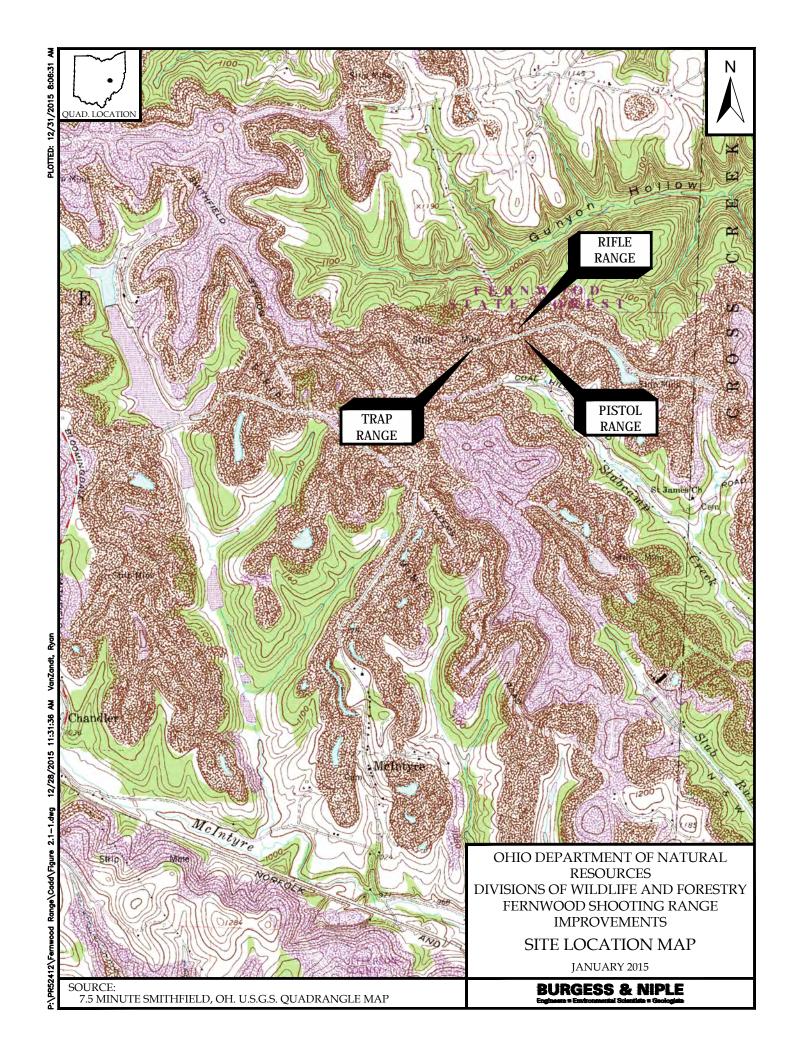
#### NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

State: Ohio Federal Financial Assistance Grant/Amendment: WR (Widdlife Restoration) Grant					
Grant/Project Name: Proposed Shooting Range Improvements at Fernwood State Forest, Jefferson County, Wayne Township, Ohio					
This proposal <b>i</b> s; <b>i</b> s not completely covered by categorical exclusion(s) <b>8.5 b(3)</b> in 516 DM 8.5 (Service); and/or in 43 CFR 46.210 (DOI).					
(check ( ) one) (Review proposed activities. An appropriate categorical exclusion must be identified <u>before</u> completing the remainder of the Checklist. If one or more categorical exclusions do not apply to the entire proposal, or the proposal cannot meet the qualifying criteria in the categorical exclusion(s), or an extraordinary circumstance applies (see below), an Extraordinary Circumstances (43 CFR 46.215):  Will This Proposal (check ( ) yes or no for each item below):  Yes No					
a. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.  b. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order					
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resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].  d. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.					
<ul> <li>e. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</li> </ul>					
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significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).  Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).					
(If any of the above extraordinary circumstances receive a "Yes" check (✓), an EA may be required. Consult with WSFR grant specialist for determination.)  ■ Yes □ No This grant/project includes additional supporting information.					
Concurrences/Approvals: Project Leader:  Date: 4/11/20/6					
Project Leader:  Date: 4/11/20/6  State Authority Concurrence: Massay 41/11/20/6  (with financial assistance signature authority, if applicable)					
Within the spirit and intent of the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and have determined that the grant/amendment: Proposed shooting range improvements at Fernwood State Forest is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 8.5 (Service) and/or 43 CFR 46.210 (DOI), and/or is addressed by an existing EA or EIS. No further NEPA documentation will therefore be made. is not completely covered by the categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 8.5 (Service) and/or 43 CFR 46.210 (DOI), or addressed by an existing EA or EIS. An EA must be prepared. is covered by an existing EA. FONSI/EAS dated:					
Service signature approval:					
Staff Specialist, WSFR:					
Chief, Division of WSFR:					

