

STATE OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION 23-WOC-0014



EFFECTIVE DATE:

March 28, 2024

CERTIFICATION HOLDER:

Wicomico Regional Airport 5485 Airport Terminal Road Salisbury, Maryland 21804 Attn: Anthony Rudy

PROJECT LOCATION:

5485 Airport Terminal Road Salisbury, MD 21804

UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 401 OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AND ITS AMENDMENTS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH §9-313 THROUGH §9-323, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THEWATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION ("ADMINISTRATION") HAS DETERMINED THAT THE REGULATED ACTIVITY DESCRIBED IN THE REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED WICOMICO REGIONAL AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL, WILL NOT VIOLATE MARYLAND'S WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, IF CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS CERTIFICATION AND WITH ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CERTIFICATION.

THIS CERTIFICATION DOES NOT RELIEVE THE APPLICANT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR OBTAINING ANY OTHER APPROVALS, LICENSES, OR PERMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND DOES NOT AUTHORIZE COMMENCEMENTOF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. A COPY OF THIS REQUIRED CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. THE CERTIFICATION HOLDER SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS LISTED BELOW.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposed improvements to the existing airport include extending Runway 32, removing airspace obstructions, and upgrading airport facilities and infrastructure. These activities will permanently impact 211,482 square feet (4.85 acres) of emergent nontidal wetlands, 245,635 square feet (5.64 acres) of forested nontidal wetlands, and 852,981 square feet (19.58 acres) of the 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer as well as to permanently convert 595,703 square feet (13.68 acres) of forested nontidal wetlands to emergent nontidal wetlands.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1. The Certification Holder shall meet all water quality-related performance standards and conditions required by the Department in any state issued authorization for activities in Waters of the United States to ensure that any discharges will not result in a failure to comply with water quality standards in COMAR 26.08.02 or other water quality requirements of state law or regulation.
- 2. The proposed project shall be constructed in accordance with the approved final plan by the Department, or, if Department approval is not required, the plan approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and its approved revisions.
- 3. Activities which result in an earth disturbance subject to the requirements in Annotated Code of Maryland, Environment Article, Title 4 and COMAR 26.17.01 shall have an erosion and sediment control plan approved by the appropriate approval authority, including following the stabilization requirements set forth in COMAR

26.17.01.07 and "2011 Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control," as may be amended.

- 4. All fill and construction materials not used in the project shall be removed and disposed of in a manner which will prevent their entry into waters of this State.
- 5. This Certification does not authorize any injury to private property, any invasion of rights, or any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.
- 6. The Certification Holder shall allow authorized representatives of the Department access to the site of authorized activities during normal business hours to conduct inspections and evaluations of the operations and records necessary to assure compliance with this Certification.
- 7. This Certification is valid for the project identified herein and the associated U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorization 202162246 until such time that it expires or is not administratively extended.

CITATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF NECESSITY

1. <u>Statement of Necessity for General Conditions 1, 2</u>: The condition is necessary to ensure that water quality standards are met and designated uses are maintained.

<u>Citations</u>: Federal and state laws which authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.08.02.02B(1); 26.08.02.03B(1)(b); 26.08.02.03B(2)(e); COMAR 26.08.03.03-3.D; COMAR 26.17.04; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.23.02.06

2. <u>Statement of Necessity for General Condition 3:</u> Fill or construction material within or adjacent to regulated resources or other earth disturbance may result in discharges that result in impacts to water quality, clarity, growth and propagation of fish, other aquatic life, wildlife, potable water; and other designated uses; and fail to meet general water quality criteria that waters not be polluted by substances in amounts sufficient to be unsightly or create a nuisance.

<u>Citations</u>: Federal and state laws which authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.08.02.10E; COMAR 26.08.02.02B(1); 26.08.02.03B(1)(b); 26.08.02.03B(2)(e); COMAR 26.17.01; COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.17.04

3. <u>Statement of Necessity for General Condition 4:</u> Material within or adjacent to regulated resources may result in discharges that result in impacts to water quality and designated uses.

<u>Citations:</u> Federal and state laws that authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.08.02.02B(1); 26.08.02.03B(1)(b); 26.08.02.03B(2)(e); COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 27.17.04; COMAR 26.23

4. <u>Statement of Necessity for General Condition 5</u>: The condition is necessary to clarify the scope of this certification to ensure compliance with water quality regulations, without limiting restrictions through other requirements.

Citations: Federal and state laws which authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. §

1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08, COMAR 26.08.02.10E; COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 26.17.04; COMAR 26.23

5. <u>Statement of Necessity for General Condition 6:</u> Conditions of certification involve precise actions to comply with water quality standards. Site inspection may be necessary to ensure that limits, methods, and other requirements are met to ensure that water quality standards are met and designated uses are maintained. These conditions are necessary to ensure that the activity was conducted and project completed according to terms of the authorization/ certification, while allowing for review of in-field modifications which may have resulted in discharges to ensure that water quality standards were met.

<u>Citations:</u> Federal and state laws which authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.08.02.02.B(5); COMAR 26.08.02.03B(1)(b); COMAR 26.08.02.03B(2); COMAR 26.08.03.03-3.D; COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.17.04

6. <u>Statement of Necessity for General Condition 7</u>: This condition is necessary to qualify the period of applicability of the terms and conditions of this Certification to be protective of Maryland water quality standards.

