

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PAT L. MCCRORY GOVERNOR ANTHONY J. TATA Secretary

March 5, 2015

Wilmington Regulatory Field Office US Army Corps of Engineers 69 Darlington Avenue Wilmington, North Carolina 28403

ATTN: Mr. Brad Shaver NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

- Subject: Request for Modification to Individual Section 404 and Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the proposed NC 133 Connector from NC 211-133 (Southport Supply Road) to NC 87-133 (River Road), Brunswick County. Federal Aid Project No. STP-133(3), Debit \$570.00 from WBS No. 34531.1.1, TIP R-3324
- References: Section 404 and 401 Individual Permit Application dated December 13, 2012
 Section 404 Individual Permit issued February 6, 2013 (SAW-2001-00921) Section 401 Water Quality Certification issued January 25, 2013 (12-0711) CAMA Consistency Concurrence issued January 16, 2013 (CD13-002)

The purpose of this letter is to request a modification to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Individual Permit and North Carolina Division of Water Resources Water Quality Certification for the above referenced project. The requested modification is to account for additional permanent wetland impacts. Also please find attached the revised: permit drawing sheets, wetland impact summary table, and NCEEP acceptance letter.

As you are aware, construction is currently underway and site conditions have necessitated a 5foot wide mechanized clearing throughout the project. Mechanized clearing impacts to nonriparian wetlands will increase by 0.61 acre to a total of 1.04 acres. As a result hand-clearing impacts will decrease by 0.6 acre to a total of 0.54 acre. Please see the enclosed revised permit drawings.

TELEPHONE: 919-707-6000 FAX: 919-212-5785 Due to the increased mechanized clearing, the temporary fill in wetlands has decreased by 0.06. Temporary channel impacts will increase by 38 feet due to an oversight where the impact was previously shown but not accounted for in impact tables. These changes are reflected in the revised wetland impact summary sheet.

Compensatory mitigation for the additional 0.61 acre of non-riparian wetland impacts will be provided by the N.C. Ecosystem Enhancement Program. This brings total project wetland impacts to 9.45 acres (1.51 riparian, 7.94 non-riparian).

Regulatory Approvals

Section 404: We are hereby requesting the modifications described above for the USACE Individual 404 Permit signed February 6, 2013 (SAW-2001-00921), for the above-described activities.

<u>Section 401</u>: We are hereby requesting a modification to the 401 Water Quality Certification from the NCDWQ issued January 25, 2013 (12-0711). In compliance with Section 143-215.3D(e) of the NCAC, we will provide \$570.00 to act as payment for processing the Section 401 permit modification.

<u>CAMA</u>: We are hereby requesting the modification if determined necessary, to the CAMA Consistency Concurrence issued by NCDCM on January 16, 2013.

A copy of this modification request and its distribution list will be posted on the NCDOT website at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental

Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Merritt at 919-707-6140 or jsmerritt@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

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Richard W. Hancock, P.E., Manager
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit

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NCDOT Permit Application Standard Distribution List.



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Pat McCrory Governor Ecosystem Enhancement Program

Donald R. van der Vaart Secretary

March 4, 2015

Mr. Richard W. Hancock, P.E. Manager, Project Development & Environmental Analysis Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation 1548 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548

Dear Mr. Hancock:

| Subject: | EEP Mitigation Acceptance Letter: | | | | | |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | R-3324 , New Route from NC 211 to NC 87 at SR 1525 (Bethel Road), Brunswick County | | | | | |
| References: | USACE 404 Individual Permit issued February 21, 2013 (USACE Action II 2001-00921) | | | | | |
| | NCDWR 401 Water Quality Certification issued January 25, 2013 (NCDWR Project ID 2012-0711) | | | | | |

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will provide the additional wetland mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you on March 4, 2015, the additional wetland impacts are located in CU 03030005 of the Cape Fear River Basin in the Southern Outer Coastal Plain (SOCP) Eco-Region, and are as follows:

| Cape Fear 03030005 SOCP | Stream | | | | Wetlands | Buffer (Sq. Ft.) | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|------|------|----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Cold | Cool | Warm | Riparian | Non- Riparian | Coastal Marsh | Zone 1 (3:1) | Zone 2 (1.5:1) |
| Impacts (feet/acres) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.61 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 1 – Additional Impacts (feet / acres)

These impacts and associated mitigation needs were not projected by the NCDOT in the 2015 impact data. EEP is currently providing stream and wetland (riparian and non-riparian) mitigation for the impacts associated with this project located in cataloging unit 03030005 of the Cape Fear River basin as required by the 404 and 401 permits that were issued in 2013, as shown in the below table (in mitigation credits):

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Table 2 – Current Permitted Impacts and Mitigation Requirements (based on 2013 permits) and Revised Anticipated Impacts (based on mitigation request)

| Impact TypeTotal Permitted Impacts (feet / acre) | | Mitigation Provided by EEP per Issued Permits (Credits) | Additional Impact (for approval) | Revised Total Impacts* | | |
|--|-------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Stream | 992.0 | 1,984.0 | 0 | 992.0 | | |
| Riparian Wetland | 1.51 | 3.02 | 0.00 | 1.51 | | |
| Non-Rip Wetland | 7.33 | 13.17 | 0.61 | 7.94 | | |

*Some of the stream and wetland impacts may be proposed to be mitigated at a 1:1 mitigation ratio. See permit application for details. EEP will provide the amount of mitigation as determined by the regulatory agencies.

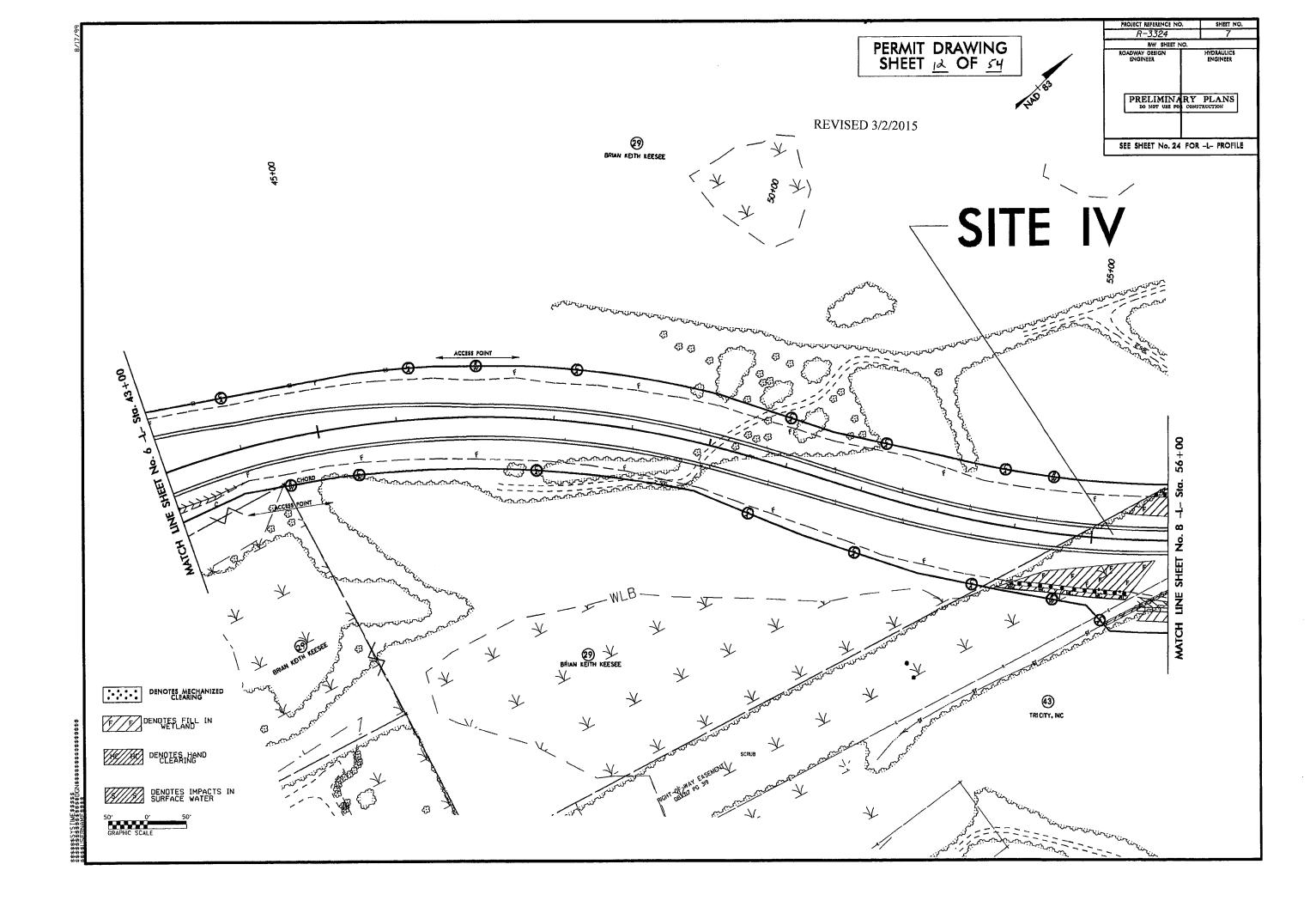
EEP has previously made debits for the stream and wetland mitigation requirements to mitigation sites available in the cataloging unit based on the amounts required in the 404 and 401 permits issued in 2013. Upon issuance of the permit modifications for the project, EEP will make appropriate adjustments to the existing mitigation debits.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Beth Harmon at 919-707-8420.

