

**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 #SAC 2007-812-6JO

19 December 2008

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**Mr. Kevin Short**  
**Oconee County Airport**  
**365 Airport Road**  
**Seneca, South Carolina 27678**

for a permit to construct a runway extension on

**UNNAMED TRIBUTARYS OF LAKE HARTWELL**

At a location on Airport Road in, Oconee County, South Carolina (Latitude 34.67446°, Longitude - 82.87848°)

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, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009**

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

The proposed work consists of extending a runway and taxiway. In detail, the applicant proposes to extend the Runway and Taxiway of Runway 07-25 by 600 feet as well as clear and grade a 600-foot by 300-foot Runway Safety Area. Approximately 1080.0 linear feet of stream will be filled as a result of the project. The purpose of the proposed work is to provide additional safety measures for jet aircraft currently operating at the Airport and to improve operational flexibility and reliability of the airfield system. Impacts to Waters of the United States will be mitigated by restoring 1,475.0 lf of Cheohee Creek, enhancement by planting 9.79 acres of open land, and preservation by buffering 27.06 total acres.

**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  
69A Hagood Avenue  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107**

The work shown on this application must be determined consistent with applicable provisions of the South Carolina Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. 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 navigable waters permit 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.

Preliminary review of the scope of work sought by this application indicates that State and Federal permits should be processed concurrently. If the Federal permit is issued in advance of the State's a special provision will be included in the Federal permit expressing the endorsement of the District Engineer to any revisions or conditions subsequently imposed by the State permit.

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 1080.0 lf of stream located well inland 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 District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and 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.

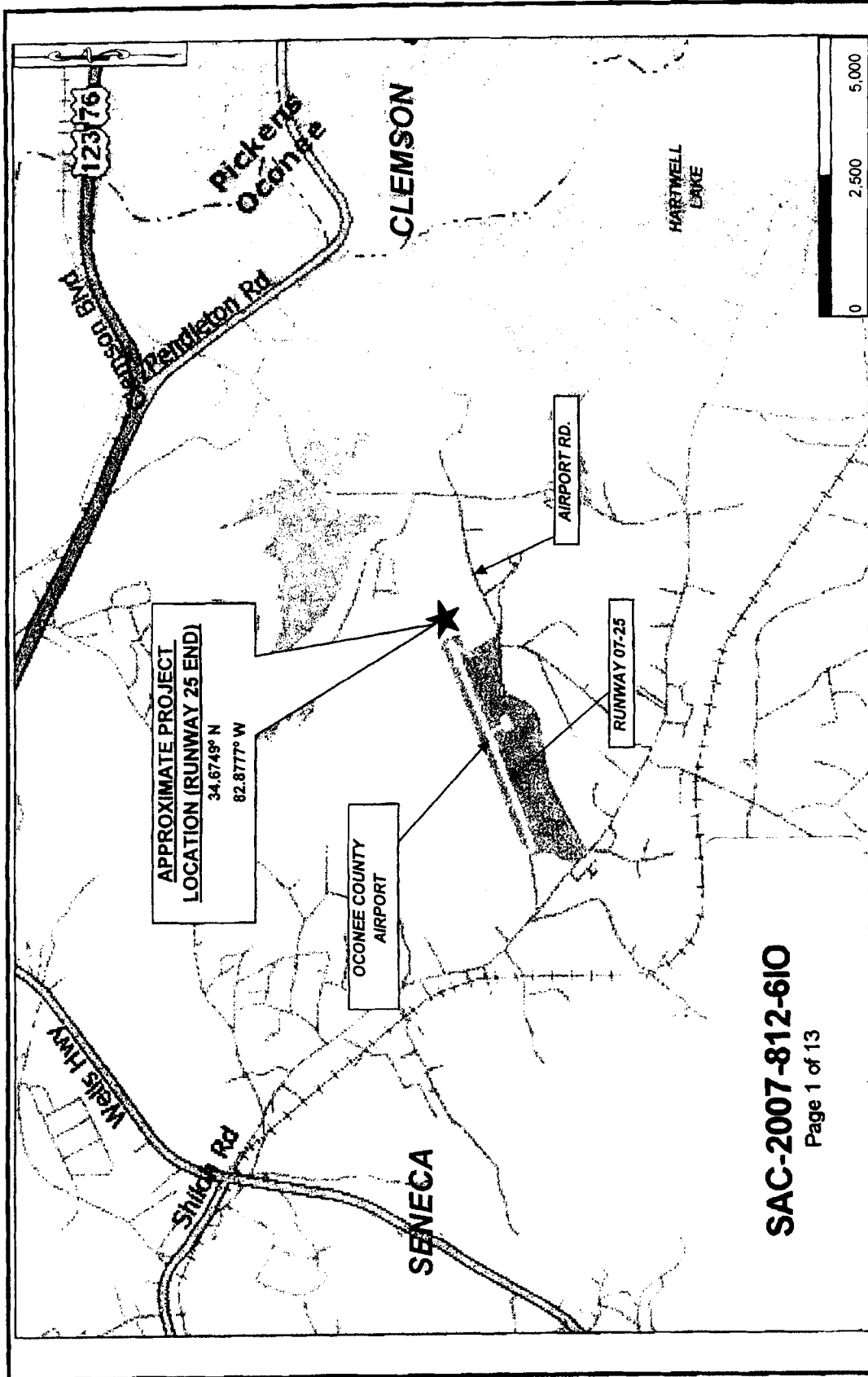
In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. 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 Chip Ridgeway at 803-253-3906.



