

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA 32405

July 10, 2015

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North Permits Branch
Panama City Permits Section
SAJ-2011-01823(SP-MMW)

Florida Department of Transportation, District 3 Attn: Mr. Colby Cleveland, Permit Coordinator 1074 Highway 90 Chipley, Florida 32428

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is pleased to enclose the Department of the Army permit, which should be available at the construction site. Work may begin immediately but the Corps must be notified of:

- a. The date of commencement of the work,
- b. The dates of work suspensions and resumptions of work, if suspended over a week, and
  - c. The date of final completion.

This information should be mailed to the Special Projects and Enforcement Branch of the Regulatory Division of the Jacksonville District at 41 North Jefferson Street, Suite 301, Pensacola, Florida 32502. The Special Projects and Enforcement Branch is also responsible for inspections to determine whether Permittees have strictly adhered to permit conditions.

THE APPROVED PLANS ENCLOSED.

Sincerely,

For: Donald W. Kinard

Chief, Regulatory Division

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**Enclosures** 



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA 32405

July 10, 2015

Regulatory Division North Permits Branch Panama City Permits Section SAJ-2011-01823 (SP-MMW)

Florida Department of Transportation, District 3 Mr. Colby Cleveland, Permits Coordinator 1074 Highway 90 East Chipley, Florida 32428

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has completed the review and evaluation of your Department of the Army permit application, number SAJ-2011-01823(SP-MMW). Our regulations require that you have an opportunity to review the terms and conditions prior to final signature by the Department of the Army. Enclosed is an unsigned Department of the Army permit instrument (permit).

Please read carefully the Special Conditions beginning on page 2 of the permit. These were developed to apply specifically to your project. Water Quality Certification is also required prior to issuance of a permit. The Corps has received a copy of the State of Florida certification for your project. In accordance with General Condition 5 of the permit, any special conditions of the Water Quality Certification have been attached to the Department of the Army permit.

Instructions for Objecting to Permit Terms and Conditions: This letter contains an initial proffered permit for your proposed project. If you object to certain terms and conditions contained within the permit, you may request that the permit be modified. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Administrative Appeal Options and Process fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you choose to object to certain terms and conditions of the permit, you must follow the directions provided in Section 1, Part A and submit the completed RFA form to the letterhead address.

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria under 33 CFR Part 331.5, and that it has been received by the District office within 60 days of the date of the RFA. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the letterhead address by **September 8**, **2015**.

Instructions for Accepting Terms and Conditions and Finalizing Your Permit: It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the District office, if you do not object to the decision in this letter. In this case, the permit must be signed by the applicant in the space provided on the signature page of the permit. In the case of corporations, acceptance must be by an officer of that corporation authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation. The party responsible for assuring the work is done in accordance with the permit terms and conditions must sign the permit. Please type or print the name and title of the person signing below the signature and the date signed.

SIGN (PAGE 8) AND RETURN THE ENTIRE PERMIT, INCLUDING ALL ATTACHMENTS, TO THE LETTERHEAD ADDRESS.

The permit will be signed by the District Engineer or his representative. The Corps will add the permit expiration date to the permit, the permit issuance date on the *Notice of Department of the Army Permit* form (DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE), and return the permit to you. It is important to note that the permit is not valid until the District Engineer or his representative signs it.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. The Corps' Jacksonville District Regulatory Division is committed to improving service to our customers. We strive to perform our duty in a friendly and timely manner while working to preserve our environment. We invite you to complete our automated Customer Service Survey at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm\_apex/f?p=regulatory\_survey. Please be aware this Internet address is case sensitive; and, you will need to enter it exactly as it appears above. Your input is appreciated – favorable or otherwise.

If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact Melinda Witgenstein in writing at the letterhead address, by electronic mail at Melinda.m.witgenstein@usace.army.mil, or by telephone at (850) 763-0717, extension 24.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Kinard

Chief, Regulatory Division

Enclosures
Copy Furnished:
Melvin Engineering

# NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Appli	eant: FDOT District 3	File Number: SAJ-2011-01823	Date: 7-10-2015
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SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/reg\_materials.aspx or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.

- ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final
  authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on
  the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the
  permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- OBJECT: If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

#### B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit

- ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- APPEAL: If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.
- ACCEPT: You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the
  date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- APPEAL: If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

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Project Manager as noted in letter	Stuart Santos 904-232-2018	
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# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permittee: Florida Department of Transportation, District 3

Mr. Colby Cleveland, Permits Coordinator

1074 Highway 90 East Chipley, Florida 32428

Permit No: SAJ-2011-01823 (SP-MMW)

Issuing Office: U.S. Army Engineer District, Jacksonville

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

<u>Project Description</u>: To increase the capacity of the existing State Road 79 (SR-79) segment between Johnson Road and Pipkin Road, from two to four lanes. Impacts to regulated waters consist of 20.63 acres of fill, 1.71 acres of dredging, and 0.63 acre of temporary impact. The work described above is to be completed in accordance with the 35 pages of drawings [and 2 attachments] affixed at the end of this permit instrument.

<u>Project Location</u>: The project is located along the SR-79 corridor, between Johnson Road and The Holmes County line (Pipkin Road), south of Interstate 10, near Bonifay, Washington County, Florida.

<u>Directions to site</u>: From Panama City Beach, travel north on SR-79, approximately 37.3 miles to the beginning point at the Johnson Road intersection. Continue traveling north on SR-79 approximately 5 miles to the end point of the project at the intersection of Pipkin Road, approximately 1.25 mile south of Interstate 10.

Approximate Coordinates: Begin Project: Latitude: 30.672°

Longitude: -85.686°

End Project: Latitude: 30.744°

Longitude: -85.684°

**Permit Conditions** 

**General Conditions:** 

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1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on <u>July 10 2020</u>. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.

- 2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
- 3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and State coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- 4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature and the mailing address of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.
- 5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.
- You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

#### Special Conditions:

1. Reporting Address: The Permittee shall submit all reports, notifications, documentation and correspondence required by the general and special conditions of this permit to the following address:

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a. For standard mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Special Projects and Enforcement Branch, 41 North Jefferson St., Suite 301, Pensacola, FL 32502.

- b. For electronic mail CESAJ-ComplyDocs@usace.army.mil (not to exceed 10 MB). The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ-2011-01823(SP MMW), on all submittals.
- 2. Commencement Notification: Within 10 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit/Within 10 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit for each phase of the authorized project, the Permittee shall provide a written notification of the date of commencement of authorized work to the Corps.
- 3. As-Built Certification: Within 60 days of completion of the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall submit as-built drawings of the authorized work and a completed "As-Built Certification By Professional Engineer" form (Attachment #1) to the Corps. The as-built drawings shall be signed and sealed by a registered professional engineer and include the following:
  - a. A plan view drawing of the location of the authorized work footprint, as shown on the permit drawings, with transparent overlay of the work as constructed in the same scale as the permit drawings on 8½-inch by 11-inch sheets. The plan view drawing should show all "earth disturbance," including wetland impacts and water management structures.
  - b. A list of any deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed. In the event that the completed work deviates, in any manner, from the authorized work, describe on the attached "As-Built Certification By Professional Engineer" form the deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed. Clearly indicate on the as-built drawings any deviations that have been listed. Please note that the depiction and/or description of any deviations on the drawings and/or "As-Built Certification By Professional Engineer" form does not constitute approval of any deviations by the Corps.
  - c. Include the Department of the Army permit number on all sheets submitted.
- 4. Agency Changes/Approvals: Should any other agency require and/or approve changes to the work authorized or obligated by this permit, the Permittee is advised a modification to this permit instrument is required prior to initiation of those changes. It is the Permittee's responsibility to request a modification of this permit from the Panama

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City Permits Section. The Corps reserves the right to fully evaluate, amend, and approve or deny the request for modification of this permit.

- **5. Temporary Wetland Impacts:** Within 30 days from the date of completing the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall restore 0.63 acre of temporary wetland impacts as detailed on the attached drawings RE19, RE20, RE27 through RE29, and RE31 through RE35 to pre-existing contours, elevations, vegetation, habitat type, and hydrology.
- 6. Erosion Control: Prior to the initiation of any work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall install erosion control measures along the perimeter of all work areas to prevent the displacement of fill material outside the work area into waters of the United States. Immediately after completion of the final grading of the land surface, all slopes, land surfaces, and filled areas shall be stabilized using sod, degradable mats, barriers, or a combination of similar stabilizing materials to prevent erosion. The erosion control measures shall remain in place and be maintained until all authorized work is completed and the work areas are stabilized.
- 7. Fill Material: The Permittee shall use only clean fill material for this project. The fill material shall be free from items such as trash, debris, automotive parts, asphalt, construction materials, concrete block with exposed reinforcement bars, and soils contaminated with any toxic substance, in toxic amounts in accordance with Section 307 of the Clean Water Act.

## 8. Cultural Resources/Historic Properties:

- a. No structure or work shall adversely affect impact or disturb properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or those eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.
- b. If during the ground disturbing activities and construction work within the permit area, there are archaeological/cultural materials encountered which were not the subject of a previous cultural resources assessment survey (and which shall include, but not be limited to: pottery, modified shell, flora, fauna, human remains, ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, evidence of structures or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures or early colonial or American settlement), the Permittee shall immediately stop all work and ground-disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the discovery and notify the Corps within the same business day (8 hours). The Corps shall then notify the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the appropriate Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s) (THPO(s)) to assess the

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significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions.

- c. Additional cultural resources assessments may be required of the permit area in the case of unanticipated discoveries as referenced in accordance with the above Special Condition; and if deemed necessary by the SHPO, THPO(s), or Corps, in accordance with 36 CFR 800 or 33 CFR 325, Appendix C (5). Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume on non-federal lands without written authorization from the SHPO for finds under his or her jurisdiction, and from the Corps.
- d. In the unlikely event that unmarked human remains are identified on non-federal lands, they will be treated in accordance with Section 872.05 Florida Statutes. All work and ground disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the unmarked human remains shall immediately cease and the Permittee shall immediately notify the medical examiner, Corps, and State Archeologist within the same business day (8-hours). The Corps shall then notify the appropriate SHPO and THPO(s). Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume without written authorization from the State Archeologist and from the Corps.
- 9. Eastern Indigo Snake Protection Measures and Inspection: Permittee shall comply with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake" dated August 12, 2013, as provided in Attachment #2 of this permit. All gopher tortoise burrows, active or inactive, shall be evacuated prior to site manipulation in the vicinity of the burrow. If excavating potentially occupied burrows, active or inactive, individuals must first obtain state authorization via a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Authorized Gopher Tortoise Agent permit. The excavation method selected shall minimize the potential for injury of an indigo snake. The Permittee shall follow the excavation guidance provided in the most current FWC Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines found at http://myfwc.com/gophertortoise. If an indigo snake is encountered, the snake must be allowed to vacate the area prior to additional site manipulation in the vicinity. Holes, cavities, and snake refugia other than gopher tortoise burrows shall be inspected each morning before planned site manipulation of a particular area, and if occupied by an indigo snake, no work shall commence until the snake has vacated the vicinity of the proposed work.

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10 Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase: Within 30 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall provide verification to the Corps that 4.23 palustrine emergent, and 13.48 palustrine forested federal mitigation bank credits have been purchased from the Sandhill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-05061). The required verification shall reference this project's permit number (SAJ-2011-01823).

#### Further Information:

- Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:
  - () Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403)
  - (X) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344)
- () Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413)
  - 2. Limits of this authorization.
- a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.
  - b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
  - c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
- d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal projects.
- 3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:
- a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.
- b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

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c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.

- d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.
- e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.
- Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that issuance of this
  permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you
  provided.
- 5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision: This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.
- b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (see 4 above).
- c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision,

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions: General Condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

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Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

(PERM(TTEE)

(DATÉ)

(PERMITTEE NAME-PRINTED)

This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below.

(DISTRICT ENGINEER)

Alan M. Dodd,

to Colonel, U.S. Army

District Commander

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When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.

(TRANSFEREE-SIGNATURE)	(DATE)
(NAME-PRINTED)	
(ADDRESS)	
(CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE)	

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# Attachments to Department of the Army Permit Number SAJ-2011-01823 (SP-MMW)

- 1. PERMIT DRAWINGS: 35 pages, dated April 2015.
- 2. WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Specific Conditions of the water quality permit/certification in accordance with General Condition number 5 on page 2 of this DA permit. 15 pages.
- 3. EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE CONDITIONS: 3 Pages.
- 4. AS-BUILT CERTIFICATION FORM: 2 pages



# Northwest Florida Water Management District

Carr Building, Suite 225, 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., MS LS225, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (850) 921-2986 (Fax) 921-3082

May 30, 2014

Florida Department of Transportation 1074 Highway 90 East Chipley, FL 32428

Re: Notice of Final Agency Action - Approval Individual Environmental Resource Permit

Project Name: SR79B South Portion Phase C Washington County

Permit Number: 1585

#### Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is the approved Environmental Resource Permit authorized on May 30, 2014 by the Northwest Florida Water Management District for the above referenced application.

Please be sure to read the enclosed permit and all exhibits in their entirety, paying close attention to to the permit conditions in Exhibit C that require you to perform maintenance activities on your stormwater system and to have inspections performed by a Registered Professional at specified times throughout the life of the stormwater system.

Please be advised that you are required to fully execute and submit the following documents:

- "Construction Commencement Notice" [Form 62-330.350(1)] Submitted to the District no later than 48 hours prior to commencement of any part of the activity authorized by the enclosed permit.
- "As-Built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operational Phase" [Form 62-330.310(1)] Submitted to the District no later than 30 days after the activity has been completed

Copies of these and other ERP forms are available for download on the District website at http://www.nwfwmd.state.fl.us/permits/erp/erp\_downloads.htm#erp\_forms.

Please be advised that the District has not published a notice in the newspaper of local circulation advising the public that a permit has been issued for this activity. Publication, using the District form, notifies the public of their rights to challenge the issuance of this permit. If proper notice is given by publication, third parties have a 21-day time limit to file a petition opposing the issuance of the permit. If you do not publish, a party's right to challenge the issuance of the permit may extend indefinitely. If you wish to have certainty that the period for filing such a challenge is closed, then you may publish, at your expense, such a notice in a newspaper of general circulation. A copy of the

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GEORGE ROBERTS Chair Panama City JERRY PATE Vice Chair Pensacola

JOHN ALTER Malone GUS ANDREWS DeFuniak Springs STEPHANIE BLOYD Panama City Beach

GARY CLARK Chipley JON COSTELLO Tallahassee NICK PATRONIS Panama City Beach BO SPRING Port Saint Joe form of the notice and a list of newspapers of general circulation is attached for your information. If you choose to publish such a notice, please submit a copy to the District for our records.

The issuance of an Environmental Resource Permit for this activity does not eliminate the need to obtain all necessary permits or approvals from other agencies.

