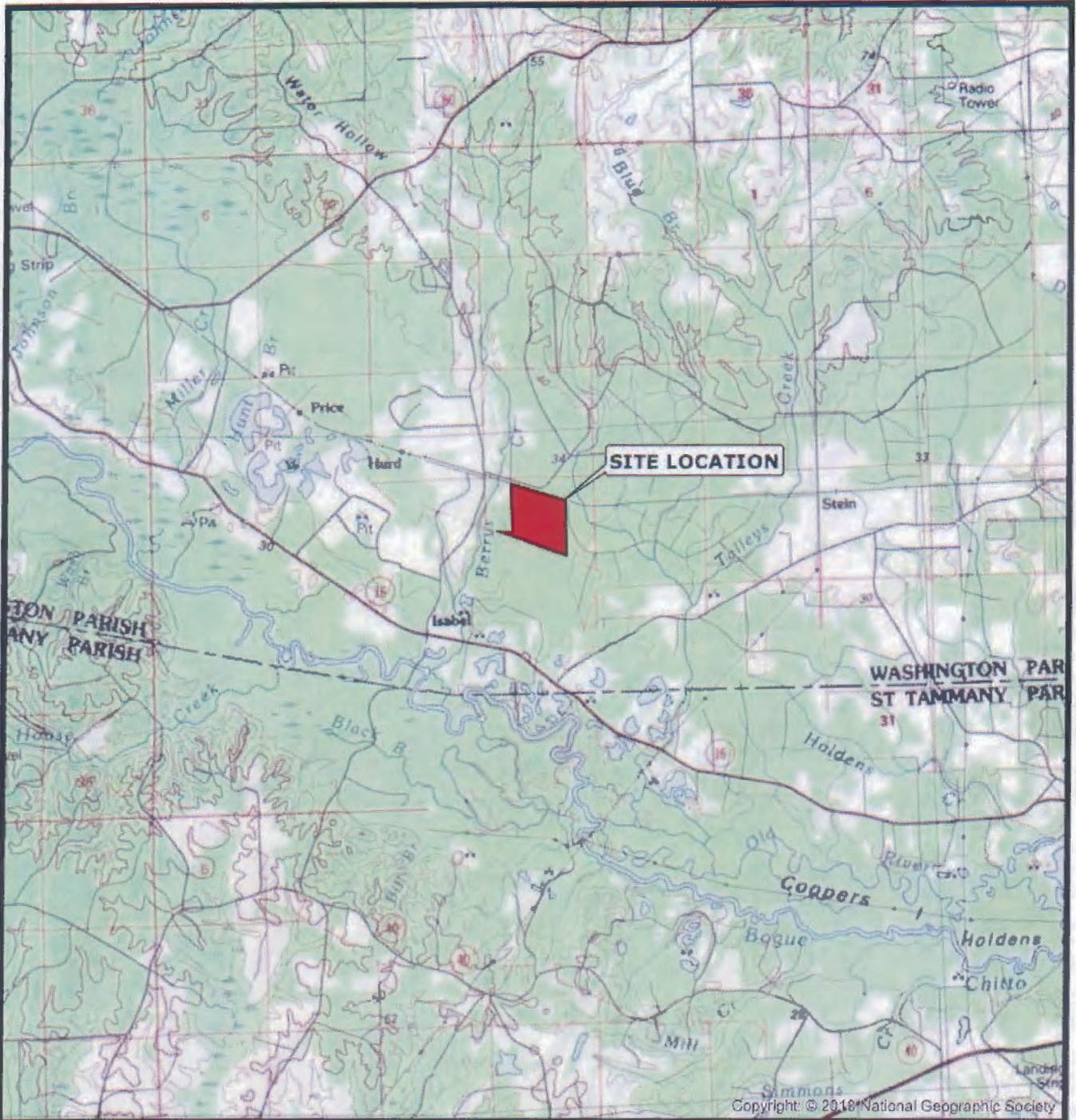
Legend

Boundary

Impacted (1.03 acre)

Not Impacted (32.64 acres)

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Reference

BASE MAP FROM NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TOPO1 US 1:100,000 SCALE MAP.



