



Public Notice

Applicant: The City of
Beachwood, Ohio

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U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Buffalo District
CELRB-TD-R

Application No: 2015-00061
Section: OH

All written comments should reference the above Application No. and be addressed to:
US Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District
Regulatory Branch (Attn:) Shawn Blohm
1100 Graham Road Circle
Stow, Ohio 44224-2933

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

Application for Permit under Authority of
Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and
Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

APPLICANT: The City of Beachwood, Ohio

WATERWAY & LOCATION: Federally jurisdictional wetland on an approximate four acre site located north of the intersection of Park East Drive and Richmond Road, the City of Beachwood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (Sheet 1 of 4). The site is bordered by a cemetery and commercial development to the north, commercial development to the east and south, and residential development to the west (Sheet 2 of 4).

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: Latitude North: 41.45778
Longitude West: -81.49681

EXISTING CONDITIONS: Description of delineation of waters of the US: A preliminary jurisdictional determination (PJD) was issued for the four acre site on 05 MAY 2015. The PJD identified one forested/scrub-shrub wetland referred to as Wetland A that totals 1.50 acres and

that includes 0.75 acre of forested habitat and 0.75 acre of scrub-shrub habitat. The Corps determined all on-site waters have a surface water connections with the downstream navigable water (Cuyahoga River).

PROPOSED WORK: To permanently fill 1.50 acre of forested and scrub-shrub wetland (Wetland A) to construct a 20,000 square foot multi-bay fire station, a storm water detention pond, concrete and asphalt parking areas, bio-retention areas, training areas, sidewalks, and a dispatch center.

PROJECT PURPOSE

Basic: Construction of a fire station and attendant features for an institutional development.

Overall: To construct a fire station and attendant features for an institutional development within the City of Beachwood.

Water Dependency Determination: The proposed project is not a water dependent activity. Therefore, it is presumed that practicable upland alternatives exist that are less environmentally damaging. It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate that there are no alternate sites that are less environmentally damaging that would allow the applicant to accomplish their project purpose.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION INFORMATION: The applicant provided three alternatives for completing the proposed project including two onsite design alternatives (Preferred Alternative and Minimal Degradation Alternative), a Non-Degradation Alternative, and five off-site alternatives.

Preferred Alternative:

The Preferred Design Alternative (PDA) was chosen because it meets the purpose and need of the proposed project. Phase I of the PDA would result in the construction of a 20,000 square foot multi-bay fire station, a storm water detention pond, concrete and asphalt parking areas, bio-retention areas, training areas, and sidewalks. Phase I construction is anticipated to start in May 2016. Phase II will be to build a future municipal building that will house a dispatch center. Phase II construction is anticipated to begin in 2018. The PDA will permanently fill 1.50-acres of federally jurisdictional Category 2 wetland. Wetland will not be avoided (Sheet 3 of 4).

Minimal Degradation Alternative:

The Minimal Degradation Alternative (MDA) would result in the construction of a 20,000 square foot multi-bay fire station, the storm water detention pond, and the concrete and asphalt parking area resulting in the permanent filling of 0.5 acre of Wetland A. The future municipal building that will house the dispatch center and its associated parking lot will not be constructed. This alternative would not facilitate the regionalization of the City of Beachwood's response services. One acre of Wetland A will be avoided under the MDA (Sheet 4 of 4).

Non-Degradation Alternative:

The Non-Degradation Alternative (NDA) would be a no build alternative. The no impact alternative would avoid impacts to all wetlands but has been determined by the applicant to not be feasible as the project purpose could not be attained.

Offsite Alternative:

The applicant has provided five offsite alternative locations. However, all five of these locations do not enable the applicant to practicably perform their project purpose. The applicant has indicated that the proposed parcel is the only area where the project purpose can be practicably performed.

