

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers New York District, CENAN-OP-R Upstate Regulatory Field Office 1 Buffington Street, Bldg. 10, 3rd Floor Wateryliet. New York 12189-4000

In replying refer to:

Public Notice Number: NAN-2014-00408-USH Issue Date: November 21, 2014

Expiration Date: December 21, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York District, Corps of Engineers has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. C. 1344).

APPLICANT:

Cooperstown All Star Village, LLC

4158 State Highway 23 Oneonta, New York 13820

ACTIVITY:

Discharge of fill material into waters of the United States to facilitate the

expansion of an existing sports complex.

WATERWAY:

Wetlands and unnamed tributary to Otego Creek (Susquehanna River

Watershed)

LOCATION:

Town of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York

A detailed description and plans of the applicant's activity are enclosed to assist in your review.

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 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.

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 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 proposed activity.

ALL COMMENTS REGARDING THE PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO THE ATTENTION OF BRAD SHERWOOD AT THE ABOVE

ADDRESS, OR SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO <u>Brad.Sherwood@usace.army.mil</u>, TO REACH THIS OFFICE BY THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, otherwise, it will be presumed that there are no objections to the activity. Comments provided will become a part of the public record for this action.

Any person may request, in writing, before this public notice expires, that a public hearing be held to collect information necessary to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons why a public hearing should be held. It should be noted that information submitted by mail is considered just as carefully in the permit decision process and bears the same weight as that furnished at a public hearing.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), the District Engineer is consulting with the appropriate Federal agency to determine the presence of and potential impacts to any Federally endangered or threatened species listed in the project area or their critical habitat.

Based upon a review of the GIS resources map on the N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO) website, the project site is located within areas identified by the SHPO as "Archeo Sensitive Areas". However, in a letter dated May 14, 2014, SHPO stated the planned project will have No Effect on historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Based upon this information, no further consultation with SHPO will be conducted prior to a final decision.

Reviews of activities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 (b) of the Clean Water Act and the applicant will obtain a water quality certificate or waiver from the appropriate state agency in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act prior to a permit decision.

In addition to any required water quality certificate and coastal zone management program concurrence, the applicant has obtained or requested the following governmental authorization for the activity under consideration:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Article 15

In order for us to better serve you, please complete our Customer Service Survey located at:

http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/CustomerSurvey.aspx

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the activity to any persons known by you to be interested and who did not receive a copy of this notice. If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact Brad Sherwood of this office at (518) 266-6355.

For more information on New York District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at http://www.nan.usace.army.mil

