

U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Baltimore District

Public Notice

In Reply to Application Number
CENAB-OP-RMS(BRAC CONSTRUCTION AT EPG/FT BELVOIR)
NAB-2007-1380-M15

PN07-36

Comment Period: May 21, 2007 to June 22, 2007

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

The Baltimore District has received an application for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), as described below:

APPLICANT: Fort Belvoir
ATTN: Col. Brian W. Lauritzen, Garrison Commander
9820 Flagler Road
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5928

LOCATION: In Accotink Creek, Fairfax County, Virginia.

WORK: The U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in accordance with the realignment recommendations of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, as implemented by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended, proposes to utilize the approximately 628-acre Engineer Proving Grounds (EPG), in Fairfax County, Virginia for the relocation of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS). The proposed BRAC project would entail the phased construction of office facilities with attendant support facilities and infrastructure for the two Department of Defense (DOD) agencies with all construction activities completed by September 2011. On-site activities associated with the proposed project that would impact waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands, include the expansion/replacement of existing roads and road crossings, new road construction including road crossings, installation of temporary and permanent utility lines, grading for structures, construction of stormwater management infrastructure, and perimeter security fence construction. The proposed activities at EPG would permanently impact approximately 38,200 square feet (SF) (0.88 acres) of forested nontidal wetland, 732 SF (0.02 acres) of emergent nontidal wetland, 2,902 linear feet (LF) of perennial stream channel, 1,599 LF of intermittent stream channel, and 1,216 LF of ephemeral stream channel. The proposed activities at EPG would also permanently impact approximately 462 SF of isolated emergent nontidal wetland (not subject to Federal jurisdiction pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act) and permanently convert approximately 5,841 SF (0.13 acres) of forested nontidal wetlands to shrub-scrub or emergent nontidal wetlands. The proposed activities at EPG would also temporarily impact approximately 8,898 SF (0.20 acres) of forested nontidal wetland, 161 LF of perennial stream channel, 36 LF of intermittent stream channel, and 28 LF of ephemeral stream channel. In addition to the on-site impacts, activities associated with the proposed development of the EPG site will also include off-site impacts for construction access and utility line installation. These proposed off-site utility activities would temporarily impact approximately 19,484 SF (0.45 acres) of forested nontidal wetland, 5,010 SF (0.12 acres) of emergent nontidal wetland, 194 LF of

perennial stream channel, and 315 LF of intermittent stream channel. In addition, construction of an aerial electric line would convert 23,244 SF (0.53 acres) of forested nontidal wetland to shrub-scrub or emergent wetland. Construction of temporary access routes within the future Fairfax County Parkway alignment will permanently impact approximately 2,164 SF (0.05 acres) of forested nontidal wetland and 267 LF of perennial stream channel. Please note, possible impacts associated with the off-site transportation improvements to mitigate adverse effects to the road network identified in the *Draft Environment Impact Statement (DEIS) for Implementation of 2005 BRAC Recommendations and Related Army Actions at Fort Belvoir, Virginia*, are not included in the proposed project impacts. Any future transportation improvement project having proposed impacts to waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands, will be subject to a separate environmental study and permit evaluation at the appropriate time. However, to the extent possible, the potential impacts to waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands, associated with the potential off-site transportation projects identified in the DEIS will be considered as part of the secondary impacts analysis associated with this permit decision.

The approximate total proposed impacts (off-site + on-site) associated with the development of office facilities for the two DOD agencies and their attendant support facilities at EPG are: permanent forested nontidal wetland 40,364 SF (0.93 acres); permanent emergent nontidal wetland 732 SF (0.02 acres); permanent stream channel impacts (perennial, intermittent, ephemeral, respectively) 3,169 LF, 1,599 LF, and 1,216 LF; temporary forested nontidal wetland 28,382 SF (0.65 acres); temporary emergent nontidal wetland 5,010 SF (0.12 acres); temporary stream impacts (perennial, intermittent, ephemeral, respectively) 355 LF, 351 LF, and 28 LF; and the conversion of 29,085 SF (0.66 acres) of forested nontidal wetland.