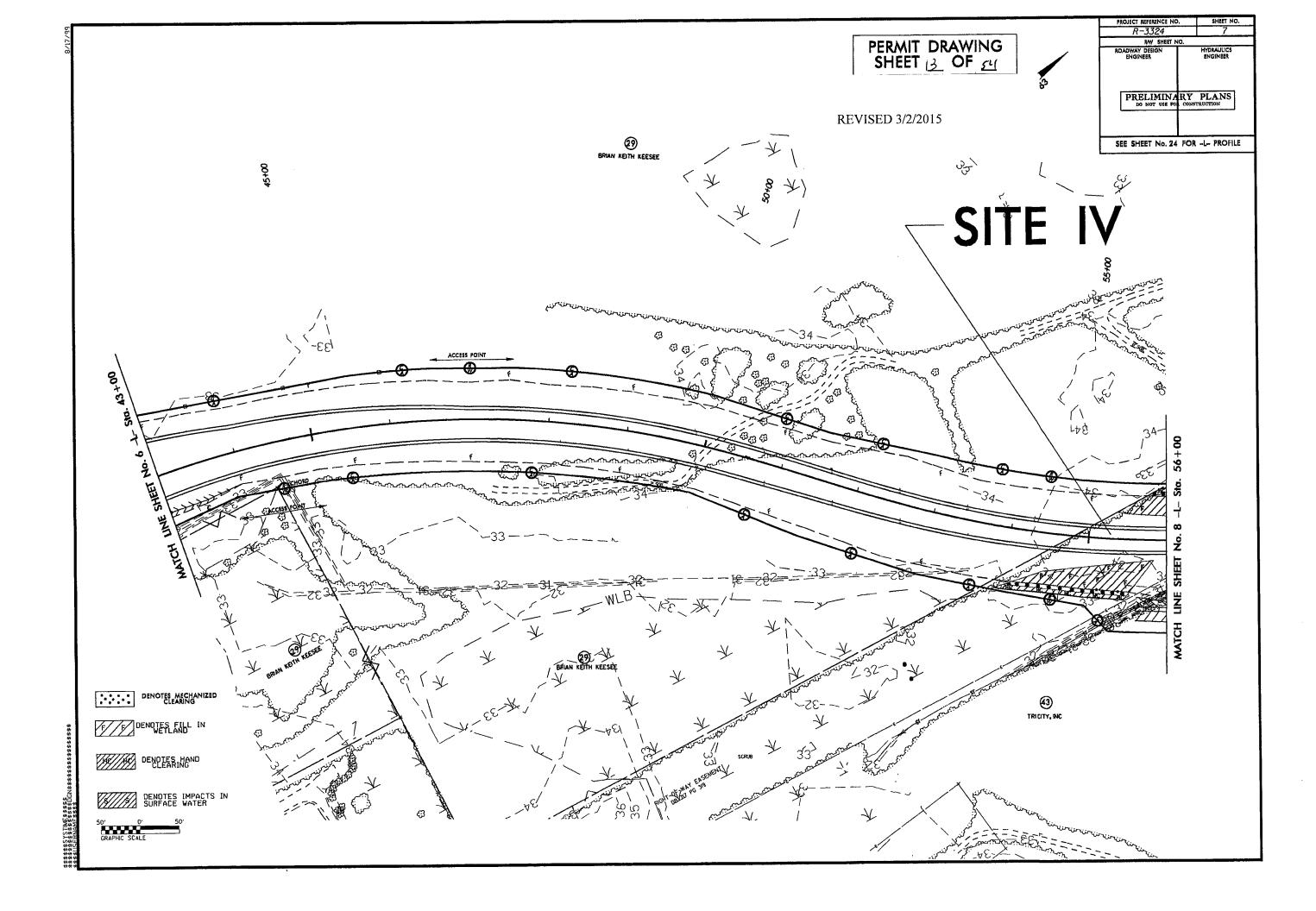
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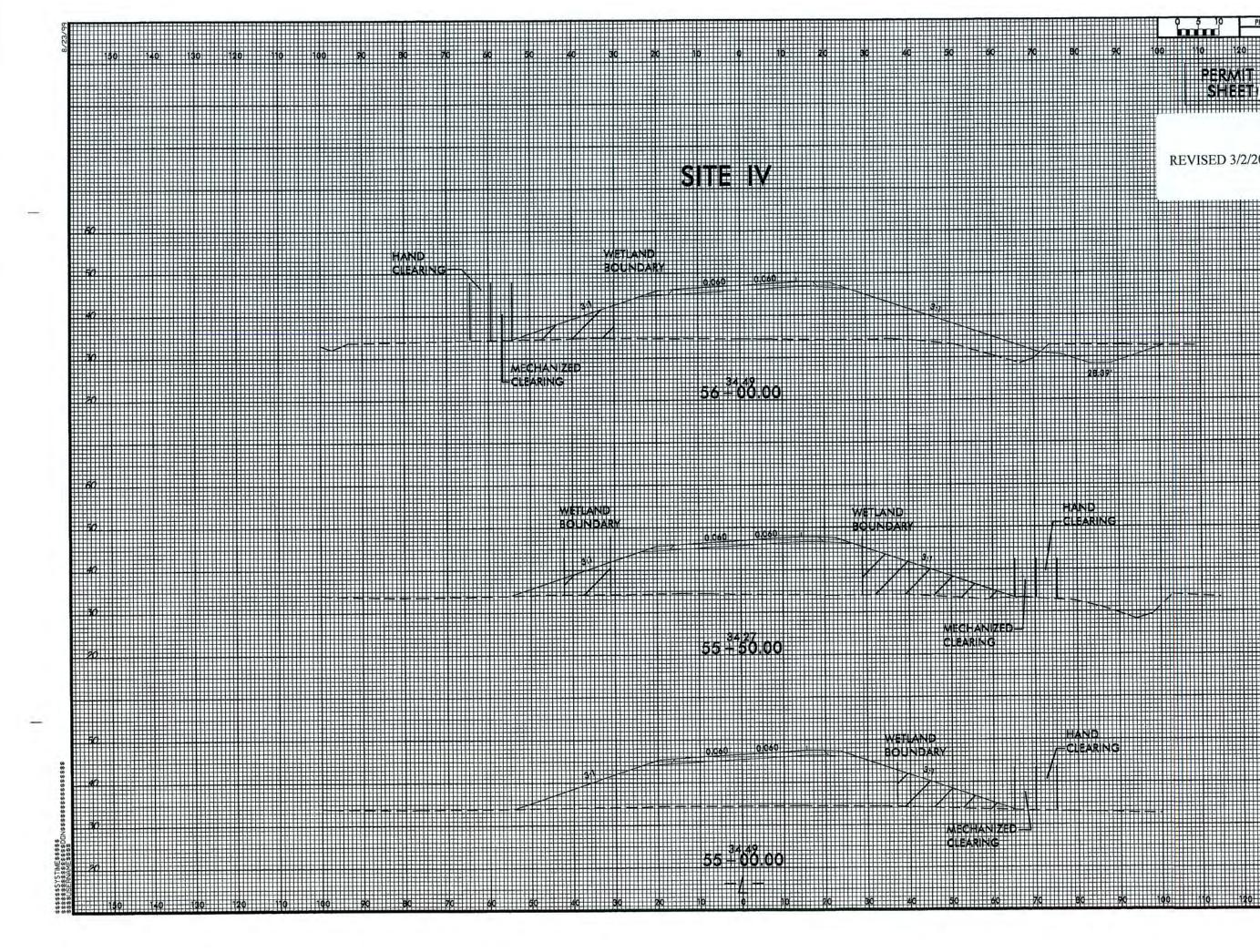
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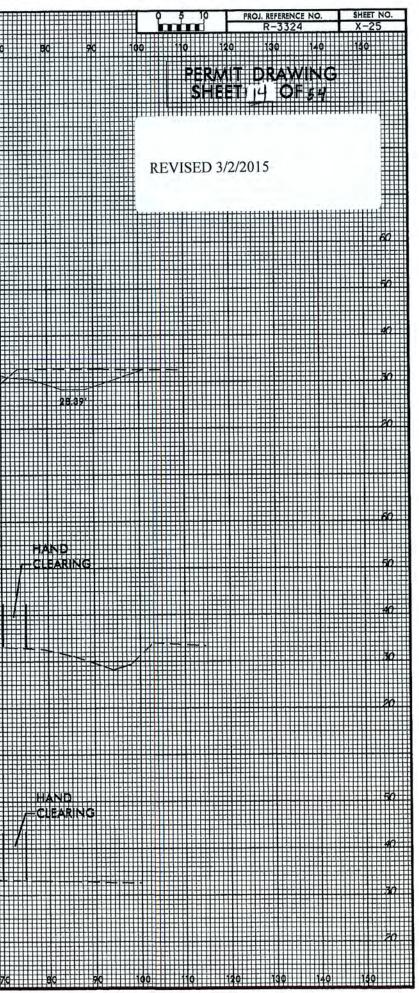
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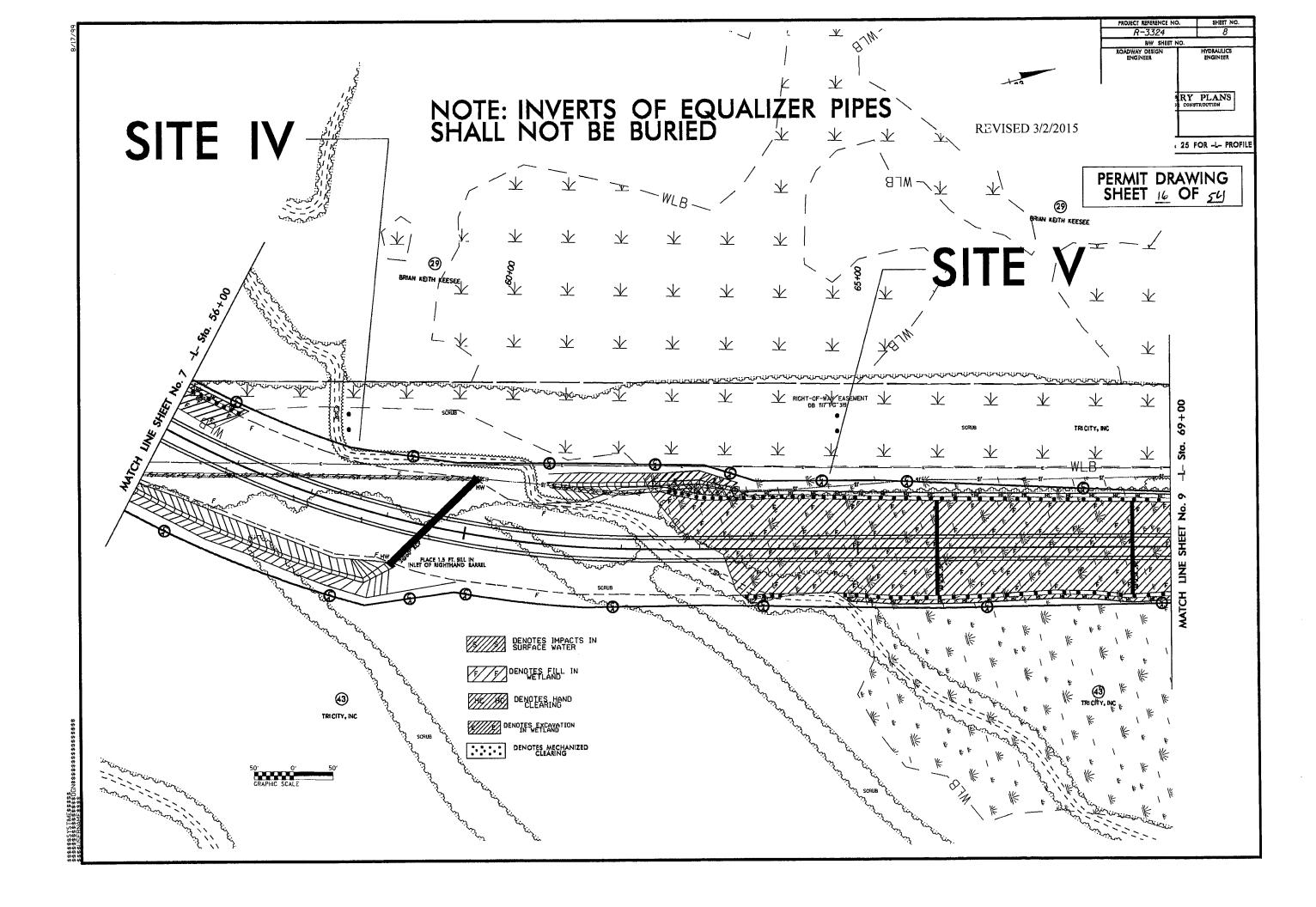


