

Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

December 09, 2008

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NAO-2003-01785

FEDERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Commander has received a joint application for Federal and State permits as described below:

APPLICANT

U.S. Navy
c/o Ms. Cheryl F. Barnett
Environmental Director, NAVFAC MIDLANT
NAVFAC Code N45
Regional Environmental Group
1510 Gilbert Street
Norfolk, VA 23511

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The project fronts on the north side of Dam Neck Road, just west of the Dam Neck Annex front gate. Onsite wetlands are adjacent to Redwing Lake and Lake Tecumseh, which are part of a surface tributary system to Ashville Bridge Creek and Back Bay in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: The applicant proposes to construct a new Special Operations Force (SOF) Operations Facility Building at Dam Neck Annex. The new facility will require a 25-acre area, and the applicant claims this will result in the permanent loss of no more than 9.3 acres of non-tidal, forested wetlands. The applicant asserts that it is mission essential that the new facility be located as close as possible to the existing SOF facility. The new facility will centralize the SOF's amphibious operations, and provide critically required training, administrative support, troop storage, and parking space for this critical mission. The applicant proposes to compensate for the proposed wetland losses by purchasing wetland credits from an approved mitigation bank that covers the current project site's service area.

In addition to the required Department of the Army permit, the applicant must obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assuring that applicable laws and regulations pertaining to water quality are not violated. Project drawings are attached.

AUTHORITY: Permits are required pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217) and Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia.

FEDERAL EVALUATION OF APPLICATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected from the

proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All of the proposal's relevant factors will be considered, including conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use classification, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Environmental Protection Agency's "Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material" will also be applied (Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act).

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this permit application by writing to the District Commander within 30 days of the date of this notice, stating specific reasons for holding the public hearing. The District Commander will then decide if a hearing should be held.

Preliminary review indicates that: (1) no environmental impact statement will be required; (2) no species of fish, wildlife, or plant (or their critical habitat) listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (PL 93-205) will be affected; and (3) two archaeological resources have been identified within the general project area (only one of which is considered potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places), but the potentially eligible site will not be disturbed by construction or operation of the new project facility. Additional information might change any of these findings. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The aquatic resources that are proposed to be impacted are seasonally saturated or inundated, non-tidal forested wetlands, which generally do not provide suitable habitat for fish. Our assessment of the project leads us to a preliminary determination that it will not have a substantial adverse effect on EFH. Based on comments from the National Marine Fisheries Service in response to this public notice, further EFH consultation may be necessary. For compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the applicant must certify that federally licensed or permitted activities affecting Virginia's coastal zone (Tidewater) will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP). For more information or to obtain a list of the enforceable programs of the VCP, contact the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review at (804) 698-4330 or e-mail: elirons@deq.virginia.gov.

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (ATTN: CENAO-TS-REG), 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096, and should be received by the close of business on January 08, 2009.

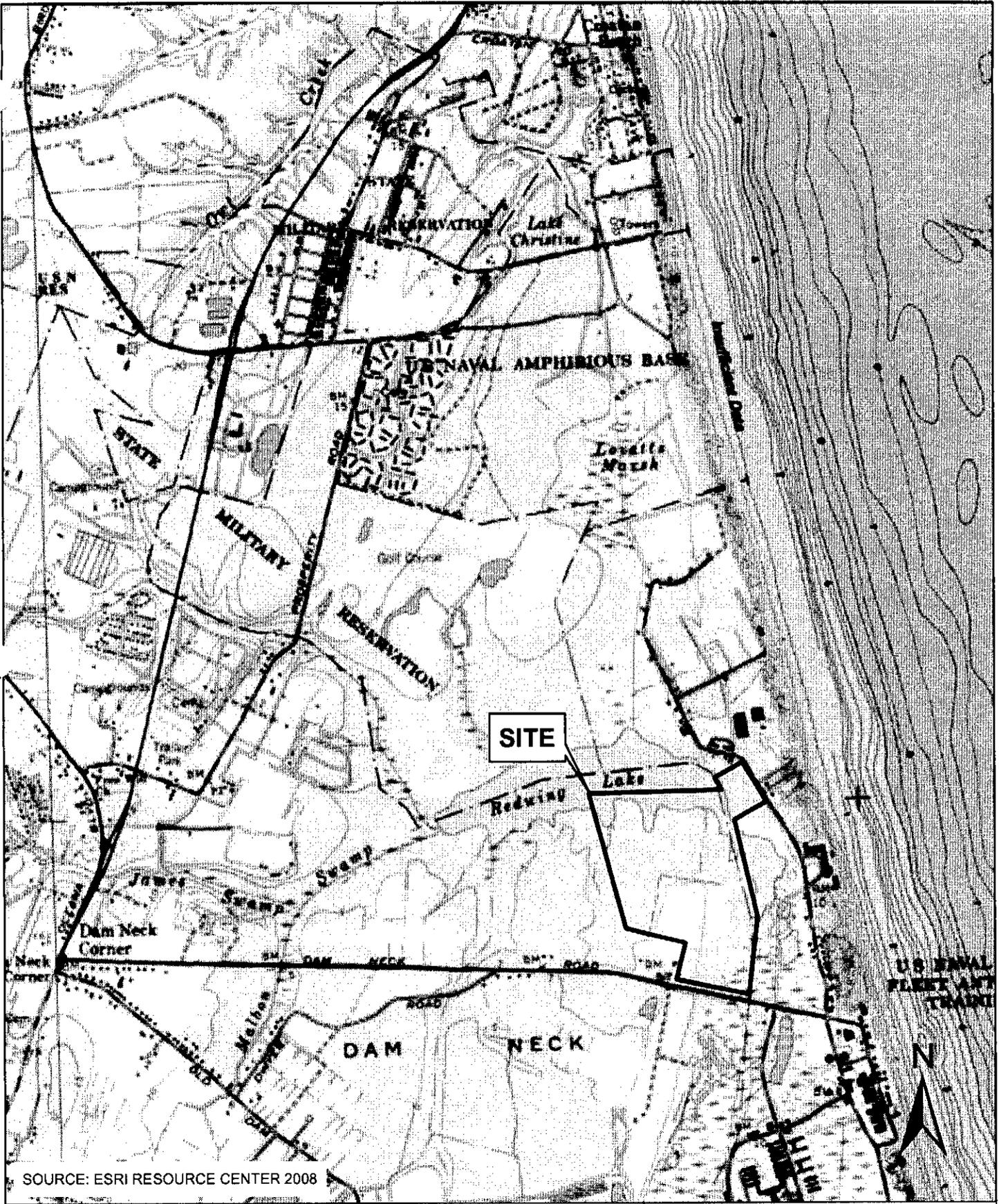
If you have any questions about this project or the permit process, please call:

