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New England District

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Comment Period Ends: April 23, 2007

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In Reply Refer To: NH DES Wetlands

Bureau File # 2006- 02319

The Manchester-Boston Regional Airport proposes to fill approximately five acres of wetlands in conjunction with the construction of a runway safety area at the east end of Runway 6-24 in Manchester, New Hampshire. The project will also involve the relocation of South Willow Street and its intersections with Perimeter Road and Harvey Road. Proposed mitigation would involve 3½ acres of wetland restoration/enhancement and 36 acres of habitat preservation to compensate for the wetland impacts. The limits of the project and potential mitigation sites are shown on the attached plans.

This is a notice of your opportunity to comment and announcement of a Joint Public Hearing to be held at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH at 11:00 AM on Thursday April 12, 2007. All those who wish to comment on the application or attend the public hearing are encouraged to do so.

The Manchester – Boston Regional Airport through its agents, The Smart Associates, 72 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301-4983 has requested a Corps of Engineers (COE) permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to fill approximately five acres of wetlands and waters within the Cohas Brook watershed, in conjunction with the construction of a runway safety area in Manchester, New Hampshire. The project would also involve five acres of fill within the 100 year floodplain. The airport has also applied for a New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services, Wetlands Bureau (NHDES) Dredge and Fill Permit under RSA 482-A for the same work.

The project involves relocating South Willow Street to the east, around the end of the proposed runway safety area, and reworking the intersections of South Willow Street with Perimeter Road and Harvey Road. The main element of the proposed work involves the construction of an Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS) along with a paved Runway Safety Area (RSA).

Because the project will be partially funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and will require a permit pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act an Environmental Assessment is being prepared. The Draft Environmental Assessment, dated December 2006, discusses the purpose and need for the project, alternatives considered, how various aspects of the human and natural environment would be affected, environmental

consequences and mitigation. The draft document is available on the web site below.

<http://www.flymanchester.com/pdf/DraftEnvAssessment.pdf>

Alternatively, for information about the project contact Peter Howe at Fay, Spofford and Thorndike at 603-669-2000. A Joint Public Hearing involving the Airport, the FAA, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services – Wetlands Bureau (NHDES) and the Army Corps of Engineers will be held at the The NH Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 11:00 AM. The hearing provides an opportunity for all interested parties to comment on the wetland permit applications. Plans will be available for public inspection at the above referenced location prior to the Public Hearing from 10:00 until 11:00 AM.

Written comments will continue to be accepted after the Public Hearing until the above referenced date. The NH DES is the clearing house for comments. Please address them to Lori Sommer, NH DES Wetlands Bureau, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095 and reference file # 2006- 02319. The Airport and Corps will be provided copies of all the submitted comments.

If you have any questions concerning the Corps of Engineers permit decision, please contact Richard Roach, Regulatory Project Manager, at (978) 318-8211 or (800) 343-4789, or by e-mail to Richard.A.Roach@usace.army.mil.

This project is located on the USGS Manchester South (NH) quadrangle sheet at latitude 42° 56' 4" North and longitude 71° 25' 34" West.

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The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 may reasonably 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, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Since the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act,

SECTION 106 COORDINATION: Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that the proposed work probably would not impact properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Additional review and consultation to fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be ongoing as part of the permit review process.

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION: The New England District, Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the list of species protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, which might occur at the proposed project site during the construction and subsequent operation/use period sought by the applicant. We have undertaken a Biological Assessment (BA) of the potential for interactions and adverse impacts to those listed species. It is our determination that the proposed activity for which authorization is

being sought is designed, situated or will be operated/used in such a manner that it is not likely to adversely affect any Federally listed endangered or threatened species or their designated critical habitat. By this Public Notice, we are requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency concur with our BA determination.