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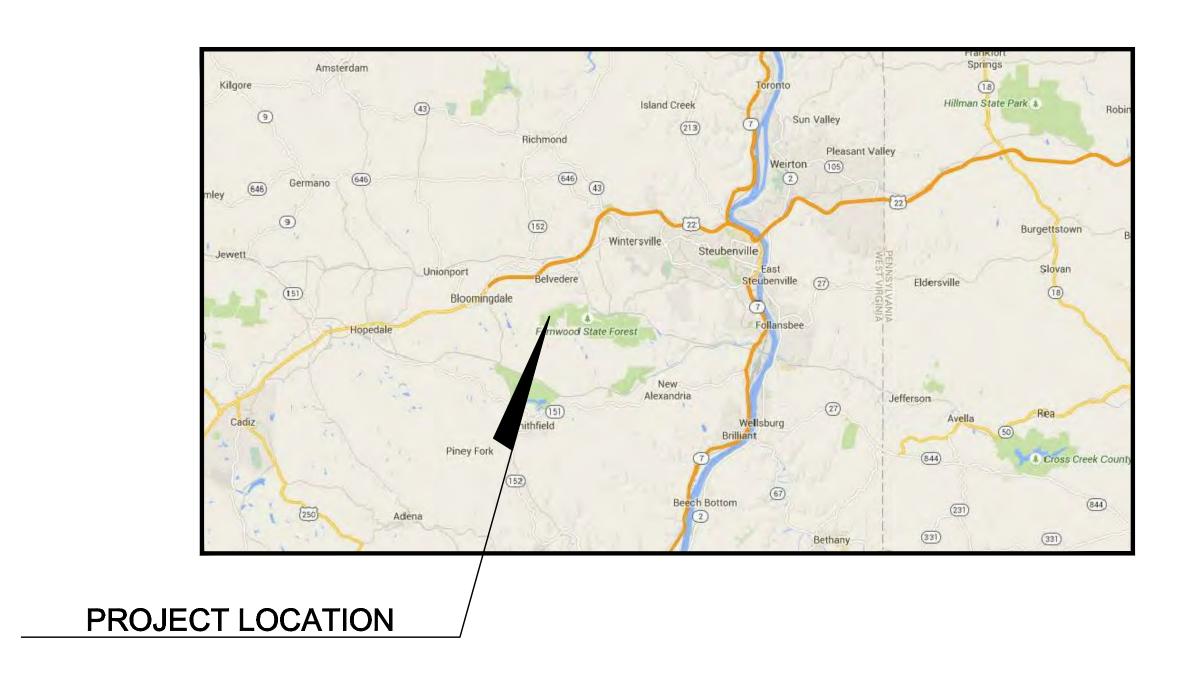
ATTACHMENT 1 USGS TOPOGRAPHIC SITE LOCATION MAP



# ATTACHMENT 2 PERTINENT PLAN SHEETS

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# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FERNWOOD STATE FOREST SHOOTING RANGE IMPROVEMENTS JEFFERSON COUNTY, OHIO



