



Public Notice

Applicant:

Pittsford Central School
District

Date:

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**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**

Buffalo District **CELRB-TD-R RE: 2000-01098(2)** **Section: NY 404**

In Reply Refer To:

**Application for Permit under Authority of
Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).**

The Pittsford Central School District, 42 West Jefferson Road, Pittsford, New York 14534, has applied for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material into unnamed tributaries and wetlands, in connection with the proposed development of a site as a new Middle School. The work site is located on Calkins Road in the Town of Pittsford in Monroe County, New York.

The project consists of the following:

- a. The installation of a culverted road crossing across an unnamed tributary to Allens Creek and its associated wetland at the northwest part of the site, in order to provide access to the new development. About 200 cubic yards of fill will be placed into the tributary and the wetland for this crossing. This crossing will impact about 0.052 acre of wetland and waterway.
- b. The modification of a separate, intermittent, unnamed, previously channelized tributary to Allens Creek which runs through the property. The tributary is currently a straightened agricultural drainageway with little riparian habitat. The applicant proposes to grade and shape the tributary so that the volume and the capacity of the channel are increased. In addition, slight meanders will be incorporated into the new tributary alignment. Also, a retention pond/wetland shall be constructed within a portion of the channel. The retention area will be constructed to incorporate varying water depths for different habitat types. The retention area will be seeded with wetland plants in order to encourage the development of aquatic habitat. The retention area should act to both increase habitat quality and reduce downstream stormwater flows. Finally, two vehicle access roads and one pedestrian bridge shall be installed across the tributary, as part of the school development. The two vehicle roads will consist of box culverts and the pedestrian bridge will be a single span and will not result in the placement of any fill into the tributary. The total length of impacts to the tributary as a result of the channel modifications will be approximately 835 lineal feet.

c. The improvement of portions of Clover Road near the proposed school site. These improvements include the replacement of an existing culvert south of Calkins Road and the potential installation of turning lanes at the intersection of Clover Road and Calkins Road. The new culverted crossing will impact about 0.005 acre of waterway and wetland. Both of these improvements are proposed as a result of the anticipated increase in traffic caused by the construction and operation of the school facility.

The purpose of the proposed work is to develop the existing site as a new Middle School, with supporting facilities. The purpose of the culvert replacement at Clover Road, near the work site, is to provide for an improved crossing of this roadway.

A new high school was previously proposed for this site and was described in Public Notice 2000-01098(1), which was published from January 26, 2001-February 25, 2001. That project was withdrawn, in part, to address State Environmental Quality Review Act issues and potential impacts to the adjacent Hopkins Farm complex, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The new project has been redesigned and proposes fewer impacts to waters of the United States.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has indicated that the current project will likely have an adverse impact on the Hopkins Farm complex. This Public Notice initiates consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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

Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Mel R. Schroeder, who can be contacted by calling (716) 879-4307, or by e-mail at: mel.r.schroeder@usace.army.mil

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

Water Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

In addition, available evidence indicates that the proposed work will not affect a species proposed or designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as threatened or endangered, nor will it affect the critical habitat of any such species.

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 should be sent to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207-3199, and should be marked to the attention of Mel R. Schroeder, or by e-mail at: mel.r.schroeder@usace.army.mil. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

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.


