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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	MVK-2012-479
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DATE:	November 15, 2016
EXPIRATION DATE:	December 5, 2016

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, are considering an application for a Department of the Army permit and State water quality certification for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address, and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Post Office Box 8913, Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913, and must reach these offices by the cited expiration date.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged and / or fill material into waters of the United States.

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Monticello, Arkansas 71656

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Location of Work: Section 30, T12S- R6W, Latitude 33.6391N, Longitude -91.74985W, within the Hurricane Creek watershed part of the Lower Ouachita River Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 08040205), Drew County, Arkansas.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit to conduct regulated activities in jurisdictional wetlands for the purpose of airport improvements. The applicant proposes to regrade incised ephemeral streams

along the runway for Monticello airport and fill an existing borrow pond as well as additional small areas of wetlands. The purpose of the proposed project is for airport safety. The project would regrade approximately 2,801 linear feet of stream channel, fill 0.50 acres of wetlands and 0.39 acres of other waters of the U.S. Approximately 10,980 cubic yards of fill will be discharged into jurisdictional areas.

The vegetative communities within the project area are dominated by eastern baccharis, broomsedge, goldenrod and rosette grass. Soil within the project site consists of Savannah fine sandy loam having a respective hydric component percent rating of 10 by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of jurisdictional impacts through an approved commercial mitigation bank.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, state lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the proposed undertaking upon these properties: An historic properties investigation has been conducted within the permit area. No sites determined eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places are within the permit area or affected area.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would have no effect on the following endangered species or their critical habitats: Geocarpon minimum. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat would be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Floodplain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Floodplain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a floodplain development permit is required. Floodplain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public

notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements. The project is completely located outside of the 100 year floodplain.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact 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 may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.


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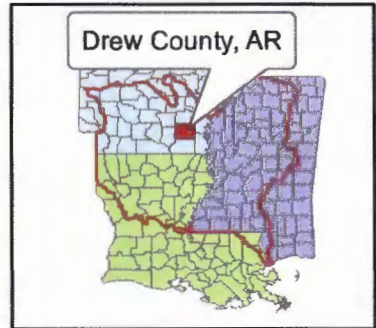


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There are jurisdictional waters of the U.S. within the project boundary. Any work involving the discharge of dredged or fill material into a jurisdictional water of the U.S. will require a permit.

Legend

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|  | Project Boundary |  | Pond (0.39 acres) |
|  | Wetlands (0.49 acres) |  | Streams (4,023 feet) |



Drew County, AR

18 July 2016
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 Jurisdictional Determination
 Monticello Municipal Airport
 Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas
Preliminary
Jurisdictional Determination
 Prepared by
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Enclosure 1

