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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CESAM-RD-M **October 9, 2019**
PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2019-00547-AMR

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES DMR-060770

PROPOSED FILL IN WETLANDS AND TRIBUTARIES FOR HALL AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS, LOTS CREEK- LEAF RIVER WATERSHED, FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: City of Hattiesburg
Attention: Lamar Rutland, of Director Engineering
200 Forrest St.
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

AGENT: Pittman Environmental Services, LLC
Attention: Mr. Bart Pittman
P.O. Box 1926
Purvis, Mississippi 39475

LOCATION: The project is located in the east side of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, parallel to an Un-named tributary to Leaf River. Specifically, the project is located at Latitude 31.317711˚ North, Longitude 89.276197˚West, Section 10 and 11, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Forrest County, Mississippi.

WORK DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to fill 1.01 acres of wetlands and 267.56 linear feet of tributaries to improve and extend Hall Avenue in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The proposed Hall Avenue improvements would connect two existing segments of Hall Avenue to provide a fully unobstructed route through Downtown Hattiesburg. Specifically, the impacts would include fill in 0.842 acres of low quality herbaceous and shrub wetlands and 0.174 acres of low quality forested wetlands. Additionally, the project would include fill of 140.26 linear feet

of ephemeral ditch and 127.30 linear feet of intermittent stream. The ditch and stream impacts would include installation of pipes and a culvert to maintain flow. An additional 0.842 acres of wetlands would be affected by clearing activities. The applicant proposes to purchase wetland and stream credits from an approved mitigation bank within the 03170005 HUC to compensate for the unavoidable loss of aquatic functions.

WATER QUALITY: The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and upon completion of the required advertising; a determination relative to certification will be made.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES/CULTURAL RESOURCES In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has determined that the permit area is the proposed Hall Avenue right of way (ROW), the proposed fill areas and the proposed stream impact areas. The USACE has determined that the proposed project would have "No Effect" to cultural resources in the permit area. However, we are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and the general public regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties which may be affected by the work.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicated the following species may be present within the project area: Black Pine Snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus lodingi*) (T), Dusky Gopher Frog (*Rana sevosa*) (E), Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) (T), Gulf Sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) (T), Louisiana Quillwort (*Isoetes luoisianensis*) (E), Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) (T) and the Yellow Blotched Map Turtle (*Graptemys flavimaculata*). The review of the above species suggests that the proposed activity will have no effect on the listed species. This determination is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via this public notice and will be submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service for coordination via their website.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the USACE can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, 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 benefit 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 those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The USACE 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 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.

Any person may request in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2019-00547-AMR** and should be directed to USACE, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Attention: **Ms. Angela M. Rangel**, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Environmental Permitting Division, Attention: **Ms. Florance Bass**, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225.

All comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager, at (251) 694-3873 or email at angela.m.rangel@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