Should you have any questions regarding your permit, its conditions, or additional forms or information you need to submit, please contact your permit reviewer, Ronald R. Potts, P.E., P.G., at 850-921-2986, or by e-mail: ron.potts@nwfwmd.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Michael Bateman

Chief, Bureau of Management and Storage of Surface Waters

cc: Leon E. Nobles

Enc:

Environmental Resource Permit Number: 1585
Construction Commencement Notice [Form 62-330.350(1)]
As-Built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operational Phase [Form 62-330.310(1)]
Notice of Rights
Sample Newspaper Notice

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: 1585 DATE ISSUED: May 30, 2014

PROJECT NAME: SR79B South Portion Phase C Washington County
CONSTRUCTION PHASE EXPIRATION DATE: May 30, 2019

#### A PERMIT AUTHORIZING:

Construction of 15 surface water management systems in Washington County for the widening of State Road 79 along a 4.95 mile long section of the highway starting at Johnson Road at the south to the Washington/Holmes county line at the north. The surface water management system will include the construction, operation and maintenance of 15 wet detention ponds within the delineated drainage basins associated with the construction of two new driving lanes, resulting in a 4 lane divided highway. The ponds have been designed to provide treatment for the drainage basin area and the ponds will discharge offsite through the proposed drainage control structures. The surface water management systems are in accordance with the approved plans prepared by David H. Melvin, Incorporated. Authorized impacts to wetlands include a total of 21.57 acres. The functional loss of wetlands has been assessed using the Uniform Wetland Assessment Method (UMAM) as defined by 62-345 F.A.C. The functional loss associated with the project wetland impacts is 14.68. The applicant has indicated that wetland impacts will be offset by purchasing 10.45 Wetland Forested Mixed credits, and 4.23 Freshwater Herbaceous Wetland credits at the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB) in accordance with Statute 373,4137. Escrow funds have been set aside for this portion of SR 79 widening as well as three other segments of road work. The Permittee, the Florida Department of Transportation, shall submit all necessary documentation to verify that 14.68 credits have been purchased from the SHLMB and deducted from the mitigation credit ledger associated with the SHLMB to offset the aforementioned wetland impacts.

#### LOCATION:

City: County: Washington

Address: SR79 from just north of Johonson Rd to south of I-10.

Section(s): Township(s): Range(s):

Latitude: Longitude:

#### ISSUED TO:

Applicant
Florida Department of Transportation
1074 Highway 90 East
Chipley, FL 32428

Permittee agrees to hold and save the Northwest Florida Water Management District and its successors harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise from permit issuance. Said application, including all plans and specifications attached thereto, is by reference made a part hereof.

This permit does not convey to any permittee any property rights nor any rights or privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the permittee from complying with any law, regulation or requirement affecting the rights of other bodies or agencies. All structures and works installed by permittee hereunder shall remain the property of the permittee.

This permit is issued pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statute (F.S.), and Chapter 62-330,

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Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.), and may be revoked, modified or transferred at any time pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes.

This permit also constitutes certification compliance with water quality standards under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S. Code 1341.

#### PERMIT IS CONDITIONED UPON:

See conditions on attached "Exhibit A", dated May 30, 2014 See conditions on attached "Exhibit B", dated May 30, 2014

AUTHORIZED BY: Northwest Florida Water Management District
Division of Resource Regulation

By:

Michael Edgar, Director, Division of Resource Regulation

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#### Exhibit A

#### Specific Conditions

The following conditions are in addition to those listed in exhibit B, as provided for in subsection 62-330.350(2), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

#### General Specific Conditions

- Once project construction has been deemed complete, including the re-stabilization of all side slopes, embankments, and other disturbed areas, and before the transfer to the Operation and Maintenance phase, all obsolete erosion control materials shall be removed.
- 2. Record-keeping. The permittee shall be responsible for keeping records documenting that relevant permit conditions are met. This documentation shall include, at a minimum, the date of each inspection, the name and qualifications of the inspector, any maintenance actions taken, and a determination by the inspector as to whether the system is operating as intended. Inspection documentation must be readily available and shall be provided at the District's request. Submittal of the inspection documentation to the District is not required.

#### General Environmental

- All wetlands areas or other surface waters that are outside the specific limits of construction authorized by this permit must be protected from erosion, siltation, scouring or excess turbidity, and dewatering.
- 4. All storage or stockpiling of tools or materials (i.e. lumber, pilings, etc.) shall be limited to uplands or within the impact areas authorized by this project. In addition, all equipment being utilized shall be limited to operation and storage in uplands or within the impact areas authorized by this permit.
- 5. Prior to construction, the limits of the proposed construction shall be demarcated (clearly flagged and/or staked): particularly in areas adjacent to remaining natural wetlands. All construction personnel shall be shown the location(s) of all wetland areas outside of the construction area so as to prevent encroachment form heavy equipment into these areas.
- 6. All wetland areas or other surface waters that are outside the specific limits of construction authorized by this permit must be protected from erosion, siltation, scouring, excess turbidity, dewatering and/or any other action which may negatively impact the water quantity or water quality of those wetlands and other surface waters.
- 7. Unauthorized impacts to wetlands as a result of the construction shall be reported immediately to the Northwest Florida Water Management District, Carr Building, Suite 225, 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., MS LS225, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Phone No. (850) 921-5852. Corrective action shall be taken as soon as practicable to restore the impacted area.
- 8. The Permittee and its contractors shall adhere to the standard specifications for prevention, control and abatement of erosion and water pollution, as stated in the Florida Erosion and

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Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual (FDOT and FDEP, 2007), and to any stricter standards required in this permit. The contractors shall be responsible for ensuring that turbidity/erosion control devices and procedures are inspected and maintained daily during all phases of construction authorized by this permit until all area that are disturbed during construction are sufficiently stabilized to prevent erosion, siltation, and turbid discharges.

- 9. All wetland areas and water bodies, which are outside the specific limits of construction authorized by this permit, must be protected from erosion, siltation, scouring and/or dewatering using best management practices. Erosion controls shall be positioned at the edge of permitted fill slopes where they are adjacent to wetlands in order to prevent turbid runoff, erosion, and sedimentation. At no time shall there be any discharge in violation of water quality standards in Chapter 62.302, Florida Administrative Code. Turbidity/erosion controls shall be installed prior to any clearing (with the exception of the minimal clearing necessary to install appropriate erosion control device), excavation or placement of fill material and shall be maintained in an effective condition at all locations until construction is completed, disturbed areas are stabilized, and turbidity levels have fallen to less than 29 NTU's above background. The District must be notified immediately if turbidity levels have exceeded 29 NTUs above background. Once conditions are met, the turbidity and erosion control devices shall be removed within 14 days.
- 10. If, during the progress of this project, prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures or early colonial or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project should cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries. The Permittee, or other designee, shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Review and Compliance Section at (850) 245-6333 or (800) 847-7278, or at http://www.flheritage.com/preservation/, as well as the appropriate permitting agency office. Project activities should not resume without verbal and/or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section Chapter 872.05, Florida Statutes.
- 11. This permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, local, and special district authorizations prior to the start of any activity approved by this permit. This permit does not convey to the Permittee or create in the Permittee any property right, or any interest in real property, nor does it authorize any entrance upon or activities on property which is not owned or controlled by the Permittee, or convey any rights or privileges other than those specified in the permit and Chapter 62.346, F.A.C.

#### Mitigation/Monitoring

 Within 30 days of the final sale of credits from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB), the permittee shall provide written documentation to the Northwest Florida Water Management District, Carr Building, Suite 225, 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., MS LS225, Florida Department of Transportation Permit Number: 1585 May 30, 2014 Page 5 of 9

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399 that the Banker has been provided with the information necessary to submit a ledger debit request to FDEP for the SHLMB Bank Permit No. 0227351-001. The information provided to the Banker shall include but is not limited to the Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) number, issue date, permittee name, and reviewer contact information.

13. Construction and operation is prohibited until the District has received proof of final purchase and sale of 10.45 credits for Wetland Freshwater Mixed Hardwoods, and 4.23 Freshwater Herbaceous Wetlands, from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation bank. If for whatever reason, the proposed mitigation credit purchase cannot be completed, the applicant shall submit an application for a major modification to this permit to address impacts to wetlands and other surface waters for which no mitigation has been provided. This application shall be submitted to the appropriate Water Management District office. No construction of any type is permitted until all mitigation requirements have been met.

#### Wet Detention

- 14. The littoral zone shall be constructed according to the following criteria:
  - a. The littoral zone shall be gently sloped (6:1 Horizontal: Vertical or flatter).
  - b. The littoral zone shall be planted with aquatic and wetland vegetation suitable for the specific anticipated hydroperiod of the pond.
  - c. Within 24 months of completion of the system, the littoral zone shall consist of 80% coverage with suitable aquatic and wetland vegetation.
  - d. The littoral zones shall be stabilized by either mulching or other means to ensure the stability of the native plants and soils.
- 15. The wet detention area shall be inspected periodically for debris and trash built up around the discharge structures. Accumulations of debris and trash that negatively affect the function of the system shall be removed upon discovery.
- 16. The littoral zone shall be inspected to ensure that the 80% coverage of suitable aquatic and wetland vegetation within 24 months of system completion criteria is met. If necessary, additional planting shall be conducted to meet success criteria.
- 17. The littoral zone shall be inspected to ensure that the native plants and soils have stabilized. Measures shall be taken immediately to re-establish or stabilize the littoral zone if failure is observed.
- 18. If utilizing wetland topsoil as an alternative to planting portions of the littoral zone, the wetland topsoil shall be at least four inches in depth.
- 19. If utilizing wetland topsoil as an alternative to planting portions of the littoral zone, the portion of

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the littoral zone within 25 feet of the inlet and outlet structures shall be planted with suitable aquatic and wetland vegetation.

20. Inspections by a Registered Professional.

The stormwater management system shall be inspected by a registered professional to evaluate whether the system is functioning as designed and permitted. The Registered Professional may record his inspection on Form No 62-330.311(1), Operation and Maintenance Inspection Certification or may provide his evaluation in any other format; however any report must be signed and sealed by the Registered Professional. Submittal of the inspection report to the District is not required; but the report shall be made available to the District upon request. Inspections shall be made by the Registered Professional in accordance with this schedule:

- · On the first anniversary of the date of conversion to Operation and Maintenance Phase.
- Every fifth year on the anniversary of conversion to Operation and Maintenance phase, after the first year of successful operation.
- 21. Reporting by a Registered Professional. Within 30 days of any failure of the stormwater management system or deviation from the permit, a report shall be submitted to the District on Form 62-330.311(1), Operation and Maintenance Inspection Certification, describing the remedial actions taken to resolve the failure or deviation. This report shall be signed and sealed by a Registered Professional.

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#### Exhibit B

Conditions for Issuance of an Individual Permit (Rule 62-330.350, F.A.C.) (Rule Effective October 1, 2013)

#### 62-330.350 General Conditions for Individual Permits.

- (1) The following general conditions are binding on all individual permits issued under this chapter, except where the conditions are not applicable to the authorized activity, or where the conditions must be modified to accommodate project-specific conditions.
- (a) All activities shall be implemented following the plans, specifications and performance criteria approved by this permit. Any deviations must be authorized in a permit modification in accordance with Rule 62-330.315, F.A.C. Any deviations that are not so authorized may subject the permittee to enforcement action and revocation of the permit under Chapter 373, F.S.
- (b) A complete copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity during the construction phase, and shall be available for review at the work site upon request by the Agency staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to beginning construction.
- (c) Activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards. Performance-based erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed immediately prior to, and be maintained during and after construction as needed, to prevent adverse impacts to the water resources and adjacent lands. Such practices shall be in accordance with the State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation June 2007), and the Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008), which are both incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-330.050(9)(b)5, F.A.C., unless a project-specific erosion and sediment control plan is approved or other water quality control measures are required as part of the permit.
- (d) At least 48 hours prior to beginning the authorized activities, the permittee shall submit to the Agency a fully executed Form 62-330.350(1), "Construction Commencement Notice,"[10-1-13], incorporated by reference herein (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02505), indicating the expected start and completion dates. A copy of this form may be obtained from the Agency, as described in subsection 62-330.010(5), F.A.C. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this notification requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
- (e) Unless the permit is transferred under Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C., or transferred to an operating entity under Rule 62-330.310, F.A.C., the permittee is liable to comply with the plans, terms and conditions of the permit for the life of the project or activity.
- (f) Within 30 days after completing construction of the entire project, or any independent portion of the project, the permittee shall provide the following to the Agency, as applicable:
- 1. For an individual, private single-family residential dwelling unit, duplex, triplex, or quadruplex "Construction Completion and Inspection Certification for Activities Associated With a Private Single-Family Dwelling Unit" [Form 62-330.310(3)]; or
- 2. For all other activities "As-Built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operational Phase" [Form 62-330.310(1)].
- If available, an Agency website that fulfills this certification requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
- (g) If the final operation and maintenance entity is a third party:
- 1. Prior to sales of any lot or unit served by the activity and within one year of permit issuance, or

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within 30 days of as- built certification, whichever comes first, the permittee shall submit, as applicable, a copy of the operation and maintenance documents (see sections 12.3 thru 12.3.3 of Volume I) as filed with the Department of State, Division of Corporations and a copy of any easement, plat, or deed restriction needed to operate or maintain the project, as recorded with the Clerk of the Court in the County in which the activity is located.

- 2. Within 30 days of submittal of the as-built certification, the permittee shall submit "Request for Transfer of Environmental Resource Permit to the Perpetual Operation Entity" [Form 62-330.310(2)] to transfer the permit to the operation and maintenance entity, along with the documentation requested in the form. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this transfer requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
- (h) The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing of changes required by any other regulatory agency that require changes to the permitted activity, and any required modification of this permit must be obtained prior to implementing the changes.
- (i) This permit does not:
- 1. Convey to the permittee any property rights or privileges, or any other rights or privileges other than those specified herein or in Chapter 62-330, F.A.C.;
- 2. Convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any interest in real property:
- 3. Relieve the permittee from the need to obtain and comply with any other required federal, state, and local authorization, law, rule, or ordinance; or
- Authorize any entrance upon or work on property that is not owned, held in easement, or controlled by the permittee.
- (j) Prior to conducting any activities on state-owned submerged lands or other lands of the state, title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the permittee must receive all necessary approvals and authorizations under Chapters 253 and 258, F.S. Written authorization that requires formal execution by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall not be considered received until it has been fully executed.
- (k) The permittee shall hold and save the Agency harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities that may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, abandonment or use of any project authorized by the permit.
- (I) The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing:
- 1. Immediately if any previously submitted information is discovered to be inaccurate; and
- 2. Within 30 days of any conveyance or division of ownership or control of the property or the system, other than conveyance via a long-term lease, and the new owner shall request transfer of the permit in accordance with Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C. This does not apply to the sale of lots or units in residential or commercial subdivisions or condominiums where the stormwater management system has been completed and converted to the operation phase.
- (m) Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, Agency staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the project or activities to ensure conformity with the plans and specifications authorized in the permit.
- (n) If any prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures, or early colonial or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, work involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries shall cease. The permittee or other designee shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance and Review Section, at (850) 245-6333 or (800) 847-7278, as well as the appropriate permitting agency office. Such subsurface work shall not resume without verbal or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. If unmarked human remains are encountered, all work shall stop immediately and notification shall be

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provided in accordance with Section 872.05, F.S.

(o) Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Rule 62-330.201, F.A.C., provides otherwise.

(p) The permittee shall provide routine maintenance of all components of the stormwater management system to remove trapped sediments and debris. Removed materials shall be disposed of in a landfill or other uplands in a manner that does not require a permit under Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., or cause violations of state water quality standards.

(q) This permit is issued based on the applicant's submitted information that reasonably demonstrates that adverse water resource-related impacts will not be caused by the completed permit activity. If any adverse impacts result, the Agency will require the permittee to eliminate the cause, obtain any necessary permit modification, and take any necessary corrective actions to resolve the adverse impacts.

(r) A Recorded Notice of Environmental Resource Permit may be recorded in the county public records in accordance with Rule 62-330.090(7), F.A.C. Such notice is not an encumbrance upon the property.

(2) In addition to those general conditions in subsection (1) above, the Agency shall impose any additional project-specific special conditions necessary to assure the permitted activities will not be harmful to the water resources, as set forth in Rules 62-330.301 and 62-330.302, F.A.C., Volumes I and II, as applicable, and the rules incorporated by reference in this chapter.

