



**US Army Corps
Of Engineers**
Walla Walla District
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

Public Notice of Application for Permit

APPLICATION NO.: NWW-2008-529-B01

APPLICANT: Boise Parks and Recreation
Department

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: August 4, 2008

21-Day Notice

COMMENTS DUE DATE: August 25, 2008

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received 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.

APPLICANT - Boise Parks and Recreation Department, 1104 Royal Boulevard, Boise, Idaho 83706, contact Mr. Dave Salvage at 208-384-4060. For information from the Corps of Engineers, contact Mr. Greg Martinez at 208-345-2154, or email at greg.j.martinez@usace.army.mil.

LOCATION – Boise River, Walling Ditch and their adjacent wetlands, in Sections 19 and 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, South Boise USGS Quadrangle, located 5 miles east of Boise, in Ada County, Idaho.

WORK - Discharge 4925 cubic yards of gravel, top soil, turf and concrete into 1.11 acres of Boise River, Walling Ditch and their adjacent wetlands to construct roads, pathways, buried utilities, landscaping and a new creek for the new Marianna Williams Park. Discharge 318 cubic yards of top soil and native soil fill into 0.93 acre of wetlands to regrade existing wetlands within the Walling Ditch, log ponds and Boise River to improve flood conveyance, remove undesirable vegetation, and improve wetland quality. Location and description as shown on the enclosed drawing Sheets 1 through 14.

CONSTRUCTION PERIOD - Applicant proposes to start construction in November 2008 and complete work in 2 years. The permit would authorize construction for a period of 3 years.

PURPOSE – Construct roads, pathways, and landscaping for the proposed Marianne Williams Park.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – In addition to the above described work, the applicant would excavate 2.24 acres of wetlands from the bottom and sides of five old log ponds adjacent the Boise River. The upland berms that separate the ponds would also be excavated to develop a single large pond with water depths adequate to support a fishery. A second pond would be excavated on the southeast end of the proposed new park. Creation of this pond would result in the excavation of low quality wetlands (0.53 acre) dominated by baltic rush and reed canary grass. This pond is identified on Sheet 2 as Wetland # 6 (between E8 and E9). Approximately 0.1 acre of wetlands in the Walling Ditch would be excavated to

form an in-channel sedimentation pond immediately downstream of the proposed new intake structure located on the Boise River and identified on Sheet 10 as fill impact P24.

To compensate for project fills and excavation activities in wetlands, the applicant proposes to mitigate the loss by creating 6.33 acres of wetlands throughout the project area. The applicant would also completely regrade and restore the Walling Ditch as a functioning stream. Roughly 9.03 acres of wetlands presently exist along and within the Walling Ditch on the project site. Restoration work would fill 0.58 acre and create 3.35 acres along the ditch resulting in an overall increase of 2.77 acres of wetlands. The applicant would also create 1,050 linear feet of new stream channel to provide a direct connection of the restored Walling Ditch to the Boise River.

AREA DESCRIPTION –The project area is a 70-acre parcel of land gifted to the City of Boise for a proposed park. The project area is located about 5 miles east of Boise, along the north bank of the Boise River. It is bounded by the Boise River on the south, Warm Springs Avenue to the north, and private lands to the east and west. Historically the property has seen many uses to include supporting a lumber mill from the 1950s through the 1970s to its present use as pasture land for livestock grazing.

Wetlands are scattered throughout the property with the five abandoned log ponds being the most prominent. These ponds are located immediately adjacent the Boise River and water within the ponds rises and falls with the water level in the river. The bottom of four of the five ponds is vegetated with cattail, hard stem bull rush and various sedges. Along the banks and slightly drier areas of the ponds willow, alder and cottonwood trees are present. These wetlands are moderate in value and support numerous song birds, some upland game birds such as quail and a few deer. The second major wetland area is the Walling Ditch. This waterway is controlled at its inlet with an old intake structure. The structure is closed and at high water in the river only a limited amount of water flows into the waterway. Vegetation within the Walling Ditch varies from upland to wetlands with the upper end being heavily vegetated with cattail and sedge. Habitat values vary within the Walling Ditch from low to moderate. Other wetlands scattered around the project site vary widely in vegetation and habitat value. Wetland 6 is a low value baltic rush wetland but the wetlands immediately to the southeast are moderate to high value scrub wetlands and forested wetlands.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS ON AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT – Work as proposed would fill 1.11 acres of wetlands (approx. 0.8 acre emergent and 0.3 acre shrub wetlands), temporarily impact 0.93 acres of wetlands for buried utilities and restoration work, and excavate a total of 2.87 acres of wetlands.

OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS - Other authorizations obtained or requested include a River System Permit from the City of Boise, and a Stream Alteration Permit from the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION - This will also serve as public notice that Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) is evaluating whether to certify that the discharges of dredged and fill material proposed for this project will not violate existing water quality standards. A Department of the Army permit will not be issued until water quality certification has been issued or waived by the IDEQ, as required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. If water quality certification is not issued, waived or denied within 60 days of this public notice date, and an extension of this period is not granted to the IDEQ Quality, certification will be considered waived. Additionally, within (30) days of this public notice, any person may provide written comments to IDEQ and/or request in writing that IDEQ provide them notice of their preliminary 401 certification decision. Comments concerning certification for this project should be mailed to: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Boise Regional Office, 1445 North Orchard, Boise, Idaho 83706.

CULTURAL RESOURCES - Coordination is currently being conducted with the office of the Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer to determine if this activity will affect a site that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or a site that may be eligible for listing on the Register.

ENDANGERED SPECIES - Coordination is currently being conducted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine if the activity will have any affect on species designated as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, or their critical habitat.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT - Preliminary review indicates the activity will not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. Comments provided will be considered in preparation of an Environmental Assessment.

AUTHORITY - This permit will be issued or denied under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

EVALUATION - 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. This 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, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, our evaluation will include application of the EPA Guidelines (40 CFR 230) as required by Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - 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 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.

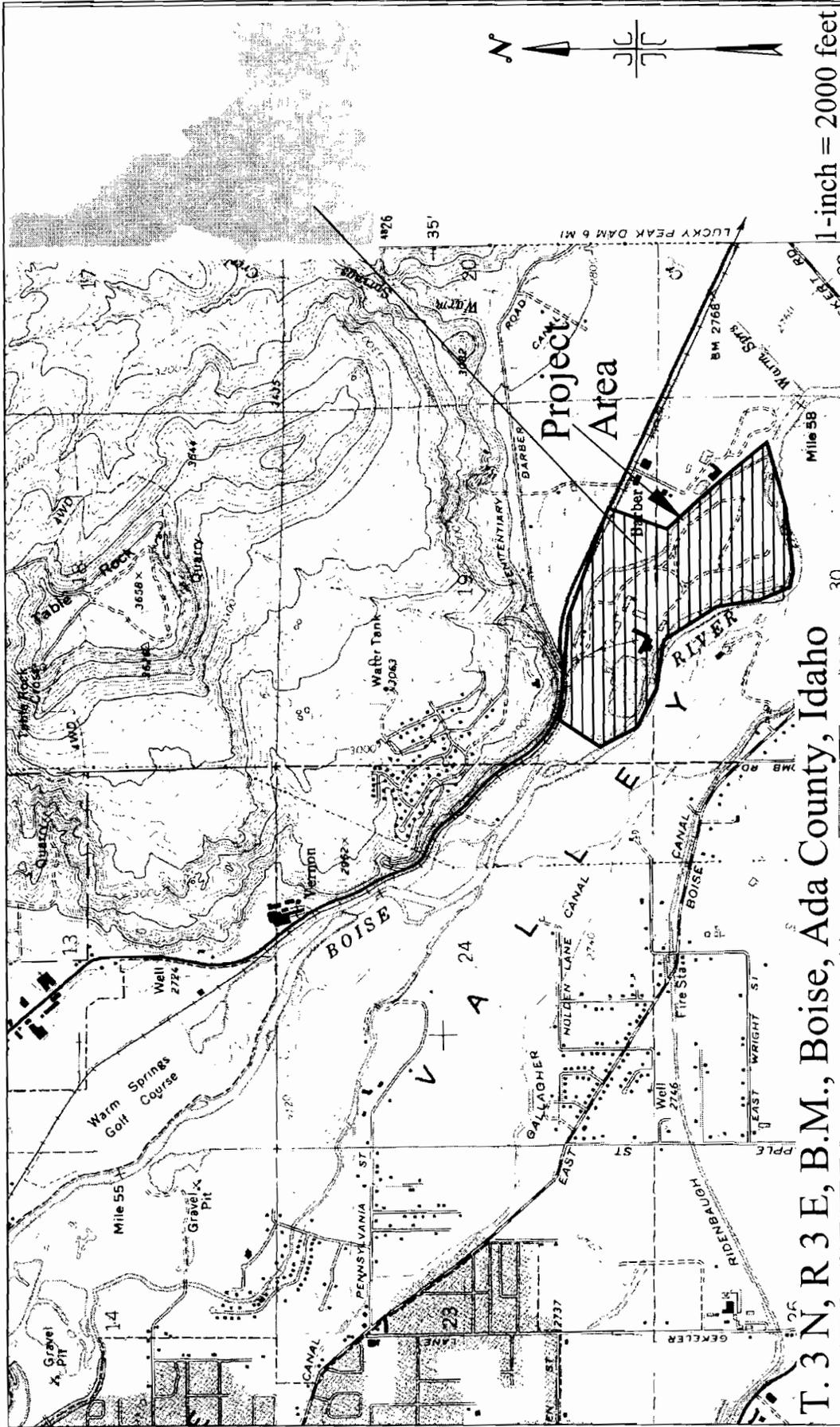
PUBLIC HEARING - Any person may request in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this proposed activity. Requests for a public hearing shall state specific reasons for holding a public hearing.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD - Interested parties are invited to provide their comments on the proposed activity, which will become a part of the record and will be considered in the decision. **Comments should be mailed to:**

