

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Global Laser Enrichment, LLC Published: November 4, 2025 Expires: November 19, 2025

Louisville District
Permit Application No. LRL-2025-00040

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the following request associated with the Global Laser Enrichment Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility (PLEF) has been submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. In Executive Order (EO) 14156 the President declared a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621) based upon the finding that the United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Louisville District has found that this permit request meets the terms of EO 14156 and is therefore subject to special emergency permitting procedures to address an energy supply situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the application under standard procedures. The Louisville District will implement the special processing procedures approved by Great Lakes and Ohio River Division in accordance with 33 CFR § 325.2(e)(4).

APPLICANT: Tim Knowles

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LOCATION OF WORK: The proposed project would be located on a 322-acre property southeast of the intersection of Hobbs Road and Dyke Road, Paducah, McCraken County, Kentucky (Latitude: 37.092703° N and Longitude: 88.816486° W).

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant is requesting authorization to discharge fill material into 30 linear feet of perennial stream, 4,785 linear feet of intermittent stream, 4.75 acres of forested wetlands (PFO), 0.42 acres of scrub shrub wetlands (PSS) and 1.0 acre of emergent wetlands (PEM) in order to clear and grade the site for the construction of a uranium-enrichment facility (PLEF) on land adjacent to the existing U.S. Department of Energy Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), as the lead federal agency for the project, is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the special nuclear materials (SNM) license required to construct and operate the facility.

Based on the measured acreage of the features, approximately 14,800 cubic yards of clean fill is proposed to be placed within jurisdictional aquatic resources to develop the site. This includes approximately 800 cubic yards of fill material into of jurisdictional streams and approximately 14,000 cubic yards of fill material into jurisdictional wetlands. The proposed project would include the construction of a 1,061,260 square foot Operations Building to perform the uranium-enrichment process with associated infrastructure to include several administrative and support buildings, a parking lot, outdoor UF cylinder storage pads, and maintained landscape areas. In addition, two access roads would be built across the northwest portion of the project area to connect the project area to Dyke Road. An eastern arm of the PLEF project area is designated as a potential National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) outfall area and would be limited to only the installation of piping and a wastewater outfall for discharging treated wastewater from an onsite restroom facility into Little Bayou Creek, with no process water from industrial activities being discharged here. The piping is proposed to be directionally bored from the PLEF to Little Bayou Creek with only impacts to Little Bayou Creek from the outfall structure. The outfall structure would impact 30 linear feet of Little Bayou Creek.

The existing electrical lines that traverse the PLEF Project Area would need to be relocated to allow for construction of the PLEF. New above ground electrical utility lines would connect the PLEF to two proposed electrical substations: one would be located to the northwest near Dyke Road, and the other to the southeast, adjacent to the east side of the enrichment technology center parking lot. Both electrical substations would be located within security fences. Potable and process water supply lines would be run from existing water lines to the PLEF along Magruder and Woodville Road. Process wastewater, stormwater overflow and treated sanitary water would be routed from the PLEF via underground lines to an outfall at Little Bayou Creek (as necessary). The project includes placement of new utility lines within existing utility corridors and/or clearings to the fullest extent practicable to minimize the need for additional wetlands crossings or clearing of additional wooded areas at the PLEF Site.

MITIGATION STATEMENT: The applicant stated that the proposed project has avoided and minimized impacts to waters of the U.S. to the greatest extent possible while still allowing construction of a facility that accomplishes the goals of the project. The applicant proposed to utilize best management practices (BMPs) and sediment and erosion control measures to prevent non-point source pollution, control storm water runoff, and minimize sediment damage in order to avoid and reduce overall water quality degradation.

In addition, the applicant is proposing to obtain a permit for site disturbance through the Kentucky Pollution Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) which would specify activities to reduce erosion and sedimentation effects from projects involving soil disturbance. A site-specific Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would be developed by the project team and contractor prior to onsite activities to ensure continuous erosion control throughout the construction and post-construction period.

The applicant has proposed to compensate for jurisdictional aquatic losses through the purchase of credits from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program (FILO).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Compliance with Section 401 Water Quality Certification procedures is required for this project.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is the lead federal agency for the proposed project and is also responsible for compliance with the Section 106 process. Archaeological and architectural surveys of the project tract have been completed, and NRC is in the process of initiating coordination with the Kentucky Heritage Council (SHPO), Native American Tribes, and other consulting parties as appropriate. The Corps will review all Section 106 documentation and coordination completed by NRC to ensure that the coordination includes the Corps' permit area, and that the Corps concurs with the lead federal agency's Section 106 coordination

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps has performed an initial review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as the proposed and final designated critical habitat may occur in the vicinity of the proposed project.

Pursuant to Section 7 ESA, any required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is the lead Federal agency for ESA consultation for the proposed action. Any required consultation will be completed by NRC.

This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

PUBLIC INTEREST: This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR Parts 320-333, the Regulatory Program of the Corps, 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 Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230). 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,