Rulemaking Authority 373.026(7), 373.043, 373.4131, 373.4145, 373.418, 403.805(1) FS. Law Implemented 373.116, 373.117, 373.409, 373.413, 373.4131, 373.4142, 373.4145, 373.416, 373.418, 373.419, 373.422, 373.423, 373.426, 373.428, 403.0877 FS. History-New 10-1-13.



# **NOTICE OF RIGHTS**



The following information addresses procedures to be followed if you desire an administrative hearing or other review of agency action.

## PETITION FOR FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Any person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the action described in the enclosed Notice of Agency Action, may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with the requirements of section 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under section 120.573, Florida Statutes, before the deadline for filing a petition. Pursuit of mediation will not adversely affect the right to administrative proceedings in the event mediation does not result in a settlement. Petitions for an administrative hearing must be filed with the Agency Clerk of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333-9700 by the deadline specified in the attached cover letter. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any rights such person may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under section 120.57, Florida Statutes, concerning the subject permit application. Petitions which are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

## DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

A party who is adversely affected by final agency action on the permit application and who has exhausted available administrative remedies is entitled to judicial review in the District Court of Appeal pursuant to section 120.68, Florida Statutes. Review under section 120.68, Florida Statutes, is initiated by filing a Notice of Appeal in the appropriate District Court of Appeal in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

#### SECTION 28-106.201, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS

- (1) Unless otherwise provided by statute, and except for agency enforcement and disciplinary actions that shall be initiated under Rule 28-106.2015, F.A.C., initiation of proceedings shall be made by written petition to the agency responsible for rendering final agency action. The term "petition" includes any document that requests an evidentiary proceeding and asserts the existence of a disputed issue of material fact. Each petition shall be legible and on 8 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. Unless printed, the impression shall be on one side of the paper only and lines shall be double-spaced.
- (2) All petitions filed under these rules shall contain:
  - (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
  - (b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;
  - (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision:
  - (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
  - (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
  - (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
  - (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.
- (3) Upon receipt of a petition involving disputed issues of material fact, the agency shall grant or deny the petition, and if granted shall, unless otherwise provided by law, refer the matter to the Division of Administrative Hearings with a request that an administrative law judge be assigned to conduct the hearing. The request shall be accompanied by a copy of the petition and a copy of the notice of agency action.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 120.54(3), (5) FS. Law Implemented 120.54(3) FS. History-New 4-1-97, Amended 9-17-98, 1-15-07, 2-5-13.

#### NOTICING PUBLICATION INFORMATION

The District's action regarding the issuance or denial of a permit, a petition or qualification for an exemption only becomes closed to future legal challenges from members of the public ("third parties"), if 1) "third parties" have been properly notified of the District's action regarding the permit or exemption, and 2) no "third party" objects to the District's action within a specific period of time following the notification.

Notification of "third parties" is provided through publication of certain information in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the proposed activities are to occur. Publication of notice informs "third parties" of their right to have a 21-day time limit in which to file a petition opposing the District's action. However, if no notice to "third parties" is published, there is no time limit to a party's right to challenge the District's action. The District has not published a noticed to "third parties" that it has taken final action on your application. If you want to ensure that the period of time in which a petition opposing the District's action regarding your application is limited to the time frame state above, you may publish, at your own expense, a notice in a newspaper of general circulation. A copy of the Notice of Agency Action the District uses for publication is attached. You may use this format or create your own, as long as the essential information is included.

If you do decide to publish a Notice of Final Agency Action, please provide the District a copy of the Proof of Publication when you receive it. That will provide us notice that action on this permit application is closed after the 21 days following publication.

Notice to the Washington County News Legal Ads btaylor@chipleypaper.com Contact person: Brenda Taylor Please publish the following legal notice one time only on the earliest available date. This should be an in-column ad and not a display ad. Fax proof copy to at 850-415-9486 Contact me, , at 850-638-0250 for payment instructions. I will need a Proof of Publication.

#### Notice of Final Agency Action Taken by the Northwest Florida Water Management District

Notice is given that stormwater permit number 1585 was issued on May 30, 2014, to Florida Department of Transportation for construction of 15 surface water management systems in Washington County for the widening of State Road 79 along a 4.95 mile long section of the highway from the intersection of Johnson Road, then north to the Washington/Holmes county line.

The file containing the application for this permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday (except for legal holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, 180 E. Redstone Avenue, Crestview, FL 32539.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57 F.S., or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404, Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333-4712. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice or within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing notice of this intent in the mail for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 129.57, F.S., concerning the subject permit. Petitions which are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of intent. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceedings, the accordance with the requirements set forth above.

## AS-BUILT CERTIFICATION BY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

Submit this form and one set of as-built engineering drawings to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Enforcement Section, 41 North Jefferson Street Suite 301, Pensacola, Florida, 32502. If you have questions regarding this requirement, please contact the Enforcement Branch at 904-232-3131.

Department of the Army Permit Nur	mber: SAJ-2011-01823(S	P-MMW)
2. Permittee Information:		
Name:		
Address:		
3. Project Site Identification (physical	ocation/address):	
4. As-Built Certification: I hereby certi by Special Conditions to the permit, had the Army permit with any deviations no observation, scheduled, and conducted supervision. I have enclosed one set of Signature of Engineer	is been accomplished in a sted below. This determin d by me or by a project rep	ccordance with the Department of ation is based upon on-site presentative under my direct wings.
(FL, PR, or VI) Reg. Number	Company Nam	e
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(Affix Seal)		
		SAJ-2011-01823 (SP-MMW)  FDOT 5R79/Johnson Rd to Pipkin Rd AS-BUILT Certification Sheet 1 of 2
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# STANDARD PROTECTION MEASURES FOR THE EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service August 12, 2013

The eastern indigo snake protection/education plan (Plan) below has been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Florida for use by applicants and their construction personnel. At least 30 days prior to any clearing/land alteration activities, the applicant shall notify the appropriate USFWS Field Office via e-mail that the Plan will be implemented as described below (North Florida Field Office: <a href="mailto:jaxregs@fws.gov">jaxregs@fws.gov</a>; South Florida Field Office: <a href="mailto:jaxregs@fws.gov">jaxregs@fws.gov</a>; Panama City Field Office: <a href="mailto:jaxregs@fws.gov">jaxregs@fws.gov</a>; South Florida Field Office: <a href="mailto:jaxregs@fws.gov">jaxregs@fws.gov</a>; As long as the signatory of the e-mail certifies compliance with the below Plan (including use of the attached poster and brochure), no further written confirmation or "approval" from the USFWS is needed and the applicant may move forward with the project.

If the applicant decides to use an eastern indigo snake protection/education plan other than the approved Plan below, written confirmation or "approval" from the USFWS that the plan is adequate must be obtained. At least 30 days prior to any clearing/land alteration activities, the applicant shall submit their unique plan for review and approval. The USFWS will respond via e-mail, typically within 30 days of receiving the plan, either concurring that the plan is adequate or requesting additional information. A concurrence e-mail from the appropriate USFWS Field Office will fulfill approval requirements.

The Plan materials should consist of: 1) a combination of posters and pamphlets (see **Poster Information** section below); and 2) verbal educational instructions to construction personnel by supervisory or management personnel before any clearing/land alteration activities are initiated (see **Pre-Construction Activities** and **During Construction Activities** sections below).

#### POSTER INFORMATION

Posters with the following information shall be placed at strategic locations on the construction site and along any proposed access roads (a final poster for Plan compliance, to be printed on 11" x 17" or larger paper and laminated, is attached):

**DESCRIPTION:** The eastern indigo snake is one of the largest non-venomous snakes in North America, with individuals often reaching up to 8 feet in length. They derive their name from the glossy, blue-black color of their scales above and uniformly slate blue below. Frequently, they have orange to coral reddish coloration in the throat area, yet some specimens have been reported to only have cream coloration on the throat. These snakes are not typically aggressive and will attempt to crawl away when disturbed. Though indigo snakes rarely bite, they should NOT be handled.

SIMILAR SNAKES: The black racer is the only other solid black snake resembling the eastern indigo snake. However, black racers have a white or cream chin, thinner bodies, and WILL BITE if handled.

LIFE HISTORY: The eastern indigo snake occurs in a wide variety of terrestrial habitat types throughout Florida. Although they have a preference for uplands, they also utilize some wetlands

and agricultural areas. Eastern indigo snakes will often seek shelter inside gopher tortoise burrows and other below- and above-ground refugia, such as other animal burrows, stumps, roots, and debris piles. Females may lay from 4 - 12 white eggs as early as April through June, with young hatching in late July through October.

PROTECTION UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW: The eastern indigo snake is classified as a Threatened species by both the USFWS and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "Taking" of eastern indigo snakes is prohibited by the Endangered Species Act without a permit. "Take" is defined by the USFWS as an attempt to kill, harm, harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, trap, capture, collect, or engage in any such conduct. Penalties include a maximum fine of \$25,000 for civil violations and up to \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for criminal offenses, if convicted.

Only individuals currently authorized through an issued Incidental Take Statement in association with a USFWS Biological Opinion, or by a Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit issued by the USFWS, to handle an eastern indigo snake are allowed to do so.

## IF YOU SEE A LIVE EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE ON THE SITE:

- Cease clearing activities and allow the live eastern indigo snake sufficient time to move away from the site without interference;
- Personnel must NOT attempt to touch or handle snake due to protected status.
- Take photographs of the snake, if possible, for identification and documentation purposes.
- Immediately notify supervisor or the applicant's designated agent, and the appropriate USFWS office, with the location information and condition of the snake.
- If the snake is located in a vicinity where continuation of the clearing or construction
  activities will cause harm to the snake, the activities must halt until such time that a
  representative of the USFWS returns the call (within one day) with further guidance as to
  when activities may resume.

#### IF YOU SEE A DEAD EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE ON THE SITE:

- Cease clearing activities and immediately notify supervisor or the applicant's designated agent, and the appropriate USFWS office, with the location information and condition of the snake.
- Take photographs of the snake, if possible, for identification and documentation purposes.
- Thoroughly soak the dead snake in water and then freeze the specimen. The appropriate wildlife agency will retrieve the dead snake.

Telephone numbers of USFWS Florida Field Offices to be contacted if a live or dead eastern indigo snake is encountered:

North Florida Field Office – (904) 731-3336 Panama City Field Office – (850) 769-0552 South Florida Field Office – (772) 562-3909

#### PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

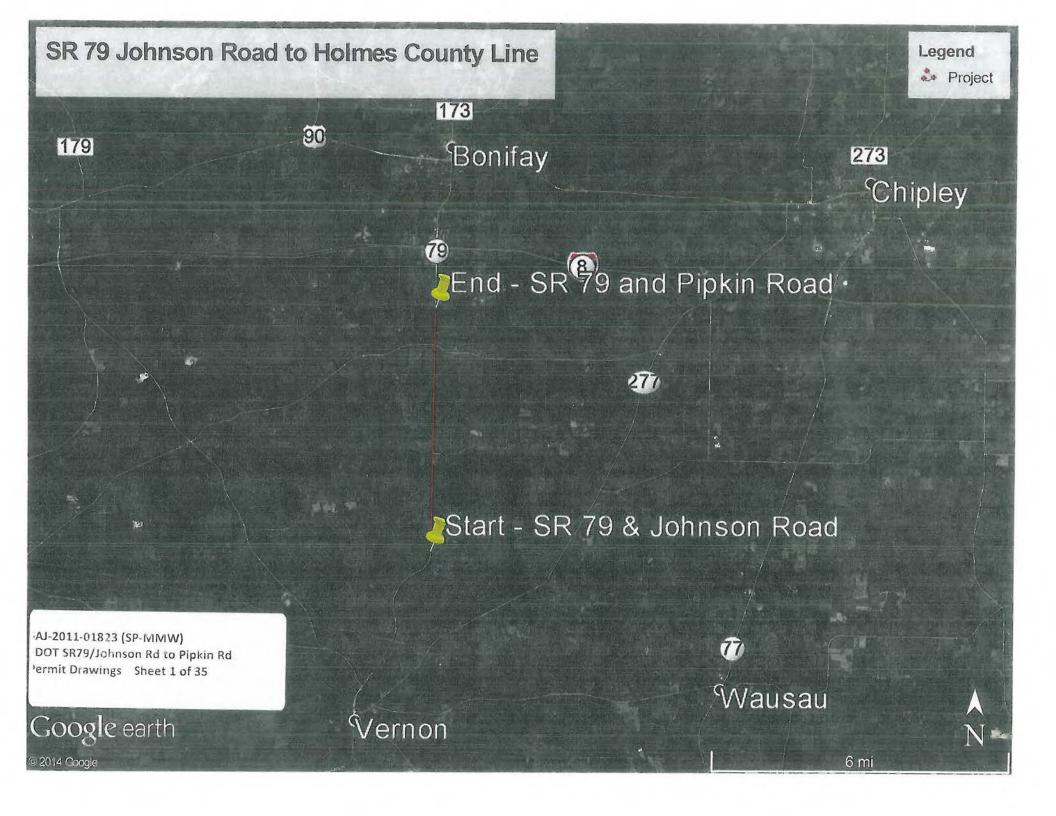
- 1. The applicant or designated agent will post educational posters in the construction office and throughout the construction site, including any access roads. The posters must be clearly visible to all construction staff. A sample poster is attached.
- 2. Prior to the onset of construction activities, the applicant/designated agent will conduct a meeting with all construction staff (annually for multi-year projects) to discuss identification of the snake, its protected status, what to do if a snake is observed within the project area, and applicable penalties that may be imposed if state and/or federal regulations are violated. An educational brochure including color photographs of the snake will be given to each staff member in attendance and additional copies will be provided to the construction superintendent to make available in the onsite construction office (a final brochure for Plan compliance, to be printed double-sided on 8.5" x 11" paper and then properly folded, is attached). Photos of eastern indigo snakes may be accessed on USFWS and/or FWC websites.
- 3. Construction staff will be informed that in the event that an eastern indigo snake (live or dead) is observed on the project site during construction activities, all such activities are to cease until the established procedures are implemented according to the Plan, which includes notification of the appropriate USFWS Field Office. The contact information for the USFWS is provided on the referenced posters and brochures.

#### DURING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

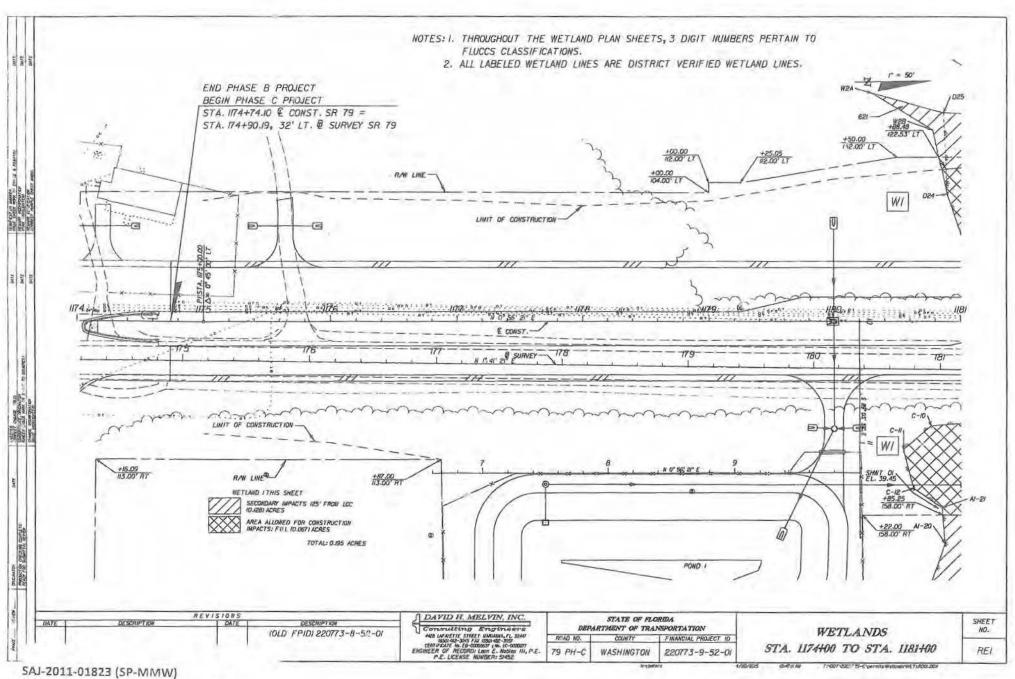
- 1. During initial site clearing activities, an onsite observer may be utilized to determine whether habitat conditions suggest a reasonable probability of an eastern indigo snake sighting (example: discovery of snake sheds, tracks, lots of refugia and cavities present in the area of clearing activities, and presence of gopher tortoises and burrows).
- 2. If an eastern indigo snake is discovered during gopher tortoise relocation activities (i.e. burrow excavation), the USFWS shall be contacted within one business day to obtain further guidance which may result in further project consultation.
- 3. Periodically during construction activities, the applicant's designated agent should visit the project area to observe the condition of the posters and Plan materials, and replace them as needed. Construction personnel should be reminded of the instructions (above) as to what is expected if any eastern indigo snakes are seen.

