

# **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

## **State Project No. 111-126 – F.A.P. No. PEDS (230)**

### **Air Line Trail State Park Reconstruction and Accessibility Improvements**



### **Towns of Pomfret and Putnam Connecticut**

September 21, 2023



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# HERE TONIGHT

**Maureen Nicholson** - *First Selectwoman, Pomfret*

**Barney Seney** - *Mayor, Town of Putnam*

**Elaine Sistare** - *Town Administrator, Putnam*

**Michael Joyce, P.E.** - *Weston & Sampson*

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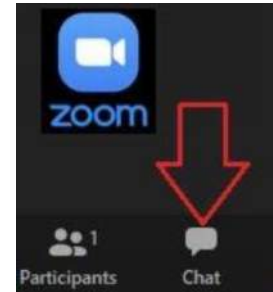
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In-person participation – see sign-up sheet for public comments or questions.

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## Virtual Participation:

Questions should be submitted via the chat function/button.  
Questions will be read and answered.



Also, there will be a 14-day comment period following the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment by emailing Project Manager, Michael J. Joyce, P.E at [joyce.michael@wseinc.com](mailto:joyce.michael@wseinc.com)

# AGENDA

- Project Area
- Transportation Alternatives Program
- Project History
- Existing Conditions
- Cultural and Natural Resources
- Trail Improvements
- Potential Rights-of-Way Impacts
- What's Next
- Construction
- Q & A
- Wrap-Up



# PROJECT AREA



# Transportation Alternatives Program

- **Transportation Alternatives Program - IIJA**
- **Commitment of Funds – Design and Construction**
  - Federal Highway Administration / CT DOT / State – 100%
- **Partners & Coordination**
  - Towns of Pomfret and Putnam
  - CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
  - VHB, Inc. (CTDOT – Alternatives Program Liaison)



# Project History

- 2020 - Pomfret Sewer Extension Project Completed along Air Line Trail
- June 2021 – State Project 111-124
  - Two (2) Bridges
  - Three (3) culverts constructed at crossings
- November 2022 – Weston & Sampson retained by the Town of Pomfret for Design
- December 2022 – Project Design Kick-Off
- **January through August of 2023**
  - Survey, Geotechnical Investigation & Wetland Delineation
  - Archaeology Investigations, Tribal Coordination
  - Preliminary Design
- **September 21, 2023 – Public Information Meeting**





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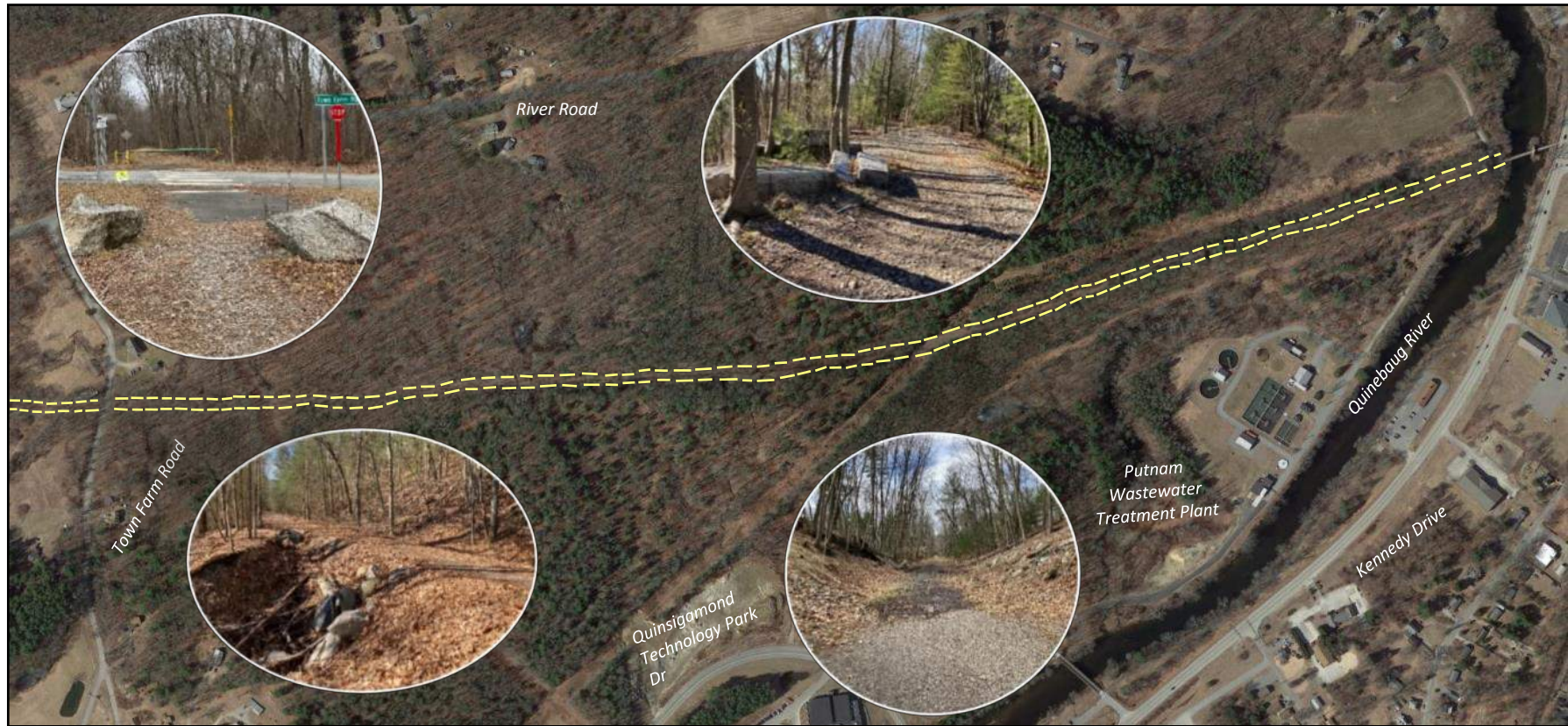
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# Cultural and Natural Resources

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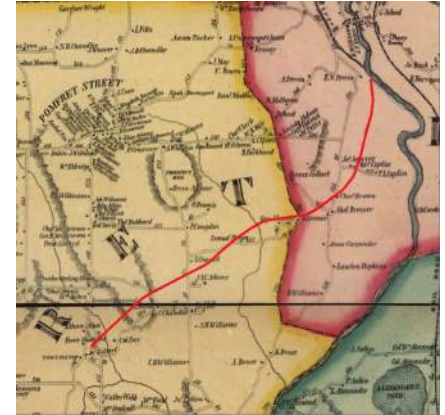
- Section 106 - National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) - minor transportation projects
- Section 4(f) – US DOT 1966 Act – FHWA review

## ■ Studies and Investigations

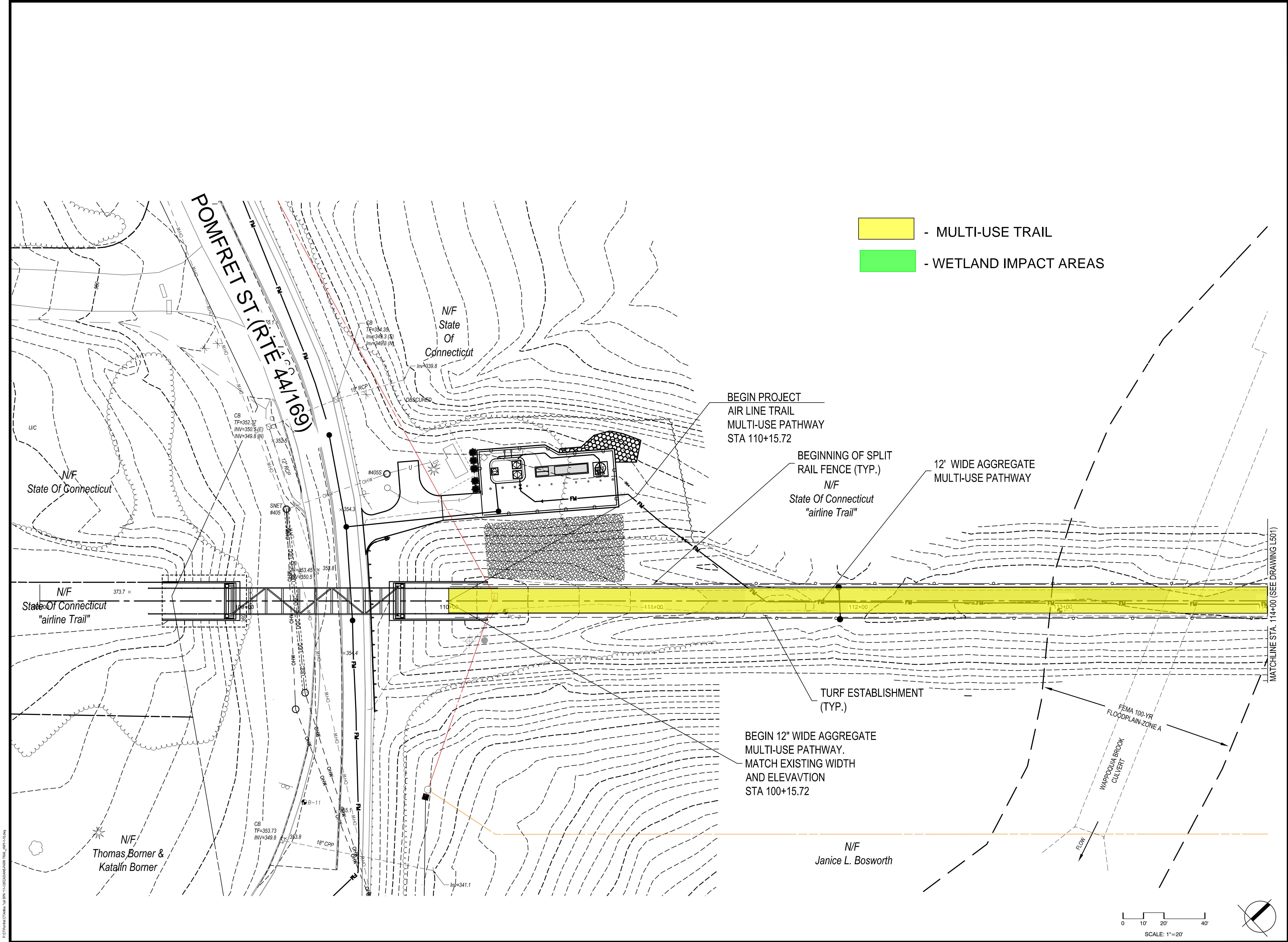
- PHASE IA Archaeological / Cultural Assessment Survey
  - Prepared by Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc.

## ■ Findings and Determinations


- Section 106 – OEP “No Historic Properties Affected”
- Section 4(f) – De minimus park land impact finding
  - Pending FHWA Concurrence
- Tribal Coordination – Completed and approved
- NEPA – Categorical Exclusion received
- Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB) Review - requirements







