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Comment Period Begins: June 4, 2024

Comment Period Ends: July 5, 2024

File Number: NAE-2024-00783

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The District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE), has received a permit application, file number NAE-2024-00783, to conduct work in waters of the United States (WOTUS) from the New Britain Water Department, 1000 Shuttle Meadow Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut. This work is proposed adjacent to Coppermine Brook and adjacent freshwater wetlands at Maltby Street, Bristol, Connecticut. The site coordinates are: Latitude 41.7005 Longitude -72.9153.

The work involves the placement of fill in WOTUS to construct nine new water supply wells; a new Pond Pump House; and to remove sediment from the canal and supply pond. Approximately 0.72 acre of wetlands would be permanently impacted, and 0.75 acre of waters would be temporarily impacted by the project.

The project purpose is to redevelop the existing Upper and Lower Wellfields (constructed in 1921 and in the 1940s); which currently serve as a raw water supply. The applicant proposes to replace six water supply wells at the Lower Wellfield and three water supply wells at the Upper Wellfield. All wells include submersible well pumps and would be connected directly to the raw water conveyance system. New buried yard piping would be installed as needed.

A new Pond Pumping Station would be constructed. The three existing pumping stations would be demolished, and the associated wells would be abandoned. A new driveway would be constructed to the Lower Wellfield and new Pond Pumping Station. The supply pond would be dewatered, and approximately 6,000 cubic yards of sediment would be removed from both the Supply Pond and the adjacent manmade canal. Sediment would be temporarily stockpiled within the Supply Pond. Maintenance to the Pond Intake Structure would occur, and existing culverts would be replaced in the Canal. A temporary road and ramp would be constructed for access to the supply pond and removed upon completion of work.

The work is shown on the enclosed plans titled "White Bridge Waterworks Facilities," on 7 sheets, and dated "January 2024."

Impacts have been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent possible. The applicant is proposing to mitigate for unavoidable impacts to WOTUS by performing permittee responsible mitigation onsite.

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

X Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The USACE 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. The USACE will consider all comments received 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 (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into WOTUS or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the CWA, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Based on our initial review of the proposed project and coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s), no historic properties were identified within the permit area and the area of potential effects. Additional review and consultation to fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be ongoing as part of the permit review process.

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION

The USACE is reviewing the application for the potential impact on federally listed threatened or endangered species and their designated critical habitat pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. Our review will be concluded prior to the final decision.

OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, license or assent from State.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the CWA.

COMMENTS

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Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Jana Jacobson, Regulatory Division, at Jana.L.Jacobson@usace.army.mil, or (207) 233-2117.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The USACE holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

