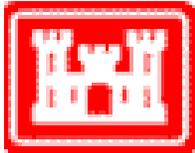


PUBLIC NOTICE



US ARMY CORPS
OF ENGINEERS
OMAHA DISTRICT

APPLICANT: CITY OF ABERDEEN
APPLICATION NO: NWO-2008-1014
WATERWAY: WETLANDS
ISSUE DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2013
EXPIRATION DATE: MARCH 13, 2013

Regulatory Office, 28563 Powerhouse Rd, Room 118, Pierre, SD 57501
<http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/SouthDakota.aspx>

21-DAY NOTICE

JOINT NOTICE OF PERMIT PENDING

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The application of the City of Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, Aberdeen, South Dakota, for approval of plans and issuance of a permit under authority of the Secretary of the Army is being considered by the District Engineer, US Army Engineer District, Omaha, Nebraska.

The applicant requests authorization to perform site grading (excavation and fill) activities, in waters of the United States (delineated wetland - 16.78 acres) in connection with the construction of a community park and recreation area (Baird Park). The project is located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 123 North, Ranges 63 West, Brown County, South Dakota.

The proposed project consists of constructing road access and park facilities to include Baird Street, bike/pedestrian trails, recreational structures and a deep water pond within the planned Baird Park area. Approximately 1.38 acres of wetland perimeter on the west and south sides will be filled by the project construction. In addition, 2.82 acres of the wetland will be excavated to form the deep water pond. The applicant has proposed a wetland mitigation plan to create additional wetland area adjacent to the east avoided portion of the wetland at a ratio of 2 to 1 (2:1). The deep water pond is proposed to be "self mitigating" as an enhancement amenity to the wetland. The overall project is proposed to be constructed in phases over a five to ten year period. Additional information regarding the proposed project construction and mitigation plans can be obtained by contacting the South Dakota Regulatory Office at the address or phone number provided herein.

The purpose of the project is to improve area aesthetics and to provide easily accessible recreational opportunities for the general public. The park area will initially include bike trail, community gardens, picnic area, boardwalk and play areas for children. The park master plan also includes improvements for a dog park, frisbee golf course and additional parking and play structures.

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Services, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501-3181, will review the proposed project for state certification in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the State's opinion that the operations undertaken by the applicant will not result in a violation of applicable water quality standards. The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources hereby incorporates this public notice as its own public notice and procedures by reference (ARSD 74:51:01).

Omaha District will comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. We have checked the National Register of Historic Places and "its current supplements," and no property listed in the Register or proposed for listing is located in the immediate permit area. This is the extent of our knowledge about historic properties in the permit area at this time. However, we will evaluate input by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice, and we may conduct or require a reconnaissance survey of the permit area or check for unknown historic properties, if warranted.

In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a preliminary determination has been made that the described work will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation of this activity, comments are solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts 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 reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, 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 production, and, in general the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impacts of the project on public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230). The preferred project design (alternative) described in this public notice is identified by the applicant as the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative available that avoids and minimizes adverse impacts to waters of the United States. The applicant's alternatives analysis describes the need to construct Baird Street in the "dedicated right-of-way" and creation of adequate recreational area in the vicinity of an existing "sledding hill". The Corps will evaluate the applicant's analysis and may require additional information to determine compliance with the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines.

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.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The request must be submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers, South Dakota Regulatory Office, 28563 Powerhouse Road, Room 118, Pierre, South Dakota 57501.

Any interested party (particularly officials of any town, city, county, state, Federal agency, Indian Tribe, or local association whose interests may be affected by the proposed work) is invited to submit to this office, written facts, arguments, or objections on or before March 13, 2013. Any agency or individual having an objection to the proposed work should specifically identify it as an objection with clear and specific reasons. Comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted, made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in subsequent actions on this permit application. All replies to the public notice should be addressed to the address listed in the previous paragraph. Thomas A. Lowin, telephone number (605) 224-8531, may be contacted for additional information.