US Army Corps of Engineers
Bose Regulatory Field Office
10095 West Emerald Street
Boise, Idaho 83704

Comments should be received not later than the comments due date of this notice to receive consideration.

A. Bradley Daly
Chief, Regulatory Division

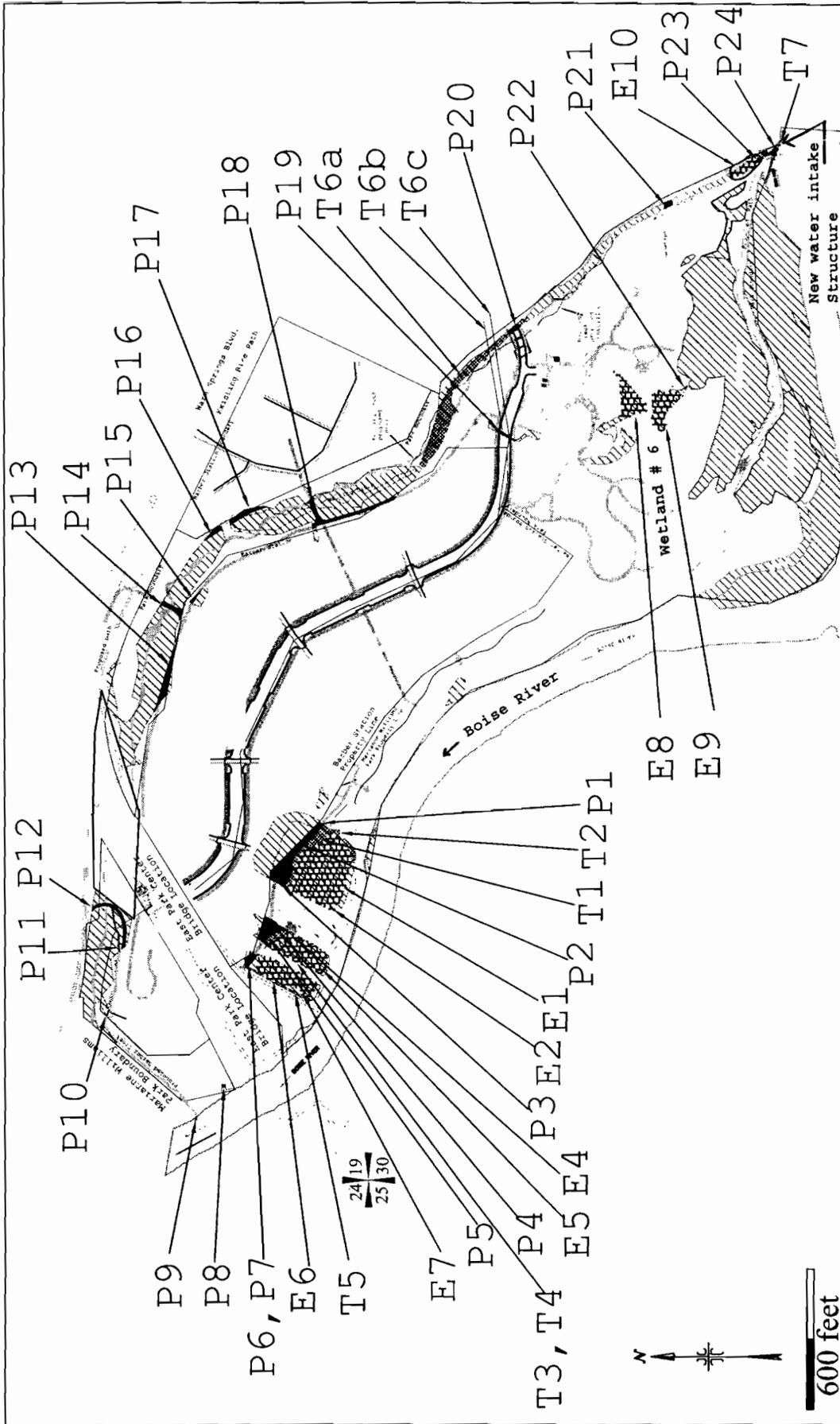


T. 3 N, R 3 E, B.M., Boise, Ada County, Idaho

Marianne Williams
Park

Vicinity Map

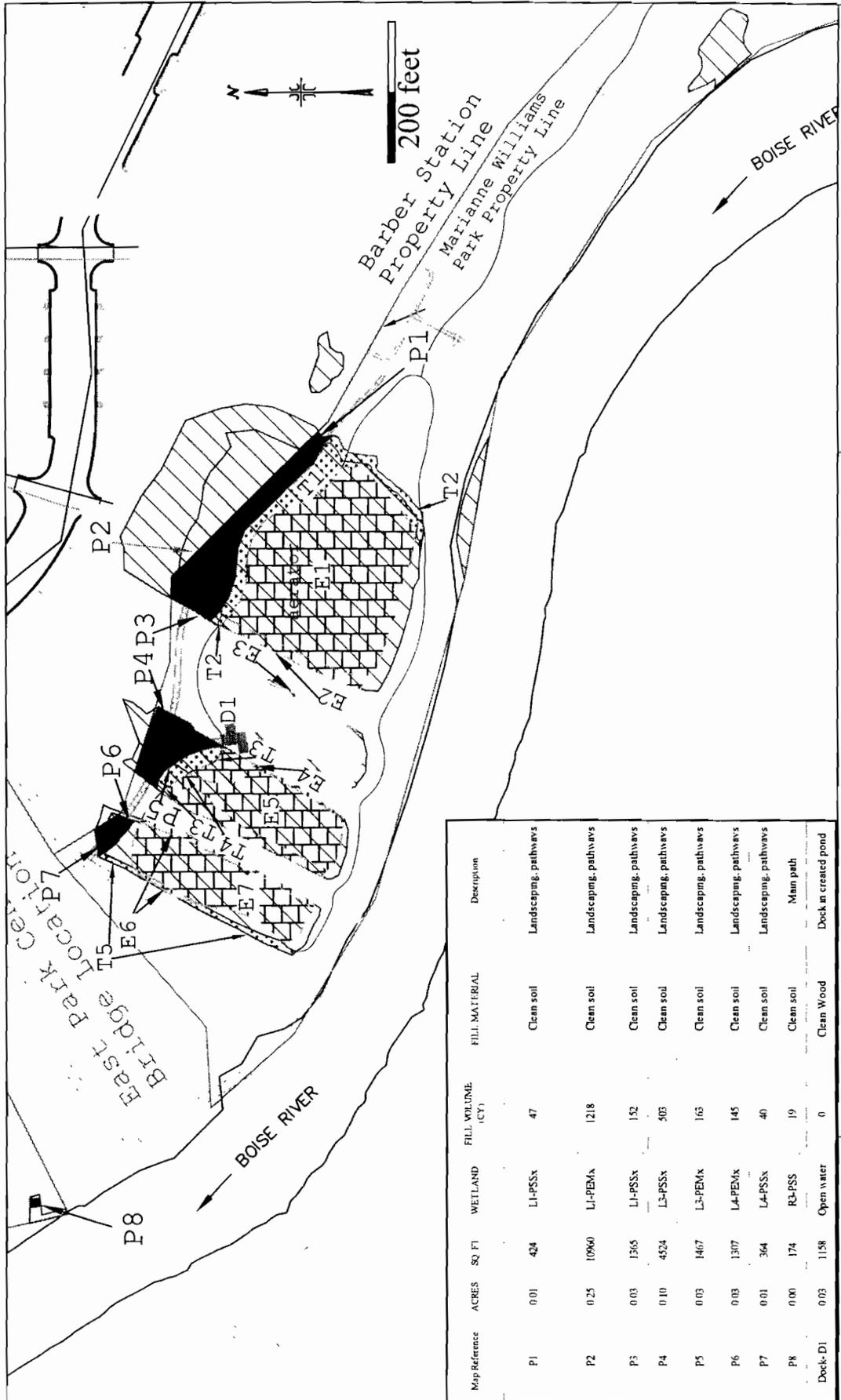
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OVERVIEW

