



# 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. 2008-704

Date: September 7, 2010

Notice No. 10-50

Closing Date: October 6, 2010

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.

2. **APPLICANT:** Regional Industrial Development Corporation of Southwest PA  
425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 500  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

**CONSULTANT:** Mackin Engineering Company  
RIDC Park West  
117 Industry Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275

3. **LOCATION:** The Thorn Hill Industrial Park is 925 acres located in Marshall and Cranberry Townships, Allegheny and Butler Counties (respectively) Pennsylvania.

4. **PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to construct commercial developments on 15 remaining undeveloped parcels in Thorn Hill Industrial Park. Ten of these parcels are located in Allegheny County totaling 126 acres and five are located in Butler County totaling 108 acres. At this time, three projects are currently proposed for development. Of these currently proposed projects, Verizon, Incorporated has plans to develop Parcel 69 for auxiliary parking and connect their existing facility to the proposed parking via an access road from the existing Verizon parking lot. This connector road would impact an unnamed tributary to Brush Creek and two wetlands. East Resources, Incorporated is proposing a Phase II facility expansion on Parcel 539 to include construction of an approximately 26,500 square foot office building. Parking and the required storm water facilities would also be included with this project impacting two wetlands and an unnamed tributary. Elmhurst Group, Incorporated and RIDC- Flex-Building Development is proposing to develop a portion of the Lower Parcel including an access road from the existing Commonwealth Drive. The project would include placing a 16' wide by 7'10" high by 90' precast concrete arch with 20' rock aprons in an unnamed tributary to Brush Creek to access the interior of the parcel. Partial fills are also proposed for two wetlands on this parcel. Also crossing the unnamed tributary would be the utility lines that would service the proposed 48,000 square foot flex building, associated parking lot, and stormwater management facilities.

In addition to the three currently proposed developments, RIDC anticipates development activities will occur on 11 of the remaining undeveloped parcels in Thorn Hill Industrial Park within the next ten years including Parcel 25, 56, 62, 63R, 65, 66, and B Revision in Allegheny County; and Parcel 537, 542, 544, and 545 in Butler County. Due to parcel sizes, variable topography, required building setbacks, existing conservation easements, and presence of aquatic resources within the anticipated development areas, the associated building pads, parking facilities, utility lines, and installation of stormwater management facilities will necessitate minor fills of the resources. In an attempt to provide shovel ready building lots, the applicant is proposing impacts to these resources as well as resources for the three aforementioned (currently proposed) projects totaling 2.92 acres of open water, emergent, shrub scrub, and forested wetlands in addition to 2,375 linear feet of jurisdictional stream channel. To mitigate for the loss of these resources 3.84 acres of wetland mitigation and 2,362 linear feet of stream creation, bank stabilization, restoration, and relocation of stream mitigation is proposed. Please see enclosed impact and mitigation tables summarizing this information and showing the correct ratios have been applied. The applicant is requesting a 0.31 acre wetland mitigation credit (that exists from a previously permitted activity) be applied to the proposed wetland mitigation requirement. Also please find drawings of all the proposed sites.

5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant must obtain a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit which includes 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Northwest Regional Office  
Soils and Waterways Section  
230 Chestnut Street  
Meadville, PA 16335

Telephone: 814-332-6984

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

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directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Tyler Bintrim at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7115, or by e-mail at [tyler.j.bintrim@usace.army.mil](mailto:tyler.j.bintrim@usace.army.mil). Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2008-704 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

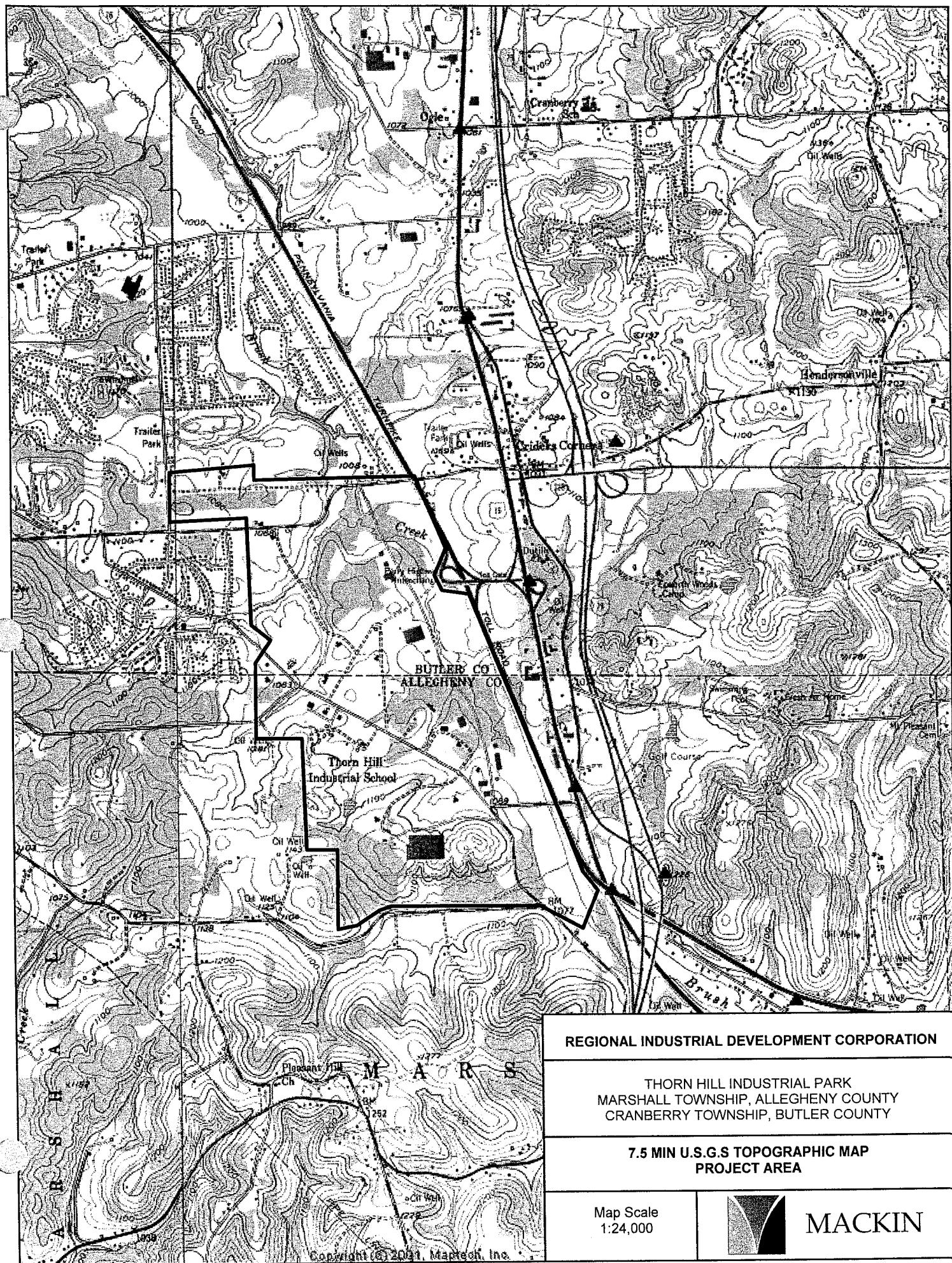
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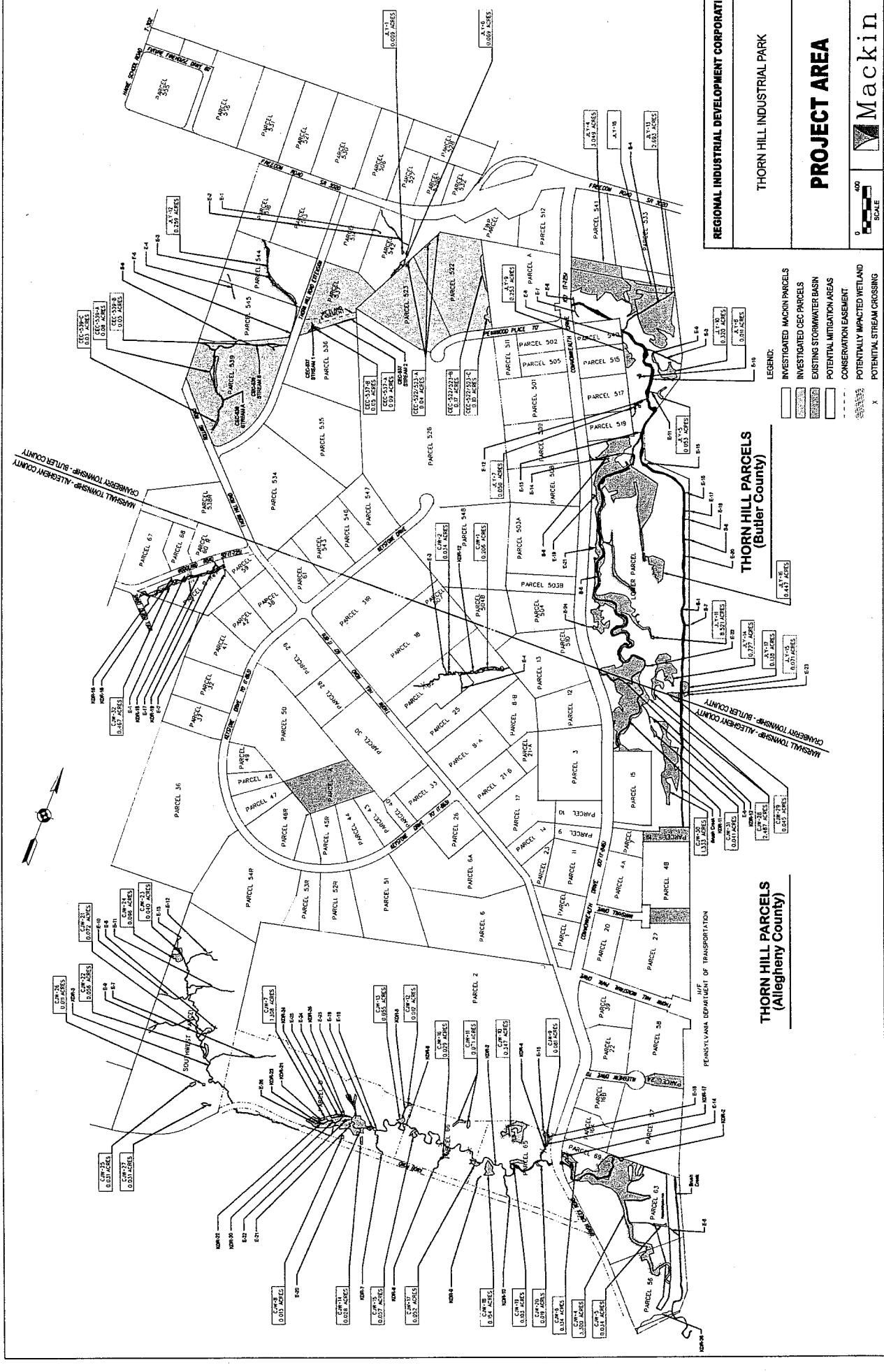
Scott A. Hans  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