<u>Citations</u>: Federal and state laws which authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; 40 C.F.R. 121, 15 C.F.R. 930, Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.17.04

CERTIFICATION APPROVED

D. Lee Currey, Director Water and Science Administration

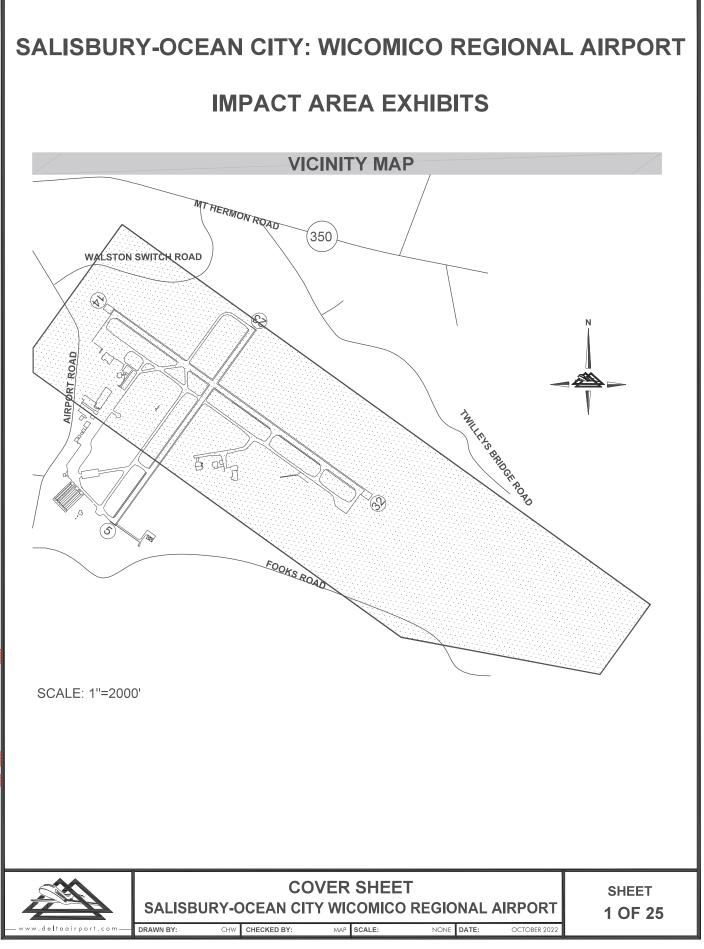
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cc: WSA Inspection & Compliance Program U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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FORESTED WETLANDS CONVERSION	595,703 SQFT	-	595,703 SQFT	

