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DEPARTMENT OF
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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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Public Notice Date: May 29, 2019
Expiration Date: June 28, 2019

Reference No.: NWS-2018-1164
**Name: Skagit County Parks and
Recreation (Skagit Fields)**

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 U.S. as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated November 26, 2018. 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: Skagit County Parks and Recreation (SCPR)
Attention: Mr. Brian Adams
1730 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273
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AGENT: Graham-Bunting Associates
Attention: Ms. Patricia Bunting
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LOCATION: In wetlands at 2727 E. College Way, 2791 E. College Way, 2891 E. College Way, 2911 E. College Way, adjacent to and east of Skagit Valley College campus and west of N. 30th Street at Mount Vernon, Skagit County, Washington.

WORK: SCPR is proposing to fill 4.24 acres of Category IV emergent wetlands within an 18 acre site to develop a recreational playfield complex. Up to 15,000 cubic yards of onsite existing native soil would be cut, filled and graded to establish a 2 percent grade. Approximately 3,900 cubic yards of additional fill material (up to three inches of sand, covered with a final one inch layer of blended levelling sandy soil) would be used to top dress the surface for turf grass planting.

PURPOSE: To provide an adult and youth recreational playfield complex.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The recreational playfield complex would include six playfields (five full size 185-foot wide by 315-foot long fields; one 150-foot wide by 300-foot long field); six picnic tables on 8-foot wide by 10-foot long concrete pads; 20,000 square foot wood chip plaza area with shade trees; 1,800 feet of wood chip paths to provide access to parking, fields, restroom facilities. The paths would be American Disability Act compliant. The fields would have moveable goals, utilize temporary irrigation, and would not have underdrains.

The wetland boundaries shown on the project drawings were previously verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in 2007 (NWS-2007-1119) and in 2016 (NWS-2016-85). However, if the Corps determines the boundaries of the wetlands are substantially inaccurate a new public notice may be published.

MITIGATION: In order to compensate for wetland loss the applicant has proposed purchasing mitigation bank credits from either the Skagit Environmental Mitigation Bank or the Nookachamps Mitigation Bank.

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 the 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). 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 Corps will review the project site for potential impacts to historical or cultural resources. The Corps invites responses to this public notice from Native American Tribes or Tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns regarding historic properties and sites of religious and cultural significance at or near the project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate potential impacts and consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

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.

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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.

SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL: The applicant has not yet identified the source of the fill material. Should a permit be issued, the Corps will evaluate the fill material source prior to the start of construction.

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: This proposal is the subject of Shorelines Substantial Development Permit, being processed by the City of Mount Vernon.