| THORNHILL INDUSTRIAL PARK<br>Wetland Mitigation Requirements - Total Project |                  |                                |                    |                             |   |
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| Wetland Classes Impacted   | Impacts by Class | Mitigation Requirement (ratio) | Agency Requirement | Required Mitigation Acreage | Wetland Credit Permit E10-332                   |
| Palustrine Open Water  | 0.27             | 1:1                            | USACE/EPA          | 0.27                        | Wetland Creation - Mitigation Site Parcel 56&63 |
| Palustrine Emergent  | 1.55             | 1:1                            | USACE/EPA          | 1.55                        | 0.27  |
| Palustrine Scrub Shrub   | 0.97             | 2:1                            | USACE/EPA          | 1.94                        | 1.24  |
| Palustrine Forested  | 0.13             | 3:1                            | USACE/EPA          | 0.39                        | 1.94  |
| 0.25 acre Invasive Species Eradication                                       | n/a              | n/a                            | n/a                | n/a                         | 0.39  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>2.92</b>      |                                |                    | <b>4.15</b>                 | <b>-0.31</b>                                    |
|  |                  |                                |                    |                             | <b>3.84</b>                                     |

Eradication of invasive species within the wetland mitigation area will be required prior to construction.

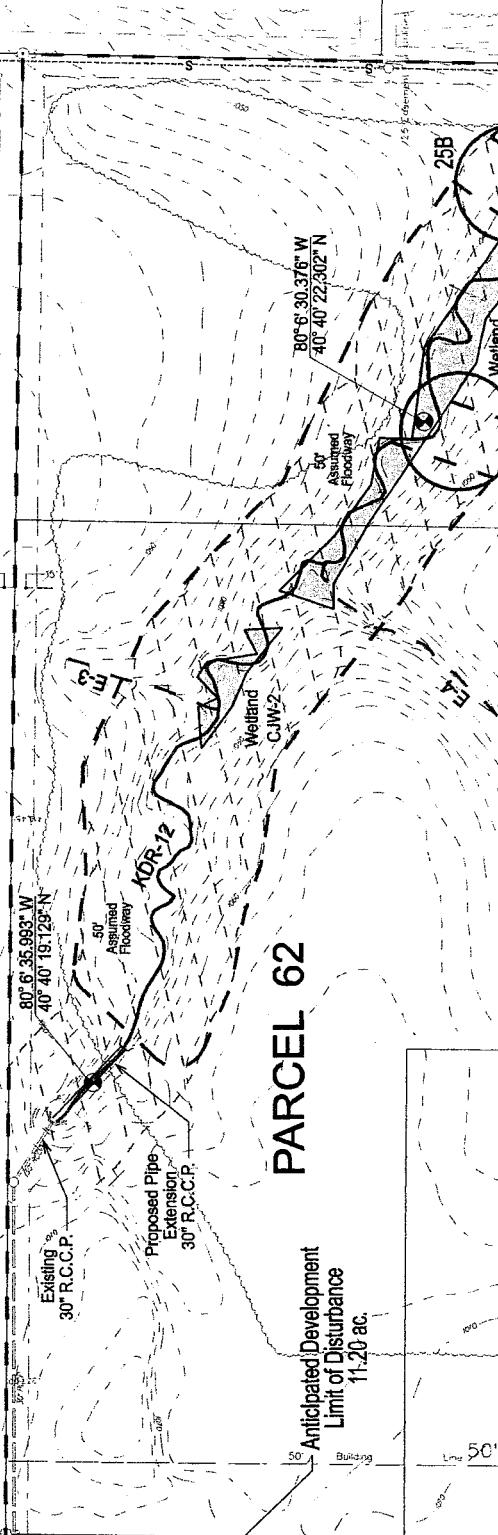
| THORN HILL INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT   |                            |                        |   |                            |  |  |
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| Conceptual Stream Mitigation Requirements and Proposed Total Project - Updated February 2010 |                            |                        |   |                            |  |  |
| Stream Type Impacted   | Number of Streams Impacted | Mitigation Requirement | Governing Agency/Most Stringent Requirement   | Mitigation Requirement     | Proposed Mitigation  | Anticipated Mitigation Credit  |
| Perennial Streams  | 4                          | 532                    | 1:1<br>USACE/EPA per mitigation site field view 11/19/09)   | 1:1                        | Create a minimum of 1,300 ft. of new, 2nd Order, perennial stream channel throughout the mitigation complex. The stream channel construction would occur during the wetland construction and would include two minor stream forks to maintain site access for utilities, a temporary water control structure (weir) at the downstream end and rock channel protection at the discharge to Brush Creek. Place remainder of CJW-4 and entire mitigation site in permanent conservation easement.                                       | Credit for Approximately 1,300 ft. of perennial stream channel to provide compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts to 532 ft. of perennial stream and 671 ft. of intermittent stream (Meets the USACE 1:1 requirement for permanent perennial and intermittent stream impacts)  |
| Intermittent Streams   | 2                          | 673                    | 1:1<br>USACE/EPA per mitigation site field view 11/19/09)   | 1:1                        |  |  |
| Ephemeral Watercourses   | 10                         | 1,993                  | Y<br>USACE/EPA - 1:1 mitigation for approximately 1,170 ft. of USACE jurisdictional ephemeral stream<br>PADEP - No mandatory ratio (per mitigation site field view 11/19/09) however, PADEP requires some form of mitigation for all 2,036 ft. of impacts to ephemeral watercourses | TBD PADEP (all ephemerals) | 1. 200 ft. - Streambank stabilization to ldb. of Brush Creek (Parcel 56); (\$150 / f.)<br>2. 150 ft. - Streambank Stabilization to KDR-2 within Parcel 63 & 69 (\$150 / f.)<br>3. 162 ft. - Restoration and stabilization of headcut eroded channel of KDR-26<br>4. Create/Relocate 400 ft. of ephemeral watercourse (Parcel 544 - E-3 relocation - part of anticipated cut and fill for pad construction)<br>5. 150 ft. - Streambank Stabilization to eroded sections of the ldb and rdb of Brush Creek (Lower Parcel) (\$150 / f.) | 1. Credit for compensatory mitigation for 600 ft. of permanent ephemeral watercourse impacts<br>2. Credit for compensatory mitigation for 450 ft. of permanent ephemeral watercourse impacts.<br>3. Credit for compensatory mitigation for 162 ft. of permanent ephemeral watercourse impacts<br>(1-3 are intended to meet USACE mitigation requirement for 450 ft. (1,170 ft.)<br>4. Credit for compensatory mitigation for 400 ft. of permanent ephemeral watercourse impacts<br>5. Credit for compensatory mitigation for 450 ft. of permanent ephemeral watercourse impacts<br>(1-5 are intended to meet PADEP mitigation requirement) (Total Credit of 2,062 ft.) |





