



# Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Pittsburgh District

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Notice No. below

US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District  
1000 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 200200156

Date: January 21, 2003

Notice No. 03-01

Closing Date: February 10, 2003

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).
2. APPLICANT: LaBrae School District  
1015 Leavitt Road  
Leavittsburg, OH 44430
3. LOCATION: near an unnamed tributary to Chocolate Run in Leavittsburg, Trumbull County, Ohio
4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct a new school building to accommodate grades 3 through 12, roads, parking lots, sports facilities and other school utilities. The project, as proposed, minimizes impacts to the wetland and optimizes the area for the development of the required school facilities. The total site comprises 69 acres. Total area used for development is 40 acres. The site contains a total of 9.216 acres of jurisdictional wetland. As a result of selecting the Minimum Degradation alternative, 81% or 7.482 acres of wetland would be avoided. Total unavoidable wetland impacts will be 1.734 acres. The unused portions of the site totals 29 acres. Mitigation for wetland impacts would be performed at a minimum ratio of 1.5:1. To offset the loss of 1.734 acres of wetland, a total of 2.601 acres of additional wetland would be created adjacent to the existing natural wetland. Plantings would be placed around the perimeters of the wetlands to create a buffer and to enhance wildlife value. The wetlands would also be used as an outdoor science study area. Drawings of the proposed project are attached to this notice.
5. WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A Permit will not be granted until Water Quality Certification is received or waived from:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)  
Section 401 Coordinator  
P.O. Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0149

Telephone Number: 614-644-2001

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

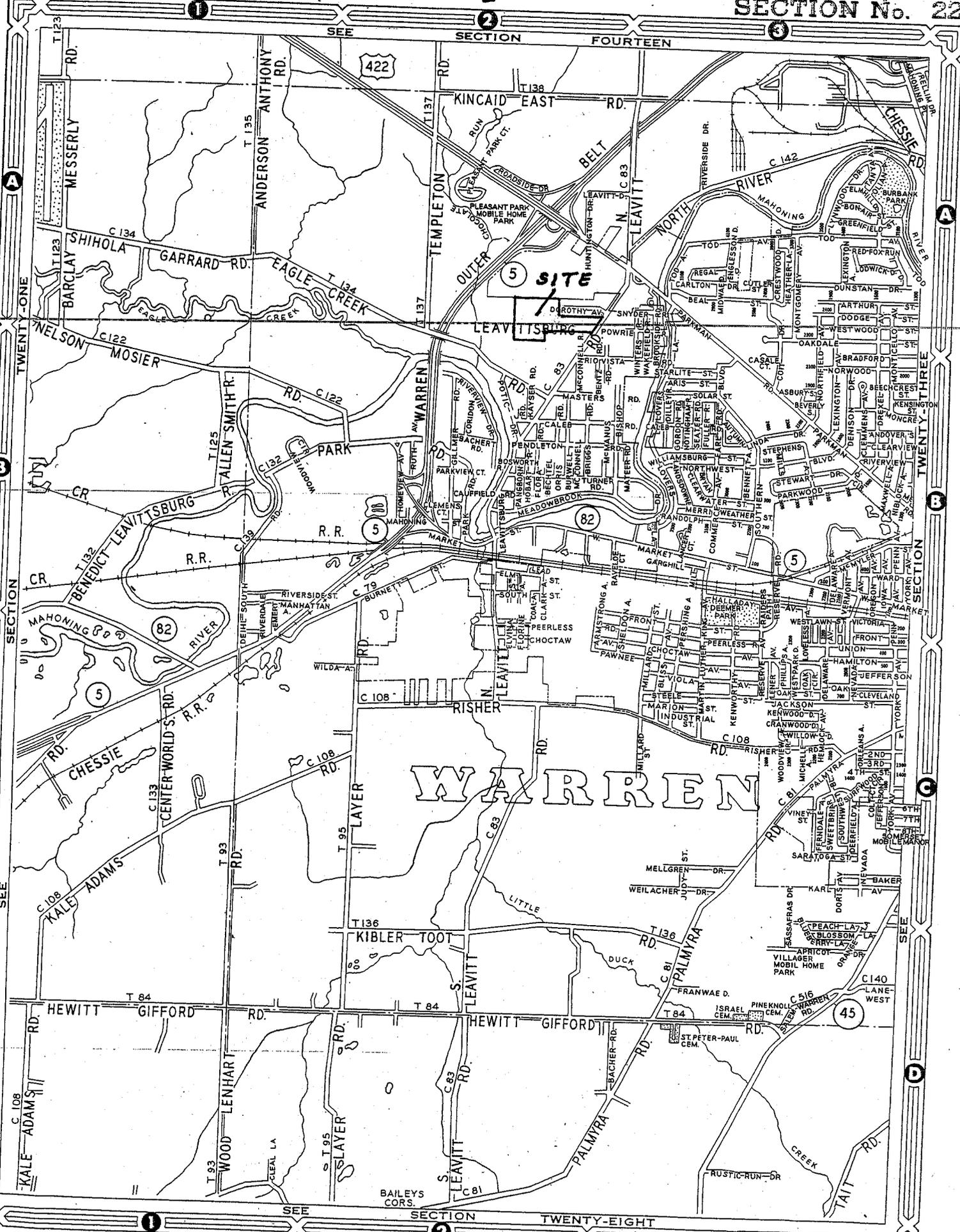
9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals 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, flood plain 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 of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials;

Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. 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 overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

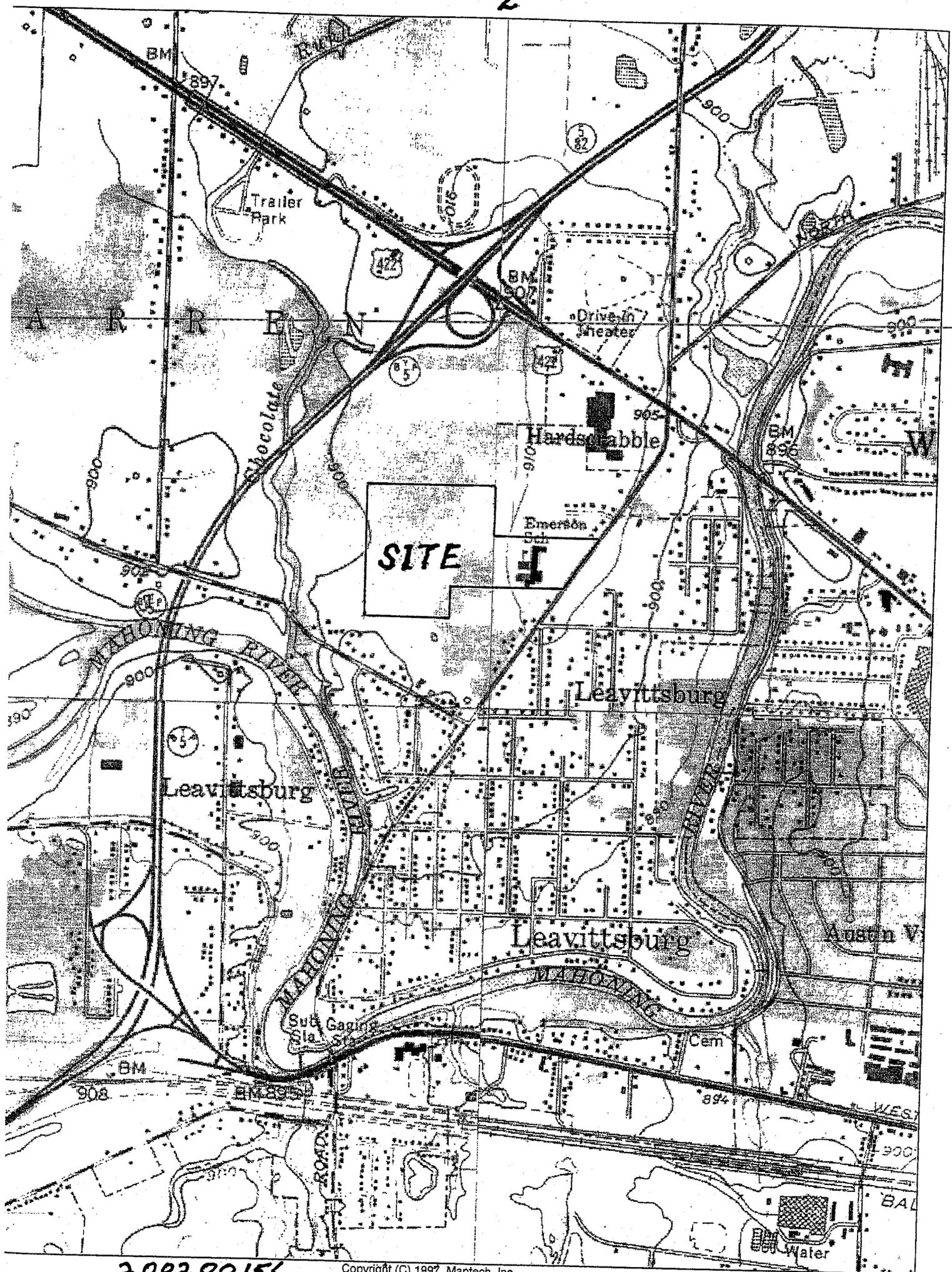
10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Richard Sobol, at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7153, or by e-mail at richard.sobol@usace.army.mil Please refer to CELRP-OR-F 200200156 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

