

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW
LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM**

Project Number: ER-17045

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Project Description:

New culvert installation under a new eastern extension of Taxiway A over Ditch 3 (an unnamed tributary of Johnson Ditch) and related new construction of T-Hangars northwest of their current location, and replacement of a runway culvert conveying Ditch 3, Griffith-Merrillville Airport

Location of Project: Merrillville, IN

Send comments to the following no later than June 25, 2013:

Federal Consistency Review Coordinator, Environmental Unit
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
402 West Washington Street, Room W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Electronic mail: environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov

Copies of the request, accompanying information and data are available for inspection at the following location:

Environmental Unit
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Subject: Griffith-Merrillville Airport Ditch 3
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2013 4:31:31 PM
Attachments: [G-M Airport_ScopeofWork_ Exhibit.pdf](#)
[Griffith-Merrillville Airport Project Vicinity Map-Exhibit 2.pdf](#)
[Griffith-Merrillville Airport Project Location Map-Exhibit 1.pdf](#)

Hello-IDNR

Thanks for your recent correspondence regarding the Ditch 2 culvert replacement and ditch cleaning at Griffith-Merrillville Airport. Our client is now pursuing another project at the airport that will require a USACE permit. The project involves an extension of Taxiway A to make a connecting link between the western side of the airport to the existing airport apron. Culverting of Ditch 3 under the new taxiway extension will be required. Additionally, the culvert conveying Ditch 3 under the runway will be replaced. When the new taxiway is extended further east, new T-Hangars will be built northwest of their current location. Ditch Three is a tributary to Johnson Ditch (a tributary to the Little Calumet River) and the airport is located 7.5 miles south of Lake Michigan in Lake County, Indiana.

Please review your records and let us know if there are any listed species in the project area or if you have any other concerns. This email is also requesting a federal coastal zone consistency review for the project. It is our judgment that *the proposed activity complies with Indiana's approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program*. Further, we do not believe that this project is within a floodway or floodplain and *we do not believe that the project requires a permit under the Flood Control Act, IC 14-28-1*. The drainage area leading to the ditch and culvert being considered for improvement is less than the statutory threshold of one square mile under IC 14-28-1.

Please find attached a location map, vicinity map, and site plan for the project area. Thank you-we look forward to your response.

