



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Seattle District



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Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

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SEA Program
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Coordinator

Public Notice Date: September 29, 2008
Expiration Date: October 28, 2008

Reference No.: NWS-2006-1445-NQ
Name: Bellingham, Port of

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: Port of Bellingham
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AGENT: Port of Bellingham.
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LOCATION: Project is in unnamed tributaries of Silver Creek and Airport Creek, and abutting and adjacent wetlands, at Bellingham International Airport, Whatcom County, Washington.

WORK: Fill 8.9 acres of wetlands and approximately 0.16 of an acre of tributary channels over a 20-year period.

PURPOSE: Support expansion of airport facilities and construct airport dependant light industrial developments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – The applicant proposes to fill and culvert 3,486 linear feet of tributaries (ditches) and fill 8.90 acres of wetlands over a 20-year period in six development areas consistent with the Bellingham International Airport Master Plan Update adopted in 2005. Immediate fill will occur in areas 4, 10, and 14 for expansion of airport facilities (hangars, parking areas, rental car lots, etc.). Additional fill will be placed on an "as needed" basis for airport dependant light industrial developments as verified by signed leases.

MITIGATION: Applicant has provided information verifying the immediate and future demand for additional space at the airport. Project impacts have been constrained to that portion of the airport property that has already undergone significant development. Fill will only occur when property has been leased, reducing temporal loss of wetland functions. Mitigation will occur at an off-site location in the Silver Creek basin and will be constructed in advance of a majority of the wetland fill. To compensate for impacts to wetlands, tributaries, and buffers, the applicant has proposed the establishment of 9.30 acres of wetlands, of wetlands, enhancement of 9.49 acres of wetlands, rehabilitation of 16.99 acres of associated buffers, and enhancement of 2.66 acres of buffers. Sheets 16 and 17 of the attached drawing set provide details of the mitigation work.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area.

If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The proposed work is of such a limited nature and extent that little likelihood exists for the project to impinge upon an unrecorded historic property. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

PUBLIC HEARING: 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 public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION - CORPS: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, 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 those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain 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 is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. 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.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

EVALUATION - ECOLOGY: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments; State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: The proposed airport development area is outside of Shoreline Management Act jurisdiction. An application for a Shorelines Substantial Development Permit will be made to Whatcom County for the proposed mitigation work.

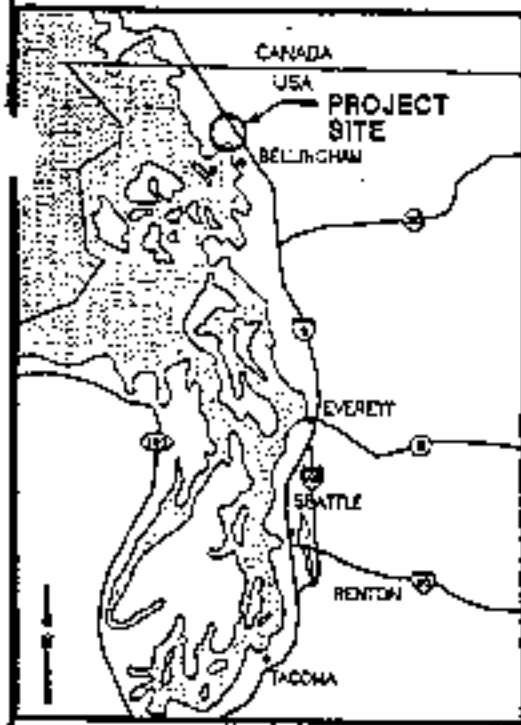
COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

Corps comments: All e-mail comments should be sent to randel.j.perry@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attn: Randel Perry, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755.

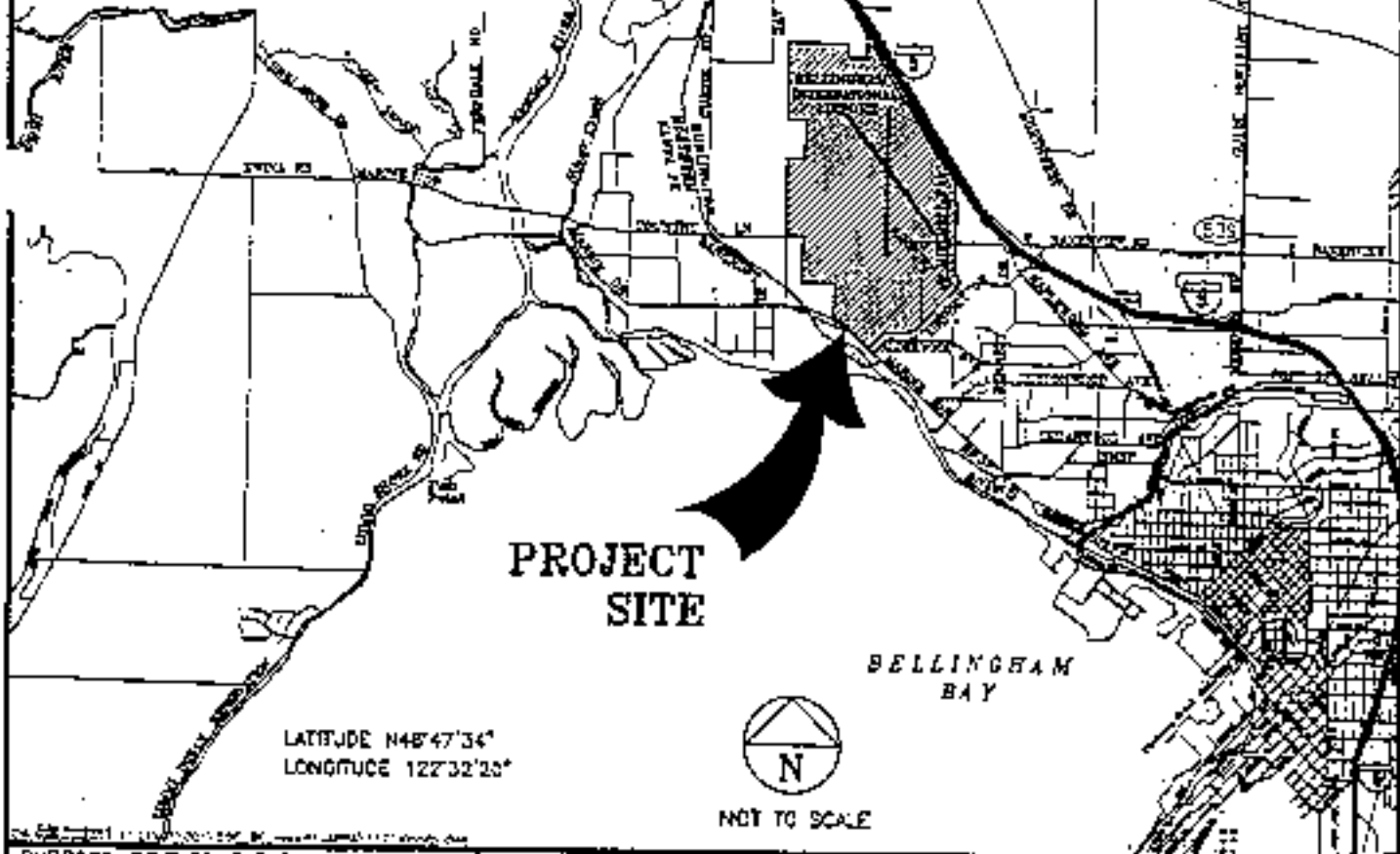
Ecology Comments: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Department of Ecology, Attn: SEA program - Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecy.fedpermits@ecw.wa.gov