#### POST CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

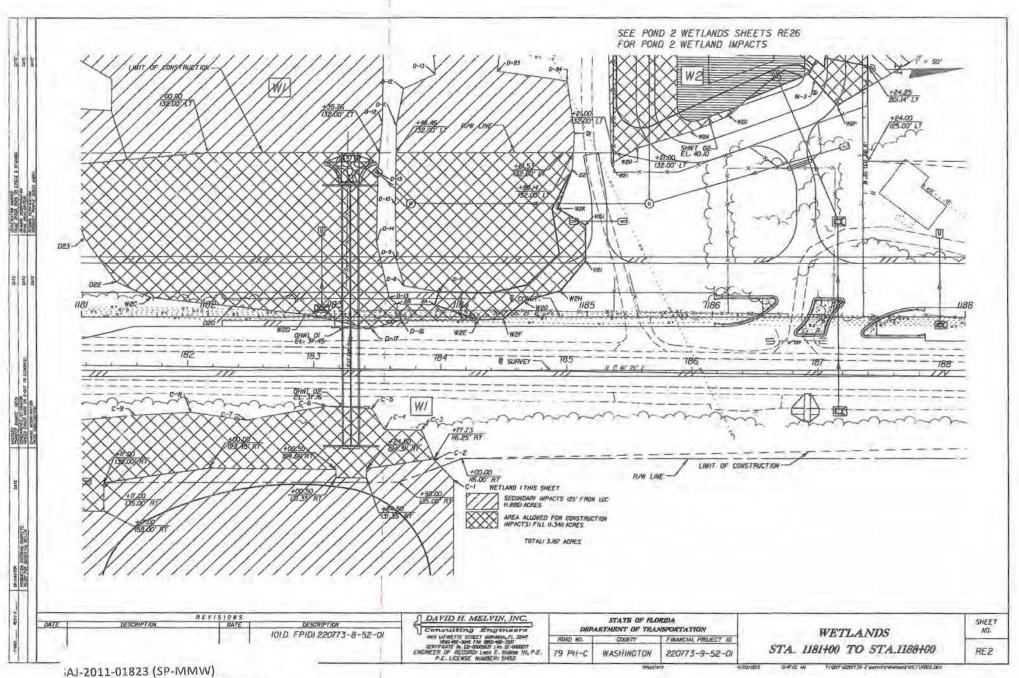
Whether or not eastern indigo snakes are observed during construction activities, a monitoring report should be submitted to the appropriate USFWS Field Office within 60 days of project completion. The report can be sent electronically to the appropriate USFWS e-mail address listed on page one of this Plan.



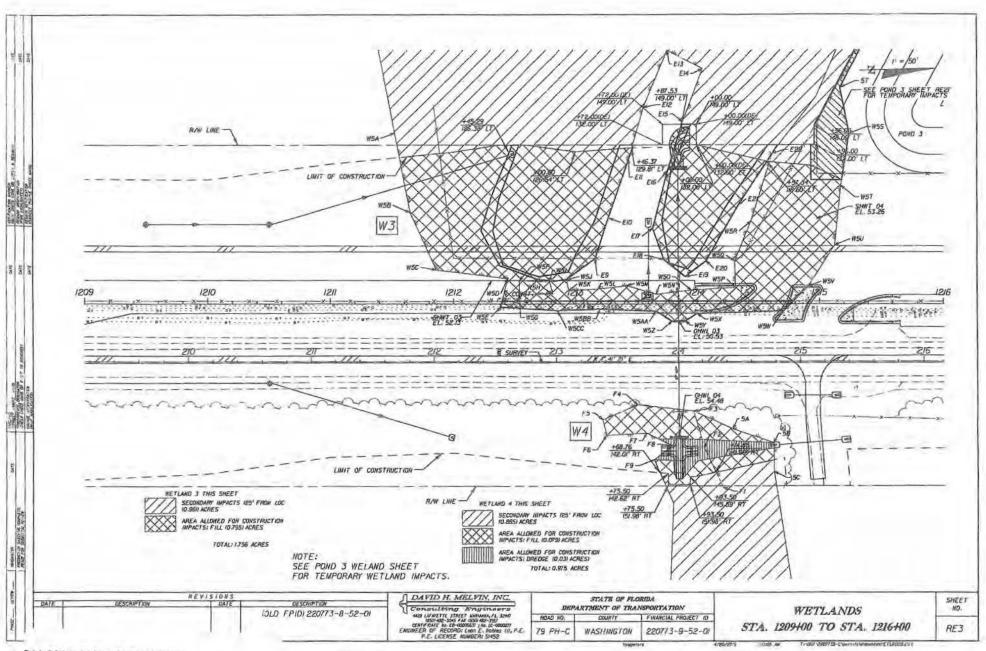
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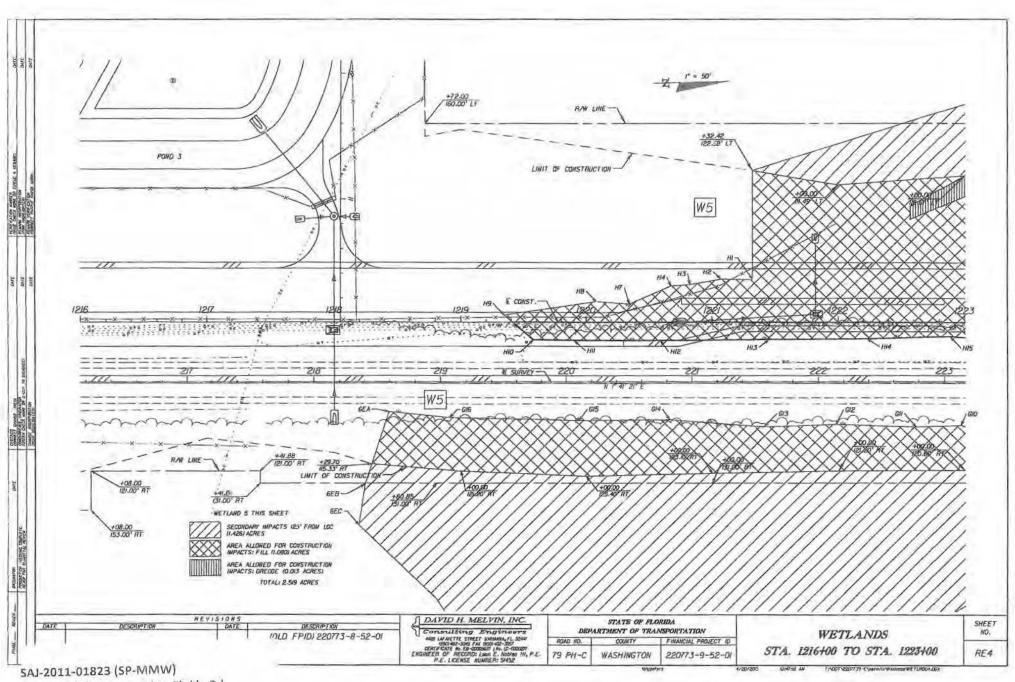
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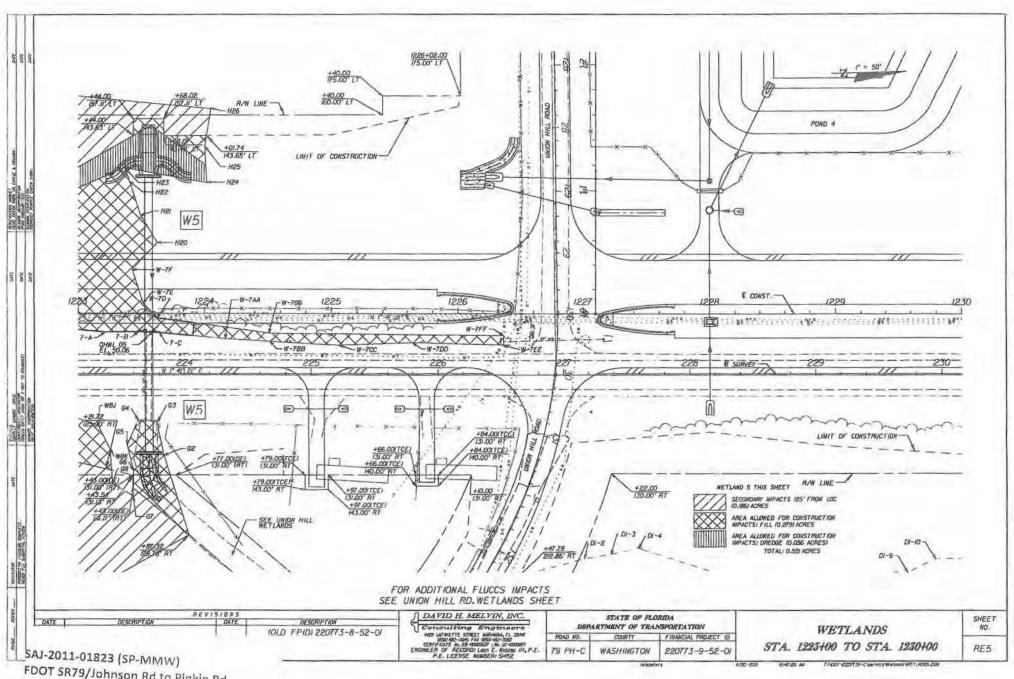
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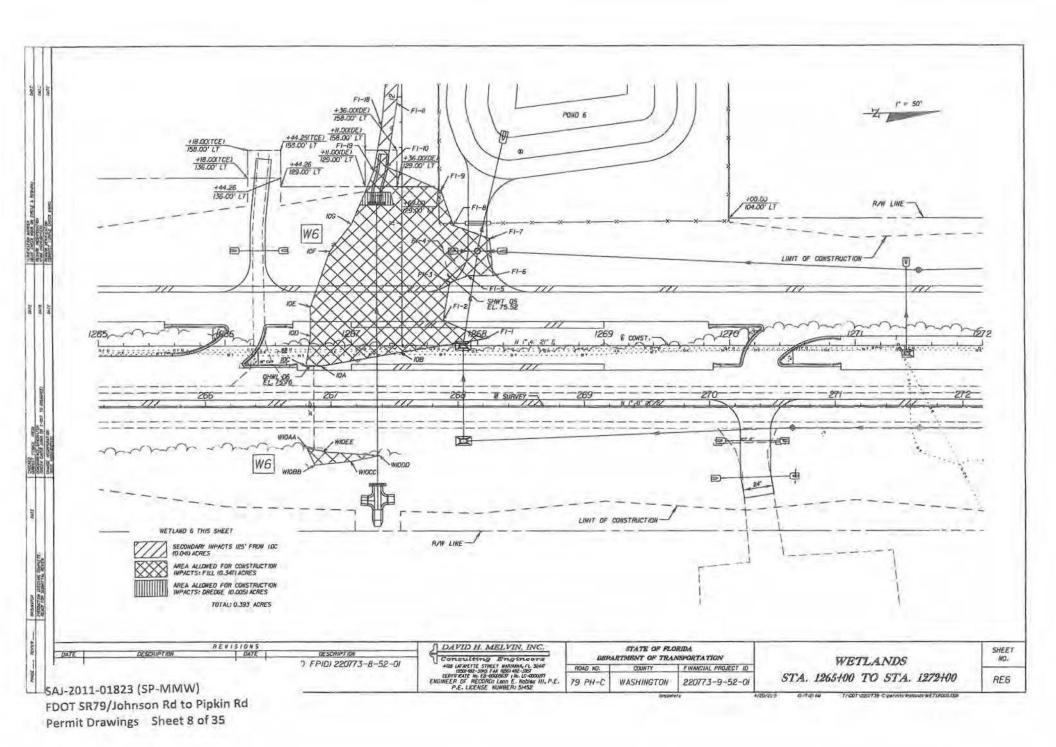
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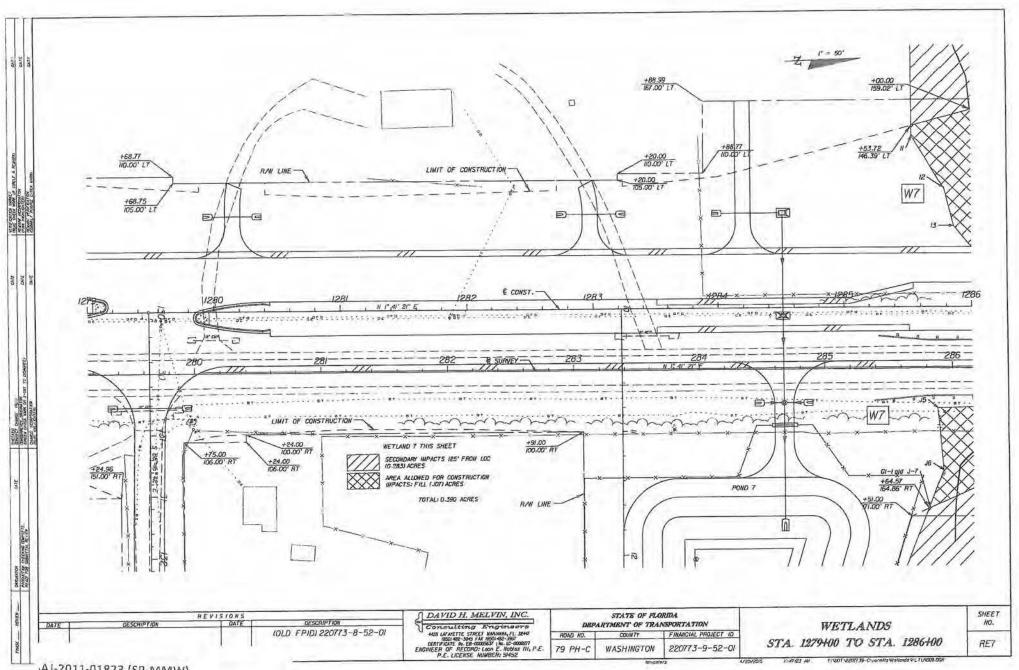


