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Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58

Project Information

Project Name: Estacionamiento Urbano – PR-CRP-000505

Responsible Entity: Puerto Rico Department of Housing State/Local Identifier: Puerto Rico

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Project Location: Parque Street, Bo. Pueblo Rincón, PR 00677

Coordinates: 18.3407989, -67.253325) Refer to Attachment 1 for Location Map.

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The project involves the construction of a public parking lot, which will include the following components:

- The Municipality of Rincón is the owner of the solar equipment, therefore no acquisition is required.
- Preparation of the ground to ensure proper installation of asphalt pavement and concrete in all designated areas.
- Installation of bumper protectors and wheel stops.
- Construction of approximately 65 parking spaces.
- Installation of pavers and/or porous concrete at access entrances to ensure ADA compliance.
- Green Initiatives:
 - Landscaping improvements.
 - o Installation of solar-powered lighting poles.
 - Protection and delimitation of an existing Ceiba tree within the parking lot area.
- Installation of signage as needed throughout the parking area.
- Construction of surface drainage infrastructure, including gutters and curbs, to ensure proper water flow.
- Construction of a vehicular entrance.
- Creation of rest areas, including a canopy with fixed furniture for user comfort.
- Development of an observation area near the "Ojo de Agua," located at a significant distance from the water source for safety and preservation purposes.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, many businesses and residences within the Urban Center of Rincón suffered extensive damage, leading to significant economic setbacks and the loss of jobs, particularly among low- and moderate-income residents. To foster economic revitalization, encourage the repopulation of the Urban Center, and support local employment opportunities, it is crucial to expand the existing "Ojo de Agua" public parking lot.

The selected site was chosen due to its proximity to the municipal urban core and to serve as an extension of the current parking infrastructure, ultimately facilitating easier access, boosting economic activity, and contributing to the overall resilience and development of the community.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

There is an existing parking and an undeveloped site. The proposed activity locates in urban land and it's classified as a residential touristic zone. The site integrates natural and built elements through preserved vegetation, stormwater management systems, and varied terrain. It is located outside the boundaries of the Traditional Urban Center

of Rincón surrounded by the Parque Rafael Rivera Romero to the north, residential properties in Bo. Pueblo to the south, residential properties on Progreso Street and Ojo de Agua Street, as well as Residencial Santa Rosa to the east, and Condominio Chalet del Mar and unoccupied land to the west. This space is being created to meet the need for people to have additional and accessible parking spaces within the community. If the proposed project is not implemented, the parking will not be improved to meet needs, safety, and accessibility requirements for the local community residents and visitors. Therefore, the no action alternative does not meet the purpose and need of the Project.

Funding Information

| Grant Number | HUD Program | Funding Amount |
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| B-17-DM-72-0001; | Community Development | |
| B-18-DP-72-0001; | Block Grant – | 611 020 162 220 00 |
| B-19-DP-78-0002; | Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) | \$11,938,162,230.00 |
| B-18-DE-72-0001 | | |

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$1,261,470.14

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$1,261,470.14

Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

| Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6 | Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required? | Compliance determinations |
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| STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AI | ND REGULATIONS | LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6 |
| Airport Hazards | Yes No | The closest civilian airport to the Project site is the |
| 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D | | Eugenio Maria de Hostos Airport (MAZ), located in Mayagüez, approximately 9.31 miles (49,084.8 feet) southwest of the project site. The nearest military airport is Luis Muñoz Marín International |
| | | Airpor at 80.51 miles (425,350 feet) to the northeast of the project site. |
| | | The project is not located within 15,000 feet of a military airport, or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. |

| Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501] Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC | Yes No Yes No W | The Project complies with Airport Hazard requirements. For further Information see Attachment 2. According to the Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper, the closest CBRS Unit is PR-75: Espinar, located approximately 7.7 miles (40,656 feet) northwest of the Project. The Project complies with Coastal Barrier Resources requirements. For further Information see Attachment 3. Per Floodplain Insurance Map 72000C0485J, effective date November 18, 2009, the entirety of the project site is located in flood Zone X, thus outside of all special flood hazard areas. The proposed project is not required to carry flood insurance. The Project complies with Flood |
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| 5154a] | | Insurance requirements. For further Information see Attachment 4 . |
| STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AI | ND REGULATIONS | |
| Clean Air Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93 | Yes No | The site is within the Municipio of Rincón, which is in Attainment Area for all 6 NAAQS criteria pollutants. The nearest nonattainment municipality, Arecibo, which is in nonattainment for Lead (2008 standard), is 36.23 miles (191,316.23 feet) from the site. As such, the project is in compliance with Clean Air Act requirements. For further Information see Attachment 5A-B . |
| Coastal Zone Management Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d) | Yes No | The proposed action is in the Municipality of Rincón, a coastal community. Portions of the project are located inside the PR Coastal Vulnerability area. The Puerto Rico Planning Board, during its meeting on July 24, 2024, issued a General Federal Consistency Certification under resolution JP-2024-004. This certification confirms the project's alignment with the Puerto Rico Coastal Management Program (PRCZMP) for initiatives financed through Federal funds under theCDBG-MIT programs. An Application for Certification of Consistency with the Puerto Rico Coastal Management Program was submitted to the Puerto Rico Planning Board. It was determined on November 25, 2024, that the project at reference won't have any negative impacts on the identified systems. Additionally, the wetland inside the project site will not be developed and it will be protected by including a buffer zone of five meters around all wetlands. The project site is not within Zone AE. |

| | | The Project complies with Coastal Zone Management requirements. For further information see attachment 6A-B. |
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| Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2) | Yes No | According to the NEPAssist database, there are regulated sites within a 3,000-foot radius of the project site. However, a detailed analysis confirms that all these sites are either downstream from the |
| | | project location or compliant with relevant regulations. |
| | | A review of nearby regulated sites using the EPA tool ECHO identified five (5) sites within a 3,000-foot radius of the project site. These sites include SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE JOHANNA E. CAMACHO, PUERTO BAHIA RESIDENTIAL PROJECT, MR. ALBERTO SANCHEZ - RINCON, MDF Instruments Craftech LLC and Surgical Specialties Puerto Rico Inc. Although these sites are located downstream from our project site, we recognize the importance of considering their potential impact on local communities and the environment, especially since. Potential impacts of these nearby regulated sites were evaluated, considering factors such as pollution sources, emissions, and compliance information as well as distance to the project site. Based on distance from the project site and absence of a significant violation, it was determined that these sites will not impact the project. An inspection conducted on March 7, 2024, identified lead-based paint in two elements of the project site (a metal bench and a curb measuring approximately 3 linear feet), for which a mitigation plan will be implemented. On the same day, an Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) inspection was performed by Abraham Rodríguez, a DRNA/AHERA certified asbestos building inspector, following a modified ASTM E2356-18 protocol. In March 2024, Senior Biologist Elvin Roldan visited the site for the preparation of the wetland characterization report and Merymar Ortiz, representative of Applied Engineering Group. See report in Attachment 14B and site photos in Attachment 16. During the site visit, data was collected to support the Environmental Review Record (ERR) process, ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other applicable |
| | | regulations. The key focus areas included identifying potential environmental impacts related to the |

| | | location of the parking lot in areas that includes sensitive soil that needs to be properly treated. All visible evidence of previously developed area of residential, farming and natural, where observed. Overall, the gathered data indicates there was no evidence of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals or gases, or radioactive substances, as well as any storage tanks, drums, or other visible evidence of contamination. The inspection involved a visual assessment, and no suspected materials were found, resulting in no samples being collected. Since the proposed project does not involve a residence or mid- to long-term occupancy (greater than 4 hours a day) of employees or customers (e.g., office, school, hospitals, stores, etc.), radon exposure will not be a health issue. In conclusion, the project complies with the Contamination and Toxic Substances requirements. Refer to Attachment 7A, 7B, 7C & 7D. |
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| Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402 | Yes No | Consultation with the USFWS started on October 24, 2024. All the required documentation submitted to the agency is available in Attachment 8B. On January 2, 2025, a letter was issued in response to the informal consultation stating: "Using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system, the PRDE has determined that the proposed project lies within the range of Puerto Rican boa (Chilabothrus inornatus) and West Indian manatee (Trichechus manatus). The Caribbean Determination Key (DKey) in the IPaC application was used to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project on federally listed species (Project code: 2024-0074858). Based on the answers provided, a concurrence letter was obtained for the Puerto Rican boa, which determined that the proposed actions for this project may affect but is not likely to adversely affect (NLAA) this species. The Service acknowledges receipt of the NLAA DKey concurrence letter for the Puerto Rican boa. Based on the nature of the project, scope of work, information available, and analysis of the area where the project will be developed, the PRDOH has determined that the proposed project would have no effect (NE) on the West Indian manatee |

since all work will be conducted inland. The Service acknowledges receipt of PRDOH's NE determination for the West Indian manatee. Currently, we do not have information to refute that determination. Because the PRDOH made a NE determination, the PRDOH is not required to conduct formal or informal Section 7 consultation with the Service, and the Service is not required to concur with PRDE's NE determination. With regard to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, we recommend that to avoid impacts to Wetland 2 (as identified in the project documents) and as shown in the wetland assessment, the proposed project footprint should be changed to maintain the existing condition of the wetland. Parking spaces 27 through 30 should be converted to a buffer zone, green open space, or another feasible alternative that preserves the existing conditions of PEM1F. Also, sediment and erosion controls will be implemented to prevent sediment discharges and deposition during both construction phases and operation."

Per these recommendations, the proposed design was re-designed to incorporate the determination. PRDOH, in a letter dated April 24, 2025, formally acknowledged receipt of the USFWS's recommendations, providing design plans

implementing the changes to convert parking spaces 27 through 30 into a buffer zone and green open space. Additionally, a best sediment and erosion management practices will be implemented during construction and operation. The nearest critical habitat is approximately 17.1 miles (90,288 feet) from the project location. The project has been determined to May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect the Puerto Rican boa, as confirmed by the USFWS through the Caribbean DKey concurrence letter issued on January 2, 2025. For the West Indian manatee, the project has been determined to have No Effect (NE) since all activities will occur on land, with no interaction with water bodies.

If a Puerto Rican boa is encountered during work, operations will immediately cease until the boa safely moves off-site. If the boa does not relocate on its own, the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (PRDRNA) Rangers

| Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C | Yes No | will be notified to ensure its safe capture and relocation, following the USFWS Puerto Rican Boa Conservation Measures guidelines. Therefore, the project complies with Endangered Species Act requirements. Refer to Attachment 8A & 8B. The proposed project does not include a hazardous facility that mainly stores, handles, or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities. Planned activities in the |
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| 24 CIN Part 31 Subpart C | | project area do not include installation of storage tanks. The project would not introduce new residents and would not involve an increase in employees or clients. Based on the examination of aerial and street views, it has been confirmed that there are no aboveground storage tanks within the acceptable separation distance. The Project is in compliance with Explosive and Flammable Hazards requirements. For further information refer to Attachment 9 . |
| Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658 | Yes No | Th proposed project is located , the land's classification as residential within an urban area permits the construction of a parking lot facility, provided it adheres to the design requirements of governing agencies. Additionally, per the Puerto Rico Planning Board's – terrain use map the project site falls under urban land. Based on these factors, the project complies with Farmland Protection requirements. For further information refer to Attachment 10A-B. |
| Floodplain Management Executive Order 24 CFR Part 55 | Yes No | The proposed project is located in combined floodplain zones per FEMA's Advisory Baseline Flood Elevations Map, revised 12/11/2018, https://gis-r2-fema.hub.arcgis.com/ . The 8—Step Decision-Making Process was performed. The Step 2 Early public notice was published on local newspaper "Primera Hora" on September 3, 2024, the fifteen days were allowed, and no comments were received. It was determined that there is no practical alternative locating the project outside of floodplain and wetland due to the necessities of expanding the existing public parking lot. Impacts to the wetland will be minimized due to the project will be designed to include a buffer zone of atleast five (5) meter wide around the wetland and utilize native plant species for landscaping. Construction techniques |

| | | will include erosion control measures, stormwater management practices, and the use of sustainable materials. These strategies collectively aim to reduce the project's negative impact on the environment and promote sustainability. The Step 7 Final Notice was published on local newspaper "Primera Hora" on May 16, 2025, no comments were received. This project is in compliance with Floodplain Management requirements, particularly Executive Order 11988, 24 CFR Part 55. |
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| Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800 | Yes No | Refer to Attachment 11A, 11B & 11C. The information and documentation collection commenced in August 2024, consultation process began after and it was submitted to PRSHPO on 06/12/2025. On 06/27/2025, the Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office issued a written communication concurring with a determination of no adverse effect upon the historic properties provided that should the Agency discover other historic properties at any point during project implementation, it should notify the SHPO immediately. The project is in compliance with National Historic Preservation Act requirements. Refer to Attachment 12. |
| Noise Abatement and Control Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B | Yes No | The proposed project does not involve establishment of new residences, an increase in residents, or introduction of other noise sensitive uses. The project does not require further evaluation under HUD's noise regulation. The noise that will be produced during construction is generated by the operation of construction equipment. All equipment and machinery will have noise dampers maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations to control noise generation. Construction activities will be carried out during the day and have minimal impacts on the neighboring community. The noise levels attributable to construction activities will be temporary in nature and is not expected to exceed 65 dBA. Therefore, the project complies with Noise Abatement and Control requirements. |
| Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149 | Yes No | There are no EPA sole source aquifers in Puerto Rico. Furthermore, the project consists of activities that are unlikely to have an adverse impact on groundwater resources. Nearest EPA sole aquifers |

| | | is located at Florida, at more than 900 miles (4,752,000 feet) approximately. The project follows Sole Source Aquifer requirements. Refer to Attachment 13. |
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| Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5 | Yes No | The proposed project includes is a minor portion of 0.31 acres of emergent wetland as shown in the NWI Wetland Mapper at https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/wetlands/apps/wetlands-mapper/. The 8–Step Decision-Making Process was performed. The Step 2 Early public notice was published on local newspaper "Primera Hora" on September 3, 2024, the fifteen days were allowed, and no comments were received. It was determined that there is no practical alternative locating the project outside of floodplain and wetland due to the necessities of expanding the existing public parking lot. While the proposed project includes is a minor portion of Ojo de Agua emergent wetland, measures will be implemented to preserve the environment in its current state. Impacts to the wetland due to the proposed project will be minimized by designing a buffer zone of at least five (5) meter wide around the wetland and utilize native plant species for landscaping. Construction techniques will include erosion control measures, stormwater management practices, and the use of sustainable materials. These strategies collectively aim to reduce the project's negative impact on the environment and promote sustainability. The Step 7 Final Notice was published on local newspaper "Primera Hora" on May 16, 2025, no comments were received. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5, for the protection of wetlands. Refer to Attachment 14A & 14B. |
| Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c) | Yes No | (Rfo Mameyes, Rfo Icacos and Rfo De La Mina), located on the east side of Puerto Rico. The proposed Project is located on the west coast of Puerto Rico, approximately 96 miles (506,880 feet) west of said rivers. There would be no impact to Wild and Scenic Rivers. Therefore, the Project follows Wild and Scenic Rivers requirements. Refer to Attachment 15. |

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 &1508.27] Recorded below is the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable and supportive source

documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. All conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.

Impact Codes: Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact May require mitigation
- **(4)** Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

| Environmental Assessment Factor | Impact Code | Impact Evaluation |
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| Assessment Factor | Code | |
| | | LAND DEVELOPMENT |
| Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design | 1 | The project site encompasses approximately 1.7 acres of land situated within urban land in a tourist zone. The proposed development will conform to local land use plans by providing additional parking, thereby enhancing infrastructure within the developed area of the municipality of Rincón. It is compatible with existing land use and zoning regulations, with new structures designed to meet agency requirements. The project will integrate well with the surrounding environment; its size, design, materials, and placement will be consistent with the existing parking facilities, ensuring a cohesive and appropriate redevelopment of the site. |
| Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff | 2 | The soil characteristics support the requirements for the proposed land use. According to the plan, new structures will be built, and existing slopes will be modified to facilitate the construction of the parking lot. A superficial drainage system will be installed to ensure proper flow of rainwater. Although there is no current evidence of erosion or sediment accumulation on the site, an erosion control plan will be implemented during the construction phase to prevent any potential issues. |

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| Hazards | 2 | The project located in an urbanized area would involve |
| and Nuisances | | demolition, and construction that will be addressed in accordance |
| including Site Safety | | with regulations and standard BMPs. Once constructed, would not |
| and Noise | | create additional hazards or nuisances, or safety or noise issues. |
| and Noise | | During construction, communication with the community is |
| | | recommended, and neighboring residents will be provided with |
| | | advance notice of the construction period to facilitate awareness |
| | | and minimize potential disruptions. |
| Environmental | Impact | |
| Assessment Factor | Code | Impact Evaluation |
| | | SOCIOECONOMIC |
| Employment | 2 | As the proposed project involves constructing a public parking |
| and Income | | lot, it will generate increased temporary employment |
| Patterns | | opportunities during the construction phase. However, it will not |
| | | result in significant long-term employment or income changes |
| | | once the project is completed, as it primarily serves as |
| | | infrastructure improvement. |
| Demographic | 2 | The proposed project would not result in demographic |
| Character | 2 | character changes or displacement. Due to the nature of the |
| | | project area, no relocations or demolition of residential |
| Changes, | | |
| Displacement | | structures or businesses would occur as part of this project. The |
| | | proposed project will have a limited construction timeframe |
| | | and would not likely impact the physical dimensions of the |
| | | community. |
| Environmental | Impact | Impact Evaluation |
| Assessment Factor | Code | · |
| - | | MUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES |
| Educational and | 2 | According to the scope of work, the proposed new parking |
| Cultural | | area will be developed on a vacant solar site by expanding an |
| Facilities | | existing parking lot. The project is not expected to impact |
| | | educational or cultural facilities, as it will not contribute to an |
| | | increased student population or place additional strain on local |
| | | schools. Additionally, it will not generate any issues related to |
| | | cultural or community facilities. |
| Commercial Facilities | 1 | Since the project involves the construction of an expansion of an |
| | | existing public parking lot, it is expected to provide economic |
| | | benefits by increasing parking capacity within the urban area of |
| | | the municipality of Rincon. This enhancement is likely to support |
| | | local commerce by improving accessibility for residents and |
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| | | visitors. Additionally, the project is not anticipated to |
| | | negatively affect any existing commercial facilities. |

| Health Care and Social | 2 | The proposed activity would not increase demand for health |
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| Services | | care and social services facilities within the community. |
| Solid Waste Disposal/ Recycling | 2 | The activities would generate solid waste (i.e., construction debris). Project-wide salvaging/recycling of materials would occur as determined feasible with other program requirements. All other materials would be taken to the appropriate landfills. A solid waste management plan would be developed and implemented to ensure that all potentially hazardous solid waste is handled properly, and that daily capacities of landfills and other solid waste facilities are not exceeded. During the operation of the proposed activity will have available trash bins rand recycling bins at different locations that will be collected by the municipality service. |
| Wastewater/ Sanitary Sewers | 2 | The project proposal doesn't require a wastewater / sanitary sewer due to there won't be any bathroom's construction. The project will be completed in compliance with the current building code. |
| Water Supply | 2 | Per the project scope, there is no need to provide water supply or the parking lot. The project will be completed in compliance with the current building code. |
| Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical | 2 | The proposed project would not increase the area population and so demand for police, fire, and emergency medical services in the community would not increase. Services at the project site would be provided by the existing community police, fire, and emergency medical services. |
| Parks, Open Space and Recreation | 2 | Since the project involves constructing an expansion of an existing public parking lot, it will provide additional parking spaces for residents and visitors, facilitating access to the urban center of the municipality of Rincón. |
| Transportation and Accessibility | 1 | As an expansion of an existing public parking lot, the project will help meet the growing demand for additional parking spaces. Additionally, the design will incorporate ADA-compliant parking spots to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. |
| | | NATURAL FEATURES |
| Unique Natural Features, Water Resources | 2 | While the proposed project includes a minor portion of Ojo de Agua emergent wetland, measures will be implemented to preserve the environment in its current state. Impacts to the wetland due to the proposed project will be minimized by designing a buffer zone of at least five (5) meter wide around |

| | | the wetland and utilize native plant species for landscaping. Construction techniques will include erosion control measures, stormwater management practices, and the use of sustainable materials. These strategies collectively aim to reduce the project's negative impact on the environment and promote sustainability. |
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| Vegetation, Wildlife | 2 | The project will incorporate landscaping using native vegetation o ensure compatibility with the local environment. This approach will help protect local wildlife and maintain the community's characteristic landscape. |
| Other Factors | 2 | There are no other factors to consider for this project. |
| | | ENERGY |
| Energy Efficiency | 1 | The proposed activity includes installation of solar lighting resulting in energy efficiency for the municipality of Rincón. |

Additional Studies Performed:

Asbestos-Containing Materials and Lead base paint Assessment (Attachment 7D). Wetland Characterization (Attachment 14B).

Field Inspection (Date and completed by):

Asbestos-Containing Materials inspection on March 7, 2024, by Abraham Rodríguez, AES International representative. See Attachment 7D.

Lead-Based Paint inspection on March 7, 2024, by Abraham Rodríguez, AES International representative. See Attachment 7D.

In March 2024, Senior Biologist Elvin Roldan visited the site for the preparation of the wetland characterization report and Merymar Ortiz, representative of Applied Engineering Group. See report in Attachment 14B and site photos in Attachment 16. During the site visit, data was collected to support the Environmental Review Record (ERR) process, ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other applicable regulations. The key focus areas included identifying potential environmental impacts related to the location of the parking lot in areas that includes sensitive soil that needs to be properly treated.

All visible evidence of previously developed area of residential, farming and natural, where observed.

Overall, the gathered data indicates the following:

The main environmental feature onsite is the presence of an emergent freshwater wetland designated as PEMIF, as identified by the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI).

The overall condition of this feature was noted for determining if proper BMPs are being placed to minimize further loss and further impact to existing natural condition of this area. Also the USDA's web soil survey was checked to document soil type found in project Area.

Additional Site characteristics include:

- There was no evidence of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals or gases, or radioactive substances, as well as any storage tanks, drums, or other visible evidence of contamination.
- The project does not have a direct impact with any endangered species; however
 the project implemented and has incorporated as part of the environmental
 process recommendations given by USFW including erosion and sediment
 controls to prevent sediment discharges during construction, also 4 parking spots
 will be transformed to a natural area buffer; This to further mitigate the project.
- A rain ditch crosses the project's area. Based on the data collected, the gathered data confirmed that the proposed project qualifies for a categorical exclusion, as it does not involve activities that could significantly alter the physical or environmental landscape."

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

- Consultation regarding potential impacts on the Puerto Rican Boa (Chilabothrus inornatus) and the West Indian Manatee (Trichechus manatus).
- Date of Consultation: January 2, 2025
- Contact: Lourdes Mena, Field Supervisor, USFWS Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office

Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (PRDNER)

- Consultation regarding environmental impact assessments, species conservation measures, and wetland preservation.
- Contact: PRDNER

Rangers Puerto Rico

Planning Board (PRPB)

- Issuance of Federal Consistency Certification under the Puerto Rico Coastal Management Program (PRCZMP).
- Date of Certification: July 24, 2024
- Contact: Luis E. Lamboy Torres, Director, Geology and

Hydrogeology Office Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH)

- Coordination regarding project scope, community benefits, and alignment with recovery efforts post-Hurricane Maria. Contact: Eng. Aldo A. Rivera Vázquez, Director, Program Management Recovery Office
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Review and approval of funding and compliance with CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT regulations.

- Contact: HUD Representatives Public Stakeholders
- Public notices and outreach efforts regarding the project's potential impacts, benefits, and opportunities for community feedback.
- Contact: Local residents and businesses within the municipality of Rincón State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
- Consultation regarding potential impacts to cultural and historic resources within the project area.
- Contact: SHPO, Puerto Rico

List of Permits Obtained:

None

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]:

Public outreach for the PR-CRP-000505 project, conducted in accordance with 24 CFR 50.23 and 58.43, was integrated into the 8-step decision-making process due to the project's location within the 0.2% annual probability flood zone and presence of wetlands. This process promoted transparency and community engagement by evaluating potential risks, exploring practicable alternatives, and implementing mitigation measures to reduce adverse impacts. Public notices were issued to inform stakeholders about the project's scope, expected effects, and protective actions, such as maintaining a minimum five-meter buffer zone around wetlands and complying with floodplain management standards. Feedback received from the public was incorporated into the decision-making process, ensuring that the project aligned with community needs and environmental preservation objectives.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

In accordance with 24 CFR 58.32 (Aggregation), there are no cumulative impacts associated with the proposed project. The repair and improvements to the existing public space area would not change the land use of the spaces or the adjoining parcels. A slight increase in use of the spaces would result from their restoration and improvement.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e); 40 CFR 1508.9]

As required by 24 CFR 58.40(e) and 40 CFR 1508.9, alternatives to the proposed project were thoroughly evaluated. The "no action" alternative was considered, which would entail no expansion of the existing parking lot. However, this option would fail to address the growing demand for public parking in the urban developed zone, limiting accessibility and hindering economic growth in the area. Other potential locations were also assessed but deemed less practical due to their distance from the urban core and inadequate infrastructure. The proposed site, adjacent to the current parking facility, is the most suitable, offering additional parking capacity in a strategic location that supports urban development while minimizing environmental and economic disruptions. The project incorporates green initiatives and ensures wetland preservation, making it the most viable and beneficial alternative for the community.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]:

Under the No Action Alternative, as mandated by 24 CFR 58.40(e), the expansion of the parking lot in Rincón would not proceed. Consequently, the urgent need to increase parking capacity in the urban zone would remain unfulfilled, leading to ongoing congestion, reduced accessibility for residents and visitors, and missed opportunities for local economic revitalization. This inaction would also impede the municipality's ability to provide improved infrastructure to meet the demands of recovery and redevelopment efforts following Hurricane Maria. Therefore, the No Action Alternative does not adequately address community needs or align with sustainable development objectives.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

In summary, the proposed project is not expected to generate significant negative environmental impacts and is anticipated to offer substantial benefits, particularly for local commerce, by expanding safe public parking options within Rincón's urban center. The project design incorporates measures to mitigate environmental concerns, including wetland preservation with buffer zones, protections for local wildlife, and adherence to floodplain management and green infrastructure best practices. By addressing the increasing parking demand in a strategic location, the project will improve accessibility, bolster economic development, and support the overall revitalization of the area.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

| Law, Authority, or Factor | Mitigation Measure | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Endangered Species | Conservation measures for the Puerto Rican Boa need to be implemented if the Boa is encountered during construction. | | | |
| Coastal Zone Management | All construction activities will adhere to the guidelines established by the Puerto Rico Coastal Management Program (PRCZMP) and comply with the Federal Consistency Certification issued by the Puerto Rico Planning Board. During construction, debris will be promptly collected and properly disposed of to prevent any adverse impacts on nearby coastal resources and habitats. Additionally, Best Management Practices (BMPs), such as the installation of erosion control barriers and regular monitoring of construction activities, will be implemented to prevent sedimentation and debris from entering surrounding areas. | | | |

| Contamination and Toxic Substances | Lead-based paint removal will be carried out in accordance with the requirements and guidelines set by local agencies before construction begins. |
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| Floodplain Management | Mitigation measures will be implemented to minimize adverse impacts, including confining construction activities to previously developed areas and employing design strategies that limit soil disturbance. Additionally, green infrastructure will be used to effectively manage stormwater and enhance the resilience of the floodplain. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), incorporating Best Management Practices (BMPs), will be prepared to control runoff and sedimentation during construction. |
| Wetlands Protection | A protective buffer zone of at least 5 meters will be established around all wetlands within the project site, in accordance with recommendations from senior biologists and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) consultation guidelines. This buffer will remain undisturbed, with implemented measures to prevent encroachment during construction. Additionally, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be developed, incorporating Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize surface runoff, ponding, and sedimentation in receiving waterways throughout construction activities |

Determination:

| ⊠ Finding of No Significant □ □ | t Impact [24 CFR 58.40{g)(I); 40 CFR 1. | 508.27] |
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| The project will not result in a environment. | a significant impact on the quality of | f the human |
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| Preparer Signature: | The I do V Rosa | Date: September 2, 2025 |
| Name/Title/Organization: | Jose De La Rosa Reyes/Applied Engi Sol V Rosa / Env Reviewer / Tetratech | ineering Group |
| Certifying Officer Signature: | | _Date: <u>September 11, 20</u> 25 |
| Name/Title: Mónica M. Machuc | a Ríos / Permits and Environmental Com | pliance Specialist |

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

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| 14 | Wetlands |
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Project Site Location



Attachment 1: Project Site Location Map

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°).

