



# PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army  
Corps  
of Engineers  
Baltimore  
District

In Reply to Application Number  
CENAB-OP-RMS(CHARLES COUNTY  
DP&GM/MIDDLETOWN ROAD)03-02074-19

**Comment Period: August 26, 2003 to September 26, 2003**

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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.

A Joint COE/Charles County DP&GM Hearing will be held on September 29, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Charles County Government Building located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Attendees wishing to speak at the hearing should sign up at the registration table one-half hour prior to the hearing.

HEARING LOCATION: Commissioners Meeting Room  
Charles County Government Building  
200 Baltimore Street  
La Plata, Maryland 20646  
(see attached map)

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 Charles County Dept. of Planning & Growth Management  
County Government Building  
P.O. Box B  
La Plata, Maryland 20646

LOCATION: In Piney Branch (tributary of Mattawoman Creek), adjacent forested nontidal wetlands, Piney Branch stream channel, and Cat Pond adjacent to Middletown Road in Waldorf, Charles County, Maryland.

WORK: To realign and upgrade existing Middletown Road to four lanes extending from MD 228 south to Billingsley Road, a distance of approximately three miles. This project will consist of road construction, bridge construction, existing road removal, and grading of adjacent right-of-ways. The proposed project will result in the permanent loss of 4.26 acres of forested nontidal wetlands and permanent impacts to 480 linear feet of stream channel. It will also result in 0.55 acre of temporary impact to forested nontidal wetlands and temporary impacts to 450 linear feet of stream channel. Mitigation for all regulated impacts is to be accomplished at Port Tobacco Consolidated Mitigation Site, Charles County, Maryland, which is an approved mitigation site and will mitigate for no less than twice the total impacted area. The Port Tobacco Consolidated Mitigation Site is near the project site, but is not in the same sub-watershed. All work is to be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Michael Hitchings at (410) 962-5685.

PURPOSE: To provide a safe and efficient means of transportation between MD 228 and Billingsley Road. The existing Middletown Road has no shoulders for emergencies. Alignment and two lane road creates hazardous driving conditions for the volume of traffic being carried. The realignment with widening of the existing two lane road will change the road design standard to an improved minor, arterial classification.

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 water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Maryland Department of the Environment. Any written comments concerning the work described above which relate to water quality certification must be received by the Standards and Certification Division Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708 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 21203-1715, 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.

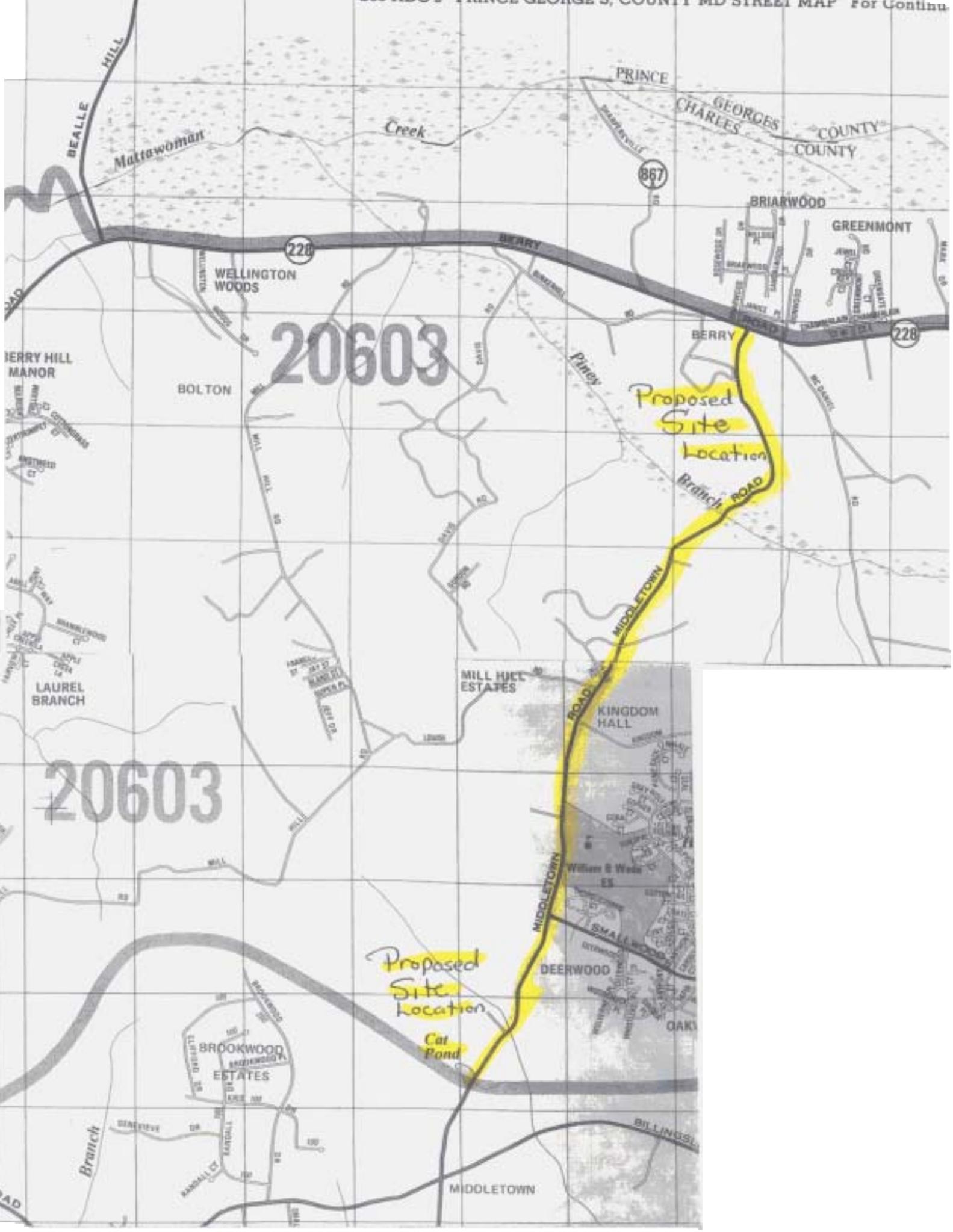
The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may attend the public hearing. Any submitted comments must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715 no later than October 9, 2003. Comments addressing Corps of Engineers regulated matters 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.