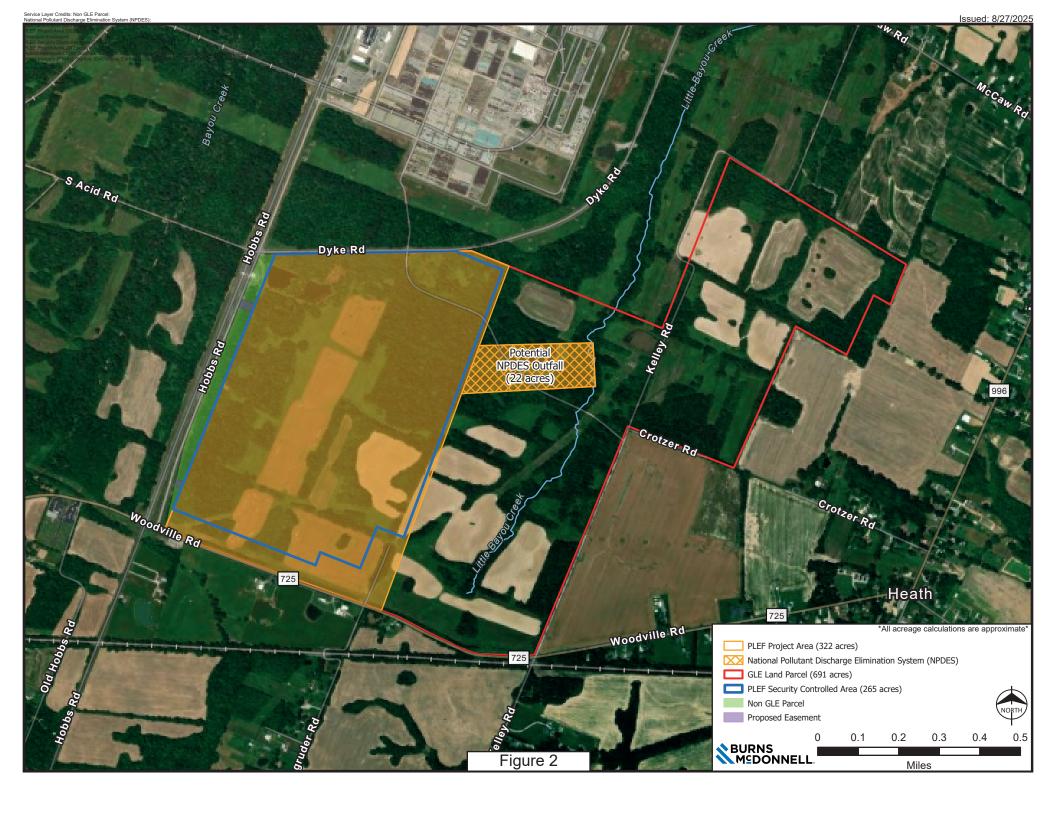
flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The district will make a permit decision after considering/addressing any comments submitted by the agencies.

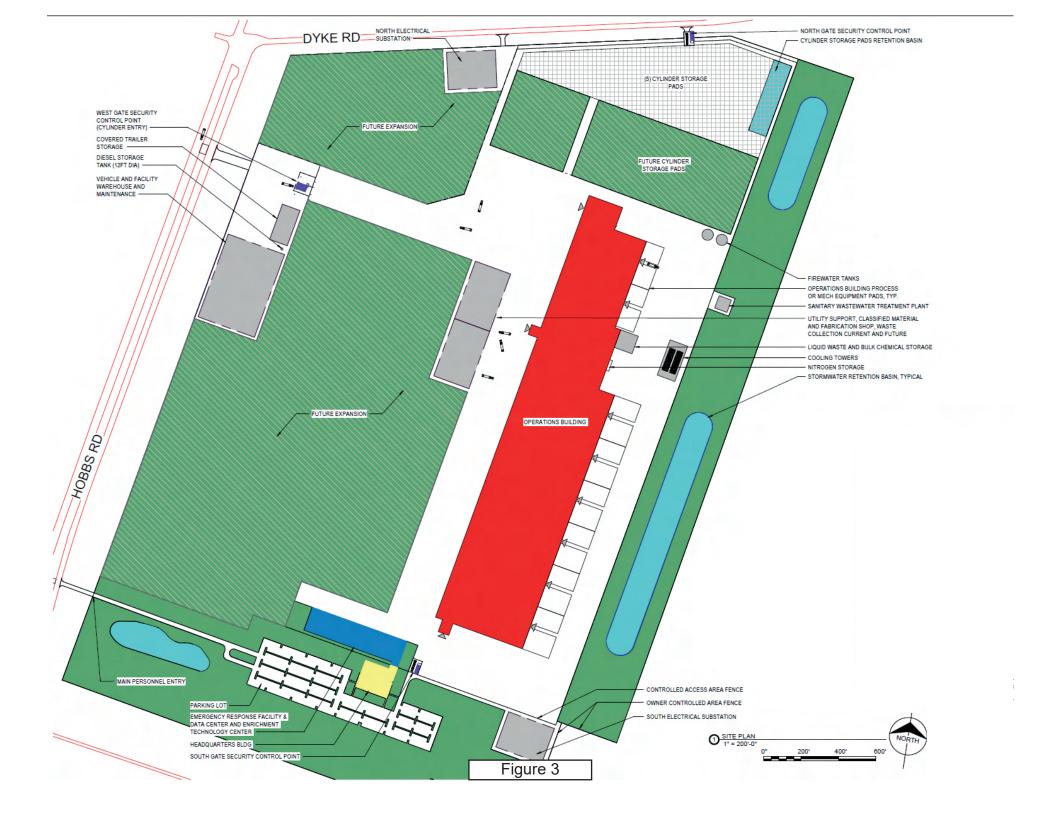
COMMENTS: Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted electronically to Meagan Knuckles by email at meagan.l.knuckles@usace.army.mil or via the Regulatory Request System at https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs If you do not have internet access, comments may be submitted through the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to the following address:

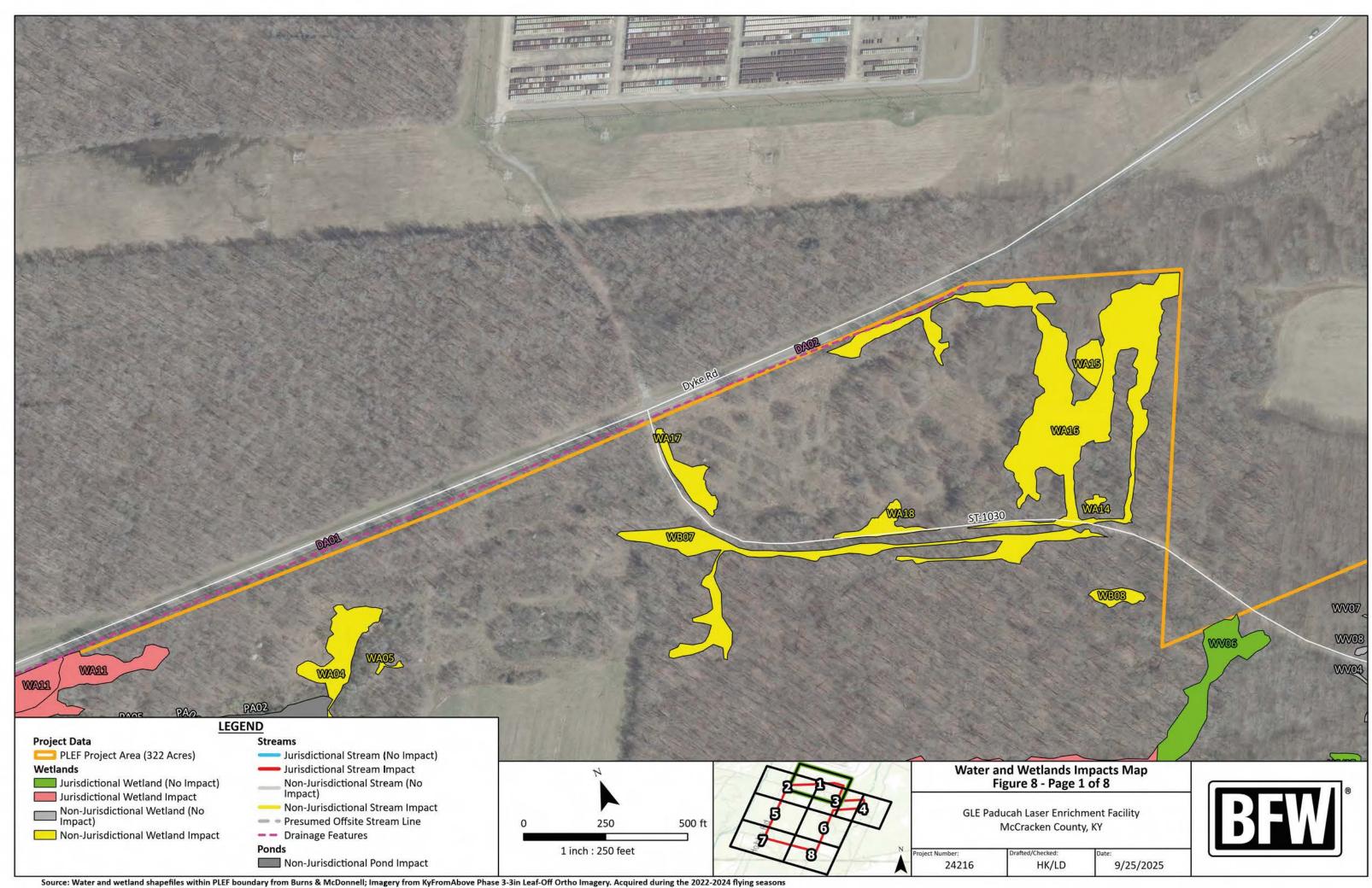
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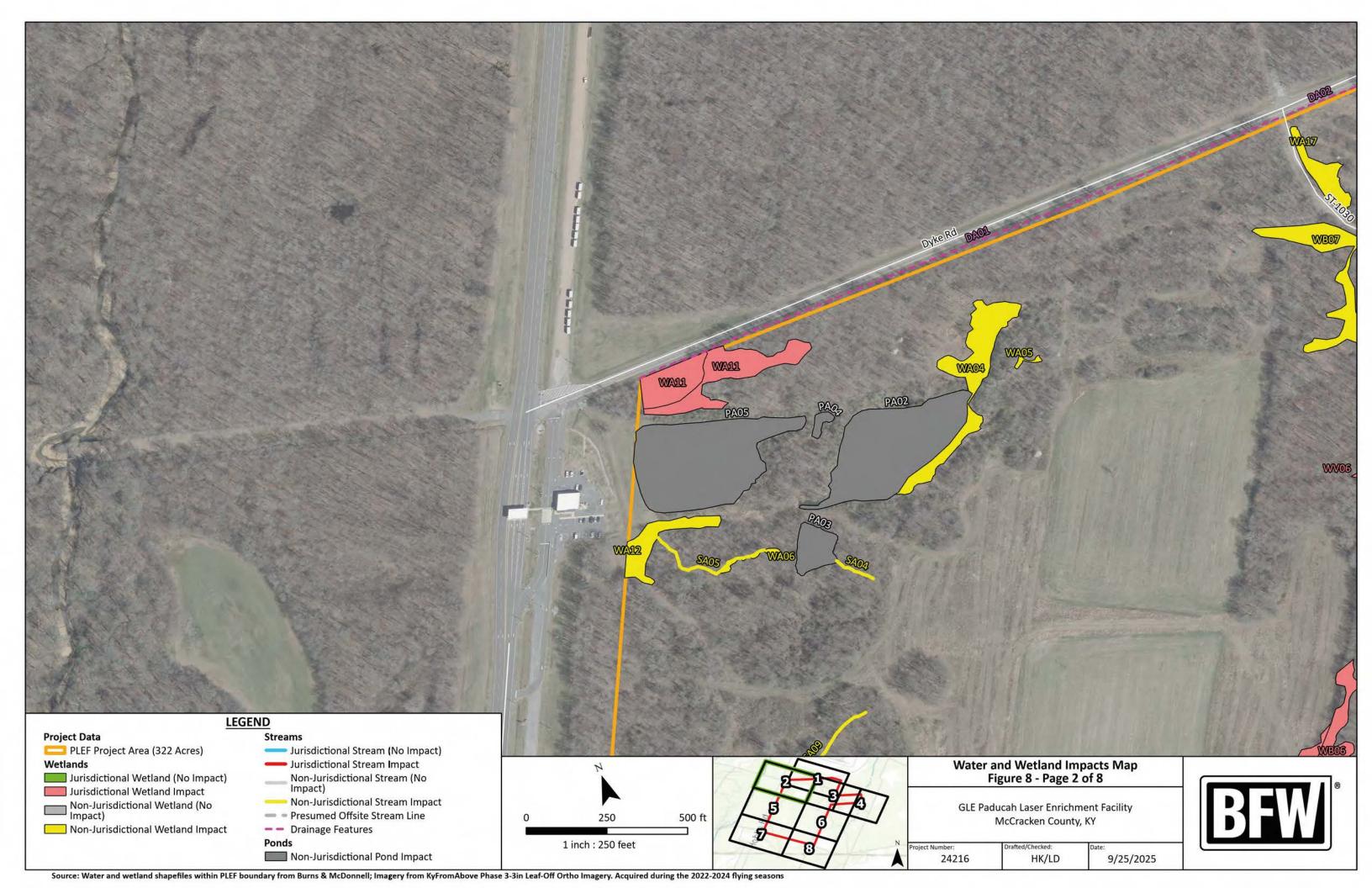
Comments should only be provided through the USPS when electronic transmission is not possible. Precautionary internal mail handling procedures may be instituted to protect our workforce, which may result in longer than normal times to process and receive hard copy submissions. To be considered in our evaluation, comments submitted through the USPS should have a postmark dated on, or prior to, the close of the comment period, November 19, 2025.

