

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**Application for Permit

Issue Date: March 14, 2023

Expiration Date: April 13, 2023

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers No: NWP-2023-24

**30-Day Notice** 

Interested parties are hereby notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached drawings. The Corps is soliciting comments on the proposed work.

**Applicant:** Portland Golf Club

Attention: Lonnie Lister 5900 S.W. Scholls Ferry Rd.

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**Location:** The project site is located at 5900 S.W. Scholls Ferry Road, in Portland, Washington County, Oregon. The site is in Section 24, Township 01 South, Range 01 West. Latitude and Longitude: 45.472900 North, 122.760619 West.

**Waterway:** Wetland A and Irrigation Pond (Woods Creek). The wetland boundaries and/or location of the ordinary high water mark/line shown on the project drawings have not yet been verified by the Corps. If the Corps determines the boundaries of the wetland/waters are substantially inaccurate a new public notice may be published.

**Project Purpose:** The applicant's stated purpose is maintenance of an existing irrigation pond in a public golf course.

### **Project Description:**

Proposed is the Portland Golf Club (PGC) Irrigation Pond Sediment Removal and Placement project. The proposed project would remove approximately 5,300 cubic yards of accumulated sediment from a 1.77 acre irrigation pond located at the Portland Golf Club. The sediment would be removed from the Irrigation Pond by floating dredge, and then pumped 1,300 feet to the south to be discharged into geotextile sediment bags located within Wetland A. Up to 5,300 cubic yards of dredged material and approximately 700 cubic yards of salvaged wetland topsoil would be discharged within 0.72 acre of Wetland A. The topsoil would cap the dredged sediment discharged into Wetland A. Temporary impacts for in-water work isolation include 13.5 cubic yards of fill (sand bags, geofabric) placed within 420 square feet of the Irrigation Pond for two check dams with sediment barriers, and one coffer dam. Three check dams within Wetland A would result in 7.5 cubic yards of temporary fill with 150 square feet of the wetland. An

equipment access ramp to the Irrigation Pond would result in the temporary placement of 100 cubic yards of fill (gravel bags, geofabric) within 200 square feet below the ordinary high water mark of the Irrigation Pond, and 10 cubic yards of fill (gravel bags, geofabric) within Wetland C. A temporary access path would result in 14 cubic yards of fill (woodchips) discharged within 3000 square feet of Wetland A.

The PGC Irrigation Pond is an impoundment of Woods Creek and has a surface water connection to Woods Creek and Fanno Creek via existing control gates. During construction, the downstream control gate connection to Fanno Creek would be closed, preventing fish from entering the irrigation pond. Woods Creek would also be isolated from the irrigation pond by installation of a temporary coffer dam and bypass pipe to circumvent flow around the irrigation pond, and then into Fanno Creek. A floating dredge would be launched from the west terminus of Fairway 7 in the northern portion of the project area. The dredge would use a suction pump system to capture sediment using an articulated cutting head that is drawn across the submerged sediment surface. A suction pump would convey the slurry mixture through a 6-inch diameter pipe to Wetland A. The sediment would be pumped into large sediment bags laid atop Wetland A.

The dredging is expected to take 4 to 6 weeks to complete, with 2 to 4 weeks for preparation and decommissioning. For preparation, topsoil from Wetland A would be excavated with a trackhoe and/or bulldozer, and then stored in uplands immediately to the west (no large tree removal necessary). The salvaged topsoil would be covered with plastic tarps to prevent erosion and provide dust abatement. The wetland would be graded along contours to facilitate placement of sediment bags (each 20 feet wide and 50 feet long). Three check dams would be installed below the sediment bags. The first check dam would allow dredge water to accumulate, before being pumped back to the Irrigation Pond. This recaptured water would utilize a 4-inch diameter pipe parallel to the sediment delivery pipe. The two additional downgradient check dams would be installed as safety features should the first check dam have overflow.