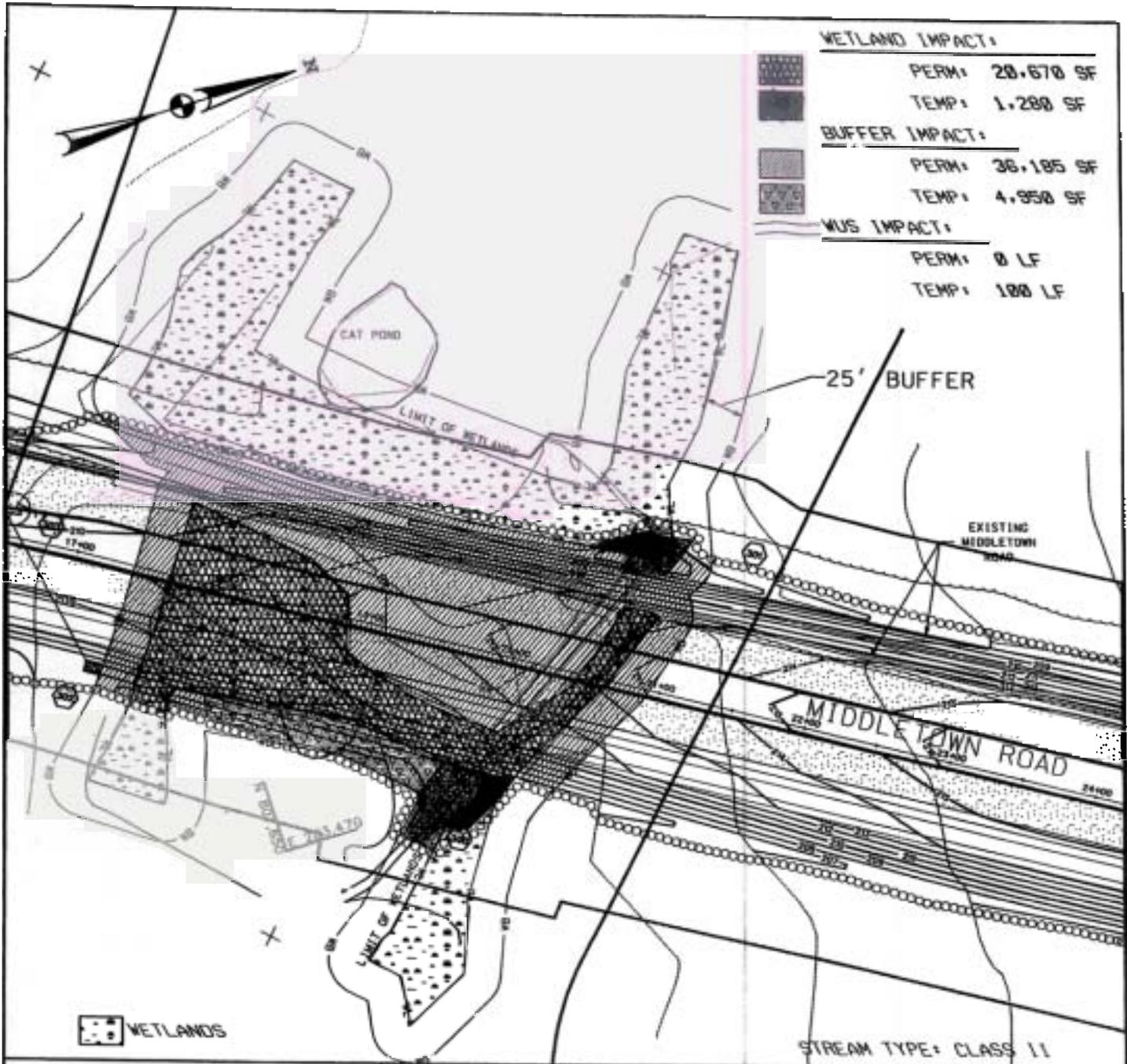
It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

  
for WALTER WASHINGTON, JR.  
Chief, Maryland Section Southern







APPLICANT: CHARLES COUNTY  
 GOVERNMENT  
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WATER BODY: UNNAMED  
 STREAM

DATE: 11 Aug 03

SCALE: 1"= 100'