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SHOTGUN RANGE

2 POS. @ 1.5 SP./POS. = 4 SPACES REQUIRED

8 SPACES CURRENTLY PROVIDED

## RANGE INDEX PLAN SCALE: 1" = 80"



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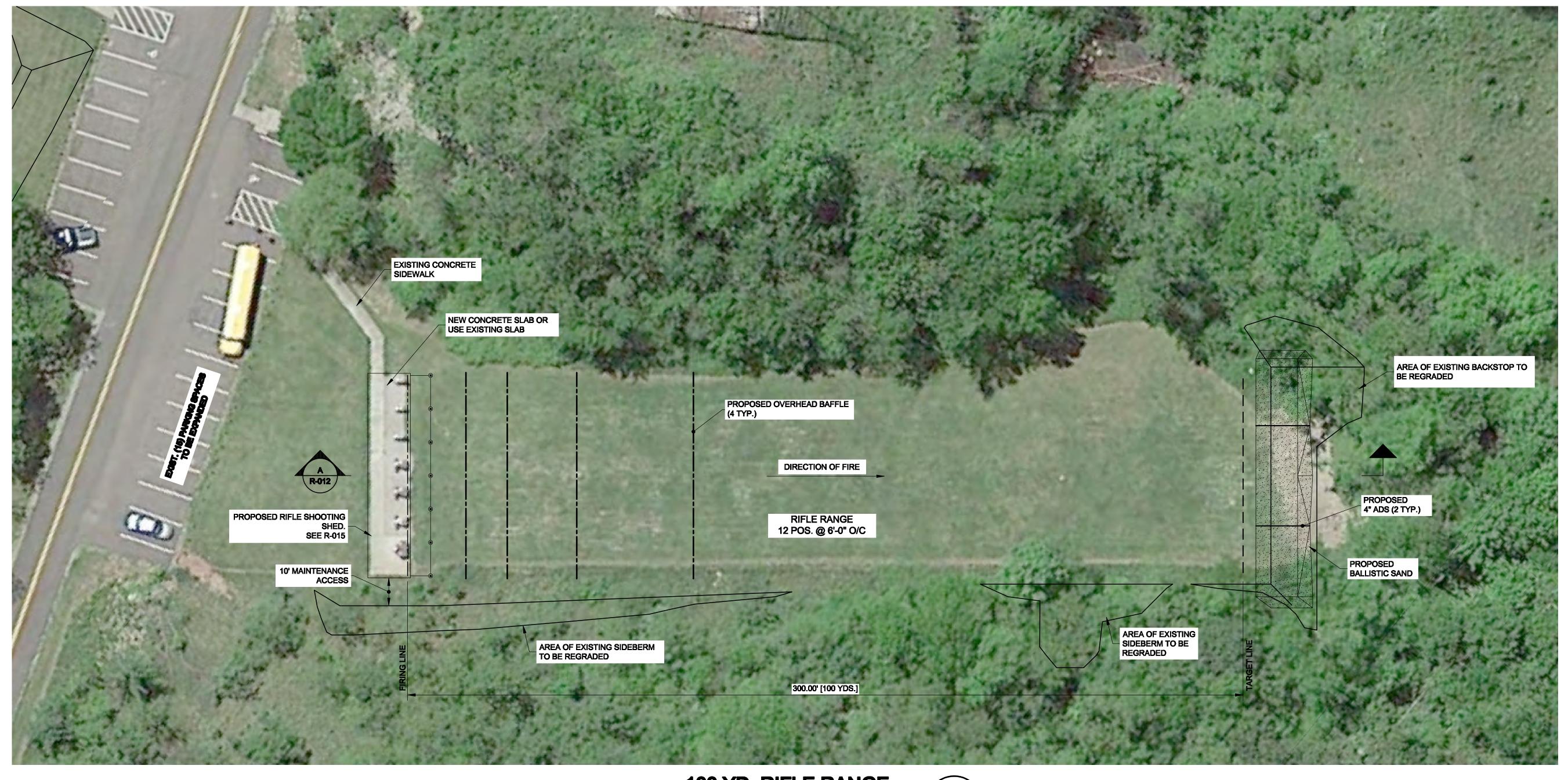
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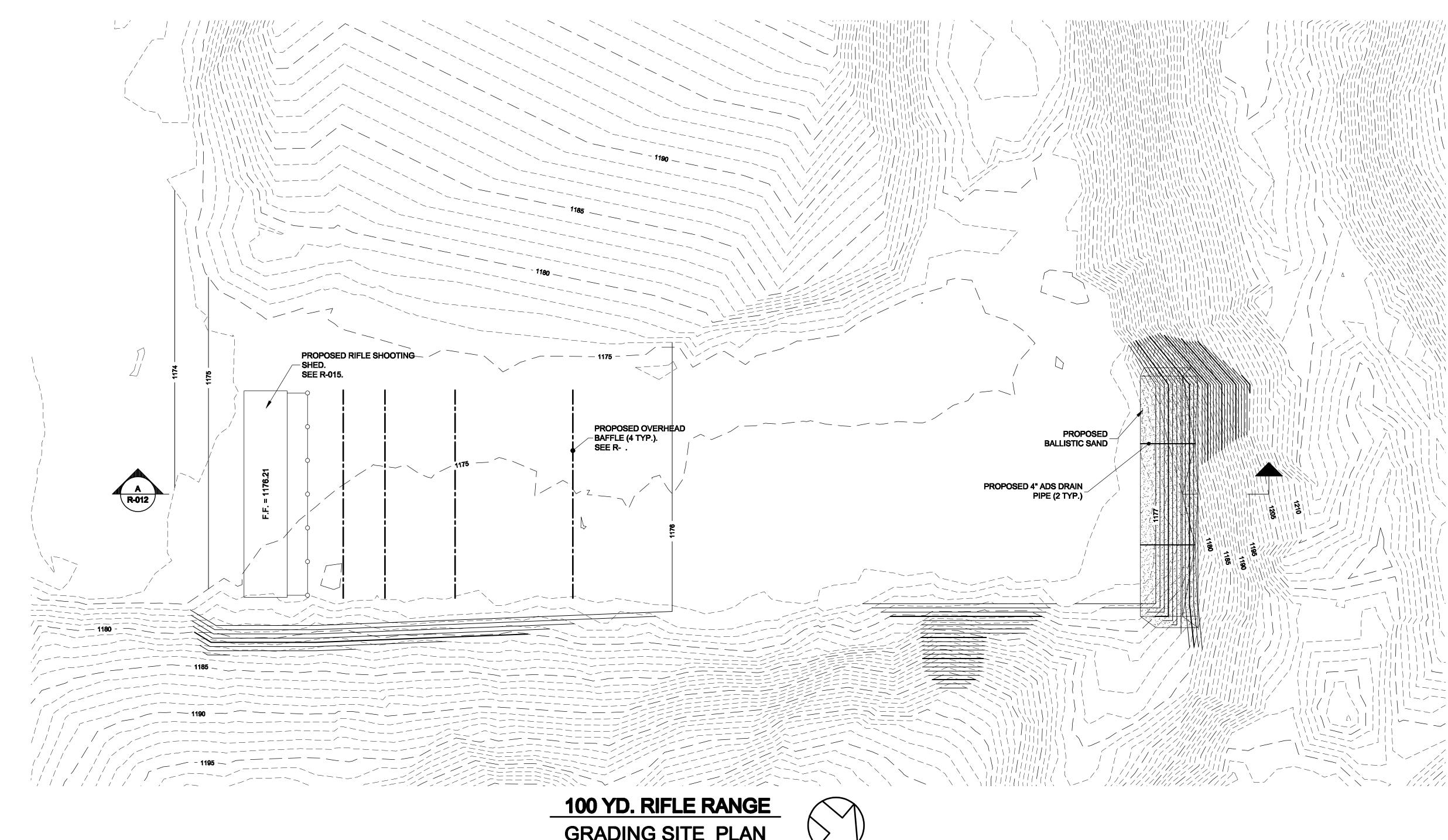
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GRADING SITE PLAN
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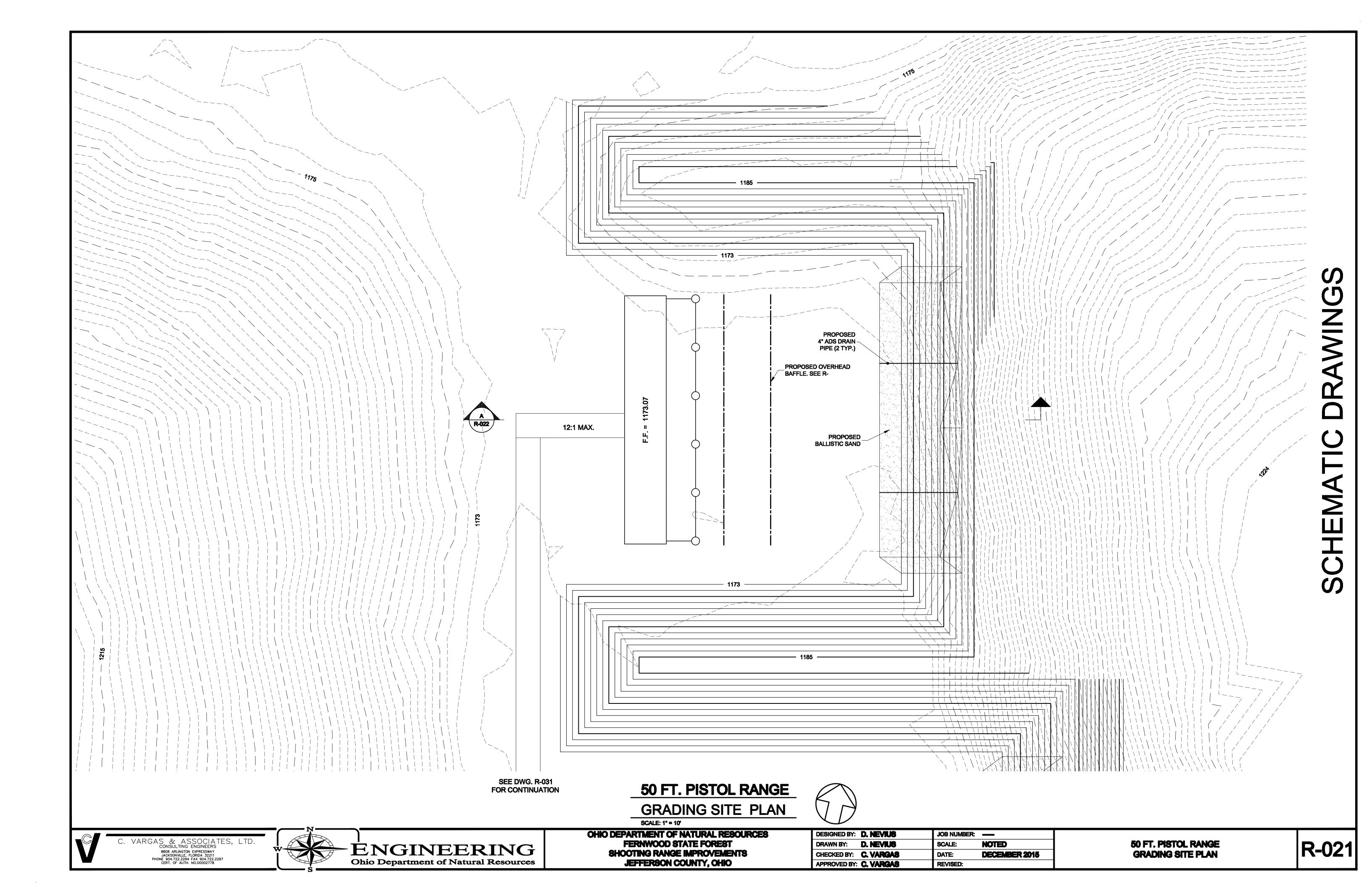