Mr. David Knepper (757) 201-7488

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:


for Lynette R. Rhodes
Chief, Southern Virginia
Regulatory Section

Attachment: Drawings



SOURCE: ESRI RESOURCE CENTER 2008

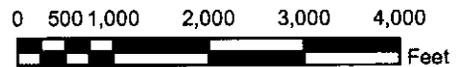


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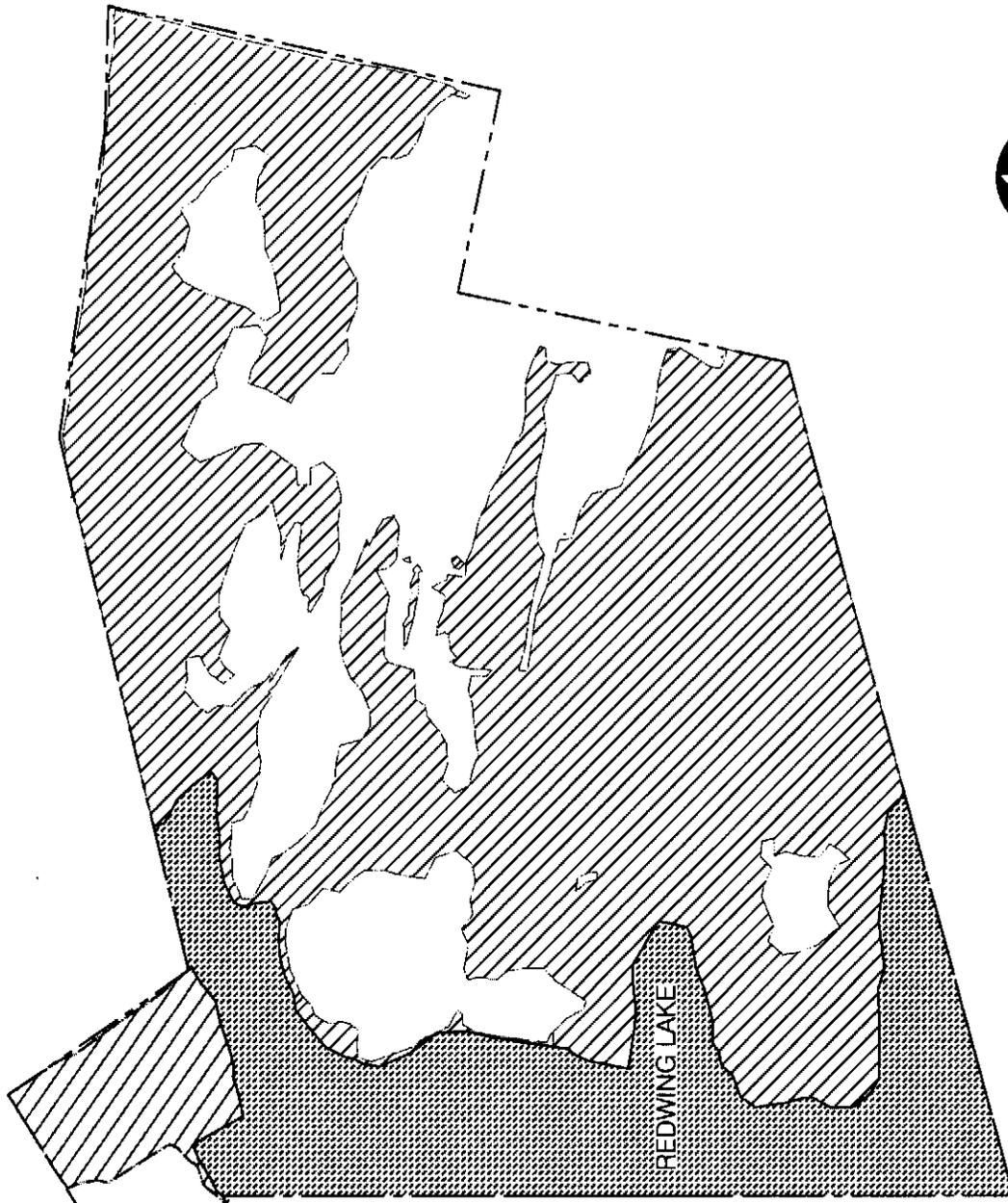
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NAS OCEANA, DAM NECK ANNEX

