

PUBLIC NOTICE



**US Army Corps
of Engineers
Kansas City District**

**Permit No. NWK-2015-1180
Issue Date: October 5, 2015
Expiration Date: October 26, 2015**

21-Day Notice

This public notice is issued jointly with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The Department of Health and Environment will use the comments to this notice in deciding whether to grant Section 401 water quality certification. Commenters are requested to furnish a copy of their comments to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water - - Watershed Management Section, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367.

APPLICANT: Wichita State University
Campus Box 023
1845 N. Fairmont
Wichita, Kansas 67208

PROJECT LOCATION (As shown on the attached drawings): The project is located in the NE ¼ of Section 11, Township 27 south, Range 1 east, in Sedgwick County, Kansas.

USGS Quad: KS – Wichita East
(Approximate center coordinates: Latitude: 37.7196 - Longitude: -97.2852)

AUTHORITY: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344).

ACTIVITY (As shown on the attached drawings): **PROPOSED:** The applicant proposes to construct the new Wichita State University (WSU) Innovation Campus which would involve reconfiguring the existing detention ponds to provide the required detention capacity for the new construction. The project would result in permanent impacts to 1.12 acres of emergent wetlands and 1.62 acres of open water. No stream impacts are associated with the proposed project. The purpose, as stated by the applicant, is to expand the WSU campus to provide additional classrooms, living quarters, and mixed use buildings along with necessary parking facilities.

WETLANDS/AQUATIC HABITAT: A total of 1.12 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands were identified within the four existing open water bodies. This series of detention ponds, and associated wetlands, ultimately drain to Chisholm Creek.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION FOR UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS TO AQUATIC RESOURCES: The existing 1.12 acres of sparsely vegetated wetlands would be replaced with 1.25 acres of higher quality wetlands with more diverse wetland features. There are no buffers surrounding the existing wetlands and erosion features are developing. The proposed wetland

features will receive additional water from an adjacent watershed and protection from erosion using low rock walls and filters with narrow strips of native grasses where feasible.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information about this application may be obtained by contacting Sarah Reznicek, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas State Regulatory Office, 2710 NE Shady Creek Access Road, El Dorado, Kansas 67042; by calling (816) 389-3741; or by email at sarah.m.reznicek@usace.army.mil. All comments to this public notice should be directed to the above address.

STATE AUTHORIZATION: The applicant has applied for a permit from the Kansas Department of Agriculture pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated 82a-301 to 305.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: Kansas City District will comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR 800. We have checked the National Register of Historic Places and the Federal Register and no property listed in the Register or proposed for listing is located in the permit area. This is the extent of our knowledge about historic properties in the permit area at this time. However, we will evaluate input by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (or Tribe designated representative) and the public in response to this public notice, and we may conduct or require a reconnaissance survey of the permit area to check for unknown historic properties, if warranted.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a preliminary determination has been made that the described work will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation of this activity, comments are solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

FLOODPLAINS: This activity is being reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, which discourages direct or indirect support of floodplain development whenever there is a practicable alternative. By this public notice, comments are requested from individuals and agencies that believe the described work will adversely impact the floodplain.

