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**Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: Regulatory Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833**

Public Notice No.
P-2627
Public Notice Date
May 2, 2007

Expiration Date
May 22, 2007

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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: All comments and/or requests for public hearing must reach this office no later than the 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:

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Regulatory Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Mr. Rob Gramke

APPLICANT: Mr. Mark Sneller, First Baptist Church of St. Charles, 2701 Muegge Road, St. Charles, Missouri 63303 Telephone 636-928-1311.

AGENT: Mr. Jim Valleroy, Pickett, Ray & Silver, Inc., 33 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, Missouri 63376. Telephone: 636-3971211

LOCATION: The proposed project is located near the intersection of Muegge Road and Mexico Road in St. Peters, St. Charles County Missouri. More specifically it is located in Section 34, Township 47 North, Range 4 East along an unnamed tributary to Sandfort Creek, which flows into Dardenne Creek and to the Mississippi River (Latitude 38.7877495, Longitude -90.56804636).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to site grade in conjunction with the expansion of the First Baptist Church of St. Charles. The project includes a building expansion, additional parking areas, and new athletic fields. The primary unnamed tributary (Tributary A) has intermittent flows that have been interrupted by upstream and downstream piping, commercial development, and highway construction. This interruption has contributed to flash flows, stagnant pools, sediment deposition, and the formation of wetland areas adjacent to the stream. Tributary A is approximately 3 to 5 feet wide and exists on the site for approximately 2,006 linear feet with three existing piped sections that total approximately 443 linear feet. The bed of the channel is primarily composed of silt, gravel, and concrete rubble. The applicant is proposing to pipe the entire length of channel on the site with additional impacts to 900 linear feet of ephemeral tributaries and 0.72-acres of forested wetland located adjacent to Tributary A. However, approximately 443 linear feet of the streams are already impacted and any required mitigation would be for a total of 2,463 linear feet of stream channel and 0.72-acres of forested wetland. The site has been owned by the church for several years and is

currently a forested area being used for hiking trails and a Frisbee golf course. The applicant has investigated alternatives, but the location of the waters of the U.S. and the location of the existing infrastructure limits both alternatives and avoidance measures. Although, no formal mitigation plan has been submitted, the applicant proposes off-site mitigation using the Missouri Stream Mitigation Assessment Method, and/or mitigation bank credit purchase.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See attached maps.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The project plans may be viewed in more detail by visiting the Public Notice section of our website at <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/permits/>. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Rob Gramke, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8187. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to robert.gramke@mvs02.usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following: 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.

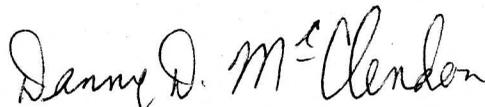
PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would 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 will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION OF PROBABLE IMPACTS: 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 From The Public: 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.