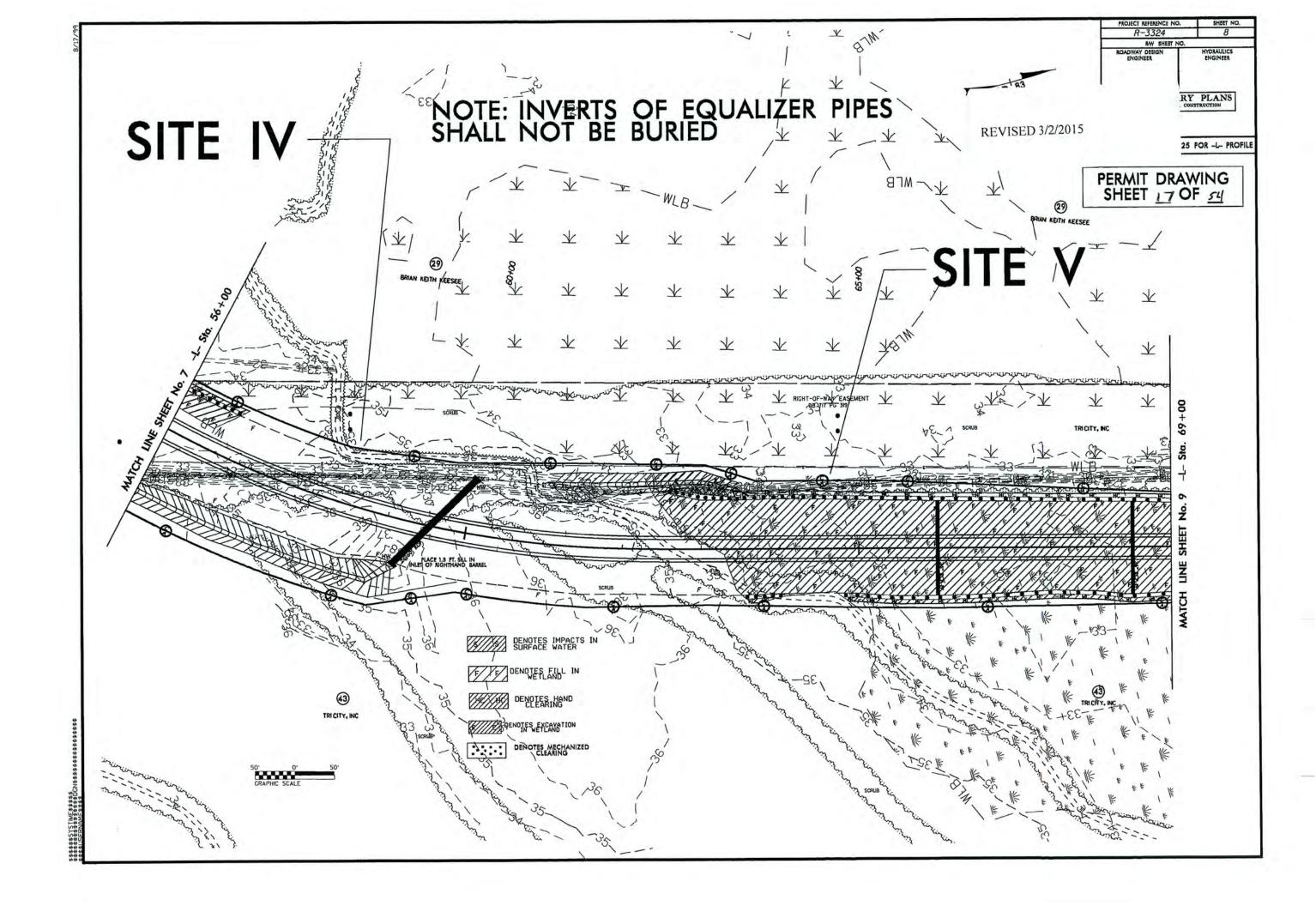
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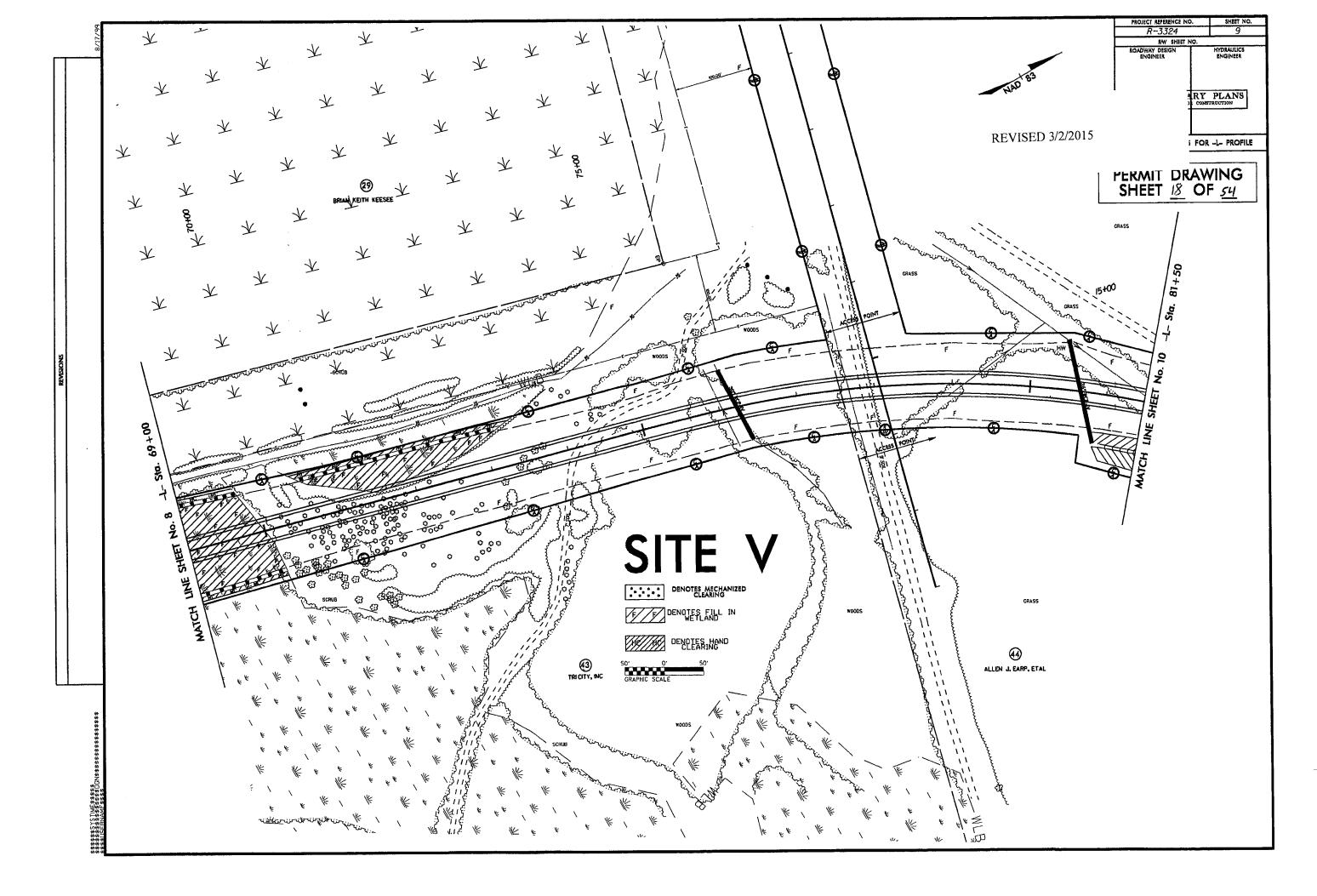


