

Public Notice

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Applicant: **FEDEX
GROUND**

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Application No: LRB-2007-01002
Section: OH

All written comments should reference the above Application No. and be addressed to:
US Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District
Regulatory Branch
Attn.: Paul Wetzel
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14207

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

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

APPLICANT: FedEx Ground, Inc.
1000 FedEx Drive
Moon Twp., PA 15108

- **WATERWAY & LOCATION:** Wetlands C and D at FedEx Ground, Inc., 100 J Street, Perrysburg Township, Wood County, Ohio 43551

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: Latitude North: 41.59017
Longitude West: -83.55072

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

Description of delineation of waters of the US: A jurisdictional determination (JD) for the parcel was issued on June 25, 2014 (see wetland delineation map on attached Sheet 2 of 3). The JD identified 5 federally jurisdictional wetlands and 2 streams on the parcel: Wetlands C (0.33 acre), D (0.75 acres), N (0.37 acres), O (0.21 acres), S (0.17 acres), Stream 1 (3,835 feet) and Roadside Ditch (1,035 feet). The JD also identified 14 wetlands (A, B, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, P, Q and R) on site that are isolated, non-navigable, intrastate waters and are not regulated under Section

404 of the Clean Water Act.

PROPOSED WORK:

Previous Permit Actions: The FedEx Ground is an existing facility that is located at Buck Road near the I-75 interchange in Perrysburg Township, Wood County, Ohio (Figure 1). A NWP was issued in September 21, 2007 for the construction of the existing site, a new package distribution hub, impacting three wetlands disturbing a total of 0.44 acre of wetlands. To mitigate for these impacts FedEx was required to purchase 0.90 wetland credits from the North Coast Regional Council of Park Districts (NCRCPD) Edison Woods Mitigation Bank.

Current Proposed Activity: The applicant has proposed to construct an 88,000 square foot building expansion to the existing distribution center as well as new parking areas for automobiles, tractor/trailers, delivery vans, dolly storage to the north, east and south of the existing Site. In addition, an area for additional fueling capacity is planned. The applicant has proposed to discharge fill into a total of 1.08 acres of federally jurisdictional wetlands (0.33 acres of Wetland C and 0.75 acres of Wetland D).

PROJECT PURPOSE

Basic: Expansion of an existing facility.

Overall: To provide an additional 88,000 square feet of distribution facility necessary to accommodate the processing of additional package volume that is forecasted for CY15 thru CY20.

Water Dependency Determination: the project is not a water dependent activity.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION INFORMATION: In order to avoid impacts to federally jurisdictional Wetlands N and O, the applicant purchased a parcel located southeast of the current site that will be used for additional parking and the construction of a stormwater detention basin. Utilizing this parcel will reduce the amount of federally jurisdictional wetland impacts.

PROPOSED MITIGATION: The Applicant proposes to mitigate for wetland impacts at the Site by purchasing 2.2 wetland credits at the Pearson Metropark Park Wetland Mitigation Bank.

Location and details of the above described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Comments or questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be reference the Application Number and be directed to the attention of **Paul Wetzel**, who can be contacted at the above address, by calling **(419) 898-3812**, or by e-mail at: **paul.f.wetzel@usace.army.mil**. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

The following authorization is required for this project:

Section 401 of the Clean Water Act -ater Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Based on preliminary findings, there do not appear to be any properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within the permit area as shown on Sheet 1 of 3. Therefore the Corps has determined that the project has no potential to cause effect to any historic properties listed on or determined to be eligible for listing on the NRHP. This notice constitutes initiation of consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. All currently available historic resource information pertaining to this proposed project if any has been provided to the SHPO. Additional information concerning historic properties should be submitted to the Corps before the end of the comment period of this notice. The Corps will forward that information to the SHPO for their review.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), the Corps of Engineers is consulting, under separate cover, with the USFWS to evaluate any potential impacts to: Indiana bat (E) *Myotis sodalis*, northern long-eared bat (PE) *Myotis septentrionalis*, Karner blue butterfly (E) *Lycaeides melissa samuelis*, Kirtland's warbler (E) *Setophaga kirtlandii*, piping plover (E) *Charadrius melodus*, rayed bean (E) *Villosa fabalis*, eastern prairie fringed orchid (T) *Platanthera leucophaea*, rufa red knot (PT) *Calidris canutus rufa*, eastern massasauga (C) *Sistrurus catenatus*, and to ensure that the proposed activity is not likely to jeopardize their continued existence or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat.