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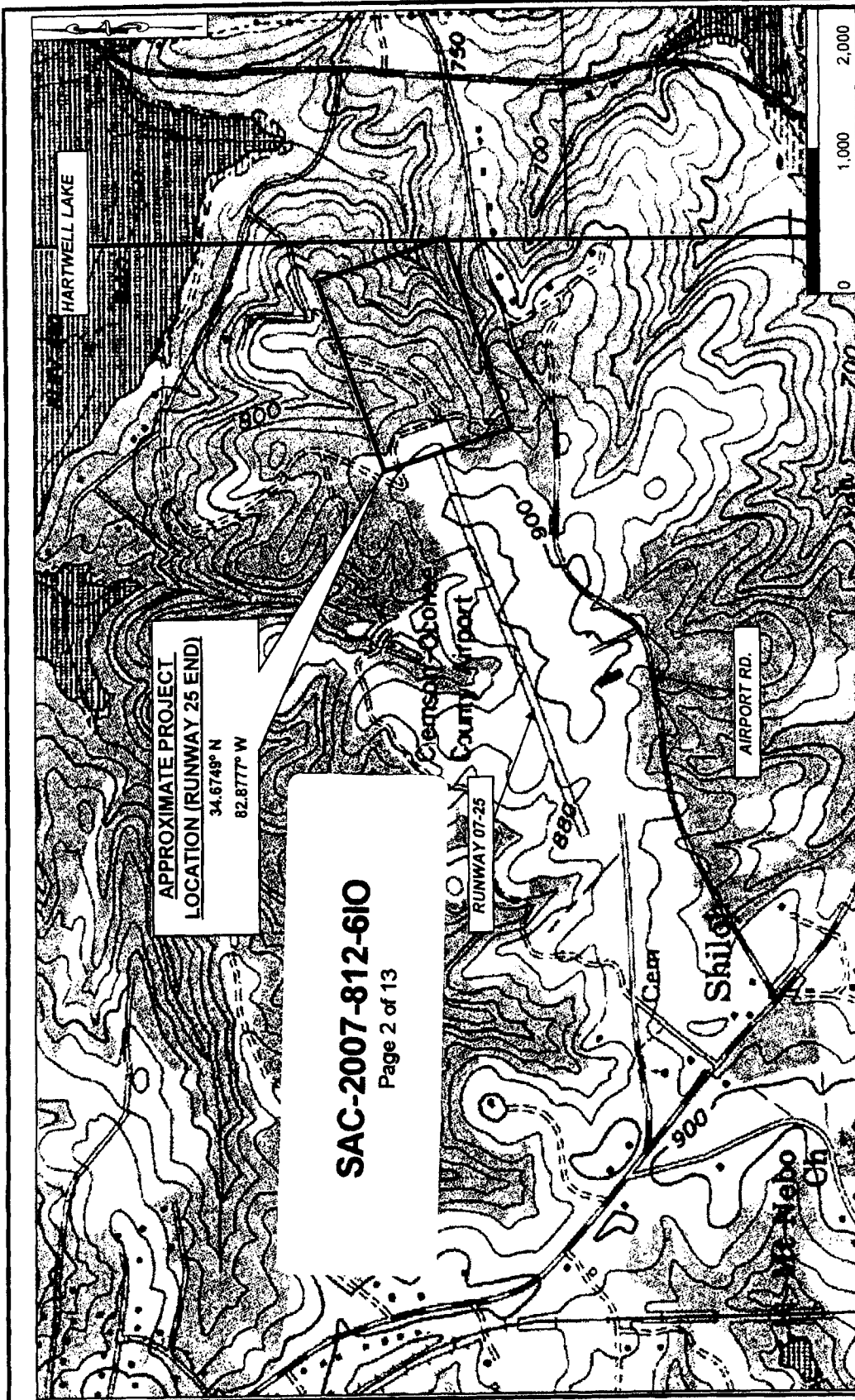
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**SITE VICINITY MAP**

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PROJECT LOCATION:	SENECA, OCONEE COUNTY, SC
APPLICANT:	OCONEE COUNTY AIRPORT
DRAWING SCALE:	1" = 2,500'
APPLICATION #:	
DATE:	Nov. 17, 2008

FIGURE 1 of 3



**APPROXIMATE PROJECT  
LOCATION (RUNWAY 25 END)**  
34.8749° N  
82.8777° W

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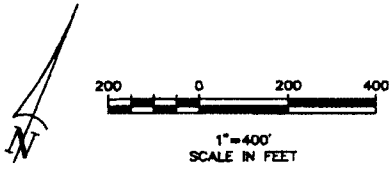
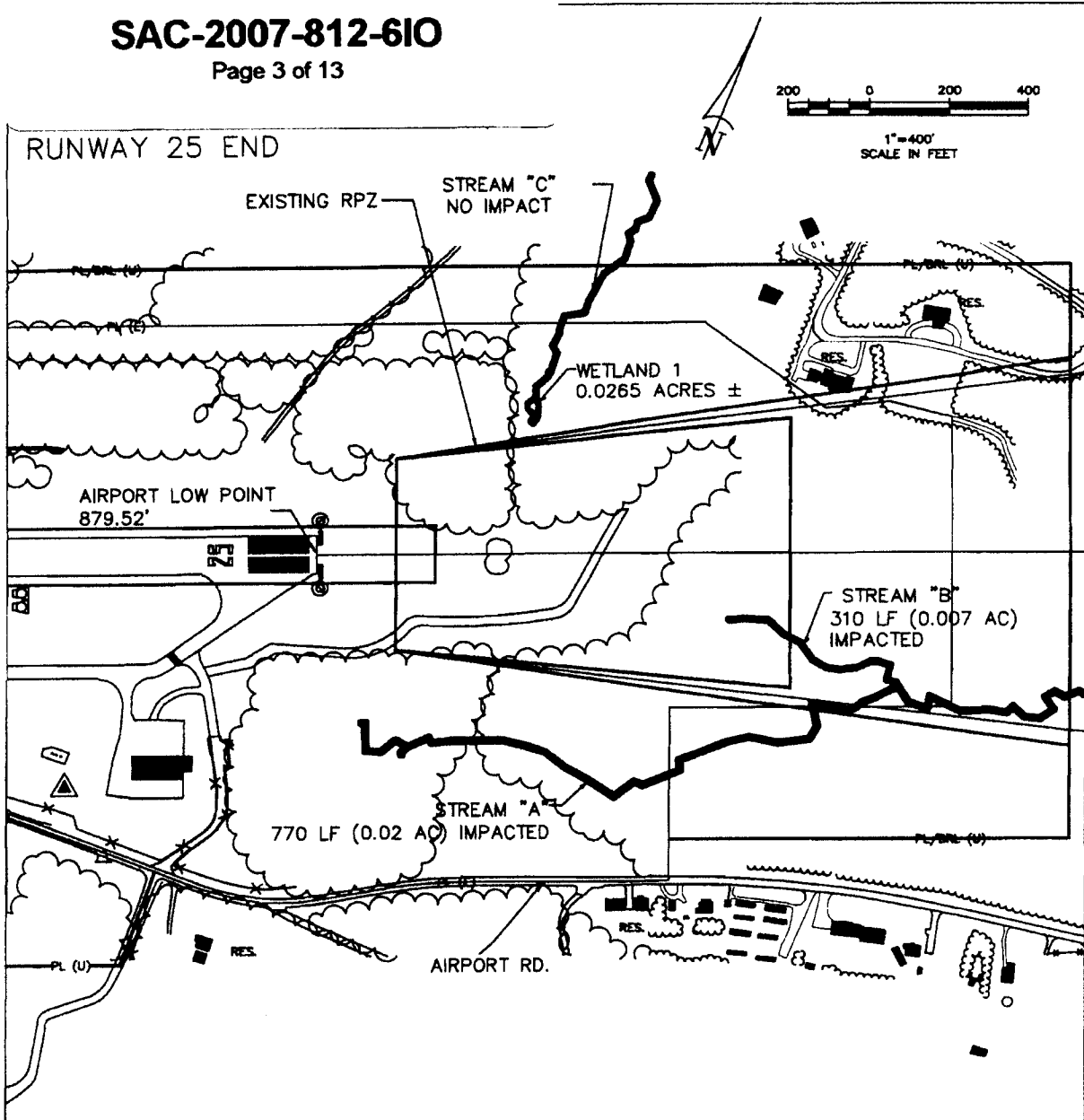
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SOURCE: USGS 7.5-MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE MAPS  
SENECA & CLEMSON, SC QUADRANGLES