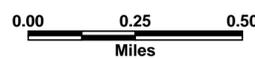
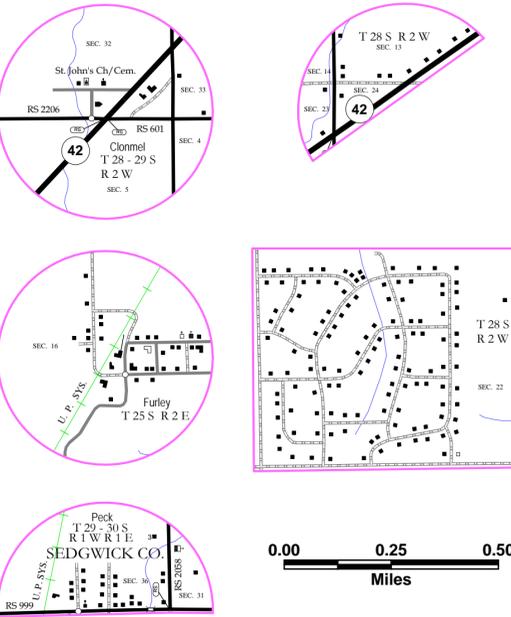
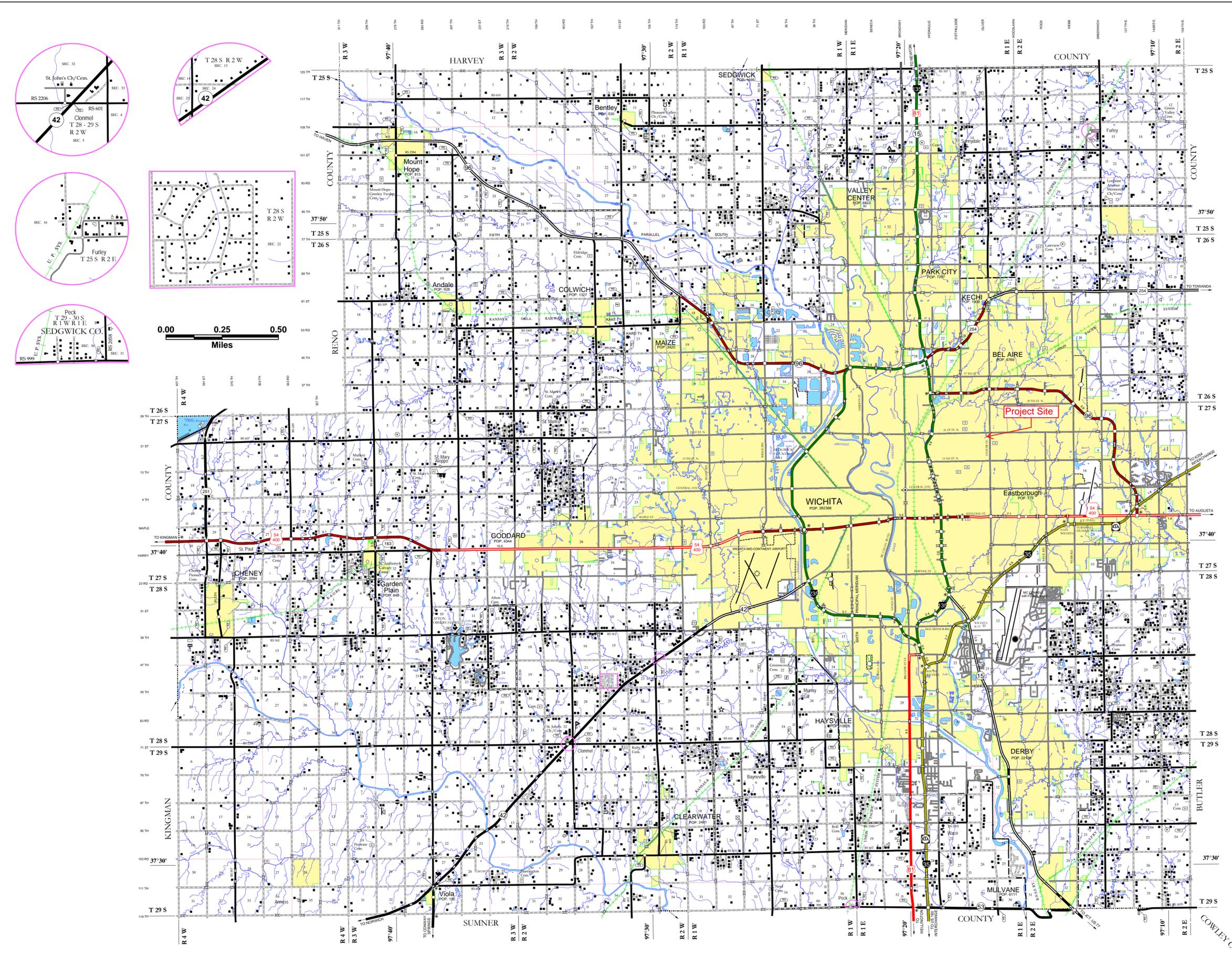
WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) requires that all discharges of dredged or fill material must be certified by the appropriate state agency as complying with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. This public notice serves as an application to the state in which the discharge site is located for certification of the discharge. The discharge must be certified before a Department of the Army permit can be issued. Certification, if issued, expresses the state's opinion that the discharge will not violate applicable water quality standards.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The decision to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including the 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 benefits 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, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, 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 and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. 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 authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). 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.