For and in behalf of

Jodi M. McDonald Chief, Regulatory Branch

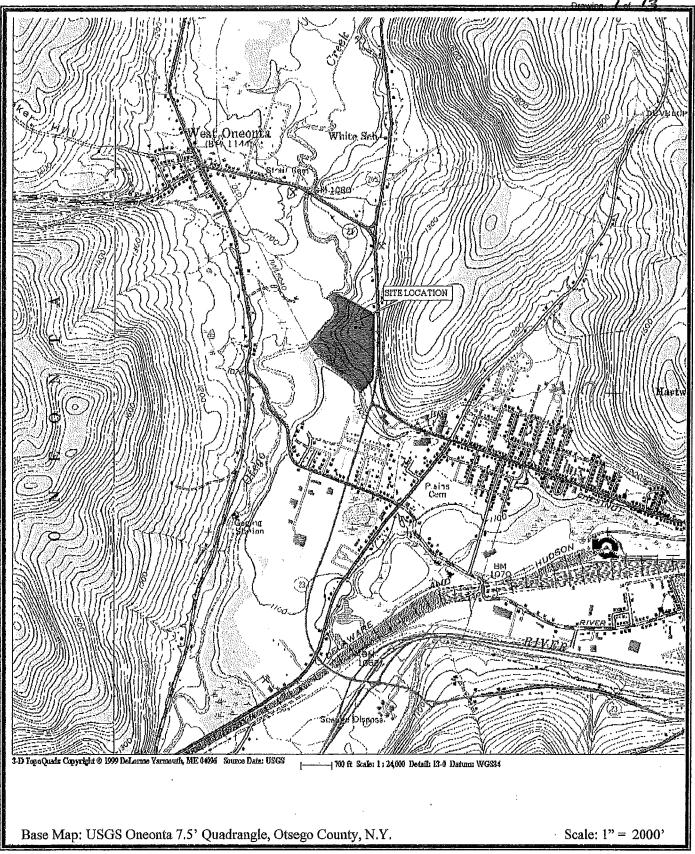
WORK DESCRIPTION

The applicant, Cooperstown All Star Village, LLC, has requested Department of the Army permit for the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands to facilitate the expansion of an existing sports complex known as the Cooperstown All Star Village. The site is located off NYS Route 23, in the Town of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York.

The work would involve the discharge of fill material into 0.203 acres of scrub-shrub wetland and 0.574 acres of emergent wetlands, and 817 linear feet of perennial stream channel, resulting from the construction of three (3) additional Little League competition baseball fields. In addition, 0.09 acres of emergent wetland had previously been impacted to facilitate the construction of the existing crossing. The sports complex currently has nine (9) Little League competition baseball fields. To mitigate for the proposed impacts to aquatic resources, the applicant is proposing to establish 0.64 acres of scrub-shrub wetland on-site at locations immediately adjacent to the relocated unnamed tributary of Otego Creek. In addition, 594 linear feet of perennial stream channel will be relocated and restored on-site, tying into the remaining undisturbed portions of the stream channel. The applicant also proposes to preserve the established wetland areas, the relocated stream channel, and the remaining 1.64 acres of non-impacted wetland and 2,310 linear feet of stream channel on-site.

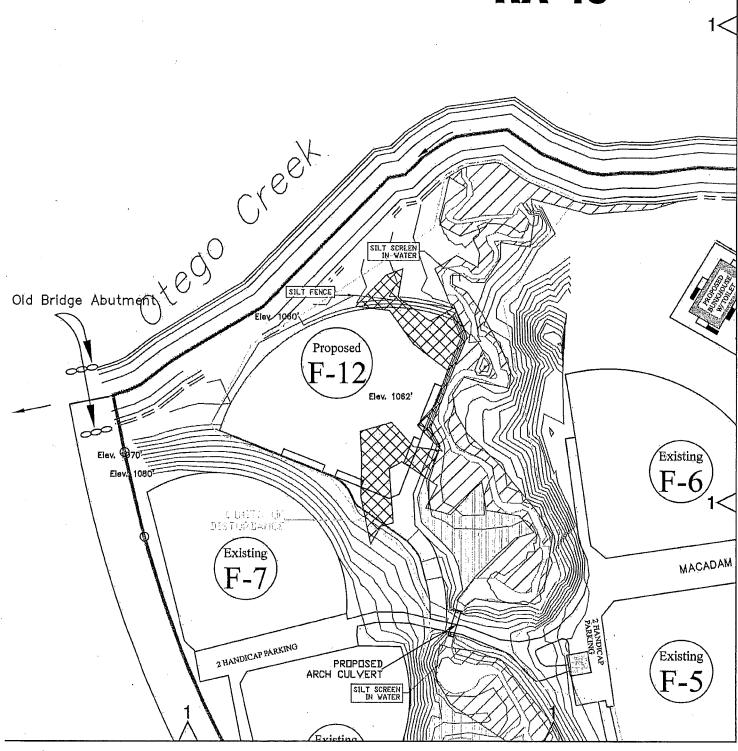
The applicant has stated that they have avoided and minimized proposed impacts to the maximum extent practicable by configuring the proposed ball fields in the manner in which they are proposed, and by proposing grading and associated infrastructure in the narrowest or outer fringes of the wetlands and stream channel, including the establishment of wetlands similar to those proposed to be impacted.