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 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.

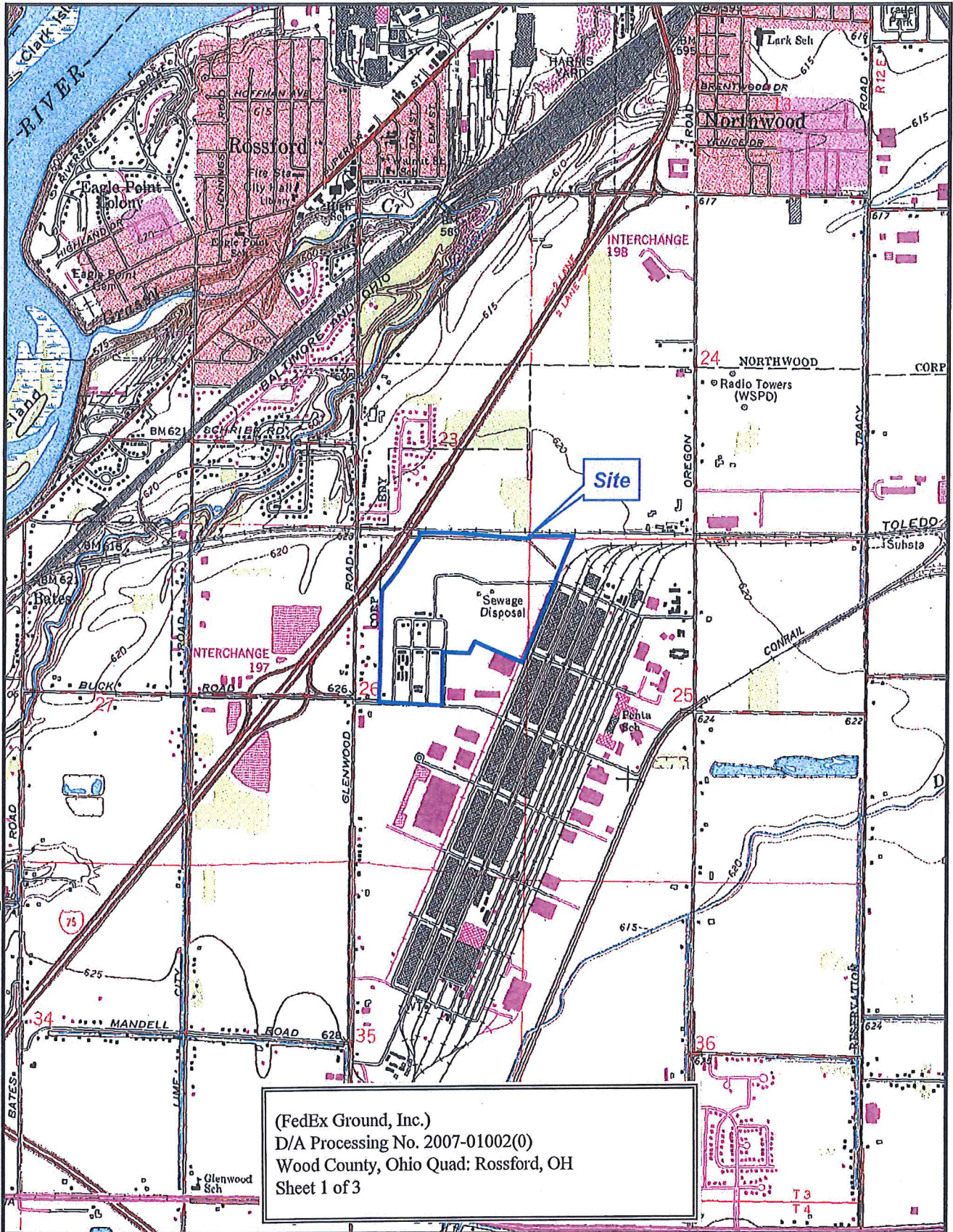
The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits 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.