- Wetland
- Wetland #9 excavated
- Wetlands to be regraded and remain wetlands, temporary impact
- Wetlands proposed to be filled

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Map Reference	ACRES	SQ FT	WETLAND	FILL VOLUME (CY)	FILL MATERIAL	Description
P1	0.01	424	L1-PSSX	47	Clean soil	Landscaping, pathways
P2	0.25	10960	L1-PEMX	1218	Clean soil	Landscaping, pathways
P3	0.03	1365	L1-PSSX	152	Clean soil	Landscaping, pathways
P4	0.10	4524	L3-PSSX	503	Clean soil	Landscaping, pathways
P5	0.03	1467	L3-PEMX	163	Clean soil	Landscaping, pathways
P6	0.03	1307	L4-PEMX	145	Clean soil	Landscaping, pathways
P7	0.01	364	L4-PSSX	40	Clean soil	Landscaping, pathways
P8	0.00	174	R3-PSS	19	Clean soil	Main path
Dock-D1	0.03	1158	Open water	0	Clean Wood	Dock in created pond

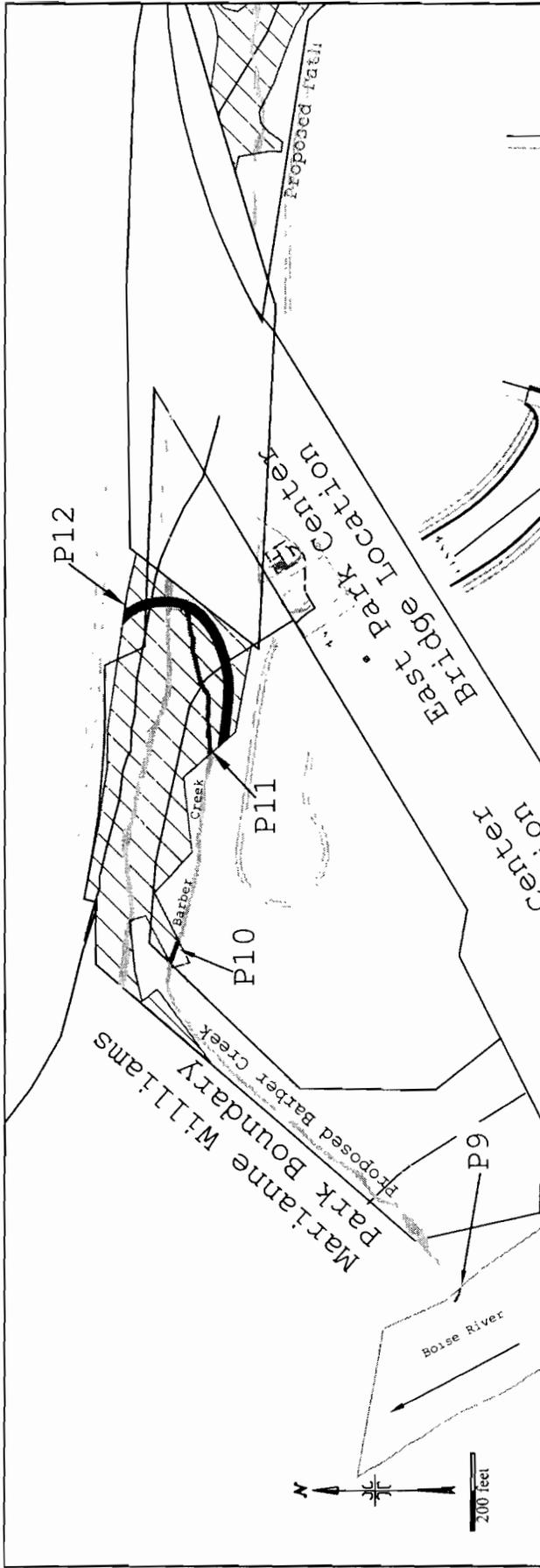
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Proposed Fill

Wetland
 Wetland proposed to be filled

Wetlands proposed to be excavated
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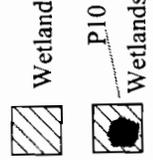


See Sheet 11 for section details on path crossings, P12 and Sheet 12 for details on P9.

Map Reference	ACRES	SQ. FT.	WETLAND	FILL VOLUME (CY)	FILL MATERIAL	Description
P9	0.00	33	Boise River	1	Creek Creation	Post-excavation fill with cobble/gravel
P10	0.00	130	W1-PEM/PSS	14	Creek Creation	Post-excavation fill with cobble/gravel
P11	0.02	810	W1-PEM/PSS	30	Creek Creation Crossing, clean	Post-excavation fill with cobble/gravel
P12	0.08	3492	W1-PEM/PSS	129	concrete/turf	Greenbelt Crossing