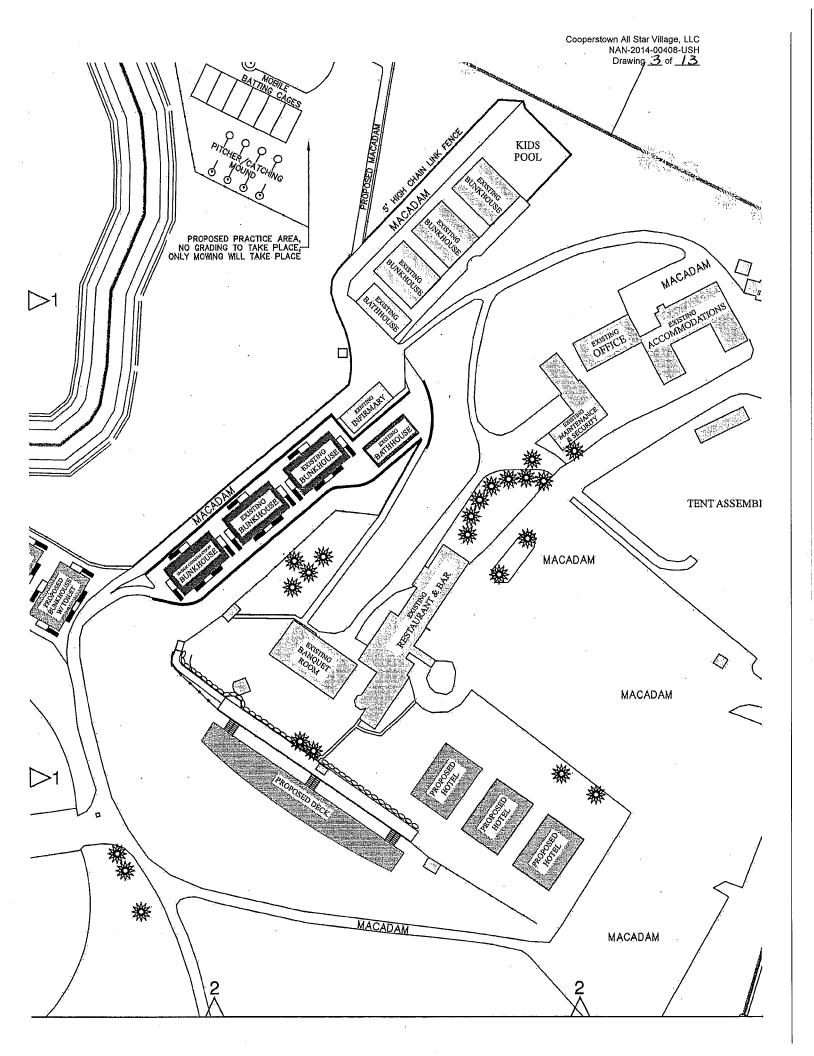
The stated purpose of this project is to expand the existing sports complex, including the construction of three (3) baseball fields and associated buildings to provide more facilities and fields for the complex.