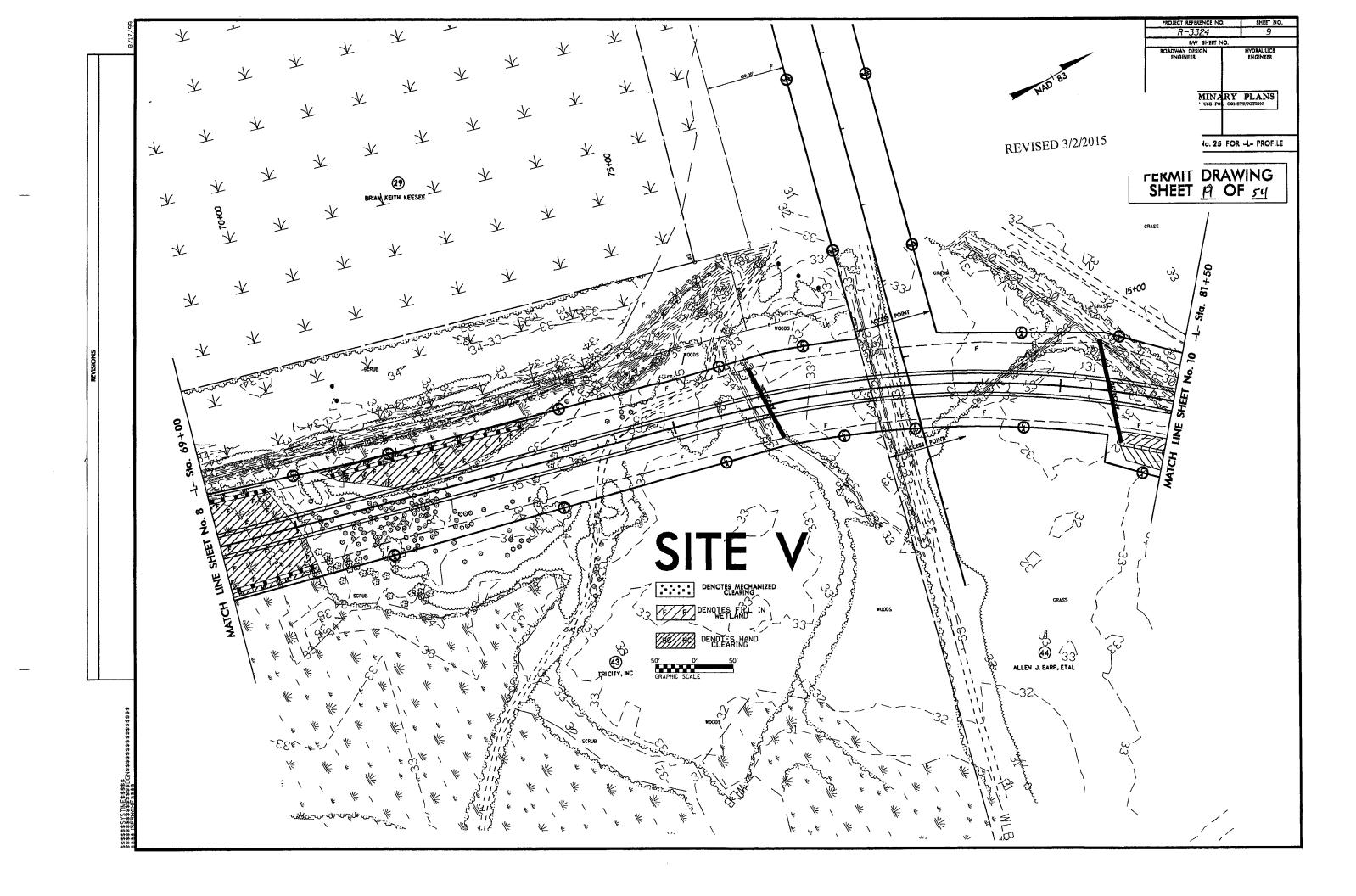


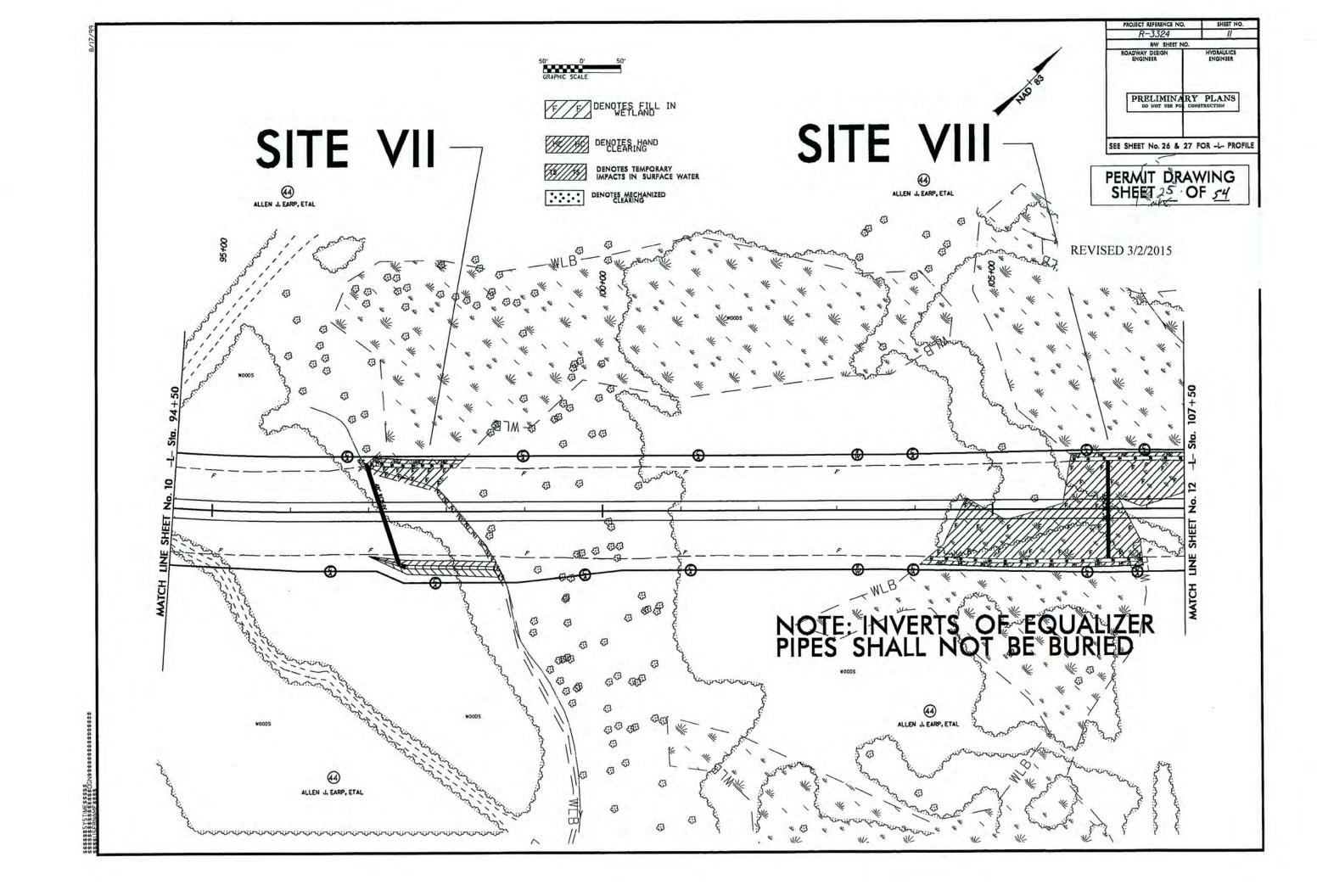


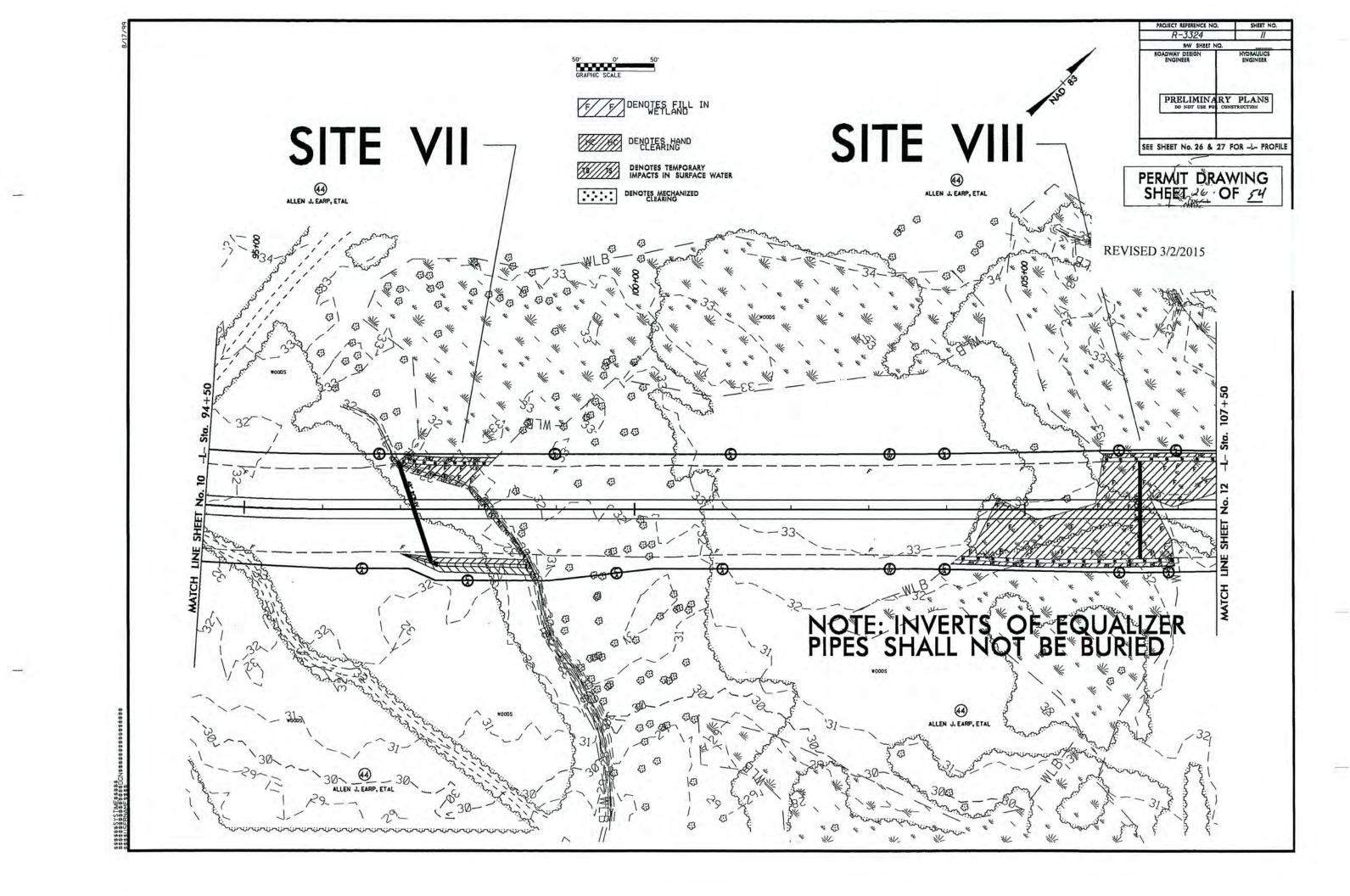


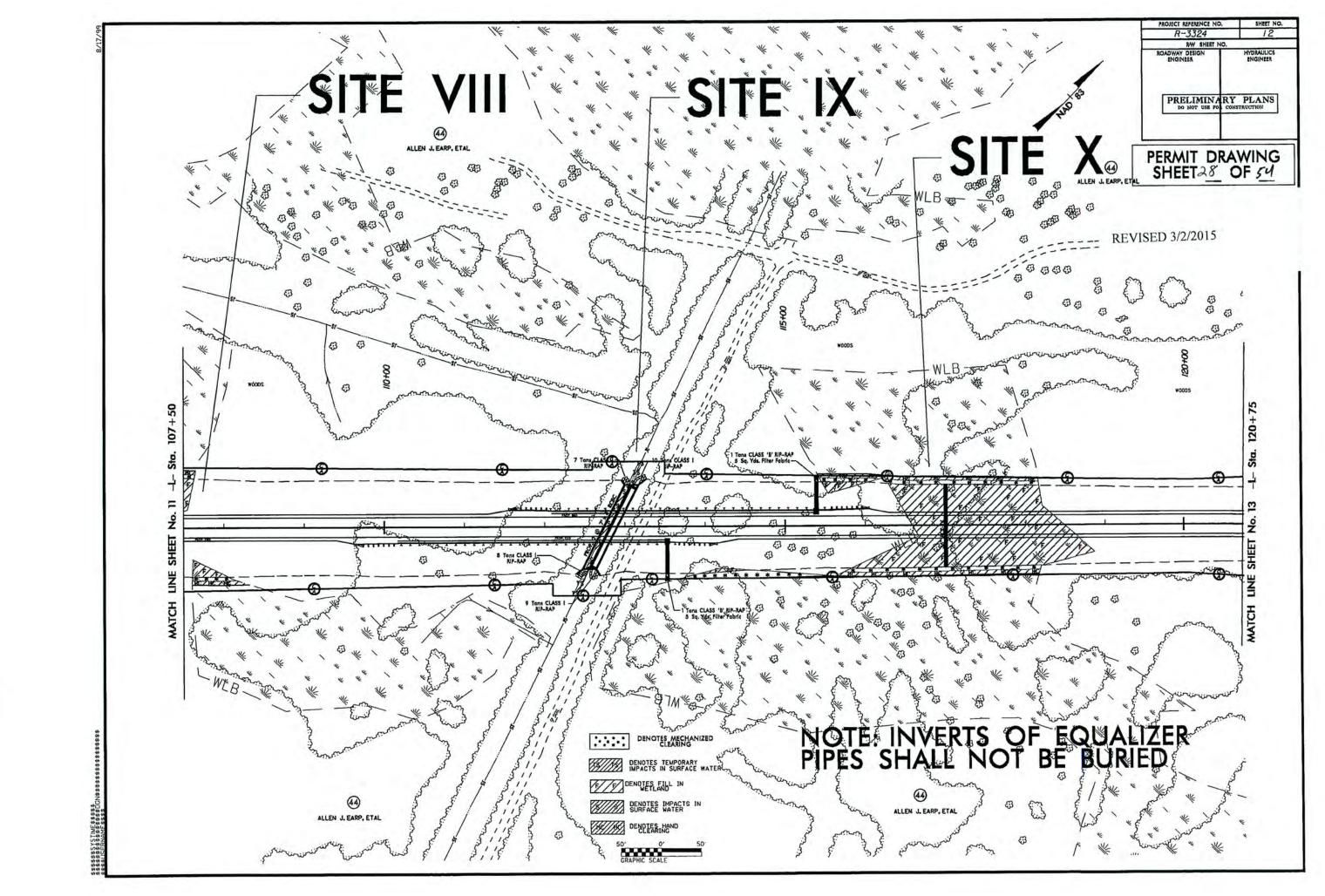




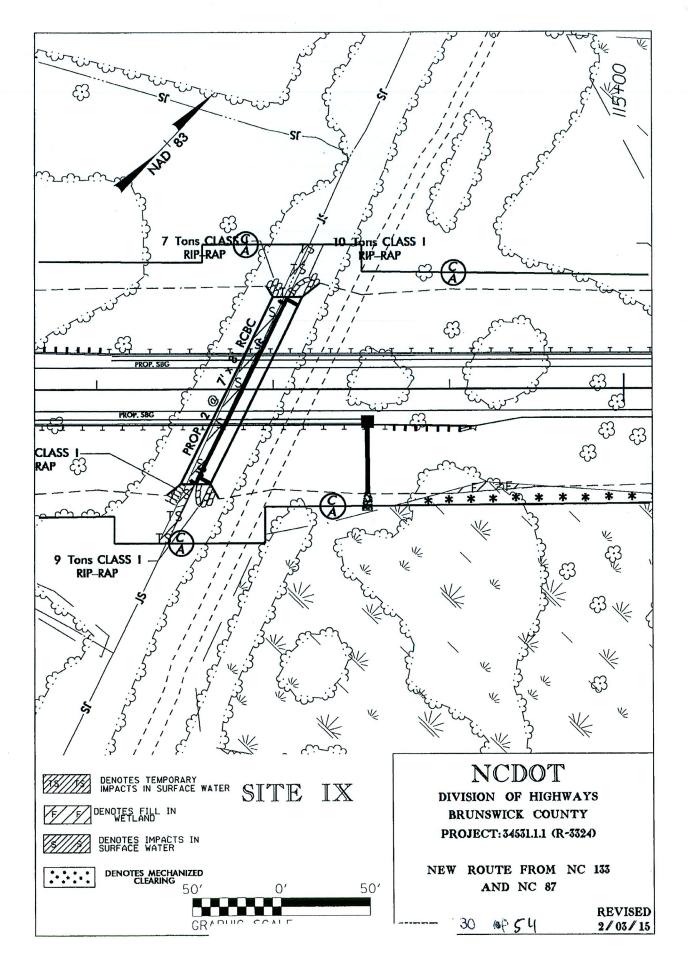