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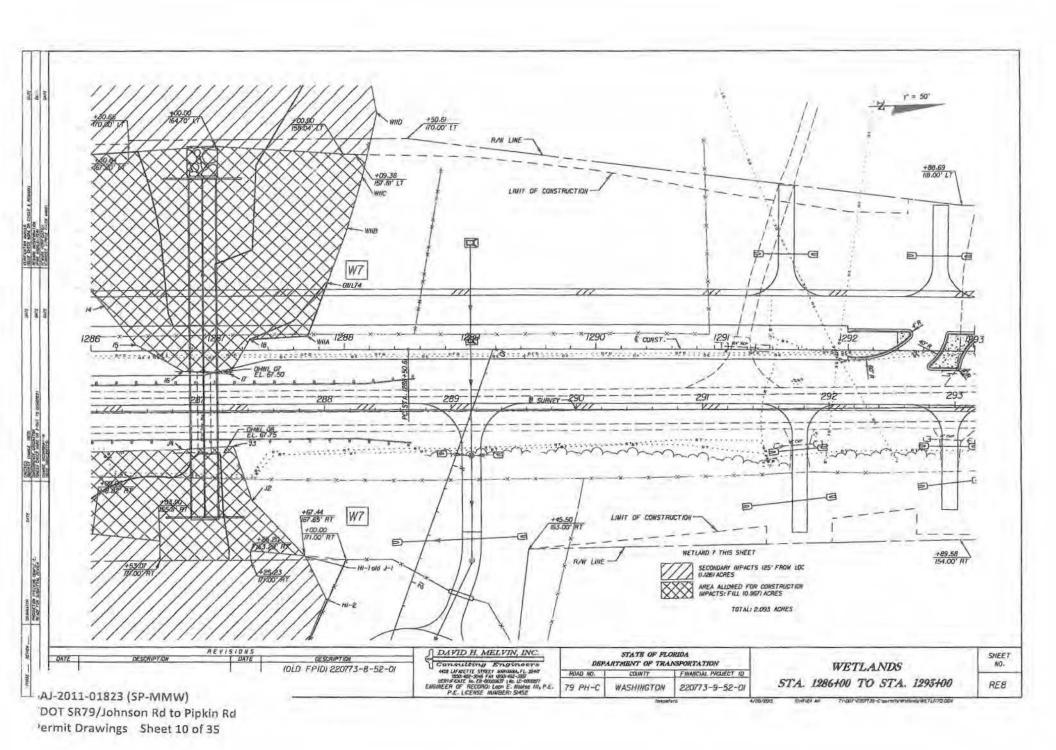


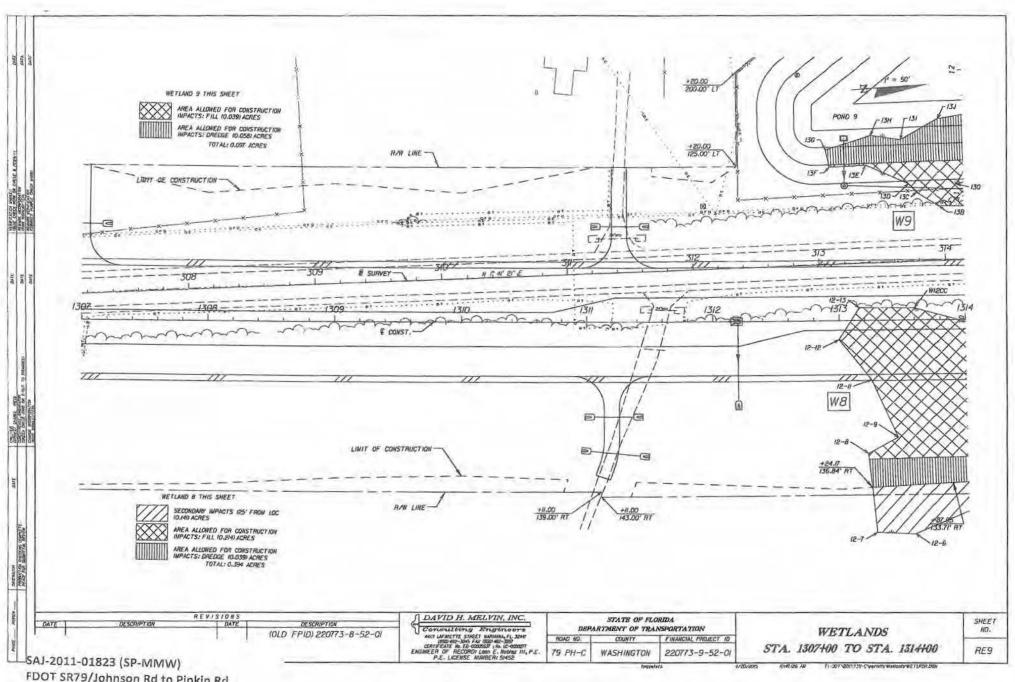
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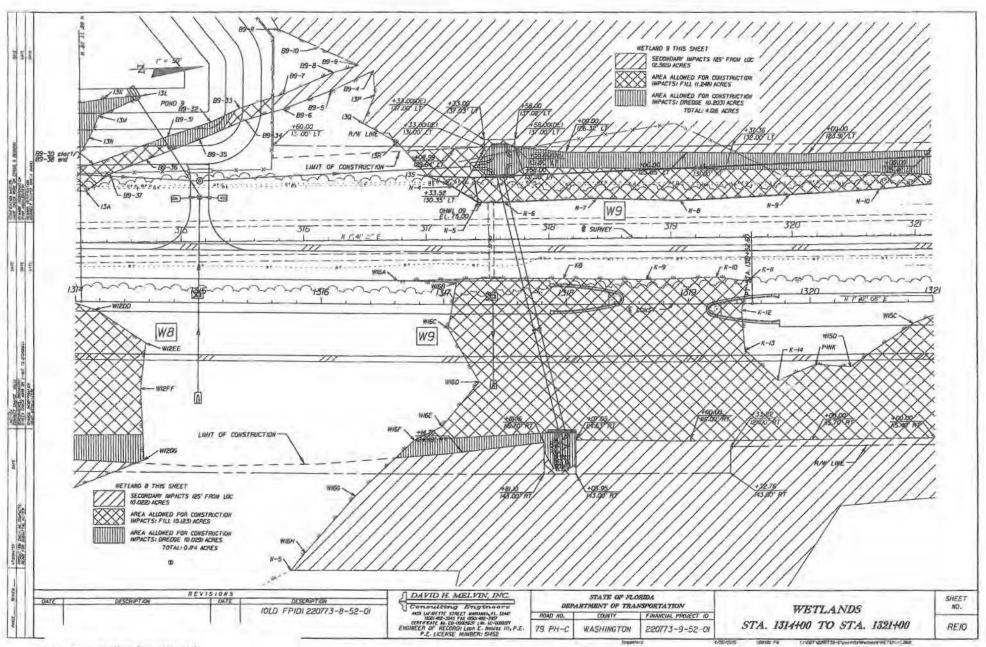


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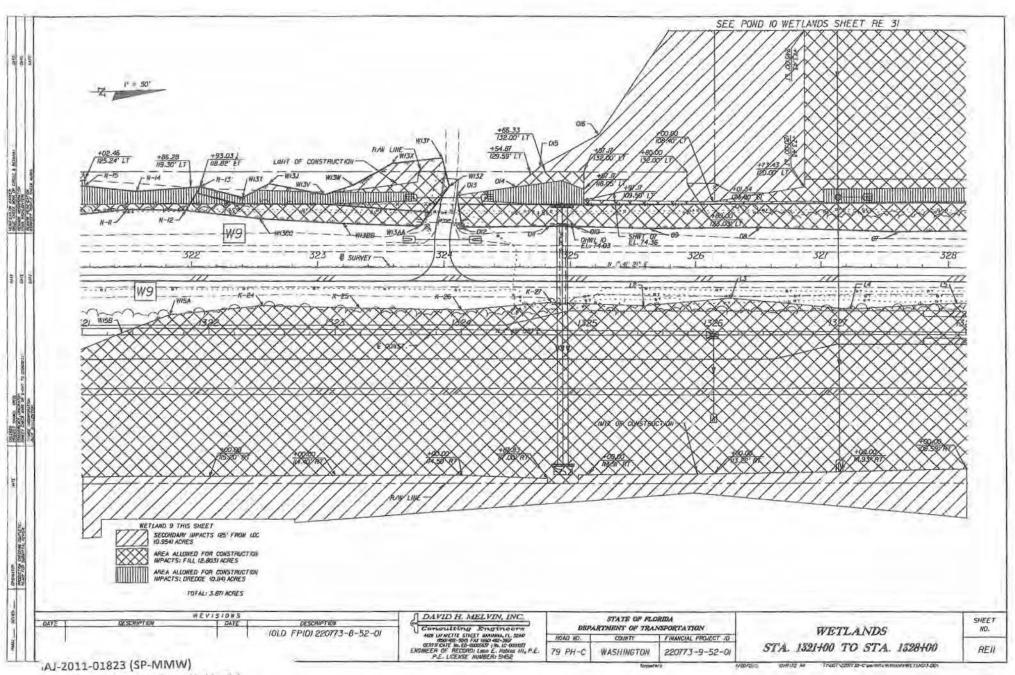




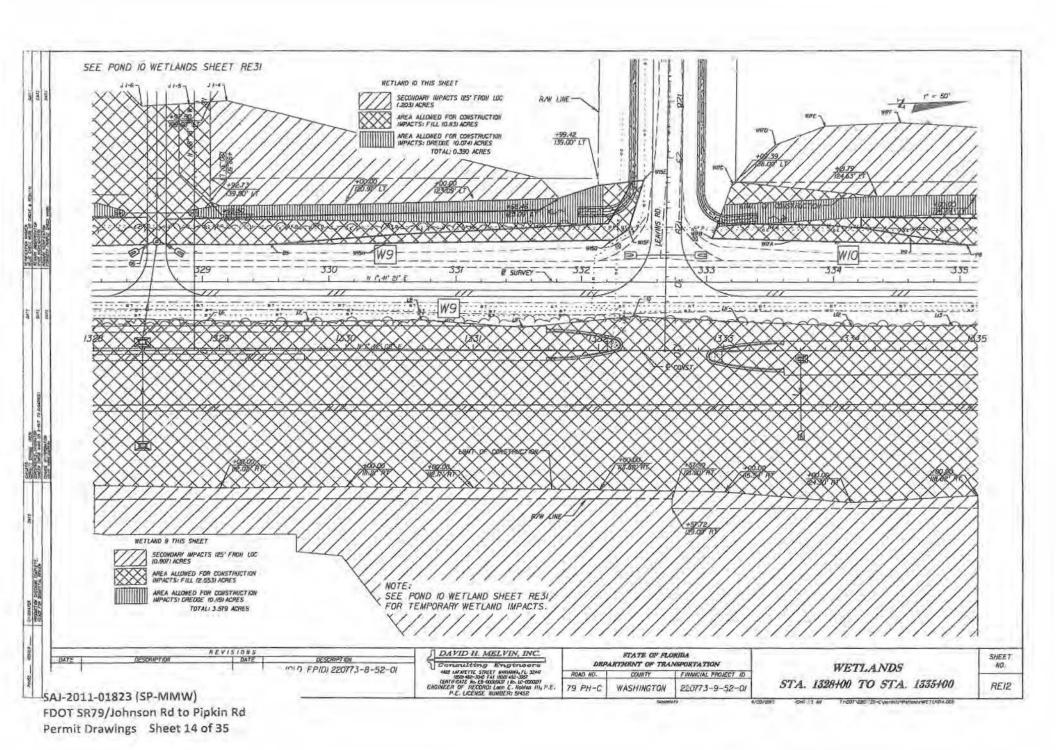
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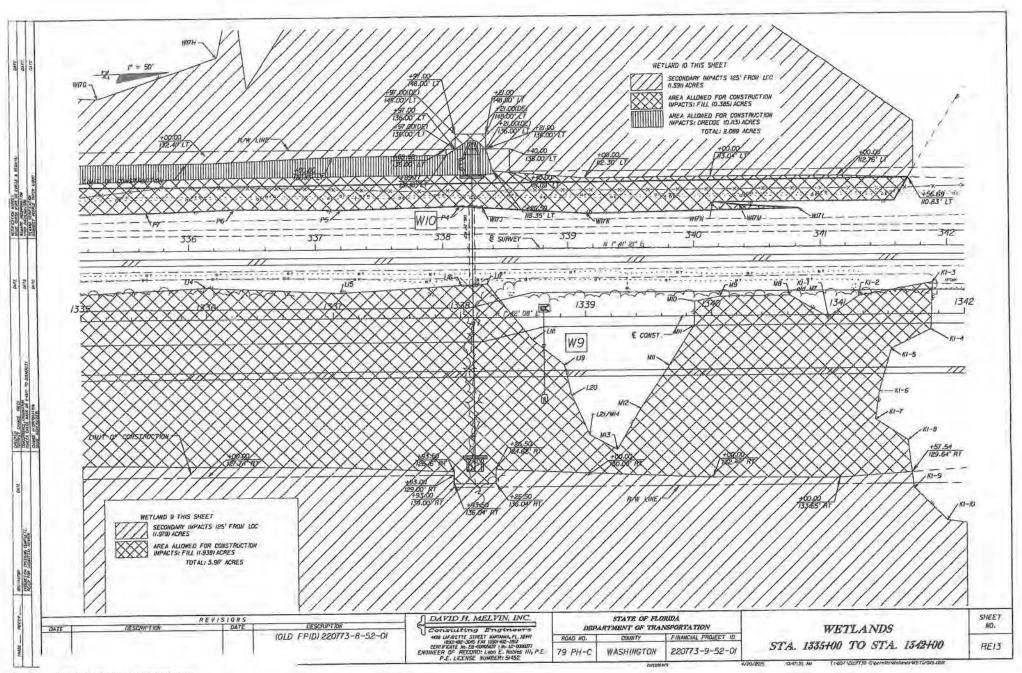


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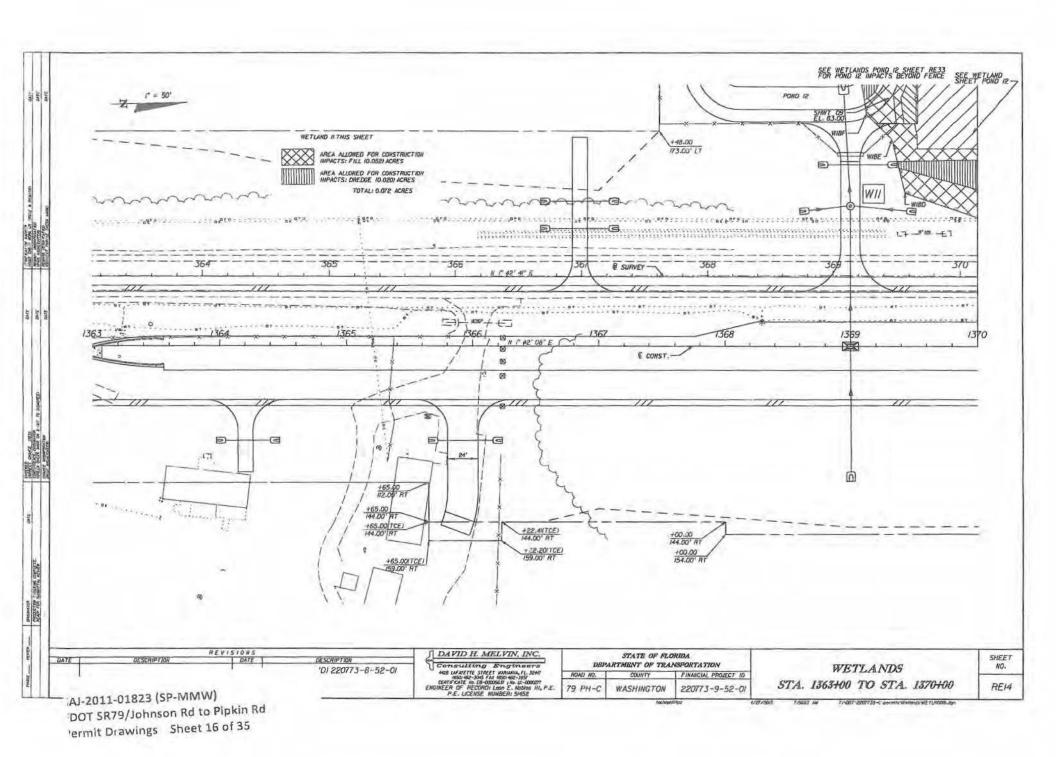


