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April 3, 2006

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Field Office
Post Office Box 1000
Washington, NC 27889-1000

ATTENTION: Mr. William Wescott
NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

Subject: **Nationwide 23 Permit Application and Riparian Buffer Authorization** for the Replacement of Bridge No. 19 over Cokey Swamp on SR 1135, Edgecombe County. Federal Aid Project No. BRZ-1135(6), State Project No. 8.2291301, TIP Project No. B-4111, WBS Element 33466.1.1.

Please find enclosed the Preconstruction Notification (PCN), permit drawings, half-size plans, Categorical Exclusion Action Classification (CE), Natural Resources Technical Report (NRTR), and the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) acceptance letter for the above-mentioned project. The North Carolina Department of Transportation proposes to replace existing Bridge No. 19 over Cokey Swamp on SR 1135 in Edgecombe County. The project involves replacement of the existing structure with a 135-foot long bridge in the same location using top-down construction. The proposed structure for Bridge No. 19 will provide a 24-foot travel-way with a 3-foot offset on the north side and a 6-foot offset on the south side. An offsite detour will be utilized. The project schedule calls for a December 19, 2006 let with a review date of October 31, 2006. Proposed permanent impacts include 0.30 acre to jurisdictional wetlands.

Impacts to Water of the United States

General Description: Cokey Swamp is located in the 03020103 CU of the Tar-Pamlico River Basin. The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has assigned Cokey Swamp a Stream Index Number of 28-83-3. DWQ has assigned a best usage classification of C NSW.

Permanent Impacts: Cokey Swamp and adjacent riverine wetlands will be impacted by the proposed project. Construction of the proposed project will result in permanent impacts of 0.03 acre of fill and 0.27 acre of mechanized clearing in wetlands (see permit drawings).

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LOCATION:
TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
1 SOUTH WILMINGTON STREET
RALEIGH NC

Tar-Pamlico Riparian Buffer Rules

As stated above, this project is located in the Tar-Pamlico River Basin and therefore buffer rules apply. NCDOT proposes 0.17 acre of allowable impacts to Zone 1 and 0.14 acre of allowable impacts to Zone 2. Therefore no mitigation is required.

Utility Impacts: There is an existing 10" water line located on the west side of the project that will be relocated by directional bore from high ground to high ground on the east side of the project. The cut will originate outside the buffer area and end outside the buffer area.

There is also an existing aerial power line that will be dismantled, removed and laid inside conduit on top of the ground west of the project and outside the project limits.

Bridge Demolition

The superstructure and substructure for Bridge No. 19 will allow removal without dropping components into the water. Best Management Practices for Bridge Demolition and Removal will be implemented.

Avoidance and Minimization

Due to the location of this project and the juxtaposition of adjacent wetlands and surface waters, total avoidance of the surrounding marsh and wetland is impossible during the construction of this project. NCDOT has taken steps to minimize the impacts to this resource.

To minimize impacts to the wetland adjacent to Bridge No. 19, NCDOT is replacing the bridge in place and utilizing an off-site detour.

Minimum width for the approaches and structure has been utilized. Fill slopes in wetlands on this project will be 3:1 due to the loose alluvial sandy soils lacking clay or cohesion in order to avoid major erosion and slope failure.

Mitigation

NCDOT proposes to use the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) to mitigate for permanent impacts associated with this project. The EEP acceptance letter was received on March 15, 2006. A copy of this letter is included with this application.

Federally Protected Species

As of March 3, 2006, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) lists the red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) and the Tar spiny mussel (*Elliptio steinstansana*) as endangered for Edgecombe County. The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is listed as threatened. The biological conclusion of each species is "No Effect".

Scientific Name	Common Name	Status	Biological Conclusion	Habitat
<i>Elliptio steinstansana</i>	Tar River spiny mussel	Endangered	No Effect	No
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald eagle	Threatened	No Effect	No
<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded woodpecker	Endangered	No Effect	No

Regulatory Approvals

Section 404 Permit: This project is being processed by the Federal Highway Administration as a "Categorical Exclusion" in accordance with 23 CFR 771.115(b). Therefore, we do not anticipate requesting an individual permit but propose to proceed under a Nationwide 23 as authorized by a Nationwide Permit 23 (67 FR 2020; January 15, 2002).

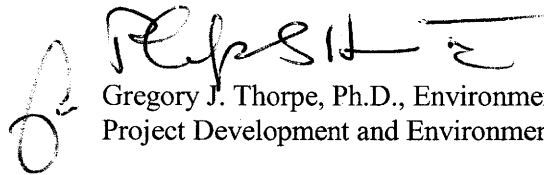
Section 401 Permit: We anticipate 401 General Certification number 3403 will apply to this project. In accordance with 15A NCAC 2H, Section .0500(a) we are providing five copies of this application to the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality, for their review.

Tar-Pamlico River Basin Buffer Authorization: NCDOT requests that the NC Division of Water Quality review this application and issue a written approval for a Tar-Pamlico River Riparian Buffer Authorization.

A copy of this permit application will be posted on the NCDOT website at: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/pe/neu/Permit.html>.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Chris Underwood at (919) 715-1451.

Sincerely,



Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Environmental Management Director
Project Development and Environmental Analysis

W/attachment:

Mr. John Hennessy, NCDWQ (5 copies)
Mr. Travis Wilson, NCWRC
Mr. Gary Jordan, USFWS
Mr. Ron Sechler, NMFS
Mr. Michael Street, NCDMF
Dr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics
Mr. Greg Perfetti, P.E., Structure Design
Mr. Mark Staley, Roadside Environmental
Ms. Wendy O. Johnson, P.E., Division 4 Engineer
Mr. Jamie Guerrero, Division 4 Environmental Specialist

W/o attachment

Mr. Scott McLendon, USACE, Wilmington
Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design
Mr. Majed Alghandour, P. E., Programming and TIP
Mr. Art McMillan, P.E., Highway Design
Ms. Beth Harmon, EEP
Mr. Todd Jones, NCDOT External Audit Branch
Mr. Bill Goodwin, P.E., Planning Engineer

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USACE Action ID No. _____ **DWQ No.** _____

(If any particular item is not applicable to this project, please enter "Not Applicable" or "N/A".)

I. Processing

1. Check all of the approval(s) requested for this project:

☒ Section 404 Permit☒ Riparian or Watershed Buffer Rules☐ Section 10 Permit☐ Isolated Wetland Permit from DWQ☒ 401 Water Quality Certification☐ Express 401 Water Quality Certification

2. Nationwide, Regional or General Permit Number(s) Requested:
- NWP 23

3. If this notification is solely a courtesy copy because written approval for the 401 Certification is not required, check here:
- ☐

4. If payment into the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP) is proposed for mitigation of impacts, attach the acceptance letter from NCEEP, complete section VIII, and check here:
- ☒

5. If your project is located in any of North Carolina's twenty coastal counties (listed on page 4), and the project is within a North Carolina Division of Coastal Management Area of Environmental Concern (see the top of page 2 for further details), check here:
- ☐

II. Applicant Information

1. Owner/Applicant Information

Name: NCDOT/ Project Development & Environmental Analysis Branch/ Greg ThorpeMailing Address: 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548Telephone Number: 919-733-3141Fax Number: 919-733-9794

E-mail Address: _____

2. Agent/Consultant Information (A signed and dated copy of the Agent Authorization letter must be attached if the Agent has signatory authority for the owner/applicant.)

Name: N/A

Company Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

III. Project Information

Attach a **vicinity map** clearly showing the location of the property with respect to local landmarks such as towns, rivers, and roads. Also provide a detailed **site plan** showing property boundaries and development plans in relation to surrounding properties. Both the vicinity map and site plan must include a scale and north arrow. The specific footprints of all buildings, impervious surfaces, or other facilities must be included. If possible, the maps and plans should include the appropriate USGS Topographic Quad Map and NRCS Soil Survey with the property boundaries outlined. Plan drawings, or other maps may be included at the applicant's discretion, so long as the property is clearly defined. For administrative and distribution purposes, the USACE requires information to be submitted on sheets no larger than 11 by 17-inch format; however, DWQ may accept paperwork of any size. DWQ prefers full-size construction drawings rather than a sequential sheet version of the full-size plans. If full-size plans are reduced to a small scale such that the final version is illegible, the applicant will be informed that the project has been placed on hold until decipherable maps are provided.

1. Name of project: Replacment of Bridge 19 over Cokey Swamp on SR 1135
2. T.I.P. Project Number or State Project Number (NCDOT Only): B-4111
3. Property Identification Number (Tax PIN): _____
4. Location
County: Edgecombe Nearest Town: Rocky Mount
Subdivision name (include phase/lot number): _____
Directions to site (include road numbers/names, landmarks, etc.): Take US 64 E from Rocky Mount to NC 43 to SR 1135 and Bridge 19.
5. Site coordinates (For linear projects, such as a road or utility line, attach a sheet that separately lists the coordinates for each crossing of a distinct waterbody.)
Decimal Degrees (6 digits minimum): 35° 53' 25" °N 77° 45' 28" °W
6. Property size (acres): N/A
7. Name of nearest receiving body of water: Cokey Swamp (Class C, NSW)
8. River Basin: Tar-Pamlico
(Note – this must be one of North Carolina's seventeen designated major river basins. The River Basin map is available at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/admin/maps/>.)
9. Describe the existing conditions on the site and general land use in the vicinity of the project at the time of this application: Substandard bridge on SR 1135

10. Describe the overall project in detail, including the type of equipment to be used: _____
Replace Bridge 19 with a ne structure. Typical roadway construction equipment (excavators, bull dozers, dump trucks, graders, etc.) will be utilized.

Explain the purpose of the proposed work: _____ To provide a safer structure.

IV. Prior Project History

If jurisdictional determinations and/or permits have been requested and/or obtained for this project (including all prior phases of the same subdivision) in the past, please explain. Include the USACE Action ID Number, DWQ Project Number, application date, and date permits and certifications were issued or withdrawn. Provide photocopies of previously issued permits, certifications or other useful information. Describe previously approved wetland, stream and buffer impacts, along with associated mitigation (where applicable). If this is a NCDOT project, list and describe permits issued for prior segments of the same T.I.P. project, along with construction schedules. N/A

V. Future Project Plans

Are any future permit requests anticipated for this project? If so, describe the anticipated work, and provide justification for the exclusion of this work from the current application.

N/A

VI. Proposed Impacts to Waters of the United States/Waters of the State

It is the applicant's (or agent's) responsibility to determine, delineate and map all impacts to wetlands, open water, and stream channels associated with the project. Each impact must be listed separately in the tables below (e.g., culvert installation should be listed separately from riprap dissipater pads). Be sure to indicate if an impact is temporary. All proposed impacts, permanent and temporary, must be listed, and must be labeled and clearly identifiable on an accompanying site plan. All wetlands and waters, and all streams (intermittent and perennial) should be shown on a delineation map, whether or not impacts are proposed to these systems. Wetland and stream evaluation and delineation forms should be included as appropriate. Photographs may be included at the applicant's discretion. If this proposed impact is strictly for wetland or stream mitigation, list and describe the impact in Section VIII below. If additional space is needed for listing or description, please attach a separate sheet.

1. Provide a written description of the proposed impacts: 0.03 acre of fill and 0.27 acre of mechanized clearing injurisdictional wetland.

2. Individually list wetland impacts. Types of impacts include, but are not limited to mechanized clearing, grading, fill, excavation, flooding, ditching/drainage, etc. For dams, separately list impacts due to both structure and flooding.

Wetland Impact Site Number (indicate on map)	Type of Impact	Type of Wetland (e.g., forested, marsh, herbaceous, bog, etc.)	Located within 100-year Floodplain (yes/no)	Distance to Nearest Stream (linear feet)	Area of Impact (acres)
1	Fill	Cypress-gum	yes		0.03
1	Mechanized clearing	Cypress-gum	yes		0.27
Total Wetland Impact (acres)					

3. List the total acreage (estimated) of all existing wetlands on the property: N/A

4. Individually list all intermittent and perennial stream impacts. Be sure to identify temporary impacts. Stream impacts include, but are not limited to placement of fill or culverts, dam construction, flooding, relocation, stabilization activities (e.g., cement walls, rip-rap, crib walls, gabions, etc.), excavation, ditching/straightening, etc. If stream relocation is proposed, plans and profiles showing the linear footprint for both the original and relocated streams must be included. To calculate acreage, multiply length X width, then divide by 43,560.

Stream Impact Number (indicate on map)	Stream Name	Type of Impact	Perennial or Intermittent?	Average Stream Width Before Impact	Impact Length (linear feet)	Area of Impact (acres)
Total Stream Impact (by length and acreage)						

5. Individually list all open water impacts (including lakes, ponds, estuaries, sounds, Atlantic Ocean and any other water of the U.S.). Open water impacts include, but are not limited to fill, excavation, dredging, flooding, drainage, bulkheads, etc.

Open Water Impact Site Number (indicate on map)	Name of Waterbody (if applicable)	Type of Impact	Type of Waterbody (lake, pond, estuary, sound, bay, ocean, etc.)	Area of Impact (acres)
No Impacts				
Total Open Water Impact (acres)				

6. List the cumulative impact to all Waters of the U.S. resulting from the project:

Stream Impact (acres):	0
Wetland Impact (acres):	0.30
Open Water Impact (acres):	0
Total Impact to Waters of the U.S. (acres)	0
Total Stream Impact (linear feet):	0.30 acre permanent impact

7. Isolated Waters

Do any isolated waters exist on the property? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe all impacts to isolated waters, and include the type of water (wetland or stream) and the size of the proposed impact (acres or linear feet). Please note that this section only applies to waters that have specifically been determined to be isolated by the USACE.

N/A

8. Pond Creation

If construction of a pond is proposed, associated wetland and stream impacts should be included above in the wetland and stream impact sections. Also, the proposed pond should be described here and illustrated on any maps included with this application.

Pond to be created in (check all that apply): ☐ uplands ☐ stream ☐ wetlands

Describe the method of construction (e.g., dam/embankment, excavation, installation of draw-down valve or spillway, etc.): N/A

Proposed use or purpose of pond (e.g., livestock watering, irrigation, aesthetic, trout pond, local stormwater requirement, etc.): N/A

Current land use in the vicinity of the pond: N/A

Size of watershed draining to pond: _____ Expected pond surface area: _____

VII. Impact Justification (Avoidance and Minimization)

Specifically describe measures taken to avoid the proposed impacts. It may be useful to provide information related to site constraints such as topography, building ordinances, accessibility, and financial viability of the project. The applicant may attach drawings of alternative, lower-impact site layouts, and explain why these design options were not feasible. Also discuss how impacts were minimized once the desired site plan was developed. If applicable, discuss construction techniques to be followed during construction to reduce impacts.

The bridge will be replaced in place utilizing an off-site detour. 3:1 slopes will be utilized due to soil conditions.

VIII. Mitigation

DWQ - In accordance with 15A NCAC 2H .0500, mitigation may be required by the NC Division of Water Quality for projects involving greater than or equal to one acre of impacts to freshwater wetlands or greater than or equal to 150 linear feet of total impacts to perennial streams.

USACE – In accordance with the Final Notice of Issuance and Modification of Nationwide Permits, published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2002, mitigation will be required when necessary to ensure that adverse effects to the aquatic environment are minimal. Factors including size and type of proposed impact and function and relative value of the impacted aquatic resource will be considered in determining acceptability of appropriate and practicable mitigation as proposed. Examples of mitigation that may be appropriate and practicable include, but are not limited to: reducing the size of the project; establishing and maintaining wetland and/or upland vegetated buffers to protect open waters such as streams; and replacing losses of aquatic resource functions and values by creating, restoring, enhancing, or preserving similar functions and values, preferable in the same watershed.

If mitigation is required for this project, a copy of the mitigation plan must be attached in order for USACE or DWQ to consider the application complete for processing. Any application lacking a required mitigation plan or NCEEP concurrence shall be placed on hold as incomplete. An applicant may also choose to review the current guidelines for stream restoration in DWQ's Draft Technical Guide for Stream Work in North Carolina, available at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ncwetlands/strmgide.html>.

1. Provide a brief description of the proposed mitigation plan. The description should provide as much information as possible, including, but not limited to: site location (attach directions and/or map, if offsite), affected stream and river basin, type and amount (acreage/linear feet) of mitigation proposed (restoration, enhancement, creation, or preservation), a plan view, preservation mechanism (e.g., deed restrictions, conservation easement, etc.), and a description of the current site conditions and proposed method of construction. Please attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.

Proposed permanent wetland impacts equal 0.30 acre. The NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will provide the compensatory mitigation required for this project.

2. Mitigation may also be made by payment into the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP). Please note it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the NCEEP at (919) 715-0476 to determine availability, and written approval from the NCEEP indicating that they are will to accept payment for the mitigation must be attached to this form. For additional information regarding the application process for the NCEEP, check the NCEEP website at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/wrp/index.htm>. If use of the NCEEP is proposed, please check the appropriate box on page five and provide the following information:

Amount of stream mitigation requested (linear feet): 0.30 acre

Amount of buffer mitigation requested (square feet): 0

Amount of Riparian wetland mitigation requested (acres): N/A

Amount of Non-riparian wetland mitigation requested (acres): N/A
Amount of Coastal wetland mitigation requested (acres): N/A

IX. Environmental Documentation (required by DWQ)

1. Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state/local) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land? Yes ☒ No ☐
2. If yes, does the project require preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National or North Carolina Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA)?
Note: If you are not sure whether a NEPA/SEPA document is required, call the SEPA coordinator at (919) 733-5083 to review current thresholds for environmental documentation.
Yes ☒ No ☐
3. If yes, has the document review been finalized by the State Clearinghouse? If so, please attach a copy of the NEPA or SEPA final approval letter. Yes ☒ No ☐

X. Proposed Impacts on Riparian and Watershed Buffers (required by DWQ)

It is the applicant's (or agent's) responsibility to determine, delineate and map all impacts to required state and local buffers associated with the project. The applicant must also provide justification for these impacts in Section VII above. All proposed impacts must be listed herein, and must be clearly identifiable on the accompanying site plan. All buffers must be shown on a map, whether or not impacts are proposed to the buffers. Correspondence from the DWQ Regional Office may be included as appropriate. Photographs may also be included at the applicant's discretion.

1. Will the project impact protected riparian buffers identified within 15A NCAC 2B .0233 (Neuse), 15A NCAC 2B .0259 (Tar-Pamlico), 15A NCAC 02B .0243 (Catawba) 15A NCAC 2B .0250 (Randleman Rules and Water Supply Buffer Requirements), or other (please identify _____)? Yes ☒ No ☐
2. If "yes", identify the square feet and acreage of impact to each zone of the riparian buffers. If buffer mitigation is required calculate the required amount of mitigation by applying the buffer multipliers.

Zone*	Impact (square feet)	Multiplier	Required Mitigation
1	7,405.2		none
2	6,098.4		none
Total	13,503.6		none

* Zone 1 extends out 30 feet perpendicular from the top of the near bank of channel; Zone 2 extends an additional 20 feet from the edge of Zone 1.

3. If buffer mitigation is required, please discuss what type of mitigation is proposed (i.e., Donation of Property, Riparian Buffer Restoration / Enhancement, or Payment into the Riparian Buffer Restoration Fund). Please attach all appropriate information as identified within 15A NCAC 2B .0242 or .0244, or .0260. N/A

XI. Stormwater (required by DWQ)

Describe impervious acreage (existing and proposed) versus total acreage on the site. Discuss stormwater controls proposed in order to protect surface waters and wetlands downstream from the property. If percent impervious surface exceeds 20%, please provide calculations demonstrating total proposed impervious level.

N/A

XII. Sewage Disposal (required by DWQ)

Clearly detail the ultimate treatment methods and disposition (non-discharge or discharge) of wastewater generated from the proposed project, or available capacity of the subject facility.

N/A

XIII. Violations (required by DWQ)

Is this site in violation of DWQ Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500) or any Buffer Rules?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Is this an after-the-fact permit application? Yes ☐ No ☒

XIV. Cumulative Impacts (required by DWQ)

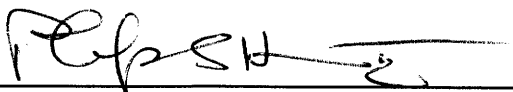
Will this project (based on past and reasonably anticipated future impacts) result in additional development, which could impact nearby downstream water quality? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please submit a qualitative or quantitative cumulative impact analysis in accordance with the most recent North Carolina Division of Water Quality policy posted on our website at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ncwetlands>. If no, please provide a short narrative description: _____

XV. Other Circumstances (Optional):

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the application sufficiently in advance of desired construction dates to allow processing time for these permits. However, an applicant may choose to list constraints associated with construction or sequencing that may impose limits on work schedules (e.g., draw-down schedules for lakes, dates associated with Endangered and Threatened Species, accessibility problems, or other issues outside of the applicant's control).