for Philip D. Frapwell
Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch

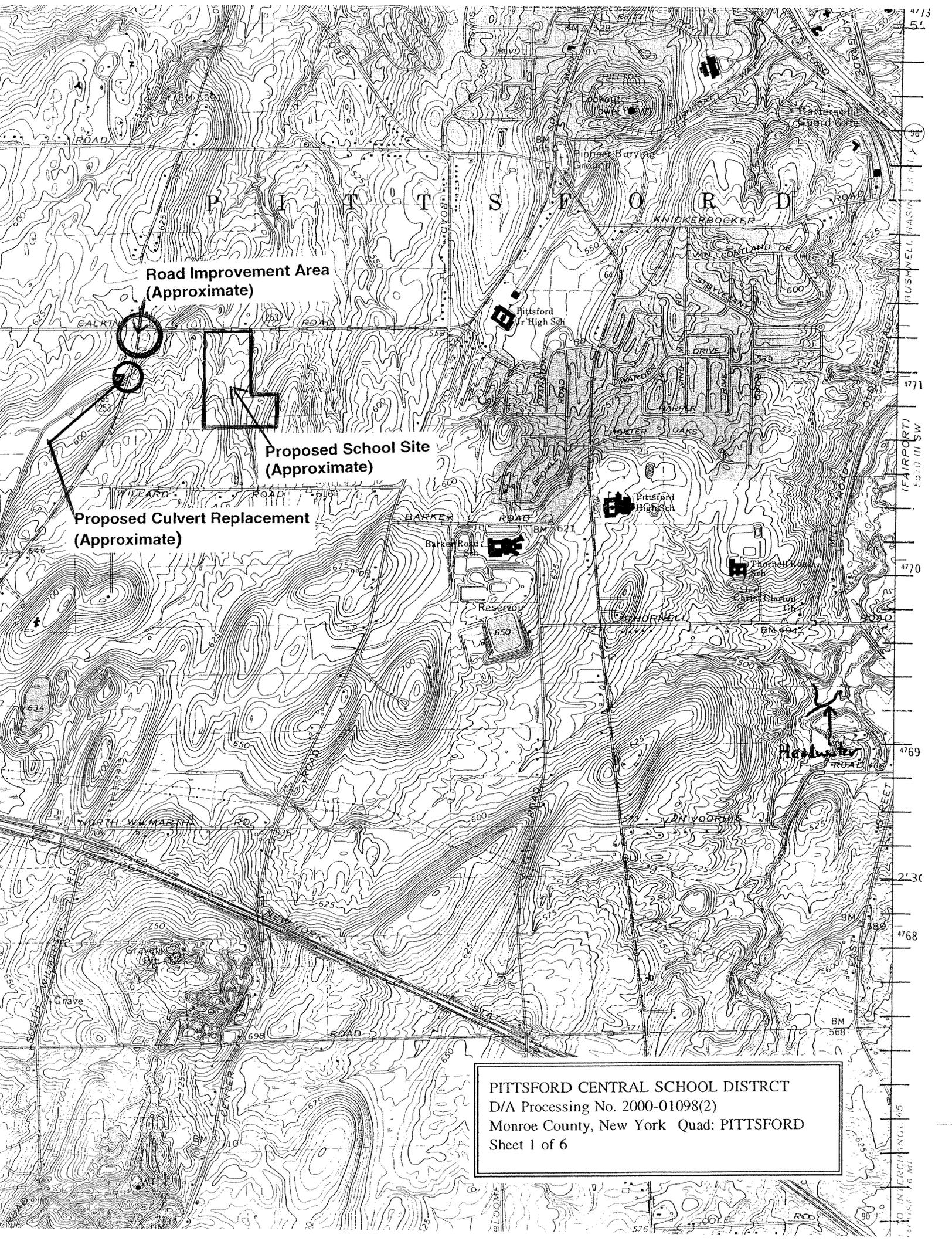
NOTICE TO POSTMASTER: It is requested that this notice be posted continuously and conspicuously for 30 days from the date of issuance.

Road Improvement Area
(Approximate)

