



Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Office of Water Quality

Waterways Section

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Closing Date:
September 21, 2026

Corps of Engineers ID Number:
LRE-2023-00699-146

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

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| 1. Applicant: | Josh Long
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
402 W. Washington St
Indianapolis, IN, 46204 | 2. Agent: | Brad Shoger
KCI Technologies
7102 Lakeview Parkway Drive W
Indianapolis, IN, 46268 |
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| 3. Project Location: | 3855 S 1100 W, Westville, IN, 46391
Latitude: 41.550362
Longitude: -86.922941 |
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| 4. Affected Waterbodies: | Approximately 8.65 acres (ac) of emergent wetland, 7.30 ac of scrub-shrub wetland, and 5.31 ac of forested wetland will be permanently impacted for vegetation alterations such as invasives removal and supplemental planting of natives. Approximately 4,746.2 linear feet (lft) of intermittent Wright Arm Ditch will be permanently impacted for the replacement of an existing culvert (removal of 30.4 lft structure and replacing with 18.3 lft structure, with 12.1 lft of encapsulated stream being daylit) and relocation of 7,715.8 lft ditched stream to 5,530.8 of a naturalized channel for an increase of 815 lft in stream length. Approximately 55.4 lft of an ephemeral unnamed tributary (UNT) to Wright Arm Ditch will be permanently impacted for the placement of natural bank stabilization materials. |
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| 5. Project Description: | This project is being completed through the Indiana Stream and Wetland Mitigation program (IN SWMP). Bluhm County Park currently owns the property. The project will re-meander the stream- which is currently ditched to a straight line- stabilize banks, reconnect the stream with its floodplain, establish wetlands, and improve the quality of existing wetlands. The old stream channel will be filled in places and some wetland impacts will occur in a few locations where the meander of the new channel will intersect the existing wetland.
For additional information visit the Regulatory ePortal at: https://waterquality.idem.in.gov |
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Comment Period: Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

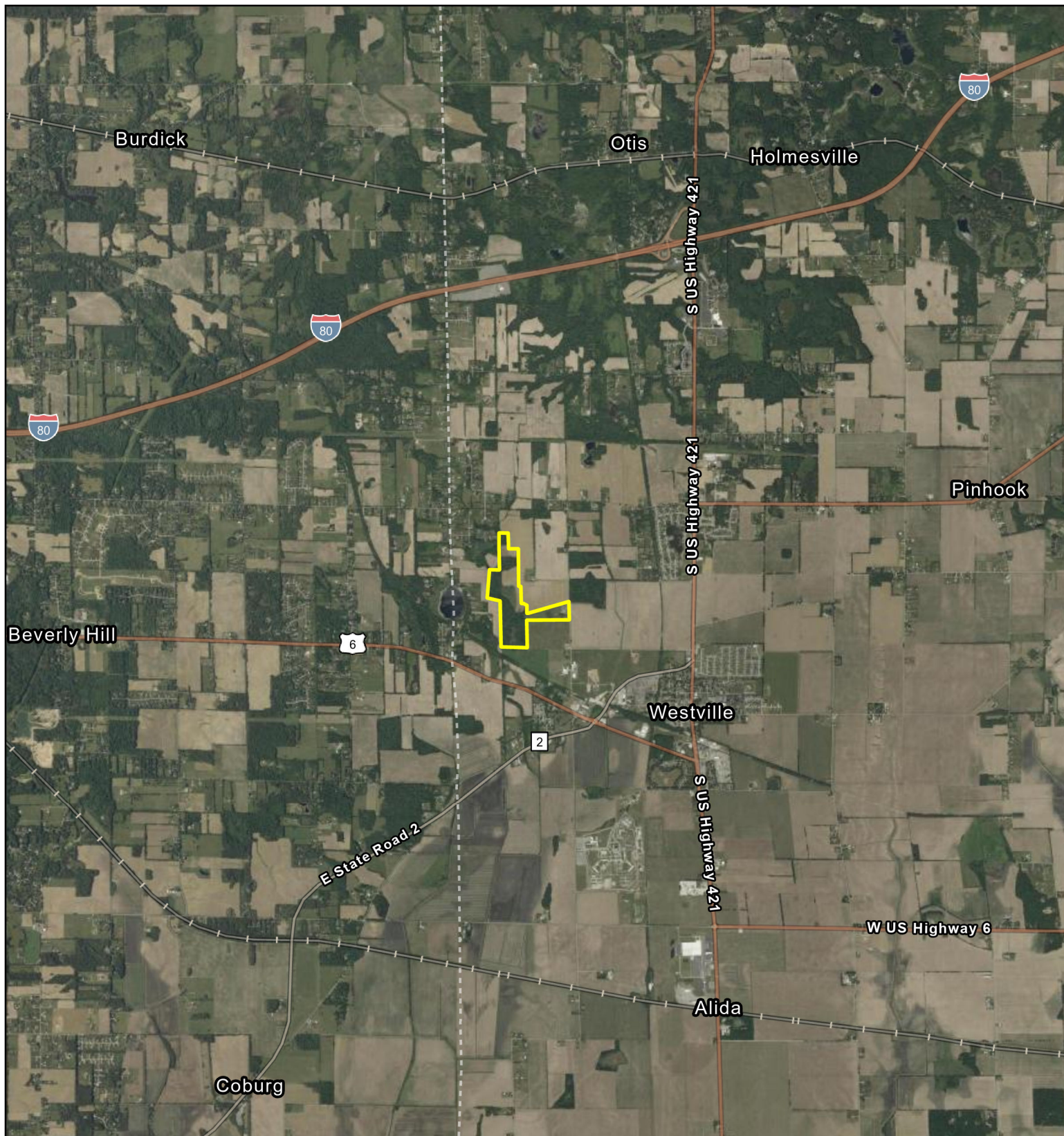
Public Hearing: Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Questions?

