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Pittsburgh District

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

Application No. 200401961

Date: July 26, 2006

Notice No. 06-30

Closing Date: August 16, 2006

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: PA Department of Transportation, District 12-0
PO Box 459, Uniontown, PA 15401-0459

CO-APPLICANTS: Westmoreland County Commissioners
601 Courthouse Square, Greensburg, PA 15601

St. Vincent College
St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA 15650
3. LOCATION: over Monastery Run, eight unnamed tributaries, and adjacent wetlands, located in Unity Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.
4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The project proposes to relocate approximately 5,500 feet of S.R. 1045, St. Vincent Drive, from its existing location approximately 1,000 feet to the east, realign a portion of Beatty Road, construct a new unsignalized one-lane roundabout intersection at the intersection of S.R. 1045, Beatty Road, and Grove Road, and construct a new access road to the St. Vincent College campus from the relocated S.R. 1045. The purpose of the S.R. 1045 relocation is to move traffic away from the St. Vincent College campus. This is necessary to relieve vehicular/pedestrian conflicts that are currently occurring in the area. The existing road bisects the campus and separates the college buildings from the parking areas.

Aquatic resource impacts include three stream crossings of Monastery Run (STR 2), five unnamed tributary enclosures, relocating two stream channels, eliminating one channel, and the placement of fill in 2.06 acres of adjacent PEM/PSS wetlands. The project will impact 1,820 feet of stream channel including culverting 1,110 feet, relocating 320 feet, 150 feet of rock apron, and eliminating 430 feet of stream channel. One channel (STR 4) will be incorporated into the proposed replacement

wetland. The existing 36 foot Beatty Road culvert in Monastery Run will be removed and the channel restored. Proposed wetland mitigation will be the construction of 2.19 acres of PEM/PSS wetland adjacent to the existing non-impacted wetland areas 1 and 2. Stream mitigation is currently being developed in coordination with the resource agencies.

PennDOT is the applicant for the S.R. 1045 relocation that will result in impacts to 1,370 feet of stream channel and 1.0 acres of adjacent wetlands. Westmoreland County is the applicant for the Beatty Road realignment and the new S.R. 1045, Beatty Road, and Grove Road intersection that will impact 80 feet of Monastery Run and 0.71 acres of adjacent wetlands. St. Vincent College is the applicant for the new 1,325 foot access road that will impact 370 feet of stream channel and 0.33 acres of adjacent wetlands. Drawings of the proposed project are attached to this notice.

5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant is required to obtain an encroachment permit which includes State 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Southwest Regional Office
Soils and Waterways Section
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745
Telephone: 412-442-4000

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: On January 10, 2006, the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) records were checked for State and Federally endangered or threatened species and none were identified within the project area. 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 applicants have initiated coordination with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation (PHMC), file no. ER 03-8053-129-B. In correspondence dated April 16, 2004, the PHMC indicated that they were unable to complete their review and that there may be an eligible historic district at the St. Vincent College. 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).