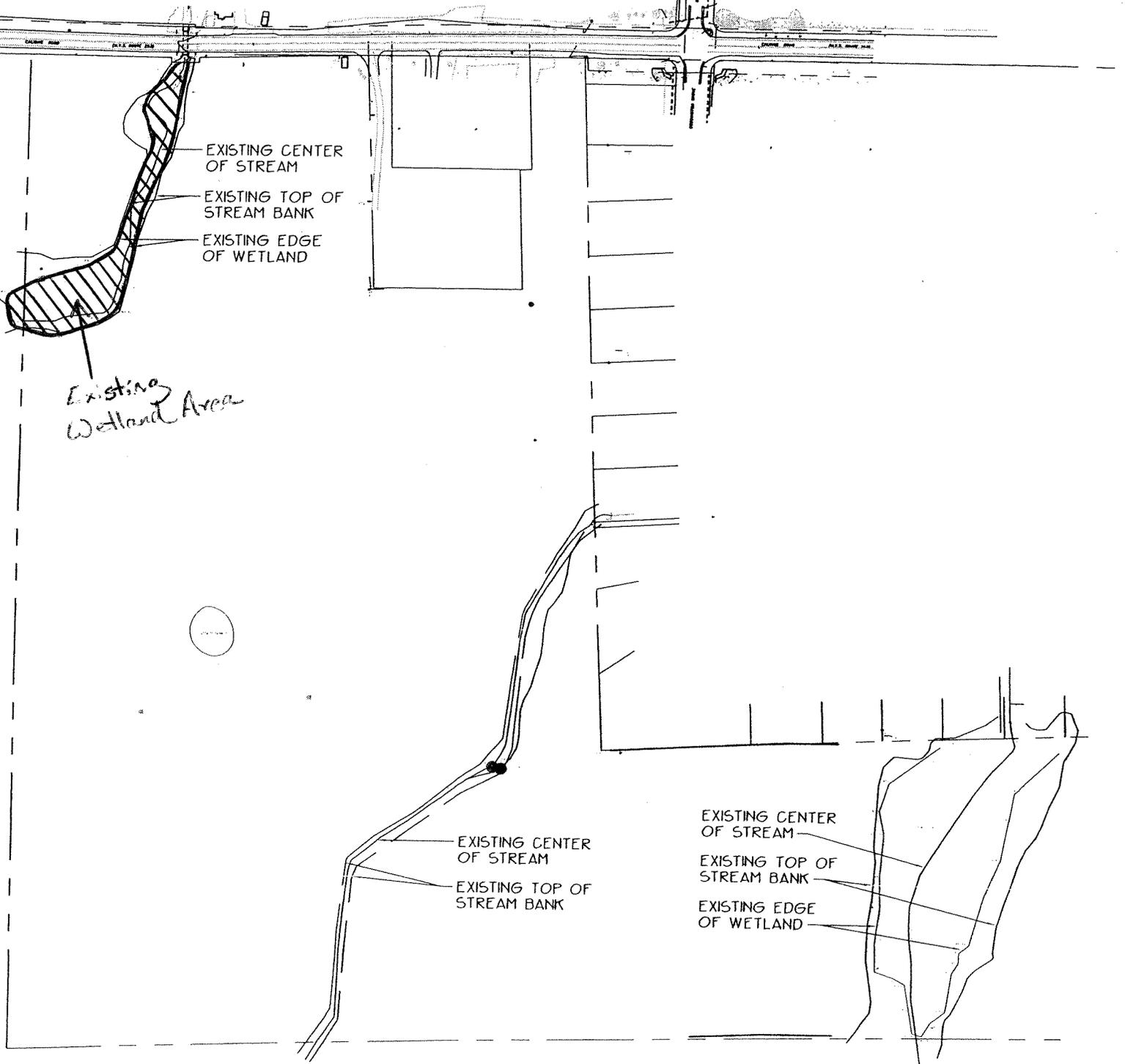
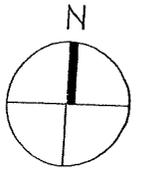
Proposed School Site
(Approximate)

Proposed Culvert Replacement
(Approximate)

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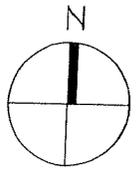