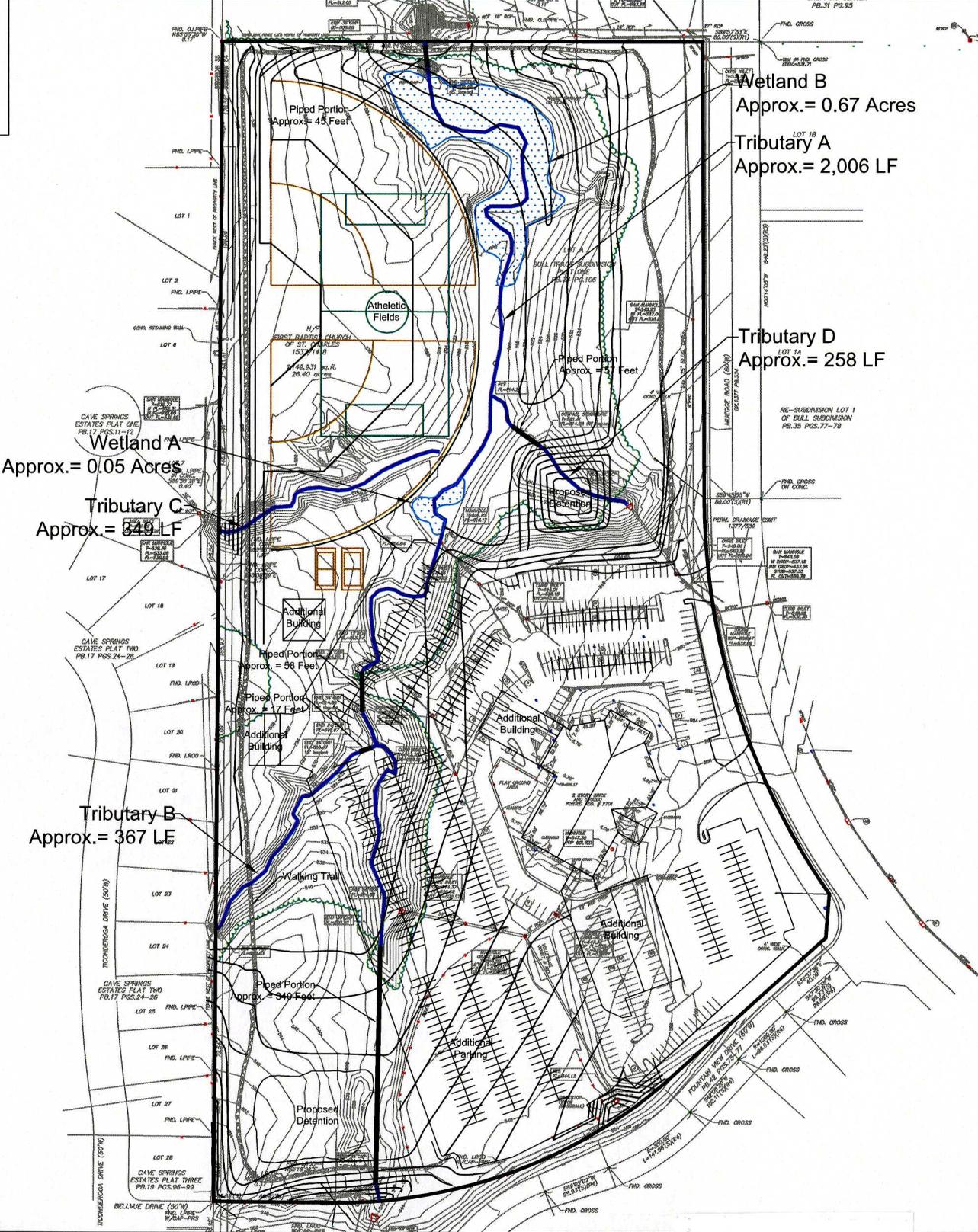
DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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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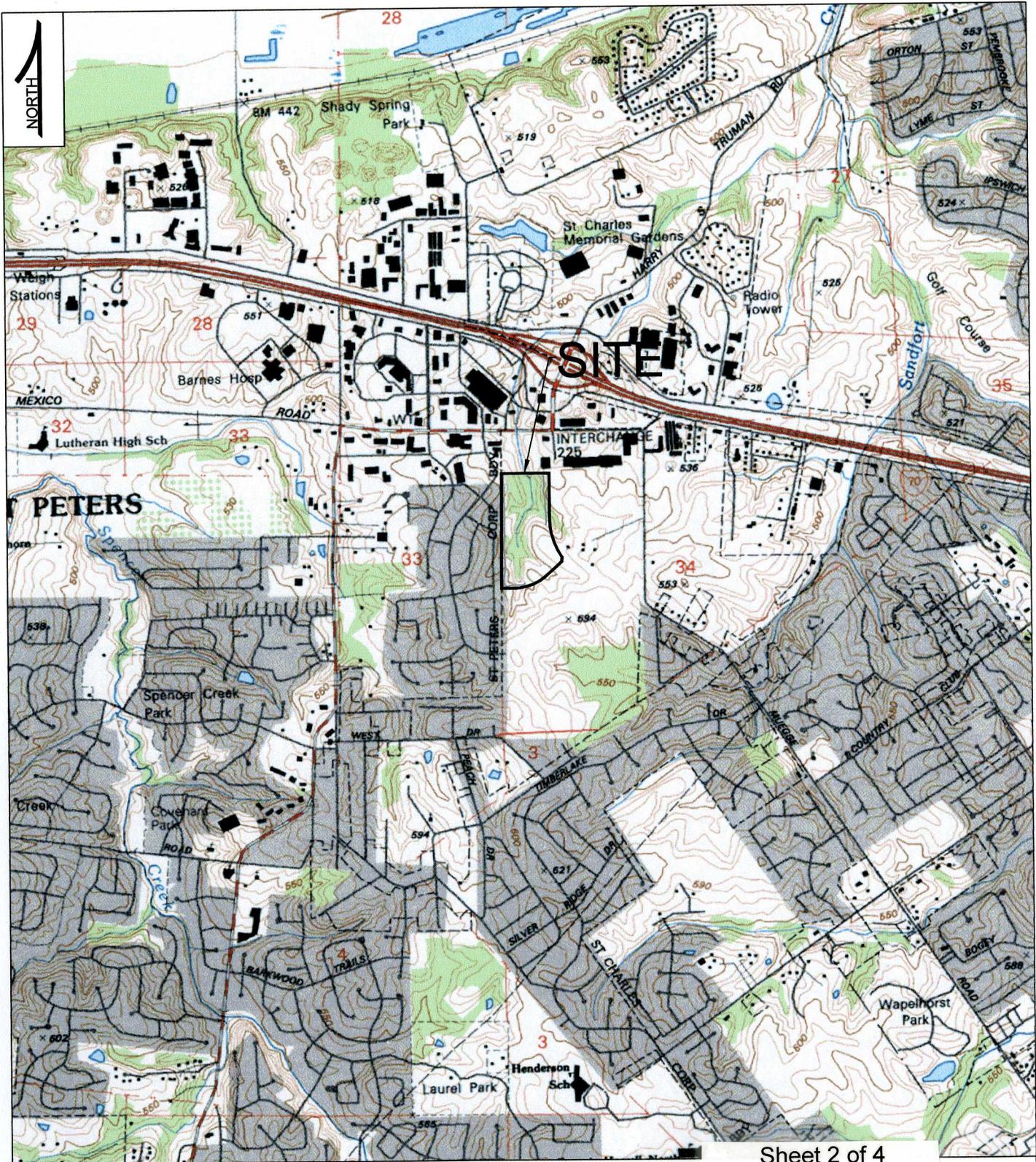
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 Proposed Master Plan with Grading Limits