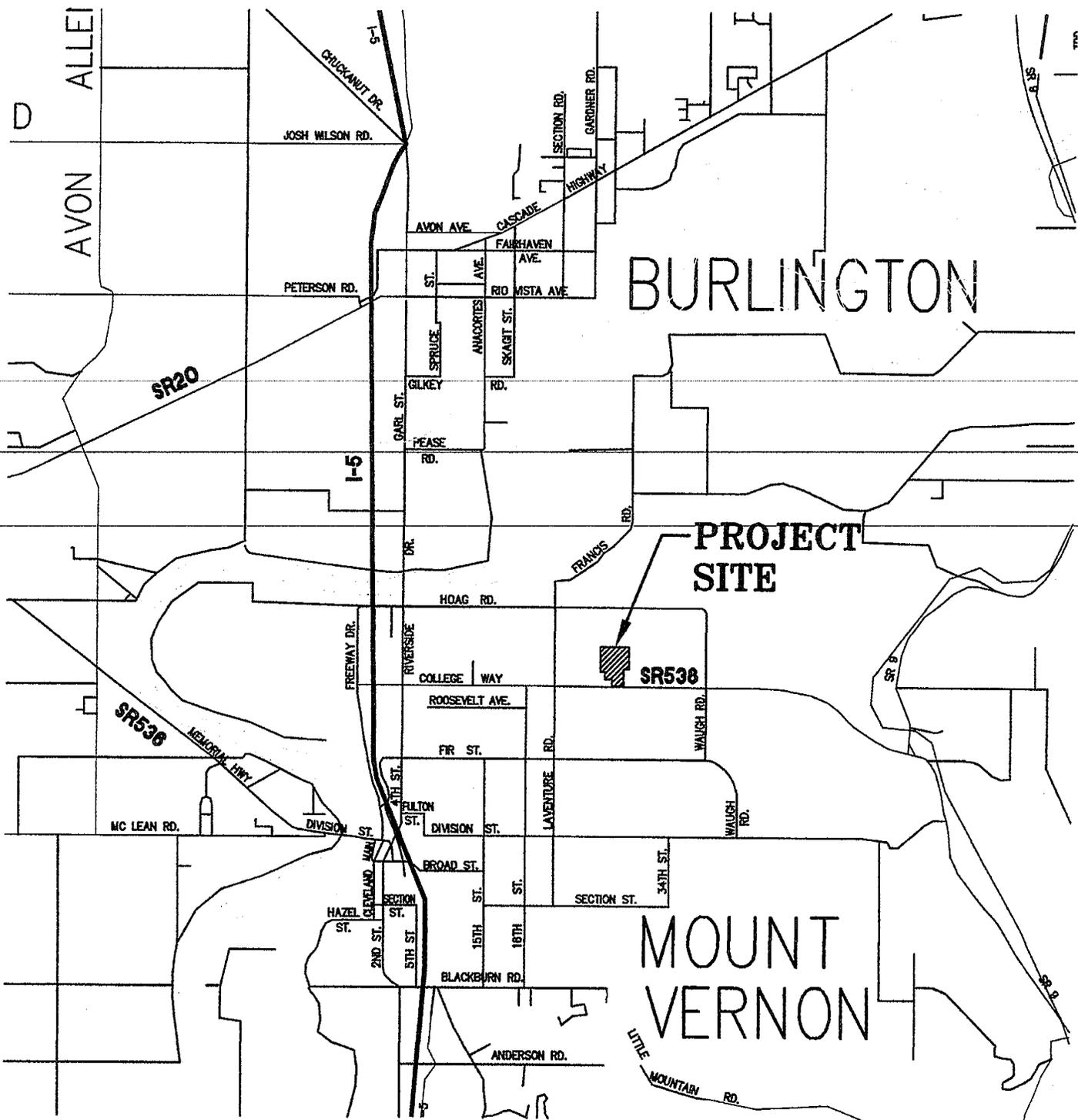
COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from 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 ronald.j.wilcox@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Mr. Ron Wilcox, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

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: Washington State Department of Ecology, Attention: Federal Permit Coordinator, Post Office Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to 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: Skagit County Parks and Recreation; NWS-2018-1164