When the discharge of dredged material is complete, the sediment bags would be allowed to drain for several months prior to replacing the salvaged topsoil. The final topsoil grading would be seeded with native grasses and forbs, then allowed to naturally re-vegetate as an upland meadow. In-water work would occur during the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in-water work period between July 15 – September 30, unless a variance is granted by the appropriate agency. The work area below the pond ordinary high water mark (OHWM) would remain isolated from Fanno Creek and Woods Creek during construction and decommissioning. Upstream/downstream flows and fish passage would be maintained throughout construction. If required, fish salvage would be conducted within the work isolation area in accordance with all ODFW and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requirements. If dewatering of the work area is necessary, pumps would be equipped with fish screens. All fish screens would be installed, operated, and maintained according to NMFS/ODFW fish screen criteria. Heavy equipment and construction vehicles would access Wetland A from SW 82nd Avenue and the Fanno Creek bike and pedestrian trail. All temporary fill (sandbags/bypass pipe) would be removed following

construction. All temporarily disturbed areas would be restored to pre-project contours and appropriately vegetated. No new impervious surface is proposed.

**Mitigation:** The applicant proposes to avoid and minimize impacts from the project by utilizing best management practices (BMP) such as sediment fencing, stockpile covers, sediment collection basins, and gravel entryways to minimize erosion and sedimentation.

The applicant has provided a proposed compensatory wetland mitigation plan to offset losses of waters of the U.S. that may result from the proposed project. The applicant proposes to purchase 1.61 acres of wetland mitigation bank credits from the Coyote Prairie North Wetland Mitigation Bank to mitigate for the unavoidable wetland impacts. The Corps will determine the type and amount of compensatory mitigation necessary to offset environmental losses from the proposed project.

**Drawings:** Fifteen (15) drawings are attached and labeled Corps No. NWP-2023-24. Copies of this public notice, which have been mailed or otherwise physically distributed, feature project drawings in black and white. The electronic version features those drawings in color, which we think more accurately illustrates the proposed project. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Portland District Regulatory website at http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory and under Regulatory Pages select Permit Application Public Notices.

**Additional Information:** The Portland Golf Club was previously issued a permit to conduct dredging from the irrigation pond in 2013 under Corps Permit No. NWP-1994-167-1.

Authority: The proposed project will be evaluated under the following:

Section 404, Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines: The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. The 404(b)(1) Guidelines are the substantive criteria used in evaluating discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. The source of the fill material would be within the project area boundary.

**Water Quality Certification:** Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341) requires applicants to obtain a water quality certification for proposed discharges into waters of the United States. A permit for the described work will not be issued until certification has been issued or is waived from the certifying state. The state's notice for a water quality certification is attached.

**Endangered Species:** Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1536) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service

(NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or that may adversely modify designated critical habitat. The Corps' preliminary review indicates the described activity may affect an endangered or threatened species or designated critical habitat. The Corps will initiate consultation under Section 7 of the ESA. The Corps will complete the required consultation prior to finalizing a permit decision.

Essential Fish Habitat: Section 305(b)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) as amended (16 U.S.C. 1855), requires Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The Corps' preliminary review indicates the described activity would adversely affect EFH at the project location or in the vicinity. The Corps will initiate consultation under Section 305(b)(2) of the MSA. The Corps will complete the required consultation prior to finalizing a permit decision.

Historic Properties/Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108), requires Federal agencies to consult with the appropriate State and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer to take into account the effects of actions they undertake or permit on historic properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Corps' preliminary review indicates to the best of our knowledge, the described activity is not located on property registered or eligible for registration in the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places. At this time the Corps is unaware of any cultural resource surveys of the project area.

This notice has been provided to the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, interested Native American Tribes, and other interested parties. If you have information pertaining to cultural resources within the permit area, please provide this information to the Corps' project manager identified at the end of this notice to assist in a complete evaluation of potential effects.

**State and Local Authorizations:** The applicant will be applying for the following additional governmental authorizations for the project: Removal-Fill Permit from the Department of State Lands (DSL) and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

**Public Hearing:** Any person may request in writing within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity the reasons for holding a public hearing.

**Evaluation:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the described 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 described activity, 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, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine 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 need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

**Submitting Comments:** Interested parties are invited to provide comments on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted by conventional mail or email. All comments received will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would be contrary to the public interest.

Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the Corps reference number as shown on page 1 and include the commenter's name and address. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the Corps reference number. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

Additional information about the proposed project may be obtained from the Corps Project Manager listed below. All comments, whether by conventional mail or email, must be received no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Comments should be submitted to the following mailing address or email address:

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Telephone: (503) 808-4959

# PUBLIC NOTICE Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Water Quality 401 Certification

Notice Issued: March 14, 2023 Written Comments Due: April 13, 2023

Corps of Engineers No: NWP-2023-24

**Oregon Department of State Lands No:** APP0063610

WHO IS THE APPLICANT: Portland Golf Club

**LOCATION OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITY:** See attached U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers public notice.