**TOPOGRAPHIC MAP**

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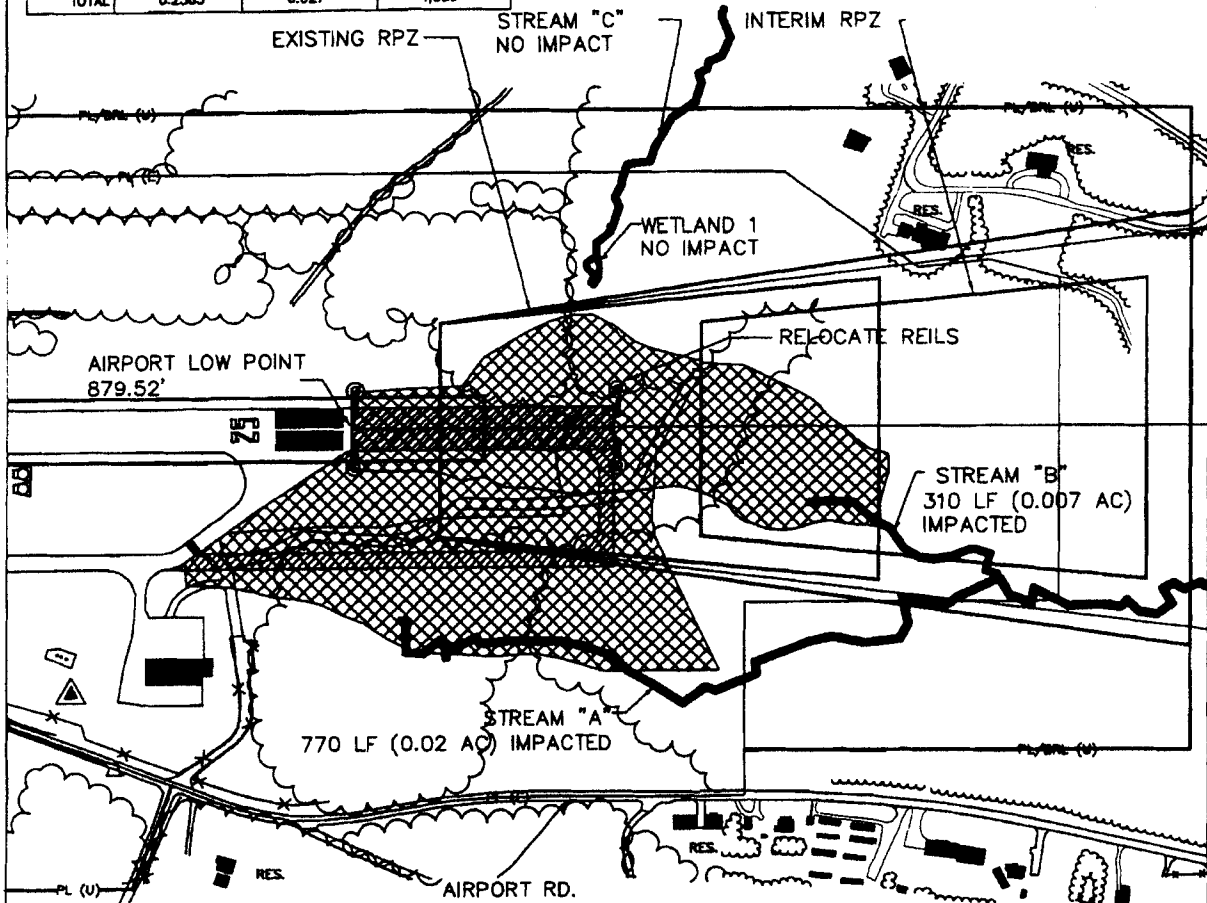
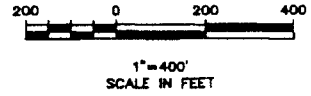


## EXISTING CONDITIONS RUNWAY 25 END

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JURISDICTIONAL WATERS SUMMARY			
AREA	TOTAL ACREAGE	AREA OF IMPACT	LF. OF IMPACT
STREAM A	0.15	0.020	770
STREAM B	0.04	0.007	310
STREAM C	0.02	0.000	0
WETLAND 1	0.0285	0.000	0
TOTAL	0.2385	0.027	1,080