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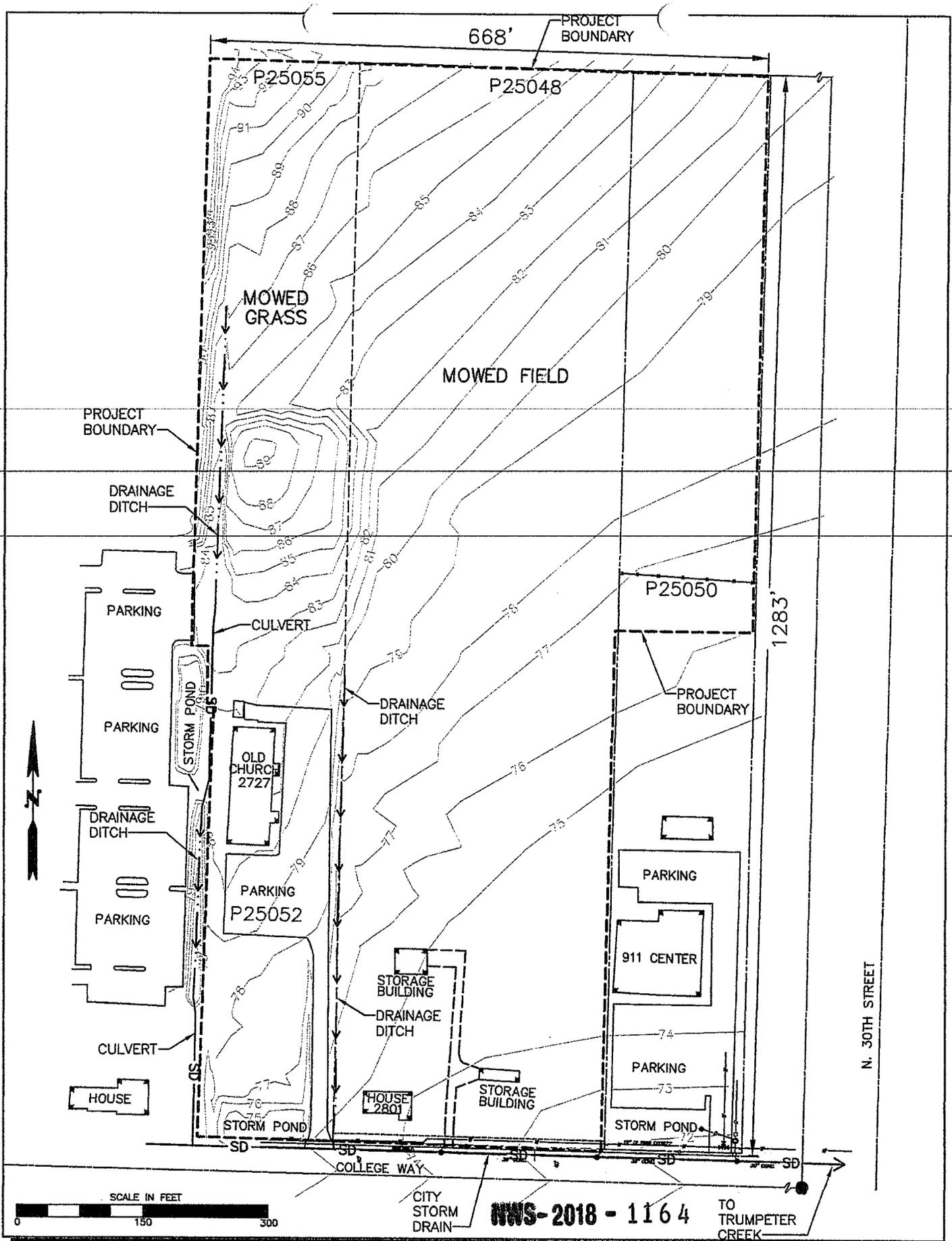
Skagit Fields

Purpose: Wetland Fill: 184,908 sf (4.24 ac)
 In: Abutting Wetlands to unnamed trib to Trumpeter Creek
 At: Mount Vernon, WA, Skagit County

VICINITY MAP

APPLICANT: SKAGIT COUNTY AND SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE
 Datum: WA State Plane Coordinates, NGVD 29
 Adjacent-Property-Owners: Skagit-Valley-College, Apostolic Assembly of Faith