COMMENTS: This notice is provided to outline details of the above-described activity so this District may consider all pertinent comments prior to determining if issuance of a permit would be in the public interest. Any interested party is invited to submit to this office written facts or objections relative to the activity on or before the public notice expiration date. Comments both favorable and unfavorable will be accepted and made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in determining whether it would be in the public interest to issue the Department of the Army permit. Copies of all comments, including names and addresses of commenters, may be provided to the applicant. Comments should be mailed to the address shown on page 2 of this public notice.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, prior to the expiration date of this public notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Such requests shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.



ROADS AND ROADWAY FEATURES	
Controlled Access (With Interchange) - Interstate	
Kansas Turnpike (KTA) (With Interchange)	
US Route - Controlled Access (With Interchange)	
US Route - Controlled Access (With Interchange)	
US Route - Divided	
US Route - Undivided	
State Route - Controlled Access (With Interchange)	
State Route - Divided	
State Route - Undivided	
RS Route - Divided	
RS Route - Paved	
RS Route - Unpaved	
Minor Road - Paved	
Minor Road - Stone or Gravel	
Minor Road - Soil	
Side Road or Street in Unincorporated Area	
Rural Secondary System	
County Road System	
Points Between Which Distances are Measured	
Interstate Numbered Highway	
U.S. Numbered Highway	
State Highway System or State Numbered Highway	
End of Designated System or Marked Route	
Kansas Turnpike Authority	
RAILROADS	
Railroad (Operating Company)	
Grade Crossing	
Railroad Above	
Railroad Below	
AIRWAYS AND AIRPORTS	
Military Field (Some Facilities Available)	
Airfield (Limited Facilities)	
Airway Light Beacon (General)	
Airport (Complete Facilities) (Commercial or Municipal)	
DRAINAGE	
Major River	
River	
Major Drainage	
Minor Drainage	
Irrigation Ditch or Canal	
Lake Subject to Flood, Overflow Land	
Lake, Reservoir, or Pond (With Dam)	
BRIDGES	
Bridges (Total Span Greater than 20 Feet)	
Open to Traffic	
Closed to Traffic	
Highway Grade Separation	
MISCELLANEOUS	
Roundabout	
Bike and Walking Trail	
Livestock Drive	
Natural or Concrete Ford	
Gate Across Any Road (Any Type)	
BOUNDARIES	
State	
County	
City Limits	
Section Lines	
Boundary to Mark Entanglement Inset	
Parks and Other Reservations National, State, County or Municipal Park, Indian Reservation, National Monument, Federal Development Project	
Urban Boundary	
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION	
Public Recreation	
Sonic, Tourist, or Historical Site	
Trailer Park	
Hotel or Motel	
Camp or Lodge (Permanent Site with Building)	
Small Park (SP - State Park, CP - County Park, MP - Municipal Park, SR - Safety Rest Area)	
Fish Hatchery	
Game Farm	
Game Preserve or Bird Sanctuary	
Rifle Club (Public)	
Golf Course or Country Club	
Riding Academy, Saddle Club, or Stables	
Race Course or Speedway	
Marina	
Rodeo Grounds	
Fair Grounds	
FARM UNITS, DWELLINGS, ETC. IN USE ABANDONED	
Dwelling	
Multi Dwelling	
Church or Other Religious Institution	
Cemetery	
Church with Cemetery	
Rest Home	
Hospital	
State Port of Entry or Weigh Station	
Group of Mixed Cultural Features Closely Spaced	
INDUSTRIAL	
Store or Small Business Establishment	
Mine	
Oil or Gas Well(s)	
Storage Tank(s) (Gas or Oil)	
Pumping or Gauging Station	
Orchard or Tree Farm	
Grain Elevator	
Stock Yard - Loading Pen or Corral	
Quarry	
Feed Lot	
EDUCATIONAL AND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION	
Schoolhouse	
Grange, Townhall, or Community Center	
K.S.U. Agricultural Research Center	
Correctional Institution	
Museum (General)	
PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITIES	
Post Office	
Road Maintenance Shop	
Fire Station	
Landfill	
Sewage Disposal Plant	
Salvage Yard	
Power Plant	
Power Substation	
Water Tower	
Water Treatment Plant	
Wind Farm	
Radio Station (With Call Letters)	
U.S. Corps of Engineers Office	
NATURAL FEATURES	
Prominent Elevation - With Name (Numerals Indicate Elevation Above Sea Level)	
MILITARY	
Fort, Army Camp, Barracks, or Other Military Post	
CITIES OR NAMED PLACES	
State Capital	
County Seat	
Populated Places	
Locale	
Incorporated City	