SIGNED

Diane C. Kozlowski
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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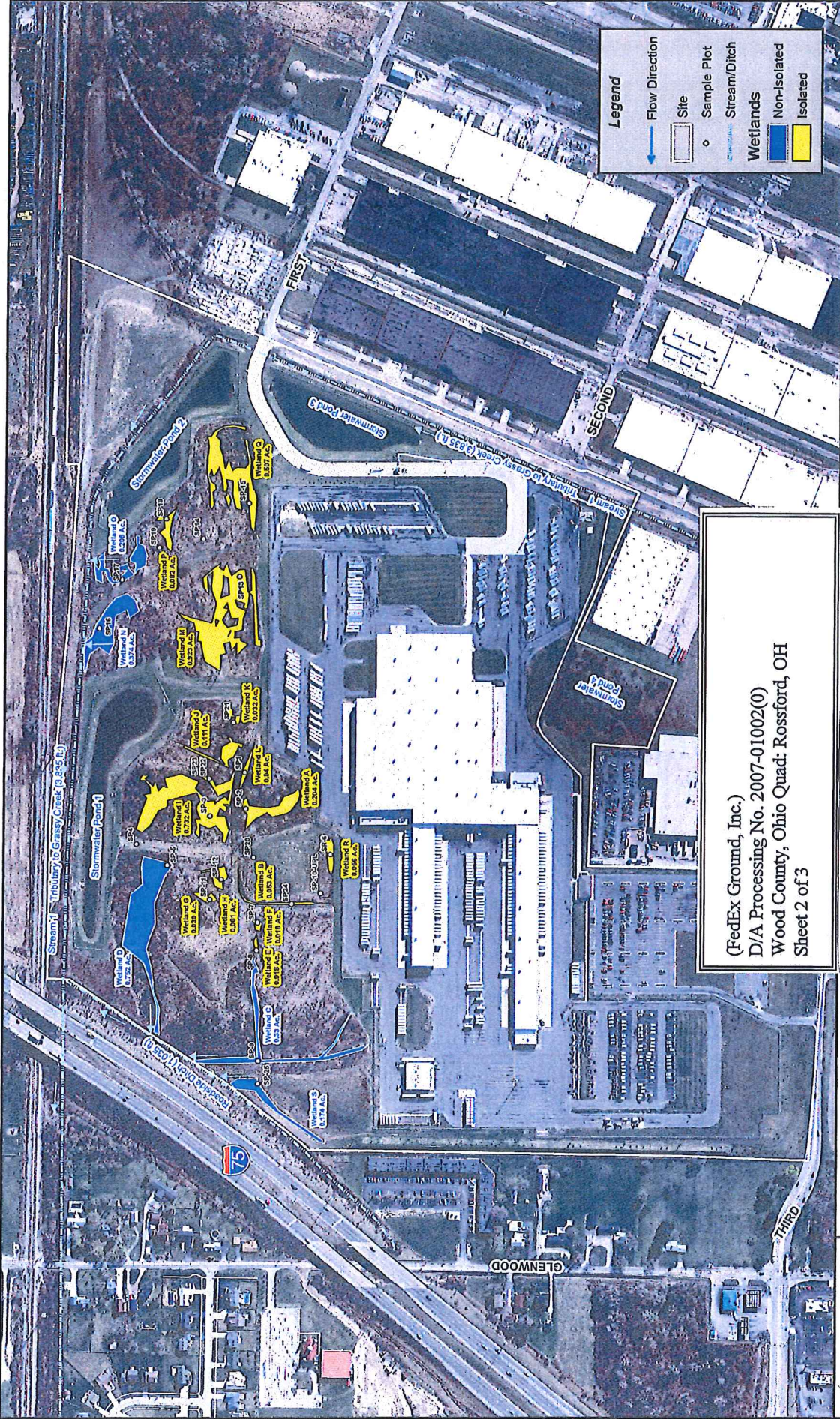
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Figure 1: Site Location
FedEx Ground Site
Perrysburg Township, Wood County, Ohio