PERMANENT 25-FOOT BUFFER IMPACT

25-FOOT BUFFER CONVERSION

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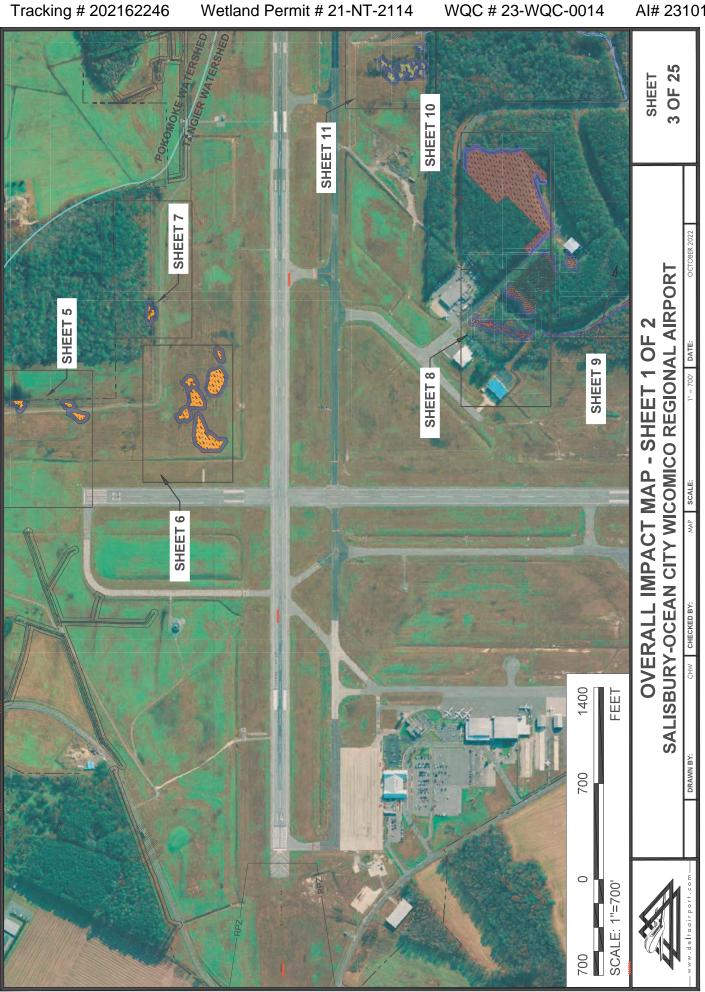
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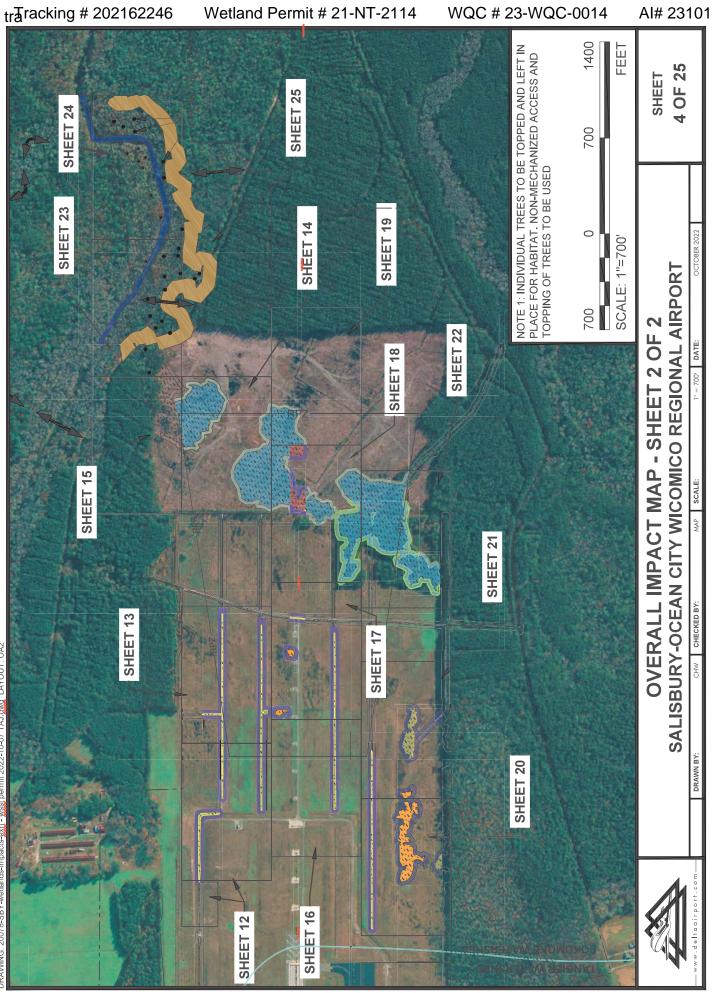
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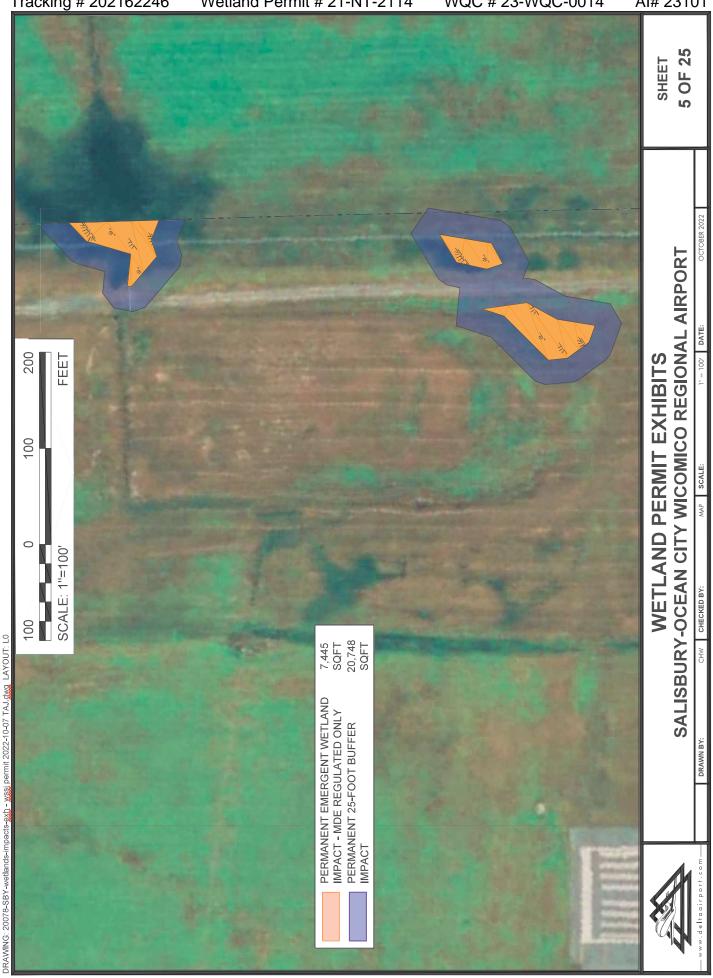
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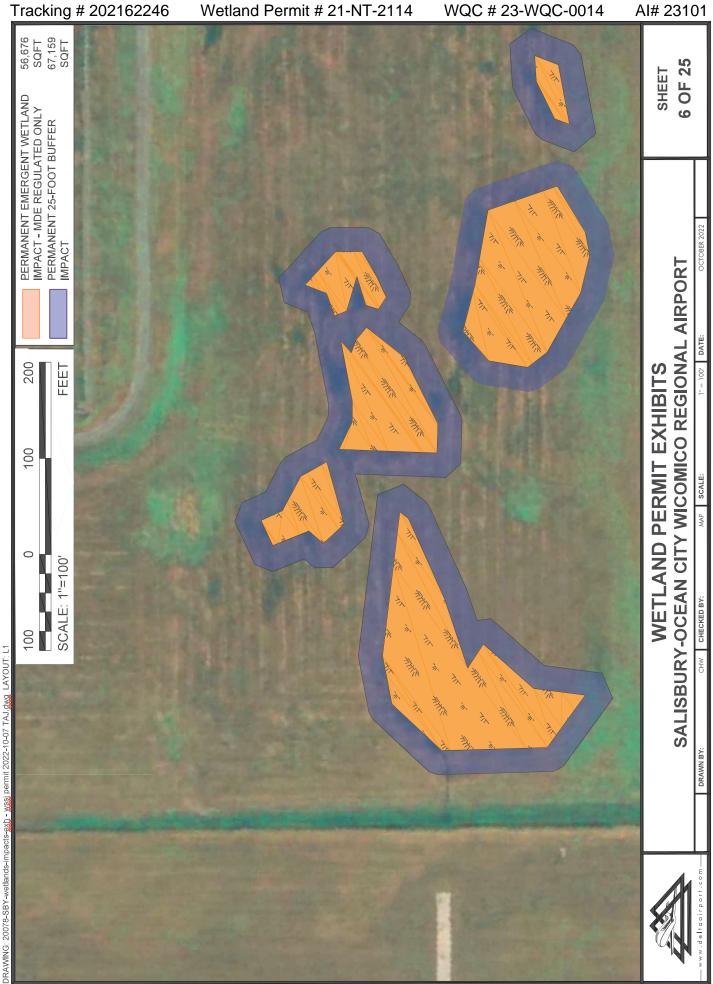