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Bellingham, Port of, NWS-2006-1446-NO

Encl: Figures (17)



LOCATION MAP



PURPOSE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO MEET PRESENT AND FUTURE DEMAND FOR GENERAL AVIATION, AIRPORT OPERATIONS AND LIGHT IMPACT INDUSTRIAL USES ON EAST SIDE BELLINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROPERTIES

TUM: 1927 WASHINGTON STATE PLANE NORTH ZONE

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS: (SEE ATTACHED LIST)

Corps Ref# NWS-2006-1446-130

REGIONAL LOCATION MAP

BLI BELLINGHAM LANDSIDE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN

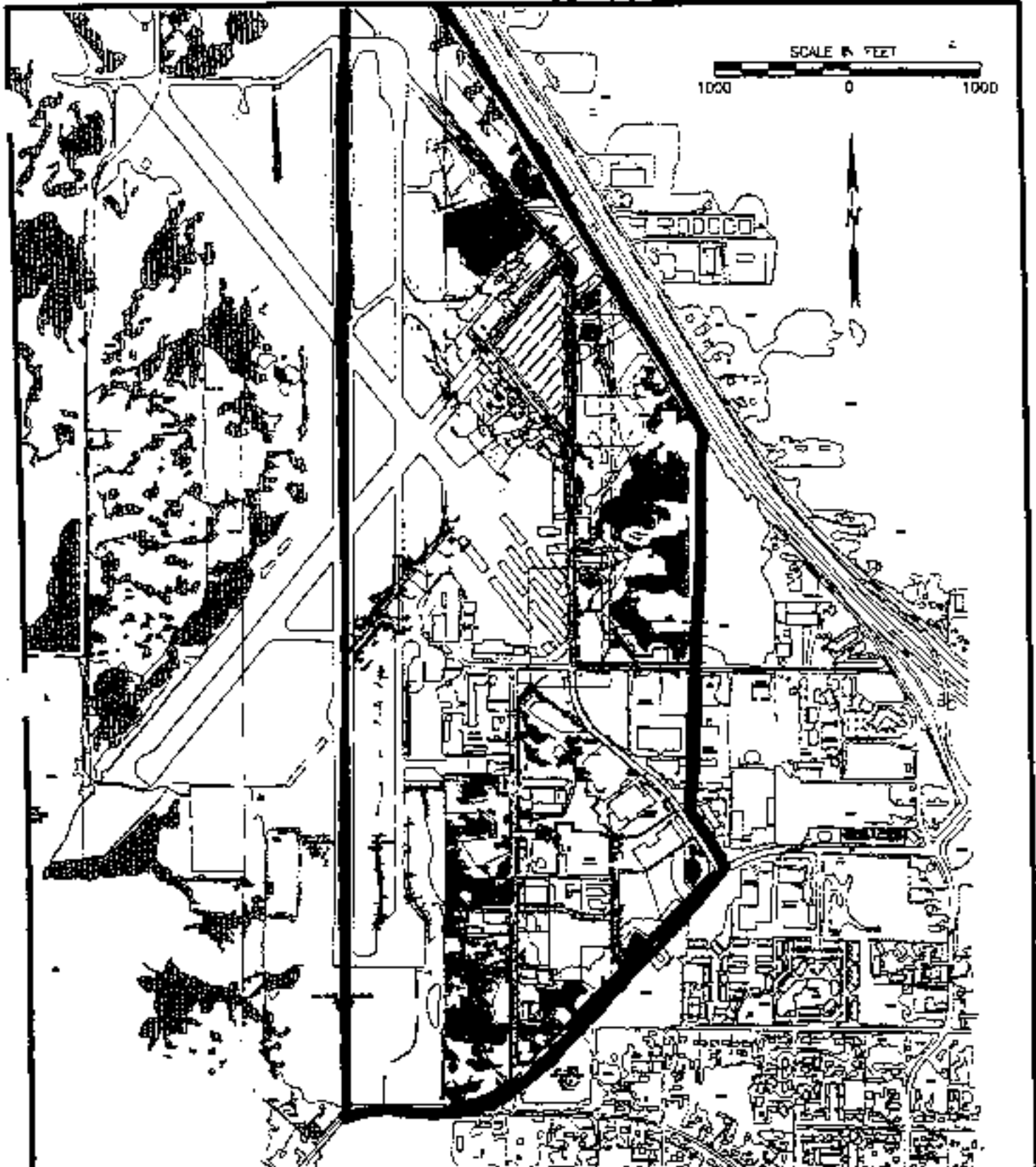
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IN: 5/A
AT NORTHWEST OF CITY OF BELLINGHAM
COUNTY OF WHATCOM
APPLICATION BY: PORT OF BELLINGHAM
SHEET 1 OF 17


