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New England District  
Vermont Project Office  
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Comment Period Begins:** March 24, 2015  
**Comment Period Ends:** April 24, 2015  
**File Number:** NAE-2006-3923  
**In Reply Refer To:** Marty Abair  
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The District Engineer has received a permit application to conduct work in waters of the United States as described below.

**APPLICANT:** Vermont Agency of Transportation, ATTN: Kenneth Upmal, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, Vermont 05633

**ACTIVITY:** Place fill in a total of 6.74 acres of waters of the U.S. in conjunction with the reconstruction of about 1.49 miles of U.S. Route 2 in Cabot, Vermont. A detailed description and plans of the activity are attached.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK:**

This work is proposed in Molly's Brook, Hooker Brook, several unnamed tributaries, and wetlands adjacent to these waterways off U.S. Route 2 in Cabot, Vermont (west end of project - Latitude 44.37036° N; Longitude 72.27178° W; east end of project - Latitude 44.38623° N; Longitude 72.25640° W).

**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 Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of

Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States 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 Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

#### **NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT**

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that the proposed work may impact properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Additional review and consultation to fulfil 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 New England District, Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the list of species protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, which might occur at the project site. It is our preliminary determination that the proposed activity for which authorization is being sought is designed, situated or will be operated/used in such a manner that it is not likely to adversely affect any Federally listed endangered or threatened species or their designated critical habitat. By this Public Notice, we are requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency concur with our determination.

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

- Permit, License or Assent from State.
- Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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 Marty Abair at (978) 318-8484 or (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.

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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.**

for *Michael C. Hicks*  
Frank J. DelGiudice  
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch  
Regulatory Division

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE**

The work includes the discharge of dredged or fill material for the reconstruction of about 1.49 miles of U.S. Route 2 in Cabot, Vermont. New bridged crossings of Molly's Brook and Hookers Brook, and new culverted crossings of five unnamed tributaries will impact a total of 0.09 acre of stream bottom below Ordinary High Water (0.086 acre permanent impact/0.009 acre temporary impact). The typical existing roadway cross-section is 22' (0-11-11-0). Widening the road to standard National Highway System width of 40' (8-12-12-8) and minor alignment improvements to improve the geometry and safety of the road will impact a total of 6.64 acres of scrub-shrub, forested and emergent wetlands (6.01 acres permanent impact/0.63 acre temporary impact).

The basic purpose of the project is to reconstruct an existing U.S. highway to comply with current safety and design standards.

The work is described on the enclosed plans, in nine sheets, entitled "CABOT – DANVILLE FEGC F 028-3(26) C/2", dated "Jan. 13, 2015".

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The project involves the reconstruction of an existing U.S. highway, essentially on existing alignment. Off-site alternatives would involve constructing a new highway on new alignment, which would likely be more environmentally damaging and is not practicable. There is no less environmentally damaging practicable alternative alignment that would accomplish the basic project purpose. The only alternative to the project would be the "no build" alternative, which would not allow the applicants to achieve their stated project purpose.