Source: NEPAssist

Website: https://nepassisttool.epa.gov/nepassist/nepamap.aspx

Airports Hazards



Attachment 2: Airport Hazards

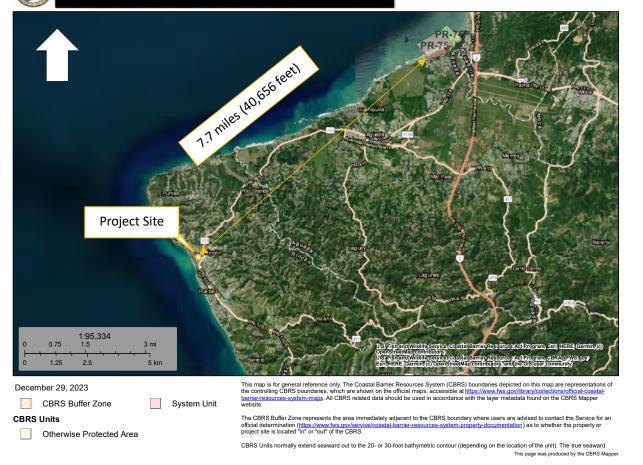
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PR-CRP-000505 Coastal Barrier

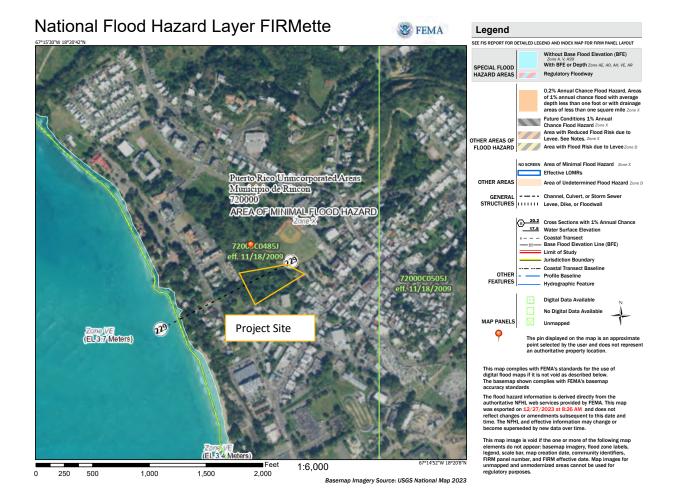


Attachment 3: Coastal Barrier Resources

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: USFWS Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper Website: https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/CBRSMapper-v2/



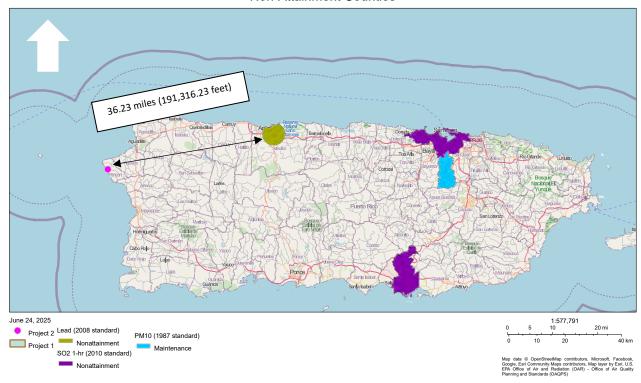
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Source: FEMA Flood Map Services Center Website: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home

Non-Attainment Counties



Attachment 5A: Distance to Non-attainment County Map

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

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Source: Nepa Assist Tool

Website: https://nepassisttool.epa.gov/nepassist/nepamap.aspx

Puerto Rico Nonattainment/Maintenance Status for Each County by Year for All Criteria Pollutants

| County | NAAQS | Area Name | Nonattainment in Year | | Classification | Whole or/ Part County | Population (2010) | State/ County FIPS Codes |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| PUERTO RICO | | | | | | | | |
| Arecibo Municipio | Lead (2008) | Arecibo, PR | 11. 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 | 11 | | Part | 32,185 | 72/013 |
| Bayamon Municipio | Sulfur Dioxide (2010) | San Juan, PR | 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 | 11 | | Part | 22,921 | 72/021 |
| Catano Municipio | Sulfur Dioxide (2010) | San Juan, PR | 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 | 11 | | Whole | 28,140 | 72/033 |
| Guaynabo Municipio | PM-10 (1987) | Mun. of Guaynabo, PR | 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 | 02/11/2010 | Moderate | Part | 90,470 | 72/061 |
| Guaynabo Municipio | Sulfur Dioxide (2010) | San Juan, PR | 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 | 11 | | Part | 23,802 | 72/061 |
| Salinas Municipio | Sulfur Dioxide (2010) | Guayama-Salinas, PR | 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 | 11 | | Part | 23,401 | 72/123 |
| San Juan Municipio | Sulfur Dioxide (2010) | San Juan, PR | 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 | 11 | | Part | 147,963 | 72/127 |
| Toa Baja Municipio | Sulfur Dioxide (2010) | San Juan, PR | 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 | // | | Part | 52,441 | 72/137 |

Important Notes

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Attachment 5B: EPA Greenbook Data – nonattainment areas

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: NEPA Assist Tool

Website: https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/anayo_pr.html

Prepared by: Applied Engineering Group

Puerto Rico Coastal Vulnerability Viewer



Attachment 6A: Coastal Zone

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: Puerto Rico Coastal Vulnerability Viewer

Website: Puerto Rico Coastal Vulnerability Viewer (arcgis.com)

| Attachment 6 | B Supporting Docu | ımentation for (| `oastal Zone |
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GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

PUERTO RICO PLANNING BOARD

November 25, 2024

Eng. Aldo A. Rivera Vázquez

Director from Program Management Recovery Office (PRDOH) PR Department of Housing PO Box 21365 San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00928-1365

Federal Consistency Certification Federal Assistance with CDBG funds from the City Revitalization Program (CRP) CZ-2024-0522-174 / PR-CRP-000505

Cadastral Number: 124-000-005-38

Urban Parking

Ensenada Ward, Rincón

Dear Engineer Rivera:

The Puerto Rico Department of Housing submitted the application of reference to obtain federal assistance from the CDBG-DR funds through the City Revitalization Program. As a result of Hurricane Maria, businesses and homes located in the Downtown area suffered damage, including the loss of jobs, mainly among low- and moderate-income people. To encourage the repopulation of the Downtown area and promote economic development in the area to create new jobs, it is necessary to expand the urban parking lot in Ojo de Agua.

It involves the expansion of an existing parking lot in the urban area known as "Ojo de Agua" and the construction of approximately 100 parking units, green initiatives such as landscaping works, installation of solar lighting poles, installation of signs accordingly, construction of a drainage system, some rest area (construction of a "canopy" with fixed furniture), and an area to observe the "Ojo de agua" (that will be substantially distant), among others improvements that not impact this site and the channel, while highlighting its naturalness and helping to preserve it.



The Project won't have any negative impacts on the identified systems. Additionally, the wetland inside the project site will not be developed and it will be protected by including a buffer zone of five meters around all wetlands. The project site is not within Zone AE

The proposed project is in Parque Street PR-413 KM HM 0.7 Int.; Ensenada Ward, in the municipality of Rincón.

The Puerto Rico Planning Board in its meeting of *July 24, 2024*; emitted a General Federal Consistency Certification with the Puerto Rico Coastal Management Program (PRCZMP), under resolution *JP-2024-004* for projects to be financed with Federal funds under the CDBG-MIT programs.

The section D of this resolution establishes that Federal assistance awarded under CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT programs for infrastructure projects (sidewalks, roads, highways, services lines, public squares) projects, are **consistent** with the PRCZMP.

This determination does not preclude the possibility of the need to obtain any other permit or endorsement from other Commonwealth or Federal Agencies. Thanks for your cooperation with our Program. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Maryguel Fuentes at 787-723-6200 ext. 16017 or her e-mail address: fuentes m@jp.pr.gov.

Cordially,

Luis E. Lamboy Torres

Director

Geology and Hydrogeology Office

c: Department of Housing, environmentalcdbg@vivienda.pr.gov Mrs. Leilani González Negrón, MBA, legonzalez@vivienda.pr.gov

MFL/





Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Office of the Governor Puerto Rico Planning Board Physical Planning Area Land Use Planning Bureau

Application for Certification of Consistency with the Puerto Rico Coastal Management Program

General Instructions:

- A. Attach a 1:20,000 scale, U.S. Geological Survey topographic quadrangular base map of the site.
- B. Attach a reasonably scaled plan or schematic design of the proposed object, indicating the following:
 - 1. Peripheral areas

Lambert Coordinates:

- 2. Bodies of water, tidal limit and natural systems.

| C. | You may attach any further information you consider necessary for proper evaluation of the proposal. |
|-----|---|
| | If any information requested in the questionnaire does not apply in your case, indicate by writing "N/A" (not applicable). |
| Е. | Submit a minimum of seven (7) copies of this application. |
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| 1. | Name of Federal Agency: Puerto Rico Department of Housing (Responsible Entity) |
| 2. | Federal Program Catalog Number: 14.218 Community Development Block Grant - Disaster |
| | Recovery (CDBG-DR) / City Revitalization Program |
| 3. | Type of Action: |
| | Federal Activity License or permit Federal Assistance |
| 4. | Name of Applicant: Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) |
| 5. | Postal Address: PO Box 21365, San Juan, PR 00928-1365 |
| | Telephone: 787-274-2527 Fax: N/A |
| 6. | Project name: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505) |
| 7. | Physical Description of Project Location (area, facilities such as vehicular access, drainage, storm and sanitary sewer placement, etc.): |
| | There is an existing parking lot and an undeveloped lot to be used for incrementing parkings for the |
| | community. |
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| Type of construction or other work proposed: | | | | | | |
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| | channeling | landfill | sand extraction | | | |
| ☐ pier | ☐ bridge | residential | tourist | | | |
| others (specify and ex | xplain): Parking pavement an | d drainage system | | | | |
| Description of proposed work: | | | | | | |
| The project consists of the construction of a parking lot that will include the following: preparation | | | | | | |
| of the ground to carry out a correct installation of asphalt pavement and concrete in all required | | | | | | |
| areas, installation of bumper protectors/wheel stops, construction of approximately 72 parking units | | | | | | |
| (ADA compliance units and motorcycle units), form pavers and/or porous concrete at access | | | | | | |
| entrances (ADA compliance), green initiatives such as landscaping works, installation of solar | | | | | | |

lighting poles, inside the existing parking lot, there is a tree (Ceiba) which will be protected and delimited, installation of signs accordingly, construction of a drainage system, construction of an entrance, construction of some rest area (construction of a "canopy" with fixed furniture), construction of an area to observe the "Ojo de agua" (the observation area will be substantially

9. Natural, artificial, historic or cultural systems likely to be affected by the project

distant from the "ojo de agua").

Place an X opposite any of the systems indicated below that are in the project area or its surroundings, which are likely to be affected by that activity. Indicate the distance from the project to any outside system that would likely be affected.

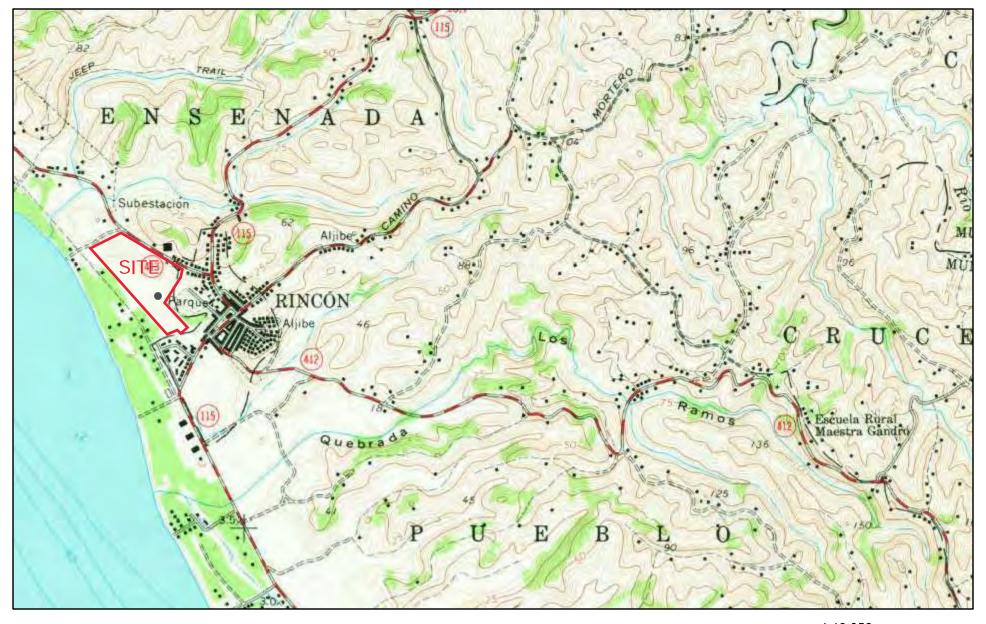
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|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------------------|
| | Project | Project | (meters) | affected system |
| beach, dunes | | X | 175 | Balneario de Rincón |
| marshes | X | | Inside | Caño Ojo de Agua, |
| | | | | wetland |
| coral, reefs | | X | 1,700 | Tres Palmas |
| river, estuary | | X | 800 | Quebrada Los |
| | | | | Ramos |
| bird sanctuary | | X | 40,571 | Refugio Nacional de |
| | | | | Vida Silvestre |
| | | | | (Boquerón) |
| pond, lake, lagoon | | X | 23,000 | Laguna Joyuda |
| agricultural unit | | X | 17,000 | Estación agrícola |
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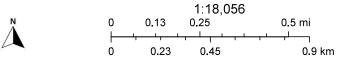
| cliff, breakwater | | X | 3000 | El Faro de Rincón | | |
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| cultural or tourist area | | X | 3000 | El Faro de Rincón | | |
| other (explain) | | X | 70 | Zone AE | | |
| Describe the likely impact of the project on the identified system (s). | | | | | | |
| Positive 🖂 | | | Negative [| | | |
| Explain: The Project won't have any negative impacts on the identified systems. The Project will have place a mitigation plan that guarantees the conservation of the natural resources that are close to project, additionally the wetland inside the project site will not be developed and it will be protected by including a buffer zone of five meters around all wetlands. In addition, the project site is within Zone AE. | | | | | | |
| 10. Indicate permits, approvals and endorsements of the proposal by Federal and Puerto Rican government agencies. Evidence of such support should be attached to the proposal. | | | | | | |
| | Ye | s No | Pending | Application Number | | |
| a. Planning Board | | | | 24-53849-PLC-300130 | | |
| b. Regulation and Permits Administra | tion | | | 24-53849-SRA-300097 24-53849-DEC-302564 | | |
| c. Environmental Quality Board | | | | | | |
| d. Department of Natural Resources | | | | | | |
| e. State Historic Preservation Office | | | | | | |
| f. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | | | | | | |
| g. U.S. Coast Guard | | | | | | |
| h. Other (s) (specify) | | | | | | |
| CERTIFICATION | | | | | | |

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT <u>Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)</u> is consistent with the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program, and that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true.

| Aldo A. Rivera-Vázquez, PE | | | |
|---|-----------|--|--|
| Name (legible) | Signature | | |
| Director for Program Management, Disaster Recovery Office, PRDOH | 5/22/2024 | | |
| Position | Date | | |

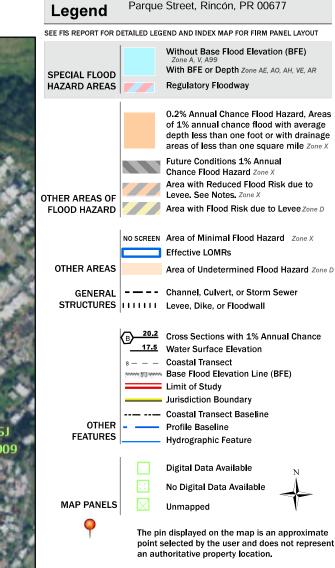




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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette





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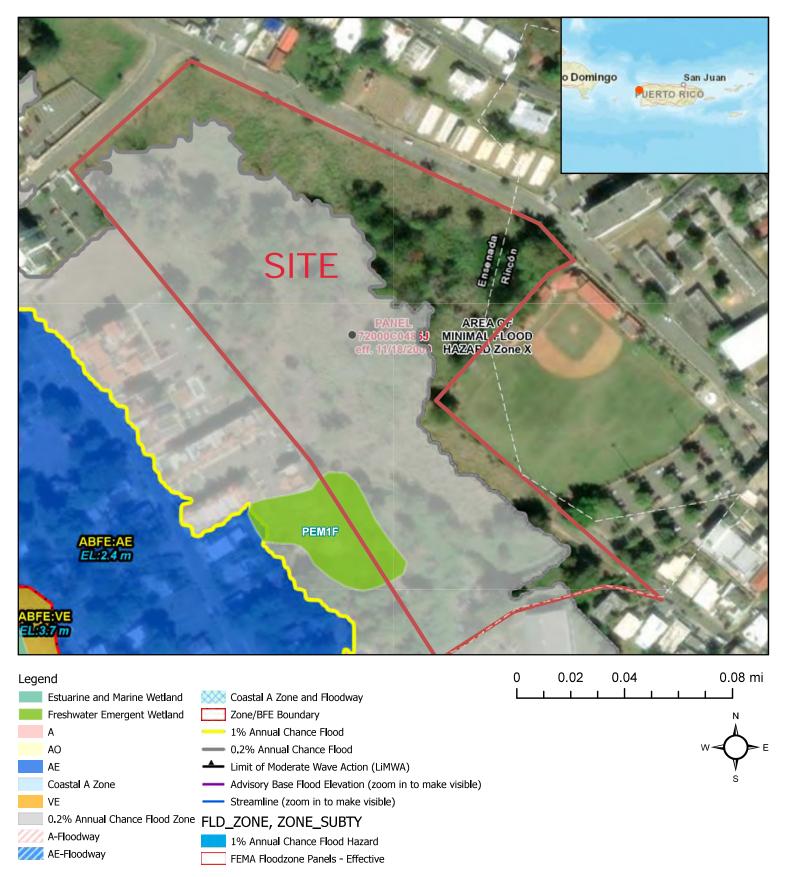




ABFE & Wetland Map PR-CRP-000505 Estacionamiento Urbano

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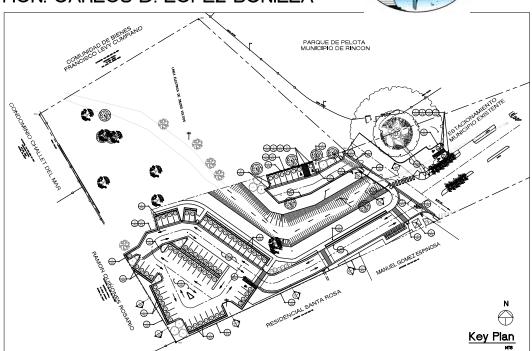
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CITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM ESTACIONAMIENTO URBANO, PR-CRP-000505

Rincón, Puerto Rico, 00677

MUNICIPIO AUTONOMO DE RINCON HON. CARLOS D. LOPEZ BONILLA





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ST-6 SURVEY AND TOPOGRAPHIC WORK - VIEW 5

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DP-2 DEMOLITION NOTES

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SI-2.1 TYPICAL SITE DETAILS

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SI-6 PROPOSED STORM SEWER SITE PLAN

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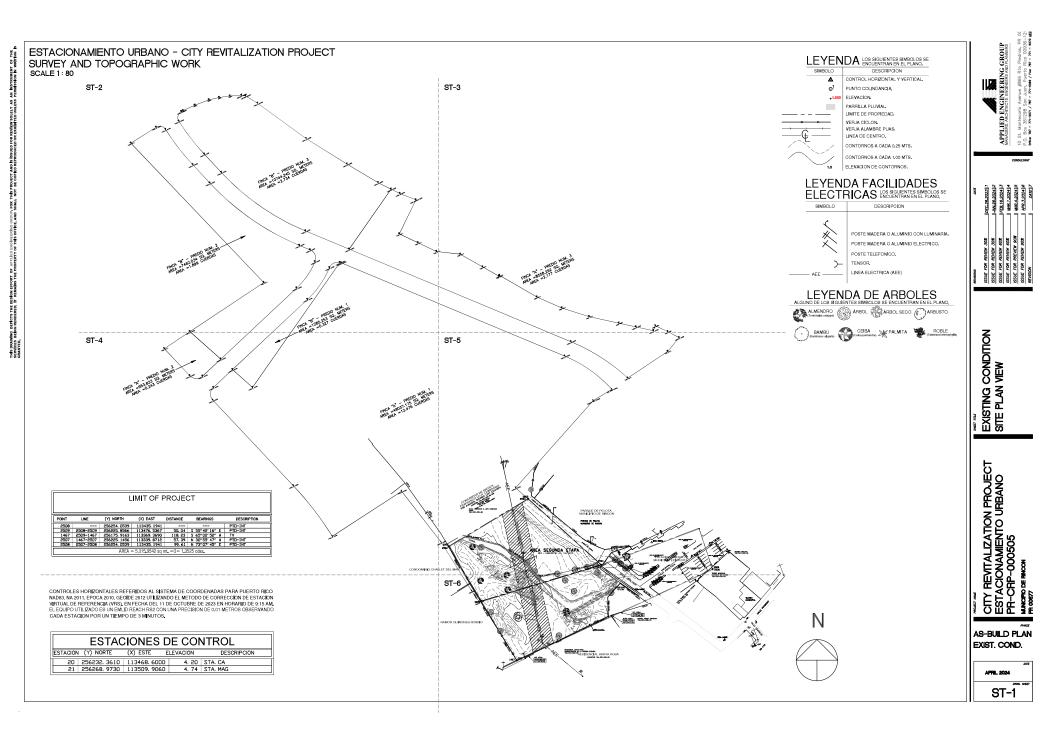
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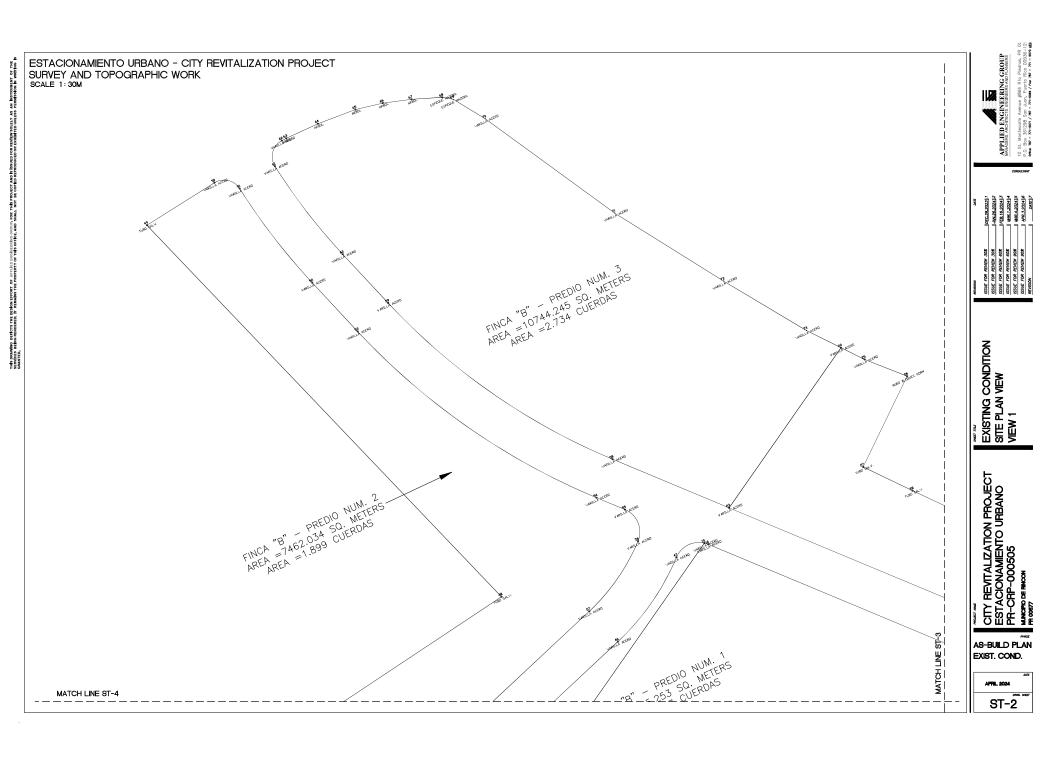


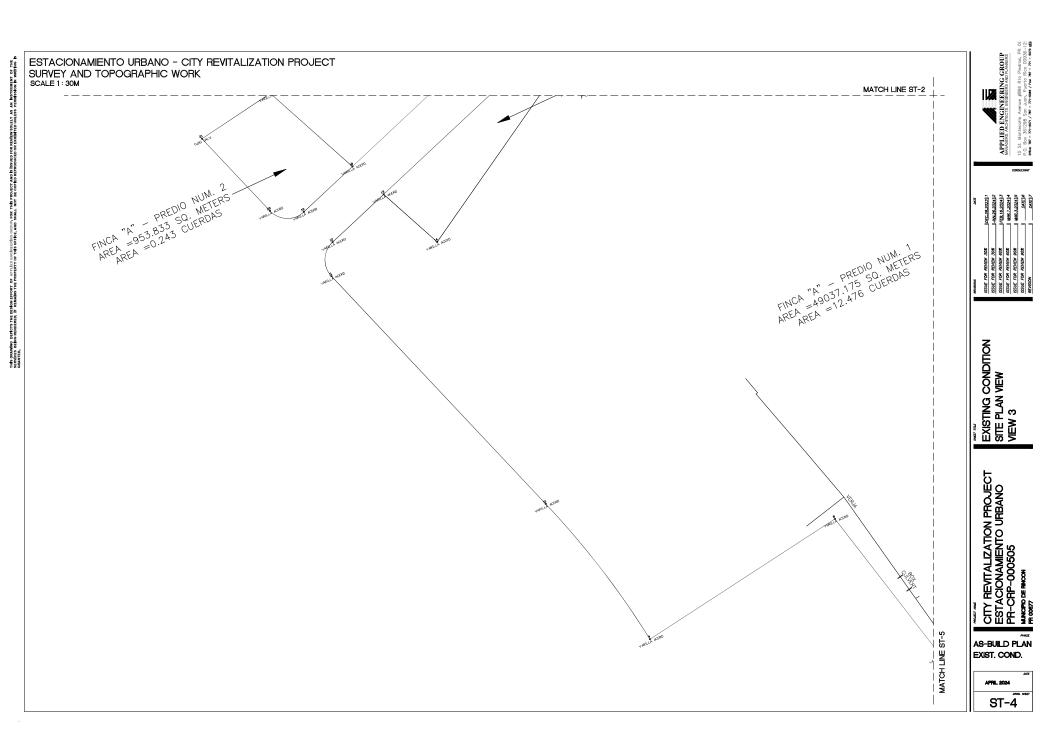
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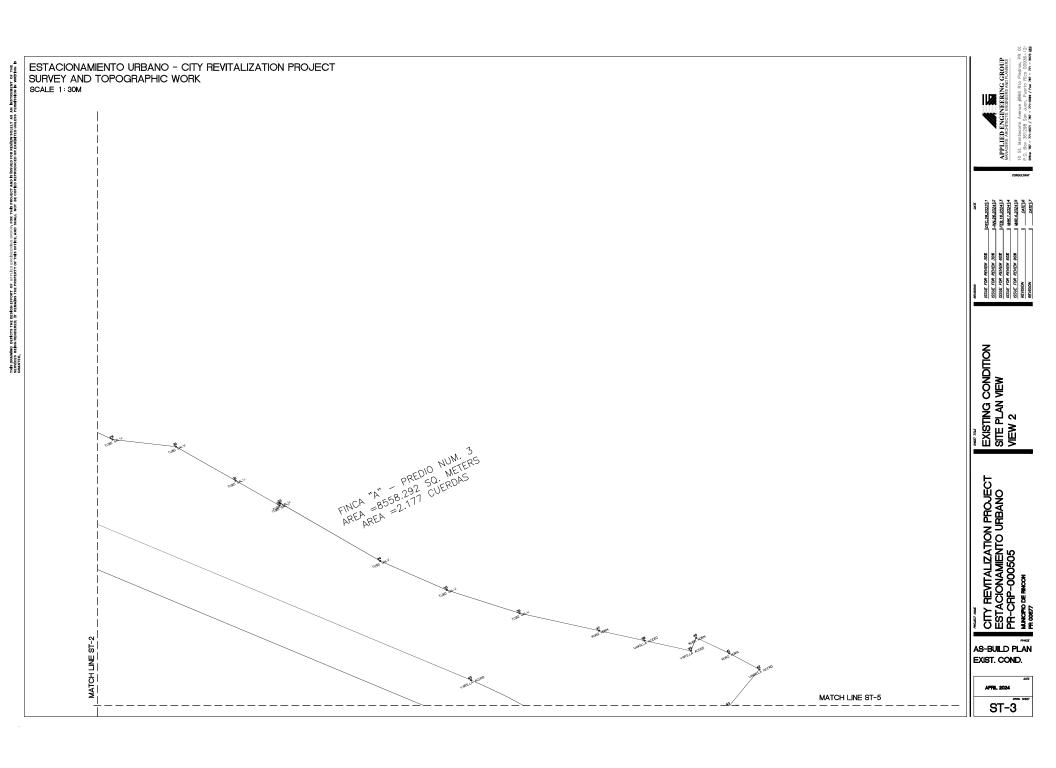