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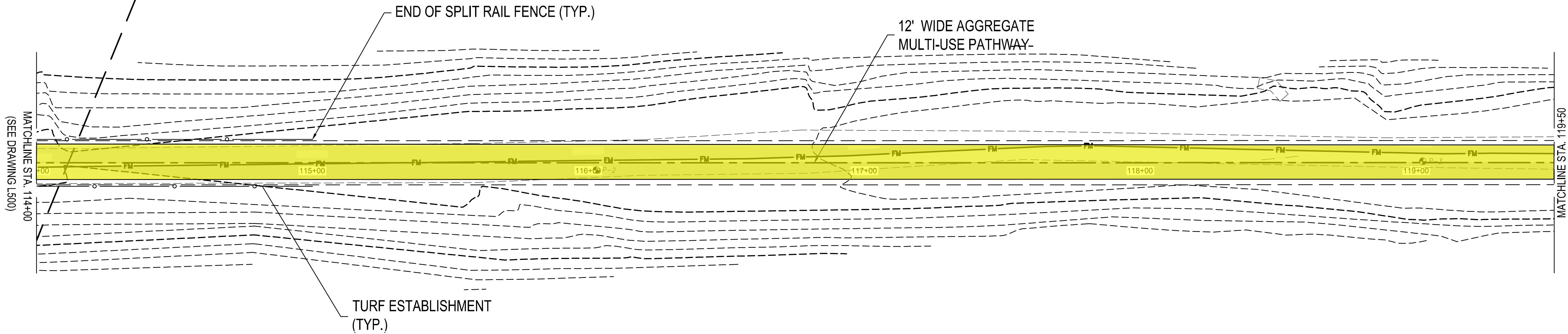
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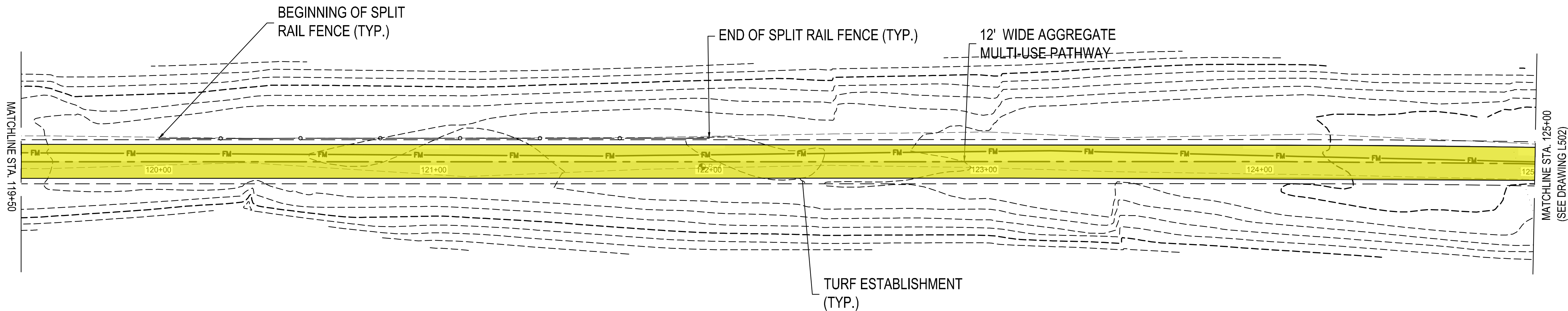
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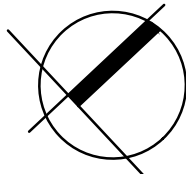
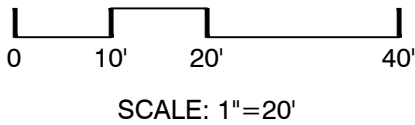
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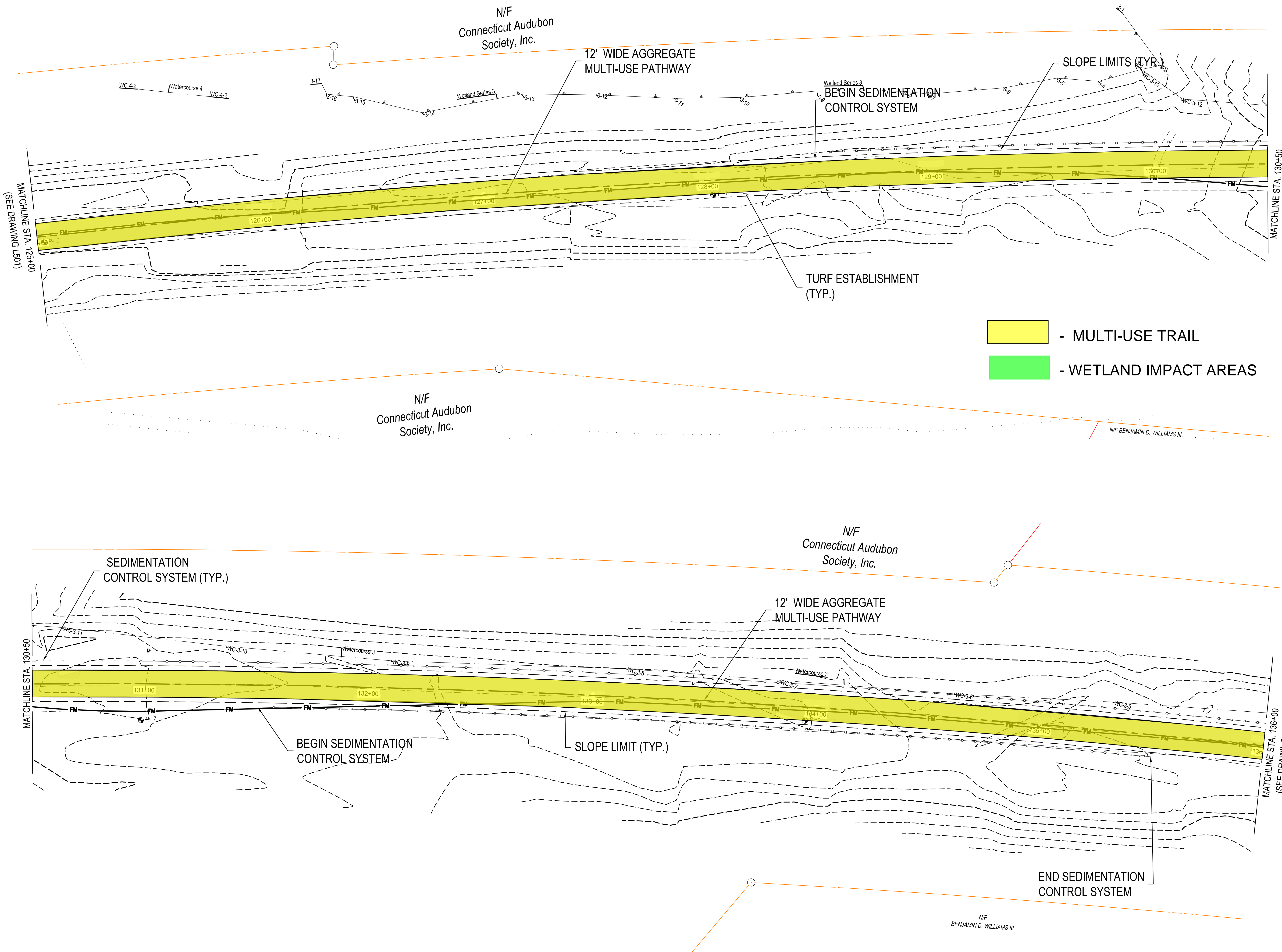
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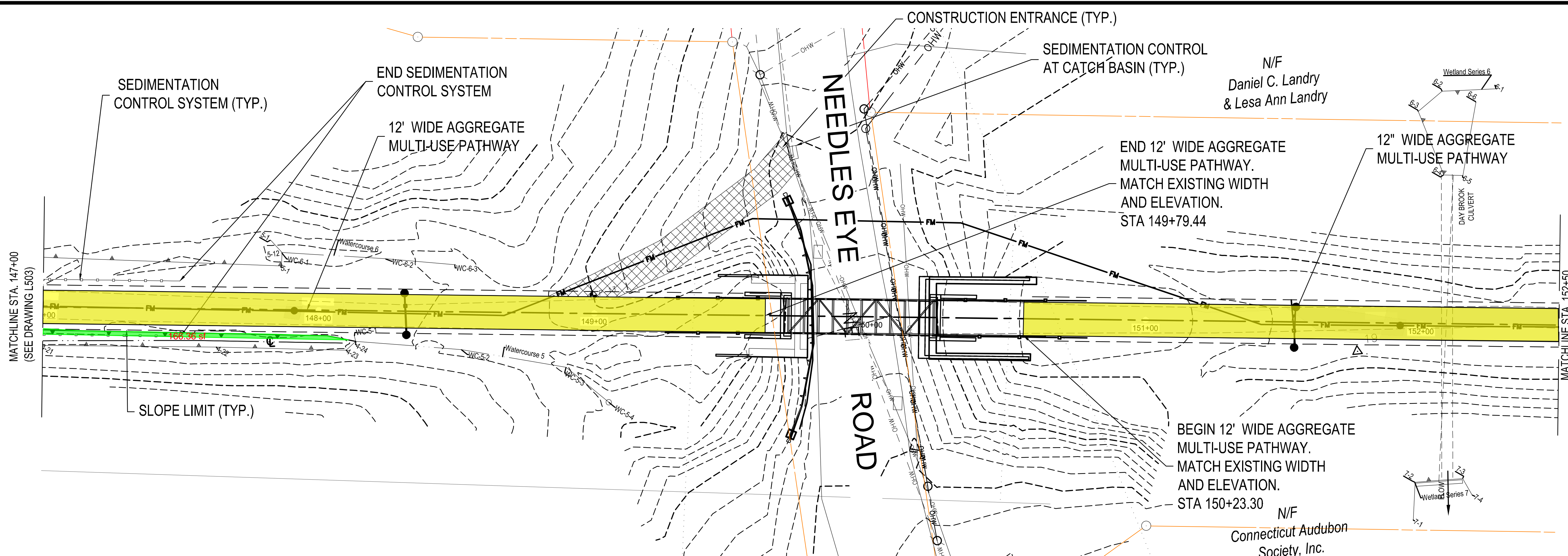
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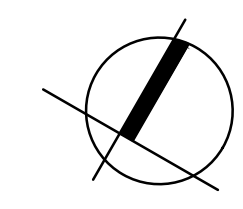
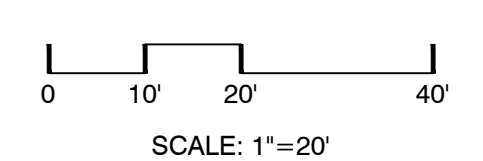
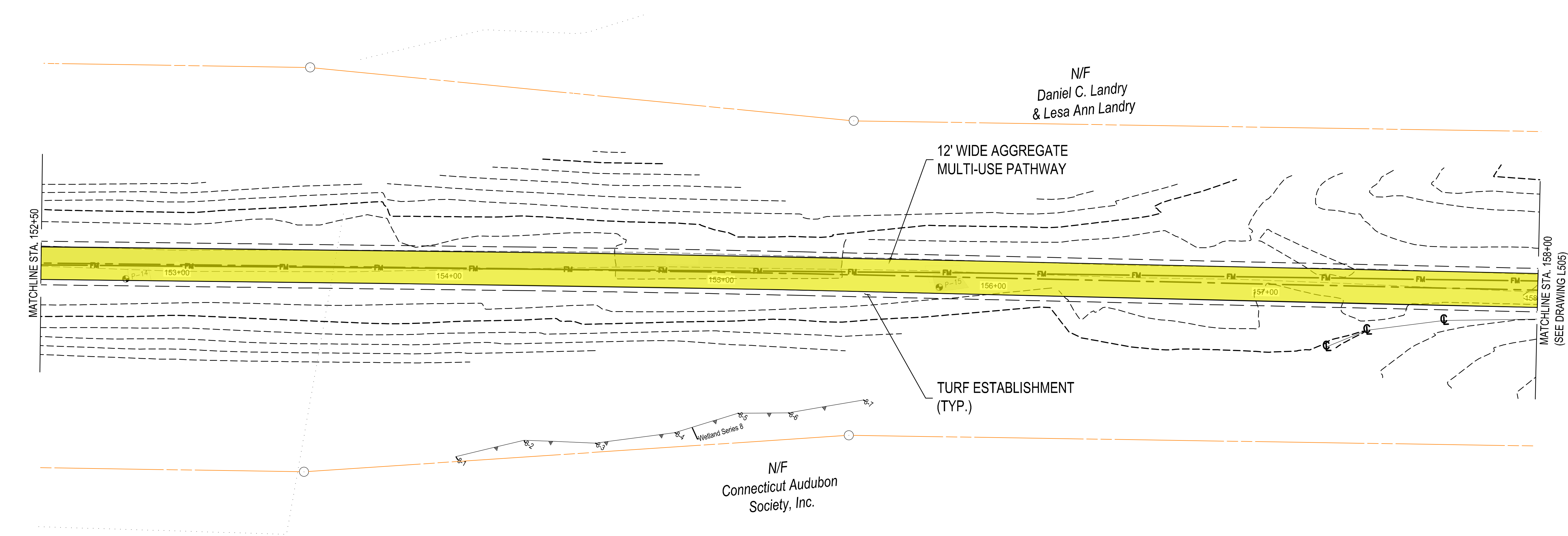
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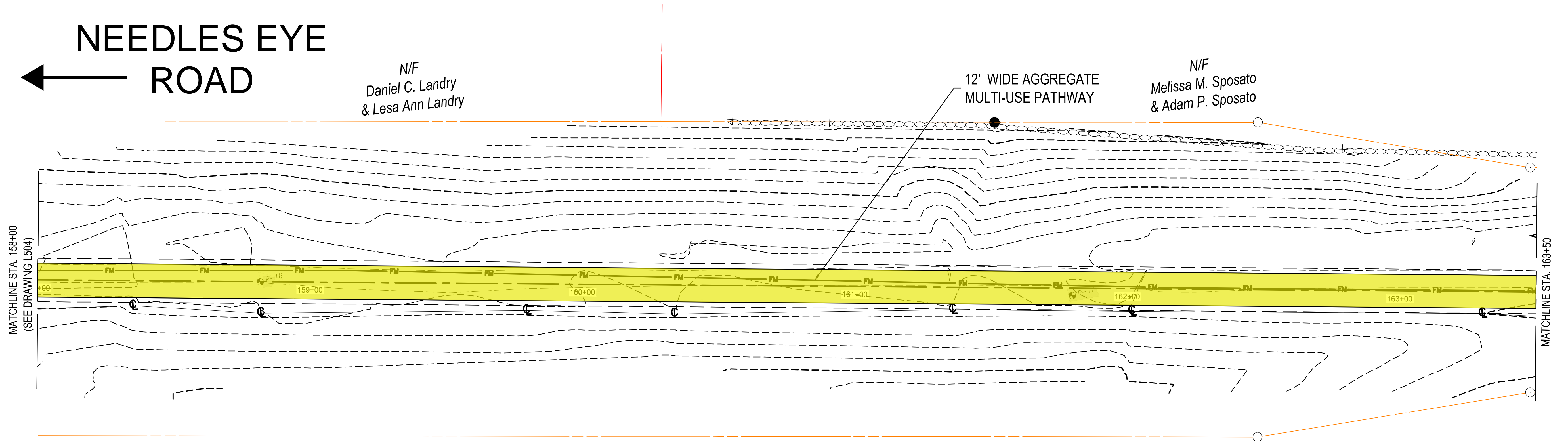
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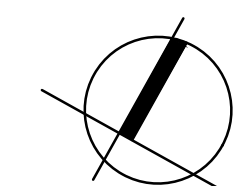
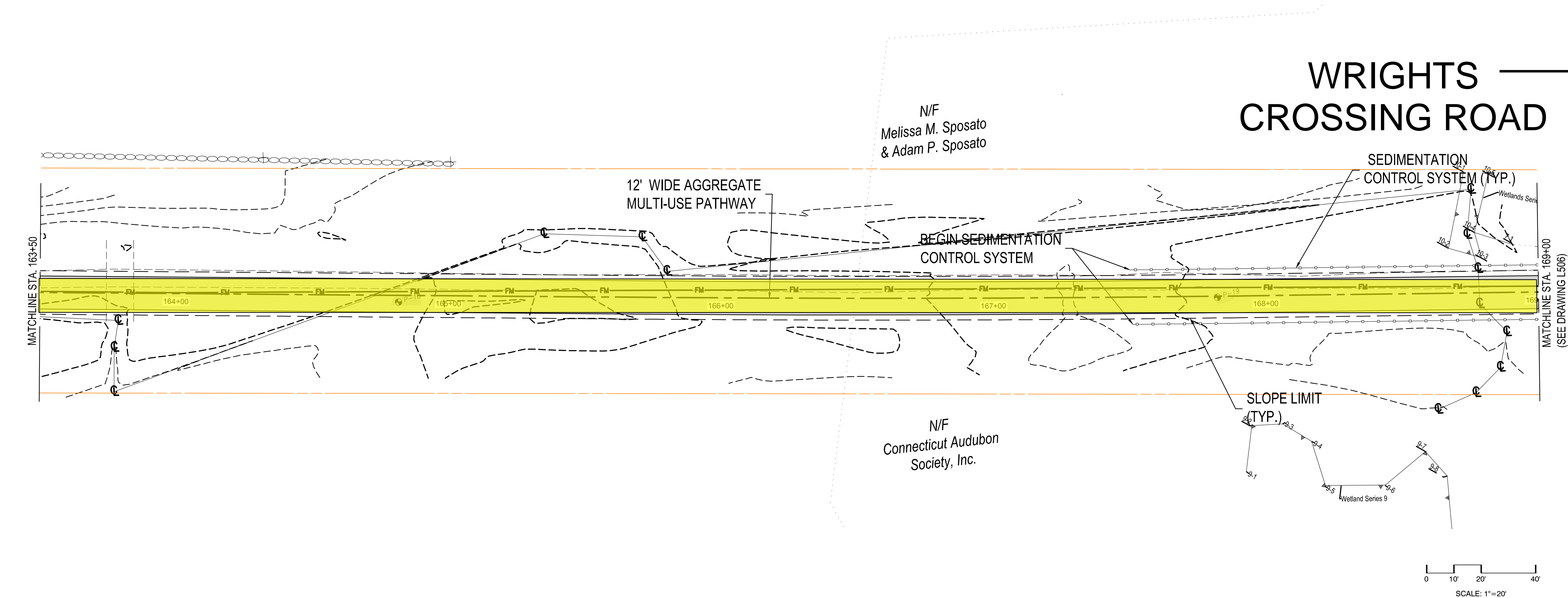
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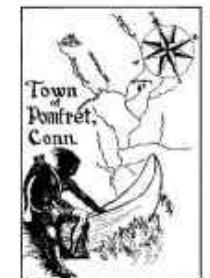




