



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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Public Notice Date: 2 December 2008

Expiration Date: 2 January 2009

Reference No.: NWS-2008-896-SOD

Name: Auburn Public Works

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: City of Auburn Public Works
25 West Main Street
Auburn, Washington 98001

ATTN: Mr. William Helbig
Telephone: (253) 288-3142

AGENT: ESA Adolfson
5309 Shilshole Avenue Northwest, Suite 200
Seattle, Washington 98107

ATTN: Mr. Kent Hale
Telephone: (206) 789-9658

LOCATION: In wetlands at City of Auburn, Washington.

WORK: The proposed project is part of a phased project that would construct 0.5 mile of a new arterial to form a north-south corridor in the City of Auburn. The remaining portion of the 3.5 mile corridor is being constructed by a private developer and did not require a Corps permit. The work would fill or excavate 5.2 acres in one wetland. The Corps will conduct an indirect impact analysis for the remaining portion of the wetland bisected by the proposed roadway. The impacts are to an Ecology Category III, shrub and emergent wetland. Permanent buffer impacts total 0.02 acre to herbaceous vegetation. If issued, this permit would be valid for five years.

The functions provided by the impacted wetland include water quality improvement, general habitat suitability, aquatic invertebrate habitat, and amphibian habitat.

PURPOSE: To provide a connection to a separated grade crossing for emergency response vehicles due to the reopening of the Stampede Pass rail line by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, construct a commercial connection between the north Auburn commercial area and downtown Auburn, and relieve congestion on Auburn Way North and C Street Northwest.

MITIGATION: The City of Auburn would minimize wetland impacts by not allowing contractors to stage in wetlands and use best management practices to prevent erosion, turbidity, and sedimentation from entering wetlands. To compensate for 5.2 acres of wetland impact, the City of Auburn would enhance 21.1 acres of an existing emergent, shrub, and forested wetland located on either side of State Route 167 by creating microtopography for shrub and forested habitats, excavating open water swales and small ponds, removing invasives, and installing habitat features such as bird boxes, snags, and bat boxes. The majority of the site is dominated by reed canarygrass. A 0.04 acre buffer would be enhanced at the site. The mitigation site is located approximately 1.5 miles to the southwest from the project area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as the lead agency for ESA consultation, will consult with the NMFS and/or the USFWS as required under Section 7 of the ESA. They have determined that the project will have no effect and may affect, not likely to adversely affect listed species. Concurrence was issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on June 13, 2008.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The FHWA, as the lead agency for a determination regarding EFH, will consult with the National Marine Fisheries Services if necessary. They have determined that the project will have no adverse effect on EFH species.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The FHWA, as the lead agency for determining compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, has consulted with the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). On February 1, 2008, DAHP determined that no historic properties would be effected. 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.

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.

This proposal is outside of Shoreline Management Act jurisdiction.

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.