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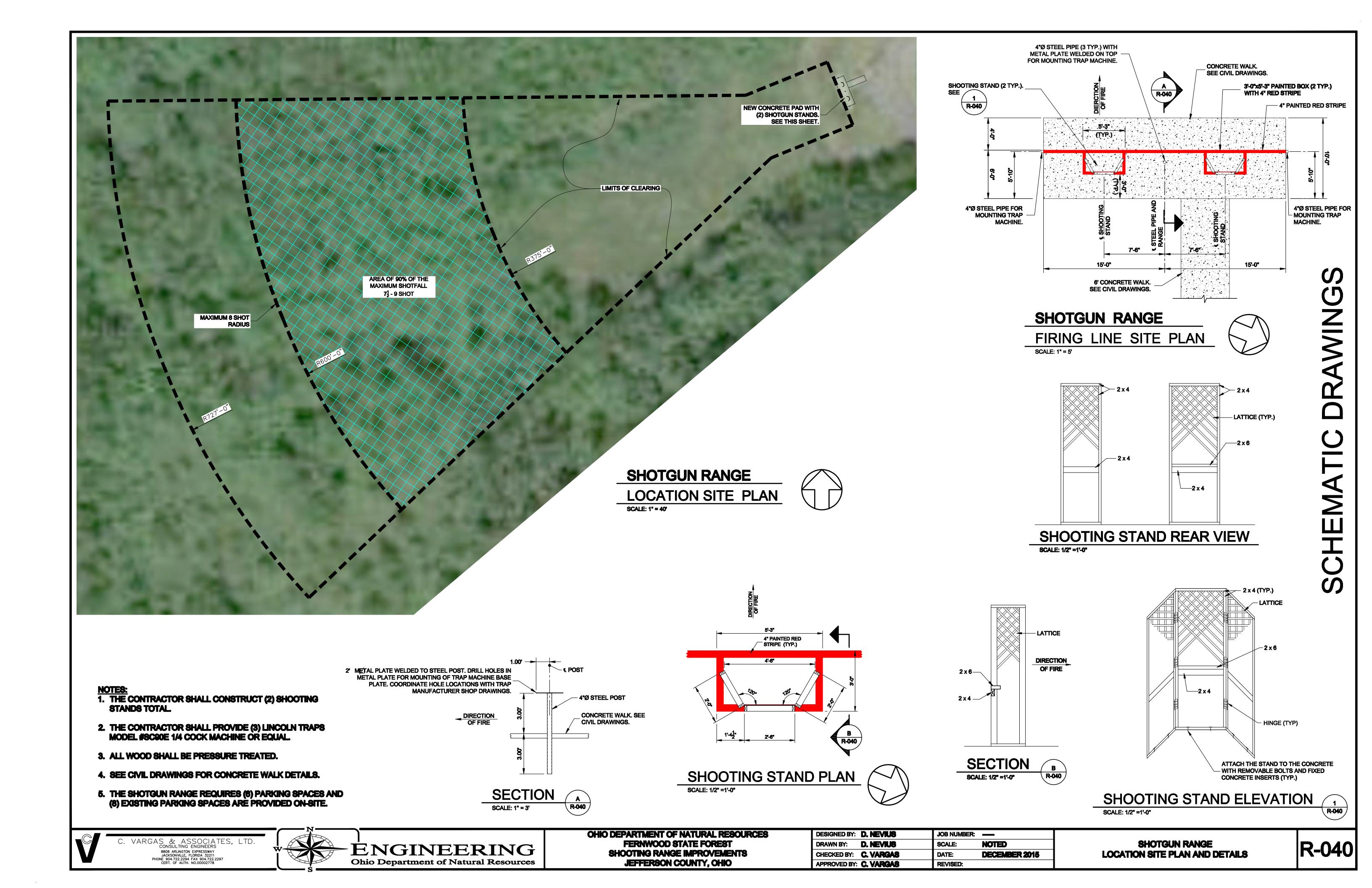




