Public Notice

Applicant: Ohio Department of Transportation

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Buffalo District

In Reply Refer To:
CELRB-CO-R RE: 2002-01539(0) **Section:** OH 404

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

Mr. Gordon Proctor, Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, has requested Department of the Army authorization to place temporary fill in waters of the United States for the rehabilitation of the State Route 11 twin bridges over the Ashtabula River (ATB-11-25.16 PID: 22174). The proposed project is located at the State Route 11 crossing of the Ashtabula River, in the City of Ashtabula, Ashtabula County, Ohio.

Department of the Army authorization is required to place temporary fill in approximately 3.2 acres of wetlands and the Ashtabula River for temporary construction access.

The preferred alternative (Alternative 3) involves the reconstruction of an existing temporary access road that will provide construction access beneath the bridge. A total of 7 wetlands (6.70 acres) are located in the vicinity of the proposed project. This alternative involves the least amount of disturbance to these wetlands. However, it does require the construction of a temporary crossing in the Ashtabula River. The proposed project will involve the following temporary impacts to waters of the United States:

1) placement of construction matting and approximately 15,000 cubic yards of clean rock and earth material in approximately 3.2 acres of Wetlands 2, 4, and 7.

2) placement of 12" (minimum) culvert pipes across the stream channel and approximately 350 cubic yards of clean, non-erodable material below the ordinary high water level (OHW) of the Astabula River. The aeral extent of this temporary fill is estimated to be approximately 440 linear feet (0.09 acre).

The flow of the river will be maintained at all times during construction and all temporary fill and culverts will be removed following completion of the project.

The project is being managed as a "design build" effort. As such, estimates of exact fill quantities represent "worst case" scenarios. Locations and details of the above described work are

shown on the attached maps and drawings.

The applicant proposes to restore any unavoidable wetland and stream impacts.

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Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Geraldine L. Larson, who can be contacted by calling (716) 879-4331, or by e-mail at: geraldine.l.larson@usace.army.mil

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

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

There are no registered historic properties or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this project.

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 Geraldine L. Larson, or by e-mail at: geraldine.l.larson@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.

Paul G. Leuchner
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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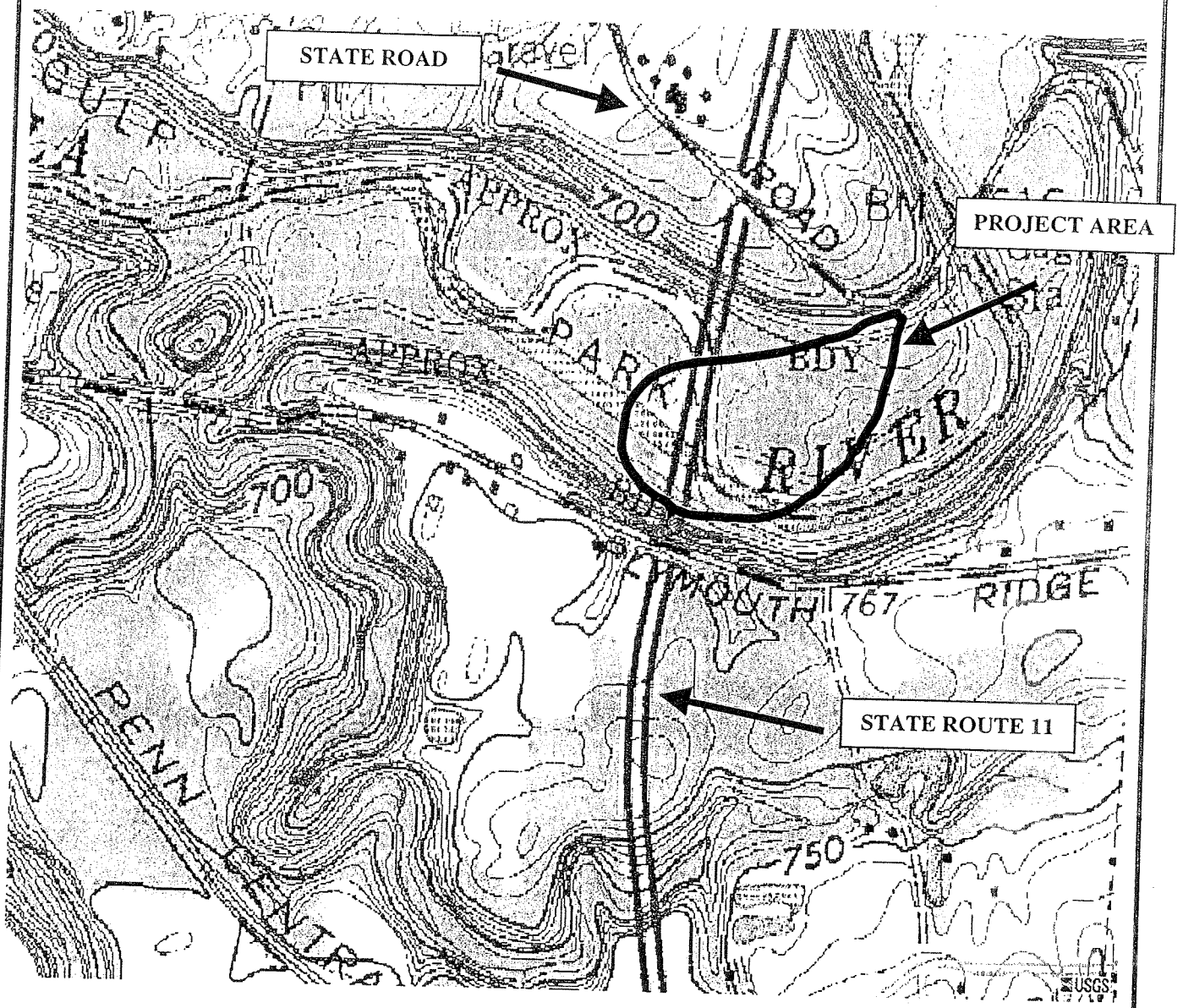

