



Public Notice

Applicant:
City of Huron

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

In Reply Refer To:

Buffalo District CELRB-TD-R RE: 2004-00081(0) Section: OH 404

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

The applicant, the City of Huron c/o Michael E. Tann, 417 Main Street, P.O. Box 468, Huron, Ohio, 44839, has applied for a Department of the Army permit to fill approximately 0.05 acre of Category 3 wetlands during the proposed widening and shifting of a section of West Drive, located west of Washburn Ditch and north of South Drive, in the City of Huron, Erie County, Ohio. The wetland boundary within the proposed project area was field verified on November 3, 2003, by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The project consists of the following:

West Drive will be reconstructed from its junction with South Drive for approximately 360 feet toward the north. In the proposed wetland impact area, the west toe of the street will be moved up to 17 feet west of its present location. The new toe of slope will be located at the east edge of the remaining wetland boundary.

This wetland has been studied by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and is a reference wetland. It is categorized as a Lake Erie coastal wetland with unrestricted hydrology.

The stated purpose of the project is to relocate the street to lie within the public right-of-way in accordance with city standards.

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 Elizabeth W. Stone, who can be contacted by calling (716) 879-4363, or by e-mail at: elizabeth.w.stone@usace.army.mil

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:

Ms. Mindy Bankey
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Consistency Coordinator
Office of Legislative Services

1930 Belcher Drive, Bldg D-3
Columbus, Ohio 43224-1387
Telephone (614) 265-6836
FAX (614) 261-9601
e-mail: mindy.bankey@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.

One site listed on the Ohio Historic Inventory database has been identified within a 1 kilometer radius of the proposed project. It is OAI Number ER0396, has a prehistoric affiliation, and lies generally south of the proposed project. This site is not within the Permit Area or Area of Potential Effects. There is expected to be no effect to that site as a result of the proposed project. This notice is intended to initiate consultation with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. All currently available cultural resource information pertaining to this proposed project, if any, has been enclosed for SHPO. Should additional information be required for SHPO review, please request this in writing (e-mail is acceptable) within the comment period of this notice.

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, and should be marked to the attention of Elizabeth W. Stone, or by e-mail at: elizabeth.w.stone@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.

