United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

OMB No. 0578-0030
NRCS-PDM-20

DAMAGE SURVEY REPORT (DSR)
Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Recovery

NRCS Entry Only
Eligible: YES ☐ NO ☐
Approved: YES ☐ NO ☐
Funding Priority Number (from Section 4) ____
Limited Resource Area: YES ☐ NO ☐

Section 1A

Date of Report: 09/12/2005

DSR Number: 105-05-0004 Project Number: ____

Section 1B Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name: GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #4

Address: 9040 HIGHWAY 441

City/State/Zip: AMITE, LA 70422

Telephone Number: (985) 748-9310 Fax: ____

Section 1C Site Location Information

County: TANGIPAHOA State: LA Congressional District: 01

Latitude: N 30.66433333 Longitude: W 30.677177778 Section: 33 Township: 45 Range: 7E

N 90.49116667 W 90.50552778

UTM Coordinates: 15

Drainage Name: Velma Drainage Channel Reach: 5200

Damage Description: Trees fallen and trash build up from Hurricane Katrina (8/29/05)

Section 1D Site Evaluation

All answers in this Section must be YES in order to be eligible for EWP assistance.

Site Eligibility	YES	NO	Remarks
Damage was a result of a natural disaster?*	✔		
Recovery measures would be for runoff retardation or soil erosion prevention?*	✔		
Threat to life and/or property?*	✔		
Event caused a sudden impairment in the watershed?*	✔		
Imminent threat was created by this event?**	✔		
For structural repairs, not repaired twice within ten years?**	✔		
Site Defensibility			
Economic, environmental, and social documentation adequate to warrant action (Go to pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 ***)	✔		
Proposed action technically viable? (Go to Page 9 ***)	✔		

Have all the appropriate steps been taken to ensure that all segments of the affected population have been informed of the EWP program and its possible effects? YES ☑ NO ☐

Comments: ____

* Statutory
** Regulation
*** DSR Pages 3 through 5 are required to support the decisions recorded on this summary page. If additional space is needed on this or any other page in this form, add appropriate pages.

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Section 1E Proposed Action

Describe the preferred alternative from Findings: Section 5 A:

Debris from Hurricane Katrina will be removed from main channel in the Velma area of Tangipahoa Parish.

Total installation cost identified in this DSR: Section 3: $ 24,960.00

Section 1F NRCS State Office Review and Approval

Reviewed By: _____ Date Reviewed: _____
State EWP Program Manager

Approved By: _____ Date Approved: _____
State Conservationist

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Section 2 Environmental Evaluation

2A Resource Concerns	2B Existing Condition	2C Alternative Designation		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
		Access debris removal from within the channel and dispose of debris and large trees in an approved site	Leave all debris and large trees in the channel	Access debris removal from only west side of channel and dispose of debris and large trees in an approved site
		2D Effects of Alternatives		
Soil				
Bank erosion	disturbed soils form bank tree falls and uprooting 20T/ac	removal of debris will allow revegetation/reduce loss 5T/ac	bank erosion will decrease with time 20T/ac	remove debris allow revg 10T/ac
Water				
Downstream water rights	water will not have be be withdrawn for removal	no effect	no effect	no effect
DO	Low DO from decreased water flow	Improved DO	Low DO	Improved DO
BOD	High BOD/debris decomposition	Improved BOD by removing detritus	High BOD/decomposition	Improved BOD/less detritus
SVAP - stream health	SVAP = 3.5	Increase value	Decrease value	Increase value
Air				
PM-10	Attainment	Attainment	Attainment	Attainment
Plant				
Aquatic health/vigor	excessive debris limiting growth	debris removal will increase growth potential	continued growth limitation	debris removal will increase growth potential
Animal				
Aquatic habitat	quality reduced/high BOD	quality increased/reduce BOD	quality reduced/high BOD	quality increased/reduce BOD
Aquatic food web	impaired food web altered by excessive detritus and low DO	restore food web	impaired food web	restore food web
Other				
vectors	potential disease transmittal	reduce disease transmittal	potential disease transmittal	reduce disease transmittal

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Section 2E Special Environmental Concerns