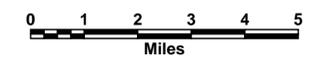
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**GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
 SEDGWICK COUNTY
 KANSAS**

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November 2011

LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC PROJECTION

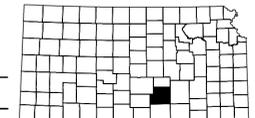
POPULATION - 2011 U.S. CENSUS
 CERTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
 BY DIVISION OF THE BUDGET JULY 1, 2011

REINVENTORY COMPLETED 9-5-2006

RURAL SECONDARY SYSTEMS REVISED TO 8-15-2005

STATE BRIDGE DATA REVISED TO 1-22-2010

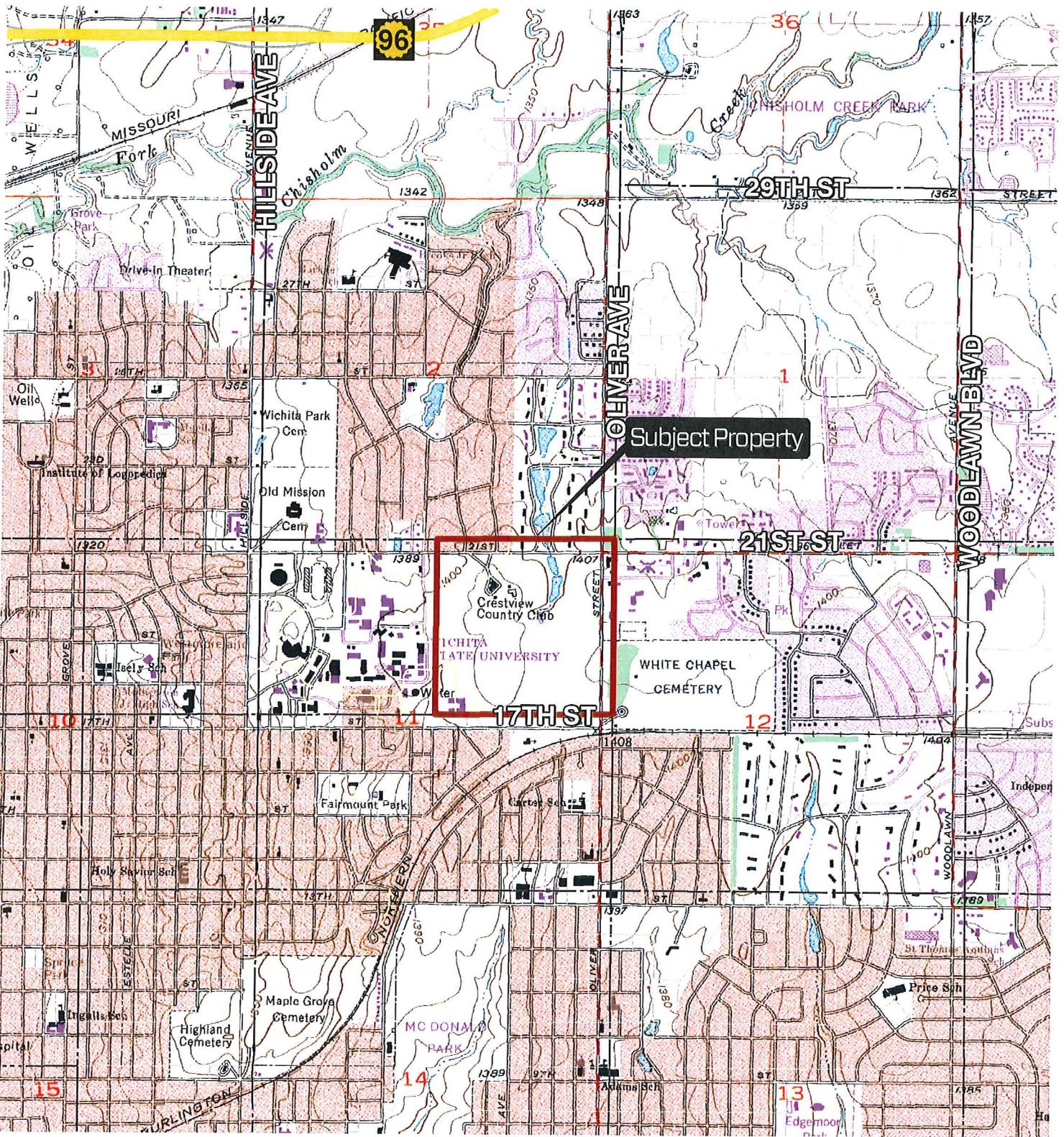
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Subject Property