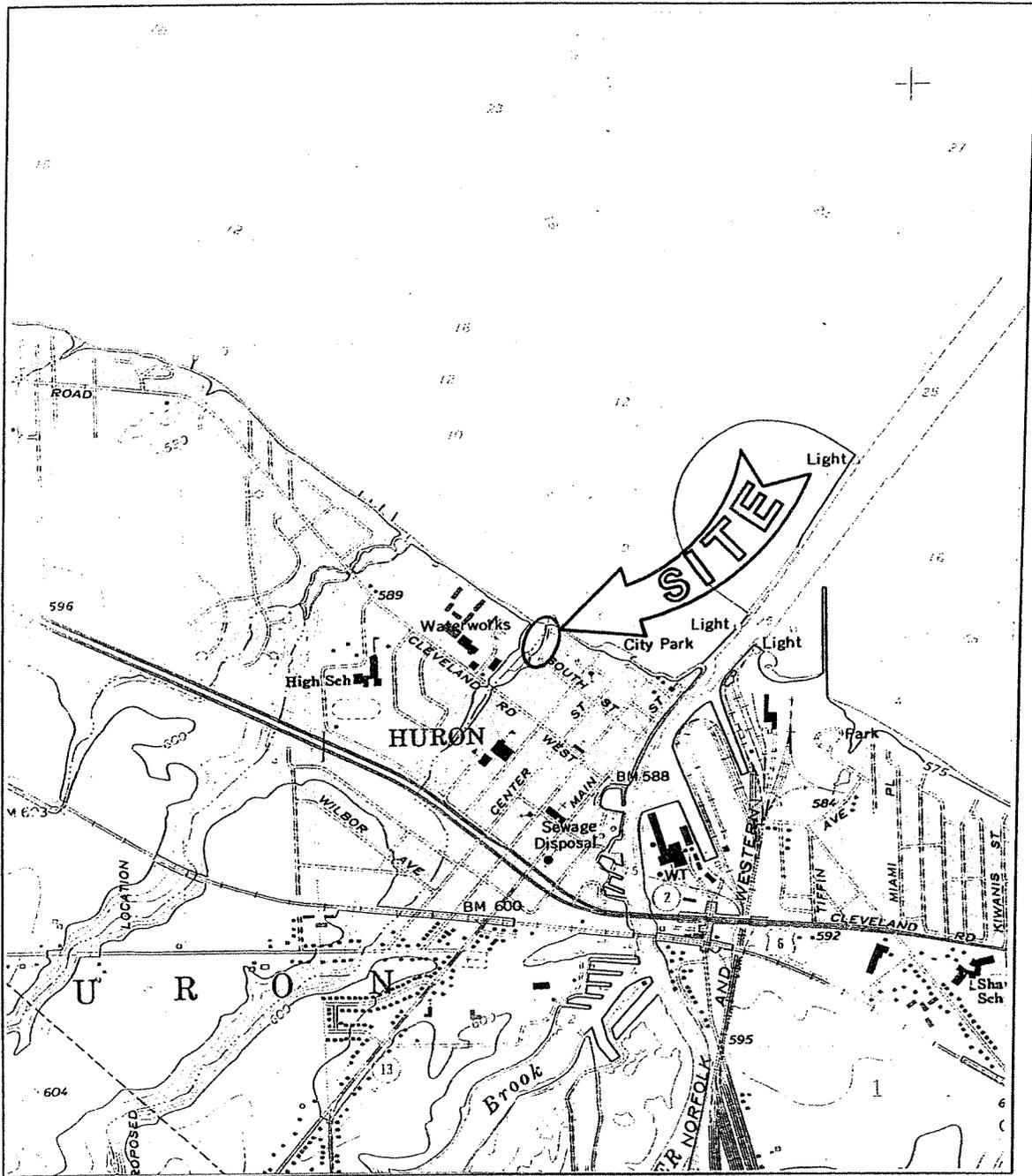
The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits 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.



FROM: USGS HURON, OHIO QUADRANGLE

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SITE LOCATION MAP
WEST DRIVE
HURON, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO

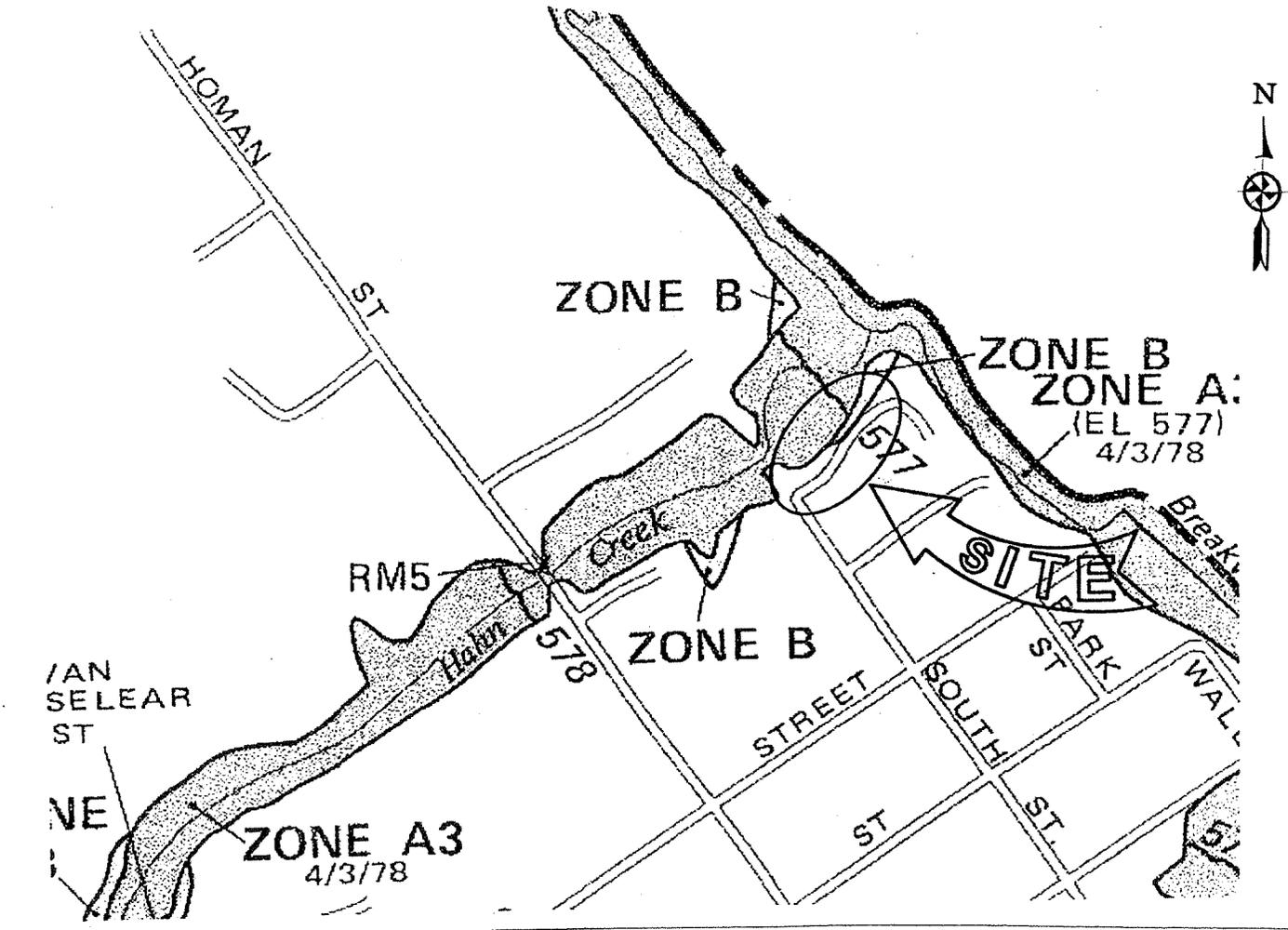
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SCALE: NONE