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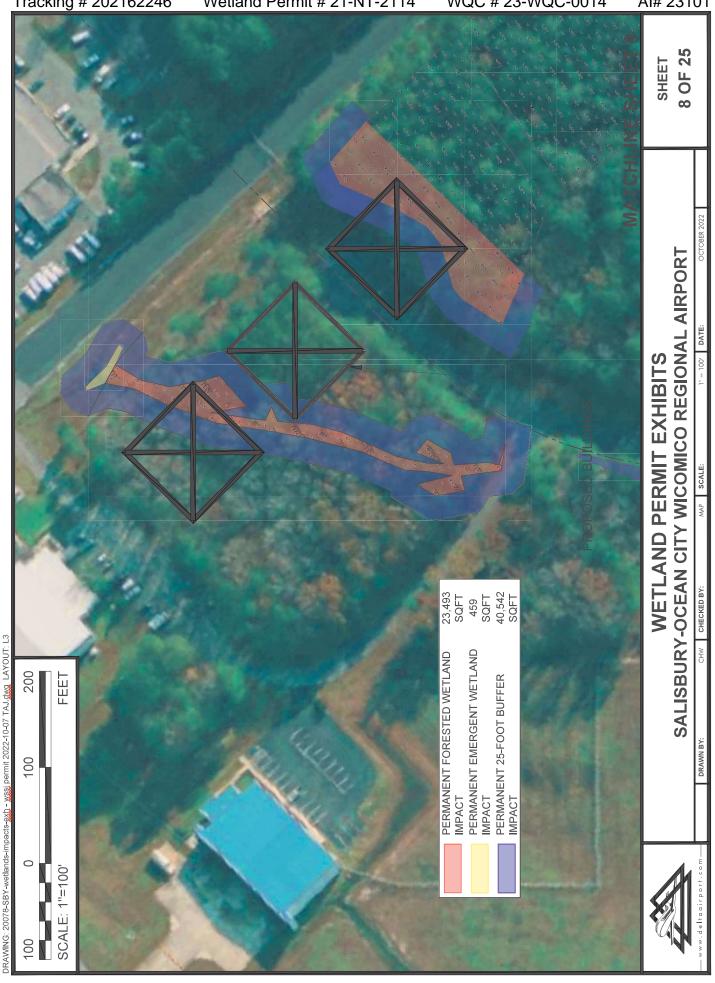


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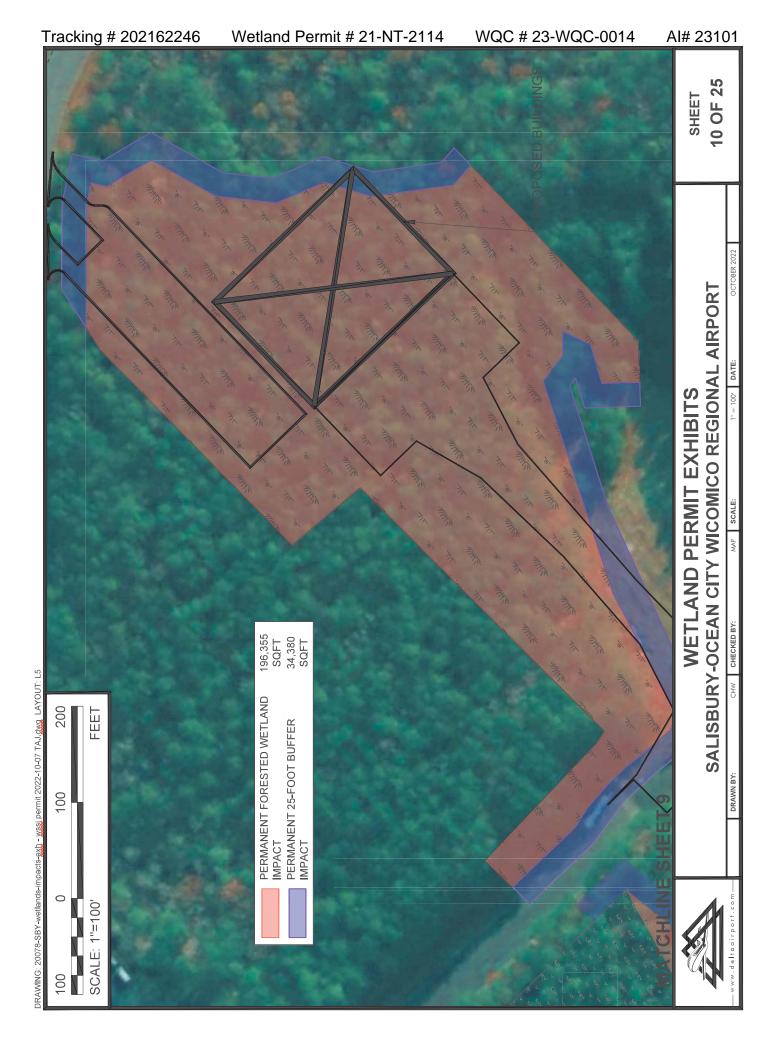