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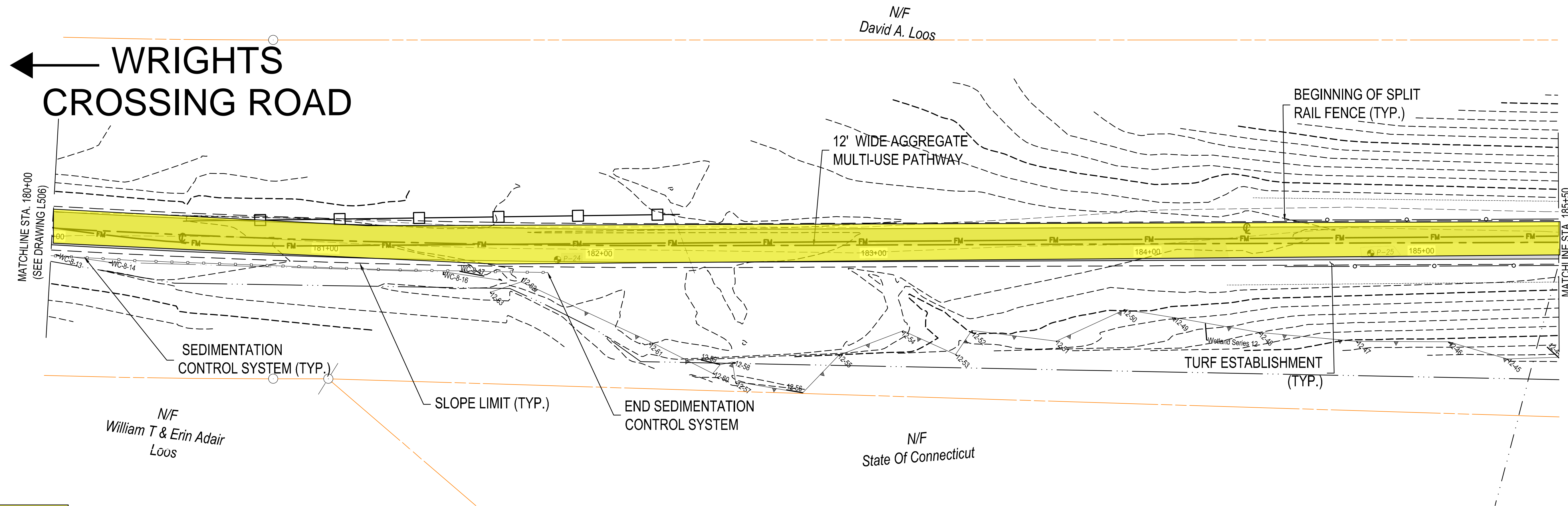
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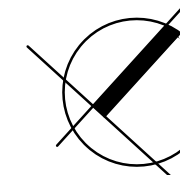
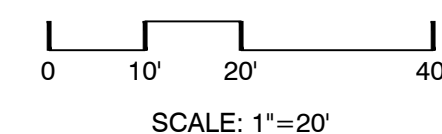
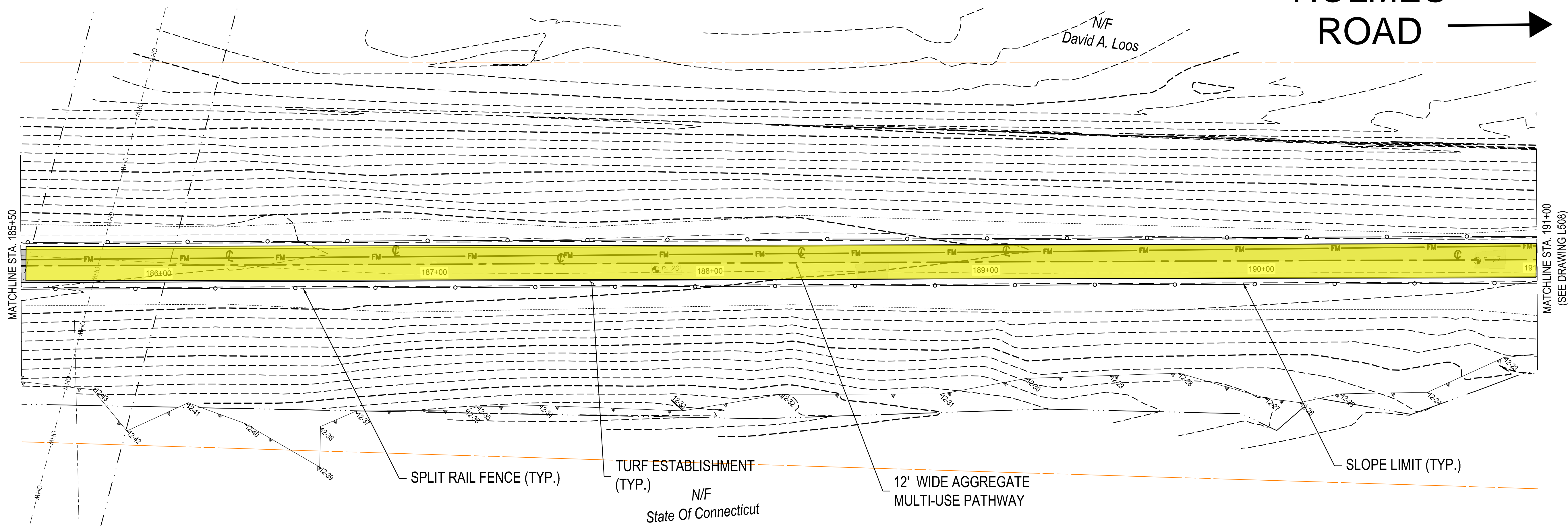
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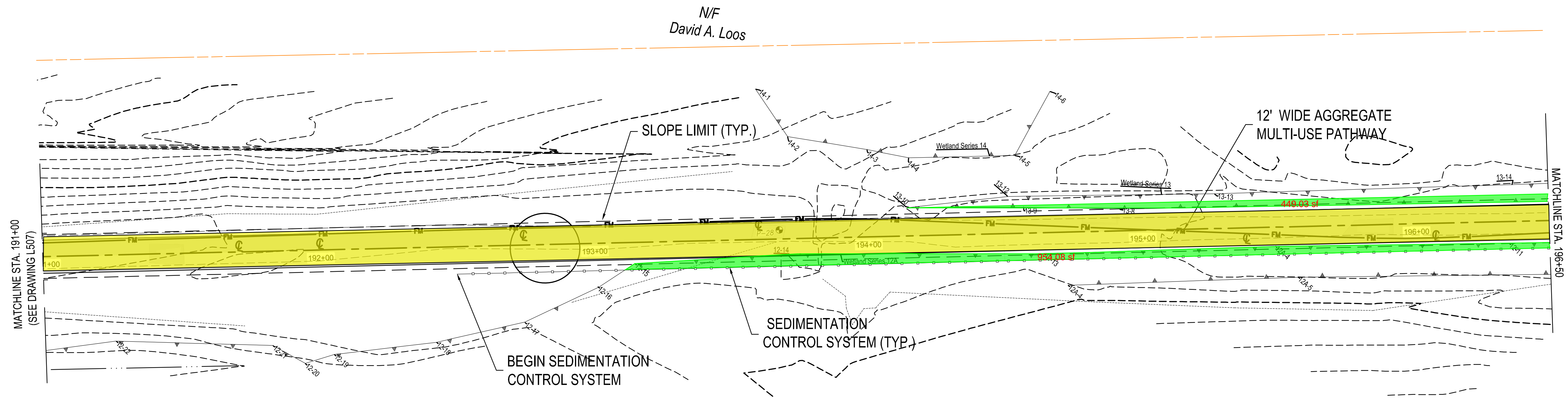
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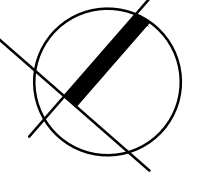
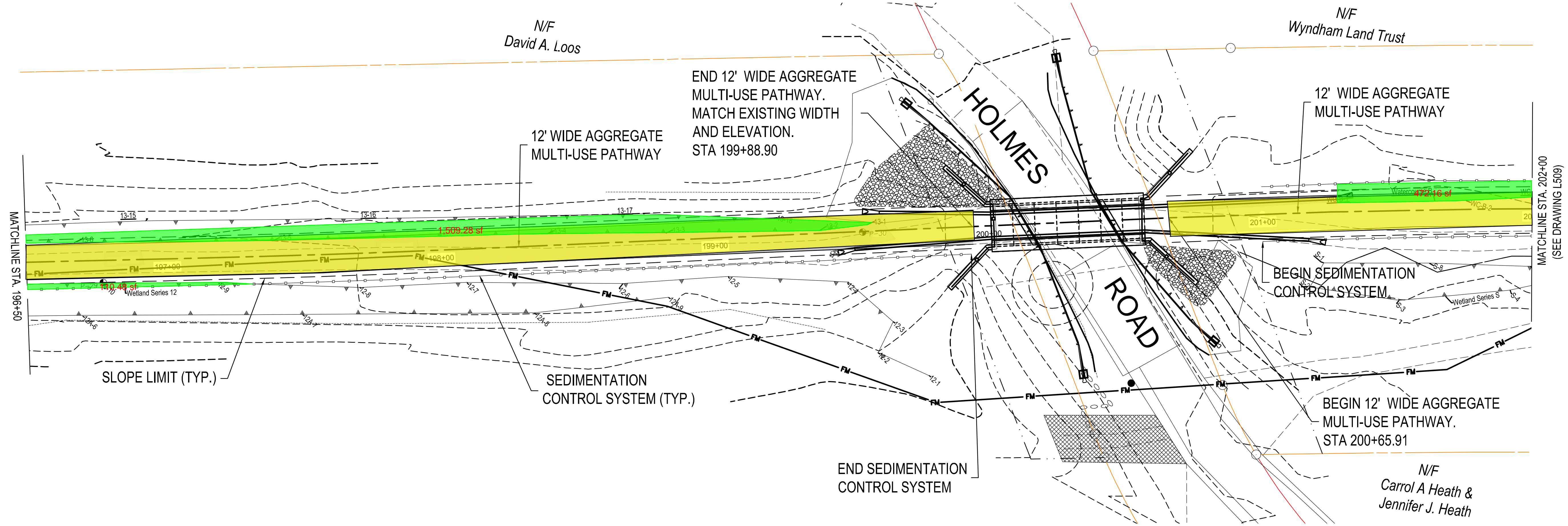
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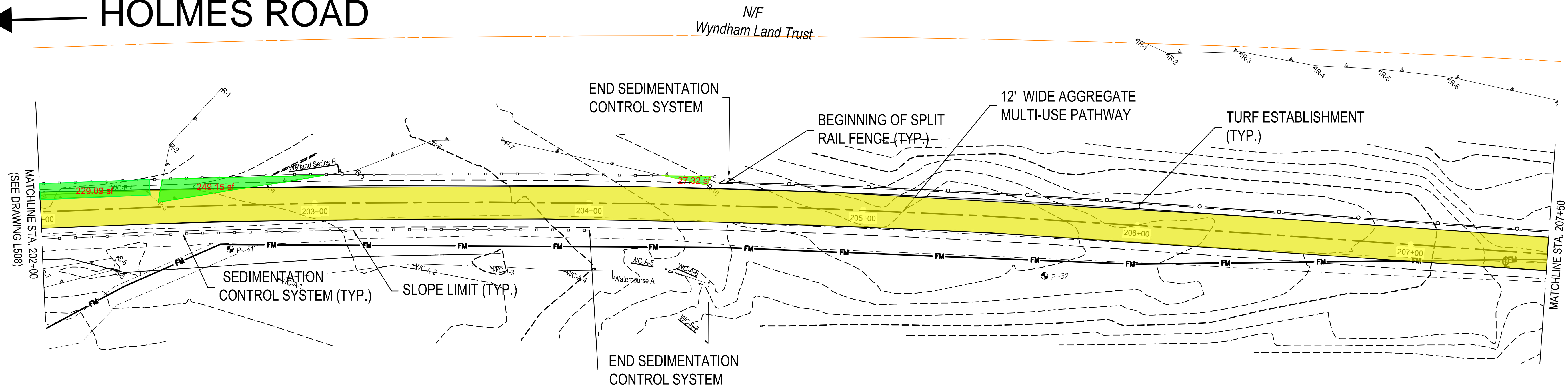
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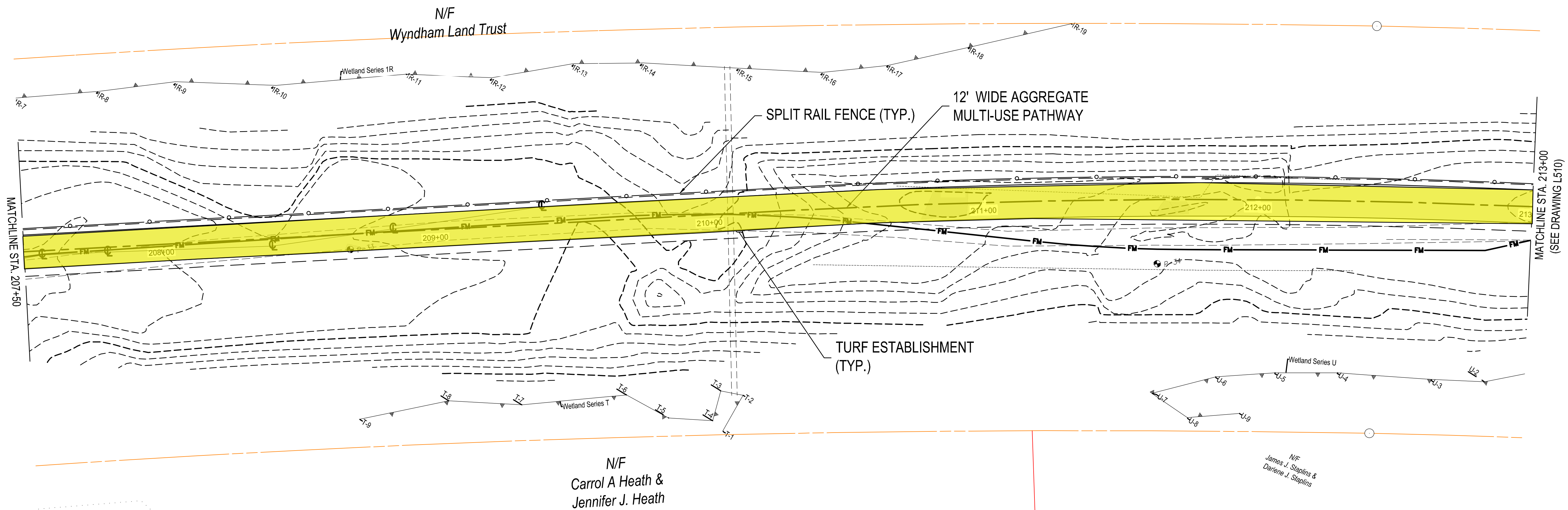
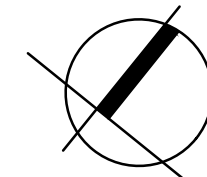


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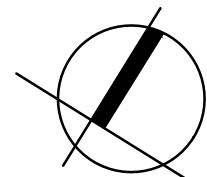