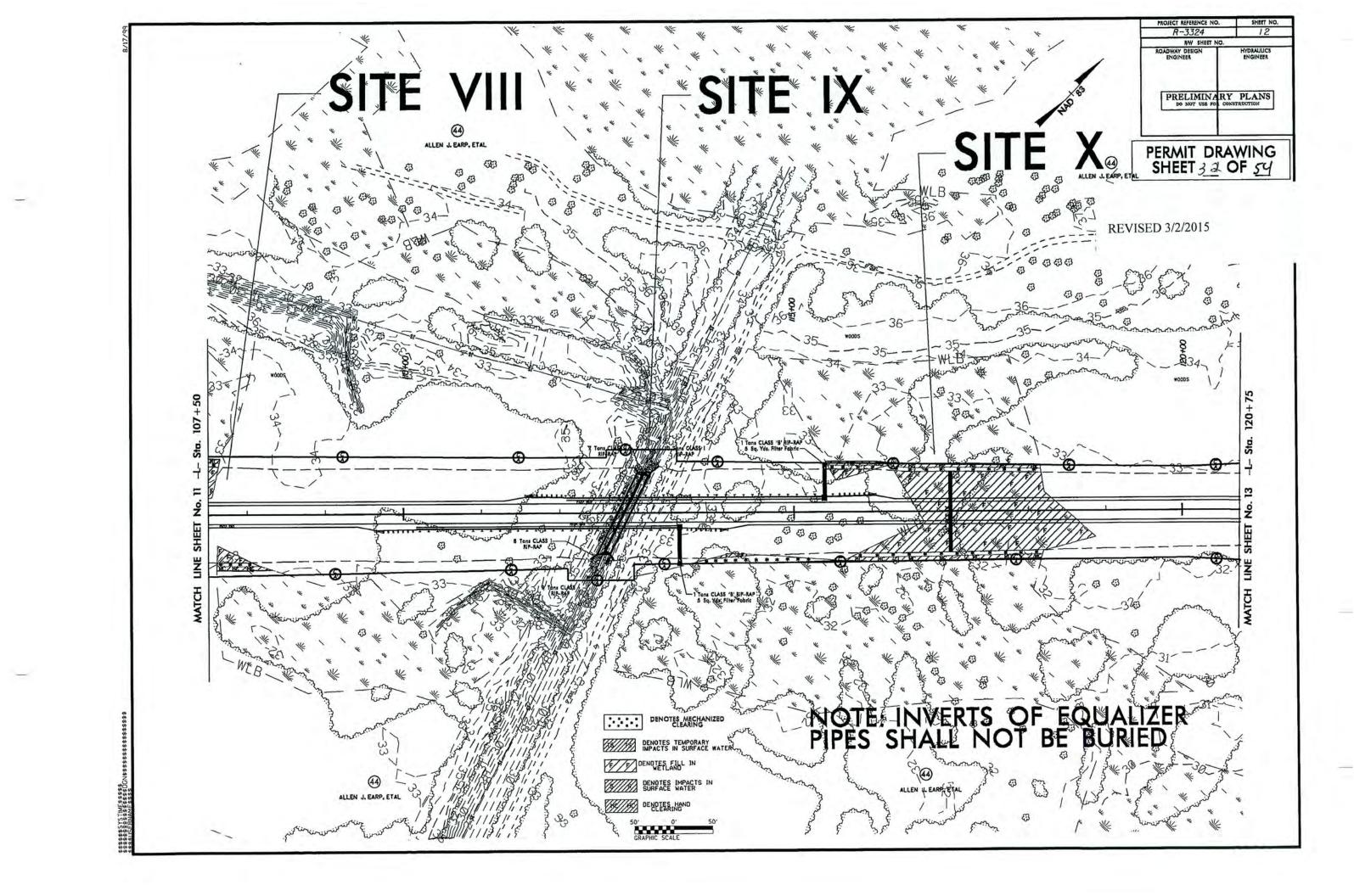


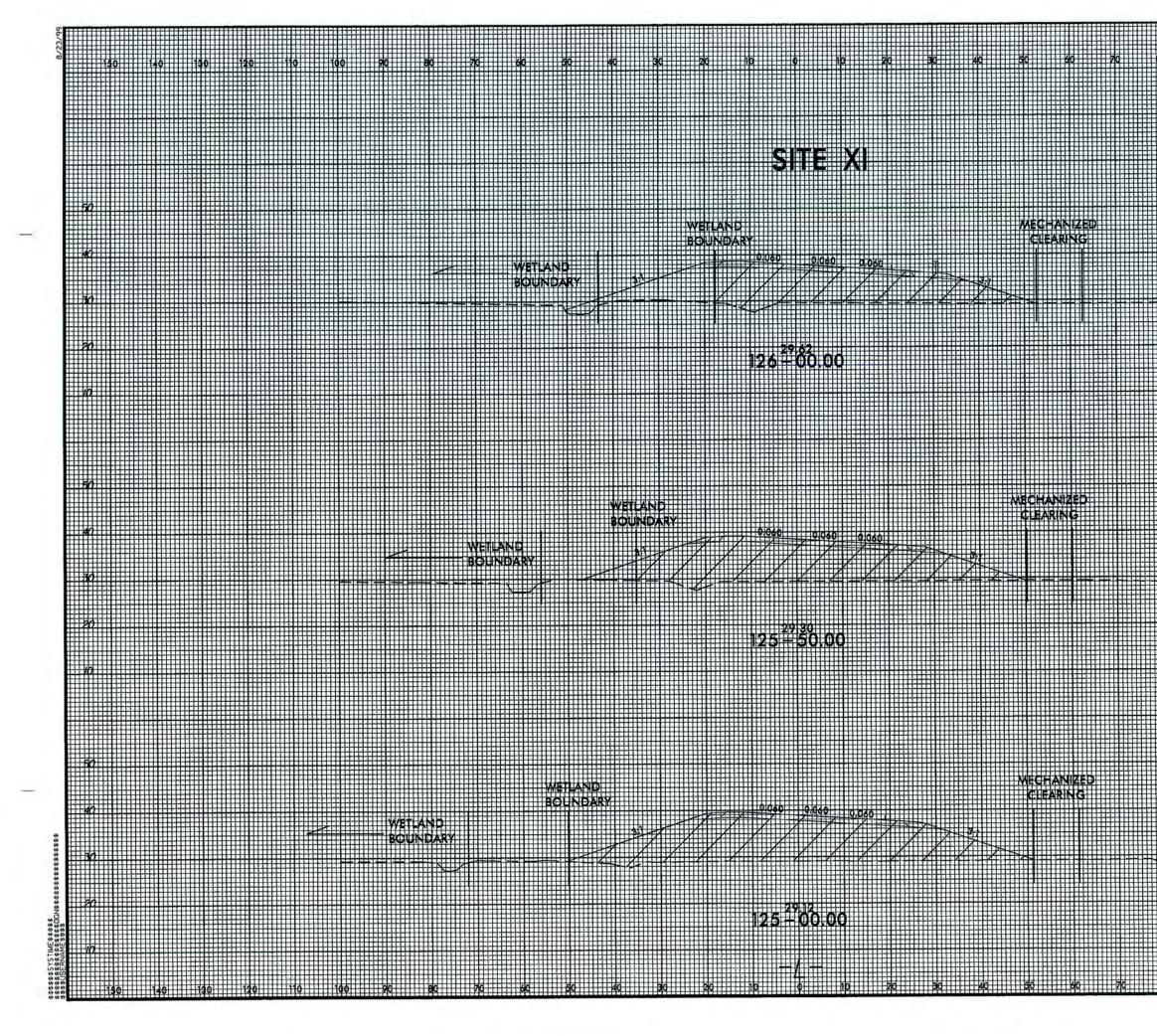


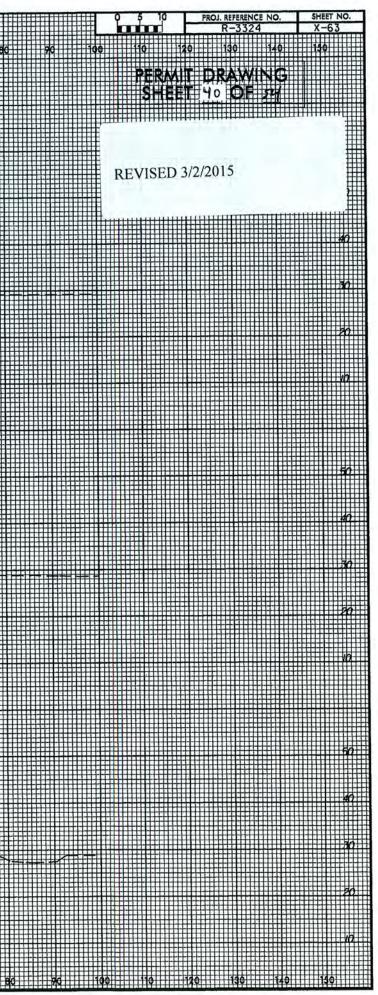
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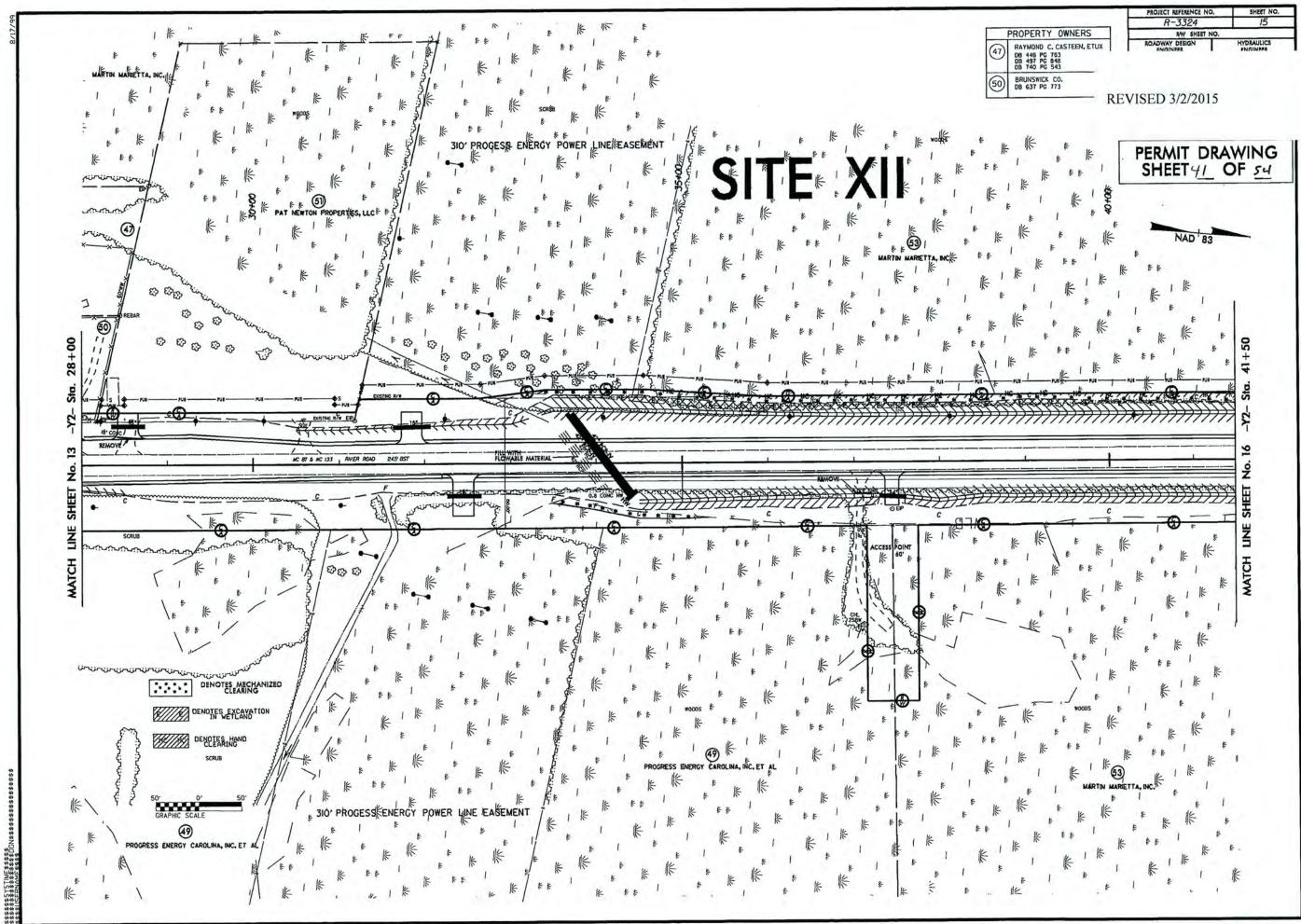