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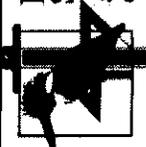
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	WETLANDS ONSITE = 75.416 AC.
	OPEN WATER = 24.627 AC.
TOTAL WETLANDS WITHIN PROJECT LIMITS = 75.416 AC.	



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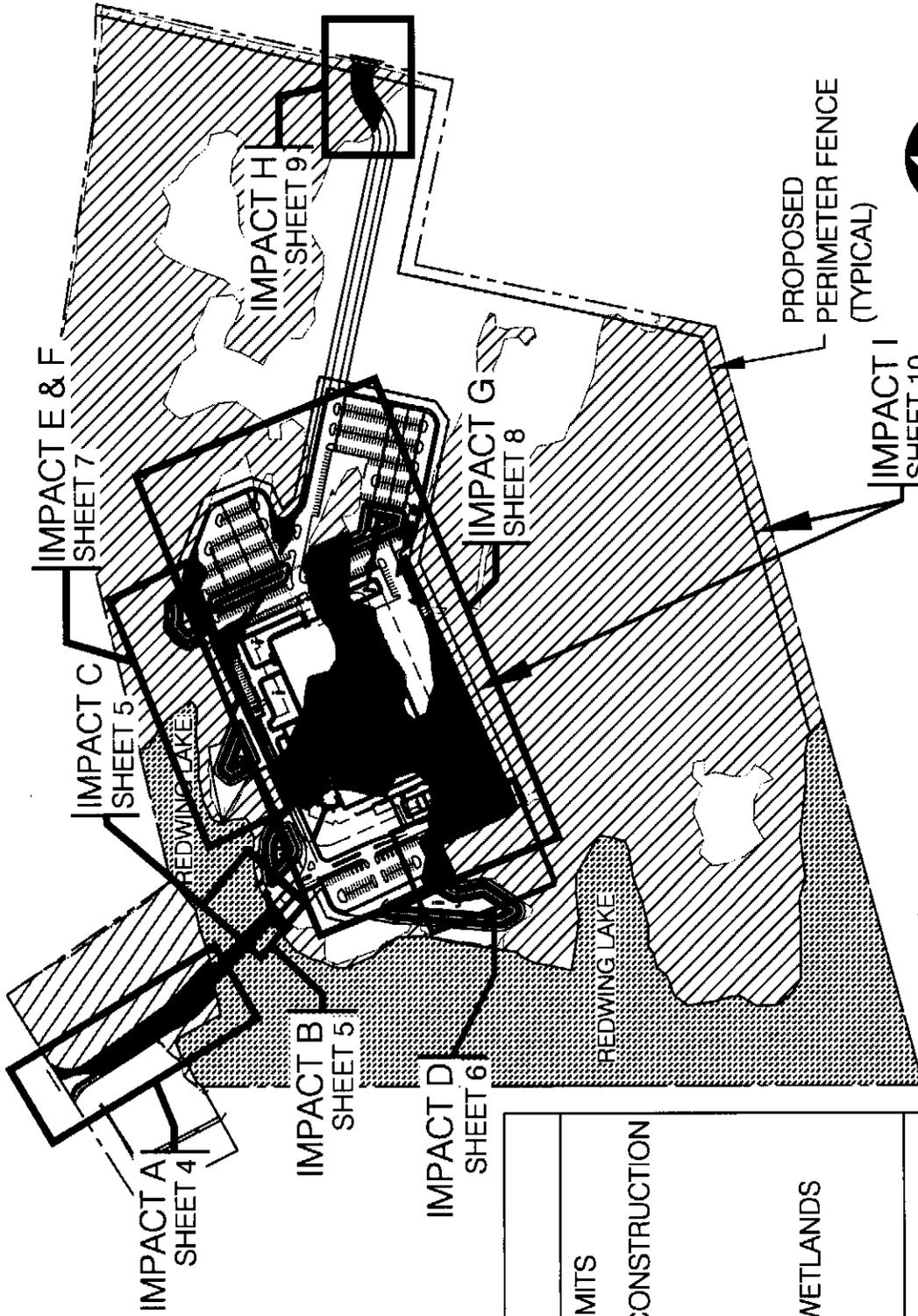
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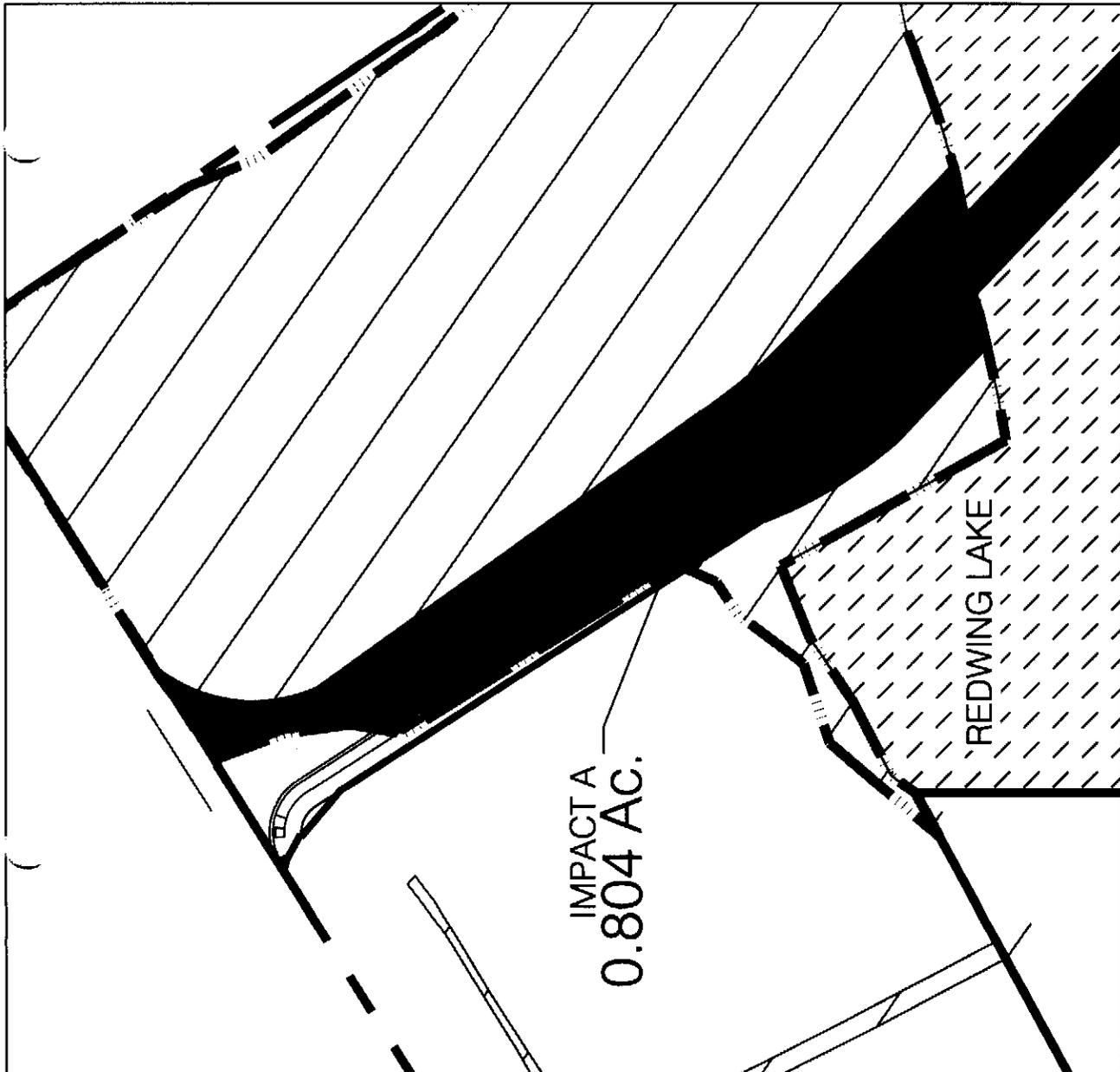
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--- PROJECT LIMITS	
— LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION	
▨ WETLANDS	
■ IMPACTED WETLANDS	
TOTAL IMPACTED WETLANDS = 9.323 AC.	