DATE: Nov 1997



PURPOSE: AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

LEGEND:

 WETLAND

 Eastside
Development
DATELINE Area

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:

1. PORT OF BELLINGHAM
2. SEE ATTACHED LIST

BELLINGHAM AIRPORT PROPERTY

NW3-2006-1446-N0

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SHEET 2 OF 17 DATE: NOV 2007

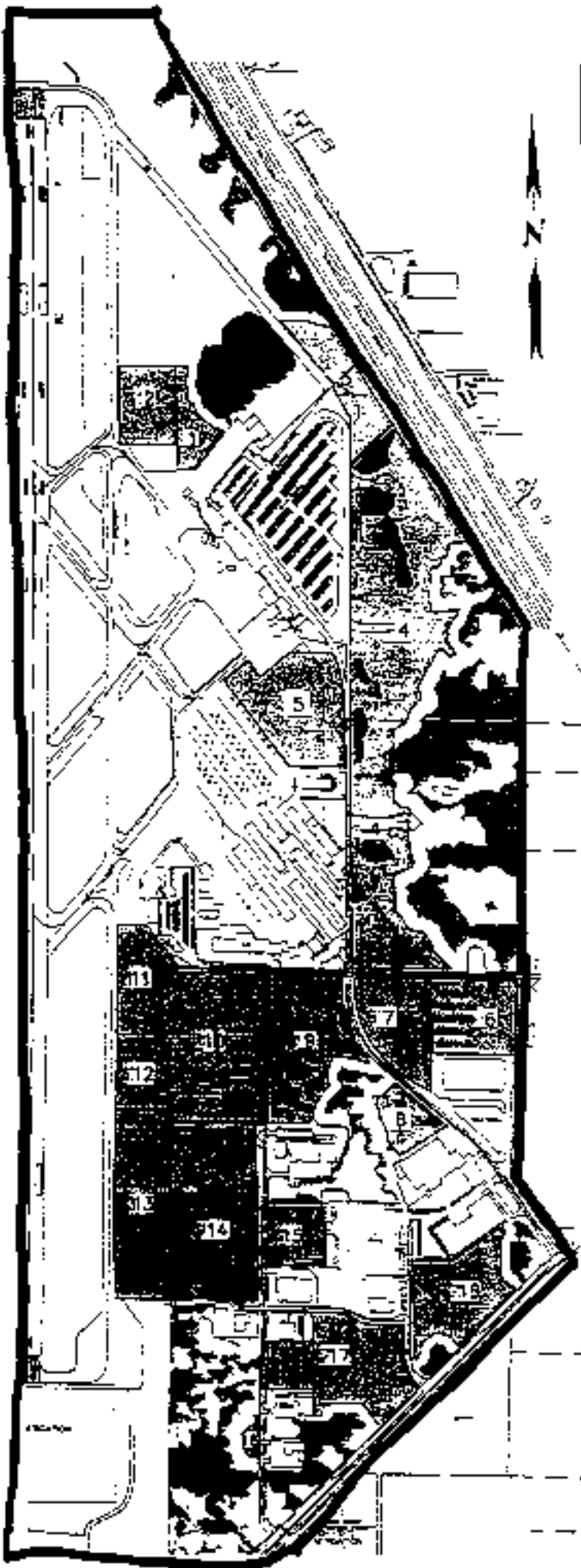


Table of Proposed Wetland Fill
(Ultrack and Indirect)
Excl. State
(Address by Development Area = 100)

LOCATION	TOTAL MIL. AREA
DA 1	110,255.29
DA 2	3,024.97
DA 3	43,280.41
DA 4	202,869.87
DA 5	1,514.88
DA 6	1,204.25
DA 7	517,701.47
TOTAL (DA 1-7)	8,300.44

LEGEND

- AO Airport Operations
- LI Light Impact Industrial
- Zoning Boundary
- Wetlands
- Wetland Fill
- Proposed Development Areas

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DEVELOPMENT AREA MAP
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 IN: N/A
 AT: NORTHWEST CO. CITY OF BELLINGHAM
 COUNTY OF: WHATCOM
 APPLICATION BY: PORT OF BELLINGHAM
 SHEET 3 OF 7 DATE: NOV 2007

WETLAND AREAS

SHEET NO.	DEVELOPED AREA	WETLAND NAME	FILL AREA		INDIRECT IMPACTS	
			SQ FT	ACRE	SQ FT	ACRE
5	9	WL4(BA)	37,498	0.86		
5	17	WL7(BD)	3,297	0.08		
11	17	WL8(BE)	2,128	0.05		
11	17	WL9(BF)	3,184	0.07		
5, 9	9	WL13(BG)	10,563	0.24		
9, 10	8	WL11(BH)	3,035	0.07		
10	8	WL12(BI)	898	0.02		
7	15	WL16(BV)	1,284	0.03		
10	15	WL17(BN)	1,725	0.04		
10	15	WL18(BO)	1,955	0.04		
7	15	WL19(BP)	600	0.01		
8	9	WL20(BQ)	721	0.02		
12, 13	4	WL23(CAB)	5,108	0.12	12,212	0.28
14, 15	4	WL26(CD)	19,502	0.45		
14	4	WL28(CF)	39,048	0.90		
12	4	WL30(CG)	14,153	0.32		
13	4	WL31(CH)	7,333	0.17		
13	4	WL32(CI)	13,520	0.31		
12	4	WL33(CJ)	3,078	0.07		
12	4	WL34(CK)	6,155	0.14		
5, 7	14	WL75(JA)	165,721	3.81		
7	14	WL76(JB)	5,920	0.14		
7	14	WL77(JC)	1,723	0.04		
7	14	WL78(JD)	28,090	0.64		
7	14	WL79(JE)	1,515	0.03		
TOTAL			376,234	8.62	12,212	0.28