## PARCEL 18

## PARCEL 504B



## PARCEL 30

## PARCEL 13

## PARCEL 25

80° 6' 28.761" W  
40° 40' 23.351" N

80° 6' 30.376" W  
40° 40' 22.302" N

## PARCEL 8-B

### REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

THORN HILL INDUSTRIAL PARK  
MARSHALL TOWNSHIP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

### Parcels 25 and 62 Potential Impact Area

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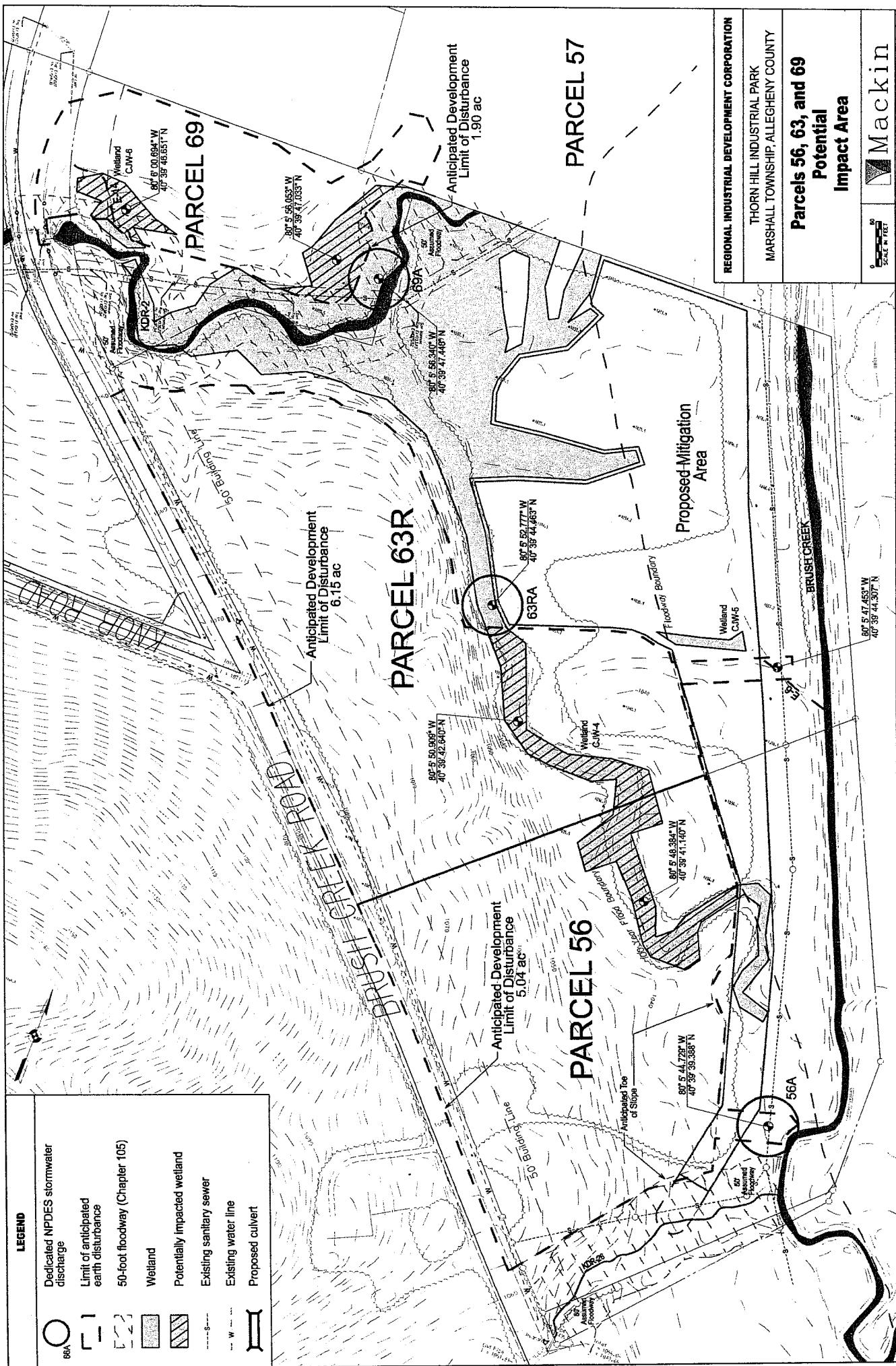
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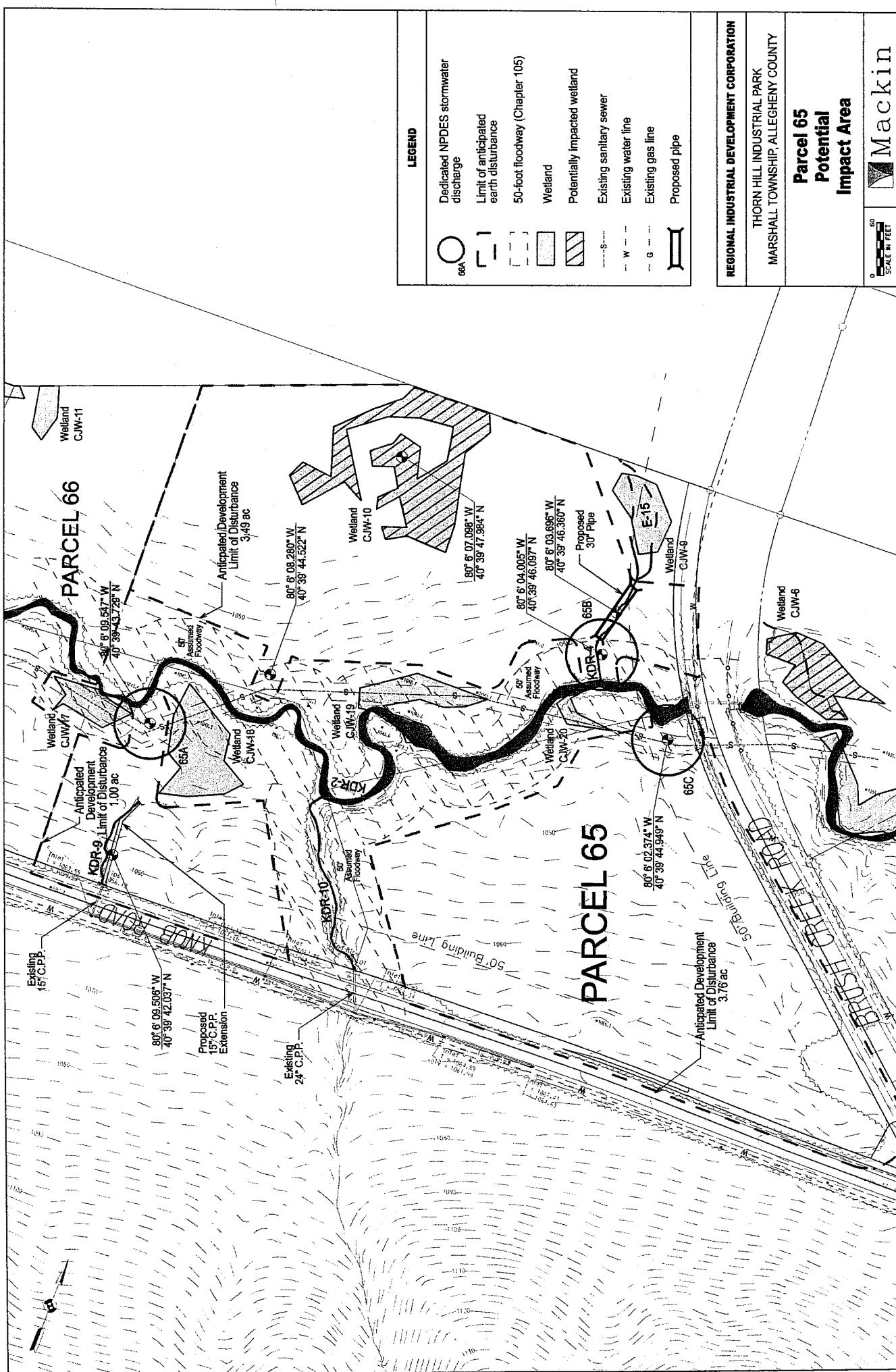
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| Dedicated NPDES stormwater discharge   | —S—                            | Existing sanitary sewer |
| Limit of anticipated earth disturbance | —W—                            | Existing water line     |
| —G—                                    | —G—                            | Existing gas line       |
| —P—                                    | —P—                            | Proposed pipe           |
| 50' Building Line                      | 50-foot floodway (Chapter 105) |                         |
| Wetland                                |                                |                         |
| Potentially impacted wetland           |                                |                         |