### **MITIGATION**

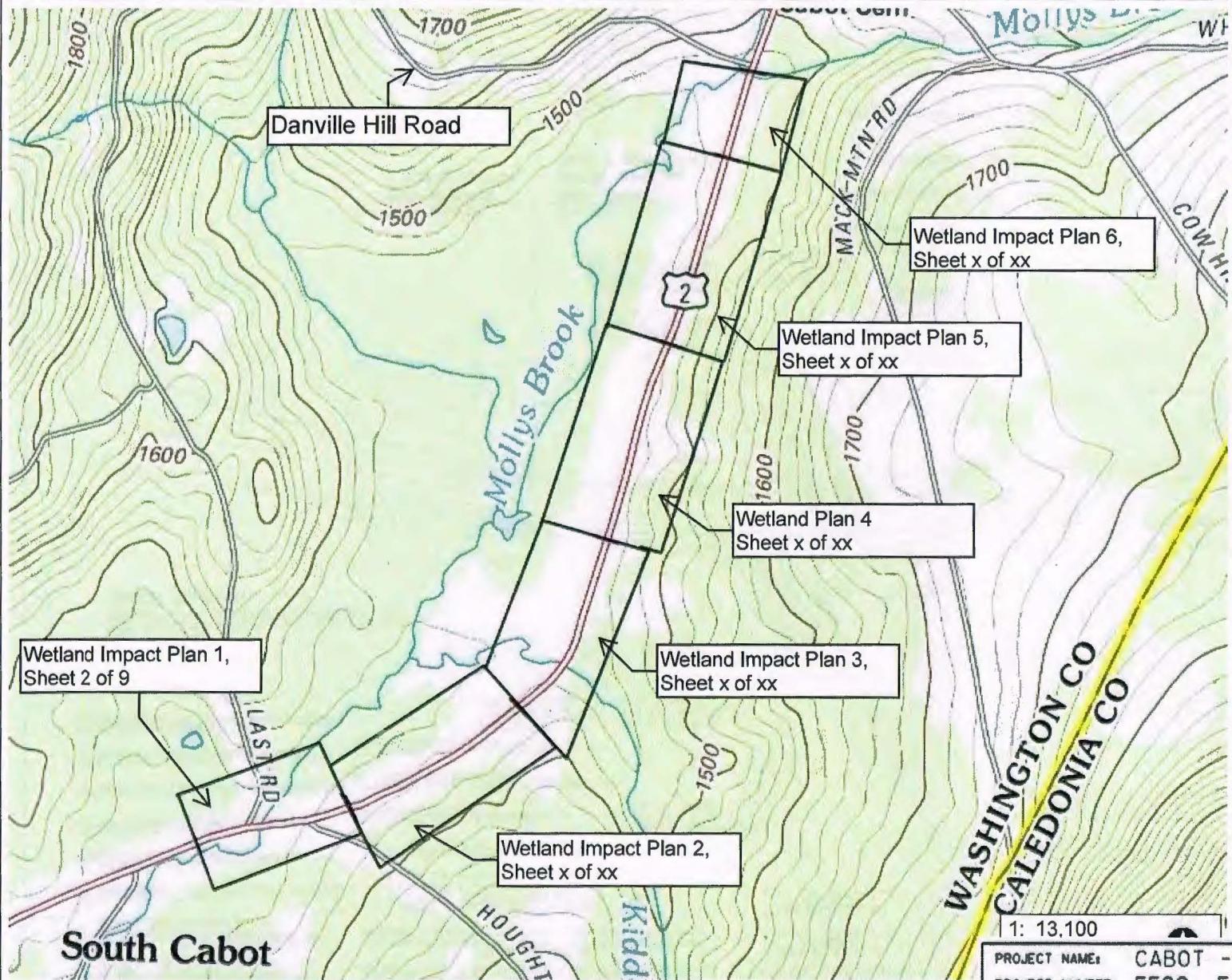
To compensate for unavoidable impacts to waters of the U.S. of the proposed project the applicant proposes to make a payment to the Ducks Unlimited – Vermont In-Lieu Fee Program.



