



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Vicksburg District
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Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435
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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	<u>MVK-2021-238</u>
EVALUATOR:	<u>Ms. Jennifer Roberts</u>
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DATE:	<u>May 10, 2021</u>
EXPIRATION DATE:	<u>May 31, 2021</u>

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District is considering an application for a Department of the Army permit for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-RD-PE, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435.

The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 CFR 121), effective September 11, 2020, requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The scope of a CWA Section 401 certification is limited to assuring that a discharge from a Federally licensed or permitted activity will comply with water quality requirements. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. As of the date of this public notice, the applicant has not submitted a certification request to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (certifying authority).

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

Name of Applicant:
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Location of Work: Section 19, T12N-R9W, Latitude 32.0124N, Longitude -93.3360W, within the Middle Red-Coushatta Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC: 11140202), Red River Parish, Louisiana.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

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 to discharge dredged and/or fill material into jurisdictional wetlands for the purpose of constructing a new administration building, two detention ponds, and an addition to the bus maintenance facility for the Red River Parish School District.

The project area is approximately 45.5 acres in size. Within the property boundary, there are approximately 10.36 acres of wetlands and 250 linear feet (lf) of intermittent streams. Of the jurisdictional areas on-site, approximately 2.1 acres of forested wetlands would be cleared and filled for construction of the proposed administrative building and approximately 1.7 acres of forested wetlands would be cleared and filled for construction of the addition to the bus maintenance facility and excavation of the two retention ponds. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of dirt, 1000 cubic yards of concrete, and 600 cubic yards of asphalt would be placed into the wetlands for the administration building. Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of dirt and 400 cubic yards of asphalt would be placed into the wetlands for the addition to the bus maintenance facility. The remaining 6.56 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and all intermittent streams on-site would be avoided.

The vegetative communities within the project area are dominated by loblolly pine, Chinese tallow, willow oak, and sweet gum. Soil within the project site is dominated by the Kolin-Wrightsville association and the Shatta association with NRCS hydric ratings of 30 and 0 percent, respectively.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of jurisdictional impacts through the purchase of credits from an USACE approved mitigation bank that services the project area.

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, state 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: Three sites and one National Register property within one mile. All located on the Red River. Three surveys located within one mile. The project area has been disturbed by previous agricultural and timber activities. Sites are unlikely to exist or be affected. No Potential to Cause Effect.

Endangered Species: Threatened and Endangered Species for this area include the Northern Long-Eared Bat and the Louisiana Pine Snake. Utilizing the Information and Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (as per Memorandum of Agreement, signed on January 14, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Louisiana Ecological Services Office), the Corps has determined that the proposed activity may affect the Northern Long-Eared Bat, but that take is not prohibited under 4(d) Rule. The Corps has also determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on the Louisiana Pine Snake as the project location does not contain suitable habitat for this species.

Floodplain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Floodplain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a floodplain development permit is required. Floodplain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements. The proposed project site is not within the 100-year floodplain.