SHEET 1 OF 4

IMPACT # 1

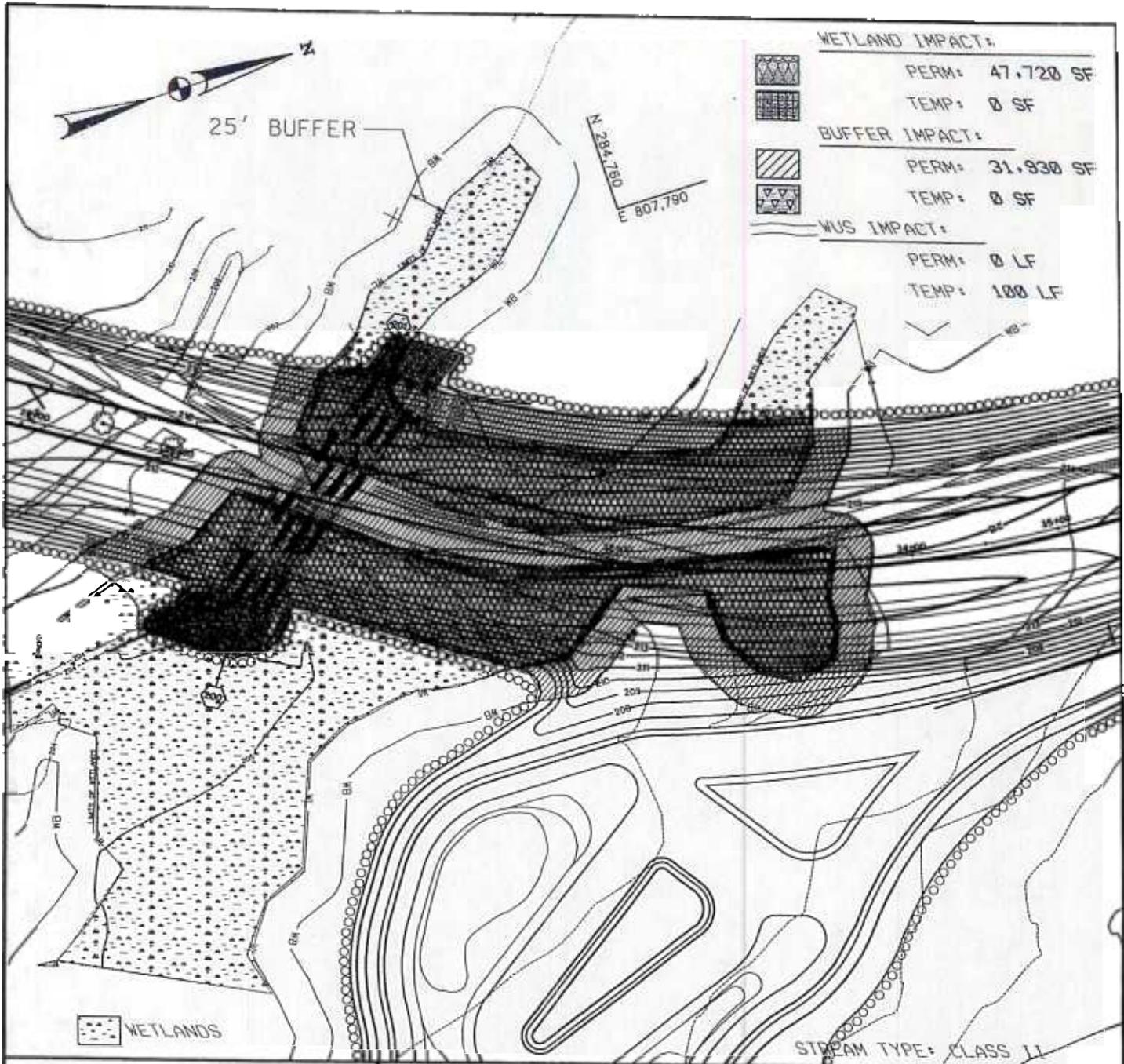
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MIDDLETOWN ROAD  
 PHASE 2  
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IMPACT # 2