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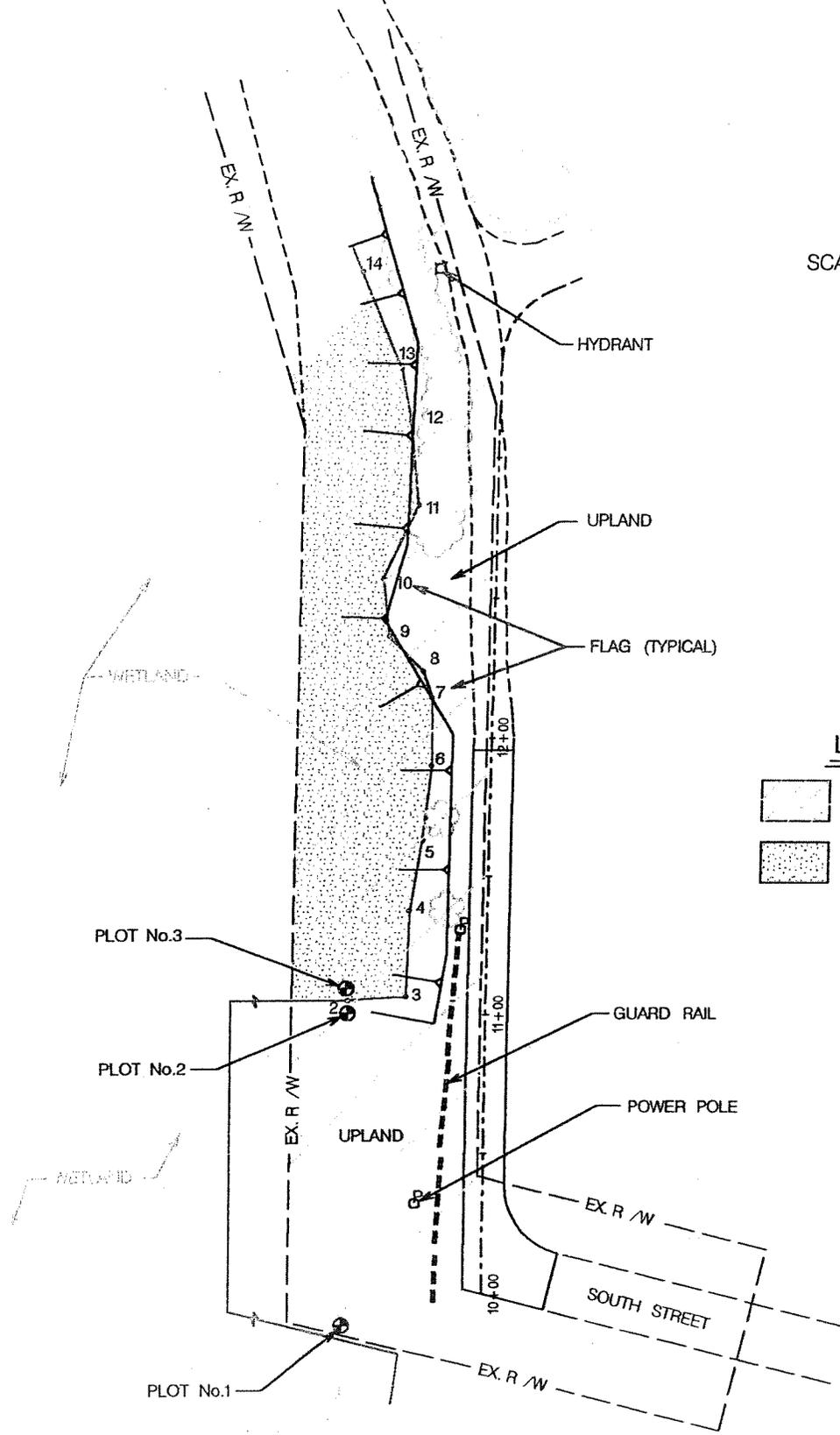
FEMA FLOOD PLAIN MAP
WEST DRIVE
HURON, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO

FIGURE 3





SCALE: 1" = 60'