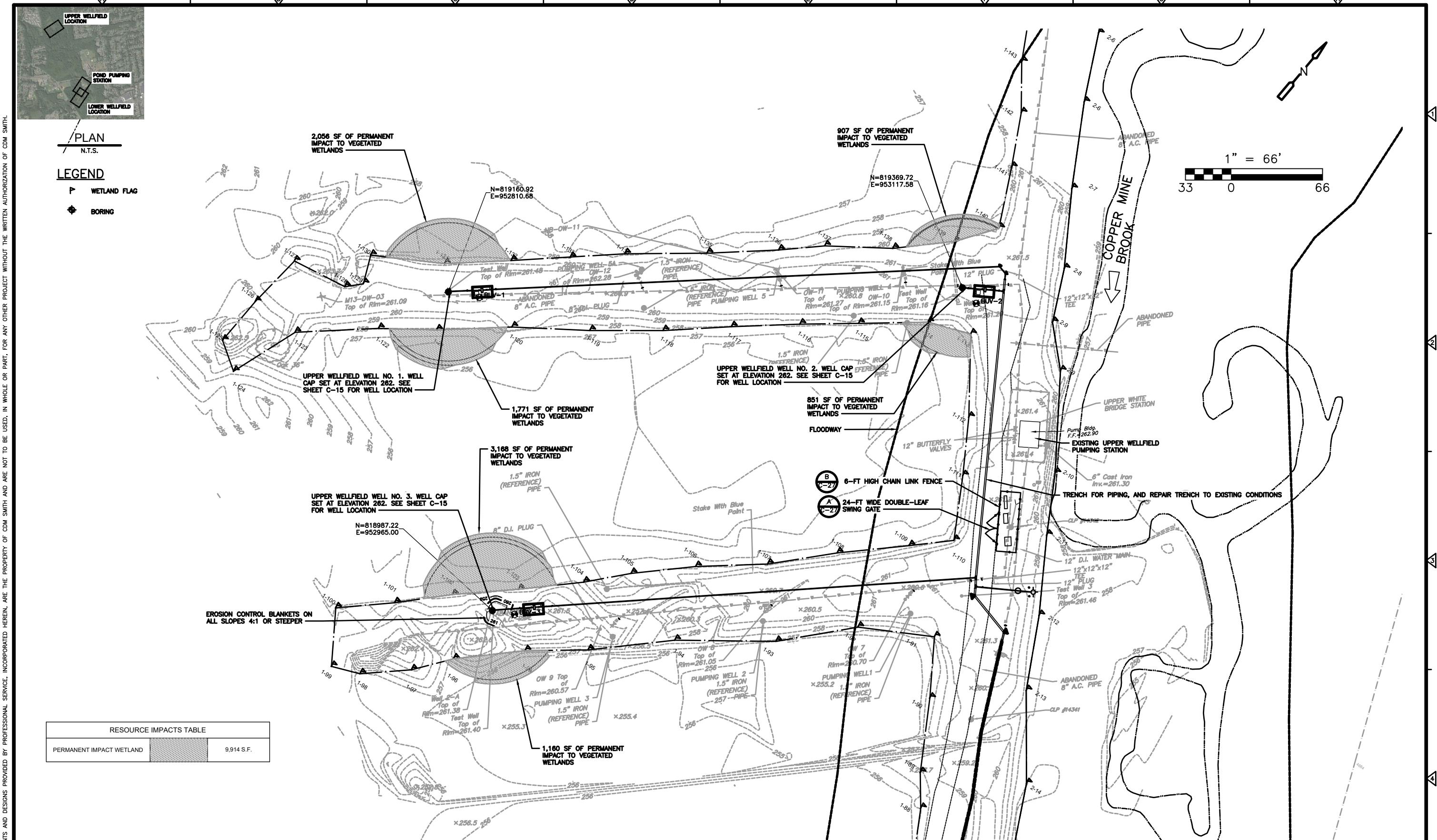
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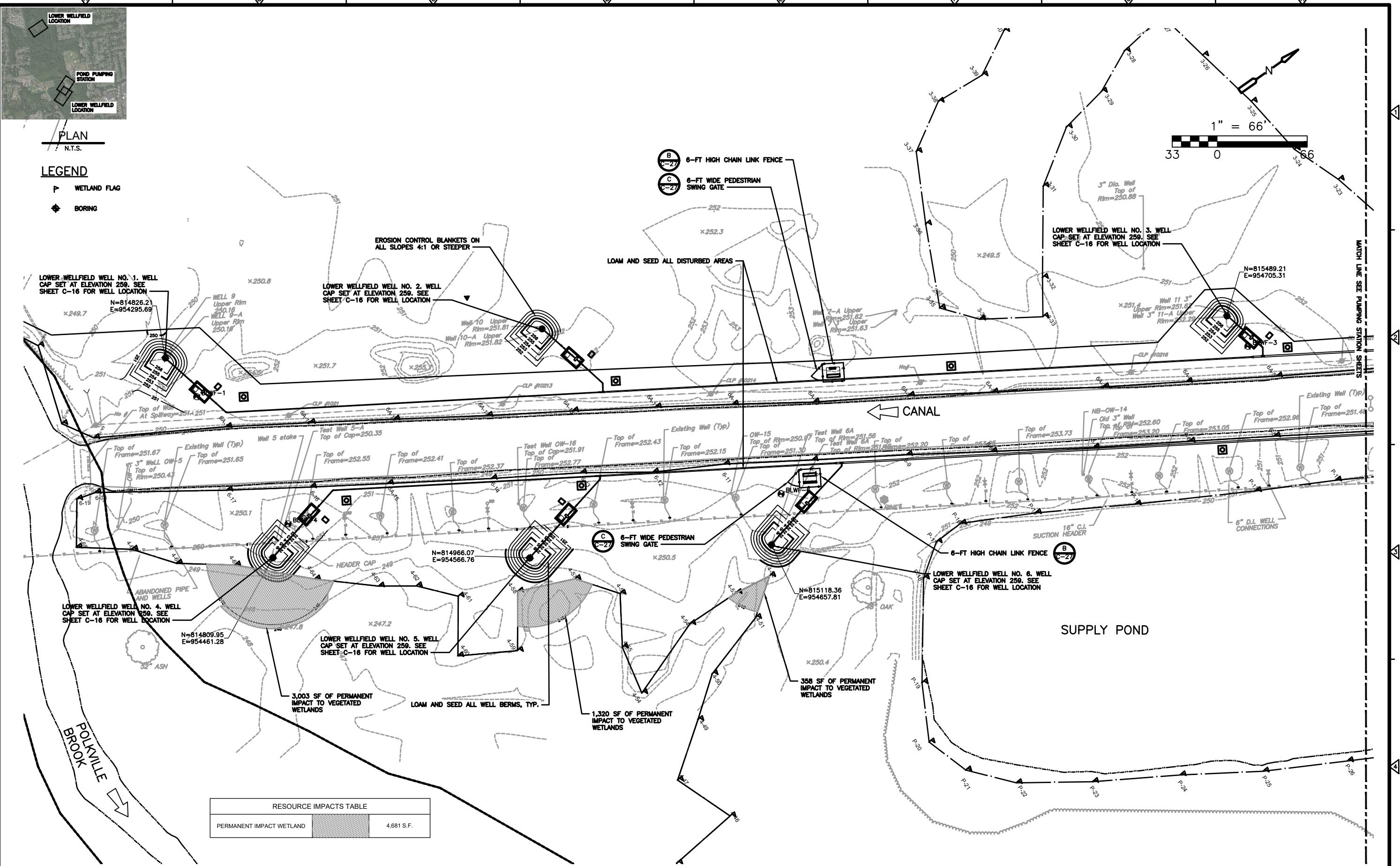