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

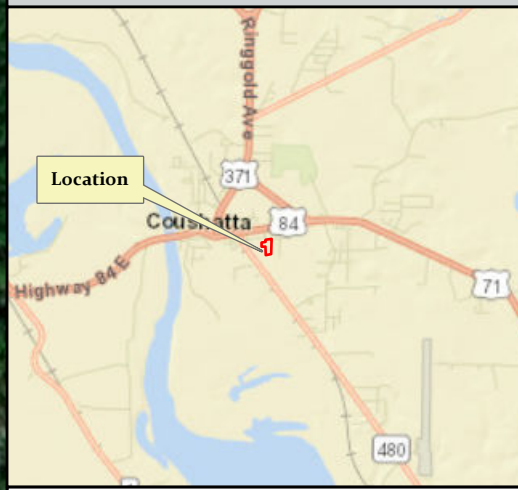
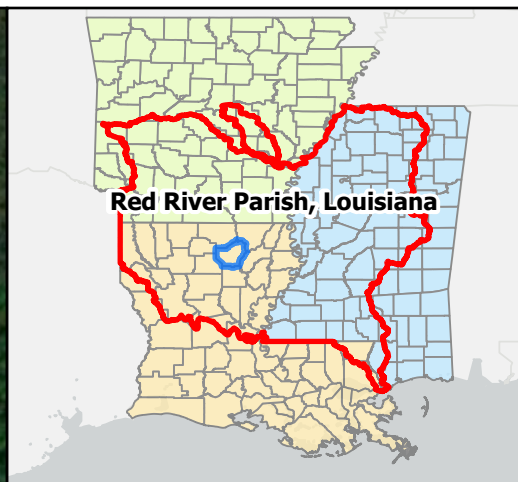
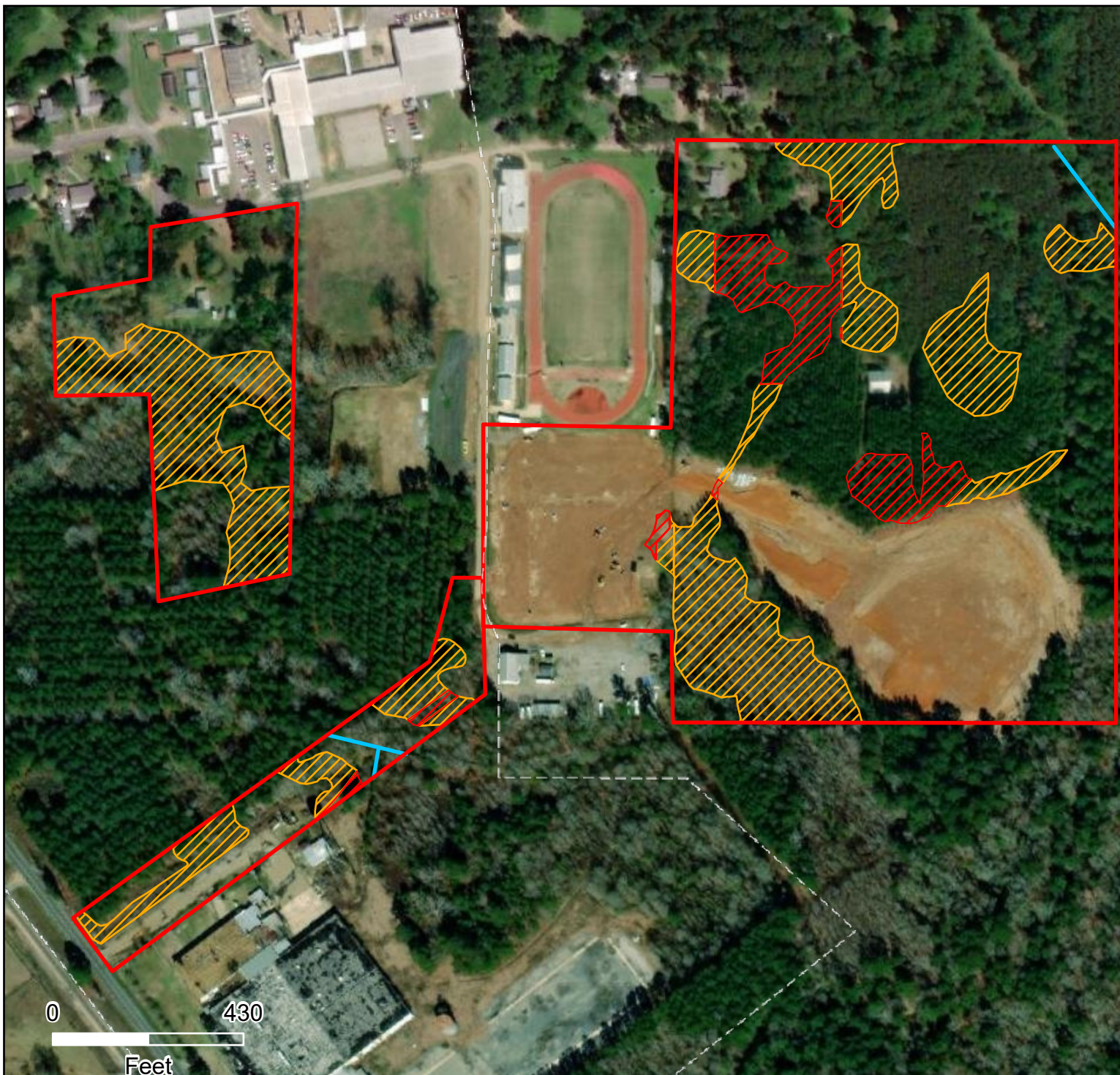
issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

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/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

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Regulatory Division**



- Legend**
- Project Area
 - Potentially Jurisdictional Waters
 - Potentially Jurisdictional Wetlands (10.36 Acres)
 - Previously Impacted Wetlands

*There are jurisdictional wetlands within the project area. Any activity involving the discharge of dredged or fill material into said wetlands requires a permit.