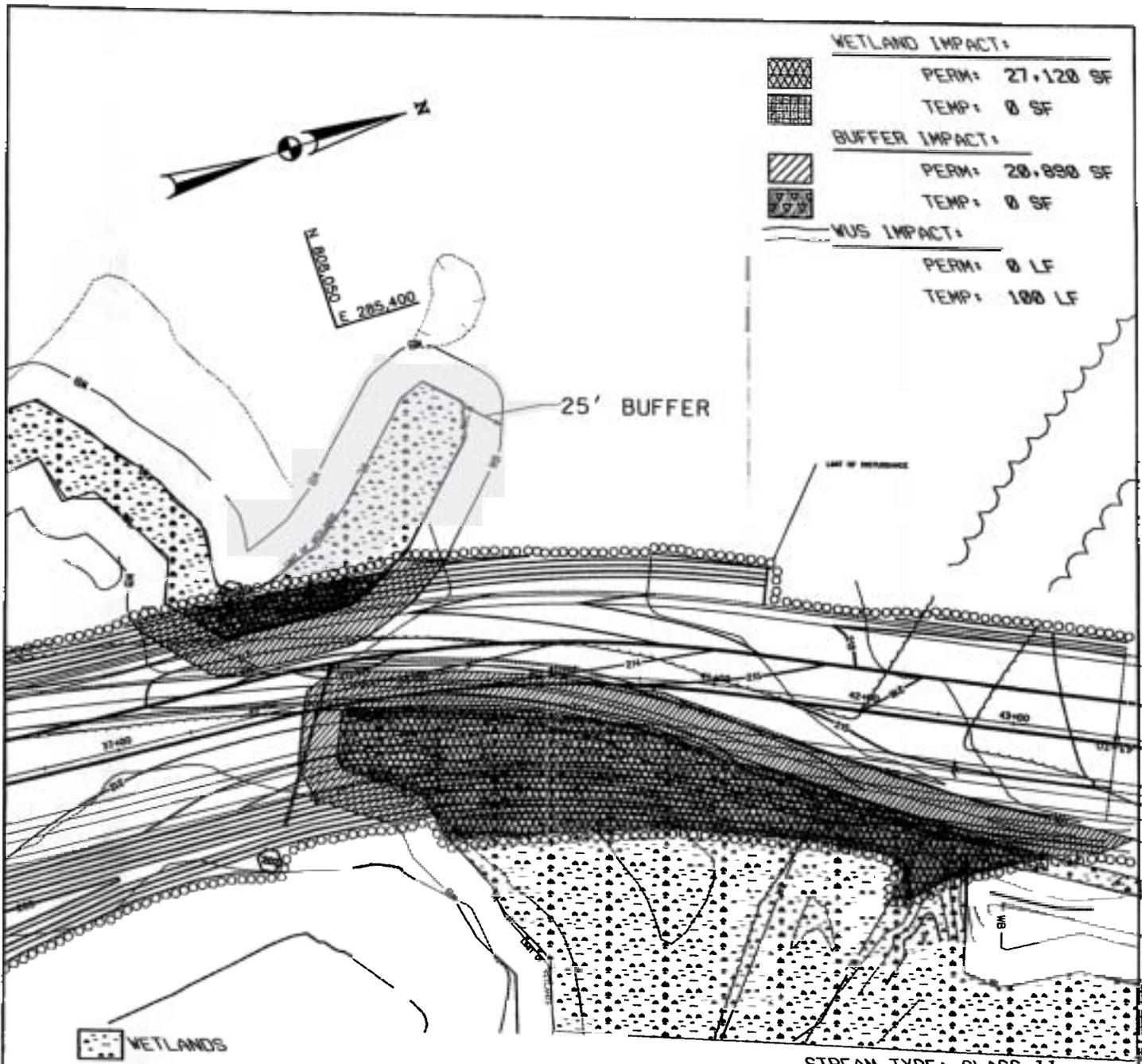
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WETLAND IMPACT:	
	PERM: 27,120 SF
	TEMP: 0 SF
BUFFER IMPACT:	
	PERM: 20,890 SF
	TEMP: 0 SF
WUS IMPACT:	
	PERM: 0 LF
	TEMP: 100 LF

WETLANDS

STREAM TYPE: CLASS II

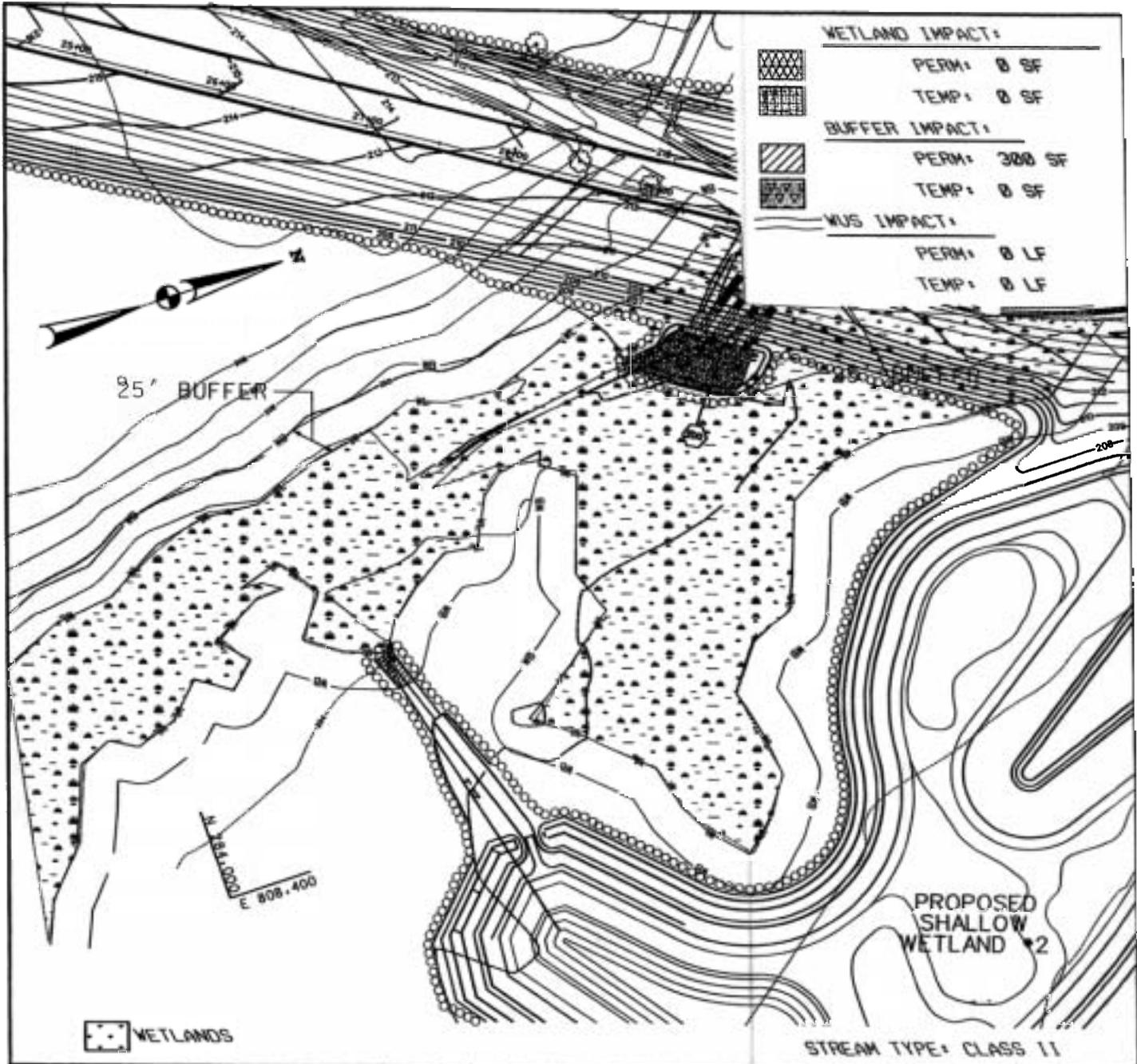
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 WATER BODY: UNNAMED  
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IMPACT #3  
  
