



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Seattle District



# 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

US Army Corps of Engineers  
Regulatory Branch  
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Seattle, WA 98124-3755  
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SEA Program  
Post Office Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-7600  
Telephone (360) 407-6068  
Attn: SEA Program, Federal Permit  
Coordinator

Public Notice Date: July 21, 2008  
Expiration Date: August 20, 2008

Reference No.: NWS-2007-1913-NO  
Name: Mohawk Northern Plastics/City  
of Auburn

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Interested parties are hereby notified that all or a portion of the work as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings was performed without specific authorization under Section 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit regulations (33 CFR 320-330) allow District Engineers to make a determination of whether the activity is contrary to the public interest or if the work should be authorized by an after-the-fact permit.

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:** City of Auburn (Representing Mohawk Northern Plastics)  
Department of Planning and Community Development  
25 West Main Street  
Auburn, Washington 98001  
ATTN: Mr. Jeff Dixon  
Telephone: (253) 804-5033

**AGENT:** Grette Associates, LLC  
2102 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A  
Tacoma, Washington 98403  
ATTN: Mr. Jeremy Downs  
Telephone: (253) 573-9300

**LOCATION:** Mohawk Northern Plastics, 701 A Street Northwest, Auburn, Washington 98071

**WORK:** Retain the fill of 1.61 acres of wetland placed in February 2008 without prior authorization by the Corps of Engineers. The 3.07 acre site was filled with crushed concrete and fitted with a temporary stormwater pond. Other work not yet completed (no wetland impacts): Construct 348 linear feet of roadway to connect remnant portions of A Street Northwest and extend stormwater infrastructure northwards to a planned municipal stormwater facility located offsite.

**PURPOSE:** Expand the company's printing capacity of plastic film and plastic packaging.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – The site was filled in order to accommodate a new printing press that will have a capacity of 4,500,000 – 5,000,000 pounds per year. The existing facility has a capacity of up to 13,000,000 pounds per year but is unable to keep up with the growth rate that projects a needed capacity of approximately 16,000,000-19,000,000 pounds per year. The additional production will be outsourced until the company is able to expand.

MITIGATION: Establish 2.01 acres of forested and scrub-shrub wetland off-site at the northeast corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest and West Valley Highway in Auburn, King County, Washington. The site is adjacent to a tributary of Algona Creek.

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.

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 commentor'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 [Amy.S.Klein@usace.army.mil](mailto:Amy.S.Klein@usace.army.mil). Conventional mail comments should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attn: Amy Klein, 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 [ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov)

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Mohawk Northern Plastics/City of Auburn, NWS-2007-1913-NO.

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**PURPOSE:** Construction of Light Industrial Facility

**NAME:** Mohawk Northern Plastics

**REFERENCE #:**

**FILL SITE LOCATION ADDRESS:**  
701 A ST, Auburn, WA 98002

NE, S23, T21N, R04E

**MITIGATION SITE LOCATION ADDRESS:**  
33600 BLK West Valley Highway, Auburn, WA 98002

NE, S13, T21N, R04E

**PROPOSED:** Fill 1.61 acre wetland.

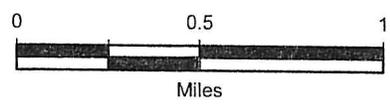
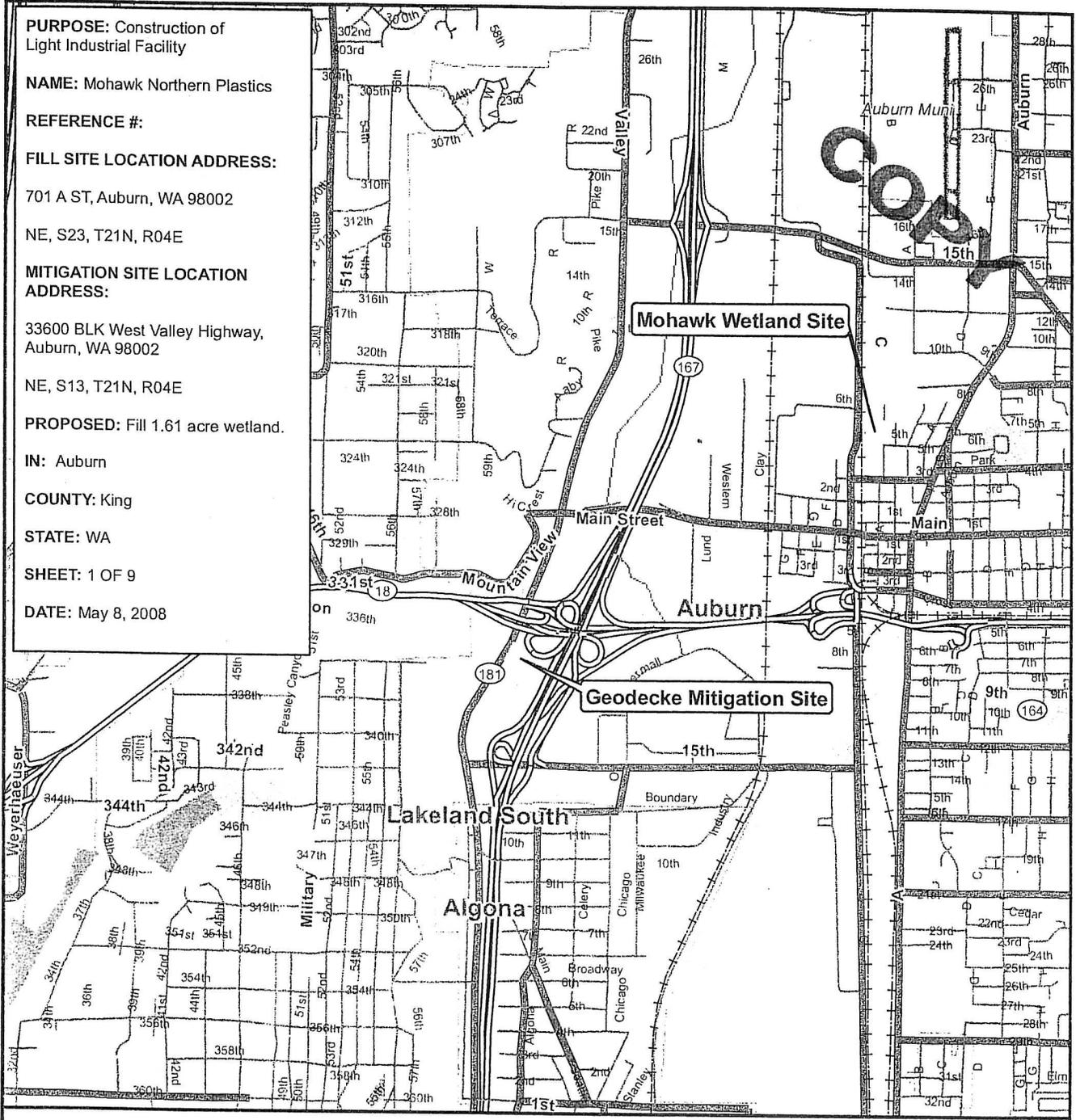
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**COUNTY:** King

