



Public Notice

U S Army Corps
of Engineers
Huntington District

In reply refer to Public Notice No. 2007-889 Issuance Date: September 19, 2007

Stream: Dobson Branch Closing Date: October 20, 2007

Please address all comments and inquiries to:
U.S. Army USACE of Engineers, Huntington District
ATTN: CELRH-OR-F Public Notice No. (*reference above*)
502 Eighth Street
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070 Phone: (304) 399-5710

PUBLIC NOTICE: The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. We hope you will participate in this process.

REGULATORY PROGRAM: Since its early history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has played an important role in the development of the nation's water resources. Originally, this involved construction of harbor fortifications and coastal defenses. Later duties included the improvement of waterways to provide avenues of commerce. An important part of our mission today is the protection of the nation's waterways through the administration of the USACE Regulatory Program.

SECTION 10: The USACE is directed by Congress under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) to regulate all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition or capacity of navigable waters of the United States. The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

SECTION 404: The USACE is directed by Congress under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) to regulate the discharge of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States, including wetlands. The intent of the law is to protect the nation's waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical and biological integrity.

TO 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. This notice serves as the USACE request to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) to act on Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the following application.

APPLICANT: Greenbrier Valley Airport
 Post Office Box 329
 Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901

LOCATION: The project area is located within the existing Greenbrier Valley Airport property adjacent to and north of Runway 22 (See Figure 1 of this public notice), in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. The proposed project would result in disturbances to the Dobson Branch watershed, a surface tributary system of the Greenbrier River, a navigable (Section 10) water of the United States.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to place fill material into 2.98 acres of waters of the United States, consisting of 2.66 acres of jurisdictional wetlands (Wetland D/E) and 2,759 linear feet (0.317 acre) of stream channels (UT-1, UT-2, UT-3 and UT-4), in conjunction with the expansion of the Greenbrier Valley Airport. The airport currently maintains a single active runway designated as Runway 22. Deficiencies (length and slope) have been identified by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) in the Runway Safety Area (RSA) on the northern end of Runway 22. Specifically, this RSA does not meet the FAA requirements for a Category C-III Airport (500-foot by 1000 foot RSA). Presently, the RSA for Runway 22 is 110 feet with a 130-foot drop-off containing an 18.5% slope that leads down to an unnamed tributary of Dobson Branch. The FAA requires no greater than a 3% slope in the first 200 feet of a RSA and no greater than a negative 5% slope in the remaining length of a RSA.

The applicant proposes to improve the RSA associated with Runway 22 in order to provide sufficient surface acreage suitable for reducing the risk of damage to airplanes. The RSA extension would be accomplished by constructing an additional 890 feet of RSA north of Runway 22. Wetland D/E, comprising 2.66 acres, would be directly impacted by the discharge of fill material associated with the main runway extension. UT-1 would be enclosed with a box culvert beneath the fill for the RSA. UT-2 would be relocated to facilitate the construction of a sediment basin to provide mandatory sediment control for the site. UT-3 and UT-4 would be piped and redirected away from the fill slope of the RSA. These impacts are detailed in the attached drawings.

The purpose of the project is to bring the airport into compliance with the FAA's design and safety standards. The FAA has prepared an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Runway 22 expansion. Plans for the proposed facility are attached to this public notice.

ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS: This project is not considered to be water dependent; therefore, the applicant is required to show that other less damaging practicable alternatives are not available that would achieve the overall project purpose. No permit will be issued until our review of the alternative analysis clearly shows that upland alternatives are not available to achieve the overall project purpose.

MITIGATION PLAN: The applicant has submitted a conceptual Compensatory Mitigation Plan (CMP) to compensate for impacts to waters of the United States that are regulated by the USACE. The applicant proposes to restore and enhance 2,800 linear feet of unnamed tributaries to the Meadow River and purchase of 2.66 acres of wetland mitigation credits from the proposed Meadow River Mitigation Site.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required for this project. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain certification from the WVDEP.

