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PUBLIC NOTICE

Comment Period Begins: 16 March 2021

Comment Period Ends: 16 April 2021

File Number: NAE-2009-02555

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The District Engineer has received a permit application to conduct work in waters of the United States from the Vermont Agency of Transportation located at 219 North Main Street in Barre, Vermont 05641. This work is proposed in wetlands adjacent to unnamed tributaries of the Barton River in conjunction with the construction of new landside facilities at the Northeast Kingdom International Airport off Airport Road in Coventry, Vermont. The construction of runway and taxiway extensions, safety area improvements and the proposed work was originally authorized under permit number NAE-2009-02555, which was issued on October 9, 2014 and expired on October 9, 2019. The site coordinates are: Latitude 44.8860387° N, Longitude -72.2265718° W.

The work involves the placement of fill within 10,402 sq. ft. (0.24 acre) of wetlands for the construction of single-unit hangers, corporate hanger buildings, a fixed based operations building, an aircraft manufacturing building, warehouse buildings, associated access roads, parking areas, aprons, taxilanes and stormwater and drainage improvements. About 8,351 sq. ft. (0.19 acre) of wetland will be permanently filled and about 2,051 sq. ft. (0.05 acre) of wetland will be temporarily impacted during construction. The wetlands to be impacted are emergent and scrub-shrub wetlands immediately adjacent to a town road and function primarily to maintain water quality and provide wildlife habitat.

The original permit authorized the placement of permanent fill in a total of 3.81 acres of waters of the United States (U.S.), temporary impacts to 0.76 acre of waters of the U.S., and about 38.53 acres of forested wetland tree clearing to comply with Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 77, Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace.

Compensation for the project's entire impacts were in the form of a payment to the Ducks Unlimited – Vermont In-Lieu Fee Program and the preservation of a 66-acre parcel containing uplands and wetlands, therefore, no additional mitigation is proposed. The purpose of the project is to provide airport facilities that will safely accommodate current and projected aviation demand at the Northeast Kingdom International Airport. The work is shown on the enclosed plans, in six sheets, entitled "LOCATION", "GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN – 1", "GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN – 2", "GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN – 3", "GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN – 4" and "GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN – 5", and dated "FEBRUARY 2021".

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

☐ Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

☒ Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

☐ Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (Corps), 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 Corps 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. 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 waters of the United States 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 Clean Water Act.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s).

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION

The Corps 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:

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- (X) Permit, license or assent from State.
- () Permit from local wetland agency or conservation commission.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

COMMENTS

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Michael S. Adams at (802) 872-2893.

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 Corps 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.

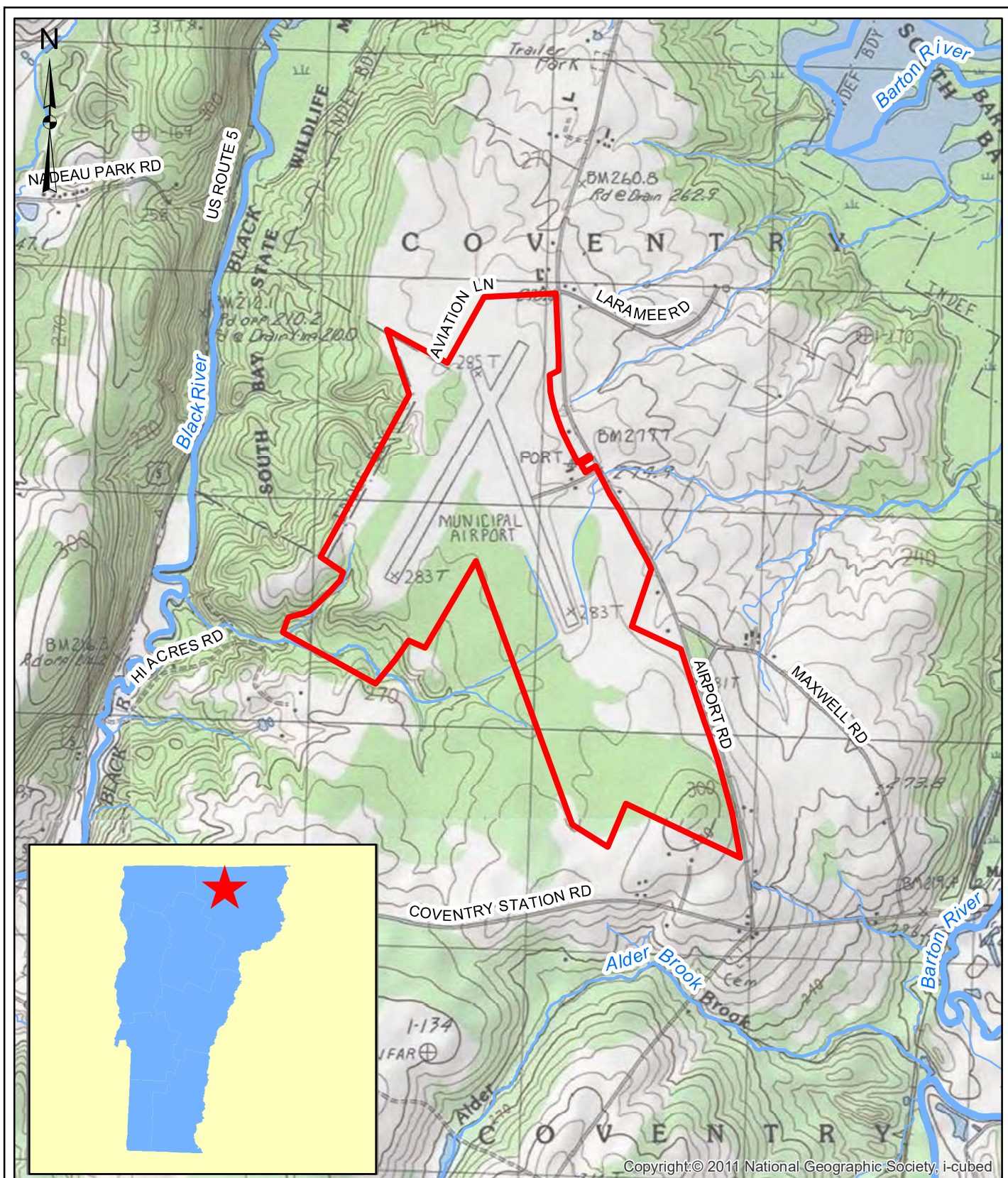
The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