PROPOSED MITIGATION:

The applicants proposed mitigation plan is for the PDA. The Corps is currently reviewing the proposed mitigation plan. To compensate for impacts to 1.5-acre of wetland (0.75 acre of non-forested wetland and 0.75 acre of forested wetland), the applicant proposes to fulfill the mitigation requirements by purchasing 1.5 acre of non-forested wetland mitigation bank credits from the Granger Wetland Mitigation Bank and 2.3 acres of forested wetland from the Trumbull Creek Wetland Mitigation bank. Both of these mitigation banks are located within the wetland mitigation bank service area of the Cuyahoga River watershed.

Location and details of the above described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Comments or questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should reference the Application Number and be directed to the attention of Shawn Blohm, who can be contacted at the above address, by calling (330)-923-8214, or by e-mail at: shawn.u.blohm@usace.army.mil. A lack of a response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

The following authorization is required for this project:

Water Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Based on preliminary findings, there do not appear to be any properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places within the permit area as shown on Sheet 1 of 4. This notice constitutes initiation of consultation with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. All currently available historic resource information pertaining to this proposed project if any has been provided to the

SHPO. Additional information concerning historic properties should be submitted to the Corps before the end of the comment period of this notice. The Corps will forward that information to the SHPO for their review.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), the Corps of Engineers is consulting, under separate cover, with the USFWS to evaluate any potential impacts to: Indiana bat (E), northern long-eared bat (T), Kirtland's warbler (E), piping plover (E), rufa red knot (T), and bald eagle (SC) to ensure that the proposed activity is not likely to jeopardize their continued existence or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat.

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 320-330. Any interested party desiring to comment on the work described herein may do so by submitting their comments, in writing, so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date of this notice.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments will be made a part of the administrative record which is available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. The Administrative Record, or portions thereof may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers internet web site. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

Any individual may request a public hearing by submitting their written request, stating the specific reasons for holding a hearing, in the same manner and time period as other comments.

Public hearings for the purposes of the Corps permit program will be held when the District Commander determines he can obtain additional information, not available in written comments, that will aid him in the decision making process for this application. A Corps hearing is not a source of information for the general public, nor a forum for the resolution of issues or conflicting points of view (witnesses are not sworn and cross examination is prohibited). Hearings will not be held to obtain information on issues unrelated to the work requiring a permit, such as property ownership, neighbor disputes, or the behavior or actions of the public or applicant on upland property not regulated by the Department of the Army. Information obtained from a public hearing is given no greater weight than that obtained from written comments. Therefore, you should not fail to make timely written comments because a hearing might be held.

The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, 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 benefits which reasonably may be expected to 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 these 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, considerations of property ownership, 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.