# Natural Resources Atlas

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1" = 1092 Ft. 1cm = 131 Meters  
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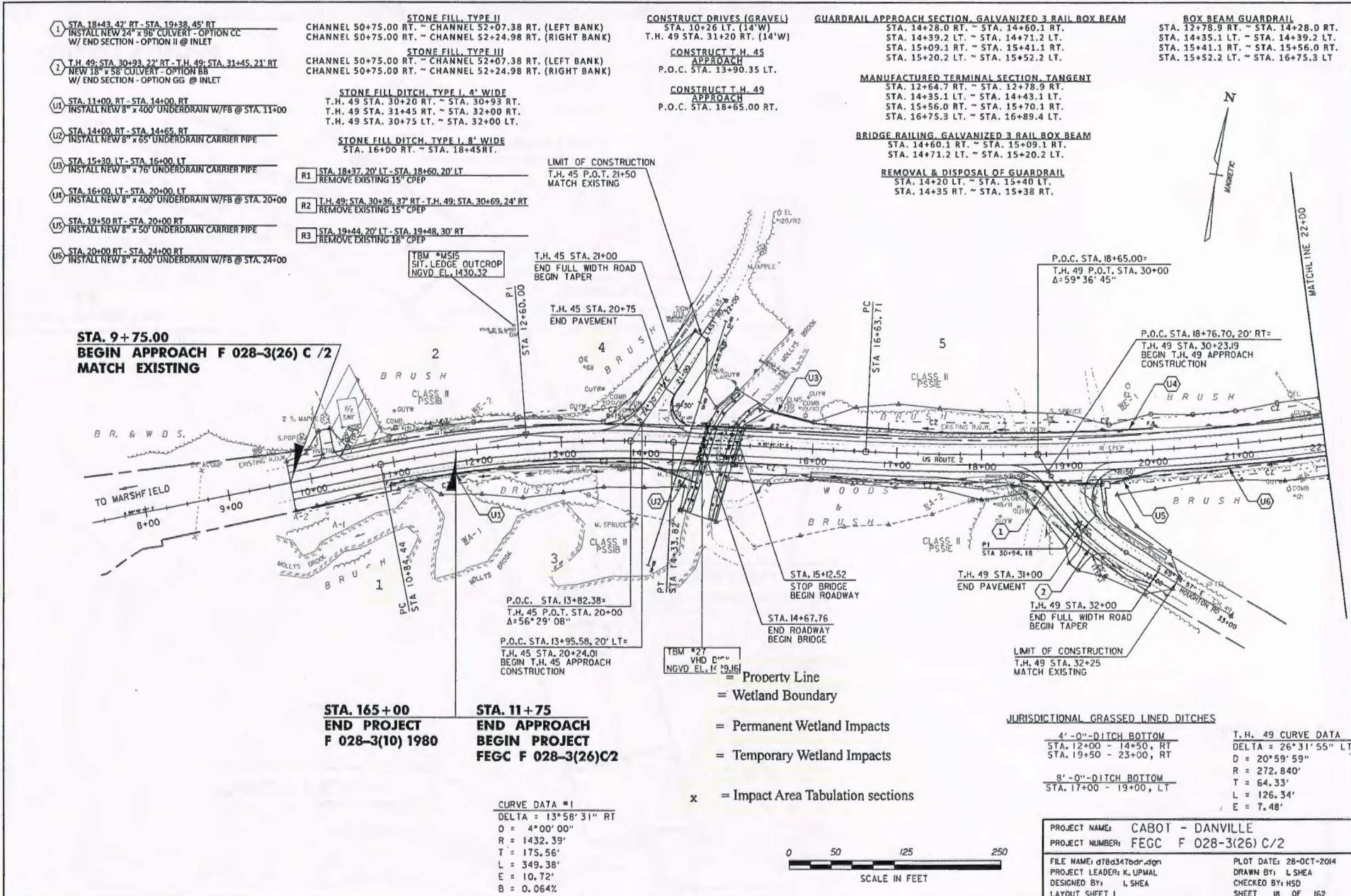
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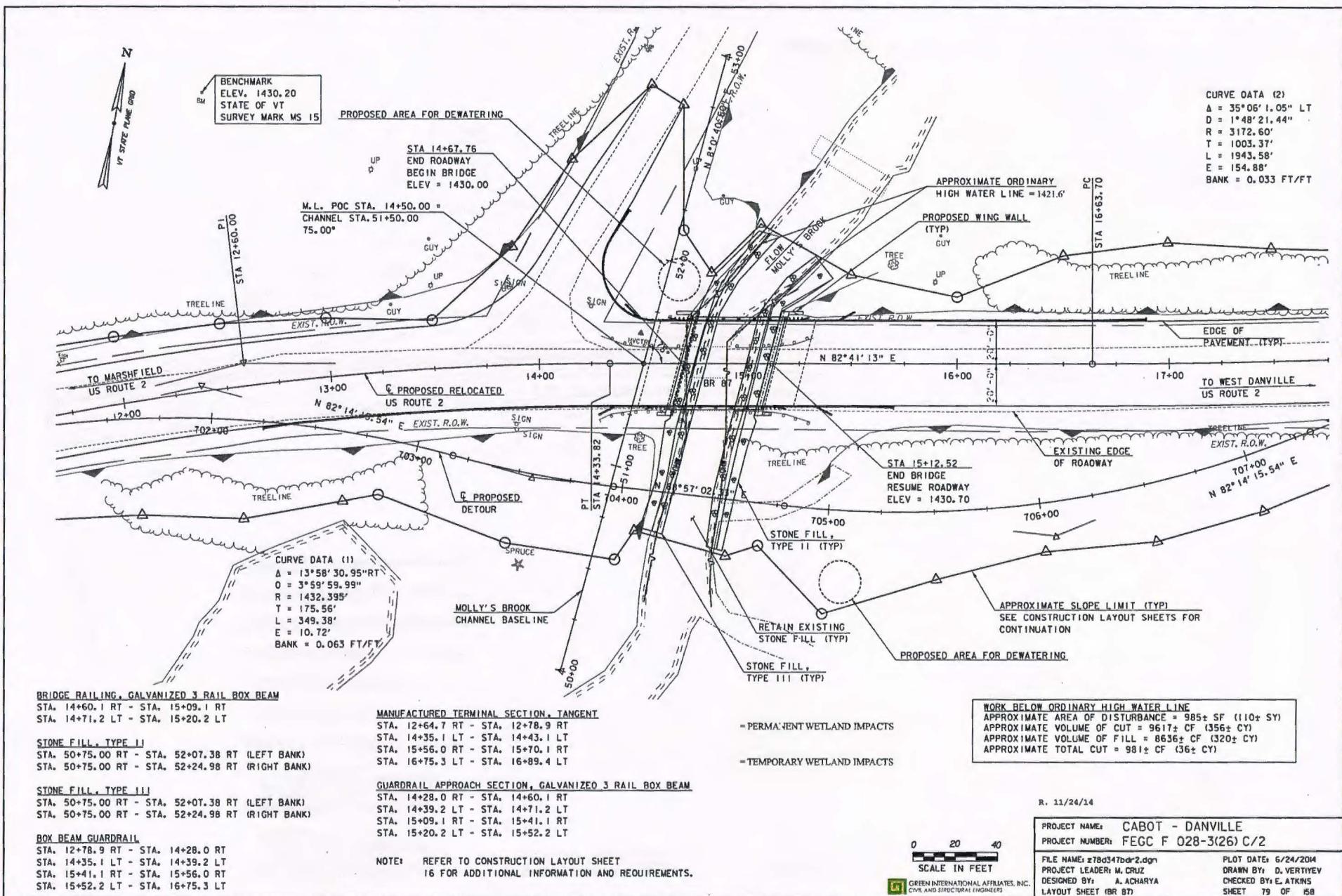
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## LEGEND

