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Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

Public Notice No.
P-2966

Public Notice Date:
July 22, 2016

Expiration Date:
August 11, 2016

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File Number: MVS-2015-397

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Jennifer L. Skiles

APPLICANT: Consort Homes: Roger Cox, 16640 Chesterfield Grove Road, Suite 130, Chesterfield, Missouri 63005.

LOCATION: The project is located north of Hwy 100 and east of Hwy 109 in the City of Wildwood. More specifically, the project site occurs in Section 1, Township 44 North, Range 3 East, St. Louis County, Missouri. The approximate geographic coordinates of the site are 38.5848565723856° north, -90.6325541901902° east.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to conduct grading and filling operations in waters of the United States for a proposed residential development within a 78.89-acre site. The site currently exists as pasture, wooded drainageways and three single residences. Located within the site are four unnamed jurisdictional tributaries to Wildhorse Creek.

Based on the proposed site plans, approximately 1,317 linear feet of tributaries are proposed to be impacted. The impacts include road crossings and piping for site development. Proposed impacts include an additional 356 linear feet of tributary to be impounded for a common ground and detention requirement, which will be periodically inundated.

Although the applicant is in the process of researching alternatives, reducing the size of the footprint and minimizing proposed impacts to the unnamed tributaries, they believe that the remaining impacts are unavoidable. The applicant is proposing to participate in an approved in-lieu fee mitigation program for stream impacts determined to be unavoidable.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See attached. In addition, the project plans may be viewed in color and in more detail by visiting the Public Notice section of our website at <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices.aspx>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jennifer L. Skiles, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8579. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to Jennifer.L.Skiles@usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) requires that all discharges of dredged or fill material must be certified by the appropriate state agency as complying with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The project plans will be submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program (the Agency) in accordance with Section 401. While the Corps of Engineers may provide all relevant information to DNR and request Section 401 review on behalf of the applicant, the applicant assumes final responsibility to ensure that both agencies receive all information required to complete their independent review. If issued, Certification will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) that is a proposed candidate for endangered status. The Corps has consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and provided habitat forms as well as a survey. The Corps received final concurrence on May 10, 2016 indicating that the project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Northern long-eared bat. In order to further complete our evaluation in regard to endangered species, written comments are solicited by this public notice.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The applicant coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). The Officer requested that a Phase I survey be conducted for the site. The Phase I was completed in February 2016. The Officer supplied a letter dated February 19, 2016 stating that there will be no historic properties affected. The Corps will continue to coordinate with SHPO and Native American Tribes as appropriate.

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

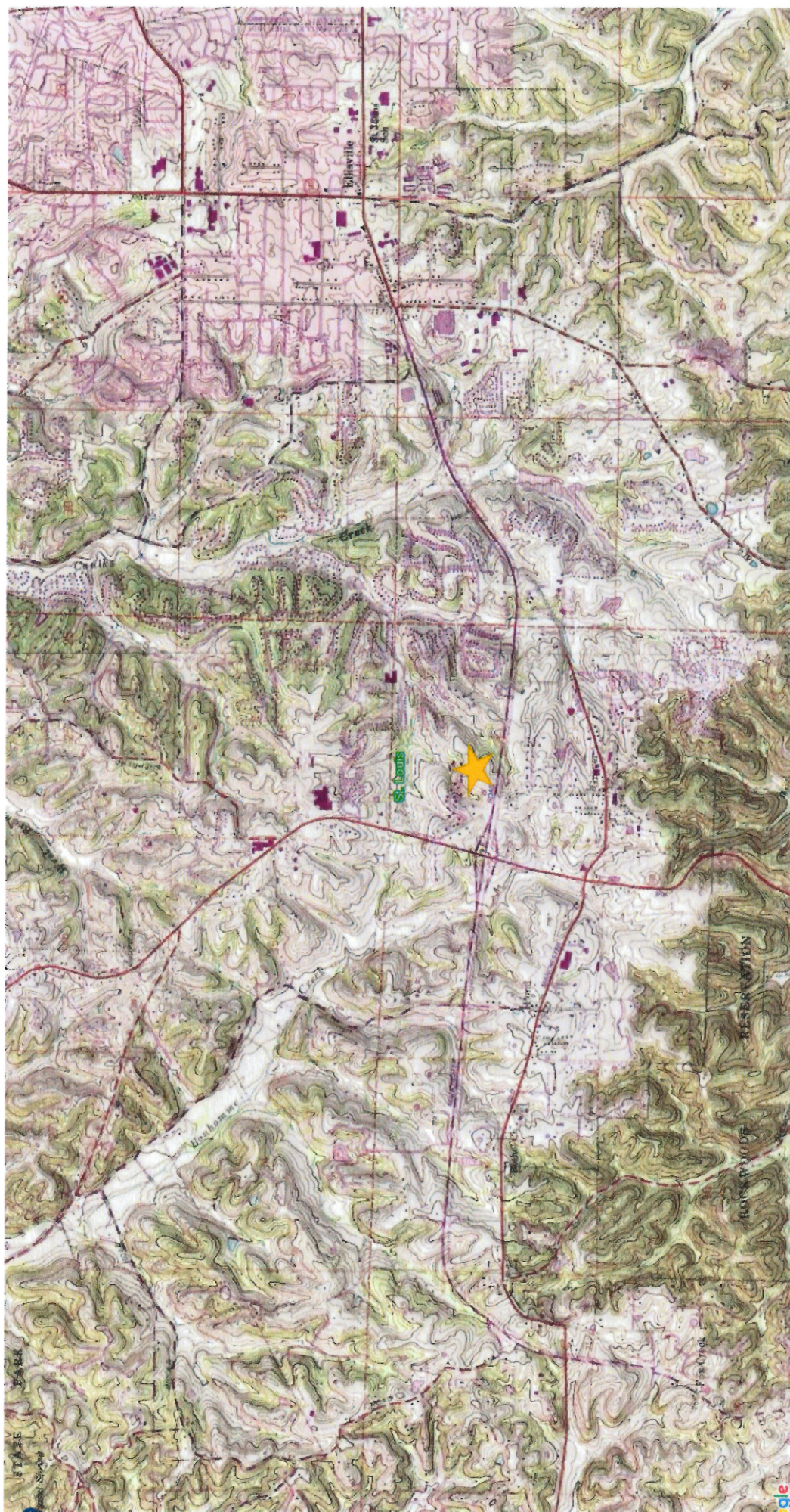
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army 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 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.