The applicant proposes to provide compensatory mitigation for all permanent impacts to wetlands and stream channel by payment to an established state fund, allotted over the multi-year construction schedule. Total payment amount would be determined in advance and made a condition of the permit issuance.

Additional information on the proposed project impacts maybe found at ftp://ftp.usace.army.mil/pub/nab/FortBelvoir_BRAC_EPG/. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Jack Dinne at 410 962-6005 or at john.j.dinne@usace.army.mil.

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, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, 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.

The applicant is required to obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act to assure that applicable laws and regulations pertaining to water quality are not violated. Any written comments concerning the work described above which relate to water quality certification must be received by the Virginia DEQ, Northern Virginia Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1715, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. The 401 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year to make its decision.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified as above to receive consideration. Also, it must clearly state forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity in the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

It is requested that you communicated the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

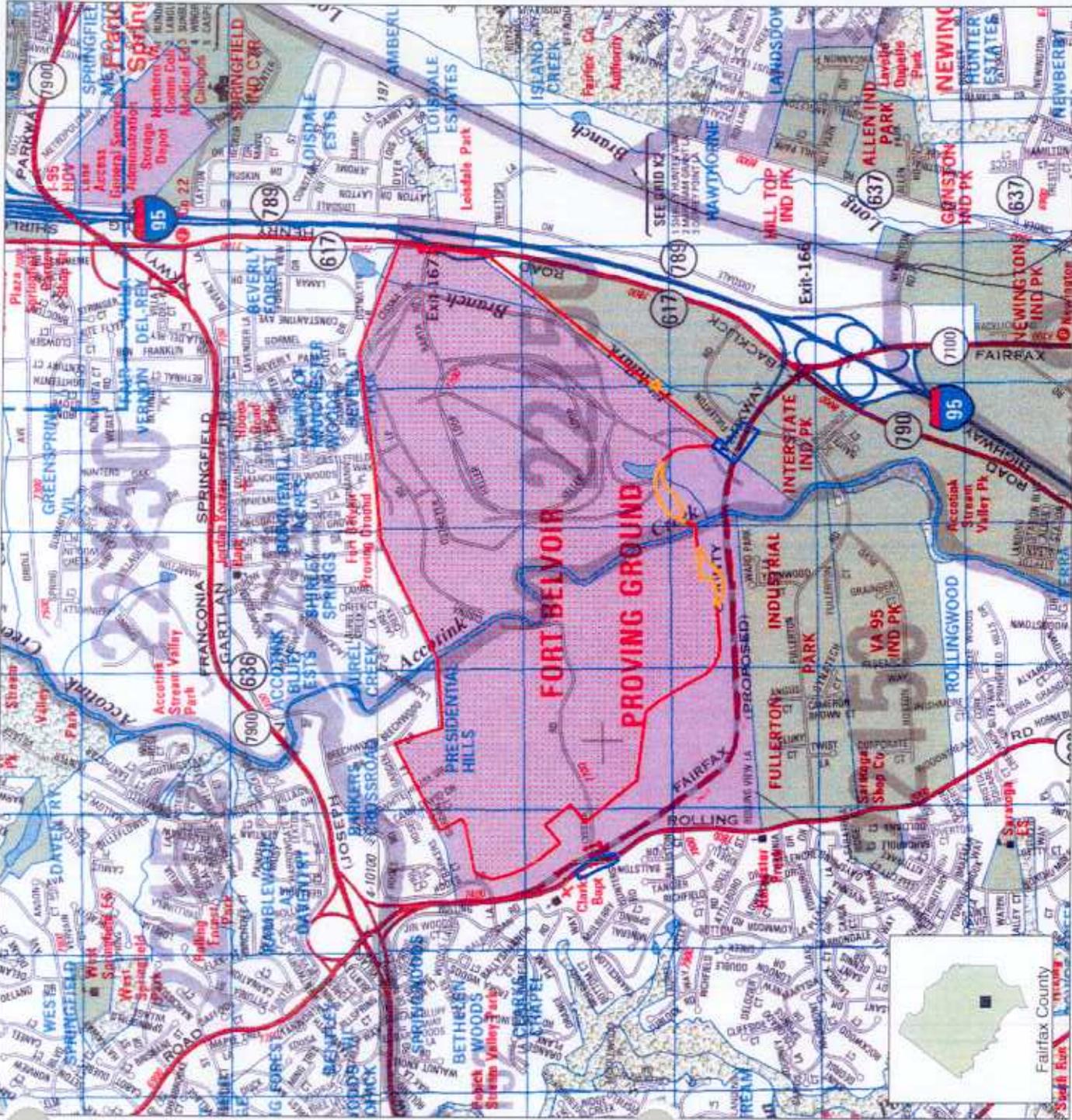


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**BRAC CONSTRUCTION AT EPG
FORT BELVOIR
SUMMARY OF ON-SITE WETLAND IMPACTS REGULATED BY COE AND DEQ**