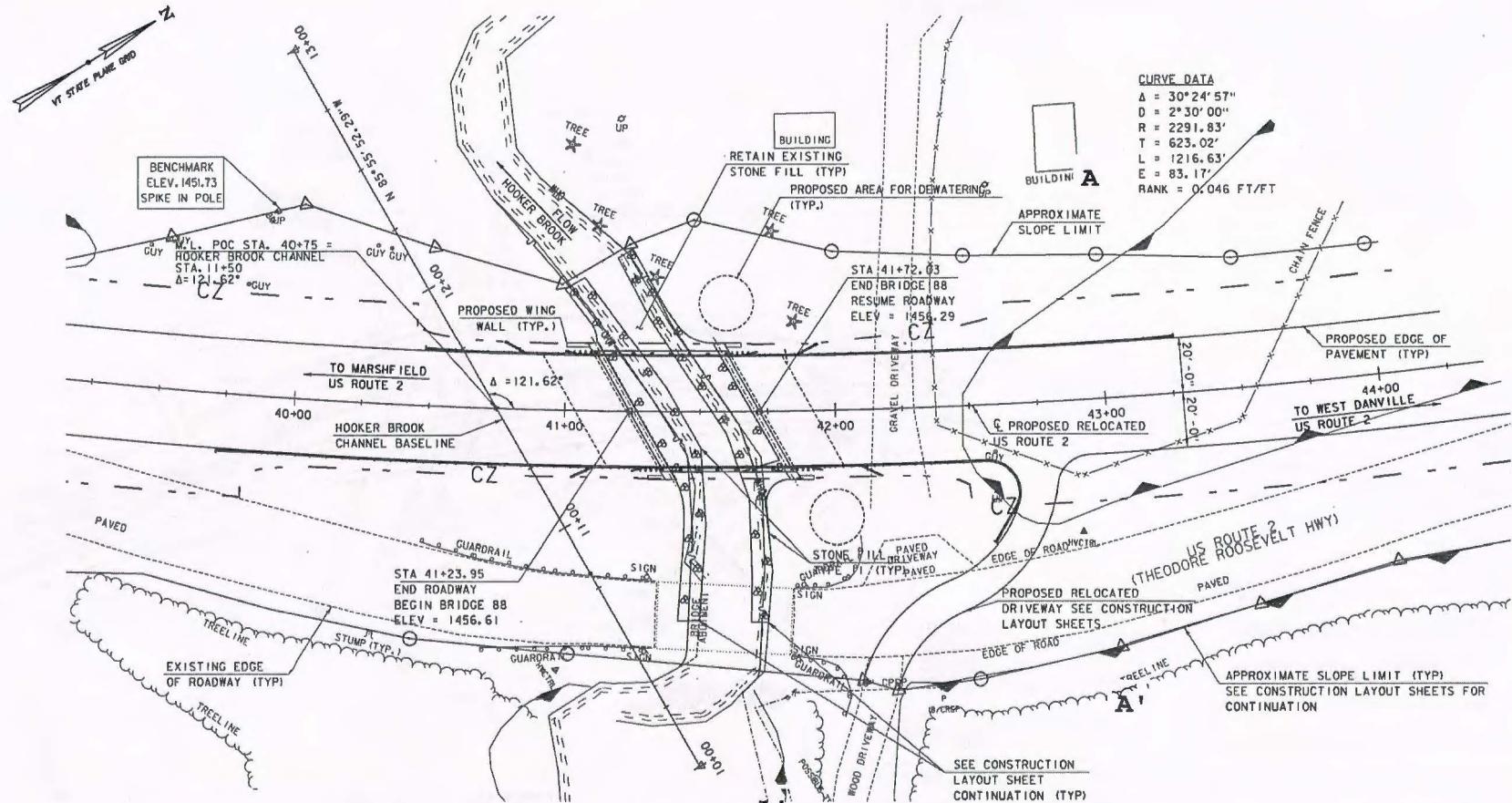
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**BRIDGE RAILING, GALVANIZED 3 RAIL BOX BEAM**  
 STA. 41+09.4 LT - STA. 41+62.0 LT  
 STA. 41+34.0 RT - STA. 41+85.7 RT