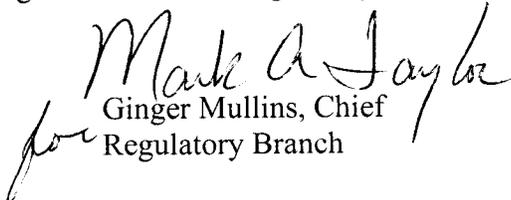
HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES: In a letter dated April 5, 2007, the West Virginia Division of Culture and History (SHPO) stated "there are no archaeological resources located within the proposed project area that are eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places." A copy of this public notice will be sent to the SHPO for their review. Additional comments concerning archeological sensitivity of a project area should be based upon collected data.

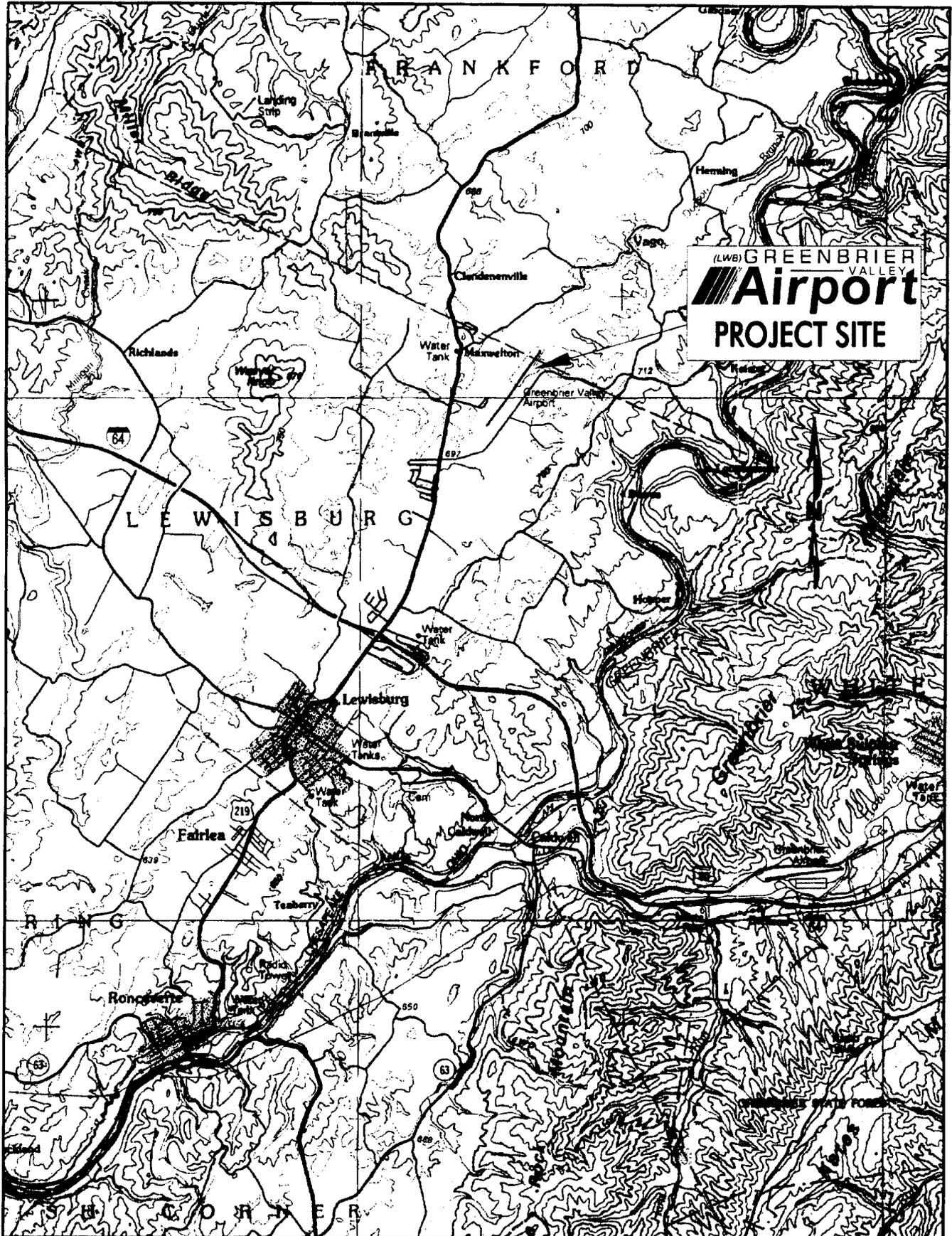
ENDANGERED/THREATENED SPECIES REVIEW: Two federally listed endangered species, the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) may occur within the project area. Less than 5 acres of forest would be impacted by the proposed activity. This public notice serves as a request to the 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 ESA Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW AND COMMENT: Any person who has an interest that may be adversely affected by the issuance of a permit may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer on or before the expiration date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest, which may be adversely affected, and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected by the activity. This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR 320-331, the Regulatory Program of the USACE, and other pertinent laws, regulations, and executive orders. Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. 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 that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; of 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. Written statements on these factors received in this office on or before the expiration date of this public notice will become a part of the record and will be considered in the final determination. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The USACE 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. For accuracy and completeness of the administrative record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. Any comments received will be considered by the USACE 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 need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD: All comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach this office on or before the close of the comment period listed on page one of this Public Notice. If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections. Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to Mrs. Teresa Spagna, Project Manager, South Regulatory Section, CELRH-OR-FS, USACE Huntington District, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070. Please note names and addresses of those who submit comments in response to this public notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, are available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Mrs. Teresa Spagna of the South Regulatory Section at (304) 399-5710.