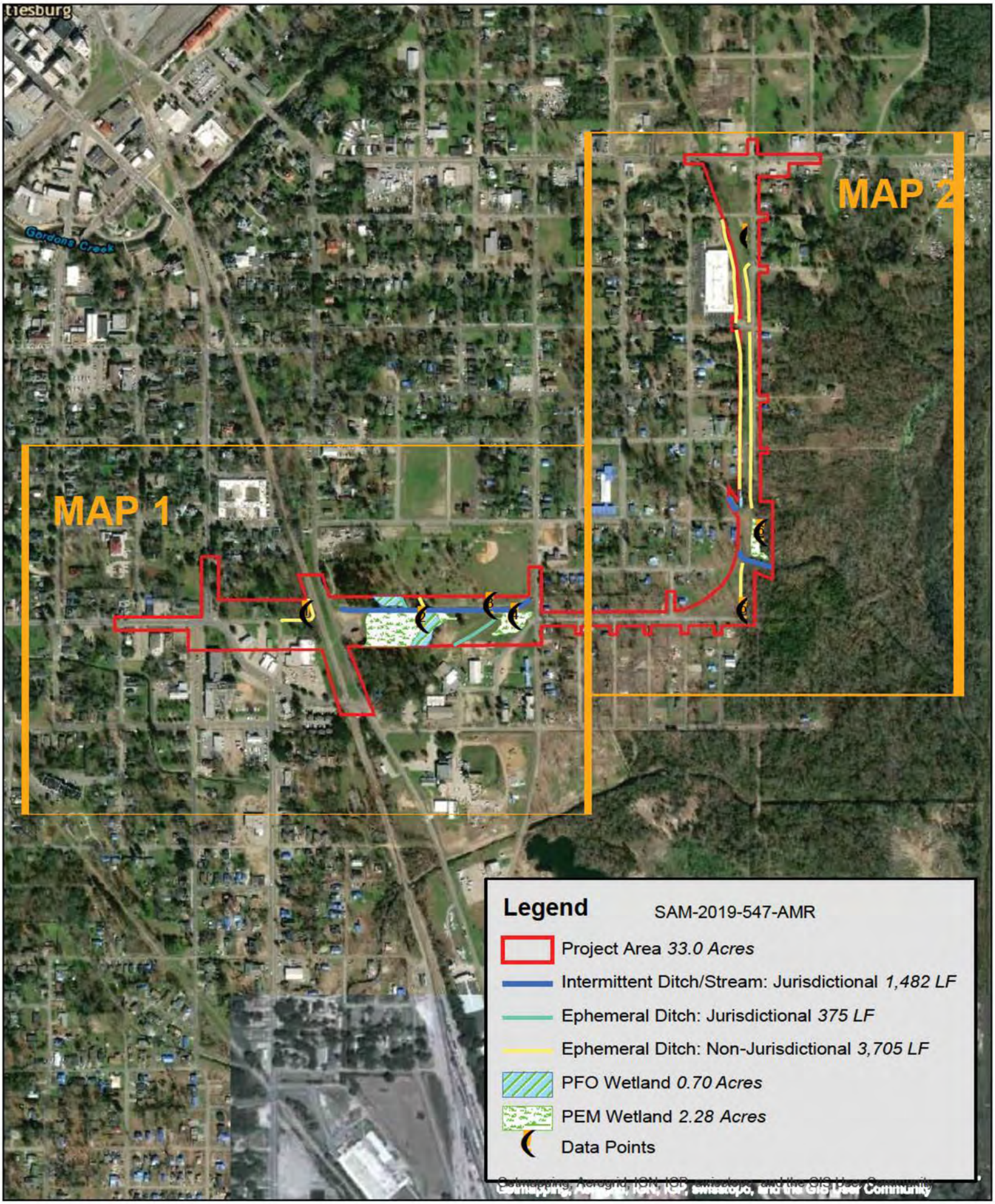
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