**WHAT IS PROPOSED:** See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project.

**NEED FOR CERTIFICATION:** Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires applicants for Federal permits or licenses to provide the Federal agency a water quality certification from the State of Oregon if the proposed activity may result in a discharge to waters of the state.

**DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES:** See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project.

WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS: Documents and materials related to water quality issues as a result of the proposal are available for examination and copying at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, 401 Water Quality Permit Coordinator, Northwest Region, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232. Other project materials are available by contacting the Corps per the attached public notice.

Scheduling an appointment will ensure that water quality documents are readily accessible during your visit. To schedule an appointment please call DEQ Water Quality at Northwest Region at (503) 229-5623.

Any questions on the water quality certification process may be addressed to the 401 Permit Coordinator at (503) 229-5623 or toll free within Oregon at (800) 452-4011. People with hearing impairments may call the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service at (800) 735-2900.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Public Hearing:** Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-48-0032 (2) states that "The Corps provides public notice of and opportunity to comment on the applications, including the application for certification, provided that the department (DEQ), in its discretion, may provide additional opportunity for public comment, including public hearing." Additional Section 401 process information is available on DEQ's webpage (https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/wqpermits/Pages/Section-401-Certification.aspx).

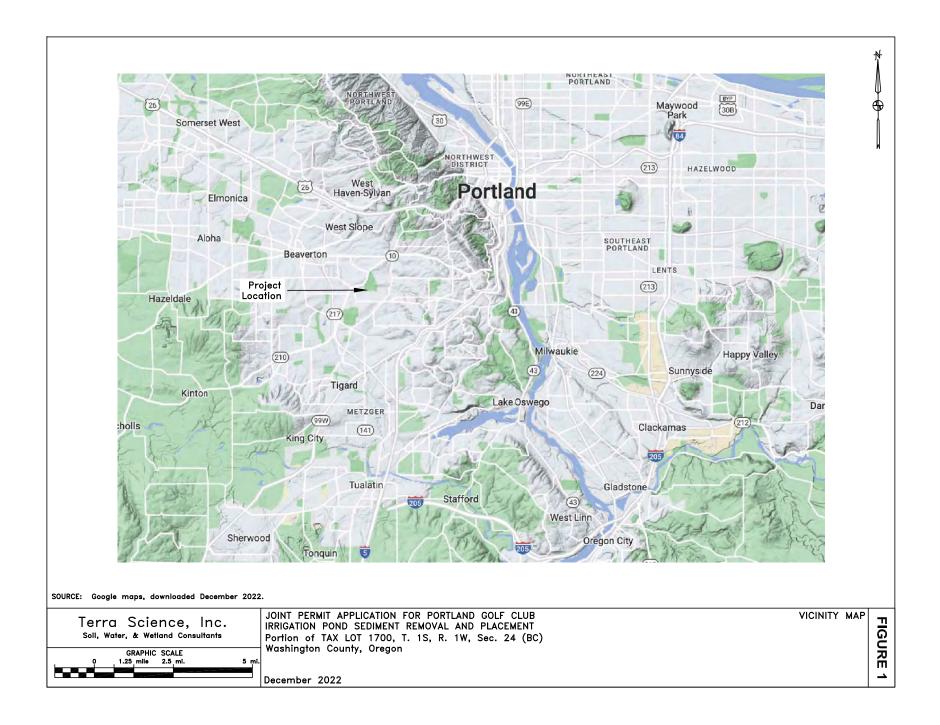
**Written comments:** Written comments on project elements related to water quality must be received at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality by 5:00 p.m. on the date specified in the upper right section on page one of this notice. Comments may be submitted electronically or through standard mail.