N/A



Applicant/Agent's Signature

4/4/06

Date

(Agent's signature is valid only if an authorization letter from the applicant is provided.)



March 13, 2006

Mr. Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D.
Environmental Management Director
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch
North Carolina Department of Transportation
1548 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548

Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Subject: EEP Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

B-4111, Bridge Number 19 over Cokey Swamp on SR 1135, Edgecombe
County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will provide the compensatory riverine wetland mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you in a letter dated March 8, 2006, the impacts are located in CU 03020103 of the Tar-Pamlico River Basin in the Northern Inner Coastal Plain (NICP) Eco-Regions, and are as follows:

Riverine Wetlands: 0.30 acre

This mitigation acceptance letter replaces the mitigation acceptance letter issued on February 21, 2006. Mitigation for this project will be provided in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the N. C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the N. C. Department of Transportation, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. EEP will commit to implementing sufficient compensatory riverine wetland mitigation to offset the impacts associated with this project by the end of the MOA year in which this project is permitted. If the above referenced impacts amounts are revised, then this mitigation acceptance letter will no longer be valid and a new mitigation acceptance letter will be required from EEP.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Beth Harmon at 919-715-1929.

Sincerely,

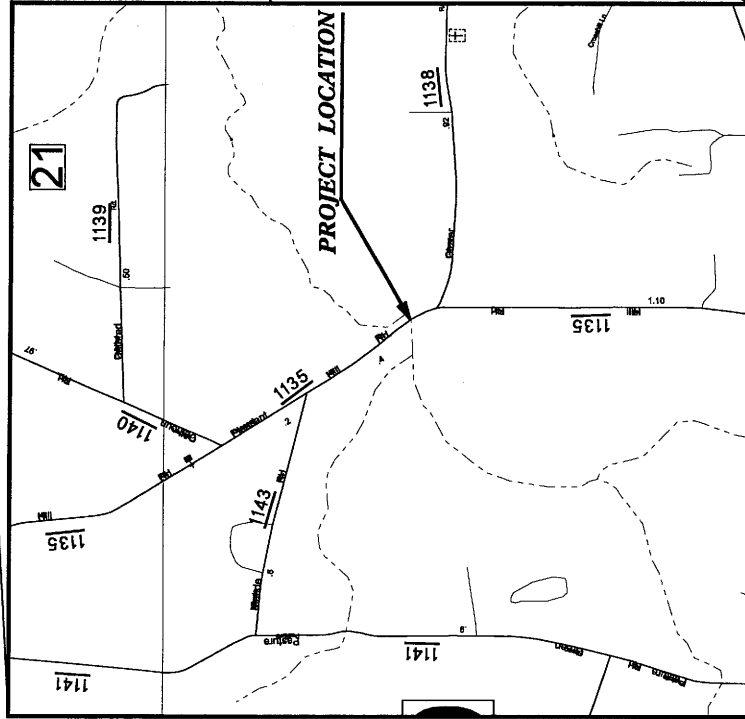
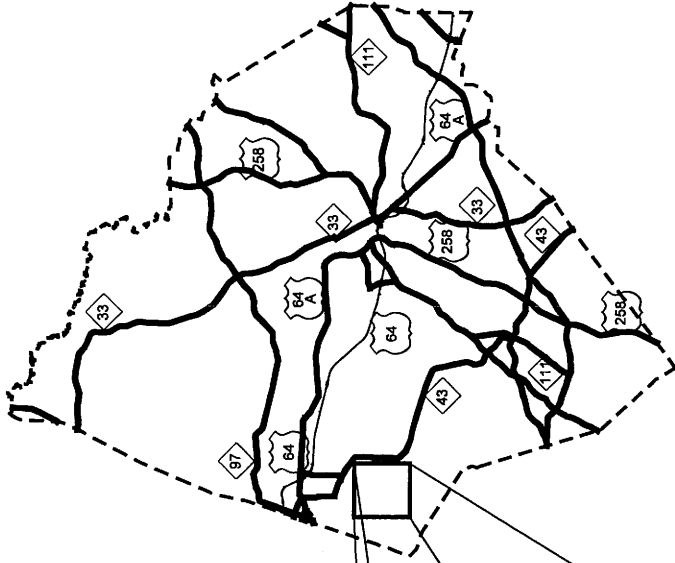
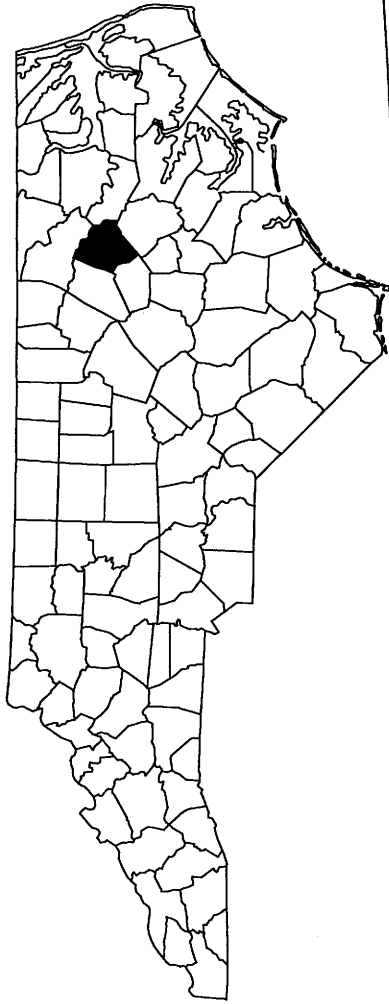
William D. Gilmore, P.E.
EEP Director

cc: Mr. Bill Biddlecome, USACE-Washington
Mr. John Hennessy, Division of Water Quality, Wetlands/401 Unit
File: B-4111 Additional

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North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program, 1652 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1652 / 919-715-0476 / www.nceep.net





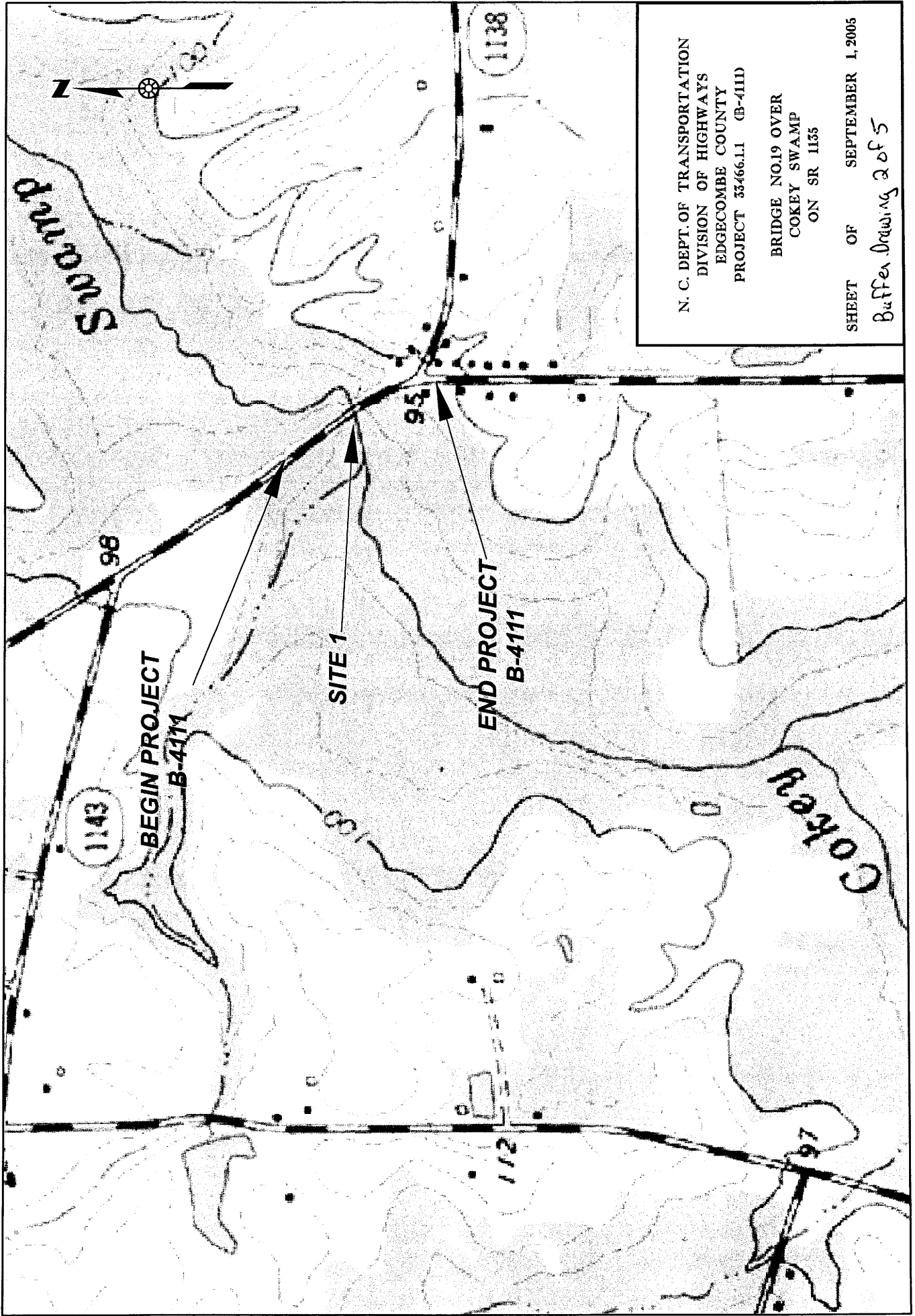
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PROJECT 33466.11 (B-4111)

BRIDGE NO.19 OVER
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ON SR 1135

SHEET OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

Buffer Drawing 1 of 5

Buffer Permit



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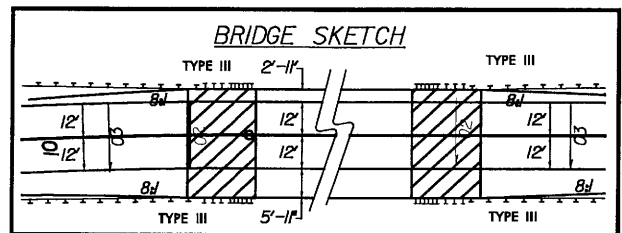
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Buffer Drawing 2 of 5

BUFFER IMPACTS SUMMARY

IMPACT													BUFFER REPLACEMENT		
SITE NO.	STRUCTURE SIZE / TYPE	STATION (FROM/TO)	TYPE		ALLOWABLE			MITIGABLE			TOTAL (ac)	ZONE 1 (ac)	ZONE 2 (ac)		
			ROAD CROSSING	PARALLEL IMPACT	ZONE 1 (ac)	ZONE 2 (ac)	TOTAL (ac)	ZONE 1 (ac)	ZONE 2 (ac)						
1	21" PRESTRESSED CONCRETE CORED SLAB	-L- Sta 15+40 TO 17+10	X		0.17	0.14	0.31								

N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
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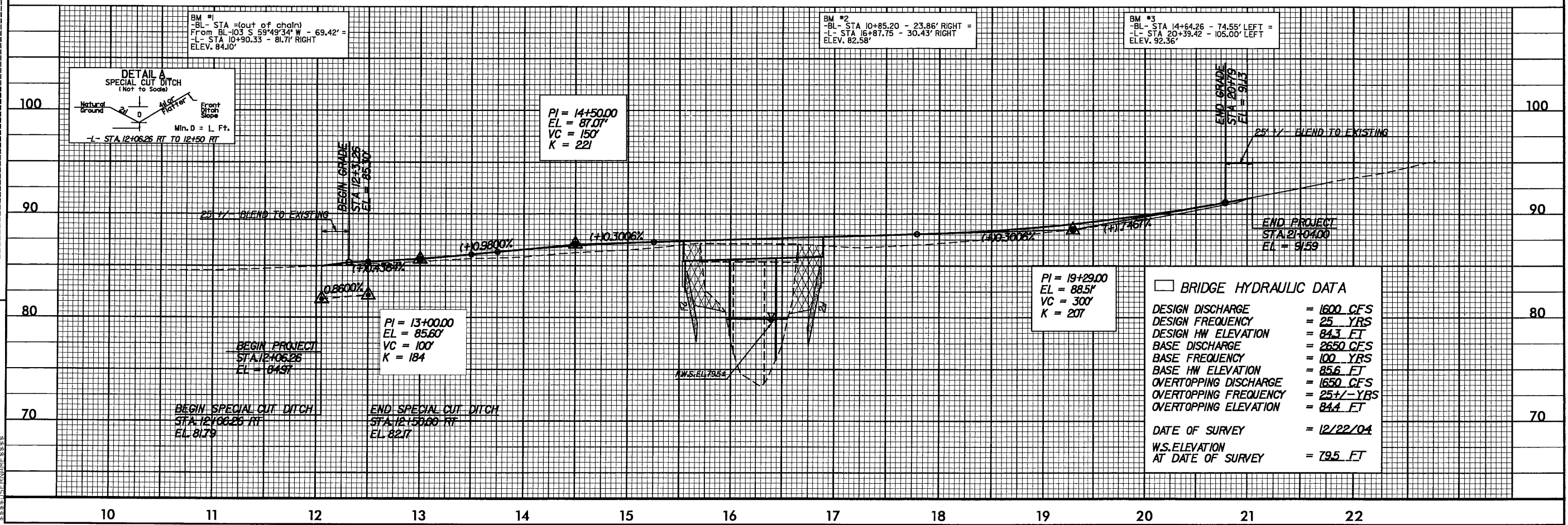
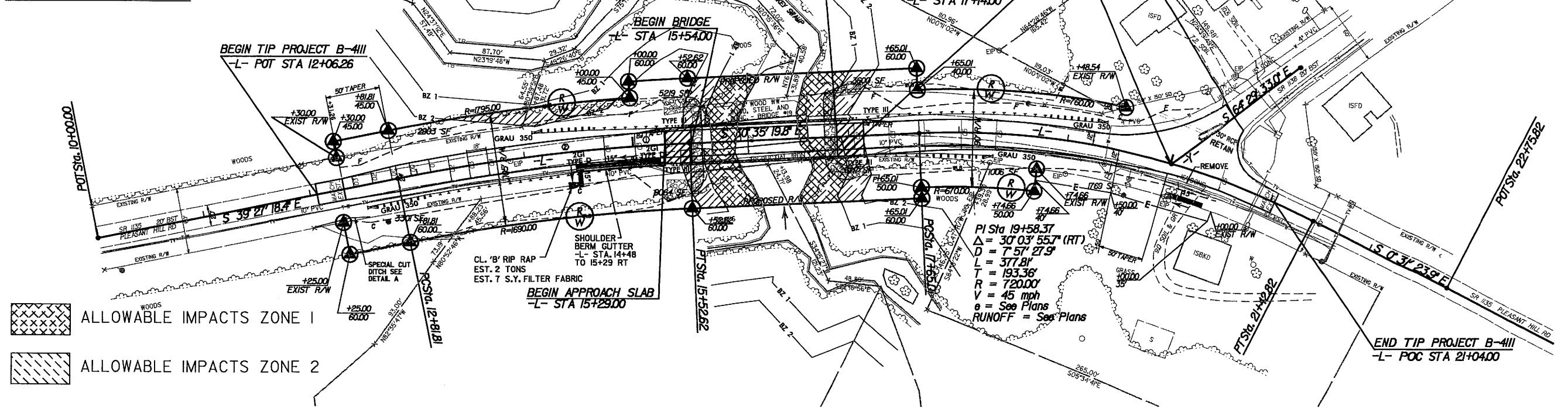


PI Sta 14+17.48
 $\Delta = 8' 51" 58.5' (RT)$
 $D = 3' 16' 26.6'$
 $L = 270.80'$
 $R = 135.67'$
 $V = 1750.00'$
 $V = 60 \text{ mph}$
 $e = \text{See Plans}$
RUNOFF = See Plans

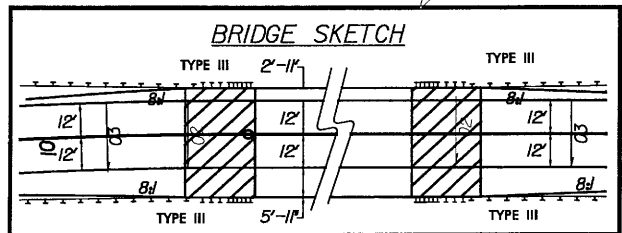
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ALLOWABLE IMPACTS ZONE 1
ALLOWABLE IMPACTS ZONE 2

PROJECT REFERENCE NO. B-4111		SHEET NO. 4	
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ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER		DO NOT USE FOR CONSTRUCTION	
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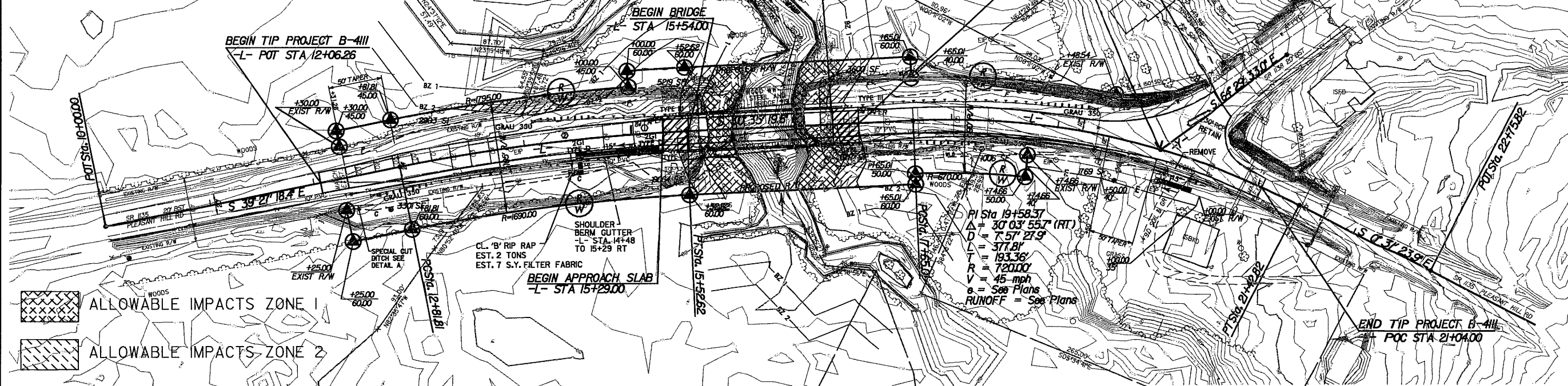