CULVERTED DITCHES

SHEET NO	DITCH LINEAR FEET
5	790
7	681
8	550
11	514
9	44'
TOTAL	3,486

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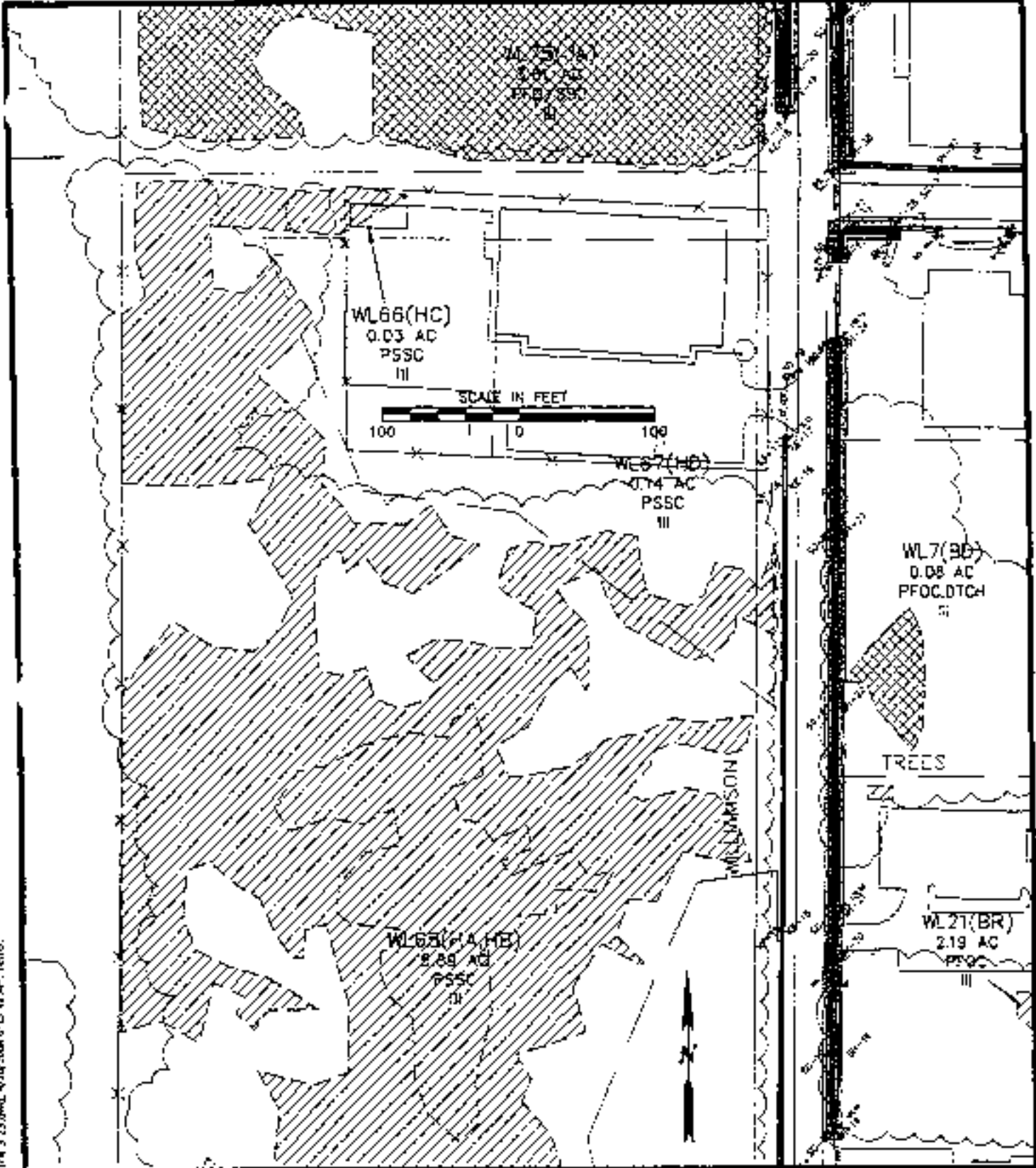
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PURPOSE: AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

LEGEND:

- WETLAND
- FILLED WETLAND
- INDIRECT FILL WETLAND
- DITCH TO BE CULVERTED

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0.21 AC

WL78(JB)
0.55 AC
PSS
II

WL79(JE)
0.03 AC
PSS
III

WL5(BB)
0.09 AC
PFOC, DITCH

WL80(JF)
0.06 AC
PSS
III

WL77(JC)
0.04 AC
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II

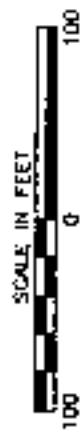
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DITCH DEPPE
IV