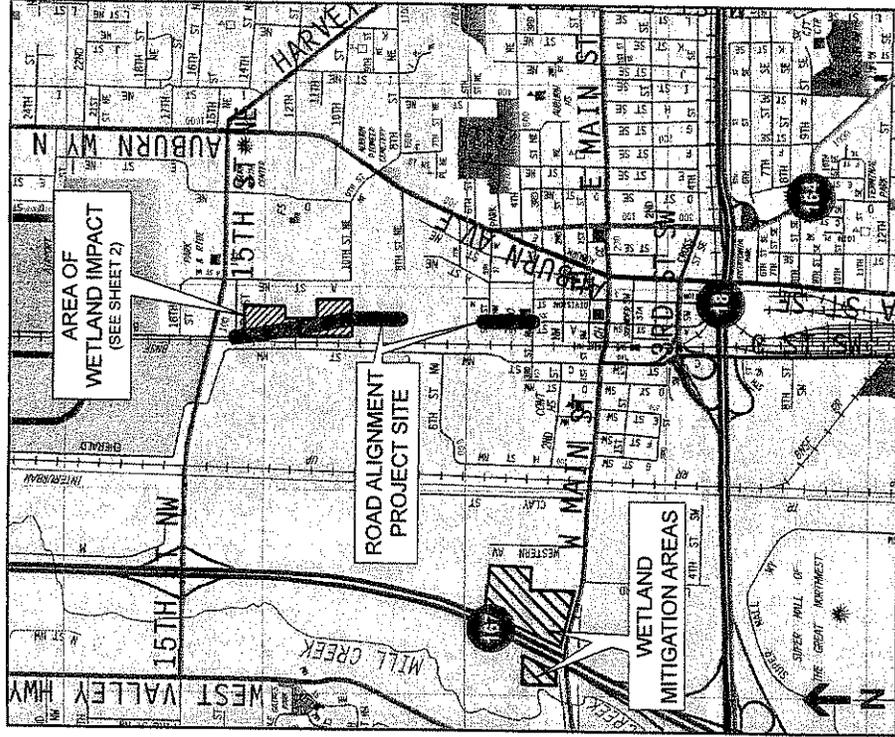
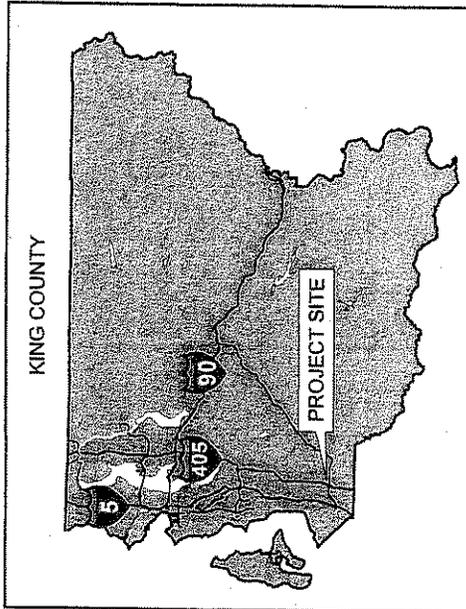
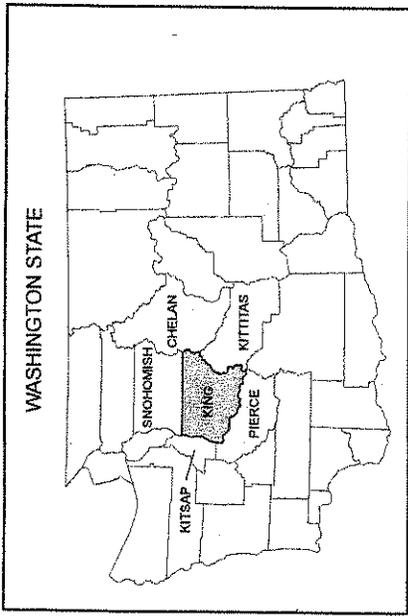
Corps comments: All e-mail comments should be sent to rebecca.e.mcandrew@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, ATTN: Ms. Rebecca McAndrew, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755.

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: Ms. Lori Lull – Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7600, or e-mail to lenl461@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:

Auburn Public Works, NWS-2008-896-SOD

Encl: Figures (6)