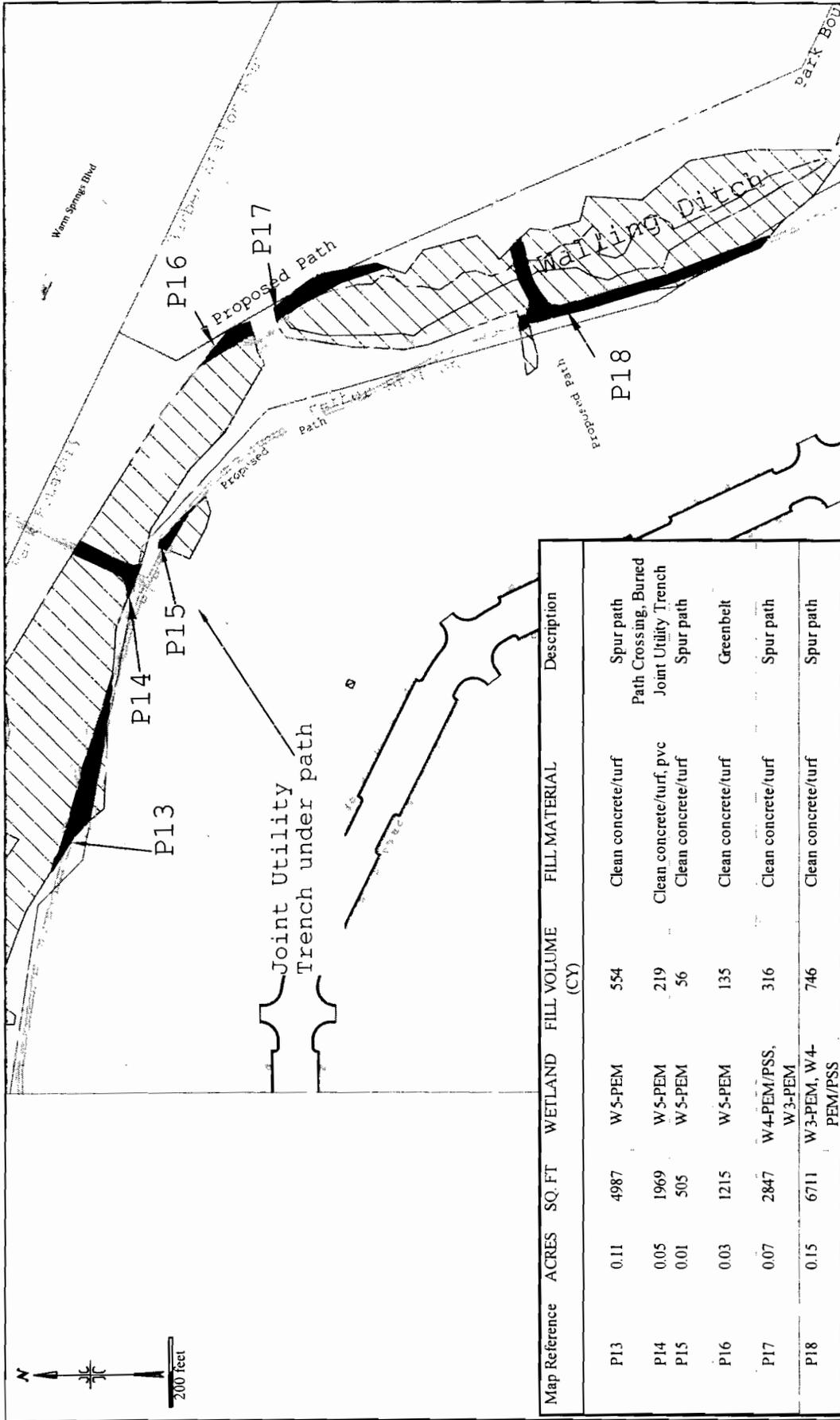
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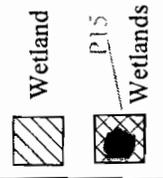
Wetland
P10
Wetlands proposed to be filled

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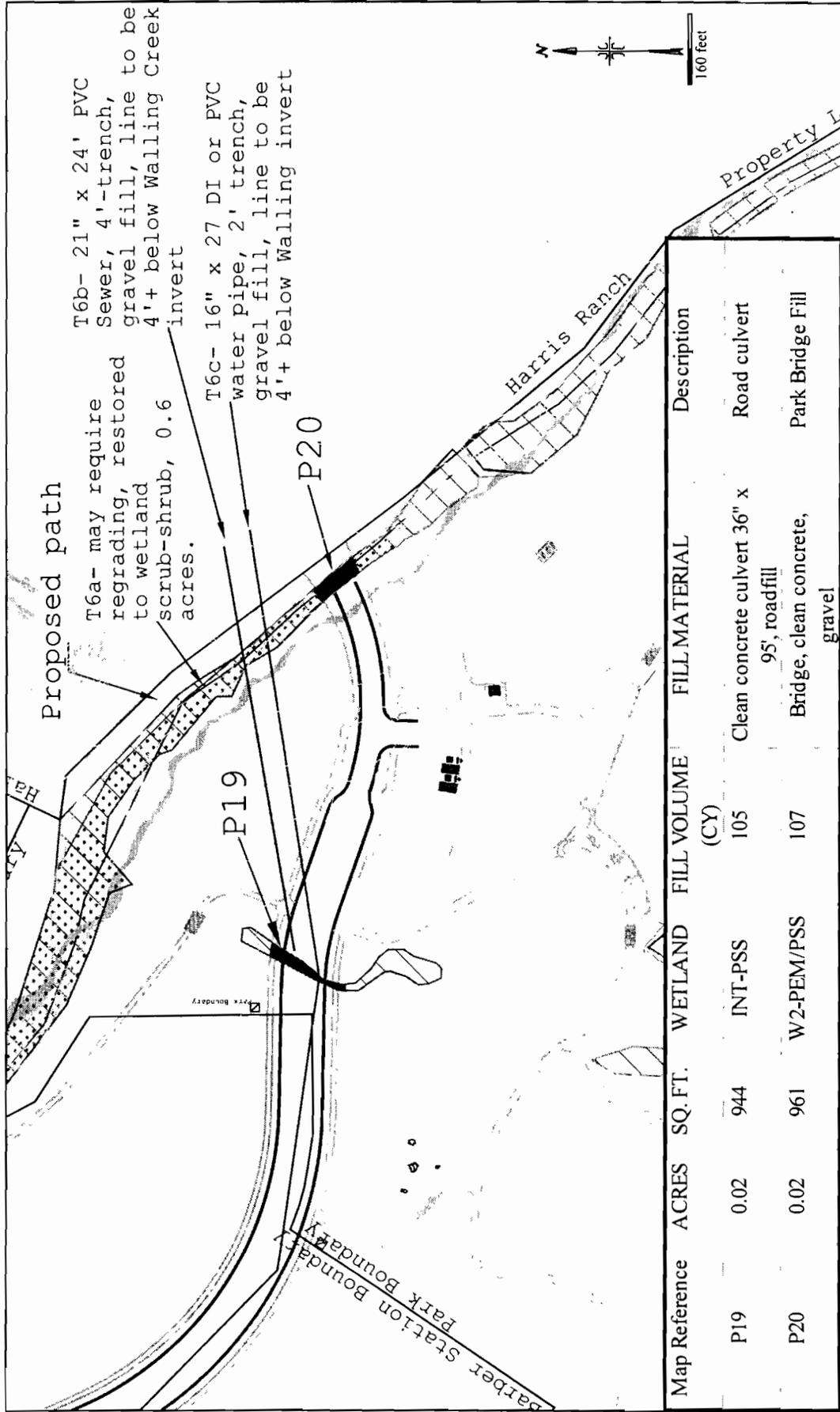


Map Reference	ACRES	SQ. FT	WETLAND	FILL VOLUME (CY)	FILL MATERIAL	Description
P13	0.11	4987	W-5-PEM	554	Clean concrete/turf	Spur path
P14	0.05	1969	W-5-PEM	219	Clean concrete/turf, pvc	Path Crossing, Burned
P15	0.01	505	W-5-PEM	56	Clean concrete/turf	Joint Utility Trench
P16	0.03	1215	W-5-PEM	135	Clean concrete/turf	Spur path
P17	0.07	2847	W-4-PEM/PSS, W-3-PEM	316	Clean concrete/turf	Greenbelt
P18	0.15	6711	W-3-PEM, W-4- PEM/PSS	746	Clean concrete/turf	Spur path

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T6b- 21" x 24' PVC Sewer, 4'-trench, gravel fill, line to be 4'+ below Walling Creek invert

T6c- 16" x 27 DI or PVC water pipe, 2' trench, gravel fill, line to be 4'+ below Walling invert

T6a- may require regrading, restored to wetland scrub-shrub, 0.6 acres.

Map Reference	ACRES	SQ. FT.	WETLAND	FILL VOLUME (CY)	FILL MATERIAL	Description
P19	0.02	944	INT-PSS	105	Clean concrete culvert 36" x 95", roadfill	Road culvert
P20	0.02	961	W2-PEM/PSS	107	Bridge, clean concrete, gravel	Park Bridge Fill

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Wetland

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E9 Wetlands excavated

T7

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See Sheet 9 for detail on P21.
See Sheet 10 for detail on P23, 24.