FIGURE 1
PROJECT LOCATION

ASHTABULA SOUTH USGS
7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE

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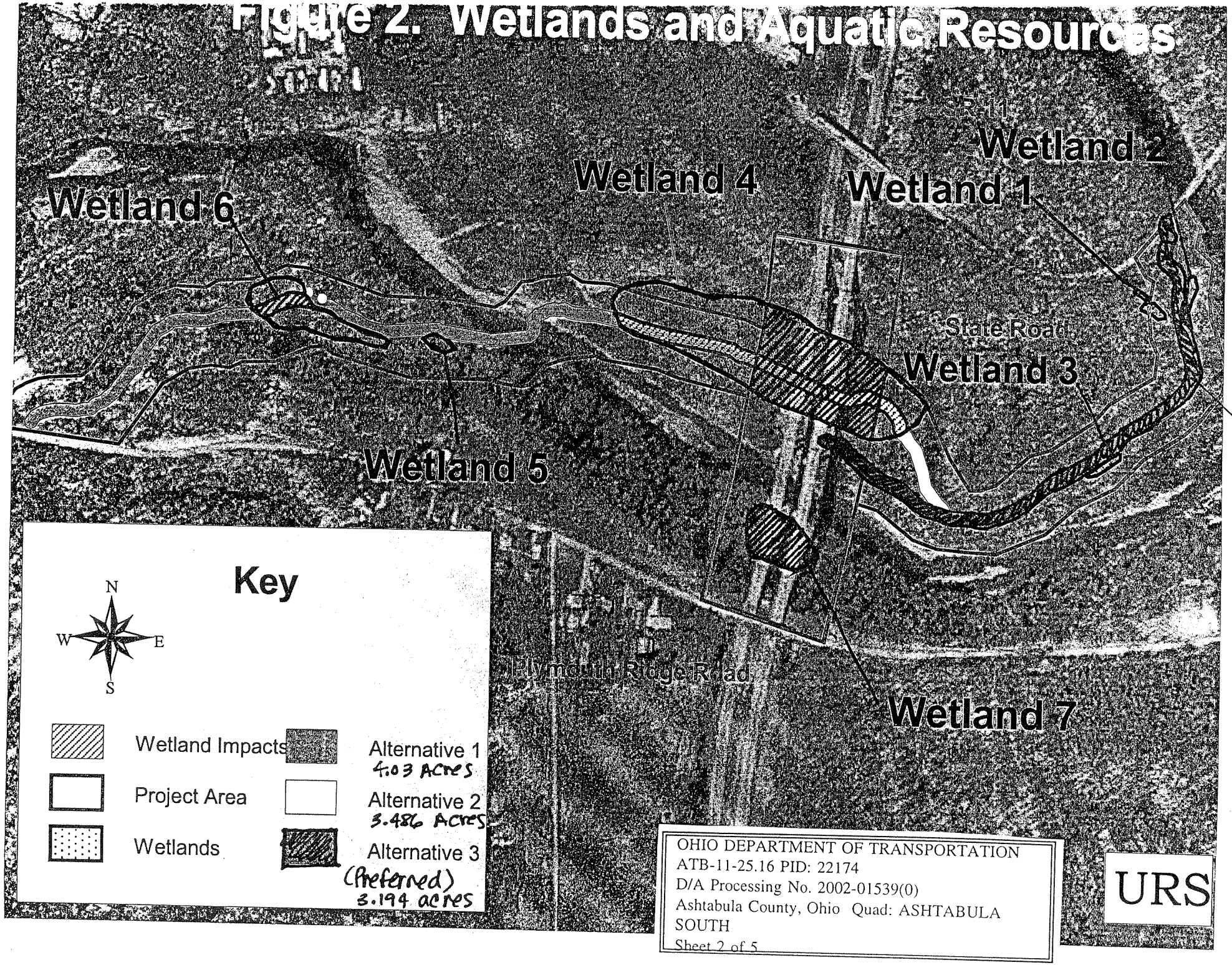
Figure 2. Wetlands and Aquatic Resources