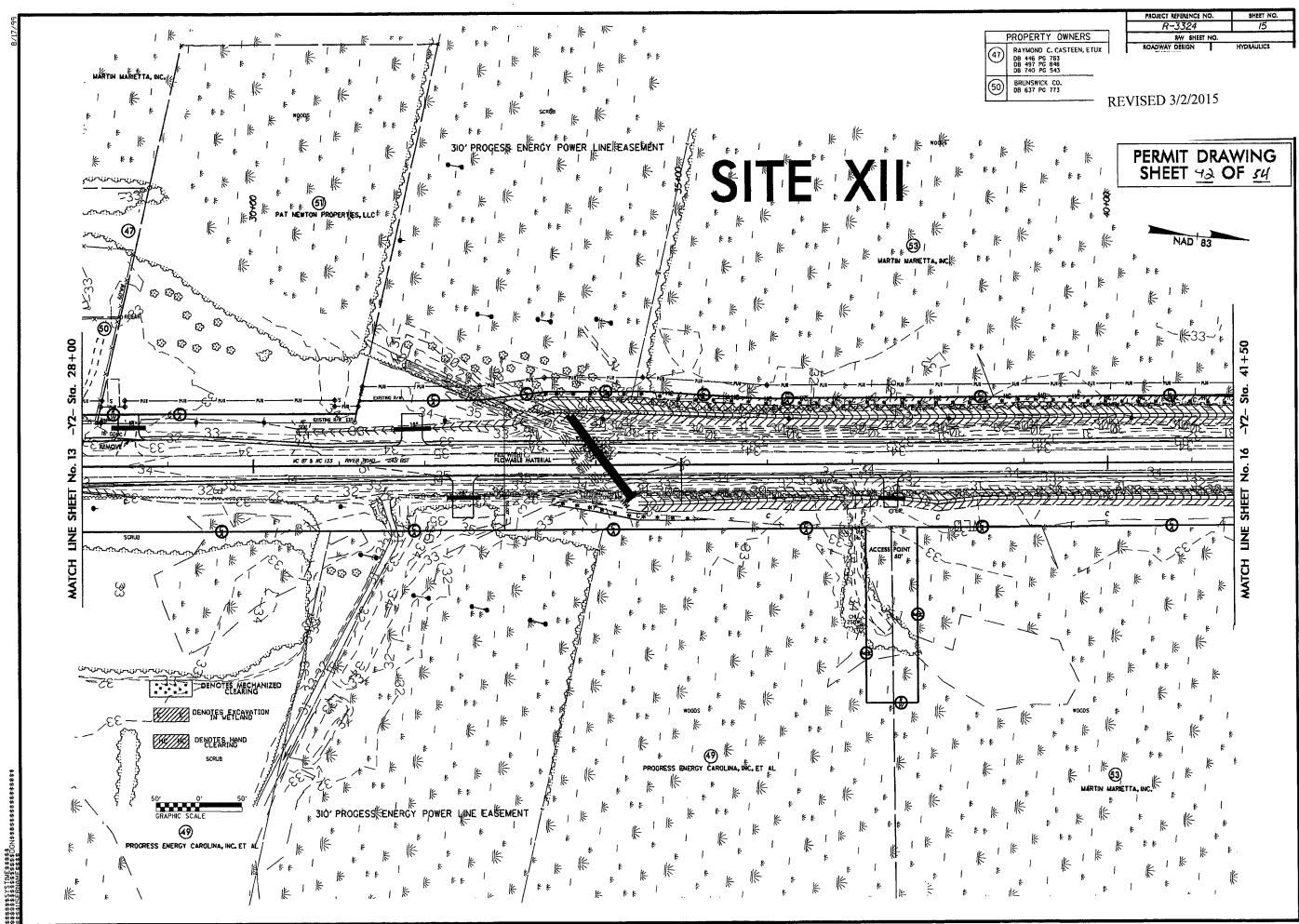
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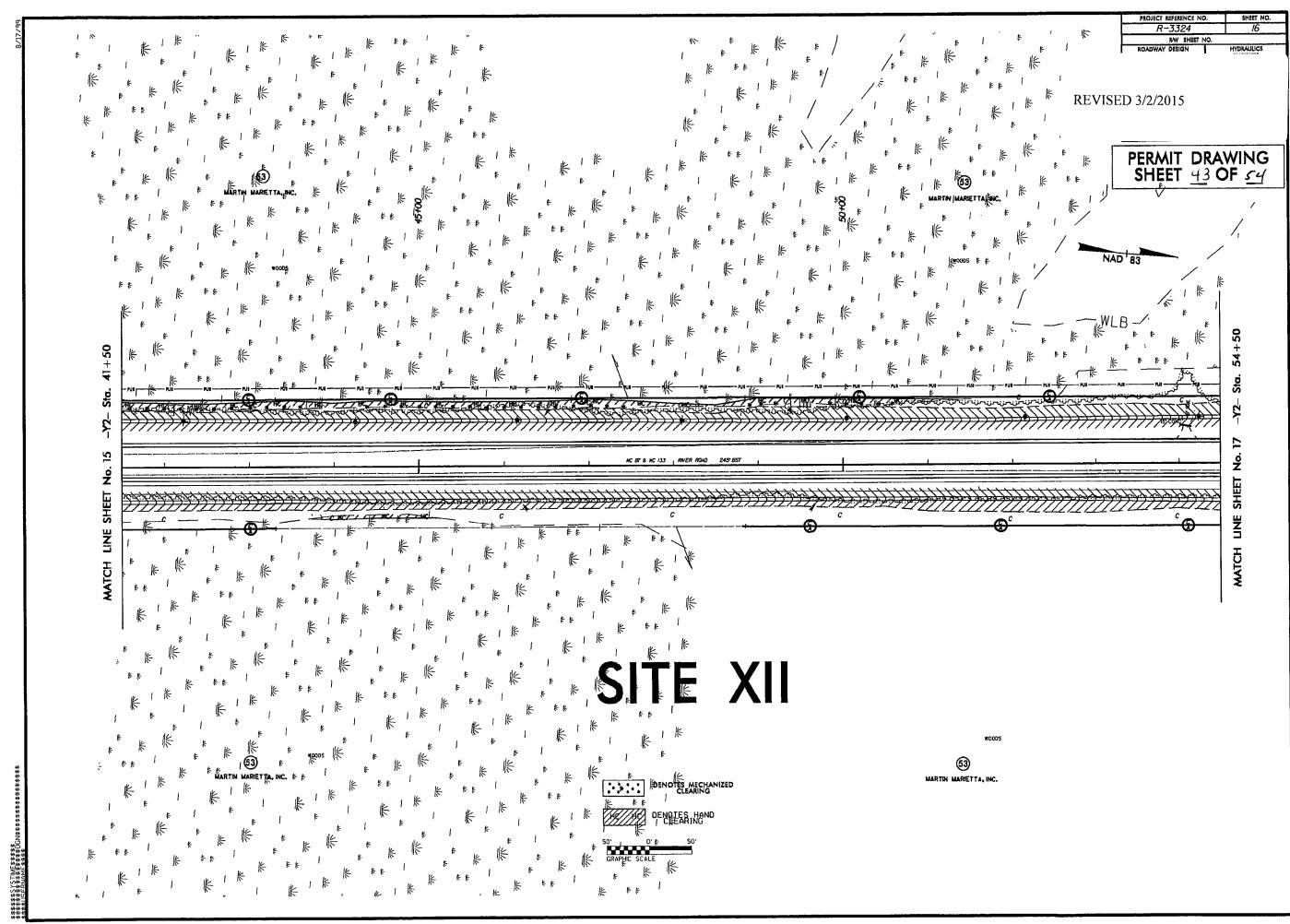