REFERENCE NUMBER:
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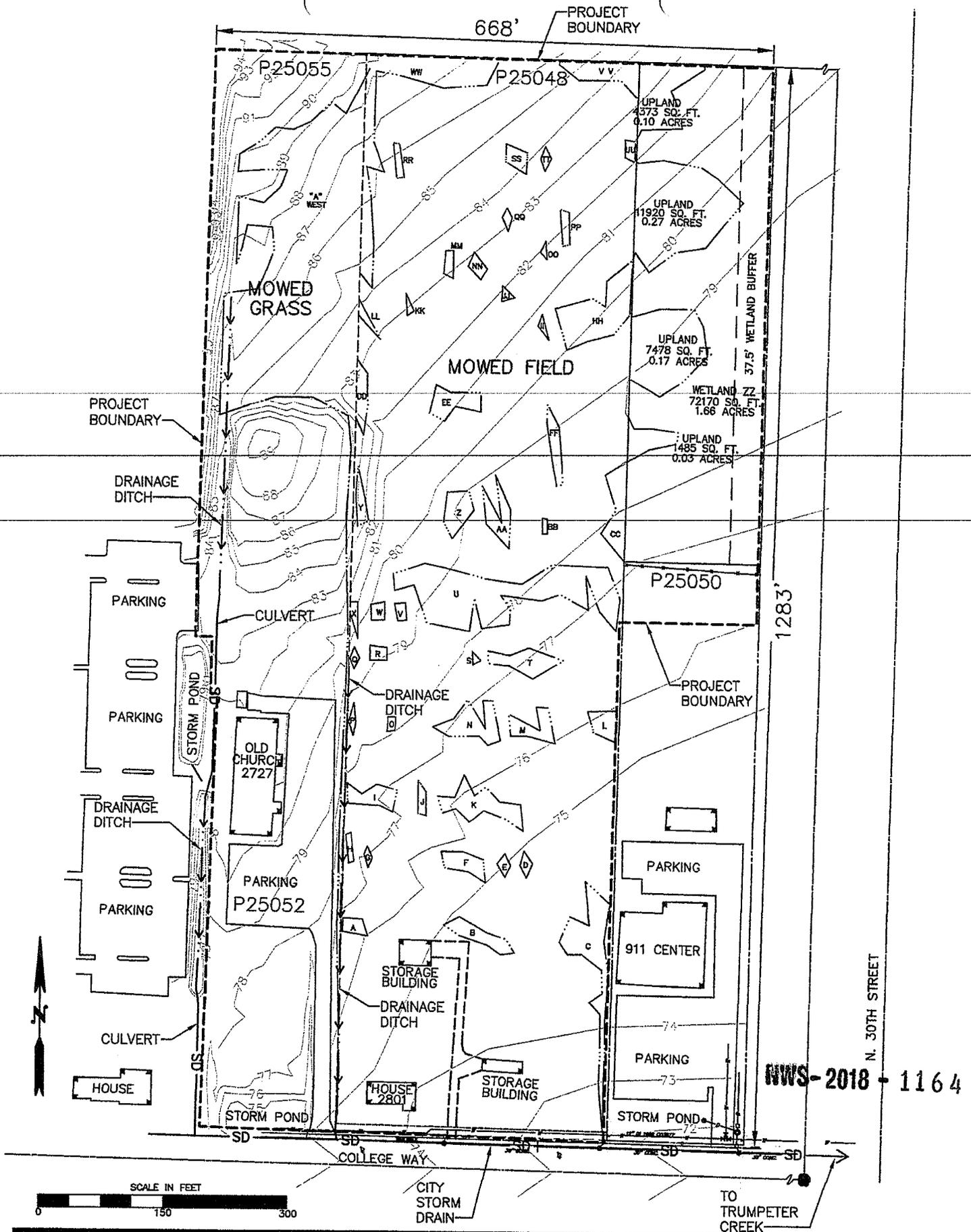
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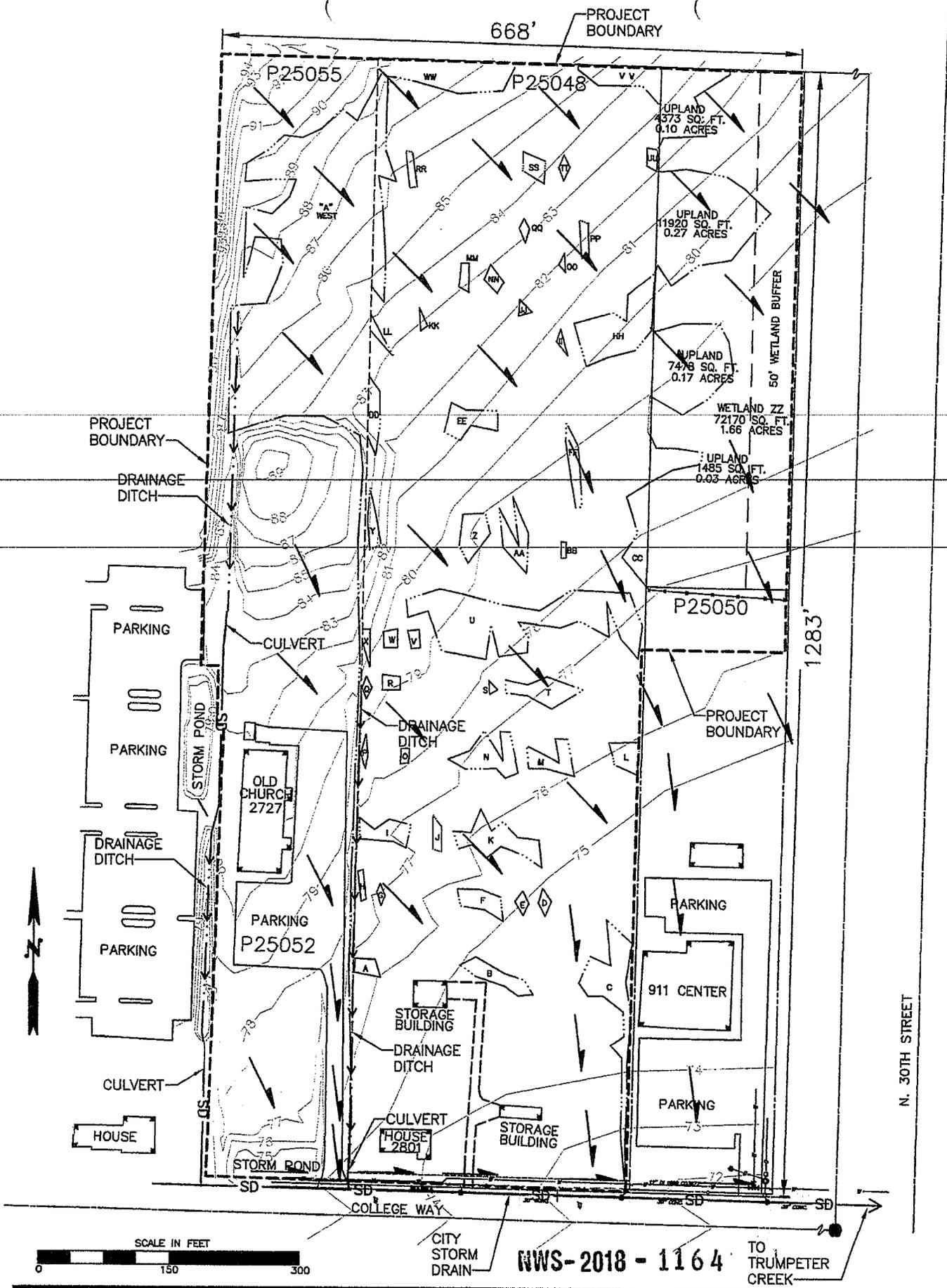