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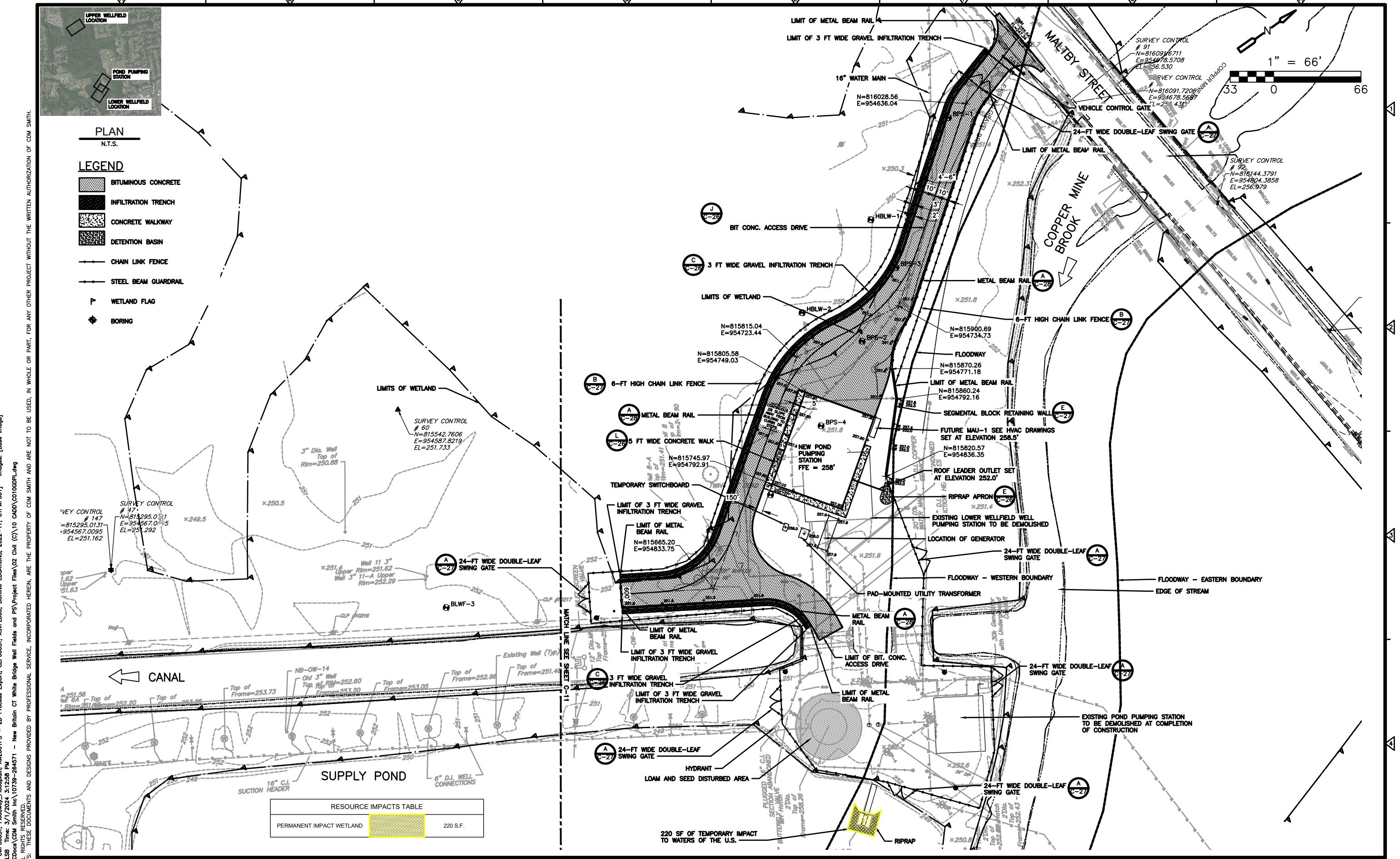


