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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL (MDEQ)

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
DMR24-000224

PROPOSED WETLAND FILL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/EXPANSION OF A
COMMERCIAL FACILITY, GULFPORT, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Longhorn, LLC
Attention: Casey Weaver
8289 Canal Road, Suite A
Gulfport, Mississippi 39503

LOCATION: East side of Canal Road, northeast of the intersection of Canal Road and Tillman Road; Gulfport; Harrison County; Mississippi; Latitude 30.405798° North, Longitude 89.135756° West.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to fill 12.84 acres of wetland habitat on the east side of Canal Road across from the applicant's existing facility location. The placement of the fill material would be associated with the construction/expansion of a commercial development. The total project site is 17.85 acres in size of which 16.34 acres have been delineated as pine savanna wetlands. A total of 3.5 acres of wetland habitat have been proposed to be avoided. The project is located within the Bernard Bayou – Big Lake watershed. The proposed project location lies approximately 3,600 feet from the nearest floodway and will not impact Turkey Creek. The applicant proposes to provide in-kind compensatory mitigation through a mitigation bank.

COASTAL ZONE: The applicant has applied for coastal zone (CZ) consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to CZ consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

WATER QUALITY: The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 CFR 121), requires certification for any license or permit that

authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. The applicant has initiated the water quality certification process with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (certifying authority).

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to affect historic properties. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the Corps has determined the permit area consists of 14.35 acres of uplands and wetlands within the footprint of the proposed fill area only. The remaining 3.5 acres are proposed to be avoided. The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register, which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. The Mobile District is seeking comments regarding the existence, or the potential for existence, of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. At this time, the USACE, Mobile District has made no determination regarding potential effects of the project on cultural/historic resources. Further coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or federally-recognized American Indian tribes will be performed as determined to be appropriate.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate the following federally-listed species are known or expected to occur within the project area: Alabama red-bellied turtle (E), dusky gopher frog (E), Eastern black rail (T), gopher tortoise (T), gulf sturgeon (T), loggerhead sea turtle (E), Louisiana quillwort (E), piping plover (T), red knot (T), West Indian manatee (T), and wood stork (T). There is no designated critical habitat within the project action area. At this time, the USACE, Mobile District has made no determination regarding potential effects of the project on the above-listed species. Further coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and NMFS will be performed as determined to be appropriate.

COMMENTS: This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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. 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.

Any person may request, 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.

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2024-00478-APS** and should be directed to the District Engineer, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Amiee P. Smith, or submitted electronically at Amiee.P.Smith@usace.army.mil, 228-627-8641. Copies of all comments should be furnished to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225 and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

All comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice.

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MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Attachments