**STATE:** WA

**SHEET:** 1 OF 9

**DATE:** May 8, 2008



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Mohawk Plastics  
Auburn, Washington

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**PURPOSE:**  
Construction of Light Industrial Facility

**DATUM:**  
NAVD 88.  
Elevation = 81.61

**ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:**  
1. HMS Land Limited Liability  
2. Levan NW Real Estate Holdings  
3. BNSF  
4. Carol & Wardal Houston

**NAME:** Mohawk Northern Plastics

**REFERENCE #:**

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NE, S23, T21N, R04E

**PROPOSED:** Fill 1.61 Acre Wetland

**IN:** Auburn

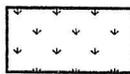
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**STATE:** Washington

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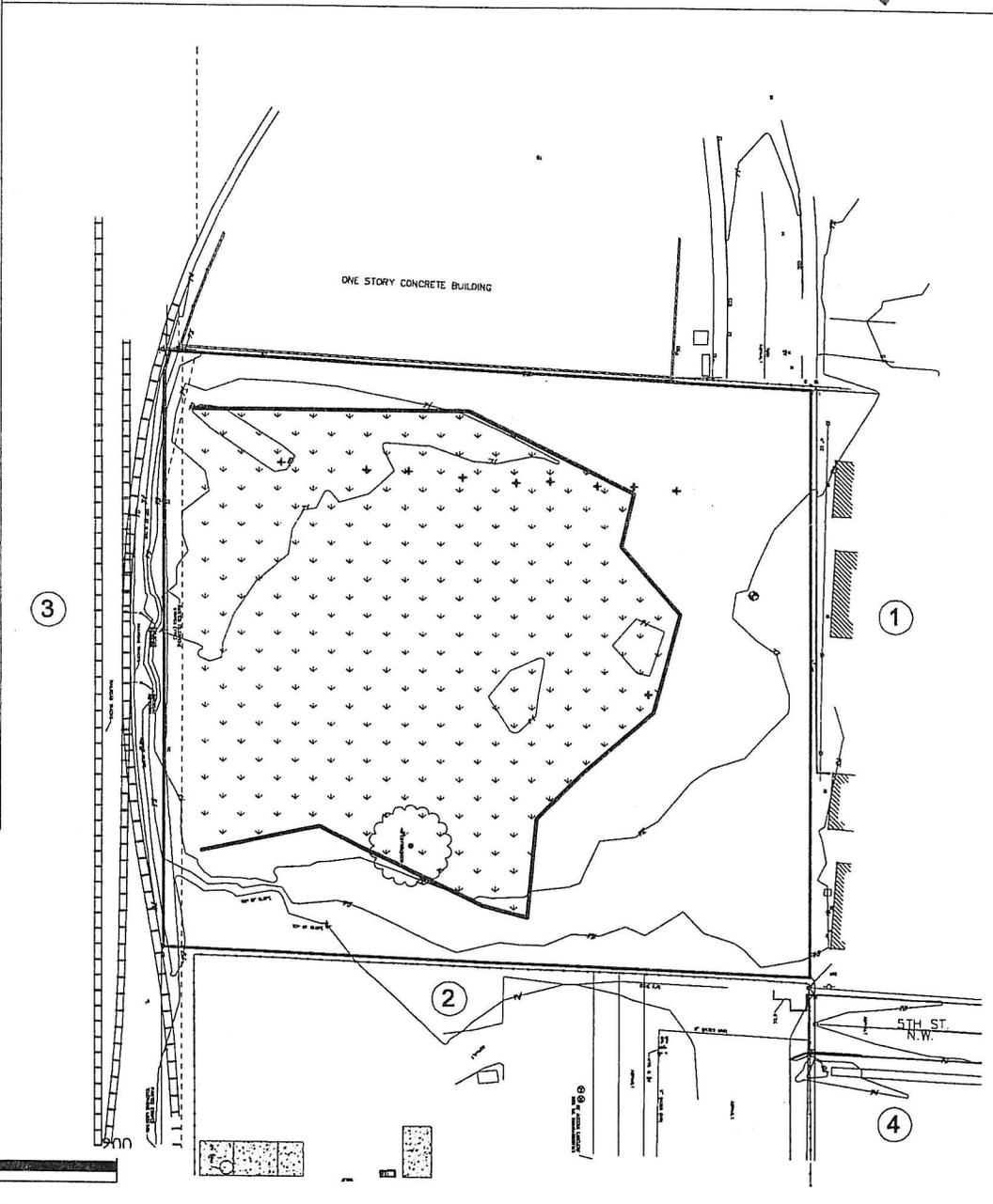
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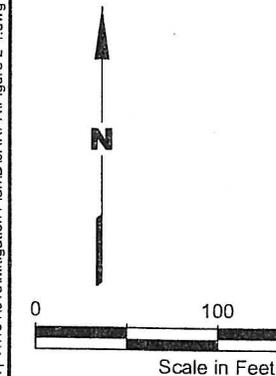