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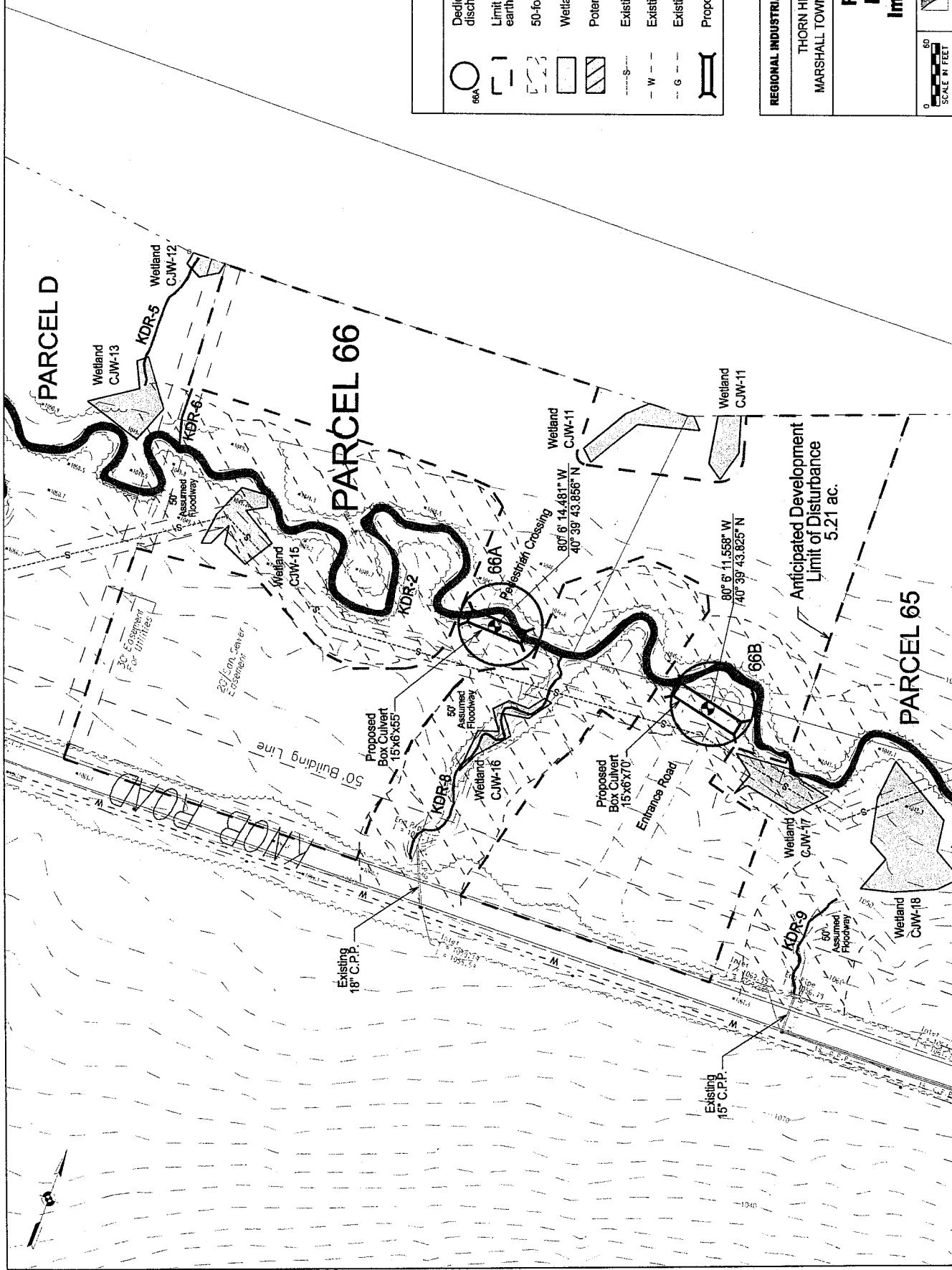
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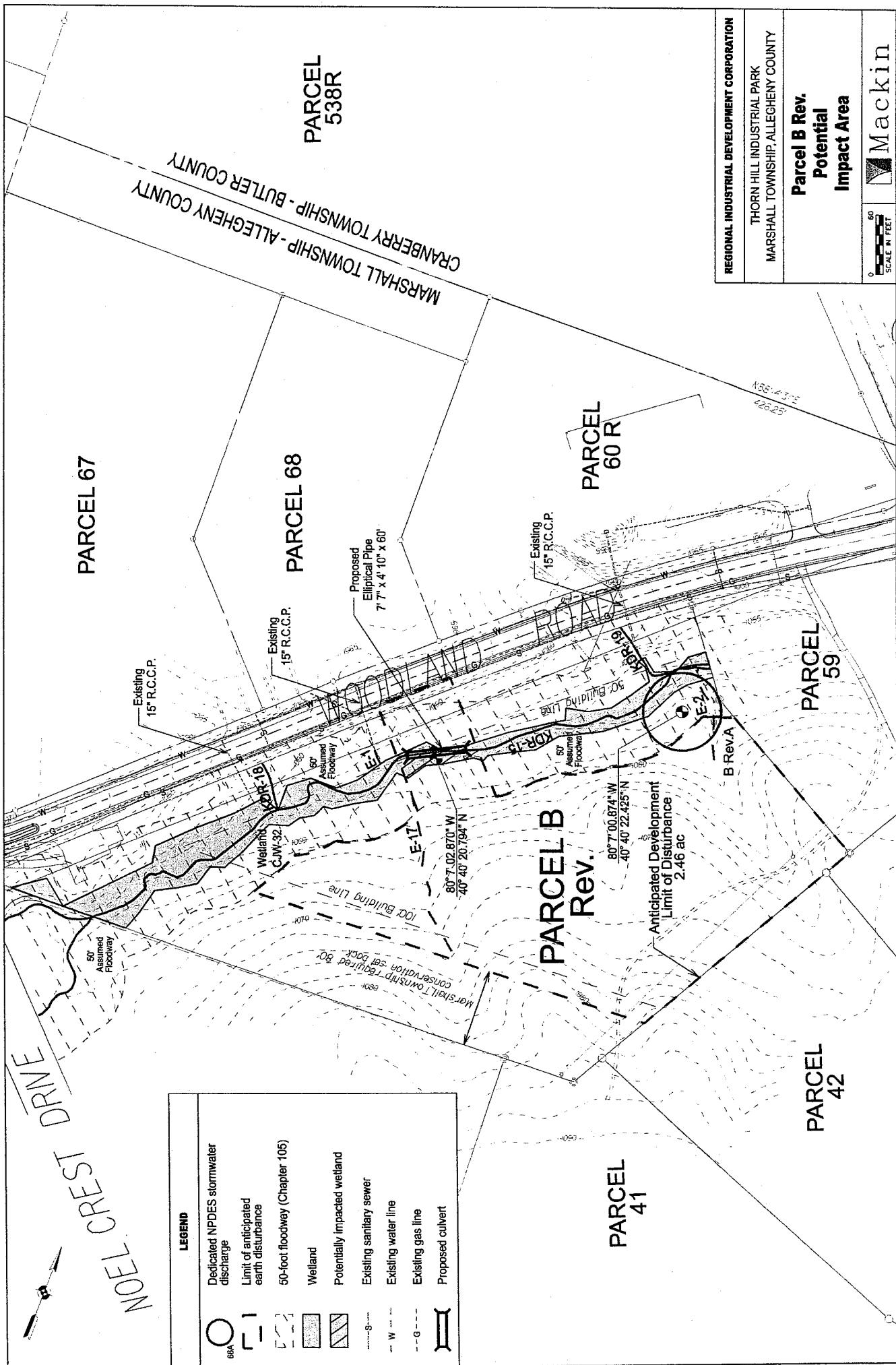