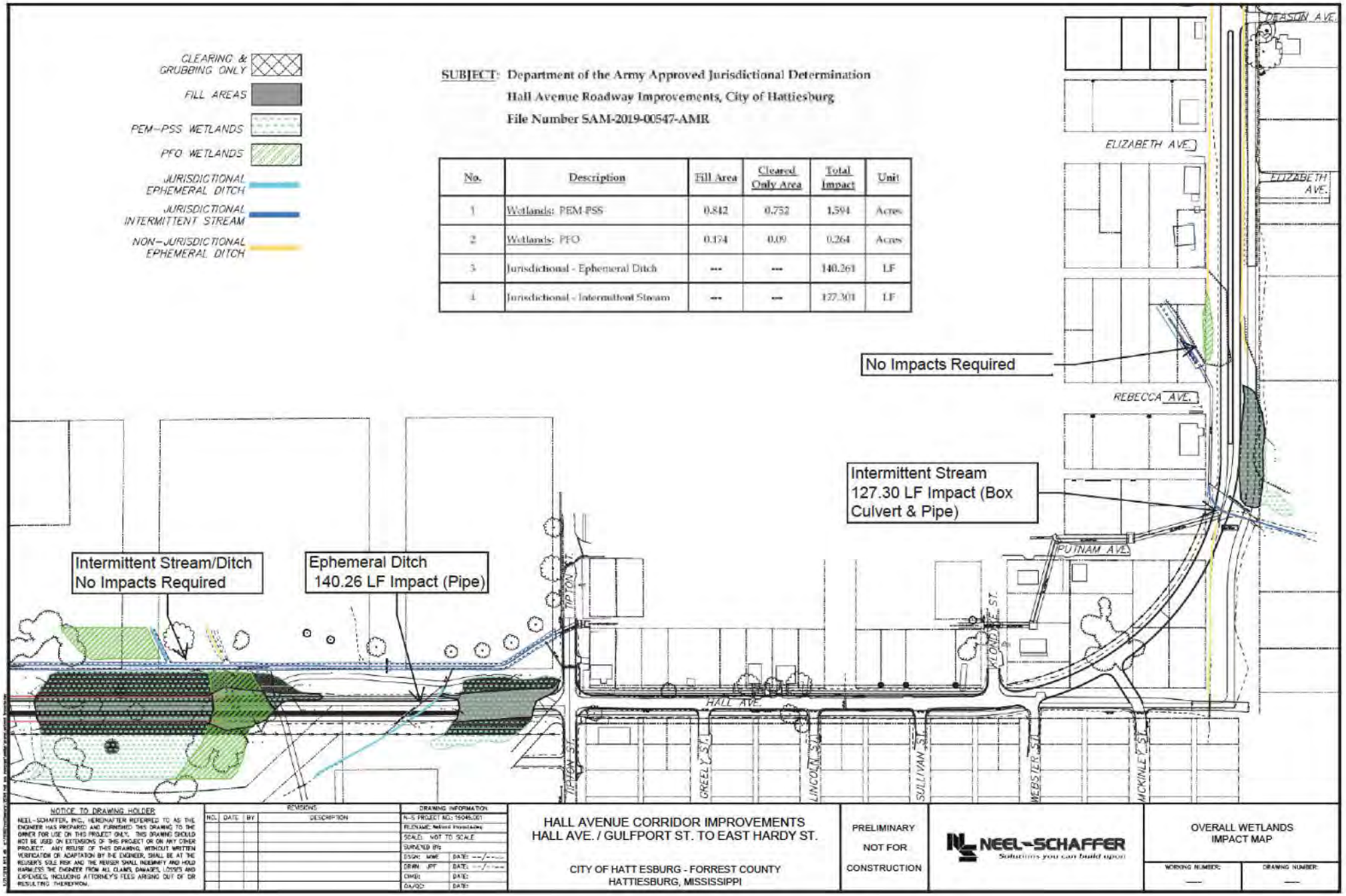
Wetland Delineation
City of Hattiesburg
Hall Avenue Roadway Improvements