PURPOSE:
Relieve congestion

DATUM: Wa SP North NAD 83/91

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
See JARPA application form

VICINITY MAP

NAME: Auburn A Street NW Extension

REFERENCE #: NWS-2008-896-SOD

SITE LOCATION ADDRESS:
A Street NW, Auburn, Washington

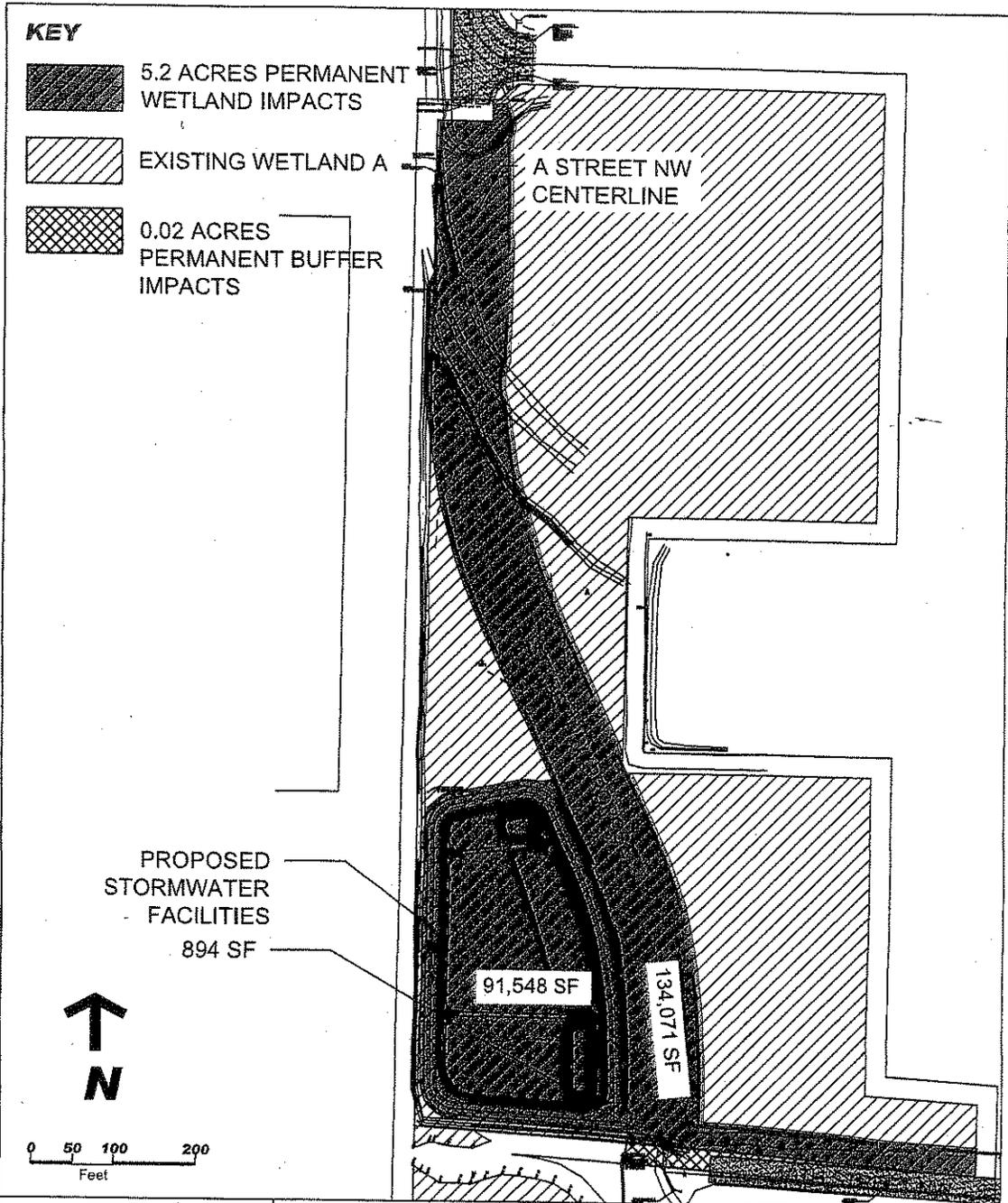
PROPOSED:
Roadway extension

IN: Section 12 and 13; Township 21 N; Range 4E

COUNTY: King **STATE:** WA

SHEET: 1 of 6

DATE: May 2008