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-  STUDY AREA
-  WETLAND

WETLAND DELINEATION MAP
WEST DRIVE
HURON, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO

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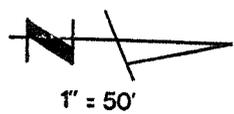
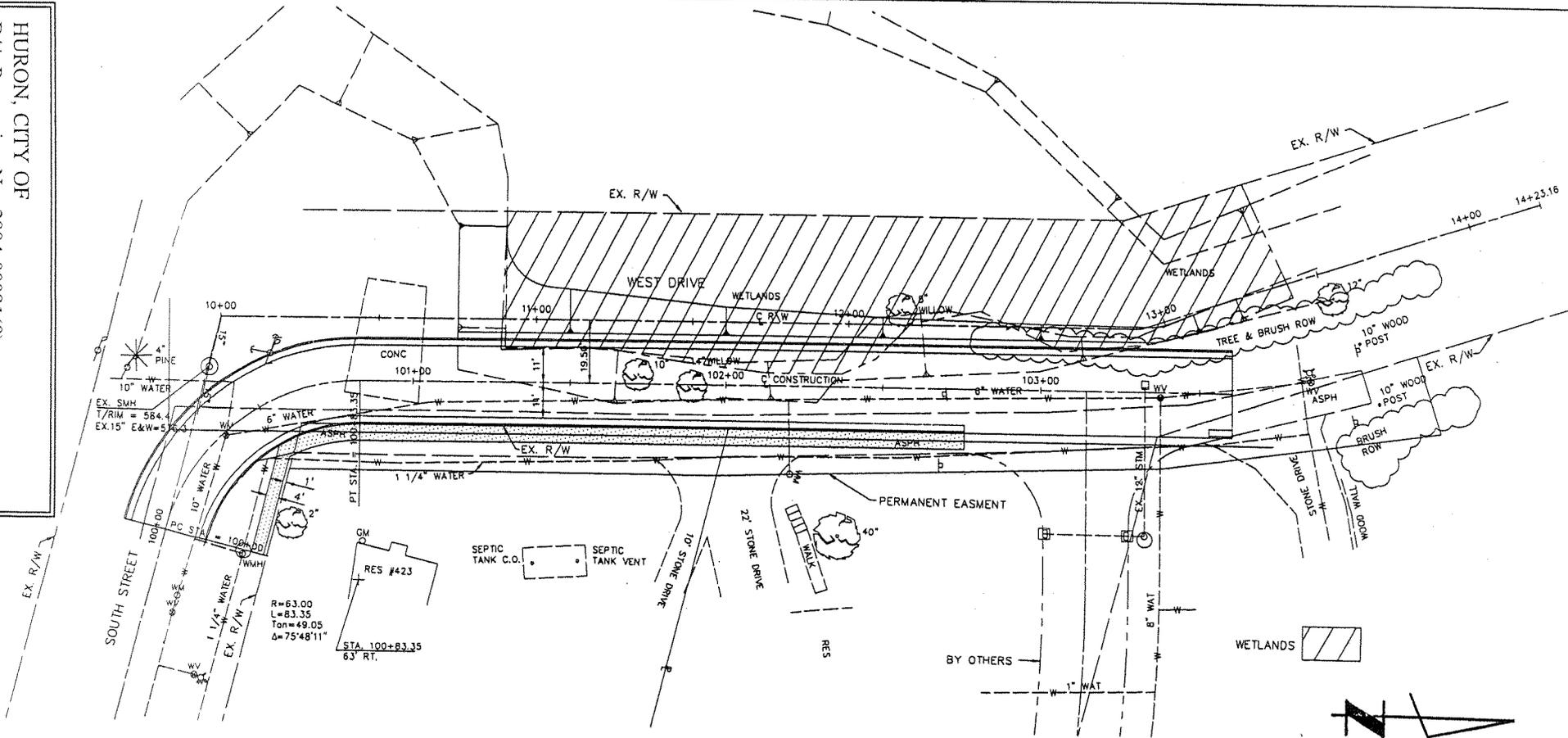