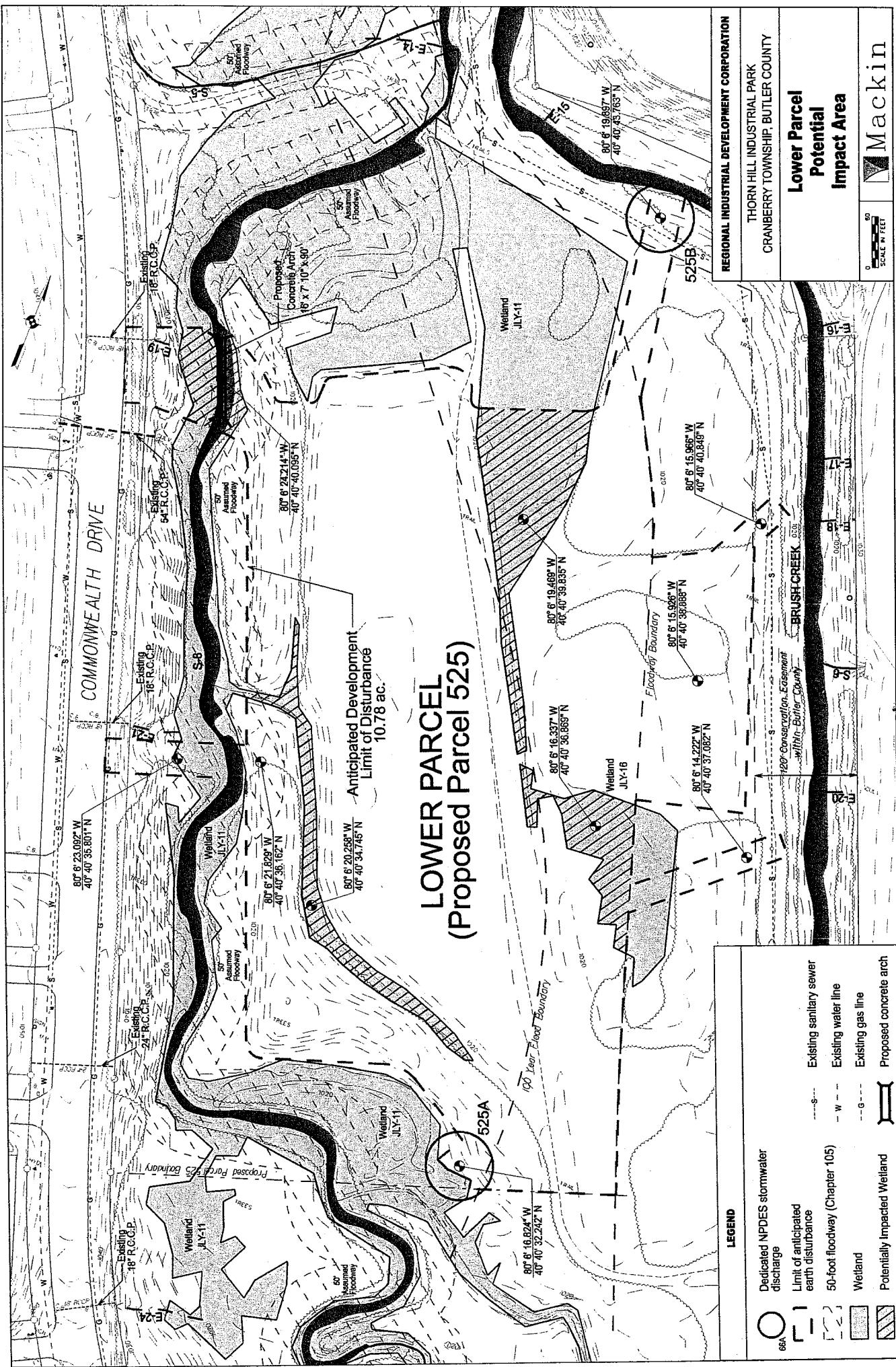
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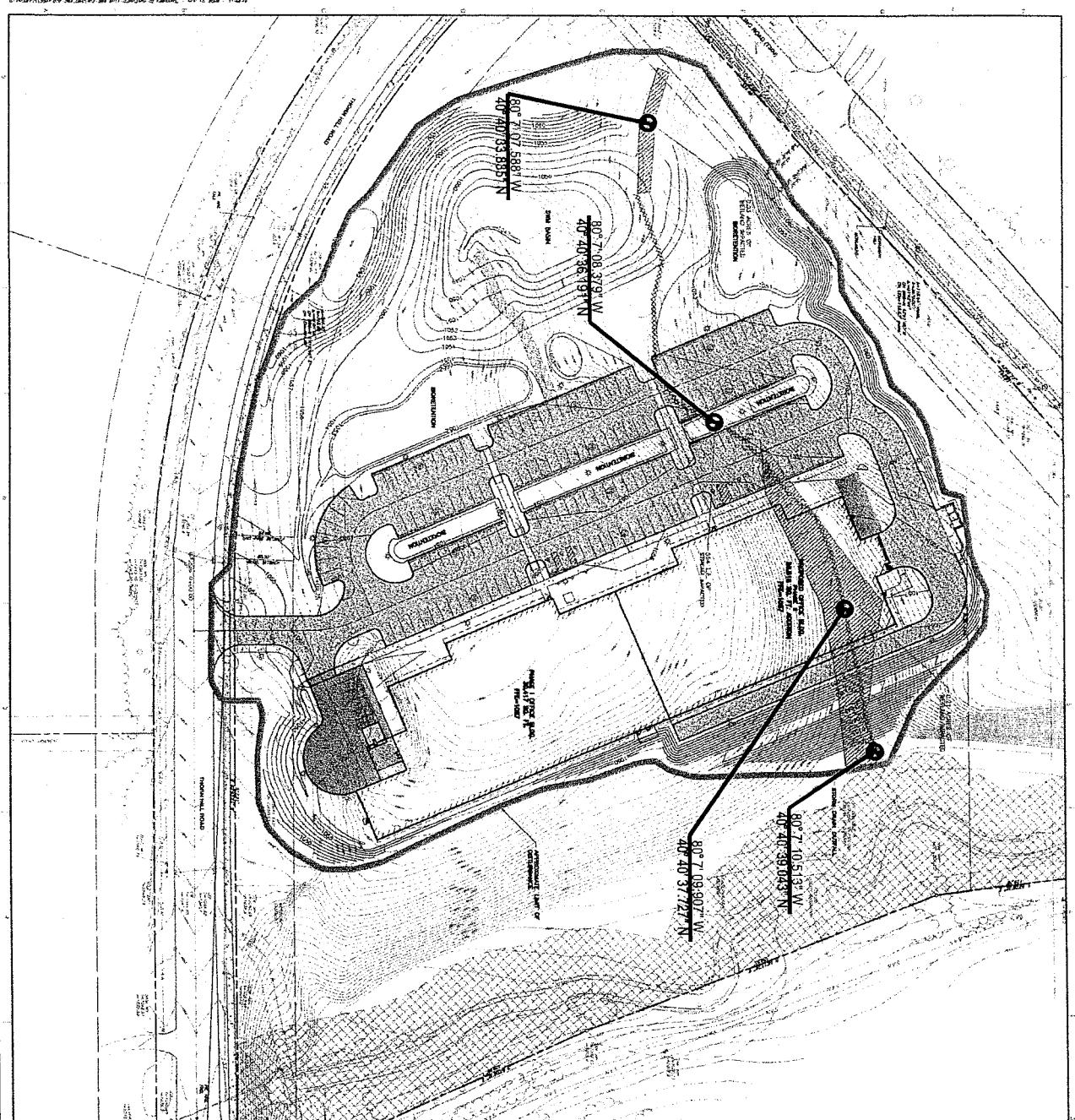
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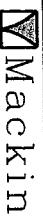
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**THORN HILL INDUSTRIAL PARK  
ANBERRY TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY**

## **Parcel 539 Potential Impact Area**



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REMARKS.—The following tables give the results of the experiments made by Dr. J. C. Dillwyn Llewelyn, M.A., F.R.S., on the absorption of water by the leaves of various plants. The experiments were conducted in a dry chamber, and the temperature was kept constant at 20° C. The plants used were all young ones, and the experiments were conducted in a dry chamber.