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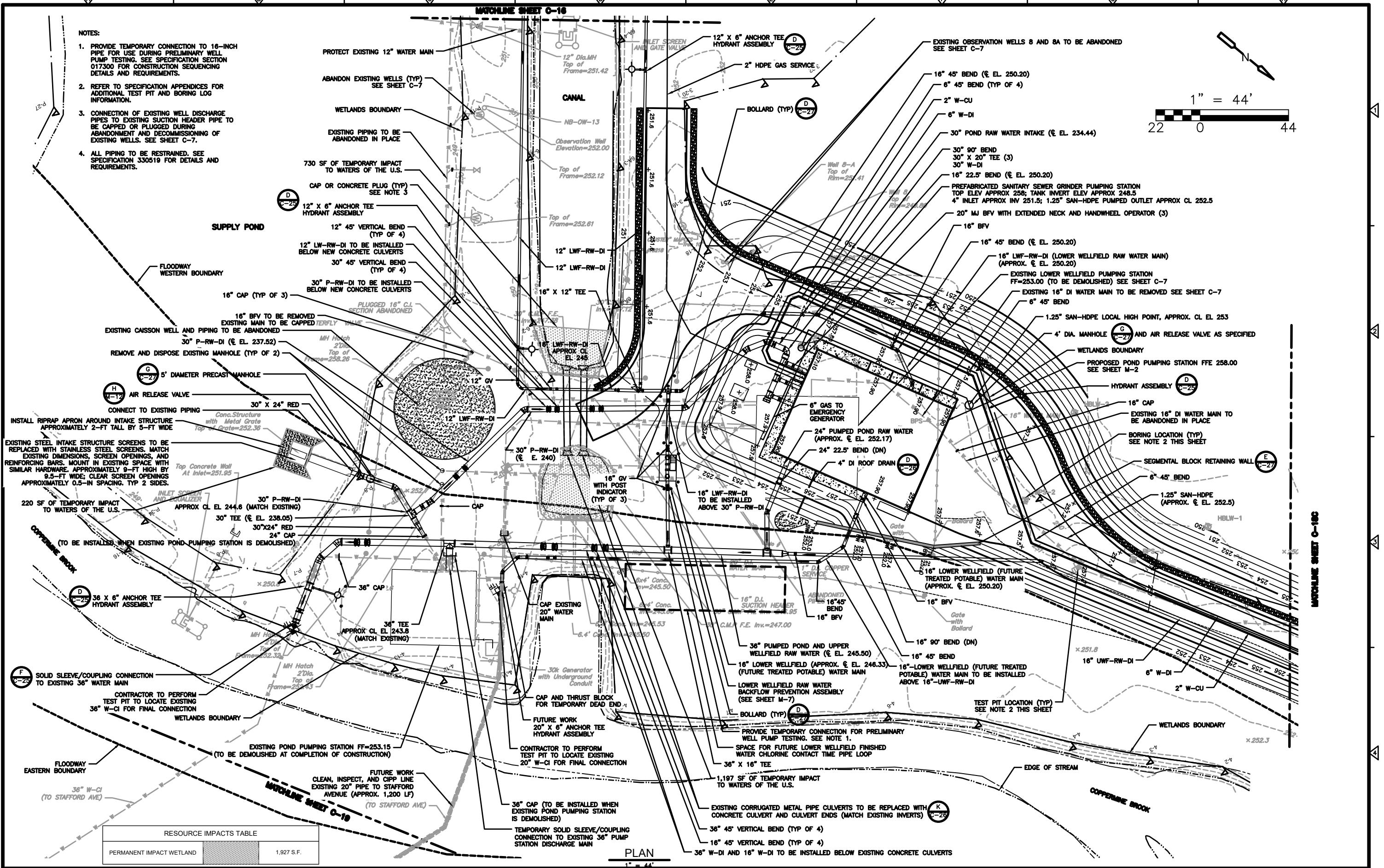