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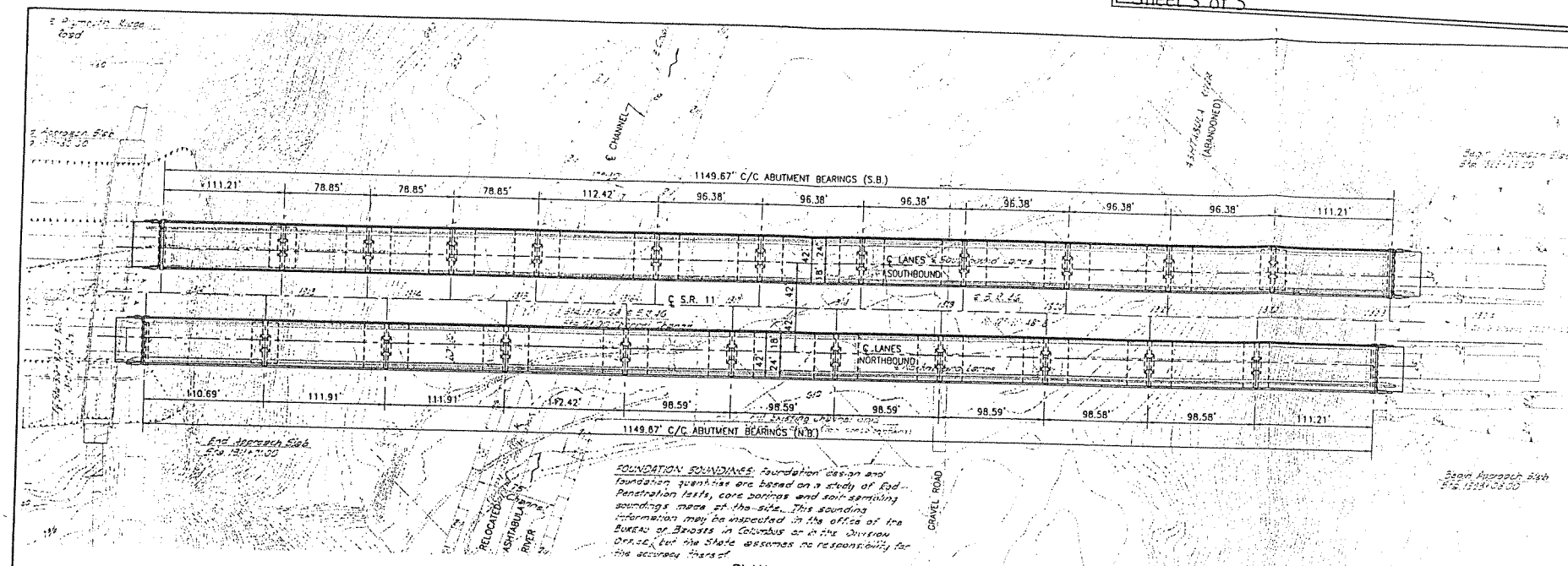
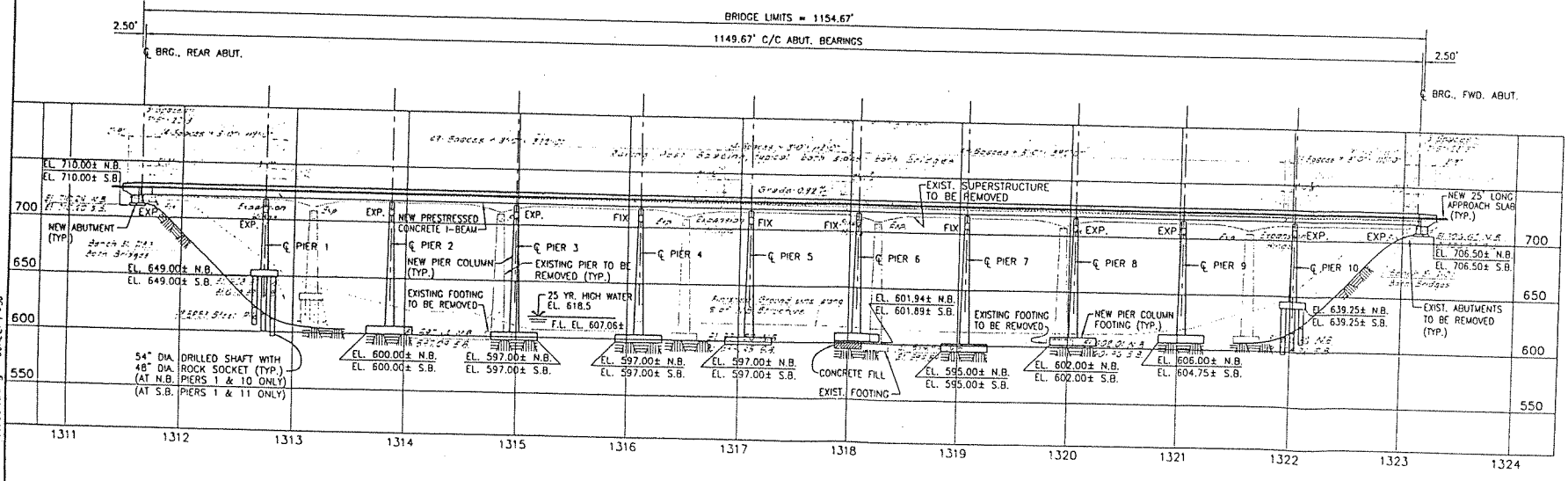


