

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

69A Hagood Avenue

Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

and

THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Office of Environmental Quality Control

Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section

2600 Bull Street

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N # 2007-182-3IN

March 2, 2007

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

C/O MR. RAY FUNNYE

400 DOZIER STREET

GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440

for a permit to place fill material in jurisdictional wetlands adjacent to an

UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WINYAH BAY

at Georgetown County Airport on US Highway 17 in Georgetown County, South Carolina (Latitude – 33.3082, Longitude 79.3289).

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of constructing improvements to the existing Georgetown County Airport. Georgetown County has proposed to construct a 1,000 foot long extension of Runway 05-23, which is located parallel to US Highway 17. The existing runway is approximately 5,000 feet long and 100 feet wide. The proposed project includes the construction of a 1,000-foot extension of the runway, a 1,000-foot extension of the adjacent taxiway, expansion of the existing runway safety area, and installation of an approach lighting system. An Environmental Assessment regarding the proposed project was submitted to the Federal Aviation Authority in December 2006.

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The proposed work will result in the clearing of 5.74 acres of forested jurisdictional wetlands and the placement of fill material in 7.69 acres of jurisdictional wetlands located on the project site. Georgetown County has indicated that mitigation to offset the proposed wetland impacts will need to be located more than 10,000 feet from the existing airport in order to comply with existing guidance regarding the location of wildlife attractants near airports. However, a specific mitigation plan has not been submitted at this time. According to the applicant, the purpose of the proposed project is to accommodate larger business jets and transport aircraft that may be used for emergency relief situations.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION
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The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification must submit all comments in writing to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 7.69 acres of jurisdictional freshwater wetlands located upstream of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the applicant has provided a protected species survey [FWS Log No. 2006-I-0572] for the property associated with the activity described above. Based upon this report, the District Engineer has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request for written concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service on this determination.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

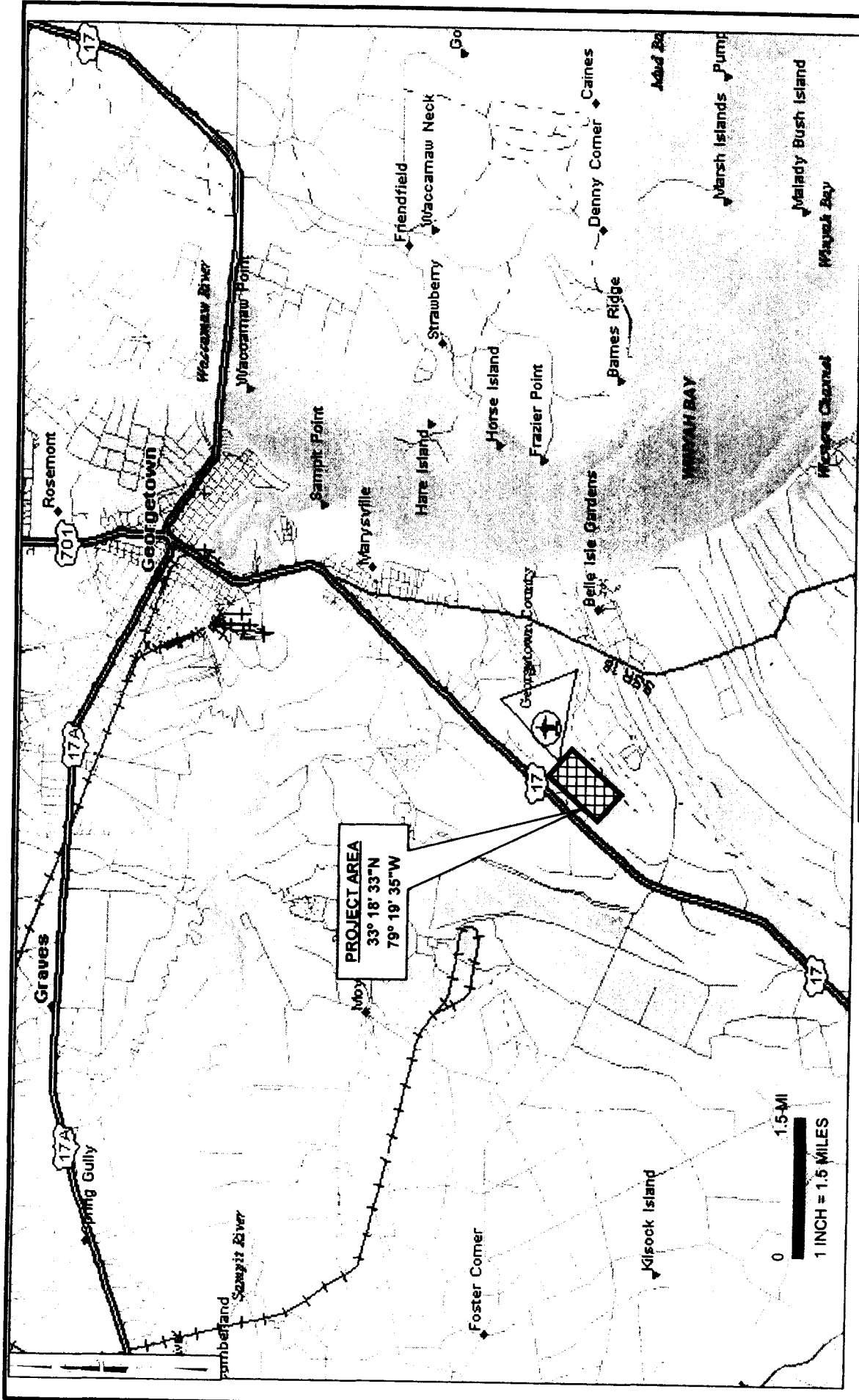
In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein. The applicant has provided a letter from the State Historic Preservation Office indicating that a Draft Report entitled, Cultural Resources Survey of Improvements to Georgetown Airport Tract, Georgetown County, South Carolina, has been submitted and no further work is required because cultural resources located in the vicinity of the project site are not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. To insure that other cultural resources that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