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PROJECT IMPACTS

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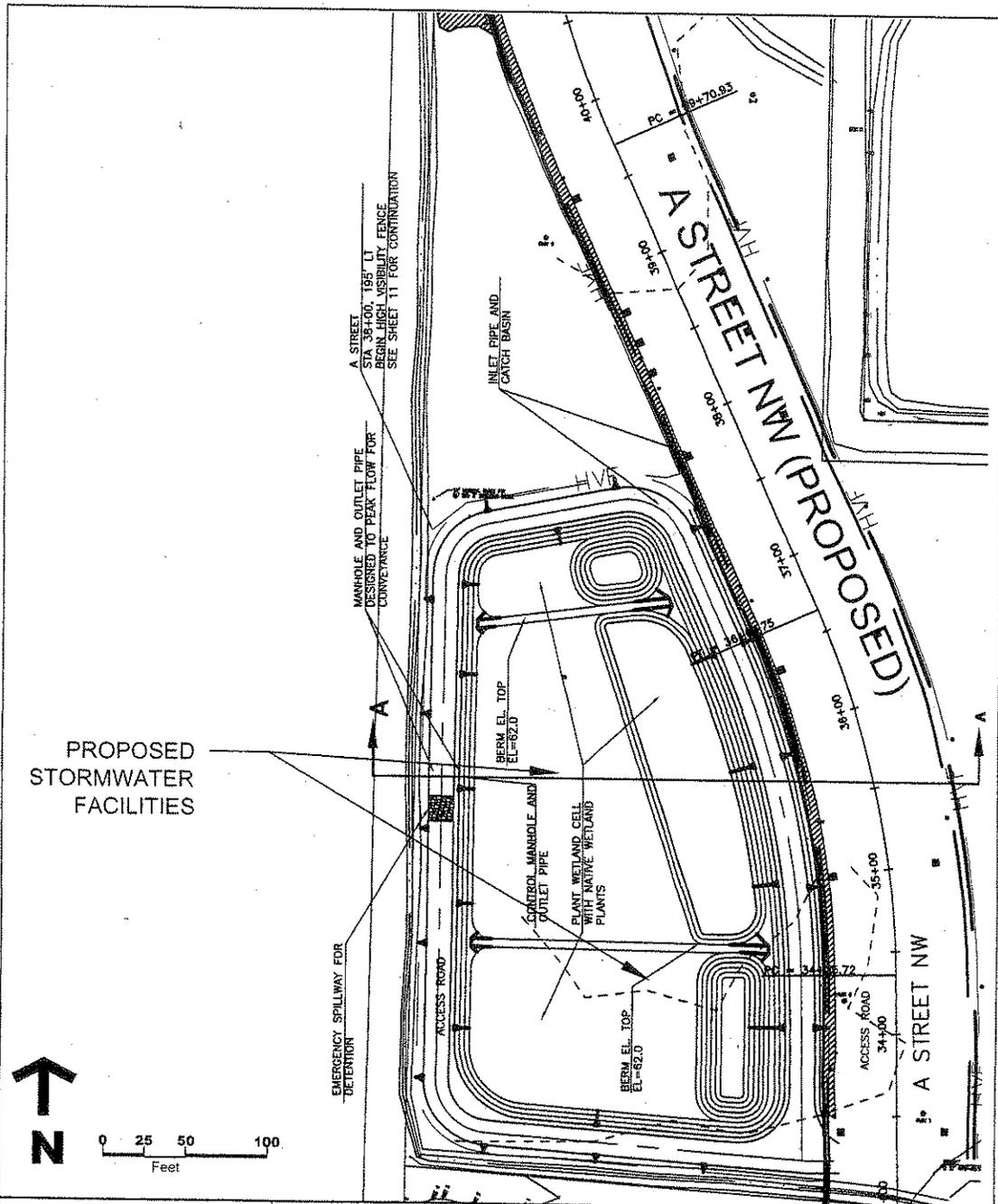
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A Street NW, Auburn, Washington

PROPOSED:
Roadway extension

IN: Section 12 and 13;
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County: King **STATE:** WA

SHEET: 2 of 6
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STORMWATER FACILITIES