**PROPOSED CONDITIONS**

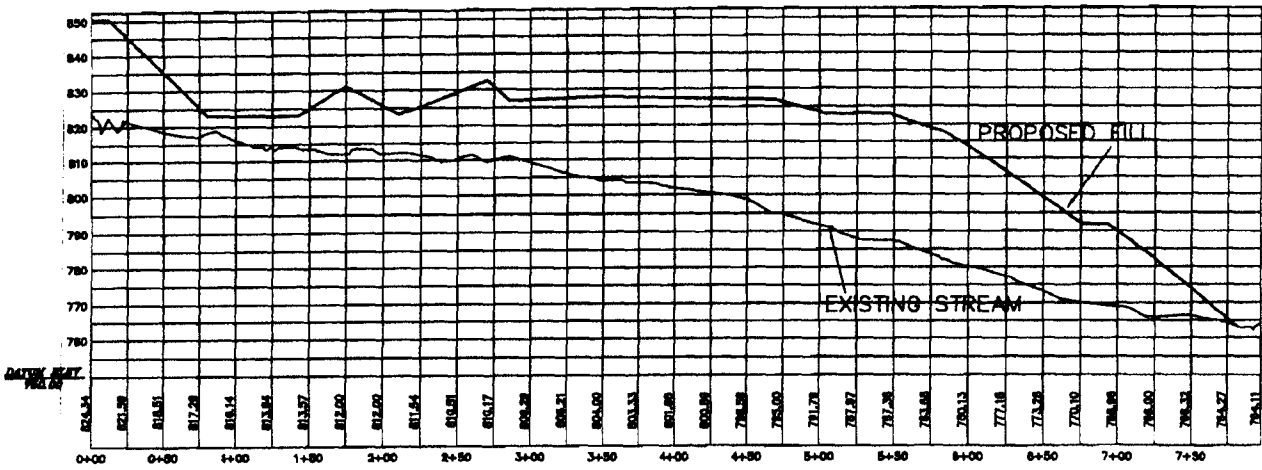
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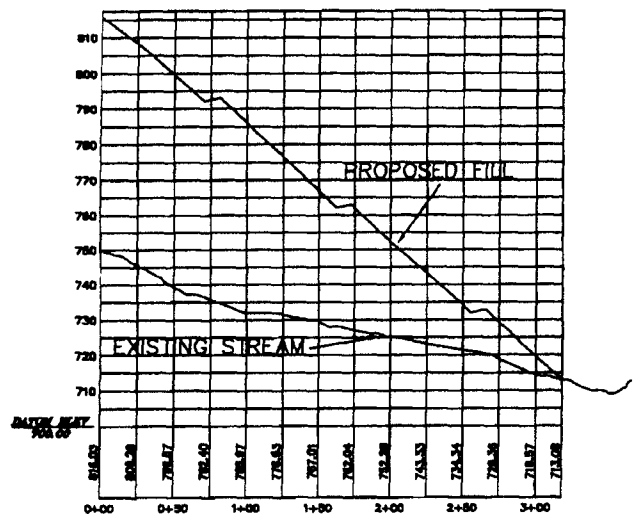
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Stream A



Stream B

CROSS SECTIONS - STREAMS & FILL SLOPES

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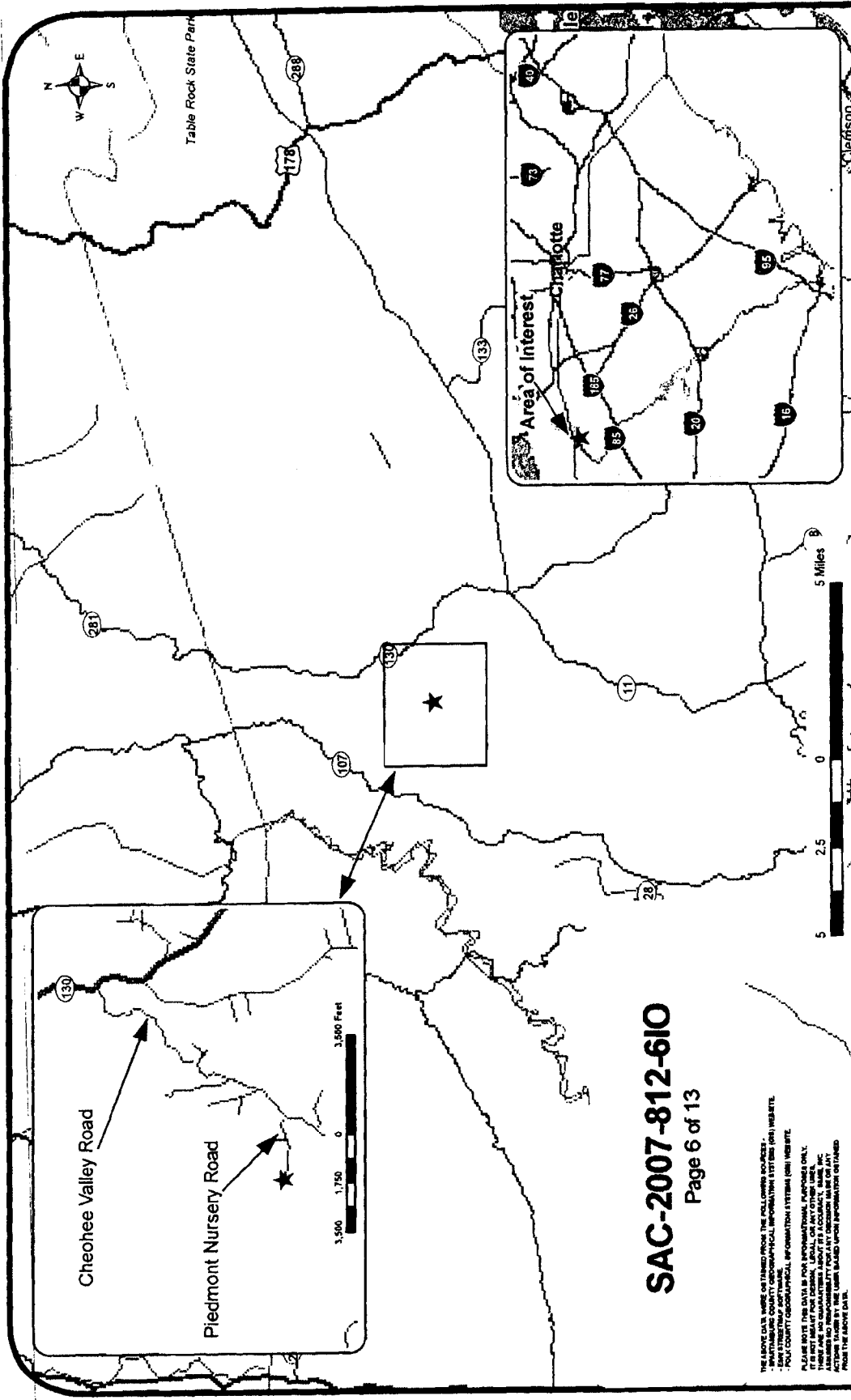


