



**US Army Corps
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Vicksburg District
4155 Clay Street
Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435
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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	MVK-2017-840
EVALUATOR:	Ms. Kristi Hall
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DATE:	April 24, 2018
EXPIRATION DATE:	May 15, 2018

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-OD-F, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435.

Application also has been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with La. R.S. 30.2074(A)(93), and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217). Additional information is on file with the above office, and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained upon payment of cost of copying. Comments concerning the application can be filed with the Office of Environmental Services within 20 days of this notice to the following address: 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 and / or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:
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Name of Agent:
Mr. Chris Guidry
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135 Regency Square
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Location of Work: Section 83, T9N- R7W, Latitude 31.73471, Longitude -93.12442, within Bayou Boulet De Canon watershed part of the Red River Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 11140207), Natchitoches 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 conduct regulated activities in jurisdictional waters of the United States for the purpose of constructing a sports and recreational park in the city of Natchitoches. Approximately 1.1 acres of wetlands would be filled as part of the project. Furthermore, 1,987 linear feet of stream associated with the construction of sediment basins and parking areas would be filled or impounded.

The vegetative communities within the project area are dominated by green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), nuttall oak (*Quercus texana*), American elm (*Ulmus Americana*) in the tree strata. American elm (*Ulmus Americana*), Chinese privett (*Ligustrum sinense*), persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*) in the shrub strata. Rosette grass (*Dichanthelium commutatum*) and woodoats (*Chasmanthium sessiliflorum*) in the herbaceous strata.

Soil within the project site consists of Bellwood clay and Natchitoches silt loam both having a hydric component percent rating of 20 by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of jurisdictional impacts through the purchase of credits from a commercial mitigation bank

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: The permit area is likely to yield resources eligible for inclusion on the National Register of historic places. An investigation for the presence of potentially eligible historic properties is justified.

Endangered Species: Based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES) as signed on December 1, 2014 between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the proposed activity will have no effect the following species: Louisiana pine snake, Pallid sturgeon, Interior least tern and red-cockaded woodpecker.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would this project may affect the NLEB, but that any resulting incidental take of the Northern long-eared bat is not prohibited by the final 4(d) rule.

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 project is not located 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.