Existing Wetland (1.6 Acres)

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Mohawk Plastics  
Auburn, Washington

Existing Conditions Plan

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Washington 98002  
NE, S23, T21N, R04E

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Acre Wetland

**IN:** Auburn

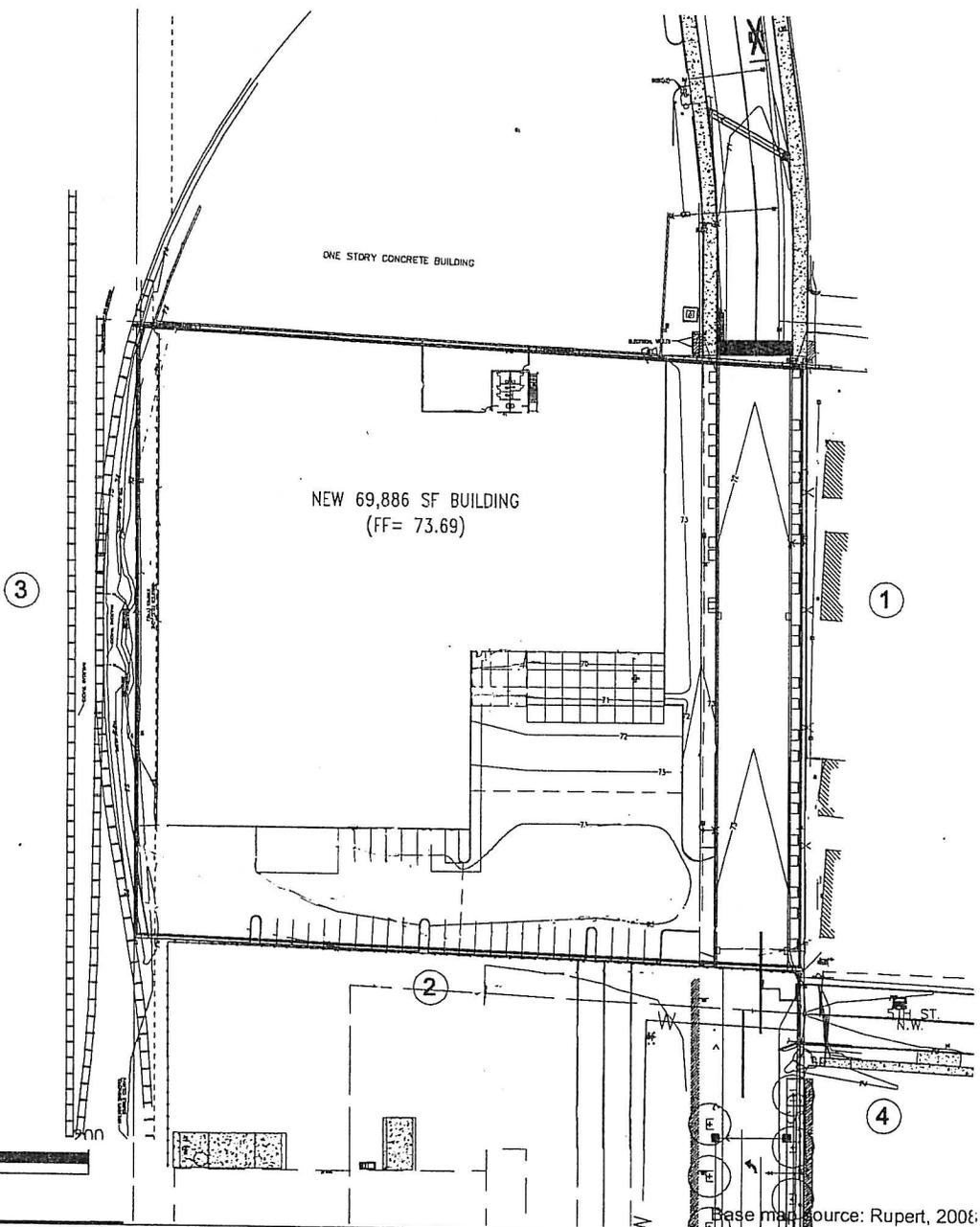
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**STATE:** Washington

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Mohawk Plastics  
Auburn, Washington

Proposed Plan

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**NAME:** Mohawk Northern Plastics