 for Ginger Mullins, Chief
 Regulatory Branch

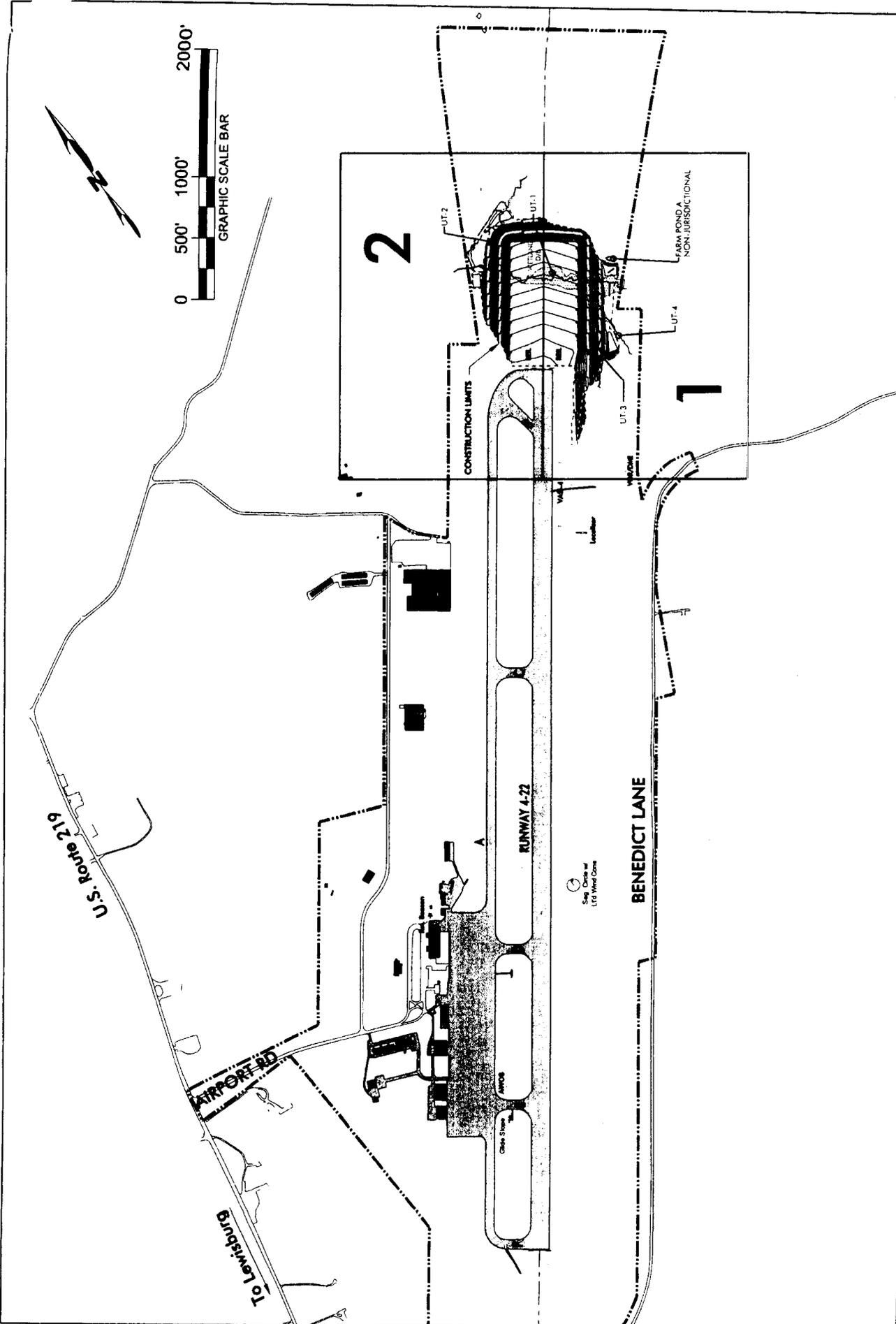


THE LPA GROUP
 TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS
 5000 Falls at House Road, Suite 304
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