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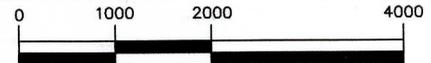
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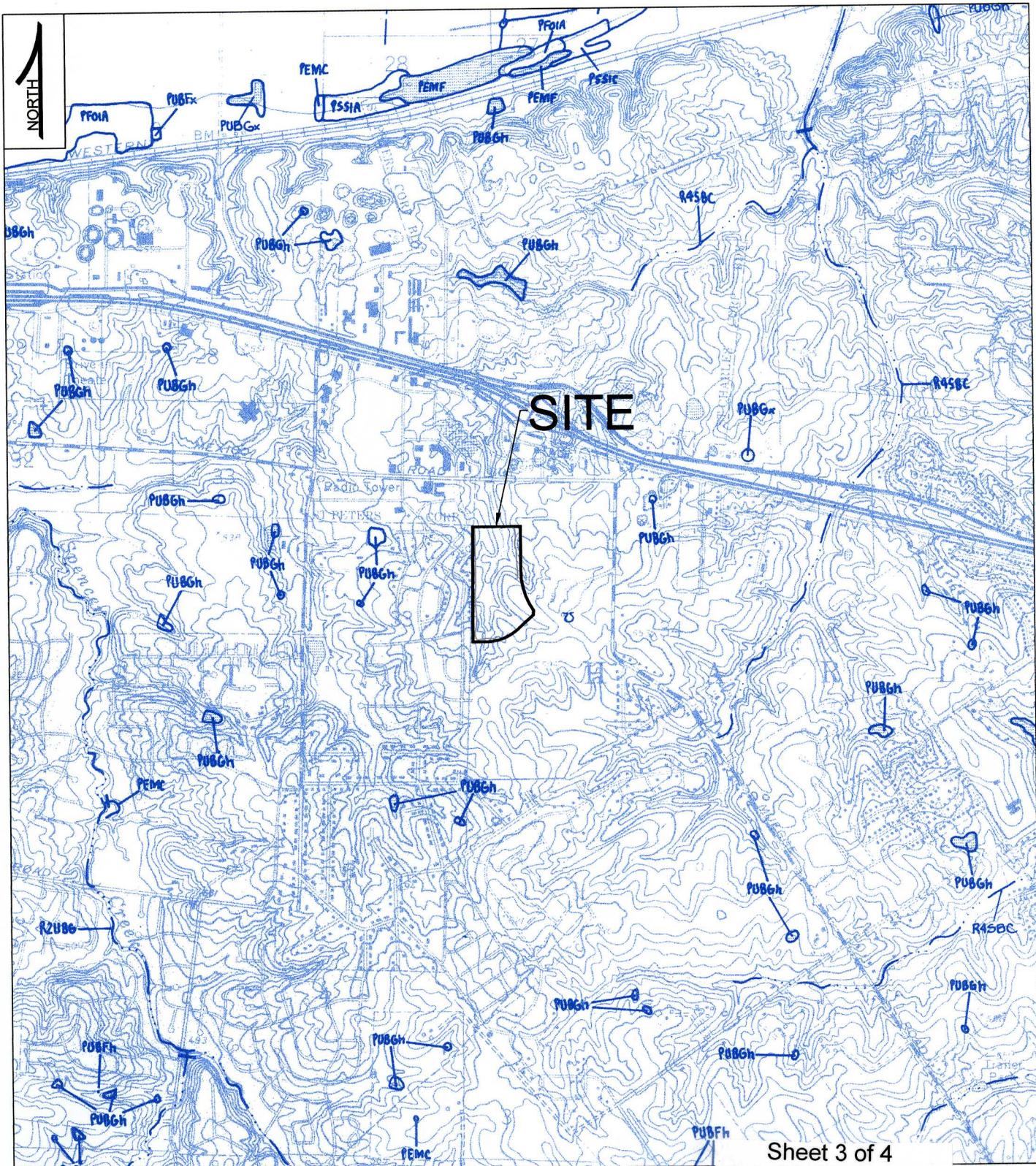
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USGS Location Map
Plate 1



GRAPHIC SCALE
1 inch = 2000ft.

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National Wetland Inventory Map: Kampville Quadrangle, Dated 1993.

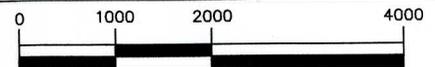
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