Resource Consideration	Existing Condition	Alternatives and Effects		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
Clean Water Act Waters of the U.S.	CWA jurisdiction	Improved water quality; CWA permit required	Poor water quality	Improved water quality
Coastal Zone Management Areas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coral Reefs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural Resources	Channel has been previously altered (FOTG) none on-site	(FOTG) none on-site	(FOTG) none on-site	(FOTG) none on-site
Endangered and Threatened Species	Several species listed in Parish, however no suitable habitat exists on-site	none on-site (FOTG) no suitable habitat on-site no effect	none on-site (FOTG) no suitable habitat on-site no effect	none on-site (FOTG) no suitable habitat on-site no effect
Environmental Justice	Low income in the area but uneffected by actions.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Essential Fish Habitat	(FOTG) No EFH	(FOTG) No EFH	(FOTG) No EFH	(FOTG) No EFH
Fish and Wildlife Coordination	State level review by project type with USFWS &LDWF;	Consultation not required for debris removal	Consultation not required	Consultation not required for debris removal
Floodplain Management	100-year floodplain function is expanded	100-year floodplain function is restored to natural conditions	100-year floodplain function is expanded	100-year floodplain function is restored to natural conditions
Invasive Species	Several exotic species present including Chinese Tallow	Allow for active management to control exotic species	No effect	Allow for active management to control exotic species
Migratory Birds	Food and habitat quality reduced for Neotropical birds	Food and cover quality improved	Food and cover quality reduced	Food and cover quality improved
Natural Areas	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present
Prime and Unique Farmlands	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present
Riparian Areas	Riparian Area impacted by flooding due to debris accumulation	Riparian Area improved by debris removal	Riparian Area impacted by flooding due to debris accumulation	Riparian Area improved by debris removal
Scenic Beauty	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present
Wetlands	Emergent/wooded wetlands also altered with debris	Debris removed adjacent to Wetland; impacts reduced	Emergent/wooded wetlands altered with debris	Debris removal from within Wetland; temporary impacts
Wild and Scenic Rivers	State level review by project type with & LDWF; Located within Tangipahoa watershed.	Permit required	N/A	Permit required

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Section 2F Economic

This section must be completed by each alternative considered (attach additional sheets as necessary).

	Future Damages ($)	Damage Factor (%)	Near Term Damage Reduction
Properties Protected (Private)			
35 Homes x $50,000	1,750,000.00	25	437,500.00
20 Trailors x $10,000	200,000.00	25	50,000.00
Properties Protected (Public)			
Church - 1	50,000.00	10	5,000.00
Business Losses			
2 Businesses	100000	10	10,000.00
Other			
		Total Near Term Damage Reduction $	502,500.00
		Net Benefit (Total Near Term Damage Reduction minus Cost from Section 3)	477,540.00

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Section 2G Social Consideration This section must be completed by each alternative considered

(attach additional sheets as necessary).

	YES	NO	Remarks
Has there been a loss of life as a result of the watershed impairment?	☐	✔	
Is there the potential for loss of life due to damages from the watershed impairment?	✔	☐	Cannot use road to get access to Amite Hospital.
Has access to a hospital or medical facility been impaired by watershed impairment?	✔	☐	
Has the community as a whole been adversely impacted by the watershed impairment (life and property ceases to operate in a normal capacity)	✔	☐	
Is there a lack or has there been a reduction of public safety due to watershed impairment?	✔	☐	

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Section 2H Group Representation and Disability Information

This section is completed only for the preferred alternative selected.

Group Representation	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Non-Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Non-Hispanic	
Asian Female Hispanic	
Asian Female Non-Hispanic	
Asian Male Hispanic	
Asian Male Non-Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Non-Hispanic	77
Black or African American Male Hispanic	
Black or African American Male Non-Hispanic	72
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Non-Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Non-Hispanic	
White Female Hispanic	
White Female Non-Hispanic	23
White Male Hispanic	
White Male Non-Hispanic	21
Total Group	193

Census tract(s)_____

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35 Houses x 3.5 = 122.5 people
20 Trailers x 3.5 = 70
192.5 total people

Velma Area
77% Black 149 Blacks
33% White 44 whites

52% Females
48% Males

77 Black Females
72 Black Males

23 White Females
21 White Males

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Section 2I. Required consultation or coordination between the lead agency and/or the RFO and another governmental unit including tribes:

Easements, permissions, or permits:

Sponsor has secured all relevant easements needed to commence emergency work.
Sponsor will obtain a CWA permit.
Sponsor shall obtain a scenic stream permit through LDWF.

Mitigation Description:

A portion of the debris removal will be from the existing roadway.
Debris shall be disposed of off-site in an approved landfill.
Mitigation is expected to be minimal due to lack of riparian habitat in city limits.

Agencies, persons, and references consulted, or to be consulted:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - New Orleans District - Brian Breaux
Tangipahoa Parish Government
Gravity District Drainage 4
LDWF - Scenic streams permit with Keith Casio
Velma City Representative

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Section 3 Engineering Cost Estimate

Completed By: _____ Date: 09/13/2005

This section must be completed by each alternative considered (attach additional sheets as necessary).