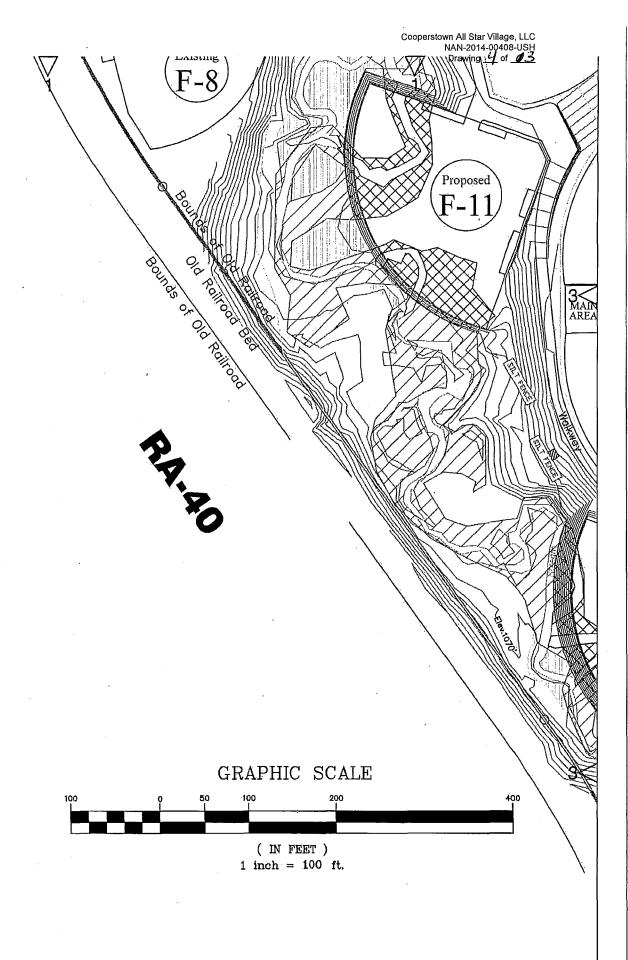


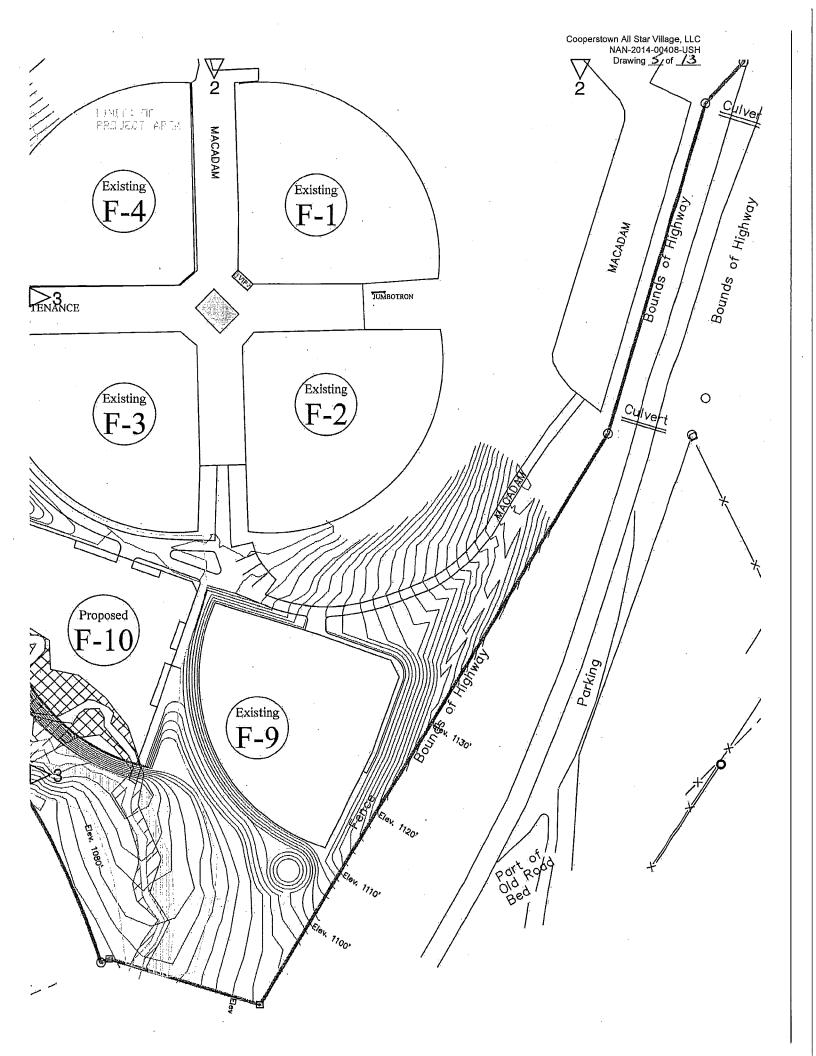


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Region	Wetland (Acres)	Stream (ft)
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1A (F-10 &F-11)	1.146	1398.8
Total	1.64	2310.8