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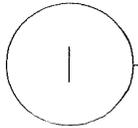
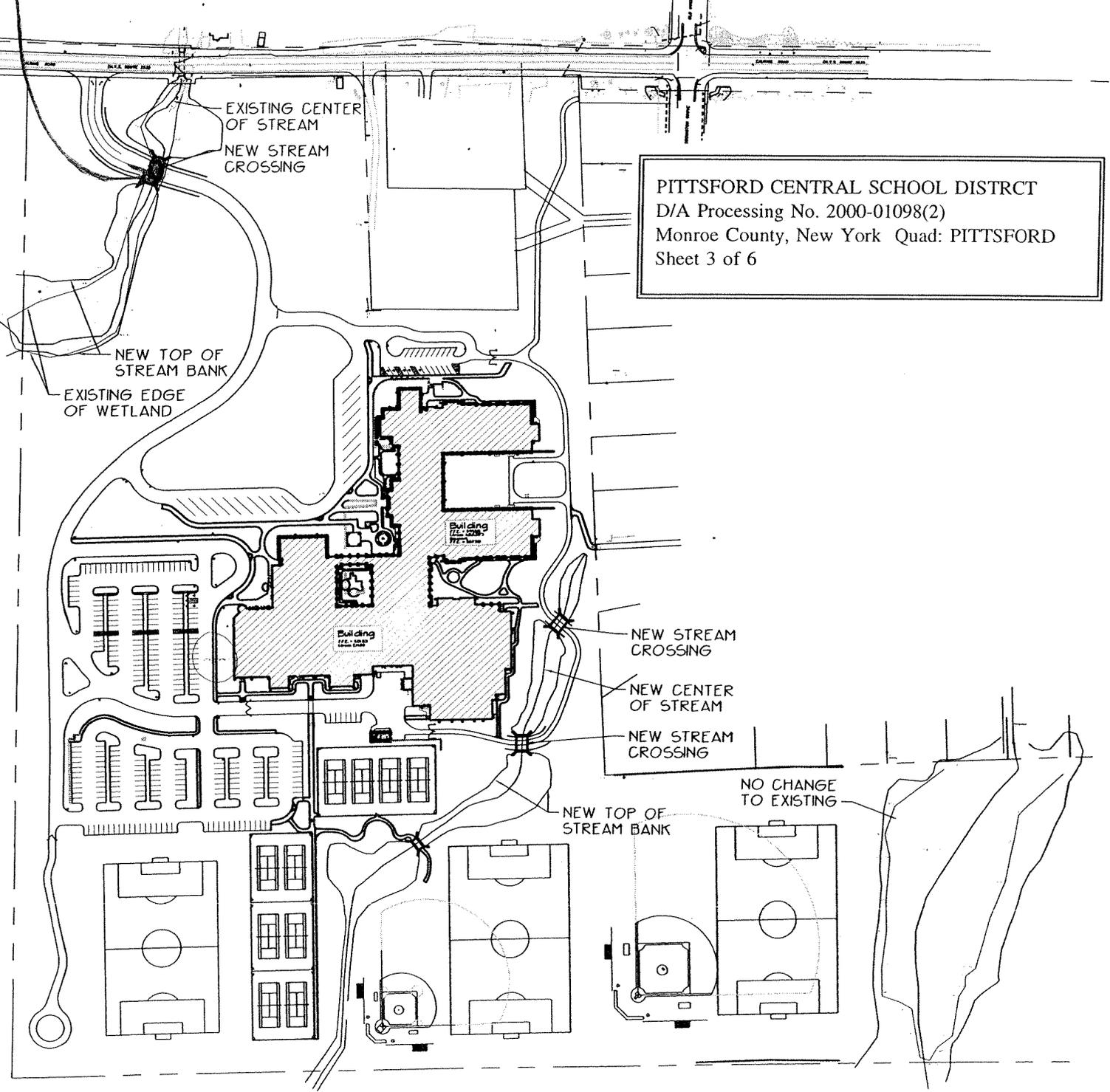


Pittsford New Middle School - Existing Streams & Wetlands

1" = 250'

