



# Public Notice

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Applicant:  
**Sheffield – Sheffield Lake City Schools** Published: APRIL 19, 2012  
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U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Buffalo District  
CELRB-TD-R

Application No: **2012-00203**  
Section: Ohio

All written comments should reference the above Application No. and be addressed to:  
Buffalo District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Regulatory Branch (Attn: Keith C. Sendziak)  
1776 Niagara Street  
Buffalo, New York 14207-3199

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**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 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).**

Sheffield – Sheffield Lake City Schools, 1824 Harris Road, Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054 is proposing to construct a new educational facility on an approximately 52-acre parcel of land located to the west of Harris Road and directly north of Brookside High School, in Sheffield Village, Lorain County, Ohio (Sheet 1 of 3). The applicant has indicated that the new construction will be an expansion of the existing educational facility located to the south. The applicant has proposed to construct a new 7-12 school, associated parking areas, and a storm water retention area (Sheet 2 of 3). The applicant has indicated that the existing facilities are outdated and require modernization.

The project purpose is to create a campus style school in close proximity to existing facilities, such as sports fields, bus garages, and administrative buildings.

During a site visit conducted on March 20, 2012 it was determined that one wetland, totaling 45.08 acres, was found to be a water of the U.S., and is subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. A preliminary jurisdictional determination was issued to the applicant on March 29, 2012 (Sheet 2 of 3).

Sheffield – Sheffield Lake City Schools submitted an application on February 23, 2012, requesting a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material into waters of the U.S. to construct the school expansion. The applicant is requesting authorization to permanently fill 7.8 acres of wetlands, which is approximately 17% of the total onsite wetlands.

To compensate for these impacts the applicant has proposed to purchase wetland mitigation credits at a 1:1 ration from a North Coast Wetland Mitigation Bank within the service area of the project. In addition, the applicant has proposed to preserve approximately 16 acres of wetlands (approximately 13 forested acres and 3 emergent acres) onsite in perpetuity with a conservation easement (Sheet 3 of 3).

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 be reference the Application Number and be directed to the attention of **Keith C. Sendziak**, who can be contacted at the above address, by calling (716) 879-4339, or by e-mail at: [keith.c.sendziak@usace.army.mil](mailto:keith.c.sendziak@usace.army.mil). A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with Ohio's approved Coastal Zone Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program. Any comments on the consistency of the proposed activity with Ohio's Coastal Zone Management Program should be forwarded to:

**Mr. Tony Celebrezze**  
**Ohio Department of Natural Resources**  
**Environmental Policy Coordinator**  
**Office of Legislative Services**  
**2045 Morse Road, Building D-3**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43229**  
**Phone: (614)265-6888**  
**FAX: (614) 267-4764**  
**[tony.celebrezze@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:tony.celebrezze@dnr.state.oh.us)**

The following authorization(s) may be required for this project:

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

Based on preliminary findings, there are no properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places within the permit area as shown on Sheet 2 of 3. Based on a description of the proposed undertaking, and the absence of historic properties within the permit area, the Corps has determined that this project, if authorized, will have no effect on any property listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. 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.

In addition, this office has determined the project is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), the Kirtland's warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*), and the piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*). Available evidence indicates that the proposed work will not affect the piping plover, as designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) as threatened or endangered, nor will it affect the critical habitat of any such species. Available evidence indicates that there is suitable onsite habitat for the Indiana bat and

Kirtland's warbler. The applicant has not performed an Indiana bat or Kirtland's warbler habitat survey so the quantity and quality of onsite habitat is unknown. Thus, the applicant may be required to perform additional monitoring for the Indiana bat and Kirtland's warbler to determine its presence or likely absence prior to the Corps making a Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act effects determination.

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.