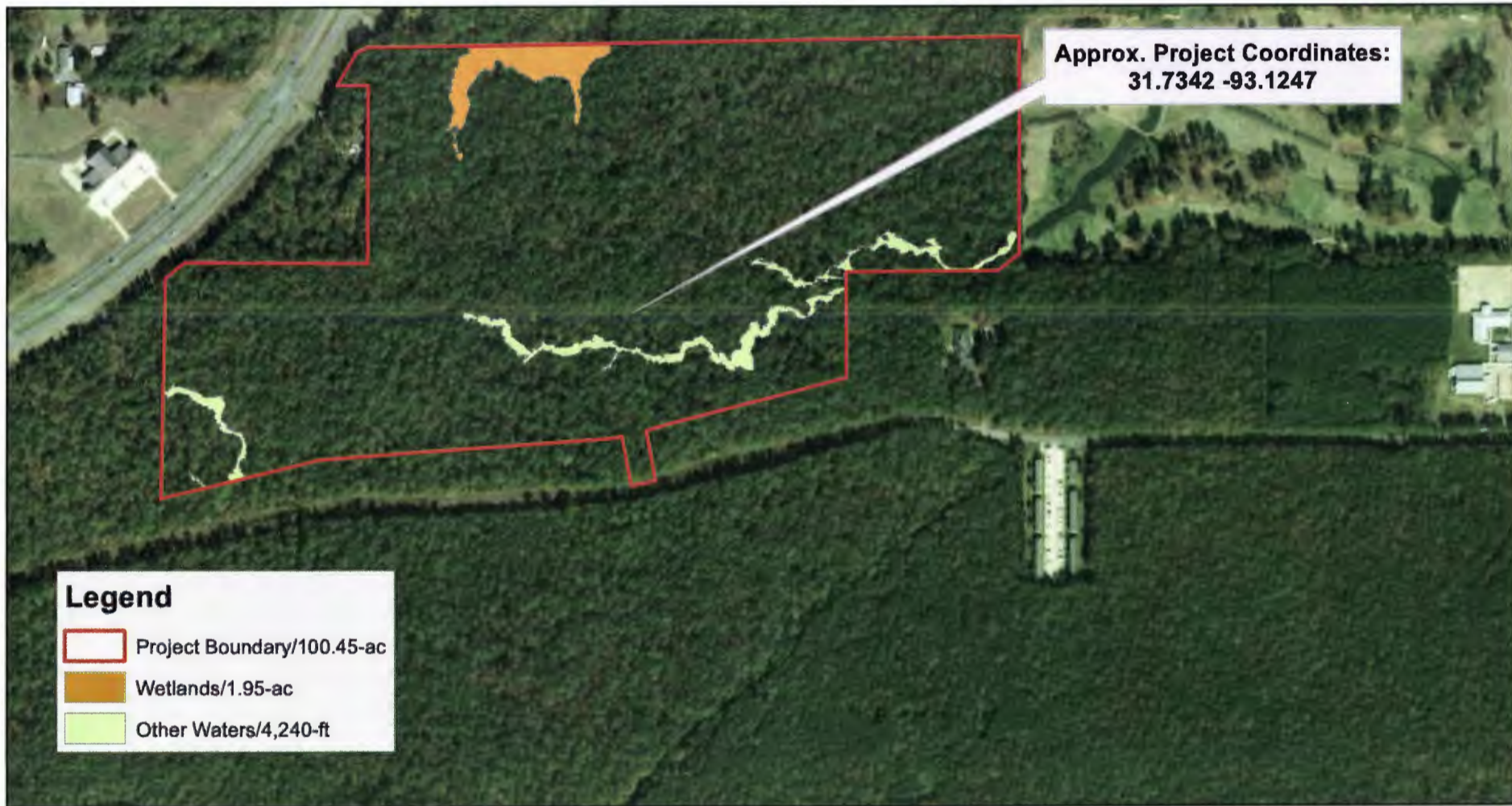
Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine 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>.

Thomas A. McCabe
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Chief, Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch



Legend

-  Project Boundary/100.45-ac
-  Wetlands/1.95-ac
-  Other Waters/4,240-ft



February 9, 2017
MVK-2017-840
 Applicant:
 City of Natchitoches
 Proposed Work:
 Park Development
 Location:
 Section 83, T9N-R7W
 Natchitoches, Quadrangle
 Natchitoches Parish, LA
 Map Background:
 NAIP Aerial (2010)
Preliminary
Jurisdictional Determination
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 Robert G. Ulmer, Jr.