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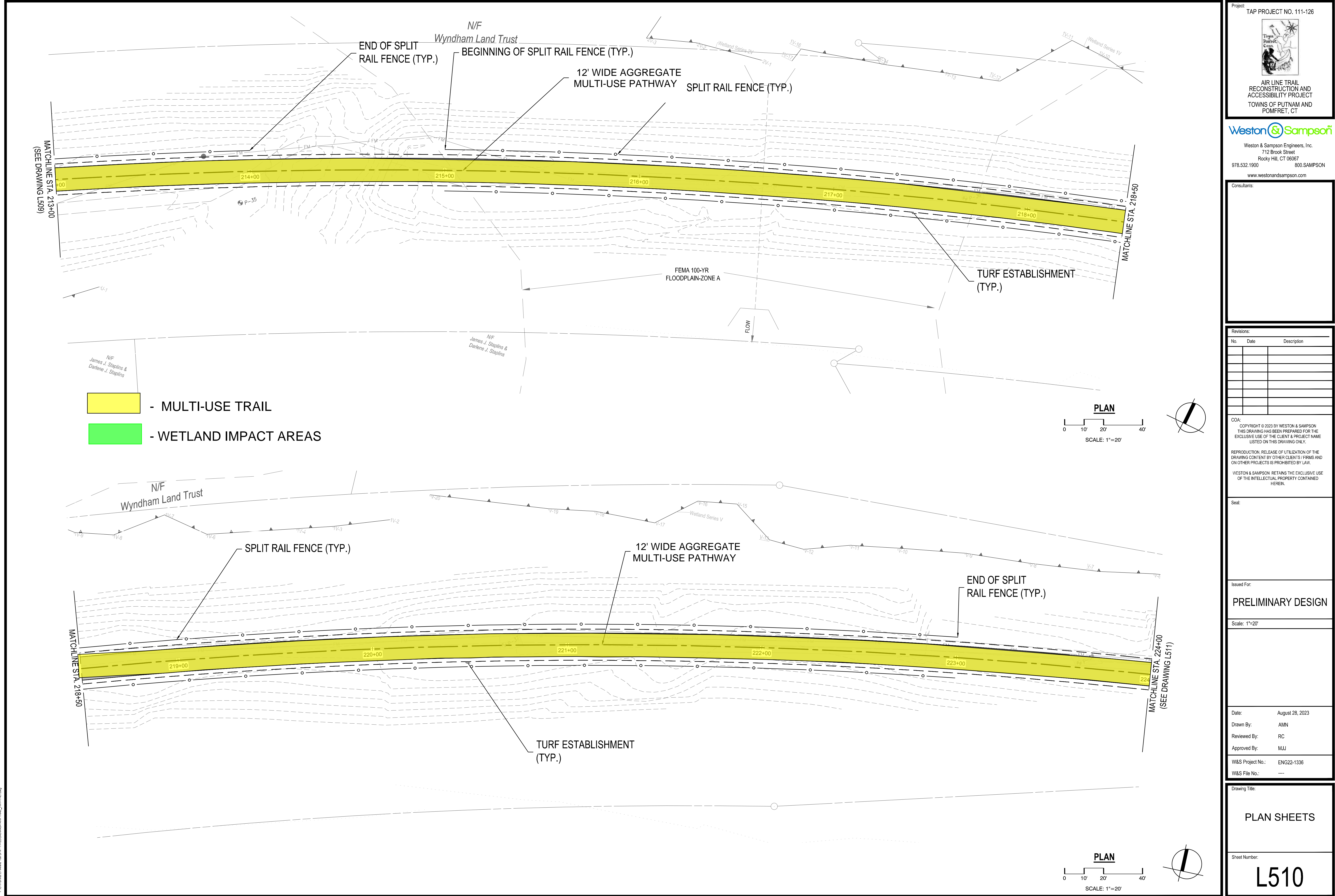
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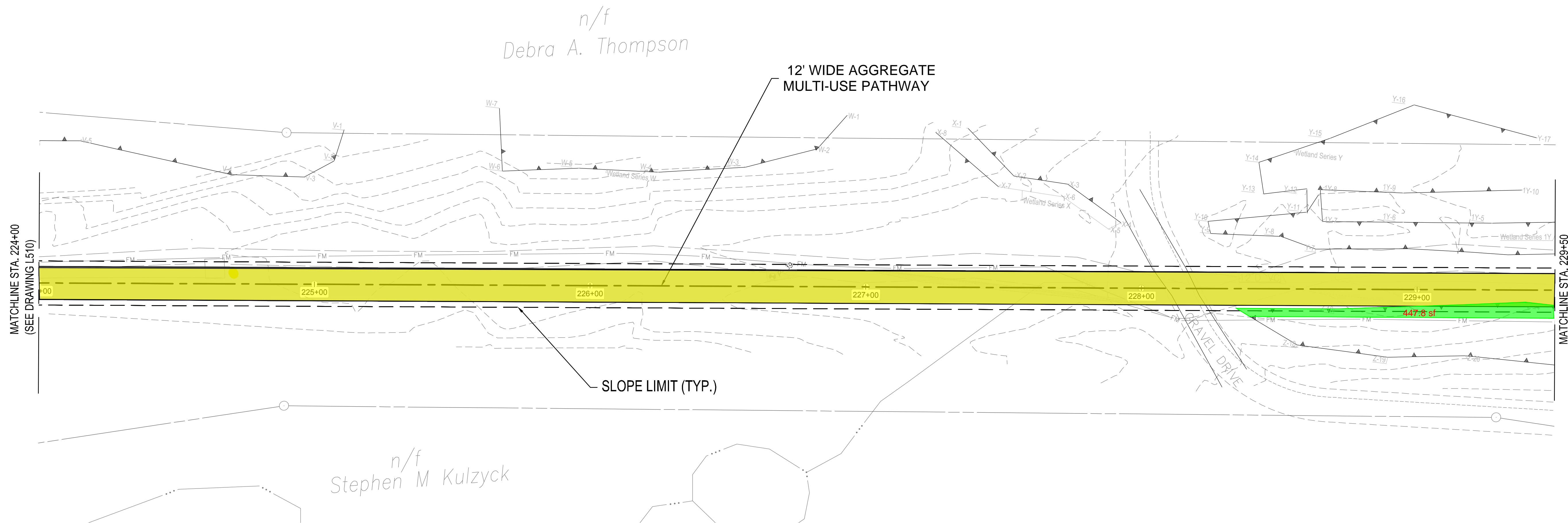
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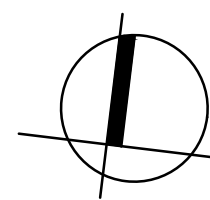
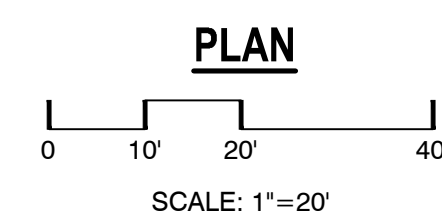
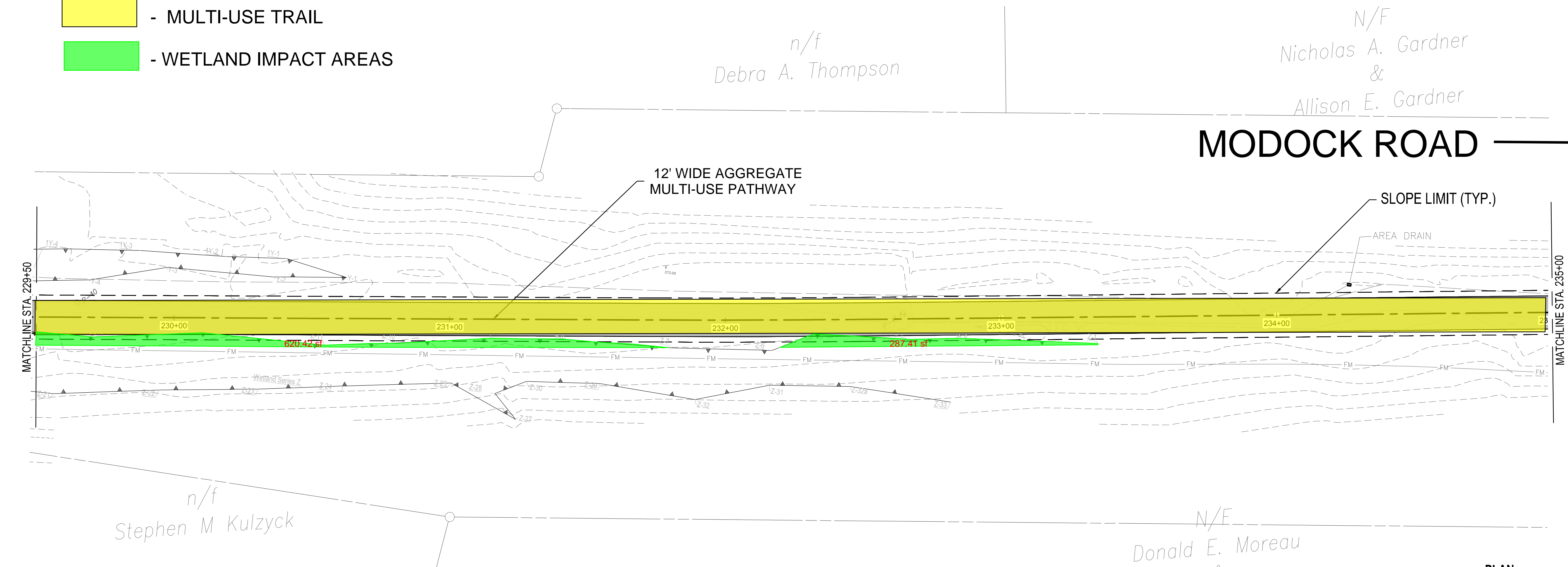
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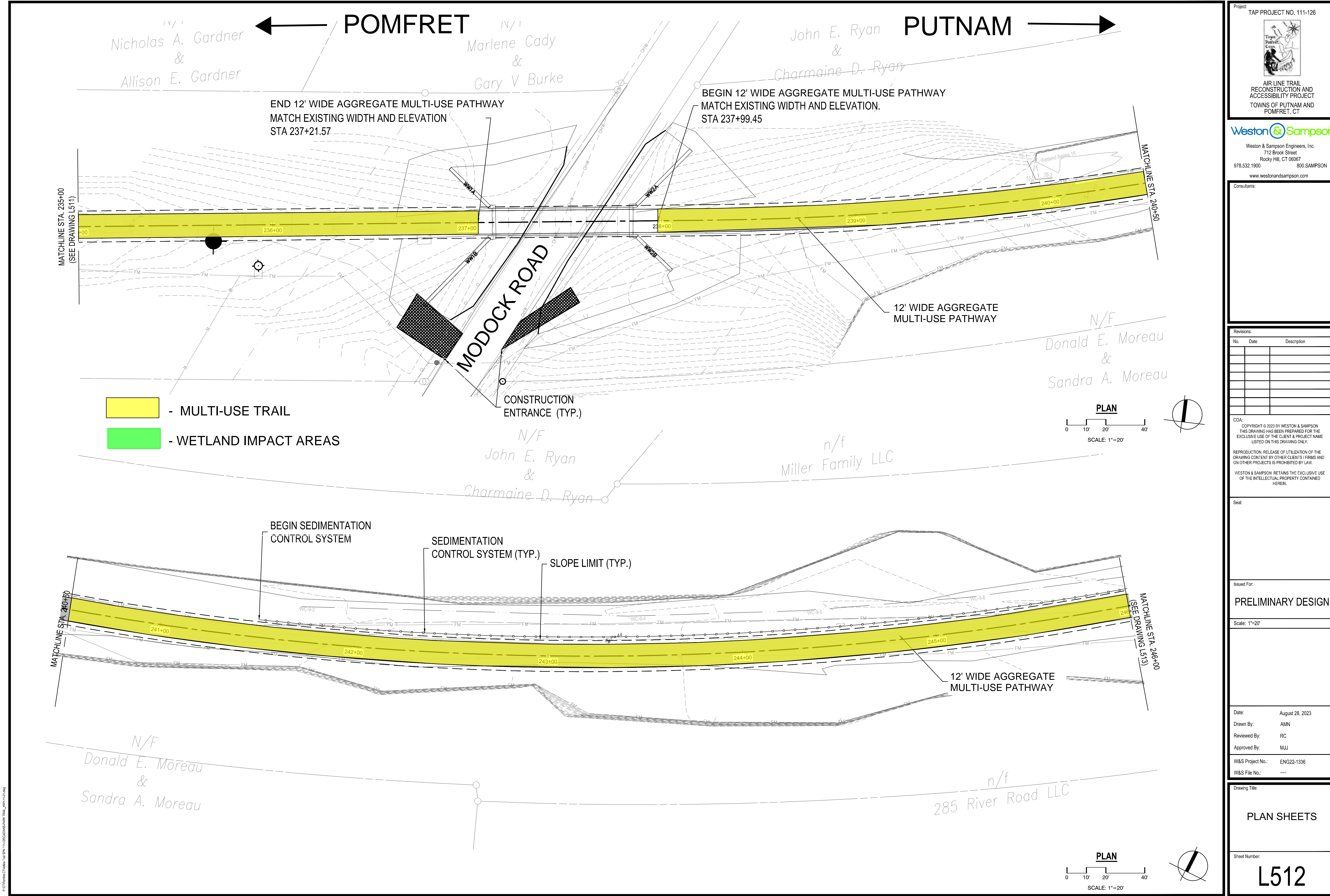
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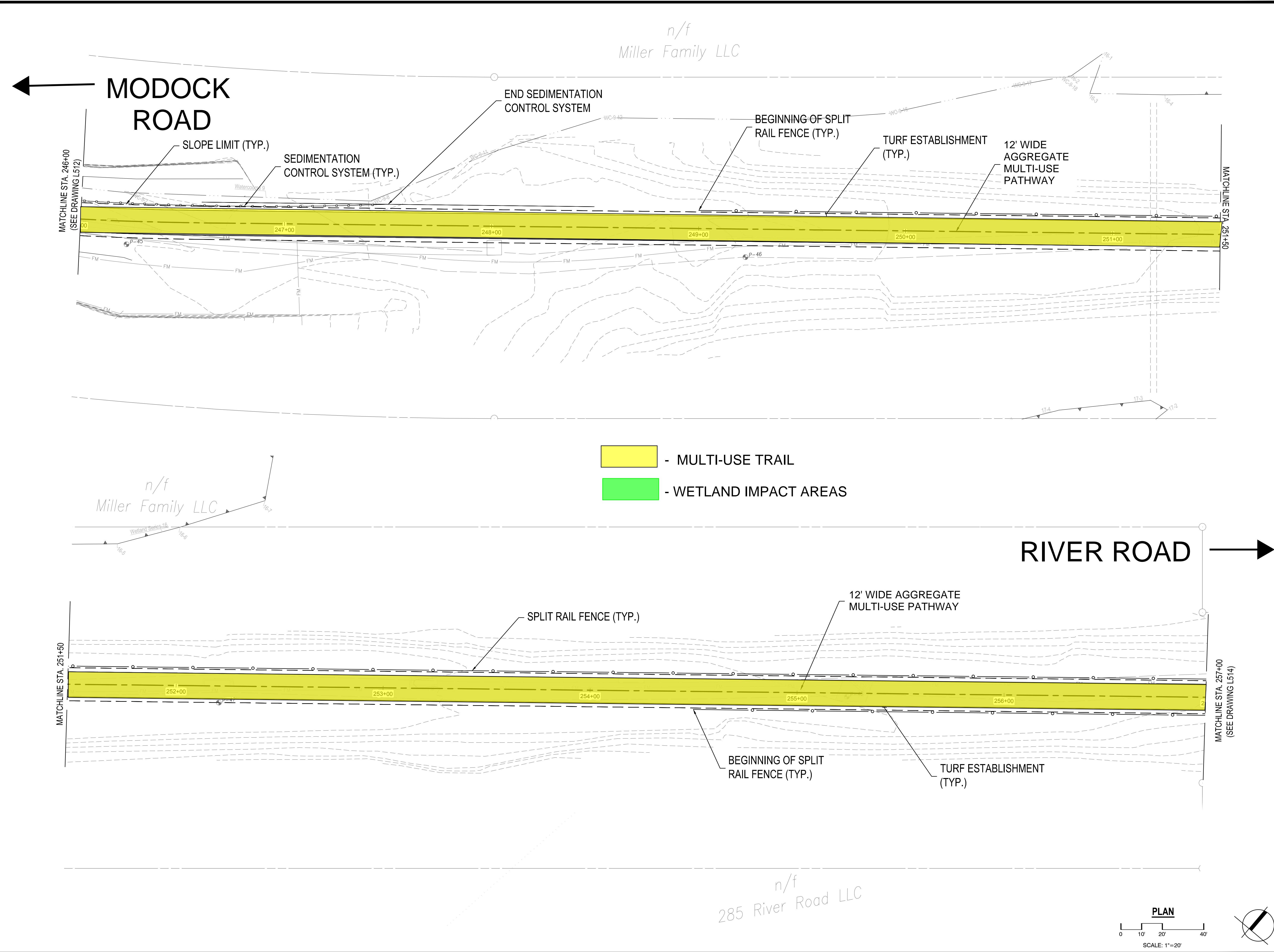
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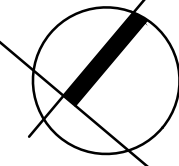
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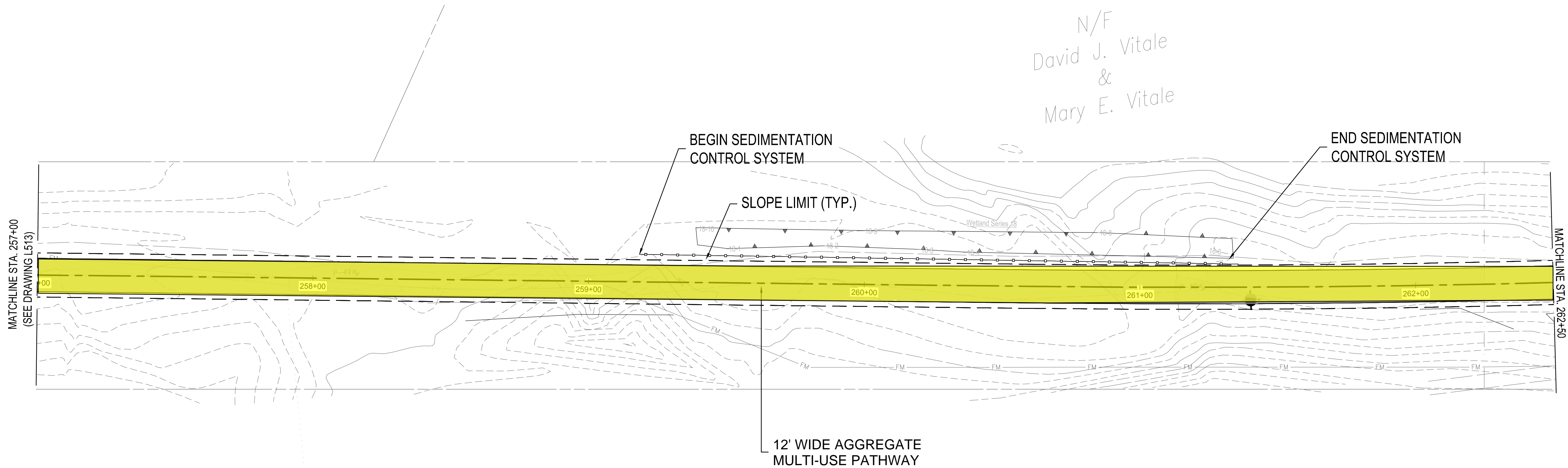
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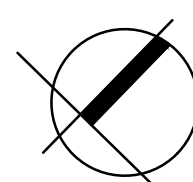
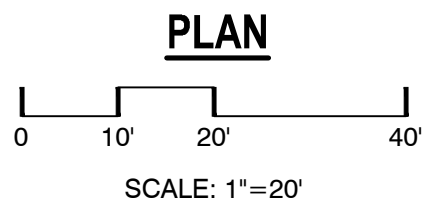
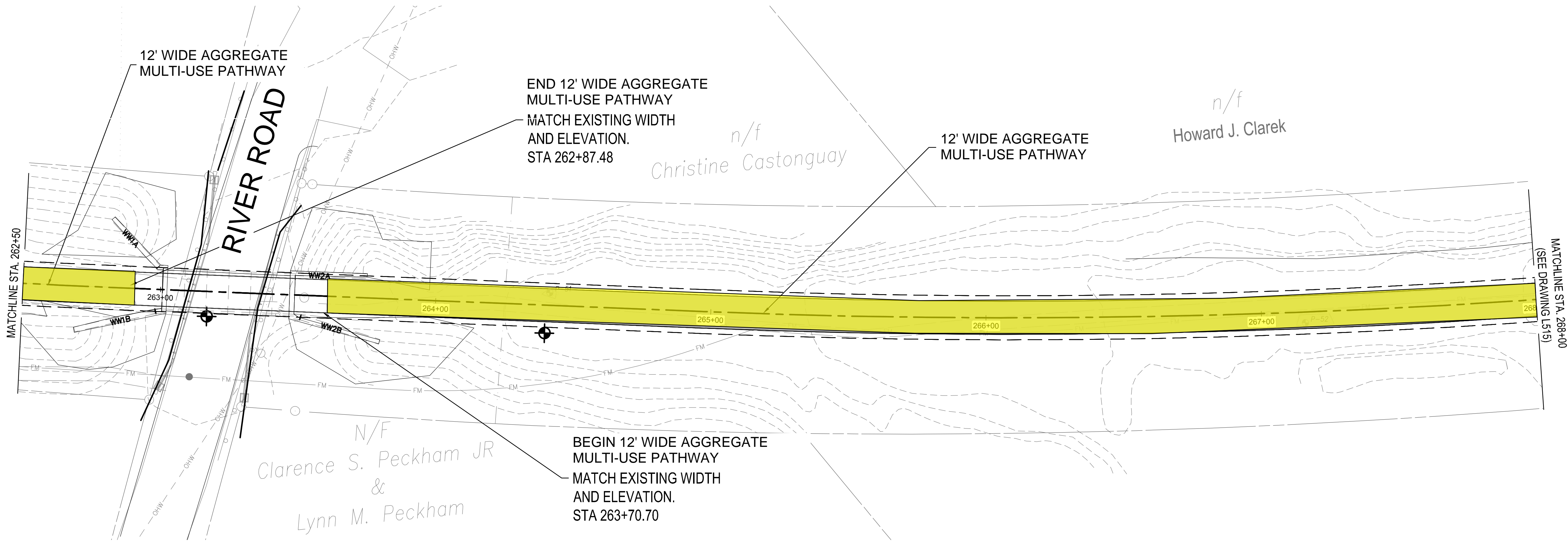
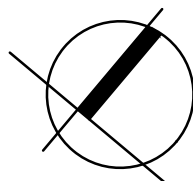
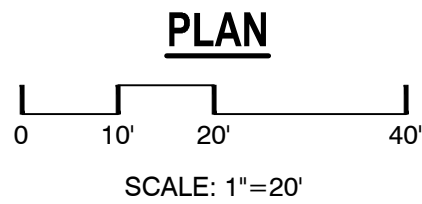