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# ATTACHMENT 3 SUPPORTING SITE MAPS (NWI & FEMA)



#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# **National Wetlands Inventory**

# Fernwood State Forest Ranges

Feb 18, 2015



This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.

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#### PANEL 0250D

## **FIRM**

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

## JEFFERSON COUNTY, OHIO

AND INCORPORATED AREAS

#### **PANEL 250 OF 375**

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

#### CONTAINS

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VILLAGE				_
JEFFERSO	N COUNTY	390294	0250	D
SMITHFIEL	D, VILLAGE OF	390725	0250	D

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Federal Emergency Management Agency

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# ATTACHMENT 4 SECTION 106 CORRESPONDENCE



In replies, please use 2015-JEF-33661

February 5, 2016

Jennifer Walker Burgess & Niple, Inc 5085 Reed Road Columbus, OH 43220

Dear Ms. Walker

Re: Fernwood Shooting Range Improvements, Jefferson County, Wayne Township, Ohio

This letter is in response to your correspondence received on December 14, 2015 (sent December 11, 2015), regarding the Fernwood Shooting Range Improvements project. My comments are in accordance to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the associated regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.

The project involves modifications to the existing shooting range facilities. The construction involves shallow ground disturbances: parking lot expansion, shooting sheds and overhead baffles, adding rifle racks and rifle targets, placement of benches, adding a gravel walkway, installing concrete pads at shotgun range, regrading existing berms, installing a new side berm.

Based on the information submitted, it is my opinion that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. No further coordination is necessary unless the project changes or archaeological remains are discovered during the course of the project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted as per 36 CFR 800.13. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2000, or via email at jbellvillemarrion@ohiohistory.org.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bellville-Marrion, Project Reviews Coordinator

Resource Protection and Review

Ser. 1061241

# ATTACHMENT 5 T&E CORRESPONDENCE (USFWS & ODNR)

#### Walker, Jennifer

From: susan\_zimmermann@fws.gov on behalf of Ohio, FW3 <ohio@fws.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2015 2:08 PM

To: Walker, Jennifer

**Subject:** Proposed Shooting Range Improvements at Fernwood State Forest, Wayne Twp.,

Jefferson Co.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Office
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Columbus, Ohio 43230
(614) 416-8993 / Fax (614) 416-8994



TAILS# 03E15000-2016-TA-0340

Dear Ms. Walker,

We have received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. There are no federal wilderness areas, wildlife refuges or designated critical habitat within the vicinity of the project area. The following comments and recommendations will assist you in fulfilling the requirements for consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) recommends that proposed developments avoid and minimize water quality impacts and impacts to high quality fish and wildlife habitat (e.g., forests, streams, wetlands). Additionally, natural buffers around streams and wetlands should be preserved to enhance beneficial functions. If streams or wetlands will be impacted, the Corps of Engineers should be contacted to determine whether a Clean Water Act section 404 permit is required. Best management practices should be used to minimize erosion, especially on slopes. All disturbed areas should be mulched and revegetated with native plant species. Prevention of non-native, invasive plant establishment is critical in maintaining high quality habitats.

FEDERALLY LISTED SPECIES COMMENTS: All projects in the State of Ohio lie within the range of the federally endangered **Indiana bat** (*Myotis sodalis*) and the federally threatened **northern long-eared bat** (*Myotis septentrionalis*). In Ohio, presence of the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat is assumed wherever suitable habitat occurs unless a presence/absence survey has been performed to document absence. Suitable summer habitat for Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and travel and may also include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots

containing potential roosts (i.e., live trees and/or snags ≥3 inches diameter at breast height (dbh) that have any exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, hollows and/or cavities), as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. These wooded areas may be dense or loose aggregates of trees with variable amounts of canopy closure. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet (305 meters) of other forested/wooded habitat. Northern long-eared bats have also been observed roosting in human-made structures, such as buildings, barns, bridges, and bat houses; therefore, these structures should also be considered potential summer habitat. In the winter, Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats hibernate in caves and abandoned mines.