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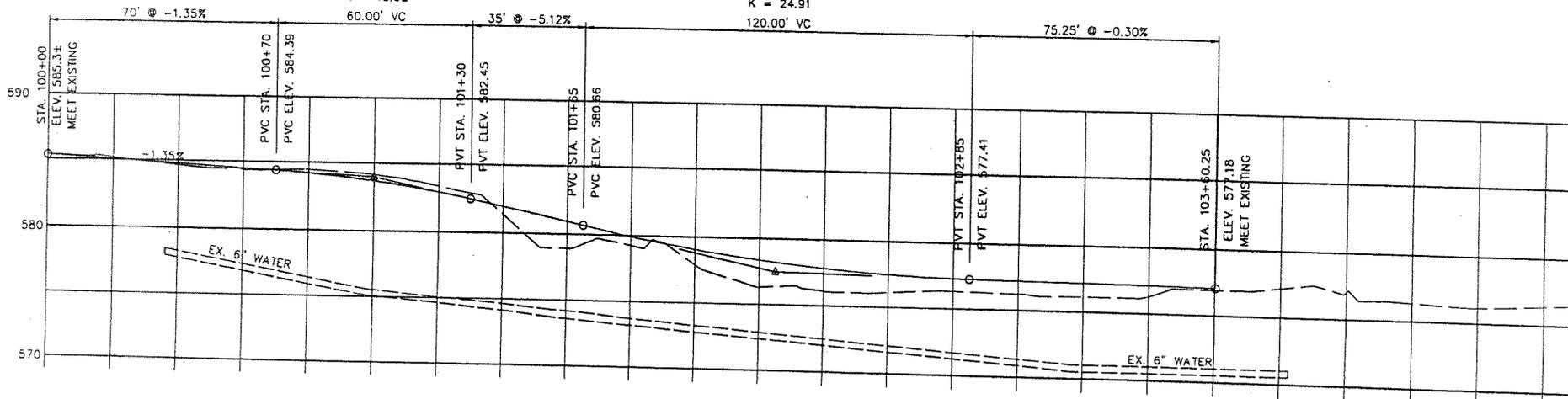
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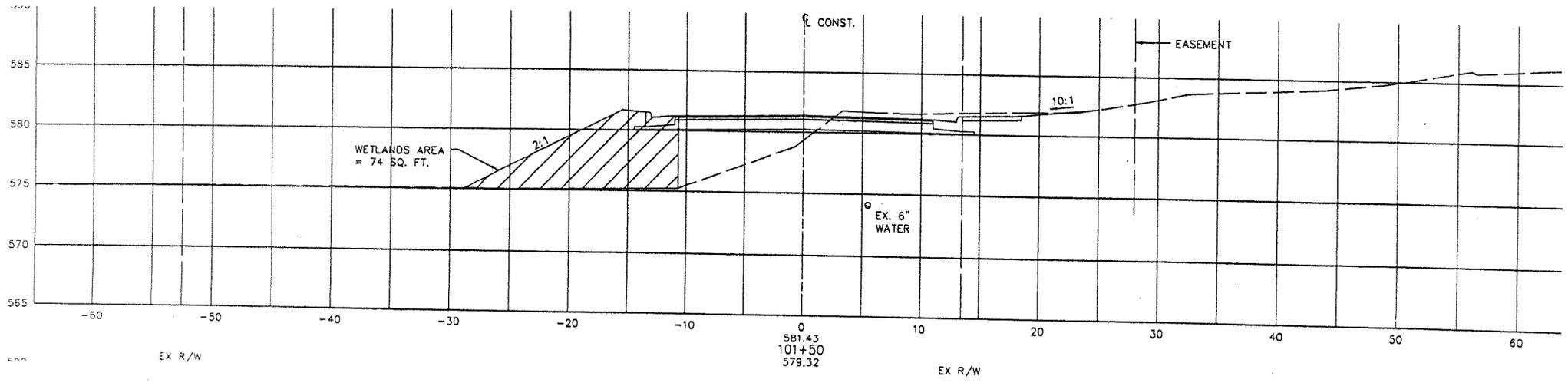
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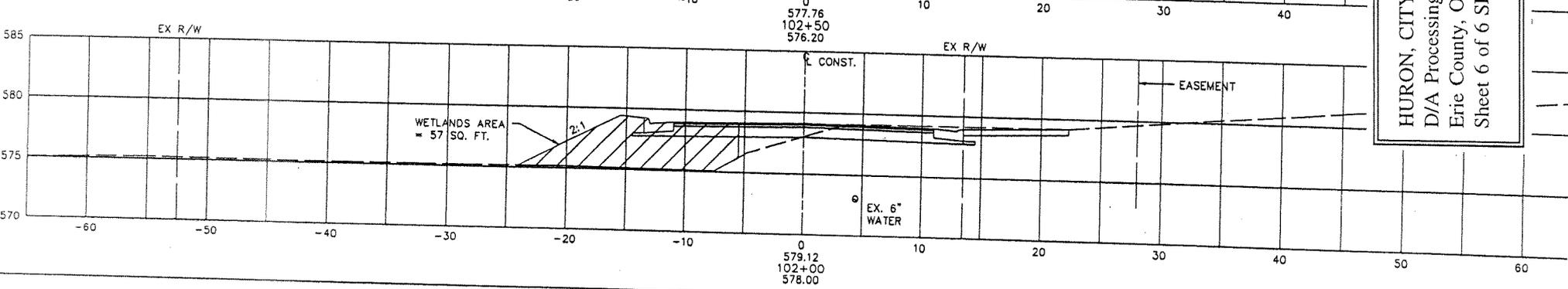