USGS QUAD EXHIBIT

WSU INNOVATION CAMPUS

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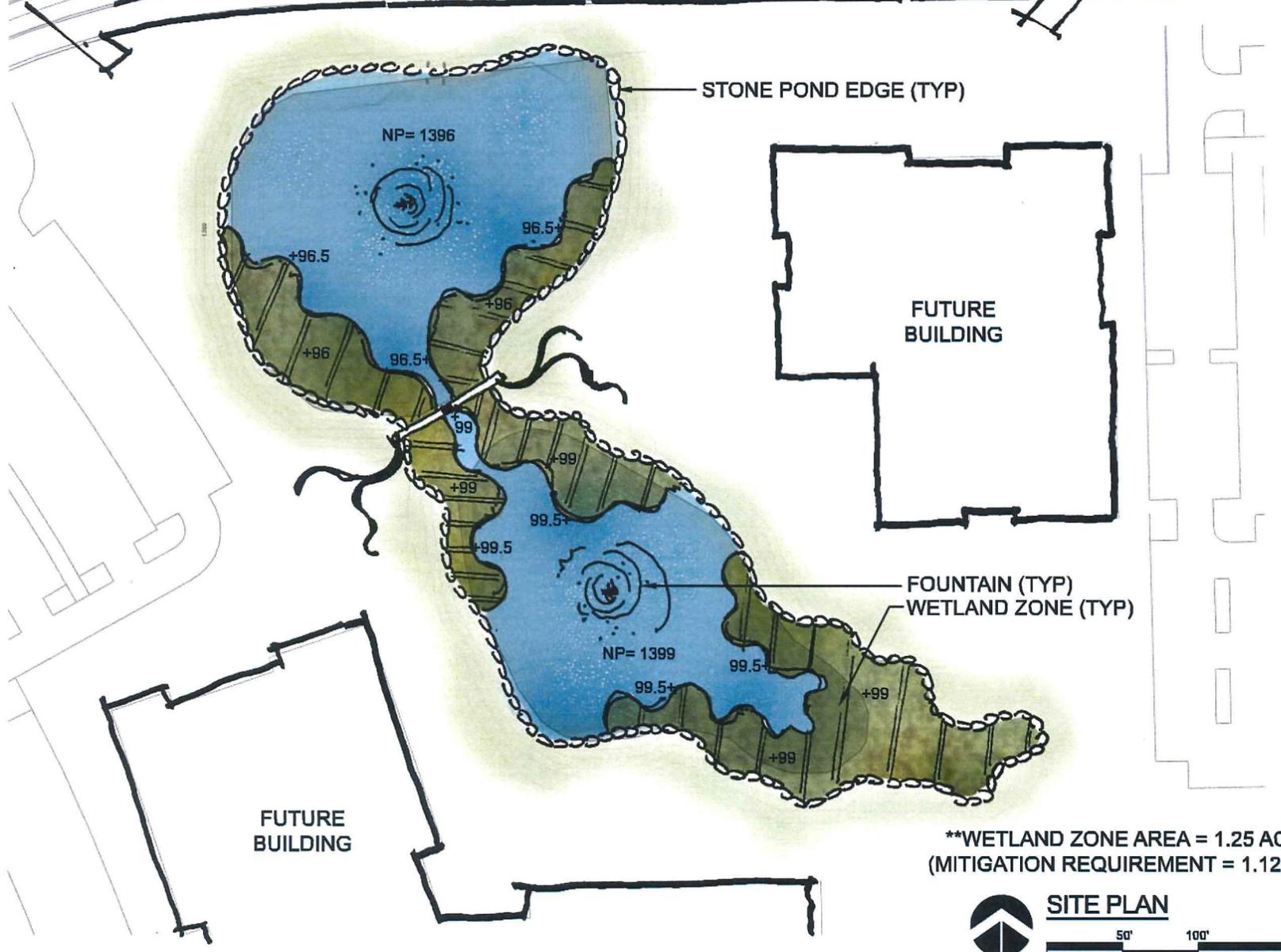
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21st. STREET