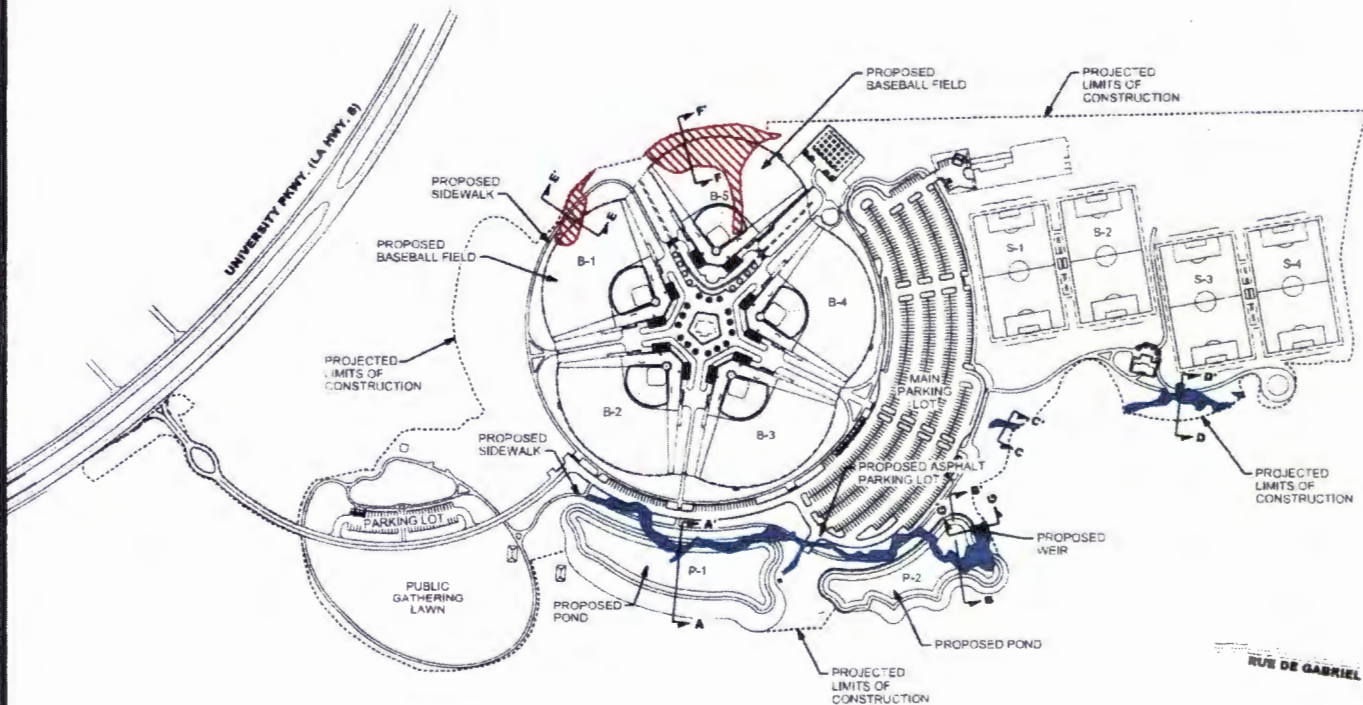
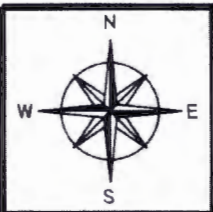



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LEGEND

-  OTHER WATERS (STREAM)
(PROPOSED IMPACT= 1.987 LIN. FT.)
-  WETLANDS
(PROPOSED IMPACT= 1.01 ACRES)

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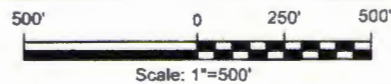


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SITE LAYOUT**

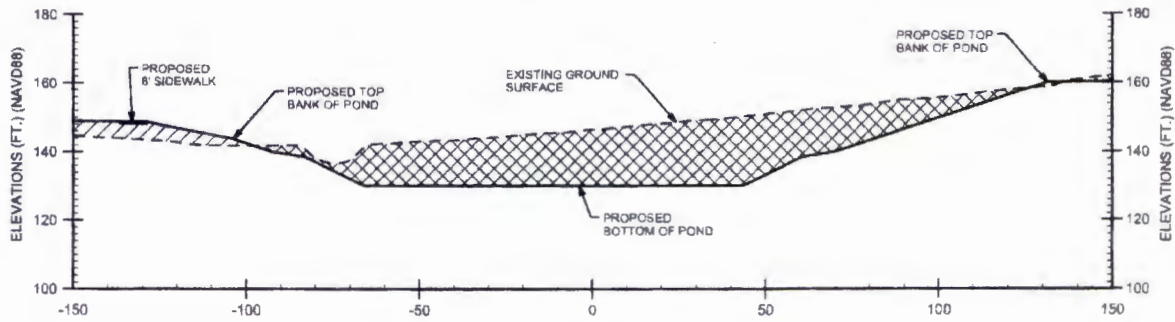
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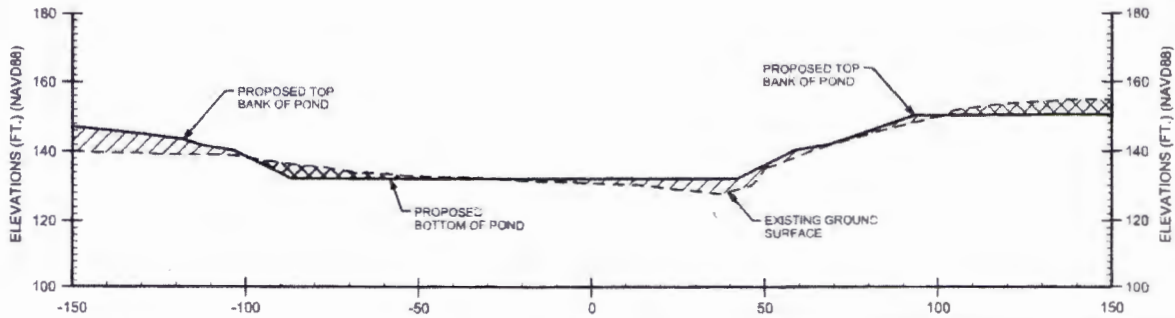
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SECTION A-A'