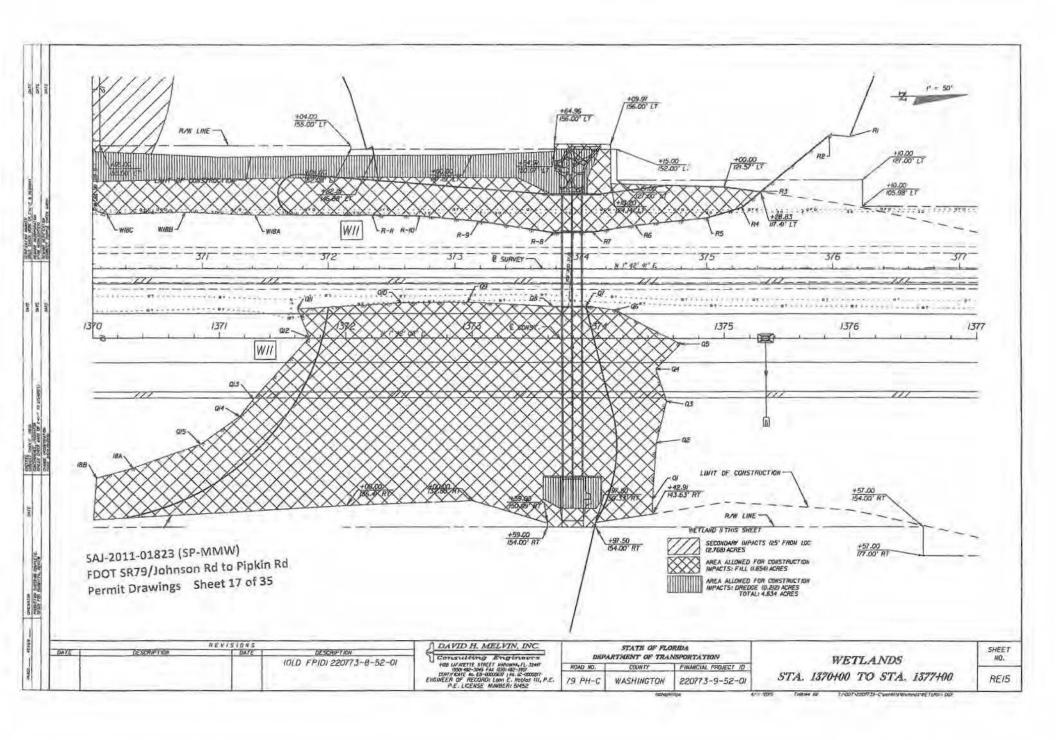
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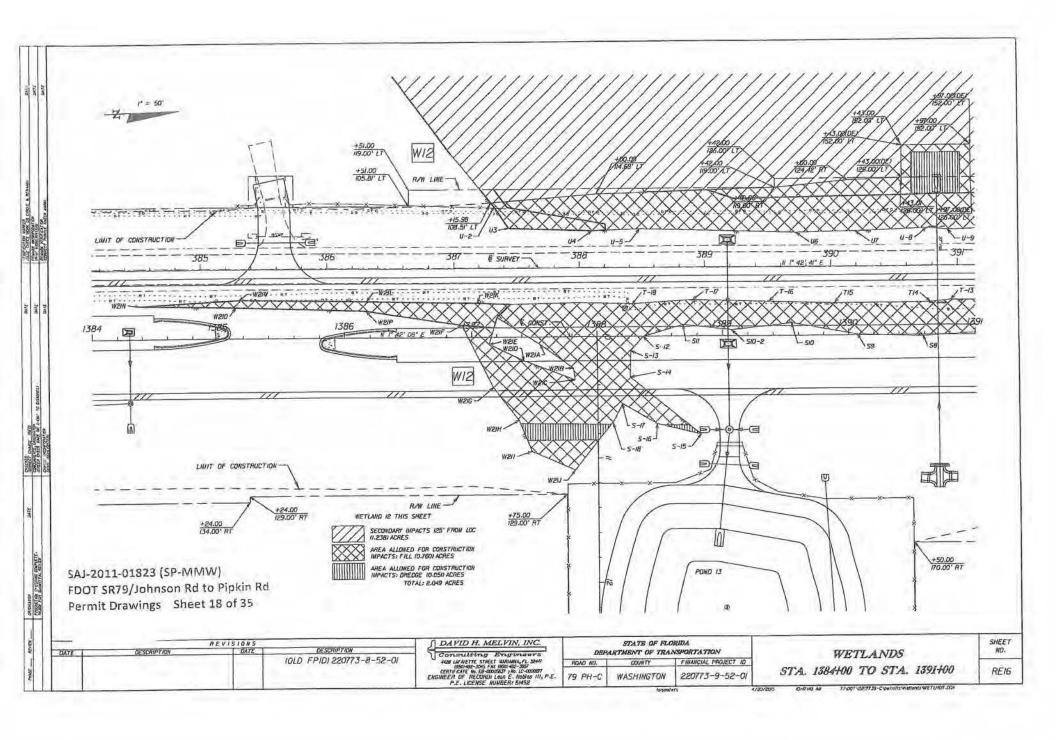


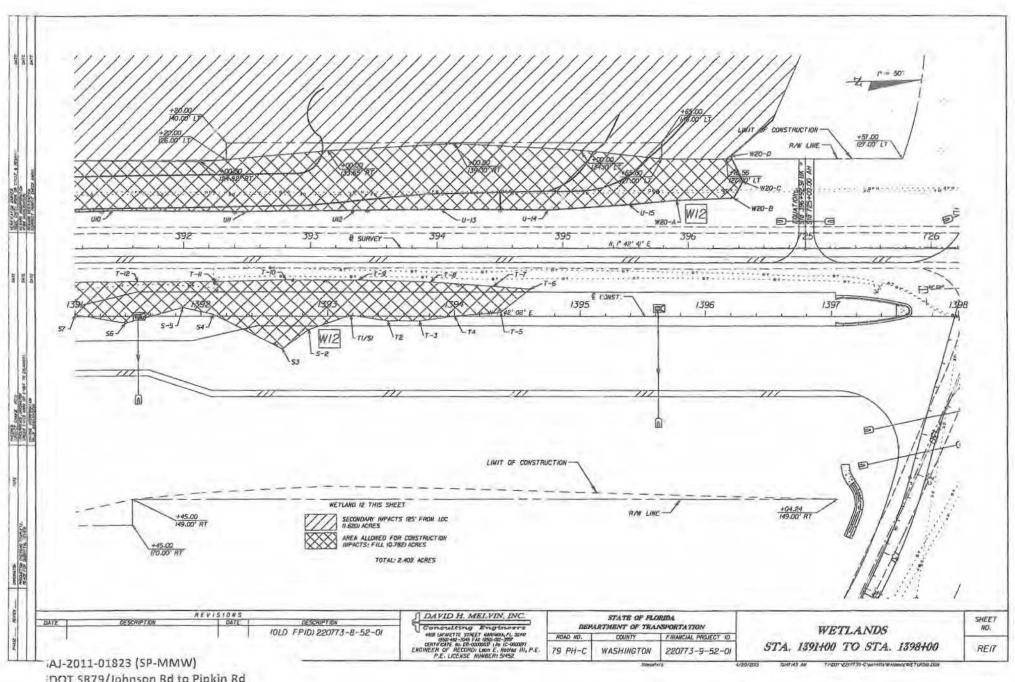


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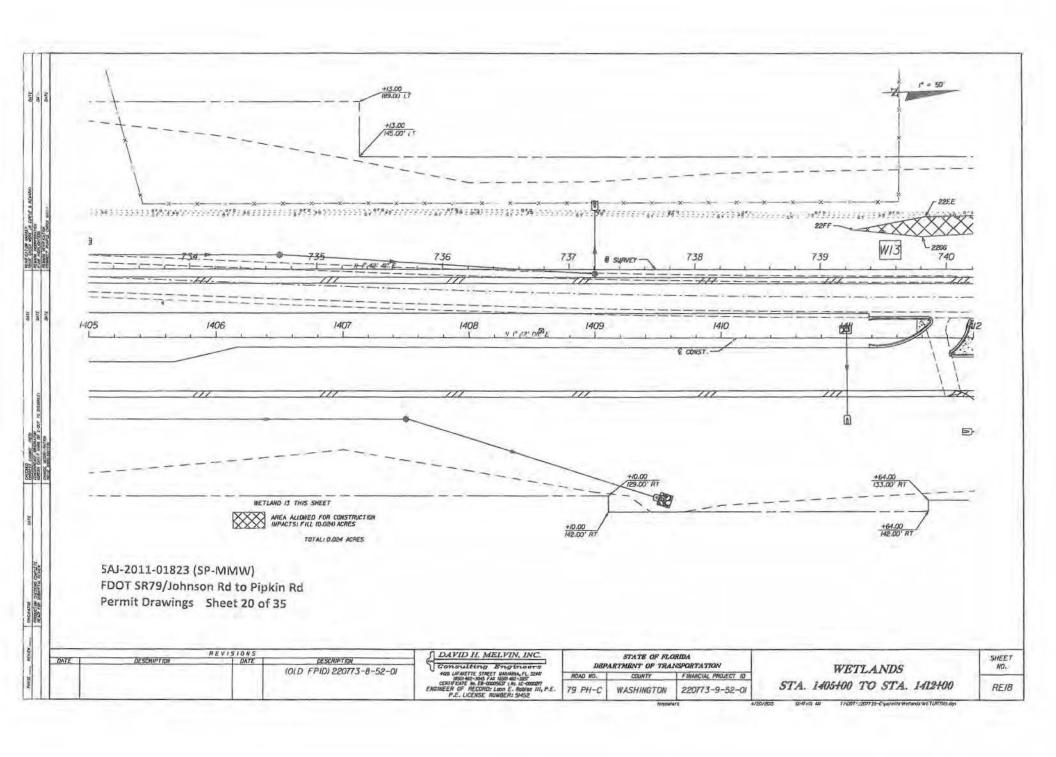