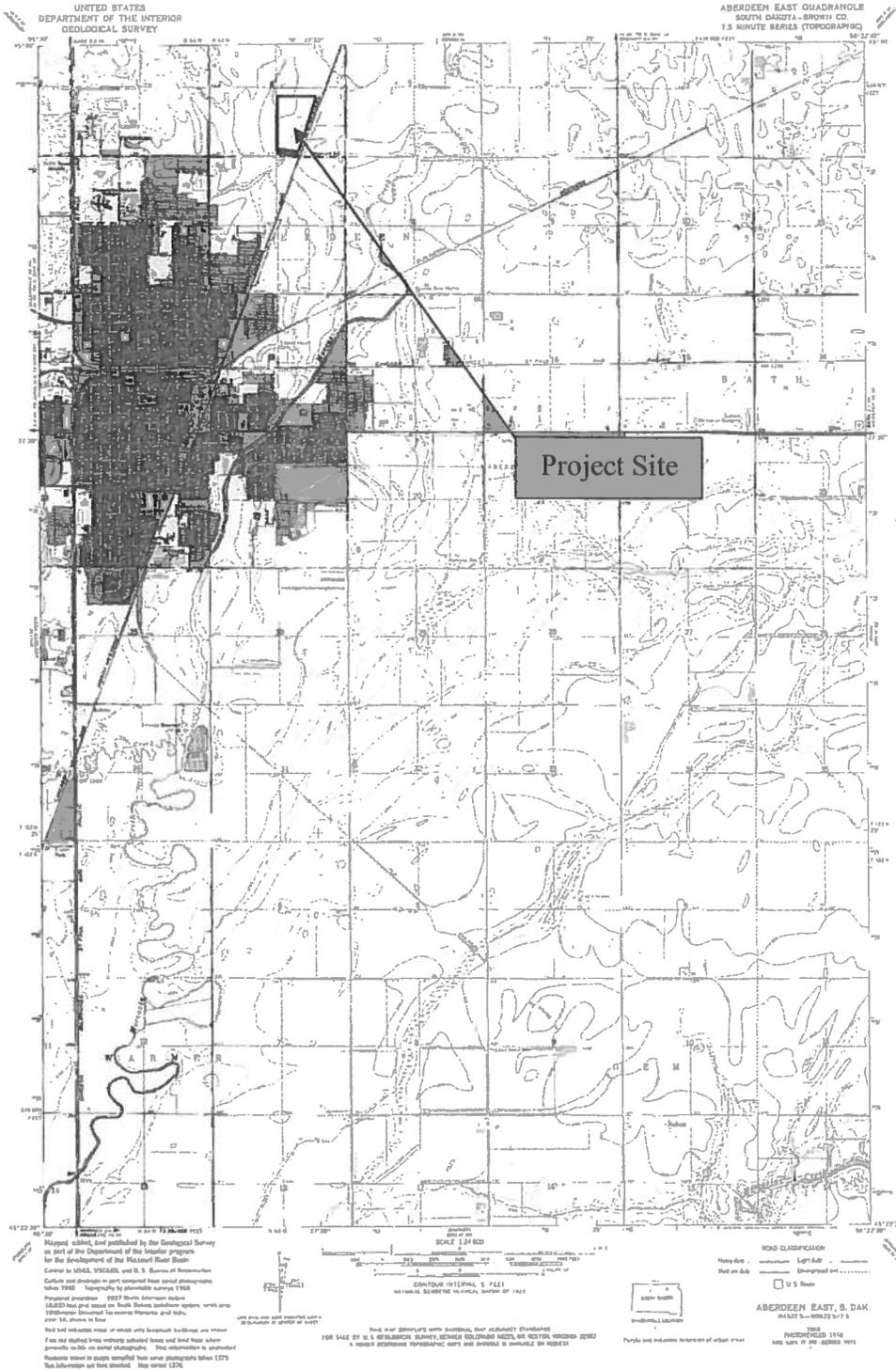
Comments received after the close of the business day on the expiration date of this public notice will not be considered.