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 a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the 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 project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project 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, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

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 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 project. 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 activity.

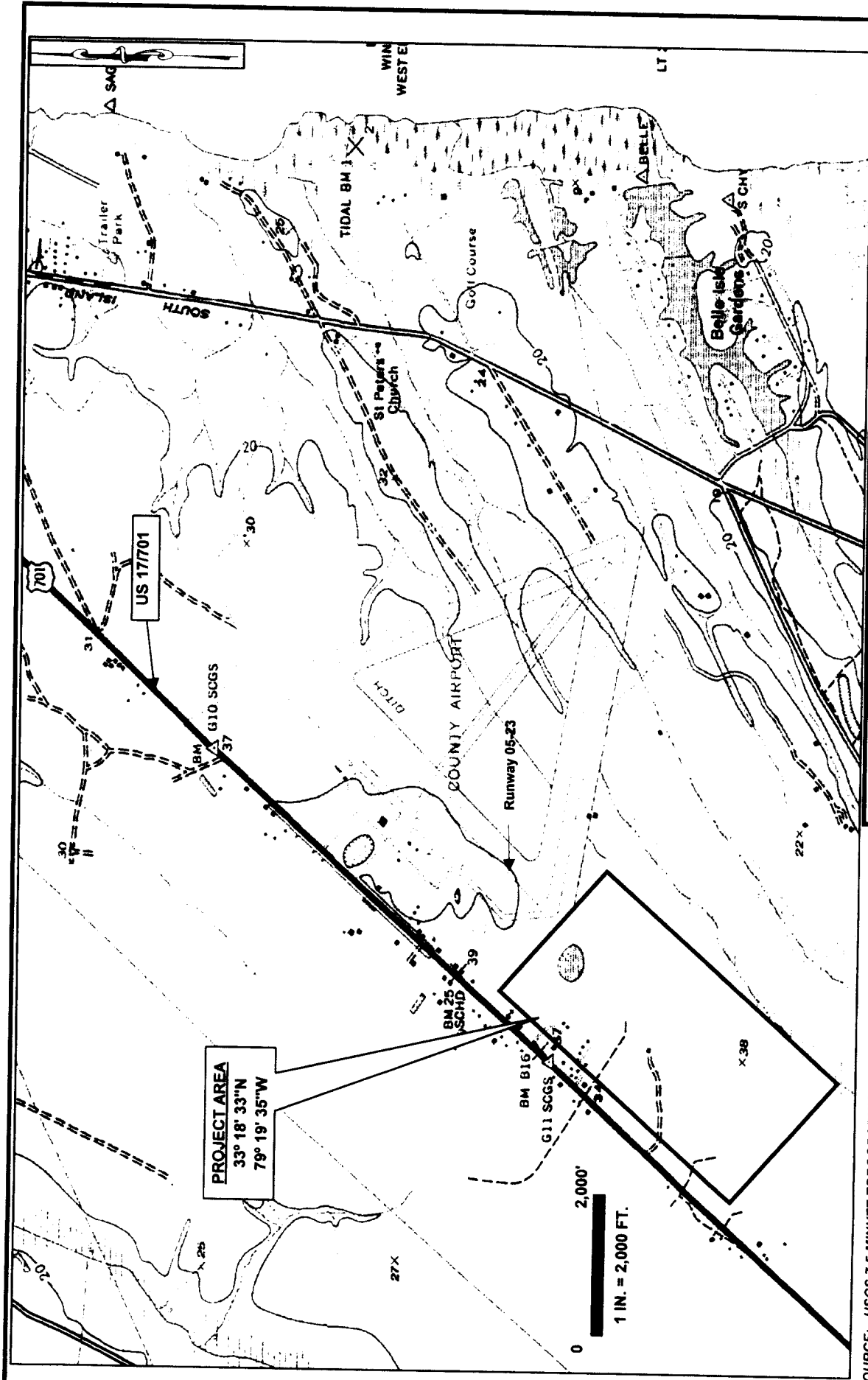
If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Mr. Nat Ball at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