WL76(JB)
0.14 AC
PSS
III

WL19(BP)
0.07 AC
DITCH FORESTED
IV

WL75(JA)
0.05 AC
PSS
II

UPLAND
0.785 AC



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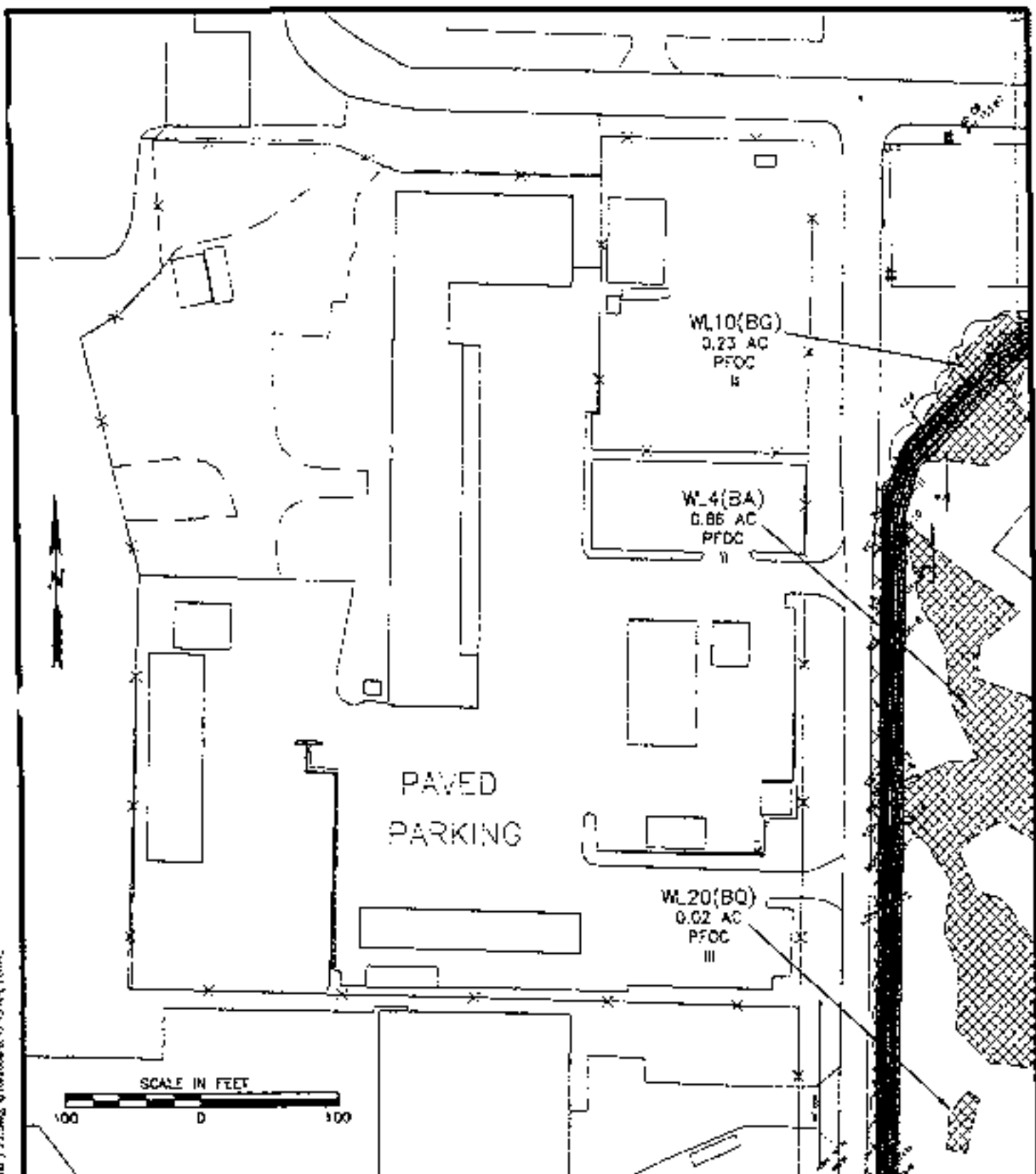
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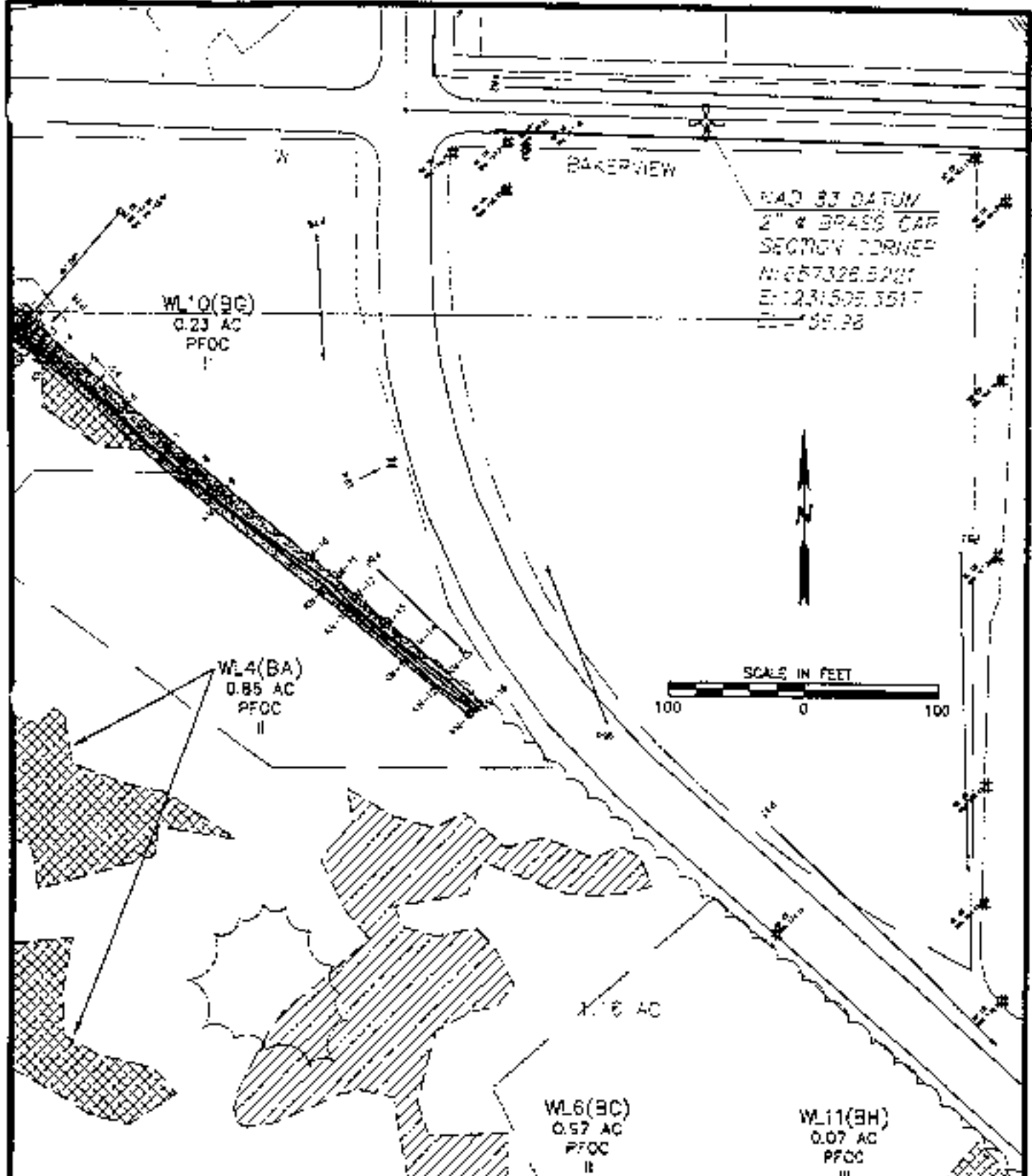