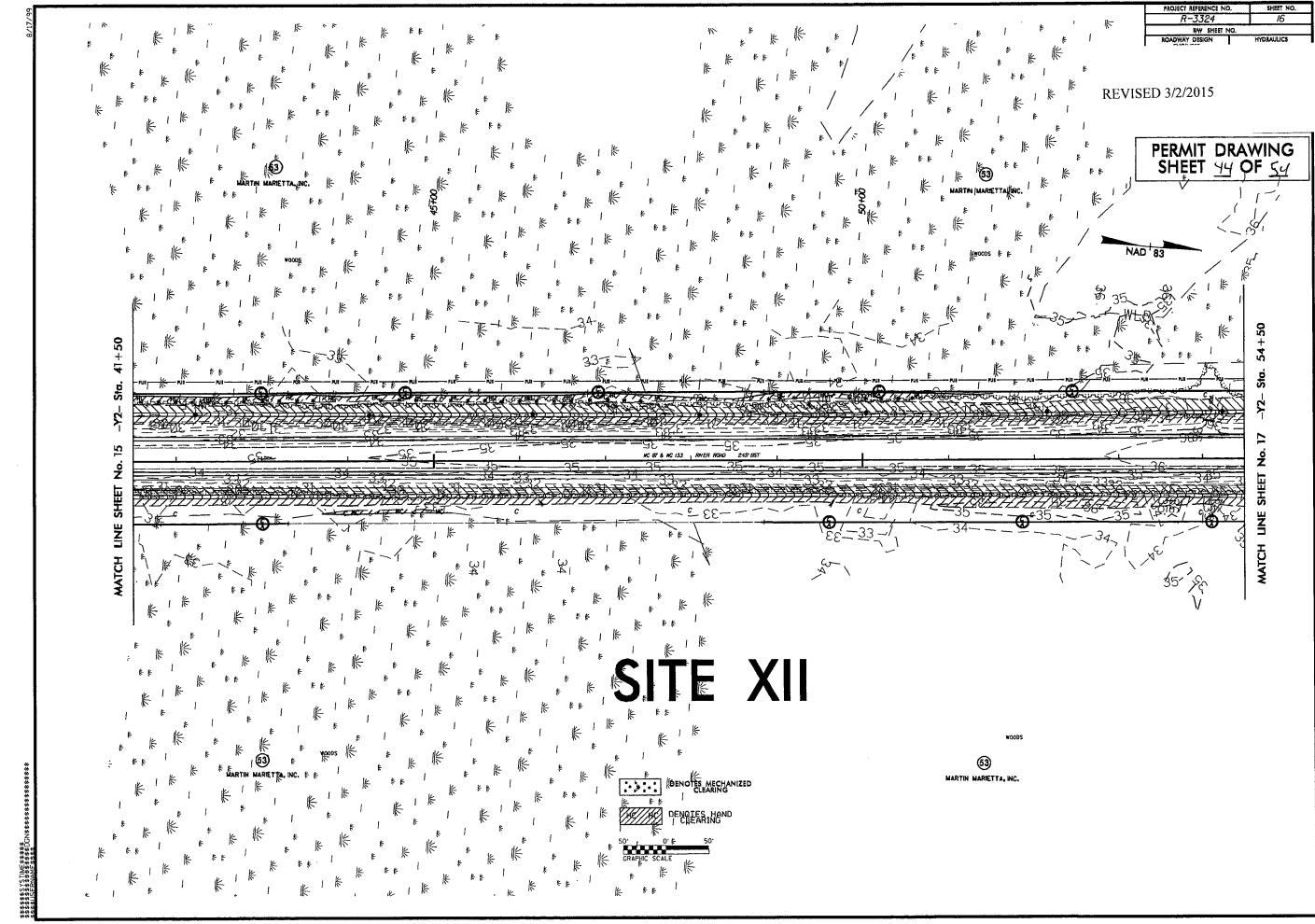


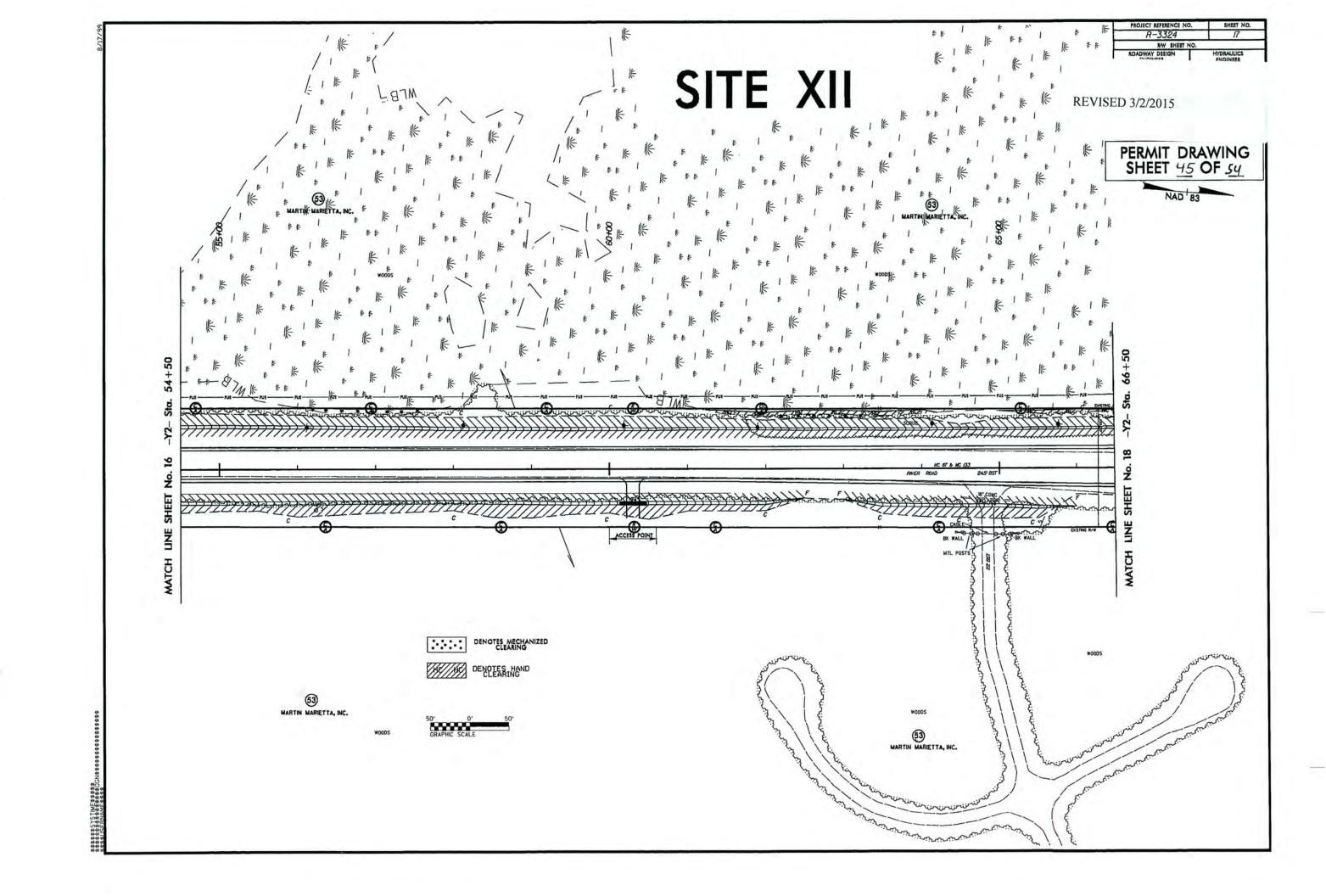




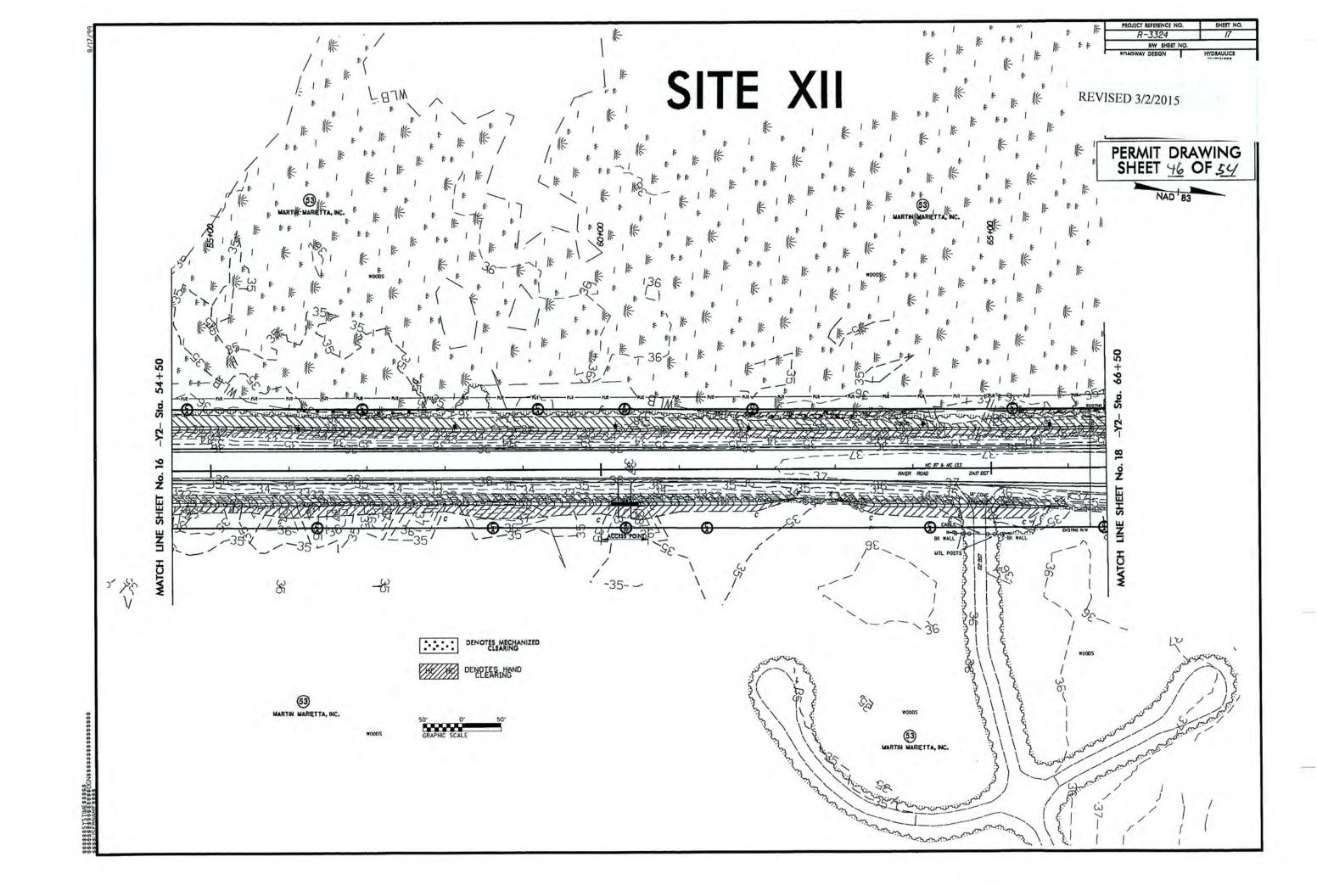


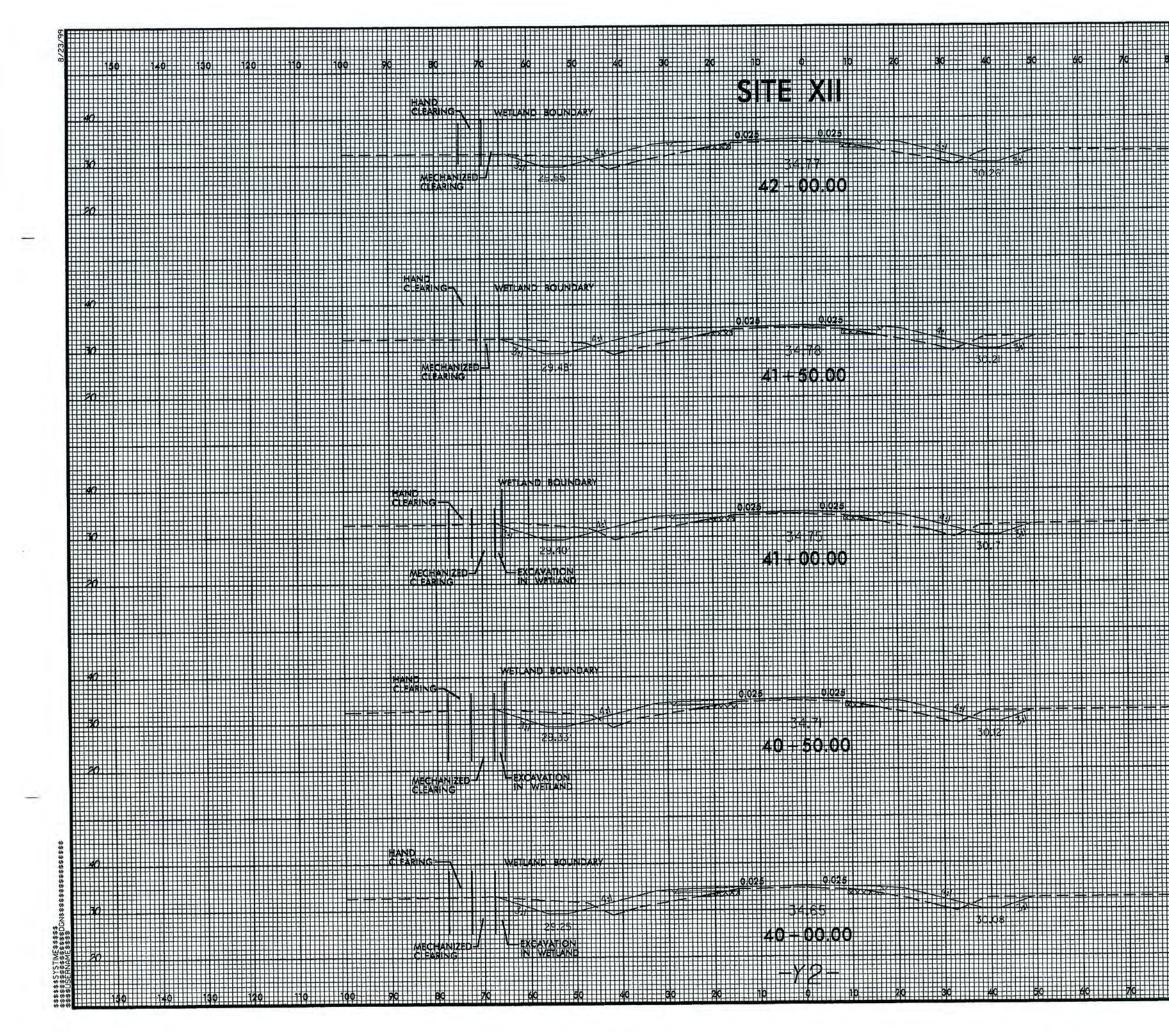


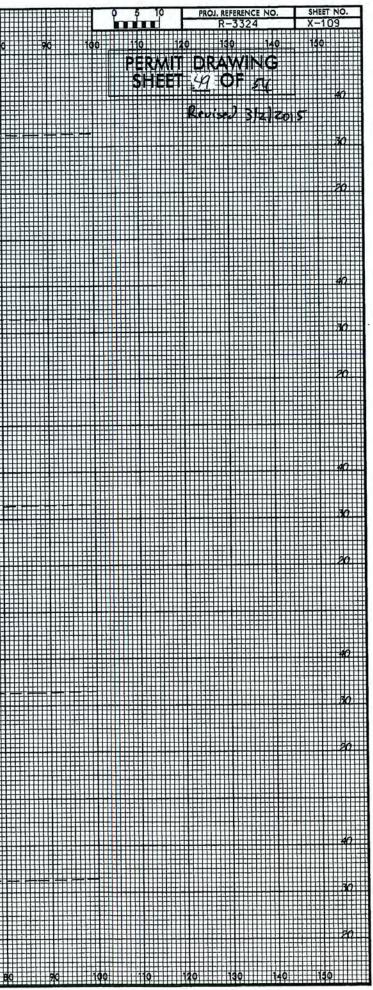


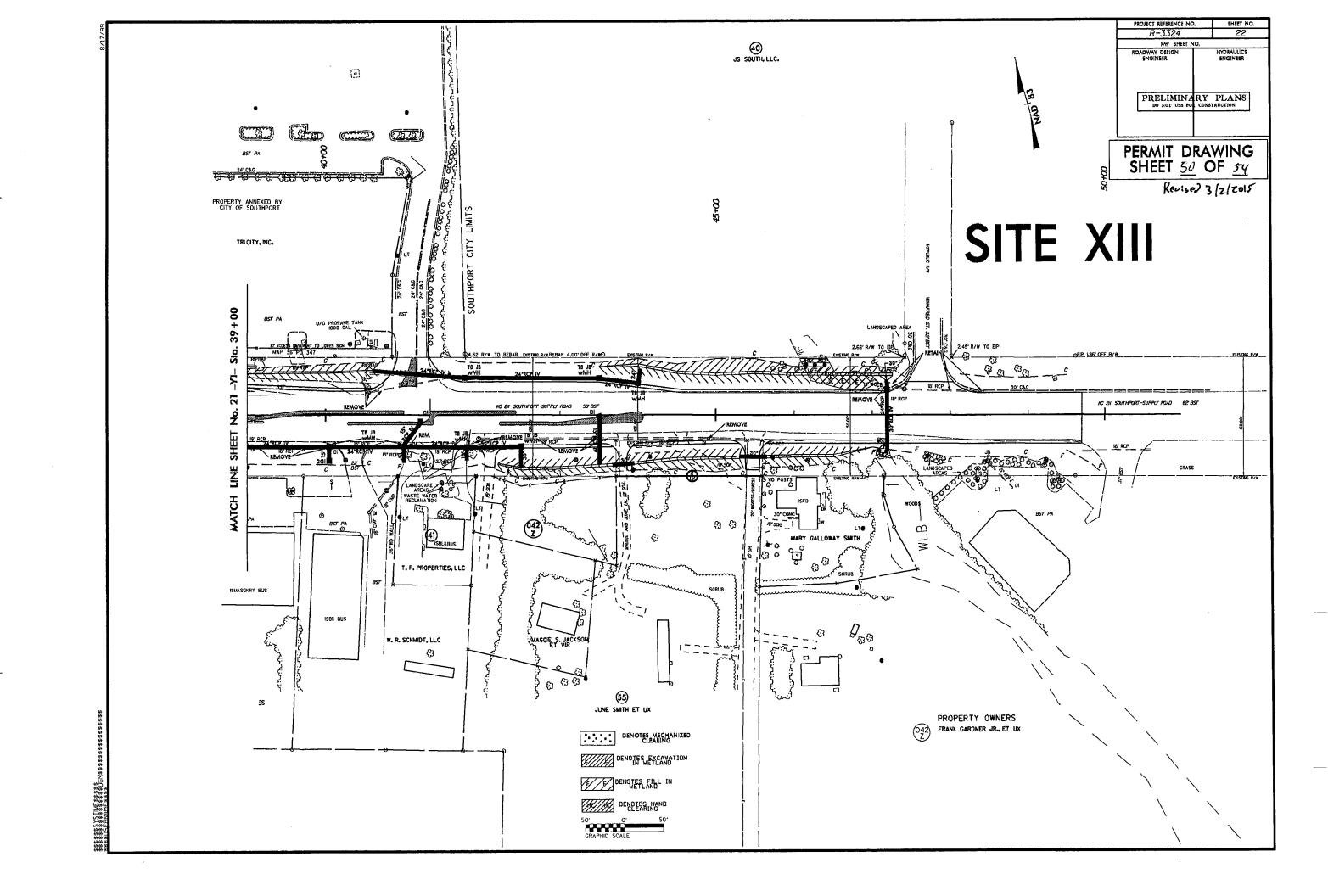


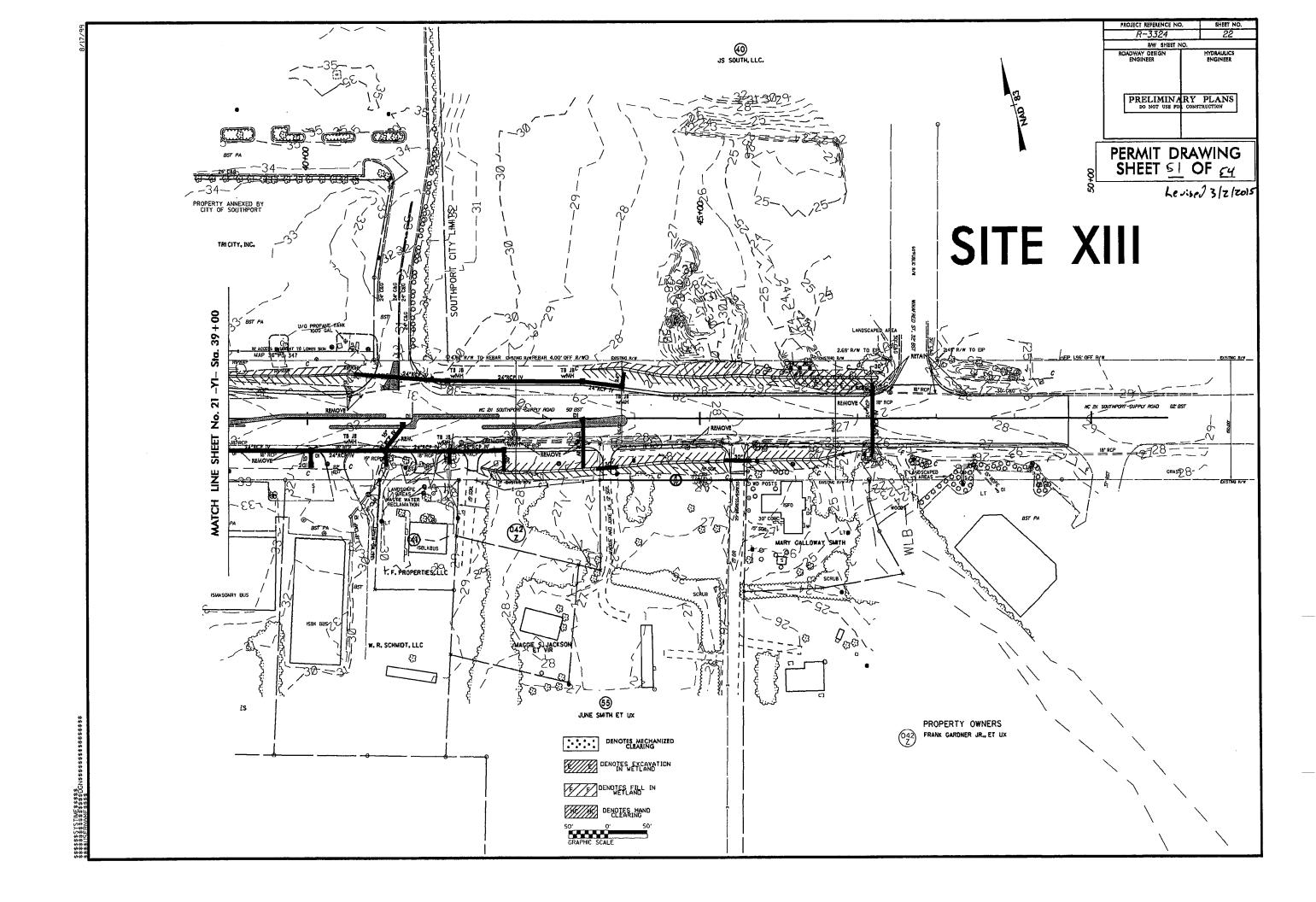
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| Site | Station | Structure | Permanent Fill In | Temp. Fill In | in | Mechanized Clearing | Hand Clearing in | Permanent SW | Temp. SW | Existing Channel Impacts | Existing Channel Impacts | Natura Stream |
| No. | (From/To) | Size / Type | Wetlands (ac) | Wetlands (ac) | Wetlands (ac) | in Wetlands (ac) | Wetlands (ac) | impacts (ac) | impacts (ac) | Permanent (ft) | Temp. (ft) | Desigr (ft) |
| I | 22+00 -L- | BRG 3@45' | | | | | | <0.01 | 0.02 | 26 | 160 | |
| 11 | 12+30-25+00-Y1- | N/A | 0.10 | | 0.03 | | | | | | | |
| IV | 51+70-60+00-L- | 2@60" RCP | 0.15 | | | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.05 | | 481 | | |