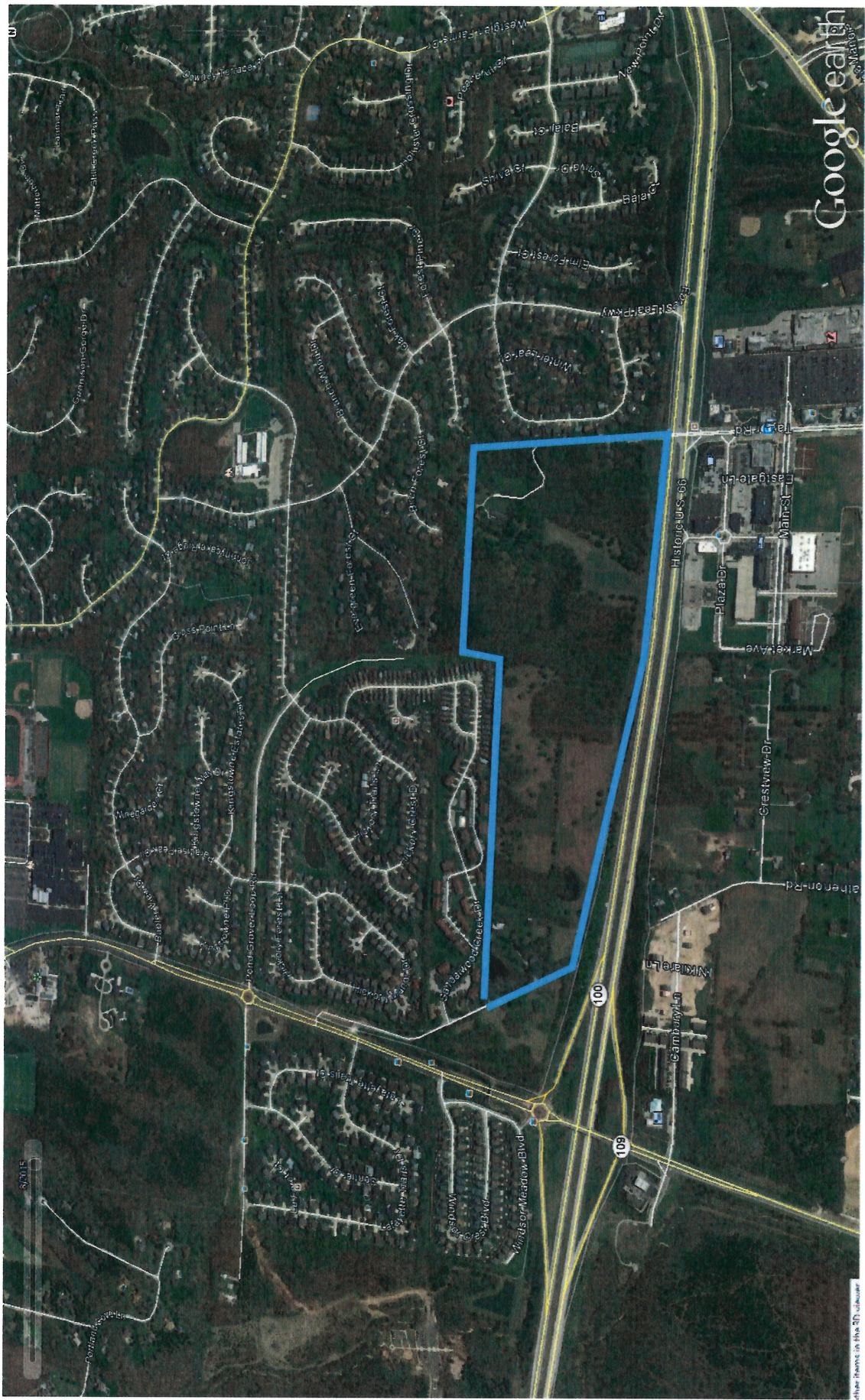

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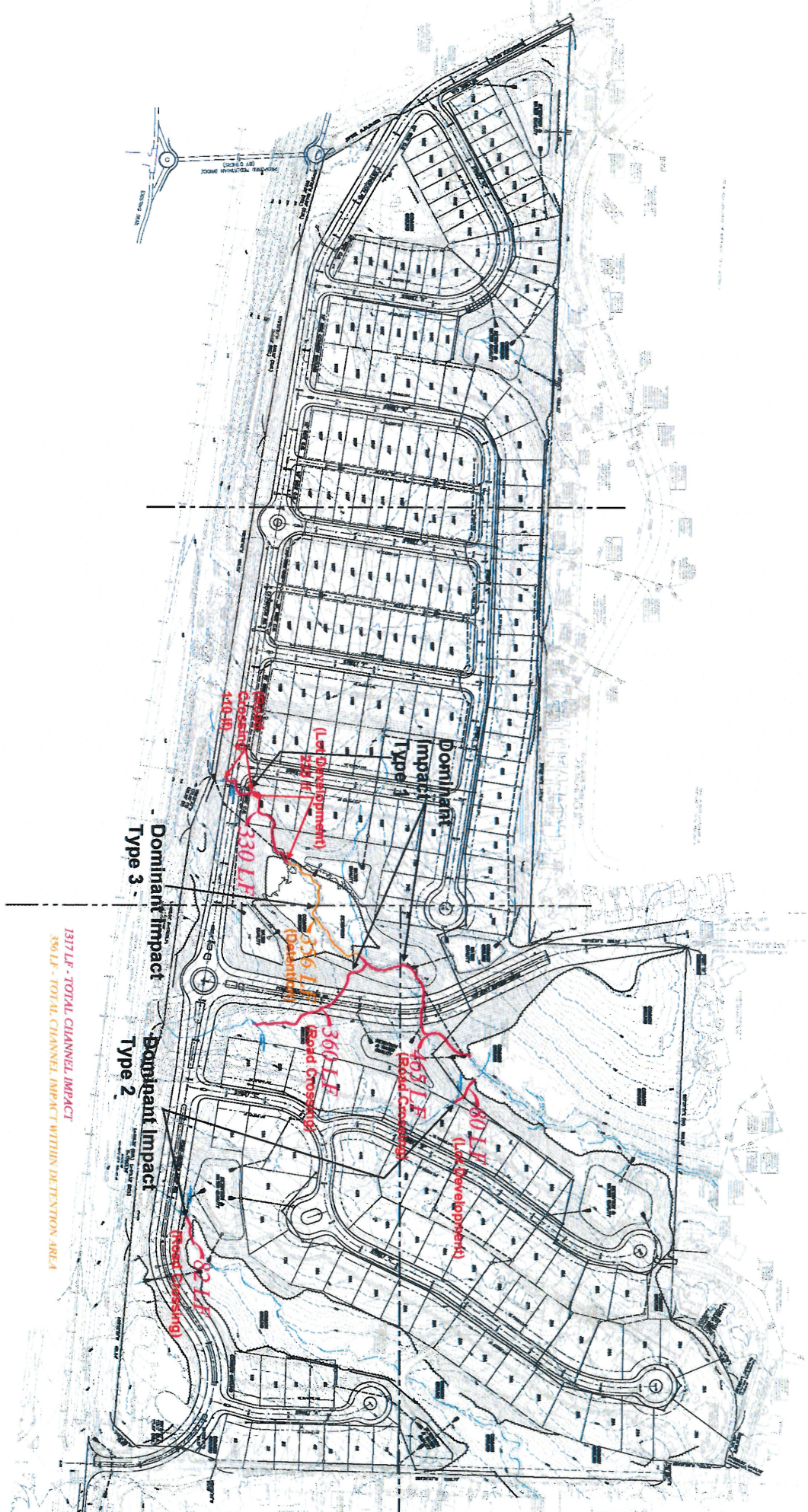
Attachments

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It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.







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