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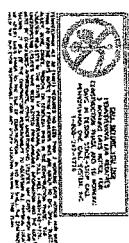
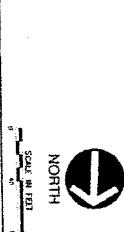
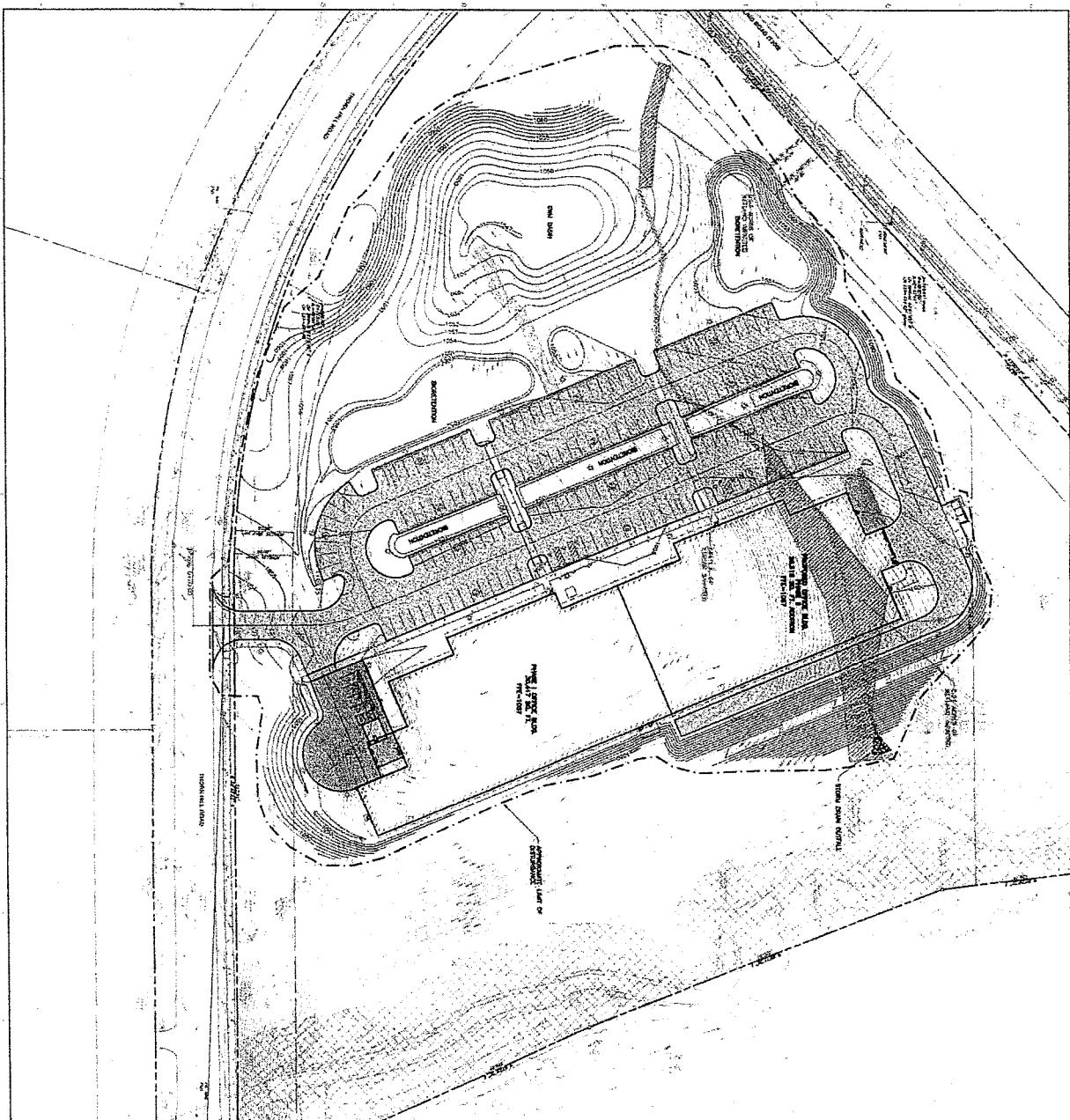