Project Title:	GEORGETOWN COUNTY AIRPORT RUNWAY 05-23 EXTENSION
Project Location:	GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SC
Applicant:	GEORGETOWN COUNTY
Date:	JANUARY 19, 2007
Scale:	1 INCH = 1.5 MILES
USACE P/N:	2007-182-31N

SOURCE: DELORME STREET ATLAS

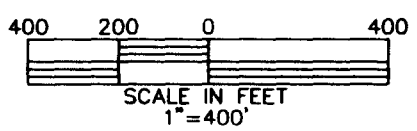
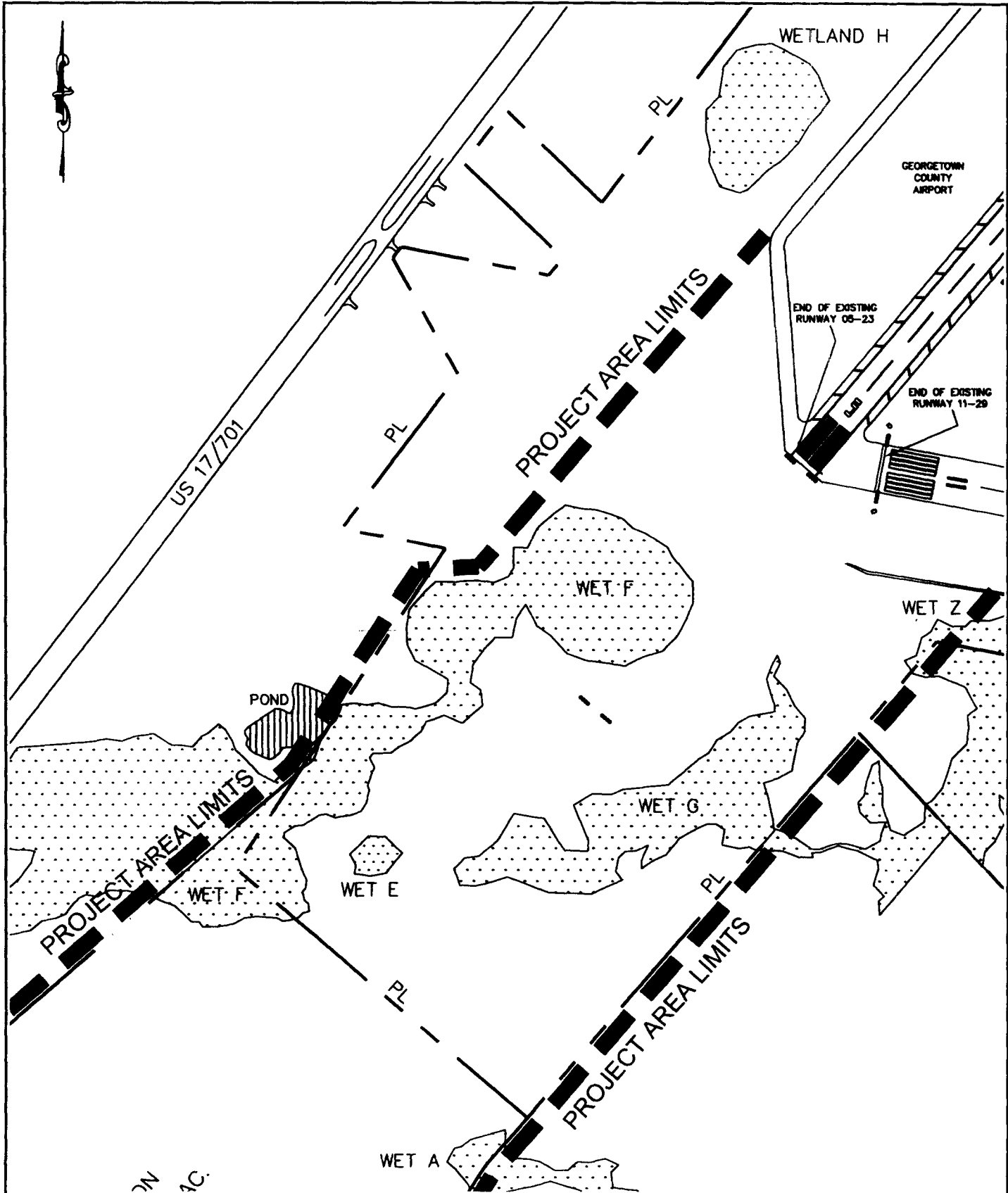
SITE VICINITY MAP



SOURCE: USGS 7.5-MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE MAP
 GEORGETOWN SOUTH, SC - 1943 (REVISED 1973)

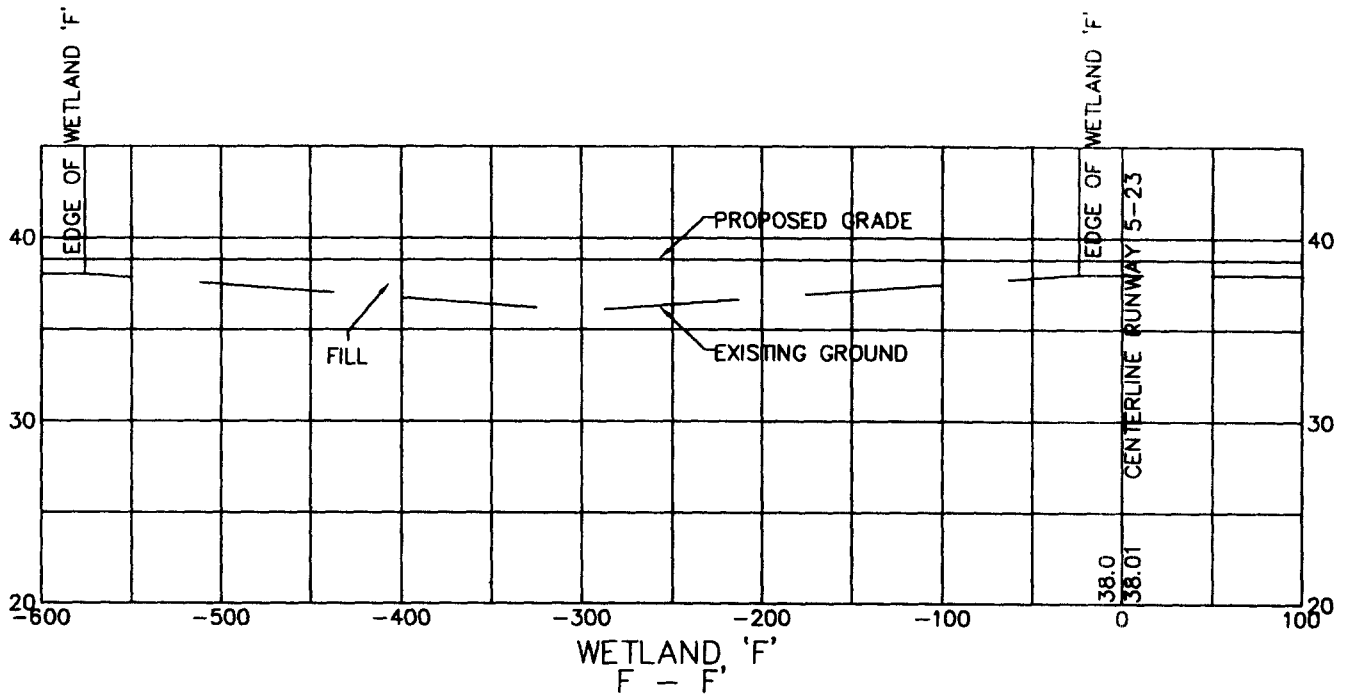
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