LAFARGE NORTH AMERICA
ISABEL, LOUISIANA

RAYBURN TRACT

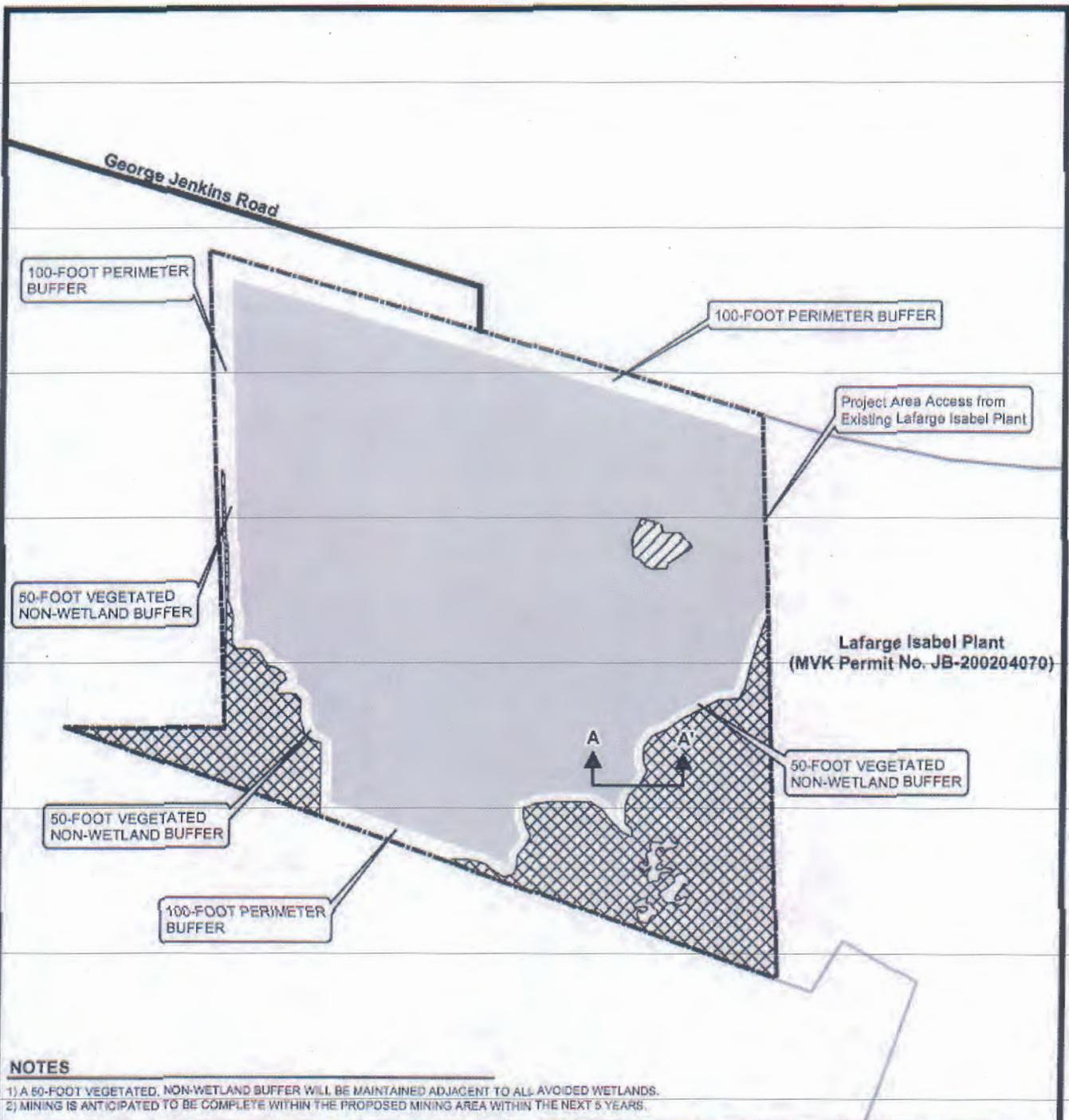
SITE LOCATION MAP

WASHINGTON PARISH

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FIGURE 1



Legend

-  Project Area (163.31 acres)
-  Proposed Mining Area (114.26 acres)
-  Wetlands Avoided (32.64 acres)
-  Wetlands to be Mined (1.03 acres)



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PLAN VIEW

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FIGURE 2