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IMPACT A
0.804 AC.

REDWING LAKE

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TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT = 0.804 AC.

SCALE: 1" = 100'



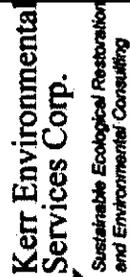
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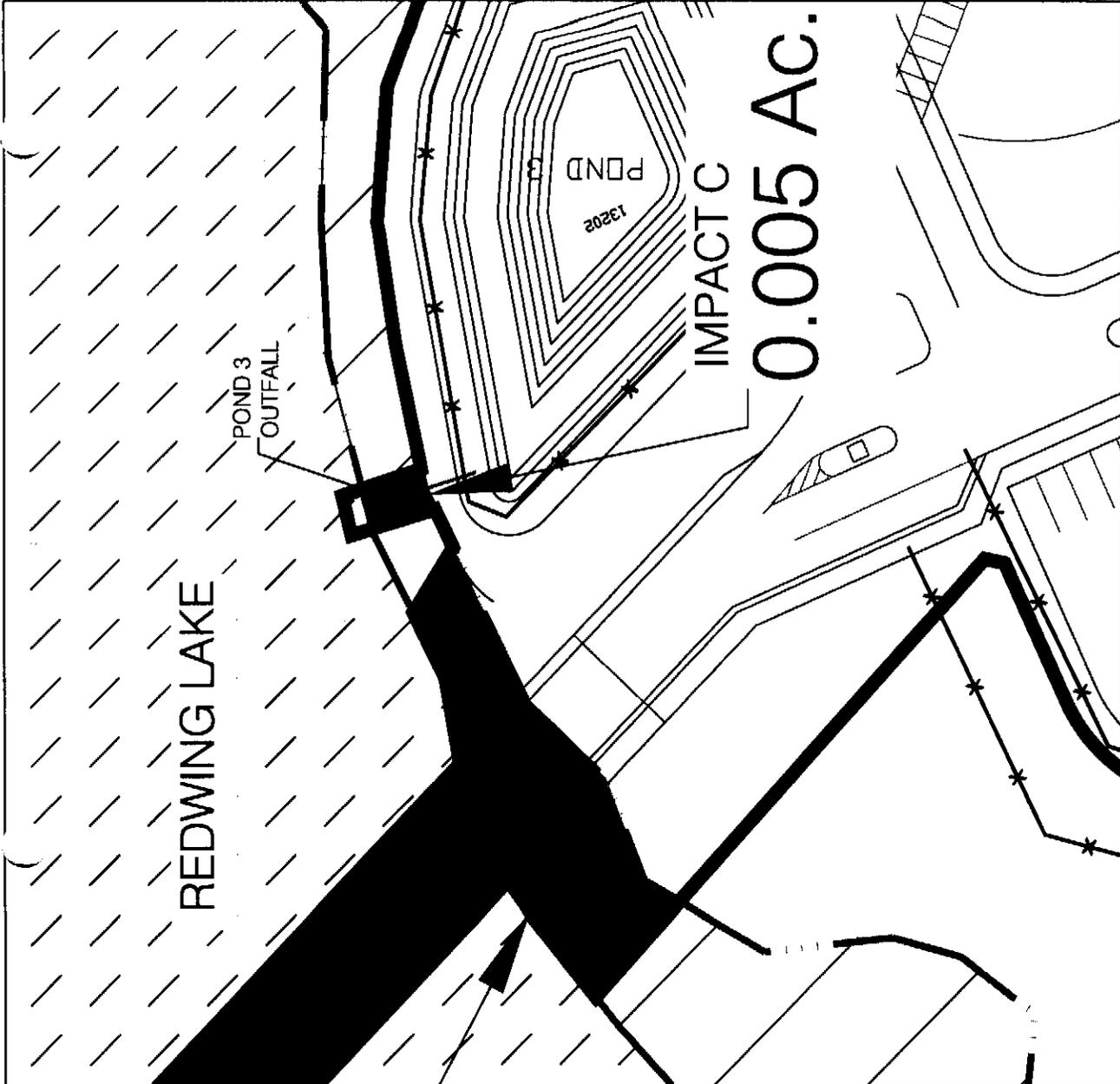
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LEGEND

- LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION
- FENCE (TYPICAL)
- WETLANDS
- IMPACTED WETLANDS

TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT = 0.093 AC.

SCALE: 1"=50'

25' 0 25' 50'

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-  LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION
-  FENCE (TYPICAL)
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TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT = 0.543 Ac.



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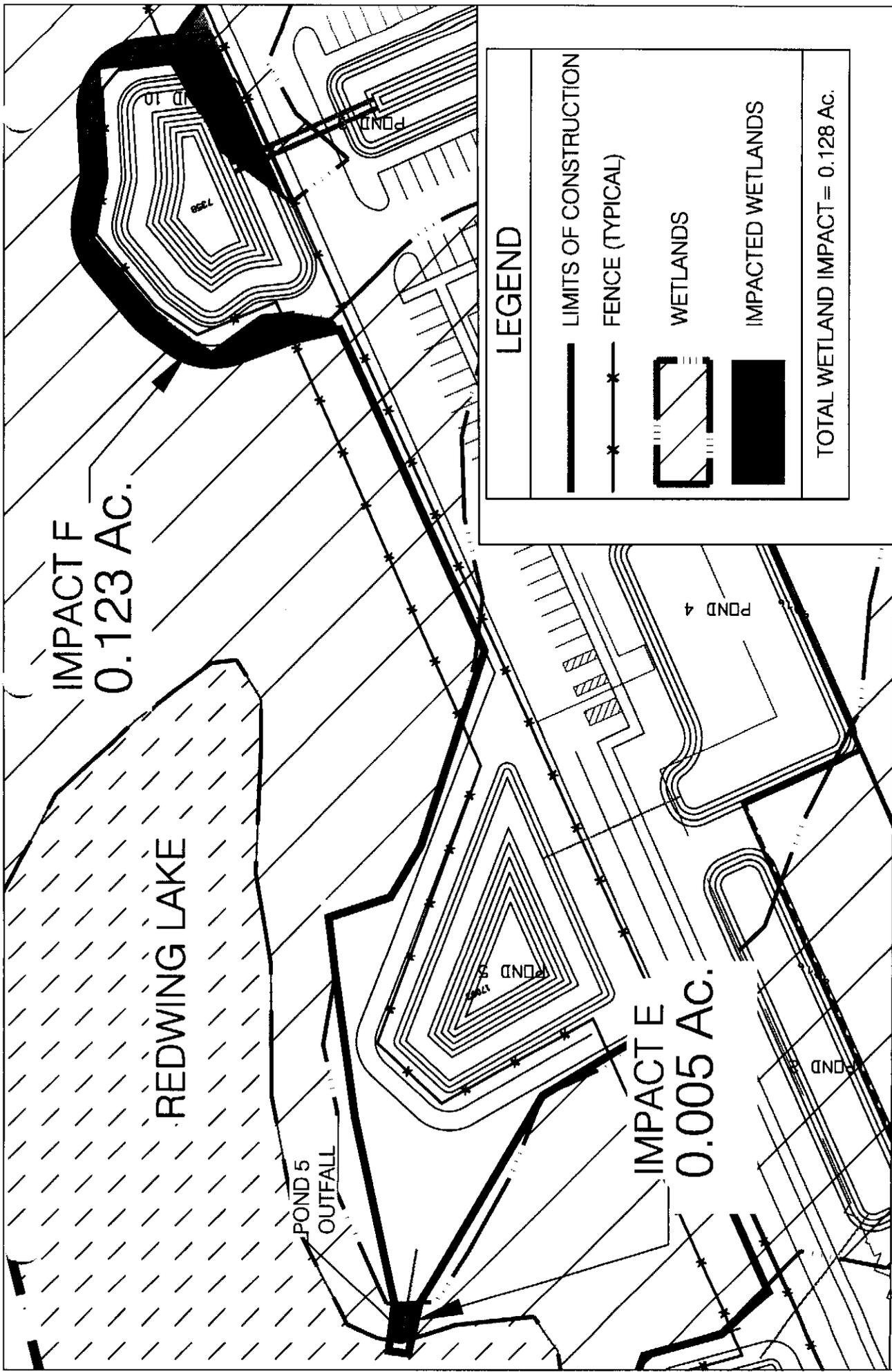
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SCALE: 1"=50'