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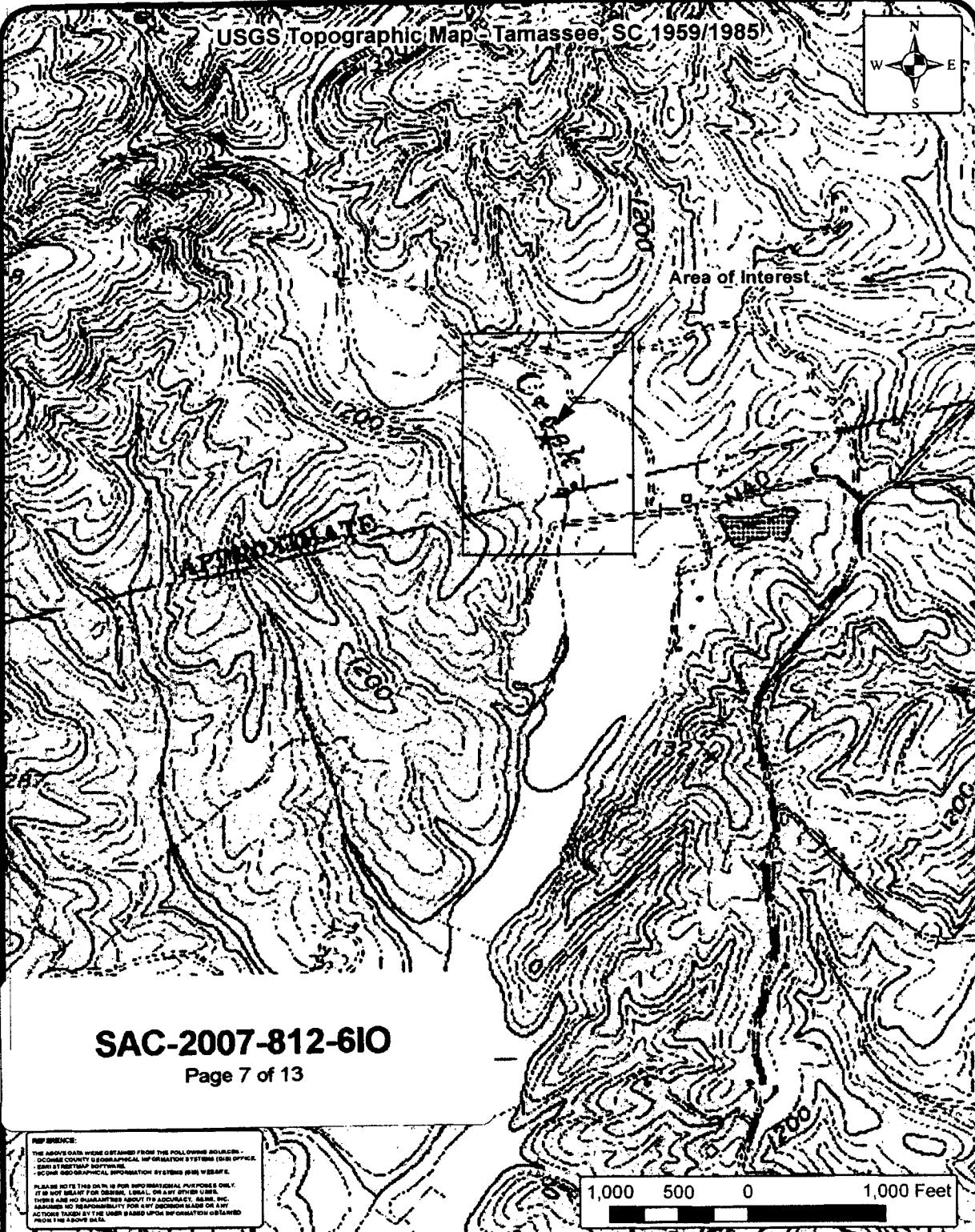
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Piedmont Forestry Center**  
Oconee County Airport Expansion  
Oconee County, SC