Propose	d Wetland to be Dis	turbed
Region	Wetland (Acres)	Stream (ft)
F-12	0,251	0,0
F-11 ·	0.300	335,2
F-10	0.226	482.2
Total	0.777	817.4



Propos	sed Wetlands to be C	reated
Region	Wetland (Acres)	Stream (ft)
 F-12	0.156	0.0
F-11	0.339	282.9
F-10	0.146	311,5
Total	0.641	594.4



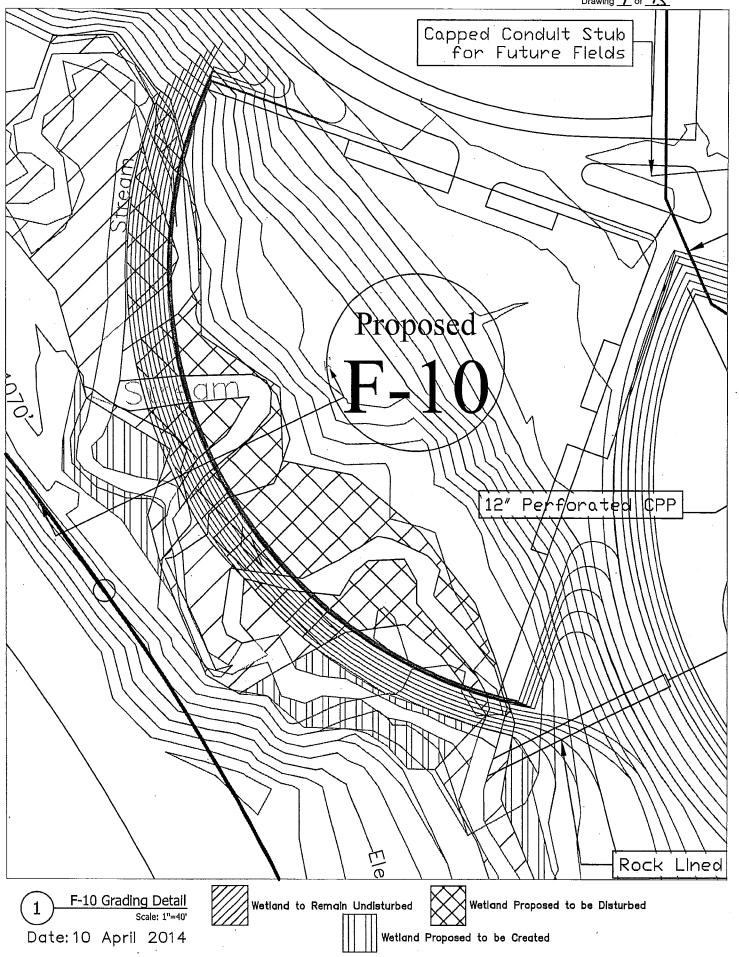
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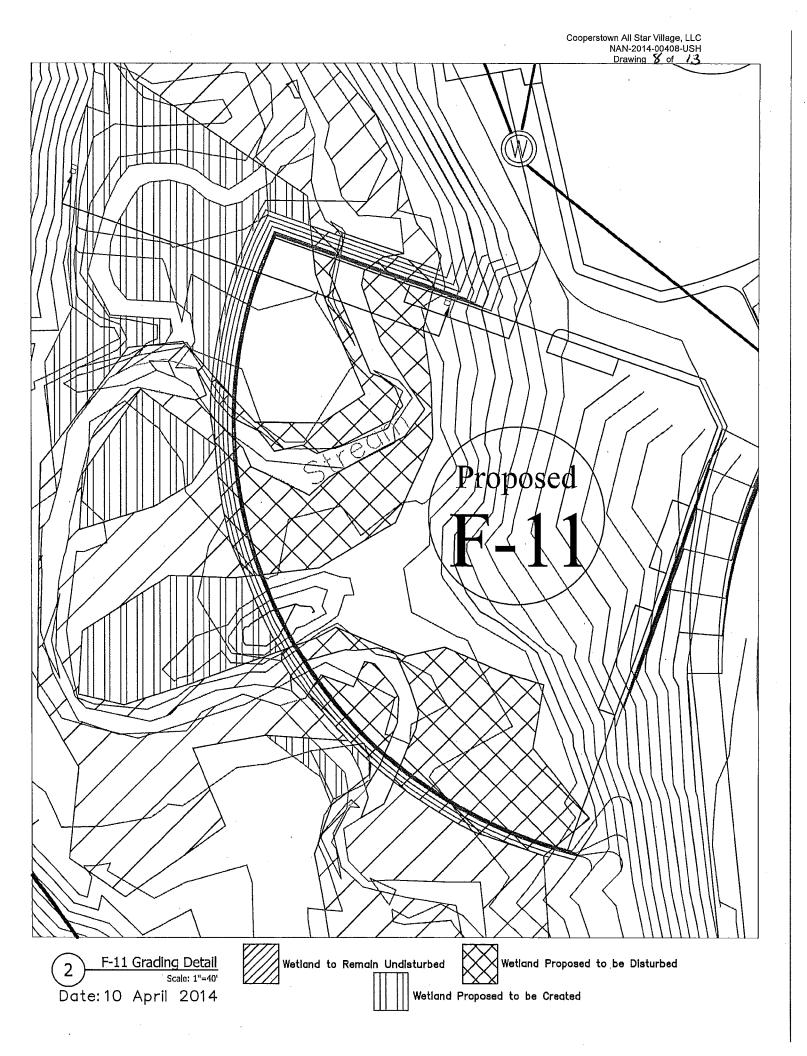
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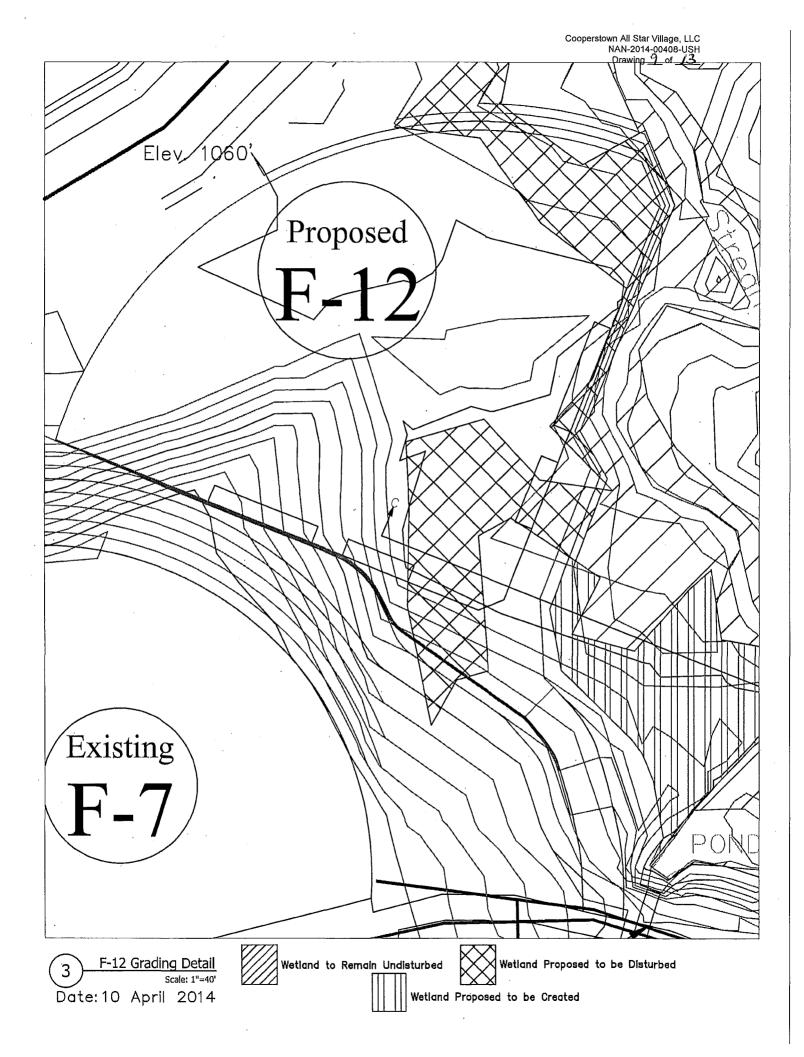