The proposed project is in the vicinity of one or more confirmed records of northern longeared bats. Therefore, we recommend that trees ≥3 inches dbh be saved wherever possible. Because the project will result in a small amount of forest clearing relative to the available habitat in the immediately surrounding area, habitat removal is unlikely to result in significant impacts to Indiana bats or northern long-eared bats. Since northern long-eared bat presence in the vicinity of the project has been confirmed and presence of Indiana bats is assumed, clearing of trees during the summer roosting season may result in direct take of individuals. If any caves or abandoned mines may be disturbed, further coordination with this office is requested to determine if fall or spring portal surveys are warranted. If no caves or abandoned mines are present and tree removal is unavoidable, we recommend that removal of any trees ≥3 inches dbh only occur between October 1 and March 31. Following this seasonal tree clearing recommendation should ensure that any effects to Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats are insignificant or discountable. Please note that, because northern long-eared bat presence has already been confirmed in the project vicinity, any additional summer surveys would not constitute presence/absence surveys for northern long-eared bats.

If there is a federal nexus for the project (e.g., federal funding provided, federal permits required to construct), no tree clearing should occur on any portion of the project area until consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), between the Service and the federal action agency, is completed. We recommend that the federal action agency submit a determination of effects to this office, relative to the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat, for our review and concurrence.

These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), ESA, and are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Service's Mitigation Policy. This letter provides technical assistance only and does not serve as a completed section 7 consultation document. We recommend that the project be coordinated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources due to the potential for the project to affect state listed species and/or state lands. Contact John Kessler, Environmental Services Administrator, at (614) 265-6621 or at john.kessler@dnr.state.oh.us.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or <a href="mailto:ohio@fws.gov">ohio@fws.gov</a>.



Dan Everson

Field Office Supervisor



#### Ohio Department of Natural Resources

JOHN R. KASICH, GOVERNOR

JAMES ZEHRINGER, DIRECTOR

Ohio Division of Wildlife Scott Zody, Chief 2045 Morse Rd., Bldg. G Columbus, OH 43229-6693 Phone: (614) 265-6300

July 9, 2015

Jennifer Walker Burgess & Niple, Inc. 5085 Reed Rd. Columbus, OH 43220

Dear Ms. Walker,

After reviewing the Natural Heritage Database, I find the Division of Wildlife has no records of rare or endangered species in the Fernwood State Forest Shooting Range Improvements project area, including a one mile radius, in Wayne Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. Outside of this project site being located within a State Forest (ODNR Division of Forestry), we are unaware of any unique ecological sites, geologic features, animal assemblages, scenic rivers, state wildlife areas, nature preserves or parks, national wildlife refuges, parks or forests or other protected natural areas within a one mile radius of the project area. We also have no records for Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) capture locations within a five mile radius or hibernacula within a ten mile radius of the project site. The nearest Bald Eagle nest is approximately 8 ½ miles to the southeast of the project area. Bald Eagle nest locations are based on survey data that was last collected in 2012. Since the Bald Eagle was removed from the state rare species list, the Natural Heritage Program will no longer be maintaining comprehensive Bald Eagle nest data going forward.

Our inventory program has not completely surveyed Ohio and relies on information supplied by many individuals and organizations. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area. This letter only represents a review of rare species and natural features data within the Ohio Natural Heritage Database. It does not fulfill coordination under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S. C. 661 et seq.) and does not supersede or replace the regulatory authority of any local, state or federal agency nor relieve the applicant of the obligation to comply with any local, state or federal laws or regulations.