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Diane C. Kozlowski
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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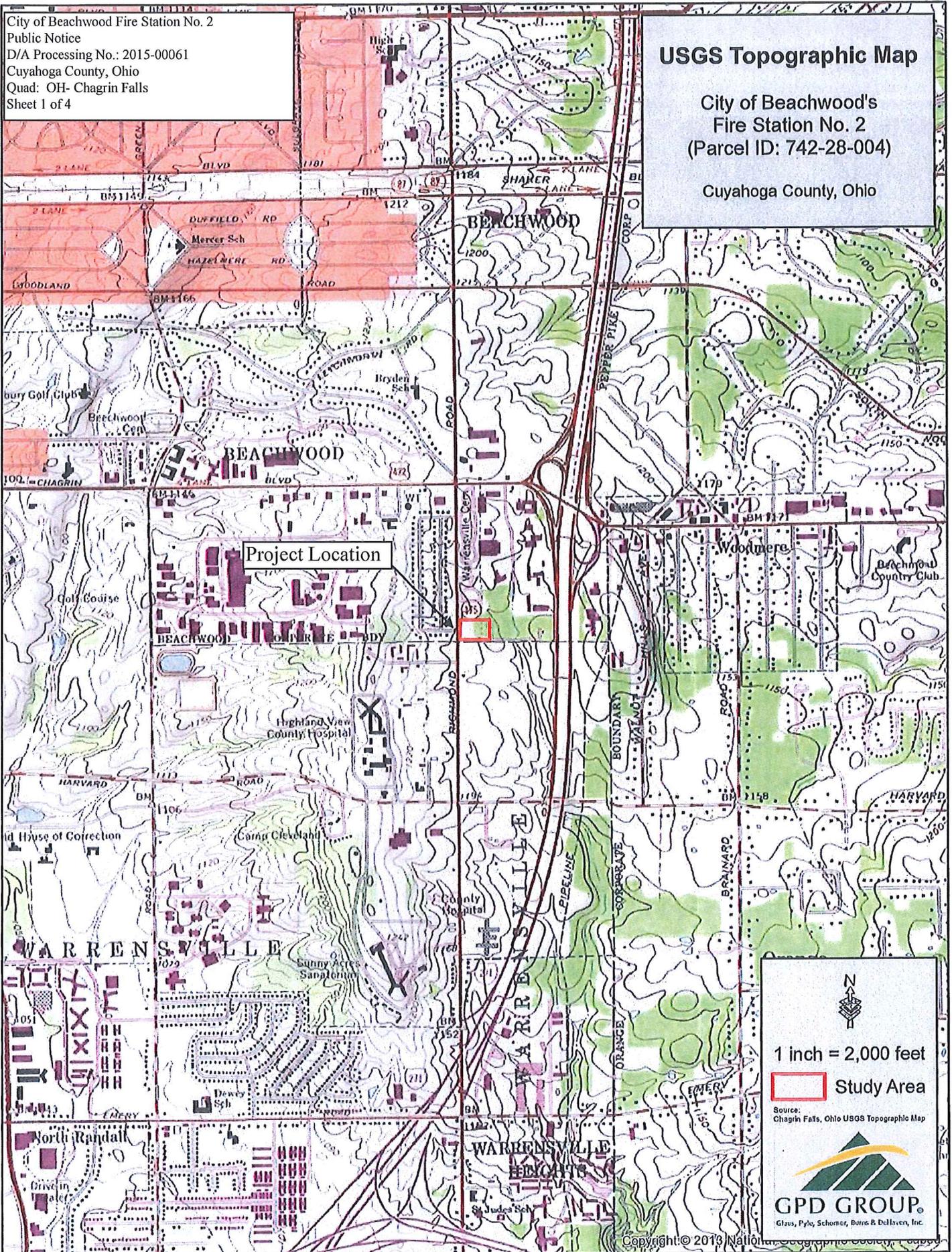
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City of Beachwood Fire Station No. 2
Public Notice
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Cuyahoga County, Ohio
Quad: OH- Chagrin Falls
Sheet 1 of 4

USGS Topographic Map

City of Beachwood's
Fire Station No. 2
(Parcel ID: 742-28-004)