 STA. 35+00 TO STA. 41+00

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IMPACT # 4

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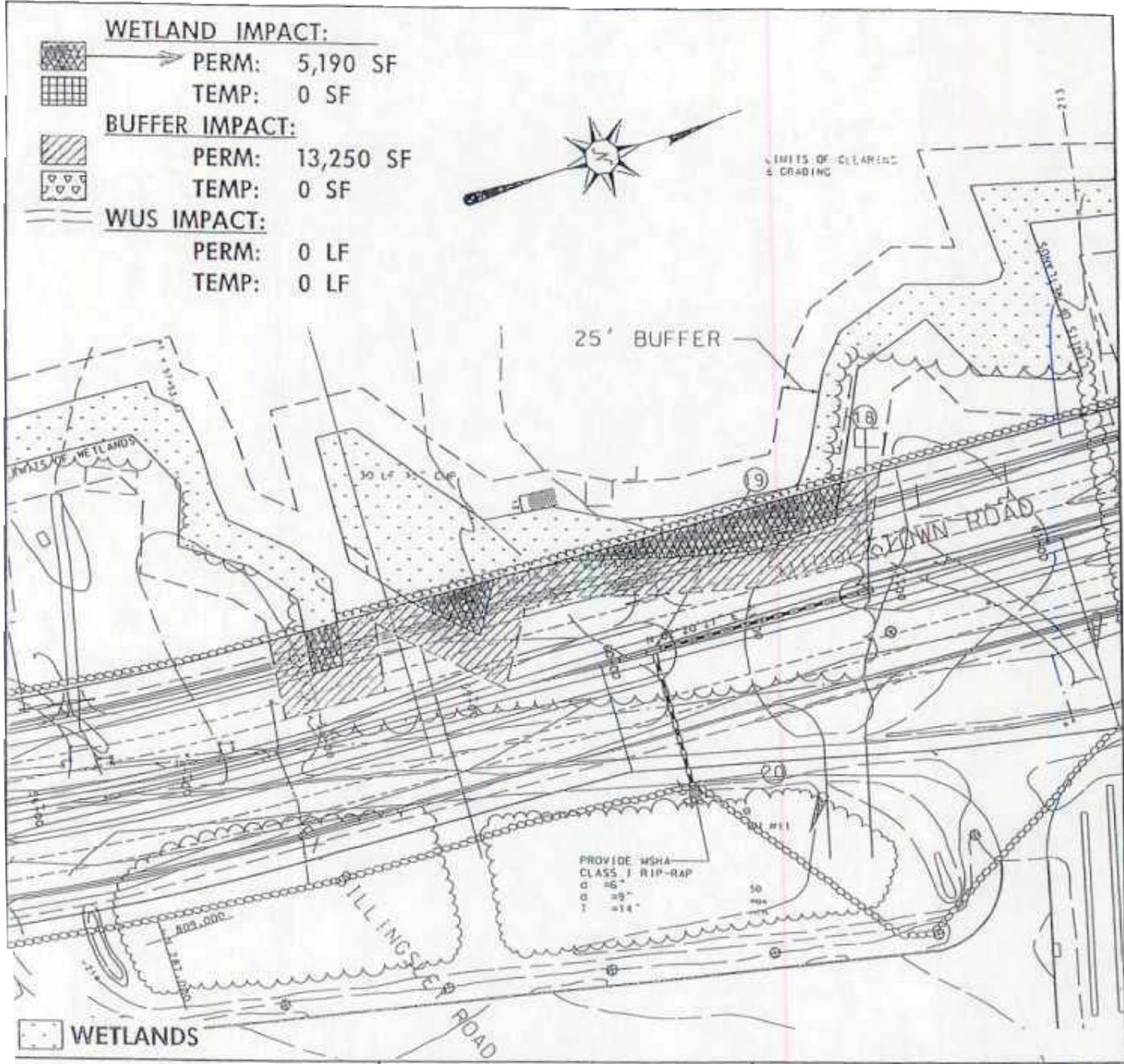
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**BUFFER IMPACT:**

 PERM: 13,250 SF  
 TEMP: 0 SF

**WUS IMPACT:**

 PERM: 0 LF  
 TEMP: 0 LF



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WATER BODY: UNNAMED  
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**IMPACT #5**