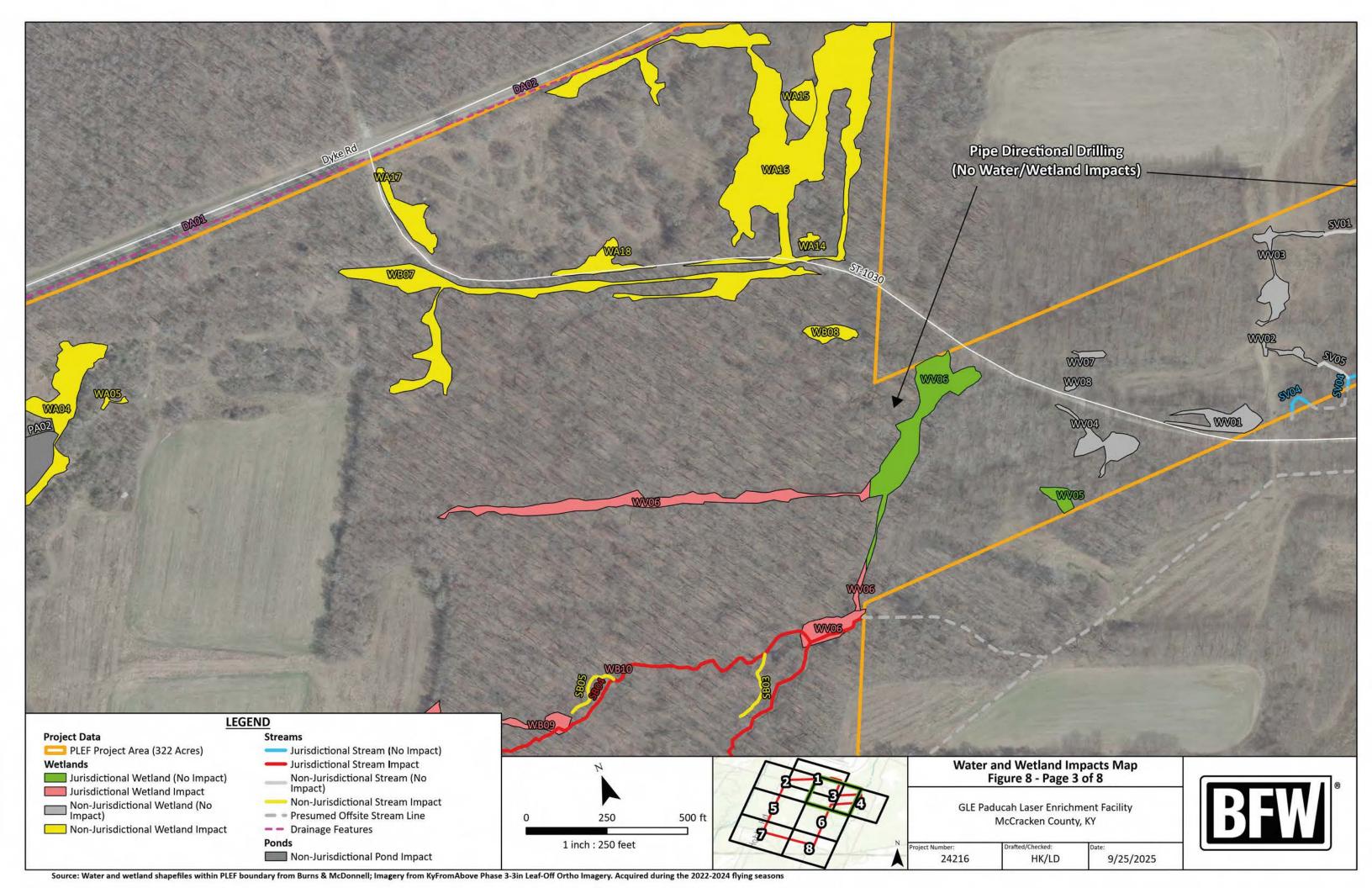
Please note that submitted comments in response to this Public Notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, may be available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in our Nation's water resources.