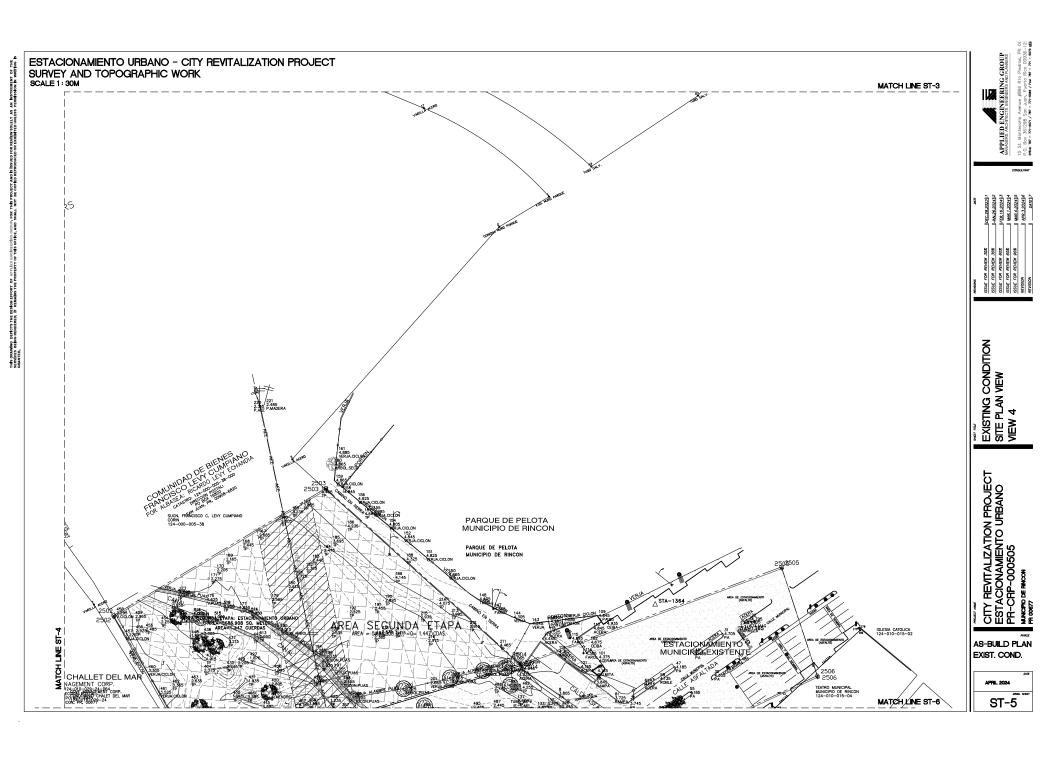


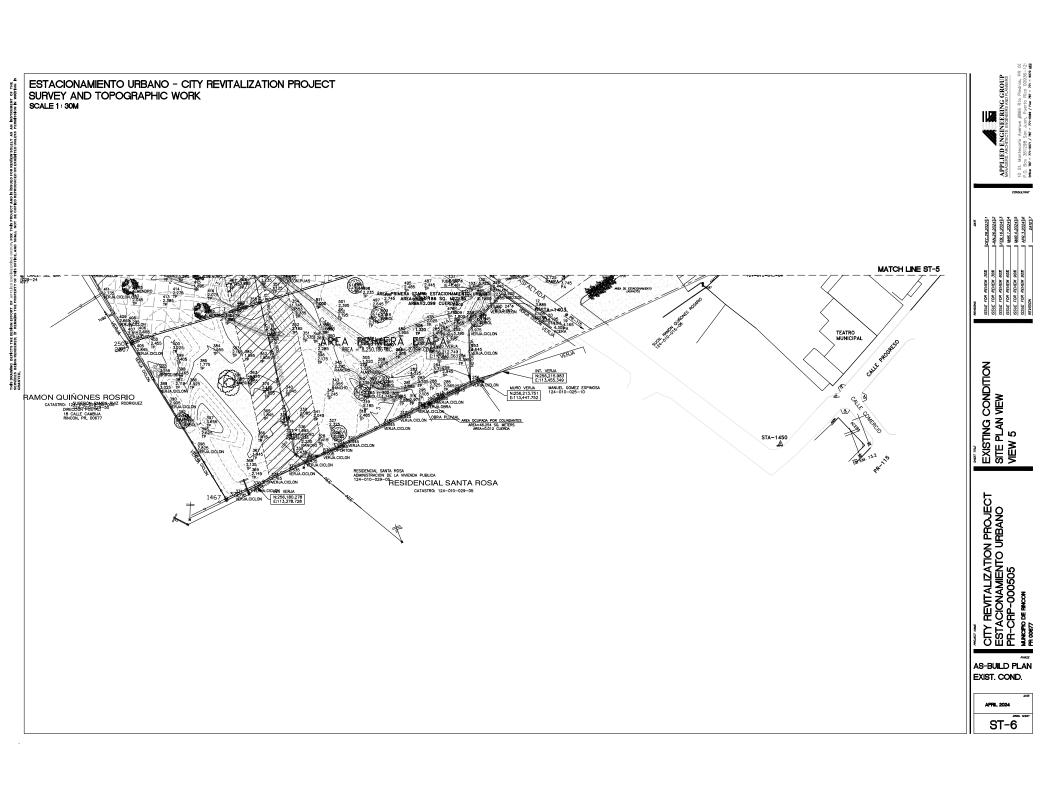


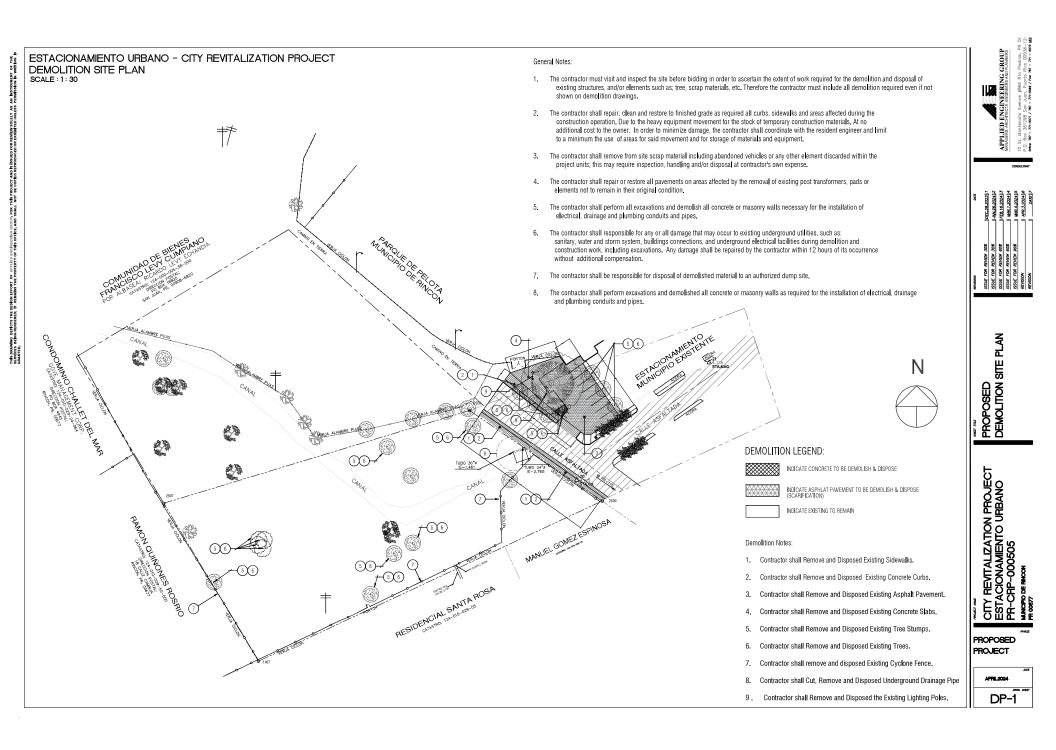


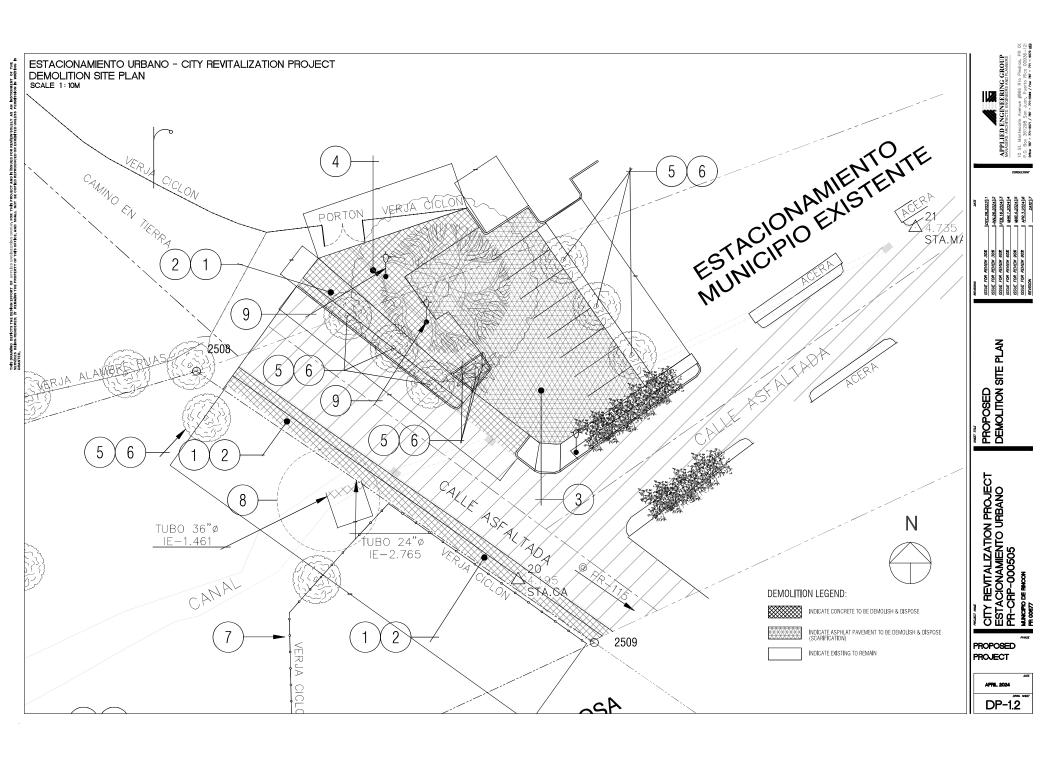












ESTACIONAMIENTO URBANO - CITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT DEMOLITION NOTES

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- AND REUSE ON SITE.
- 2. CONTRACTOR SHALL DISPOSE PROPERLY OF ALL NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FROM DEMOLITION WORK. INCLUDING SITE GARBAGE ACCUMULATIONS, IN CERTIFIED LANDFILLS ACCORDING TO MUNICIPAL, STATE & FEDERAL REGULATIONS. SEE AND COMPLY WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT REMOVAL & DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS.
- 3. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE INFLICTED TO THE PROJECT PROPERTY OR ADJACENT PROPERTIES OR OTHER PROJECT AREAS TO REMAIN DURING THE DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES. DAMAGED ITEMS SHALL BE RESTORED TO IT'S ORIGINAL CONDITION AT CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE AND OWNER'S SATISFACTION AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO OWNER.
- 4. DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER THAT ELIMINATES HAZARDS TO PERSONS, THE ENVIRONMENT AND PROPERTY IN THE PROJECT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PREVENT THE RELEAS OF LEAD CONTAINING DUST WHERE APPLICABLE INTO THE AIR AND SOIL.
- 5. FOR ALL DEBRIS AND SCRAP MATERIALS CONTRACTOR SHALL DISPOSE OF AS TO MAINTAIN THE PROJECT SITE & SURROUNDINGS FREE OF WASTE MATERIALS, ACCORDING TO MUNICIPAL, STATE & FEDERAL REGULATIONS.
- 6. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN ALL STREETS FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS AND CLEAN AT ALL TIMES. WHERE WASHING WITH WATER IS REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT OR TO PREVENT HEALTH HAZARDS TO ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS, CONTRACTOR SHALL USE WATER TANK TRUCKS AT HIS OWN COST OR REQUEST A TEMPORARY CONNECTION FROM AN AVAILABLE AAA METER, AND CAN NOT BE TAKEN FROM PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANTS OR NEIGHBORS.
- 7. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT, PROCURE AND OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PERMITS FROM THE OGPe AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD OF PUERTO RICO, SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY AND EPA, IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH CONTRACTED WORK.
- 8. CONTRACTOR MUST MAINTAIN IN FULL FORCE ALL EXISTING PROJECT PERMITS AND / OR SUBMIT AND OBTAIN NEW THE NEW PERMITS AT HIS OWN COST.
- THE CONTRACTOR WILL NOTIFY AND OBTAIN PERMIT FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PRIOR TO EXCAVATION AND DEMOLITION WORK IN THE PROJECT, PERMITS AND APPROVALS CONCERNING PROJECT ACTIVITIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE OWNER AND HIS REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY CORRESPONDING WORK.
- 10. PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH PLANTING AND REFORESTATION WORK, CONTRACTOR MUST FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES A PERMIT FOR CUTTING, PRUNING AND PLANTING.

- ANY ASPHALT THAT CAN BE RECYCLED SHALL BE RECYCLES 11. UTILITIES AND OR SERVICES (CONSISTING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WATER, SEWER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, CABLE TV, DATA AND TELEPHONE) CAN NOT BE SUSPENDED. WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHÓRIZATION OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT. IF ACCIDENTALLY ANY SERVICE IS INTERRUPTED DUE TO PROJECT ACTIVITIES, CONTRACTOR WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE REPAIR TO OWNER'S SATISFACTION AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO OWNER.
 - THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO TAKE PHOTOS OF THE EXISTING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO BEGINNING DEMOLITION WORKS. THIS IS REQUIRED FOR ANY CLAIM THAT ARISES AND MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE RESIDENT INSPECTOR FOR HIS FILES.
 - THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND DISPOSITION OF GARBAGE & RECYCLING DUMPSTERS DURING DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS.
 - THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY OR NECESSARY EQUIPMENTS OR UTILITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY, POTABLE WATER AND SANITARY SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION TEAM DURING THE DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION PERIOD. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ALSO PROVIDE TEMPORARY OFFICE TRAILER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION TEAM.

SAFETY AND HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

- PRECAUTIONS DURING SAFETY MEASURES AND DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION (ALL O.S.H.A. AND E.P.A. UPDATED COMPLIANCÉ IS UNDER EFFECT).
- GENERAL WORK RELATED TO THE DEMOLITION OR ALTERATION TO THE PROJECT SITE MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS SAFETY PLAN.
- SAFETY MEETINGS THE CONTRACTOR WILL PERFORM WEEKLY SAFETY TOURS AND MEETINGS WITH HIS PERSONNEL TO TRAIN AND DISCUSS THE BEST PRACTICES AND SAFETY MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE PROJECT.
- THE CONTRACTOR WILL PERFORM CONTINUOUS JOB SITE INSPECTIONS CONFIRM ANY POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARDS IF A POTENTIAL HAZARD IS SUSPECTED OR FOUND, THE CONTRACTOR. WILL USE THE APPROPRIATE METHODS, EQUIPMENT, DEVICES AND MATERIAL TO ASSURE A SAFE WORKPLACE, SAFETY TOURS. AND TO MAINTAIN A SAFE AND ACCIDENT FREE JOB.
- THE CONTRACTOR WILL PROVIDE TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL TO ASSURE A JOB PROPERLY DONE AND SAFE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A HEALTH & SAFETY COORDINATOR.
- THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN THE WORK AND OPERATIONAL AREAS.
- PROJECT SITE OR SURROUNDINGS CANNOT BE USE FOR THE STORAGE OF CONSTRUCTION OR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FOR THE ENTIRE DEMOLITION / CONSTRUCTION AREA.
- ALL HEAVY EQUIPMENT SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN FIRE EXTINGUISHERS OR HAVE ONE AVAILABLE IN A 100 FEET RADIUS FROM IT.
- DURING DEMOLITION / CONSTRUCTION PERIOD FREE ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS, OR TO OTHER FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT, SHALL BE PROVIDED AND MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.
- CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO DRESS PROPERLY WHILE PERFORMING THEIR JOB AND TO USE THEIR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH OSHA AT ALL TIME. AS A MINIMUM, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
 - 1. EACH WORKER WILL USE APPROPRIATE WORKING SAFETY SHOES
 - 2. PROPER RESPIRATORY PROTECTION WILL BE USE WHENEVER
 - 3. PROPER HAND PROTECTION WILL BE USE WHEN REQUIRED.
 - 4. PROPER HEARING PROTECTION WILL BE USED IN AREAS WHERE SOUNDS ARE HIGHER THAN 80 DBS.
 - 5. CORRESPONDING HARD HAT WILL BE USE WHENEVER REQUIRED.
 - 6. REFLECTIVE VEST WILL BE USE WHENEVER REQUIRED.

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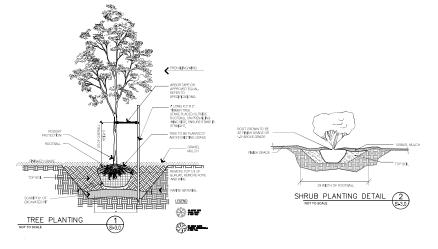
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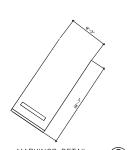
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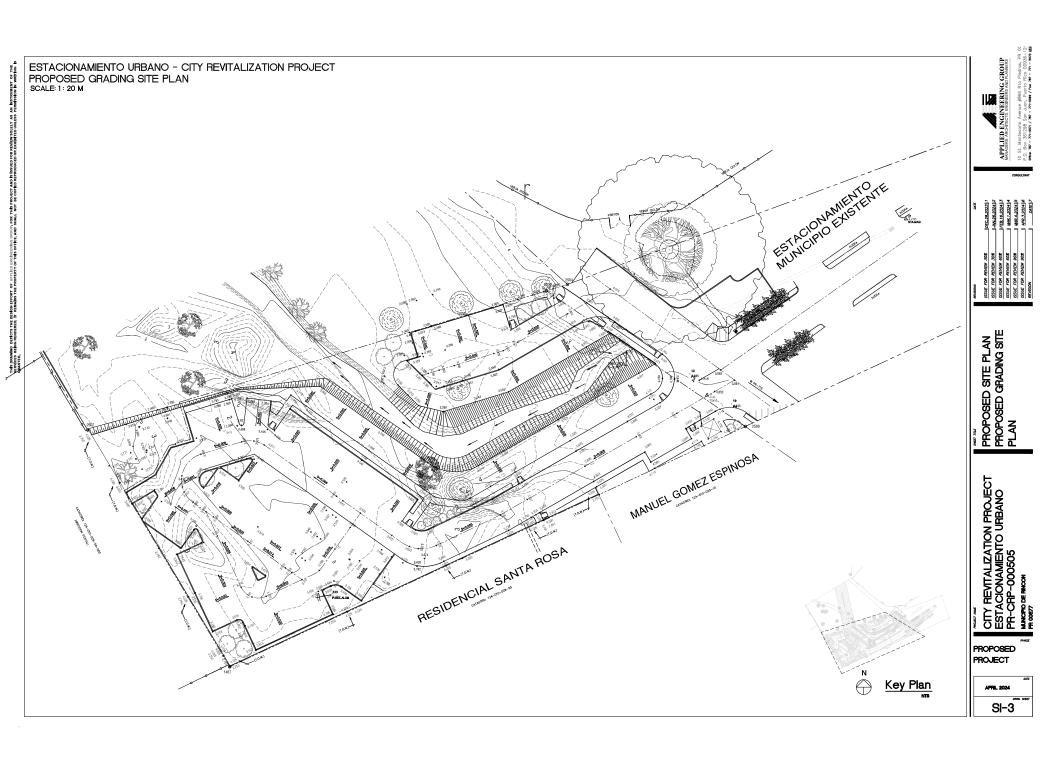
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NOTES:

- ALL MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION METHODS USED MUST COMPLY 12. THE CONSTRUCTION SITE SHALL BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL GOVERNING REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH BY THE PUERTO RICO PLANNING BOARD, AND ALL OTHER CONCERNING REGULATORY
- CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS, SITE LEVELS AND JOB CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING BIDS AND SHALL REPORT TO THE OWNER REPRESENTATIVE ANY DISCREPANCIES WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE WORK. FAILURE OF THE CONTRACTOR TO IDENTIFY SUCH DISCREPANCIES WILL NOT BE GROUND FOR CHANGE ORDERS.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE FROM THE SITE ALL DEBRIS TRASH AND GARBAGE AT HIS COST AND DISPOSE OF IT IN A LEGALLY CERTIFIED LAND FIELD ON A WEEKLY BASIS.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES INFLICTED TO THE OWNER'S PROPERTY WITHIN THE CONTRACT LIMITS OR OTHER ADJACENT AREAS DURING THE EXECUTION OF THE WORK.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE ENGINEER ALL REQUIRED SHOP DRAWINGS AND SUBMITTALS FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE WORK .
- 6. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A TEMPORARY PERIMETER CONSTRUCTION FENCE TO ISOLATE CONSTRUCTION AREAS FROM ADJACENT ACTIVITIES. MATERIALS USED MAY BE WOOD, CORRUGATED ZINC PANELS, WOOD PANELING OR APPROVED EQUAL.
- 7. PRIOR TO STARTING ANY DEMOLITION WORK, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MEET WITH THE OWNER AND ENGINEER AND PREPARE A DEMOLITION SCHEDULE SHOWING PROPOSED SEQUENCE OF MAJOR DEMOLITION ITEMS; PROVISIONS FOR CONTROLLING NOISE AND DIRT, INCLUDING TEMPORARY STALLS OR SCREENS IF REQUIRED; PROTECTION OF EXISTING OR ADJACENT EQUIPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION; SAFETY PROVISIONS, PROVISIONS FOR DISPOSING OF DEBRIS AND RUBBISH, ETC.
- IN GENERAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE STIPULATED IN THE DRAWINGS, ALL SALVAGED MATERIALS OR EQUIPMENT SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CONTRACTOR. ALL SUCH SALVABLE MATERIALS OR EQUIPMENT SHALL BE PROMPTLY REMOVED FROM THE SITE.
- ALL DEMOLITION WORK SHALL BE EXECUTED WITH ALL POSSIBLE REGARD TO SAFETY AND WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE NUISANCE FOR OWNER OR OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES. CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE SAFETY CODES AND REGULATIONS, CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLY WITH RENOVATION, REPAIR AND PAINTING RULE ACCORDING TO EPAS LEAD RENOVATION.
- ANY UN-INDICATED UTILITIES ENCOUNTERED SHALL BE PROTECTED AND LEFT UNDISTURBED OR RELOCATED AS REQUIRED.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL BE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY HIS OPERATIONS TO EXISTING ADJACENT FACILITIES. SHOULD THE CONTRACTOR CAUSE SUCH DAMAGE, HE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIRING AND REFINISHING, OR REPLACING IF REQUIRED, ALL DAMAGED WORK OR EQUIPMENT AT NO EXPENSE TO THE CORRESPONDING OWNER.

- REASONABLY NEAT AND FREE FROM EXCESSIVE ACCUMULATION OF TRASH AND DEBRIS. PROMPTLY REMOVE ALL TRASH, DEBRIS, RUBBISH, ETC. FROM SITE AND DISPOSE OF IN A LEGAL MANNER.
- ALL DEMOLISHED PORTIONS OF BEAMS, SLABS, PARAPETS, OVERHANGS, LINTELS ETC. SHALL BE SMOOTHED OUT AND FINISHED TO MATCH ADJACENT SURFACES. SECTIONS OF PROTRUDING RODS AND STEEL REINFORCING BARS SHALL BE CUT AND REMOVED.
- ANY SUBSTITUTE FOR SPECIFIED ITEMS MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE OWNER.
- PRIOR TO COMMENCING ANY EXCAVATIONS OR REMOVAL OF EXISTING MATERIAL WITHIN THE CONTRACT AREAS, GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY AND ESTABLISH ALL EXISTING SITE LEVELS TO BE MAINTAINED ONCE CONTRACTED WORKS ARE COMPLETED.
- AREAS WITH POOR DRAINAGE CAPACITY OR WITHIN NEW CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE REGARDED AS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH PROPER DRAIN LEVELS.

EROSION CONTROL:

- 1. THE EROSION CONTROL MUST ADHERE TO BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AND OBTAINING NECESSARY PERMITS AND NOTICES LIES WITH THE CONTRACTOR AND/OR OWNER. "LA JUNTA DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL" (JCA) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), MANDATE PERMITS FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, INCLUDING SMALL AND LARGE SITES. APPLIED ENGINEERING GROUP ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR ANY NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUES ARISING FROM THE OWNER OR CONTRACTOR.
- 2.CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING GENERAL PERMIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERMENTAL AGENCY AND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (CES PLAN) ACCORDING TO REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICABLE LAWS.
- 3.EXISTING VEGETATION SHALL BE PRESERVED BY CONTRACTOR. WHEN POSSIBLE, ANY DISTURBED AREA MUST BE STABILIZED WHEN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY CEASED. STABILIZATION MUST IMMEDIATELY, MEANING WITHIN 2 WEEKS (14 DAYS) OF END OF ACTIVITIES UNLESS CONSTRUCTION WILL RESUME NO LATER THAN 21 DAYS.
- 4. ALL EROSION CONTROL DEVICES SPECIFIED IN THE APPROVED EROSION CONTROL PLAN, SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES.
- 5.EROSION CONTROL PLAN IS SUBJECT TO REVISIONS AND/OR ADDITIONAL EROSION CONTROL DEVICES IF REQUIRED THROUGHOUT PROJECT ACTIVITIES, IF AN APPROVED PLAN CANNOT CONTROL EROSION OR OFF-SITE SEDIMENTATION.
- 6. THE CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO MANAGE SILT AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL EROSION, CONSERVATION, AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. UPON THE INSTALLATION OR COMPLETION OF PERMANENT DRAINAGE FACILITIES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUFFICIENT VEGETATION TO PREVENT EROSION. THE CONTRACTOR MUST REMOVE ALL TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL DEVICES. ANY HARM CAUSED TO ADJACENT PROPERTIES, DOWNSTREAM CHANNELS, WETLANDS, WATERWAYS, OR WILDLIFE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR, WHO MUST RECTIFY SUCH DAMAGE AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.
- 7.AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO OWNER, CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ALL AVAILABLE AND/OR NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO CONTROL DUST.