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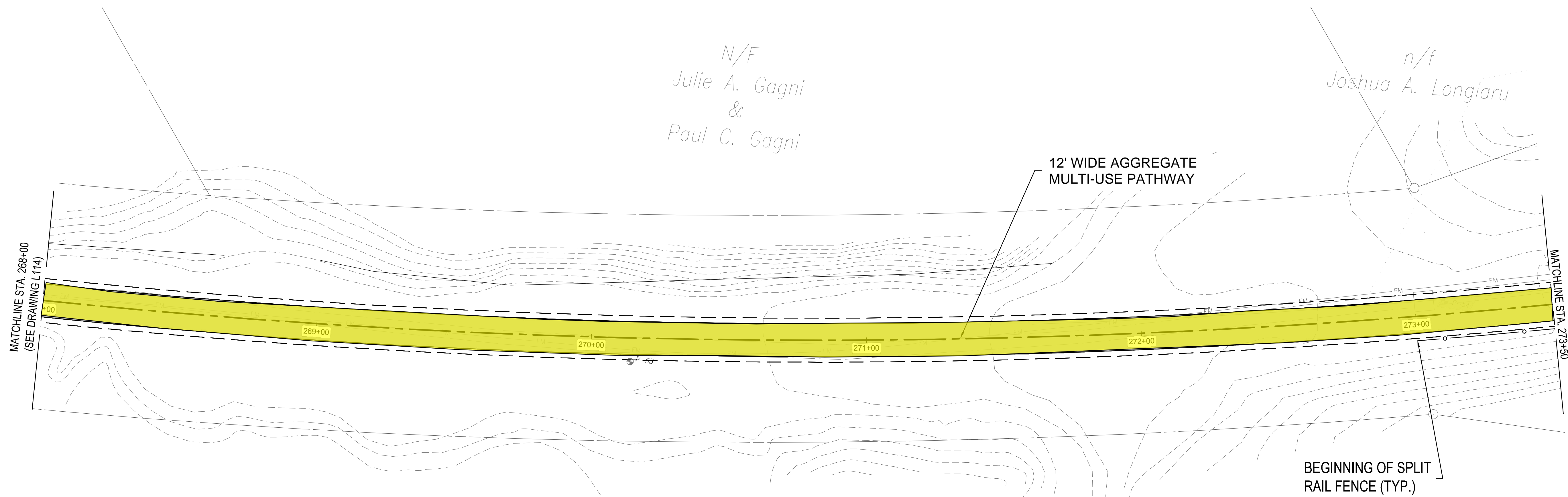
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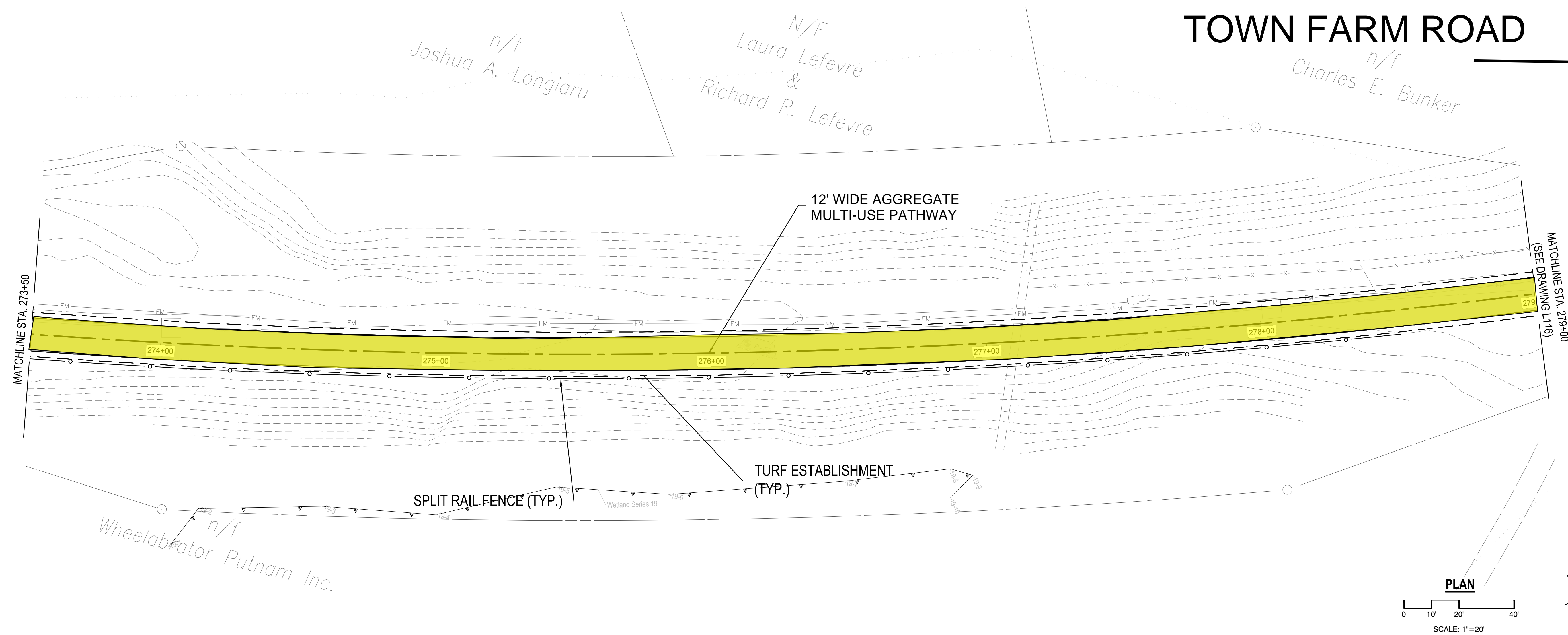