FOUNDATION SOUNDINGS: Foundation design and foundation quantities are based on a study of Ford Penetration tests, core borings and soil sampling soundings made at the site. This sounding information may be inspected in the office of the Bureau of Bridges in Columbus or in the Division Office, but the State assumes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

PLAN
CONCRETE ALTERNATE ONE



℄ PROFILE GRADE (AT NORTHBOUND BRIDGE)
(SEE PLAN VIEW FOR SPANS)

- APPROX. TOP OF ROCK (ASSUMED)

ms consultants, inc.
COMPUTING ENGINEERS & PLANNERS

DESIGNED	DRAWN	REVIEWED	DATE
S.R.	RAM	CT	3-30-01
CHECKED	REVISED	STRUCTURE FILE NO.	

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CONCRETE ALTERNATE ONE - PLAN & PROFILE
BRIDGE NO. ATB-11-2516 L/R
OVER ASHTABULA RIVER

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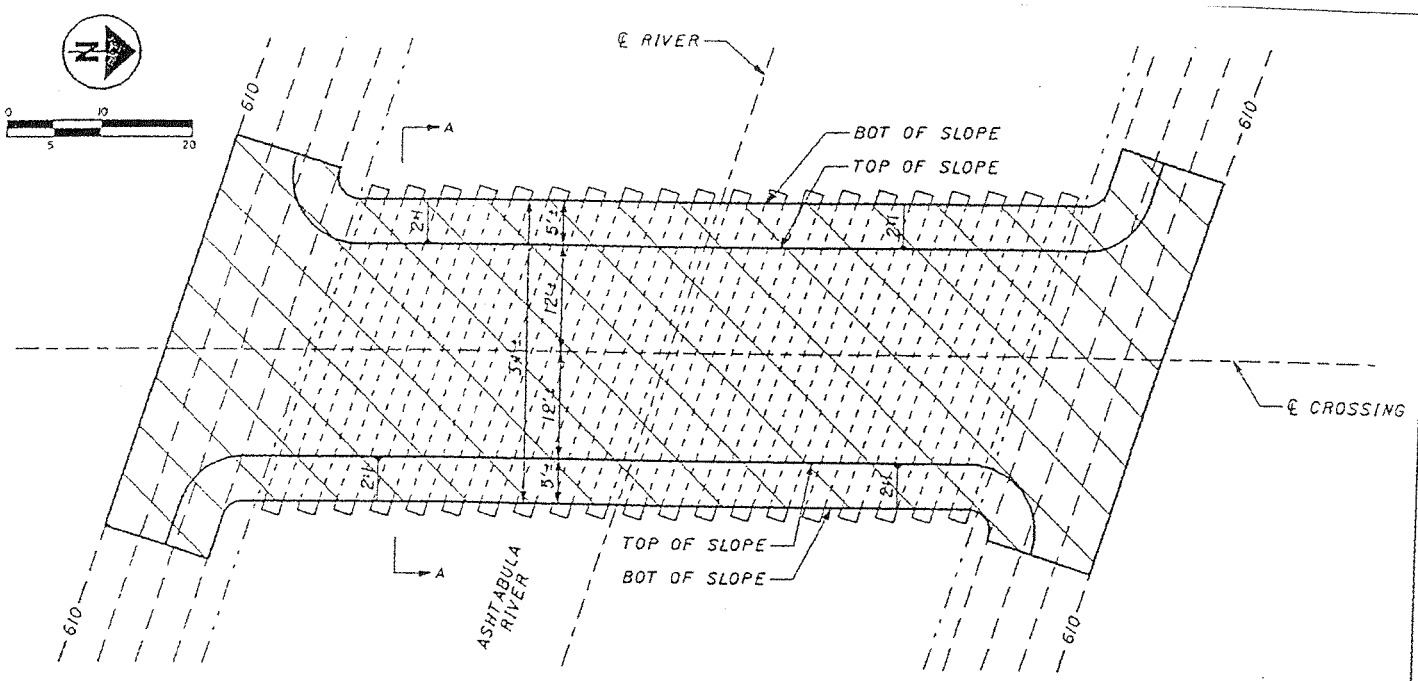
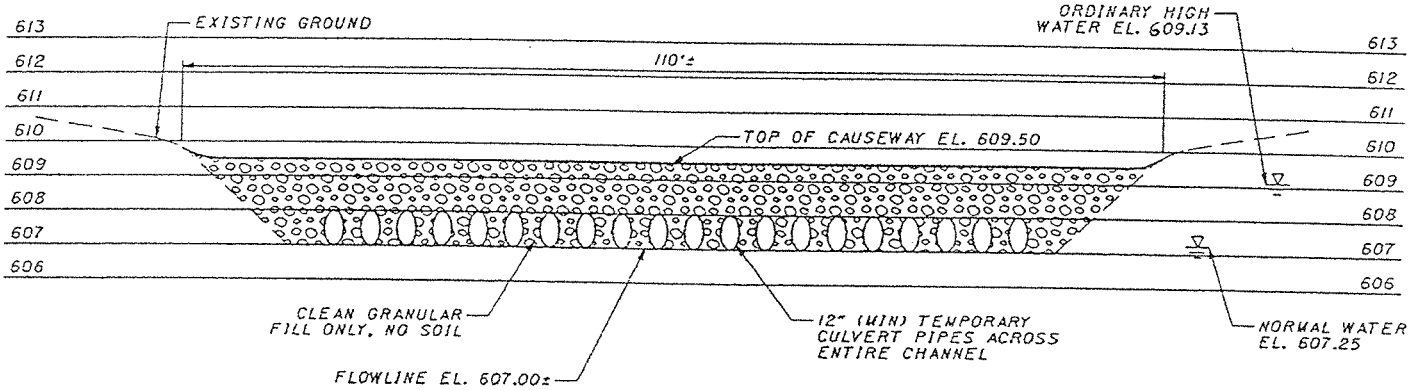
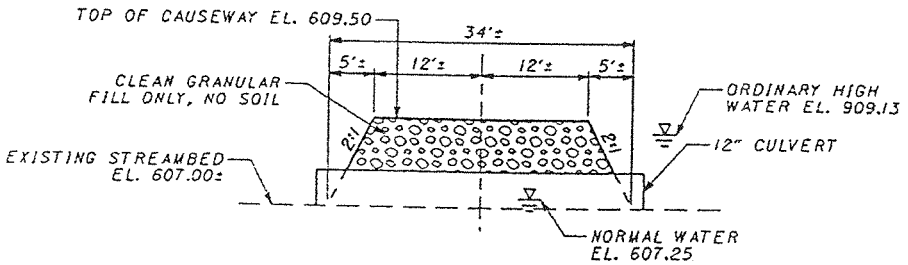