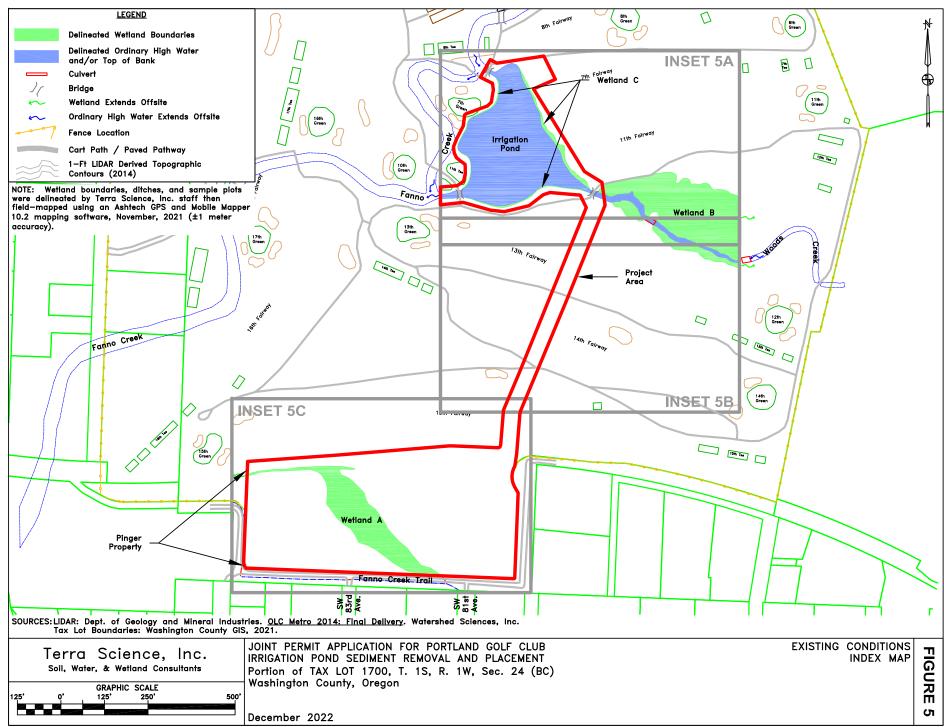
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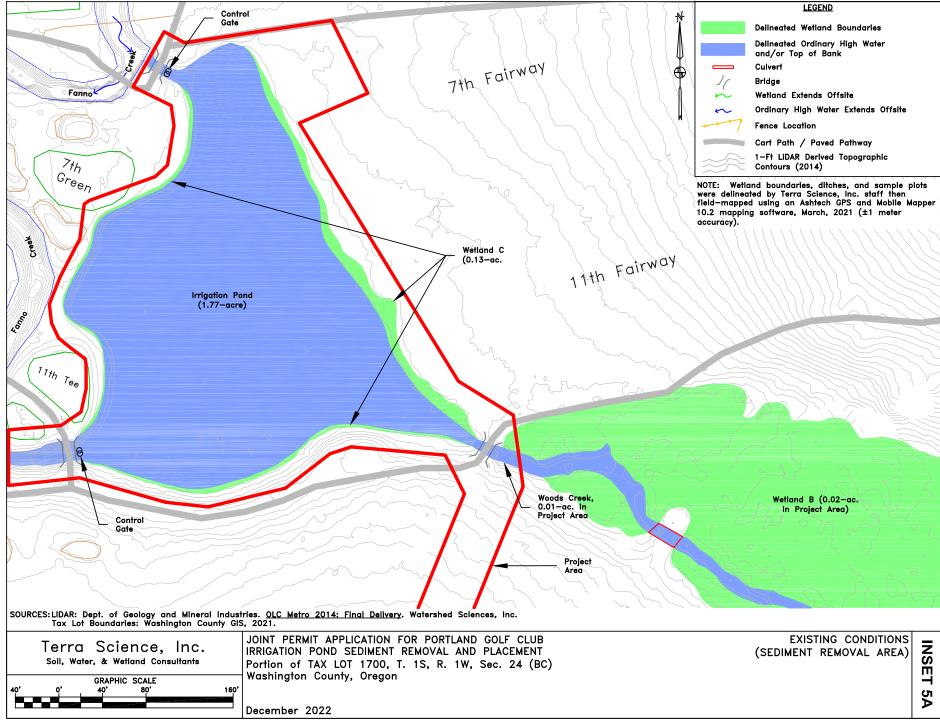
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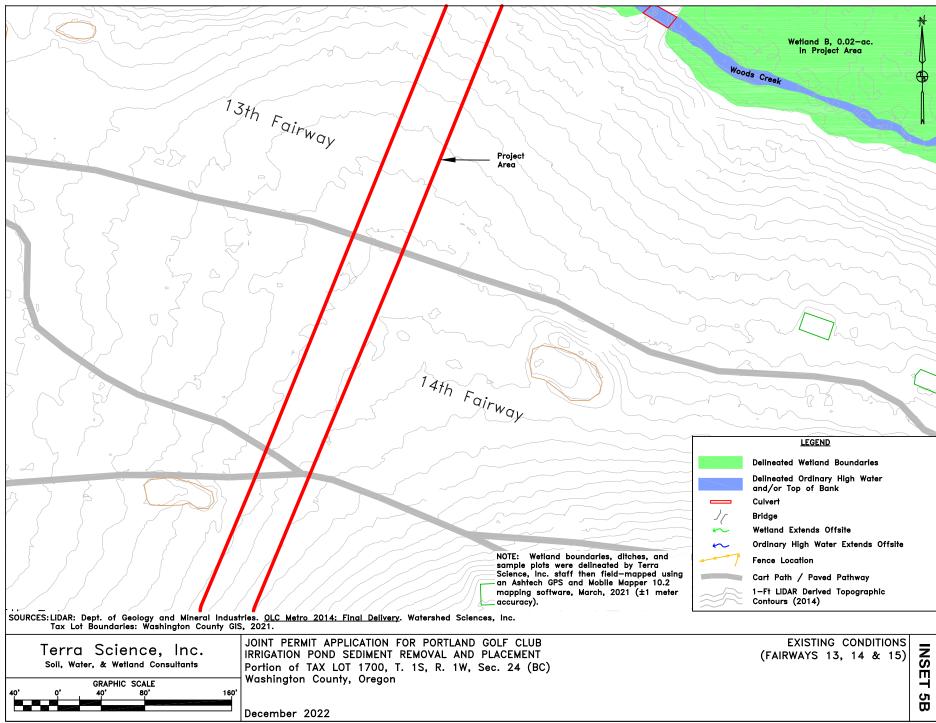
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period. Following this review, certification of the proposal may be issued as proposed, issued with conditions, or denied. You will be notified of DEQ's final decision if you submit comments during the comment period. Otherwise, if you wish to receive notification, please call or write DEQ at the above address. Public records can be accessed through the *Your DEQ Online* public records portal webpage (https://ordeq-edms-public.govonlinesaas.com/pub/login).