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IMPACT F
0.123 AC.

REDWING LAKE

POND 5
OUTFALL

IMPACT E
0.005 AC.

POND 4

LEGEND

- LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION
 - *— FENCE (TYPICAL)
 - ▨ WETLANDS
 - IMPACTED WETLANDS
- TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT = 0.128 AC.



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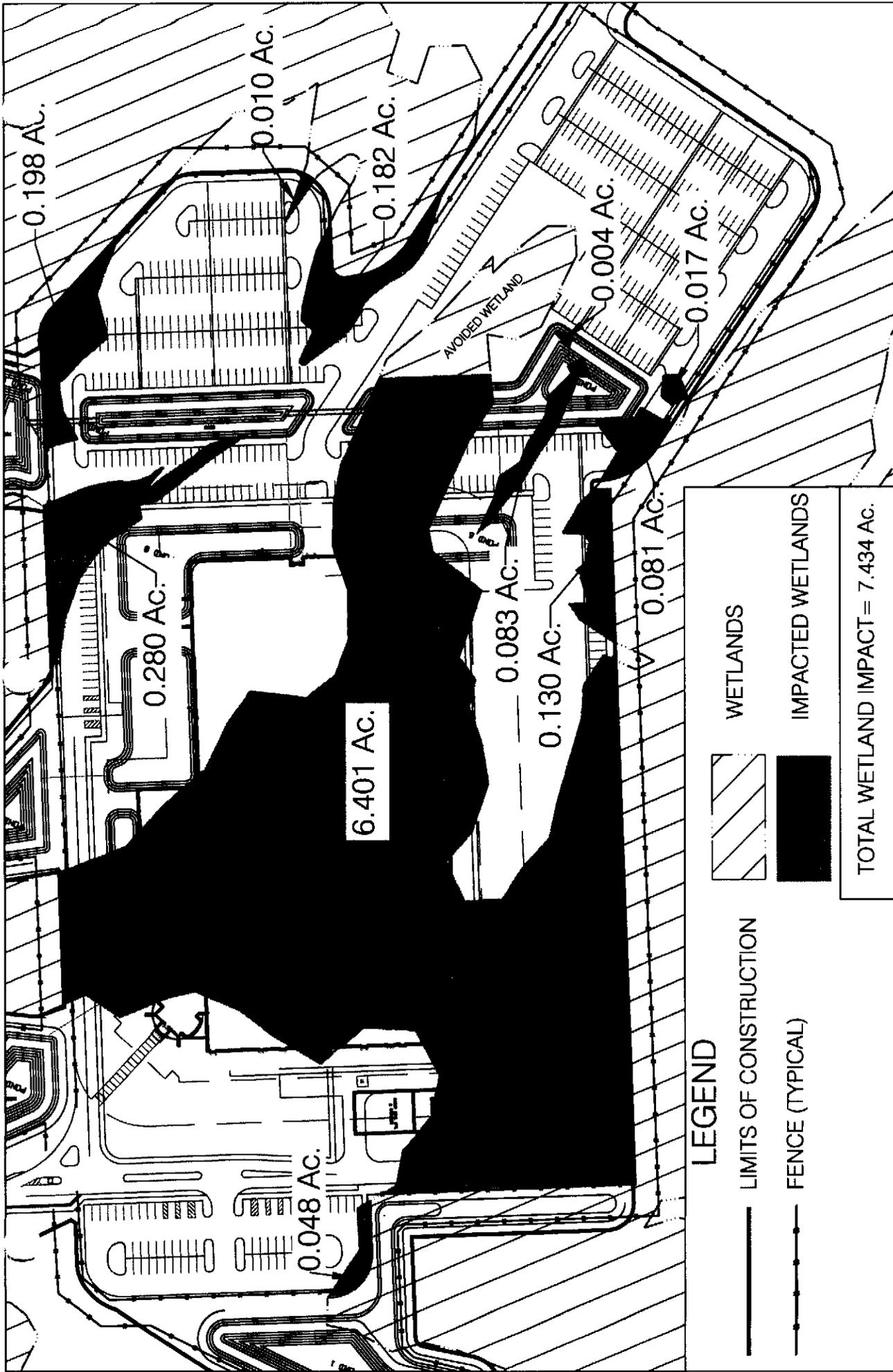
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SCALE: 1" = 70'