IMPACT NUMBER	TOTAL PERMANENT IMPACT AREA (SF)	TOTAL TEMPORARY IMPACT AREA (SF)	TOTAL PERMANENT IMPACT LENGTH (LF)	TOTAL TEMPORARY IMPACT LENGTH (LF)	LATITUDE OF IMPACT AREA	LONGITUDE OF IMPACT AREA	TYPE OF IMPACT	WETLAND/STREAM IMPACT DESCRIPTION*	ENTITY ASSOCIATED WITH IMPACT
BAC 1	7,148	-	96	-	38° 45' 13.33" N	77° 11' 12.61" W	BACKLICK ROAD ACCESS	NT, V (PFO), NV (R3), PE, PR, MC	FORT BELVOIR
NGA 1	1,335	-	331	-	38° 45' 15.33" N	77° 11' 41.24" W	SITE WORK - FILL	F, NT, NV (R4,RE), PE, IN	NGA
NGA 2	4,985	-	497	-	38° 45' 7.76" N	77° 11' 39.28" W	SITE WORK - FILL	F, NT, V (PFO), NV (R3,RE), PE, PR, MC	NGA
NGA 3	1,446	-	-	-	38° 44' 57.53" N	77° 11' 45.20" W	SITE WORK - FILL	F, NT, V (PFO), PE, MC	NGA
NGA FEN 1	767	-	144	-	38° 45' 12.18" N	77° 11' 34.98" W	NGA FENCE - FILL	F, NT, NV (R4), PE, IN	NGA
NGA FEN 2	1,321	-	138	-	38° 45' 2.20" N	77° 11' 36.41" W	NGA FENCE - FILL	F, NT, V (PFO), NV (RE), PE, MC	NGA
NGA FEN 3	519	-	74	-	38° 45' 11.42" N	77° 11' 56.86" W	NGA FENCE - FILL	F, NT, NV (R4), PE, IN	NGA
NGA SWM 6	4,227	-	-	-	38° 44' 55.37" N	77° 11' 45.93" W	SWM - SECONDARY	F, NT, V (PFO), PE	NGA
NL 1	206	-	-	-	38° 44' 56.21" N	77° 12' 22.31" W	NORTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), PE, MC	FORT BELVOIR
NL 2	1,520	-	-	-	38° 45' 0.42" N	77° 12' 16.42" W	NORTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), PE, MC	FORT BELVOIR
NL 3	12,528	-	1,269	-	38° 45' 0.31" N	77° 12' 11.48" W	NORTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), NV (R3,RE), PE, PR, MC	FORT BELVOIR
NL 5	5,697	-	28	-	38° 45' 25.30" N	77° 11' 49.71" W	NORTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), NV (R4), PE, IN, MC	NGA
NL 6	4,508	792	71	16	38° 45' 23.92" N	77° 11' 10.20" W	NORTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), NV (R3), TE, PE, PR, MC	NGA
NL 7	1,765	-	324	-	38° 45' 24.89" N	77° 11' 18.41" W	SITE WORK - FILL	F, NT, NV (RE), PE	NGA
RIF 1	2,085	-	243	-	38° 44' 54.70" N	77° 12' 13.01" W	REMOTE INSPECTION FACILITY - FILL	F, NT, V (PFO), NV (R3), PE, PR, MC	FORT BELVOIR
SL 1	5,998	-	776	-	38° 44' 58.13" N	77° 12' 9.59" W	SOUTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, V (PFO,PEM), NV (R3,R4), PE, PR, IN, IS, MC	FORT BELVOIR