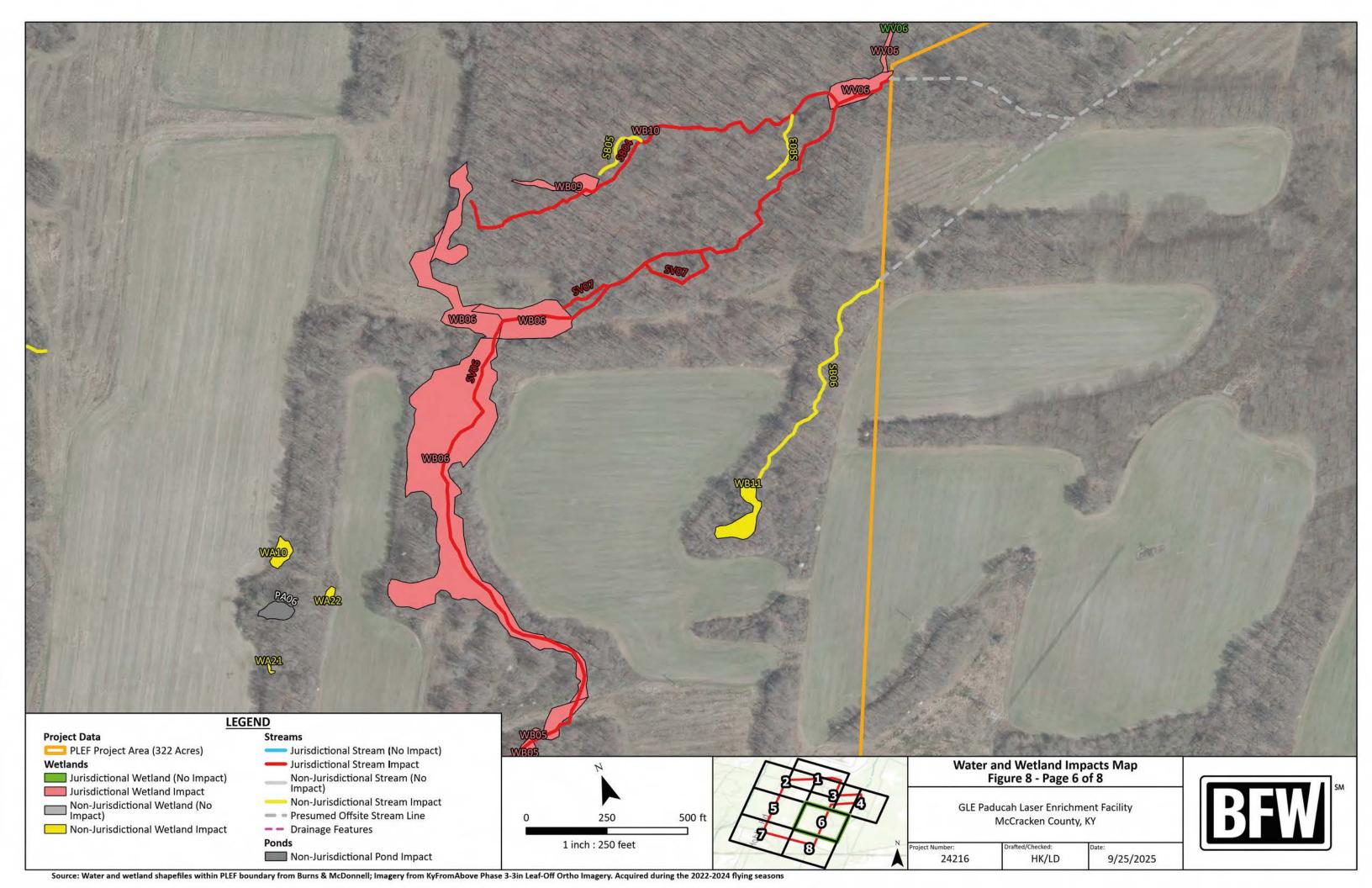


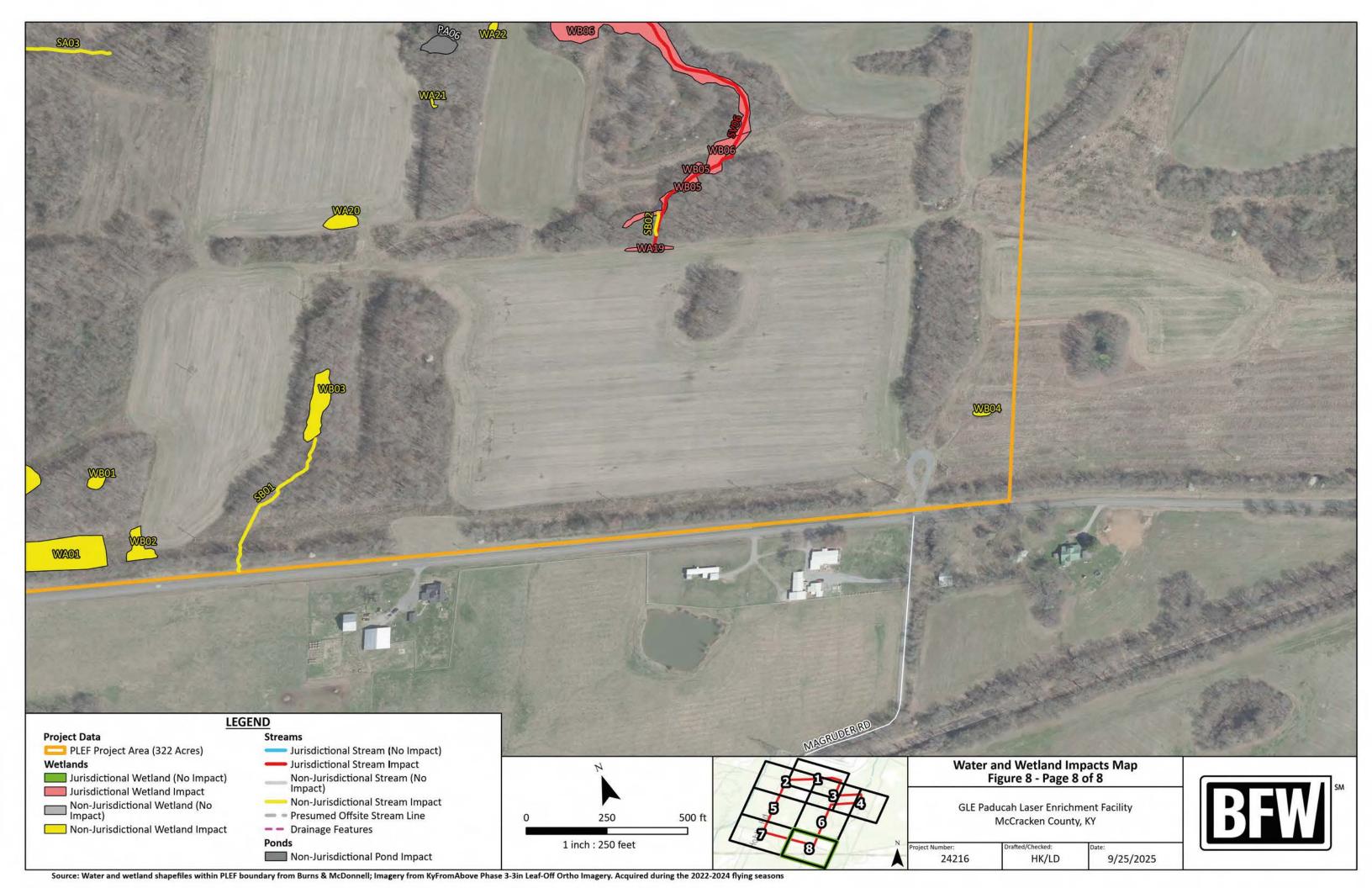


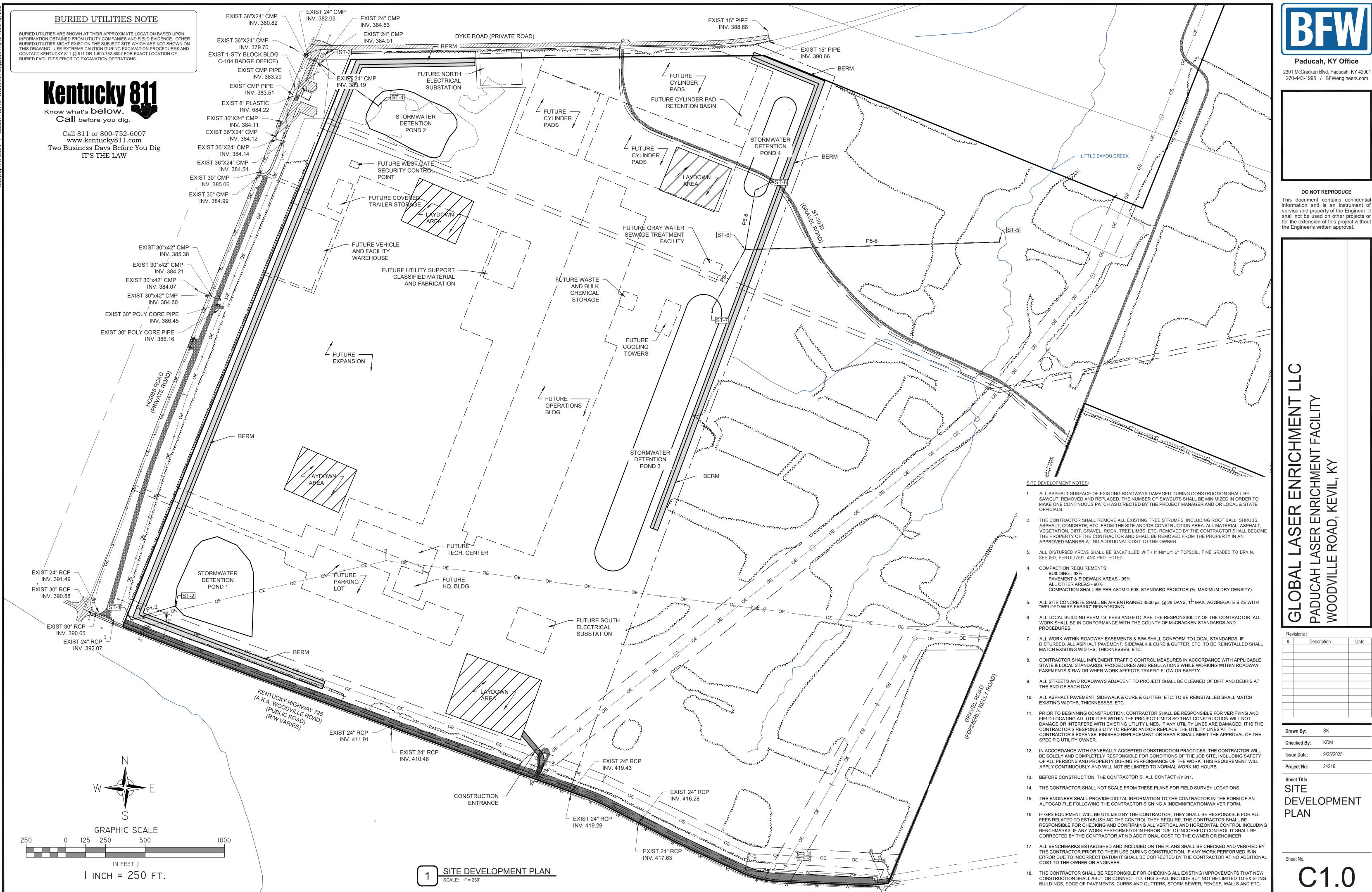