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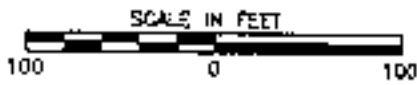
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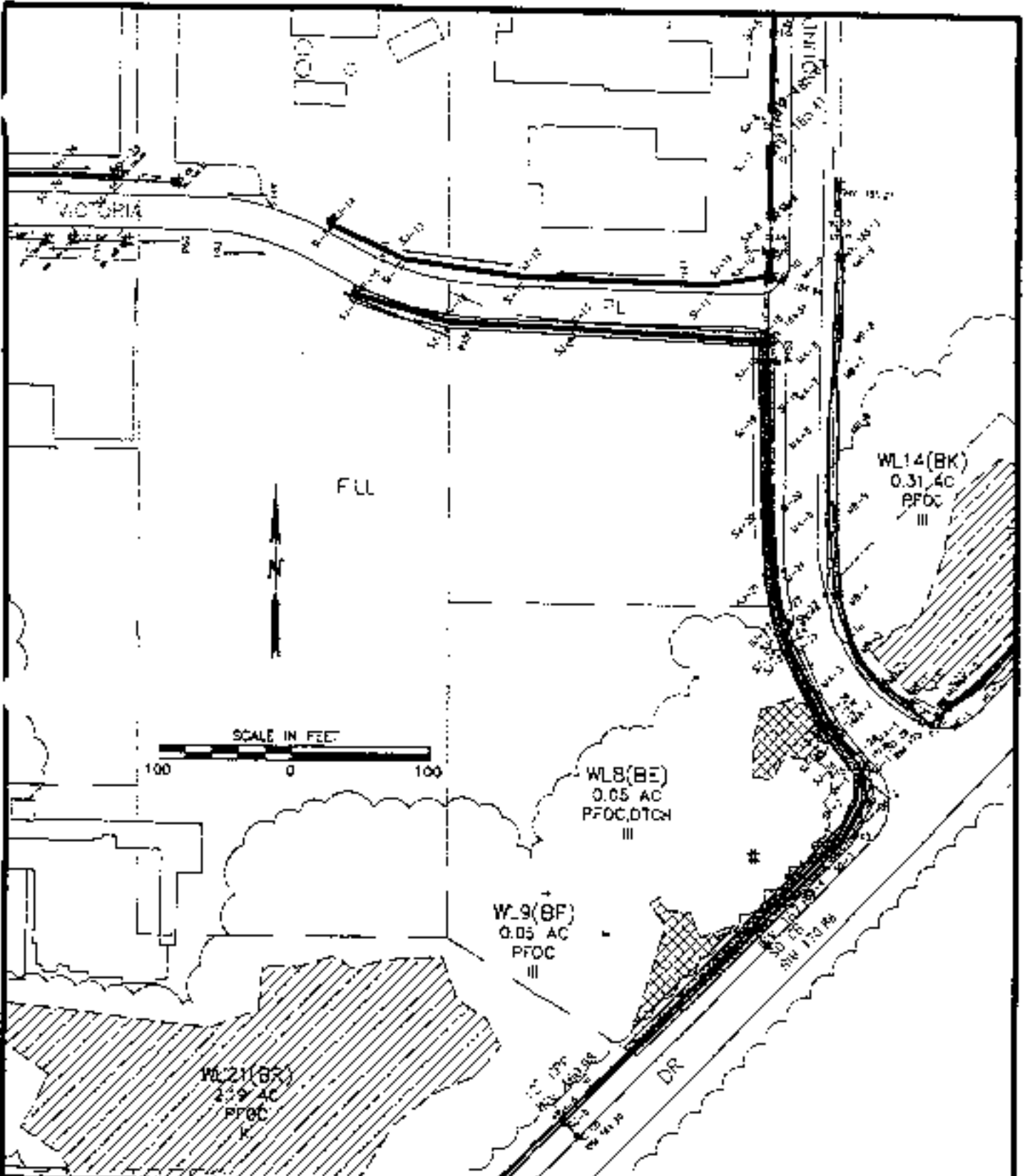
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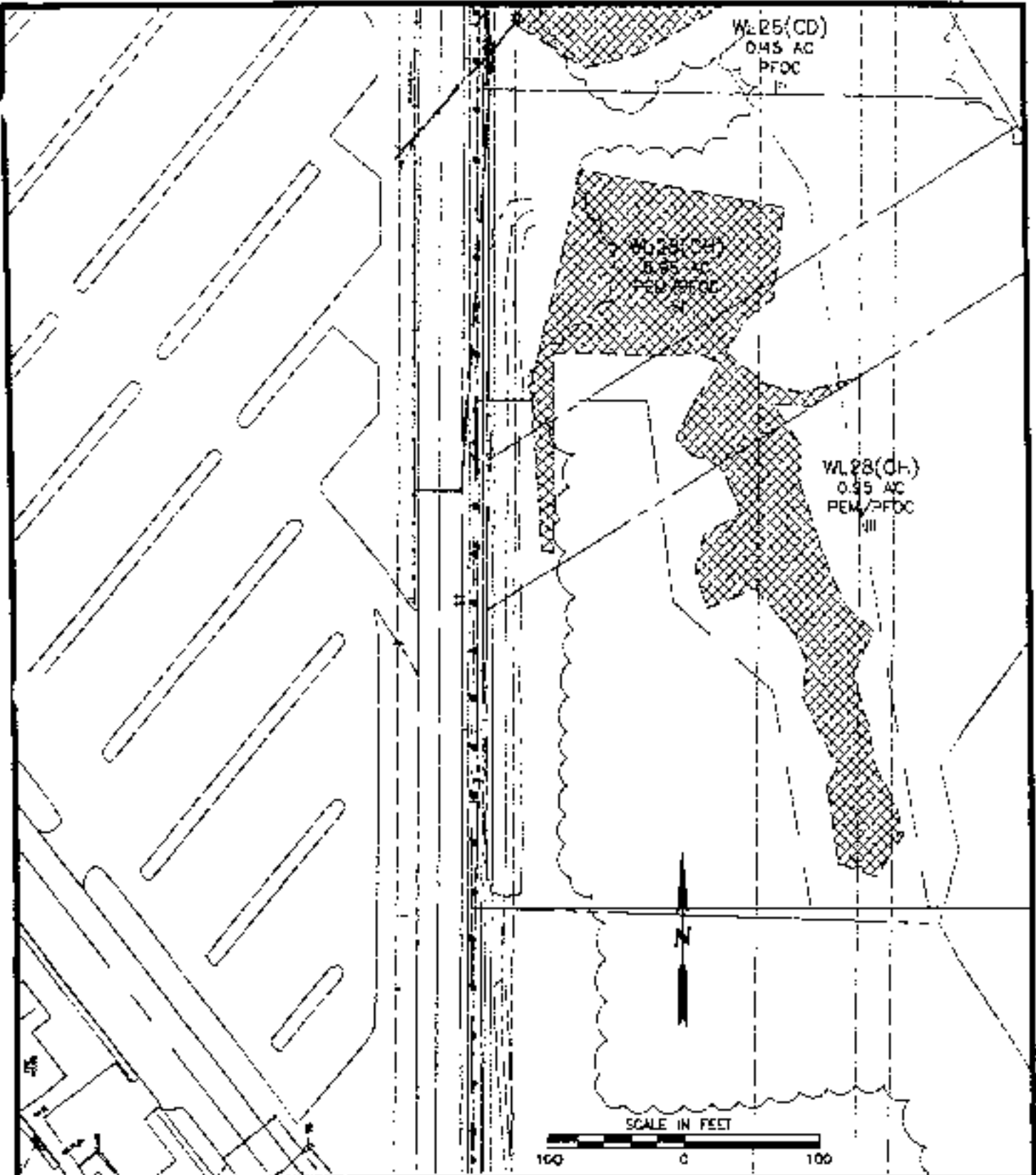