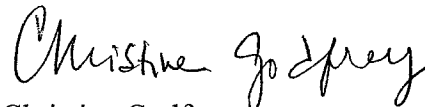
ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT CONSULTATION: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). This project may affect EFH. An EFH assessment will be prepared and forwarded to NMFS. Consultation regarding EFH affects and any conservation recommendations will be concluded before a final decision is made on the proposed project.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- Permit, License or Assent from State.
- Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

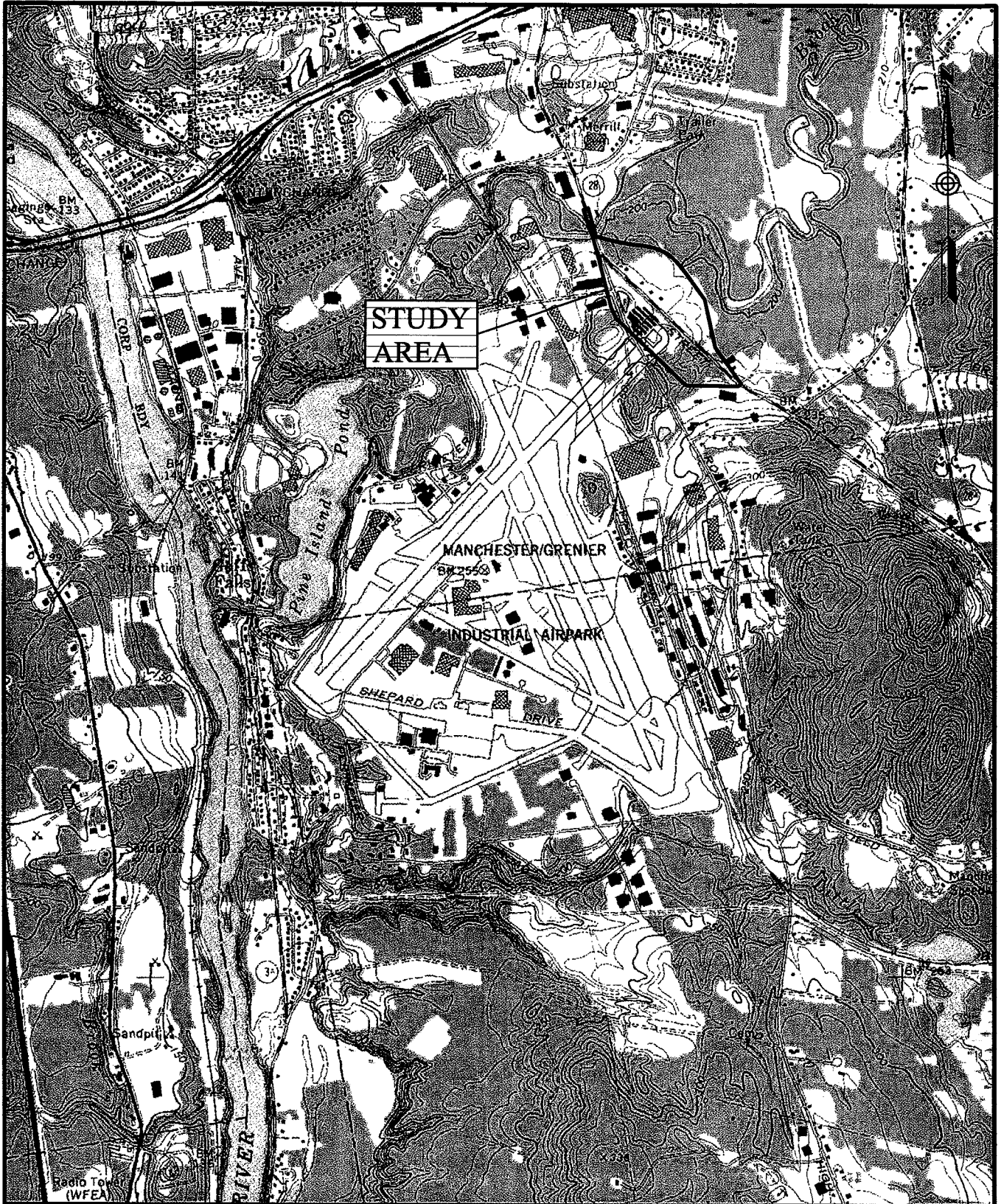
THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.