This project, if authorized, will be under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Drawings showing the location and extent of the work are attached to this notice.

APPENDIX A

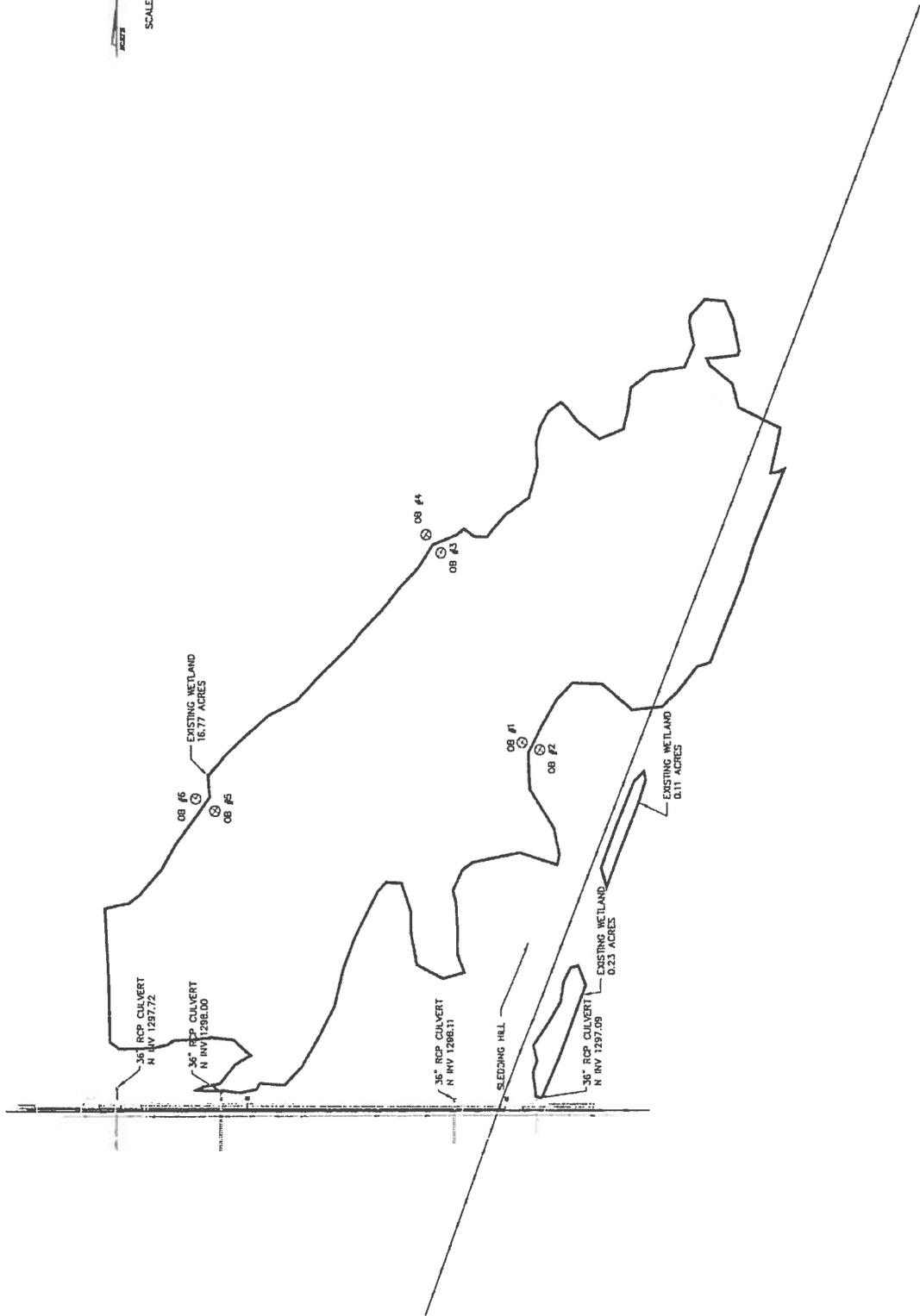
USGS Quad Map of Mitigation and Project Site