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Section 10 & 11, T-4N, R-13W
Forrest County, MS

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No.	Description	Fill Area	Cleared Only Area	Total Impact	Unit
1	Wetlands: PEM-PSS	0.842	0.752	1.594	Acres
2	Wetlands: PFO	0.174	0.09	0.264	Acres
3	Jurisdictional - Ephemeral Ditch	---	---	140.261	LF
4	Jurisdictional - Intermittent Stream	---	---	127.301	LF

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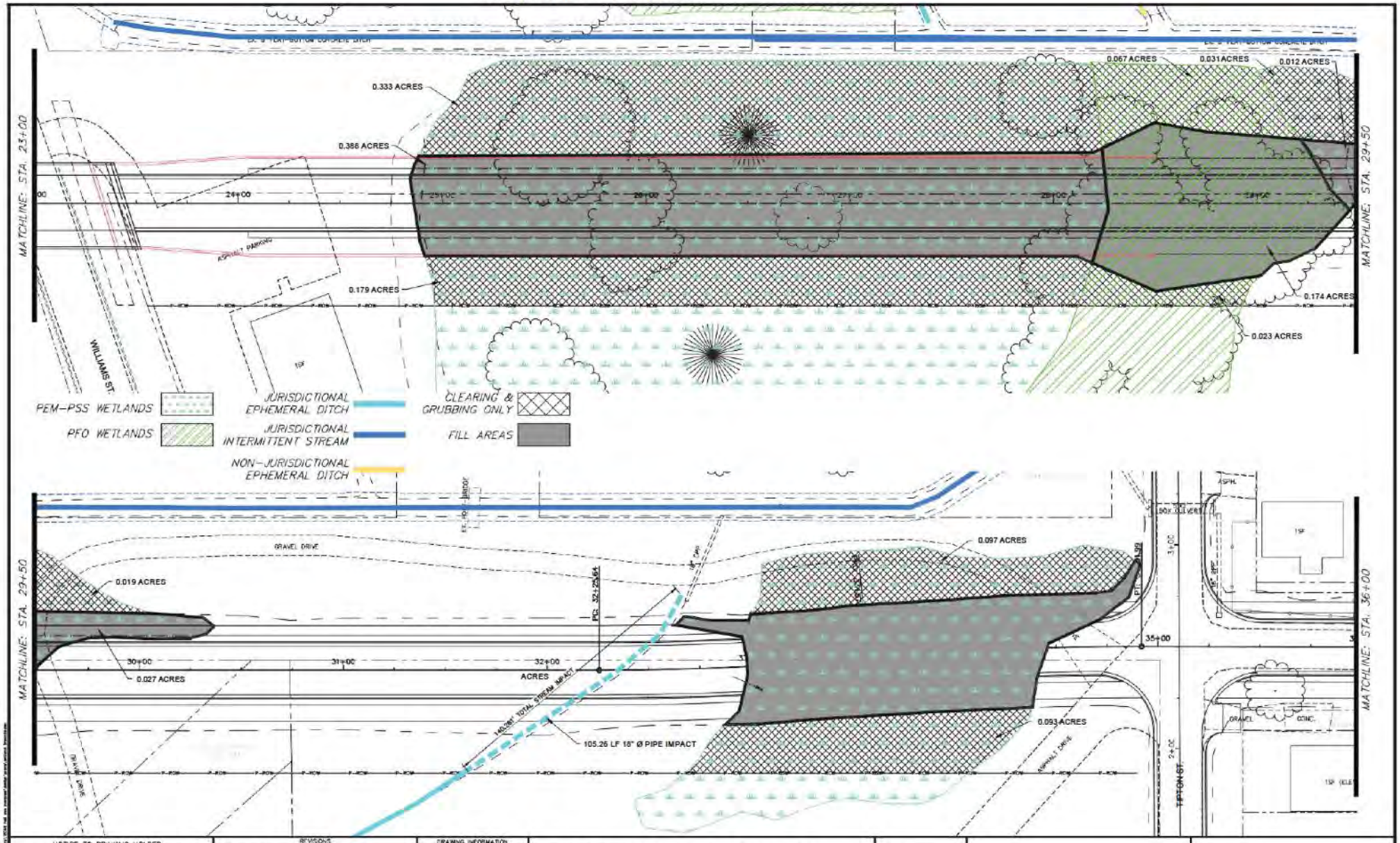
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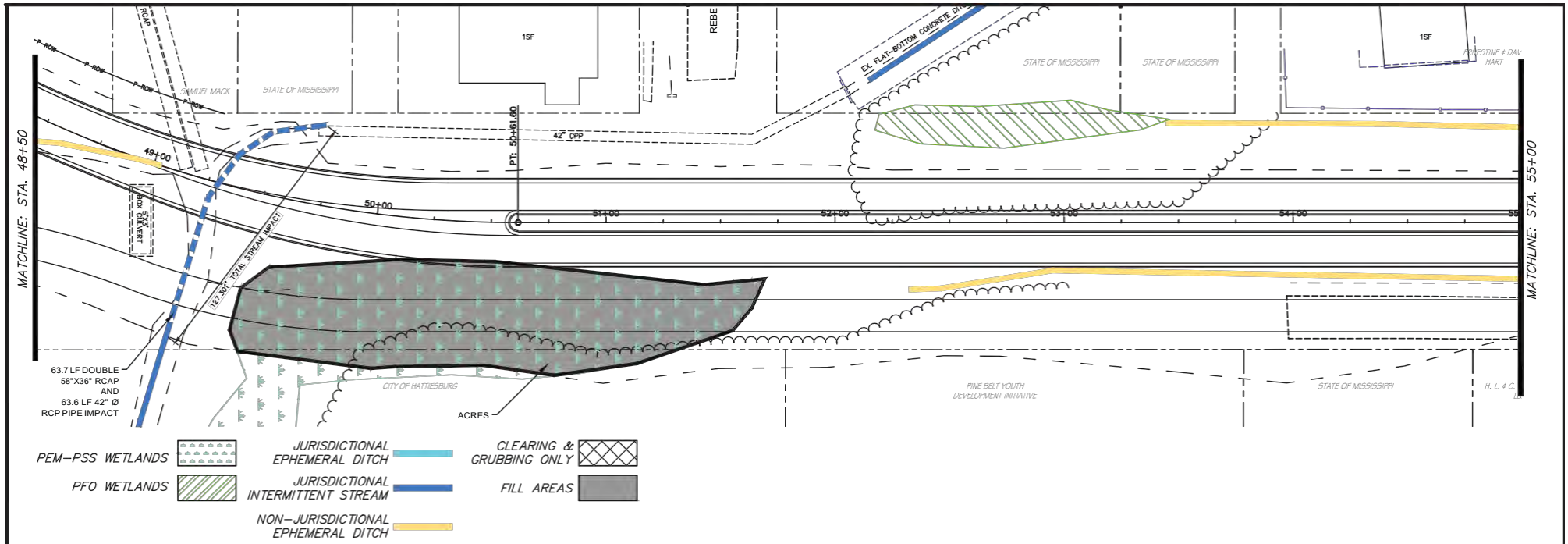