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Project Location:	GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SC
Applicant:	GEORGETOWN COUNTY
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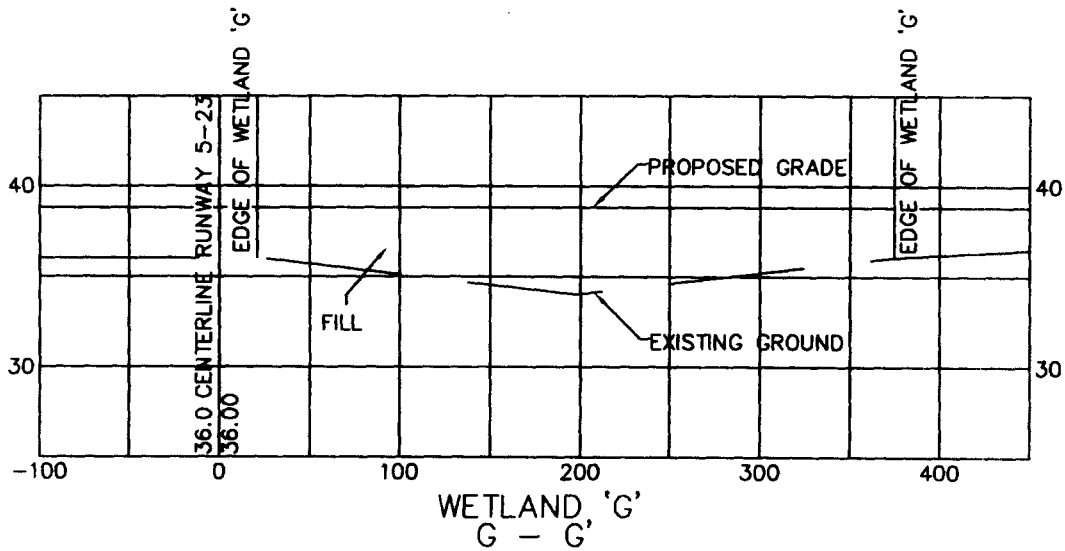


EXISTING
CONDITIONS

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PROJECT LOCATION:	GEORGETOWN COUNTY	
APPLICANT:	GEORGETOWN COUNTY	
SCALE:	1" = 400'	FIGURE
DATE:	JANUARY 19, 2007	4 OF 6
USACE P/N:	2007-182-310	



SCALE: 1"=100' HORIZ. 1"=10' VERT.



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SEE FIGURE 5 FOR X-SECTION LOCATIONS

CROSS SECTIONS
WETLANDS F & G

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SCALE:	AS SHOWN	FIGURE 6 OF 6
DATE:	JANUARY 19, 2007	
USACE P/N:	2007-180-SD	