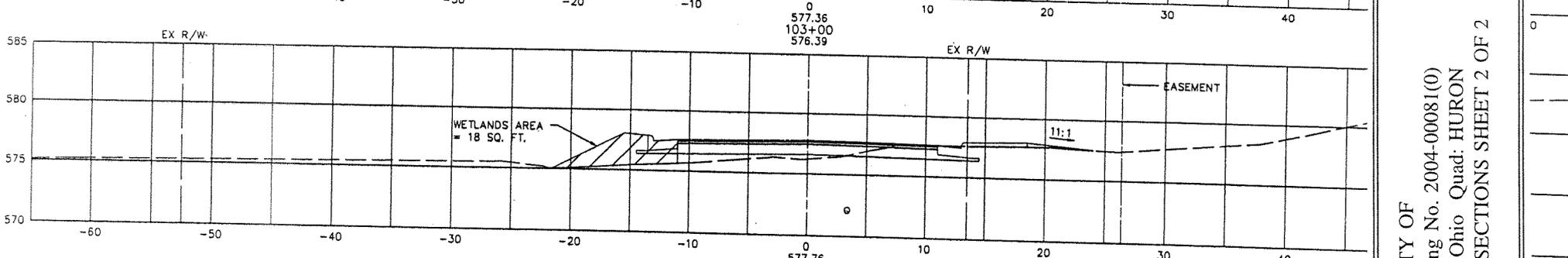
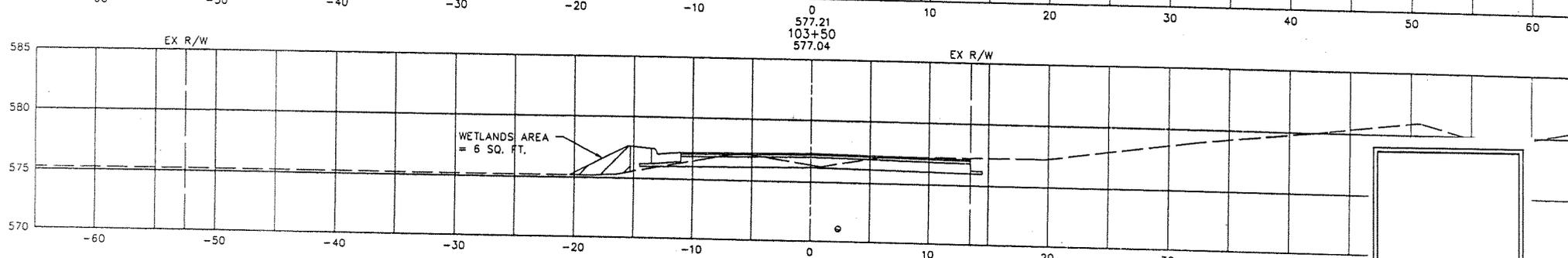
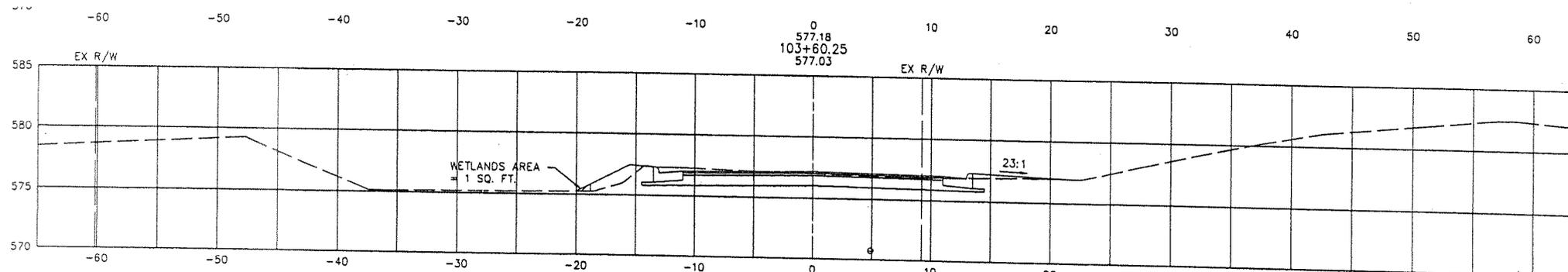
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 A = 4.82
 K = 24.91
 120.00' VC



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