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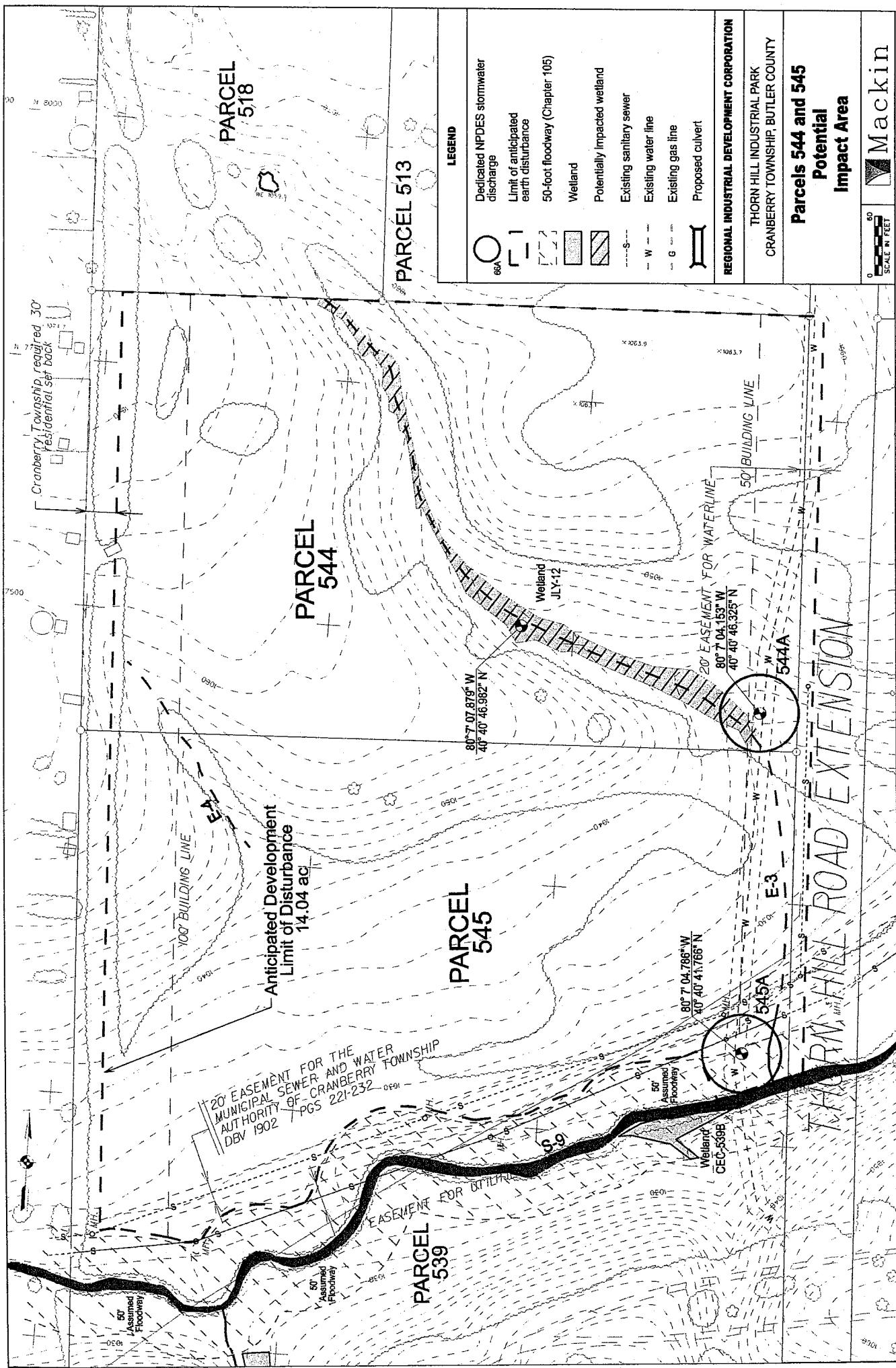
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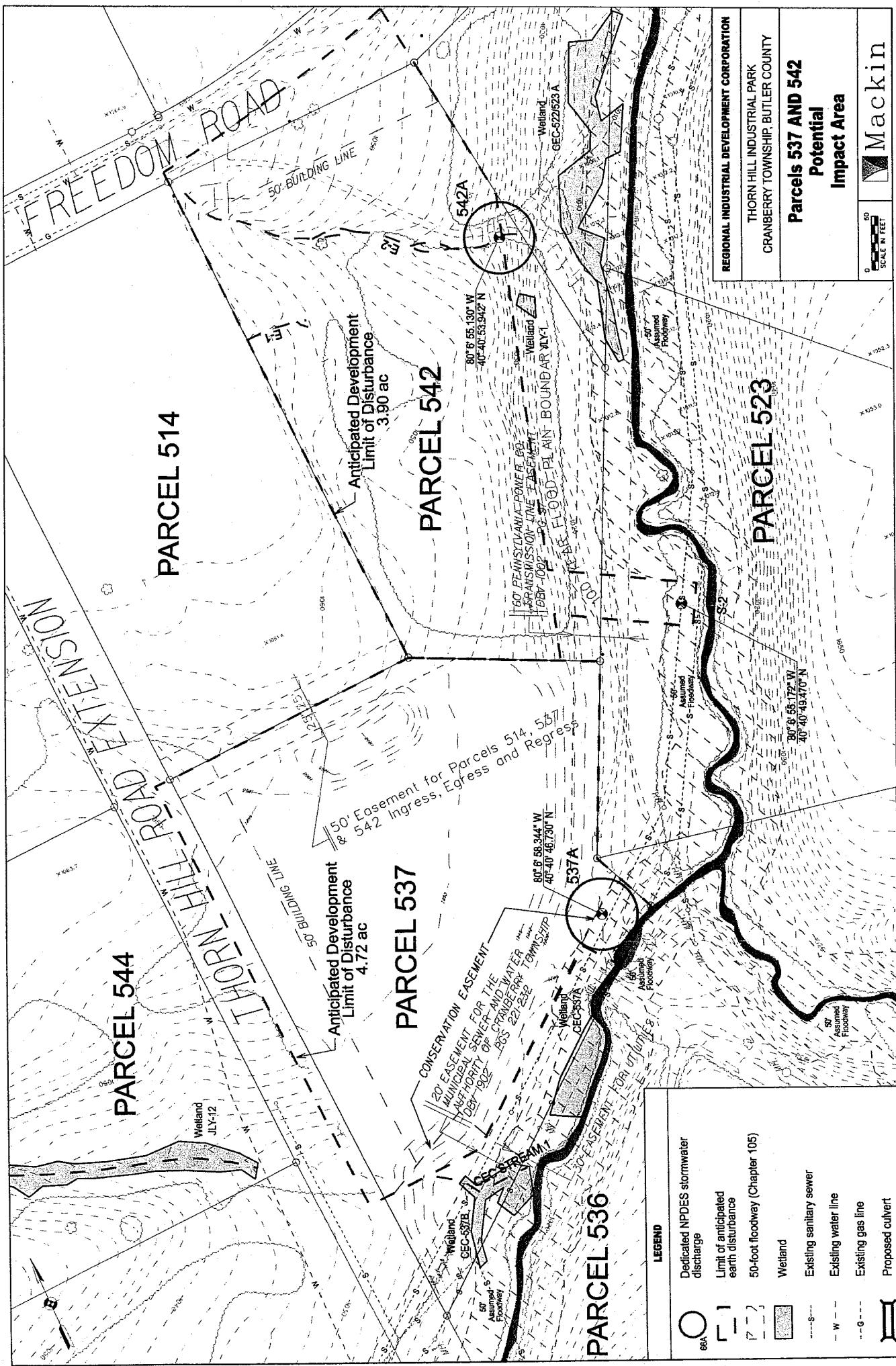
**STREAM AND WETLAND IMPACT PLAN**