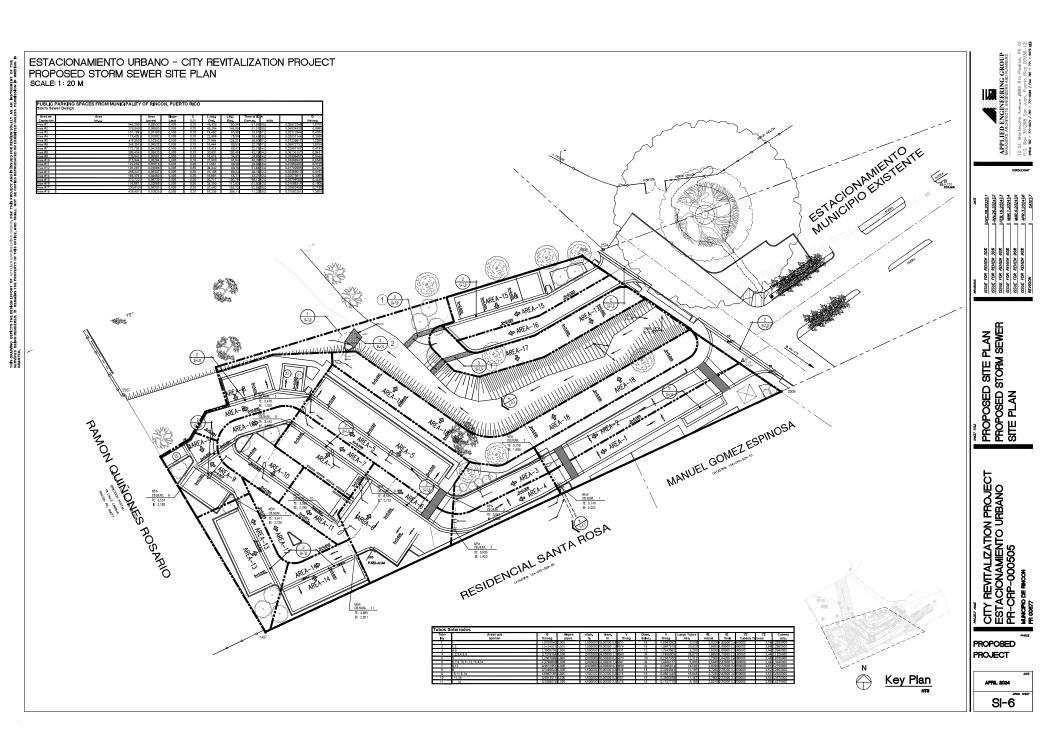
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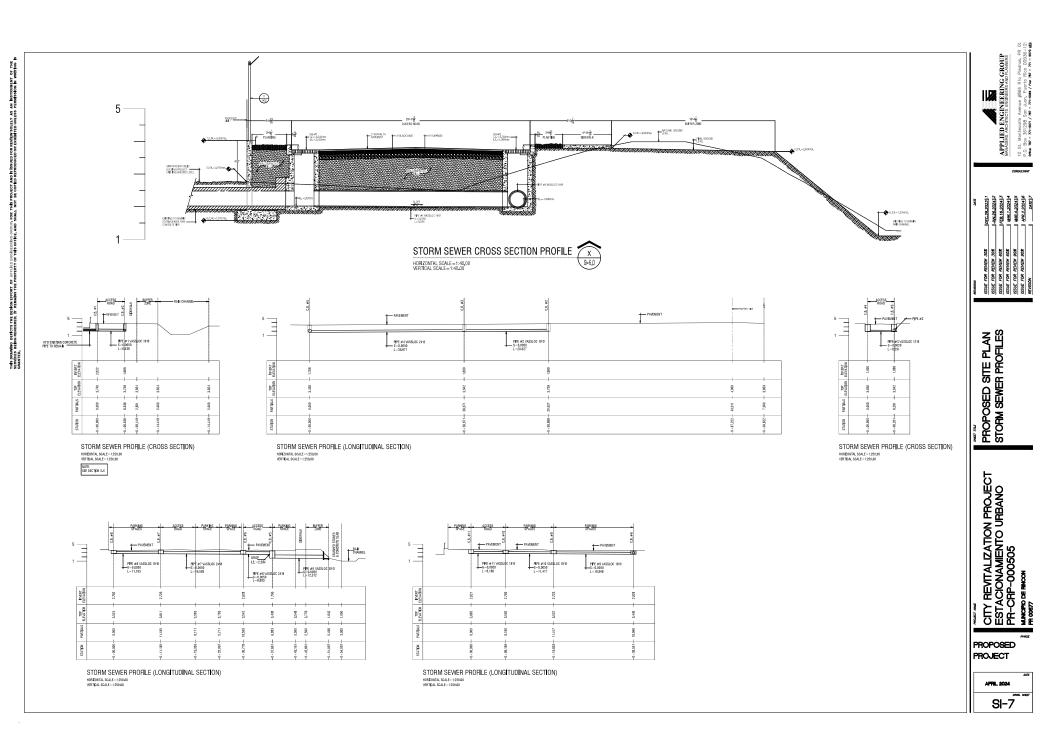
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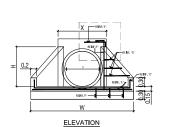
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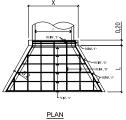
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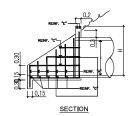




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| 18" | 1,49 | 0,93 | 0,91 | 0,48 | |
| 24* | 1,91 | 1,08 | 1.07 | 0,71 | |
| 30" | 2,31 | 1.23 | 1.22 | 0.94 | |
| 36* | 2.73 | 1.38 | 1.37 | 1.17 | |
| 42" | 3.15 | 1.54 | 1,52 | 1.40 | |
| 48" | 3.57 | 1.69 | 1,68 | 1.63 | |
| 54" | 4.03 | 1.87 | 1,83 | 1.86 | |
| 60" | 4.48 | 2,04 | 1,98 | 2.08 | |
| 72* | 5,23 | 2,30 | 2,29 | 2,54 | |

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| DIA. | 5/8* | 3/8" | 3/8" | 3/8" | 5/8* | 3/8" |
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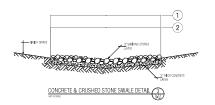


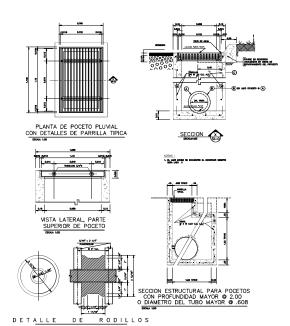




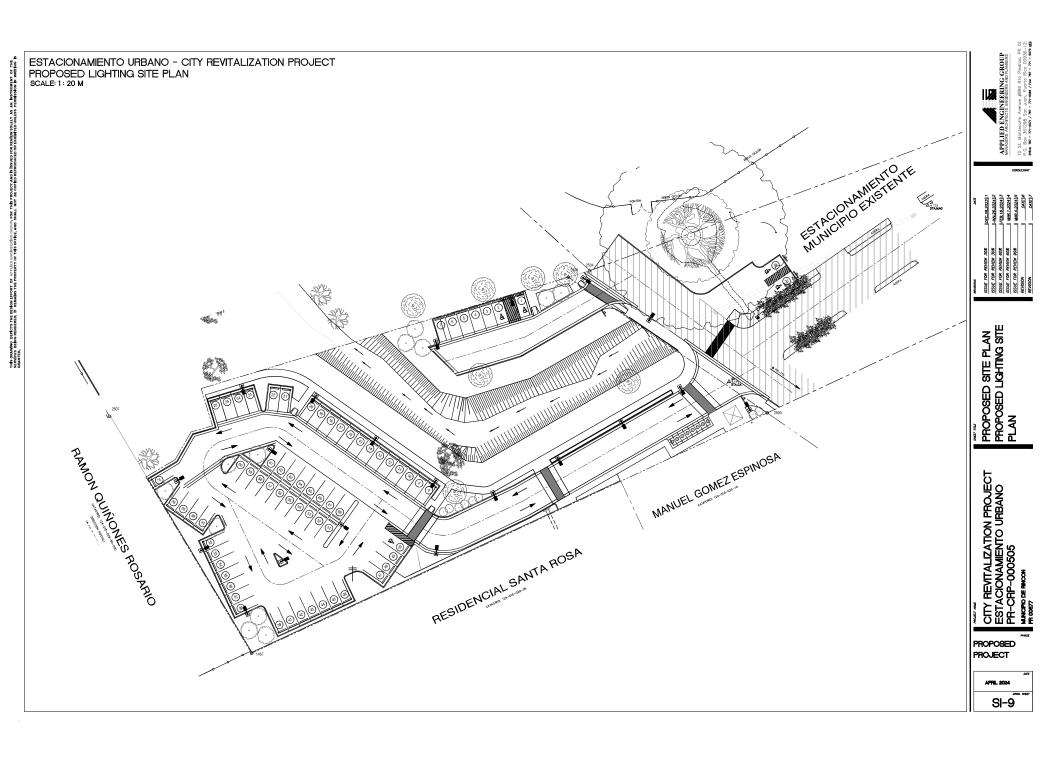


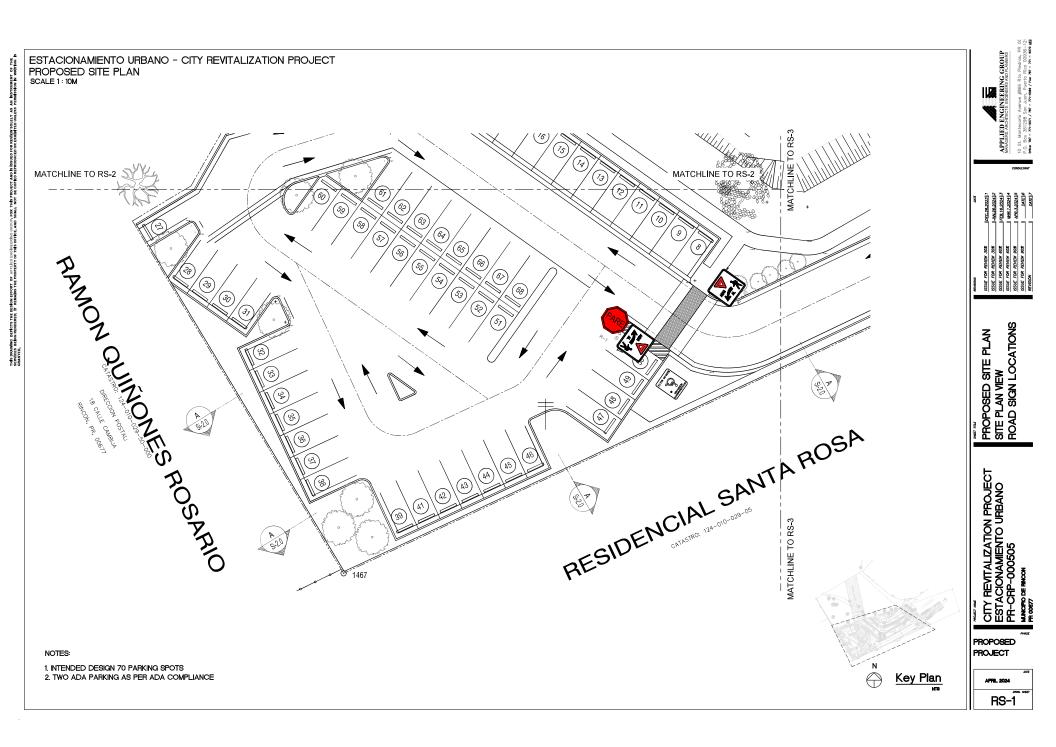


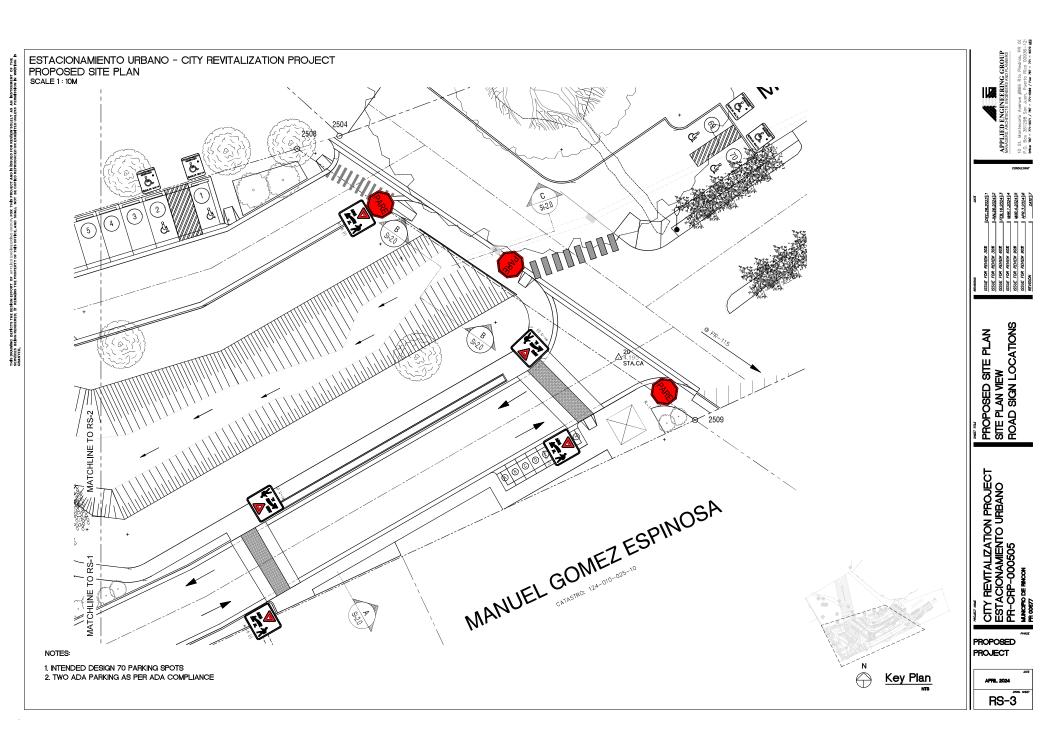




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EPA Contamination and Toxic Substances



Attachment 7A: EPA Contamination and Toxic Substances

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: NEPA Assist Tool

Website: hZps://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/CBRSMapper-v2/

Prepared by: Applied Engineering Group

| ID | EPA Facility | Distance from Project Site | Direction from Project Site | Description | Compliance Status |
|----|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | CWA | 3,298.65 ft | N | SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE JOHANNA E. CAMACHO | Non Violation identified |
| 2 | CWA | 2,749.66 ft | NW | PUERTO BAHIA RESIDENTIAL PROJECT | Not Applicable |
| 3 | CWA | 546.39 ft | SE | MR. ALBERTO SANCHEZ - RINCON | Unknown |
| 4 | RCRA | 1,161.16 ft | S | MDF INSTRUMENTS CRAFTECH LLC | Non Violation identified |
| 5 | RCRA | 1,591.18 ft | SW | SURGICAL SPECIALTIES PUERTO RICO INC | Non Violation identified |

Attachment 7B: EPA Contamination and Toxic Substances Facilities

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: EPA ECHO REPORTS

Website: https://echo.epa.gov/facilities/facility-search/results

Prepared by: Applied Engineering Group





Detailed Facility Report

Facility Summary

SURGICAL SPECIALTIES PUERTO RICO INC

RD 115 KM 12.7 INDUSTRIAL PARK BLDG #2, RINCON, PR 00677

FRS (Facility Registry Service) ID: 110037247921

EPA Region: 02 Latitude: 18.332002 Longitude: -67.25011

Locational Data Source: RCRAINFO

Industries: -Indian Country: N

Enforcement and Compliance Summary

| Statute | RCRA |
|---|-------------------------|
| Compliance Monitoring Activities (5 years) | - |
| Date of Last Compliance Monitoring Activity | 04/26/2013 |
| Compliance Status | No Violation Identified |
| Qtrs in Noncompliance (of 12) | 0 |
| Qtrs with Significant Violation | 0 |
| Informal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| Penalties from Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| EPA Cases (5 years) | - |
| Penalties from EPA Cases (5 years) | - |

Regulatory Information

Other Regulatory Reports

Clean Air Act (CAA): No InformationAir Emissions Inventory (EIS): No InformationClean Water Act (CWA): No InformationGreenhouse Gas Emissions (eGGRT): No Information

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA): Active SQG, (PRR000021949) Toxic Releases (TRI): No Information

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA): No Information Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI): No Information

Go To Enforcement/Compliance Details

Known Data Problems https://epa.gov/resources/echo-data/known-data-problems

Facility/System Characteristics

Facility/System Characteristics

| System | Statute | Identifier | Universe | Status | Areas | Permit Expiration Date | Indian Country | Latitude | Longitude |
|----------|---------|--------------|----------|-------------|-------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| FRS | | 110037247921 | | | | | N | 18.332002 | -67.25011 |
| ICIS | | 1400007368 | | | | | N | 18.335028 | -67.252222 |
| RCRAInfo | RCRA | PRR000021949 | SQG | Active (H) | | | N | 18.335028 | -67.252222 |

Facility Address

| System | Statute | Identifier | Facility Name | Facility Address | Facility County |
|--------|---------|------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | |

| FRS | | 110037247921 | SURGICAL SPECIALTIES PUERTO RICO INC | RD 115 KM 12.7 INDUSTRIAL PARK BLDG #2, RINCON, PR 00677 | Rincón Municipio |
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| RCRAInfo | RCRA | PRR000021949 | SURGICAL SPECIALTIES PUERTO RICO INC | RD 115 KM 12.7 INDUSTRIAL PARK, RINCON, PR 00677 | Rincón Municipio |

Facility SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) Codes

Facility NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) Codes

System **SIC Description** NAICS Code **NAICS Description**

No data records returned

No data records returned

Facility Tribe Information

Distance to Tribe (miles)

No data records returned

Enforcement and Compliance

Compliance Monitoring History

Finding (if applicable)

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Entries in italics are not included in ECHO's Compliance Monitoring Activity counts because they are not compliance monitoring strategy

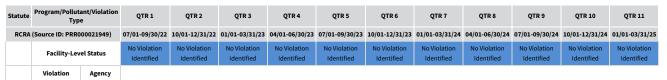
<https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs> activities or because they are not counted as inspections within EPA's Annual Results

https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-data-and-results.

Compliance Summary Data

| Statute | Source ID | Current SNC (Significant Noncompliance)/HPV (High Priority Violation) | Current As Of | Qtrs with NC (Noncompliance) (of 12) | Data Last Refreshed |
|---------|--------------|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| RCRA | PRR000021949 | No | 06/21/2025 | 0 | 06/20/2025 |

Three-Year Compliance History by Quarter



Informal Enforcement Actions

Last 5 Years

Type of Action Lead Agency

No data records returned

Entries in italics are not counted as "informal enforcement actions" in EPA policies pertaining to enforcement response tools.

Formal Enforcement Actions | Last 5 Years

Settlement/ **Federal Penalty** State/ Local Penalty **Penalty Amount** SEP

No data records returned

Environmental Conditions

Watersheds

12-Digit WBD (Watershed Boundary WBD (Watershed Boundary Dataset) State Water Body Name (ICIS **Beach Closures Pollutants** Watershed with ESA (Endangered Closures Dataset) HUC (RAD (Reach Address Subwatershed Name (RAD (Reach Address Species Act)-listed Aquatio (Integrated Compliance I Within Last Database)) Database)) System)) Species?

No data records returned

Assessed Waters From Latest State Submission (ATTAINS)

State Report Cycle Assessment Unit ID Assessment Unit ID Assessment Unit Name Water Condition Cause Groups Impaired Drinking Water Use Ecological Use Fish Consumption Use Recreation Use Other Use

No data records returned

Air Quality Nonattainment Areas

| Pollutant | lutant Within Nonattainment Status Area? Nonattainment Status Applicable Standard(s) | | Within Maintenance Status Area? | Maintenance Status Applicable Standard(s) | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| No data records returned | | | | | | |
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Pollutants

Toxics Release Inventory History of Reported Chemicals Released or Transferred in Pounds per Year at Site

TRI Facility ID Year Air Emissions Surface Water Discharges Off-Site Transfers to POTWs (Publicly Owned Treatment Works) Underground Injections Disposal to Land Total On-Site Releases Total Off-Site Transfers

No data records returned

Toxics Release Inventory Total Releases and Transfers in Pounds by Chemical and Year

| Chemical Name | |
|--------------------------|--|
| No data records returned | |

Community

Demographic Profile of Surrounding Area (1-Mile Radius)

This section provides demographic information regarding the community surrounding the facility. ECHO compliance data alone are not sufficient to determine whether violations at a particular facility had negative impacts on public health or the environment. Statistics are based upon the 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year Summary and are accurate to the extent that the facility latitude and longitude listed below are correct. Census boundaries and demographic data for U.S. Territories are based on the "2020 Island Areas Demographic Profiles" from the U.S. Census Bureau. EPA's spatial processing methodology considers the overlap between the selected radii and ACS census block groups in determining the demographics surrounding the facility. For more detail about this methodology, see the DFR Data Dictionary https://epa.gov/help/reports/dfr-data-dictionary#demographic.

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

American Indian

Other/Multiracial

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| 37% |
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| Income Breakdown (ACS (American Community Su | rvey)) - Households (%) |
|--|-------------------------|
| Less than \$15,000 | 488 (32%) |
| \$15,000 - \$25,000 | 249 (16.33%) |
| \$25,000 - \$50,000 | 413 (27.08%) |
| \$50,000 - \$75,000 | 168 (11.02%) |
| Greater than \$75,000 | 207 (13.57%) |

| Age Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - F | Persons (%) |
|---|-------------|
| Children 5 years and younger | 207 (5%) |
| Minors 17 years and younger | 566 (15%) |
| Adults 18 years and older | 3,210 (85%) |
| Seniors 65 years and older | 972 (26%) |
| Race Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - | Persons (%) |
| White | 1,772 (47%) |
| African-American | 135 (4%) |
| Hispanic-Origin | 3,585 (95%) |
| Asian | 0 (00/) |

| Education Level (Persons 25 & older) (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Per | rsons (%) |
|--|--------------|
| Less than 9th Grade | 411 (14.52%) |
| 9th through 12th Grade | 205 (7.24%) |
| High School Diploma | 894 (31.58%) |
| Some College/2-year | 351 (12.4%) |
| B.S./B.A. (Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts) or More | 647 (22.85%) |

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209 (6%)



Detailed Facility Report

Facility Summary

MDF INSTRUMENTS CRAFTECH LLC

PR-115 KM 12.8 BO PUEBLO, RINCON, PR 00677

FRS (Facility Registry Service) ID: 110070733056

EPA Region: 02 **Latitude:** 18.332475 **Longitude:** -67.250346

Locational Data Source: RCRAINFO
Industries: Miscellaneous Manufacturing

Indian Country: N

Enforcement and Compliance Summary

| Statute | RCRA |
|---|-------------------------|
| Compliance Monitoring Activities (5 years) | - |
| Date of Last Compliance Monitoring Activity | 06/28/2013 |
| Compliance Status | No Violation Identified |
| Qtrs in Noncompliance (of 12) | 0 |
| Qtrs with Significant Violation | 0 |
| Informal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | - |
| Penalties from Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| EPA Cases (5 years) | |
| Penalties from EPA Cases (5 years) | - |

Other Regulatory Reports

Air Emissions Inventory (EIS): No Information

Toxic Releases (TRI): No Information

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (eGGRT): No Information

Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI): No Information

Regulatory Information

Clean Air Act (CAA): No Information

Clean Water Act (CWA): No Information

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA): Active VSQG,

(PRR000026641)

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA): No Information

Go To Enforcement/Compliance Details

Known Data Problems https://epa.gov/resources/echo-data/known-data-problems

Facility/System Characteristics

Facility/System Characteristics

| System | Statute | Identifier | Universe | Status | Areas | Permit Expiration Date | Indian Country | Latitude | Longitude |
|----------|---------|--------------|----------|-------------|-------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| FRS | | 110070733056 | | | | | N | 18.332475 | -67.250346 |
| RCRAInfo | RCRA | PRR000026641 | VSQG | Active (H) | | | N | 18.332475 | -67.250346 |

Facility Address

| System | Statute | Identifier | Facility Name | Facility Address | Facility County |
|--------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--|------------------|
| FRS | | 110070733056 | MDF INSTRUMENTS CRAFTECH LLC | PR-115 KM 12.8 BO PUEBLO, RINCON, PR 00677 | Rincón Municipio |
| | | | | | |

RCRA PRR000026641 MDF INSTRUMENTS CRAFTECH LLC PR-115 KM 12.8 BO PUEBLO, RINCON, PR 00677 Rincón Municipio **Facility SIC (Standard Industrial Facility NAICS (North American Industry** Classification) Codes Classification System) Codes RCRAInfo 339112 No data records returned **Facility Tribe Information** No data records returned **Enforcement and Compliance Compliance Monitoring History** Source ID Finding (if applicable) No data records returned Entries in italics are not included in ECHO's Compliance Monitoring Activity counts because they are not compliance monitoring strategy <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs> activities or because they are not counted as inspections within EPA's Annual Results https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-data-and-results. **Compliance Summary Data** PRR000026641 06/21/2025 06/20/2025 Three-Year Compliance History by Quarter QTR 1 QTR 2 QTR 6 QTR 8 QTR 9 QTR 11 RCRA (Source ID: PRR000026641) 07/01-09/30/22 10/01-12/31/22 01/01-03/31/23 04/01-06/30/23 07/01-09/30/23 10/01-12/31/23 01/01-03/31/24 04/01-06/30/24 07/01-09/30/24 10/01-12/31/24 01/01-03/31/25 Facility-Level Status Violation **Informal Enforcement Actions** Last 5 Years No data records returned Entries in italics are not counted as "informal enforcement actions" in EPA policies pertaining to enforcement response tools. Formal Enforcement Actions | Last 5 Years No data records returned **Environmental Conditions** Watersheds Beach Beach Closures Closures Dataset) HUC (RAD (Reach Address Subwatershed Name (RAD (Reach Address (Integrated Compliance Information Within Last Two **Potentially Related Species Act)-listed Aquatic** Within Last Database)) System)) No data records returned Assessed Waters From Latest State Submission (ATTAINS) State Report Cycle Assessment Unit ID Assessment Unit ID Assessment Unit Name Water Condition Cause Groups Impaired Drinking Water Use Ecological Use Fish Consumption Use Recreation Use Other Use No data records returned **Air Quality Nonattainment Areas**

No data records returned

Pollutants

Toxics Release Inventory History of Reported Chemicals Released or Transferred in Pounds per Year at Site

TRI Facility ID Year Air Emissions Surface Water Discharges Off-Site Transfers to POTWs (Publicly Owned Treatment Works) Underground Injections Disposal to Land Total On-Site Releases Total Off-Site Transfers

No data records returned

Toxics Release Inventory Total Releases and Transfers in Pounds by Chemical and Year

Chemical Name

No data records returned

e-Manifest Hazardous Waste History (Public)

Hazardous Waste Shipped in Kilograms by Year (Through 3/22/2025)

| Source ID | Waste Description | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| PRR000026641 | Hazardous Waste | 18 | | | |
| PRR000026641 | Acute Hazardous Waste | 0 | | | - |
| PRR000026641 | Pharmaceutical Hazardous Waste | 0 | | | |

[&]quot;Pharmaceutical Hazardous Waste" refers to quantities managed under 40 CFR part 266 subpart P and thus excluded from the Hazardous and Acute Hazardous Waste quantities shown above.