SECTION B-B'

LEGEND

-  PROPOSED EXCAVATION
-  PROPOSED EARTHEN FILL

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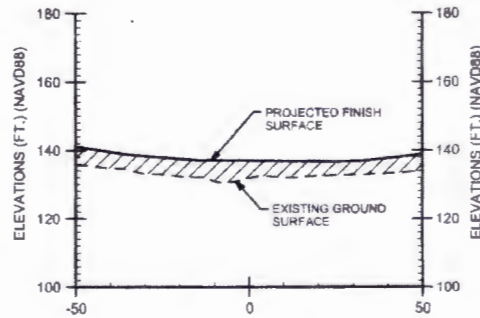


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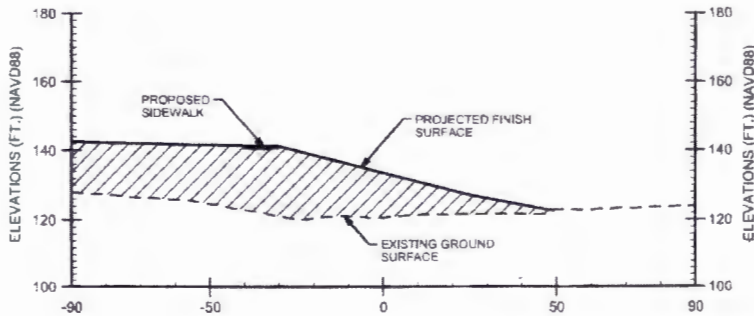
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SECTION C-C'



SECTION D-D'

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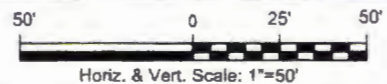


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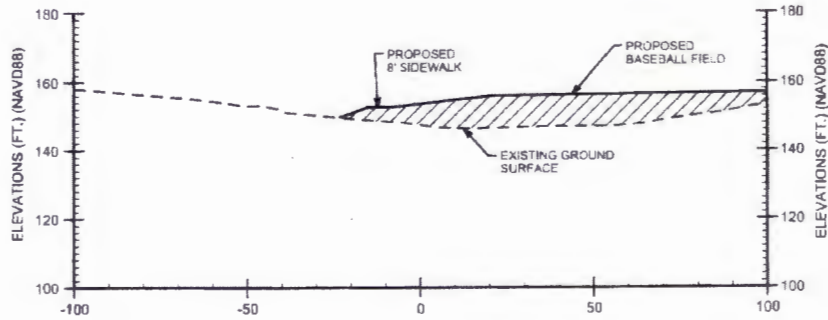
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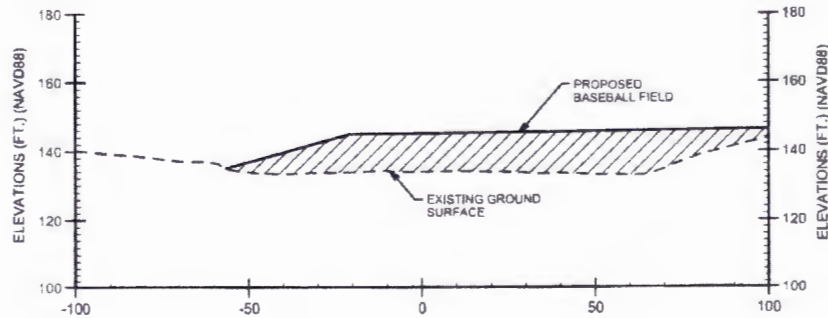
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SECTION E-E'



SECTION F-F'