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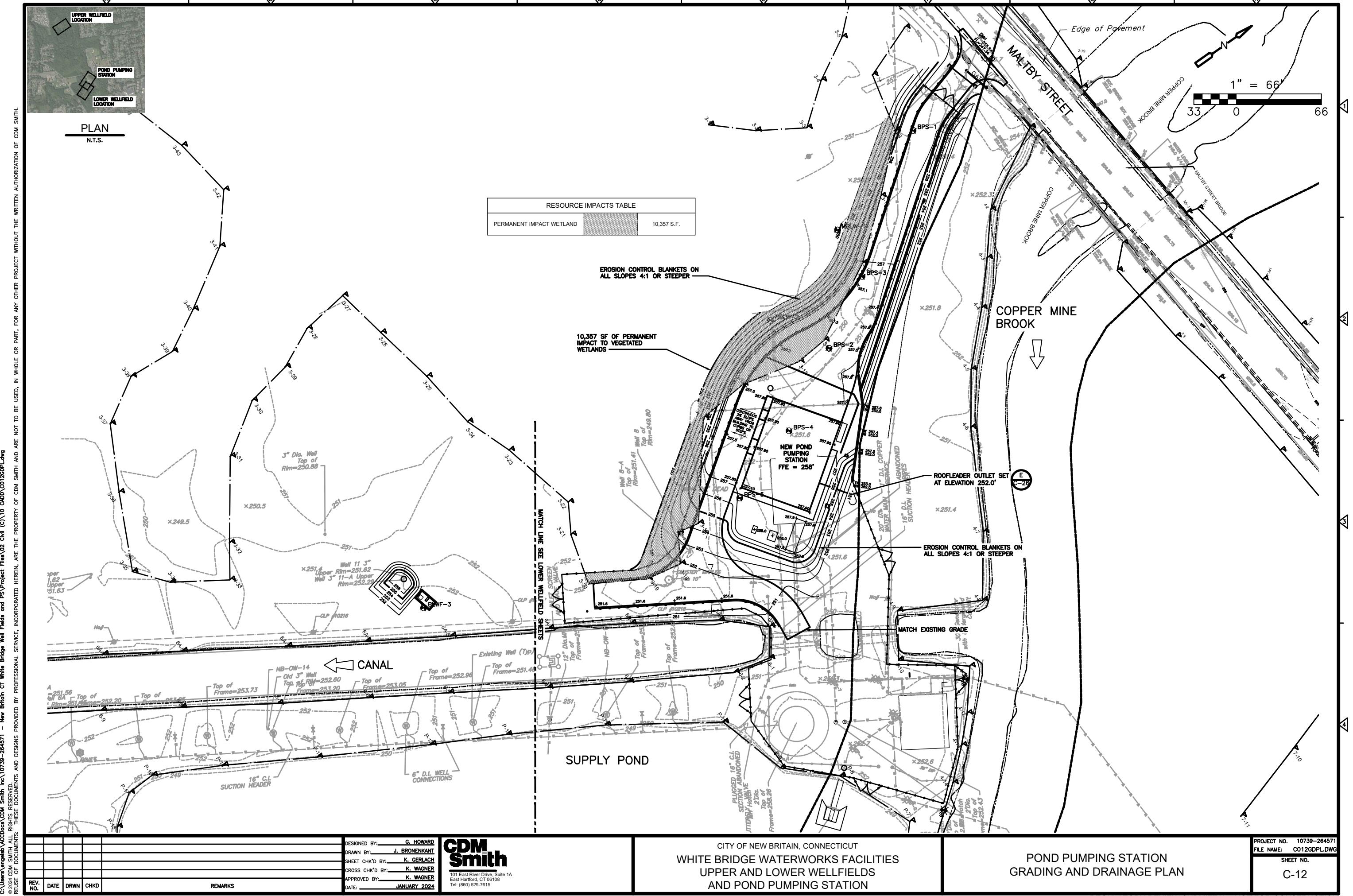
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