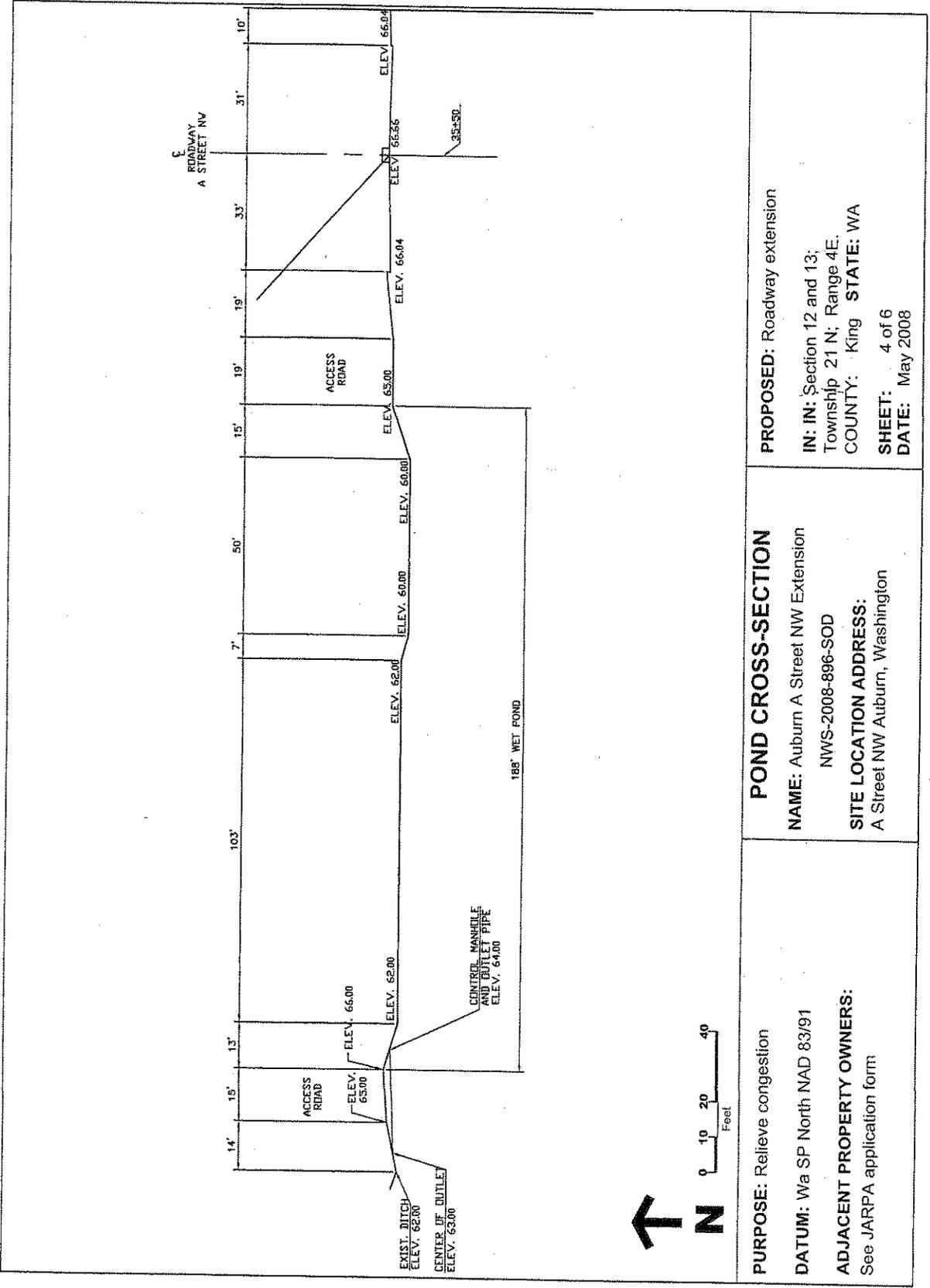
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SITE LOCATION ADDRESS:
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