Christine Godfrey
Chief, Regulatory Division

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Manchester - Boston Regional Airport

Figure 1
Site Locus Map

The Smart Associates

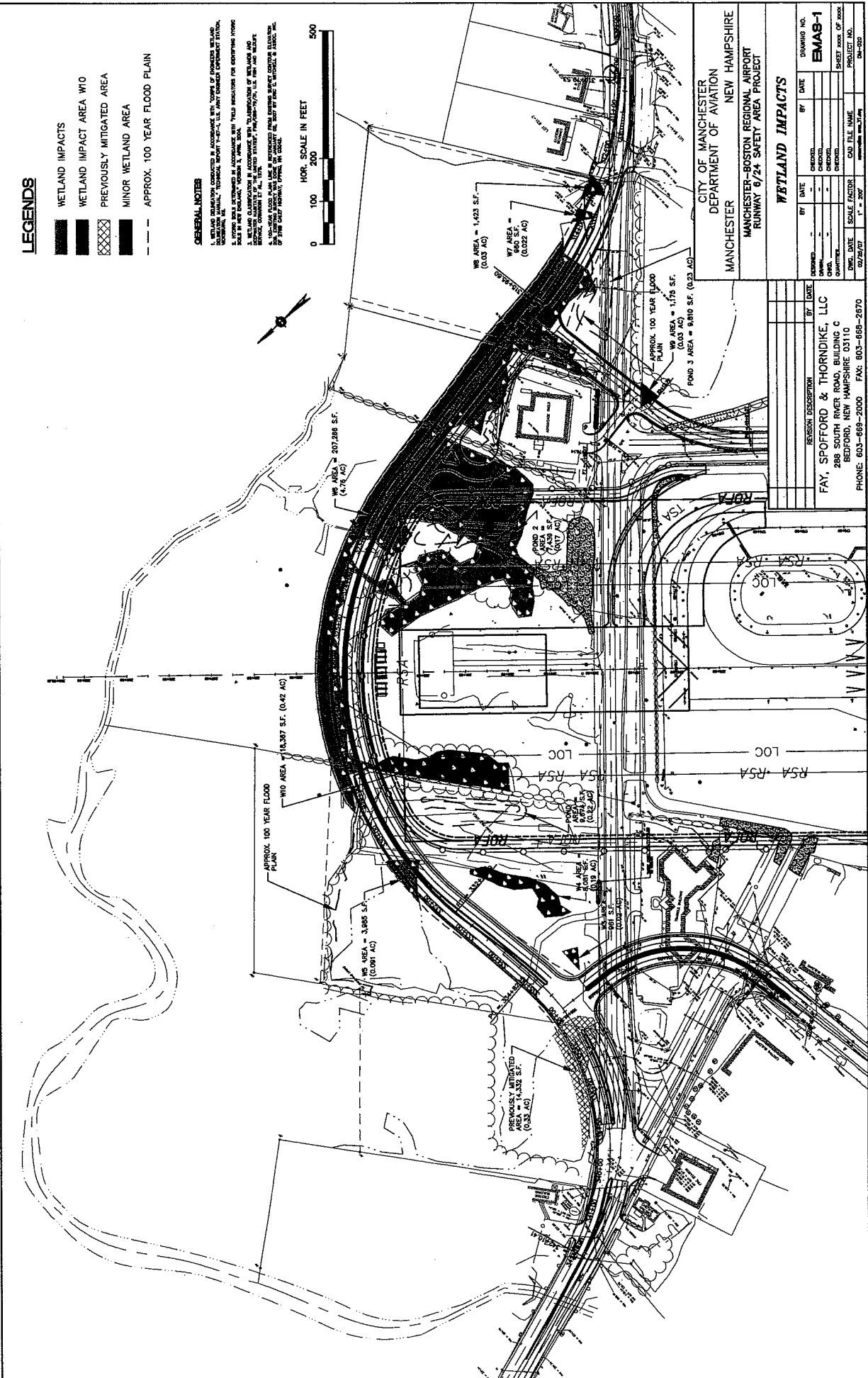
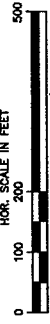
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-  WETLAND IMPACTS
-  WETLAND IMPACT AREA W/O
-  PREVIOUSLY MITIGATED AREA
-  MINOR WETLAND AREA
-  APPROX. 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN

GENERAL NOTES

1. WETLAND Delineation CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH "GUIDE OF PRACTICES FOR WETLAND Delineation" (NOVEMBER 1989), U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WASHINGTON, DC.
2. WETLAND CLASSIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH "REGULATIONS FOR Delineation OF WETLANDS AND DEWATERED WETLANDS" (FEBRUARY 1979), U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WASHINGTON, DC.
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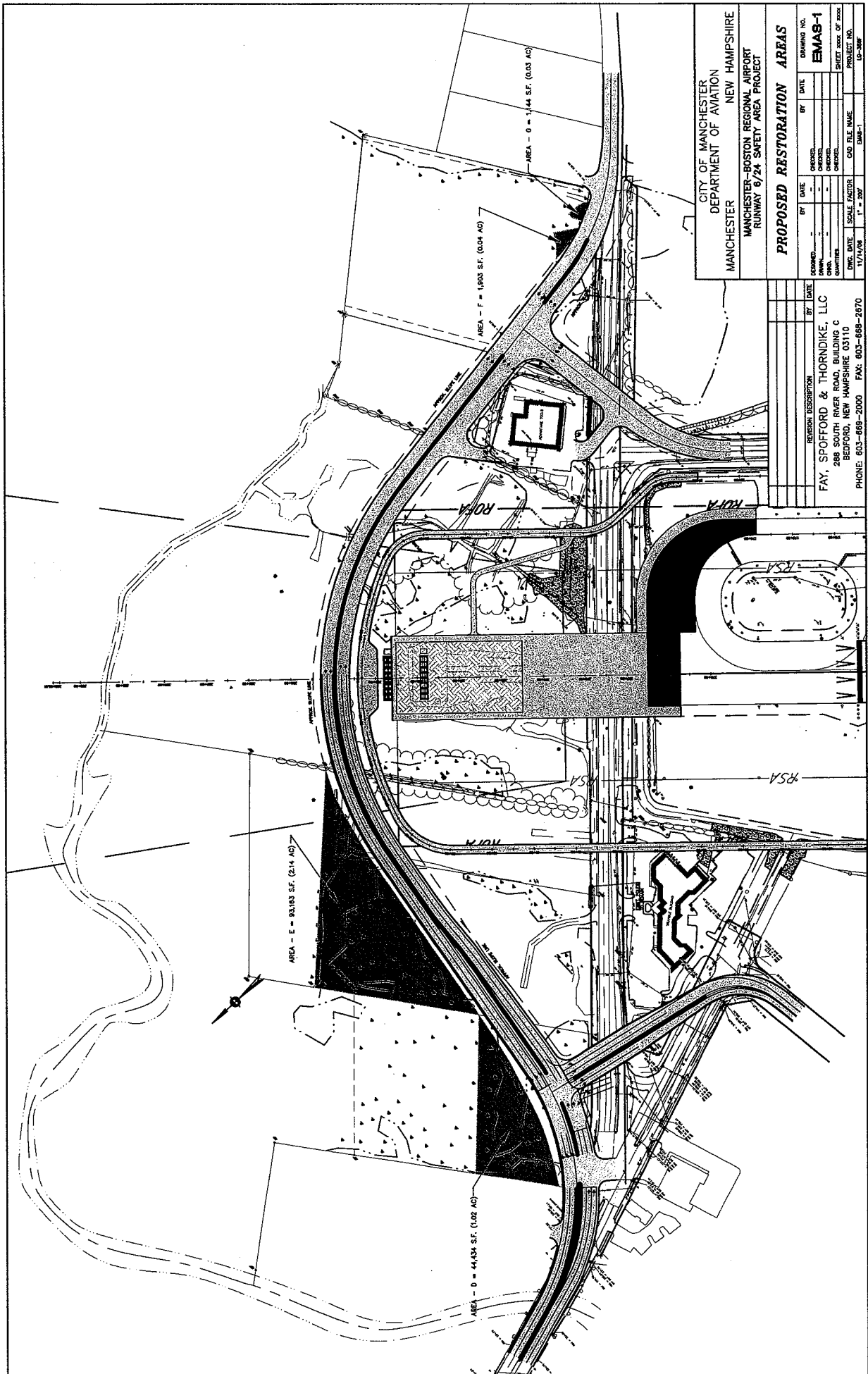
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REVISION DESCRIPTION

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CITY OF MANCHESTER
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RUNWAY 6/24 SAFETY AREA PROJECT