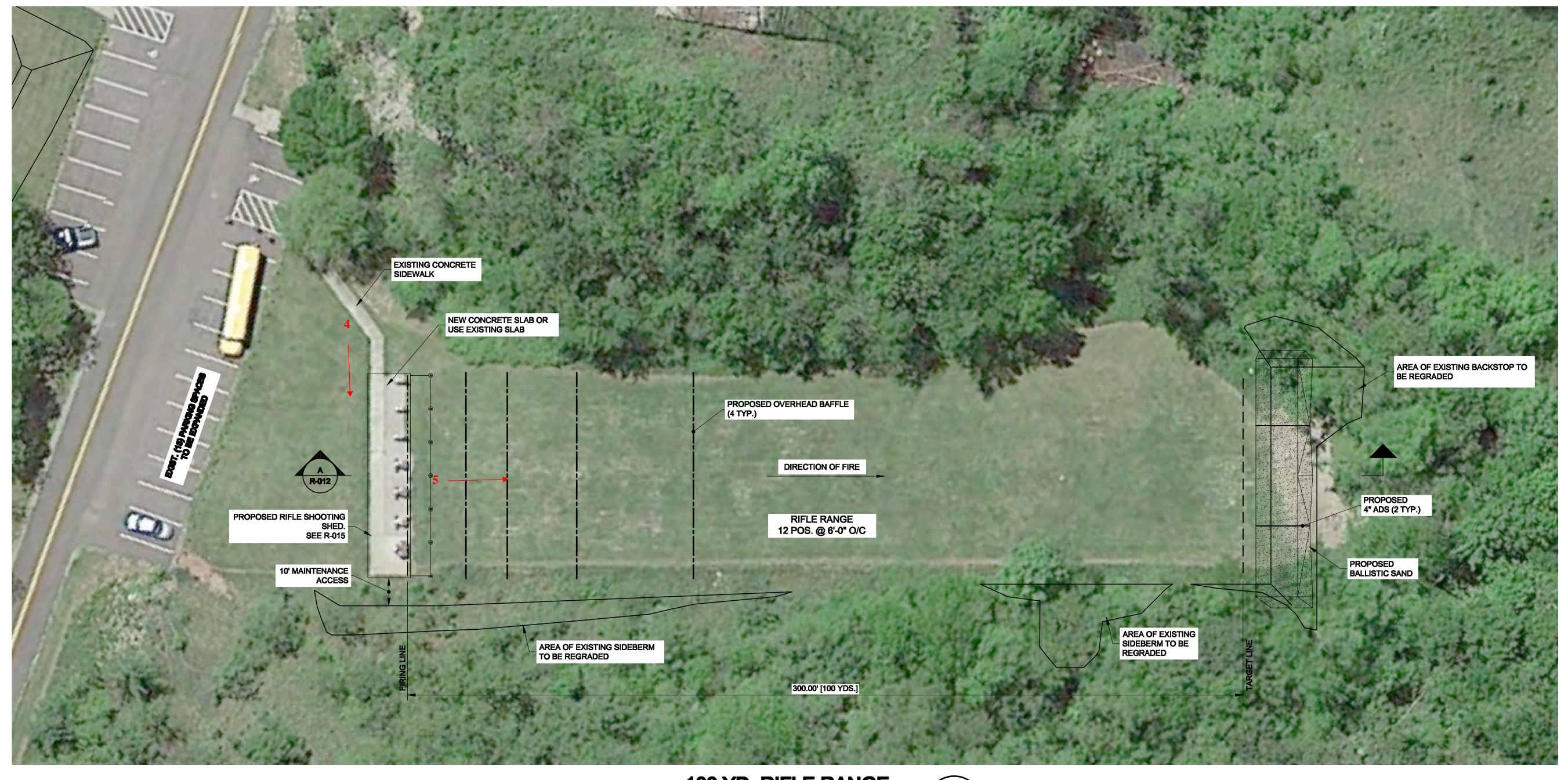
Please contact me at 614-265-6818 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Debbie Woischke Ohio Natural Heritage Database Program

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# ATTACHMENT 6 PHOTOGRAPHS & PHOTO KEY