Project Location Map

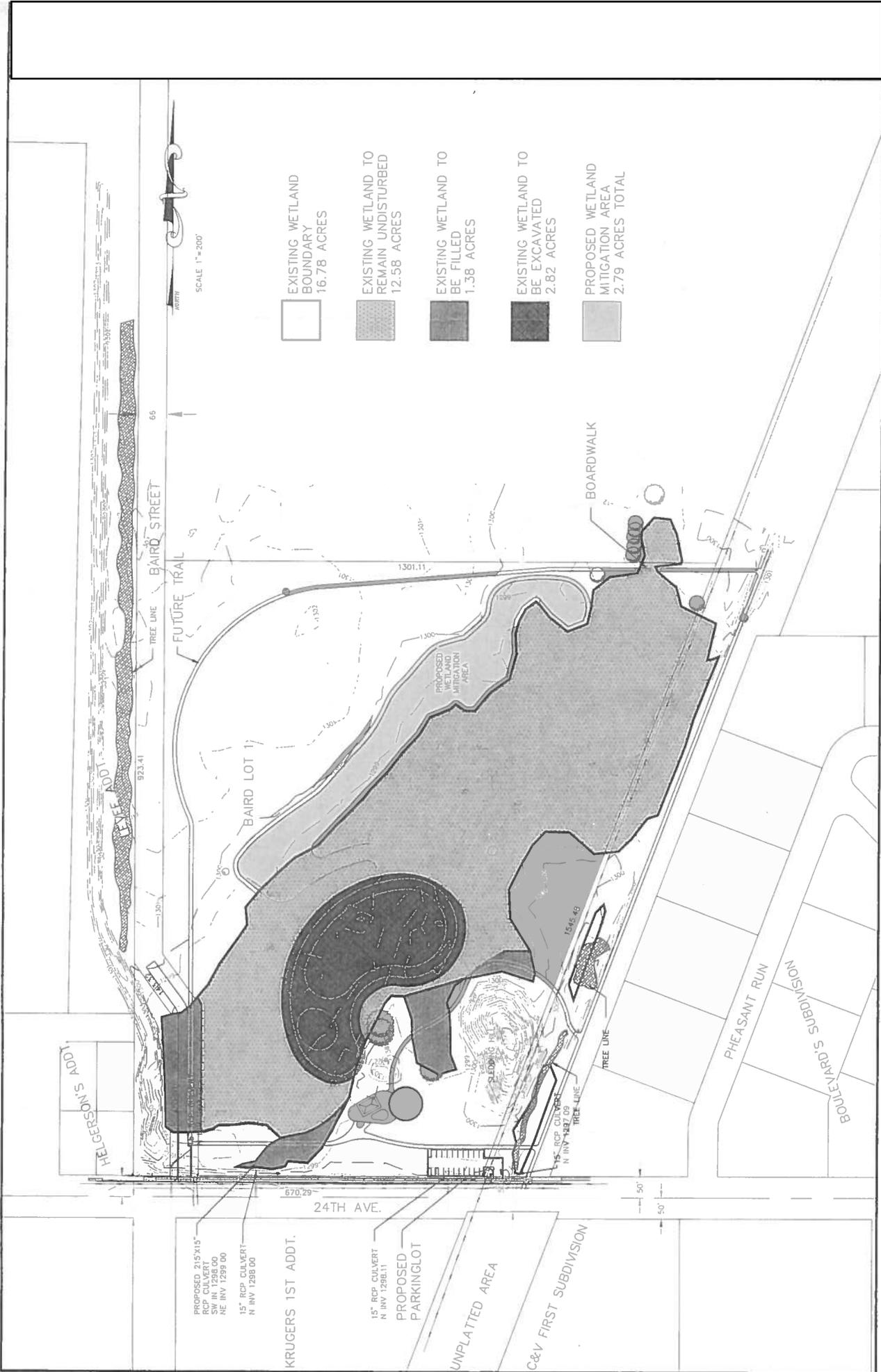


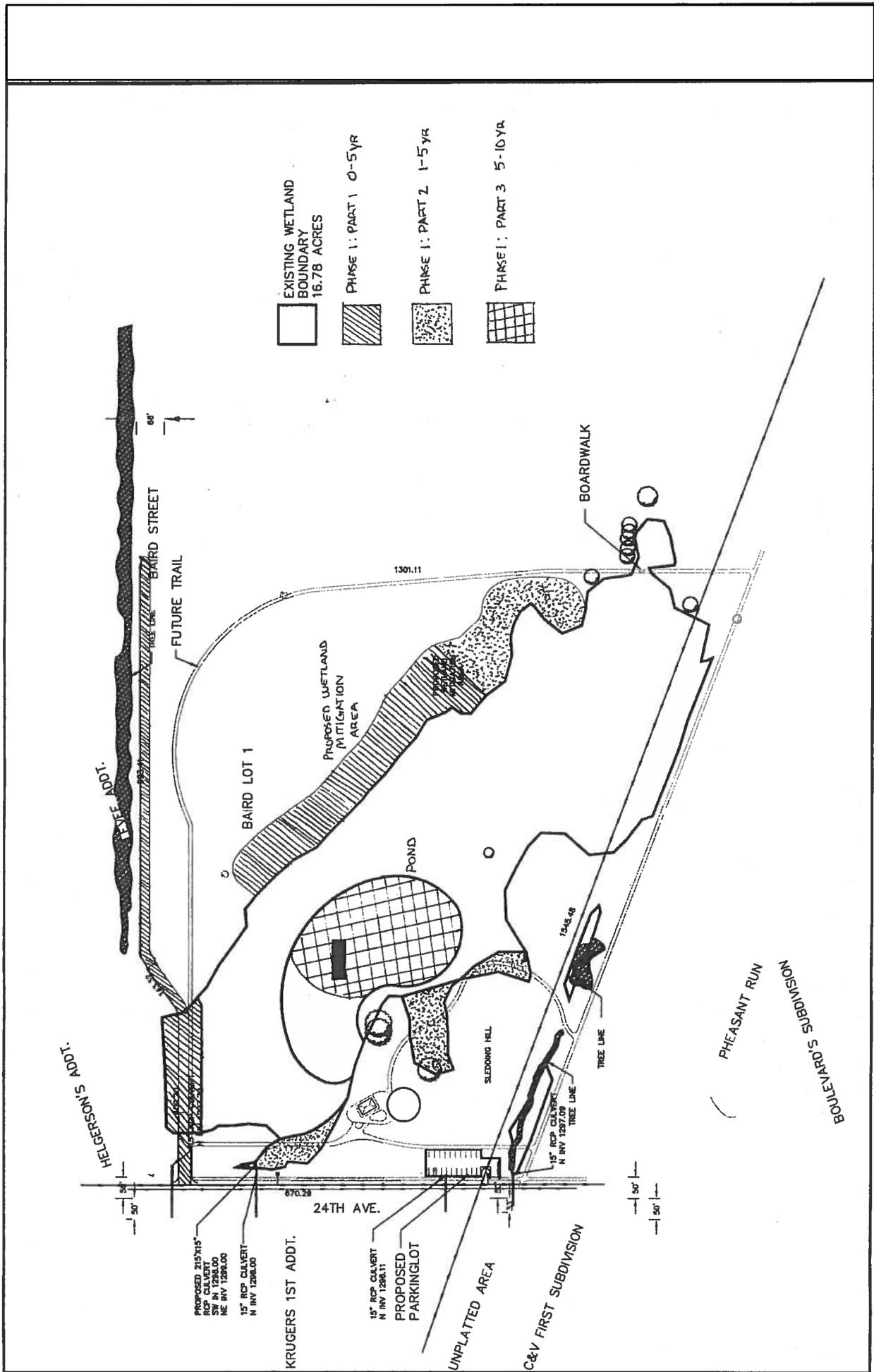
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Wetland Delineation Map

Site Plan





Phase Construction Plan