SL 2	1,912	-	316	-	38° 44' 49.79" N	77° 12' 1.01" W	SOUTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, V (PFO,PEM), NV (R3,R4), PE, PR, IN, MC	FORT BELVOIR
SL 3	60	0	-	0	38° 44' 49.94" N	77° 11' 54.28" W	SOUTH LOOP - WATERLINE CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), NV (R3), PE, TE, PR, MC	FORT BELVOIR
SL 4	18,506	-	295	-	38° 44' 53.75" N	77° 11' 42.49" W	SOUTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, V (PFO,PEM), NV (R3), PE, PR, MC	FORT BELVOIR
SL 5	3,288	-	456	-	38° 45' 6.27" N	77° 11' 17.84" W	SOUTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, NV (R4), PE, IN	FORT BELVOIR
SL 6	605	-	-	-	38° 45' 14.93" N	77° 11' 14.25" W	SOUTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), PE, MC	FORT BELVOIR
SL 7	95	-	21	-	38° 45' 19.54" N	77° 11' 12.55" W	SOUTH LOOP - ROAD CROSSING	NT, NV (RE), PE	FORT BELVOIR
SWM 6	487	-	62	-	38° 45' 7.48" N	77° 11' 15.93" W	SWM OUTFALL - FILL	F, NT, NV (R4), PE, IN	WHS
SWM 7	373	-	66	-	38° 45' 13.55" N	77° 11' 14.30" W	SWM OUTFALL - FILL	F, NT, NV (R4), PE, IN	WHS
SWM 8	466	-	-	-	38° 45' 16.97" N	77° 11' 12.27" W	SWM OUTFALL - FILL	F, NT, V (PFO), PE, MC	WHS
US 1	27	1,613	-	62	38° 45' 7.32" N	77° 11' 58.15" W	SANITARY SEWER CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), NV (R3,RE), TE, PE, PR, MC	NGA
US 2	-	1,769	-	33	38° 45' 0.40" N	77° 11' 59.43" W	SANITARY SEWER CROSSING	NT, NV (R3), TE, PR,	FORT BELVOIR
US 3	-	243	-	36	38° 44' 57.43" N	77° 12' 8.51" W	SANITARY SEWER CROSSING	NT, NV (R4), TE, IN	FORT BELVOIR
US 4	-	1,526	-	31	38° 44' 51.77" N	77° 11' 55.04" W	SANITARY SEWER CROSSING	NT, NV (R3), TE, PR	WHS
US 5	673	827	-	47	38° 44' 56.26" N	77° 11' 42.02" W	SANITARY SEWER CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), NV (R3), TE, PE, PR, MC	WHS
UTE 1	-	366	-	-	38° 45' 5.20" N	77° 12' 14.08" W	OVERHEAD TEMPORARY ELECTRIC CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), TE, MC	FORT BELVOIR
UTE 4	-	7,601	-	-	38° 45' 28.28" N	77° 11' 36.35" W	OVERHEAD TEMPORARY ELECTRIC CROSSING	NT, V (PFO), TE, MC	FORT BELVOIR
WHS 1	4,200	-	510	-	38° 45' 21.15" N	77° 11' 16.05" W	SITE WORK - FILL	F, NT, NV (RE), PE	WHS
Total (SF)	86,747	14,897	-	225					
Total (LF)	-	-	5,717	-					
Total (AC)	1.99	0.34	-	-					

