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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-2978
Public Notice Date
December 2, 2016
Expiration Date
December 23, 2016

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File Number: MVS-2015-727

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: Jaynie Doerr

APPLICANT: City of St. Peters, One St. Peters Centre Boulevard, St. Peters, Missouri 63376.
Phone: (636) 477-6600.

LOCATION: The City has named the project #P-20 *Parkdale/Blackwood Channel Improvements*. Within the City of St. Peters, take Mid Rivers Mall Drive south and turn west onto Parkdale Lane. More specifically, it is located in Section 36, Township 47 North, Range 3 East, St. Charles County (see attached location map). It is located immediately upstream of a previous biostabilization project, named P-5, permitted by our office as P-2488.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the project is to relieve flooding, alleviate erosion and improve water quality in the area of Blackwood Lane and Parkdale Lane in St. Peters. This project is referred to as the P-20 Blackwood-Parkdale Stormwater Channel Improvement. The City desires to construct these improvements to provide flooding relief as recommended in the City's Stormwater Master Plan. This project includes channel improvements to two reaches, which include: removal of existing concrete flume, installation of rock grade controls, improvements to existing storm water pipe discharges into channels, creation of low flow channels, regraded stable banks, increased and creation of riparian corridor buffers and perpetual stewardship by the City.

This project consists of two open channels. The Blackwood and Parkdale channels will be reconstructed to reduce frequent flooding in the adjacent residential properties, stabilize active erosion and create a native riparian corridor and buffer. The project improvements will be within existing or new permanent drainage easements acquired from the affected property owners. The City will provide stewardship on the native corridors. Approximately 1,625 linear feet (LF) of Blackwood channel will be improved by the removal of the existing concrete swale, constructing a channel bed of native soil material, installation of rock grade control structures, energy dissipation treatments at ends of the existing stormwater discharge pipes, creation of a 5-foot wide low flow channel, regrade stable banks, rolled erosion control products, relocation of existing fences further back from channel to provide wider channel buffer and restoration with native vegetation. The Blackwood channel conveys more flow and homeowners along the norther portion of the channel have experienced flooding issues. Existing condition models show discharges from the 2-year to the 100-year 20-minute event overtopping the banks causing flooding to the homeowners. This channel has an existing concrete flume along the channel bed, the concrete is broken and undermined in most areas and there is erosion along both banks. The improvements to this channel will increase capacity, and discharges up to the 100-year 20-minute event (headwater flows) will generally stay within the channel (per the applicant).

Approximately 1,090 LF of the Parkdale channel will be improved which will include a constructed channel bed of native soil material, energy dissipation treatments at ends of stormwater pipes, creation of a 5-foot wide low flow channel, regraded stable banks and construction of a modular block wall on the right descending bank, rolled erosion controls products, relocation of existing fences further back from the channel to provide wider channel buffers restored with native vegetation. This channel carries significant flow during storm events which has caused flooding to adjacent homeowners. The improvements will increase capacity and the proposed channel improvements are modeled to contain all discharges from 2-year to 100-year 20-minute event headwater flows as well.

The entire project area will be planted as a native corridor along with the City acquiring permanent drainage easements over the improvements. This will provide the long-term management necessary for planting and overall project success.

The project is designed to include biotechnical techniques and to improve overall water quality to the impacted tributary and downstream tributaries. Mitigation has been accomplished through avoidance, minimization, and biotechnical applications within this design. Additionally, the stream improvement project is contingent upon the City of St. Peters acquiring the necessary easements and permission from all affected subdivision property owners.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See Sheets 1-13, attached.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jaynie Doerr, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8581. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to Jaynie.g.doerr@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: The project plans have been submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification is requested as of the date of this Public Notice, and if issued, 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, Post Office 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: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District has done a preliminary evaluation based on information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Based on this evaluation and the fact that the projects are located within existing residential subdivisions with previously modified tributaries, additional reconnaissance surveys might not be required. However, if substantial information from the response to public notice indicates that further investigation is necessary the USACE will re-consider its decision.

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.