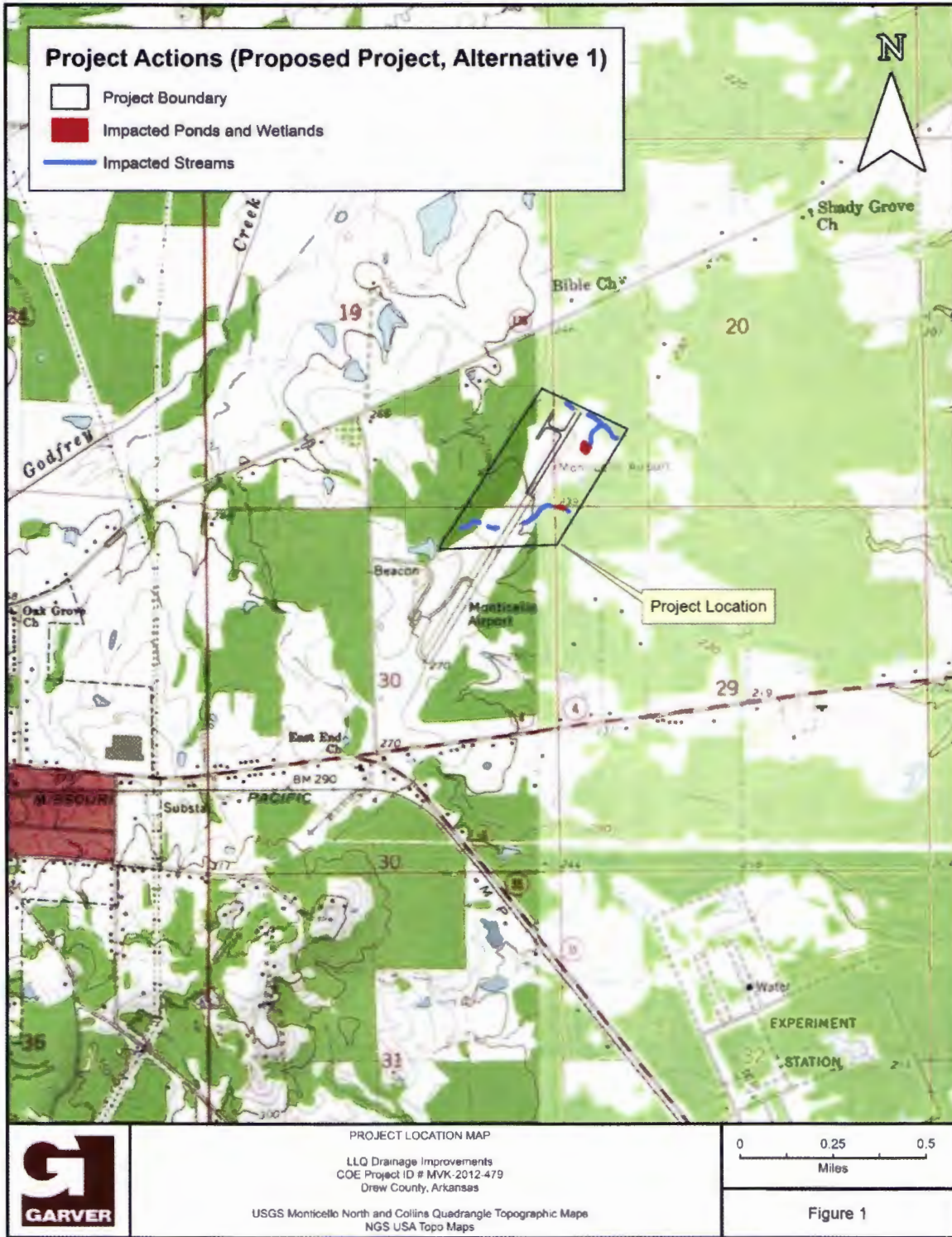


Figure 1: Project Location Map

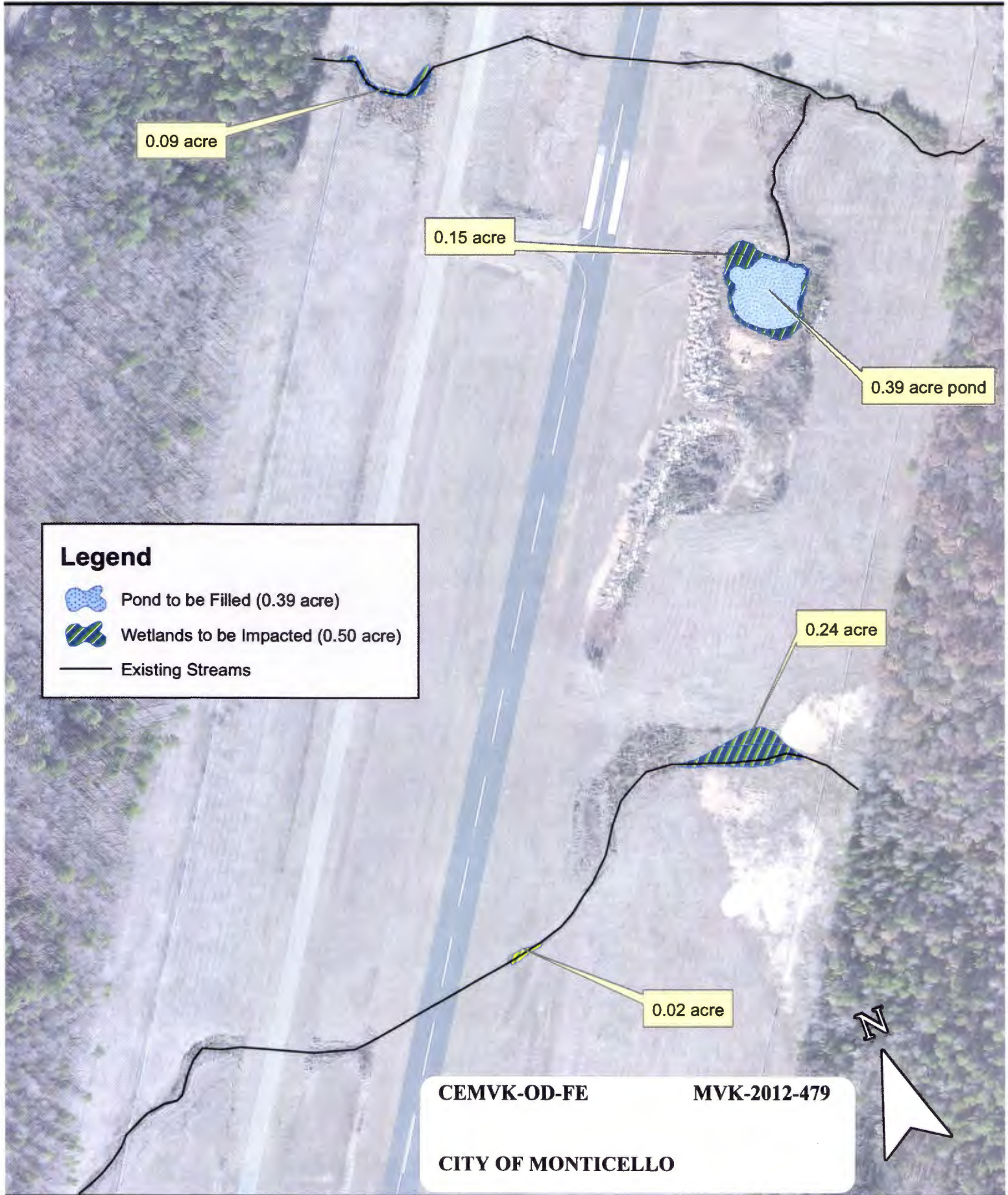
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Legend