Cuyahoga County, Ohio



Project Location

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1 inch = 2,000 feet

 Study Area

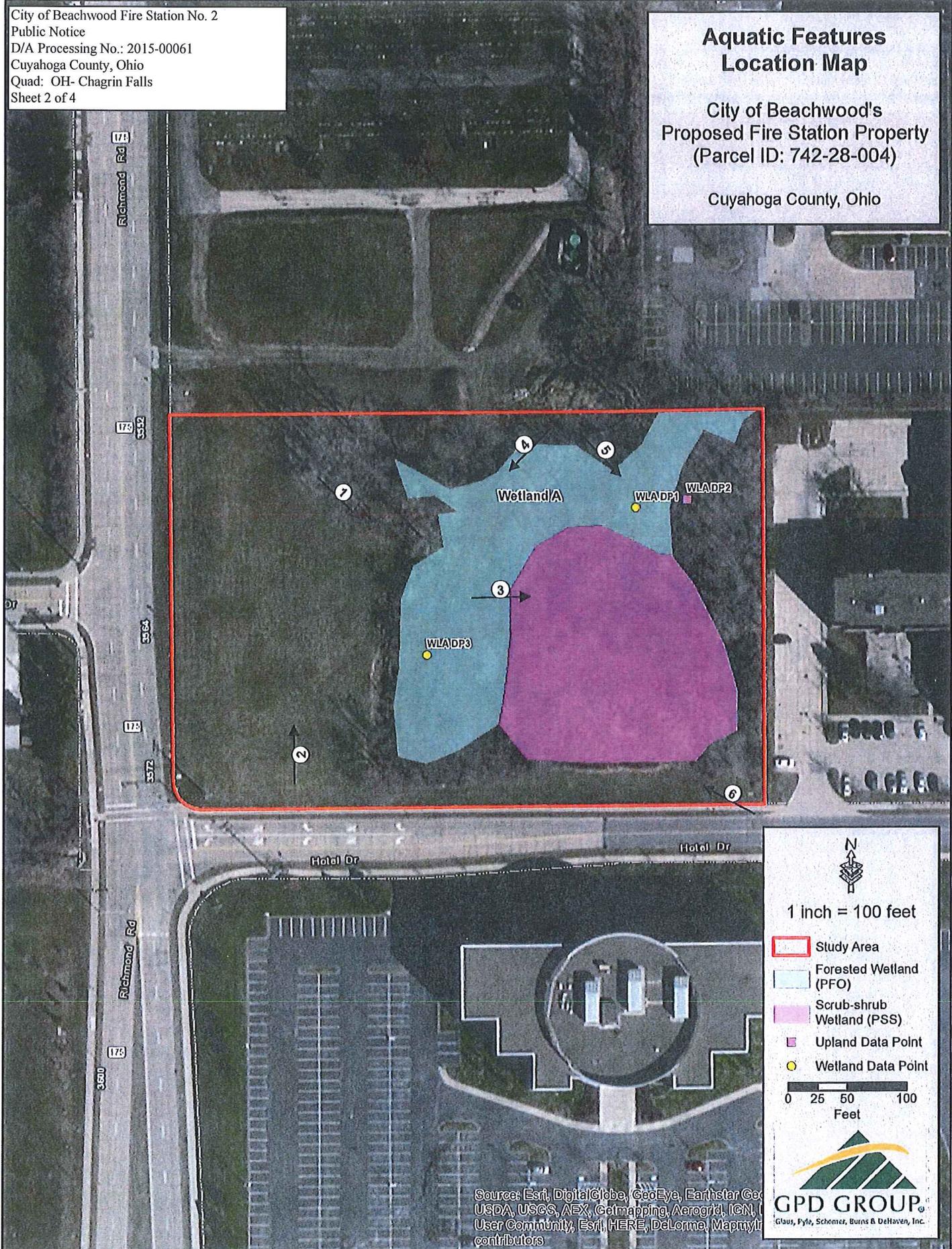
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**Aquatic Features
 Location Map**
 City of Beachwood's
 Proposed Fire Station Property
 (Parcel ID: 742-28-004)
 Cuyahoga County, Ohio



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNR Aero, IGN, USDA, USGS, AEX, Geomatics, Aerogrid, IGN, User Community, Esri, HERE, DeLorme, MapmyIndia, and other contributors

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1 inch = 100 feet

- Study Area
- Forested Wetland (PFO)
- Scrub-shrub Wetland (PSS)
- Upland Data Point
- Wetland Data Point