Greenbrier Valley Airport
 Lewisburg, West Virginia
LOCATION MAP

Date: Aug. 2007
 Sketch No. 1

1 of 4



U.S. Route 219

AIRPORT RD

To Lewisburg

RUNWAY 4-22

BENEDICT LANE

2

1

UT-2

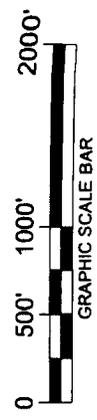
UT-1

UT-4

UT-3

FARM POND A
NON-JURISDICTIONAL

CONSTRUCTION LIMITS



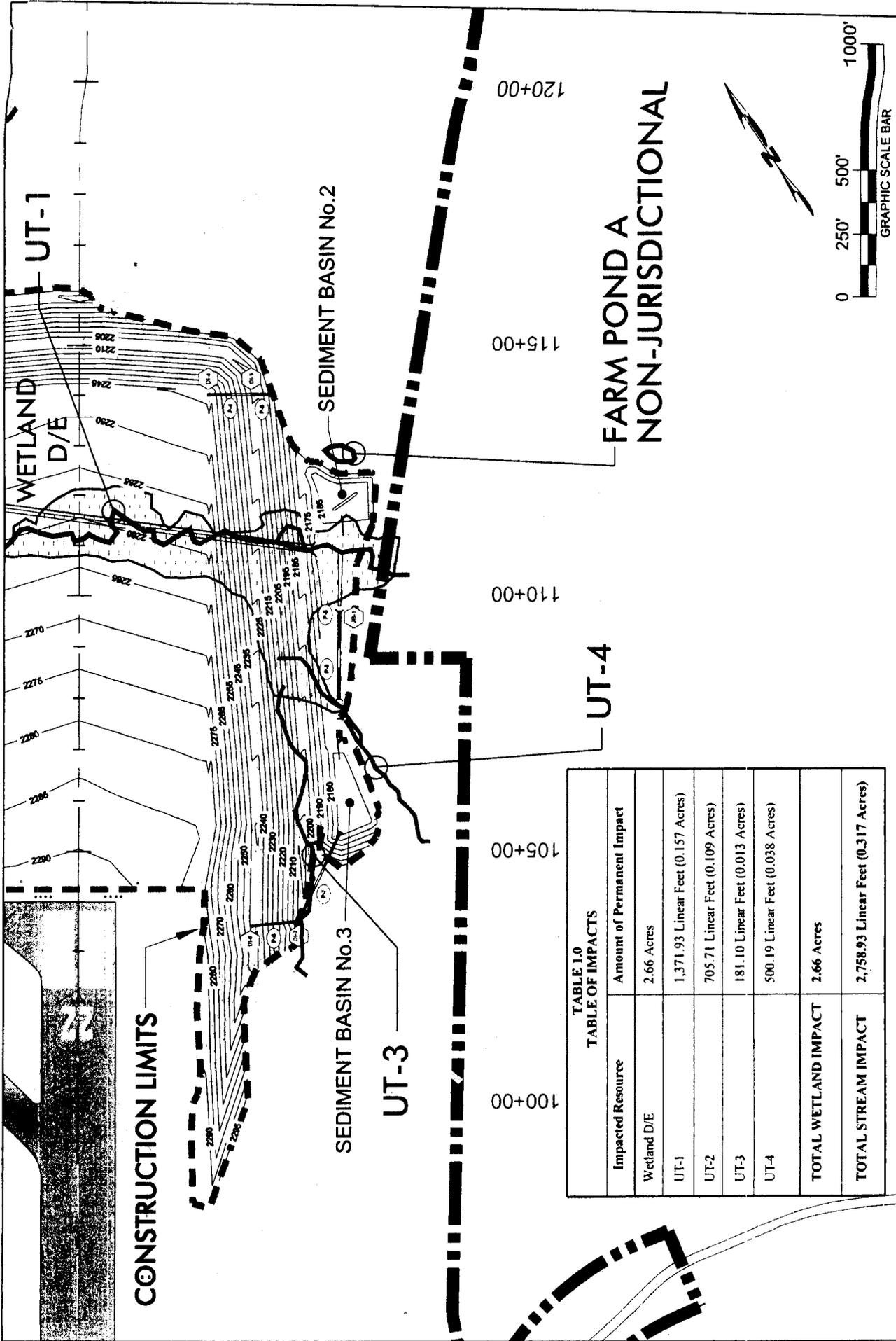

THE LPA GROUP
 TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS
 5000 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 304
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

Greenbrier Valley Airport
 Lewisburg, West Virginia

RUNWAY SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENTS - PLAN KEY

Date: **Aug. 2007**
 Figure No. **2**

2 of 4



FARM POND A
NON-JURISDICTIONAL

**TABLE 1.0
TABLE OF IMPACTS**

Impacted Resource	Amount of Permanent Impact
Wetland D/E	2.66 Acres
UT-1	1,371.93 Linear Feet (0.157 Acres)
UT-2	705.71 Linear Feet (0.109 Acres)
UT-3	181.10 Linear Feet (0.013 Acres)
UT-4	500.19 Linear Feet (0.038 Acres)
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT	2.66 Acres
TOTAL STREAM IMPACT	2,758.93 Linear Feet (0.317 Acres)