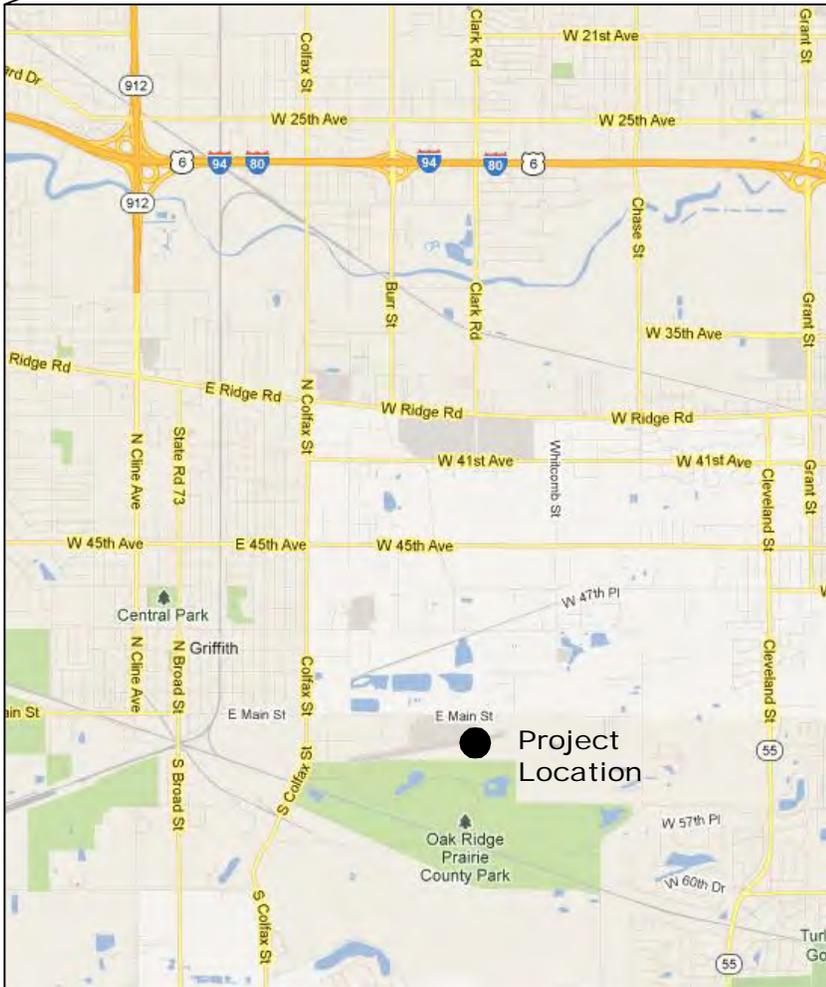
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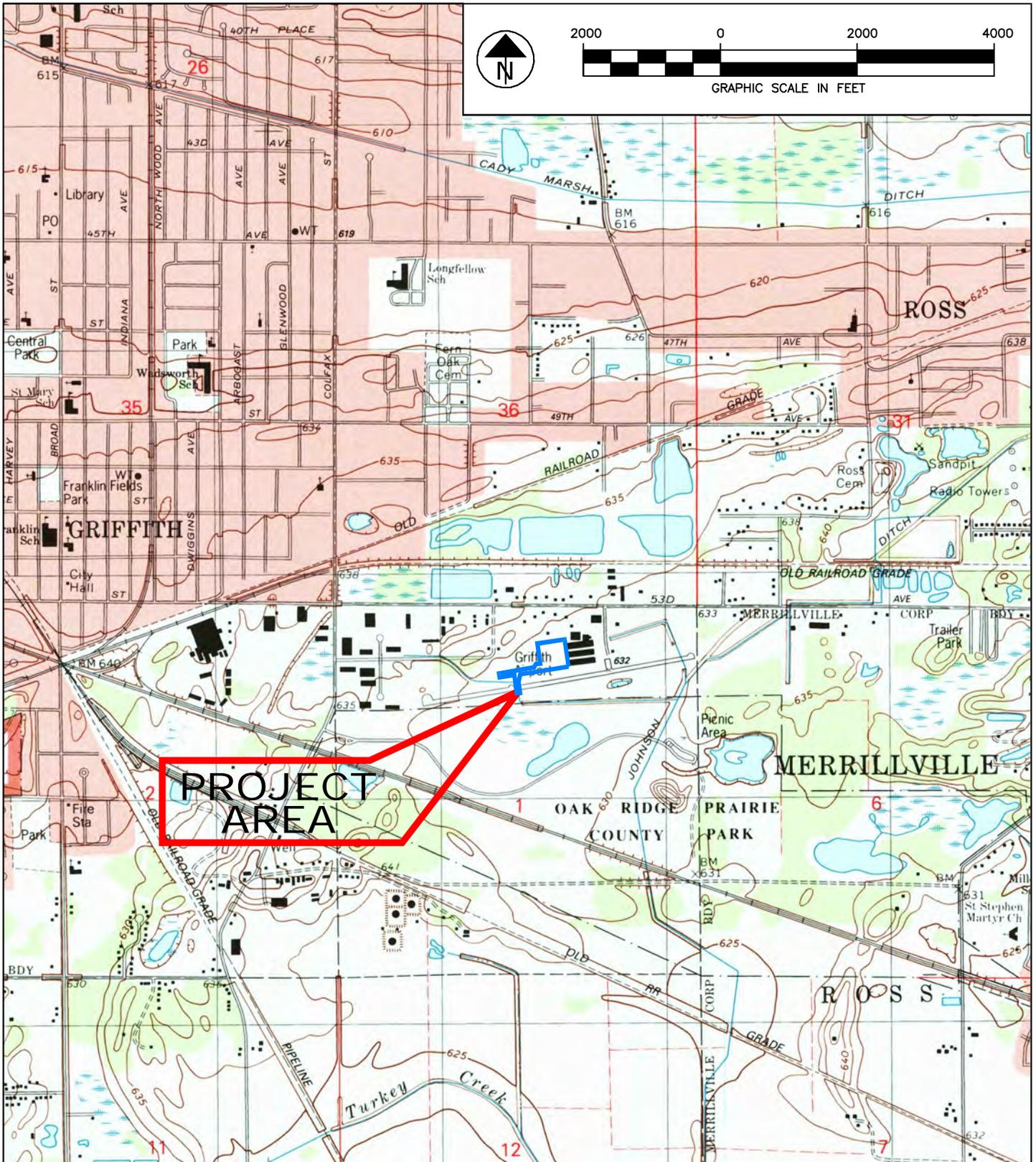
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Project Location Map Exhibit 1