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- LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION
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-  WETLANDS
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TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT = 7.434 AC.

SCALE: 1"=150'



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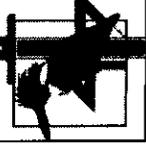
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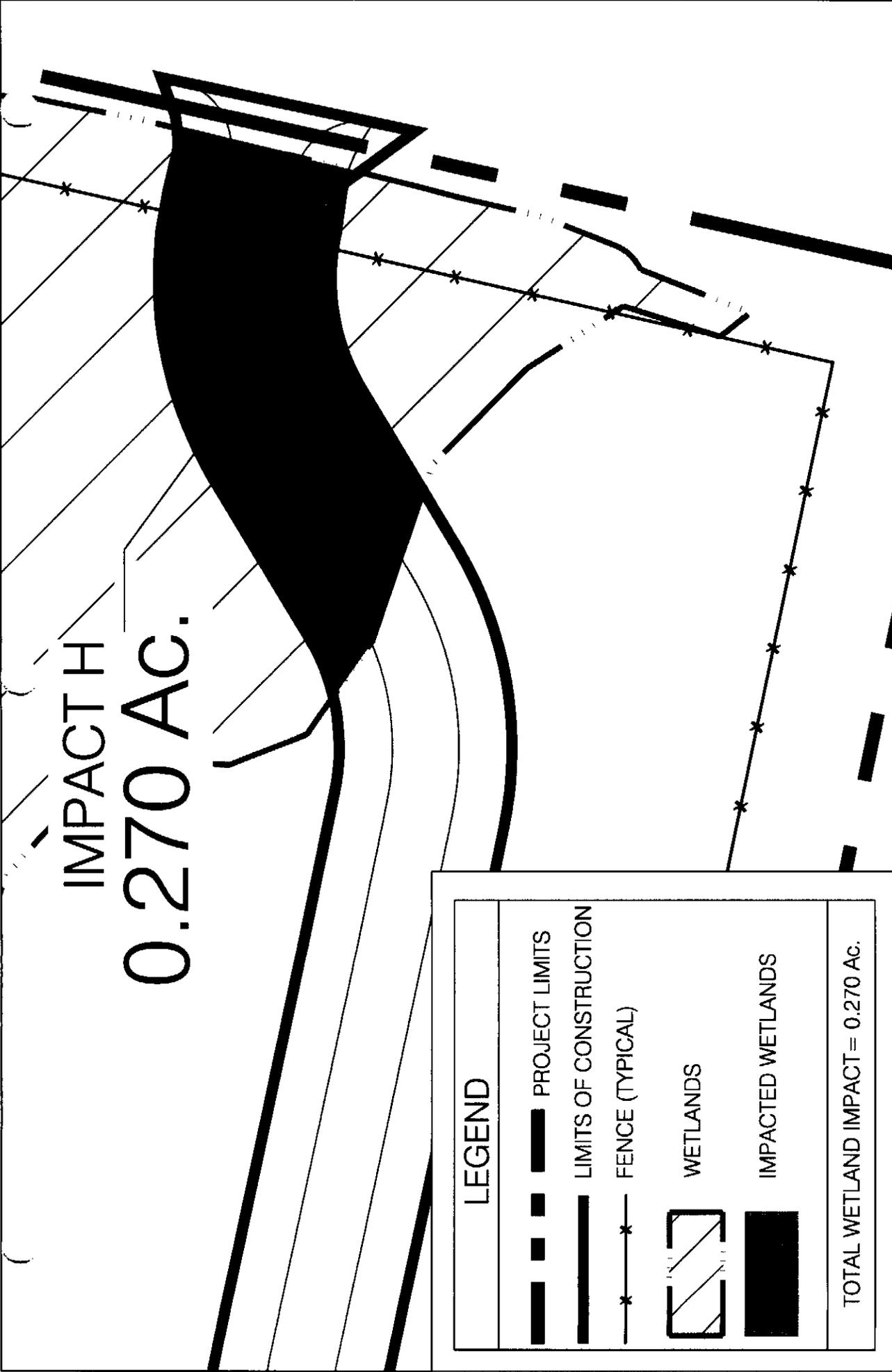
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IMPACT H 0.270 AC.



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TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT = 0.270 AC.	