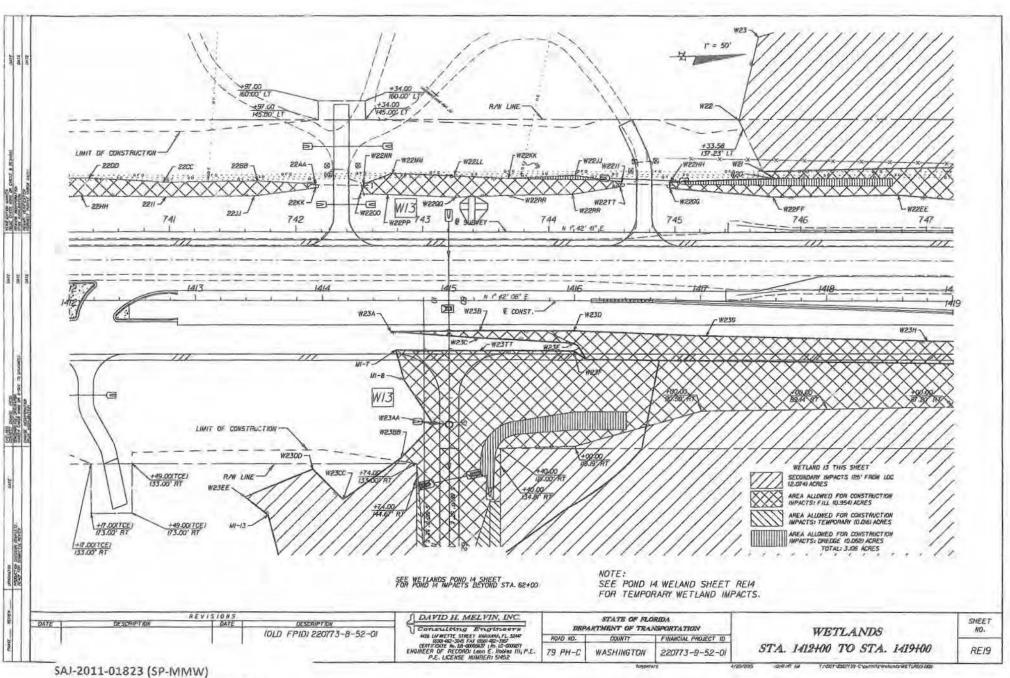




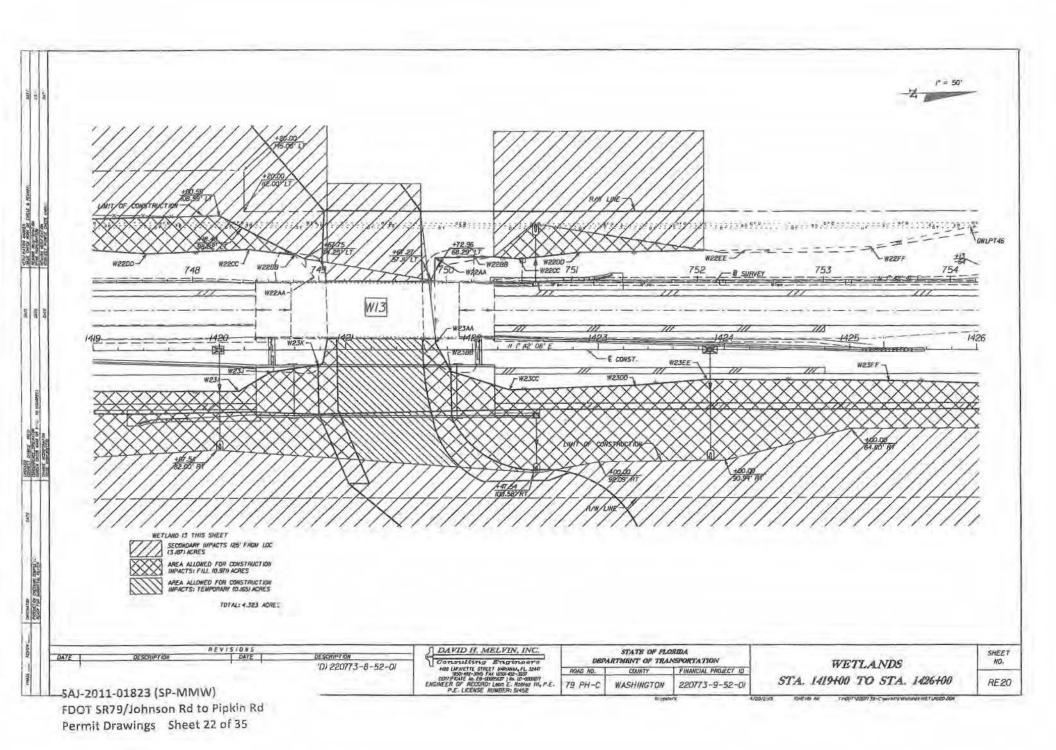


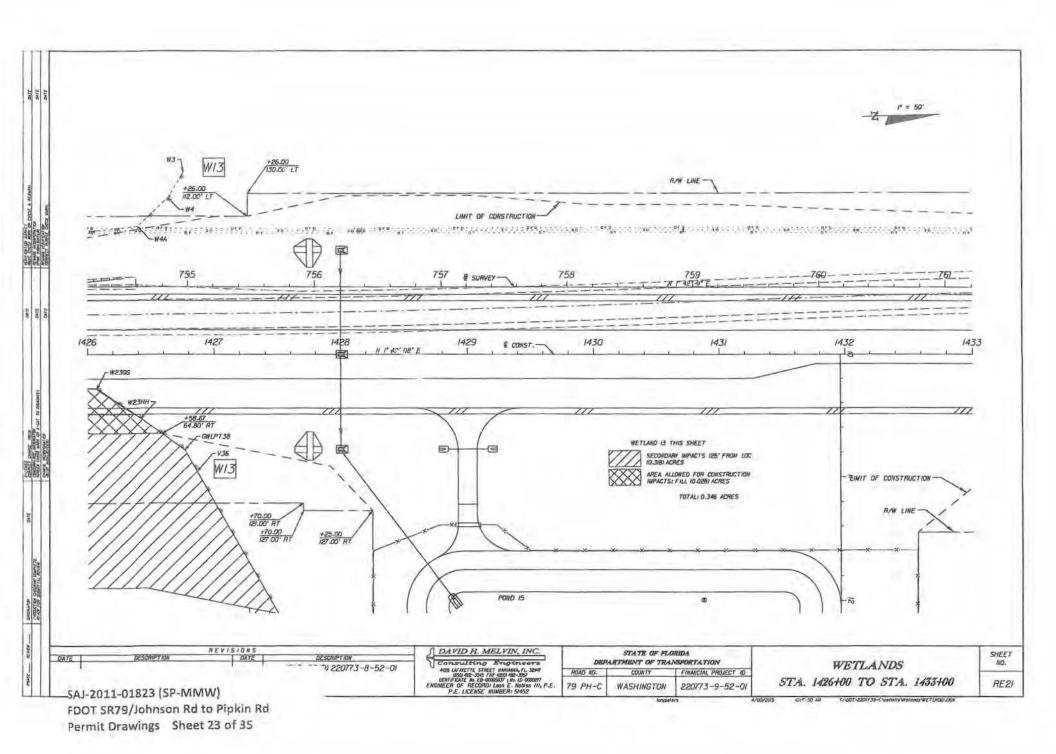
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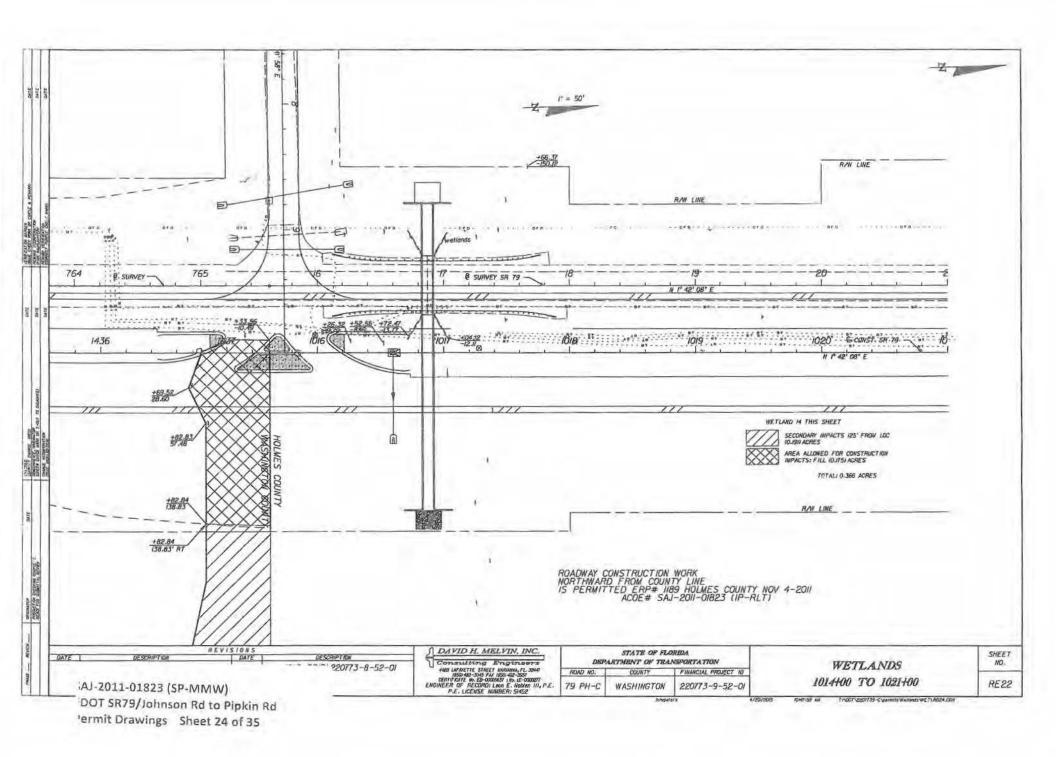


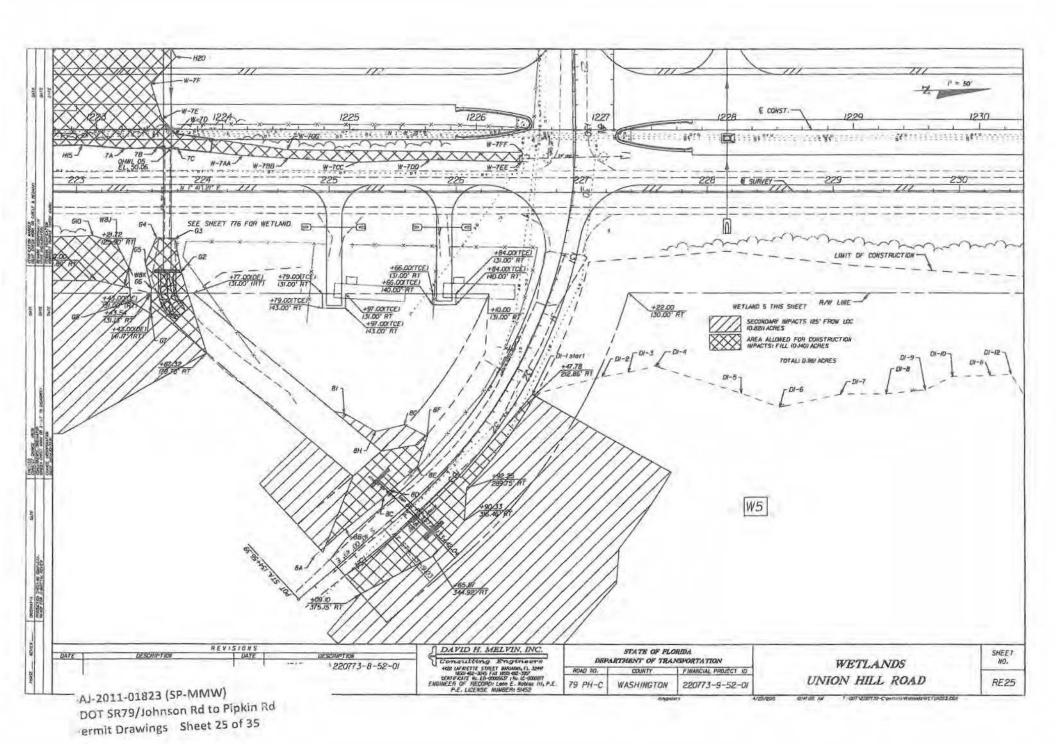


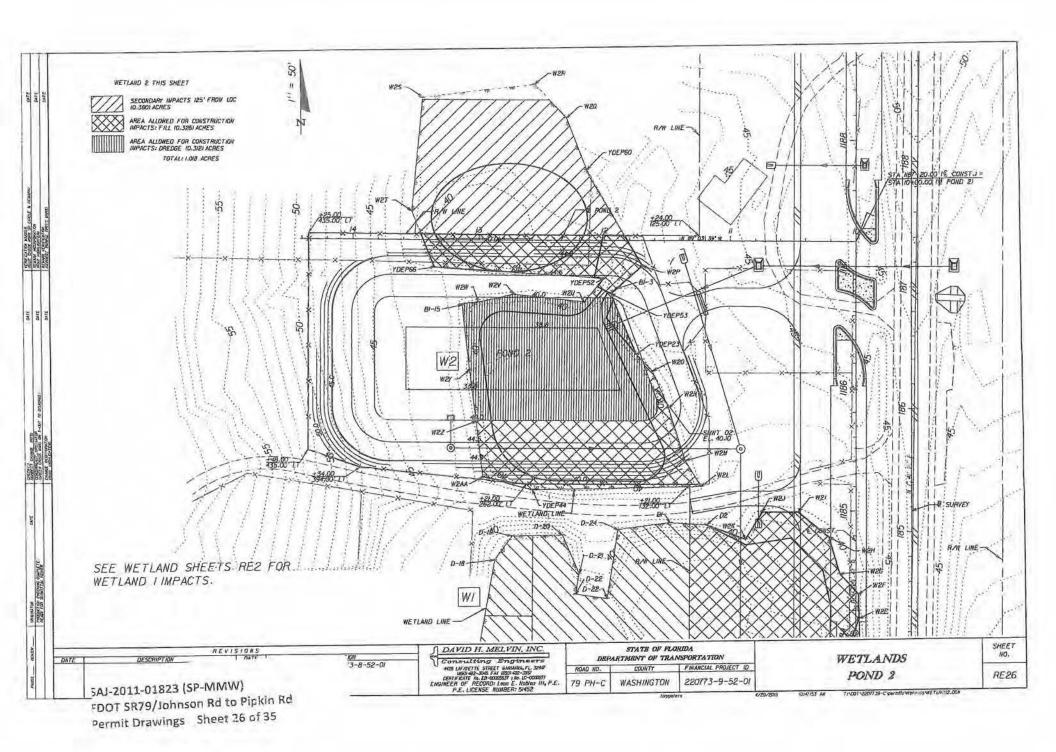
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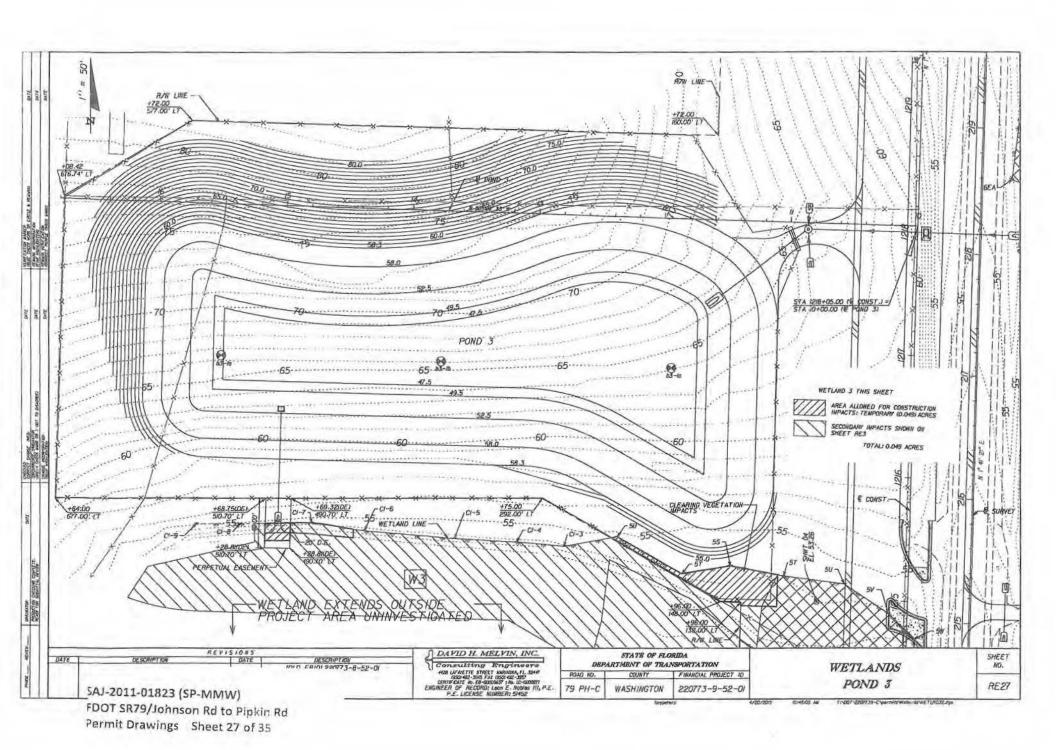