Community

Greater than \$75,000

Demographic Profile of Surrounding Area (1-Mile Radius)

207 (13.56%)

This section provides demographic information regarding the community surrounding the facility. ECHO compliance data alone are not sufficient to determine whether violations at a particular facility had negative impacts on public health or the environment. Statistics are based upon the 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year Summary and are accurate to the extent that the facility latitude and longitude listed below are correct. Census boundaries and demographic data for U.S. Territories are based on the "2020 Island Areas Demographic Profiles" from the U.S. Census Bureau. EPA's spatial processing methodology considers the overlap between the selected radii and ACS census block groups in determining the demographics surrounding the facility. For more detail about this methodology, see the DFR Data Dictionary https://epa.gov/help/reports/dfr-data-dictionary#demographic.

| General Statistics (ACS (American Community Survey |)) |
|--|--------------------|
| Total Persons | 3,761 |
| Population Density | 1,922/sq.mi. |
| Housing Units in Area | 2,701 |
| Percent People of Color | 95% |
| Households in Area | 1,526 |
| Households on Public Assistance | 61 |
| Persons With Low Income | 2,613 |
| Percent With Low Income | 69% |
| Geography | |
| 9 , , | |
| Radius of Selected Area | 1 mi. |
| Center Latitude | 18.332475 |
| Center Longitude | -67.250346 |
| Total Area | 3.121 sq.mi. |
| Land Area | 63% |
| Water Area | 37% |
| Income Breakdown (ACS (American Community Surve | W)) Households (%) |
| | |
| Less than \$15,000 | 491 (32.18%) |
| \$15,000 - \$25,000 | 254 (16.64%) |
| \$25,000 - \$50,000 | 406 (26.61%) |
| \$50,000 - \$75,000 | 168 (11.01%) |

| Age Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - P | ersons (%) | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Children 5 years and younger | 203 (5%) | | |
| Minors 17 years and younger | 559 (15%) | | |
| Adults 18 years and older | 3,201 (85%) | | |
| Seniors 65 years and older | 974 (26%) | | |
| Race Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - | Persons (%) | | |
| White | 1,759 (47%) | | |
| African-American | 134 (4%) | | |
| Hispanic-Origin | 3,570 (95%) | | |
| Asian | 0 (0%) | | |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0 (0%) | | |
| American Indian | 0 (0%) | | |
| Other/Multiracial | 208 (6%) | | |
| Education Level (Persons 25 & older) (ACS (American Co | mmunity Survey)) - Persons (%) | | |
| Less than 9th Grade | 412 (14.58%) | | |
| 9th through 12th Grade | 199 (7.04%) | | |
| High School Diploma | 896 (31.71%) | | |
| Some College/2-year 351 (12.4 | | | |
| B.S./B.A. (Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts) or More | 647 (22.89%) | | |



Detailed Facility Report

Facility Summary

MR. ALBERTO SANCHEZ - RINCON

PR-413, KM 4.3 RINCON, PR, RINCON, PR 00677

FRS (Facility Registry Service) ID: 110071948868

EPA Region: 02

Latitude: 18.33853

Longitude: -67.246777

Locational Data Source: FRS

Industries: --

Indian Country: N

Enforcement and Compliance Summary

| Statute | CWA |
|---|------------|
| Compliance Monitoring Activities (5 years) | 1 |
| Date of Last Compliance Monitoring Activity | 05/21/2025 |
| Compliance Status | |
| Qtrs in Noncompliance (of 12) | |
| Qtrs with Significant Violation | |
| Informal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| Penalties from Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| EPA Cases (5 years) | |
| Penalties from EPA Cases (5 years) | |

Regulatory Information

Other Regulatory Reports

Clean Air Act (CAA): No Information

Clean Water Act (CWA): No Information

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA):

No Information

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA): No Information

Air Emissions Inventory (EIS): No Information

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (eGGRT): No

Information

Toxic Releases (TRI): No Information

Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting

Interface (CEDRI):

No Information

Go To Enforcement/Compliance Details

Known Data Problems https://epa.gov/resources/echo-data/known-data-problems

Facility/System Characteristics

Facility/System Characteristics

| System | Statute | Identifier | Universe | Status | Areas | Permit Expiration Date | Indian Country | Latitude | Longitude |
|--------|---------|--------------|----------|--------|-------|------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| FRS | | 110071948868 | | | | | N | 18.33853 | -67.246777 |
| ICIS | | 3601837424 | | | | | N | 18.3598721 | -67.2545603 |

Facility Address

| System | Statute | Identifier | Facility Name | Facility Address | Facility County |
|--------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| FRS | | 110071948868 | MR. ALBERTO SANCHEZ - RINCON | PR-413, KM 4.3 RINCON, PR, RINCON, PR 00677 | |
| ICIS | | 3601837424 | MR. ALBERTO SANCHEZ - RINCON | PR-413, KM 4.3 RINCON, PR, RINCON, PR 00677 | |

Facility SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) Codes

System Identifier SIC Code SIC Description

Facility NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) Codes

System Identifier

er NAICS Code

NAICS Description

No data records returned

No data records returned

Facility Tribe Information

| Reservation | Tribe | EPA Tribal | Distance to Tribe |
|-------------|-------|------------|-------------------|
| Name | Name | ID | (miles) |

No data records returned

Enforcement and Compliance

Compliance Monitoring History

Last 5 Years

| Statute | Source ID | System | Activity Type | Compliance Monitoring Type | Lead Agency | Date | Finding (if applicable) |
|---------|------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|
| CWA | 3601837424 | ICIS | Inspection/Evaluation | Evaluation (IU) | EPA | 05/21/2025 | |

Entries in italics are not included in ECHO's Compliance Monitoring Activity counts because they are not compliance monitoring strategy https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs activities or because they are not counted as inspections within EPA's Annual Results https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-data-and-results.

Compliance Summary Data

| Statute | Source | Current SNC (Significant Noncompliance)/HPV (High Priority | Current As | Qtrs with NC (Noncompliance) | Data Last |
|---------|--------|--|------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Statute | ID | Violation) | Of | (of 12) | Refreshed |

No data records returned

Three-Year Compliance History by Quarter

Informal Enforcement Actions

Last 5 Years

| Statute | System | Source ID | Type of Action | Lead Agency | Date |
|---------|--------|-----------|----------------|-------------|------|
|---------|--------|-----------|----------------|-------------|------|

No data records returned

Entries in italics are not counted as "informal enforcement actions" in EPA policies pertaining to enforcement response tools.

Formal Enforcement Actions

Last 5 Years

| Statute | System | Law/ Section | Source ID | Type of Action | Case No. | Lead Agency | Case Name | Filea | Settlements/ Actions | Settlement/ Action Date | Penalty | State/ Local Penalty Assessed | Penalty Amount Collected | SEP Value | Comp Action Cost | |
|---------|--------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|
|---------|--------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|

No data records returned

Environmental Conditions

Watersheds

| 12-Digit WBD (Watershed | WBD (Watershed Boundary | State Water Body Name | Beach | Beach | Pollutants | Watershed with ESA |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Boundary Dataset) HUC | Dataset) Subwatershed | (ICIS (Integrated | Closures | Closures | Potentially | (Endangered Species |
| (RAD (Reach Address | Name (RAD (Reach Address | Compliance | Within | Within Last | Related to | Act)-listed Aquatic |
| Database)) | Database)) | Information System)) | Last Year | Two Years | Impairment | Species? |

No data records returned

Assessed Waters From Latest State Submission (ATTAINS)

| State | Report Cycle | Assessment Unit ID | Assessment Unit Name | Water Condition | Cause Groups Impaired | Drinking Water Use | Ecological Use | Fish Consumption Use | Recreation Use | Other Use |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|

No data records returned

Air Quality Nonattainment Areas

| Within Nonattainment | Nonattainment Status Applicable | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Within Maintenance Status | Maintenance Status Applicable |

| Pollutant | Status Area? | Standard(s) | Area? | Standard(s) |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|
| | | No data records re | turned | |

Pollutants

Toxics Release Inventory History of Reported Chemicals Released or Transferred in Pounds per Year at Site

| TRI Facility ID | Year | Air Emissions | Surface Water Discharges | Off-Site Transfers to POTWs (Publicly Owned Treatment Works) | Underground Injections | Disposal to Land | Total On-Site Releases | Total Off-Site Transfers |
|-----------------------|------|------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
|-----------------------|------|------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|

No data records returned

Toxics Release Inventory Total Releases and Transfers in Pounds by Chemical and Year

| Chemical Name | |
|--------------------------|--|
| No data records returned | |
| | |

Community

Demographic Profile of Surrounding Area (1-Mile Radius)

This section provides demographic information regarding the community surrounding the facility. ECHO compliance data alone are not sufficient to determine whether violations at a particular facility had negative impacts on public health or the environment. Statistics are based upon the 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year Summary and are accurate to the extent that the facility latitude and longitude listed below are correct. Census boundaries and demographic data for U.S. Territories are based on the "2020 Island Areas Demographic Profiles" from the U.S. Census Bureau. EPA's spatial processing methodology considers the overlap between the selected radii and ACS census block groups in determining the demographics surrounding the facility. For more detail about this methodology, see the DFR Data Dictionary https://epa.gov/help/reports/dfr-data-dictionary#demographic.

| General Statistics (ACS (American Community Survey)) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Total Persons | 4,318 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Population Density | 1,661/sq.mi. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Housing Units in Area | 2,950 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent People of Color | 96% | | | | | | | | | | |
| Households in Area | 1,796 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Households on Public Assistance | 64 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Persons With Low Income | 2,969 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent With Low Income | 69% | | | | | | | | | | |

| Geography | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Radius of Selected Area | 1 mi. |
| Center Latitude | 18.33853 |
| Center Longitude | -67.246777 |
| Total Area | 3.121 sq.mi. |
| Land Area | 83% |
| Water Area | 17% |

| Income Breakdown (ACS (American C Households (%) | Community Survey)) - |
|---|----------------------|
| Less than \$15,000 | 613 (34.19%) |
| \$15,000 - \$25,000 | 332 (18.52%) |
| \$25,000 - \$50,000 | 417 (23.26%) |
| \$50,000 - \$75,000 | 185 (10.32%) |
| Greater than \$75,000 | 246 (13.72%) |

| Age Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Persons (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Children 5 years and younger | 214 (5%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Minors 17 years and younger | 614 (14%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Adults 18 years and older | 3,705 (86%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Seniors 65 years and older | 1,172 (27%) | | | | | | | | | |

| Race Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Persons (%) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| White | 1,837 (43%) | | | | | | | | |
| African-American | 154 (4%) | | | | | | | | |
| Hispanic-Origin | 4,102 (95%) | | | | | | | | |
| Asian | 0 (0%) | | | | | | | | |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0 (0%) | | | | | | | | |
| American Indian | 0 (0%) | | | | | | | | |
| Other/Multiracial | 276 (6%) | | | | | | | | |

| Education Level (Persons 25 & older) (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Persons (%) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Less than 9th Grade | 519 (15.58%) | | | | | | | | |
| 9th through 12th Grade | 188 (5.64%) | | | | | | | | |
| High School Diploma | 1,042 (31.28%) | | | | | | | | |
| Some College/2-year | 408 (12.25%) | | | | | | | | |
| B.S./B.A. (Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts) or More | 773 (23.21%) | | | | | | | | |



Detailed Facility Report

Facility Summary

PUERTO BAHIA RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

ROAD PR-413, KM. 1, RINCON, PR 00677

FRS (Facility Registry Service) ID: 110070388979

EPA Region: 02 Latitude: 18.345222 Longitude: -67.258083

Locational Data Source: NPDES

Industries: -Indian Country: N

Enforcement and Compliance Summary

| Statute | CWA |
|---|----------------|
| Compliance Monitoring Activities (5 years) | - |
| Date of Last Compliance Monitoring Activity | 10/04/2018 |
| Compliance Status | Not Applicable |
| Qtrs in Noncompliance (of 12) | 0 |
| Qtrs with Significant Violation | 0 |
| Informal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | - |
| Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | 1 |
| Penalties from Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | \$52,847 |
| EPA Cases (5 years) | - |
| Penalties from EPA Cases (5 years) | - |

Regulatory Information

Clean Air Act (CAA): No Information

Clean Water Act (CWA): Non-Major, (PRU065467)

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA): No Information

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA): No Information

Other Regulatory Reports

 $\textbf{Air Emissions Inventory (EIS):} \ \ \text{No Information}$

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (eGGRT): No Information

Toxic Releases (TRI): No Information

Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI): No Information

Go To Enforcement/Compliance Details

Known Data Problems https://epa.gov/resources/echo-data/known-data-problems

Facility/System Characteristics

Facility/System Characteristics

| System | Statute | Identifier | Universe | Status | Areas | Permit Expiration Date | Indian Country | Latitude | Longitude |
|------------|---------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| FRS | | 110070388979 | | | | | N | 18.345222 | -67.258083 |
| ICIS-NPDES | CWA | PRU065467 | Non-Major: Unpermitted Facility | | | | N | 18.345222 | -67.258083 |

Facility Address

| System | Statute | Identifier | Facility Name | Facility Address | Facility County |
|------------|---------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| FRS | | 110070388979 | PUERTO BAHIA RESIDENTIAL PROJECT | ROAD PR-413, KM. 1, RINCON, PR 00677 | Rincón Municipio |
| ICIS-NPDES | CWA | PRU065467 | PUERTO BAHIA RESIDENTIAL PROJECT | ROAD PR-413, KM. 1, RINCON, PR 00677 | |

Facility SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) Codes

Facility NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) Codes

NAICS Description

No data records returned

No data records returned

Facility Industrial Effluent Guidelines

Facility Tribe Information Reservation Name Tribe Name Distance to Tribe (miles) EPA Tribal ID

Effluent Guideline (40 CFR Part) No data records returned No data records returned

Enforcement and Compliance

Compliance Monitoring History

Last 5 Years

Finding (if applicable)

No data records returned

Entries in italics are not included in ECHO's Compliance Monitoring Activity counts because they are not compliance monitoring strategy

- <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs> activities or because they are not counted as inspections within EPA's Annual Results
- https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-data-and-results.

Compliance Summary Data

| Sta | ute Source ID | Current SNC (Significant Noncompliance)/HPV (High Priority Violation) | Current As Of | Qtrs with NC (Noncompliance) (of 12) | Data Last Refreshed |
|-----|---------------|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| C | VA PRU06546 | No | 03/31/2025 | 0 | 06/20/2025 |

Three-Year Compliance History by Quarter

| Statute | Program/Pollutant/Violation Type | QTR1 | QTR 2 | QTR 3 | QTR 4 | QTR 5 | QTR 6 | QTR 7 | QTR 8 | QTR 9 | QTR 10 | QTR 11 |
|---------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| CW | IA (Source ID: PRU065467) | 04/01-06/30/22 | 07/01-09/30/22 | 10/01-12/31/22 | 01/01-03/31/23 | 04/01-06/30/23 | 07/01-09/30/23 | 10/01-12/31/23 | 01/01-03/31/24 | 04/01-06/30/24 | 07/01-09/30/24 | 10/01-12/31/24 |
| | Facility-Level Status | Not Applicable |
| | Quarterly Noncompliance Report History | | | | | | | | | | | |

Informal Enforcement Actions

Last 5 Years

Type of Action Lead Agency

No data records returned

Entries in italics are not counted as "informal enforcement actions" in EPA policies pertaining to enforcement response tools.

Formal Enforcement Actions | Last 5 Years

| Statute | System | Law/ Section | Source ID | Type of Action | Case No. | Lead Agency | Case Name | Issued/ Filed Date | Settlements/ Actions | Settlement/ Action Date | Federal Penalty Assessed | State/ Local Penalty Assessed | Penalty Amount Collected | SEP Value | Comp Action Cost |
|---------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| CWA | ICIS- NPDES | 301 | NPDES/PRU065467 | Administrative - Formal | 02- 2019- 3451 | EPA | Puerto Bahia Residential Construction Project et al. | 09/06/2019 | 1 | 09/14/2020 | \$52,847 | \$0 | - | \$0 | \$0 |

Environmental Conditions

Watersheds

| 12-Digit WBD (Watershed Boundary Dataset) HUC (RAD (Reach Address Database)) | WBD (Watershed Boundary Dataset) Subwatershed Name (RAD (Reach Address Database)) | State Water Body Name (ICIS (Integrated Compliance Information System)) | Beach Closures Within Last Year | Beach Closures Within Last Two Years | Pollutants Potentially Related to Impairment | Watershed with ESA (Endangered Species Act)-listed Aquatic Species? |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| 210100030214 | Unnamed Coastal Watersheds West of Cano La Puente mouth | | No | No | | Yes |

Assessed Waters From Latest State Submission (ATTAINS)

| : | State | Report Cycle | Assessment Unit ID | Assessment Unit Name | Water Condition | Cause Groups Impaired | Drinking Water Use | Ecological Use | Fish Consumption Use | Recreation Use | Other Use | |
|---|-------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| | PR | 2024 | PRWQ90A | QUEBRADA PUNTA ENSENADA | Unknown - With Restoration Plan | | Not Assessed | Insufficient Information | | Insufficient Information | | |

Air Quality Nonattainment Areas

| Pollutant | Within Nonattainment Status Area? | Nonattainment Status Applicable Standard(s) | Within Maintenance Status Area? | Maintenance Status Applicable Standard(s) | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | |
| | No data records returned | | | | | | | |

Pollutants

Toxics Release Inventory History of Reported Chemicals Released or Transferred in Pounds per Year at Site

TRI Facility ID Year Air Emissions Surface Water Discharges Off-Site Transfers to POTWs (Publicly Owned Treatment Works) Underground Injections Disposal to Land Total On-Site Releases Total Off-Site Transfers

No data records returned

Toxics Release Inventory Total Releases and Transfers in Pounds by Chemical and Year

Chemical Name

No data records returned

CWA (Clean Water Act) Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Pollutant Loadings

DMR and TRI Multi-Year Loading Report

NPDES ID Description

No data records returned

Community

Demographic Profile of Surrounding Area (1-Mile Radius)

This section provides demographic information regarding the community surrounding the facility. ECHO compliance data alone are not sufficient to determine whether violations at a particular facility had negative impacts on public health or the environment. Statistics are based upon the 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year Summary and are accurate to the extent that the facility latitude and longitude listed below are correct. Census boundaries and demographic data for U.S. Territories are based on the "2020 Island Areas Demographic Profiles" from the U.S. Census Bureau. EPA's spatial processing methodology considers the overlap between the selected radii and ACS census block groups in determining the demographics surrounding the facility. For more detail about this methodology, see the DFR Data Dictionary https://epa.gov/help/reports/dfr-data-dictionary#demographic.

| General Statistics (ACS (American Community Survey)) | General Statistics (ACS (American Community Survey)) | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Total Persons | 2,512 | | | | | | |
| Population Density | 1,248/sq.mi. | | | | | | |
| Housing Units in Area | 1,962 | | | | | | |
| Percent People of Color | 94% | | | | | | |
| Households in Area | 1,115 | | | | | | |
| Households on Public Assistance | 29 | | | | | | |
| Persons With Low Income | 1,728 | | | | | | |
| Percent With Low Income | 69% | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Geography | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Radius of Selected Area | 1 mi. |
| Center Latitude | 18.345222 |
| Center Longitude | -67.258083 |
| Total Area | 3.121 sq.mi. |
| Land Area | 64% |
| Water Area | 36% |
| | |

| Income Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Households (%) | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Less than \$15,000 | 342 (30.7%) | | | | | | |
| \$15,000 - \$25,000 | 270 (24.24%) | | | | | | |
| \$25,000 - \$50,000 | 208 (18.67%) | | | | | | |
| \$50,000 - \$75,000 | 135 (12.12%) | | | | | | |
| Greater than \$75,000 | 159 (14.27%) | | | | | | |

| Age Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Persons (%) | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Children 5 years and younger | 74 (3%) | | | | |
| Minors 17 years and younger | 328 (13%) | | | | |
| Adults 18 years and older | 2,185 (87%) | | | | |
| Seniors 65 years and older | 788 (31%) | | | | |

| Race Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Persons (%) | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| White | 1,121 (45%) | | | | | |
| African-American | 60 (2%) | | | | | |
| Hispanic-Origin | 2,338 (93%) | | | | | |
| Asian | 0 (0%) | | | | | |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0 (0%) | | | | | |
| American Indian | 0 (0%) | | | | | |
| Other/Multiracial | 120 (5%) | | | | | |

| Education Level (Persons 25 & older) (ACS (American Community Survey) |)) - Persons (%) |
|---|------------------|
| Less than 9th Grade | 296 (14.72%) |
| 9th through 12th Grade | 65 (3.23%) |
| High School Diploma | 612 (30.43%) |
| Some College/2-year | 285 (14.17%) |
| B.S./B.A. (Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts) or More | 484 (24.07%) |



Detailed Facility Report

Facility Summary

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE JOHANNA E. CAMACHO

ROAD PR-413 KM. 1.3, RINCON, PR 00677

FRS (Facility Registry Service) ID: 110070885124

EPA Region: 02 Latitude: 18.3484 Longitude: -67.2542

Locational Data Source: NPDES

Industries: -Indian Country: N

Enforcement and Compliance Summary

| Statute | CWA |
|---|-------------------------|
| Compliance Monitoring Activities (5 years) | - |
| Date of Last Compliance Monitoring Activity | - |
| Compliance Status | No Violation Identified |
| Qtrs in Noncompliance (of 12) | 0 |
| Qtrs with Significant Violation | 0 |
| Informal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | - |
| Penalties from Formal Enforcement Actions (5 years) | |
| EPA Cases (5 years) | |
| Penalties from EPA Cases (5 years) | - |

Regulatory Information

Clean Air Act (CAA): No Information

Clean Water Act (CWA): Non-Major, Permit Expired (PRR1000BE)

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA): No Information

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA): No Information

Go To Enforcement/Compliance Details

Other Regulatory Reports

Air Emissions Inventory (EIS): No Information

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (eGGRT): No Information

Toxic Releases (TRI): No Information

Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI): No Information

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Known Data Problems https://epa.gov/resources/echo-data/known-data-problems

Facility/System Characteristics

Facility/System Characteristics

| System | Statute | Identifier | Universe | Status | Areas | Permit Expiration Date | Indian Country | Latitude | Longitude |
|------------|---------|--------------|--|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| FRS | | 110070885124 | | | | | N | 18.3484 | -67.2542 |
| ICIS-NPDES | CWA | PRR1000BE | Non-Major: General Permit Covered Facility | Expired | Construction Stormwater | 02/15/2022 | N | 18.3484 | -67.2542 |

Facility Address

| System | Statute | Identifier | Facility Name | Facility Address | Facility County |
|------------|---------|--------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| FRS | | 110070885124 | SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE JOHANNA E. CAMACHO | ROAD PR-413 KM. 1.3, RINCON, PR 00677 | Rincón Municipio |
| ICIS-NPDES | CWA | PRR1000BE | SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE JOHANNA E. CAMACHO | ROAD PR-413 KM. 1.3, RINCON, PR 00677 | |

Facility SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) Codes

Facility NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) Codes

No data records returned

No data records returned

Facility Industrial Effluent Guidelines

Facility Tribe Information

| - | | | - | | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Identifier | Effluent Guideline (40 CFR Part) | Effluent Guideline Description | Reservation Name | Tribe Name | EPA Tribal ID | Distance to Tribe (miles) |
| | No data records ret | urned | | No data | records returned | |

Enforcement and Compliance

Compliance Monitoring History Last 5 Years

Source ID System Activity Type Finding (if applicable)

No data records returned

Entries in italics are not included in ECHO's Compliance Monitoring Activity counts because they are not compliance monitoring strategy

- https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs activities or because they are not counted as inspections within EPA's Annual Results
- https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-data-and-results.

Compliance Summary Data

| Statute | Source ID | Current SNC (Significant Noncompliance)/HPV (High Priority Violation) | Current As Of | Qtrs with NC (Noncompliance) (of 12) | Data Last Refreshed |
|---------|-----------|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| CWA | PRR1000BE | No | 03/31/2025 | 0 | 06/20/2025 |

Three-Year Compliance History by Quarter

| Statute | Program/Pollutant/Violation Type | QTR1 | QTR 2 | QTR 3 | QTR 4 | QTR 5 | QTR 6 | QTR 7 | QTR 8 | QTR 9 | QTR 10 | QTR 11 |
|---------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| CW | A (Source ID: PRR1000BE) | 04/01-06/30/22 | 07/01-09/30/22 | 10/01-12/31/22 | 01/01-03/31/23 | 04/01-06/30/23 | 07/01-09/30/23 | 10/01-12/31/23 | 01/01-03/31/24 | 04/01-06/30/24 | 07/01-09/30/24 | 10/01-12/31/24 |
| | Facility-Level Status | No Violation Identified |
| | Quarterly Noncompliance Report History | | | | | | | | | | | |

Informal Enforcement Actions Last 5 Years

| Statute System Source ID Type of Action Lead Agency Date | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|-----------|-------------|------|
| Statute System Source is Type or rection and an arrangement of the state of the sta | Statute | System | Source ID | Lead Agency | Date |

No data records returned

Entries in italics are not counted as "informal enforcement actions" in EPA policies pertaining to enforcement response tools.

Formal Enforcement Actions | Last 5 Years

| Statute | System | Law/ Section | Source ID | Type of Action | Case No. | Lead Agency | Case Name | Issued/ Filed Date | Settlements/ Actions | Settlement/ Action Date | Federal Penalty Assessed | State/ Local Penalty Assessed | Penalty Amount Collected | SEP Value | Comp Action Cost |
|---------|--------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

No data records returned

Environmental Conditions

Watersheds

| 12-Digit WBD (Watershed Boundary Dataset) HUC (RAD (Reach Address Database)) | WBD (Watershed Boundary Dataset) Subwatershed Name (RAD (Reach Address Database)) | State Water Body Name (ICIS (Integrated Compliance Information System)) | Beach Closures Within Last Year | Beach Closures Within Last Two Years | Pollutants Potentially Related to Impairment | Watershed with ESA (Endangered Species Act)-listed Aquatic Species? |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| 210100030214 | Unnamed Coastal Watersheds West of Cano La Puente mouth | ENSENADA CREEK THAT DISCHARGES TO THE CARIBBEAN SE | No | No | | Yes |

Assessed Waters From Latest State Submission (ATTAINS)

| s | State | Report Cycle | Assessment Unit ID | Assessment Unit Name | Water Condition | Cause Groups Impaired | Drinking Water Use | Ecological Use | Fish Consumption Use | Recreation Use | Other Use | |
|---|-------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| | PR | 2024 | PRWQ90A | QUEBRADA PUNTA ENSENADA | Unknown - With Restoration Plan | | Not Assessed | Insufficient Information | | Insufficient Information | | |

Air Quality Nonattainment Areas

| Pollutant Within Nonattainment Status Area? Nonattainment Status Applicable Standard(s) Within Maintenance Status Area? Maintenance Status Applicable Standard(s) | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| No data records returned | | | | | | | | | |
| no data records retained | | | | | | | | | |

Pollutants

Toxics Release Inventory History of Reported Chemicals Released or Transferred in Pounds per Year at Site

TRI Facility ID Year Air Emissions Surface Water Discharges Off-Site Transfers to POTWs (Publicly Owned Treatment Works) Underground Injections Disposal to Land Total On-Site Releases Total Off-Site Transfers

No data records returned

Toxics Release Inventory Total Releases and Transfers in Pounds by Chemical and Year

Chemical Name

No data records returned

CWA (Clean Water Act) Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Pollutant Loadings

DMR and TRI Multi-Year Loading Report

NPDES ID Description

No data records returned

Community

Demographic Profile of Surrounding Area (1-Mile Radius)

This section provides demographic information regarding the community surrounding the facility. ECHO compliance data alone are not sufficient to determine whether violations at a particular facility had negative impacts on public health or the environment. Statistics are based upon the 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year Summary and are accurate to the extent that the facility latitude and longitude listed below are correct. Census boundaries and demographic data for U.S. Territories are based on the "2020 Island Areas Demographic Profiles" from the U.S. Census Bureau. EPA's spatial processing methodology considers the overlap between the selected radii and ACS census block groups in determining the demographics surrounding the facility. For more detail about this methodology, see the DFR Data Dictionary https://epa.gov/help/reports/dfr-data-dictionary#demographic.

| General Statistics (ACS (American Community Survey)) | General Statistics (ACS (American Community Survey)) | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Total Persons | 2,986 | | | | | | | |
| Population Density | 1,203/sq.mi. | | | | | | | |
| Housing Units in Area | 2,329 | | | | | | | |
| Percent People of Color | 94% | | | | | | | |
| Households in Area | 1,308 | | | | | | | |
| Households on Public Assistance | 41 | | | | | | | |
| Persons With Low Income | 2,077 | | | | | | | |
| Percent With Low Income | 70% | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Geography | | | | | | | | |
| - 11 - 4-1 - 11 | | | | | | | | |

| | Geography |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1 mi. | Radius of Selected Area |
| 18.3484 | Center Latitude |
| -67.2542 | Center Longitude |
| 3.121 sq.mi. | Total Area |
| 80% | Land Area |
| 20% | Water Area |
| | Water Area |

| Income Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Households (%) | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Less than \$15,000 | 393 (29.95%) | | | | | | |
| \$15,000 - \$25,000 | 323 (24.62%) | | | | | | |
| \$25,000 - \$50,000 | 253 (19.28%) | | | | | | |
| \$50,000 - \$75,000 | 154 (11.74%) | | | | | | |
| Greater than \$75,000 | 189 (14.41%) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

| 83 (3%) |
|-------------|
| 382 (13%) |
| 2,603 (87%) |
| 959 (32%) |
| |

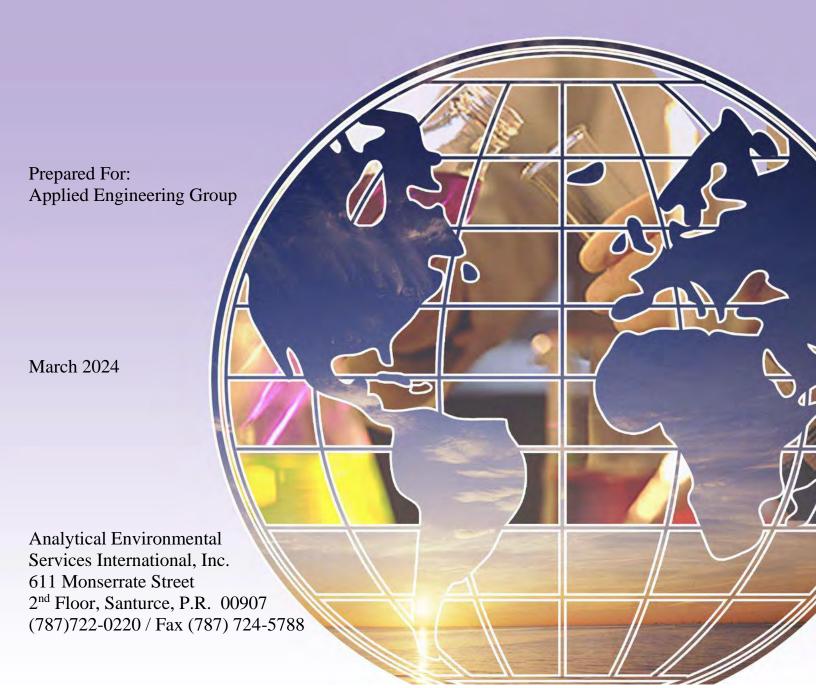
| Race Breakdown (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Persons (%) | | | | |
|--|-------------|--|--|--|
| White | 1,328 (44%) | | | |
| African-American | 69 (2%) | | | |
| Hispanic-Origin | 2,775 (93%) | | | |
| Asian | 0 (0%) | | | |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0 (0%) | | | |
| American Indian | 0 (0%) | | | |
| Other/Multiracial | 141 (5%) | | | |

| Education Level (Persons 25 & older) (ACS (American Community Survey)) - Persons (%) | |
|--|--------------|
| Less than 9th Grade | 351 (14.63%) |
| 9th through 12th Grade | 82 (3.42%) |
| High School Diploma | 726 (30.26%) |
| Some College/2-year | 331 (13.8%) |
| B.S./B.A. (Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts) or More | 558 (23.26%) |





ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY FOR LEAD BASED PAINT (LBP) AND ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS (ACM) FOR THE NEW PARKING OF THE RINCÓN URBAN CENTER RINCÓN, PUERTO RICO





LEAD



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I. SUMMARY

AES International was contracted by Applied Engineering to perform a Lead Based Paint (LBP) survey for the New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward, Rincón, Puerto Rico.