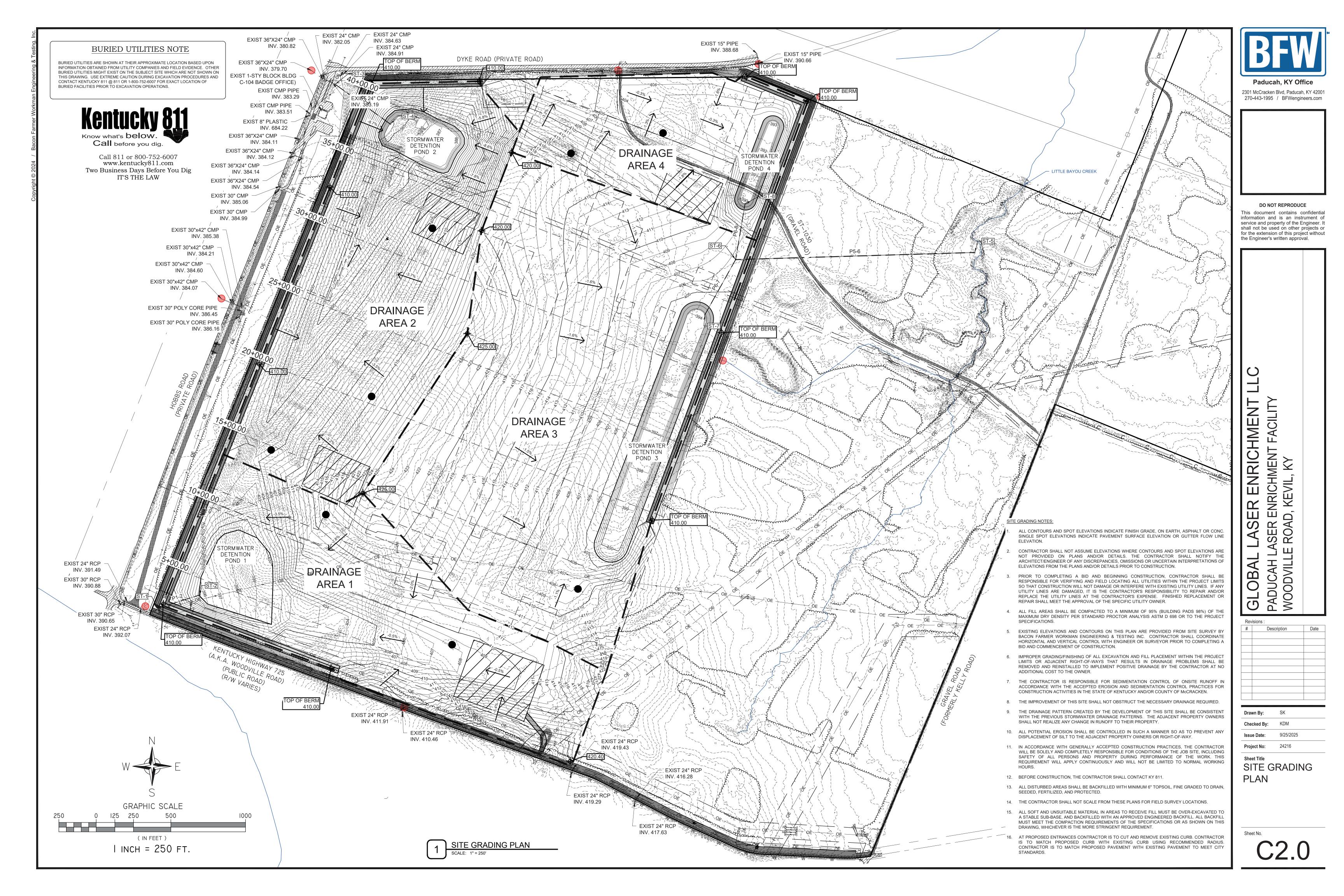


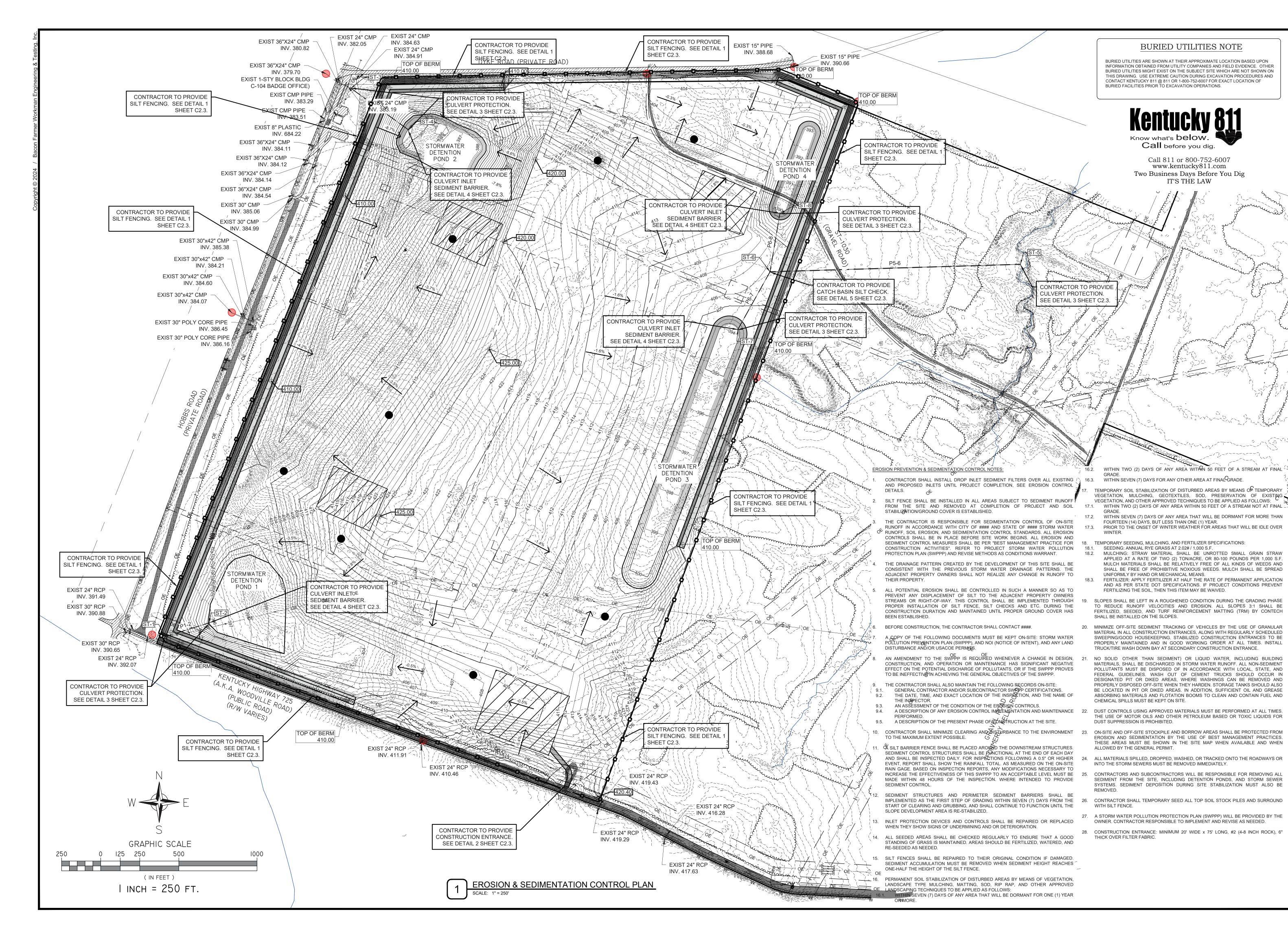