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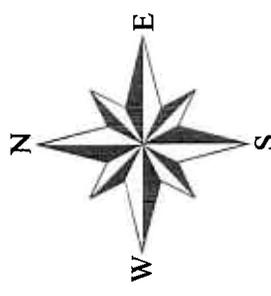
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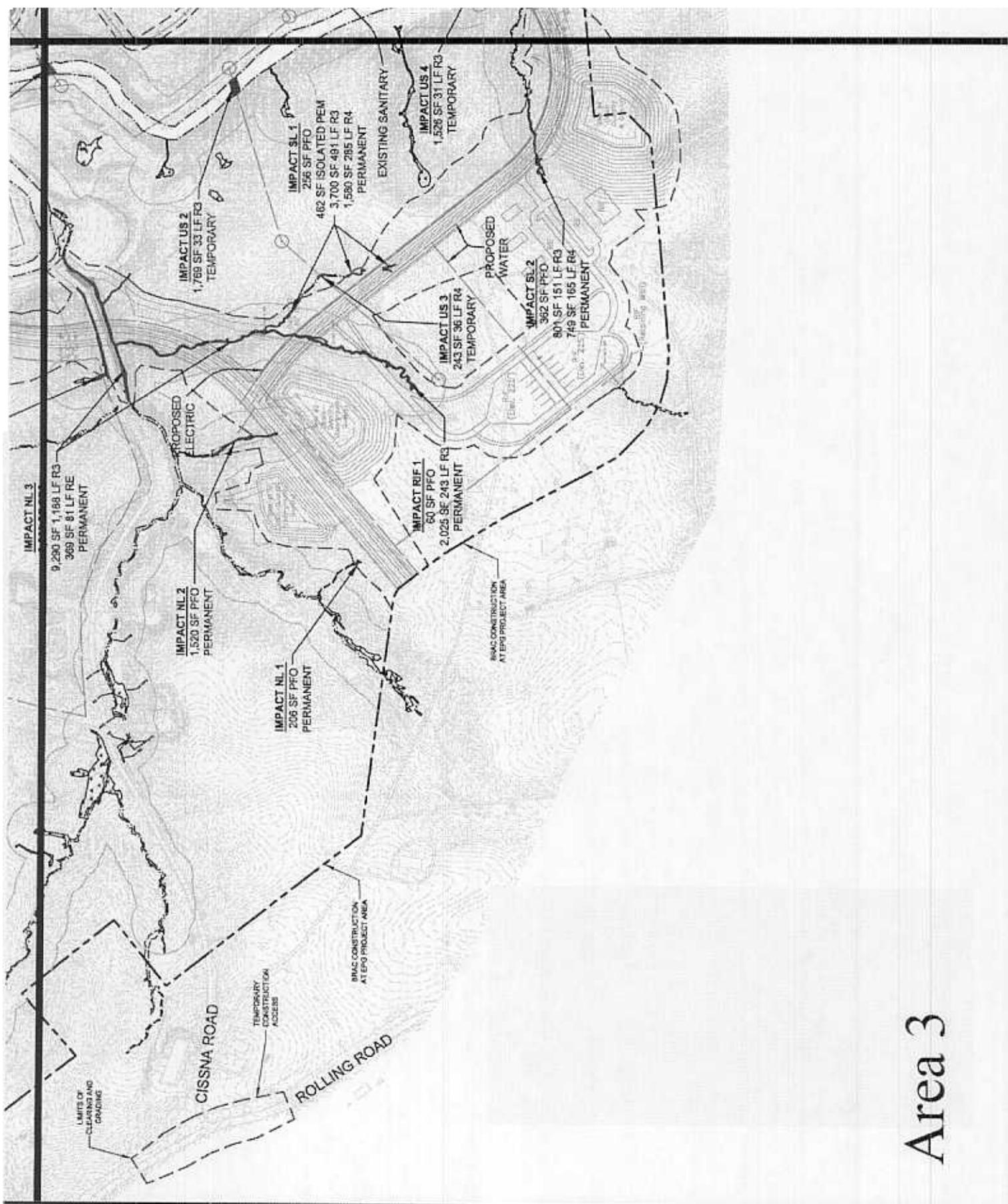