The LBP investigation was conducted on 03/07/2024 by Abraham Rodríguez, a certified DRNA Lead Inspector.

The following components were found to be painted with LBP:

| Structure/Room | Components | Substrate | Color | Quantity |
|----------------|------------|--------------------|-------|--------------|
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Public Parking

| South Park | Bench Support | Metal | Yellow | 8 ln.ft. |
|------------|---------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| PR-115 | Right Curb | Concrete | Yellow | 16 ln.ft. |

If demolition, or renovation activities, are conducted in the nearest future it is recommended to establish a lead hazard control strategy that will account for the potential LBP risks present in the facility.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

A survey for Lead Based Paint (LBP) was conducted by Analytical Environmental Services International, Inc. (AES International) for the New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward, Rincón, Puerto Rico.

The LBP investigation was conducted on 03/07/2024 by Abraham Rodríguez, a certified DRNA Lead Inspector. The credentials of AESI are attached in Appendix I. The survey was performed with an XRF instrument Model Pb200i (3115) manufactured by Heuresis. The survey was conducted using HUD protocol of 1997, revised in 2012.

2.0 TESTING PROCEDURES

The testing was performed with an XRF instrument manufactured by Heuresis, Model Pb200i (see PCS in Appendix II). The selected mode allows reference to the abatement level set at 1.0 mg/cm². The results are reported at 95% confidence levels.

3.0 LEAD BASED PAINT TESTING METHODOLOGY

The hazard level of lead in paint has been determined by the department of Housing & Urban development as 1.0 mg/cm², as measured by XRF, or AAS (Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy), or 0.5% be weight (or 5,000 ppm) as measured by AAS, or Inductive Coupled Plasma (ICP). The same level was adopted by EPA regulations published in 1992, under Title X.

The only lead-based paint testing protocol officially available at this time was published by HUD initially in 1990, revised in 1991 and finalized in 1995 (see above HUD reference). A revised chapter 7 was published in 1997. In accordance with the new protocol, almost all surfaces present in the units must be tested. The above guidelines were used to perform lead-based paint testing for this project.

The main steps involved in a multi-family inspection are:

- 1. Perform inventory of all testing combinations.
- 2. Select painted area to be tested.
- 3. Perform XRF testing (including calibration checks).
- 4. Collect and analyze paint chip samples, for inconclusive results.
- 5. Classify XRF and paint chips results.
- 6. Review and evaluate the data.
- 7. Report findings.

AES International personnel classify each XRF lead reading as positive, negative, or inconclusive. This classification is based on manufacturer XRF performance characteristic sheet (PCS), for each substrate. Samples and/or additional readings are taken from inconclusive areas. Calibration verification of the instrument was performed prior to beginning of daily task, when the instrument was turned on, and at the end of the day. The verification was conducted on a NIST standard of 1.0 mg/cm². Acceptance criteria used was +-0.2 mg/cm². The data for calibration verification is attached in Appendix III.

One testing combination of similar components were tested for each area equivalent.

At the completion of the testing, ten (10) surfaces were retested to assess precision of the testing. Statistical calculations performed on test-retest results suggest that the results are within the tolerance limits and therefore acceptable.

4.0 RESULTS

4.1 Results of XRF Inspection

The results of the tested components are shown in Appendix III. Twenty-five (25) XRF readings were taken. LBP components were found and presented herein. Selective photos are shown in Appendix IV.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

An LBP survey was conducted for the New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward, Rincón, Puerto Rico. LBP findings were presented herein.

Some painted surfaces may contain levels of lead below 1.0 mg/cm², which could create lead dust, or lead contaminated soil hazards if the paint is turned into dust by abrasion, scraping, or sanding.

The LBP survey relates to surfaces accessible and not covered by rigid barriers. Should any hidden surfaces or components be present, they must be assumed to be painted with LBP. Reported results are valid for the day of testing indicated in the reports. According to DNRA the LBP study is valid for a period of five years.

Abraham Rodriguez DRNA Lead Inspector Lic#: LBPI-33923-413

Table 1. Summary of LBP Positive Components at the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward, Rincón, Puerto Rico

| Structure/Room | Components Substrate | | Color | Quantity | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------|--------|-----------|--|
| Public Parking | | | | | |
| South Park | Bench Support | Metal | Yellow | 8 ln.ft. | |
| PR-115 | Right Curb | Concrete | Yellow | 16 ln.ft. | |



Appendix I





AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Programs, LLC

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LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS

| \checkmark | INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE | Accreditation Expires: July 01, 2025 |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \checkmark | ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD | Accreditation Expires: July 01, 2025 |
| | ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY | Accreditation Expires: |
| | FOOD | Accreditation Expires: |
| | UNIQUE SCOPES | Accreditation Expires: |
| | BERYLLIUM FIELD/MOBILE | Accreditation Expires: |

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Managing Director, AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Programs, LLC

Revision21: 05/15/2023 Date Issued: 07/01/2023

United States Environmental Protection Agency This is to certify that



AES International, Inc.

has fulfilled the requirements of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 402, and has received certification to conduct lead-based paint renovation, repair, and painting activities pursuant to 40 CFR Part 745.89

In the Jurisdiction of:

All EPA Administered States, Tribes, and Territories

This certification is valid from the date of issuance and expires

November 15, 2025

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Certification #

September 04, 2020

Issued On



Michelle Price, Chief

Lead, Heavy Metals, and Inorganics Branch



DRNA Lead Inspector Credentials







Appendix II



Performance Characteristic Sheet

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2015

MANUFACTURER AND MODEL:

Make: **Heuresis**Models: **Model Pb200i**

Source: ⁵⁷Co, 5 mCi (nominal – new source)

FIELD OPERATION GUIDANCE

OPERATING PARAMETERS:

Action Level mode

XRF CALIBRATION CHECK LIMITS:

0.8 to 1.2 mg/cm² (inclusive)

SUBSTRATE CORRECTION:

Not applicable

INCONCLUSIVE RANGE OR THRESHOLD:

| ACTION LEVEL MODE | SUBSTRATE | THRESHOLD (mg/cm²) |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| READING DESCRIPTION | | |
| Results not corrected for substrate bias on any | Brick | 1.0 |
| substrate | Concrete | 1.0 |
| Substitute | Drywall | 1.0 |
| | Metal | 1.0 |
| | Plaster | 1.0 |
| | Wood | 1.0 |

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

EVALUATION DATA SOURCE AND DATE:

This sheet is supplemental information to be used in conjunction with Chapter 7 of the HUD *Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing* ("HUD Guidelines"). Performance parameters shown on this sheet are calculated using test results on building components in the HUD archive. Testing was conducted on 146 test samples in November 2015, with two separate instruments running software version 2.1-2 in Action Level test mode. The actual source strength of each instrument on the day of testing was approximately 2.0 mCi; source ages were approximately one year.

OPERATING PARAMETERS

Performance parameters shown in this sheet are applicable only when properly operating the instrument using the manufacturer's instructions and procedures described in Chapter 7 of the HUD Guidelines.

XRF CALIBRATION CHECK:

The calibration of the XRF instrument should be checked using the paint film nearest 1.0 mg/cm² in the NIST Standard Reference Material (SRM) used (e.g., for NIST SRM 2579, use the 1.02 mg/cm² film).

If the average (rounded to 1 decimal place) of three readings is outside the acceptable calibration check range, follow the manufacturer's instructions to bring the instrument into control before XRF testing proceeds.

SUBSTRATE CORRECTION VALUE COMPUTATION:

Chapter 7 of the HUD Guidelines provides guidance on correcting XRF results for substrate bias. Supplemental guidance for using the paint film nearest 1.0 mg/cm² for substrate correction is provided:

XRF results are corrected for substrate bias by subtracting from each XRF result a correction value determined separately in each house for single-family housing or in each development for multifamily housing, for each substrate. The correction value is an average of XRF readings taken over the NIST SRM paint film nearest to 1.0 mg/cm² at test locations that have been scraped bare of their paint covering. Compute the correction values as follows:

Using the same XRF instrument, take three readings on a bare substrate area covered with the NIST SRM paint film nearest 1 mg/cm². Repeat this procedure by taking three more readings on a second bare substrate area of the same substrate covered with the NIST SRM.

Compute the correction value for each substrate type where XRF readings indicate substrate correction is needed by computing the average of all six readings as shown below.

<u>For each substrate type</u> (the 1.02 mg/cm² NIST SRM is shown in this example; use the actual lead loading of the NIST SRM used for substrate correction):

Correction value = (1st + 2nd + 3rd + 4th + 5th + 6th Reading)/6 - 1.02 mg/cm²

Repeat this procedure for each substrate requiring substrate correction in the house or housing development.

EVALUATING THE QUALITY OF XRF TESTING:

Randomly select ten testing combinations for retesting from each house or from two randomly selected units in multifamily housing.

Conduct XRF re-testing at the ten testing combinations selected for retesting.

Determine if the XRF testing in the units or house passed or failed the test by applying the steps below.

Compute the Retest Tolerance Limit by the following steps:

Determine XRF results for the original and retest XRF readings. Do not correct the original or retest results for substrate bias. In single-family and multi-family housing, a result is defined as a single reading. Therefore, there will be ten original and ten retest XRF results for each house or for the two selected units.

Calculate the average of the original XRF result and the retest XRF result for each testing combination.

Square the average for each testing combination.

Add the ten squared averages together. Call this quantity C.

Multiply the number C by 0.0072. Call this quantity D.

Add the number 0.032 to D. Call this quantity E.

Take the square root of E. Call this quantity F.

Multiply F by 1.645. The result is the Retest Tolerance Limit.

Compute the average of all ten original XRF readings.

Compute the average of all ten re-test XRF readings.

Find the absolute difference of the two averages.

If the difference is less than the Retest Tolerance Limit, the inspection has passed the retest. If the difference of the overall averages equals or exceeds the Retest Tolerance Limit, this procedure should be repeated with ten new testing combinations. If the difference of the overall averages is equal to or greater than the Retest Tolerance Limit a second time, then the inspection should be considered deficient.

Use of this procedure is estimated to produce a spurious result approximately 1% of the time. That is, results of this procedure will call for further examination when no examination is warranted in approximately 1 out of 100 dwelling units tested.

TESTING TIMES:

In the Action Level paint test mode, the instrument takes the longest time to complete readings close to the Federal standard of 1.0 mg/cm². The table below shows the mean and standard deviation of actual reading times by reading level for paint samples during the November 2015 archive testing. The tested instruments reported readings to one decimal place. No significant differences in reading times by substrate were observed. These times apply only to instruments with the same source strength as those tested (2.0 mCi). Instruments with stronger sources will have shorter reading times and those with weaker sources, longer reading times, than those in the table.

| Mean and Standard Deviation of Reading Times in Action Level Mode by Reading Level | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Reading (mg/cm²) | Mean Reading Time (seconds) | Standard Deviation (seconds) | | | |
| < 0.7 | 3.48 | 0.47 | | | |
| 0.7 | 7.29 | 1.92 | | | |
| 0.8 | 13.95 | 1.78 | | | |
| 0.9 – 1.2 | 15.25 | 0.66 | | | |
| 1.3 – 1.4 | 6.08 | 2.50 | | | |
| <u>≥</u> 1.5 | 3.32 | 0.05 | | | |

CLASSIFICATION OF RESULTS:

XRF results are classified as **positive** if they are **greater than or equal** to the stated threshold for the instrument (1.0 mg/cm²), and *negative* if they are *less than* the threshold.

DOCUMENTATION:

A report titled *Methodology for XRF Performance Characteristic Sheets* (EPA 747-R-95-008) provides an explanation of the statistical methodology used to construct the data in the sheets, and provides empirical results from using the recommended inconclusive ranges or thresholds for specific XRF instruments. The report may be downloaded at http://www2.epa.gov/lead/methodology-xrf-performance-characteristic-sheets-epa-747-r-95-008-september-1997.

This XRF Performance Characteristic Sheet (PCS) was developed by QuanTech, Inc., under a contract with the XRF manufacturer.



Appendix III



ANALYTICAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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LEAD BASED PAINT TESTING DATA SHEET

Client Name: Applied Engineering Group Date: 3/7/2024

Project Name: LBP Survey for the New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center Inspector: Abraham Rodríguez

Address: Rincón, Puerto Rico XRF Serial No.: 3115

| Reading # | Building | Room | Substrate | Color | Component & Location | XRF Reading (mg/cm ²) |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | | | | | Calibration | 1.0 |
| 2 | | | | | Calibration | 1.0 |
| 3 | | | | | Calibration | 1.1 |
| 4 | South Park | Park | Concrete | Gray | Ramp | 0.0 |
| 5 | South Park | Park | Concrete | Gray | Ramp | 0.1 |
| 6 | South Park | Park | Metal | Yellow | Bench Support | 1.6 |
| 7 | South Park | Park | Metal | Gray | Bench Support | 0.1 |
| 8 | South Park | Park | Concrete | Red | Left Wall | 0.3 |
| 9 | South Park | Park | Metal | Cream | Security Pole | 0.1 |
| 10 | South Park | Park | Metal | Red | Pole on Ground | 0.2 |
| 11 | South Park | PR-115 (Progreso St. Extension) | Concrete | Yellow | Right Curb | 2.2 |
| 12 | South Park | PR-115 (Progreso St. Extension) | Concrete | Yellow | Left Curb | 0.2 |
| 13 | South Park | PR-115 (Progreso St. Extension) | Concrete | Blue | Handicapped Ramp | 0.3 |
| 14 | Municipal Parking | West Parking | Metal | Gray | Bench Support | 0.2 |
| 15 | Municipal Parking | West Parking | Metal | Gray | Pole | 0.1 |

Approved By: Ady Padan Ph.D. Date: 3/7/2024

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Client Name: Applied Engineering Group Date: 3/7/2024

Project Name: LBP Survey for the New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center Inspector: Abraham Rodríguez

Address: Rincón, Puerto Rico XRF Serial No.: 3115

| Reading # | Building | Room | Substrate | Color | Component & Location | XRF Reading (mg/cm ²) |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|--------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 16 | Municipal Parking | West Side | Concrete | Yellow | Wheel Stop | 0.2 |
| 17 | Municipal Parking | West Side | Asphalt | Yellow | Parking Line | 0.3 |
| 18 | Municipal Parking | West Side | Concrete | Yellow | Entrance Curb | 0.2 |
| 19 | Municipal Parking | South Side | Concrete | Blue | Entrance Curb | 0.2 |
| 20 | Municipal Parking | South Side | Concrete | Yellow | Handicapped Ramp | 0.4 |
| 21 | Municipal Parking | South Side | Concrete | Yellow | Curb | 0.3 |
| 22 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Gray | Entrance Curb | 0.3 |
| 23 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Metal | Yellow | Pole | 0.2 |
| 24 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Yellow | Wheel Stop | 0.2 |
| 25 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Metal | Yellow | Parking Line | 0.2 |
| 26 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Gray | Water Valve Column | 0.3 |
| 27 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Yellow | Pole | 0.2 |
| 28 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Blue | Electric Column | 0.3 |
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| 29 | Municipal Parking | South Side | Concrete | Blue | Entrance Curb | 0.2 |

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| 31 | Municipal Parking | South Side | Concrete | Yellow | Curb | 0.3 |
| 32 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Gray | Entrance Curb | 0.3 |
| 33 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Metal | Yellow | Pole | 0.2 |
| 34 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Yellow | Wheel Stop | 0.2 |
| 35 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Metal | Yellow | Parking Line | 0.2 |
| 36 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Gray | Water Valve Column | 0.3 |
| 37 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Yellow | Pole | 0.2 |
| 38 | Municipal Parking | Northwest Side | Concrete | Blue | Electric Column | 0.1 |
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| 40 | | | | | Calibration | 1.1 |
| 41 | | | | | Calibration | 1.0 |

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Appendix IV



Site Location: New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward Rincón, Puerto Rico



Selective Photos



General View Parking Area



LBP Yellow Concrete Curb, State Road PR-115

Selective Photos

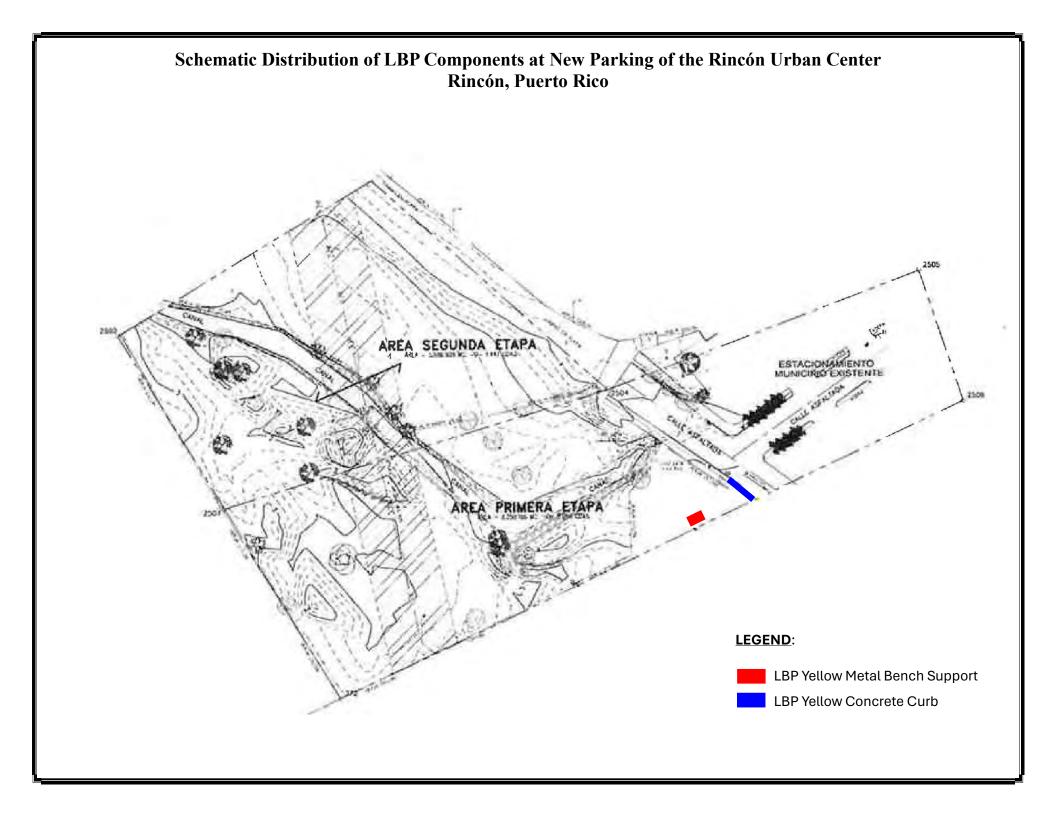


LBP Yellow Metal Bench Support, South Park



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I. SUMMARY

A survey for Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) was conducted by Analytical Environmental Services International (AES International), Inc. for the New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward, Rincón, Puerto Rico.

The inspection was conducted on 03/07/2024 by Abraham Rodríguez, a DRNA/AHERA certified asbestos inspector.

No suspected materials were observed during the inspection and accordingly, samples were not collected.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

A survey for Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) was conducted by Analytical Environmental Services International, Inc. (AES International) for the New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward, Rincón, Puerto Rico.

The survey was conducted on 03/07/2024 by Abraham Rodríguez, a DRNA/AHERA Certified Asbestos Building Inspector (see Appendix I for credentials). The inspection was scheduled to be performed based on a modified ASTM E2356-18 protocol, that included a visual inspection and collection of samples.

2.0 GENERAL BACKGROUND

Asbestos was used in the construction industry from 1900 to 1989. It is still being used today in various products. The health effects of asbestos have been studied since the 1930's. More health studies have been conducted in asbestos than any other natural substance. The mere presence of asbestos containing materials does not necessarily constitute a health hazard. However, when these materials become disturbed from building renovation, maintenance, or other everyday activities that allow fibers to be released into the environment, a potential hazard does exist.

The relationship between exposure level and health risk is very complex. Although this relationship is not completely understood, asbestos exposure has been associated with various types of lung diseases including a debilitating lung disease called ASBESTOSIS; a rare cancer of chest called MESOTHELIOMA; and cancers of the esophagus, stomach, colon and other organs. Asbestosis is not fatal; it is, however, incurable. One who has it cannot breathe easily and physical activity becomes limited. MESOTHELIOMA is 100% fatal, as there is no cure. These diseases can be directly linked to asbestos because of the mineral particles that can be found in the lining of the lungs and stomach, since the body cannot absorb these minerals. Tests have determined that asbestos can cause cancer, but scientists disagree on the amount of asbestos fibers that must be inhaled to cause cancer. The nose filters out all visible particles. Therefore, only the microscopic fibers are the ones who cause the problems.

Studies indicate different health effects resulting from exposure to chrysotile asbestos versus exposure to the amphibole form of asbestos. The later, which include tremolite, amosite, actinolite, anthophyllite and crocidolite have more significant health impact than chrysotile.

Some scientists cite studies concluding that is the size of the fibers deposited in the lungs that result in cancer. Long, thin fibers, greater than 8 microns in length and less than 0.25 microns in diameter show the highest potential of cancer development.

2.1 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)

The EPA's rules concerning the application, removal, and disposal of ACM, as well as manufacturing, spraying and fabricating of ACM were issued under the asbestos NESHAP regulation (U.S. EPA National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, 40 CFR 61 Subpart M, October 30, 1987). The asbestos NESHAP regulation governs asbestos demolition and renovation projects in all facilities. The NESHAP rule usually requires owners or operators to have all friable ACM removed before the building is demolished and may require its removal before renovation. If friable ACM shall be disturbed, the NESHAP rule may require appropriate work practices, or procedures for emission control. The rule states that any ACM, which may become friable, poses a potential hazard that should be addressed.

A revised NESHAP ruling was released on November 20, 1990, effective February 20, 1991 which includes as the responsibility of the owner, or operator, to "prior to the commencement of the demolition or renovation, thoroughly inspect the affected facility or part of the facility where demolition or renovation operation will occur for the presence of asbestos, including Category I and Category II non-friable ACM." (40 CFR, Part 61, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, Asbestos NESHAP Revision, Final Rule, November 20, 1990).

3.0 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION/DESCRIPTION

The Municipality of Rincón will revitalize the parking lot and an adjoining passive park for the New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward, Rincón, Puerto Rico.

4.0 METHODS OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Each sample, if collected, should have been classified according to the condition of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) in that location and the potential for material disturbance. All the area was visually inspected.

5.0 SAMPLING METHODS

Samples were not collected as no suspected ACM were observed during the visual inspection.

6.0 INSPECTION RESULTS

Suspected materials were not observed during visual inspection.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS

A survey for ACM was conducted for the New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward, Rincón, Puerto Rico. No suspected ACM were observed.

The ACM survey results does not include materials which are non-accessible, non-visible and may be present inside the walls, or covered by other materials. These materials must be assessed at the time of the disturbance and assumed as positive for the time being.

Abraham Rodriguez DRNA Asbestos Inspector

Lic#: ASB-1023-0156-SI



Appendix I



National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO ISO/IEC 17025:2017

AES International

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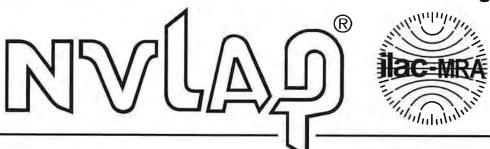
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Bulk Asbestos Analysis

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 18/A01 | EPA 40 CFR Appendix E to Subpart E of Part 763, Interim Method of the Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Insulation Samples |
| 18/A03 | EPA 600/R-93/116: Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Building Materials |

For the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program

United States Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology



Certificate of Accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025:2017

NVLAP LAB CODE: 200051-0

AES International

Santurce, PR

is accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program for specific services, listed on the Scope of Accreditation, for:

Asbestos Fiber Analysis

This laboratory is accredited in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

This accreditation demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a laboratory quality management system (refer to joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communique dated January 2009).

2024-01-01 through 2024-12-31

Effective Dates



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DRNA Asbestos Inspector Credentials





Appendix II



ANALYTICAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

ASBESTOS SAMPLE INSPECTION FORM FOR PHYSICAL & HAZARD ASSESSMENT

| Client Name | Applied Engineering Group | | | | | Structure: | | Parking Lot | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Project Name: | ACM Survey for the New Parking of the | ne Rincón | Urban Cen | ter | | | | | |
| Inspection Date: | 3/7/2024 | | | | | Page: | 1 | of | 1 |
| Homoger I.D. Number | neous Material Description Material Description | Material Category | | Friability | Location of Materials | Asbestos Contents | Total Square Feet of ACM | AHERA Assessment Category (1-7, X, None) | Hazard Ranking (5-7) |
| | No Suspected ACM were Observed | | | | | | | | |
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| Inspected by: | Abraham Rodríguez | | | | | | Date: | 3/7/20 | 024 |
| | , NF = nonfriable, X = not applicable (material is no Category: 1 = Damaged of significantly damaged T | | = Damaged fri | able surfacing | ACBM: 3 = Significa | ntly damaged friab | le surfacing ACI | 3M: | |

4 = Damaged or significantly damaged friable miscellaneous ACBM; 5 = ACBM with potential for damage; 6 = ACBM with potential for significant damage;

7 = Any remaining friable ACBM or friable suspected ACBM; X = Not applicable (material is non-ACBM or non-friable surfacing or miscellaneous materials);

None = No assessment category provided in original inspection.