DANNY D. MCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

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

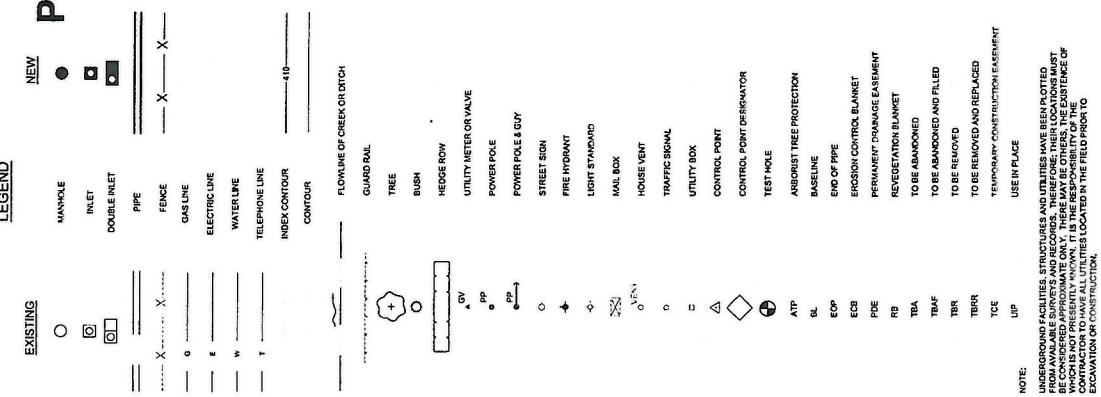