**STONE FILL, TYPE II**  
 STA. 10+92.1 RT - STA. 11+48.7 RT (LEFT BANK)  
 STA. 10+76.5 RT - STA. 11+35.9 RT (RIGHT BANK)

**BOX BEAM GUARDRAIL**  
 STA. 39+86.4 RT - STA. 41+02.3 RT  
 STA. 40+61.9 LT - STA. 40+77.1 LT  
 STA. 41+94.3 LT - STA. 43+12.3 LT  
 STA. 42+17.4 RT - STA. 42+65.4 RT

**MANUFACTURED TERMINAL SECTION, TANGENT**  
 STA. 39+72.5 RT - STA. 39+86.6 RT  
 STA. 40+47.9 LT - STA. 40+61.9 LT  
 STA. 42+65.4 RT - STA. 42+57.6 RT  
 STA. 43+12.3 LT - STA. 43+26.4 LT

**GUARDRAIL APPROACH SECTION, GALVANIZED RAIL BOX BEAM**  
 STA. 40+77.1 LT - STA. 41+09.4 LT  
 STA. 41+02.3 RT - STA. 41+34.0 RT  
 STA. 41+62.0 LT - STA. 41+94.3 LT  
 STA. 41+85.7 RT - STA. 42+17.4 RT

- PERMANENT KEYLINE IMPACT

**WORK BELOW ORDINARY HIGH WATER LINE**  
 APPROXIMATE AREA OF DISTURBANCE = 1525± SF (170± SY)  
 APPROXIMATE VOLUME OF CUT = 3956± CF (147± CY)  
 APPROXIMATE VOLUME OF FILL = 3824± CF (142± CY)  
 APPROXIMATE TOTAL CUT = 132± CF (5± CY)