Proposed Recovery Measure (including mitigation)	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost ($)	Amount ($)
				0.00
Obstruction Removal	1		20,960.00	20,960.00
Mobilization	1		4,000.00	4,000.00
				0.00
				0.00
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			Total Installation Cost (Enter in Section 1F)$	24,960.00

Unit Abbreviations:

AC	Acre	LS	Lump Sum
CY	Cubic Yard	SF	Square Feet
EA	Each	SY	Square Yard
HR	Hour	TN	Ton
LF	Linear Feet	Other (Specifiy)	

Alternative A

Channel and Road Crossing Debris Removal

Items of Work

1. Mobilization
2. Obstruction Removal

Working within the channel and disposing of the debris at the Tangipahoa Regional Landfill.

Estimated Construction Time = 5 days

1 Track-hoe		$ 150.00/ hr x 40 hrs = $ 6,000.00
3 Dump Trucks	3 x	$ 40.00/ hr x 40 hrs = $ 4,800.00
1 Foreman		$ 25.00/ hr x 40 hrs = $ 960.00
2 Chainsaws	2 x	$ 30.00/ hr x 40 hrs = $ 2,400.00
8 Semiskilled Outside Laborers	8 x	$ 15.00/ hr x 40 hrs = $ 4,800.00
		$18,960.00
		Miscellaneous Equipment = $ 2,000.00
		Obstruction Removal = $ 20,960.00
		Mobilization = $ 4,000.00

Total Cost $ 24,960.00

9/12/05
Date

Karl Barry
Karl Barry
Agricultural Engineer

Section 3
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Bickman Chapel Canal

Alternative B

Work performed all from top bank of Bickman Chapel Canal.

Items of Work

1. Mobilization
2. Obstruction Removal
3.

Construction Time = 8 days

1 Track-hoe with Extended Boom	$ 150.00/ hr x 64 hrs = $ 9,600.00
3 Dump trucks	3 x $ 40.00/ hr x 64 hrs = $ 7,680.00
1 Foreman	$ 25.00/ hr x 64 hrs = $ 1,600.00
2 Chainsaws	2 x $ 30.00/ hr x 40 hrs = $ 2,400.00
8 semiskilled outside laborers	8 x $ 15.00/ hr x 64 hrs = $ 7,680.00
	$ 28,960.00
	Miscellaneous Equipment = $ 2,000.00
	Obstruction Removal = $ 30,960.00
	Mobilization = $ 5,000.00

Total Cost for Alternative B $ 35,960.00

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Date

Karl J. Barry
Karl Barry
Agricultural Engineer

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Section 4 NRCS EWP Funding Priority

Complete the following section to compute the funding priority for the recovery measures in this application (see instructions on page 10).

Priority Ranking Criteria	Yes	No		Ranking Number Plus Modifer
1. Is this an exigency situation?	☑	☐		1e
2. Is this a site where there is serious, but not immediate threat to human life?	☑	☐		
3. Is this a site where buildings, utilities, or other important infrastructure components are threatened?	☑	☐		
4. Is this site a funding priority established by the NRCS Chief?	☑	☐		
The following are modifiers for the above criteria			**Modifier**	
a. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve federally-listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat?				
b. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve cultural sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places?				
c. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve prime or important farmland?				
d. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve existing wetlands?				
a. Will the proposed action or alternatives maintain or improve current water quality conditions?			e	
f. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve unique habitat, including but not limited to, areas inhabited by State-listed species, fish and wildlife management area, or State identified sensitive habitats?				

Enter priority computation in Section 1A, NRCS Entry, Funding priority number.

Remarks:

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Section 5A Findings

Finding: Indicate the preferred alternative from Section 2 (Enter to Section 1E):

I have considered the effects of the action and the alternatives on the Environmental Economic, Social; the Special Environmental Concerns; and the extraordinary circumstances (40 CFR 1508.27). I find for the reasons stated below, that the preferred alternative:

✓ Has been sufficiently analyzed in the EWP PEIS (reference all that apply)
Chapter 5.2.2.1.2
Chapter 5.2.2.2.1
Chapter _____
Chapter _____
Chapter _____

____ May require the preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. The action will be referred to the NRCS State Office on this date:

NRCS representative of the DSR team

Title: Donny Latuts Date: 9/13/05

Section 5B Comments:

Section 5C **Sponsor Concurrence:**

Sponsor Representative

Title: President Date: 9/13/05

Section 6 Attachments:

A. Location Map
B. Site Plan or Sketches
C. Other (explain)

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SWAP:

7	Channel Condition
3	Hydrologic Alteration
3	Riparian Zone
10	Bank Stability
7	Water Appearance
7	Nutrient Enrichment
8	Barriers to Fish Movement
8	Instream Fish Cover
7	Pools
7	Insect/ Invertebrate Habitat
7	Canopy Cover

70/ 11 = 6.4 Fair

- No long term fish habitat at upper end.
- Wooded riparian buffer along east and west of channel.
- Culverts present at road crossing and bridges.
- Stream is intermittent in nature.
- Area in question is mostly a wooded riparian channel except for in township areas.
- Very little aquatic life present, except for some small fish areas isolated within channel.