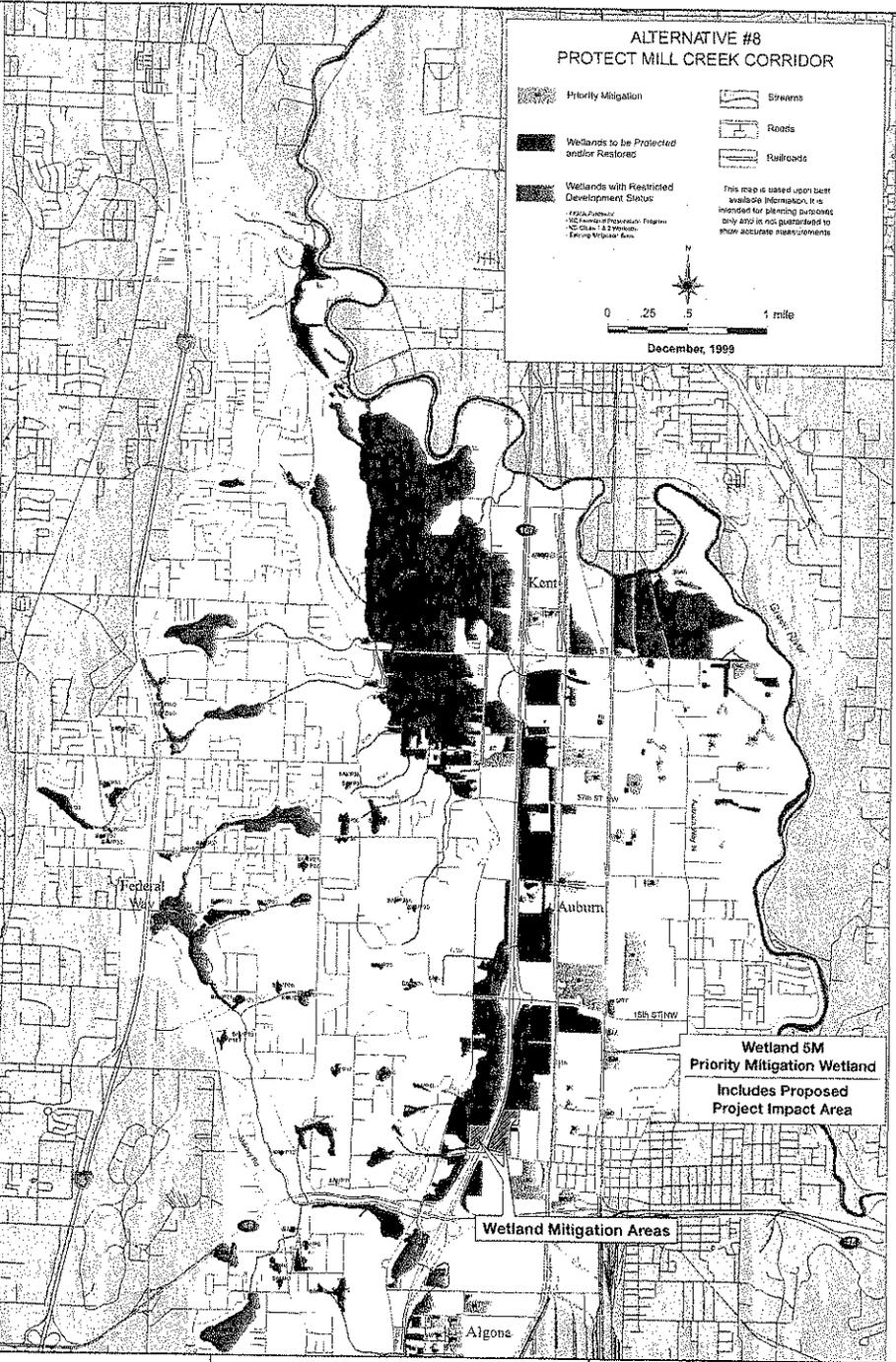
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 NWS-2008-896-SOD
SITE LOCATION ADDRESS:
 A Street NW Auburn, Washington