Frank J. DelGiudice
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

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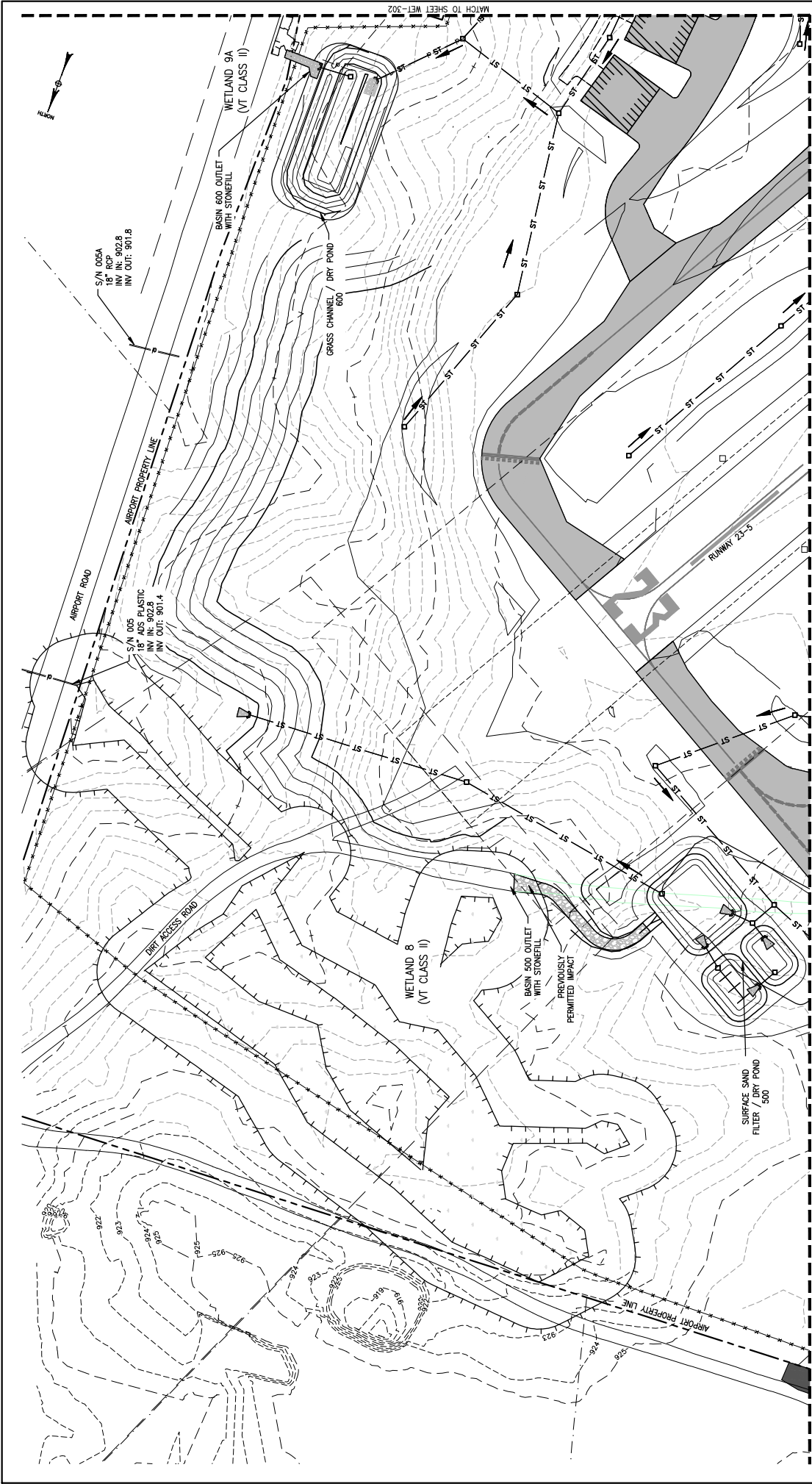