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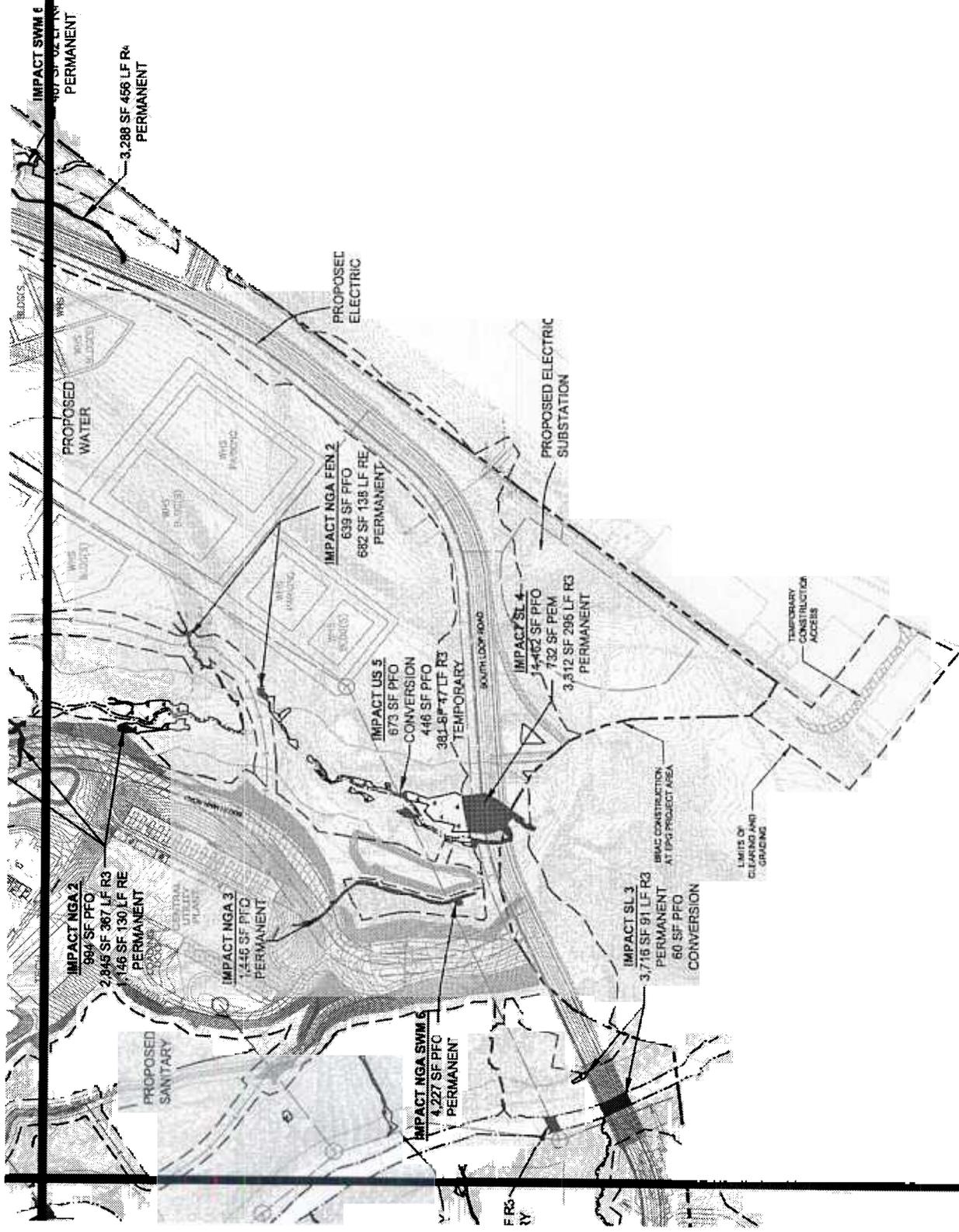
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Area 3



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