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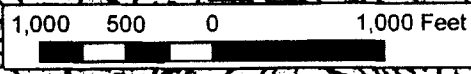
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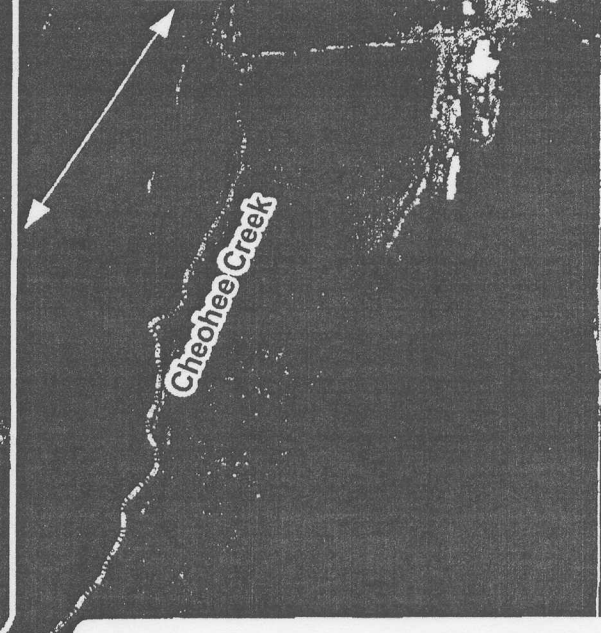
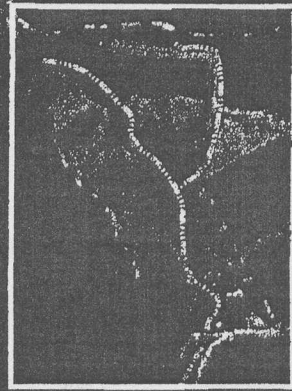
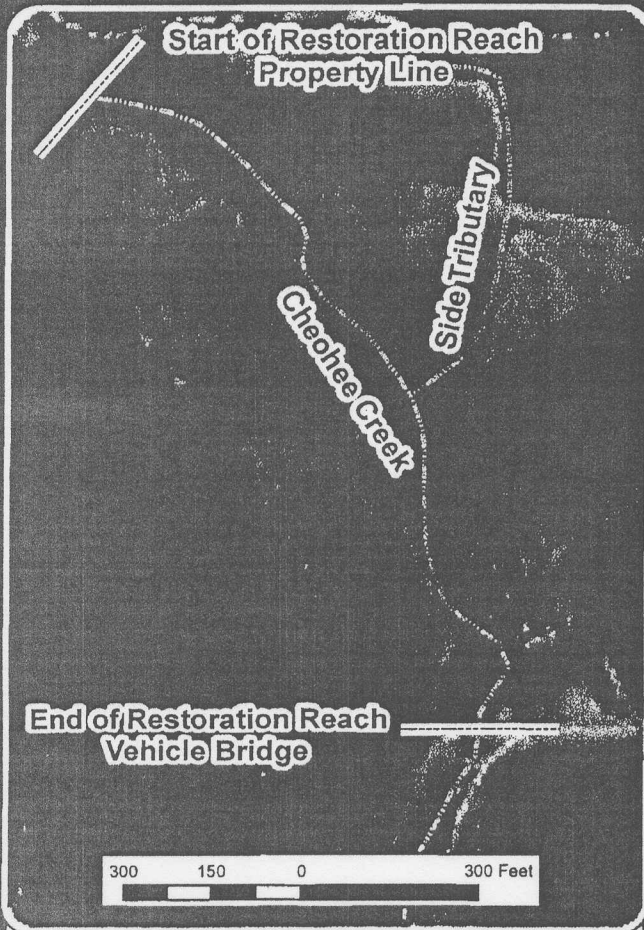


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**Topographic Map  
Cheohee Creek**  
Oconee County Airport Expansion  
Oconee County, SC

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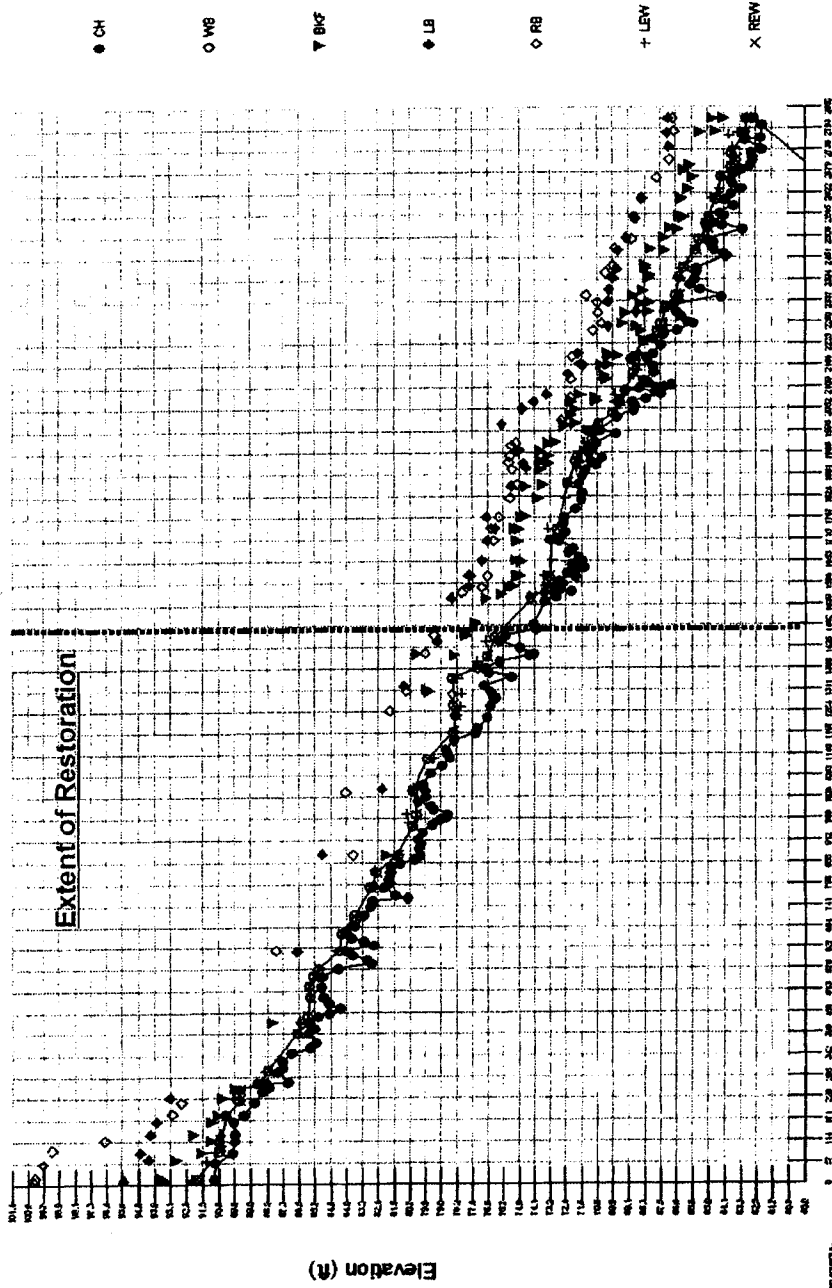
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**Aerial Map  
Cheohee Creek**  
Oconee County Airport Expansion  
Oconee County, SC

FIGURE NO.  
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Final Sort REW



Distance along stream (ft)