Red River School District 2020 Expansion – MVK 2018-307

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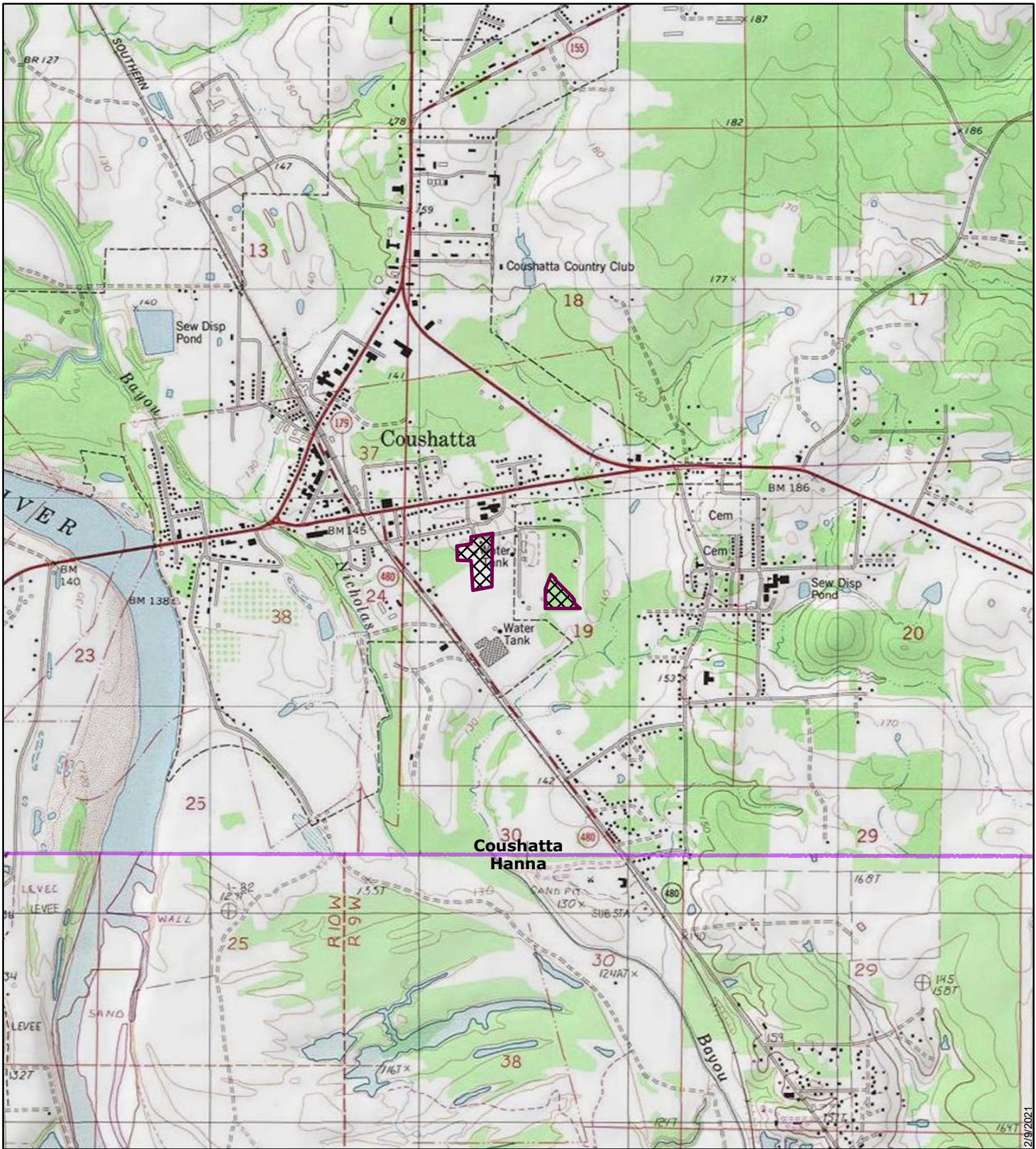
● Site Location