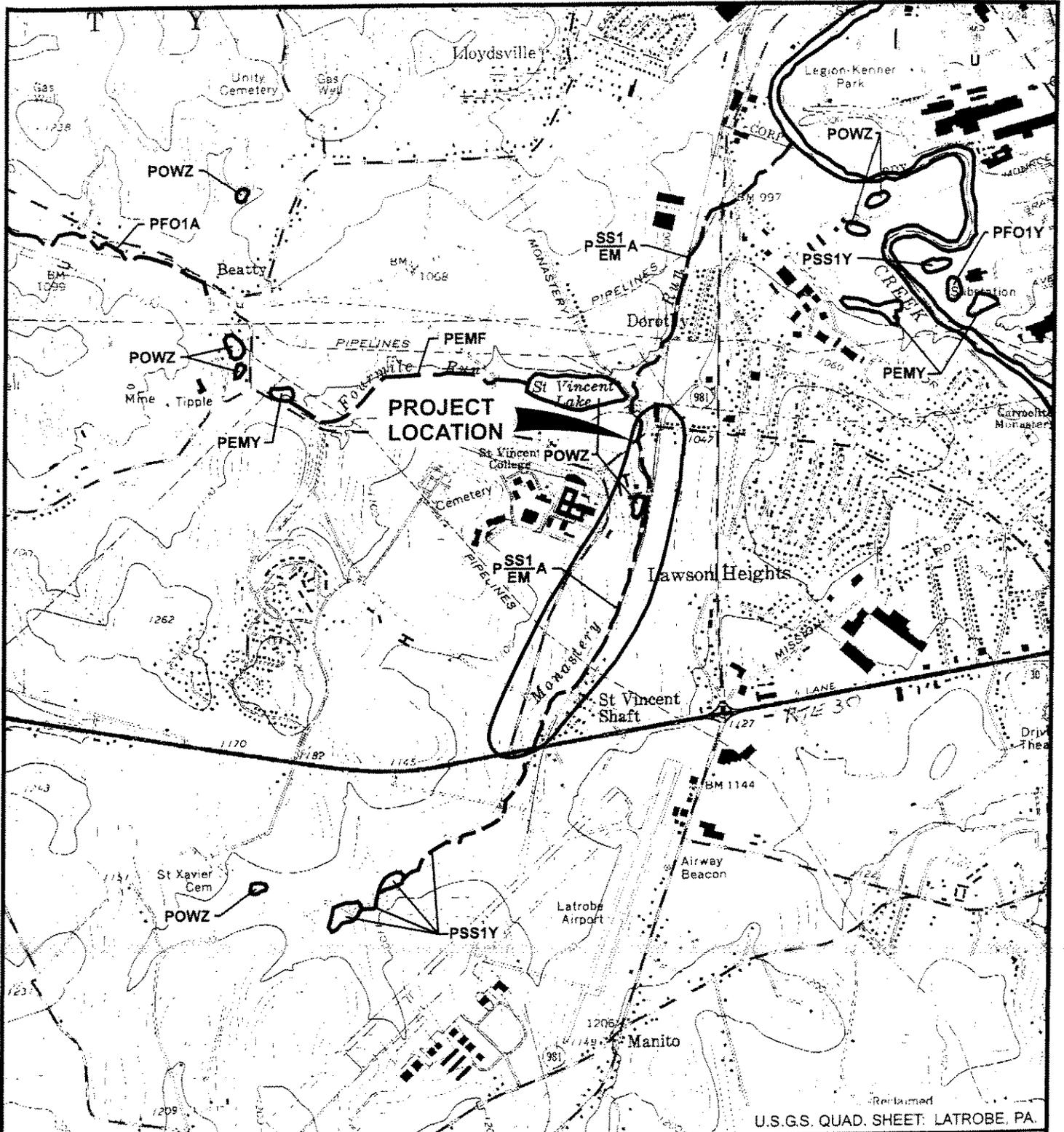
10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered 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 Marcia H.

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Haberman, at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7361, or by e-mail at Marcia.H.Haberman@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 200401961 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:


Michael J. Cummings, Jr.
Chief, Regulatory Branch



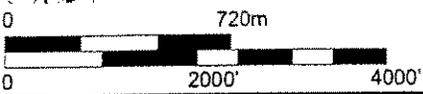
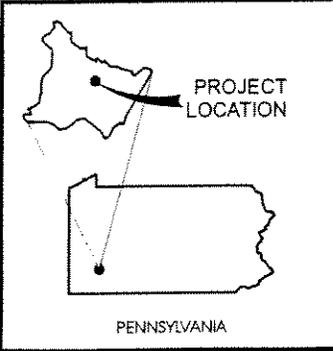
U.S.G.S. QUAD. SHEET: LATROBE, PA.