-  Pond to be Filled (0.39 acre)
-  Wetlands to be Impacted (0.50 acre)
-  Existing Streams

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ALTERNATIVE 1 - CHANNELIZATION AND FILL (PROPOSED ACTION) - WETLAND IMPACTS

LLQ Drainage Improvements
 COE Project ID # MVK-2012-479
 Drew County, Arkansas

ESRI Aerial Map

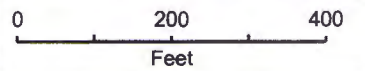
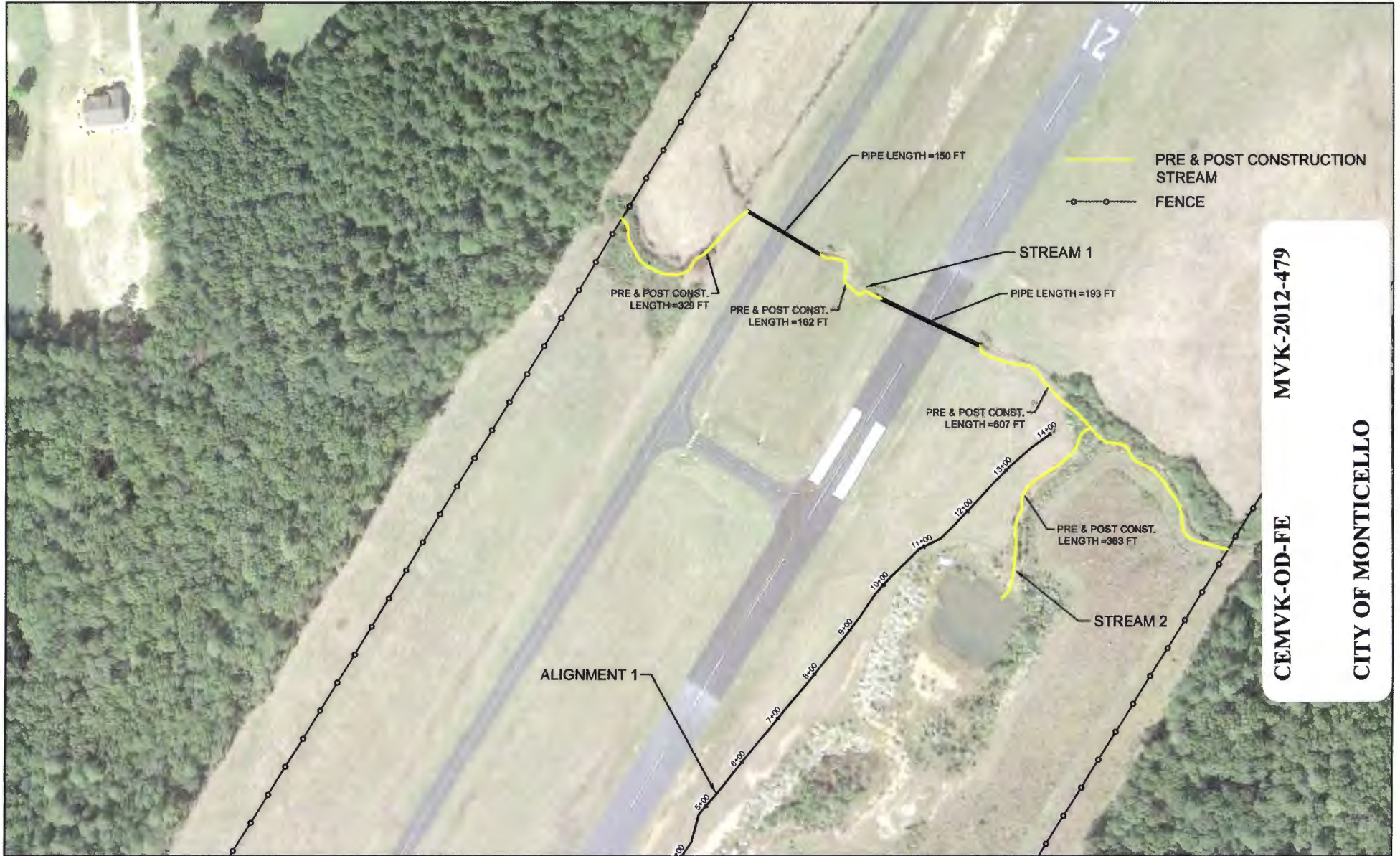