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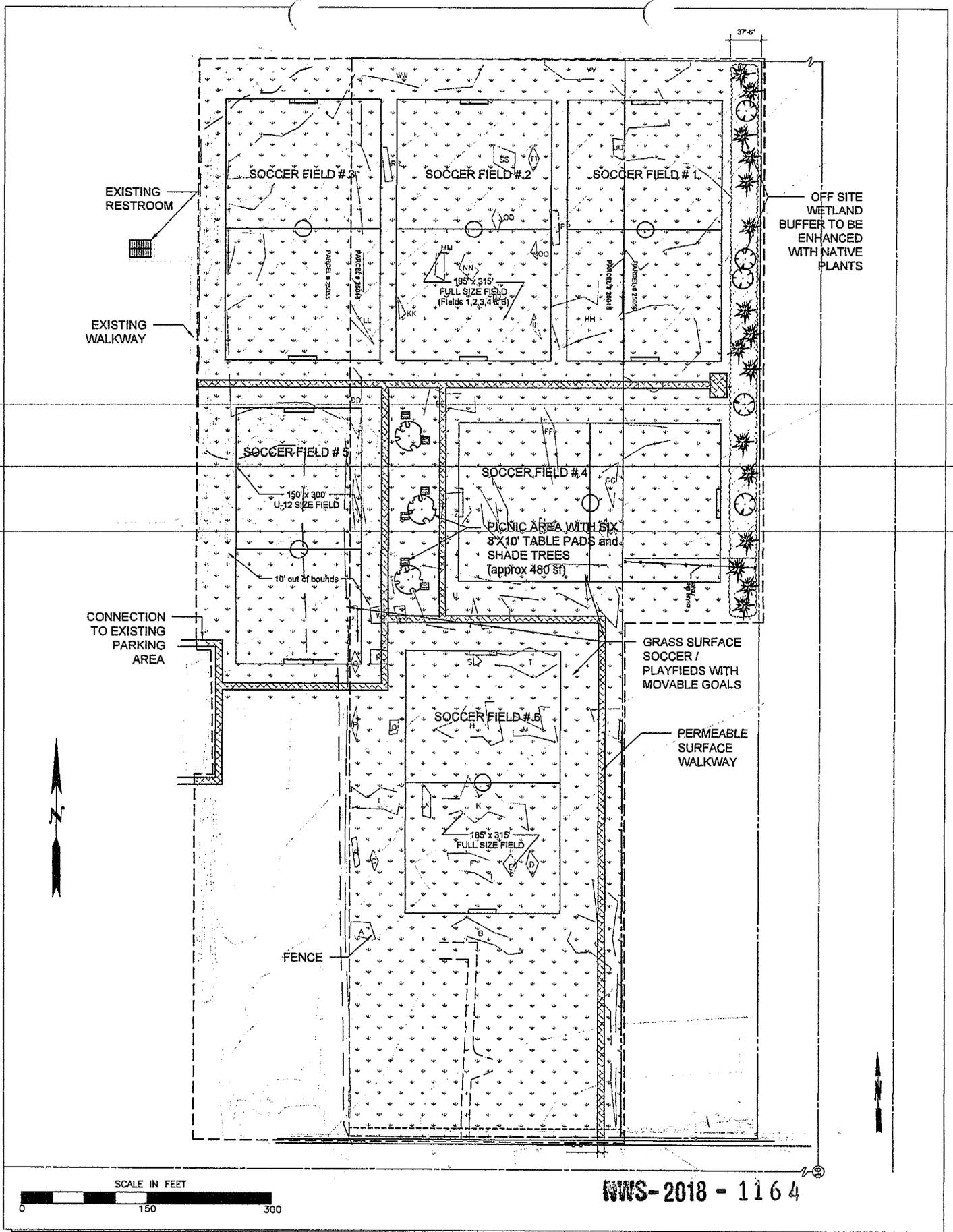
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FLOW VECTOR MAP