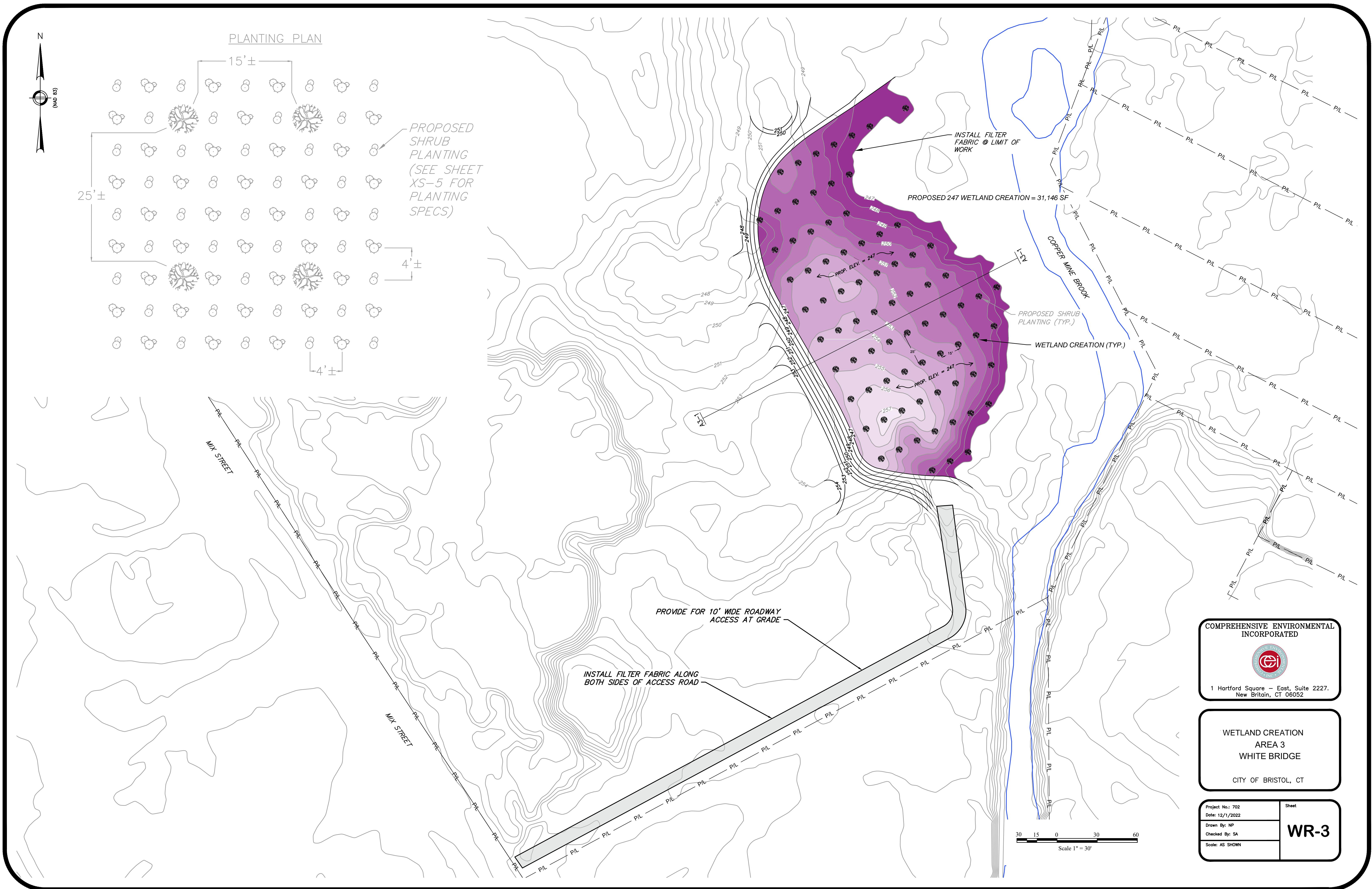
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