FILL P22

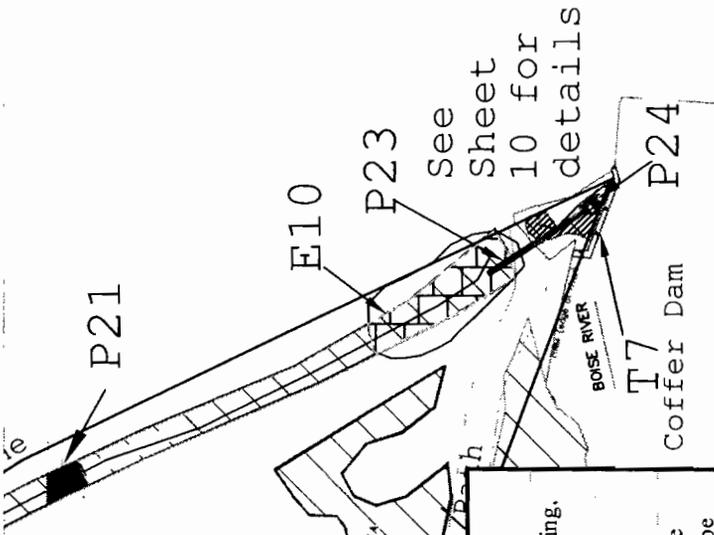
Wetland



2750'

2748'

30'



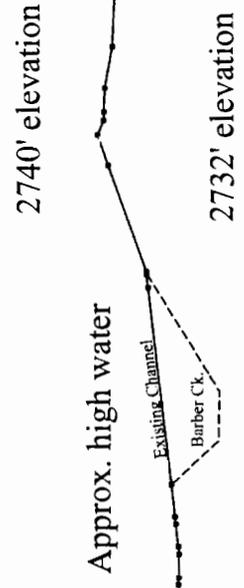
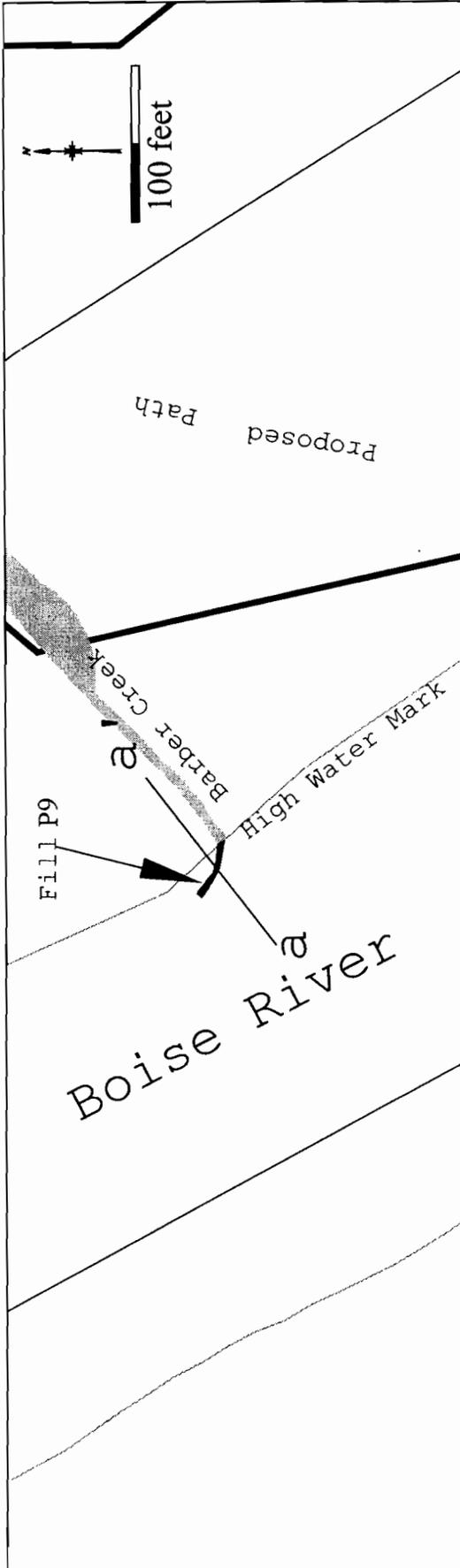
Map Reference	ACRES	SQ. FT.	WETLAND	FILL VOLUME (CY)	FILL MATERIAL	Description
P21	0.02	734	Wetland 3	82	Crossing & diversion, clean concrete/turf	Main Path Crossing, Walling
P22	0.00	69	Wetland-6	8	24" x 15" CMP, clean gravel, concrete, turf	Main path
P23	0.00	88	Wetland 3	10	Gravel, concrete, topsoil	Diversion Pipe
P24	0.03	1134	River-PSS	126	Gravel, concrete, topsoil	Diversion & Pipe

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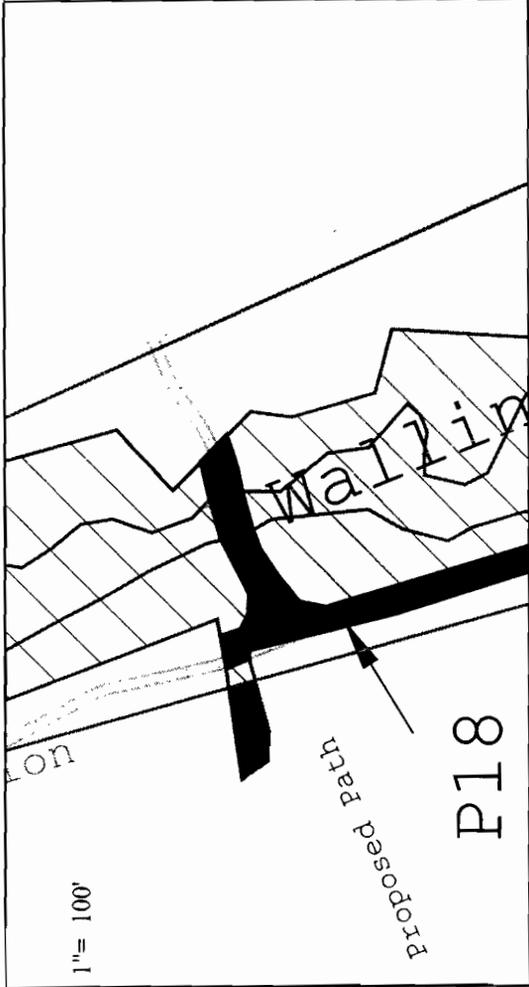
This is planned for excavation with rearrangement of existing substrate wherever possible. Introduction of new fill, other than 1" gravels for spawning, will not be done unless sand is encountered.

TYPICAL SECTION ON PROPOSED BARBER CREEK CONFLUENCE TO THE BOISE RIVER

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Barber Creek Confluence with Boise River

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1"= 100'

Proposed path

P18

Crossing at P18
 Concrete/Composite
 Foot bridge, 12' wide x 30'.
 Note: Multiple 48"
 bottomless squash culverts
 may be substituted.

100-year flood

wetland

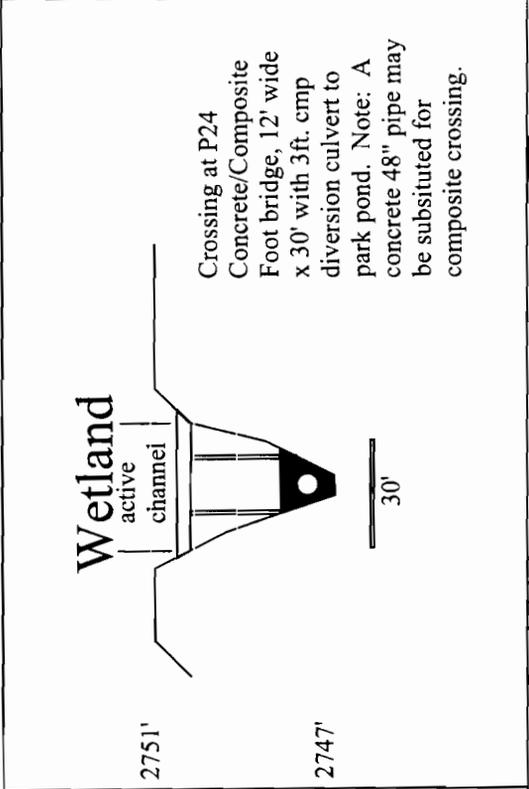
100 ft.

5% slope

2746.5'

2742.5'

2740'



Wetland
 active
 channel

2751'

2747'

30'

Crossing at P24
 Concrete/Composite
 Foot bridge, 12' wide
 x 30' with 3ft. cmp
 diversion culvert to
 park pond. Note: A
 concrete 48" pipe may
 be substituted for
 composite crossing.