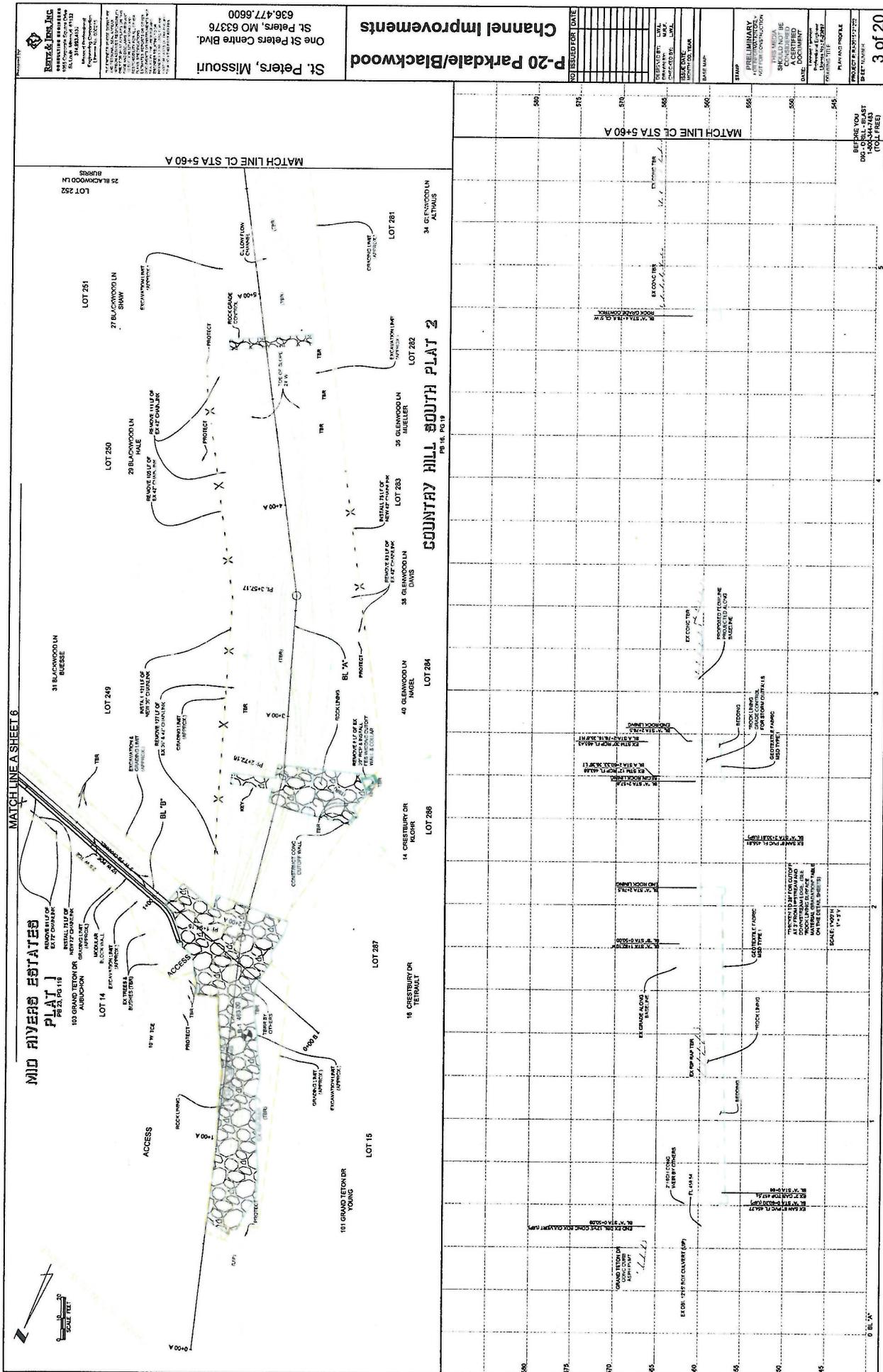
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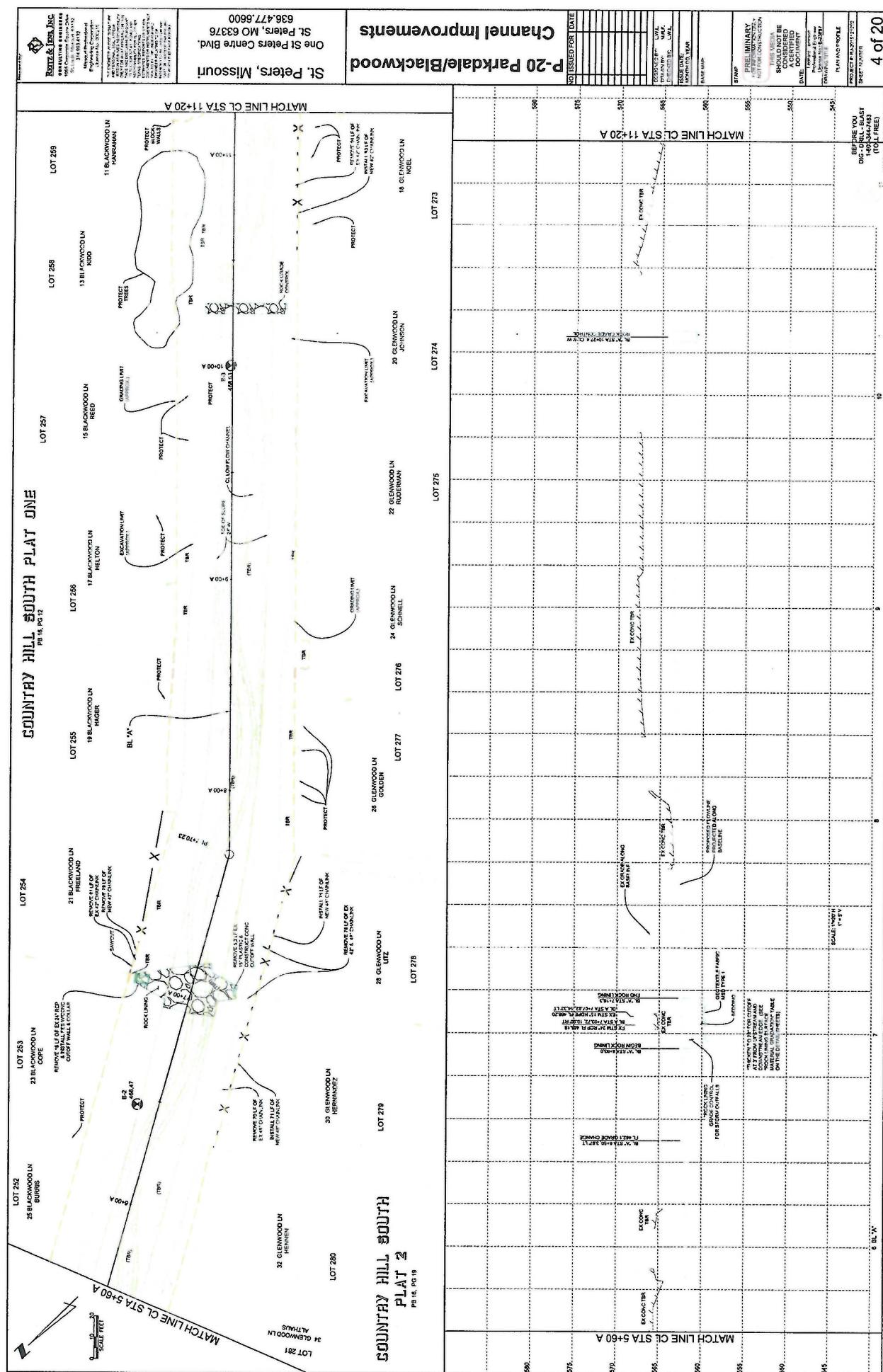
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BLACKWOOD - PARKDALE CHANNEL
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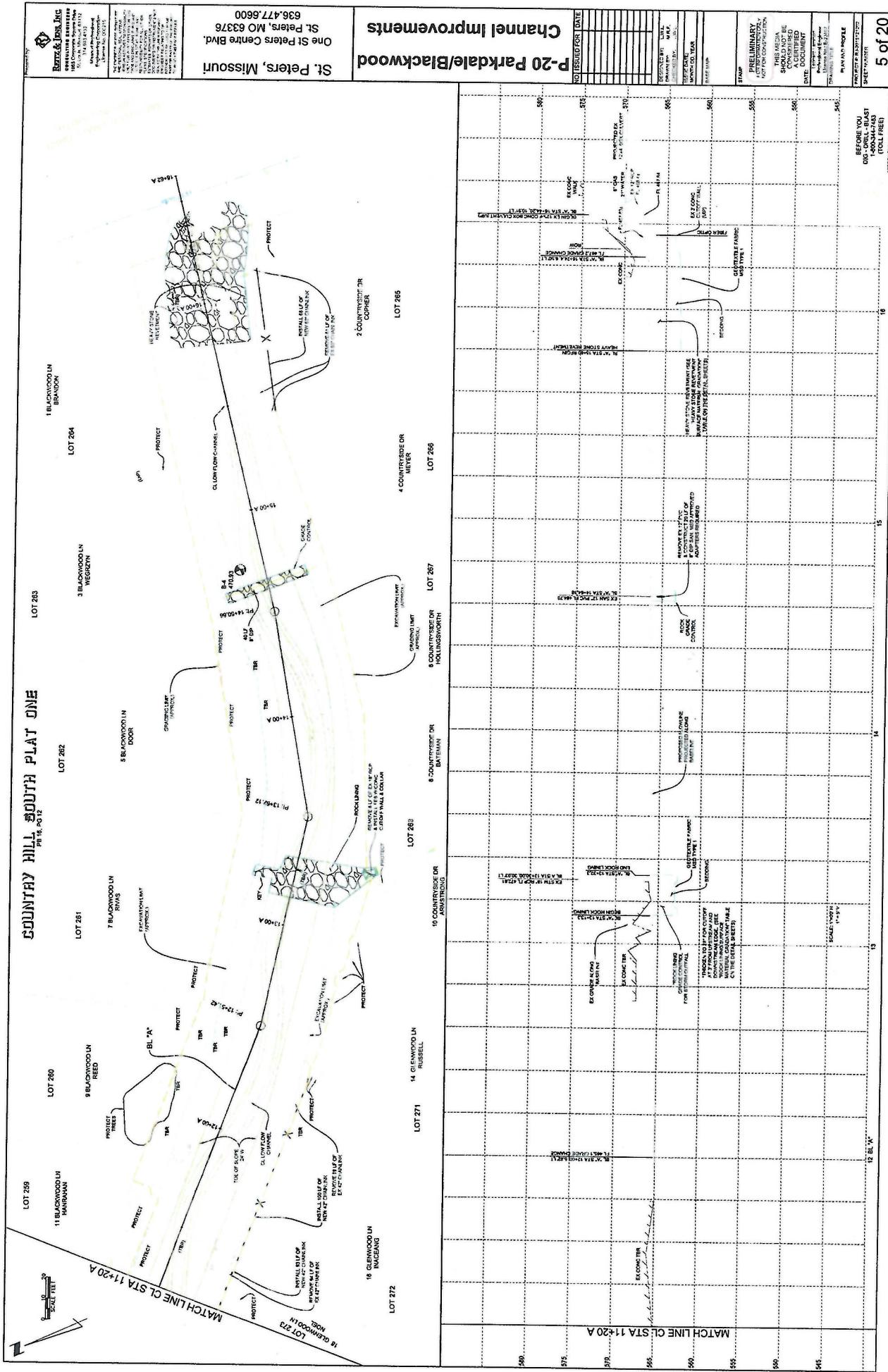
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