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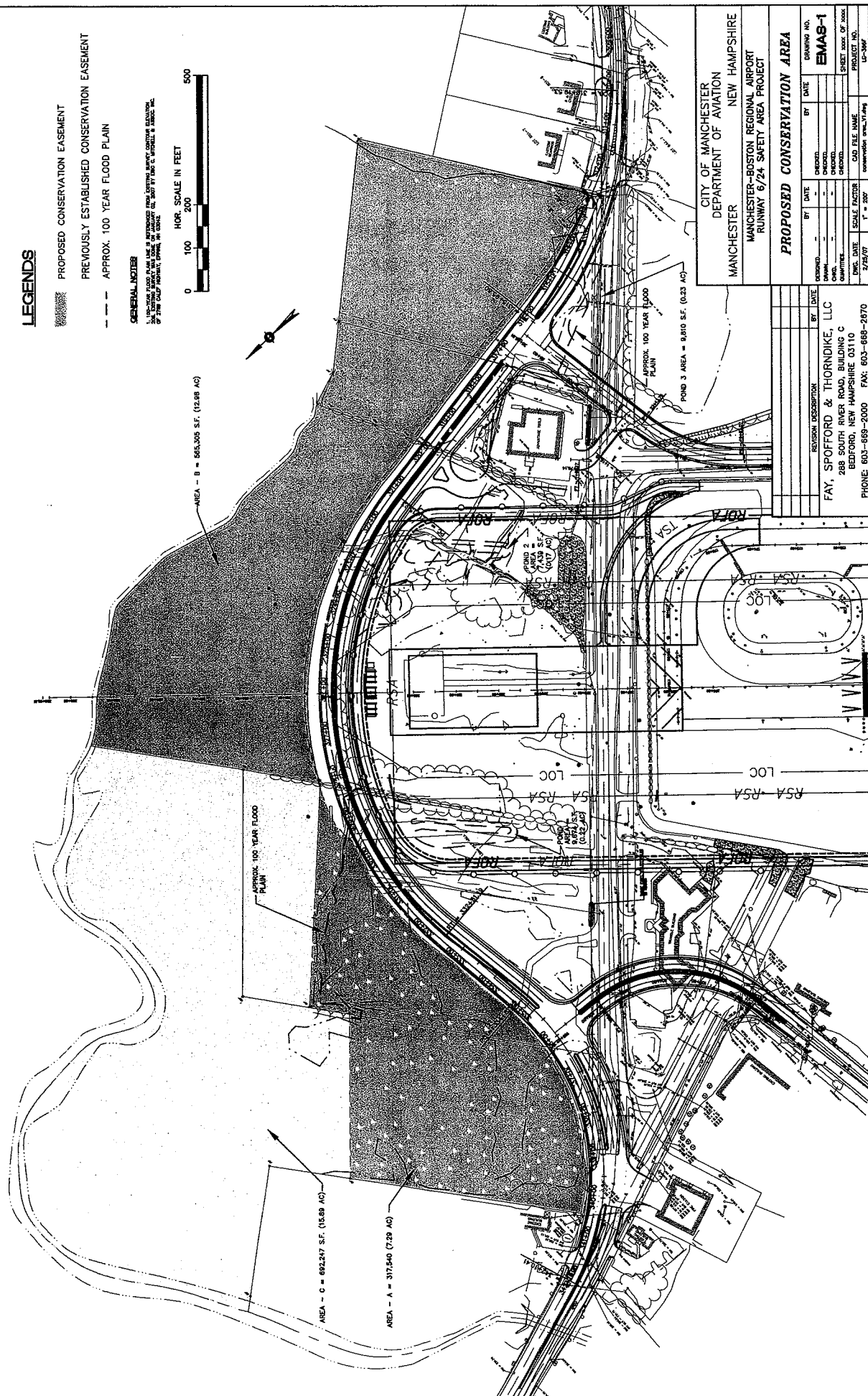
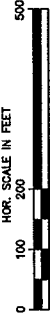


LEGENDS

- PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT
- PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED CONSERVATION EASEMENT
- APPROX. 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN

GENERAL NOTES

1. ALL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE CITY OF MANCHESTER'S ZONING ORDINANCES AND ANY APPLICABLE ORDINANCES OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.



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