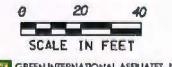
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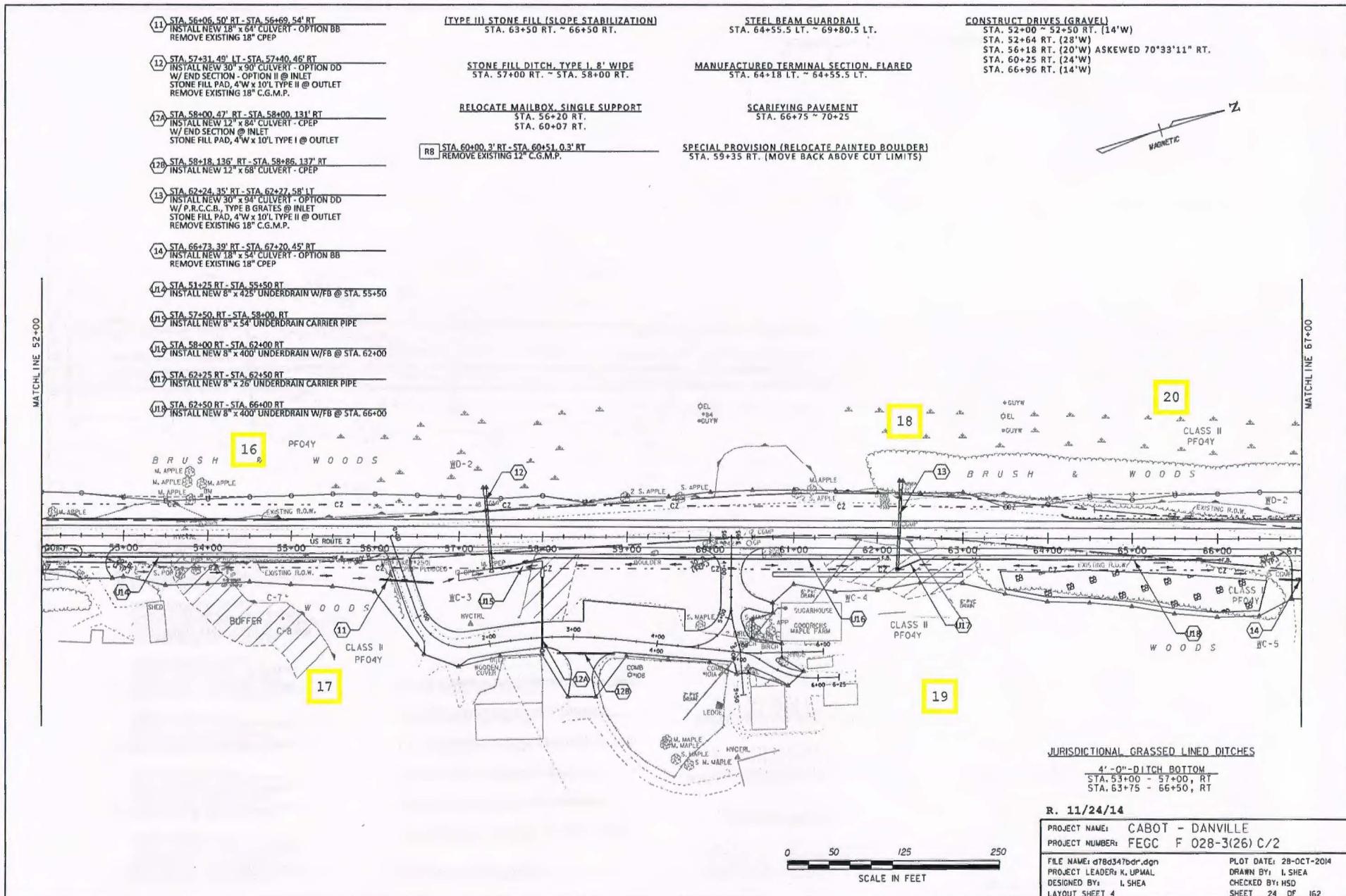
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 CHECKED BY: E. ATKINS  
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**NOTE!**  
 REFER TO CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT SHEET 20 FOR  
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS.



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 CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS



MATCH LINE 67+00

- (15) STA. 67+24.45' RT - STA. 67+28.55' LT  
INSTALL NEW 30" x 102' CULVERT - OPTION EE  
W/ END SECTION - OPTION JJ @ INLET  
STONE FILL PAD, 10'W x 8'L, TYPE II @ INLET  
STONE FILL PAD, 4'W x 10'L, TYPE II @ OUTLET  
REMOVE EXISTING 18" R.C.P.
- (16) STA. 69+39.55' RT - STA. 69+44.55' LT  
INSTALL NEW 30" x 102' CULVERT - OPTION EE  
W/ END SECTION - OPTION JJ @ INLET  
STONE FILL PAD, 10'W x 8'L, TYPE II @ INLET  
STONE FILL PAD, 4'W x 10'L, TYPE II @ OUTLET  
REMOVE EXISTING 18" C.P.E.P.
- (17) STA. 71+87.46' LT - STA. 71+88.32' RT  
INSTALL NEW 18" x 80' CULVERT - OPTION AA  
W/ P.R.C.C.B., TYPE A GRATE @ INLET  
STONE FILL PAD, 3'W x 6'L, TYPE I @ OUTLET  
REMOVE EXISTING 18" C.P.E.P.
- (18) STA. 74+42.35' RT - STA. 74+52.48' LT  
INSTALL NEW 24" x 84' CULVERT - OPTION CC  
W/ END SECTION - OPTION HH @ INLET  
STONE FILL PAD, 4'W x 8'L, TYPE I @ OUTLET  
REMOVE EXISTING 18" C.G.M.P.
- (19) STA. 78+07.43' RT - STA. 78+21.39' LT  
INSTALL NEW 57" x 38" x 85' CULVERT - OPTION FF  
W/C.H. & STONE FILL PAD, 20'W x 15'L, TYPE II @ INLET  
STONE FILL PAD, 8'W x 20'L, TYPE II @ OUTLET  
REMOVE EXISTING 24" C.G.M.P.
- (20) STA. 79+89.38' LT - STA. 79+92.36' RT  
INSTALL NEW 30" x 78' CULVERT - OPTION DD  
W/ END SECTION - OPTION II @ INLET  
STONE FILL PAD, 10'W x 8'L, TYPE II @ INLET  
STONE FILL PAD, 5'W x 19'L, TYPE II @ OUTLET  
REMOVE EXISTING 18" C.G.M.P.