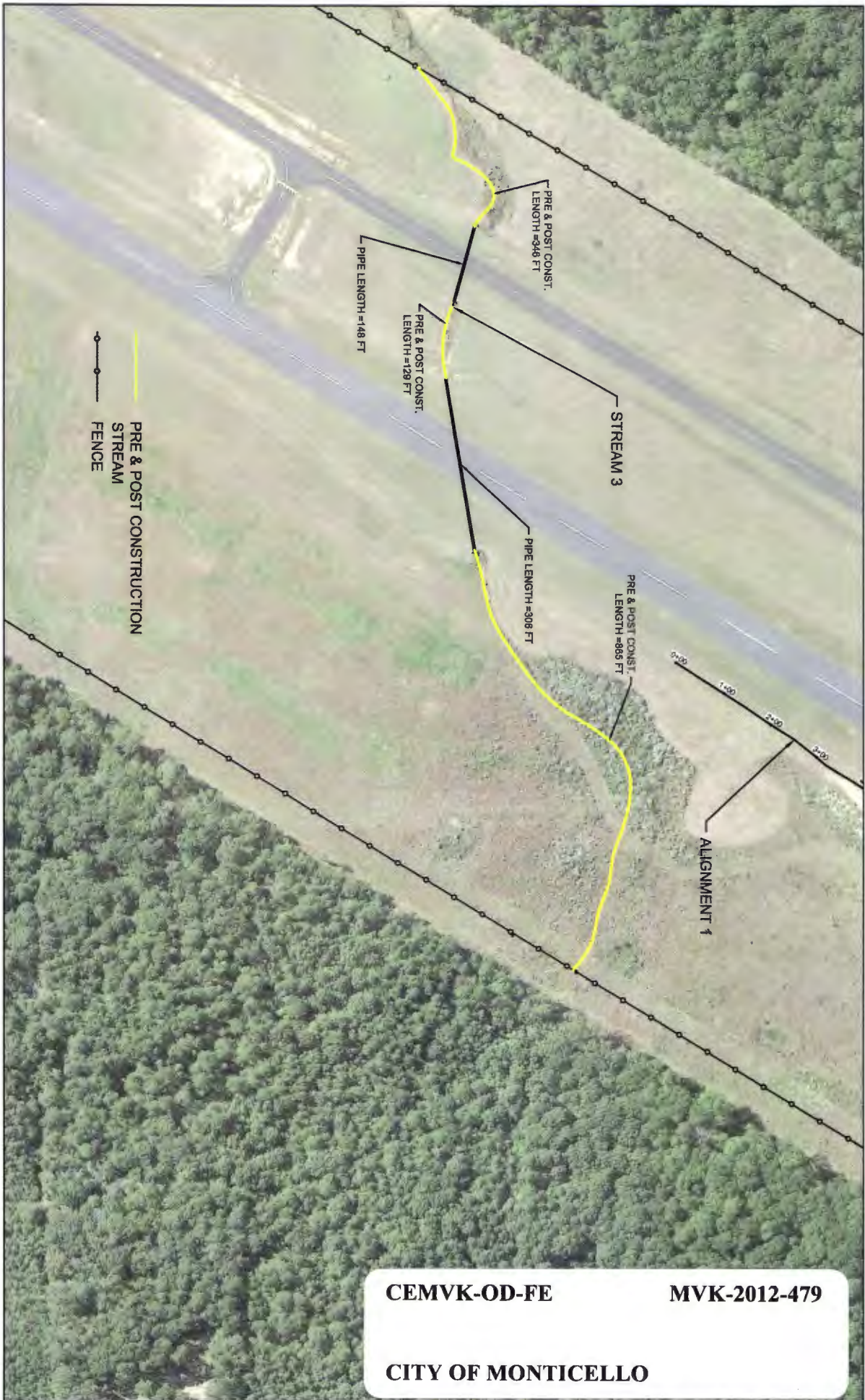
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