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Figure 1. Vicinity Map



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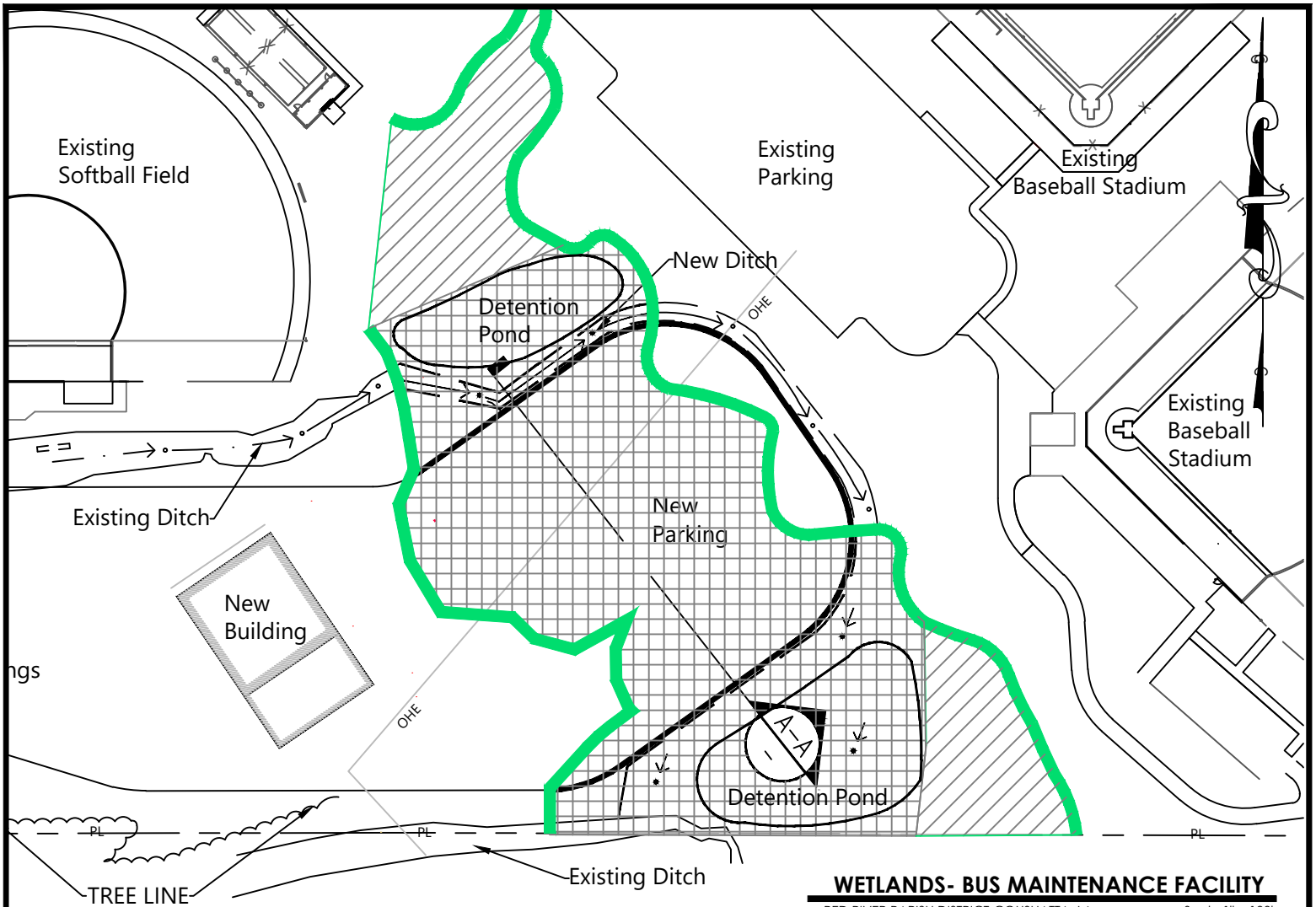
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Background: USGS 1:24,000 DRG

Figure 2. Map showing overview of project area overlaid on the USGS topographic quadrangles Coughatta and Hanna, LA (7.5-minute series).