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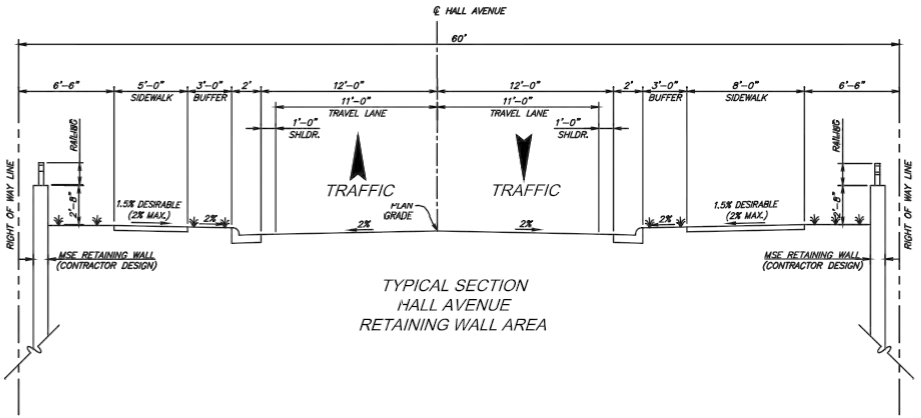
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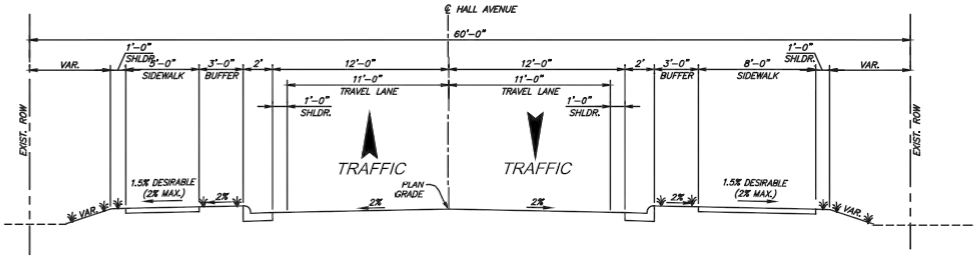
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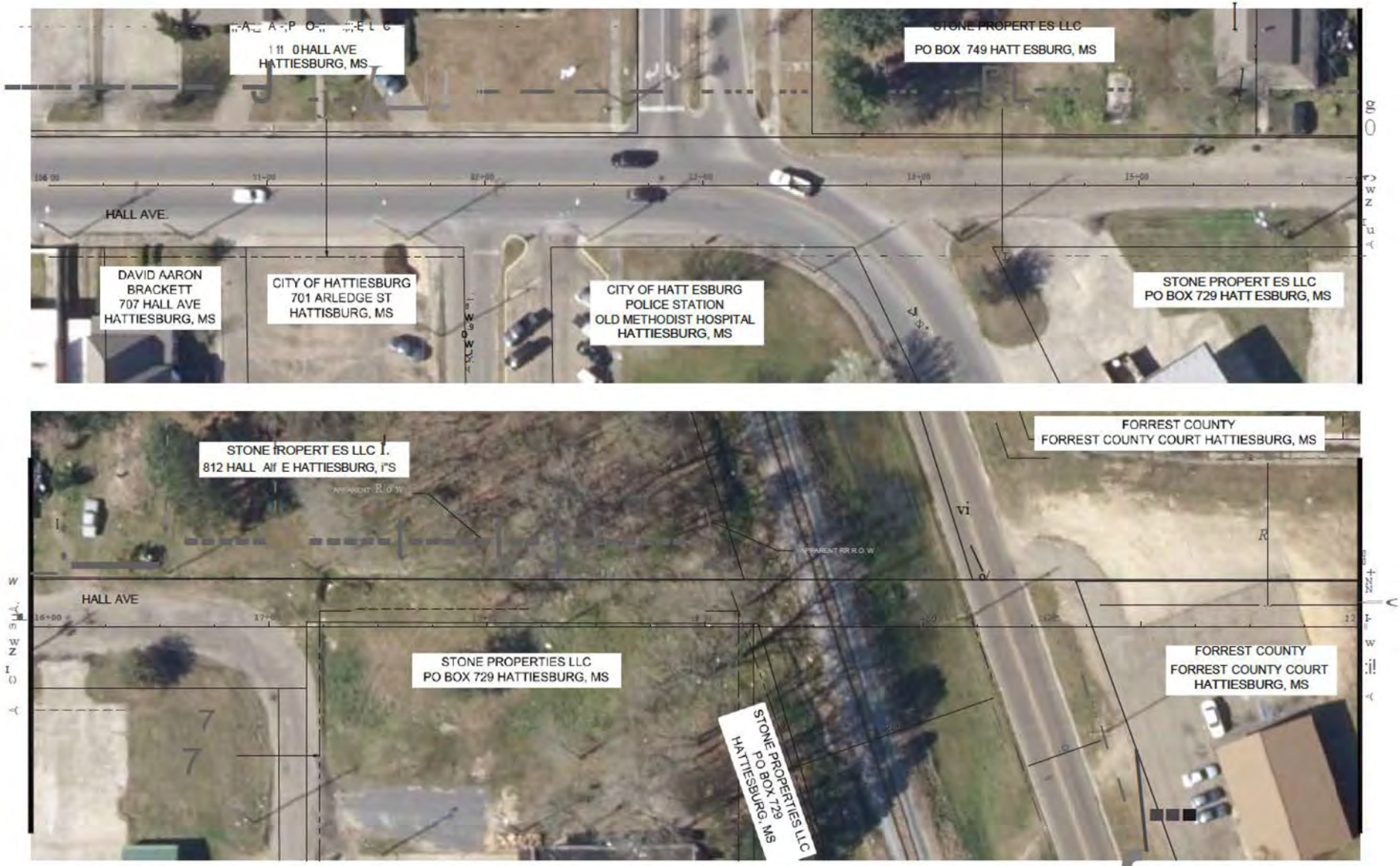