Kris Davis, Wildlife Biologist

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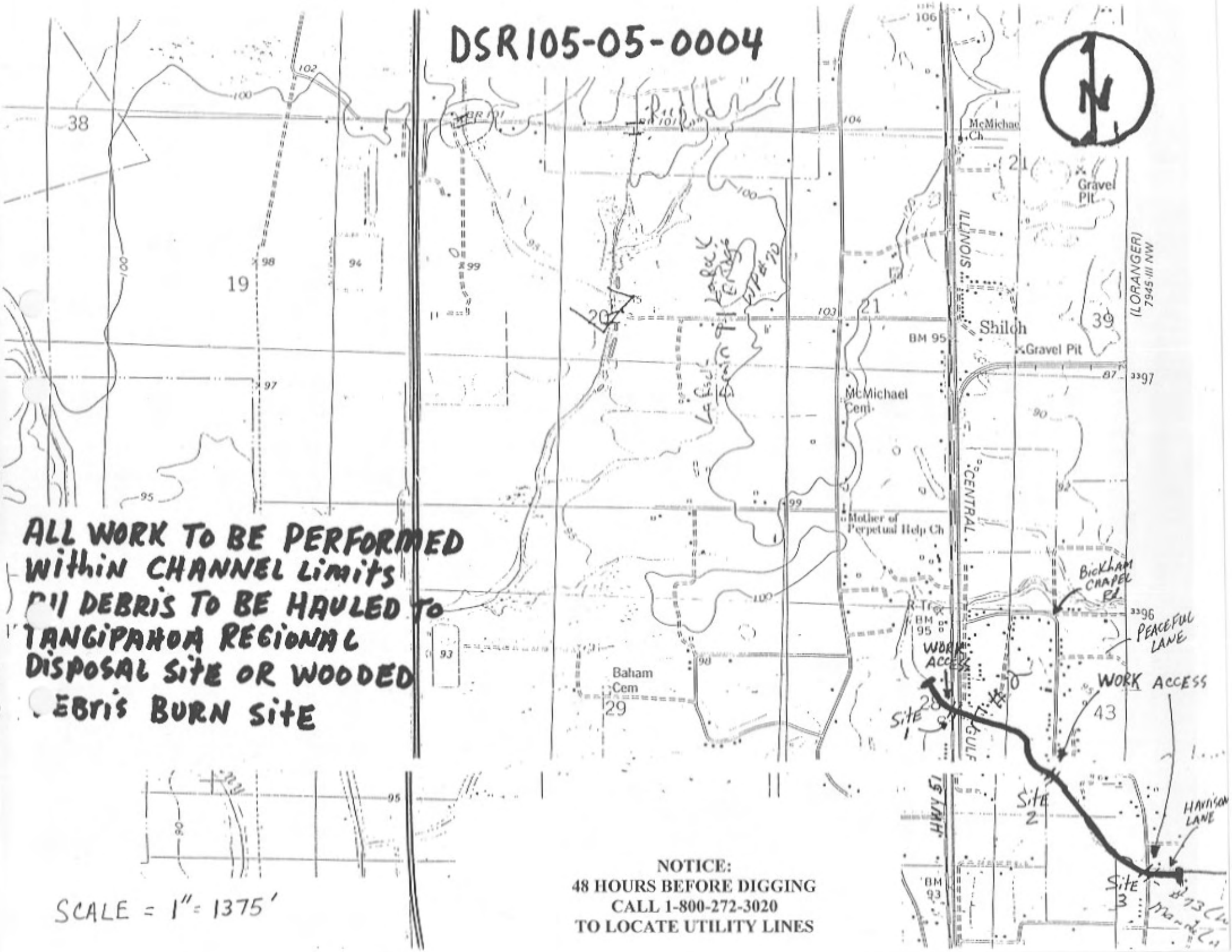

ALL WORK TO BE PERFORMED
WITHIN CHANNEL LIMITS
ALL DEBRIS TO BE HAULED TO
TANGIPAHOA REGIONAL
DISPOSAL SITE OR WOODED
DEBRIS BURN SITE

SCALE = 1" = 1375'

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