19th STREET

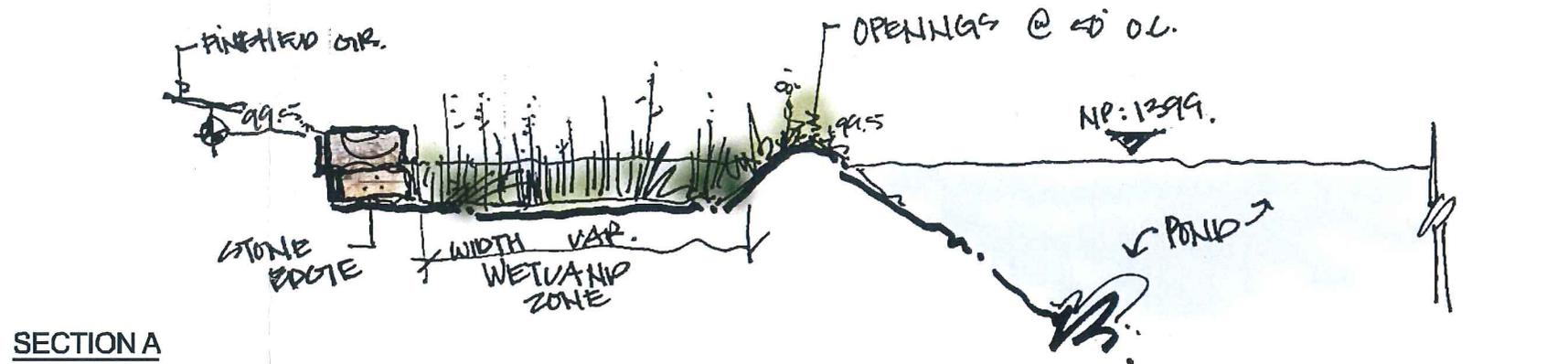


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(MITIGATION REQUIREMENT = 1.12 ACRES)