1"= 100'

Path

P21

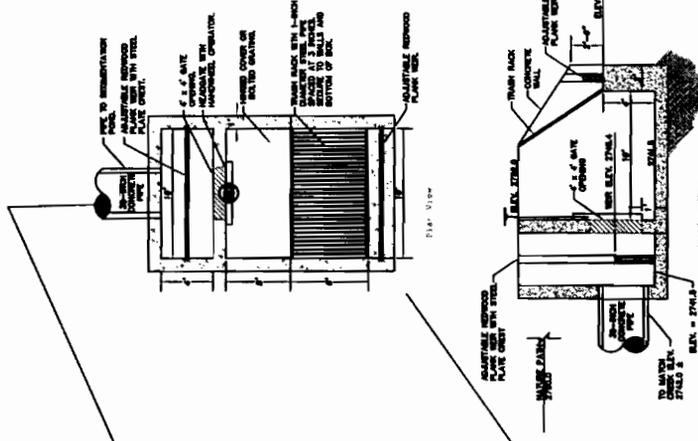
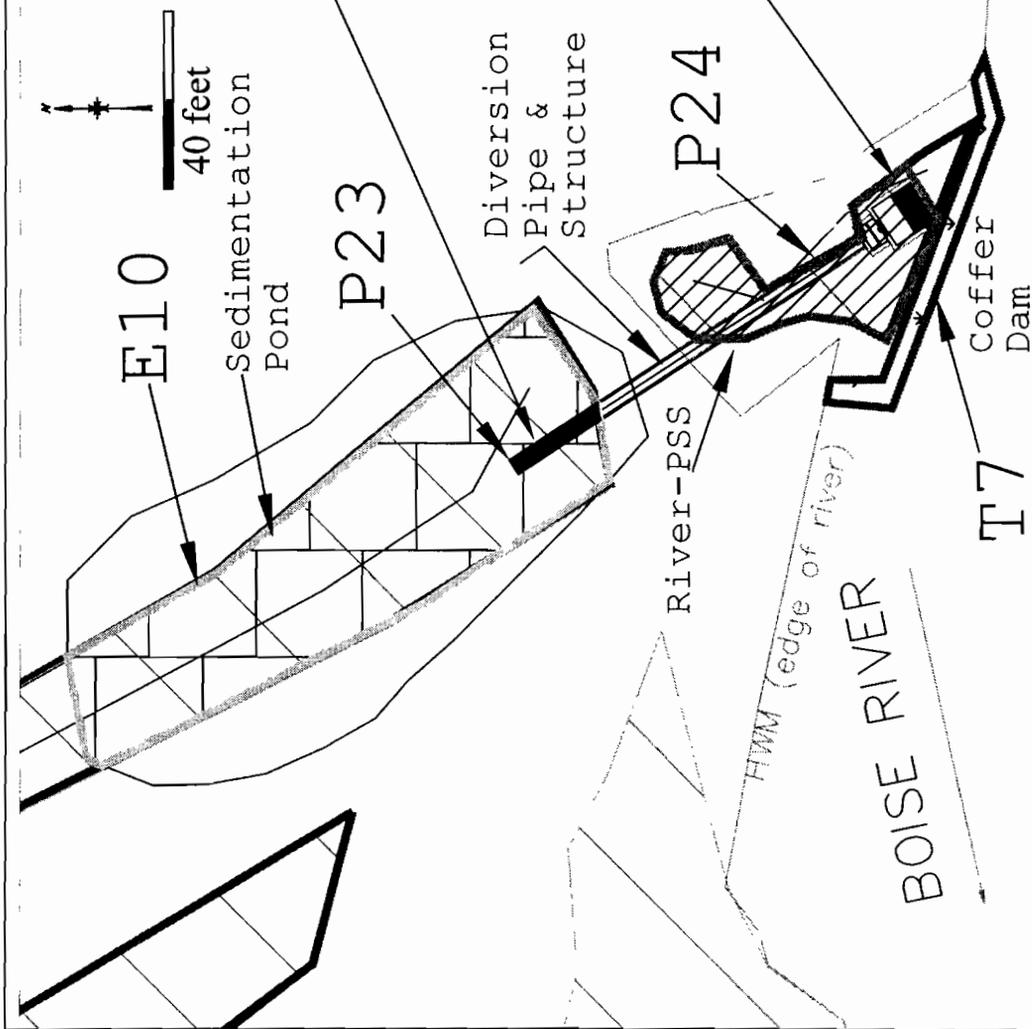
Walling Ditch

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 Typical Path Crossings

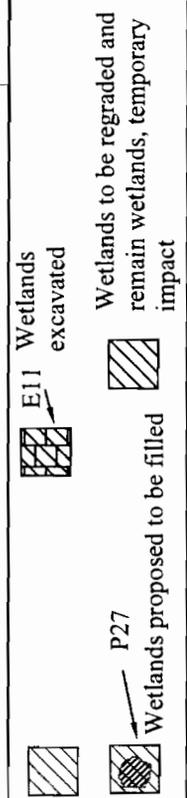
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Walling Creek Diversion

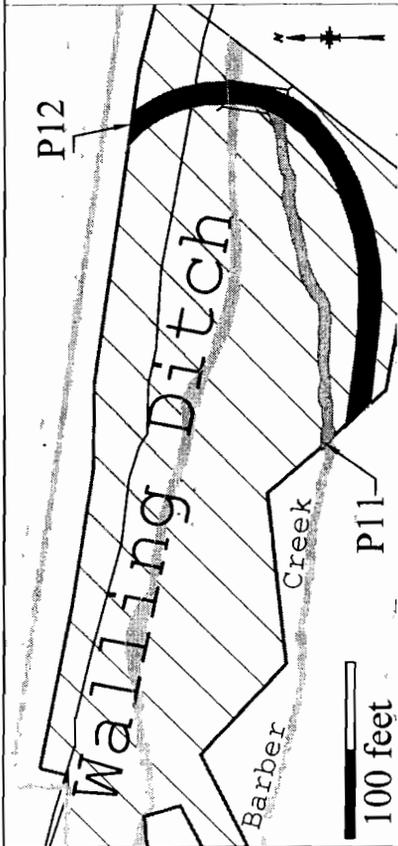
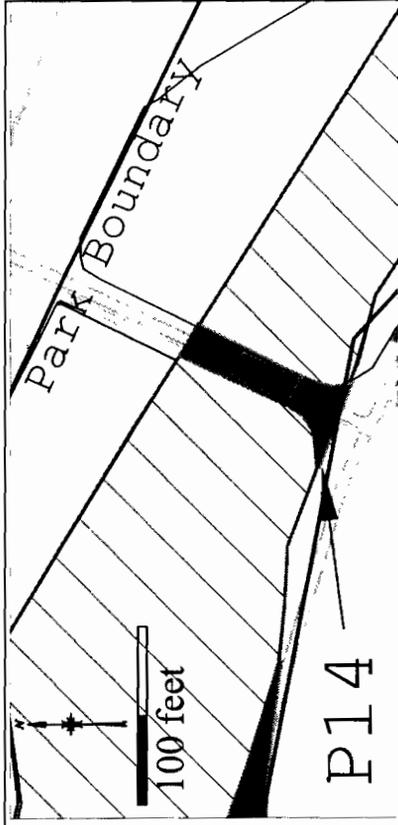


Construction would take place during low flow. A temporary fill consisting of sand bags, plastic, and erosion fabric would be used to keep water from directly flowing into the construction zone. Water would be pumped from the construction zone to the sedimentation pond located in Walling Ditch. Construction materials would consist of concrete, gravel, top soil, and diversion hardware.