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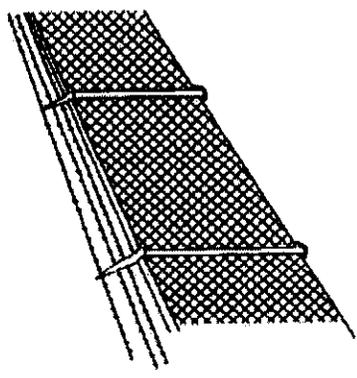
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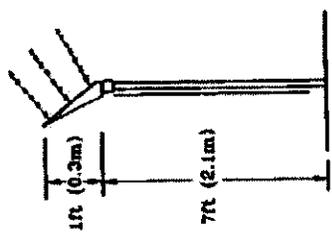
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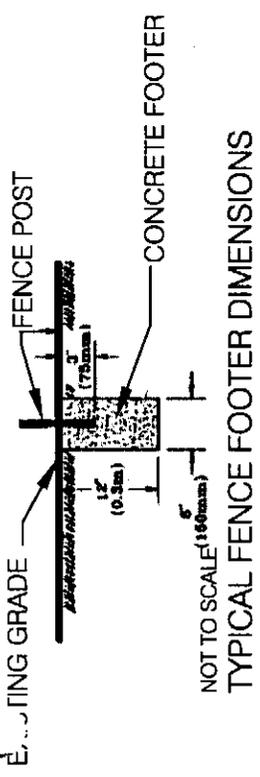


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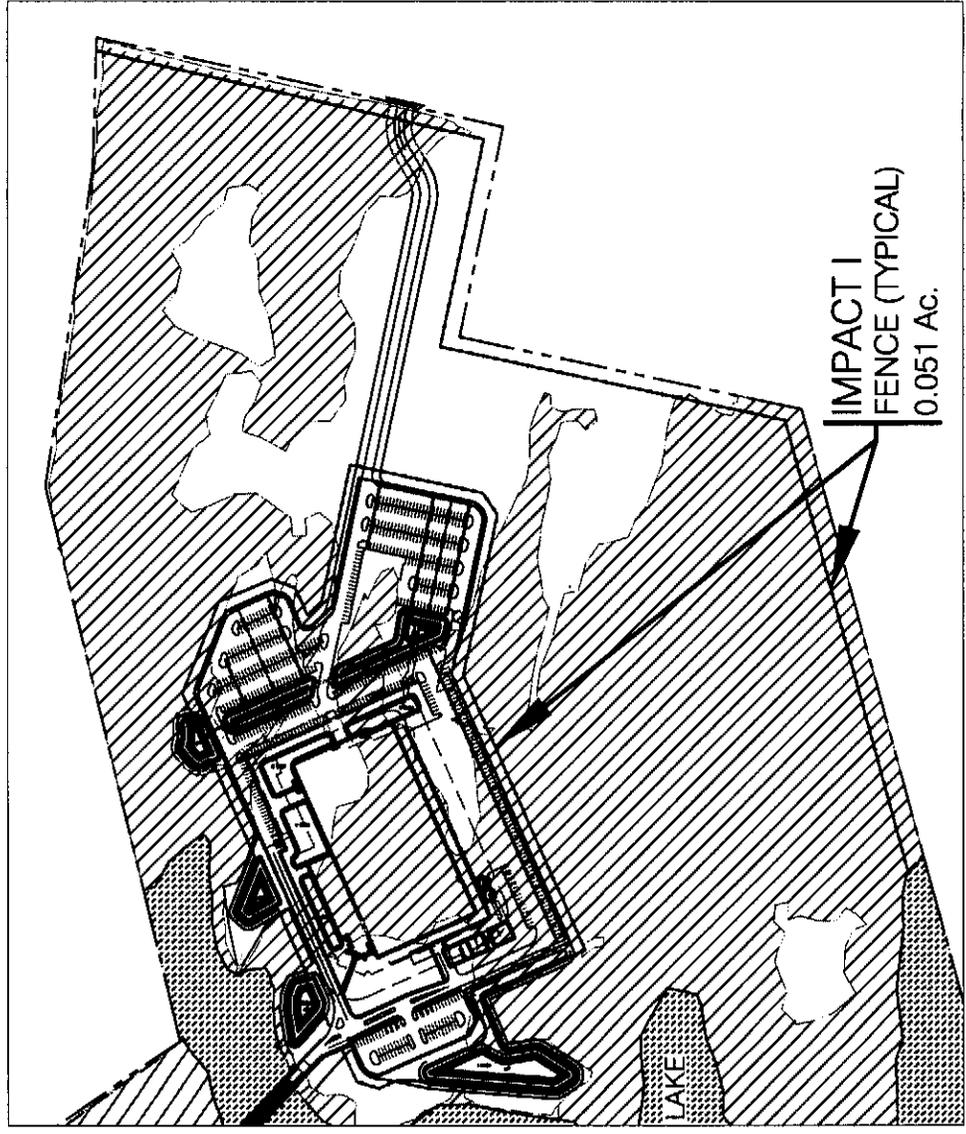
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TYPICAL BARBED WIRE FENCE

NOTE:
TYPICAL FENCE SECTIONS ARE BASED UPON FIGURES 14 AND 15 OF MIL-HDBK-1013/10 AND THE EXACT DIMENSIONS OF THE FENCE ARE DESIGNED BY OTHERS.



TYPICAL FENCE FOOTER DIMENSIONS



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