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NEWPORT STATE AIRPORT COVENTRY, VT

LOCATION

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50' CLASS II BUFFER			

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BRUSH LINE

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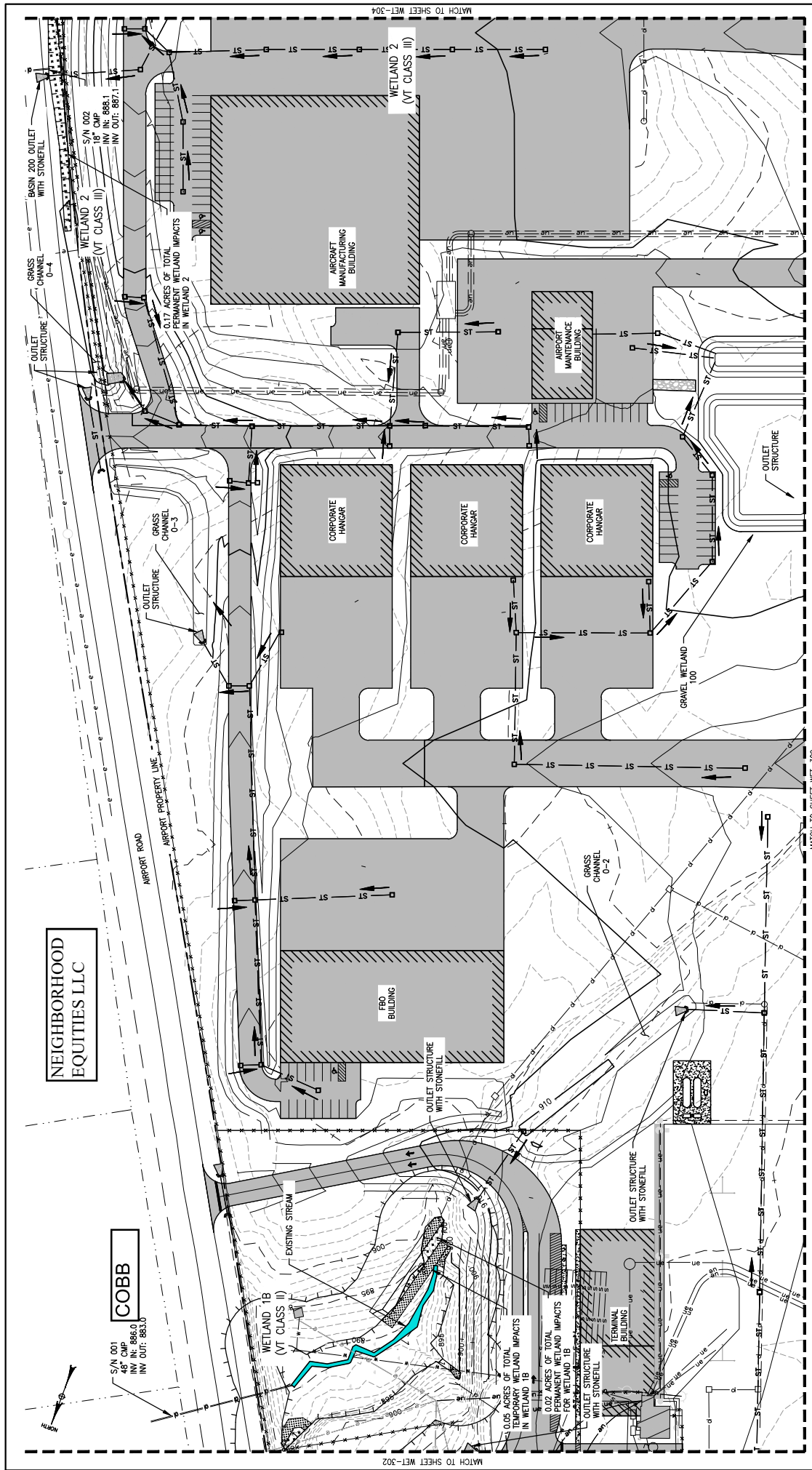
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GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN - 1