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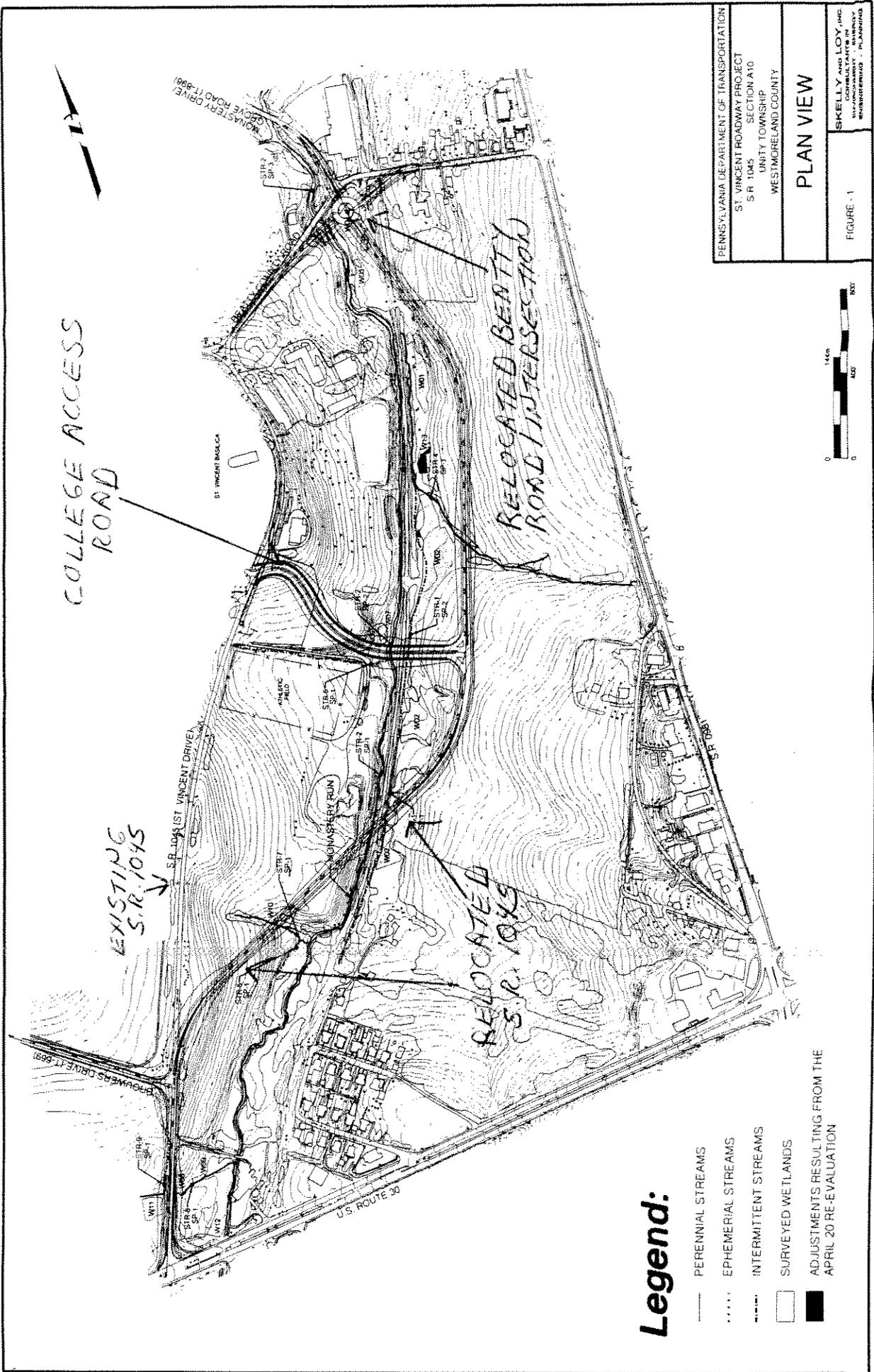
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FIGURE - 3