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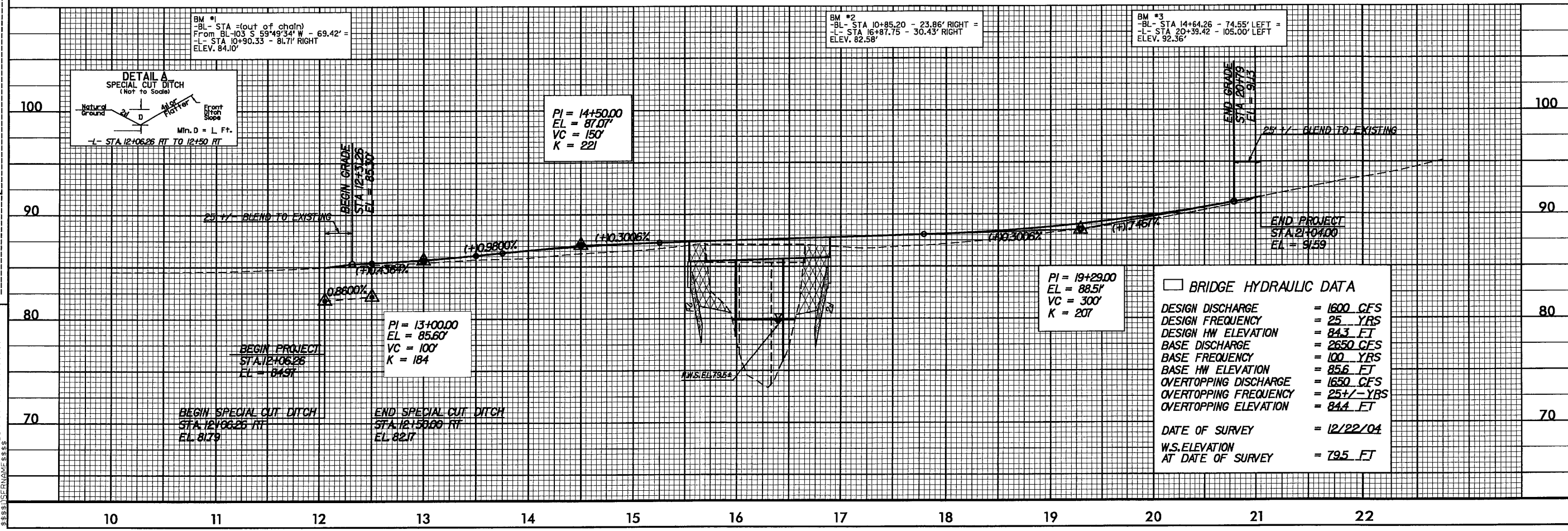
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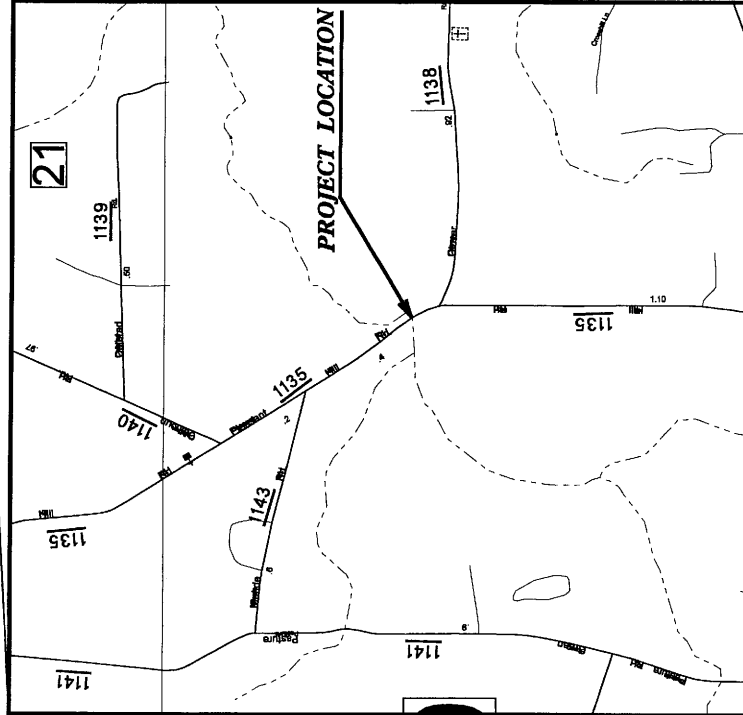
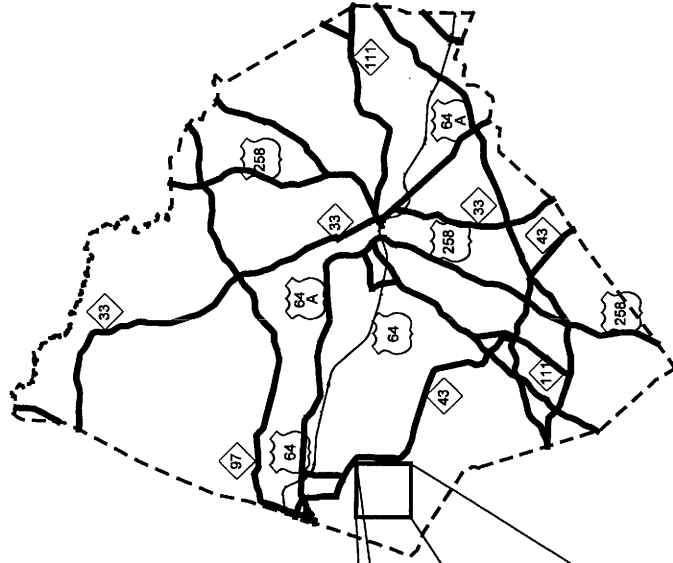
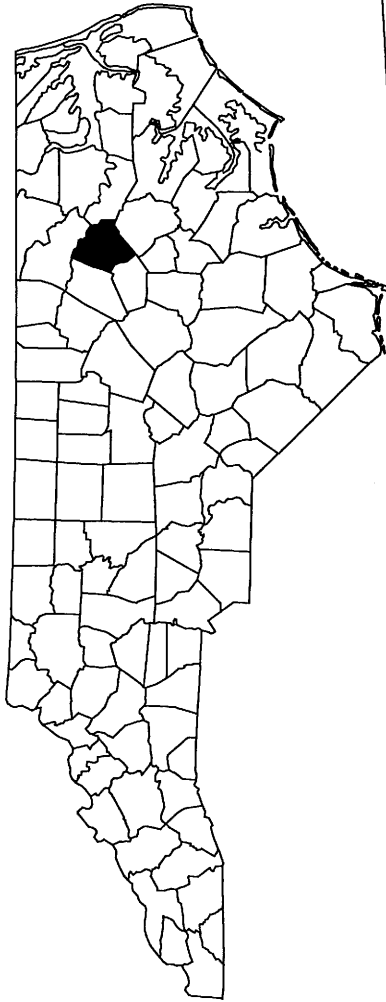
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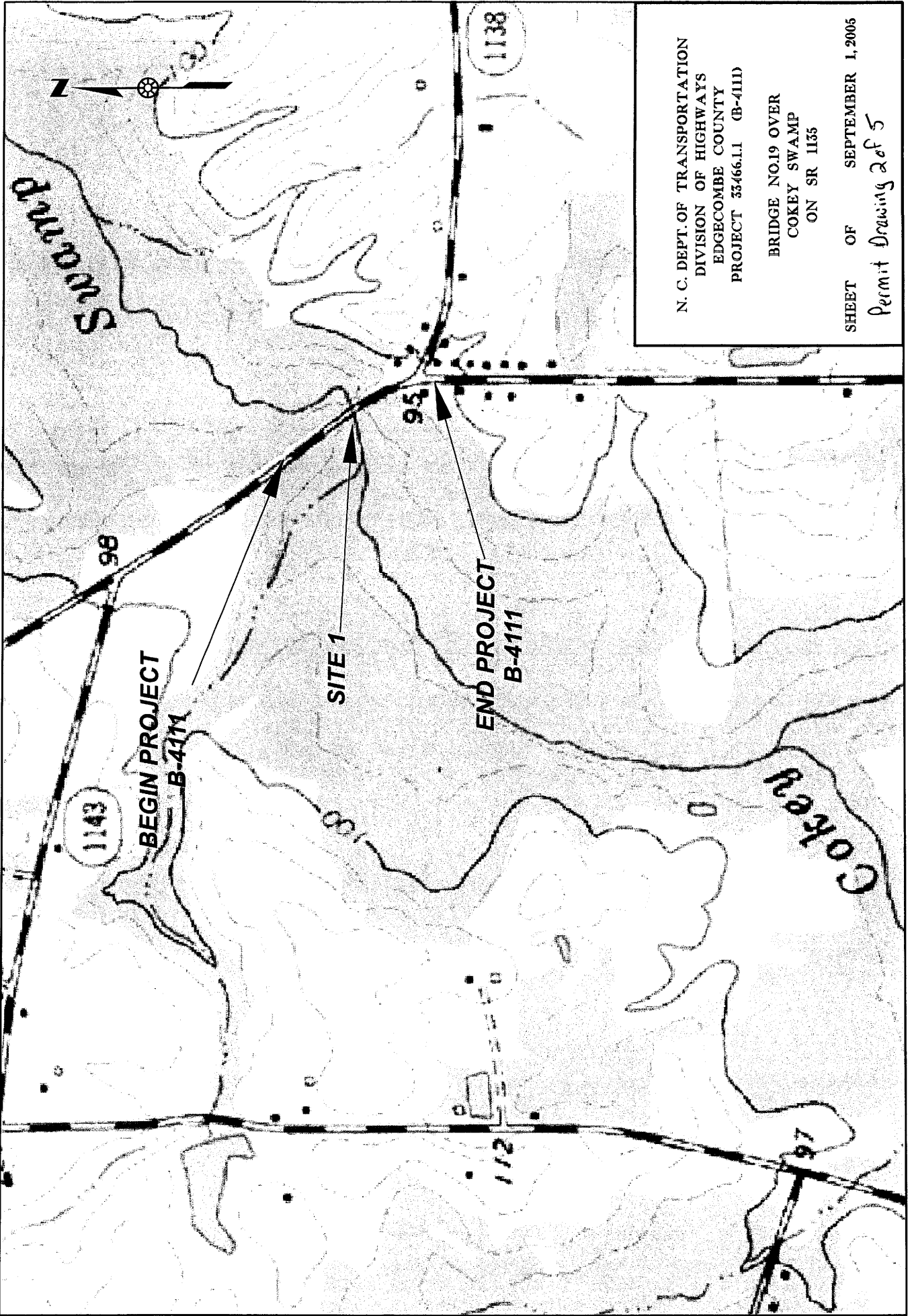
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Wetland Permit



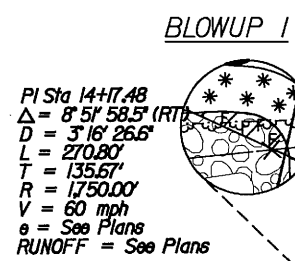
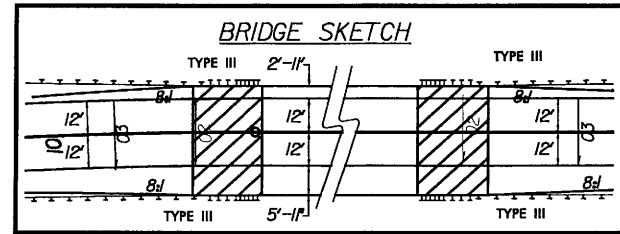
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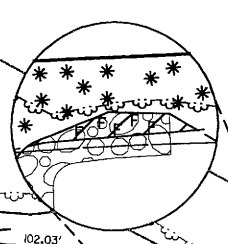
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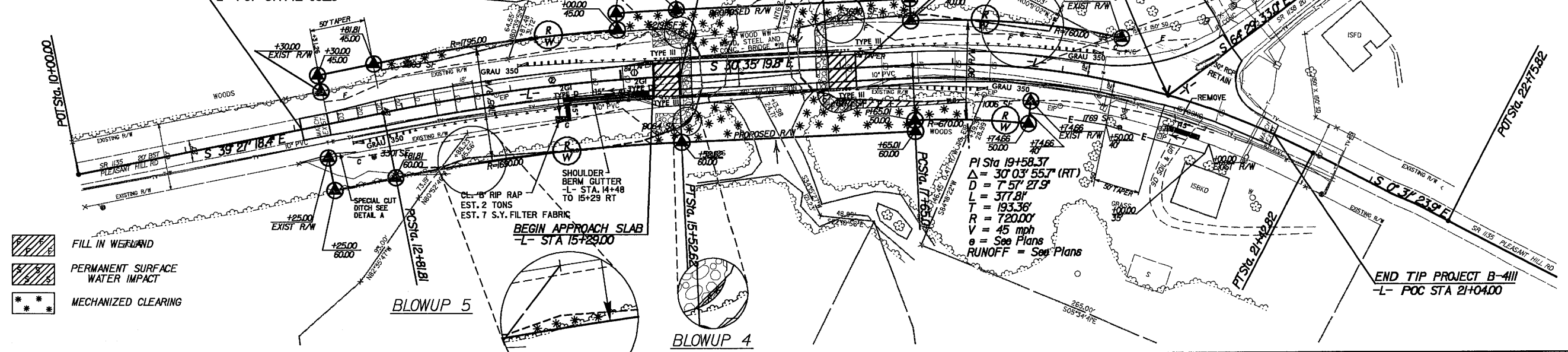
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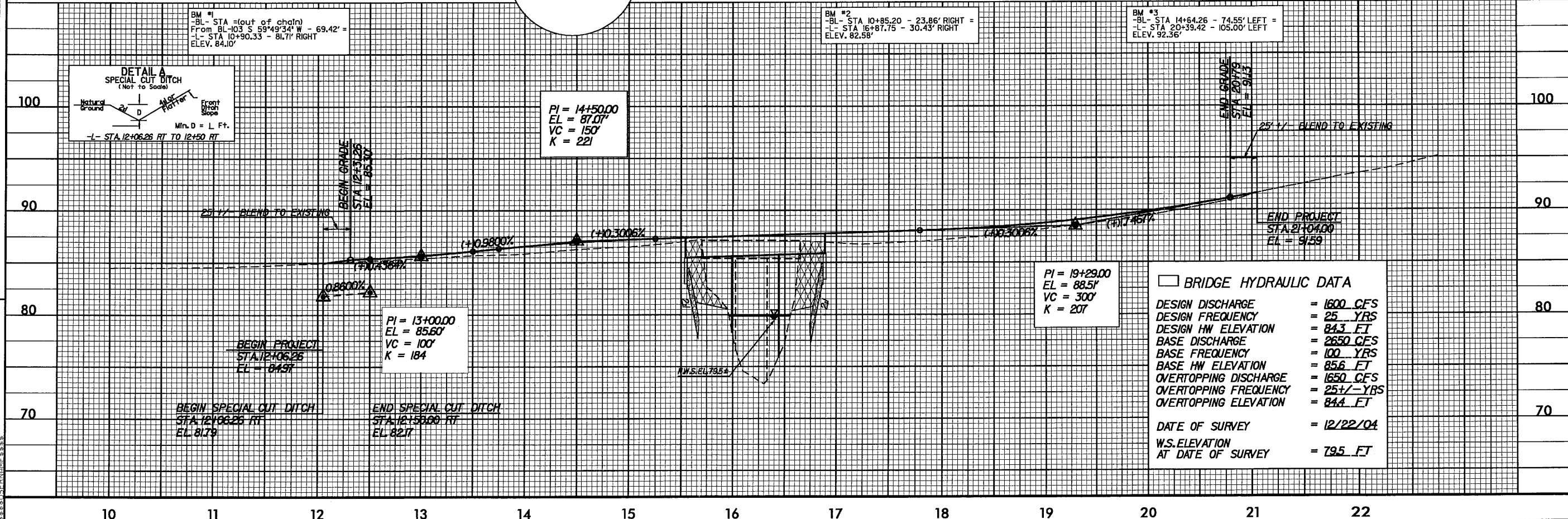
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The diagram illustrates three methods of wetland restoration, each represented by a small square icon with a specific pattern:

- FILL IN WETLAND:** Represented by a square with diagonal hatching.
- PERMANENT SURFACE WATER IMPACT:** Represented by a square with a grid pattern.
- MECHANIZED CLEARING:** Represented by a square with a pattern of asterisks.

DETAIL A
SPECIAL CUT DITCH
(Not to Scale)

Natural Ground 2:1 0 Alor Flatter Front Drain Slope

Min. D = L Ft.

-L- STA. 12+06.26 RT TO 12+50 RT

BM *1
-BL- STA =(out of chain)
From BL-103 S 59°49'34" W - 69.42' =
-L- STA 10+90.33 - 81.71' RIGHT
ELEV. 84.10'

$$\begin{aligned} PI &= 14+50.00 \\ EL &= 87.07' \\ VC &= 150' \\ K &= 221 \end{aligned}$$

BM *2
-BL- STA 10+85.20 - 23.86' RIGHT =
-L- STA 16+87.75 - 30.43' RIGHT
ELEV. 82.58'

BM #3
-BL- STA 14+64.26 - 74.55' LEFT =
-L- STA 20+39.42 - 105.00' LEFT
ELEV. 92.36'

BEGIN PROJECT
ST A.12+06.26
EL - 84.97

BEGIN SPECIAL CUT DITCH
STA 12+06.26 RT
EL 81.79

$PI = 13+00.00$
 $EL = 85.60'$
 $VC = 100'$
 $K = 184$

END SPECIAL CUT DITCH
STA 12+50.00 FT
EL 82.7

$$\begin{aligned} PI &= 19+29.00 \\ EL &= 88.5' \\ VC &= 300' \\ K &= 207 \end{aligned}$$

☐ BRIDGE HYDRAULIC DATA

DESIGN DISCHARGE	=	1600 CFS
DESIGN FREQUENCY	=	25 YRS
DESIGN HW ELEVATION	=	843.50 FT
BASE DISCHARGE	=	2600 CFS
BASE FREQUENCY	=	100 YRS
BASE HW ELEVATION	=	856 FT
OVERTOPPING DISCHARGE	=	1650 CFS
OVERTOPPING FREQUENCY	=	25+/- YRS
OVERTOPPING ELEVATION	=	844 FT

DATE OF SURVEY = 12/22/04
W.S.ELEVATION
AT DATE OF SURVEY = 79.5 FT

REVISIONS

See Sheet 1-A For Index of Sheets
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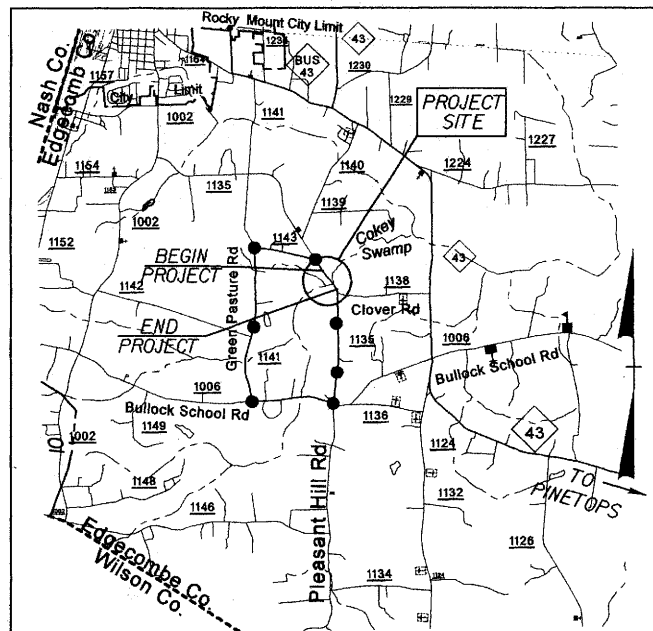
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TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING AND STRUCTURE

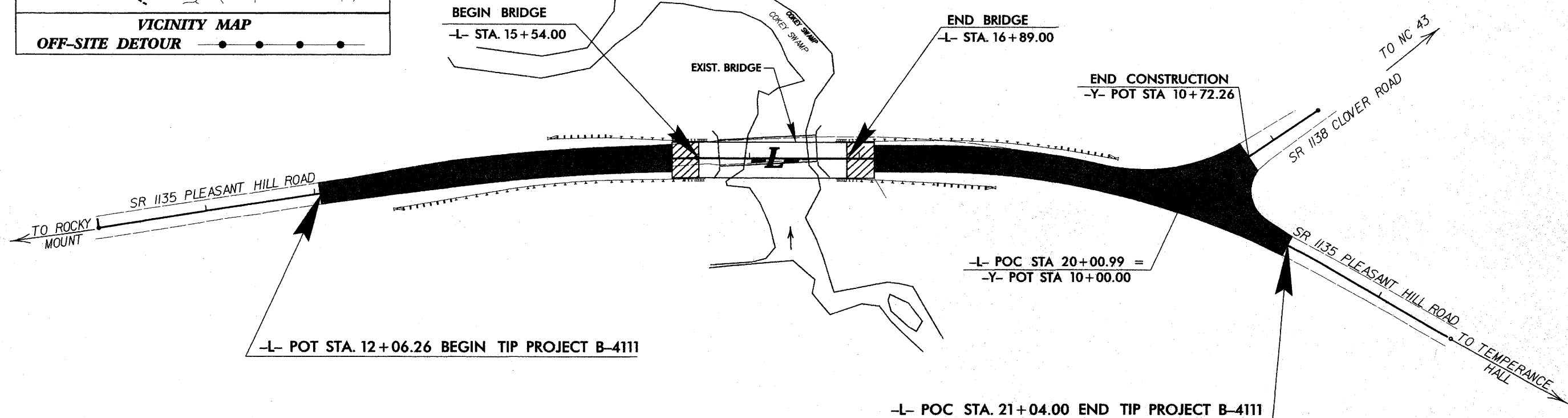
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VICINITY MAP
OFF-SITE DETOUR



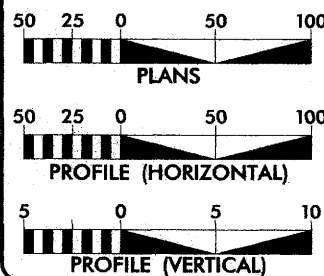
** DESIGN EXCEPTION REQUIRED FOR HORIZONTAL
CURVATURE AND STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE

THIS PROJECT IS NOT WITHIN ANY MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES.
CLEARING ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY METHOD II.