You can view application documents on IDEM's Regulatory ePortal website. Go to waterquality.idem.in.gov. Once there, click on the box that says "Site Map Explorer". This will open a new browser tab. In the "Search" box on the left, type "Bluhm County Park Stream and Wetland Restoration Site", then click on the site when it shows up underneath the search box. The box will expand and show information about the site. Under the "Documents" tab in this box, you'll be able to find and download documents related to the project.

Submit requests for additional information and written comments to WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov. In the subject line of the email, please include the IDEM ID Number listed in the top right corner of the first page of this public notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Comments and inquiries may also be forwarded to -

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100 North Senate Avenue, IGCN 1255
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251



**Bluhm County Park
Stream and Wetland Restoration**

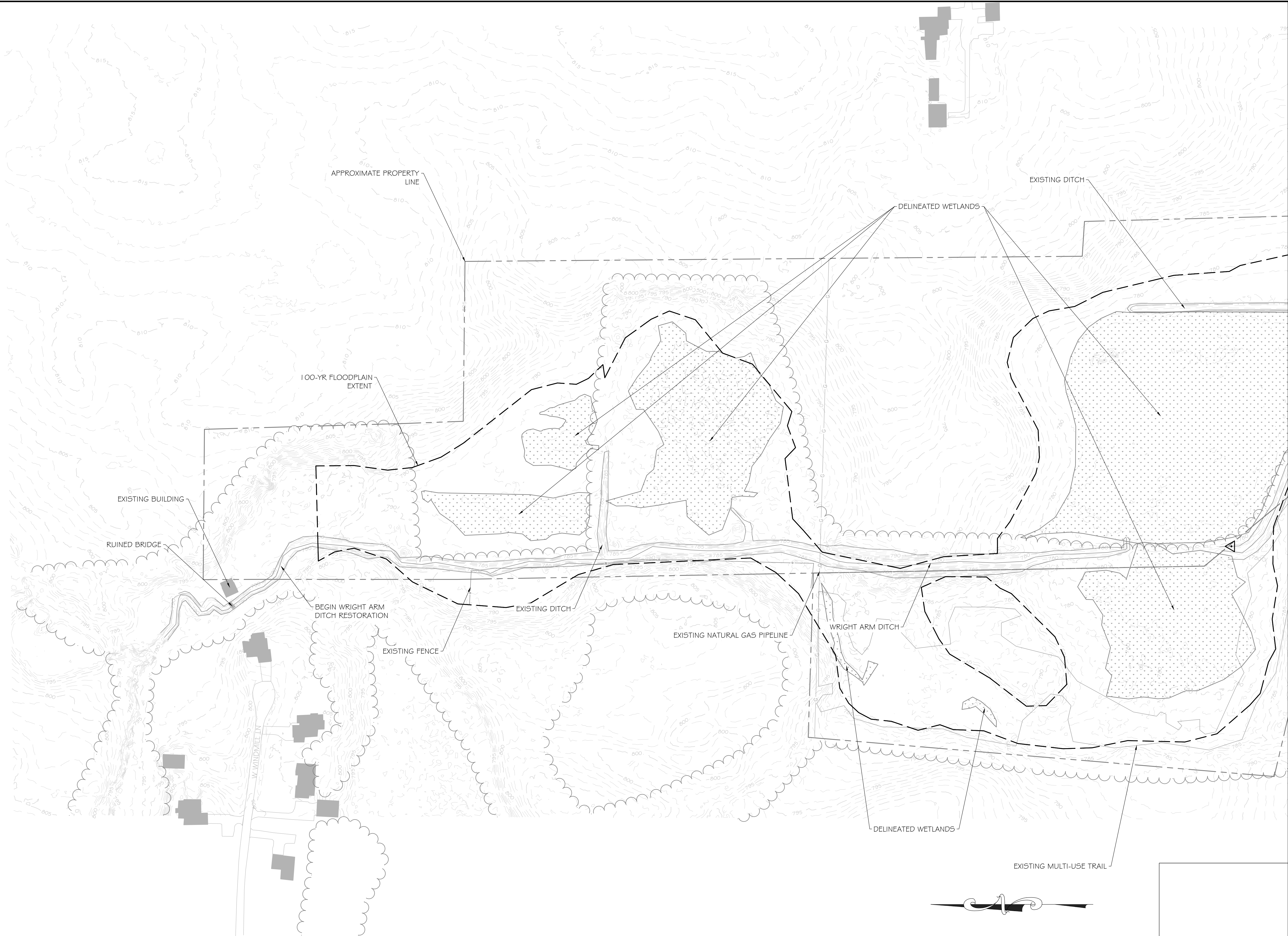
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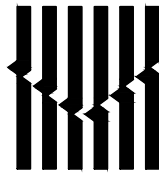
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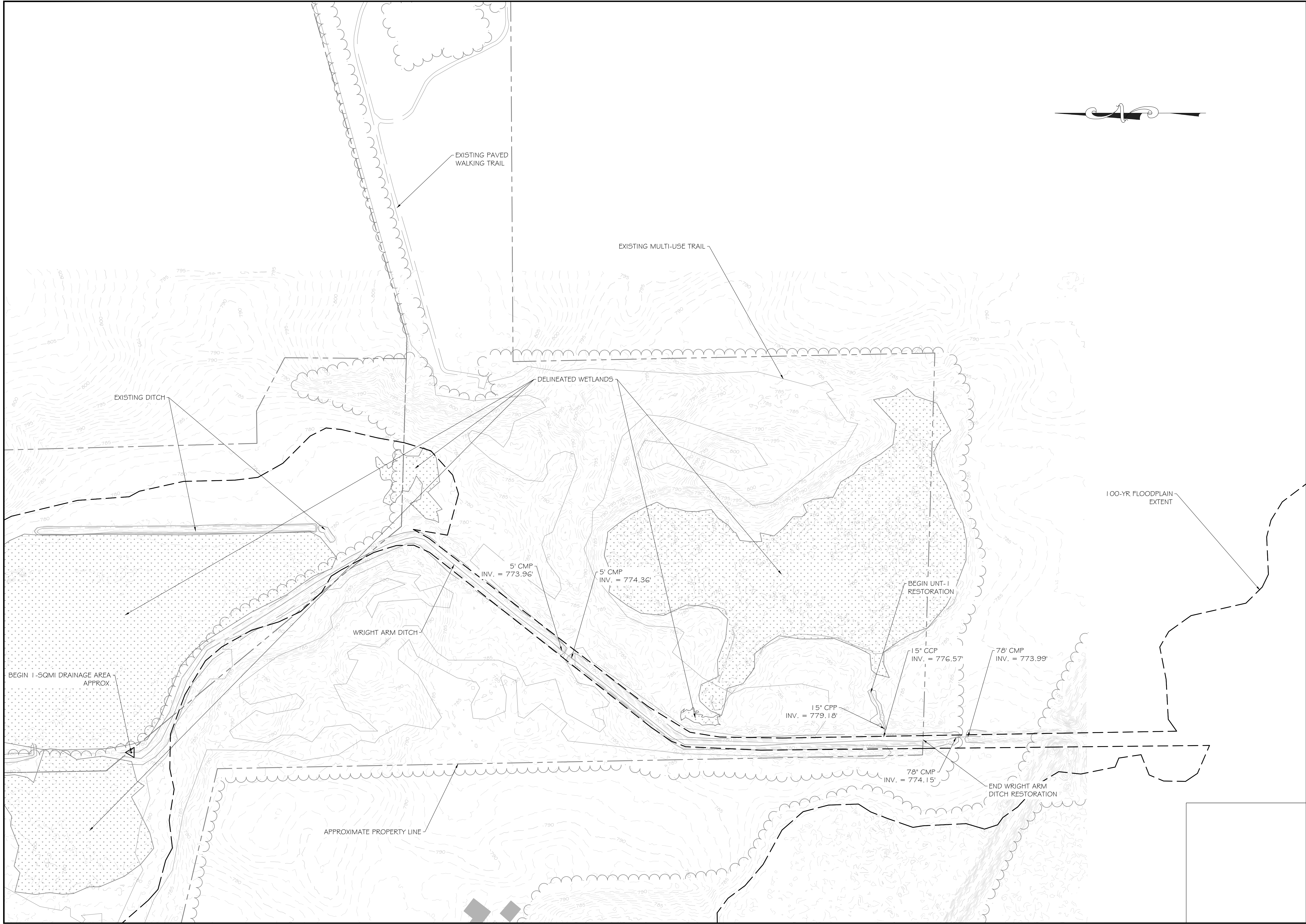
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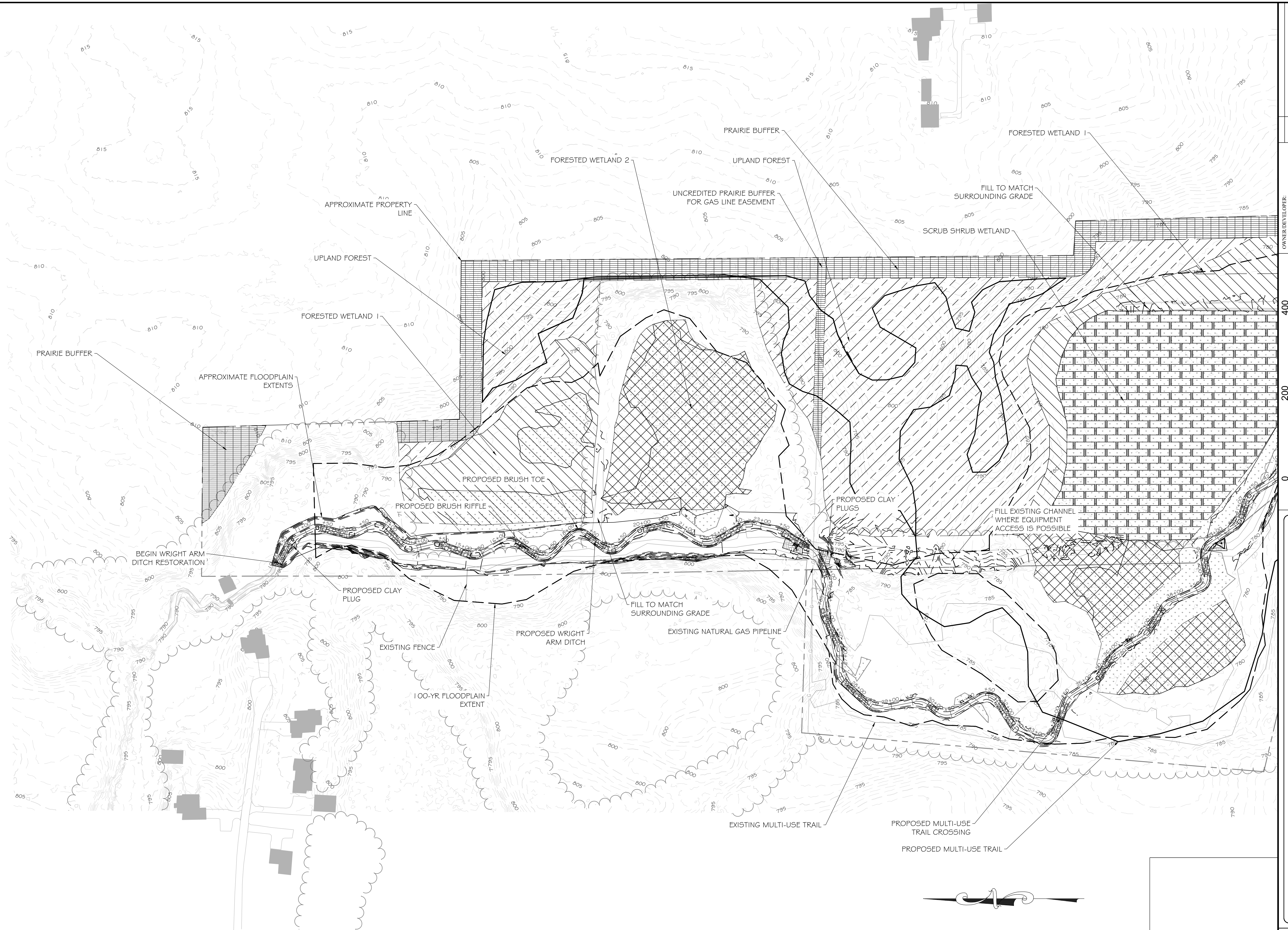