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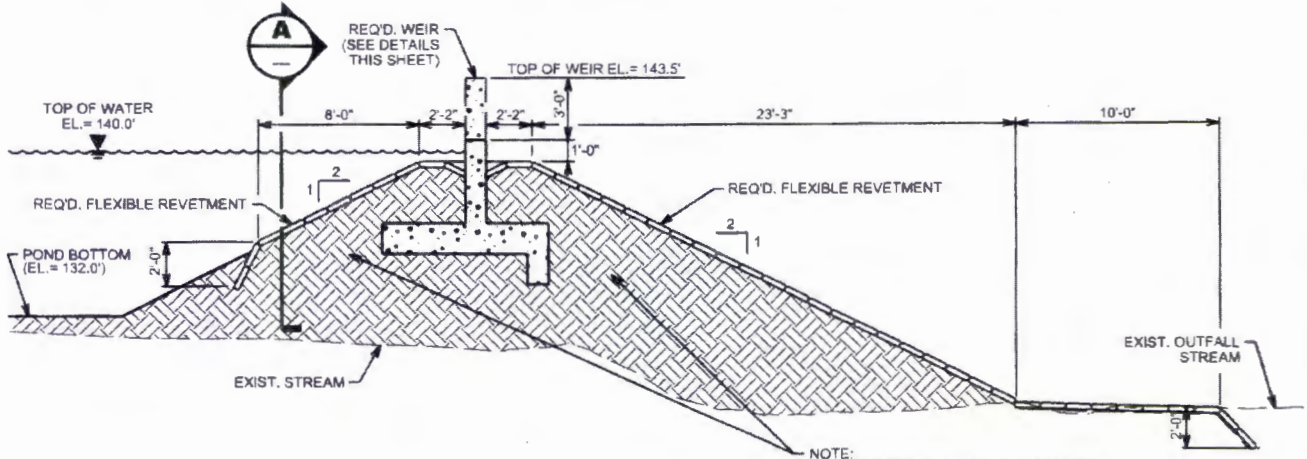


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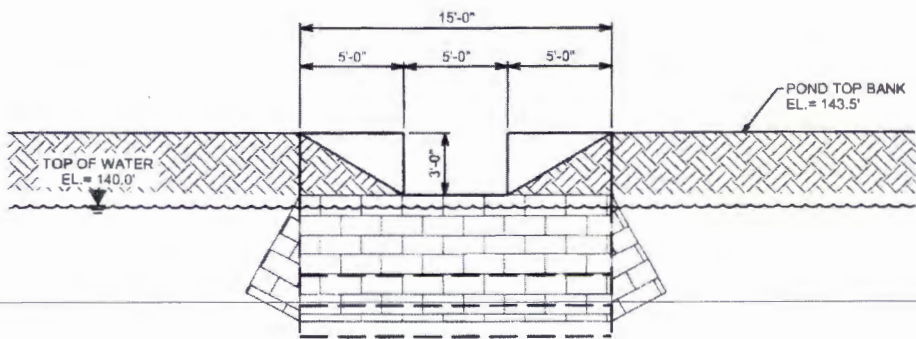
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SECTION G-G'

NOTE: POND LEVEE SHALL HAVE A CLAY LINER CONSISTING OF SOILS HAVING A MINIMUM PLASTICITY INDEX (P.I.) OF 11, MAXIMUM P.I. OF 35, AND A MAXIMUM SILT CONTENT OF 65% FOR A MINIMUM DEPTH OF 12 INCHES. VARIATION FROM THIS CRITERIA MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PROJECT ENGINEER.



A SECTION

STREAM & WETLAND VOLUMES	
OTHER WATERS (STREAMS)	
EXCAVATION:	1,527 CU. YD.
EARTHEN FILL:	15,421 CU. YD.
ASPHALT:	9 CU. YD.
BASE (SOIL CEMENT):	52 CU. YD.
CONCRETE (SIDEWALKS):	53 CU. YD.
WETLANDS	
EARTHEN FILL:	17,097 CU. YD.
CONCRETE (SIDEWALKS):	10 CU. YD.

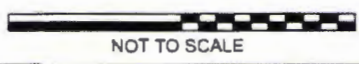
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