FIGURE NO. **5**

**Longitudinal Profile  
Restoration Reach**  
Oconee County Airport Expansion  
Oconee County, SC

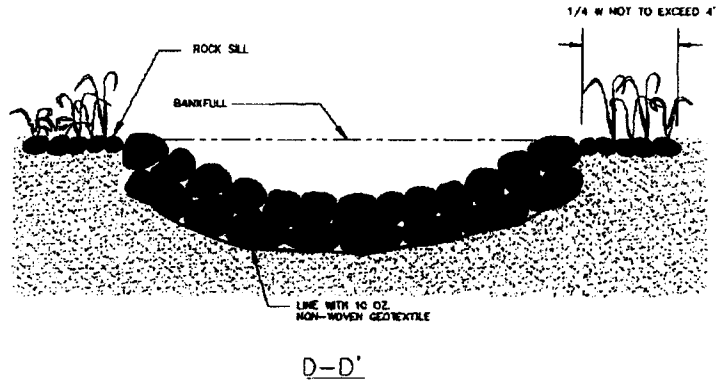
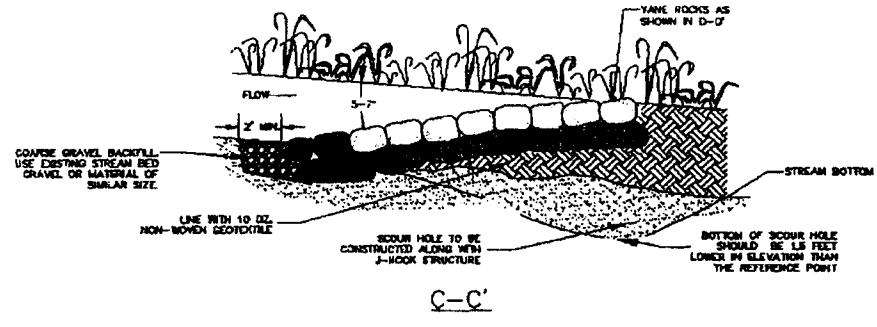
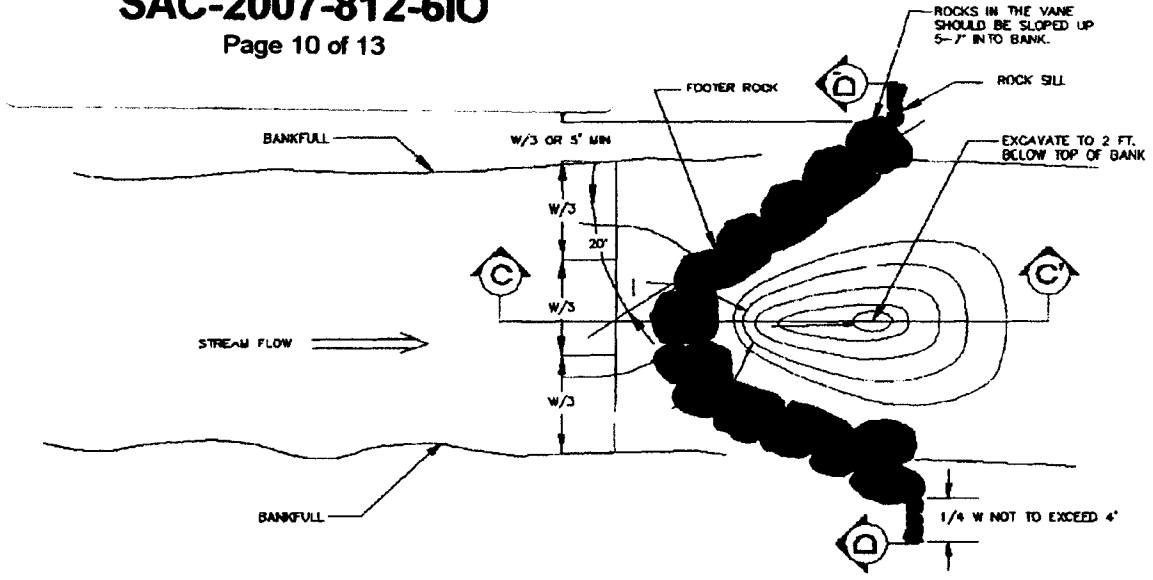


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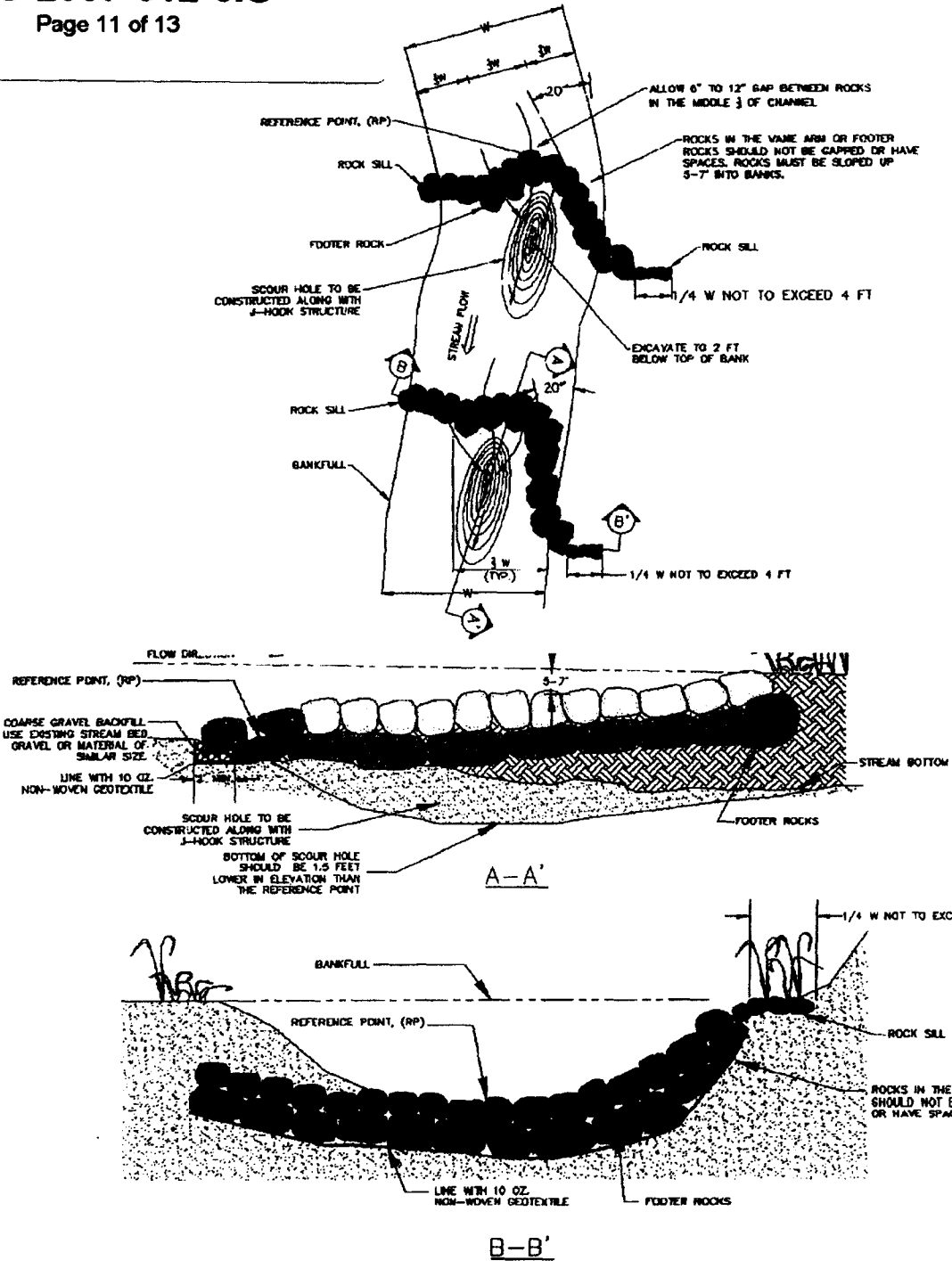