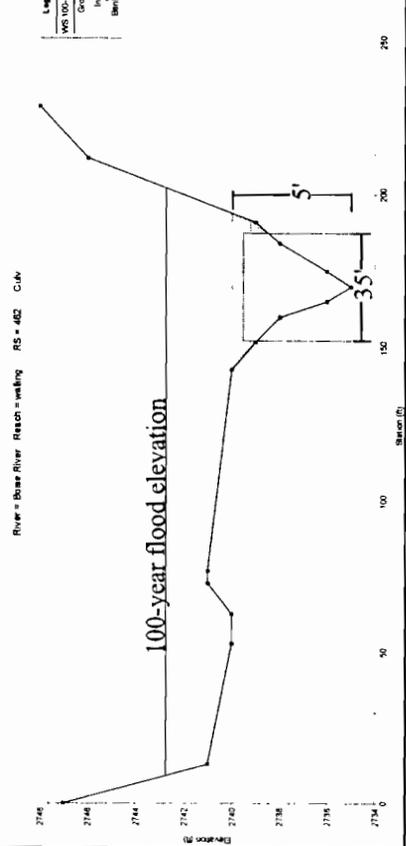
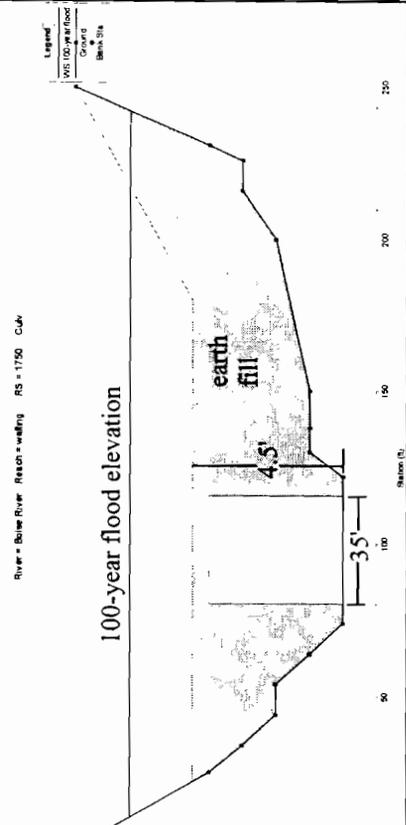
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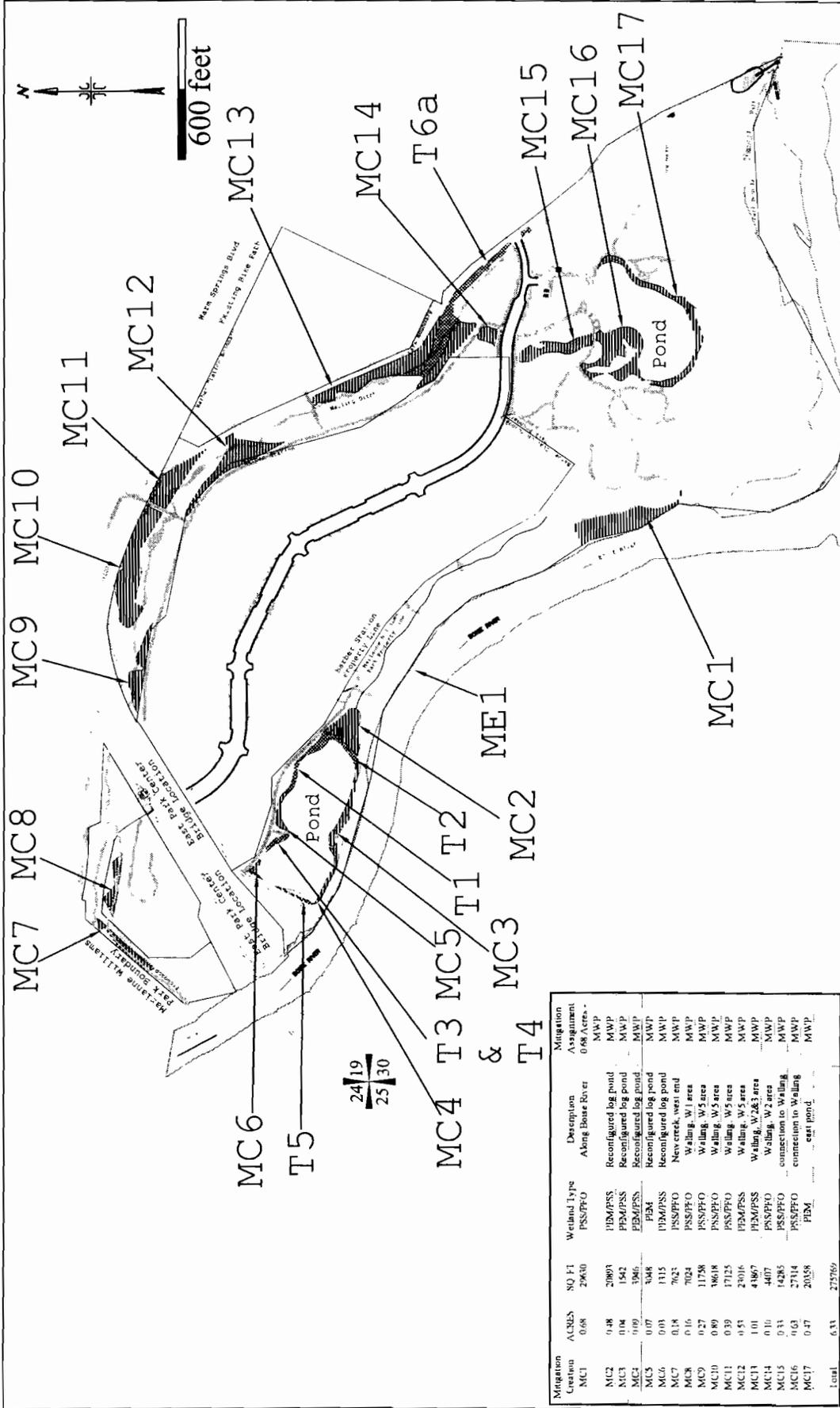
Stiff, concrete-composite culverts, 35' span by 4 - 5' height opening with a linear width of 15 feet. An alternative may utilize a series of bottomless, 4'-diameter squash culverts using the same span and linear width. Construction will be at low or no flow. Cofferdams may be used. Sediment controlled by temporary fill/erosion fabric at downstream end of culvert. Clean fill dirt and concrete deck for path added to meet with culvert. A small diversion may be placed in the culvert as a supply source for the new Barber Creek to be constructed in upland which will converge with the Boise River.



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Marianne Williams Park Path Crossings