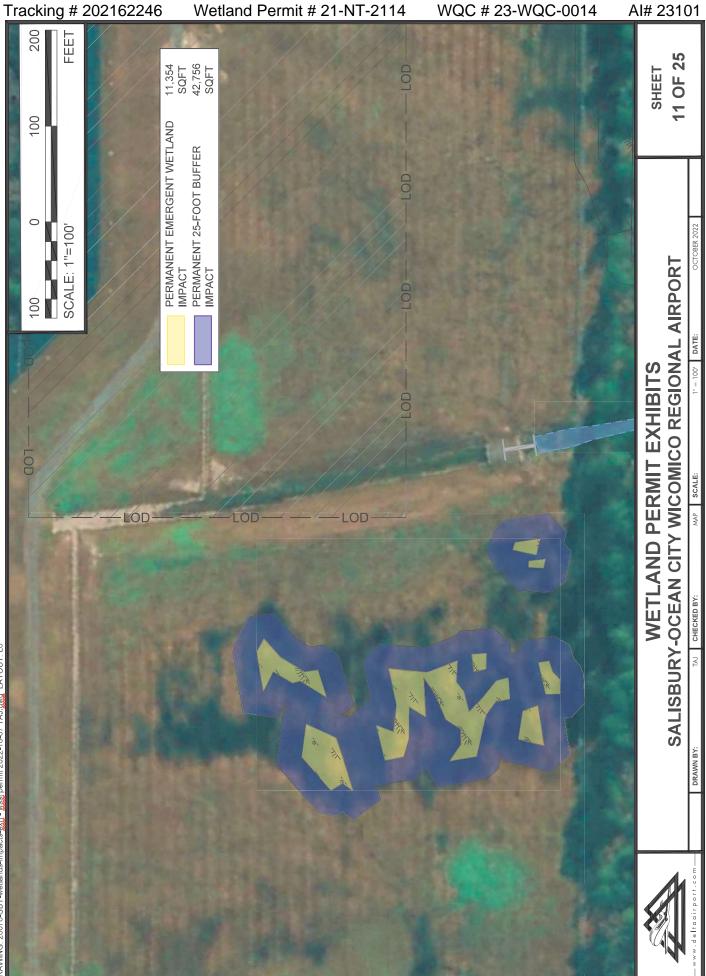
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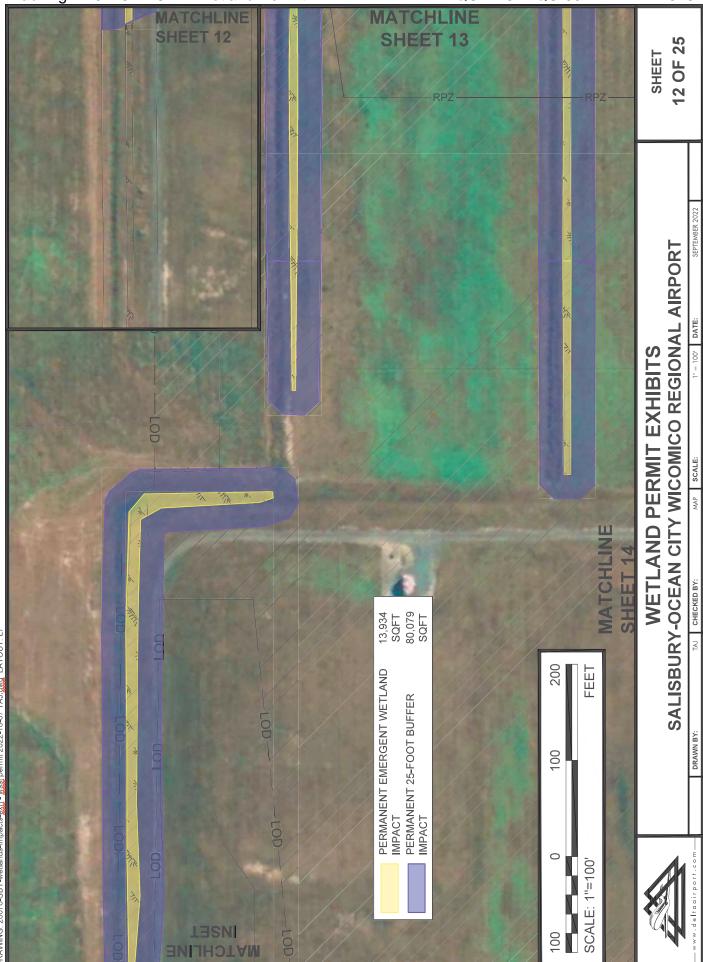


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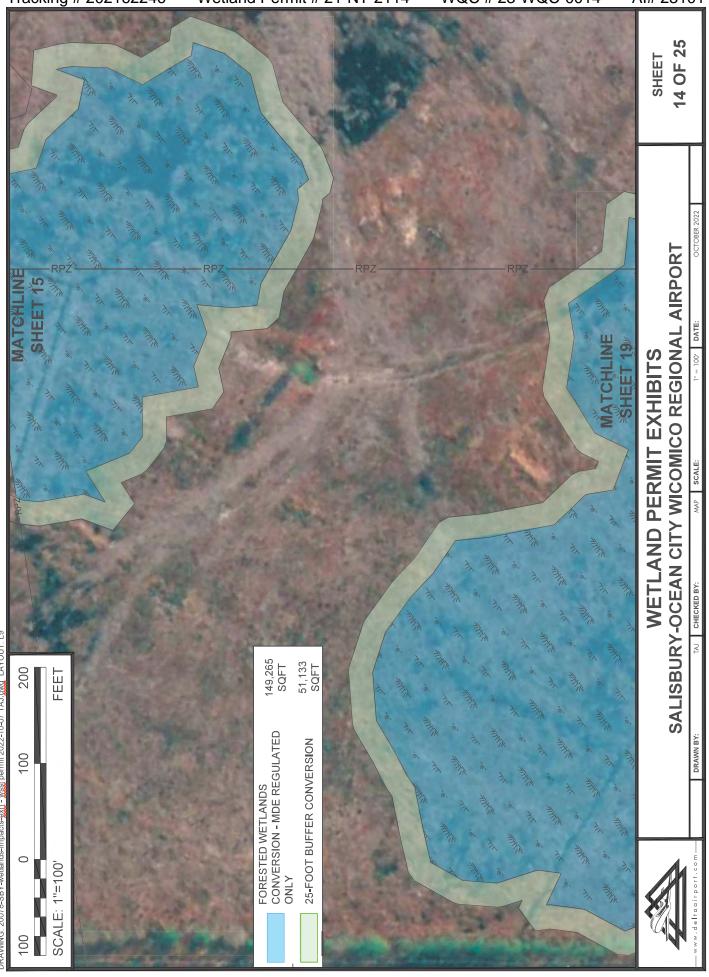