- R9 STA. 69+80.48' RT - STA. 69+93.48' RT  
REMOVE EXISTING 15" C.G.M.P.
- (10) STA. 71+00 RT - STA. 71+80 RT  
INSTALL NEW 8" x 80' UNDERDRAIN W/FB @ STA. 71+80
- (11) STA. 71+80 RT - STA. 71+88 RT  
INSTALL NEW 8" x 8' UNDERDRAIN CARRIER PIPE
- (12) STA. 71+88 RT - STA. 71+95 RT  
INSTALL NEW 8" x 8' UNDERDRAIN CARRIER PIPE
- (13) STA. 71+95 RT - STA. 73+00 RT  
INSTALL NEW 8" x 112' UNDERDRAIN W/FB @ STA. 73+00
- (14) STA. 80+25 RT - STA. 82+00 RT  
INSTALL NEW 8" x 175' UNDERDRAIN W/FB @ STA. 82+00

**CONSTRUCT DRAVES (GRAVEL)**  
STONE FILL DITCH, TYPE I, 8' WIDE  
STA. 67+39 RT. ~ STA. 71+00 RT.  
STA. 74+00 RT. ~ STA. 74+50 RT.  
STA. 78+00 RT. ~ STA. 80+50 RT.

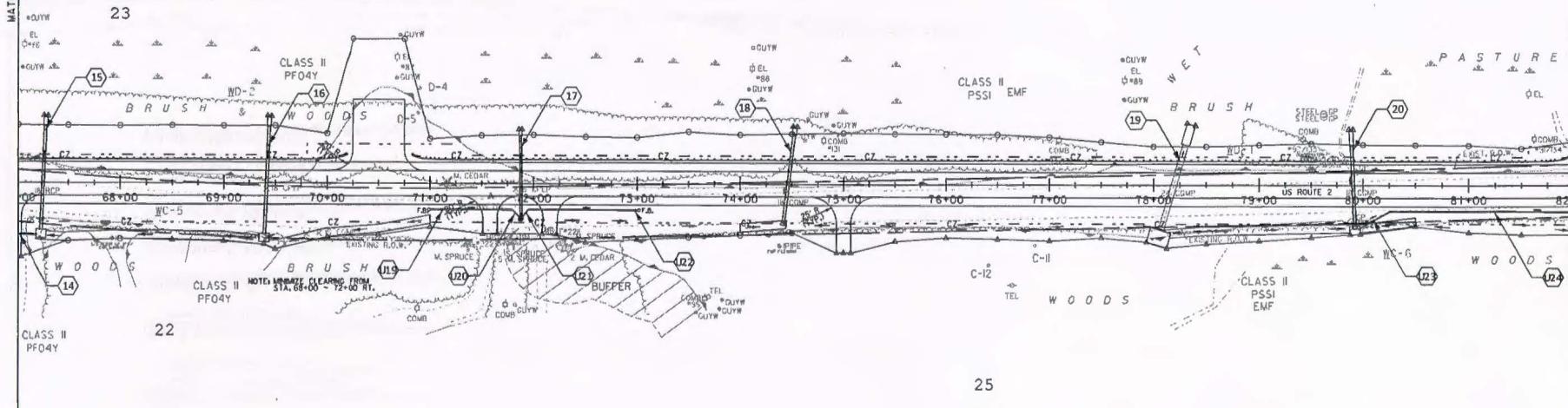
**STEEL BEAM GUARDRAIL**  
STA. 64+55.5 LT. ~ 69+80.5 LT.  
STA. 71+19.5 LT. ~ 81+57.0 LT.

**MANUFACTURED TERMINAL SECTION, FLARED**  
STA. 69+80.5 LT. ~ 70+18.0 LT.  
STA. 70+82.0 LT. ~ 71+19.5 LT.  
STA. 81+57.0 LT. ~ 81+94.5 LT.