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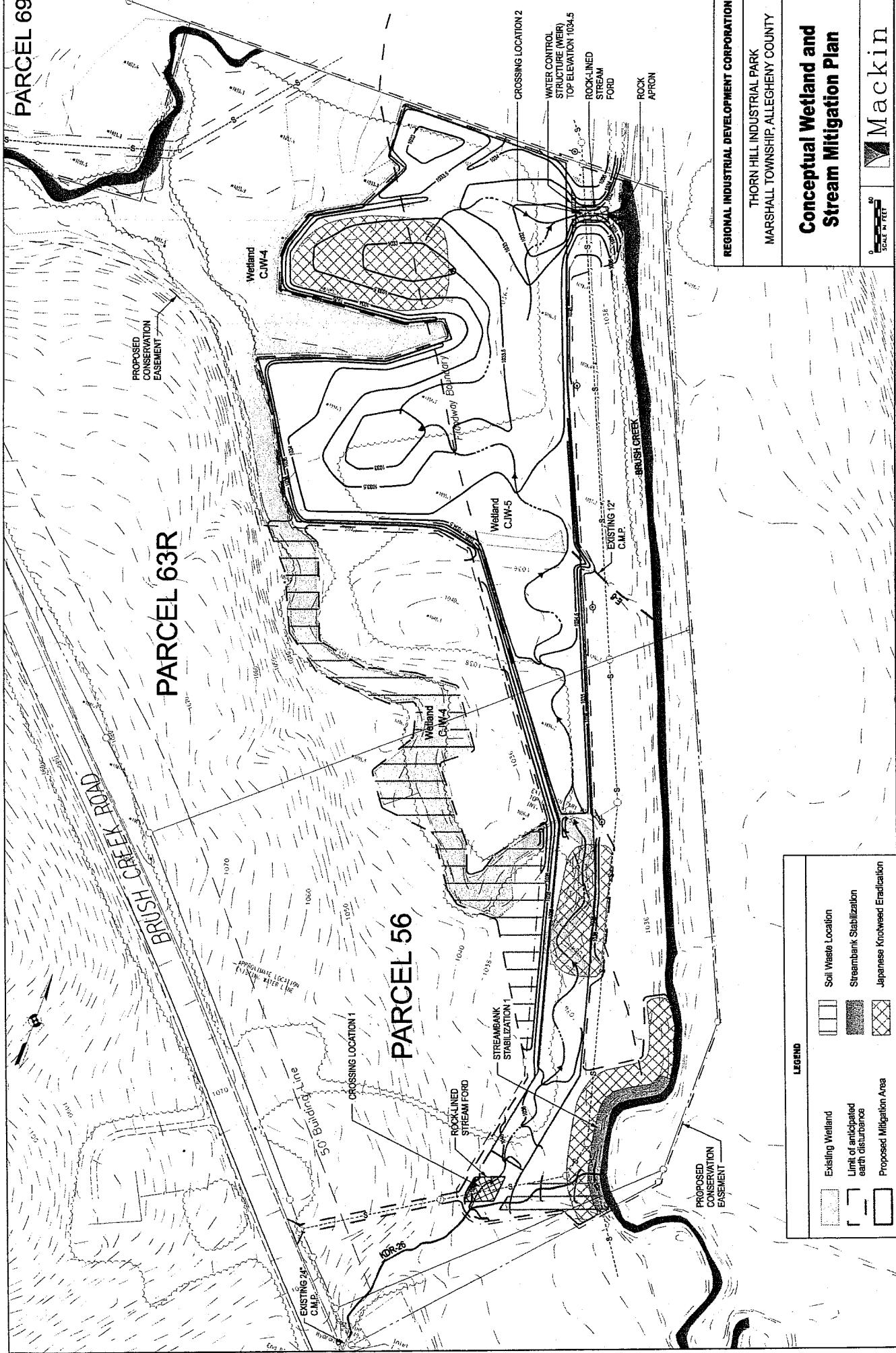
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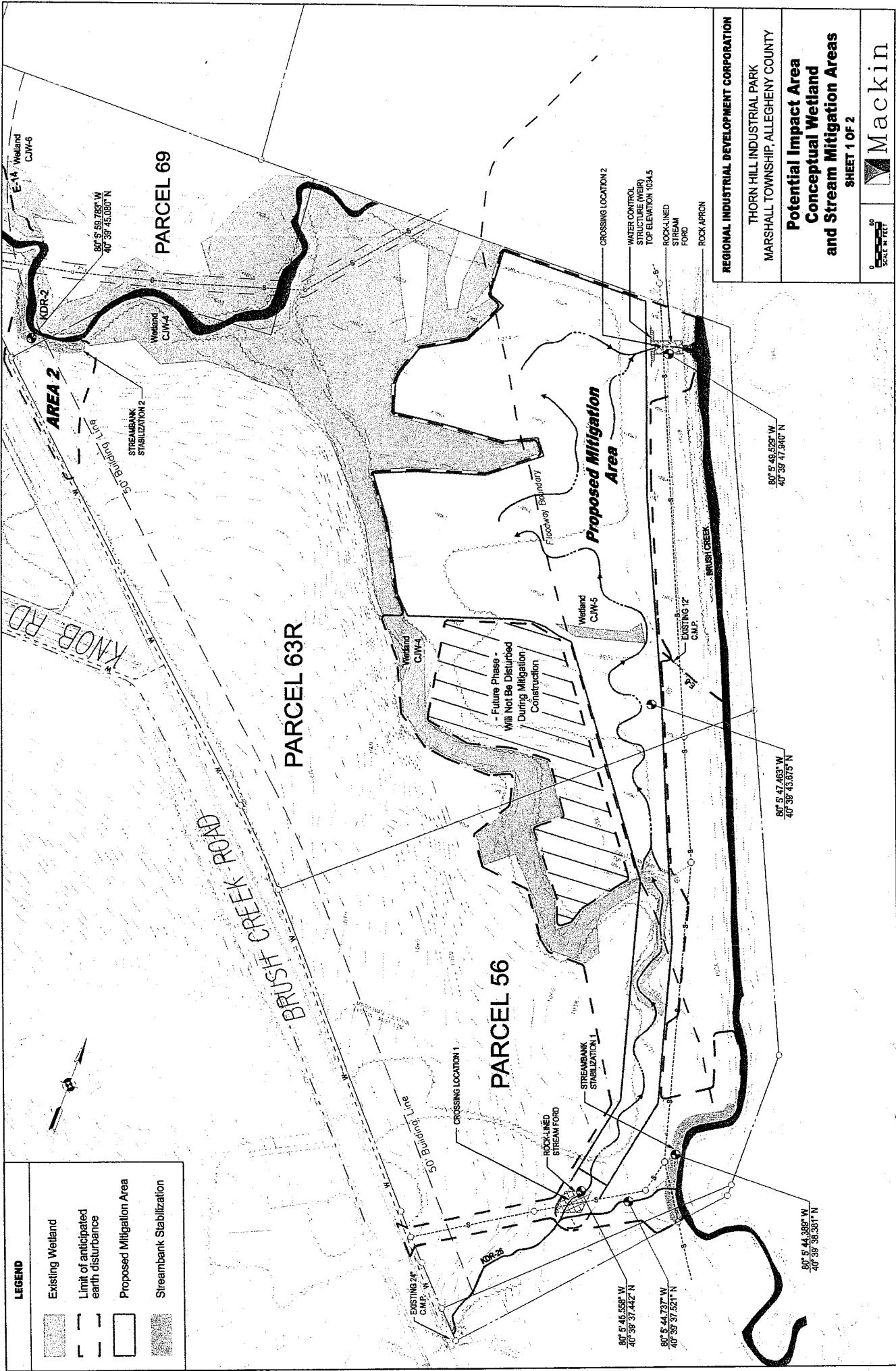


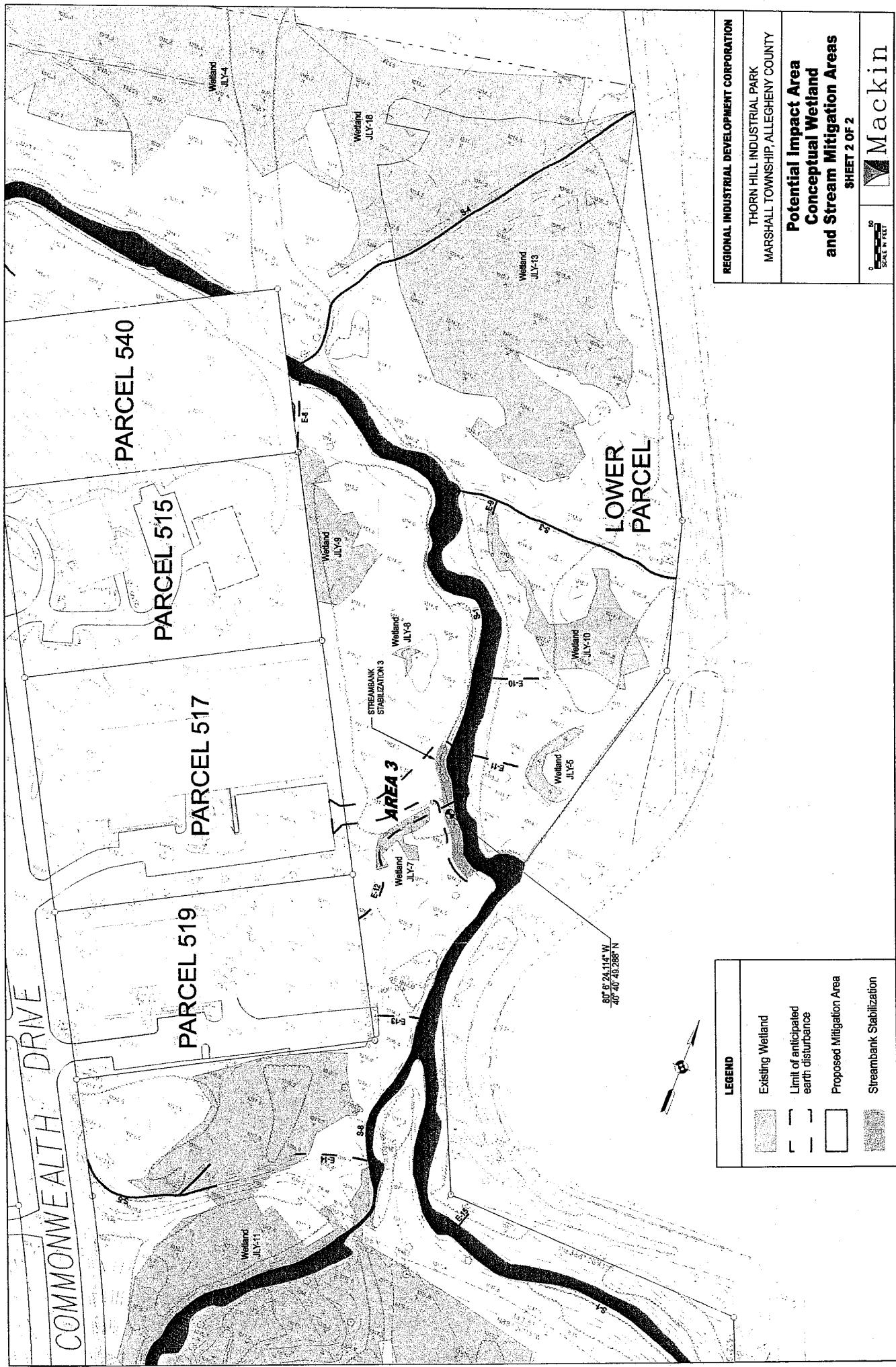


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