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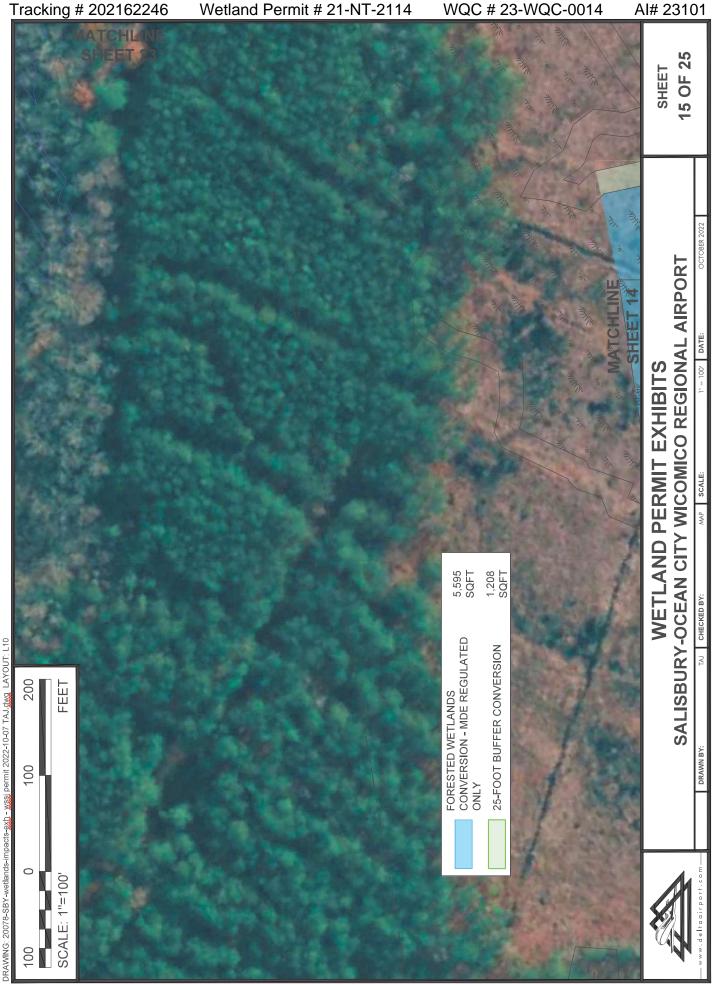


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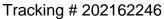
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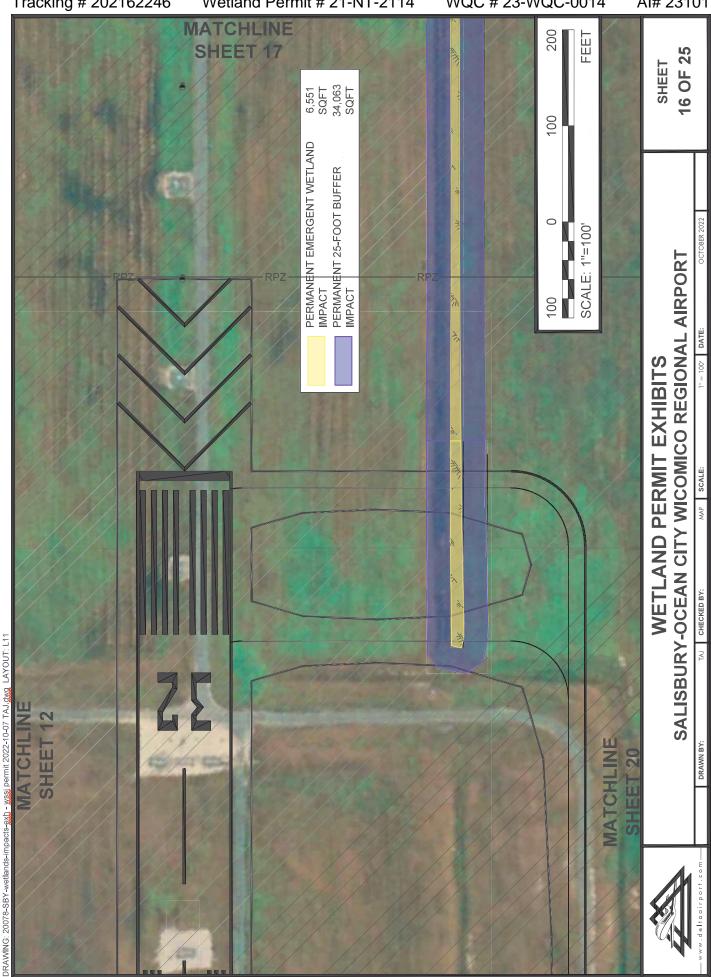
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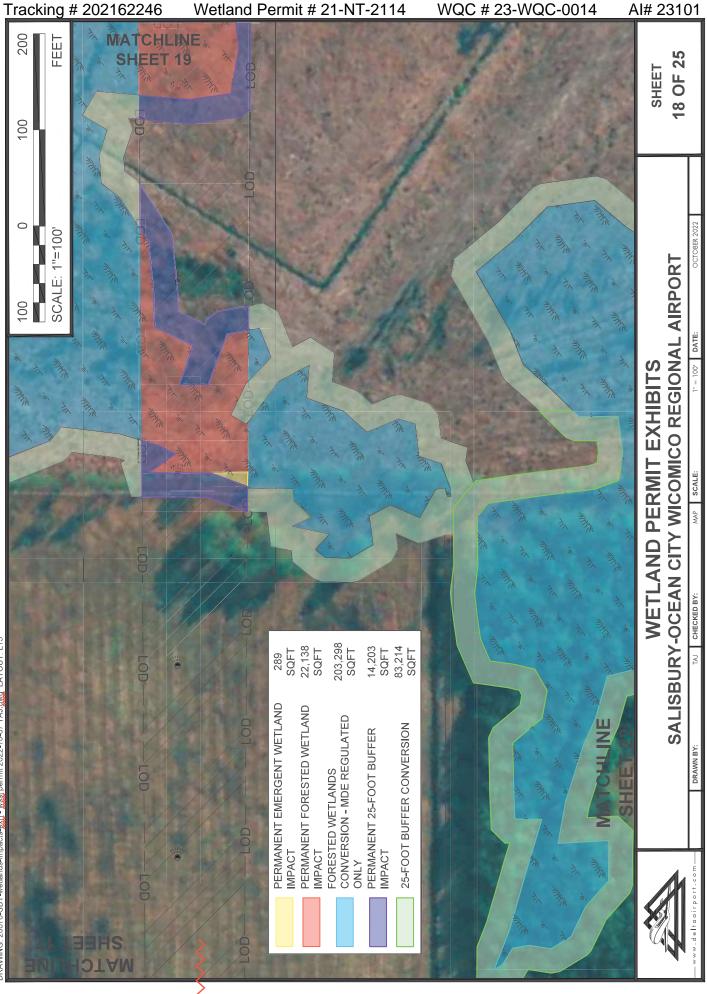