PLAN VIEW OF TEMPORARY STREAM CROSSING

LIMITS OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION CAUSEWAY INCLUDES STREAM CROSSING



PROFILE OF TEMPORARY STREAM CROSSING



SECTION A-A

SITE PLAN FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITY ---- ASHTABULA RIVER CROSSING

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STATE ROUTE 11 --- ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO
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U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
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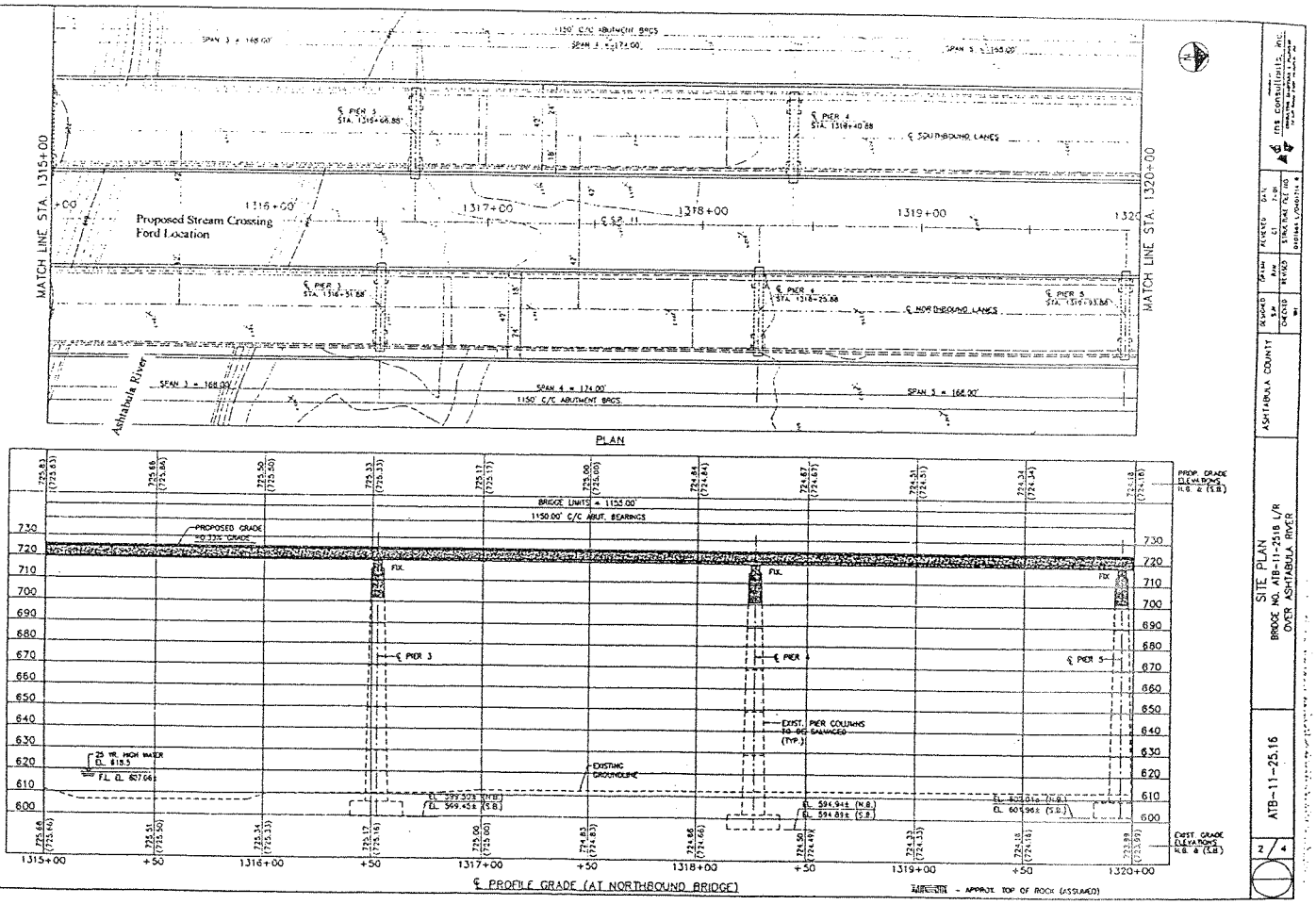
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