**RELOCATE MAILBOX, SINGLE SUPPORT**  
STA. 71+68 RT.  
STA. 72+24 RT.

**LT RT**  
STA. 70+50 (14'W) STA. 66+96 (14'W)  
STA. 71+58 (14'W) PAVED  
STA. 72+18 (14'W) ASKEWED 86°30'00" LT.  
STA. 75+00 (14'W)

**SCARIFYING PAVEMENT**  
STA. 66+75 ~ 70+25



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**JURISDICTIONAL GRASSED LINED DITCHES**

4'-0"-DITCH BOTTOM  
STA. 72+25 - 74+00, RT  
STA. 75+50 - 78+00, RT

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PROJECT LEADER: K. UPMAL  
DESIGNED BY: L. SHEA  
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(21) STA. 82+10.37' RT - STA. 82+05.47' LT  
INSTALL NEW 30" x 86' CULVERT - OPTION DD  
W/ END SECTION - OPTION II @ INLET,  
STONE FILL PAD, 4'W x 10'L, TYPE II @ OUTLET  
REMOVE EXISTING 18" CG.M.P.

E2 STA. 88+12.33' RT - STA. 88+13.33' LT  
EXISTING 103" x 71" CULVERT - RETAIN

(22) STA. 82+08 RT - STA. 82+25 RT  
INSTALL NEW 8" x 20' UNDERDRAIN CARRIER PIPE

(23) STA. 82+25 RT - STA. 87+00 RT  
INSTALL NEW 8" x 475' UNDERDRAIN W/FB @ STA. 87+00

(24) STA. 83+00 LT - STA. 83+50 LT  
INSTALL NEW 8" x 54' UNDERDRAIN CARRIER PIPE

(25) STA. 83+50 LT - STA. 85+50 LT  
INSTALL NEW 8" x 200' UNDERDRAIN W/FB @ STA. 85+50

R10 STA. 82+90.26' LT - STA. 82+95.25' RT  
REMOVE EXISTING 18" CG.M.P.

R11 STA. 86+01.22' RT - STA. 86+17.25' LT  
REMOVE EXISTING 18" CG.M.P.

STONE FILL DITCH, TYPE I, 8' WIDE  
STA. 82+00 RT. ~ 82+50 RT.

MANUFACTURED TERMINAL SECTION, FLARED  
STA. 87+97.5 LT. ~ 88+35.0 LT.  
STA. 86+75.0 LT. ~ 87+12.5 RT.  
STA. 88+50.0 LT. ~ 88+87.5 RT.

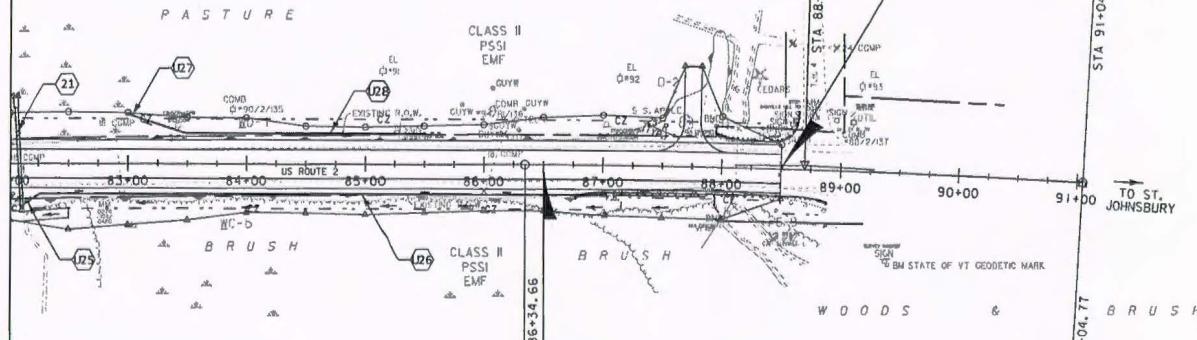
STEEL BEAM GUARDRAIL  
STA. 88+47 LT.  
(SEE STANDARD G-1d)

CONSTRUCT DRIVES (GRAVEL)  
STA. 87+75 LT. (14'W)



MATCH LINE 82+00

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STA. 86+50.00  
END PROJECT  
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BEGIN APPROACH

JURISDICTIONAL GRASSED LINED DITCHES

4' -0" - DITCH BOTTOM  
STA. 82+50 - 88+00, RT

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