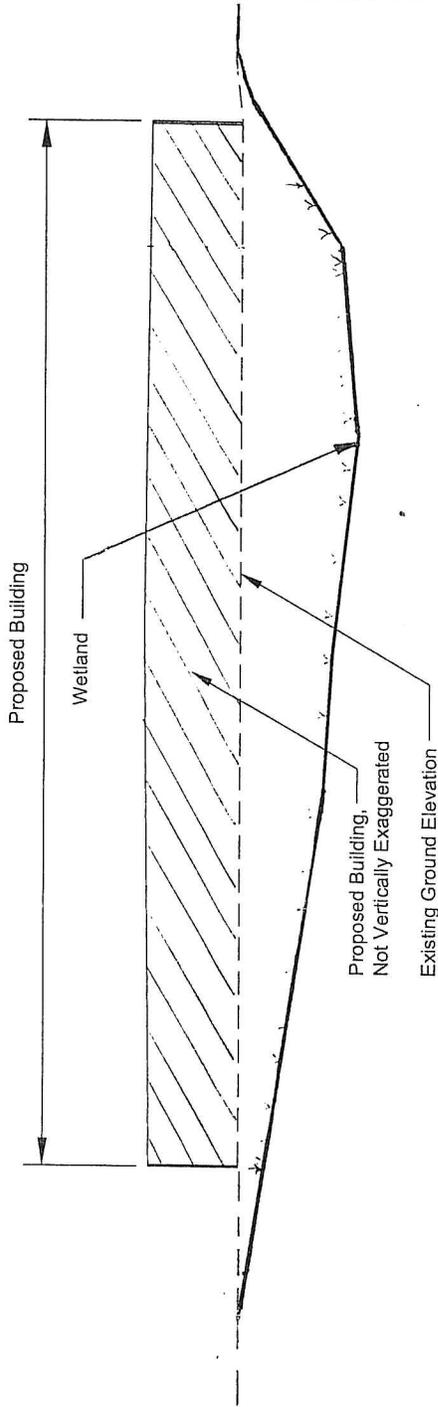
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701 A ST., Auburn, Washington 98002

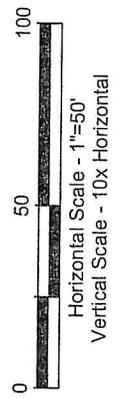
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**PROPOSED:** Fill 1.61 Acre Wetland

**IN:** Auburn  
**COUNTY:** King  
**STATE:** Washington  
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Section A-A'



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**DATUM:**  
NAVD 88.

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5. William O & George D Fisher  
6. City of Auburn  
7. Elmer L Spencer

**NAME:** Mohawk Northern Plastics

**REFERENCE #:**

**MITIGATION SITE LOCATION ADDRESS:**

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Auburn, Washington 98002

NE, S13, T21N, R04E

**PROPOSED:** Create 2.02 Acre Wetland

**IN:** Auburn

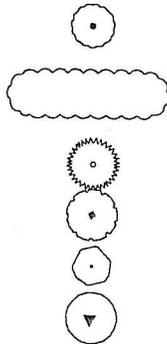
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**STATE:** Washington

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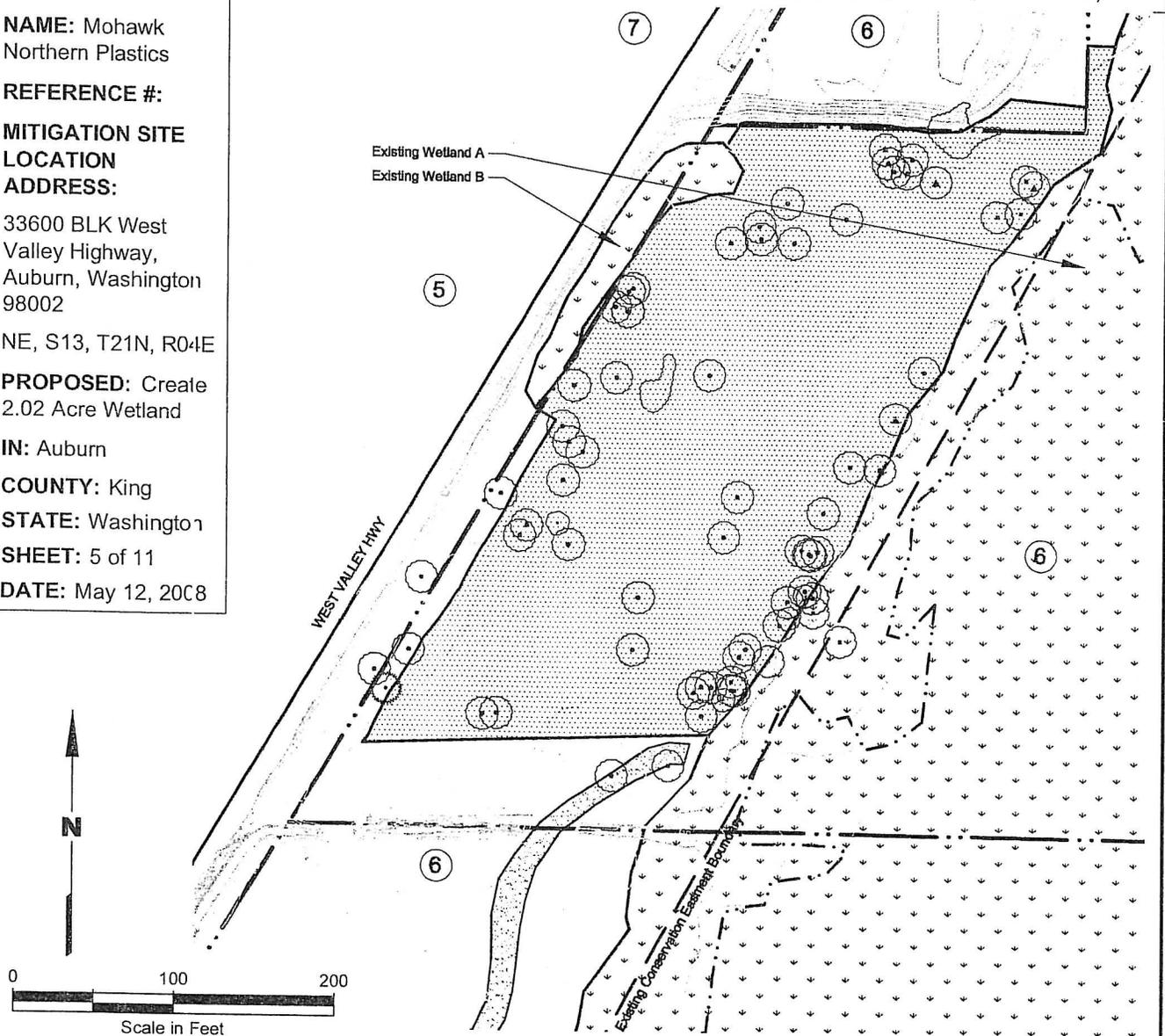
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Black Cottonwood  
Black Cottonwood Cluster  
Douglas Fir  
Red Alder  
Snag  
Willow sp.