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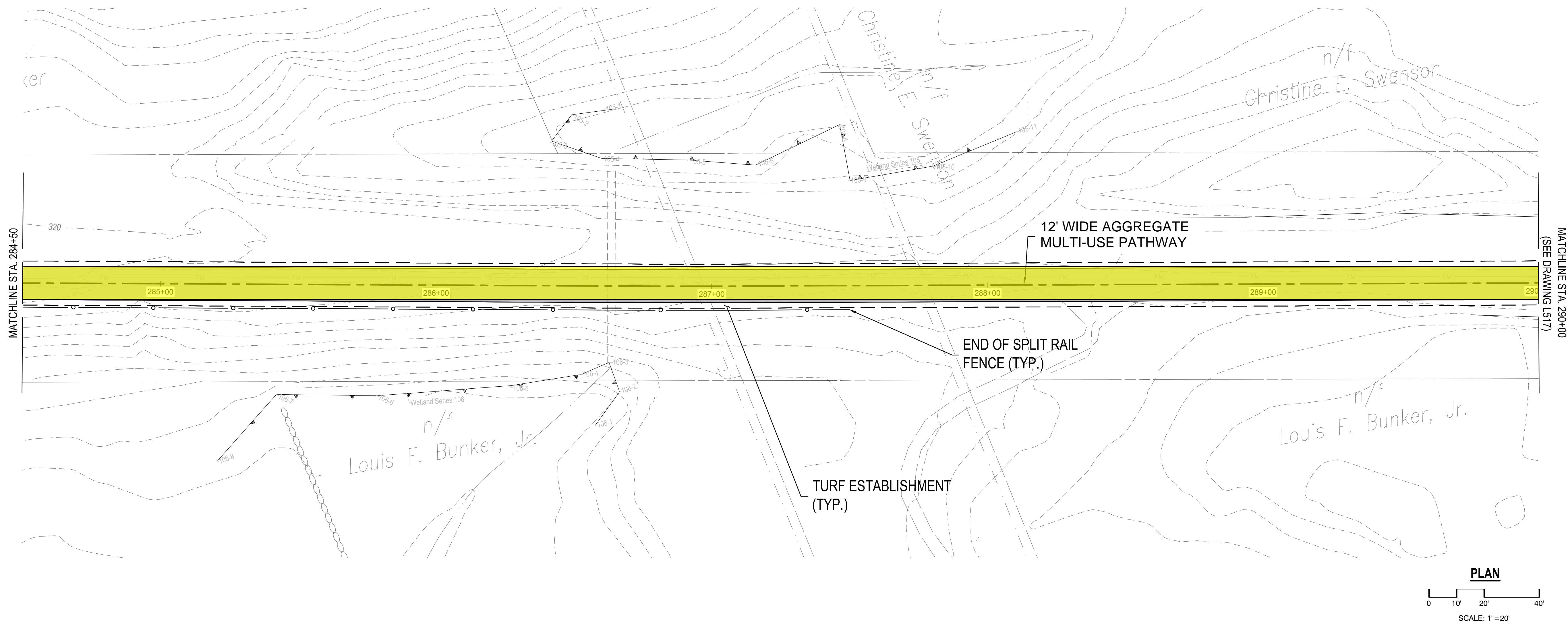
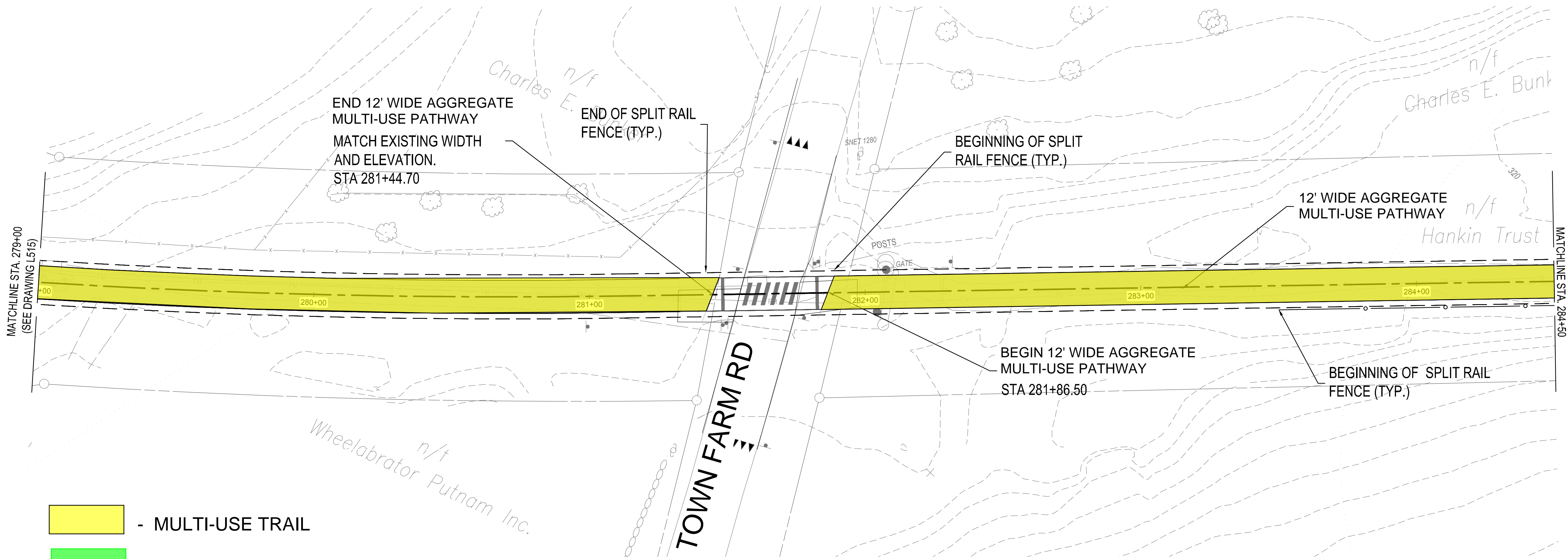
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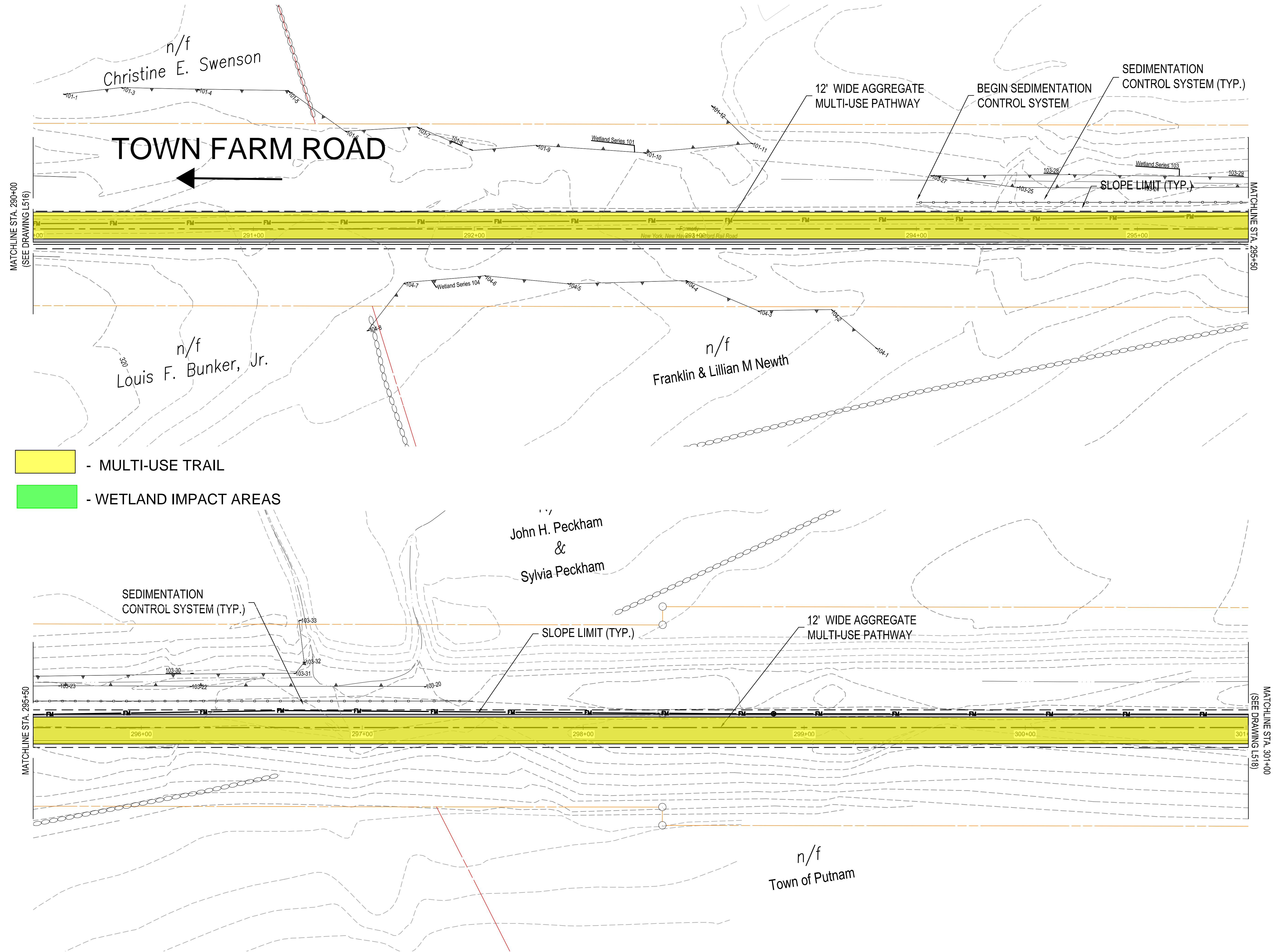
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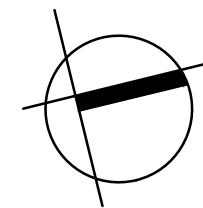
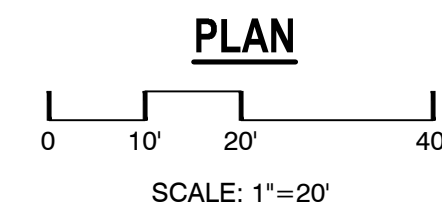
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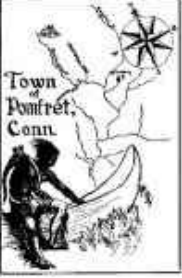
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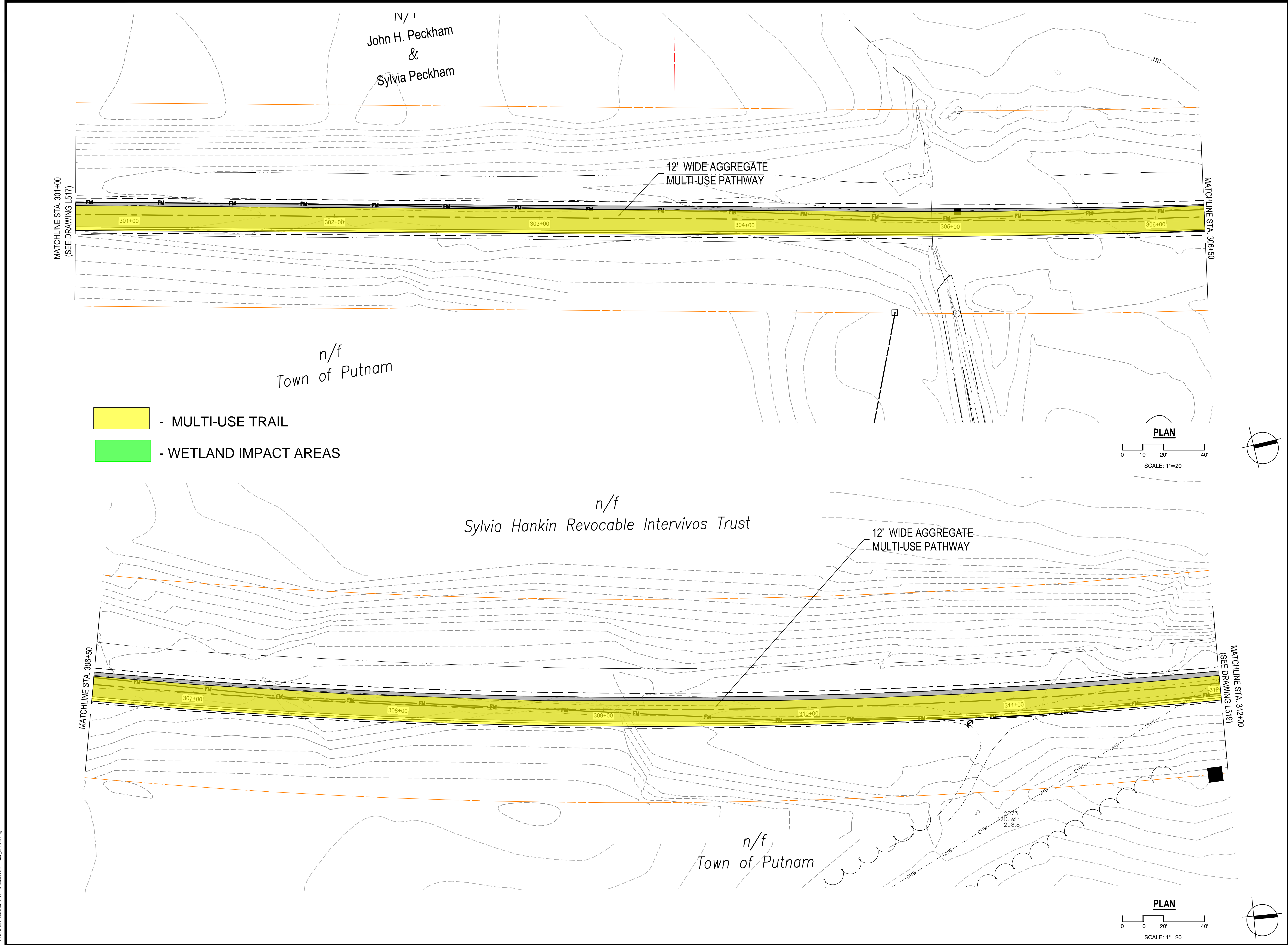
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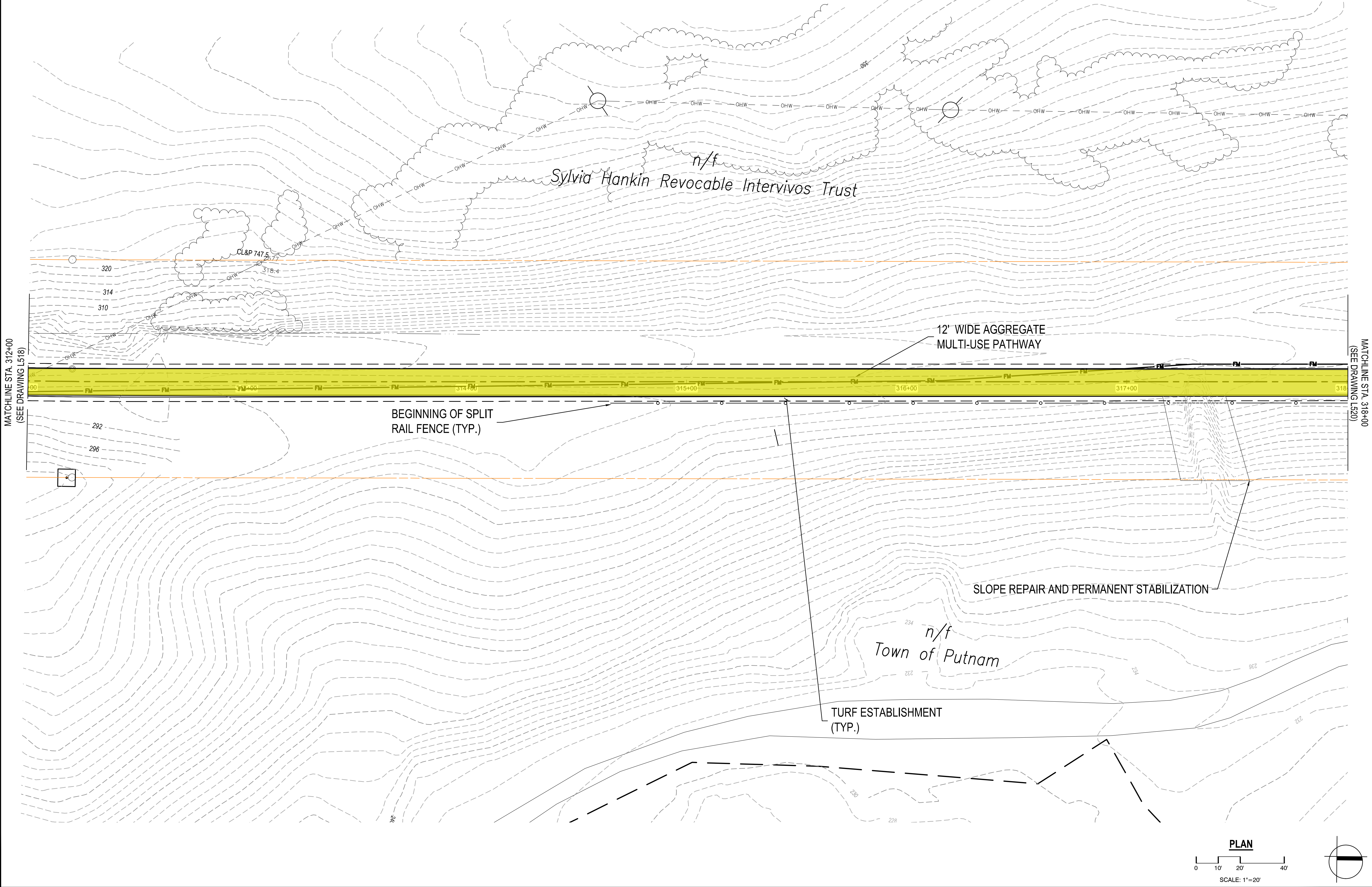