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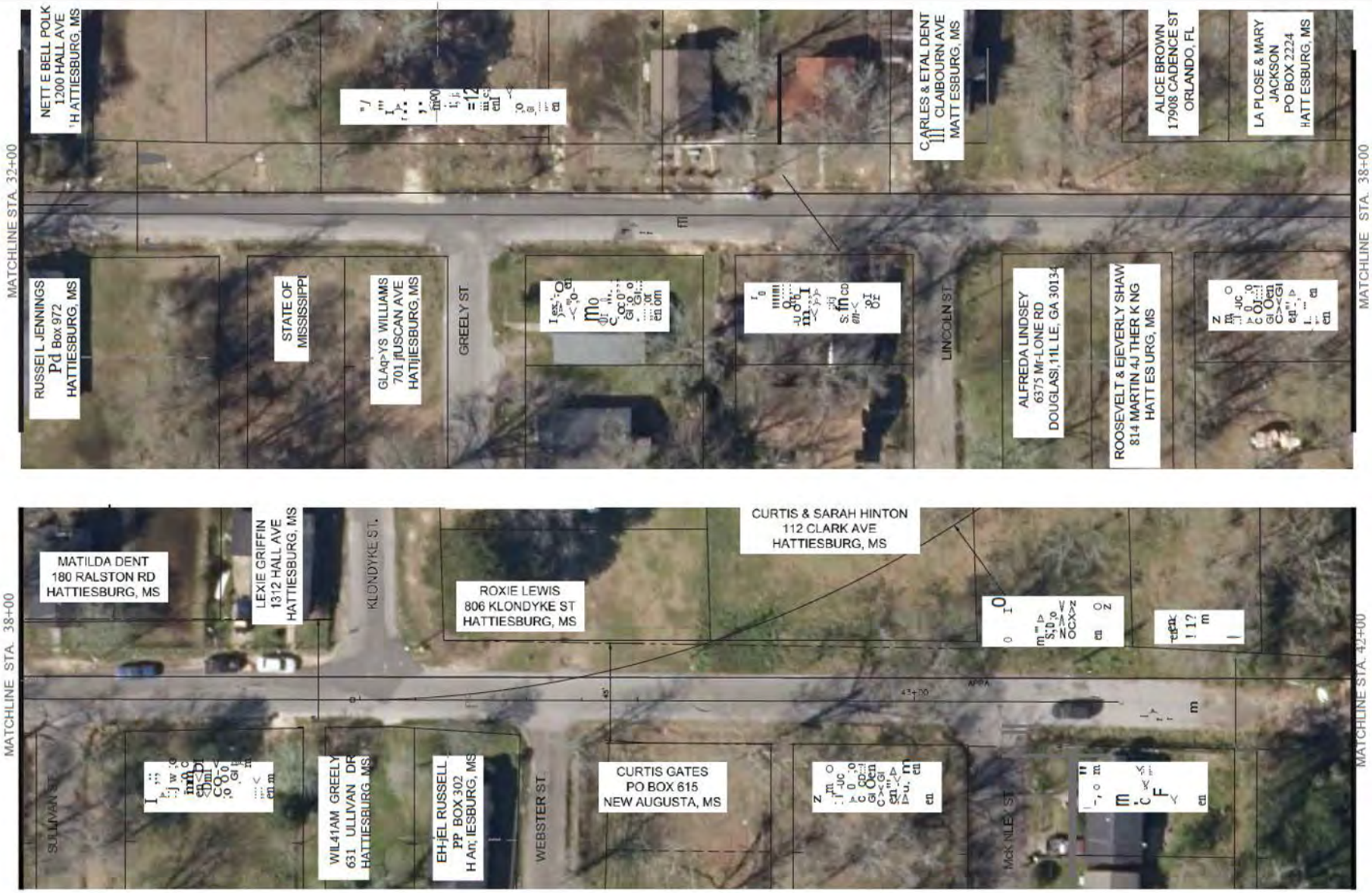


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GULFPORT STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

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