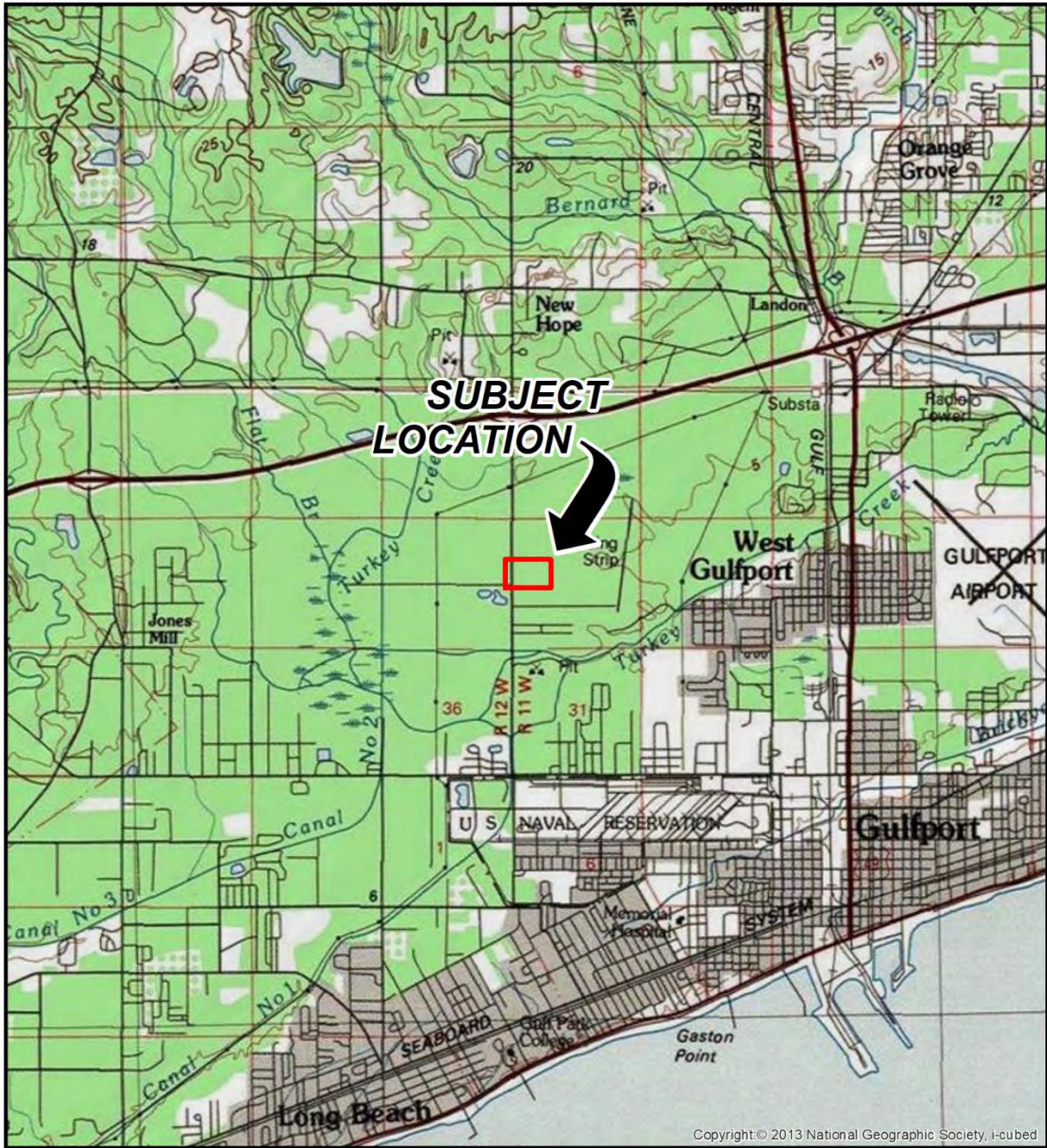



FIGURE 1
 Purpose: Permit Drawing
 Base Map: ESRI USA Topo Maps
 Source: USGS, NGS, i-cubed
 Map Date: June 27, 2023

NORTH

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP



ECOLOGICAL ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

Permit Drawing for 17.85 ac Project Area on Canal Road


Location: Gulfport, MS
 Portion of Section 30;
 Township-7-South; Range-11-West
 County: Harrison County, MS