NCDOT CONTACT: C. S. HOUSER, PE

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GRAPHIC SCALES



DESIGN DATA

ADT 2006 = 1280
ADT 2026 = 2040
DHV = 11 %
D = 60 %
* T = 3 %
** V = 60 MPH

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT B-4111 = 0.144 MI
LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT B-4111 = 0.026 MI
TOTAL LENGTH OF TIP PROJECT B-4111 = 0.170 MI



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2002 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
AUGUST 19, 2005

LETTING DATE:
AUGUST 15, 2006

Tommy Register, PE

Mickey Dawes
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HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

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ROADWAY DESIGN
ENGINEER

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DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR
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GENERAL NOTES

GENERAL NOTES: 2002 SPECIFICATIONS
EFFECTIVE: 01-15-02
REVISED: 05-14-03

GRADING AND SURFACING OR RESURFACING AND WIDENING:

THE GRADE LINES SHOWN DENOTE THE FINISHED ELEVATION OF THE PROPOSED SURFACING AT GRADE POINTS SHOWN ON THE TYPICAL SECTIONS. WHERE NO GRADE LINES ARE SHOWN, THE PROFILES SHOWN DENOTE THE TOP ELEVATION OF THE EXISTING PAVEMENT ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SURVEY ON WHICH THE PROPOSED RESURFACING WILL BE PLACED. GRADE LINES MAY BE ADJUSTED BY THE ENGINEER IN ORDER TO SECURE A PROPER TIE-IN.

CLEARING:

CLEARING ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY METHOD (SPECIFY METHOD II OR III.)

THE CONTRACTOR'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE AREAS IN THE PLANS DESIGNATED SAFETY CLEARING. THE LIMITS ARE AS SHOWN AND THE CLEARING AND GRUBBING IS CONSIDERED A PART OF THE LUMP SUM ITEM FOR "CLEARING AND GRUBBING".

SUPERELEVATION:

ALL CURVES ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE SUPERELEVATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STD. NO. 225.04 OR 225.05 USING THE RATE OF SUPERELEVATION AND RUNOFF SHOWN ON THE PLANS. SUPERELEVATION IS TO BE REVOLVED ABOUT THE GRADE POINTS SHOWN ON THE TYPICAL SECTIONS.

SHOULDER CONSTRUCTION:

ASPHALT AND EARTH SHOULDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE HIGH SIDE OF SUPERELEVATED CURVES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STD. NO. 560.01 OR 560.02.

SIDE ROADS:

THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO DO ALL NECESSARY WORK TO PROVIDE SUITABLE CONNECTIONS WITH ALL ROADS, STREETS, AND DRIVES ENTERING THIS PROJECT. THIS WORK WILL BE PAID FOR AT THE CONTRACT UNIT PRICE FOR THE PARTICULAR ITEMS INVOLVED.

SHOULDER DRAINS:

SHOULDER DRAINS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STD. NO. 816.02 OR 816.03 AND DETAILS IN PLANS AT LOCATIONS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.

DRIVEWAYS:

DRIVEWAYS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DETAILS IN PLANS AT LOCATIONS SHOWN ON PLANS OR AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.

STREET RETURNS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STD. NO. 848.04 USING THE RADII NOTED ON PLANS.

GUARDRAIL:

THE GUARDRAIL LOCATIONS SHOWN ON THE PLANS MAY BE ADJUSTED DURING CONSTRUCTION AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER. THE CONTRACTOR SHOULD CONSULT WITH THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO ORDERING GUARDRAIL MATERIAL.

TEMPORARY SHORING:

SHORING REQUIRED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC NOT SHOWN ON THE PLANS WILL BE PAID FOR AT THE CONTRACT PRICE FOR "TEMPORARY SHORING" OR "TEMPORARY SHORING-BARRIER SUPPORTED" DEPENDING UPON THE LOCATION OF THE SHORING.

END BENTS:

THE ENGINEER SHALL CHECK THE STRUCTURE END BENT PLANS, DETAILS, AND CROSS-SECTION PRIOR TO SETTING OF THE SLOPE STAKES FOR THE EMBANKMENT OR EXCAVATION APPROACHING A BRIDGE.

UTILITIES:

UTILITY OWNERS ON THIS PROJECT ARE

RIGHT-OF-WAY MARKERS:

ALL RIGHT-OF-WAY MARKERS ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PLACED BY OTHERS.

ROADWAY ENGLISH STANDARDS

ROADWAY ENGLISH STANDARD DRAWINGS

EFF. 01-15-02
REV.11-23-04

The following Roadway Standards as appear in "Roadway Standard Drawings" Highway Design Branch - N. C. Department of Transportation - Raleigh, N. C., Dated January 15, 2002 are applicable to this project and by reference hereby are considered a part of these plans:

STD.NO.	TITLE
DIVISION 2 - EARTHWORK	
200.03	Method of Clearing - Method III
225.02	Guide for Grading Subgrade - Secondary and Local
225.04	Method of Obtaining Superelevation - Two Lane Pavement
DIVISION 3 - PIPE CULVERTS	
310.10	Driveway Pipe Construction
DIVISION 4 - MAJOR STRUCTURES	
422.10	Reinforced Bridge Approach Fills (Beg. March 2003 Let Use Detail in Lieu of Standard)
DIVISION 5 - SUBGRADE, BASES AND SHOULDERS	
560.01	Method of Shoulder Construction - High Side of Superelevated Curve - Method I
DIVISION 6 - ASPHALT BASES AND PAVEMENTS	
654.01	Pavement Repairs
DIVISION 8 - INCIDENTALS	
820.01	Funnel and Funnel Drain - 12" Metal Funnel

Note: Not to Scale

*S.U.E. = Subsurface Utility Engineering

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PROJECT REFERENCE NO.
B-4111

SHEET NO.
1-B

PRELIMINARY PLANS
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CONVENTIONAL PLAN SHEET SYMBOLS

BOUNDARIES AND PROPERTY:

State Line	
County Line	
Township Line	
City Line	
Reservation Line	
Property Line	
Existing Iron Pin	EP
Property Corner	ECM
Parcel/Sequence Number	(23)
Existing Fence Line	
Proposed Woven Wire Fence	
Proposed Chain Link Fence	
Proposed Barbed Wire Fence	
Existing Wetland Boundary	
Proposed Wetland Boundary	WLB
Existing High Quality Wetland Boundary	
Existing Endangered Animal Boundary	
Existing Endangered Plant Boundary	

BUILDINGS AND OTHER CULTURE:

Gas Pump Vent or U/G Tank Cap	
Sign	S
Well	W
Small Mine	
Foundation	
Area Outline	
Cemetery	
Building	
School	
Church	
Dam	

HYDROLOGY:

Stream or Body of Water	
Hydro, Pool or Reservoir	
River Basin Buffer	RBB
Flow Arrow	
Disappearing Stream	
Spring	
Swamp Marsh	
Proposed Lateral, Tail, Head Ditch	
False Sump	

RAILROADS:

Standard Gauge	
RR Signal Milepost	CSX TRANSPORTATION MILEPOST 35
Switch	SWITCH
RR Abandoned	
RR Dismantled	

RIGHT OF WAY:

Baseline Control Point	
Existing Right of Way Marker	
Existing Right of Way Line	
Proposed Right of Way Line	
Proposed Right of Way Line with Iron Pin and Cap Marker	
Proposed Right of Way Line with Concrete or Granite Marker	
Existing Control of Access	
Proposed Control of Access	
Existing Easement Line	E
Proposed Temporary Construction Easement	
Proposed Temporary Drainage Easement	
Proposed Permanent Drainage Easement	
Proposed Permanent Utility Easement	

ROADS AND RELATED FEATURES:

Existing Edge of Pavement	
Existing Curb	
Proposed Slope Stakes Cut	C
Proposed Slope Stakes Fill	F
Proposed Wheel Chair Ramp	WCR
Curb Cut for Future Wheel Chair Ramp	CCFR
Existing Metal Guardrail	
Proposed Guardrail	
Existing Cable Guiderail	
Proposed Cable Guiderail	
Equallity Symbol	
Pavement Removal	

VEGETATION:

Single Tree	
Single Shrub	
Hedge	
Woods Line	
Orchard	
Vineyard	Vineyard

EXISTING STRUCTURES:

MAJOR:	
Bridge, Tunnel or Box Culvert	CONC
Bridge Wing Wall, Head Wall and End Wall	CONC WW
MINOR:	
Head and End Wall	CONC HW
Pipe Culvert	
Footbridge	
Drainage Box: Catch Basin, DI or JB	CB
Paved Ditch Gutter	
Storm Sewer Manhole	S
Storm Sewer	

UTILITIES:

POWER:	
Existing Power Pole	
Proposed Power Pole	
Existing Joint Use Pole	
Proposed Joint Use Pole	
Power Manhole	P
Power Line Tower	
Power Transformer	
U/G Power Cable Hand Hole	
H-Frame Pole	
Recorded U/G Power Line	
Designated U/G Power Line (S.U.E.*)	

TELEPHONE:

Existing Telephone Pole	
Proposed Telephone Pole	
Telephone Manhole	T
Telephone Booth	
Telephone Pedestal	
Telephone Cell Tower	
U/G Telephone Cable Hand Hole	
Recorded U/G Telephone Cable	
Designated U/G Telephone Cable (S.U.E.*)	
Recorded U/G Telephone Conduit	
Designated U/G Telephone Conduit (S.U.E.*)	
Recorded U/G Fiber Optics Cable	
Designated U/G Fiber Optics Cable (S.U.E.*)	

WATER:

Water Manhole	W
Water Meter	
Water Valve	
Water Hydrant	
Recorded U/G Water Line	
Designated U/G Water Line (S.U.E.*)	
Above Ground Water Line	A/G Water

TV:

TV Satellite Dish	
TV Pedestal	
TV Tower	
U/G TV Cable Hand Hole	
Recorded U/G TV Cable	
Designated U/G TV Cable (S.U.E.*)	
Recorded U/G Fiber Optic Cable	
Designated U/G Fiber Optic Cable (S.U.E.*)	

GAS:

Gas Valve	
Gas Meter	
Recorded U/G Gas Line	
Designated U/G Gas Line (S.U.E.*)	
Above Ground Gas Line	A/G Gas

SANITARY SEWER:

Sanitary Sewer Manhole	
Sanitary Sewer Cleanout	
U/G Sanitary Sewer Line	
Above Ground Sanitary Sewer	A/G Sanitary Sewer
Recorded SS Forced Main Line	
Designated SS Forced Main Line (S.U.E.*)	

MISCELLANEOUS:

Utility Pole	
Utility Pole with Base	
Utility Located Object	
Utility Traffic Signal Box	
Utility Unknown U/G Line	
U/G Tank; Water, Gas, Oil	
A/G Tank; Water, Gas, Oil	
U/G Test Hole (S.U.E.*)	
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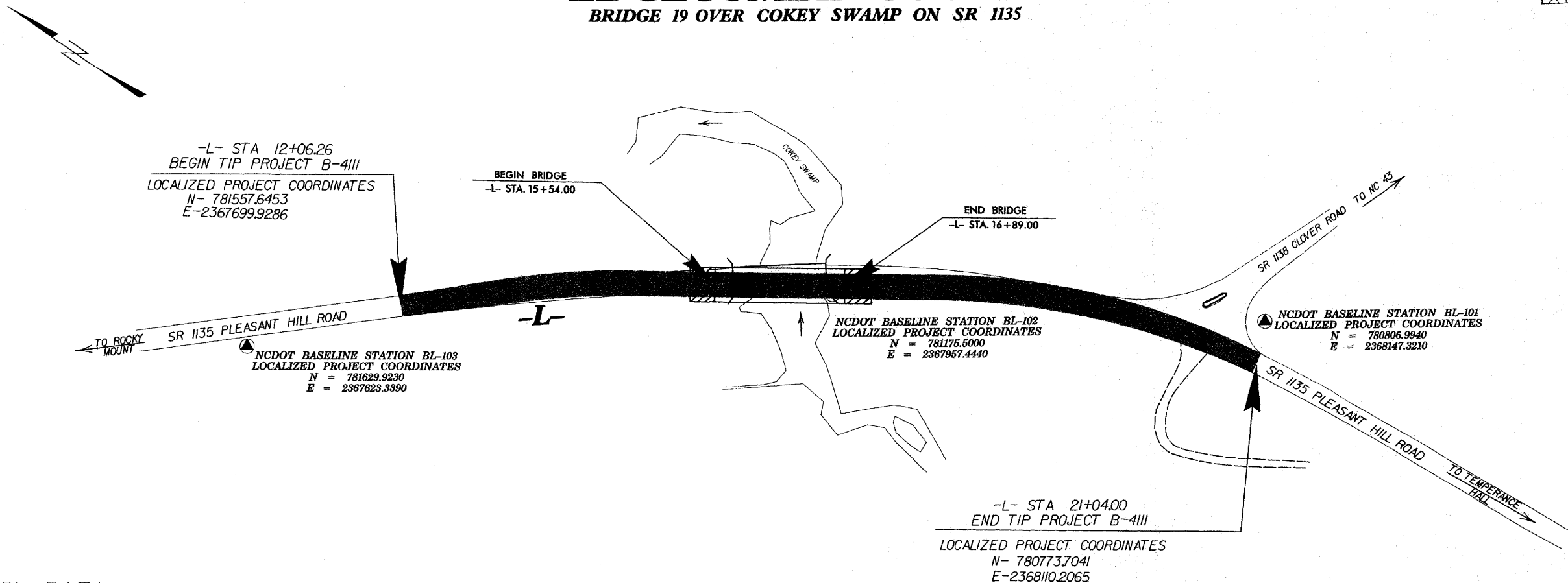
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SURVEY CONTROL SHEET B-4111
EDGECOMBE COUNTY
BRIDGE 19 OVER COKEY SWAMP ON SR 1135



CONTROL DATA

BL

POINT	DESC.	NORTH	EAST	ELEVATION	L STATION	OFFSET
103	BL-103	781629.9230	2367623.3390	84.30'	11+01.52	13.21' RT
102	BL-102	781175.5000	2367957.4440	86.68'	16+67.99	5.38' RT
101	BL-101	780806.9940	2368147.3210	92.26'	20+74.72	39.77' LT

BENCHMARK INFO

TBM #1 (1113)
ELEVATION = 84.11'
N 781595 E 2367563
L STATION 10+90 82' RIGHT
R/R SPIKE IN BASE OF BASE OF 18" PINE

TBM #2 (1114)
ELEVATION = 92.37'
N 780854 E 2368207
L STATION 20+39 105' LEFT
R/R SPIKE IN BASE OF 24" GUM

TBM #3 (1115)
ELEVATION = 82.58'
N 781146 E 2367946
L STATION 16+88 30' RIGHT
R/R SPIKE IN BASE OF 32" MAPLE

INDICATES GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS USED OR SET FOR HORIZONTAL PROJECT CONTROL BY THE NCDOT LOCATION AND SURVEYS UNIT.
PROJECT CONTROL ESTABLISHED UTILIZING GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM.
NETWORK ESTABLISHED FROM EXISTING HARN MONUMENTATION.

NOTE: DRAWING NOT TO SCALE

NOTES

1. THE CONTROL DATA FOR THIS PROJECT CAN BE FOUND ELECTRONICALLY BY SELECTING PROJECT CONTROL DATA AT
[HTTP://WWW.DOH.DOT.STATE.NC.US/PRECONSTRUCT/HIGHWAY/LOCATION/PROJECT/](http://www.doh.dot.state.nc.us/preconstruct/highway/location/project/)
THE FILES TO BE FOUND ARE AS FOLLOWS:
B4111.LS.CONTROL_050310.TXT
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IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE LOCATION AND SURVEYS UNIT

DATUM DESCRIPTION

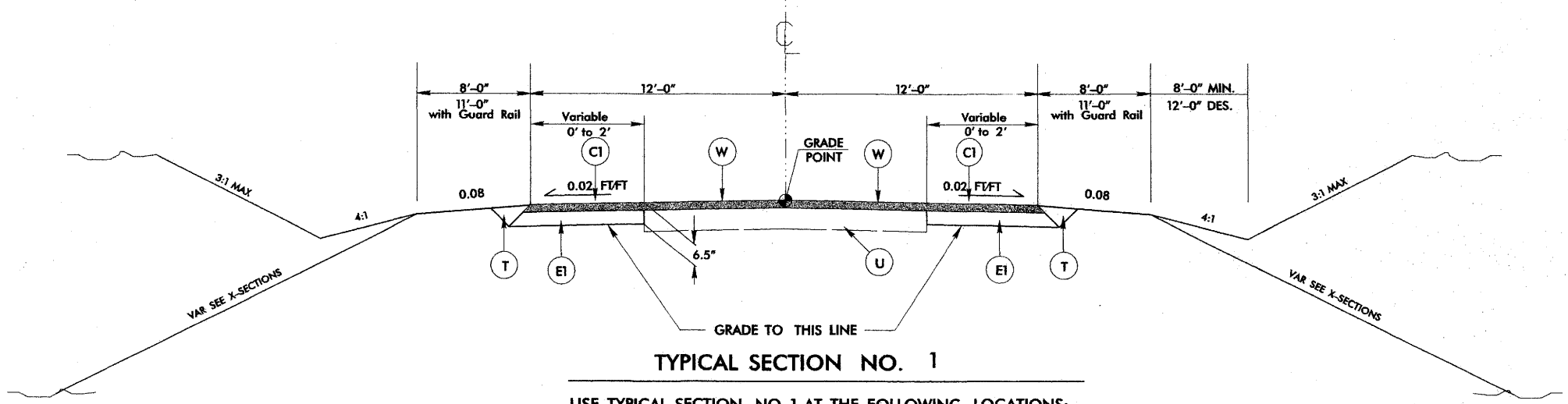
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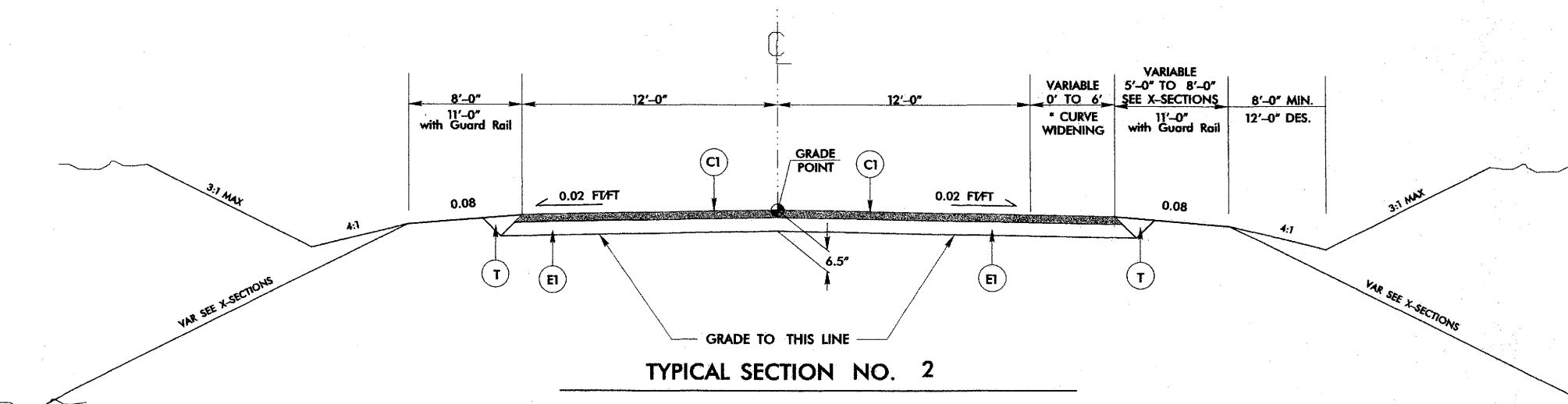
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PAVEMENT SCHEDULE	
C1	PROPOSED APPROX. 2 1/2" ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE SF9.5B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 110 LBS. PER SQ. YARD.
C2	PROPOSED VARIABLE DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE SF9.5B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 112 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT TO EXCEED 1 1/2" IN DEPTH.
E1	PROPOSED APPROX. 4" ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 114 LBS. PER SQ. YARD.
E2	PROPOSED VARIABLE DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 114 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH, TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT GREATER THAN 5/2" IN DEPTH OR LESS THAN 3" IN DEPTH.
T	EARTH MATERIAL
U	EXISTING PAVEMENT
W	VARIABLE DEPTH ASPHALT PAVEMENT (SEE STANDARD WEDGING DETAILS)

NOTE: ALL PAVEMENT EDGE SLOPES ARE 1:1 UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN.