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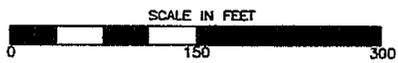
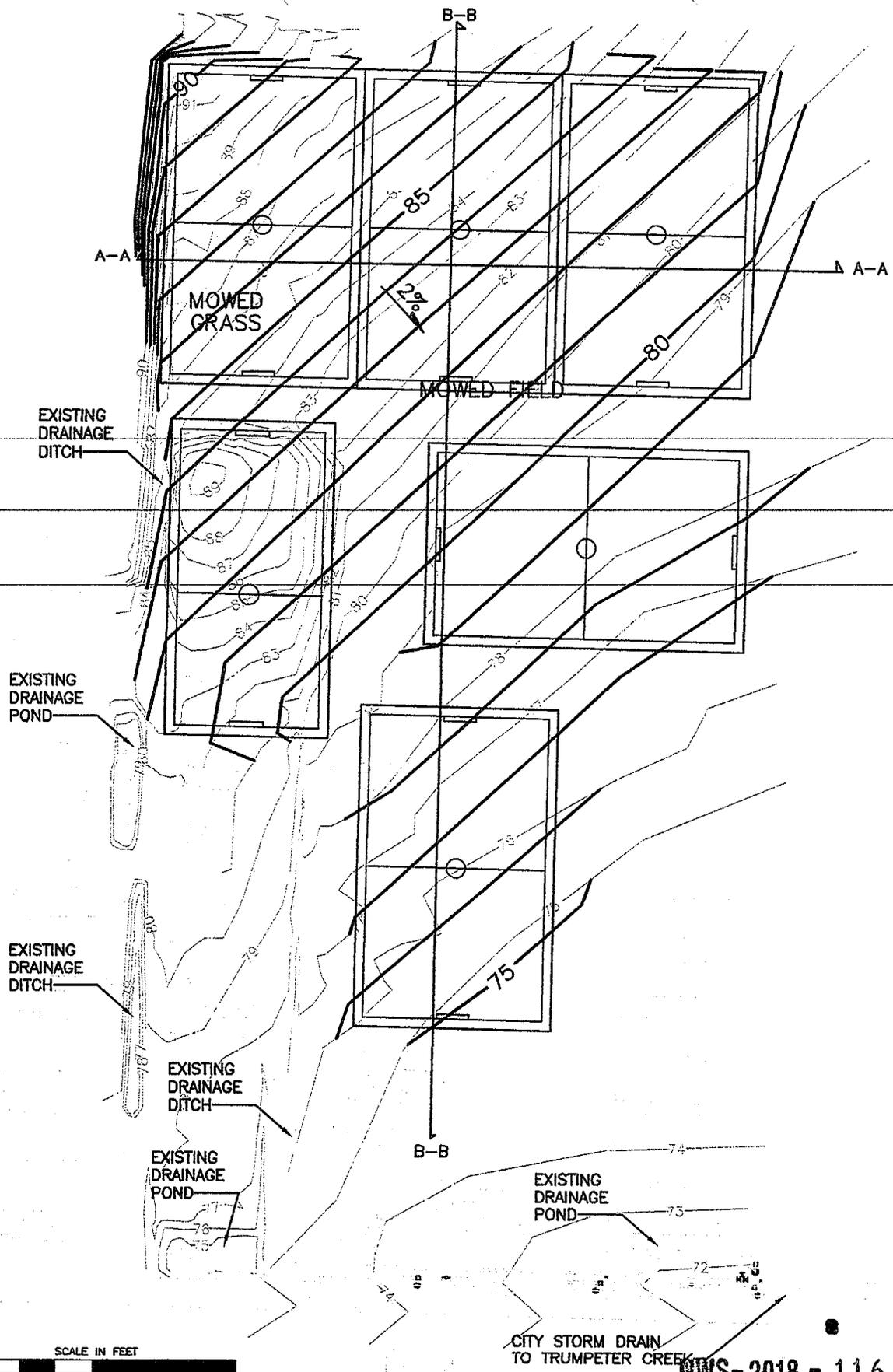
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