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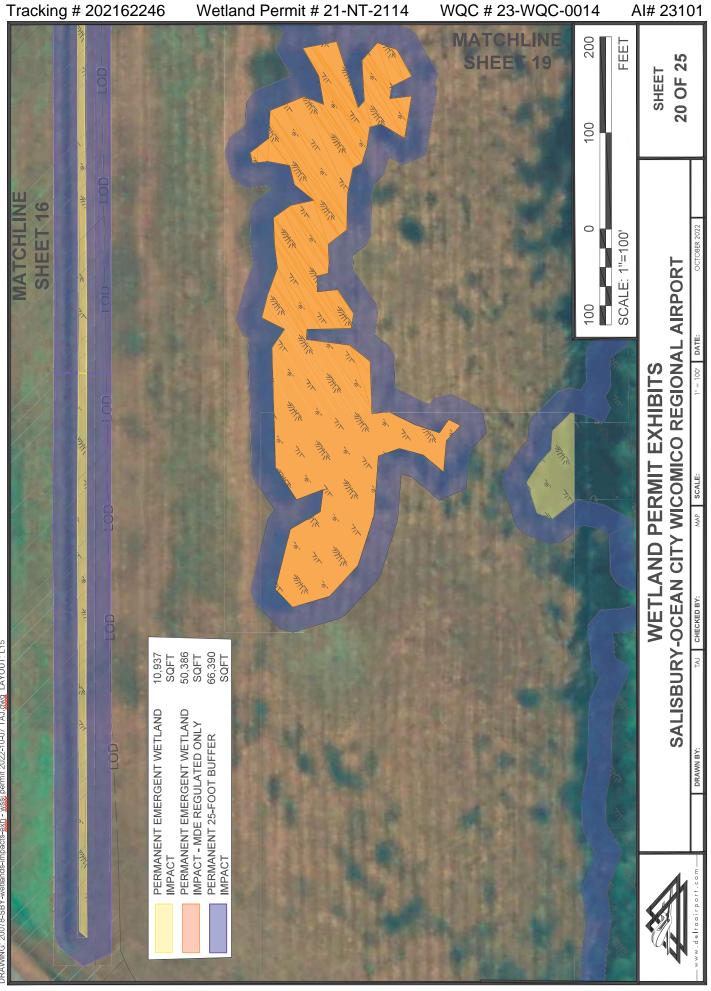
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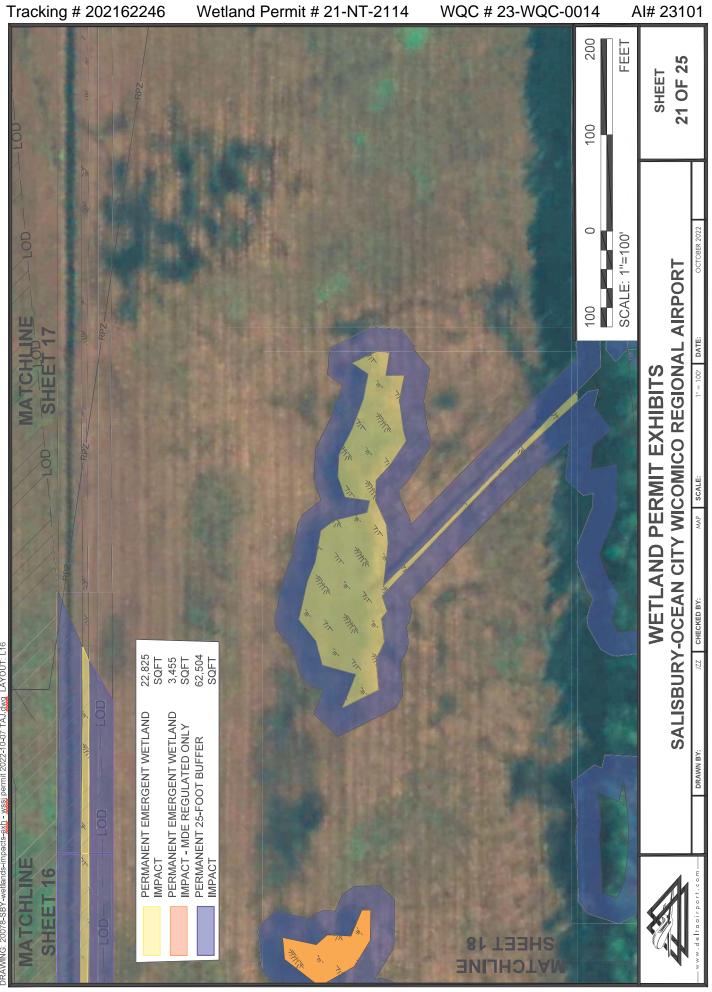