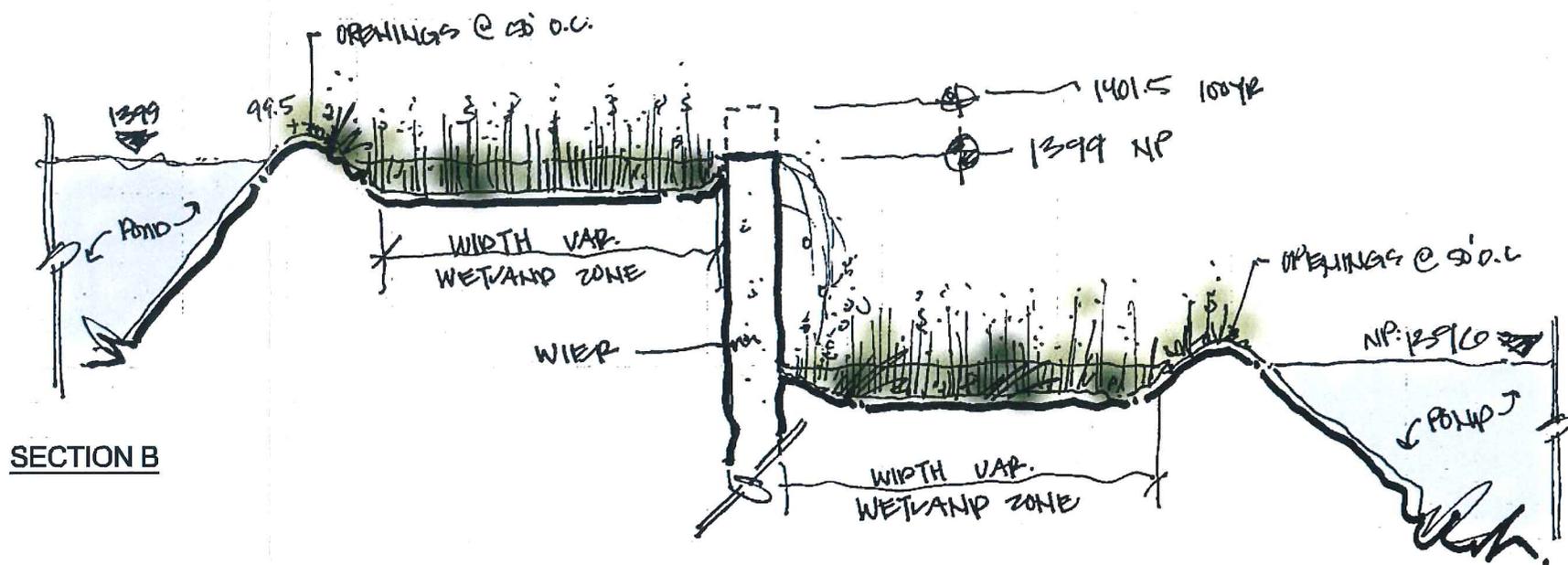


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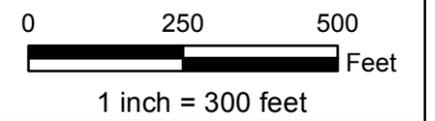
SECTION A



SECTION B



SECTION C



LEGEND

- = APPROXIMATE SITE BOUNDARY
- = WETLAND BOUNDARY
- ~ = 10 FOOT CONTOUR LINES
- = OBSERVATION POINT

ALL LOCATIONS AND BOUNDARIES ARE APPROXIMATE



WSU Innovation Campus Project
 E 21st St N and N Oliver St
 WICHITA, KS

WETLAND DELINEATION MAP

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, i-cubed, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, /

21st. STREET

1400

Wetland D
0.19 Wetland
0.53 Open Water

LITTORAL SHELF

Wetland C
0.17 Wetland
0.93 Open Water

1410

19th STREET

Wetland B
0.34 Wetland
0.16 Open Water

Wetland A
0.42 Wetland

STONE POND EDGE (TYP)

WETLAND ZONE (TYP)

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50' 100' 200'

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WETLAND MITIGATION CONCEPT
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