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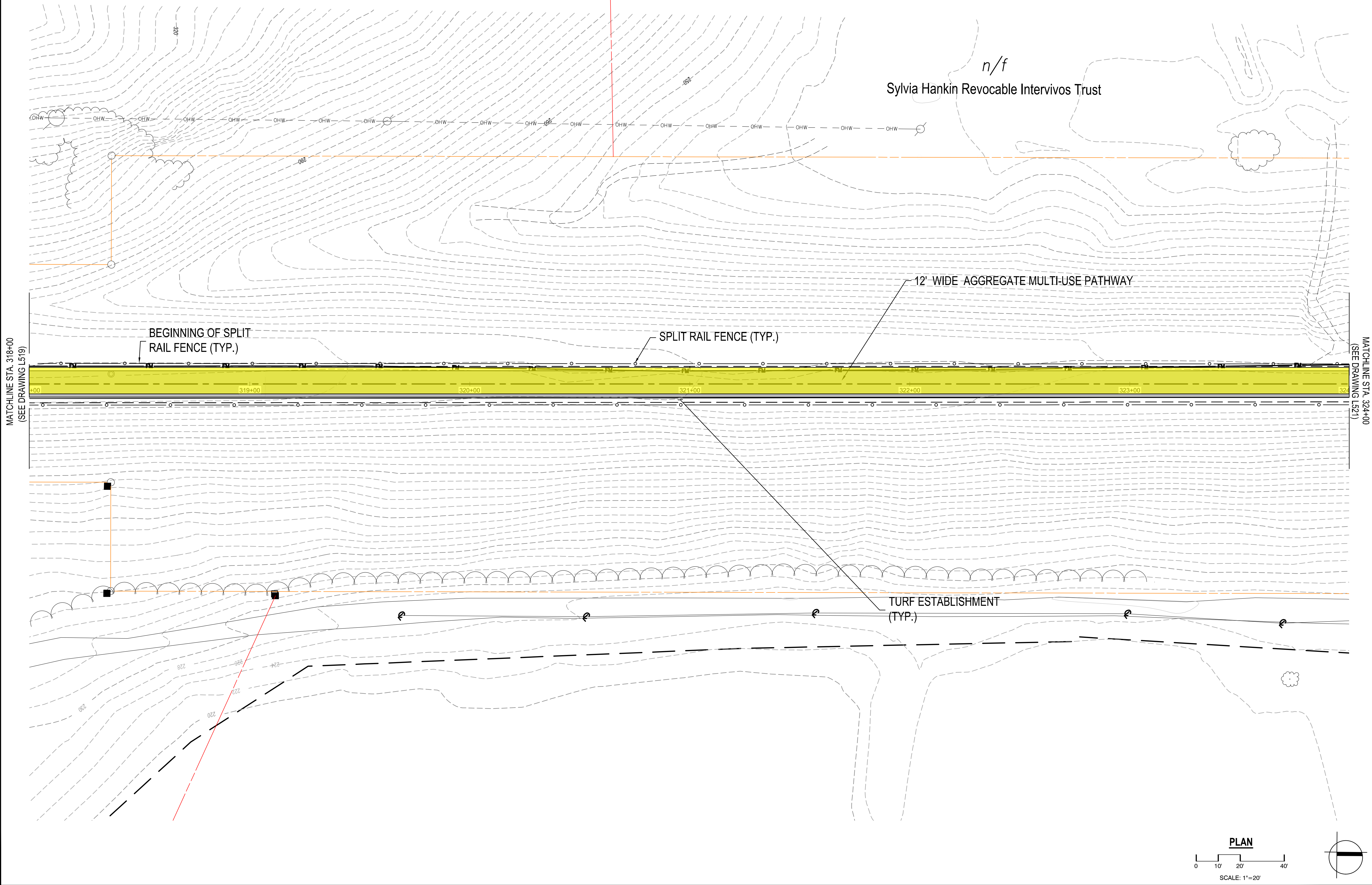
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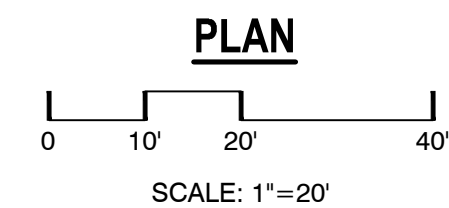
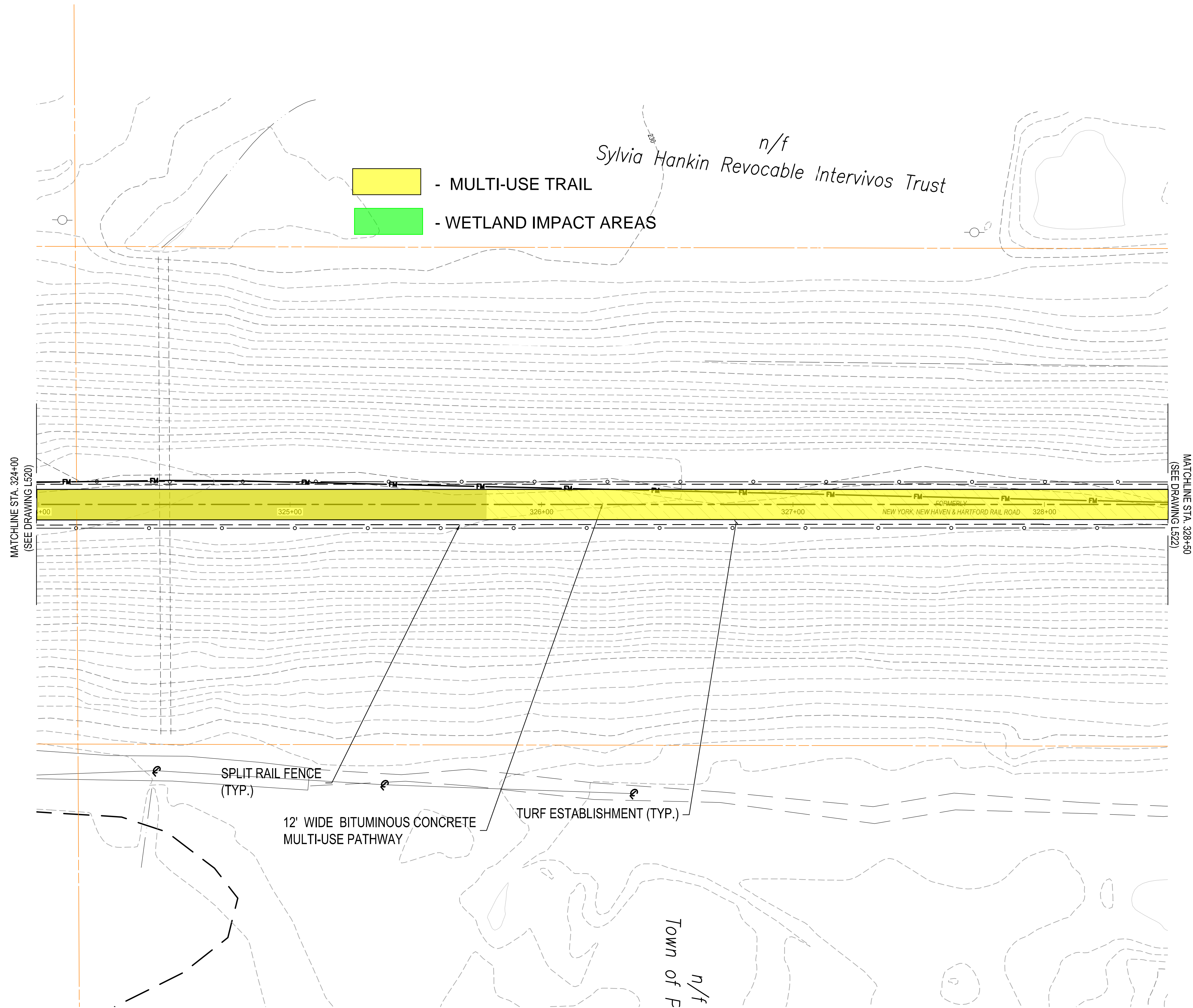
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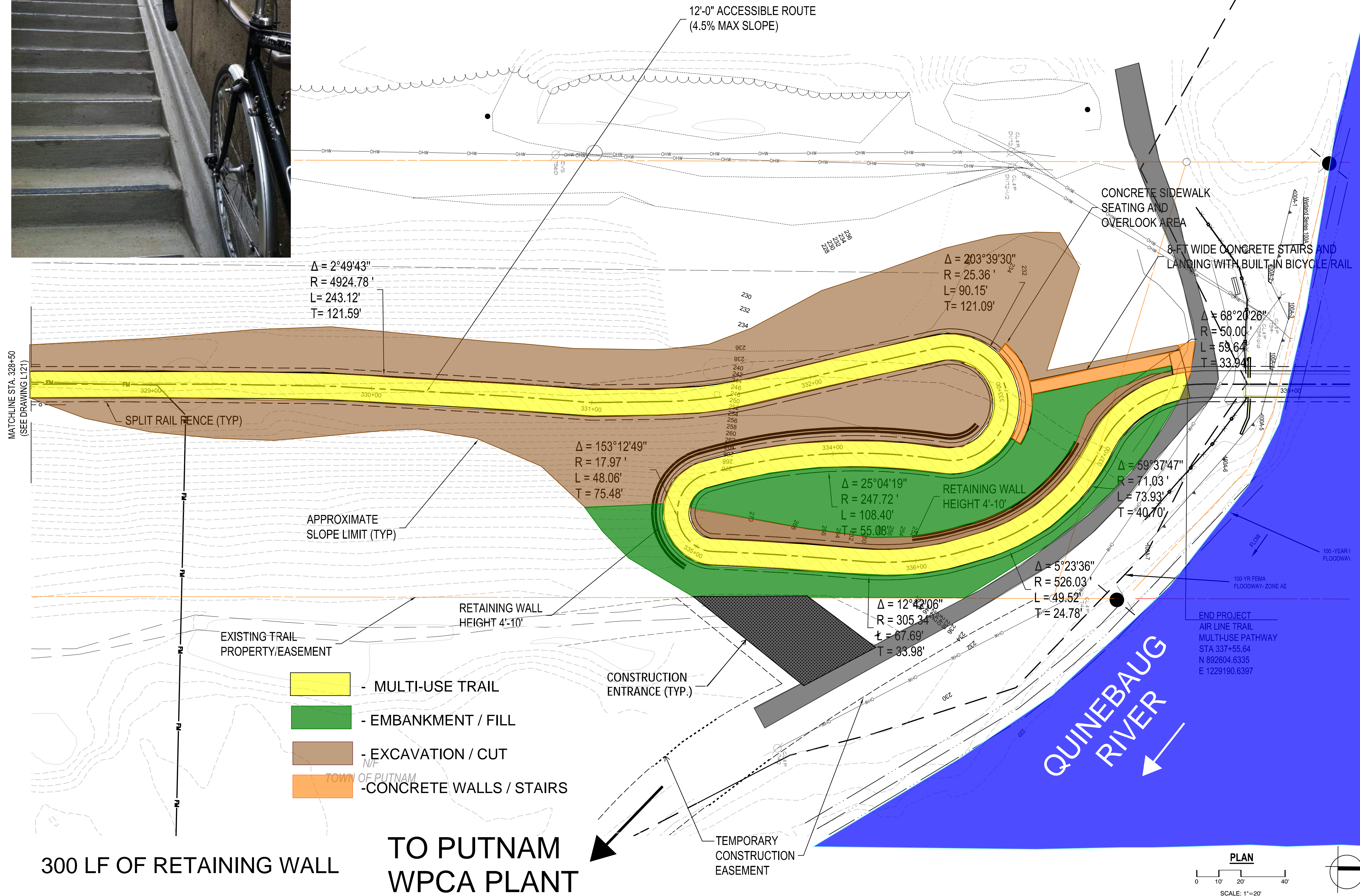
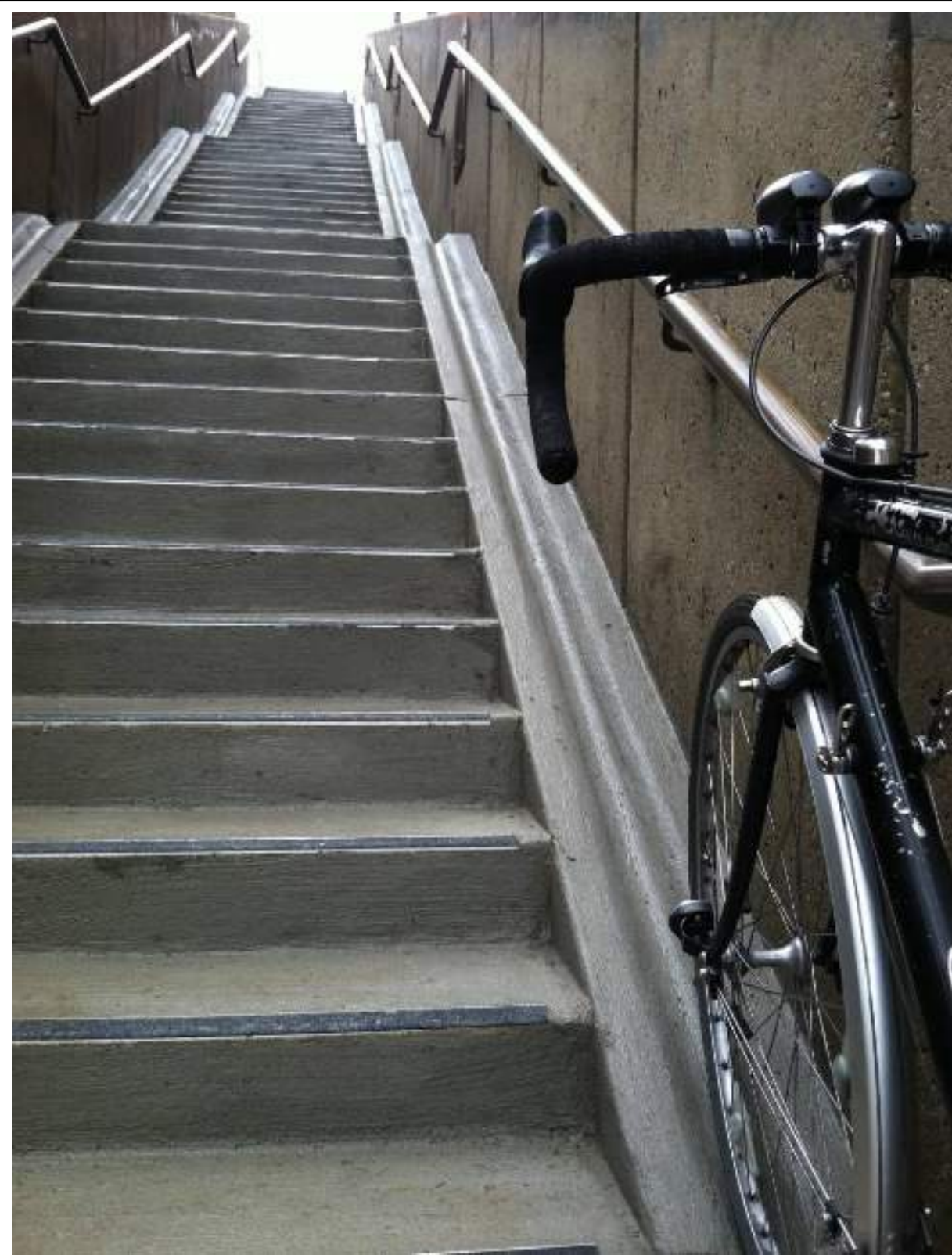
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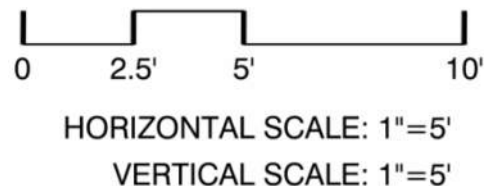
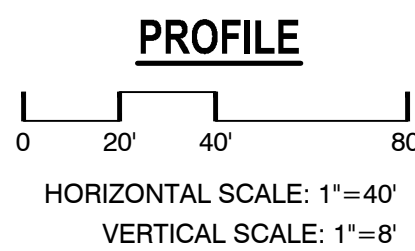
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# Potential Rights-of-Way Impacts