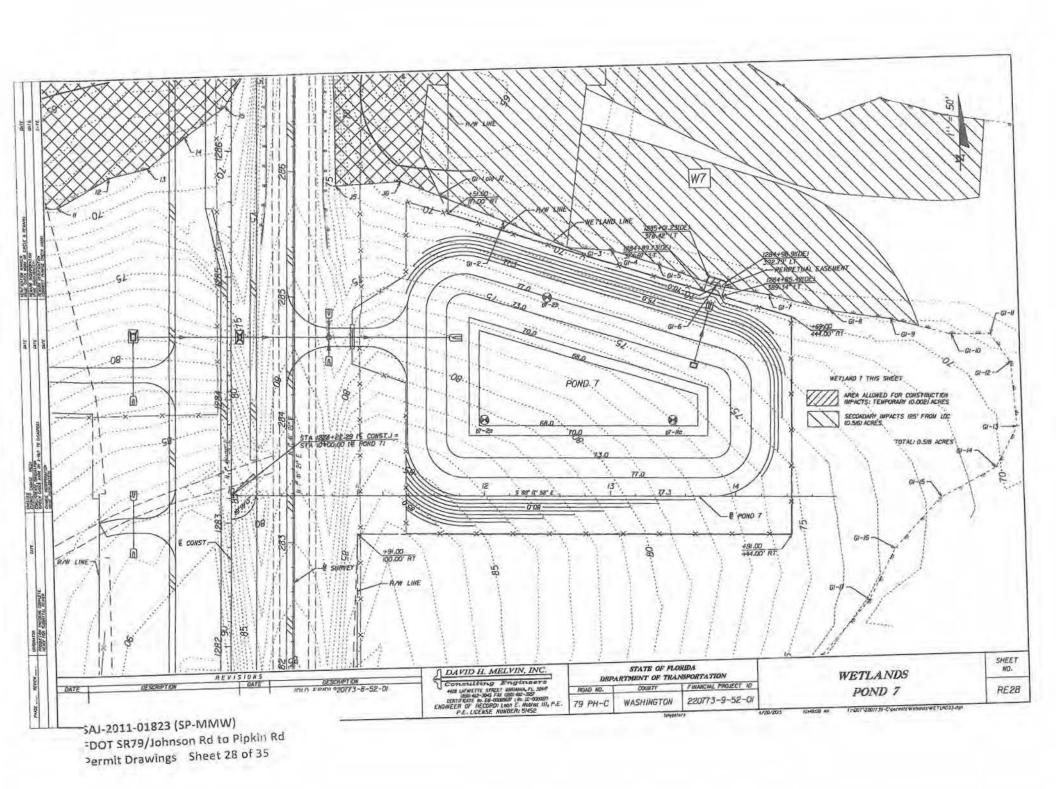


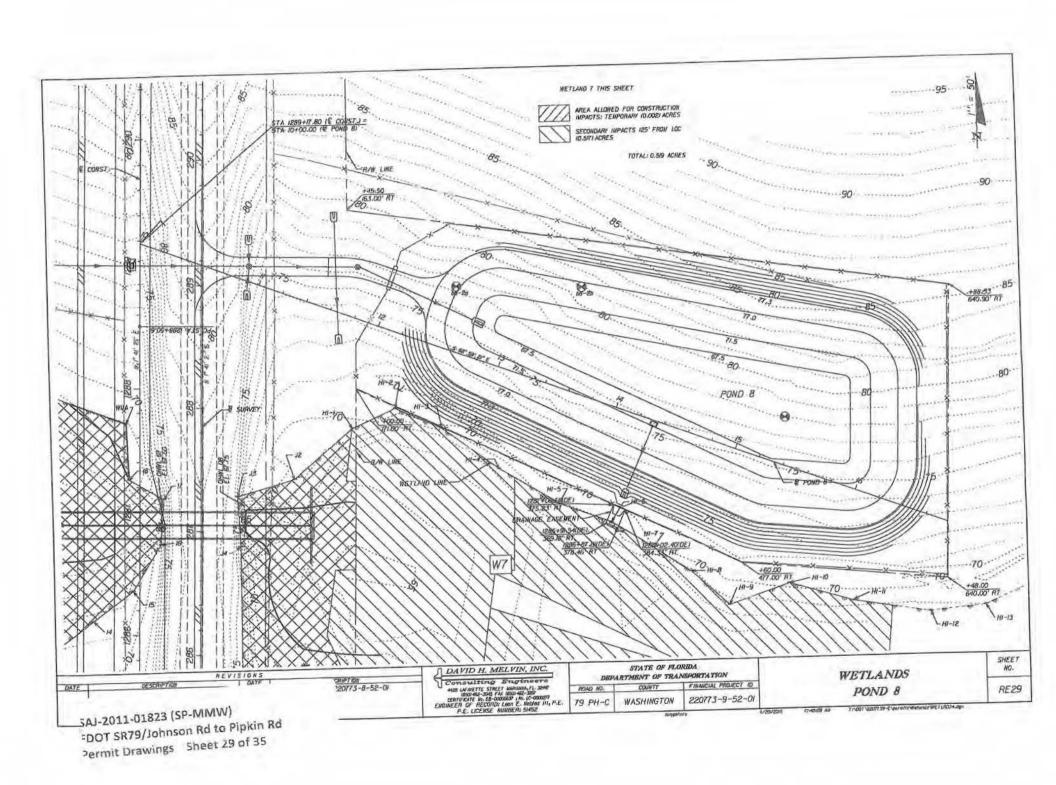


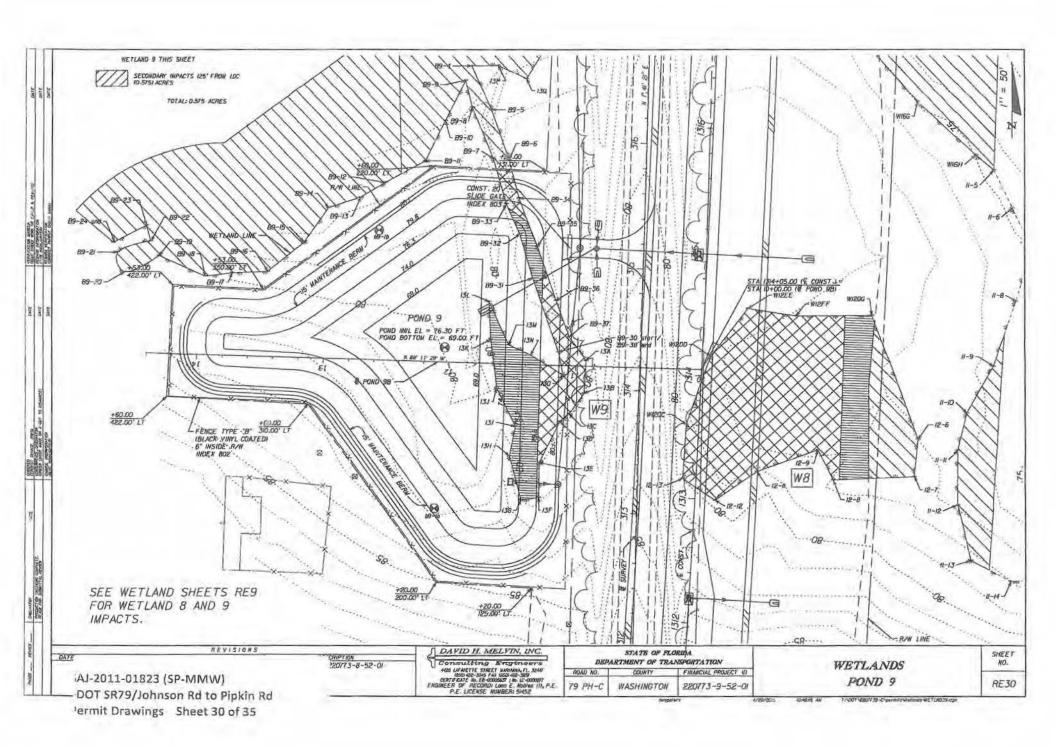


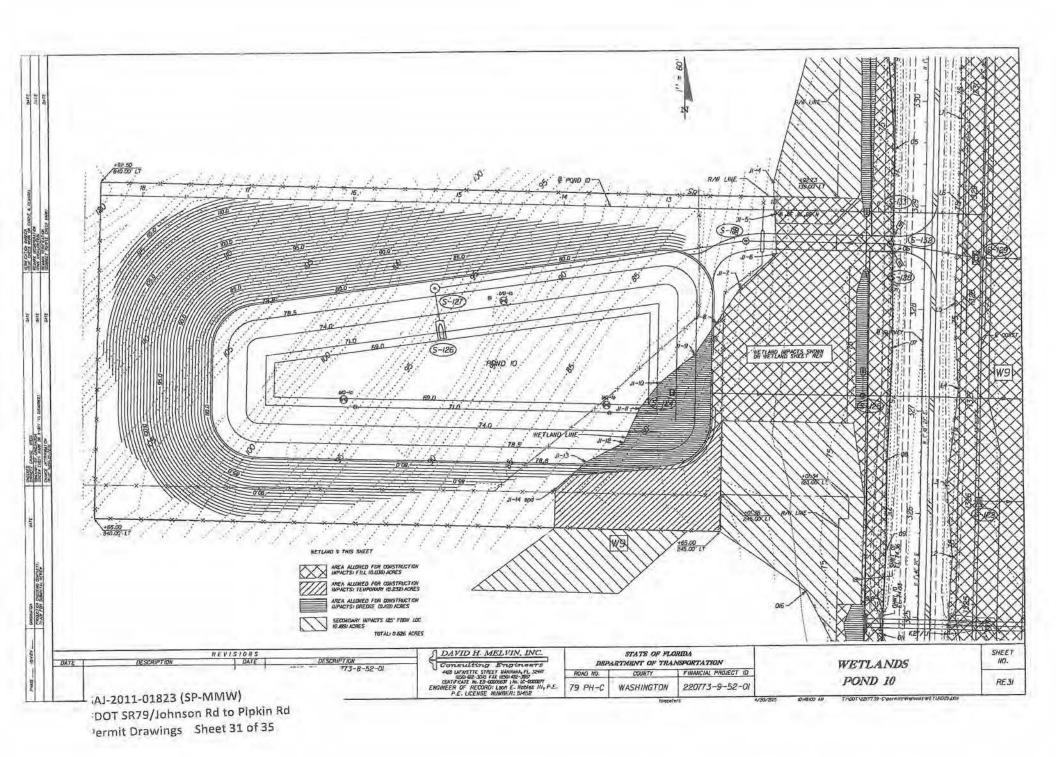


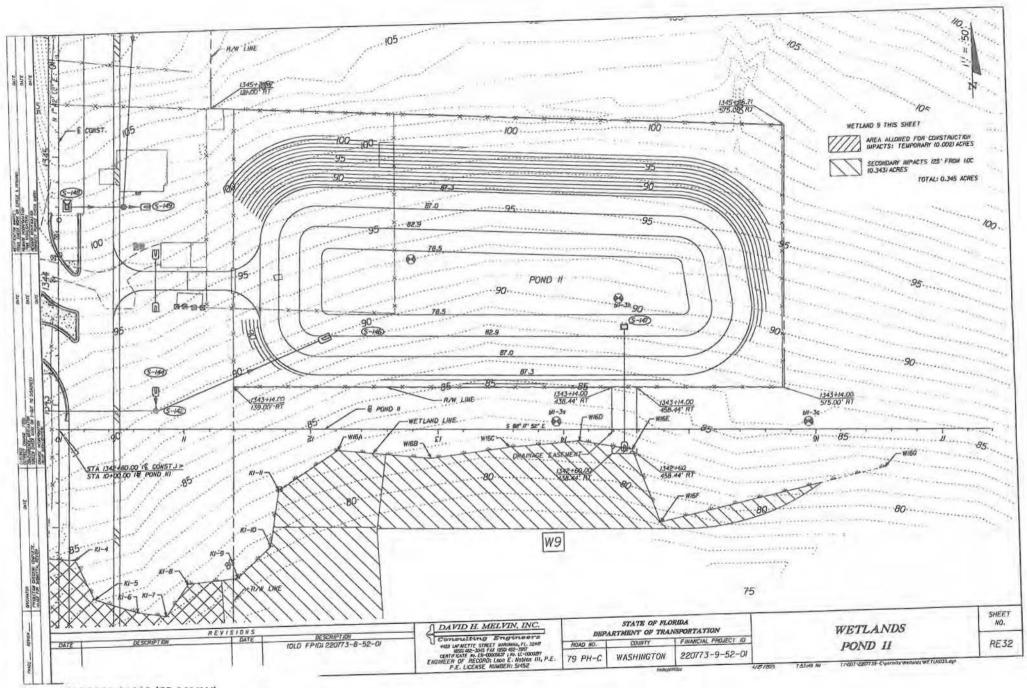




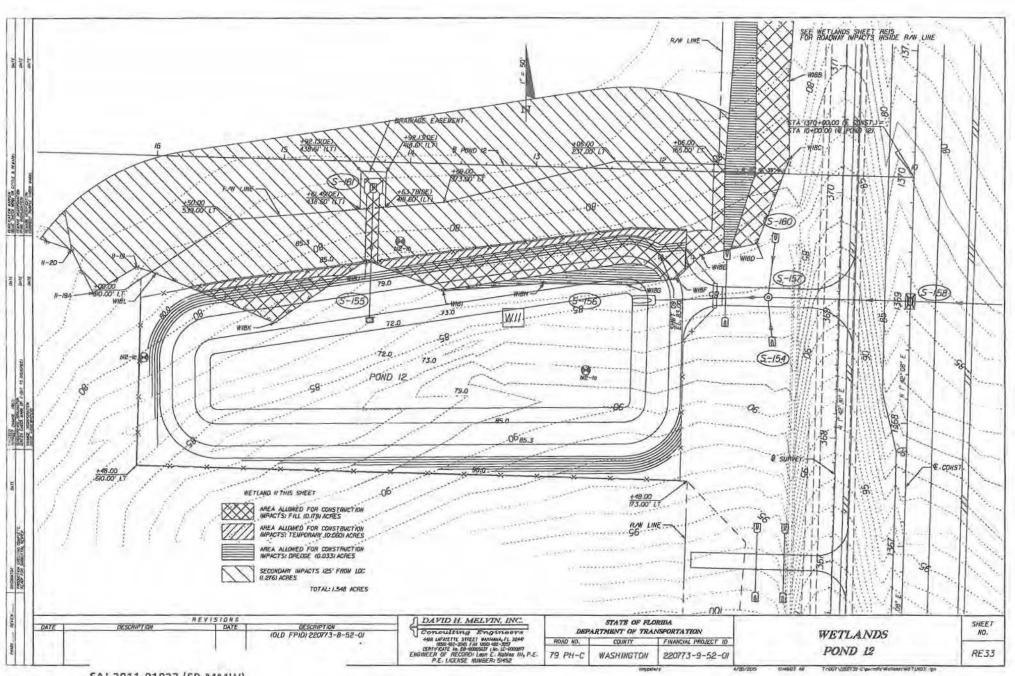




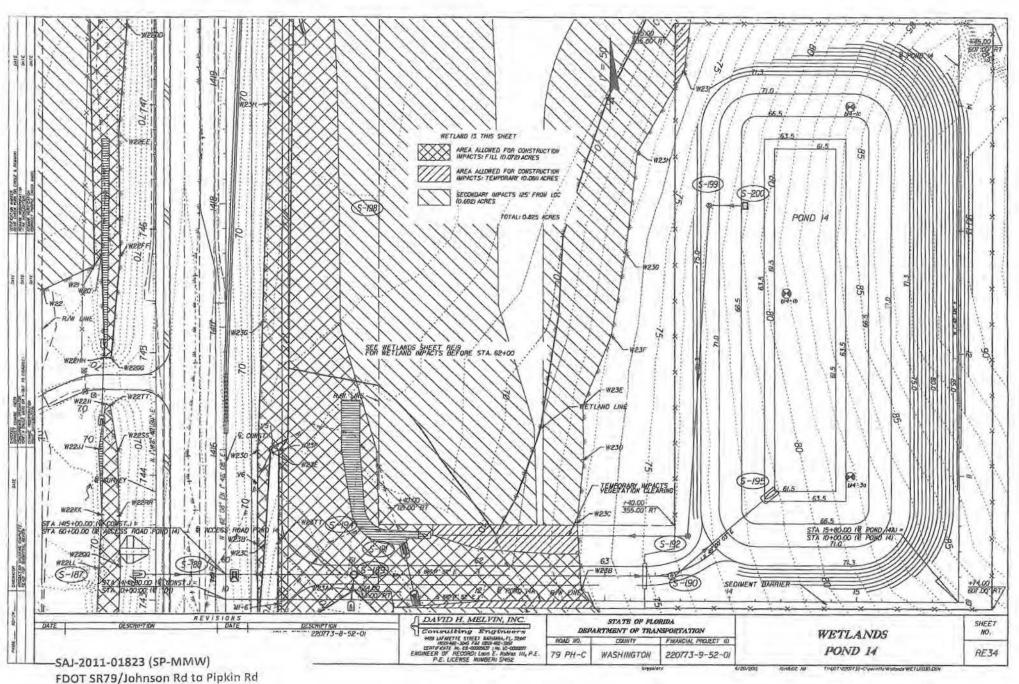




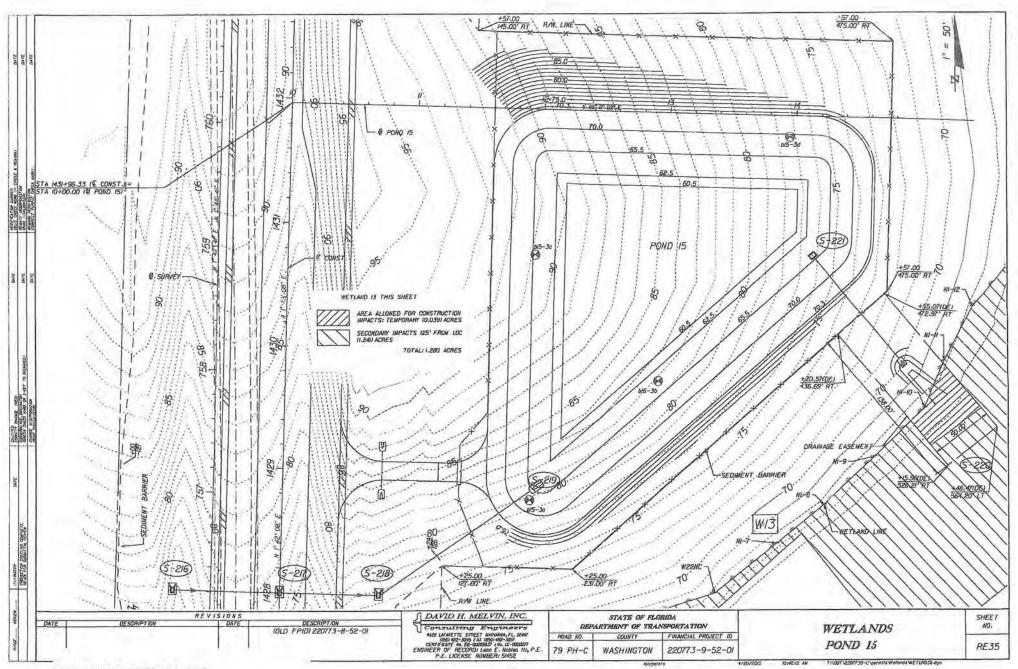
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