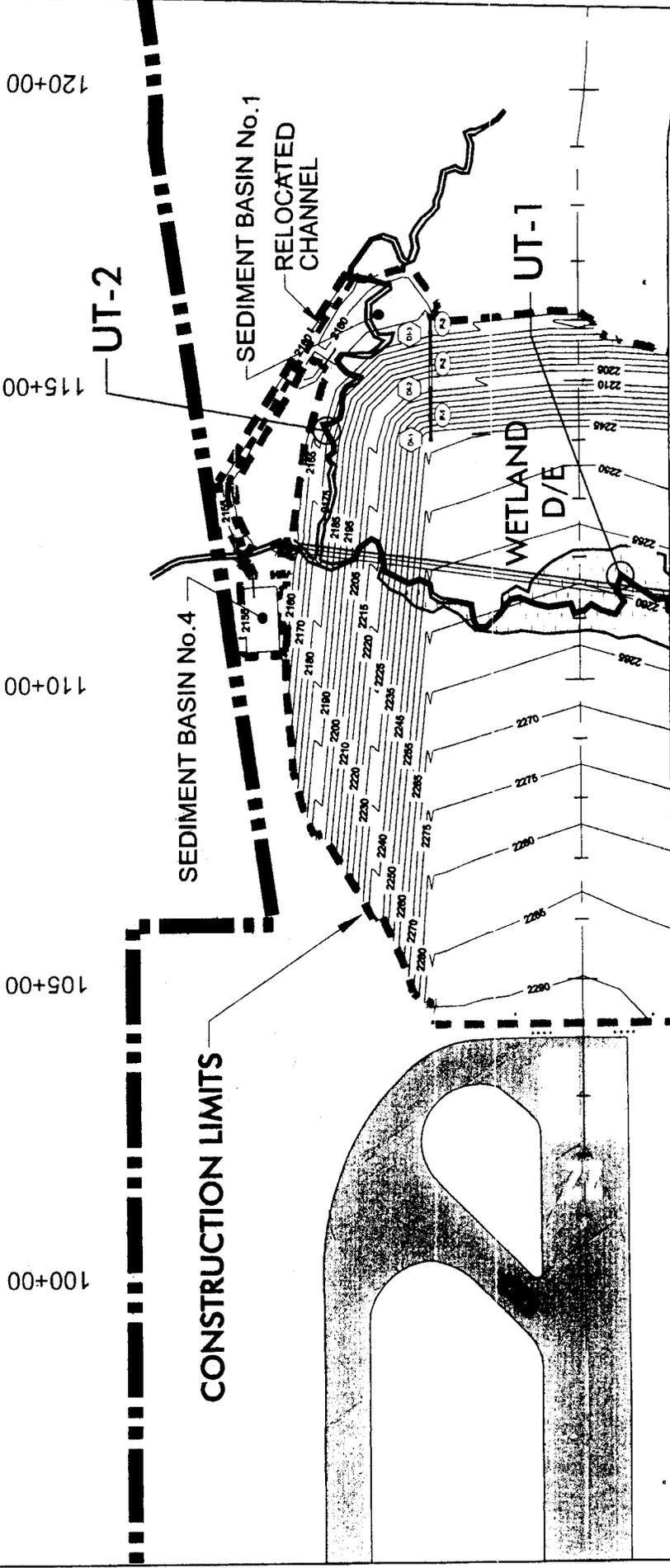
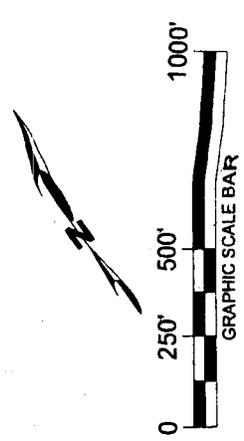
	Greenbrier Valley Airport Lewisburg, West Virginia	Date	Aug. 2007
	RUNWAY SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENTS - PLAN No. 1	Figure No	3

3 of 14

4 of 11

**TABLE I.0
TABLE OF IMPACTS**

Impacted Resource	Amount of Permanent Impact
Wetland D/E	2.66 Acres
UT-1	1,371.93 Linear Feet (0.157 Acres)
UT-2	705.71 Linear Feet (0.109 Acres)
UT-3	181.10 Linear Feet (0.013 Acres)
UT-4	500.19 Linear Feet (0.038 Acres)
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT	2.66 Acres
TOTAL STREAM IMPACT	2,758.93 Linear Feet (0.317 Acres)



THE LPA GROUP
TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS
5000 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 304
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

Greenbrier Valley Airport
Lewisburg, West Virginia

RUNWAY SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENTS - PLAN No. 2

Date: **Aug. 2007**

Figure No: **4**

100+00 105+00 110+00 115+00 120+00