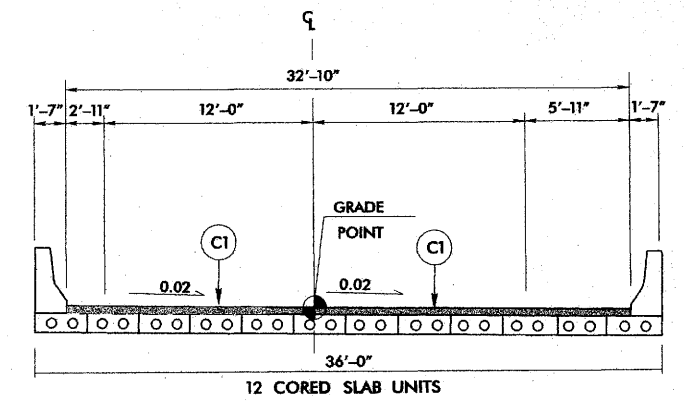


USE TYPICAL SECTION NO. 1 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:
-L- STA. 12+31.26 TO STA. 13+50.00
-L- STA. 19+00.00 TO STA. 20+79.00



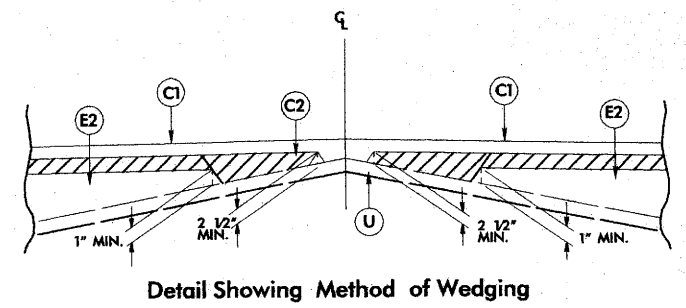
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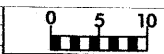
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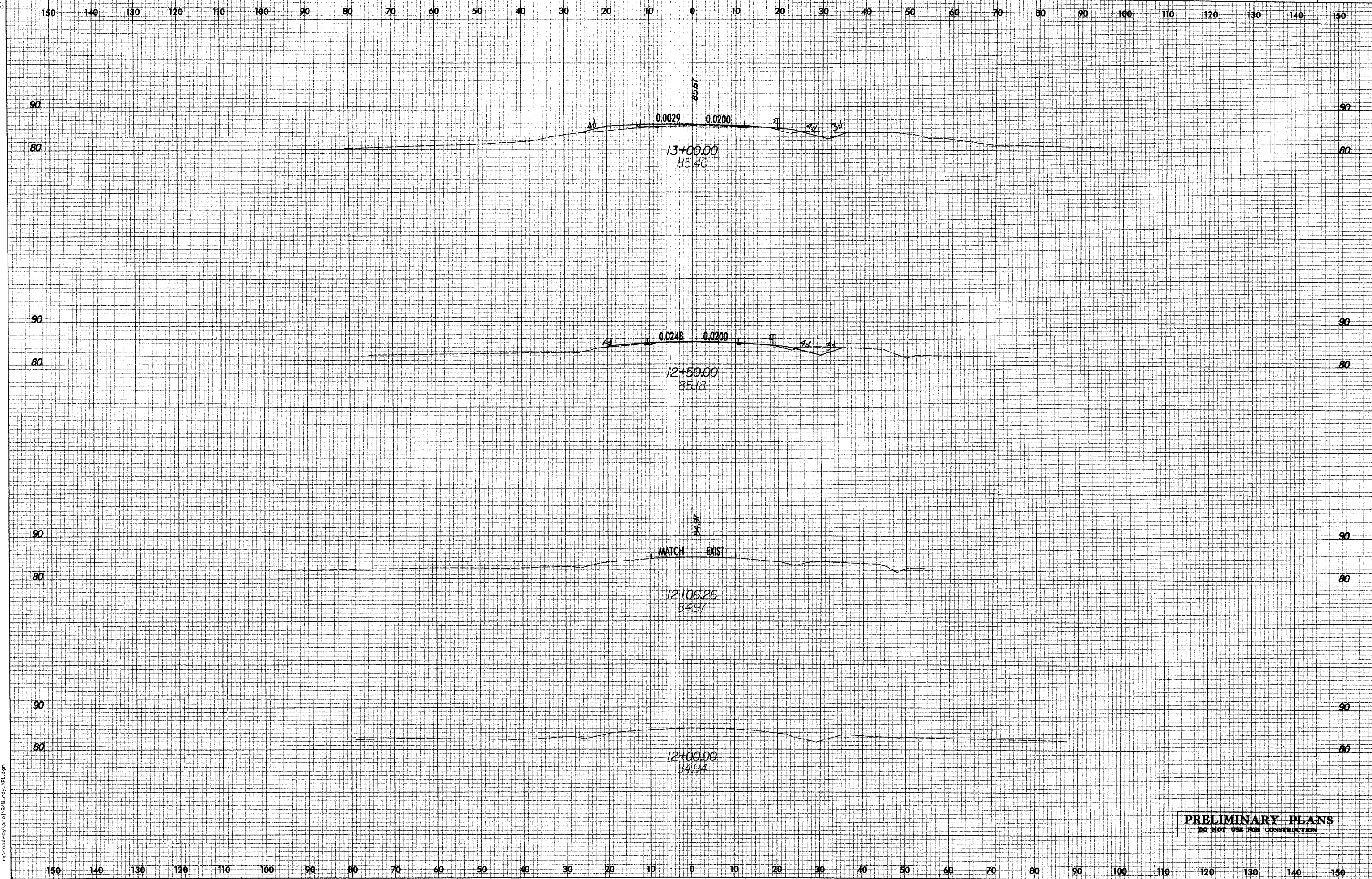
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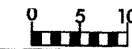


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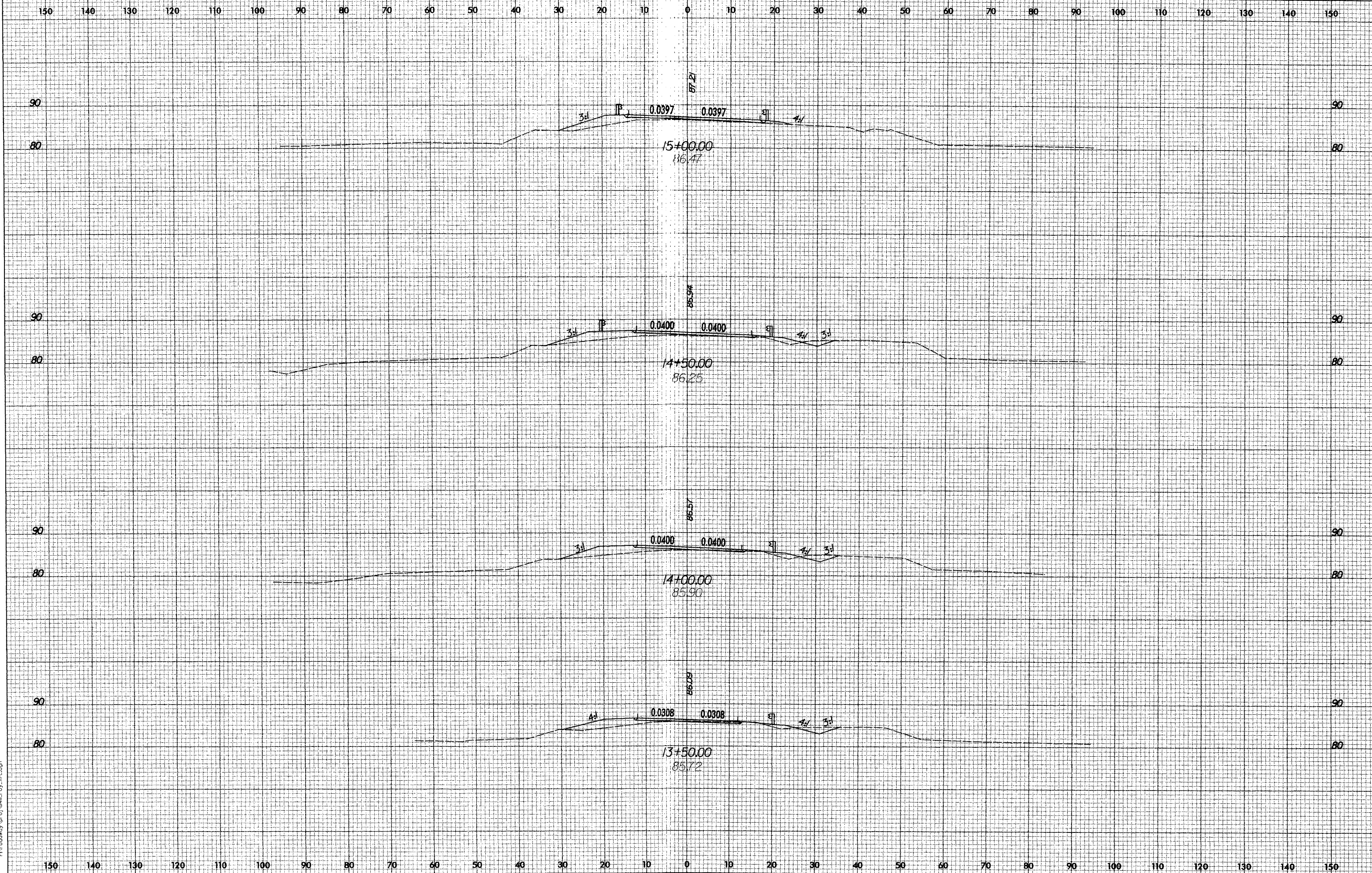
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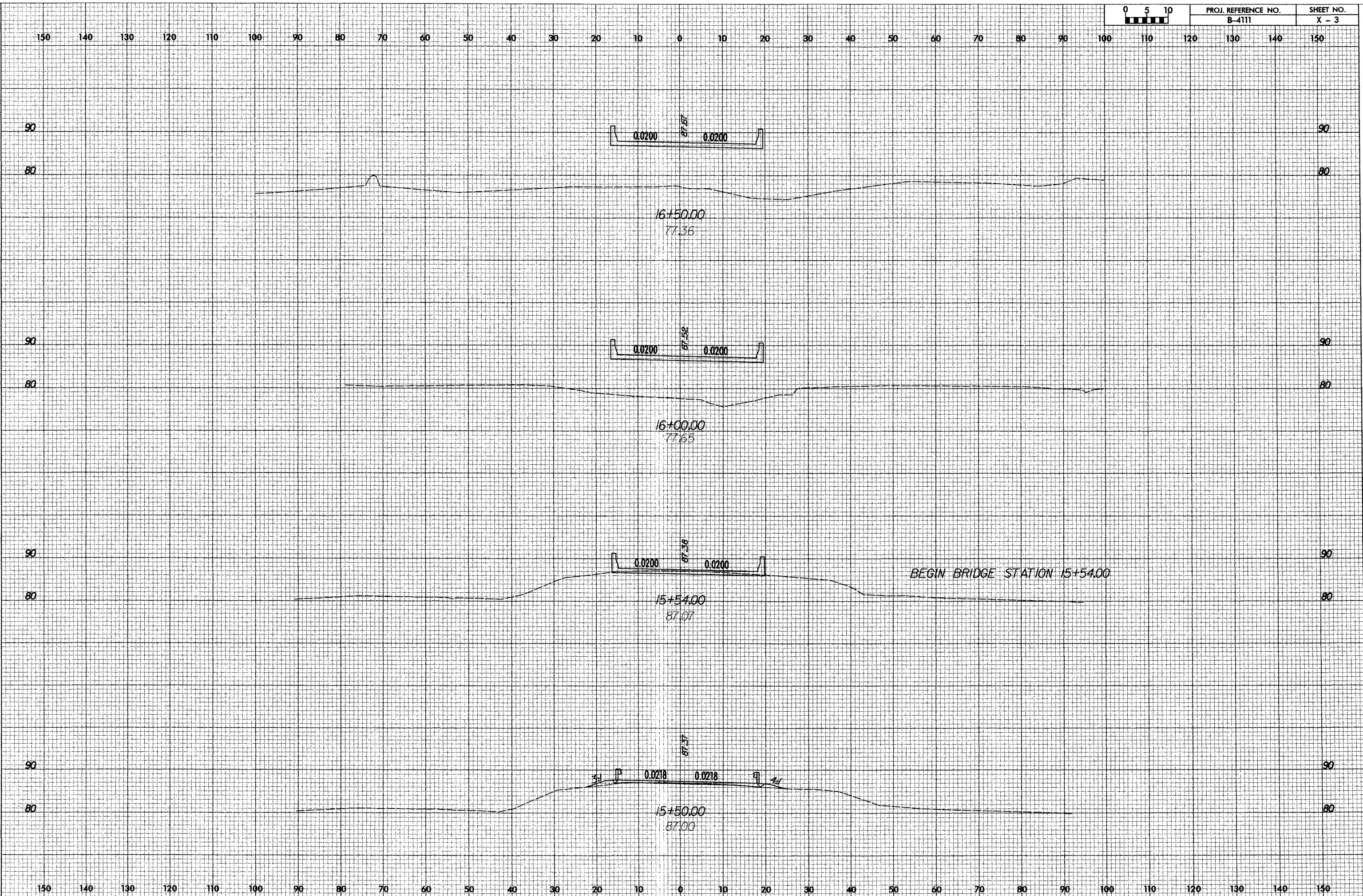
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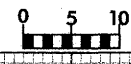


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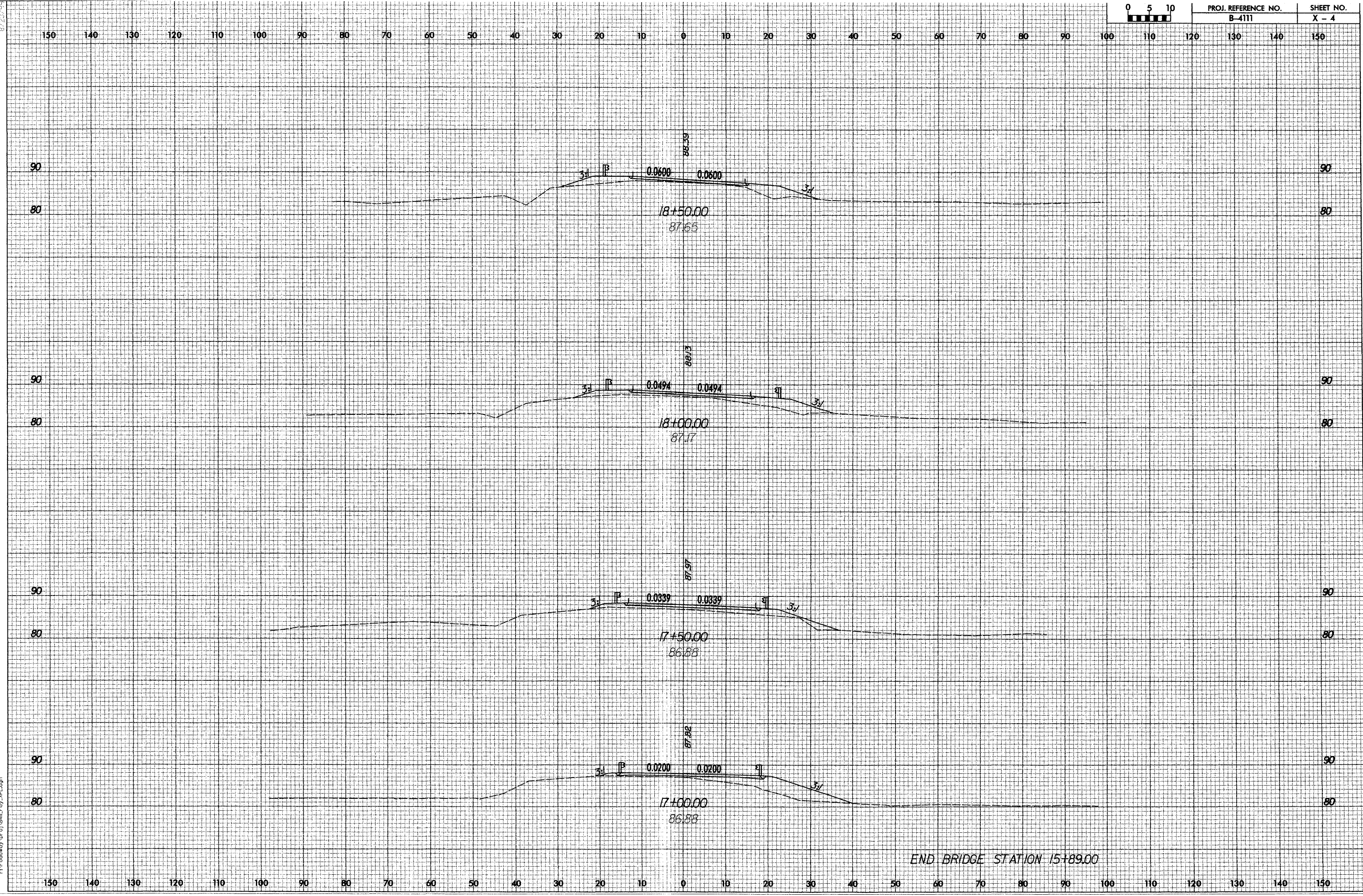
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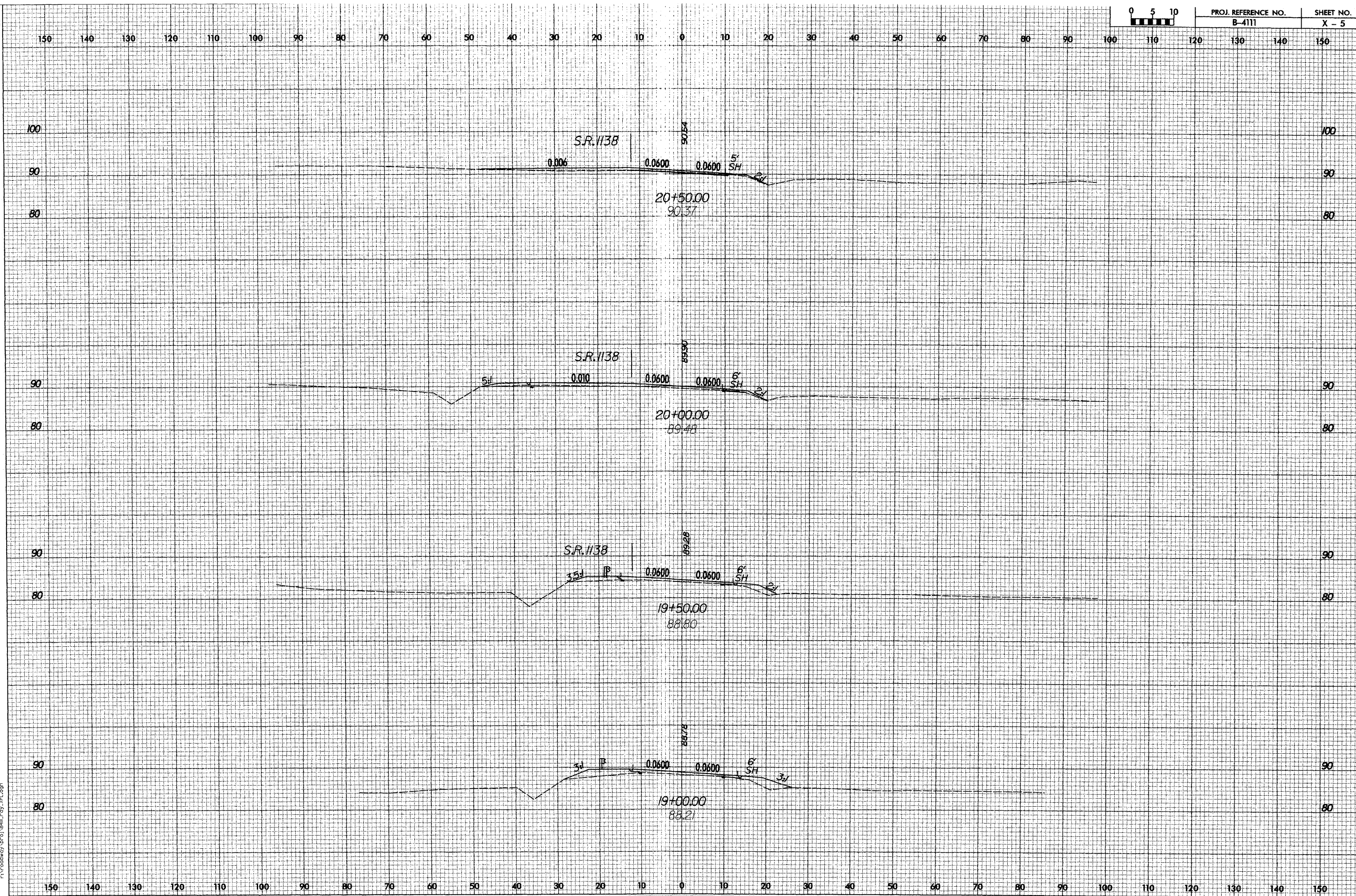
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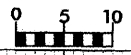