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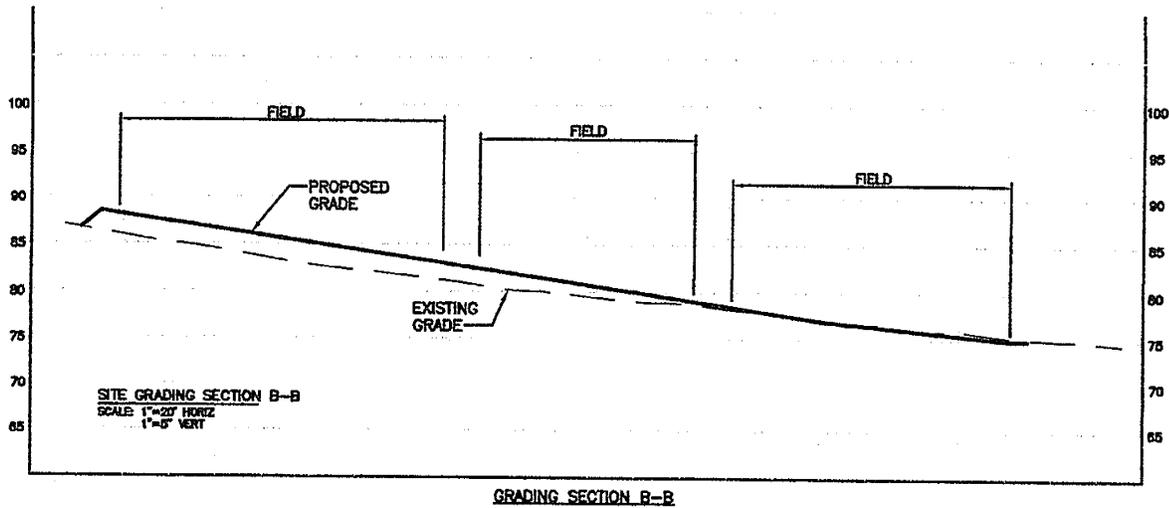
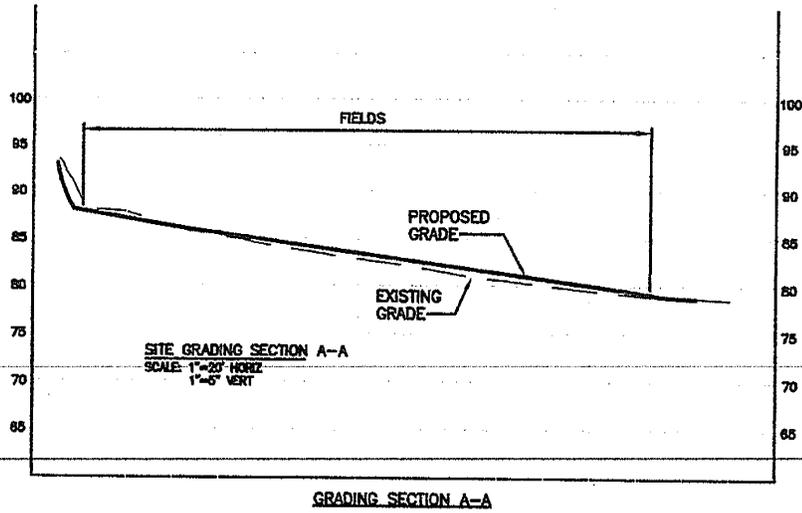
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