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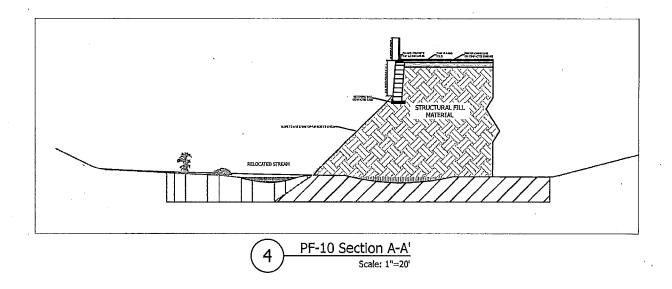
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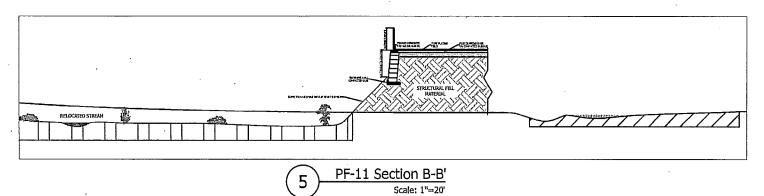
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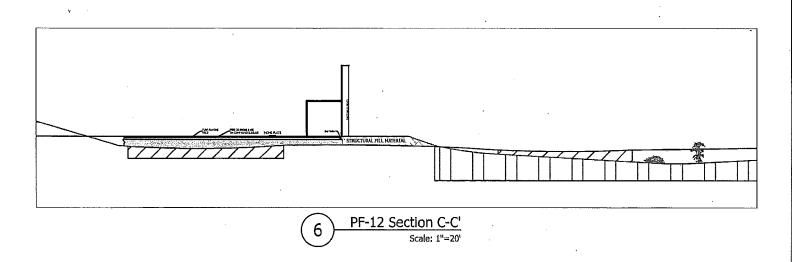