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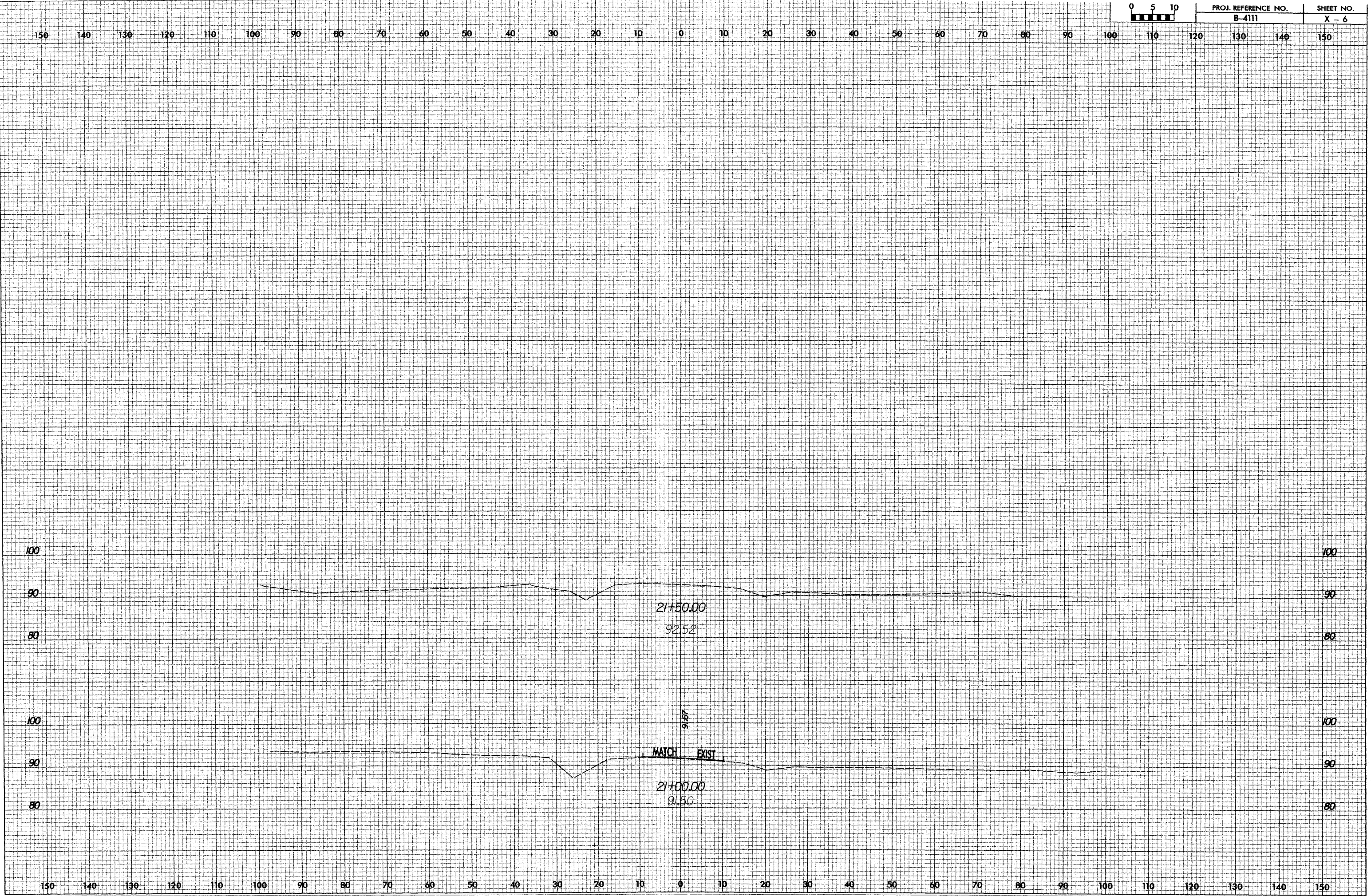
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ACTION CLASSIFICATION FORM

TIP Project No.	<u>B-4111</u>
State Project No.	<u>8.2291301</u>
Federal Project No.	<u>BRZ-1135(6)</u>

A. Project Description:

This project proposes to replace Bridge No. 19 on SR 1135 over Cokey Swamp in Edgecombe County. The bridge will be replaced with a 125-foot (38.1-m) long bridge in approximately the same location and roadway elevation as the existing bridge. The cross section of the new bridge will include two 12-foot (3.6-m) lanes with 3-foot (1.0-m) offsets. Approach work will consist of resurfacing and tying into the existing alignment for approximately 360 feet (109.7 m) to the north and approximately 235 feet (71.6 m) to the south of the existing bridge. Guardrail will be installed where warranted. Traffic will be detoured along surrounding roads during construction. Please reference Figure 1.

B. Purpose and Need:

Bridge No. 19 has a sufficiency rating of 23.0 out of a possible 100. The deck and substructure of the existing bridge are in poor condition. Therefore, the bridge needs to be replaced.

C. Proposed Improvements:

The following Type II improvements which apply to the project are circled:

1. Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, adding shoulders, or adding auxiliary lanes (e.g., parking, weaving, turning, climbing).
 - a. Restoring, Resurfacing, Rehabilitating, and Reconstructing pavement (3R and 4R improvements)
 - b. Widening roadway and shoulders without adding through lanes
 - c. Modernizing gore treatments
 - d. Constructing lane improvements (merge, auxiliary, and turn lanes)
 - e. Adding shoulder drains
 - f. Replacing and rehabilitating culverts, inlets, and drainage pipes, including safety treatments
 - g. Providing driveway pipes
 - h. Performing minor bridge widening (less than one through lane)
2. Highway safety or traffic operations improvement projects including the installation of ramp metering control devices and lighting.
 - a. Installing ramp metering devices
 - b. Installing lights
 - c. Adding or upgrading guardrail
 - d. Installing safety barriers including Jersey type barriers and pier protection
 - e. Installing or replacing impact attenuators
 - f. Upgrading medians including adding or upgrading median barriers

- g. Improving intersections including relocation and/or realignment
 - h. Making minor roadway realignment
 - i. Channelizing traffic
 - j. Performing clear zone safety improvements including removing hazards and flattening slopes
 - k. Implementing traffic aid systems, signals, and motorist aid
 - l. Installing bridge safety hardware including bridge rail retrofit
3. Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings.
- a. Rehabilitating, reconstructing, or replacing bridge approach slabs
 - b. Rehabilitating or replacing bridge decks
 - c. Rehabilitating bridges including painting (no red lead paint), scour repair, fender systems, and minor structural improvements
 - d. Replacing a bridge (structure and/or fill)
4. Transportation corridor fringe parking facilities.
 5. Construction of new truck weigh stations or rest areas.
 6. Approvals for disposal of excess right-of-way or for joint or limited use of right-of-way, where the proposed use does not have significant adverse impacts.
 7. Approvals for changes in access control.
 8. Construction of new bus storage and maintenance facilities in areas used predominantly for industrial or transportation purposes where such construction is not inconsistent with existing zoning and located on or near a street with adequate capacity to handle anticipated bus and support vehicle traffic.
 9. Rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing rail and bus buildings and ancillary facilities where only minor amounts of additional land are required and there is not a substantial increase in the number of users.
 10. Construction of bus transfer facilities (an open area consisting of passenger shelters, boarding areas, kiosks and related street improvements) when located in a commercial area or other high activity center in which there is adequate street capacity for projected bus traffic.
 11. Construction of rail storage and maintenance facilities in areas used predominantly for industrial or transportation purposes where such construction is not inconsistent with existing zoning and where there is no significant noise impact on the surrounding community.
 12. Acquisition of land for hardship or protective purposes, advance land acquisition loans under section 3(b) of the UMT Act. Hardship and protective buying will be permitted only for a particular parcel or a limited number of parcels. These types of land acquisition qualify for a CE only where the acquisition will not limit the evaluation of alternatives, including shifts in alignment for planned construction projects, which may be required in the NEPA process. No project development on such land may proceed until the NEPA process has been completed.

D. Special Project Information:

Estimated Costs:

Total Construction	\$ 625,000
Right of Way	\$ 36,500
Total	<u>\$ 661,500</u>

Estimated Traffic:

Current	- 1200 vpd
Year 2025	- 2000 vpd
TTST	- 1%
Dual	- 2%

Proposed Typical Cross Section:

The proposed typical cross section consists of two 12-foot (3.6-m) lanes with six-foot (1.8-m) grass shoulders. The shoulders will be widened out to nine feet (2.7 m) where guardrail is required.

Design Speed:

60 mph (95 kmh) A design exception will be required for this project in order to minimize environmental impacts. The horizontal curvature meets a 45 mph (70 kph) design speed.

Functional Classification:

Rural Local Route

Division Office Comments:

The Division Four Construction Office concurs with the recommendation to replace the existing structure with a new bridge in the existing location and elevation and to detour traffic offsite.

Bridge Demolition:

Bridge No. 19 has a superstructure composed of Precast Prestressed Concrete Channels with an asphalt-wearing surface. The substructure is composed of Precast Prestressed Concrete caps on timber piles with timber bulkheads. The maximum potential resulting temporary fill associated with Bridge No. 19 is 100.3 yd³.

E. Threshold Criteria

The following evaluation of threshold criteria must be completed for Type II actions

ECOLOGICAL

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
(1) Will the project have a substantial impact on any unique or important natural resource?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
(2) Does the project involve habitat where federally listed endangered or threatened species may occur?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u> </u>
(3) Will the project affect anadromous fish?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u> </u>
(4) If the project involves wetlands, is the amount of permanent and/or temporary wetland taking less than one-third (1/3) of an acre and have all practicable measures to avoid and minimize wetland takings been evaluated? (See Note)	<u>X</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Will the project require the use of U. S. Forest Service lands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
(6) Will the quality of adjacent water resources be adversely impacted by proposed construction activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
(7) Does the project involve waters classified as Outstanding Water Resources (OWR) and/or High Quality Waters (HQW)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
(8) Will the project require fill in waters of the United States in any of the designated mountain trout counties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
(9) Does the project involve any known underground storage tanks (UST's) or hazardous materials sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>

PERMITS AND COORDINATION

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
(10) If the project is located within a CAMA county, will the project significantly affect the coastal zone and/or any "Area of Environmental Concern" (AEC)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
(11) Does the project involve Coastal Barrier Resources Act resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
(12) Will a U. S. Coast Guard permit be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>

(13)	Will the project result in the modification of any existing regulatory floodway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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(14)	Will the project require any stream relocations or channel changes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

YES

NO

(15)	Will the project induce substantial impacts to planned growth or land use for the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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(16)	Will the project require the relocation of any family or business?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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(17)	Will the project have a disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effect on any minority or low-income population?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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(18)	If the project involves the acquisition of right of way, is the amount of right of way acquisition considered minor?	<u>X</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(19)	Will the project involve any changes in access control?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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(20)	Will the project substantially alter the usefulness and/or land use of adjacent property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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(21)	Will the project have an adverse effect on permanent local traffic patterns or community cohesiveness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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(22)	Is the project included in an approved thoroughfare plan and/or Transportation Improvement Program (and is, therefore, in conformance with the Clean Air Act of 1990)?	<u>X</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(23)	Is the project anticipated to cause an increase in traffic volumes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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(24)	Will traffic be maintained during construction using existing roads, staged construction, or on-site detours?	<u>X</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(25)	If the project is a bridge replacement project, will the bridge be replaced at its existing location (along the existing facility) and will all construction proposed in association with the bridge replacement project be contained on the existing facility?	<u>X</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(26)	Is there substantial controversy on social, economic, or environmental grounds concerning the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>X</u>
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- (27) Is the project consistent with all Federal, State, and local laws relating to the environmental aspects of the project? X ☐
- (28) Will the project have an "effect" on structures/properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places? ☐ X
- (29) Will the project affect any archaeological remains, which are important to history or pre-history? ☐ X
- (30) Will the project require the use of Section 4(f) resources (public parks, recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, historic sites, or historic bridges, as defined in Section 4(f) of the U. S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966)? ☐ X
- (31) Will the project result in any conversion of assisted public recreation sites or facilities to non-recreation uses, as defined by Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, as amended? ☐ X
- (32) Will the project involve construction in, across, or adjacent to a river designated as a component of or proposed for inclusion in the Natural System of Wild and Scenic Rivers? ☐ X

F. Additional Documentation Required for Unfavorable Responses in Part E
(Discussion regarding all unfavorable responses in Part E should be provided below. Additional supporting documentation may be attached, as necessary.)

2. Based on mussel surveys conducted on June 6, 2002 and the apparent lack of suitable habitat, NCDOT has reached a biological conclusion of "no effect" for the Tar spiny mussel. NCWRC and USFWS concur with the findings and conclusion. Please see attached documentation. The biological conclusion for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker is "no effect." The project area does not contain suitable foraging or nesting habitat.
3. This reach has potential as a travel corridor for migratory fish. Therefore, it is classified as case 2 and will require an in-stream moratorium from February 1 to June 1.

Note on 4. The minimum acreage of wetland impacts allowed without requiring mitigation has been reduced from 1/3 acre to 0.1 acre. The proposed project impacts approximately 0.10 acre of wetlands. All efforts to avoid and minimize impacts to the wetlands have been made. The existing bridge will be replaced in the existing location and at the existing elevation. The proposed bridge will be longer than the existing bridge to accommodate the spillthrough end bents.

Top-down construction methods will be used to both remove the existing bridge and build the proposed bridge. Therefore, work pads will not be required for construction. Traffic will be maintained with an offsite detour.

G. CE Approval

TIP Project No.	<u>B-4111</u>
State Project No.	<u>8.2291301</u>
Federal-Aid Project No.	<u>BRZ-1135(6)</u>

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Categorical Exclusion Action Classification:

<u> </u>	TYPE II(A)
<u> X </u>	TYPE II(B)

Approved:

<u>1/29/03</u>	<u>William T. Goodwin, Jr.</u>
Date	William T. Goodwin, Jr., P.E., Unit Head
	Bridge Replacement Unit
	Project Development & Environmental Analysis Branch

<u>1/29/03</u>	<u>Karen B. Capps, P.E.</u>
Date	Karen B. Capps, P. E., Project Development Engineer
	Project Development & Environmental Analysis Branch

For Type II(B) projects only:

<u>3/7/03</u>	<u>Ronald G. L...</u>
Date	for Division Administrator
	Federal Highway Administration

Project Commitments

Replacement of Bridge No. 19 on SR 1135 Over Cokey Swamp

Edgecombe County

F. A. Project No. BRZ-1135(6)

State Project No. 8.2291301

T.I.P. No. B-4111

Division 4, Roadside Environmental Unit, Structure Design Unit

Due to the composition of the Cokey Swamp substrate, sediment curtains should be utilized to minimize potential water quality degradation as a result of disturbing the streambed during bridge construction.

Division 4, Roadside Environmental Unit, Structure Design Unit

NCDOT's *Stream Crossings Guidelines for Anadromous Fish* will be adhered to during the life of the project. There will be an in-stream moratorium from February 1 to June 1. No in-stream work will be allowed during this period.

Roadway Design Unit, Structure Design Unit, Roadside Environmental Unit, Division 4

Top-down construction will be used in the removal of the existing bridge and the construction of the proposed bridge. The Structure Design Unit will place all appropriate notes on the final design plans to this effect.



North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources
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March 22, 2002

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MEMORANDUM

TO: William D. Gilmore, Manager
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch
Division of Highways
Department of Transportation

FROM: David Brook *for David Brook*

SUBJECT: Replace Bridge No. 19 and SR 1135 over Cokey Swamp, B-4111,
Edgecombe County, ER 02-8595

Thank you for your memorandum of September 25, 2001, concerning the above project.

There are no known archaeological sites within the project area. Based on our knowledge of the area, it is unlikely that any archaeological resources that may be eligible for conclusion in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by the project. We, therefore, recommend that no archaeological investigation be conducted in connection with this project.

Because the Department of Transportation is in the process of surveying and evaluating the National Register eligibility of all of its concrete bridges, we are unable to comment on the National Register eligibility of the subject bridge. Please contact Mary Pope Furr, in the Architectural History Section, to determine if further study of the bridge is needed.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 296 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919/72929-47629. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above-referenced tracking number.

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December 30, 2002

Ms. Karen Capps
North Carolina Department of Transportation
Project Development and Environmental Analysis
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Dear Ms. Capps:

This letter is in response to your letter of December 19, 2002, which provided the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) with the biological conclusion of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) that the replacement of Bridge No. 19 on SR 1135 over Cokey Swamp in Edgecombe County (TIP No. B-4111) will have "no effect" on the federally-endangered Tar spiny mussel (*Elliptio steinstansana*). These comments are provided in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543).

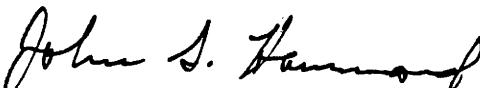
According to the information you submitted, a mussel survey was conducted at the project site on June 6, 2002. The survey extended 200 feet upstream and 200 feet downstream of the existing bridge. Most of the stream channel was dry. No mussels of any species were found within the surveyed area.

Based on the mussel survey results and the apparent lack of habitat, the Service concurs with the conclusion of "no effect" on the Tar spiny mussel. We believe that the requirements of section 7 (a)(2) of the ESA have been satisfied. We remind you that obligations under section 7 consultation must be reconsidered if: (1) new information reveals impacts of this identified action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered in this review; (2) this action is subsequently modified in a manner that was not considered in this review; or, (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat determined that may be affected by this identified action.

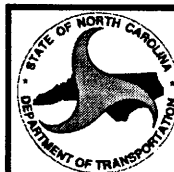
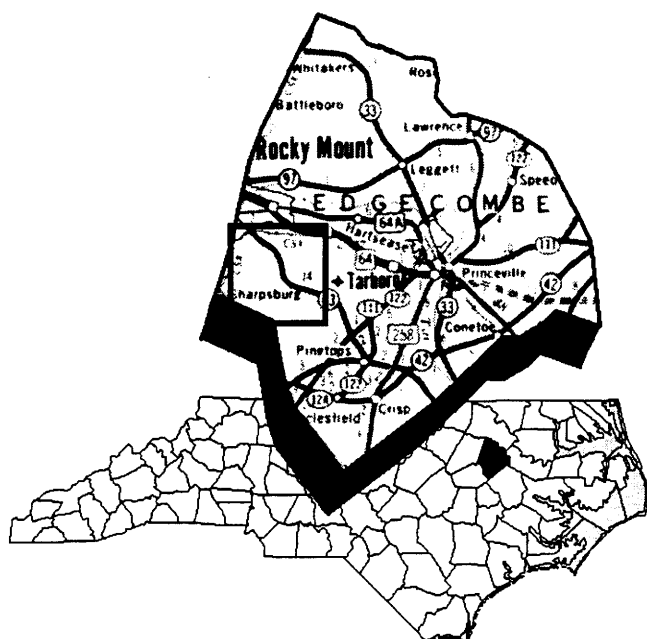
For future aquatic surveys, the Service asks that each survey extend a minimum of 400 meters downstream and 100 meters upstream of the project's work limits, with the exception of areas with the obvious lack of habitat. The Service appreciates the opportunity to review this project.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact Mr. Gary Jordan at (919) 856-4520 (Ext. 32).

Sincerely,


for Garland B. Pardue, Ph.D.
Ecological Services Supervisor

cc: Mike Bell, USACE, Washington, NC
John Hennessy, NCDWQ, Raleigh, NC
David Cox, NCWRC, Northside, NC
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**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
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**EDGECOMBE COUNTY
REPLACE BRIDGE NO. 19 ON SR 1135
OVER COKEY SWAMP
B-4111**

Figure 1

NATURAL SYSTEMS REPORT

**Replacement of Bridge No.19
SR 1135 (Pleasant Hill Road) over Cokey Swamp**

**Edgecombe County, North Carolina
(B-4111)
(State Project No. 8.2291301)
(Federal Aid No. BRZ-1135(6))**

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**Replacement of Bridge No. 19
SR 1135 (Pleasant Hill Road) over Cokey Swamp
Edgecombe County, North Carolina
(B-4111)**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Description

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes replacement of Bridge No. 19 on SR 1135 (Pleasant Hill Road) over Cokey Swamp and the associated floodplain (Figure 1). Bridge No. 19 spans Cokey Swamp for a distance of approximately 85 feet (25.9 meters). The existing roadway is approximately 23 feet (7.0 meters) wide with a right-of-way width of 60 feet (18.3 meters).