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COUNTY: King **STATE:** WA
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MAP SOURCE: City of Auburn et al., 2000a.
 Mill Creek Special Area Management Plan (SAMP); King County, WA



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ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
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MILL CREEK SPECIAL AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN (SAMP)

NAME: Auburn A Street NW Extension

REFERENCE #: NWS-2008-896-SOD

SITE LOCATION ADDRESS:
 A Street NW, Auburn, Washington

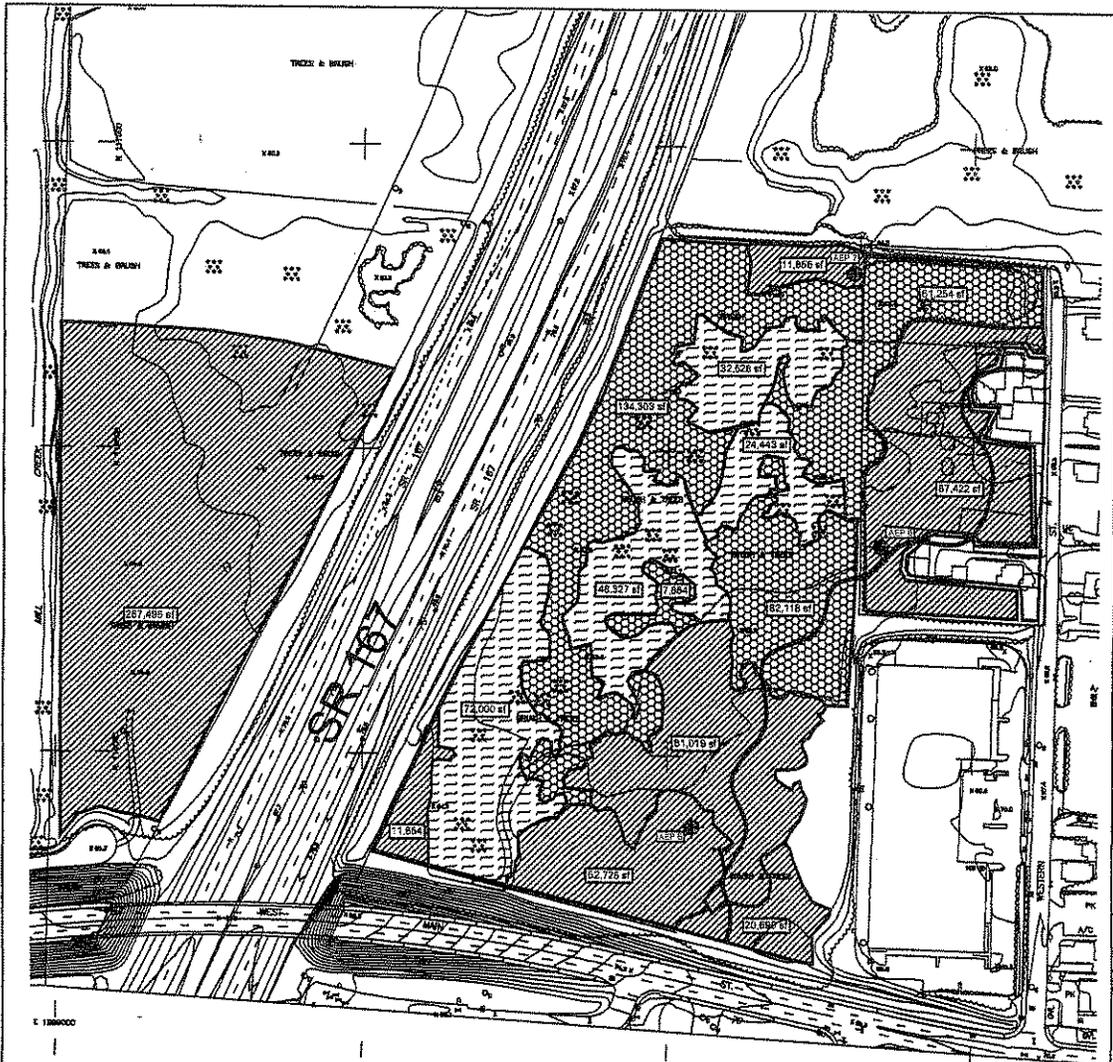
PROPOSED:
 Roadway extension

IN: Section 12 and 13; Township 21 N; Range 4E

COUNTY: King **STATE:** WA

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TOTAL MITIGATION AREA = 21.1 ACRES

-  FORESTED ENHANCEMENT
-  SHRUB-SCRUB ENHANCEMENT
-  EMERGENT ENHANCEMENT



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Feet

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