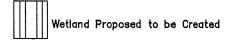


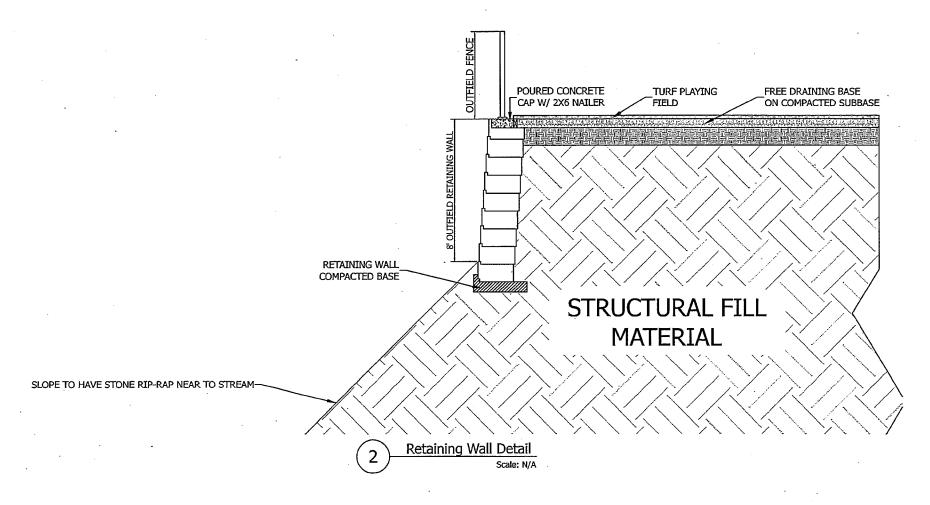












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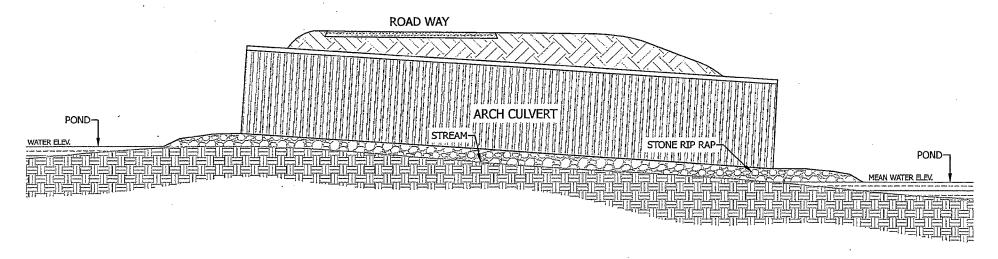
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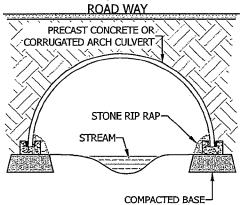
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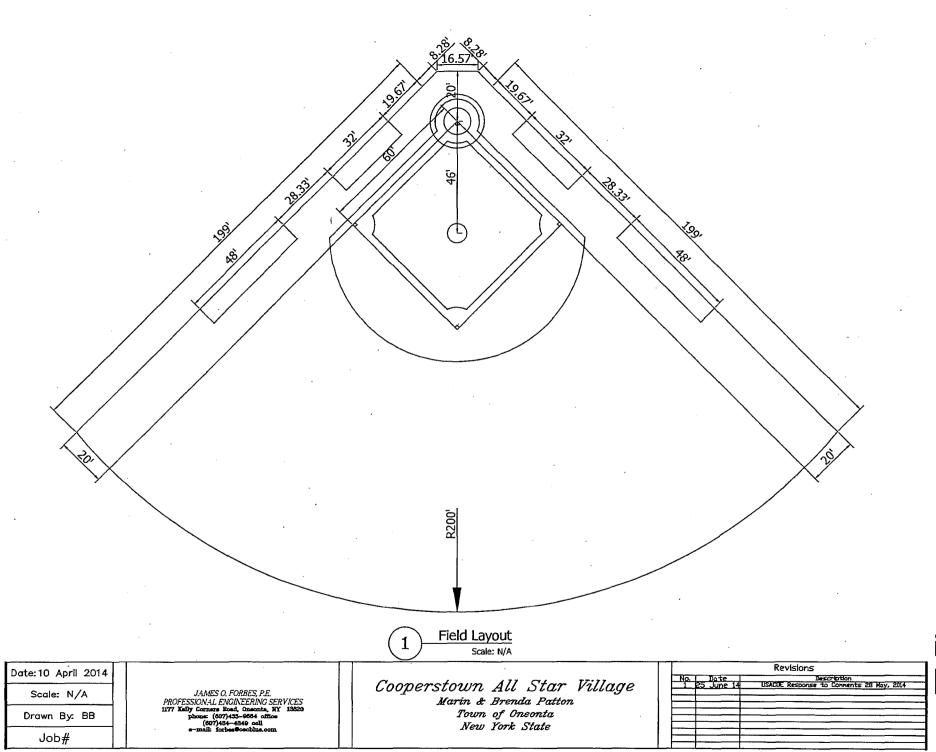
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