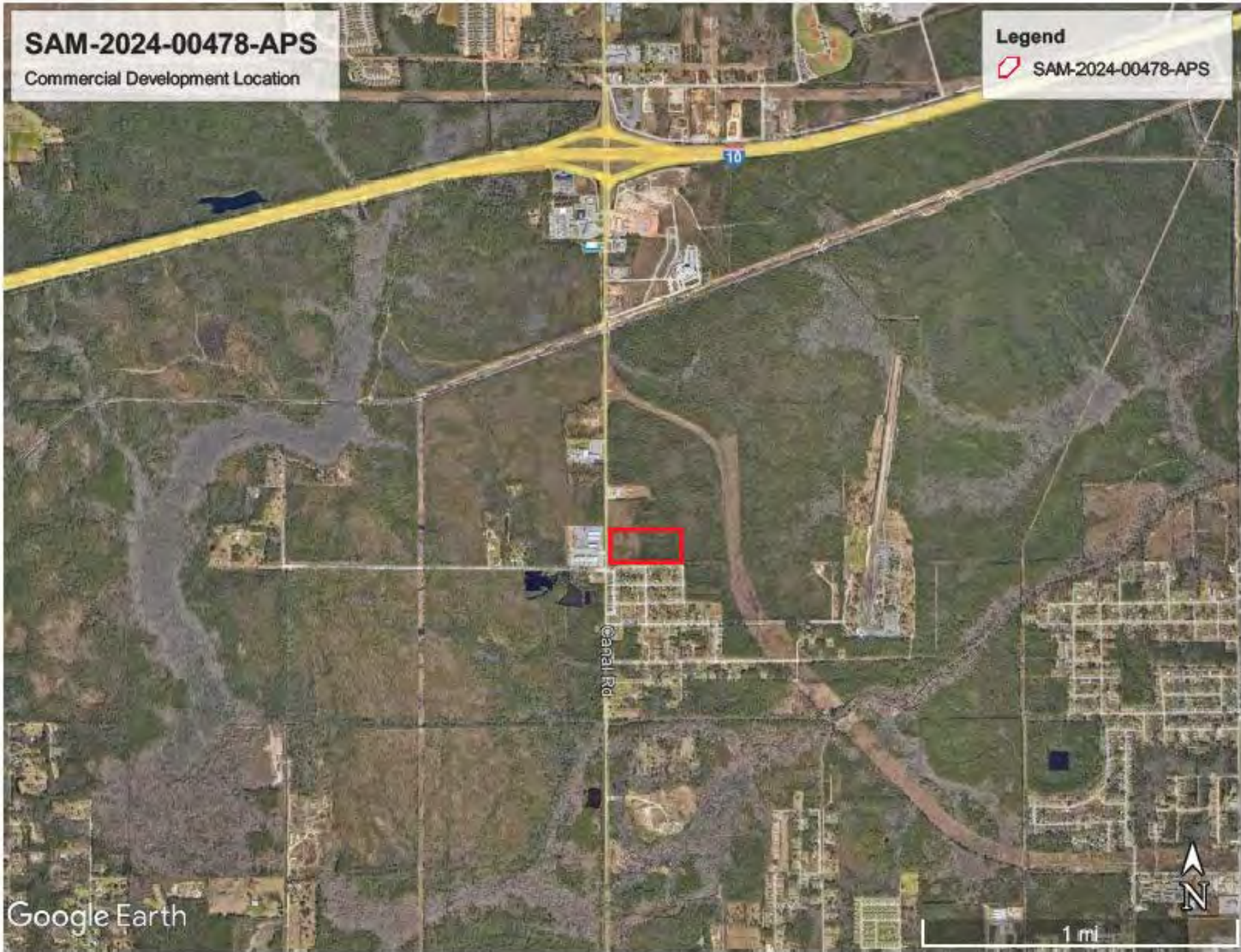
Figure 1. Project Location

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Commercial Development Location