Parcel Boundaries  
Existing Conservation Easement Boundary  
Edge of Water  
Existing Wetlands  
Proposed Mitigation Area (2.02 Acres)

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Mohawk Plastics  
Auburn, Washington

Proposed Mitigation Site  
Existing Conditions

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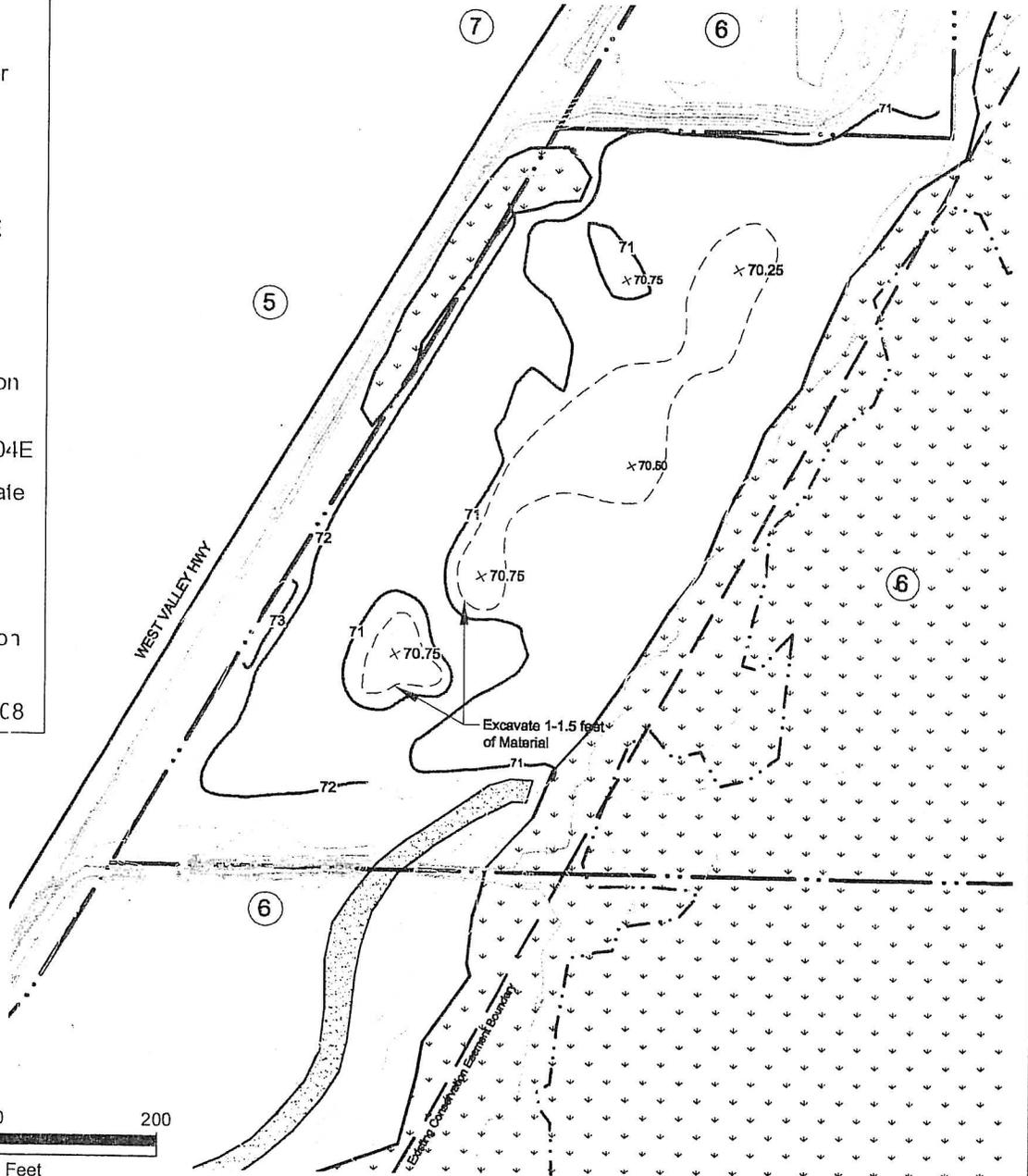
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### Legend