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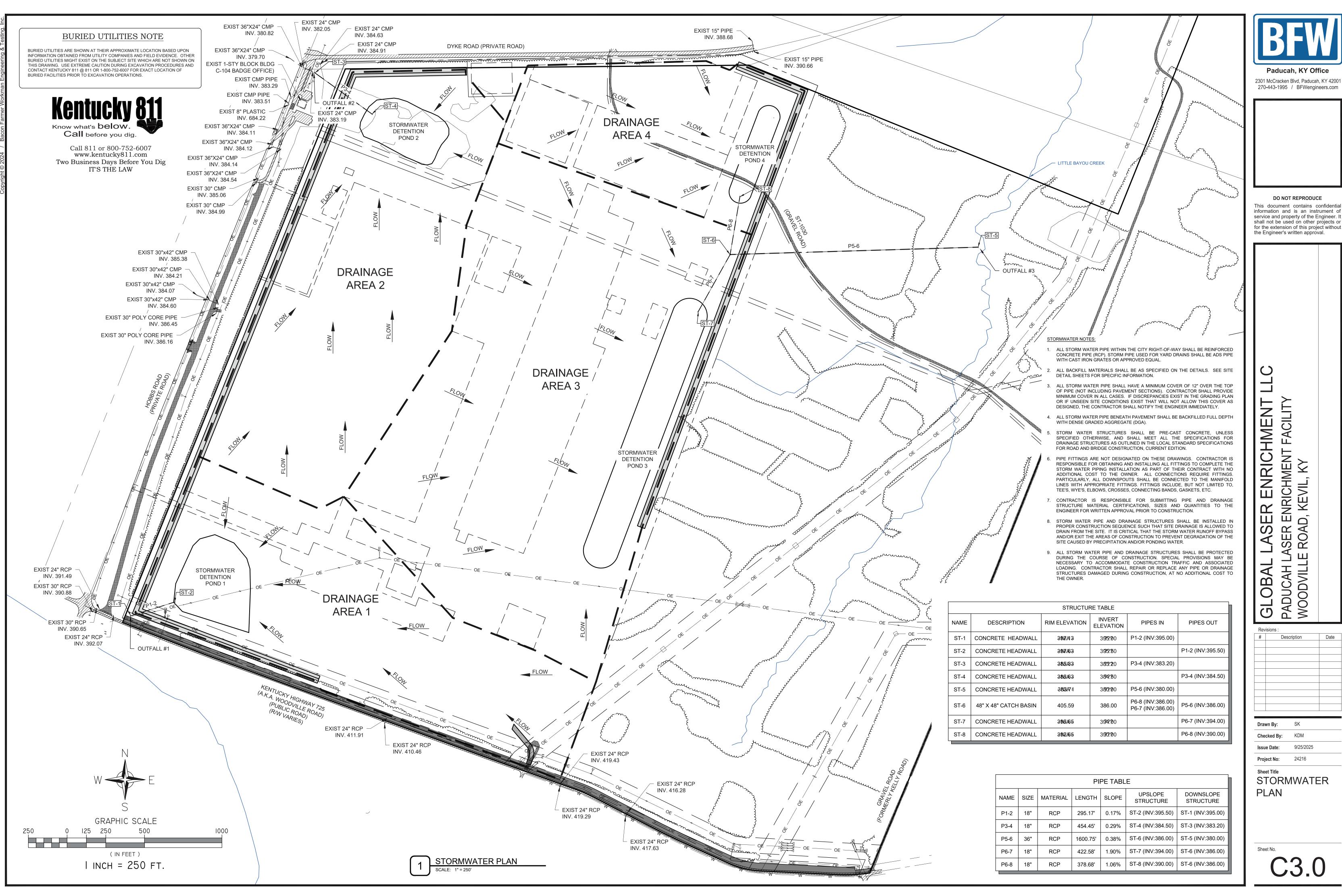
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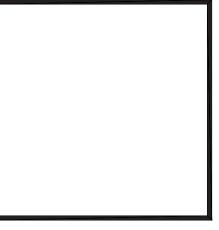
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