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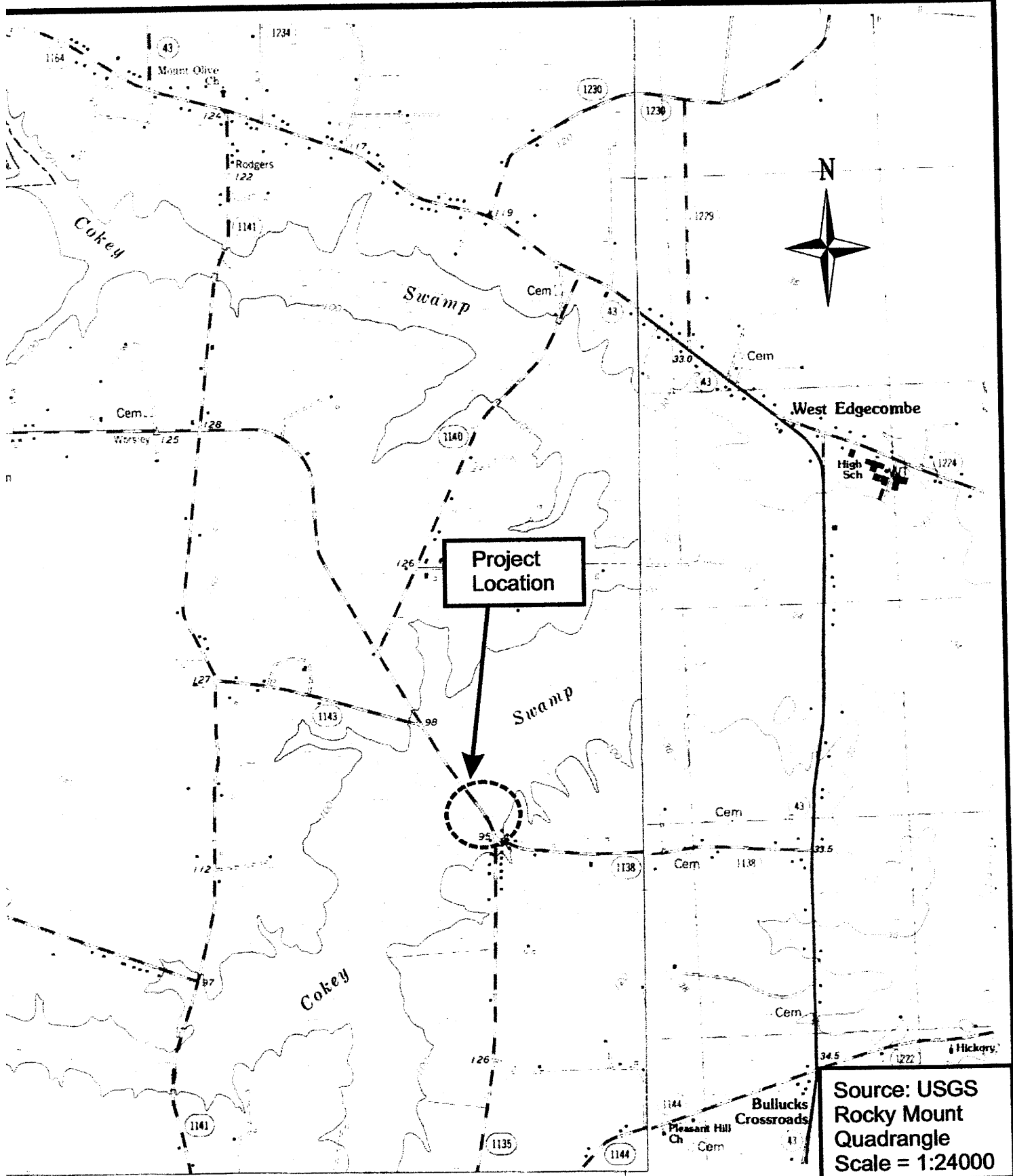
1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this study is to provide an evaluation of biological resources within the project area as defined by NCDOT staff (Figure 2). Specific tasks performed for this study include 1) an assessment of biological features within the project area including descriptions of vegetation, wildlife, protected species, jurisdictional wetlands, and water quality, 2) a delineation of Section 404 jurisdictional areas and subsequent survey of jurisdictional boundaries (utilizing Trimble XRS Differential Global Positioning System technology), 3) an evaluation of plant communities and their areas within the project area, and 4) a preliminary determination of permit needs.

1.3 Methods

Materials and literature supporting this investigation have been derived from a number of sources including U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic mapping (Rocky Mount, NC 7.5 minute quadrangle), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) National Wetlands Inventory mapping (NWI) (Rocky Mount, NC 7.5 minute quadrangle), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS; formerly the Soils Conservation Service) soils mapping (NRCS 1979), and recent aerial photography (scale 1:1200) furnished by NCDOT.

The site was visited on August 14 and August 16, 2001. The project area was walked and visually surveyed for significant features. Special concerns evaluated in the field include 1)



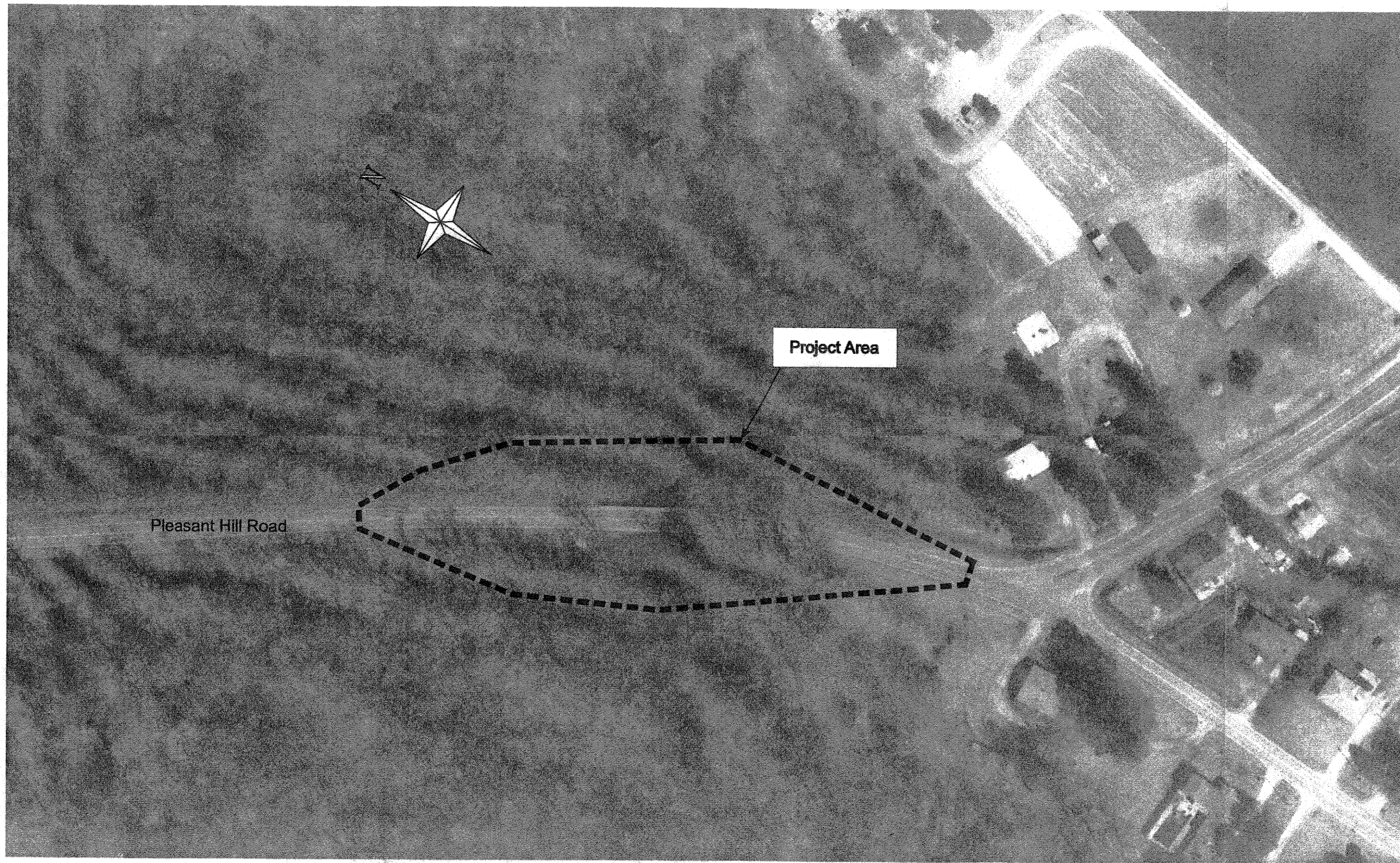
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potential protected species habitat and 2) wetlands and water quality protection in Cokey Swamp.

The field work for this investigation was conducted by EcoScience Corporation biologists Mr. Matt Cusack and Mr. Kendrick Weeks. Mr. Weeks is a project scientist with 4 years of experience in the field of natural sciences. Mr. Weeks earned a B.S. in biology from Appalachian State University and a M.S. in zoology from North Carolina State University. His graduate research focused on breeding productivity of neotropical migrant landbirds in the southern Appalachians. Professional expertise includes plant and wildlife identification, protected species surveys, environmental document preparation, and stream and wetland delineations.

Mr. Cusack is a Project Scientist with 4 years of experience in the environmental field. He has received a bachelor's degree in marine biology with honors in biology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He has conducted fieldwork involving estuarine and freshwater invertebrate ecology and sea turtle nesting biology. He has conducted aquatic toxicity research in estuarine fauna. His professional expertise includes jurisdictional area delineations, stream determinations, plant and wildlife identification and community mapping, protected species surveys, and environmental planning.

Plant community descriptions are based on a classification system utilized by N.C. Natural Heritage Program (NHP) (Schafale and Weakley 1990). When appropriate, community classifications were modified to better reflect field observations. Vascular plant names follow nomenclature found in Radford *et al.* (1968) with adjustments for updated nomenclature (Kartesz 1998). Jurisdictional areas were evaluated using the three-parameter approach following U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) delineation guidelines (DOA 1987). Jurisdictional areas were characterized according to a classification scheme established by Cowardin *et al.* (1979). Aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitat requirements and distributions were determined by supportive literature (Martof *et al.* 1980, Potter *et al.* 1980, Webster *et al.* 1985, Menhinick 1991, Hamel 1992, Palmer and Braswell 1995, and Rohde *et al.* 1994). Water quality information for area streams and tributaries was derived from available sources (DWQ 1997, DWQ 1999). Quantitative sampling was not undertaken to support existing data.

The most current FWS listing of federally protected species with ranges extending into Edgecombe County (April 12, 2001 FWS list) was reviewed prior to initiation of the field investigation. In addition, NHP records documenting presence of federally or state listed species were consulted before commencing field investigations.

1.4 Project Area

The project area is located at the crossing of SR 1135 (Pleasant Hill Road) and Cokey Swamp approximately 2.0 miles (3.2 kilometers) south of Rocky Mount, NC (Figure 1). U.S. Highway SR 1135 (Pleasant Hill Road) intersects SR 1141 (Green Pasture Road) approximately 1.2

miles (1.7 kilometers) north of the project area. The project area spans Cokey Swamp, the associated floodplain, and adjacent uplands along a northwest to southeast orientation for a distance of 300 feet (91.4 meters) in both directions. The floodplain extends farther to the northwest of Bridge No. 19 than southeast due to topography (Figure 1). This section of Cokey Swamp is a second-order perennial stream system whose headwaters are mostly rural residential and agriculture between Rocky Mount and Sharpsburg to the west. Approximately 60 percent of the land within the project vicinity (0.5 mile [0.8 kilometer] radius) is forested. The remaining area is made up of equal amounts residential and agriculture. Almost all land in the project area is forested swamp.

1.5 Physiography and Soils

Bridge No. 19 on Pleasant Hill Road is underlain by Flood Plain System soils in the Coastal Plain physiographic province of North Carolina. Large river valleys with wide floodplains characterize the region. Sediments in the river valleys range from gravel to silt. The project area is located within a relatively level, narrow floodplain valley surrounded by gentle slopes to uplands. Elevations in the project area range from a high of approximately 100 feet (30.5 meters) National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD), on the southeast and northwest slopes of Cokey Swamp floodplain to a low of approximately 80 feet (24.4 meters) NGVD near the deepest portion of Cokey Swamp.

Based on soil mapping for Edgecombe County (SCS 1979), the project area is underlain by three soil series: Bibb soils (*thermic Typic Fluvaquents*), Lumbee fine sandy loam (*thermic Typic Ochraquults*), and Norfolk loamy sand (*thermic Typic Paleudults*). The majority of the project area, if not its entirety, is composed of the Cokey Swamp floodplain and mapped as the Bibb series. The narrow road approaches to the bridge are mapped as Lumbee (to the northwest) and Norfolk series (southeast). Bibb and Lumbee soils are listed as hydric for Wilson County (NRCS 1997).

The Bibb series is a nearly level, poorly drained soil on floodplains along major streams. Bibb soils formed in recent alluvium. Typically, the surface layer is dark, grayish, brown loam seven inches thick. The subsoil is dark gray fine sandy loam that has grayish brown and strong brown mottles and becomes more brown and coarser in texture with depth. Organic matter content is medium and permeability is moderate. The seasonal high water table is at a depth of 6 to 18 inches (15.2 to 45.7 centimeters).

The Lumbee fine sandy loam is nearly level, poorly drained and occupies broad, smooth flats and shallow depressions in stream terraces. Lumbee soils formed in fluvial sediments. The surface layer is typically dark grayish brown fine sandy loam 4 inches (10.2 centimeters) thick. The 21-inch (53.3-centimeter), strongly acid subsoil is gray sandy clay loam in the upper part becoming lighter and sandier with depth. Organic matter content is medium and permeability is moderate. The seasonal high water table is at or near the surface. These soils are rarely flooded.

Norfolk loamy sand is well drained and located in broad, smooth areas on uplands. Norfolk soils formed in Coastal Plain sediments. The surface layer is brown loamy sand 7 inches (17.8 centimeters) thick. The subsurface layer is light yellowish brown loamy sand 5 inches (12.7 centimeters) thick. The subsoil is yellowish brown sandy clay becoming more yellow with depth. Organic matter content is low, and permeability is moderate. The seasonal high water table is 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 meters) below the surface.

2.0 WATER RESOURCES

2.1 Waters Impacted

The project area is located within sub-basin 030303 of the Tar-Pamlico Basin (DWQ 1999). This area is part of USGS Cataloging Unit 03020103 of the South Atlantic/Gulf Region. The structure targeted for replacement spans Cokey Swamp. This section of Cokey Swamp has been assigned Stream Index Number 28-83-3 by the N.C. Division of Water Quality (DWQ 1997). The project area is approximately 1.0 mile (1.6 kilometers) upstream of the confluence of Cokey Swamp and Little Cokey Swamp.

2.1.1 Surface Water Characteristics

Cokey Swamp is designated as a perennial stream by USGS quadrangle. However, NWI mapping and field visits verify that it is black water swamp system characterized by extended surface flooding with low flow velocities over an unconsolidated bottom. The area supports an emergent bottomland swamp forest and patches of rooted aquatic vegetation. This system lacks a primary channel and is problematic for classification because swamp flow is concentrated to pass under the bridge, appearing channel-like, but spreads back out to a black water swamp system downstream of the bridge. The submerged banks near the bridge slope steeply from the streambed to the water's surface. This system does not have discernable channels.

During field investigations, Cokey Swamp was approximately 80 feet (24.4 meters) wide and standing water was approximately 7 to 8 feet (2.1 to 2.4 meters) deep. Water level appeared moderate, clarity was good, and flow velocity was slow. Submerged aquatic vegetation was present in small patches in sunny, shallow areas. The entire floodplain within the project area exhibits wetland conditions including hydrophytic vegetation, presence of hydric soils, and evidence of regular, prolonged inundation.

2.1.2 Best Usage Classifications and Water Quality

Classifications are assigned to waters of the State of North Carolina based on the existing or contemplated best usage of various streams or segments of streams in the basin. A Best Usage Classification of **C NSW** has been assigned to this reach of Cokey Swamp. The

designation **C** denotes waters protected for secondary recreation, fishing, wildlife, fish and aquatic life propagation and survival, agriculture and other uses. Secondary recreation includes wading, boating, and other uses involving human body contact with water where such activities take place in an infrequent, unorganized, or incidental manner. The supplementary classification of Nutrient Sensitive Waters (**NSW**) is intended for waters needing additional nutrient management due to their being subject to excessive growth of microscopic and macroscopic vegetation. NSW are subject to nutrient input restrictions. All waters within the Tar-Pamlico Basin are classified NSW. No restrictions on watershed development activities are required. No designated Outstanding Resource Waters (**ORW**), High Quality Waters (**HQW**), Water Supply I (**WS-I**), or Water Supply II (**WS-II**) waters occur within 1.0 mile (1.6 kilometers) of the project area. No watershed Critical Area (**CA**) occurs within 1.0 mile (1.6 kilometers) of the project area.

The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) (previously known as the Division of Environmental Management, Water Quality Section [DEM]) has initiated a whole-basin approach to water quality management for the 17 river basins within the state. Water quality for the proposed project area is summarized in the Tar-Pamlico River Basinwide Water Quality plan (DWQ 1999). Based on DWQ data, Cokey Swamp is currently designated as **Fully Supporting**. Cokey Swamp at SR 1135, has been assigned a bioclassification of **Fair** based on benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring in 1997 at SR 1141.

Sub-basin 030303 of the Tar-Pamlico River Basin supports five permitted, point source discharges. The total permitted discharge is 6.325 MGD (23.9 MLD) and includes one major discharge (5.0 MGD [18.9 MLD]) and four minor discharges (1.325 MGD [5.016 MLD]). No permitted discharges are located on Cokey Swamp. Major non-point sources of pollution for Cokey Swamp include runoff from cropping and grazing pastures. Cokey Swamp is one of two stream systems in sub-basin 030303 identified as having the greatest potential for non-point source pollution. Sedimentation and nutrient inputs are major problems associated with non-point source discharges and often result in fecal coliform (DWQ 1999). Low flow of Coastal Plain streams and their associated hypoxic conditions make water quality assessment difficult.

2.2 Anticipated Impacts to Water Resources

Project alternatives will include complete bridging of Cokey Swamp to maintain the current water quality, aquatic habitat, and flow regime. Temporary construction impacts due to erosion and sedimentation will be minimized through implementation of a stringent erosion control schedule and the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs). The contractor will follow contract specifications pertaining to erosion control measures as outlined in 23 CFR 650 Subpart B and Article 107-13 entitled "Control of Erosion, Siltation, and Pollution" (NCDOT, Specifications for Roads and Structures). These measures include the use of dikes, berms, silt basins, and other containment measures to control runoff; elimination of construction staging areas in floodplains and adjacent to waterways; re-seeding of herbaceous cover on disturbed sites; management of chemicals (herbicides, pesticides, de-icing compounds) with potential

negative impacts on water quality; and avoidance of direct discharges into streams by catch basins and roadside vegetation.

The proposed bridge replacement will allow for continuation of pre-project flow in Great Swamp, thereby protecting the integrity of this waterway. Long-term impacts resulting from construction are expected to be negligible. In order to minimize impacts to water resources, NCDOT BMPs for the Protection of Surface Waters will be strictly enforced during the entire life of the project. The proposed bridge replacement will allow for continuation of pre-project stream flows in Great Swamp, thereby protecting the integrity of this waterway. Long-term impacts resulting from construction are expected to be negligible. In order to minimize impacts to water resources, NCDOT BMPs for the Protection of Surface Waters will be strictly enforced during the entire life of the project.

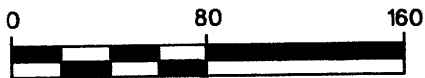
Due to the composition of the Cokey Swamp substrate, sediment curtains should be utilized to minimize potential water quality degradation as a result of disturbing the streambed during bridge replacement.

3.0 BIOTIC RESOURCES

3.1 Plant Communities

Two distinct plant communities were identified within the project area: Coastal Plain Bottomland Hardwood Forest and disturbed/maintained land (Figure 3). Plant community descriptions are based on a classification system utilized by N.C. Natural Heritage Program (NHP) (Schafale and Weakley 1990). These communities are described below.

Coastal Plain Bottomland Hardwood Forest – This plant community occurs on the floodplains in all four quadrants of the project area. This community is in a late successional stage (> 100 years old) and exhibits well-developed strata. The canopy is closed and consists of water tupelo (*Nyssa biflora*), swamp chestnut oak (*Q. michauxii*), sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), slippery elm (*Ulmus alata*), American elm (*U. americana*), river birch (*Betula nigra*), red maple (*Acer rubrum*), overcup oak (*Quercus lyrata*), water oak (*Q. nigra*), and green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*). Many of the canopy species are regenerating in the subcanopy but other species such as Carolina ash (*Fraxinus caroliniana*) and ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*) also occur. Shrubs and vines include Virginia willow (*Itea virginica*), viburnums (*Viburnum nudum* and *V. prunifolium*), American holly (*Ilex opaca*), privet (*Ligustrum sinense*), sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*), greenbrier (*Smilax rotundifolia*), cross vine (*Berchemia scandens*), trumpet creeper (*Campsis radicans*), Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), and muscadine grape (*Vitis rotundifolia*). The herbs vary in diversity and abundance depending upon water depth but include mosses, violets (*Viola* spp.), wing stem (*Boehmeria cylindrica*), rushes (*Juncus* spp.), cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), sedge (*Carex intumescens*), giant cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*), Japanese grass, Asiatic dayflower (*Murdania kiesak*), netted chain-fern (*Woodwardia capreolata*), knotweed (*Polygonum densiflorum*), and pickerel weed (*Pontederia cordata*).