*James F. Rockovich, P.E.*  
for Albert H. Rogalla  
Chief, Regulatory Branch



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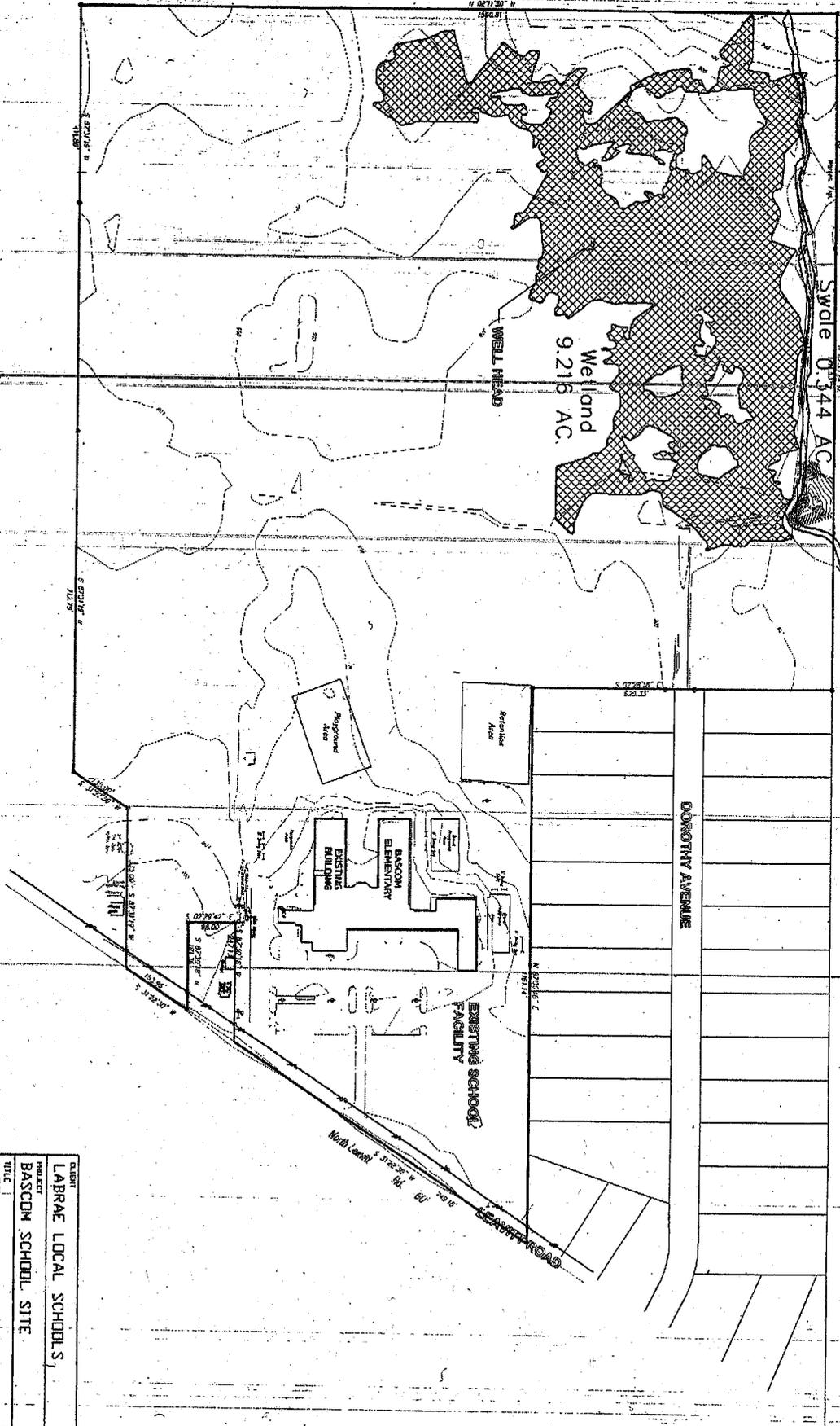


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WETLAND AREA = 9.216  
SWALE AREA = 0.344 ACRES



CLIENT	LABRAE LOCAL SCHOOL S1
PROJECT	BASCOM SCHOOL SITE
TITLE	WETLAND DELINEATION
SCALE	1" = 100'
DATE	9-02
PROJECT NO.	88024
DATE PLOT	Labr-0-9-02
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