GRIFFITH-MERRILLVILLE AIRPORT
DITCH 3 NEW CULVERT AND REPLACEMENT



USGS Highland, Indiana



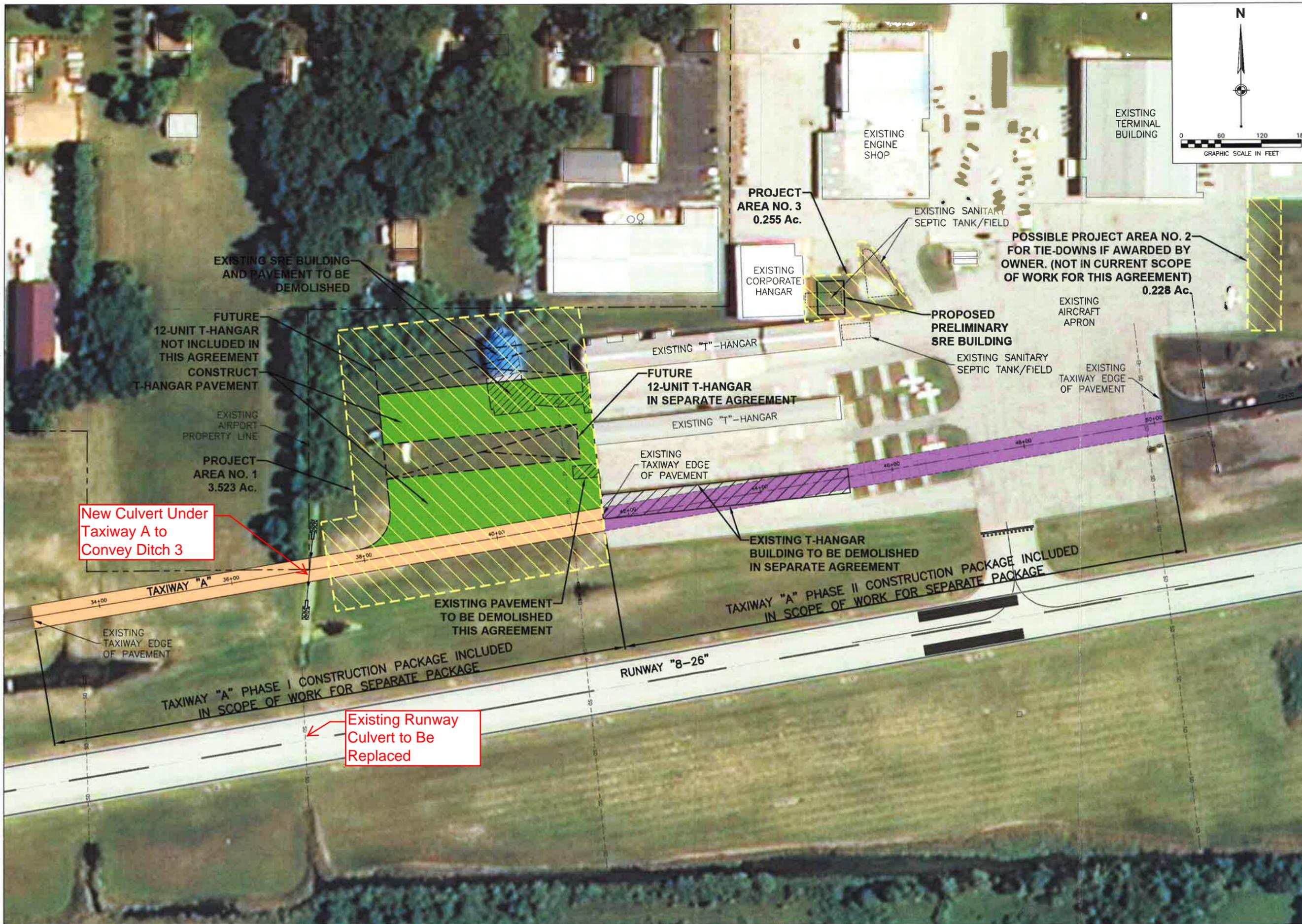
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**Project Vicinity Map
 Exhibit 2**

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New Culvert Under Taxiway A to Convey Ditch 3

Existing Runway Culvert to Be Replaced

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