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**WETLAND IMPACT:**

→ PERM: 15,360 SF

→ TEMP: 3,350 SF

**BUFFER IMPACT:**

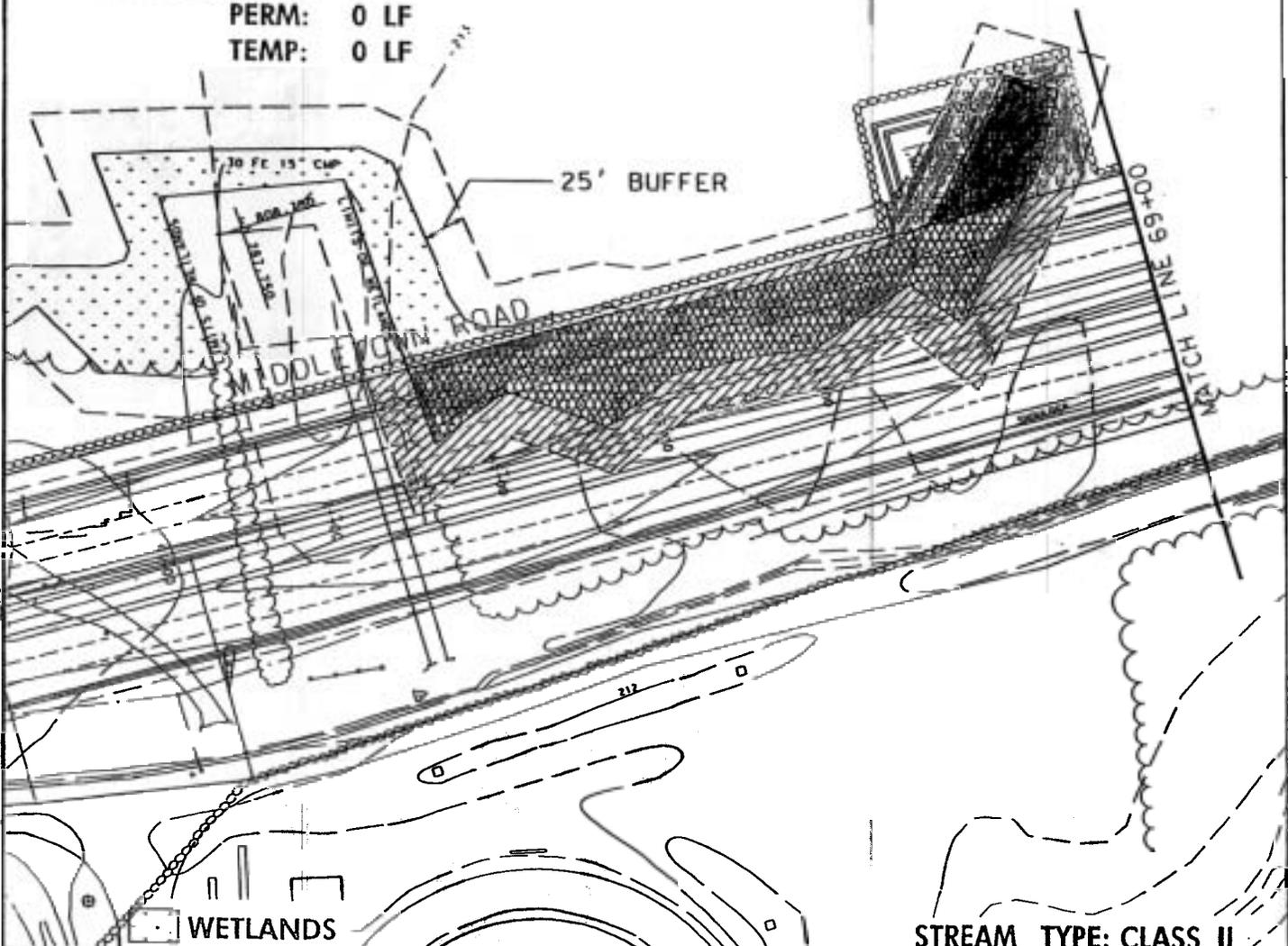
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→ TEMP: 4,450 SF

**WUS IMPACT:**

PERM: 0 LF

TEMP: 0 LF



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**IMPACT #6**

DATE: 21 Feb 01

SCALE: 1" = 100'

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**STA. 62+00 TO STA. 69+00**