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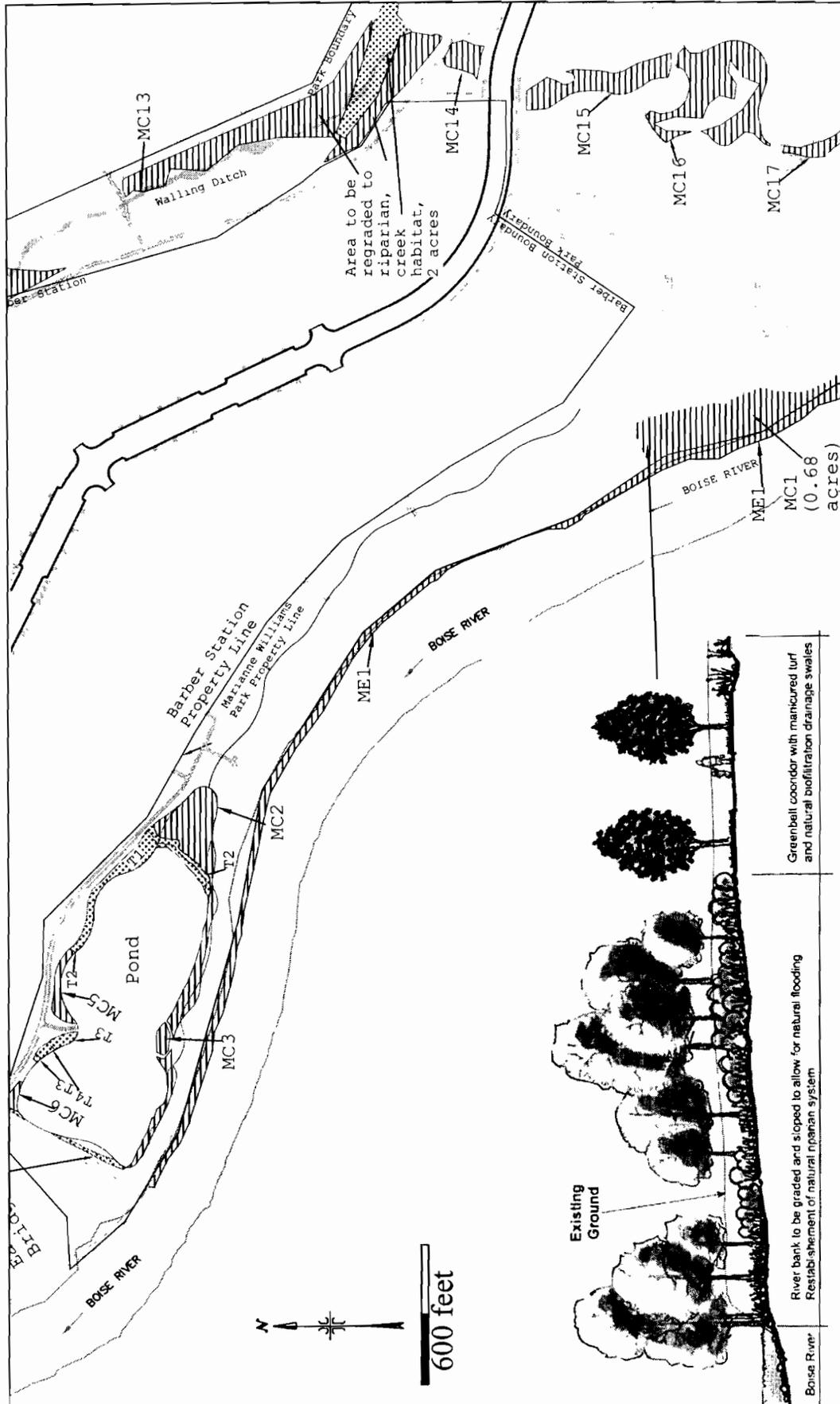
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Mitigation Creation	ACRES	NO F1	Wetland Type	Description	Mitigation Assignment
MC1	0.68	20630	PSS/PFO	Along Boise River	0.68 Acres - MWP
MC2	0.48	20803	PBM/PSS	Reconfigured log pond	MWP
MC3	0.04	1842	PBM/PSS	Reconfigured log pond	MWP
MC4	0.09	3046	PBM/PSS	Reconfigured log pond	MWP
MC5	0.07	3048	PBM	Reconfigured log pond	MWP
MC6	0.01	1115	PBM/PSS	Reconfigured log pond	MWP
MC7	0.14	7623	PSS/PFO	New creek, west end	MWP
MC8	0.16	7624	PSS/PFO	Walling, W1 area	MWP
MC9	0.27	11758	PSS/PFO	Walling, W5 area	MWP
MC10	0.09	48608	PSS/PFO	Walling, W5 area	MWP
MC11	0.39	17125	PSS/PFO	Walling, W5 area	MWP
MC12	0.53	23016	PSS/PFO	Walling, W5 area	MWP
MC13	1.01	48679	PBM/PSS	Walling, W2&3 area	MWP
MC14	0.16	4407	PSS/PFO	Walling, W2 area	MWP
MC15	0.33	14285	PSS/PFO	connection to Walling	MWP
MC16	0.63	27114	PSS/PFO	connection to Walling	MWP
MC17	0.47	20558	PBM	east pond	MWP
Total	6.33	275769			

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Proposed Mitigation Concept

MC1 Created and Restored Wetland
 T6a Wetlands to be enhanced, regraded and remain wetlands

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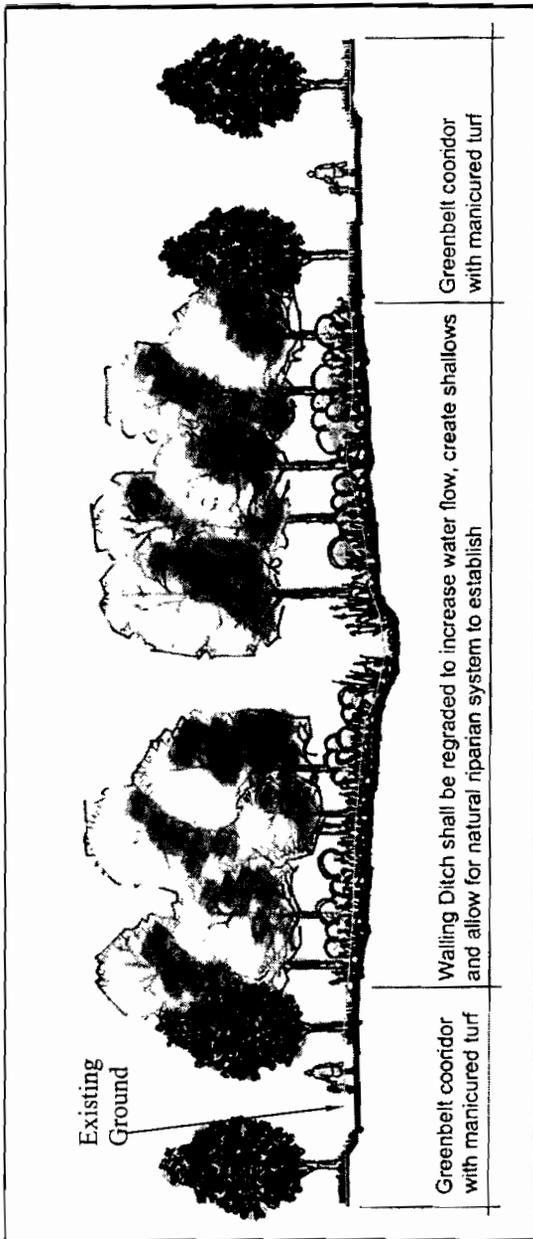


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 Typical Boise River
 Bank Restoration

MC1 Created and Restored Wetland⁸⁹

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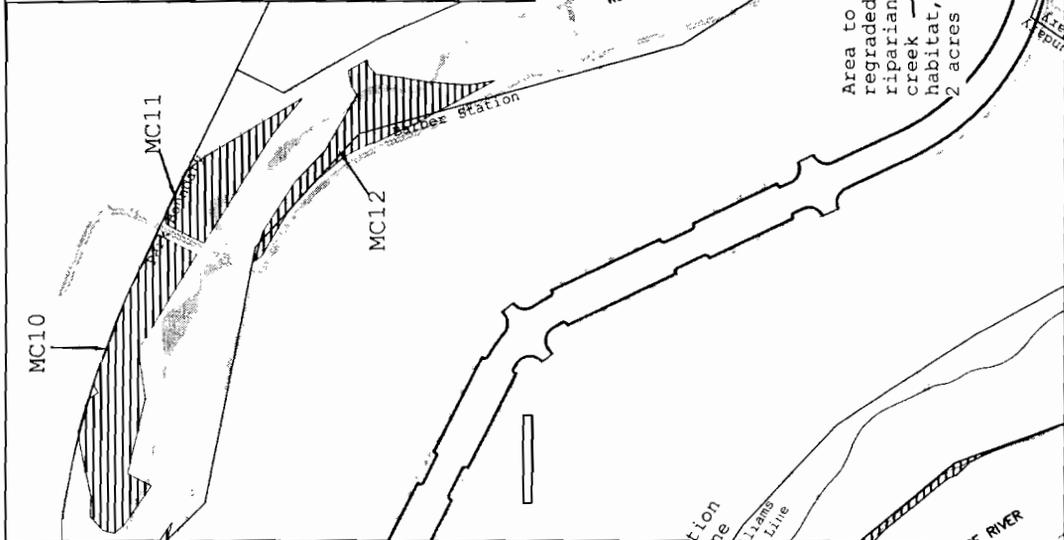


Existing Ground

Greenbelt corridor with manicured turf

Walling Ditch shall be regraded to increase water flow, create shallows and allow for natural riparian system to establish

Greenbelt corridor with manicured turf



MC13

Walling Ditch

Area to be regraded to riparian, creek habitat, 2 acres

MC14

T6a

Park Boundary

MC13

Created and Restored Wetland



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Typical Walling Ditch Restoration



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600 feet

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