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
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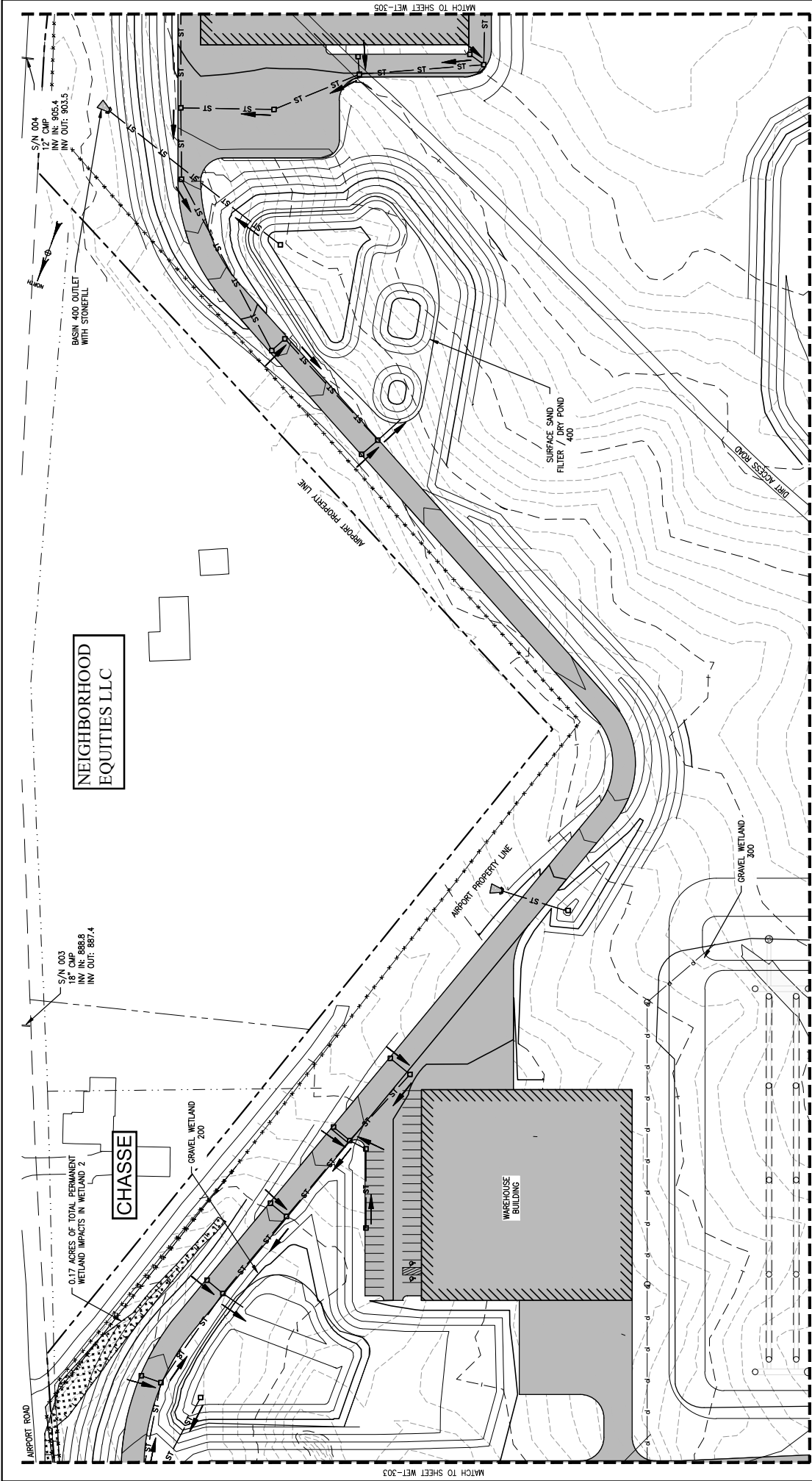
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