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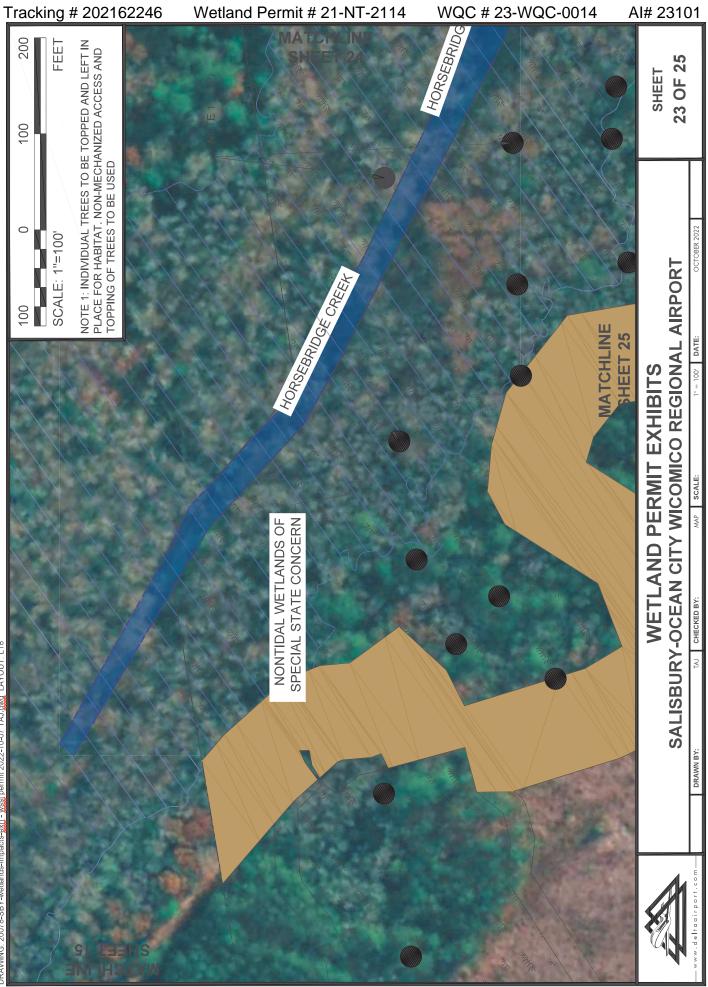


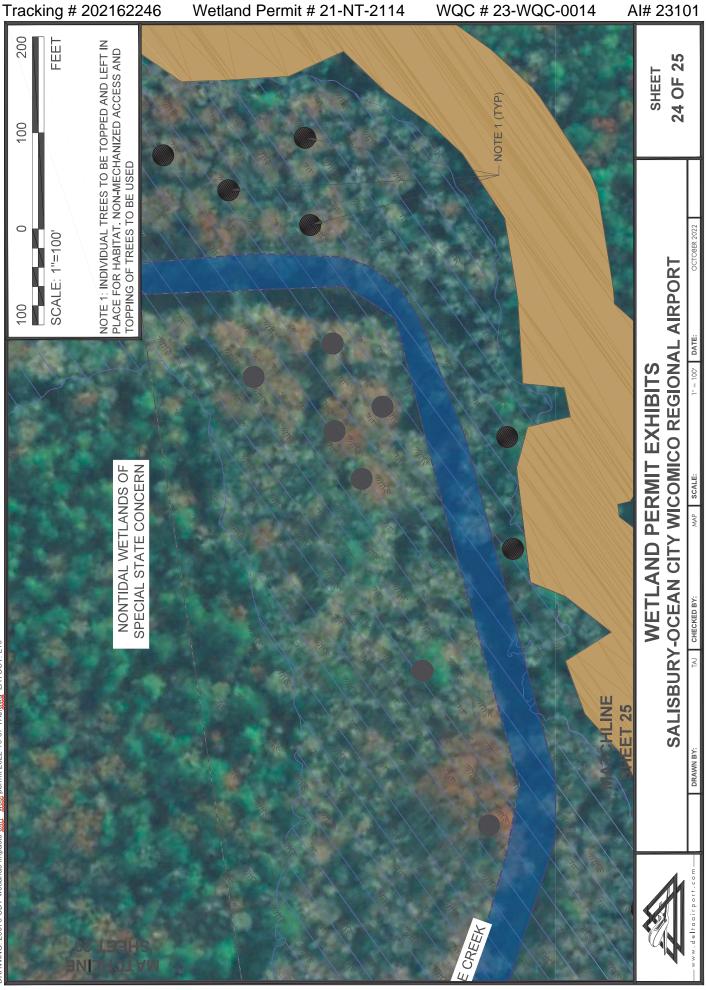
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