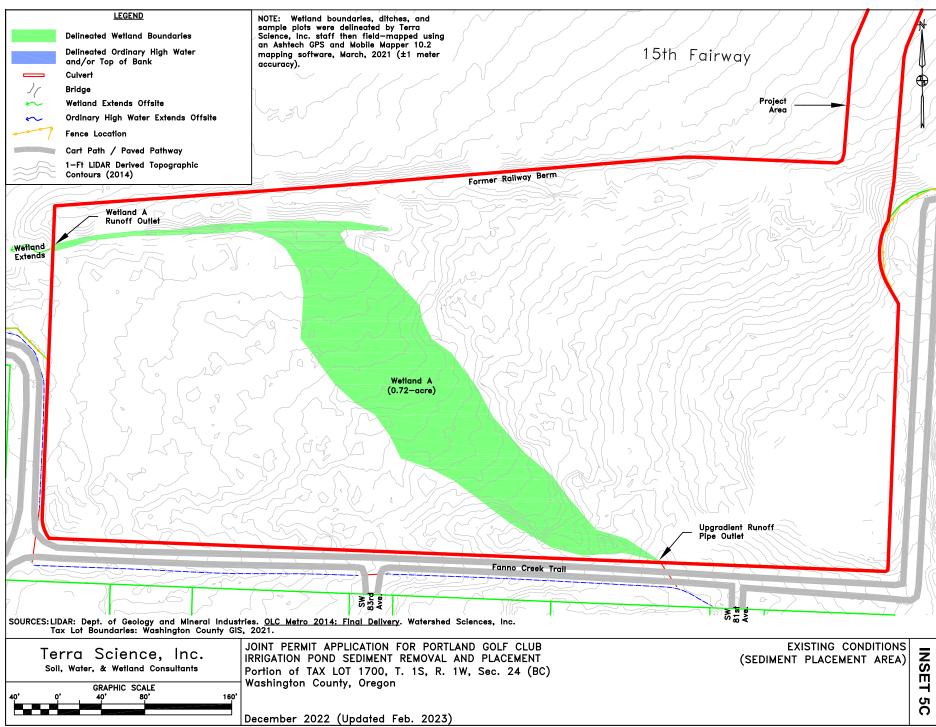
**ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION:** DEQ can provide documents in an alternate format or in a language other than English upon request. Call DEQ at (800) 452-4011 or email deqinfo@deq.oregon.gov.