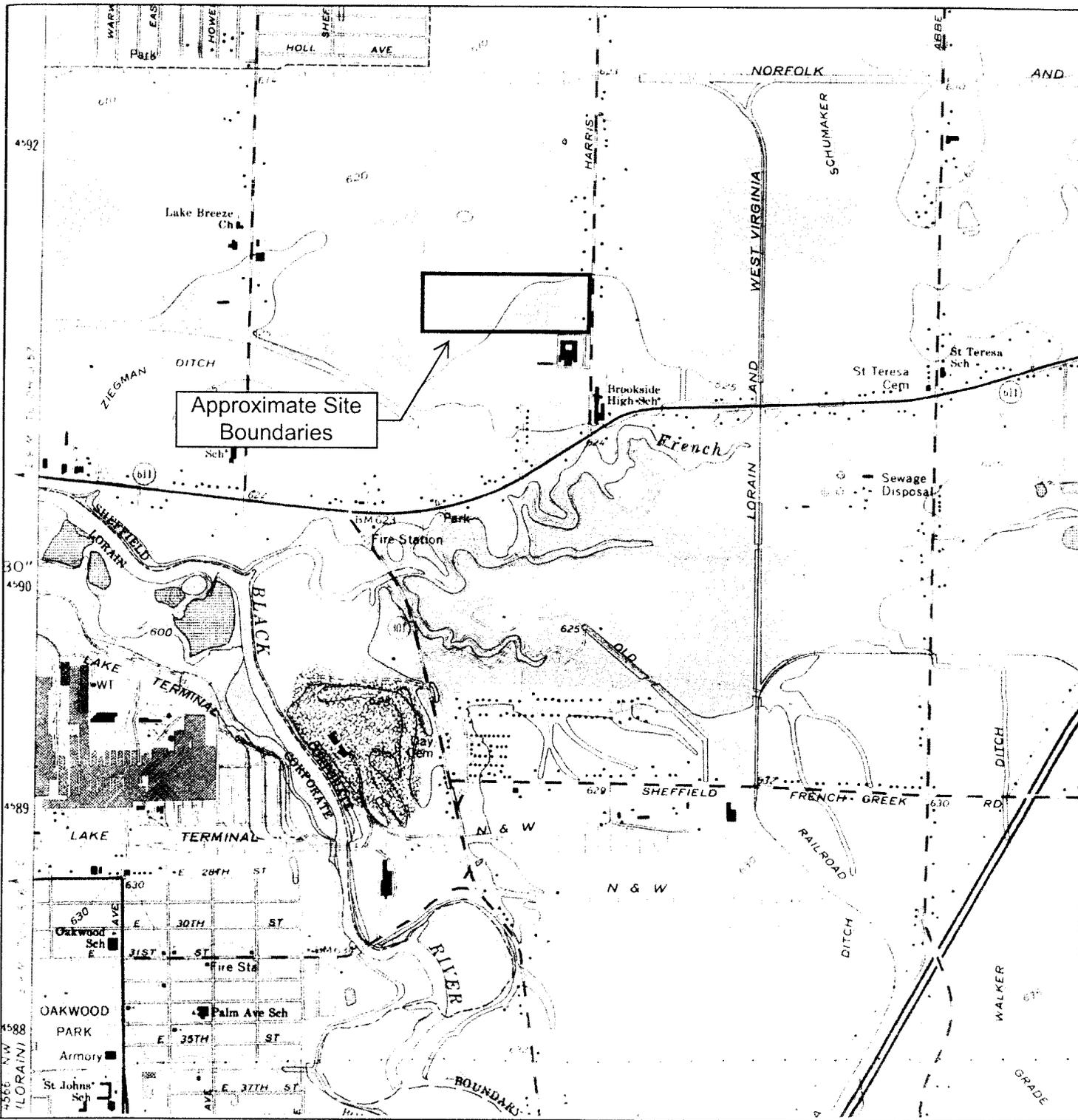
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine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

**SIGNED**

Diane C. Kozlowski  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

**NOTICE TO POSTMASTER:** It is requested that this notice be posted continuously and conspicuously for **30 days** from the date of issuance.

# Historical Topographic Map

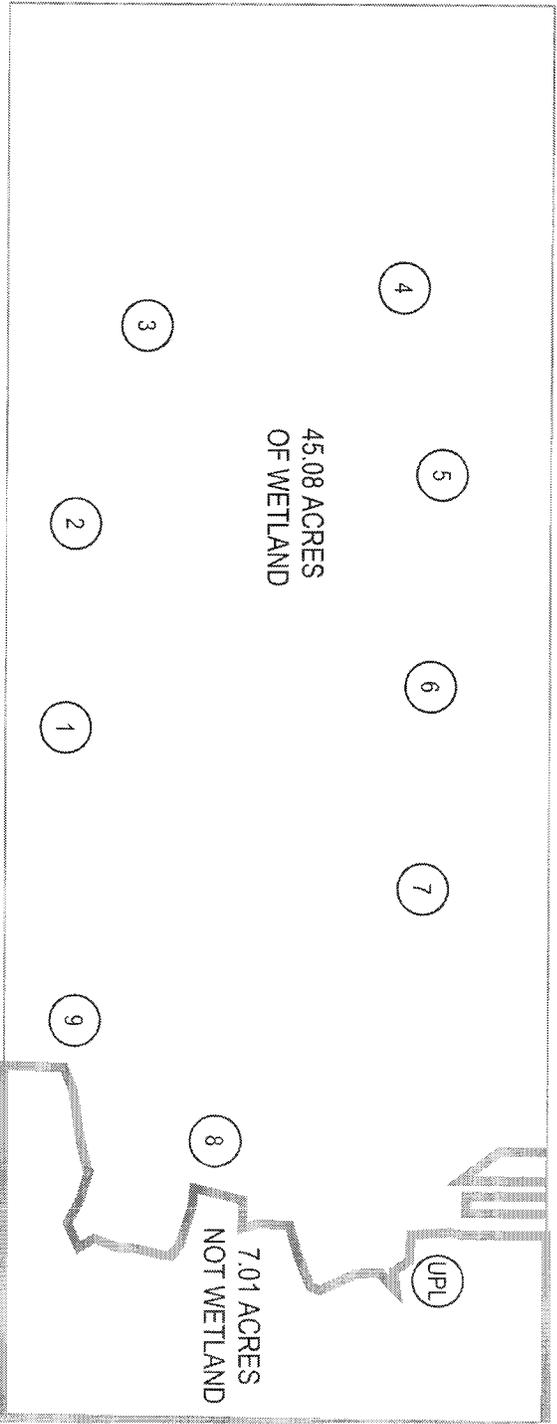


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	PHOTOREVISED	1963	LAT/LONG	41.4698 / -82.0994
	SERIES	7.5		
	SCALE:	1:24000		