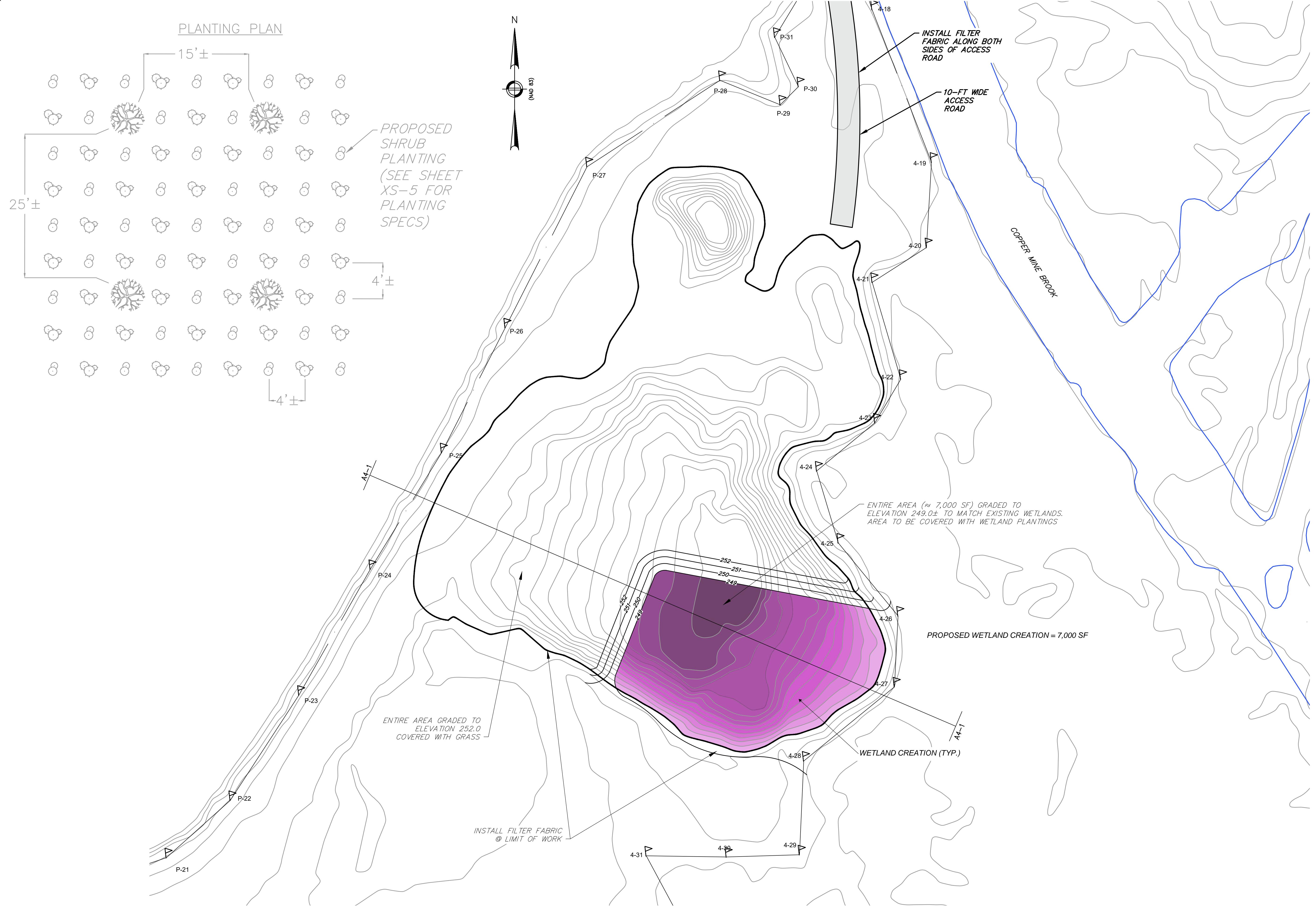
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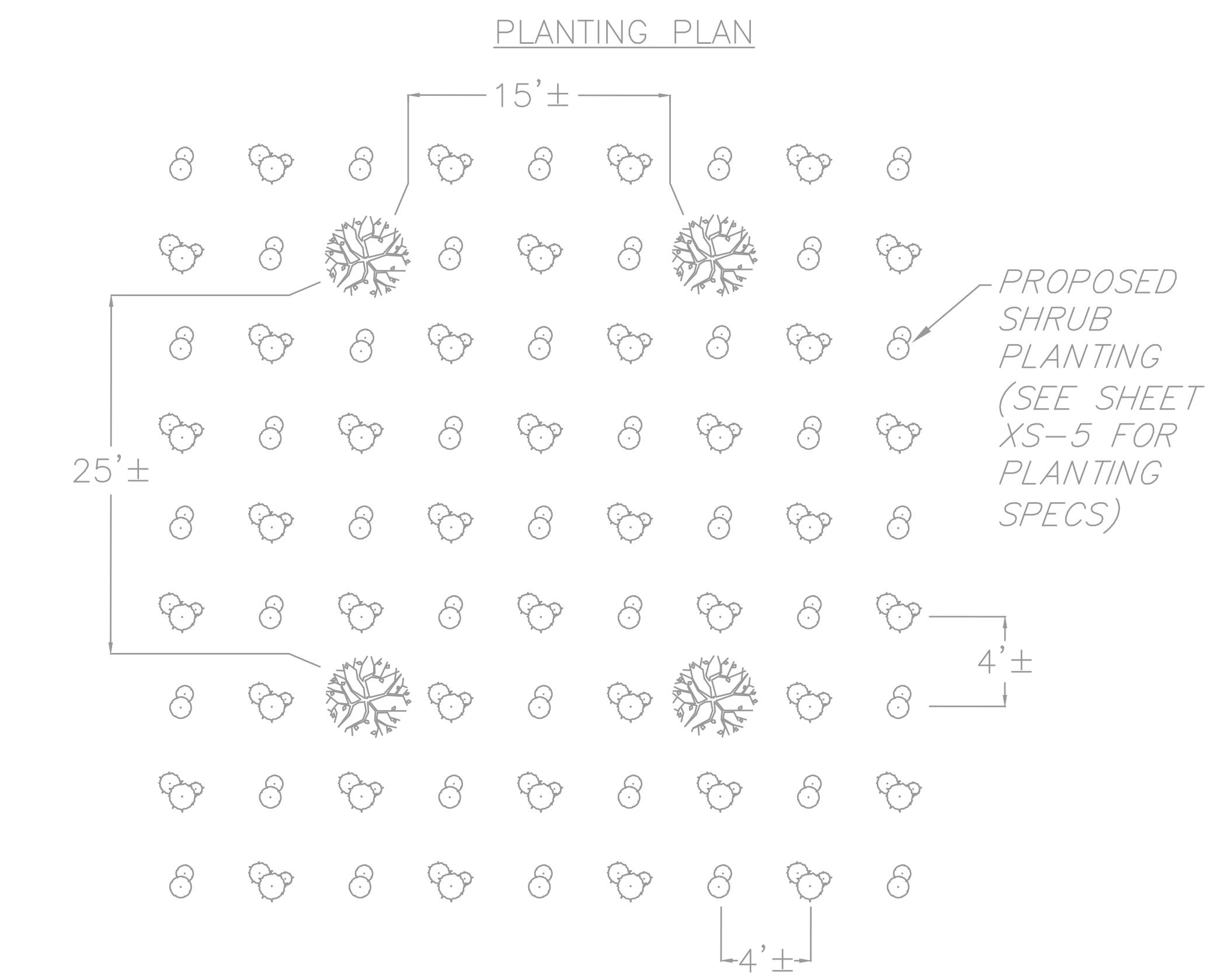