- **Air Line Trail State Park exists within easements in favor of its current and future use**
- **Temporary Construction Access**
  - **Via existing town roads without the need for new temporary or permanent easements**
  - **Via existing deed Right-of-Way from River Road / Quinebaug Road**
  - **Via proposed Temporary Construction Access Easement through WPCA Wastewater Plant road from Kennedy Drive**





# Potential Rights-of-Way Impacts

- **Statutory References**
  - **State of Connecticut: C.G.S. Sections 13a-73 & 13a-98e**
  - **Federal: Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970**
- **Rights of Way Process**
  - **Letter of Intent to Acquire**
  - **Valuation / Appraisal**
  - **Offer of Compensation**
  - **Negotiation**
  - **Acquisition**
  - **Agreement**



# What's Next

- **Semi-Final Design**
- **Rights-of Way Acquisition Process**
- **Permitting (Local, State, Federal) – More public input opportunities**
- **Final Design & Cost Estimating**
- **Advertising for Construction & Contractor Selection**
- **Construction – Fall 2024 through 2025 Construction Season**





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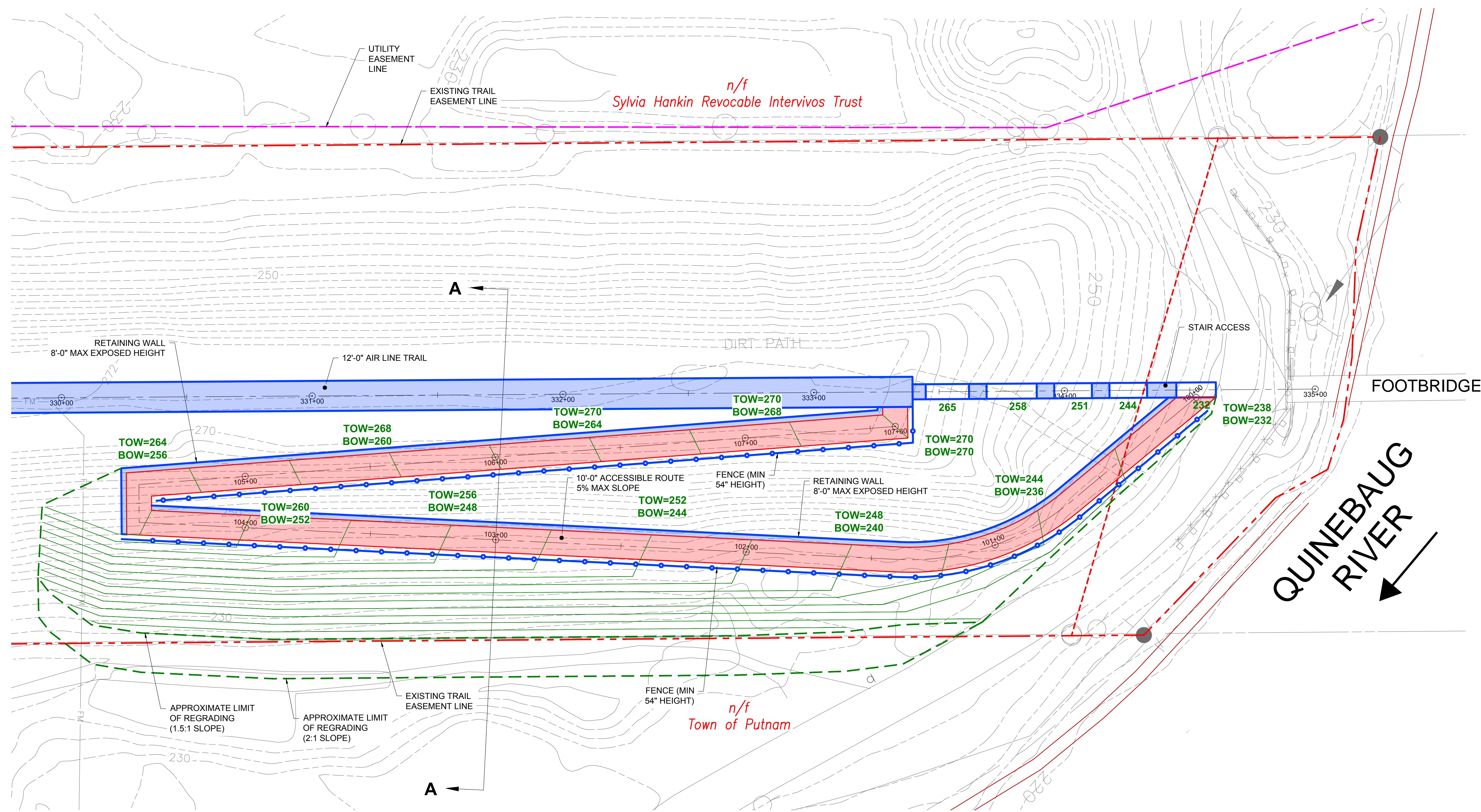
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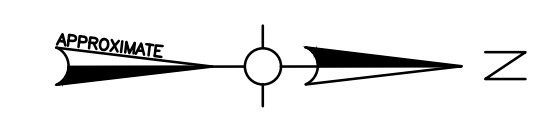
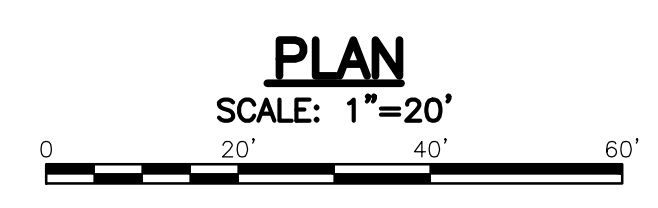
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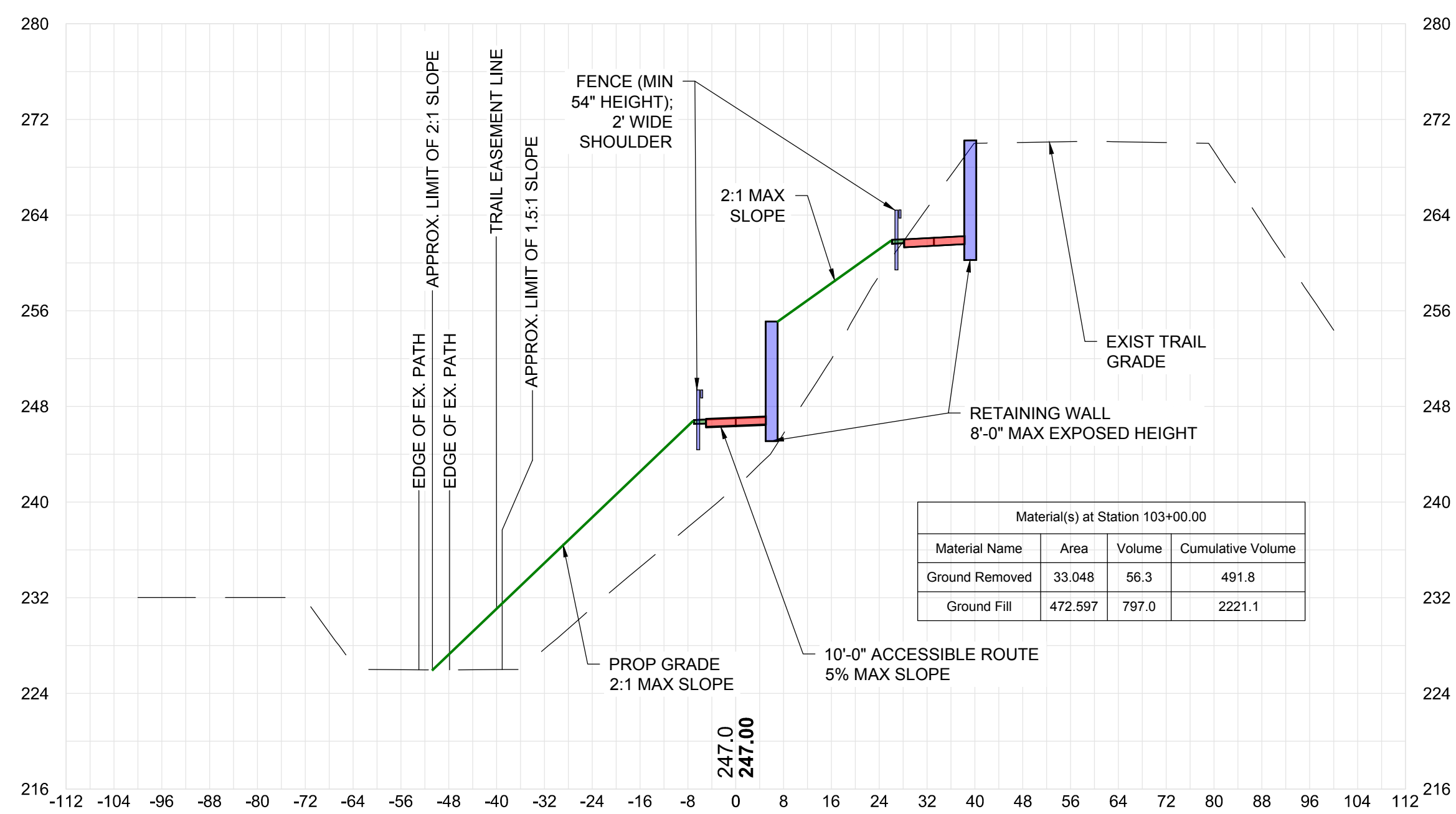
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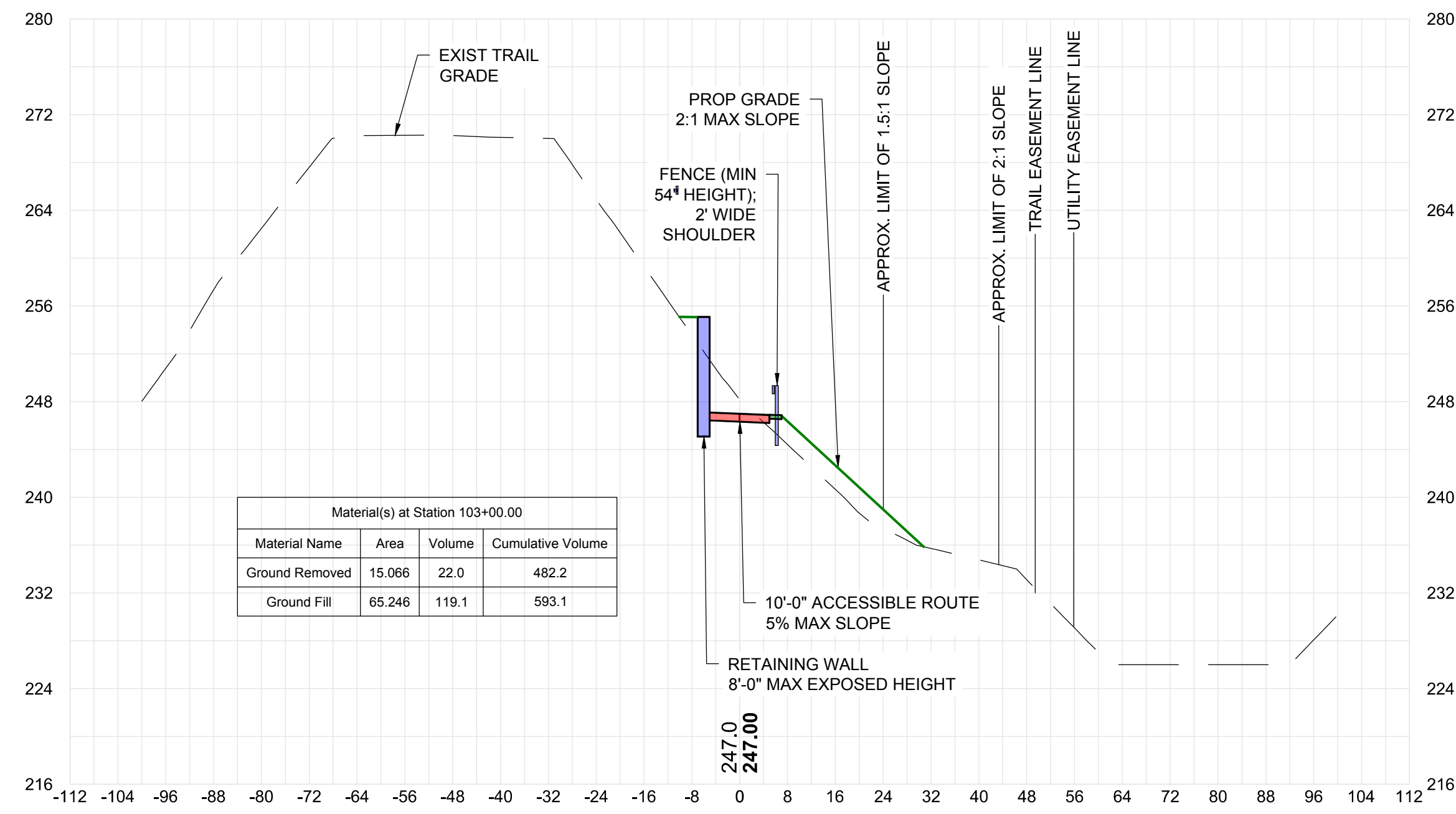
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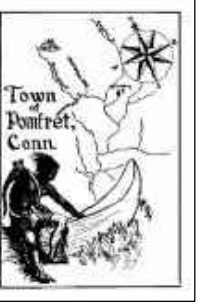
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