- Parcel Boundaries
- Existing Conservation Easement Boundary
- - - Edge of Water
- Existing Minor Contour
- Existing Major Contour
- Proposed Contour



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Mohawk Plastics  
Auburn, Washington

Mitigation Site  
Proposed Grading Plan

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**IN:** Auburn

**COUNTY:** King

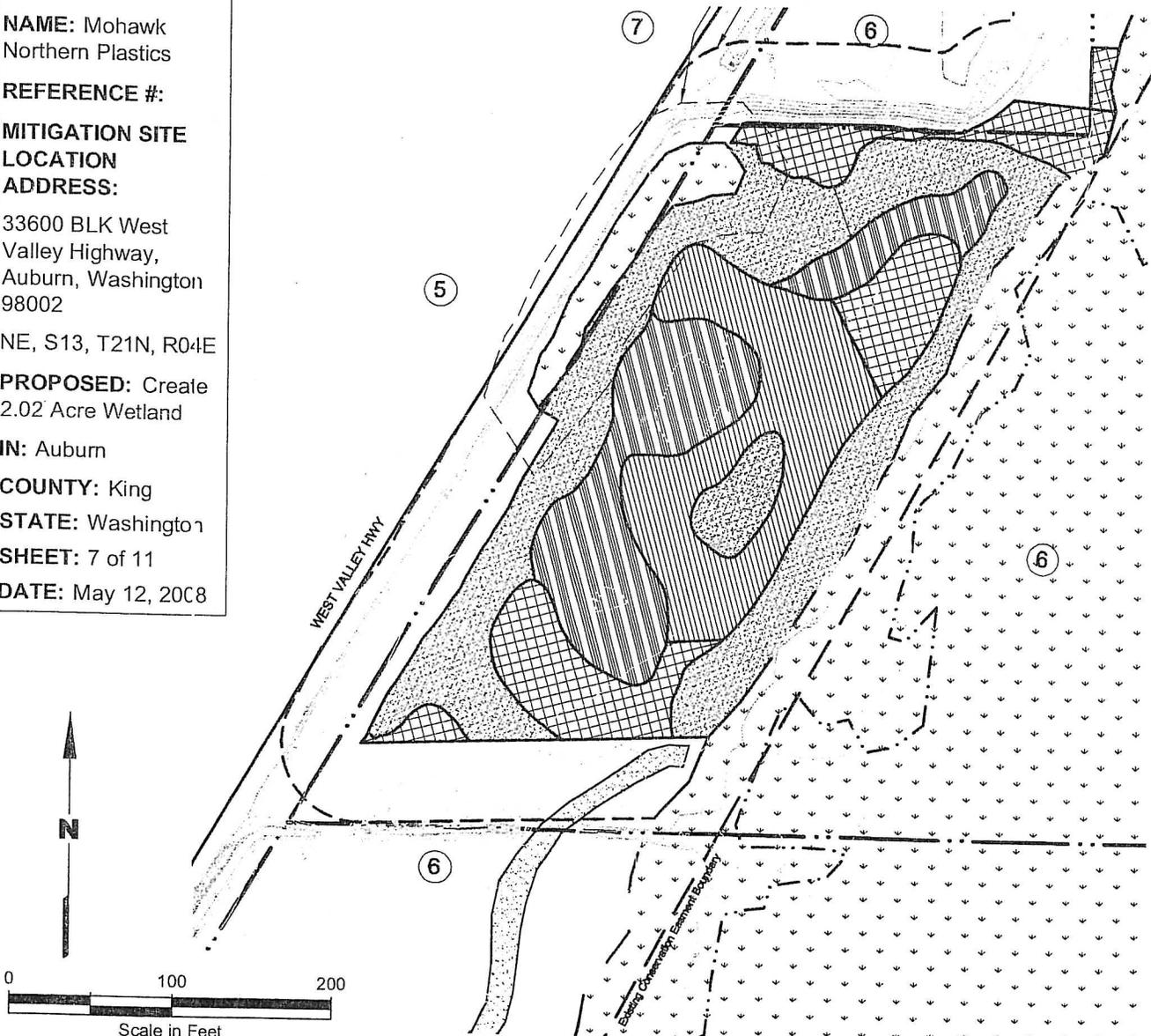
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- Parcel Boundaries
- - - Edge of Water
- Black Cottonwood
- ☁ Black Cottonwood Cluster
- Douglas Fir
- Red Alder
- Snag
- Willow sp.
- - - Existing Conservation Easment Boundary
- ▨ Assemblage 1 (Forested)
- ▤ Assemblage 2 (Forested)
- ▧ Assemblage 3 (Scrub Shrub)
- ▩ Assemblage 4 (Scrub Shrub)