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**Cross Vane Detail  
Restoration Reach**  
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**J-Hook Detail  
Restoration Reach**

Oconee County Airport Expansion  
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**3.73 Acres  
Plantable Area East of Creek**



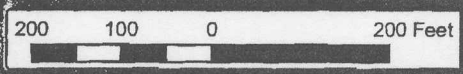
**20.96 Acres  
Total Buffered Area**

**9.79 Acres  
Total Plantable Area**

**6.06 Acres  
Plantable Area West of Creek**

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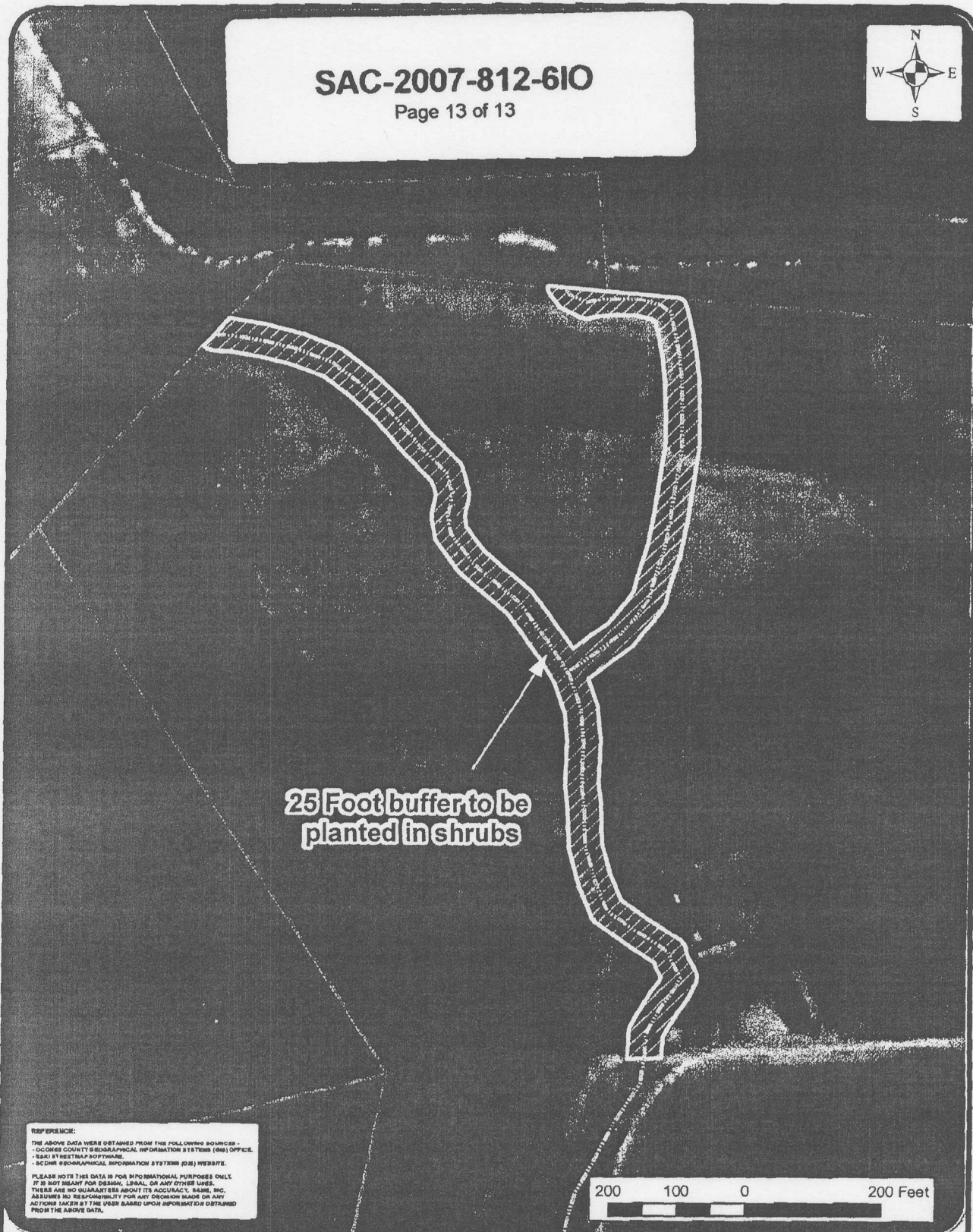


**Planting Buffer  
Cheohee Creek**  
Oconee County Airport Expansion  
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25 Foot buffer to be planted in shrubs

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**Creek Buffers**  
**Cheohee Creek**  
Oconee County Airport Expansion  
Oconee County, SC

FIGURE NO.

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