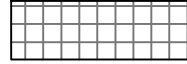



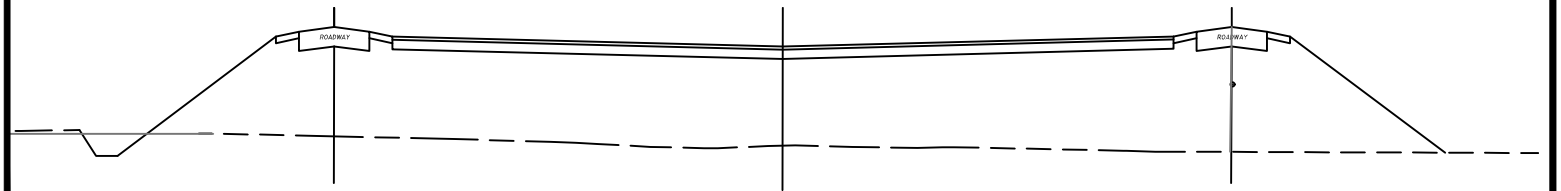
WETLANDS- BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITY

RED RIVER PARISH DISTRICT-COUSHATTA, LA

Scale 1" = 100'

LEGEND

-  **EDGE OF WETLANDS**
-  **WETLANDS TO BE IMPACTED (1.7 ACRES)**
-  **WETLANDS UNIMPACTED (.9 ACRE)**



SECTION A-A

RED RIVER PARISH DISTRICT-COUSHATTA, LA Scale 1" = 50' HORIZONTAL
Scale 1" = 10' VERTICAL

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WETLANDS SKETCH
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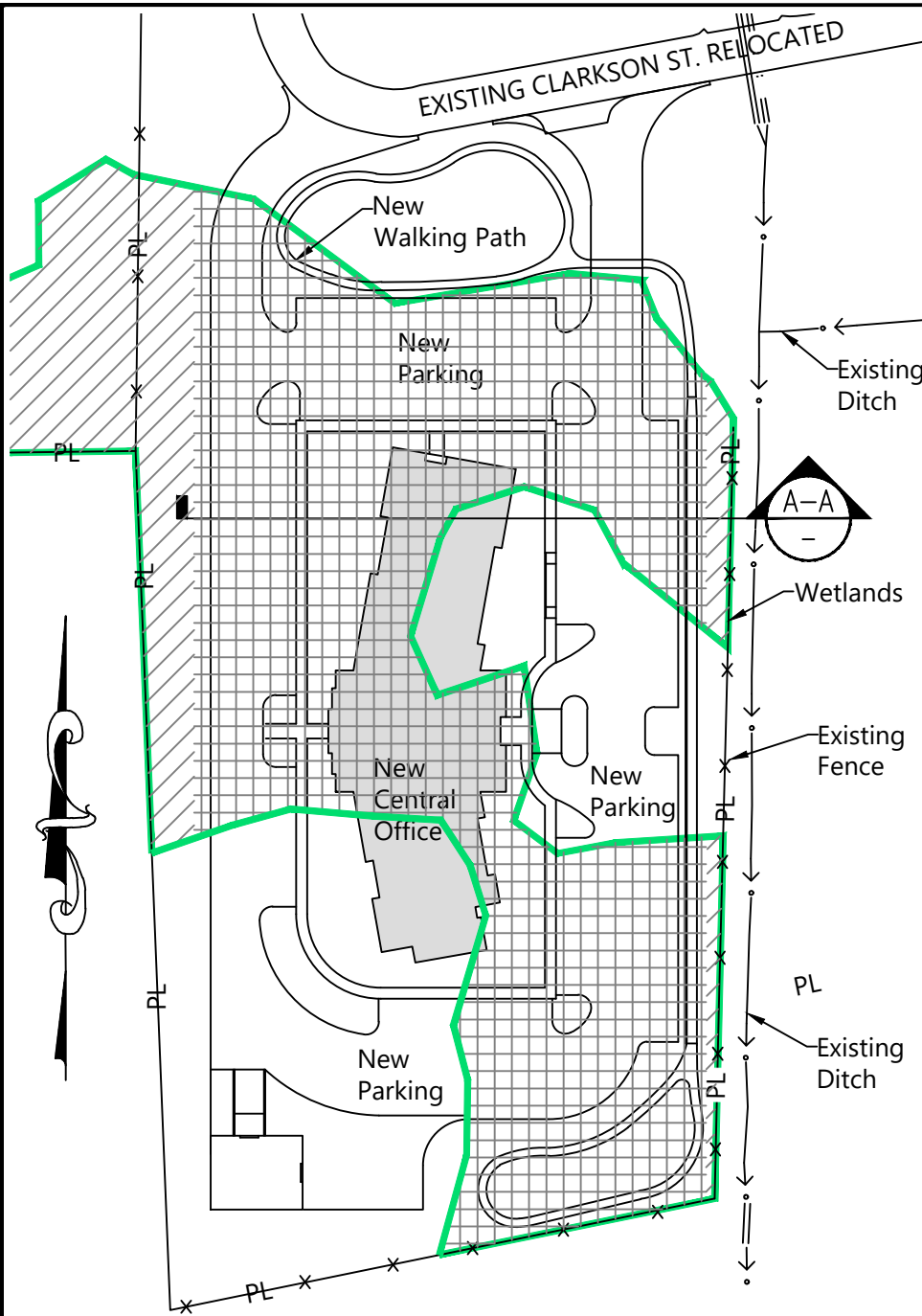