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# TEST PIT LOCATIONS

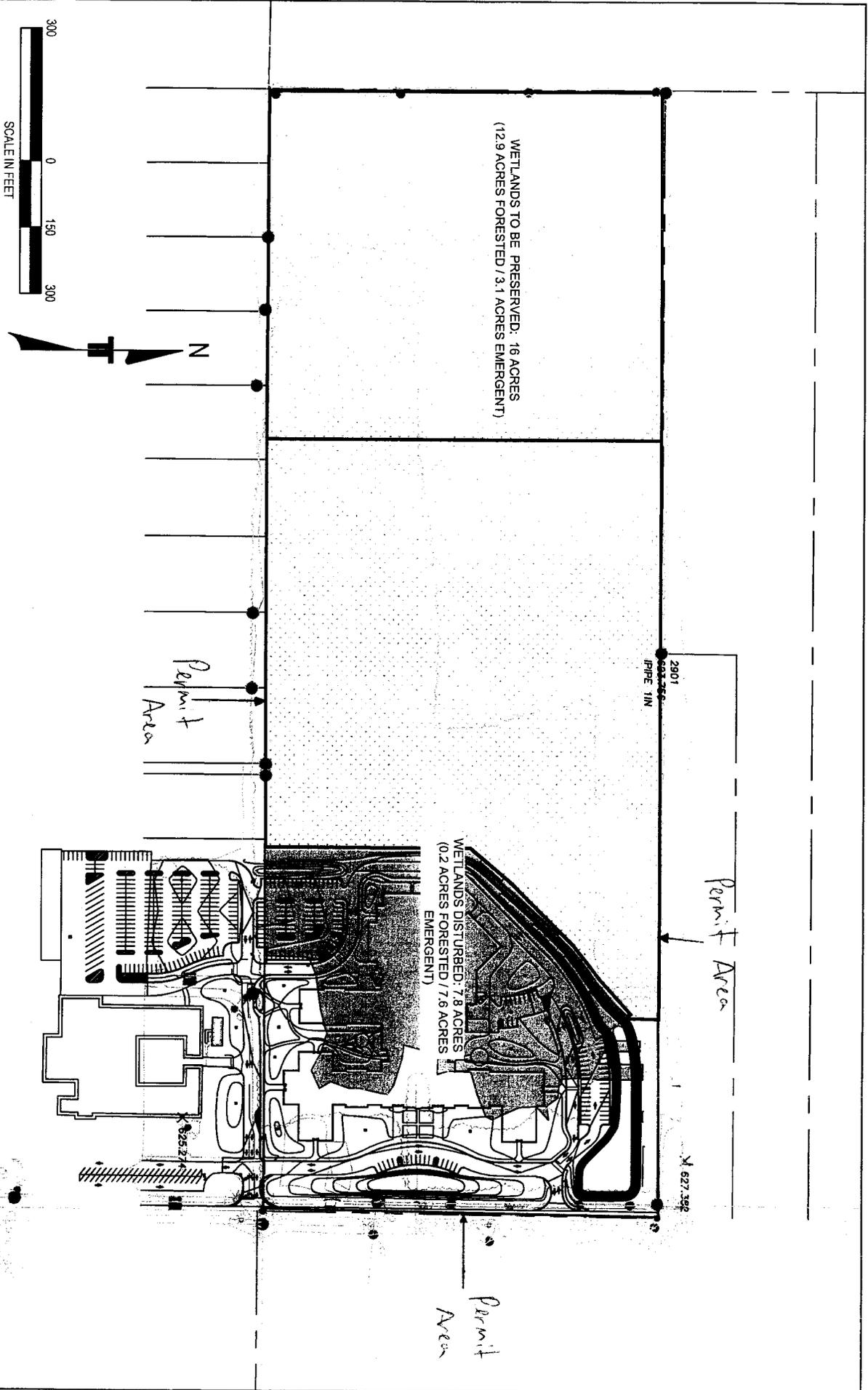
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**A Terracon COMPANY**  
 6111 LUNKEN PARK DRIVE  
 CINCINNATI, OHIO 45226  
 PH: (513) 321-5818 FAX: (513) 321-4540

SITE DIAGRAM  
 PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION  
 SHEFFIELD-SHEFFIELD LAKE CITY SCHOOLS  
 SHEFFIELD VILLAGE  
 OHIO

EXHIBIT

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Proposed Site Development and Preservation Area NEW 7-12 SCHOOL SHEFFIELD-SHEFFIELD LAKE SCHOOLS SHEFFIELD VILLAGE, LORAIN COUNTY, OH	EXHIBIT
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