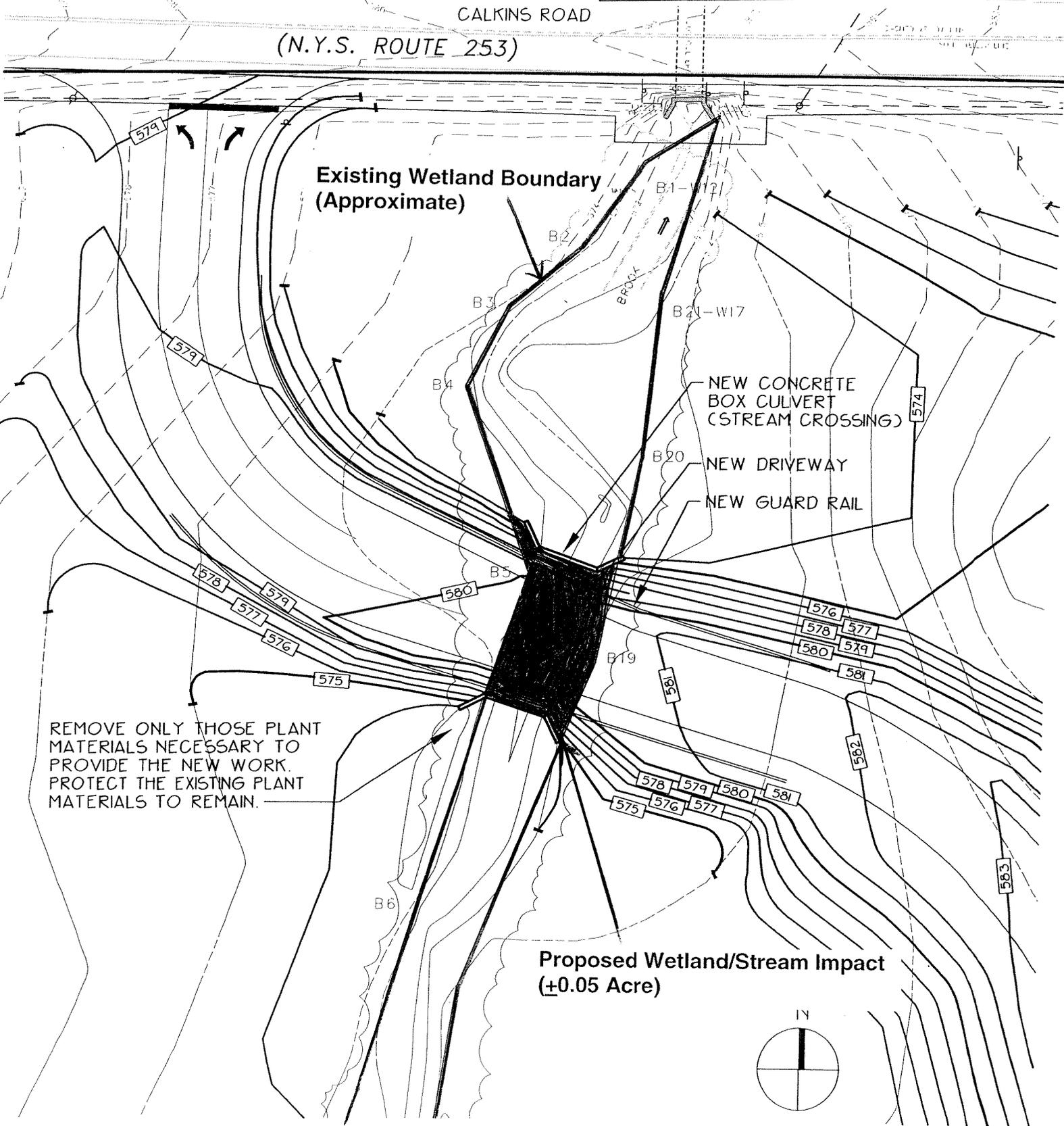


**Proposed Wetland/Stream Impact
(±0.05 Acre)**



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Pittsford New Middle School - Stream Crossing at New Driveway

1" = 40'

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Building
F.F.E. = 599.50
(Areas A,B,C,D,F)
Basement
F.F.E. = 587.50

Building
F.F.E. = 601.83
(Areas E,H,G)

NEW HEADWALL AND
STORM PIPE CONNECTING
TO EXISTING STORM SYSTEM

NEW CONCRETE BOX
CULVERT (EMERGENCY
VEHICLE STREAM CROSSING)

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CULVERT (EMERGENCY
VEHICLE STREAM CROSSING)

WIDENED TRIBUTARY WITH
GENTLE SIDE SLOPES

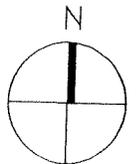
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