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Assemblage	Common Name	Minimum Spacing (O.C)	# of Plants Form	Comments
<b>Assemblage 1 (Forested - 17,795)</b>				
<b>Trees</b>				
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	Oregon ash	10'	61 1 gal	
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	western red cedar	10'	45 1 gal or 2 gal	plant only in shady areas
<i>Salix lucida</i>	Pacific willow	4'	930 5' live stakes	
<i>Picea Sitchensis</i>	Sitka spruce	10'	72 1 gal	
			2200	
<b>Assemblage 2 (Forested - 35,363)</b>				
<b>Trees</b>				
<i>Picea Sitchensis</i>	Sitka spruce	10'	190 1 gal	
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	western red cedar	10'	170 1 gal or 2 gal	plant only in shady areas
<i>Salix lucida</i>	Pacific willow	4'	300 5' live stakes	
			360	
<b>Shrubs</b>				
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	red osier dogwood	4'	510 1 gal	
<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	Scouler's willow	4'	600 5' live stakes	
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	black twinberry	4'	600 1 gal	
<i>Acer circinalum</i>	vine maple	4'	200 1 gal	plant only in shady areas
<b>Assemblage 3 (Scrub Shrub - 17,275)</b>				
<b>Shrubs</b>				
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	red osier dogwood	4'	200 1 gal	
<i>Salix geyeriana</i>	Geyer willow	3'	500 5' live stakes	
<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	Sitka willow	3'	500 5' live stakes	
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	black twinberry	4'	100 1 gal	
<b>Assemblage 4 (Scrub Shrub - 16,924)</b>				
<b>Shrubs</b>				
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	black twinberry	4'	250 1 gal	
<i>Corylus comuta</i>	beaked hazelnut	4'	100 1 gal	
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Pacific ninebark	4'	300 1 gal	
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	ocean spray	4'	200 1 gal	
<i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>	swamp rose	4'	210 1 gal	
<b>Hydroseed mix (all assemblages)</b>				
Scientific Name	Common name		%	
<i>Alopecurus geniculatus</i>	water foxtail		15	
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	spreading bentgrass		15	
<i>Glyceria grandis</i>	reed managrass		15	
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	tufted hairgrass		15	
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	creeping spike rush		10	
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	slender rush		10	
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	small-fruited bull rush		10	
<i>Carex obnupta</i>	slough sedge		10	
			100	

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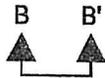
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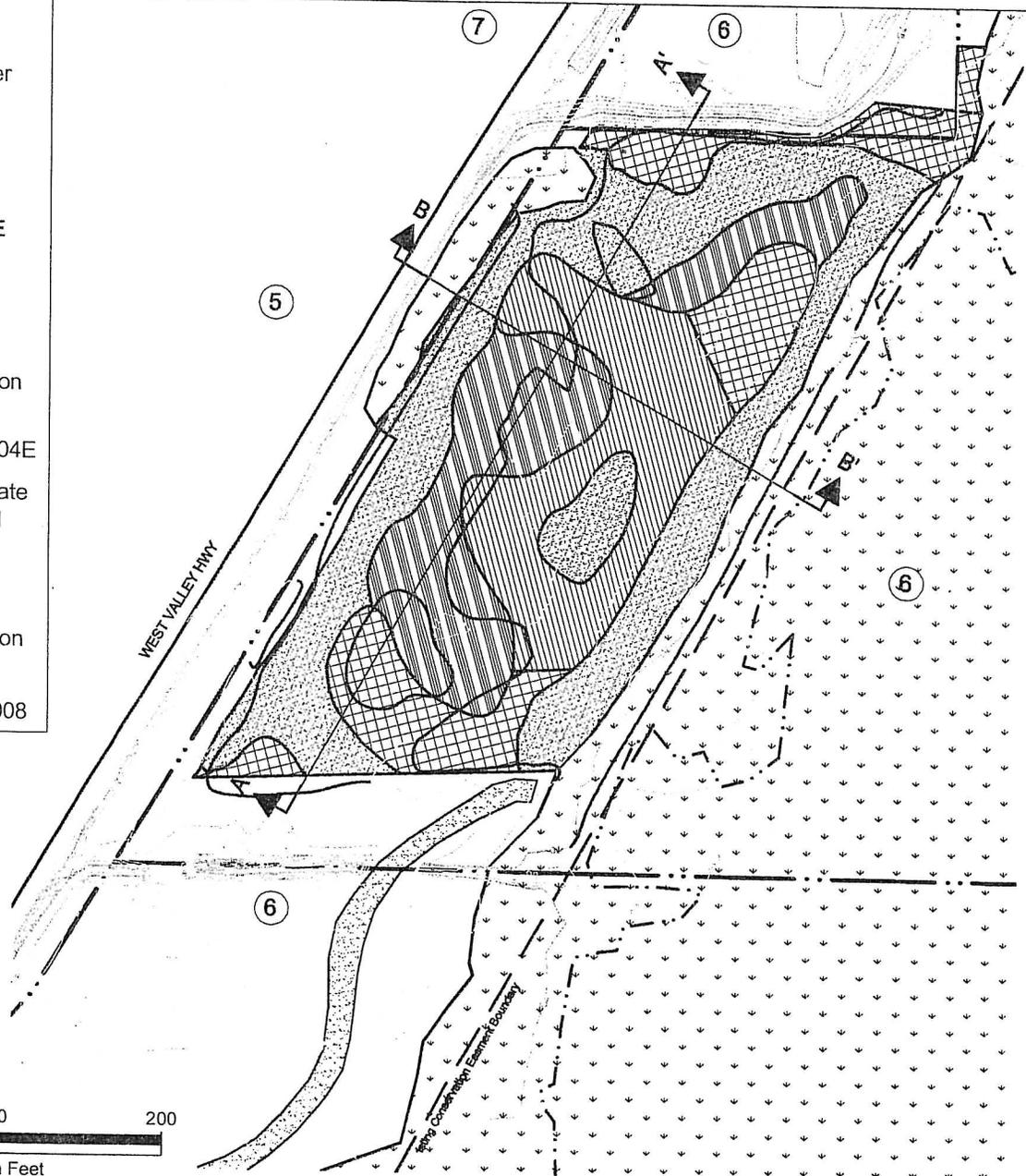
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Mohawk Plastics  
Auburn, Washington