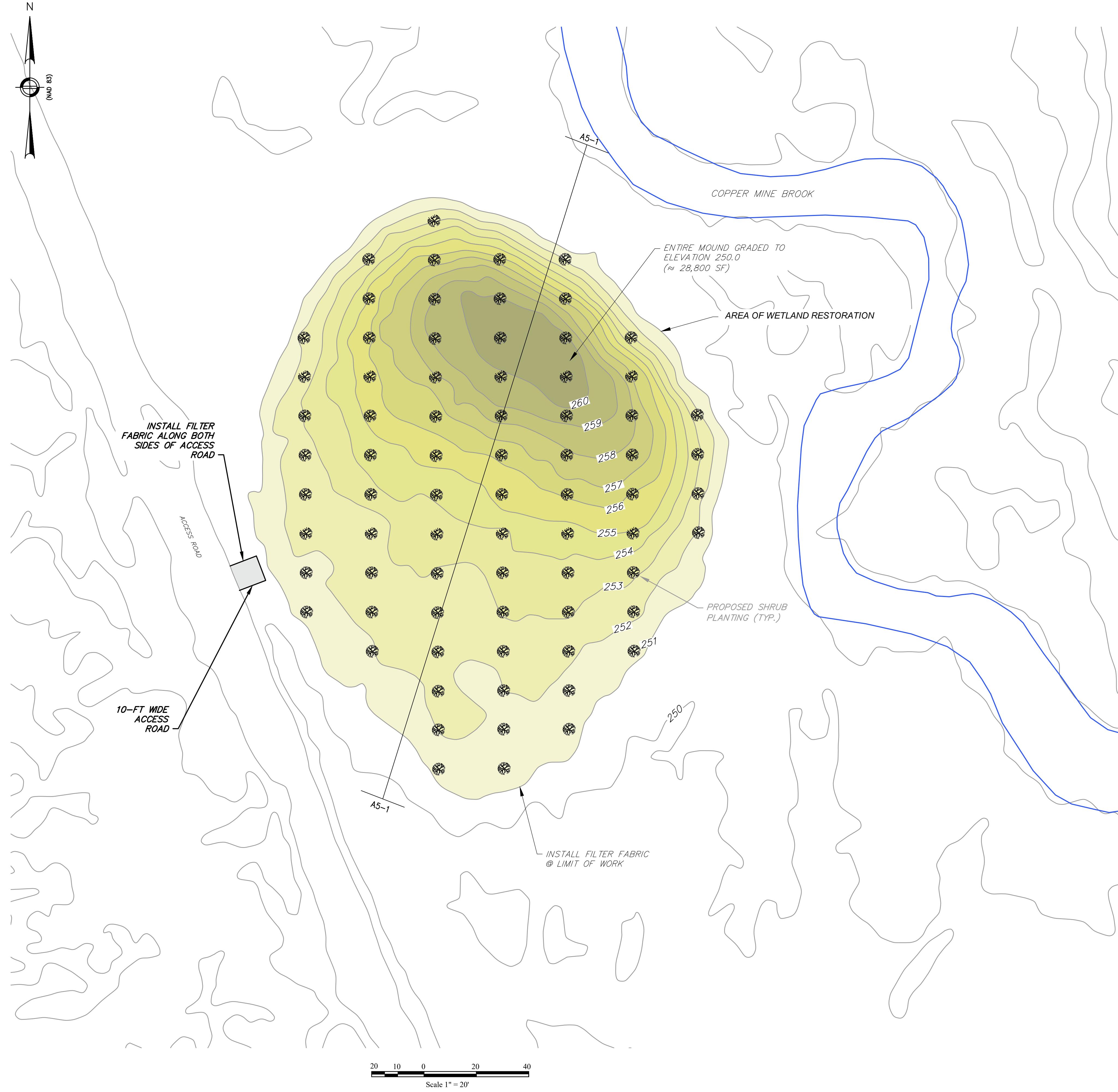
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