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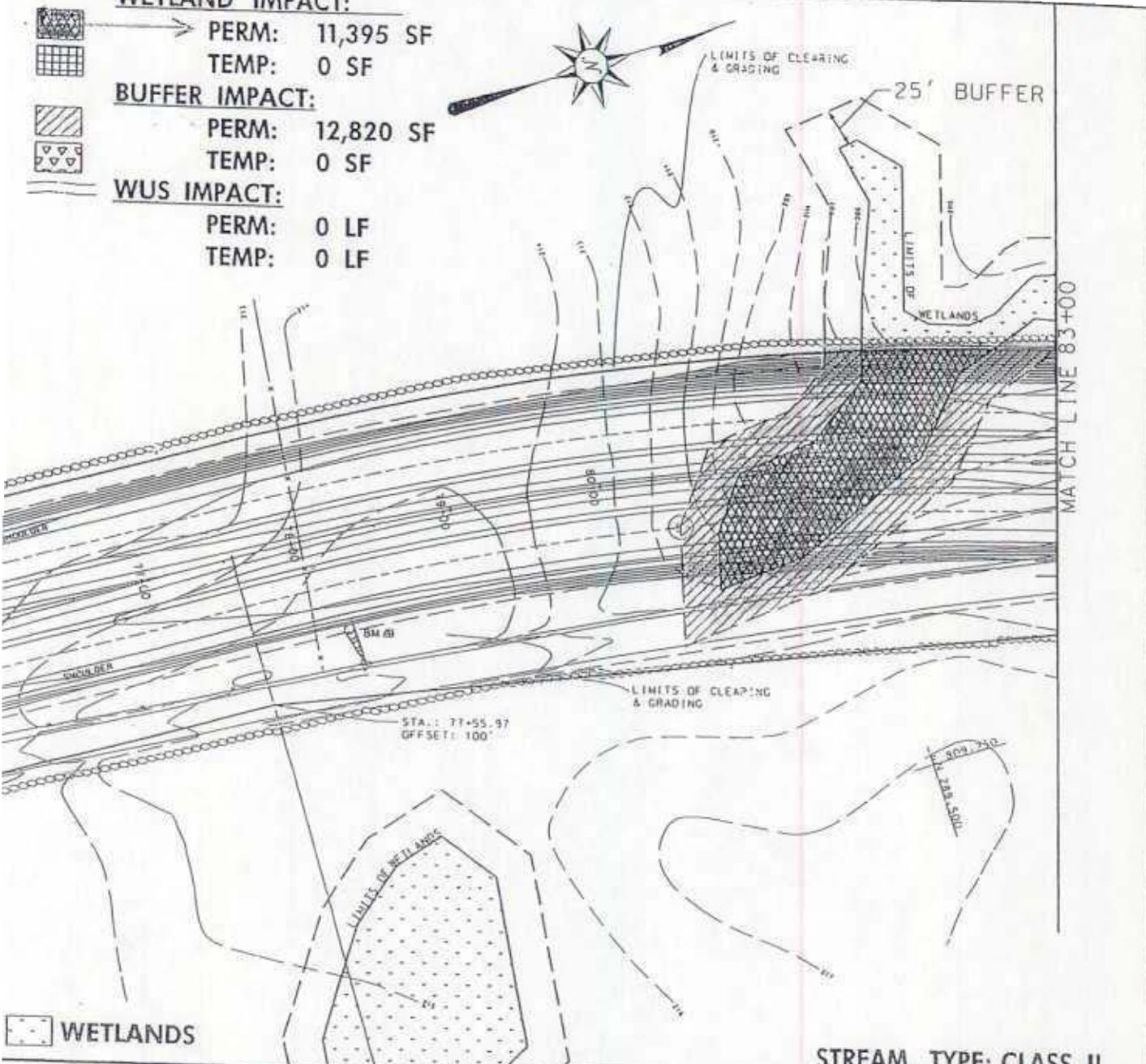
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**BUFFER IMPACT:**

 PERM: 12,820 SF  
 TEMP: 0 SF

**WUS IMPACT:**

 PERM: 0 LF  
 TEMP: 0 LF



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**WATER BODY:** UNNAMED  
 STREAM

**IMPACT #7**

**DATE:** 21 Feb 01

**SCALE:** 1" = 100'

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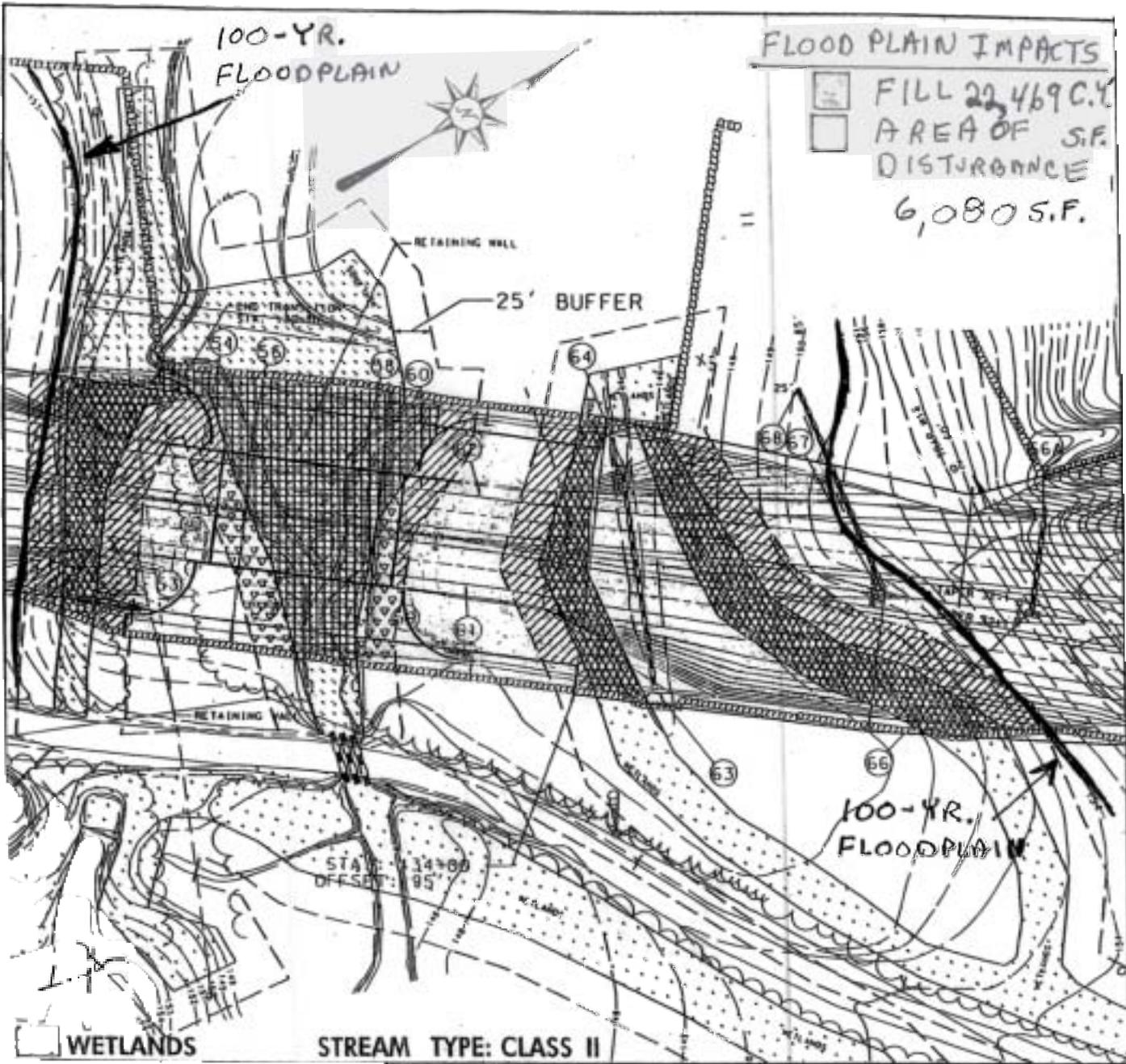
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**IMPACT #8A**