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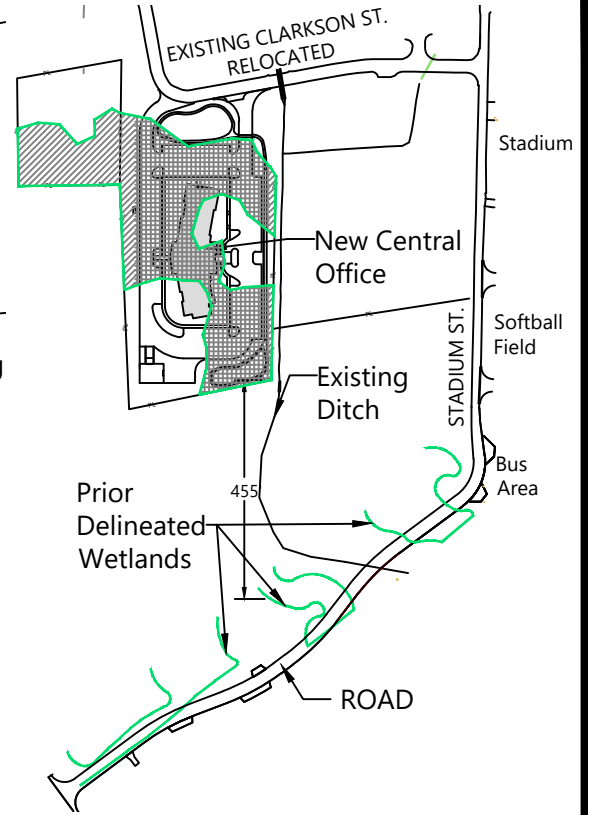
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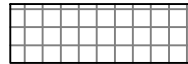

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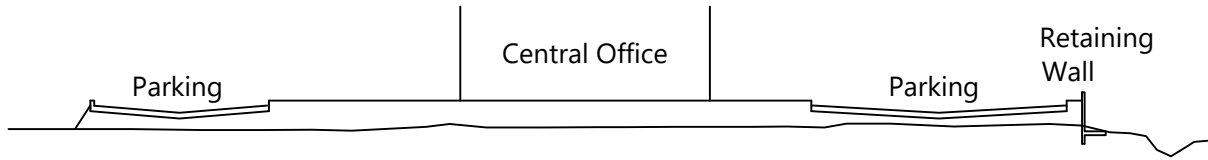


WETLANDS-VICINITY MAP

RED RIVER PARISH DISTRICT-COUSHATTA, LA Scale 1" = 300'

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-  EDGE OF WETLANDS
-  WETLANDS TO BE IMPACTED (2.1 ACRES)
-  WETLANDS UNIMPACTED (0.9 ACRE)



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