NEW RETENTION AREA
WITH GENTLE SIDE SLOPES

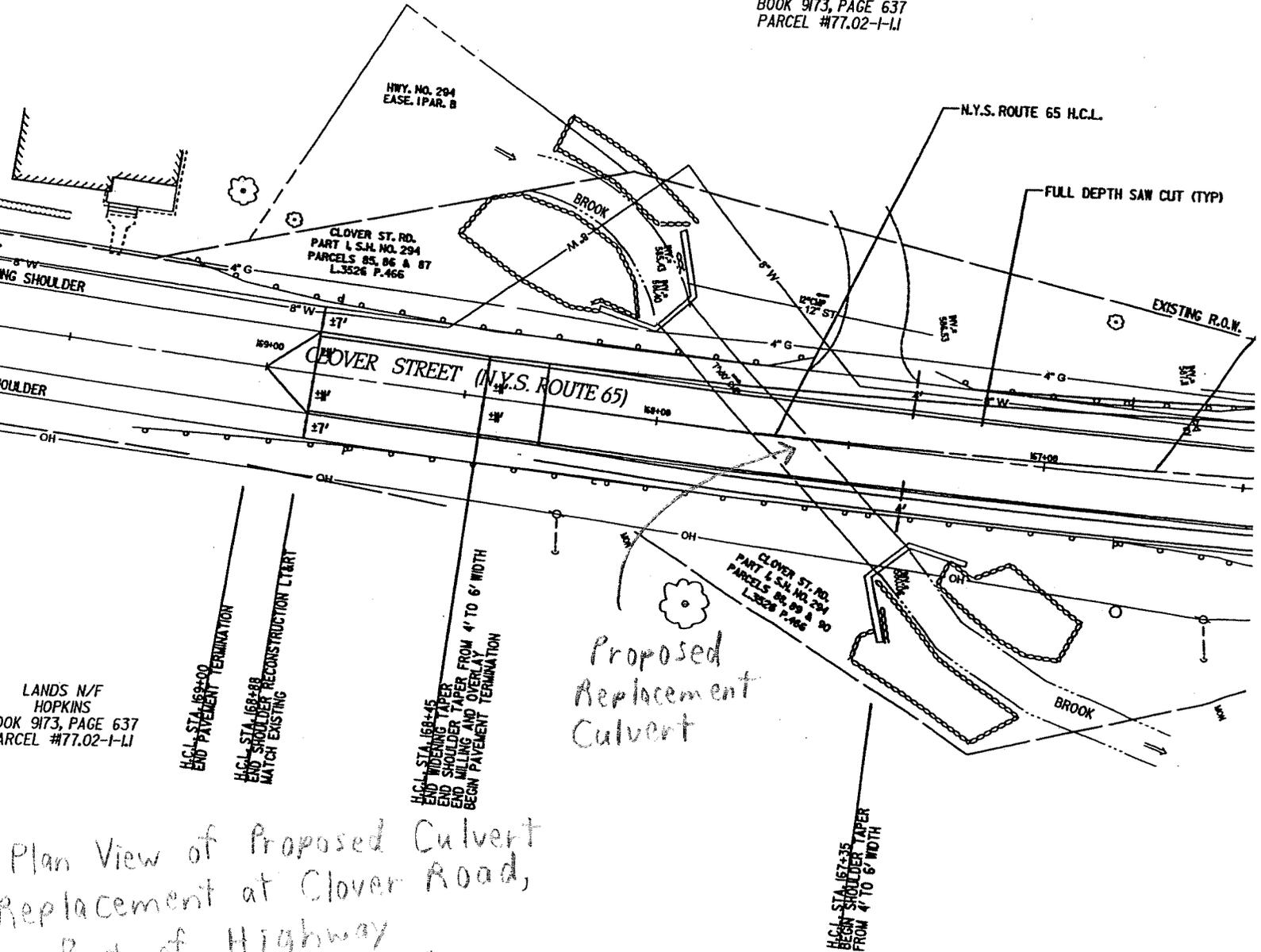
UNMODIFIED PORTION OF
EXISTING CENTRAL TRIBUTARY

Pittsford New Middle School - Central Tributary Improvements

1" = 80'



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H.C.L. STA. 169+00
END PAVEMENT TERMINATION
H.C.L. STA. 168+48
END SHOULDER RECONSTRUCTION LAYOUT
MATCH EXISTING

H.C.L. STA. 168+48
END WIDENING TAPER
END SHOULDER TAPER FROM 4' TO 6' WIDTH
END MILLING AND OVERLAY
BEGIN PAVEMENT TERMINATION

H.C.L. STA. 157+35
BEGIN SHOULDER TAPER
FROM 4' TO 6' WIDTH

Plan View of Proposed Culvert
Replacement at Clover Road,
as Part of Highway
Improvement Project to
Connection with the
School Development (Prior
to Scale)

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