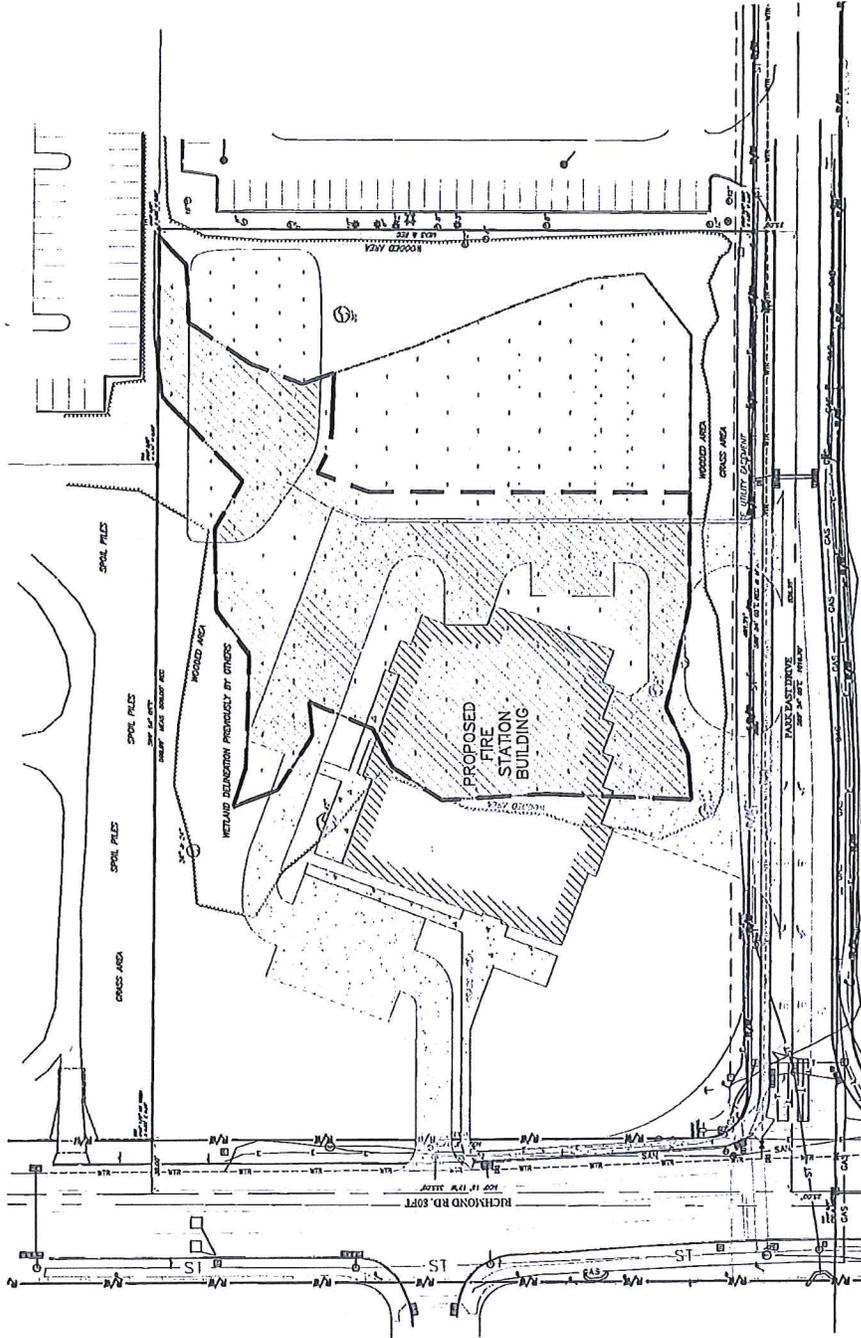
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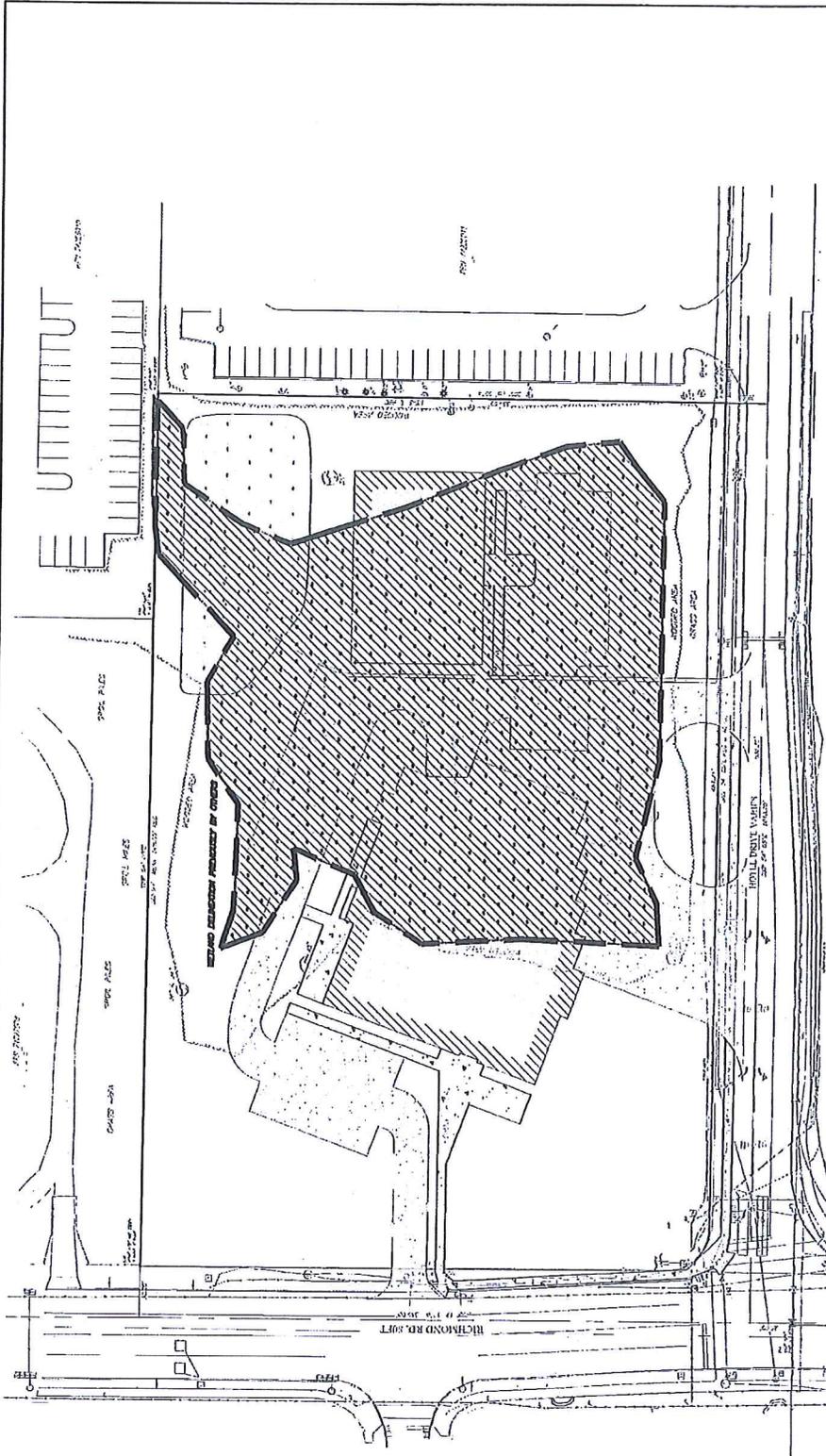
BEACHWOOD FIRE STATION NO. 2
 RICHMOND & PARK EAST DRIVE
 BEACHWOOD, OHIO



BEACHWOOD FIRE STATION NO. 2 MINIMUM DEGRADATION ALTERNATIVE

-  PROPOSED SIDEWALK
-  PROPOSED BUILDING
-  PROPOSED DETENTION POND
-  IMPACTED AREA WITHIN DESIGNATED WETLAND
-  DESIGNATED WETLAND
-  PROPOSED PARKING
-  TOTAL AREA OF WETLAND - 1.54 AC
-  TOTAL IMPACTED AREA WITHIN DESIGNATED WETLAND - 1.09 AC

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BEACHWOOD FIRE STATION NO. 2 PREFERRED DESIGN ALTERNATIVE

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 PROPOSED SIDEWALK
- 
 PROPOSED DETENTION POND
- 
 PROPOSED BUILDING
- 
 PROPOSED PARKING
- 
 PROPOSED STORM PIPE
- 
 IMPACTED AREA WITHIN DESIGNATED WETLAND
- 
 DESIGNATED WETLAND

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