| V | 61+00-73+40-L- | N/A | 1.98 | | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.03 | | 242 | | |
| VI | 83+50-91+70-L- | BRG 3@55' | 1.08 | 0.33 | 0.18 | 0.27 | | 0.10 | | 395 | 73 | |
| VII | 98+00 -L- | 48" RCP | 0.06 | | | 0.01 | 0.01 | | 0.01 | | 38 | |
| VIII | 104+00-107+70-L- | N/A | 0.56 | | | 0.06 | 0.06 | | | | | |
| IX | 112+80 -L- | 2@7'x8' RCBC | | | | | | 0.02 | 0.01 | 128 | 55 | |
| X | 113+60-118+80-L- | N/A | 0.49 | | | 0.09 | 0.06 | | | | | |
| XI | 123+50-127+60-L- | 1@9'x7' RCBC | 1.05 | | | 0.22 | | 0.01 | 0.01 | 96 | 46 | |
| XII | 32+00-81+50-Y2- | N/A | | | 0.09 | 0.21 | 0.23 | | | | | |
| XIII | 46+00-47+30-Y1- | N/A | <0.01 | | 0.04 | <0.01 | < 0.01 | | | | | |
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| OTALS | | | 5.47 | 0.33 | 0.39 | 1.04 | 0.54 | 0.21 | 0.05 | 1368 | 372 | |
| | Note: 0.48 acres of | f Temporary Fill in V | Vetlands in the | e Hand Clea | ring areas fo | r erosion cont | rol measure | 25. | | WBS - 34531. | F HIGHWAY CK COUNTY 1.1 (R-33 | S 24) |
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