Notes
 USGS Quadrangle, 7.5' Series Topographic
 Rosford, OH 1965 Revised 1980

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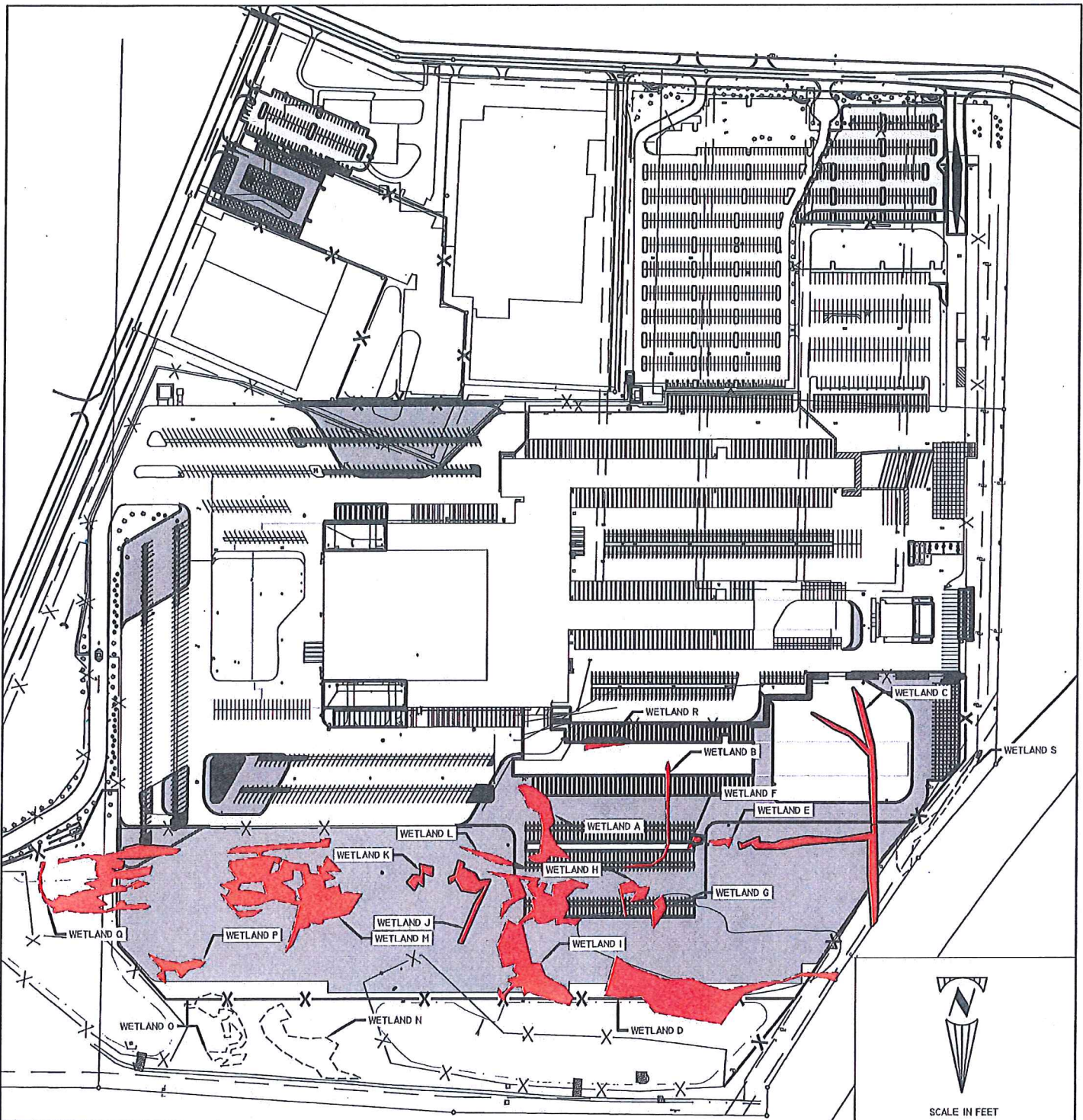
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Notes: The photography, dated April 2010, is provided by Michael Stibben, Wood County Auditor, as part of the Wood County Auditor's GIS.

Figure 3: Surface Water Delineation
 FedEx Ground Site
 Perrysburg Township, Wood County, Ohio



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SCALE IN FEET

350 175 0 350 700
1"=350'

- PROPOSED EXPANSION
- IMPACTED WETLANDS

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MINIMAL DEGRADATION ALTERNATIVE

DATE: JUNE 2014
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REVISION: MTB

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