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PROJECT AREA

BOTTOMLAND
HARDWOOD FOREST

SR 1135

COKEY
SWAMP




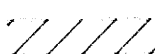
BRIDGE
#19

OPEN WATER
(CHANNEL
INDISCERNABLE)

PLEASANT HILL ROAD

DISTURBED /
MAINTAINED

LEGEND

-  BRIDGE
-  PLANT COMMUNITY
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-  BOTTOMLAND
HARDWOOD FOREST

VEGETATIVE COMMUNITIES

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Limited surveys within the project area resulted in observations of green frogs (*Rana clamitans*) and southern leopard frogs (*Rana utricularia*). Additional aquatic or semi-aquatic reptiles and amphibians which are expected to occur within the project area include snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*), eastern mud turtle (*Kinosternon subrubrum*), river cooter (*Pseudemys concinna*), southern and northern cricket frogs (*Acris gryllus* and *A. crepitans*), two-toed amphiuma (*Amphiuma means*), and dwarf waterdog (*Necturus punctatus*).

Limited sampling was undertaken in Cokey Swamp to determine fishery potential. Fish species that may be present in Cokey Swamp include American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*), eastern mudminnow (*Umbra pygmaea*), margined madtom (*Noturus insignis*), spottail shiner (*Notropis hudsonius*), creek chubsucker (*Erimyzon oblongus*), sawcheek darter (*Etheostoma serriferum*), tessellated darter (*Etheostoma olmstedii*), and yellow bullhead (*Ameiurus natalis*). Potential game fish that may be present within the project area include black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*), warmouth (*Lepomis auritus*) and largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*). Dip-net samples revealed numerous mosquitofish (*Gambusia holbrooki*). Signs of crayfish were observed within the project area.

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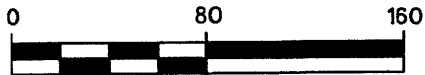
4.0 SPECIAL TOPICS

4.1 Waters of the United States

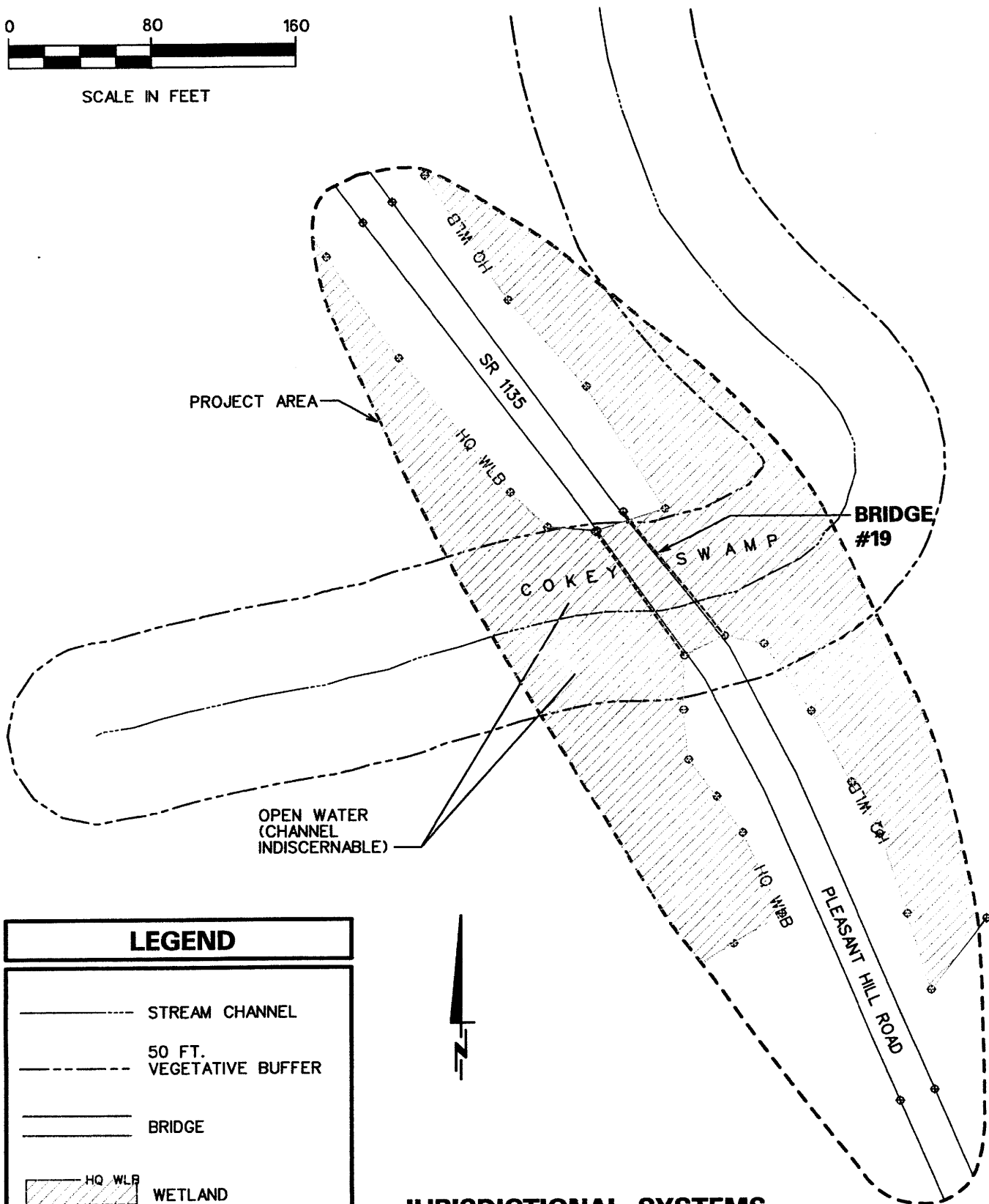
Surface waters are subject to jurisdictional consideration under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act as waters of the United States (33 CFR section 328.3). NWI mapping indicates that Cokey Swamp exhibits characteristics of a palustrine, forested, broad-leaved, and seasonally flooded (PF01C; Cowardin *et al.* 1979). Field investigations verified this characterization and no channel was discernable except near the bridge. Therefore, there are no jurisdictional surface waters in Cokey Swamp.

Wetlands of Cokey Swamp are subject to jurisdictional consideration under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act as waters of the United States (33 CFR section 328.3). These areas are defined by the presence of three primary criteria: hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and evidence of hydrology at or near the surface for a portion (12.5 percent) of the growing season (DOA 1987). Jurisdictional wetlands were delineated during the site visit (Figure 4). These wetlands are dominated by hydrophytic vegetation such as tupelo, overcup oak, and Carolina ash. These species are growing in soils that exhibit values, chromas, and mottles characteristic of hydric conditions. Evidence of wetland hydrology includes inundated areas, saturation in upper 12 inches (centimeters), and tree buttresses.

The Nutrient Sensitive Waters Management Strategy for the Protection and Maintenance of Riparian Buffers for the Tar-Pamlico River Basin (15A NCAC 02B .0259) provides a designation for uses that cause impacts to riparian buffers within the Tar-Pamlico Basin. The Tar-Pamlico Basin Rule applies to 50-foot wide riparian buffers (measured parallel to the stream) directly adjacent to surface waters in the Tar-Pamlico River Basin. Changes in land use within the buffer area are considered to be buffer impacts. Land use changes within the riparian are defined as being **Exempt**, **Allowable**, **Allowable with Mitigation**, or **Prohibited**. The **Exempt** designation refers to uses allowed within the buffer. The **Allowable** designation refers to uses that may proceed within the riparian buffer provided there are no practical alternatives, and that written authorization from the DWQ is obtained prior to project development. The **Allowable with Mitigation** designation refers to uses that are allowed, given there are no practical alternatives and appropriate mitigation plans have been approved. The **Prohibited** designation refers to uses that are prohibited without a variance. Exemptions to the riparian buffer rule include the footprint of existing uses that are present and ongoing. Although the project area is not considered to contain an open-water channel, a stream channel is depicted in the project area by both USGS topographic mapping (Rocky Mount, NC) and county soils mapping (SCS 1979). The Tar-Pamlico Riparian Buffer Rule will be considered in effect until an on-site determination by a DWQ representative determines the validity of an exemption to this rule. A completed DWQ stream classification form is attached to this report. Cokey Swamp has received a total score of 36.5 on this form. Figure 4 indicates the location of the stream as determined by USGS and soils mapping and the buffer area based on this stream.



SCALE IN FEET



LEGEND

- STREAM CHANNEL
- 50 FT. VEGETATIVE BUFFER
- BRIDGE
- HQ WLB WETLAND

JURISDICTIONAL SYSTEMS



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SR 1135 (Pleasant Hill Road)
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Table 2. Jurisdictional streams and riparian buffers located within the project area. Linear distance and area are expressed in feet (meters) and acres (hectares), respectively.

Jurisdictional Type	Linear Distance	Area
Surface Waters	N/A	N/A
Riparian Buffer	190.0 (57.9)	0.4 (0.2)
Vegetated Wetland	N/A	1.3 (0.5)

[Alternatives]

Bridge demolition information.

As this reach of Great Swamp has potential as a travel corridor for migratory fish, this project can be classified as case 2, where in-water work will be avoided during moratorium periods associated with fish migration, spawning, and nursery areas.

4.1.1 Permits

This project may be processed as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) under Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines. The COE has made available Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 23 (61 FR 65874, 65916; December 13, 1996) for CEs due to minimal impacts to waters of the U.S. expected with bridge construction. DWQ has made available a General 401 Water Quality Certification for NWP No. 23. However, authorization for jurisdictional area impacts through use of this permit will require written notice to DWQ. In the event that NWP No. 23 will not suffice, impacts attributed to bridge replacement and associated approach improvements may qualify under General Bridge Permit (GP) 031 issued by the Wilmington COE District. DWQ has made available a General 401 Water Quality Certification for GP 031. Notification to the Wilmington COE office is required if this general permit is utilized. The COE may exert discretionary authority and require an Individual Permit if avoidance and minimization have not been adequately addressed, or if mitigation is inadequate (assuming mitigation may be required).

4.1.2 Mitigation

Mitigation for Section 404 impacts may need to be proposed for this project due to the amount of jurisdictional area in the project area. However, utilization of BMPs is recommended in an effort to minimize impacts. Temporary impacts to floodplains associated with construction activities could be mitigated by replanting disturbed areas with native riparian species and removal of temporary fill material upon project completion. Fill or alteration of more than 150 linear feet (45.8 meters) of stream may require compensatory mitigation in accordance with 15

NCAC 2H .0506(h). A final determination regarding mitigation rests with the COE and DWQ. On-site mitigation opportunities are limited.

The requirement for riparian buffer mitigation will depend on the amount of potential impacts resulting from proposed bridge replacement and the availability of practical alternatives. A final determination regarding practical alternatives rests with DWQ.

4.2 Protected Species

4.2.1 Federally Protected Species

Species with the federal classification of Endangered (E), Threatened (T), or officially Proposed (P) for such listing are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The term "Endangered Species" is defined as "any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range," and the term "Threatened Species" is defined as "any species which is likely to become an Endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range" (16 U.S.C. 1532). Federally protected species listed for Edgecombe County (April 12, 2001 FWS list) is presented in Table 3.

Table 3. Federally Protected Species listed for Edgecombe County (April 12, 2001 FWS list).

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Tar spiny mussel	<i>Elliptio steinstansana</i>	E
Red-cockaded woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	E

Tar Spiny mussel - The Tar River spiny mussel is a small, subrhomboidal mussel that grows to approximately 2.5 inches (6.4 centimeters) in length. The external shell of the adult is smooth, orange-brown to dark brown, and ornamented by one or two rows of short spines (to 0.2 inches [5.1 millimeters] long). The shell is thicker on the anterior end and thinner on the posterior end. Preferred habitat of the spiny mussel includes relatively fast-flowing, well-oxygenated, circumneutral water over a silt-free, non-compacted, gravel/coarse sand substrate (FWS 1992). The mussel's range is believed to be limited to a 1.0-mile (1.6 kilometer) section of the Tar River in Edgecombe County and Swift Creek in Vance and Edgecombe Counties (TSCFTM 1990).

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: The Tar spiny mussel typically occurs in rivers with moderate flow rates and gravel to sand substrate. Cokey Swamp shoreline and river bottom within the project area provide suitable habitat for the Tar spiny mussel but, the water is probably too acidic. A review of NHP records indicates that no known population of this species occurs within 1.0 mile (1.6 kilometer) of the project area.

NCDOT biologists will provide further determinations of mussel populations within the project area. Based on available information, this project may result in an adverse impact to the Tar spinyussel. **UNRESOLVED**

Red-cockaded Woodpecker - This small woodpecker (7 to 8.5 inches [18 to 22 cm] long) has a black head, prominent white cheek patches, and a black-and-white barred back. Males often have red markings (cockades) behind the eye, but the cockades may be absent or difficult to see (Potter *et al.* 1980). Primary habitat consists of mature to over-mature southern pine forests dominated by loblolly (*Pinus taeda*), long-leaf (*P. palustris*), slash (*P. elliottii*), and pond (*P. serotina*) pines (Thompson and Baker 1971). Nest cavities are constructed in the heartwood of living pines, generally older than 70 years, which have been infected with red-heart disease. Nest cavity trees tend to occur in clusters, which are referred to as colonies (FWS 1985). The woodpecker drills holes into the bark around the cavity entrance, resulting in a shiny, resinous buildup around the entrance that allows for easy detection of active nest trees. Pine flatwoods or pine-dominated savannas that have been maintained by frequent fires serve as ideal nesting and foraging sites for this woodpecker. Development of a thick understory may result in abandonment of cavity trees.

BIOLOGICAL CONCLUSION: The project area contains no suitable foraging or nesting habitat for red-cockaded woodpeckers. NHP records document no occurrences of red-cockaded woodpeckers within 5.0 miles (8.0 kilometers) of the project area. Based on NHP records, field observations, and professional judgement, the proposed project will not affect the red-cockaded woodpecker. **NO EFFECT**

Federal Species of Concern - The April 12, 2001 FWS list also includes a category of species designated as "Federal species of concern" (FSC). A species with this designation is one that may or may not be listed in the future (formerly C2 candidate species or species under consideration for listing for which there is insufficient information to support listing). The FSC designation provides no federal protection under the ESA for the species listed. FSC species listed for Edgecombe County is presented in Table 4.

Table 4. Federal Species of Concern listed for Edgecombe County (FWS list, April 12, 2001).

Common Name	Scientific Name	Potential Habitat	State Status*
Henslow's Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	NO	SR
Southern Hognose Snake	<i>Heterodon simus</i>	NO	SR
Pinewoods Shiner	<i>Lythrurus matutinus</i>	NO	SR
Yellow lampmussel	<i>Lampsilis cariosa</i>	NO	T
Yellow lance	<i>Elliptio lanceolata</i>	YES	T
Atlantic Pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia masoni</i>	NO	T

*E = Endangered; T = threatened; SR = Significantly Rare; C = Candidate; P = Species has been formally proposed for listing as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern; W1 = NC Plant Watch List: rare because of severe decline; W3 = NC Watch List: poorly known in North Carolina (Amoroso 1999; LeGrand and Hall 1999).

4.2.2 State Protected Species

Plant and animal species which are on the North Carolina state list as Endangered (E), Threatened (T), Special Concern (SC), Candidate, Significantly Rare (SR), or Proposed (Amoroso 1999, LeGrand and Hall 1999) receive limited protection under the North Carolina Endangered Species Act (G.S. 113-331 *et seq.*) and the North Carolina Plant Protection Act of 1979 (G.S. 106-202 *et seq.*). NHP records indicate no State protected species have been documented within 2.0 miles (3.2 kilometers) of the project area.

NHP also documents Significant Natural Heritage Areas, sites selected on the basis of the occurrence of rare plant and animal species, rare or high quality natural communities and special animal habitats. There are no Significant Natural Heritage Areas within 2.0 miles (3.2 kilometers) of the project area. NHP Priority Areas (IPA) receive no formal protection but are recognized as unique areas and may come under protection in the future. NHP documents a Priority Area, Cokey Swamp Aquatic Habitat, downstream 1.7 miles (2.8 kilometers) (NHP 1999). The presence of downstream high quality aquatic habitat indicates that extra care should be taken to preserve the hydrological and biological integrity of the project area.

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DATA FORM
ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION
(1987 COE Wetlands Delineation Manual)

Project/Site: <u>B-4111</u> Applicant/Owner: <u>NCDOT</u> Investigator: <u>EcoSense Kendrick Weeks</u>	Date: <u>8/15/2001</u> County: <u>Edgecombe</u> State: <u>NC</u>
Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <u>Yes</u> Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <u>Yes</u> Is the area a potential Problem Area? <u>Yes</u> (If needed, explain on reverse)	
Community ID: <u>Up/Fill</u> Transect ID: <u>SE corner</u> Plot ID: _____	

VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u>Festuca</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>N/A</u>	9. _____	_____	_____
2. <u>Flortega rugellii</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>N/A</u>	10. _____	_____	_____
3. <u>Camellia communis</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>FAC</u>	11. _____	_____	_____
4. <u>Solanum carolinensis</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>FACU</u>	12. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	13. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	14. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	15. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	16. _____	_____	_____

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-) 25%

Remarks: Maintained right of way

HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake or Tide Gauge <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photographs <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands Secondary Indicators (2 or more required): <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
Field Observations: Depth of Surface Water: <u>12</u> (in.) Depth to Free Water in Pit: <u>12</u> (in.) Depth to Saturated Soil: <u>12</u> (in.)	
Remarks:	

SOILS

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase): <u>Norfolk loamy sand</u>		Drainage Class: <u>slow</u>	
Taxonomy (Subgroup): <u>Typic Ochraqults</u>		Field Observations Confirm Mapped Type: Yes <u>No</u>	

Profile Description:		Matrix Color	Mottle Colors	Mottle	Texture,
Depth Concretions, (inches)	Horizon	(Munsell Moist)	(Munsell Moist)	Abundance/Contrast	Structure, etc.
0-12	A-B	10YR 5/6	/	/	loamy clay

Hydric Soil Indicators:

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon <input type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor <input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors	<input type="checkbox"/> Concretions <input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content in Surface layer in Sandy Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List <input type="checkbox"/> Listed on National Hydric Soils List <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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Remarks: Area is fill from road — no uplands in vicinity
natural

WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>No</u> (Circle)	(Circle)
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>No</u>	
Hydric Soils Present?	Yes <u>No</u>	
		Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? Yes <u>No</u>
Remarks:		

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8/93

DATA FORM
ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION
(1987 COE Wetlands Delineation Manual)

Project/Site: <u>B-4111</u> Applicant/Owner: <u>E NCDOT</u> Investigator: <u>EcoScience Kendrick Wells</u>	Date: <u>8/15/2001</u> County: <u>Edgecombe</u> State: <u>NC</u>
Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <u>Yes No</u> Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <u>Yes No</u> Is the area a potential Problem Area? <u>Yes No</u> (If needed, explain on reverse)	
Community ID: <u>Wet Gum/Eypress</u> Transect ID: <u>SE corner</u> Plot ID: _____	

VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u>Nyssa biflora</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>OBL</u>	9. _____	_____	_____
2. <u>Liquidambar styraciflua</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>FAC</u>	10. _____	_____	_____
3. <u>Itea virginiana</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>FACW+</u>	11. _____	_____	_____
4. <u>Carpinus macrocarpa</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>FAC</u>	12. _____	_____	_____
5. <u>Quercus nigra</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>FAC</u>	13. _____	_____	_____
6. <u>Quercus lyrata</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>OBL</u>	14. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	15. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	16. _____	_____	_____

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-) 100%

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): _____ Stream, Lake or Tide Gauge _____ Aerial Photographs _____ Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands Secondary Indicators (2 or more required): <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
Field Observations: Depth of Surface Water: <u>0-6</u> (in.) Depth to Free Water in Pit: <u>2-6</u> (in.) Depth to Saturated Soil: <u>0</u> (in.)	
Remarks:	

SOILS

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase): <u>B.6b</u>		Drainage Class: <u>Slow</u>	
Taxonomy (Subgroup): <u>Typic Fluvaquents</u>		Field Observations Confirm Mapped Type: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

Profile Description:				
Depth	Matrix Color	Mottle Colors	Mottle	Texture,
Concretions, (inches) Horizon	(Munsell Moist)	(Munsell Moist)	Abundance/Contrast	Structure, etc.
0-12 A-B	10YR 4/2	10YR 5/6	red	loam

Hydric Soil Indicators:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor <input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors	<input type="checkbox"/> Concretions <input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content in Surface layer in Sandy Soils <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed on National Hydric Soils List <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
Remarks:	

WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (Circle) Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Hydric Soils Present? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	(Circle) Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Remarks:	

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