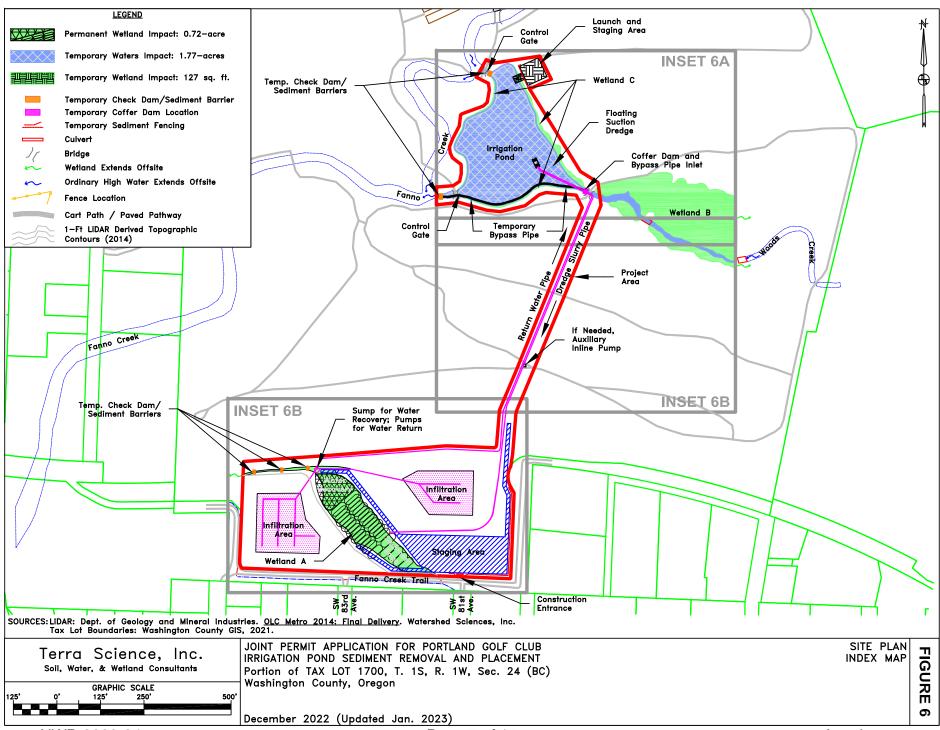


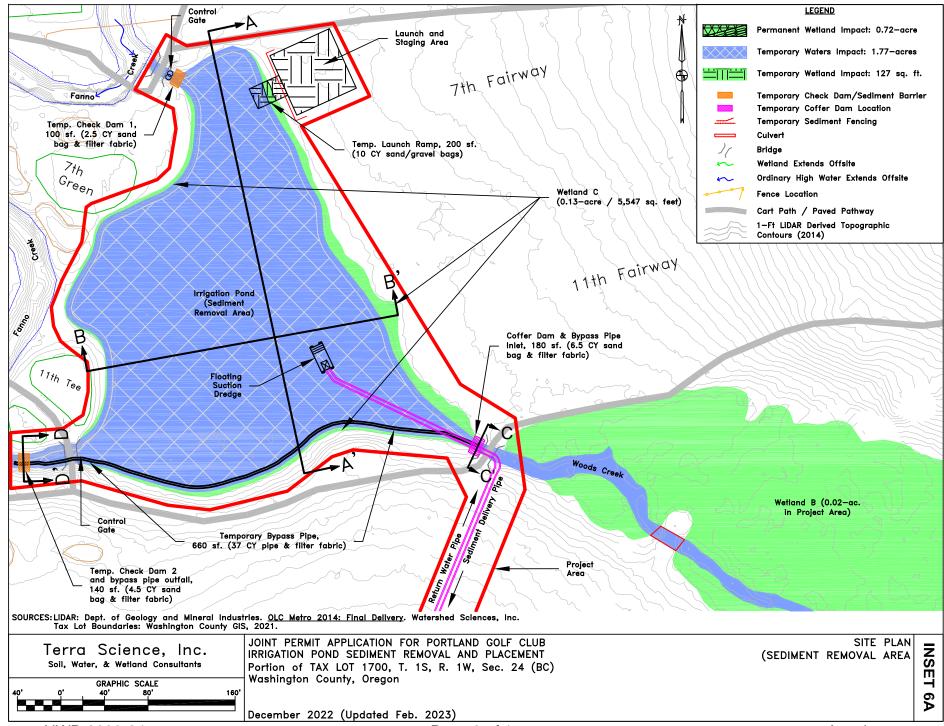


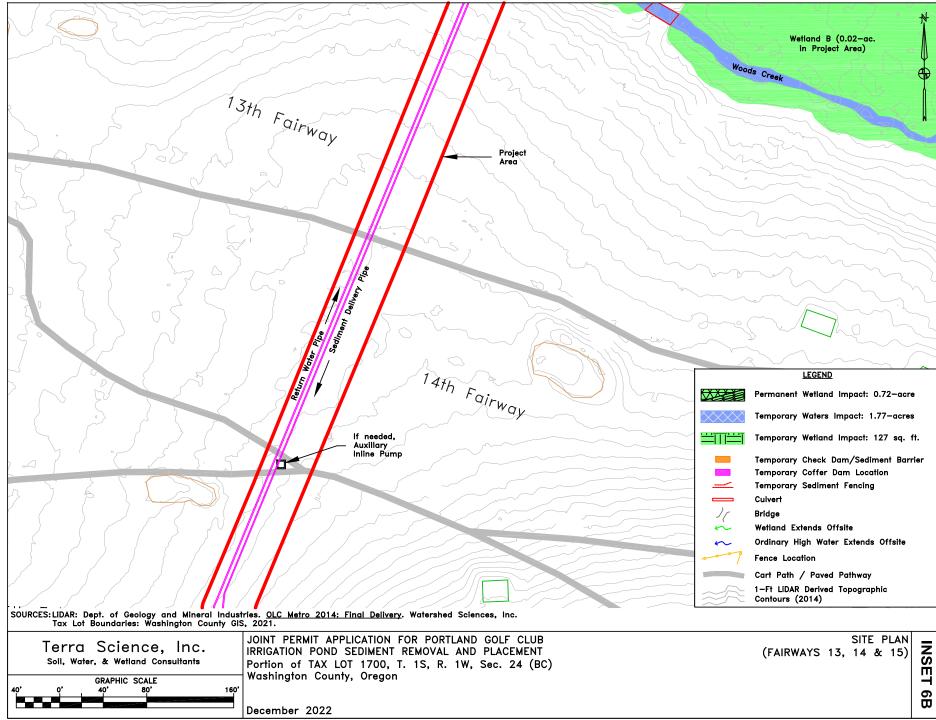


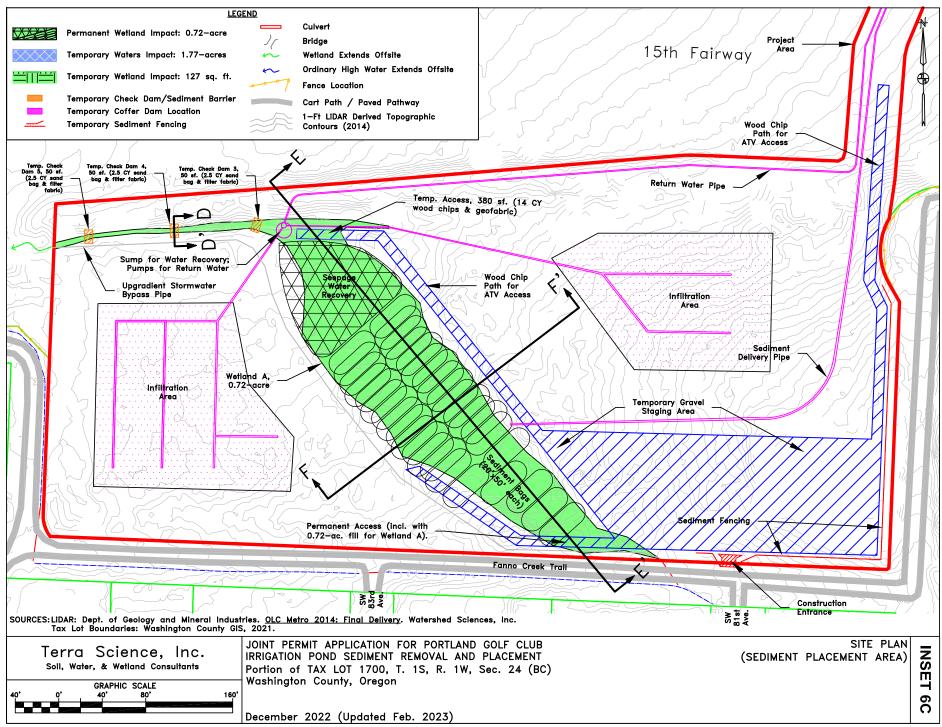


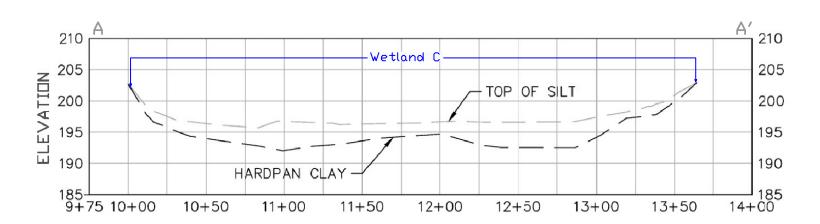






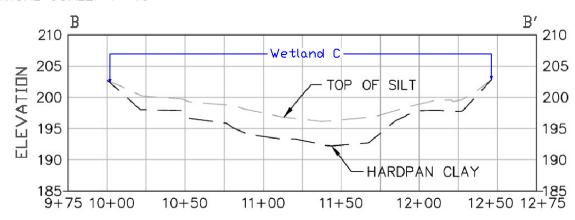






# **CROSS SECTION A**

HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1"=60' VERTICAL SCALE: 1"=15'