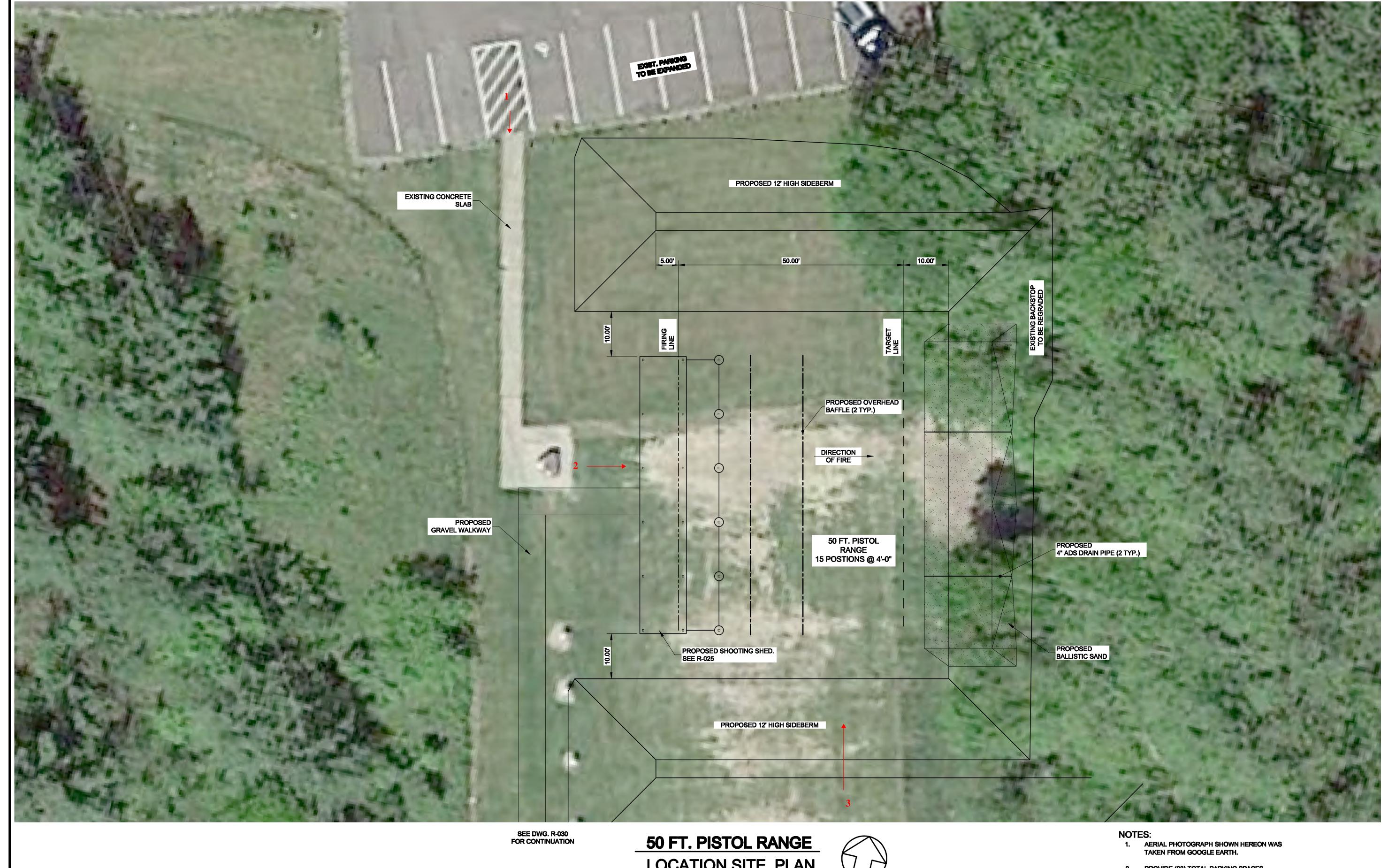
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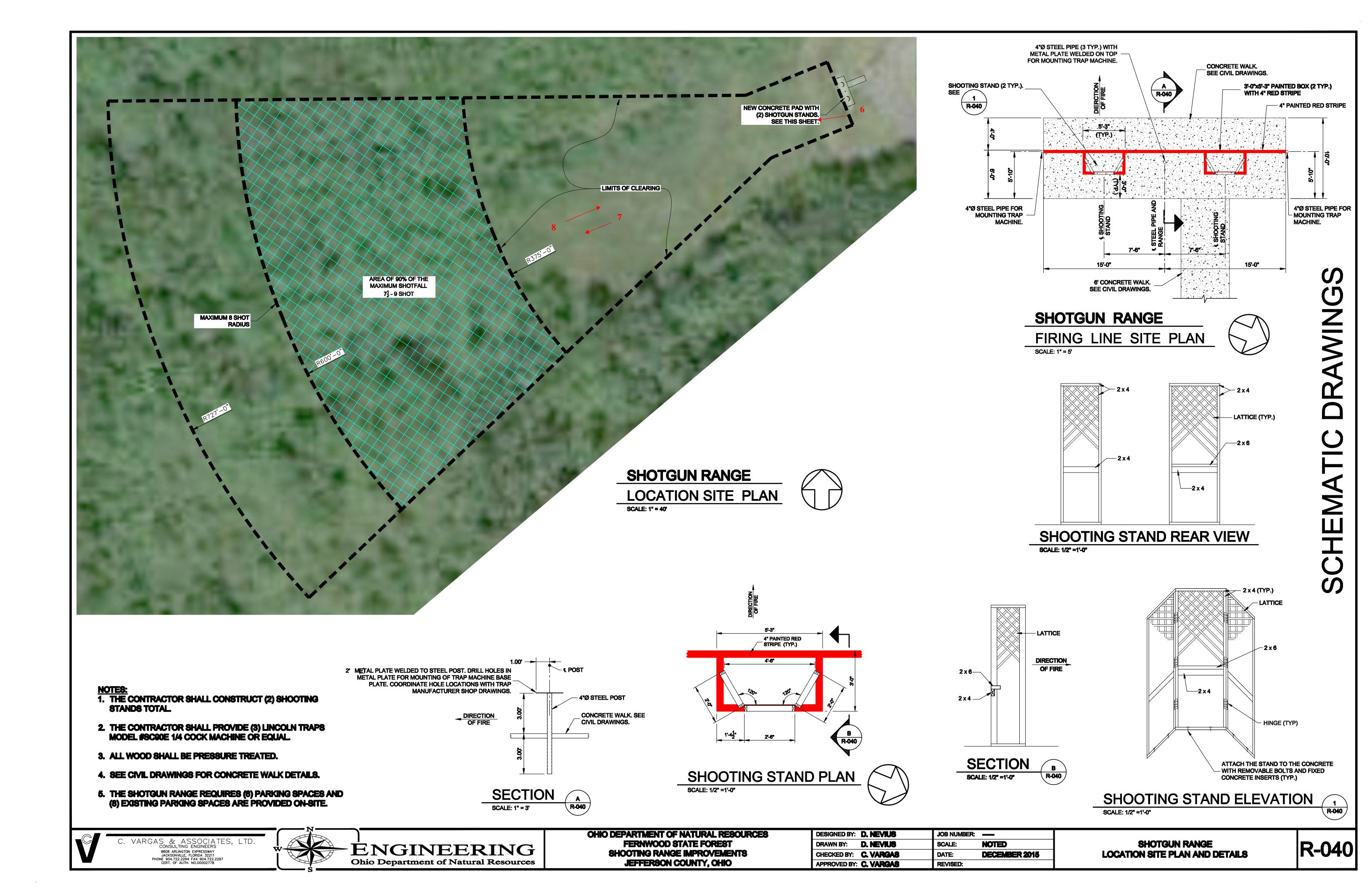


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#### Fernwood State Forest Shooting Ranges



Photograph 1 View of pistol range looking south at benches.



Photograph 2 View of backstop at pistol range looking east from benches.



Photograph 3 Overview of pistol range looking north.



Photograph 4 View of bench area at rifle range looking east from sidewalk.



Photograph 5 Overview of rifle range looking north from benches.



Photograph 6 Overview of trap range looking west from parking lot.



Photograph 7 Overview of herbaceous vegetation located in middle portion of trap range. Photo is looking west.



Photograph 8 Overview of trap range looking east, back at parking lot.