Legend

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Google Earth

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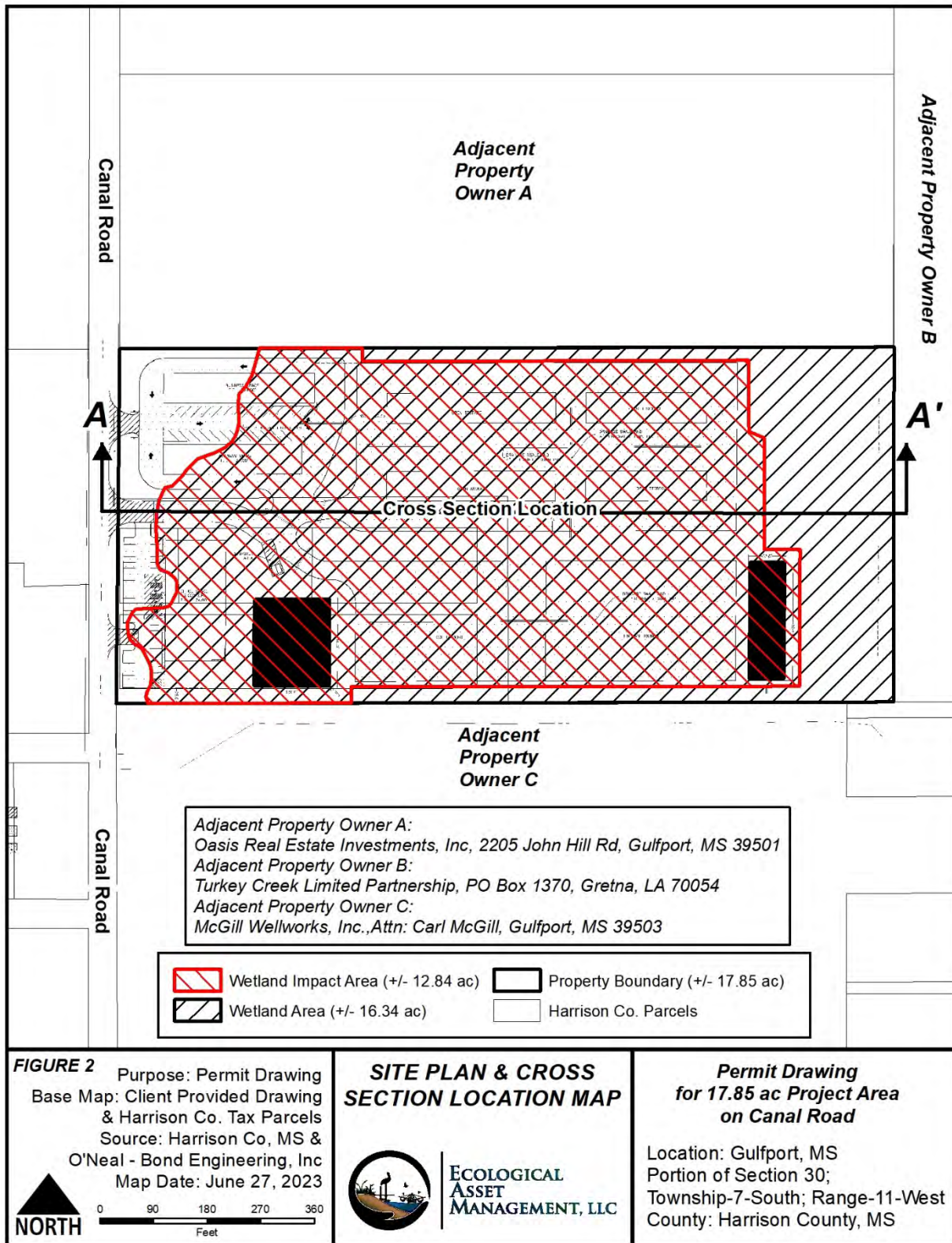
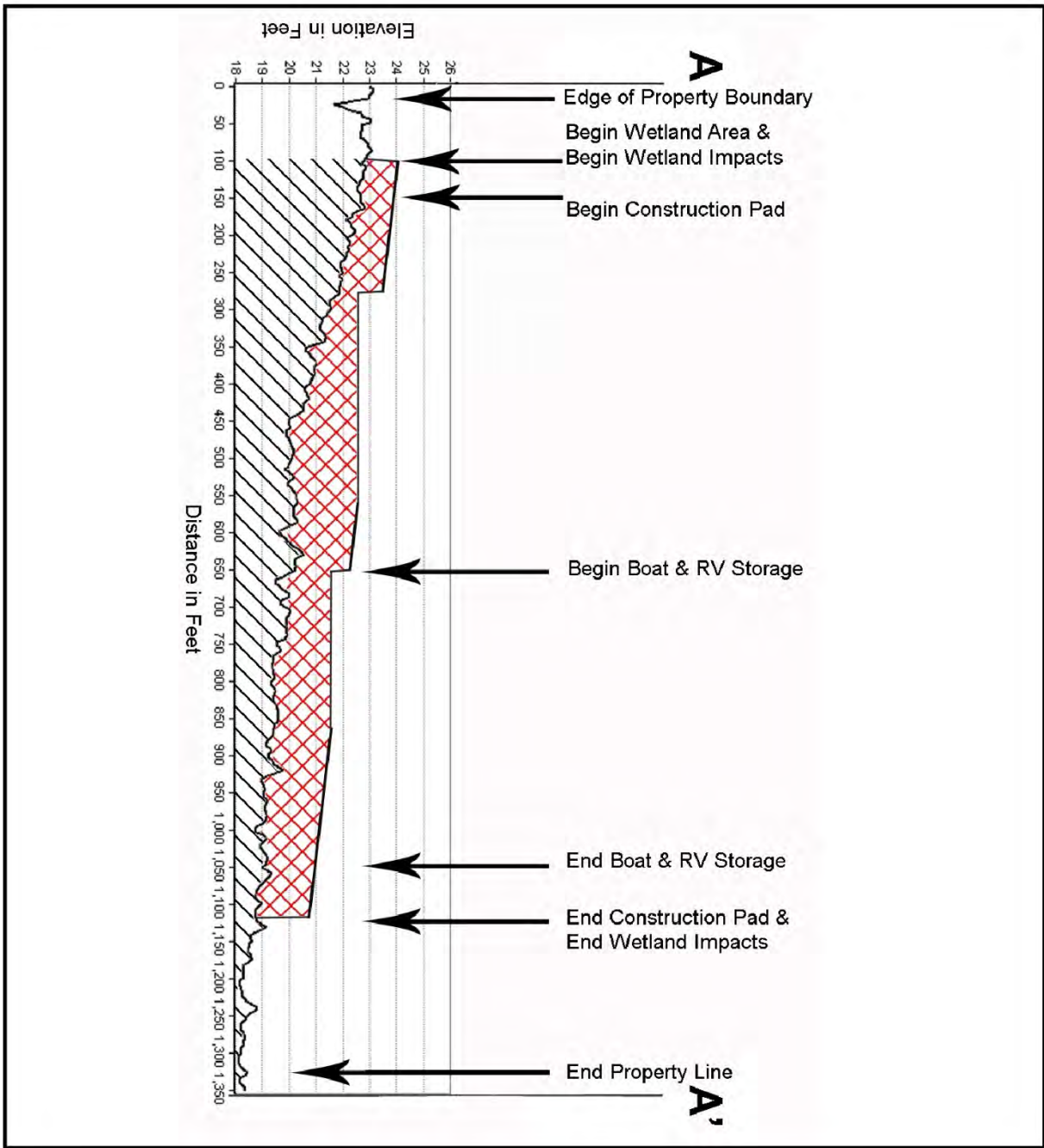


Figure 2. Existing Site Plan & Cross Section Location




<p>FIGURE 3 Purpose: Permit Drawing Base Map: USGS (2014) LiDAR Digital Elevation Model Source: MARIS & EAM Map Date: June 26, 2023</p> <p>NORTH SCALE: As Shown</p>	<p>TYPICAL CROSS SECTION MAP</p>  <p>ECOLOGICAL ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC</p>	<p><i>Permit Drawing for 17.85 ac Project Area on Canal Road</i></p> <p>Location: Gulfport, MS Portion of Section 30; Township-7-South; Range-11-West County: Harrison County, MS</p>
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Figure 3. Typical Cross Section Drawing