## CROSS SECTION B

HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1"=60' VERTICAL SCALE: 1"=15'

SOURCES: Westlake Consultants Planning-Engineering-Surveying, September 2021.

Terra Science, Inc. soil, Water, & Wetland Consultants

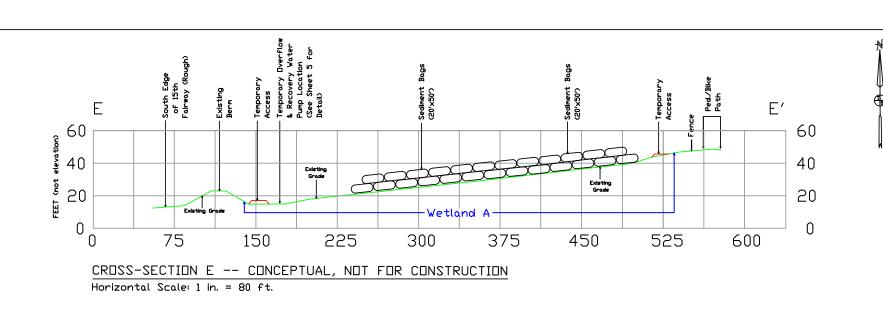
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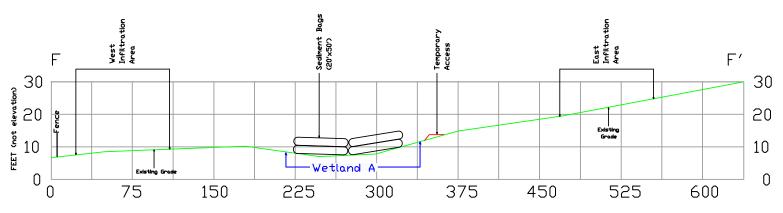
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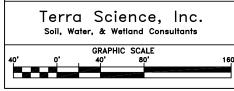
WETLAND C CROSS-SECTIONS WITH ACCUMULATED SEDIMENT

FIGURE 7B





CROSS-SECTION F -- CONCEPTUAL, NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION Horizontal Scale: 1 in. = 80 ft.



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WETLAND A CROSS-SECTIONS SEDIMENT BAG PLACEMENT

FIGURE 8