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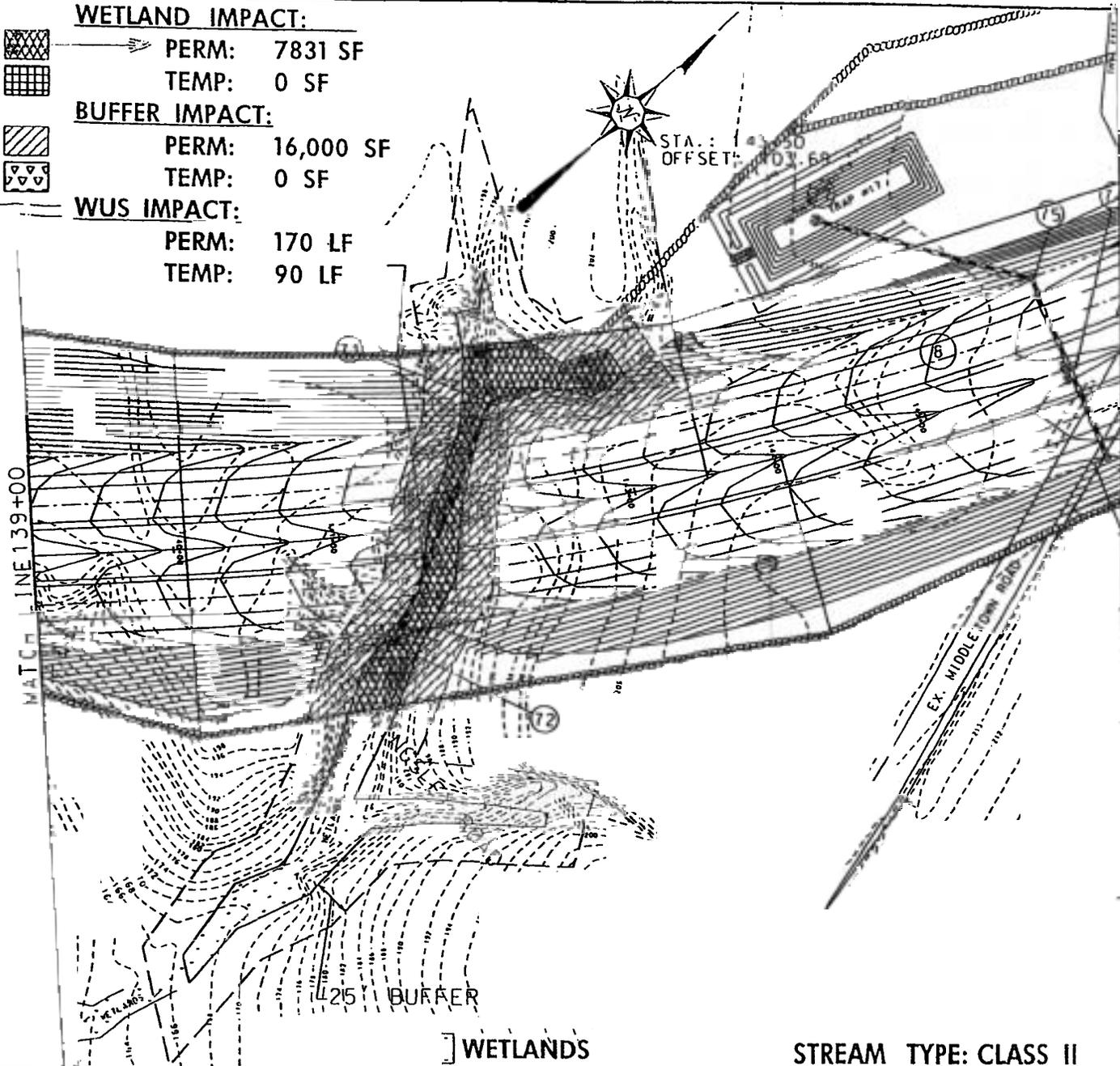
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**BUFFER IMPACT:**

 PERM: 16,000 SF  
 TEMP: 0 SF

**WUS IMPACT:**

PERM: 170 LF  
 TEMP: 90 LF



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**IMPACT #9**

DATE: 21 Feb 01  
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STA. 140 00 TO STA. 145 00

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