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COLLEGE ACCESS ROAD

EXISTING S.R. 1045

RELOCATED S.R. 1045

RELOCATED BERTTY ROAD INTERSECTION

Legend:

- PERENNIAL STREAMS
- EPHEMERAL STREAMS
- - - - - INTERMITTENT STREAMS
- SURVEYED WETLANDS
- ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM THE APRIL 20 RE-EVALUATION

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FIGURE - 1	SKELLY AND LOY, INC. CORRECTIONAL ENGINEERS WESTMORELAND - PENNSYLVANIA

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**TABLE D-1
Summary of Stream Impacts**

Stream Identification	Impact Ownership	Impact Type	Existing Culvert Length (ft)	Affected Stream Length (ft)	Proposed Relocation (ft)	Proposed Culvert Length (ft)	Additional Culvert Length (ft)	Channel Loss (ft)
STR-1 (SP1)*	PennDOT	Elliptical RCP placement, 53" wide x 34" high	--	230	--	220	220	10
STR-1 (SP2)*	SVC	Elliptical RCP placement, 53" wide x 34" high	--	130	--	120	120 Culvert 10 Rock Apron	10
STR-2 (SP1)*	PennDOT	Twin cell, depressed bottom box culvert placement	--	200	--	200	200	--
STR-2 (SP2)*	SVC	Twin cell, depressed bottom box culvert placement	--	90	--	90	90	--
STR-2 (SP3)*	Westmoreland County	Culvert replacement with a bottomless, precast concrete arch culvert	30	80	--	80	50	--
STR-4*	PennDOT	54" RCP culvert placement	--	260	--	160	160 Culvert 40 Rock Apron	220
STR-5**	SVC	Channel relocation	--	100	120	--	--	--
STR-6**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
STR-7*	PennDOT	30" RCP culvert placement	--	240	--	120	120 Culvert 100 Rock Apron	20
STR-8*	PennDOT	48" RCP culvert placement	80	130	--	120	40	10
STR-9**	PennDOT	Channel relocation	--	310	200	--	--	110
STR-10*	SVC	Channel loss	--	50	--	--	--	50
Total			110	1,820	320	1,110	1,000 Culvert 150 Rock Apron	430

* Perennial Stream

** Intermittent Stream

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**TABLE D-2
Summary of Wetland Impacts**

Wetland Name	Impact Ownership	Wetland Size (acres)	Vegetative Classification	Impacted Size (acres)
W01	--	0.37	PEM	--
W02	PennDOT	3.43+	80% PEM/20% PSS	0.87
W02	SVC	--	80% PEM/20% PSS	0.32
W04	Westmoreland County	0.71	PEM	0.71
W05	--	0.11	PEM	0.01*
W06	SVC	0.01*	PEM	0.01*
W07	--	0.05	80% PEM/20% PSS	0.01
W08	PennDOT	0.01*-	PEM	0.01*
W09	--	0.02	PEM	--
W10	PennDOT	0.01*	PEM	0.01*
W11 ¹	PennDOT	0.18+	PEM	0.11
W12 ²	PennDOT	0.14	60% PFO/40% PEM	--
W13	--	0.09	PEM	--
W14	--	0.01*	PEM	--
Total		5.14		2.06

PEM = Palustrine Emergent + = Open ended wetland
PSS = Palustrine Scrub Shrub * = Wetland size was rounded to 0.01 ac
PFO = Palustrine Forested - = Wetland size was field measured but not surveyed

¹Shared resources between the S.R.1045, Sec. A10 and S.R. 0030/0981, Sec. Q01 projects.

²Impacts to W12 are accounted for with the S.R. 0030/0981, Sec. Q01 project.

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FIGURE - 2	SKELLY AND LOY, INC. CONSULTANTS IN ENVIRONMENT - ENGINEERING - PLANNING



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- Legend:**
- PERENNIAL STREAMS
 - - - EPHEMERAL STREAMS
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 - ▭ SURVEYED WETLANDS
 - ▨ WETLAND MITIGATION AREA

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