**Mitigation Site Proposed  
Cross Section Plan View**

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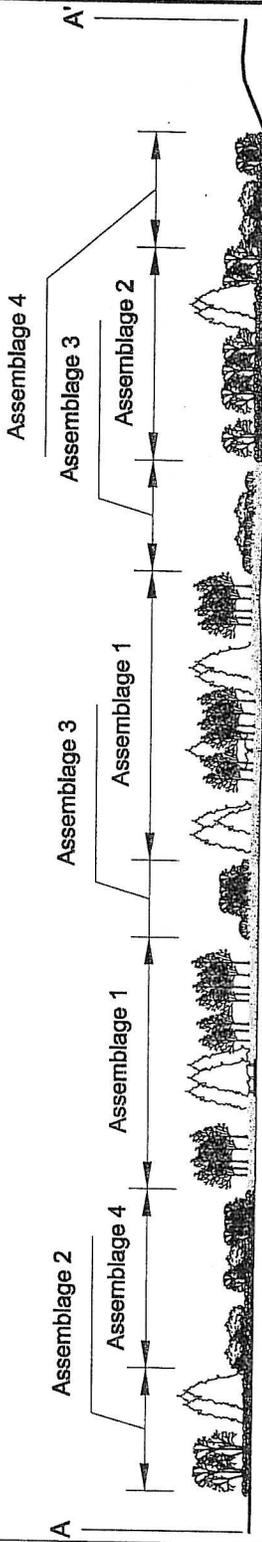
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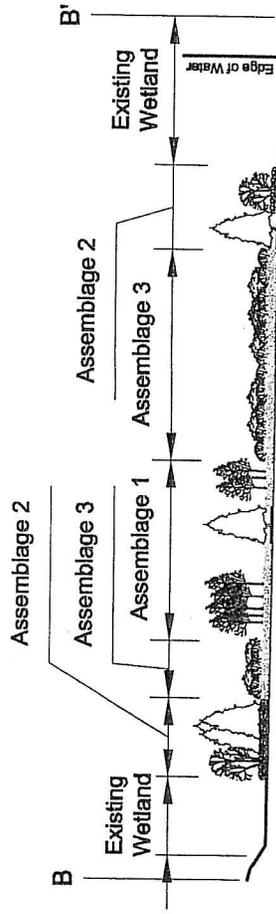
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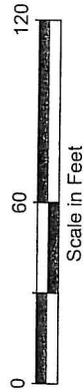


Section A-A'



Section B-B'

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Auburn, Washington

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Mitigation Site Proposed Vegetative Cross Sections A-A' and B-B'

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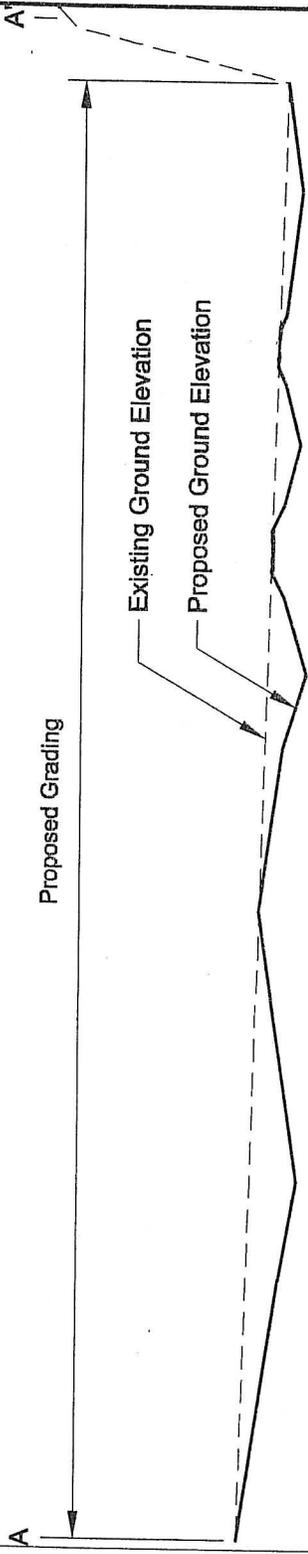
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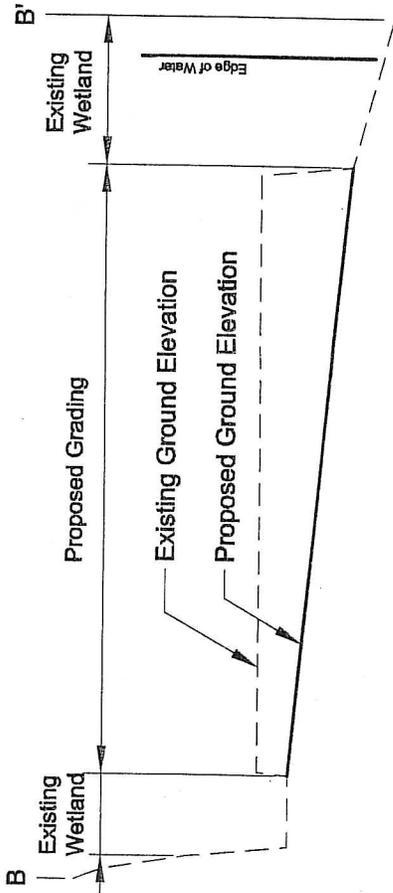
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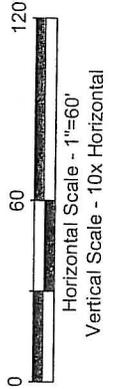


Section A-A'



Section B-B'

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Mitigation Site Proposed Grading  
Cross Sections A-A' and B-B'

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