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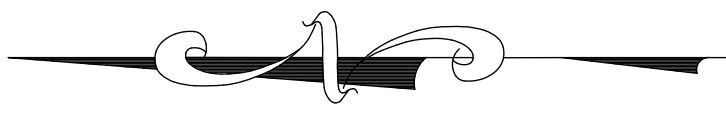
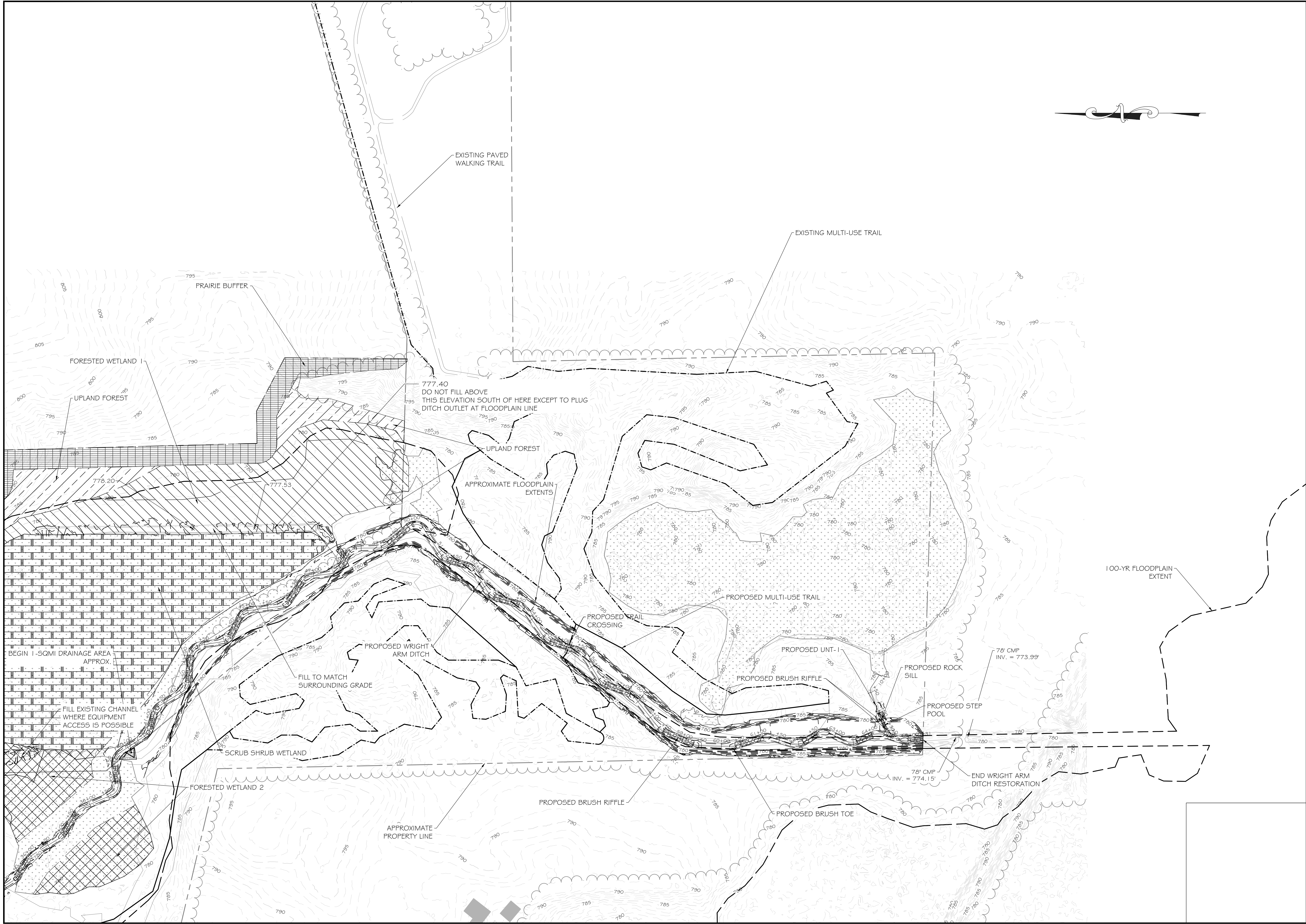
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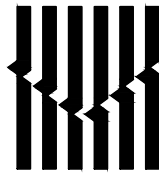
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