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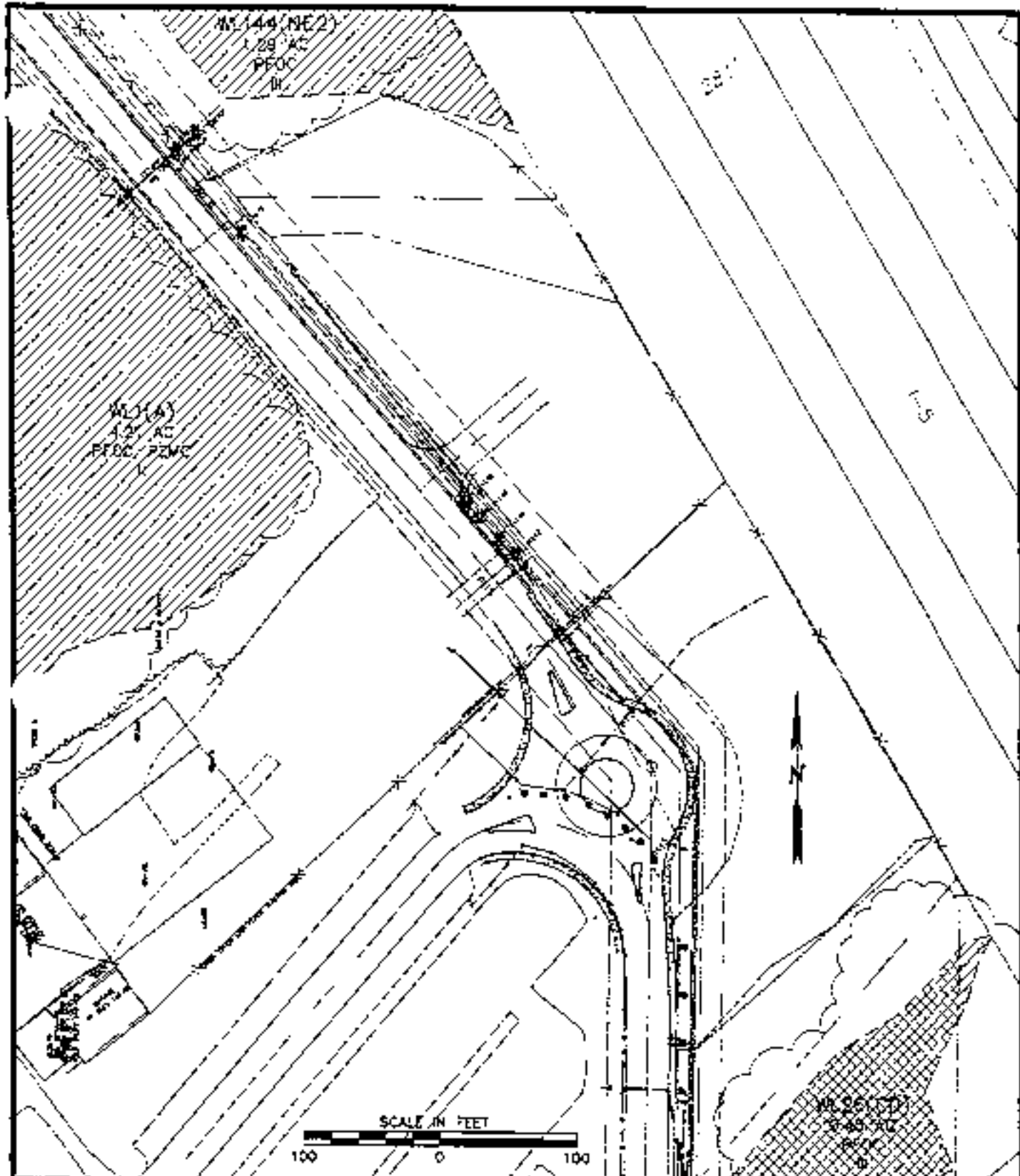
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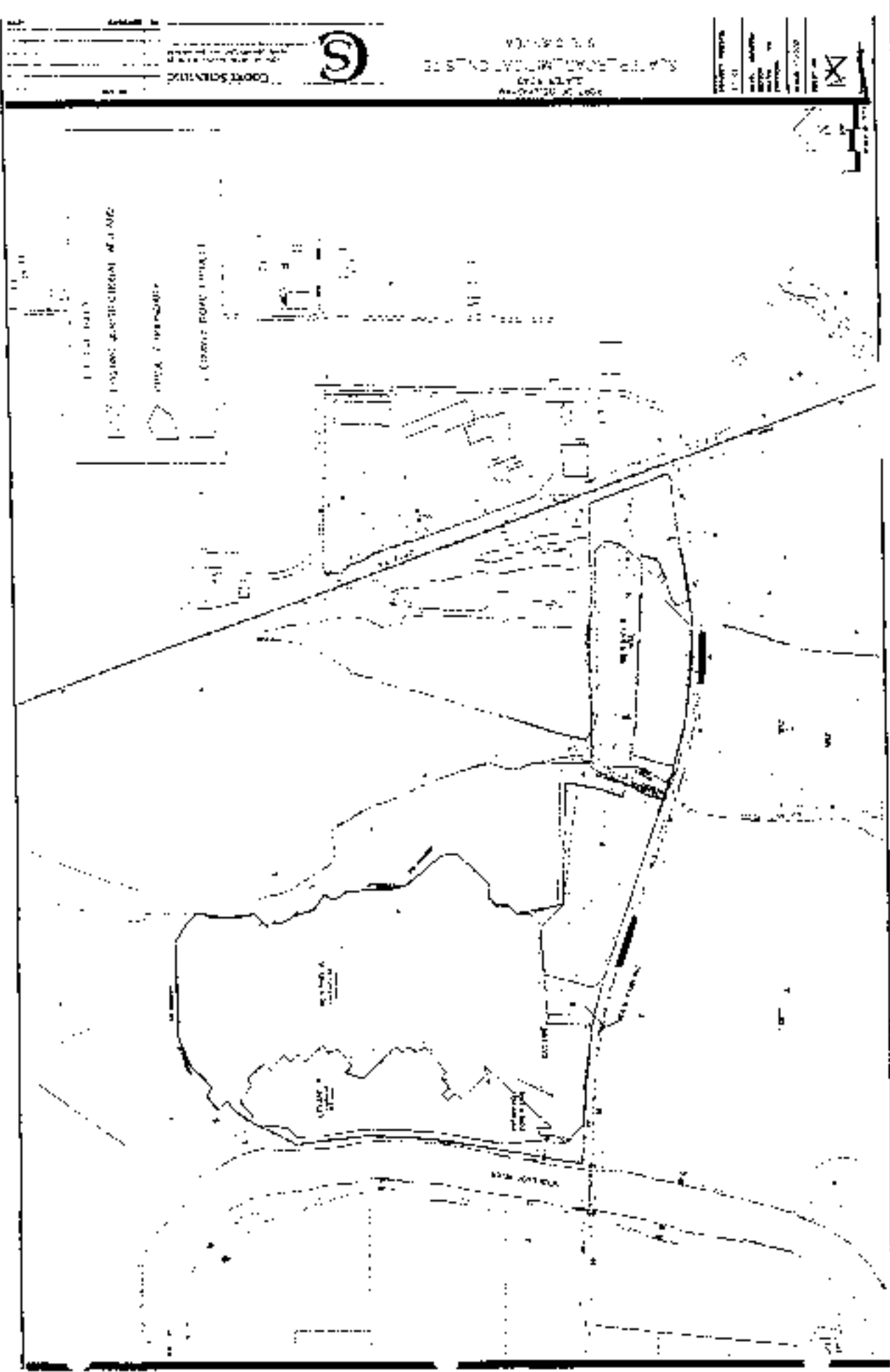


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PROJECT NUMBER
 DATE
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Proposed wetland/stream fill
 Reference: NWS-2006-146-NO
 Purpose: Airport development
 App. By: Port of Bellingham
 For wetlands abutting unimproved streams
 At: Bellingham, Whatcom Co., WA
 Sheet 16 of 17 Date Nov 2007

MITIGATION SITE -- EXISTING CONDITIONS