Hazard Ranking Category: 1 = Significantly damaged; 2 = Damaged and potential of significant damage; 3 = Damaged and potential for damage; 4 = Damaged;

5 = Potential for significant damage; 6 = Potential for damage; 7 = All remaining ACBM

^{* -} Unless Specified, the Asbestos Type is Chrysotile; ND - None Detected



Appendix III



Site Location: New Parking of the Rincón Urban Center, Parque Street, Pueblo Ward Rincón, Puerto Rico



Selective Photos



General View Parking Area

PR-CRP-000505 Critical Habitat Map



Attachment 8A: Critical Habitats

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°). Source:

US National Park Service - Interactive Map of NPS Wild and Scenic Rivers. Website:

htps://nps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=ff42a57d0aae43c49a88daee0e353142

Author: Applied Engineering Group

| Attachment 8B: USFWS Consultation Package & Determination |
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Good Morning

The Service's acknowledge receipt of PRDOH's letter dated April 24, 2025, accepting the recommendation provided by the Service on January 02, 2025, to convert parking spaces 27 through 30 have into a buffer zone and green open space, providing an alternative to retain existing conditions for PEM1 and to implement best sediment and erosion management practices during construction phases and operation. No further consultation is required unless the project scope of work change or new information regarding listed species becomes available. Keep this email for your records.

Thanks

Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office (786) 244-0081 caribbean es@fws.gov

For project evaluations, please visit our <u>Consultation Guidelines</u> website.

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Greetings,

We would like to kindly follow-up on PRDOH's response to the Service's recommendations regarding the project **PR-CRP-000505** for the CDBG-DR City Revitalization Program

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To whom it may concern:

In response to the letter received on January 2, 2025, attached please find PRDOH's response to the Service's recommendations regarding the project **PR-CRP-000505** for the CDBG-DR City Revitalization Program.

PR-CRP-000505 USFWS Response to Agency Recommendation PRDOH.pdf

We look forward for your response in order to move forward our environmental review process.

Sincerely,

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Mr. De La Rosa

See attached file regarding the referenced project. Should you have any questions, contact us at caribbean_es@fws.gov

Thanks

^{**} If you need assistance, please contact me at emails or mobile below. If you are sending a request for technical assistance or Section 7 consultation, please contact us at Caribbean_es@fws.gov**

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Dear Ms. Mena,

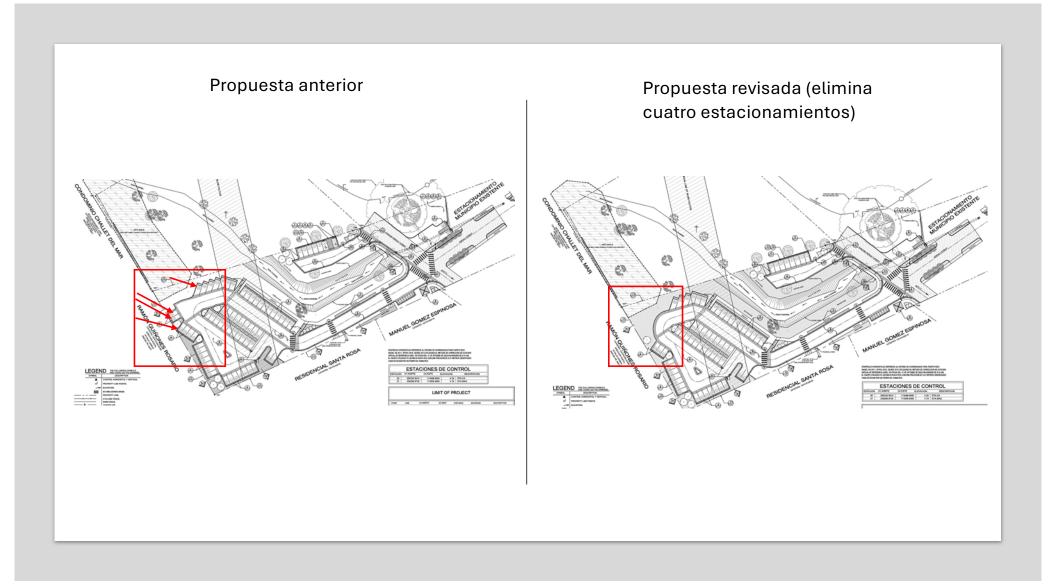
In response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife letter dated January 2, 2025, regarding the informal consultation under Section 7 (a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 United States Code 1531 et seq.), and in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (47 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) for the project **Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)**, the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) is addressing your recommendation to the modify the proposed project footprint to maintain existing condition of the wetland.

In accordance with the recommendation by the Service, parking spaces 27 through 30 have been reconfigured into a buffer zone and green open space, providing an alternative to retain existing conditions for PEMIF. In addition, best sediment and erosion management practices will be implemented during construction phases and operation of the proposed activity to prevent sediment discharges and deposition.

For your review, please refer to the attached revised drawings. Should you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at environmentcdbg@vivienda.pr.gov or 787.274.2527 ext. 4320.

Cordially,

Aldo A. Rivera-Vázquez, PE Permits and Environmental Compliance Director Disaster Recovery Office, CDBG-DR/MIT Program TORRES





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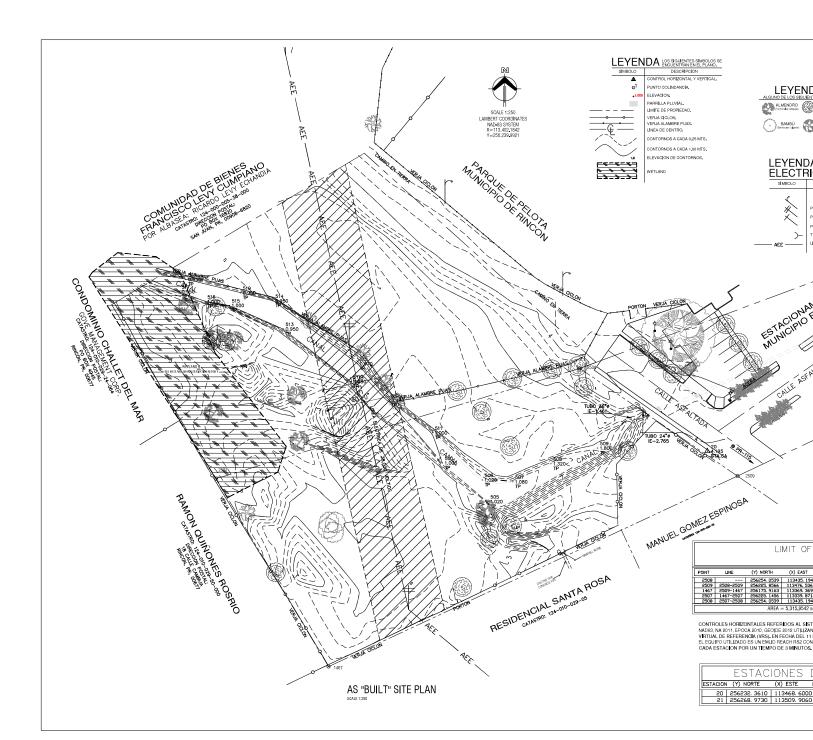


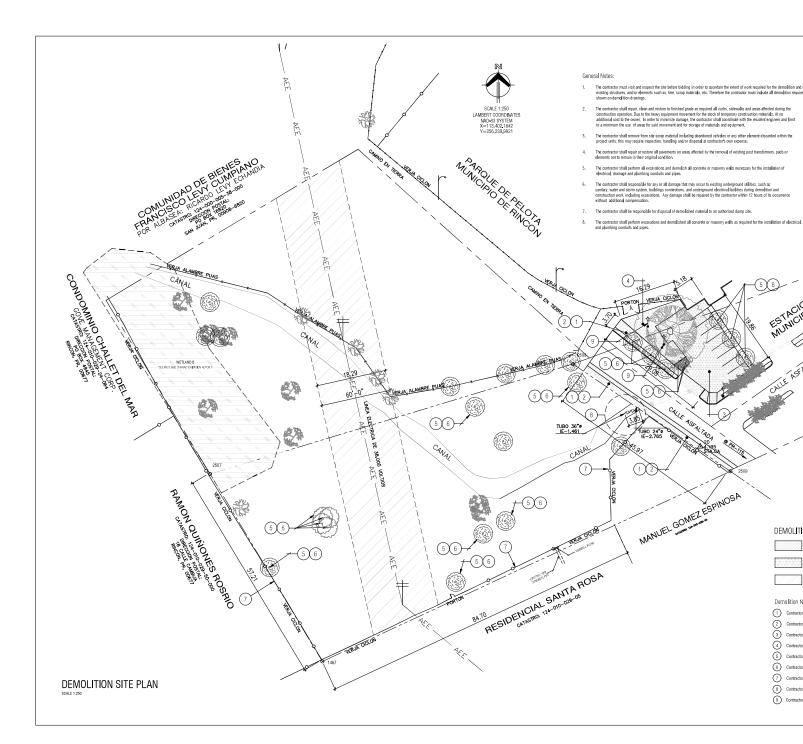
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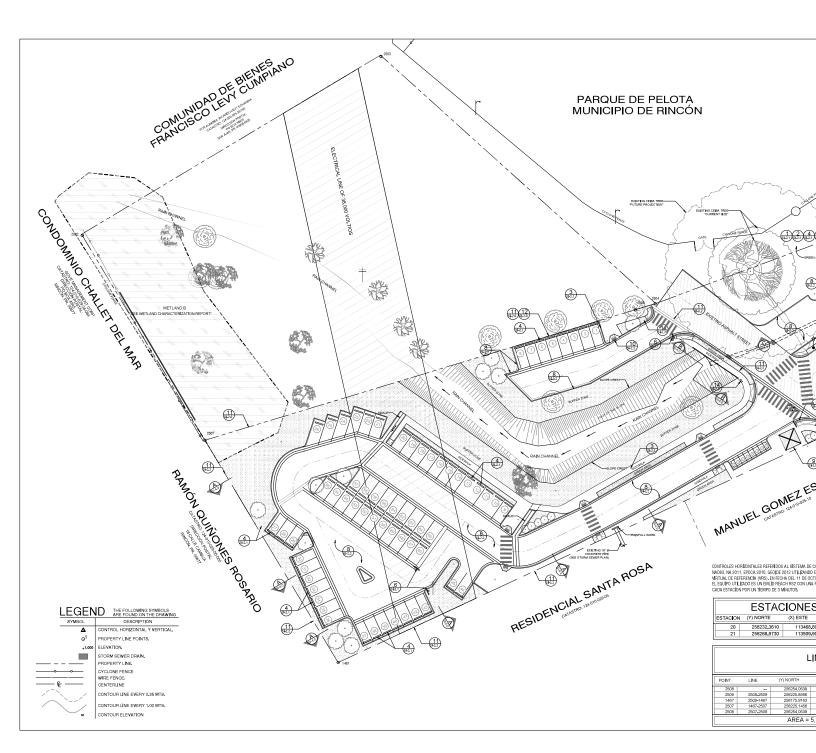
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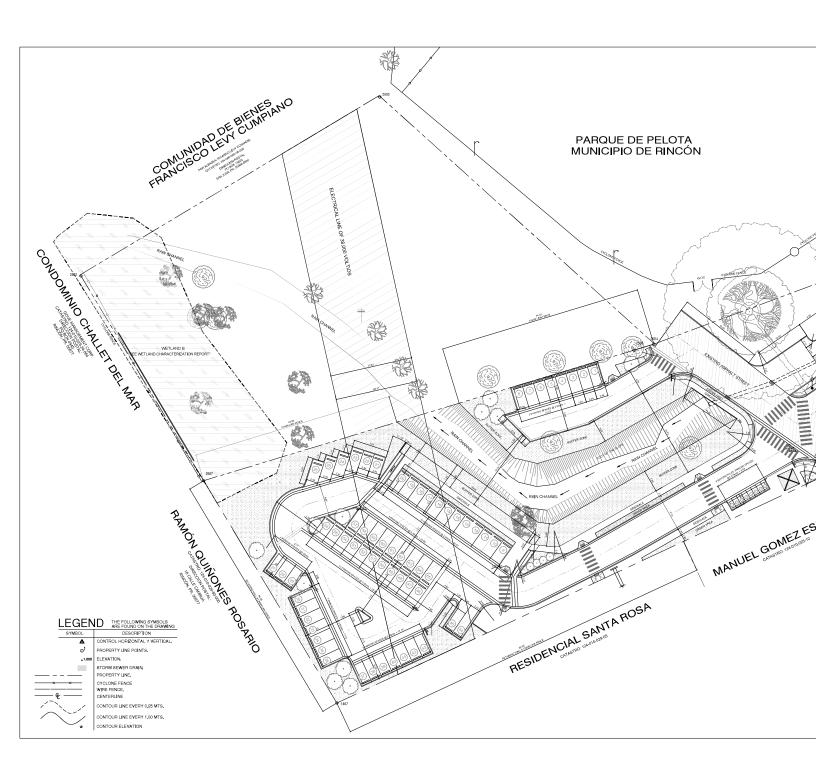
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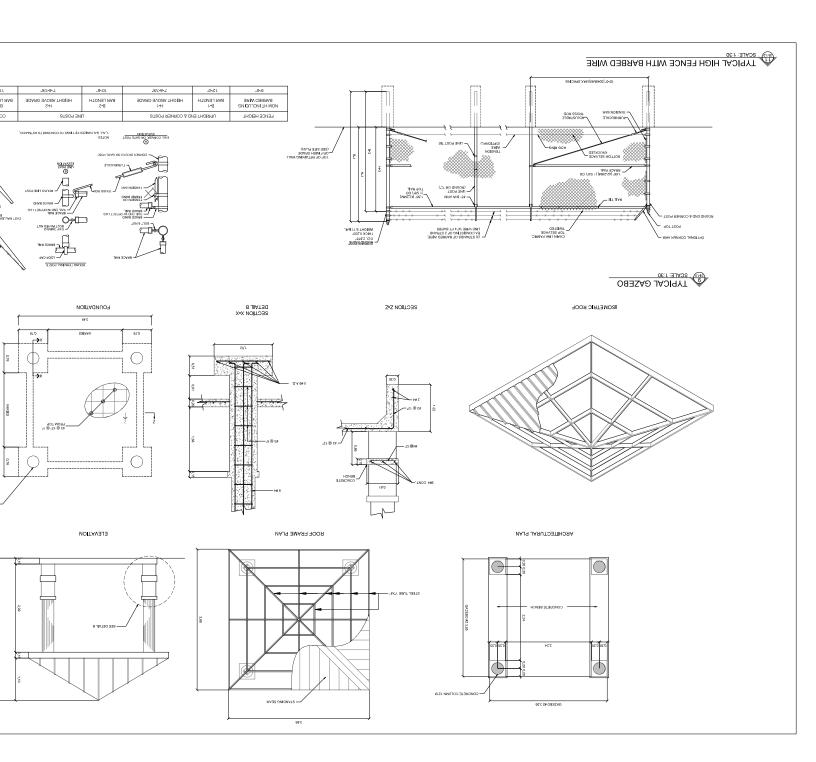
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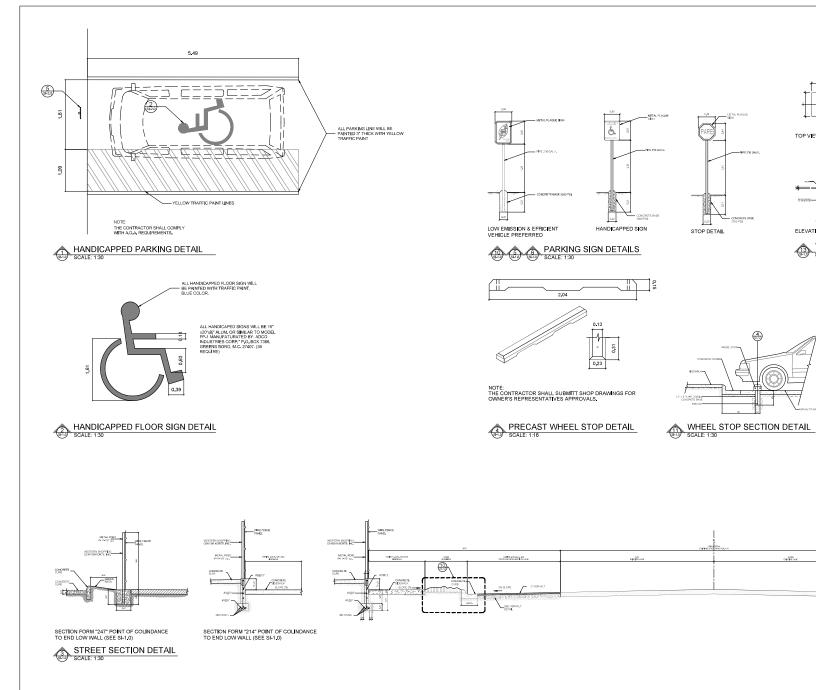


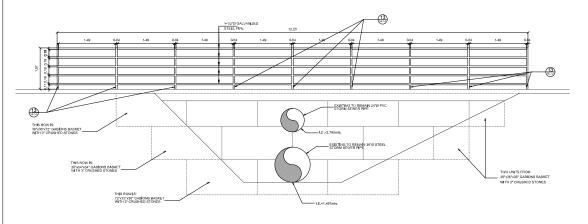


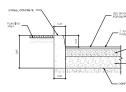






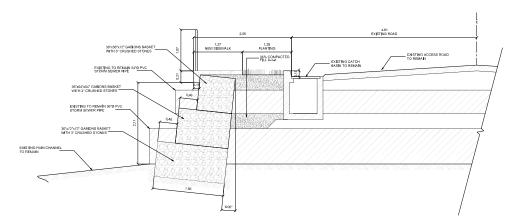






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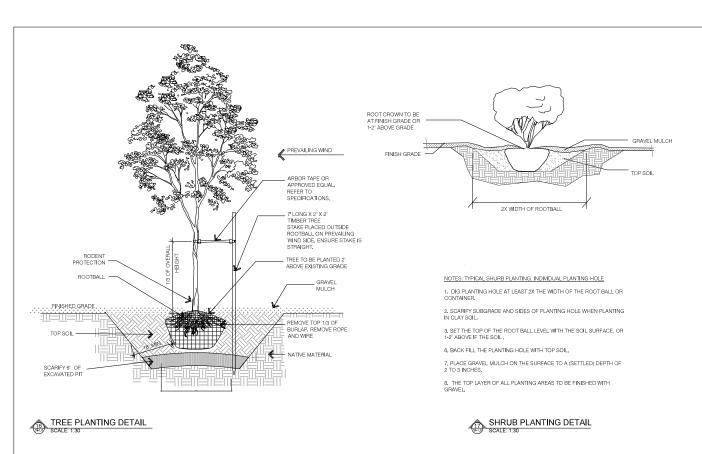
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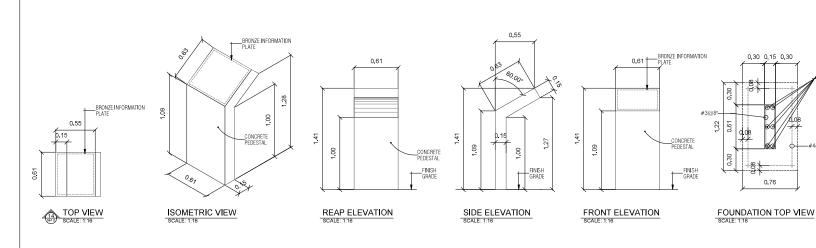


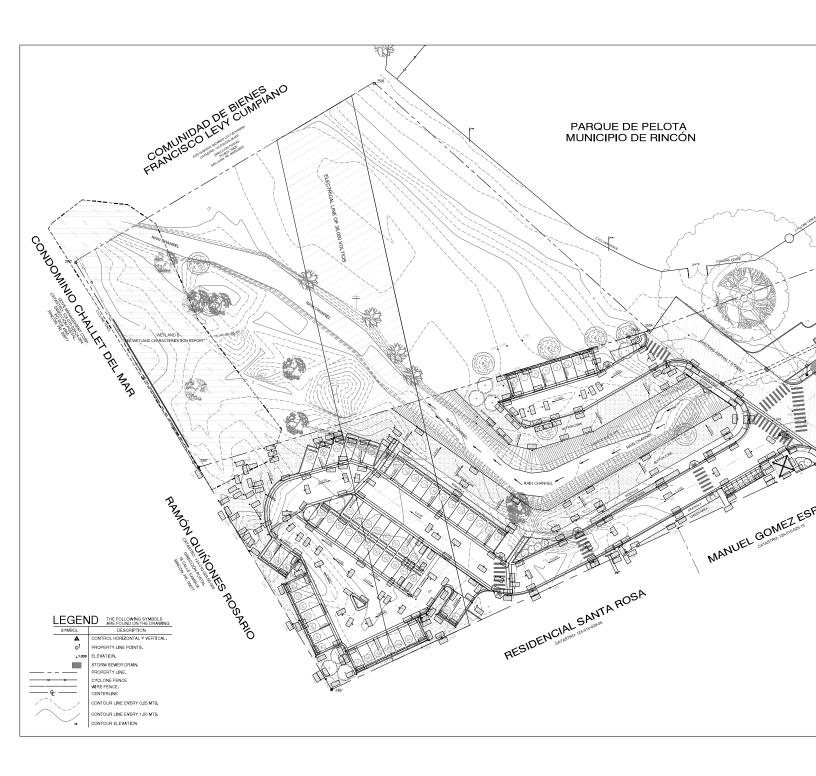
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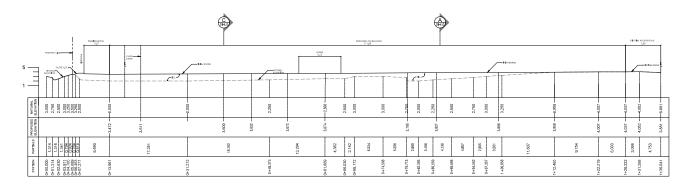




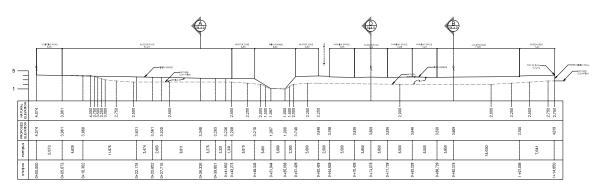




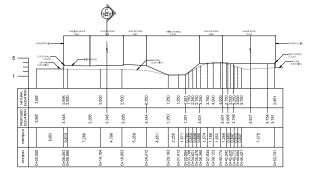
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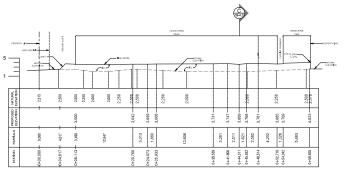
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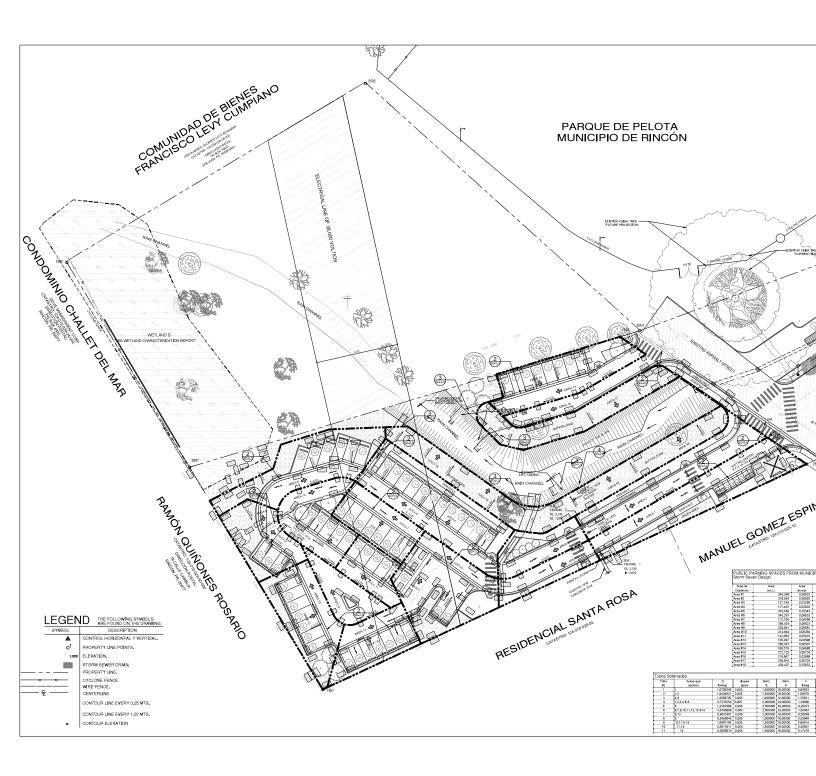


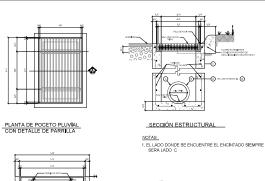
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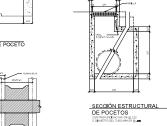








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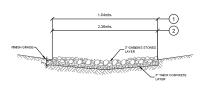


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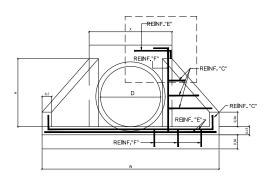


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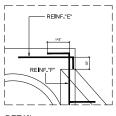


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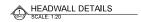
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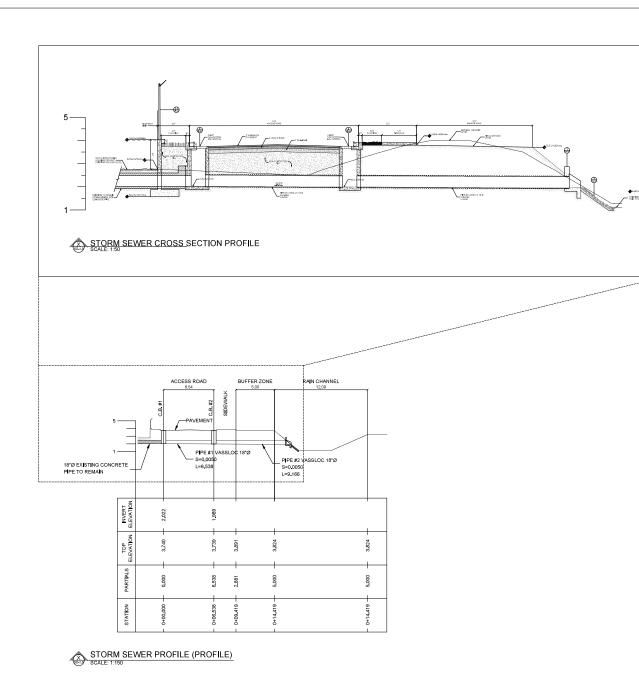


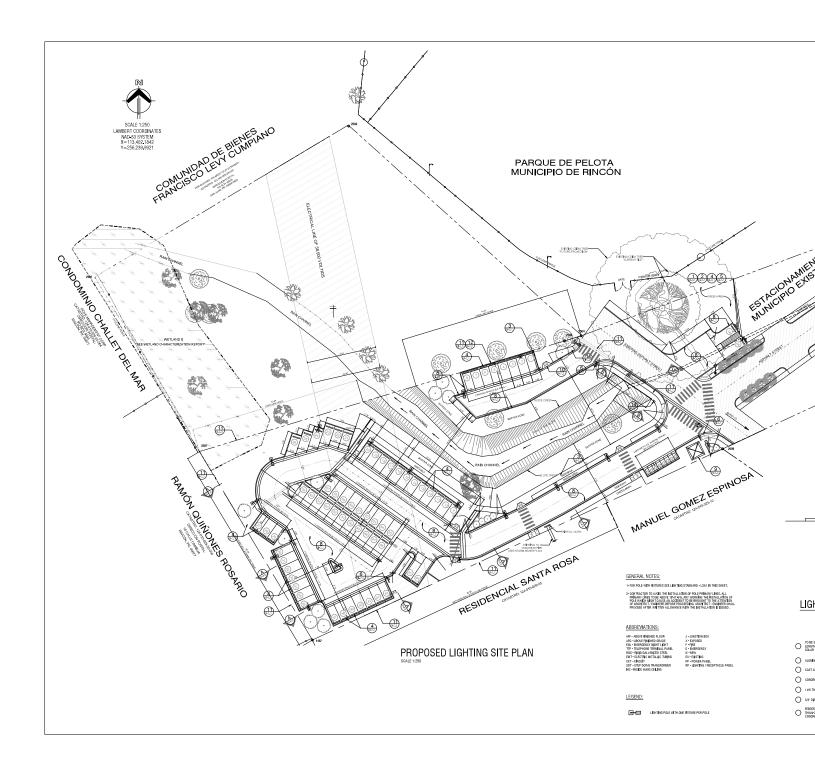


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In Reply Refer To: FWS/R4/CESFO/72117-033

Submitted Via Electronic Mail: jose.delarosa@aegroup-pr.com

Jose De La Rosa, BSCE Project Coordinator Applied Engineering Group Calle 10 Ave Montecarlo #866 San Juan, PR 00924

Re: PR-CRP-000505-Expansion Parking Lot "Ojo de Agua", Rincón, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. De La Rosa

Thank you for your letter received on October 24, 2024, requesting consultation on the above referenced project. As per your request, our comments are provided as under the Endangered Species Act (Act) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 United States Code 1531 et seq.), and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).

The Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) is proposing the construction of a public parking lot (funded by Housing and Urban Development (HUD)) to be located on Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area (18°20'22.2"N 67°15'11.2"W) in the municipality of Rincón, Puerto Rico. The proposed scope of work (SOW) for this project consists of:

- Preparation of the ground to carry out a correct installation of asphalt pavement and concrete in all required areas.
- Installation of bumper protectors/wheel stops.
- Construction of approximately 70 parking units:
 - ADA Compliance units
 - Motorcycle units
- From pavers and/or porous concrete at access entrances (ADA compliance).
- Green Initiatives:
 - Landscaping works.
 - Installation of solar lighting poles.
 - Inside the existing parking lot, there is a tree (Ceiba) which will be protected and delimited.
- Installation of signs accordingly.
- Construction of a drainage system.
- Construction of an entrance.
- Construction of some rest area (Construction of a "canopy" with fixed furniture).

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Construction of an area to observe the "Ojo de agua" (the observation area will be substantially distant from the "ojo de agua").

Using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system, the PRDE has determined that the proposed project lies within the range of Puerto Rican boa (Chilabothrus inornatus) and West Indian manatee (Trichechus manatus).

The Caribbean Determination Key (DKey) in the IPaC application was used to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project on federally listed species (Project code: 2024-0074858). Based on the answers provided, a concurrence letter was obtained for the Puerto Rican boa, which determined that the proposed actions for this project may affect but is not likely to adversely affect (NLAA) this species. The Service acknowledges receipt of the NLAA DKey concurrence letter for the Puerto Rican boa.

Based on the nature of the project, scope of work, information available, and analysis of the area where the project will be developed, the PRDOH has determined that the proposed project would have no effect (NE) on the West Indian manatee since all work will be conducted inland.

The Service acknowledges receipt of PRDOH's NE determination for the West Indian manatee. Currently, we do not have information to refute that determination. Because the PRDOH made a NE determination, the PRDOH is not required to conduct formal or informal section 7 consultation with the Service, and the Service is not required to concur with PRDE's NE determination.

With regards to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, we recommend that to avoid impacts to Wetland 2 (as identified in the project documents) as shown in the wetland assessment, that the proposed project footprint should be changed to maintain existing condition of the wetland. Parking spaces 27 through 30 should be converted to a buffer zone, green open space or other feasible alternative that retains existing conditions for PEM1F. Also, sediment and erosion controls must be implemented for the prevention of sediment discharges and deposition during construction phases and operation.

We appreciate your interest in protecting endangered species and their habitats. It is the Service's mission to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of our people.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us via email at caribbean es@fws.gov or by phone at (786) 244-0081.

Sincerely,

LOURDES MENA Lourdes Mena Field Supervisor Digitally signed by LOURDES MENA Date: 2025.01.02 17:25:22

drr cc: DNER, San Juan COR3, San Juan HUD PRDOH, San Juan Lourdes Mena Field Supervisor U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service PO Box 491 Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622 Email: caribbean es@fws.gov

Dear Ms. Mena

HUD is requesting consultation under Section 7 (a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 United States Code 1531 et seq.), and in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (47 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) for the proposed project PR-CRP-000505-Estacionamiento Urbano, located on Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°).

The proposed project consists of the construction of a public parking lot that includes ground preparation for asphalt and concrete installation, installation of bumper protectors, and the creation of approximately 70 parking units, including ADA-compliant and motorcycle spaces. It will feature pavers or porous concrete at access points, landscaping, solar lighting poles, and protection of an existing Ceiba tree. Additional components include signage installation, a drainage system with gutters to ensure proper flow of stormwater, a new entrance, a rest area with a canopy and fixed furniture, and an observation area for the "Ojo de agua," which will be located at a considerable distance from the water source.

Using the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system (or other sources eg. Fauna/Flora Survey), we have determined that the proposed project lies within the range of the following federally listed species and critical habitats:

| Name of the species | Threatened/Endangered/Candidate | |
|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Puerto Rican boa (<i>Epicrates inornatus</i>) | Endangered | |
| West Indian Manatee (Trichechus manatus) | Threatened | |

| Critical Habitat | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| No critical habitat in project site | | |

Based on the nature of the project, scope of work, information available, and a careful analysis of the IPAC lists, conservation measures that will be implemented, and wetland delimitation report, we have made the following effects determinations:

Choose an effect determination for each of the listed-species and critical habitats mentioned in the tables above

| Name of the species | Effect Determination | Conservation Measures | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | that will be implemented | |
| Puerto Rican boa | May Affect but not likely | (NLAA) | |
| (Epicrates inornatus) | to affect | USFWS Puerto Rican boa | |
| | | Conservation Measures | |
| | | 2020 | |
| West Indian Manatee | No Effect | All work will be inland. | |
| (Trichechus manatus) | | | |

| Critical Habitat | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----|--|
| None present in project location | No effect (NE) | N/A | |

In order to complete the consultation process, we are requesting your concurrence for the NLAA determinations included in this letter. Attached to this letter, we are including the documents used to reach our effect determinations for the listed species. If more information is required, please contact *José De La Rosa Reyes* at jose.delarosa@aegroup-pr.com *and* 787-615-9371/787-771-5071.

José De La Rosa Reyes Project Coordinator



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In Reply Refer To: 04/09/2024 20:59:36 UTC

Project Code: 2024-0074858

Project Name: Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CR-000505

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

THE FOLLOWING SPECIES LIST IS NOT A SECTION 7 CONSULTATION. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO COMPLETE THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

The purpose of the Endangered Species Act (Act) is to provide a means whereby threatened, and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 et seq.), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect those species and/or their designated critical habitat.

Federal agencies are required to "request of the Secretary of Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action". The enclosed species list provides information to assist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) consultation process under section 7 of the Act. However, **the enclosed species list does not complete the required consultation process.** The species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and designated critical habitats, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. A discussion between the Federal agency and the Service should include what types of listed species may occur in the proposed action area and what effect the proposed action may have on those species. This process initiates informal consultation.

Once a species list is obtained for the proposed project, an effect determination for endangered and threatened species should be made. The applicant could make an effect determination by using available keys on IPaC for specific species. For species with no determination keys, the applicant should request concurrence from the Service by sending a project package

to <u>caribbean es@fws.gov</u>. To obtain guidance for completing this process and the minimum requirements for project packages, please visit:

https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/consultation-under-section-7-of-the-endangered-species-act-with-the-caribbean-ecological%20Services-field-office-template-letter.pdf

When a federal agency, after discussions with the Service, determines that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect any listed species, or adversely modify any designated critical habitat, and the Service concurs, the informal consultation is complete, and the proposed project moves ahead. If the proposed action is suspected to affect a listed species or modify designated critical habitat, the Federal agency may then prepare a Biological Assessment (B.A.) to assist in its determination of the project's effects on species and their habitat. However, a B.A. is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a B.A. where the agency provides the Service with an evaluation on the likely effects of the action to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a B.A. are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a federal agency determines, based on its B.A. or biological evaluation, that listed species and/ or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to further consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species, and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation process. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species.

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action". Please use this list to determine whether your project requires consultation and to make your effects determination. For more guidance, use the Guideline for Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office by clicking here.

This species list is provided by:

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Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office caribbean es@fws.gov
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Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Bald & Golden Eagles
- Migratory Birds
- Marine Mammals
- Wetlands

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project code: 2024-0074858

Project Code: 2024-0074858

Project Name: Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CR-000505

Project Type: New Constr - Above Ground

Project Description: Location: Parque Street, Bo. Pueblo Rincón, PR (18.340798°,

-67.253325°)

Duration of construction: Approximately 220 calendar days

The project consists of the construction of a parking lot that will include the following:

- 1. Preparation of the ground to carry out a correct installation of asphalt pavement and concrete in all required areas.
- 2. Installation of bumper protectors/wheel stops.
- 3. Construction of approximately 70 parking units.
- ADA Compliance units
- Motorcycle units
- 4. From pavers and/or porous concrete at access entrances (ADA compliance).
- 5. Green Initiatives:
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- Installation of solar lighting poles.
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- 8. Construction of an entrance.
- 9. Construction of some rest area (Construction of a "canopy" with fixed furniture).
- 10. Construction of an area to observe the "Ojo de agua" (the observation area will be substantially distant from the "ojo de agua").

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@18.33950235,-67.25318216567263,14z

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Counties: Rincón County, Puerto Rico

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

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There is a total of 2 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

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MAMMALS

NAME STATUS

West Indian Manatee Trichechus manatus

Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. *This species is also protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and may have additional consultation requirements.*

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4469

General project design guidelines:

https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/project/JFSCQFS4KJAYLDLVH4VJD2PS6A/documents/

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REPTILES

NAME STATUS

Puerto Rican Boa Chilabothrus inornatus

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6628

General project design guidelines:

https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/project/JFSCQFS4KJAYLDLVH4VJD2PS6A/documents/generated/7159.pdf

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

USFWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LANDS AND FISH HATCHERIES

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the <u>National Wildlife Refuge</u> system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES

Bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act¹ and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act².

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to bald or golden eagles, or their habitats³, should follow appropriate regulations and consider

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implementing appropriate conservation measures, as described in the links below. Specifically, please review the "Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles".

- 1. The <u>Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act</u> of 1940.
- 2. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

THERE ARE NO BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLES WITHIN THE VICINITY OF YOUR PROJECT AREA.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act¹ and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act².

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to migratory birds, eagles, and their habitats³ should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate conservation measures, as described in the links below. Specifically, please review the "Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles".

- 1. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 2. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940.
- 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

THERE ARE NO FWS MIGRATORY BIRDS OF CONCERN WITHIN THE VICINITY OF YOUR PROJECT AREA.

MARINE MAMMALS

Marine mammals are protected under the <u>Marine Mammal Protection Act</u>. Some are also protected under the Endangered Species Act¹ and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora².

The responsibilities for the protection, conservation, and management of marine mammals are shared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [responsible for otters, walruses, polar bears, manatees, and dugongs] and NOAA Fisheries³ [responsible for seals, sea lions, whales, dolphins, and porpoises]. Marine mammals under the responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not** shown on this list; for additional information on those species please visit the <u>Marine Mammals</u> page of the NOAA Fisheries website.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act prohibits the take of marine mammals and further coordination may be necessary for project evaluation. Please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Field Office shown.

- 1. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973.
- 2. The <u>Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora</u> (CITES) is a treaty to ensure that international trade in plants and animals does not threaten their survival in the wild.
- 3. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

NAME

West Indian Manatee Trichechus manatus

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4469

WETLANDS

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District</u>.

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

FRESHWATER EMERGENT WETLAND

• PEM1F

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Address: Calle 10 Ave Montecarlo #866

City: San Juan State: PR Zip: 00924

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LEAD AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Lead Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development



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In Reply Refer To: 10/24/2024 15:50:06 UTC

Project code: 2024-0074858

Project Name: Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CR-000505

Subject: Concurrence letter for the project named 'Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CR-000505'

for specified threatened and endangered species, that may occur in your proposed

project location, pursuant to the IPaC determination key titled Caribbean

Determination Key (DKey).

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for using the assisted evaluation keys in IPaC. This letter is provided pursuant to the Service's authority under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA) (87 Stat. 884; 16 U.S.C. 1531et seq.). On October 24, 2024, Jose De La Rosa used the Caribbean DKey; dated April 03, 2024, in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's online IPaC application to evaluate potential impacts to federally listed species, from a project named 'Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CR-000505'. The project is located in Rincón County, Puerto Rico (shown below).

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@18.33950235,-67.25318216567263,14z



The following description was provided for the project 'Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CR-000505':

Location:Parque Street, Bo. Pueblo Rincón, PR (18.340798°, -67.253325°) Duration of construction: Approximately 220 calendar days

The project consists of the construction of a parking lot that will include the following:

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- 10. Construction of an area to observe the "Ojo de agua" (the observation area will be substantially distant from the "ojo de agua").

Based on your answers and the assistance of the Service's Caribbean DKey, you made the following effect determination(s) for the proposed Action:

SpeciesListing StatusDeterminationPuerto Rican Boa (Chilabothrus inornatus)EndangeredNLAA

Based on the answers provided in IPaC, the proposed project is consistent with a "may affect but is not likely to adversely affect" (NLAA) for the species listed above because your project impacts to the species will be avoided or minimized using the **Conservation Measures** you agreed to implement. These conservation measures must be implemented during the project development to ensure compliance with Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA.

No further action is required for the species listed above. However, be aware that reinitiation of consultation may be necessary if later modifications are made to the project so that it no longer meets the criteria or outcome described above, or if new information reveals effects of the action that could affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered, or if a new species is listed.

The Service will notify you within 30 calendar days if we determine that this proposed Action does not meet the criteria for a "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" (NLAA) determination for federally listed species in the Caribbean. If we do not notify you within that timeframe, you may proceed with the Action under the terms of the NLAA concurrence provided here. This verification period allows the Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office to apply local knowledge to evaluate the Action, as we may identify a small subset of actions having unanticipated impacts. In such instances, the Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office may request additional information to verify the effects determination reached through the DKey.

Note: Projects located within the range of the Puerto Rican boa or the Virgin Islands tree boa might encounter these species during project activities. **This letter does not provide take to handle or move these species.** If relocation of the species is needed, please contact either the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources (DNER) at 787-724-5700, 787-230-5550, or 787-771-1124 for projects in Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) at 340-775-6762 for projects in the Virgin Islands. Otherwise, contact the Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office (caribbean_es@fws.gov) to determine whether the consultation needs to be reinitiated.

In addition to the species listed above, the following species and/or critical habitats may also occur in your project area and **are not** covered by this conclusion. Effects to the other federally listed species or critical habitat as listed below should be considered as part of your ESA review for the project.

• West Indian Manatee *Trichechus manatus* Threatened

If the proposed project is located within species range where a DKey has not been developed for those species, please follow the established guidance for initiating section 7 consultation Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office.

We appreciate your interest in protecting endangered species and their habitats. It is the Service's mission to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of our people. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our office at Caribbean_es@fws.gov.

Action Description

You provided to IPaC the following name and description for the subject Action.

1. Name

Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CR-000505

2. Description

The following description was provided for the project 'Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CR-000505':

Location:Parque Street, Bo. Pueblo Rincón, PR (18.340798°, -67.253325°) Duration of construction: Approximately 220 calendar days

The project consists of the construction of a parking lot that will include the following:

- 1. Preparation of the ground to carry out a correct installation of asphalt pavement and concrete in all required areas.
- 2. Installation of bumper protectors/wheel stops.
- 3. Construction of approximately 70 parking units.
- ADA Compliance units
- Motorcycle units
- 4. From pavers and/or porous concrete at access entrances (ADA compliance).
- 5. Green Initiatives:
- "Landscaping" works.
- Installation of solar lighting poles.
- Inside the existing parking lot, there is a tree (Ceiba) which will be protected and delimited.
- 6. Installation of signs accordingly.
- 7. Construction of a drainage system.
- 8. Construction of an entrance.
- 9. Construction of some rest area (Construction of a "canopy" with fixed furniture).
- 10. Construction of an area to observe the "Ojo de agua" (the observation area will be substantially distant from the "ojo de agua").

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@18.33950235,-67.25318216567263,14z



QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Is the proposed project an EPA Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) renewal for an existing project? (MSGP Fact Sheet)

No

2. Is the proposed project within an urban developed area? (i.e., cities, downtowns, shopping malls etc.)

Note: Urban and developed areas has one or more of the following characteristics: Presence of existing buildings, residential areas, and commercial establishments. Well-established infrastructure including roads, utilities, and urban facilities. High population density. Established neighborhoods and urban amenities ("urbanizaciones"). Developed landscape with paved surfaces, parking lots, and industrial areas. Signs of human activity and urbanization, such as shopping centers and recreational facilities. Location within the boundaries of a city or town ("casco urbano"). High concentration of built-up structures and limited open spaces. Aerial imagery might be requested to the applicant.

No

3. Does the proposed project consist of rehabilitation or demolition of existing single-family homes and buildings?

No

4. Does the proposed project consist of improvements to existing facilities?

Note: Examples of facilities are occupied single family homes, and buildings; existing recreational facilities, including the installation of roofs to existing basketball courts, etc.

No

5. Does the proposed project consist of repavement or repair of existing roads and installing transit signage or guardrails?

No

6. Does the proposed project consist of the construction of gutters and/or sidewalks along existing roads, and developments?

No

7. Does the proposed project consist of replacement or repair of existing bridges which include cutting vegetation or earth movement?

No

8. Does the proposed project consist of activities within existing Right of Ways (ROWs) along roads which include cutting vegetation or earth movement?

Yes

9. Is the proposed project a new facility which would require earth moving, vegetation clearing, or debris removal using heavy machinery, the use of staging areas, construction of temporary access roads?

Yes

Project code: 2024-0074858 10/24/2024 15:50:06 UTC

10. [Hidden Semantic] Does the proposed project intersect the Puerto Rican boa area of influence?

Automatically answered

Yes

11. Will the proposed project implement the U.S. Fish and Wildlife <u>Puerto Rican boa Conservation Measures</u>?

Yes

12. Are you the Federal agency or designated non-federal representative for the proposed action?

Yes

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ESTACIONAMIENTO URBANO PR-CR-000505

BIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

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The purpose of this document is to assess the effects of the proposed project and determine whether the project may affect any federally threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species. If appropriate for the project, this document may be used as a biological assessment (BA), as it is prepared in accordance with legal requirements set forth under <u>Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1536 (c))</u>.

In this document, any data provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is based on data as of April 15, 2024.

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ESTACIONAMIENTO URBANO PR-CR-000505 BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

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1 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

1.1 PROJECT NAME

Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CR-000505

1.2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed project consist on the construction of a 70 units parking lot with the of a drainage system for the correct flow of rain water. For the duration of construction phase, the general contractor will follow all regulations for the adequate disposal of all debris generated, and warranty that all these regulations meet the requirements.

1.3 EFFECT DETERMINATION SUMMARY

| SPECIES (COMMON NAME) | SCIENTIFIC NAME | LISTING STATUS | PRESENT IN ACTION AREA | EFFECT DETERMINATION |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Puerto Rican Boa [†] . This species or critical habitat is covered by a DKey. | Chilabothrus inornatus | Endangered | | NE |
| West Indian Manatee | Trichechus manatus | Threatened | No | NE |

[†] This species or critical habitat has been analyzed through a Determination Key.

1.4 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.4.1 LOCATION



LOCATIONRincón County, Puerto Rico

1.4.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT HABITAT

Undeveloped solar that is classified as urban land.

1.4.3 PROJECT PROPONENT INFORMATION

Provide information regarding who is proposing to conduct the project, and their contact information. Please provide details on whether there is a Federal nexus.

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1.4.4 PROJECT PURPOSE

The proposed project is for the constriction of a parking lot of approximately 70 units, the necessity to make more parking units due to the needs for more of these spaces due to the limitation the developed area of the municipality of Rincon requires.

The proposed project will require the preparation of ground, construction of approximately 70 parking units, including installation of signage, wheel stopper, green initiatives, construction of a drainage system for rain water, construction of a gazebo, and installation of a commemorative plaque.

1.4.5 PROJECT TYPE AND DECONSTRUCTION

This project is a residential, commercial, industrial development project.

1.4.5.1 PROJECT MAP



LEGEND



Project footprint



Layer 1: 70 parking unit construction, stormwater drainage systems construction

1.4.5.2 70 PARKING UNIT CONSTRUCTION

ACTIVITY START DATE

January 01, 2025

ACTIVITY END DATE

June 01, 2025

STRESSORS

This activity is not expected to have any impact on the environment.

DESCRIPTION

The solar its located in developed urban land, all work will follow directions and follow a mitigation plan for all debris generated during construction works.

1.4.5.3 STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION

ACTIVITY START DATE

January 01, 2025

ACTIVITY END DATE

June 01, 2025

STRESSORS

This activity is not expected to have any impact on the environment.

DESCRIPTION

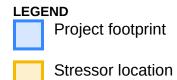
The scope will only entail in the construction of a drainage system for the parking lot, debris must be disposed accordingly to regulation of local agencies.

1.4.6 ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL STRESSORS

Describe the anticipated effects of your proposed project on the aspects of the land, air and water that will occur due to the activities above. These should be based on the activity deconstructions done in the previous section and will be used to inform the action area.

1.5 ACTION AREA





1.6 CONSERVATION MEASURES

Describe any proposed measures being implemented as part of the project that are designed to reduce the impacts to the environment and their resulting effects to listed species. To avoid extra verbiage, don't list measures that have no relevance to the species being analyzed.

No conservation measures have been selected for this project.

1.7 PRIOR CONSULTATION HISTORY

N/A

1.8 OTHER AGENCY PARTNERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

Municipality of Rincon

1.9 OTHER REPORTS AND HELPFUL INFORMATION

2 SPECIES EFFECTS ANALYSIS

This section describes, species by species, the effects of the proposed action on listed, proposed, and candidate species, and the habitat on which they depend. In this document, effects are broken down as direct interactions (something happening directly to the species) or indirect interactions (something happening to the environment on which a species depends that could then result in effects to the species).

These interactions encompass effects that occur both during project construction and those which could be ongoing after the project is finished. All effects, however, should be considered, including effects from direct and indirect interactions and cumulative effects.

2.1 WEST INDIAN MANATEE

This species has been excluded from analysis in this environmental review document.

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXCLUSION

The project site is at a accent distance from the ocean and any body of water that a manatee can be present.

3 CRITICAL HABITAT EFFECTS ANALYSIS

No critical habitats intersect with the project action area.

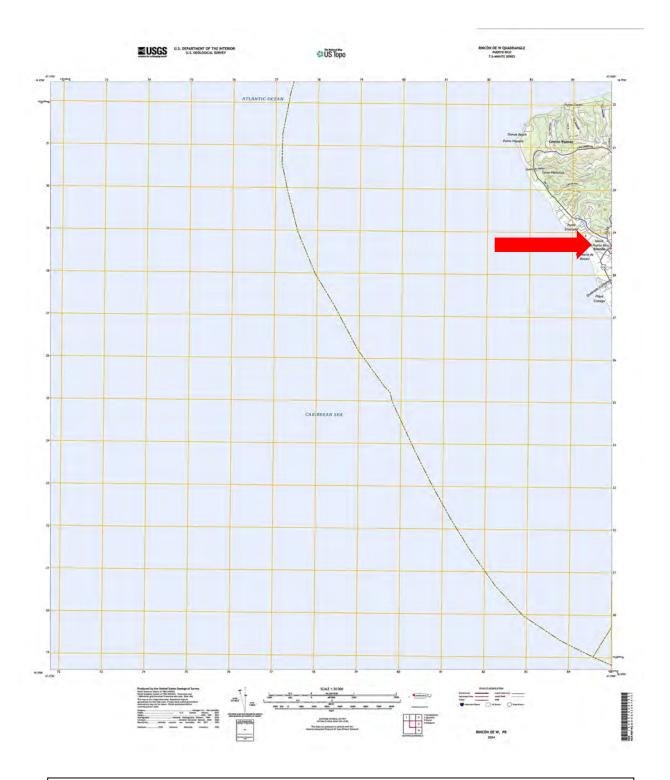
4 SUMMARY DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

4.1 SUMMARY DISCUSSION

Overall, the proposed action will have no adverse effects due to the location of the solar, it will follow all regulations from local governing agencies.

4.2 CONCLUSION

Per these consultation, the proposed project will not generate any adverse impacts to the environmental specifics of the solar. Proposed project will follow all regulations from governing agencies.



Topographic Map

Project: Downtown Public Parking, Municipality of Rincon, (PR-CRP-000505) Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: Google Earth

Website: https://earth.google.com/web/





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Nombre del proyecto: Estacionamiento Urbano

Número de proyecto: PR-CRP-000505

Localización: Parque Street, Bo. Pueblo Rincón, PR (18°20'22.39"N,

67°15'9.01"W)

Dimensiones: Aproximadamente 8.080,96 m2

Número de catastro: 120-000-005-38



Figura 2. Estacionamiento Urbano

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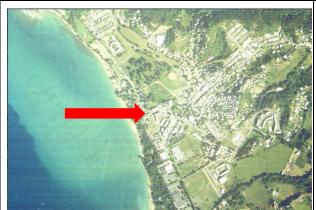
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

The Municipality of Rincón (MOR) has proposed the expansion of the existing Parking Lot "Ojo De Agua" located in the downtown area of the municipality as part of the city revitalization proposed projects for the City Revitalization Program subsidized with funds from the from the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH). This report covers the area delimited as the proposed project as presented in preliminary drawings provided by Applied Engineering Group, Corp (AEG) and provides wetland identification and characterization properties for the proposed project area with purpose of complying with Environmental Review Record process. This report aims to identify, characterize, and map the characteristics of wetlands present in the area based on regulatory guidelines and criteria. The field collection data process involves field observations, soil observations, vegetation surveys, and hydrological assessment for the site to determine the presence of wetland characteristics. The information presented in this report serves as a tool in the decision process for the Wetlands (CEST and EA) – Partner Checklist from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (USDOH) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Although this report does not constitute a wetland delineation, it utilizes methods used for the delineation of wetland as well as additional techniques such as remote sensing and geographical information data collection and analysis for the identification of wetland properties in the proposed project area and its vicinity.

1.2 PROPOSED PROJECT AREA

1.2.1 General Description - Site Area

The proposed area for the project is approximately 8,250.186 (First Stage Area) (See **Attachment 1 – Plot Plan**) square meters (m²) its located in Rincón downtown area (18.0000, -67.0000) and its mainly composed of the following attributes: (1) rainwater canal/ditch which passes through the project designated area dividing the project area into two main areas; (2) north area (Sub-Area A1) and (3) south area (Sub-Area A2). The area is located to the east of the Rincón coastal area at approximately 250 meters (m). The area is surrounded by residential and commercial uses.

The general composition of the area is mainly vegetation areas and areas occupied by a homemade structure that are located within the project area (See **Figures 1-1, 1-2**). The homemade structures are used for raising chickens and farm animals such as goats. The other main composition in the project area is the main rainwater canal/ditch which travels mainly in the center of the area divides the main site area into two sub-areas.

FIGURE 1-1
USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE

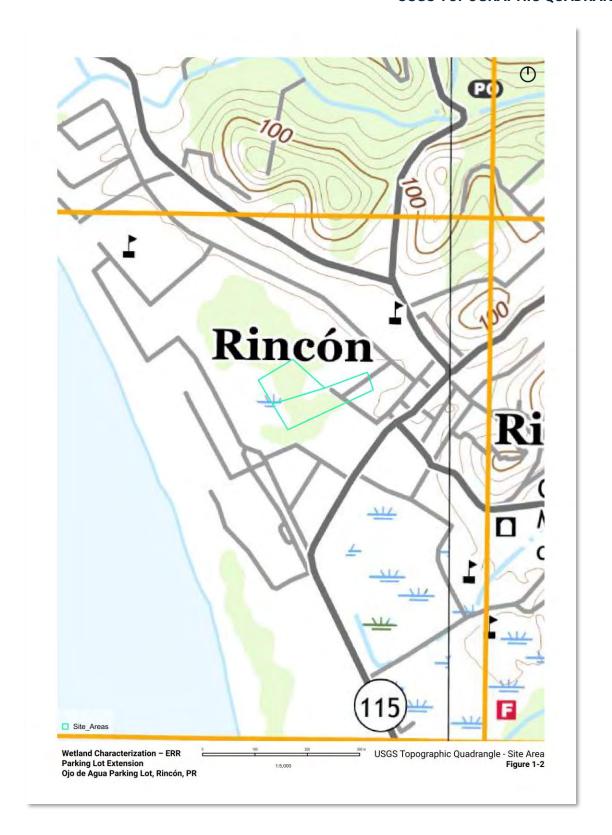
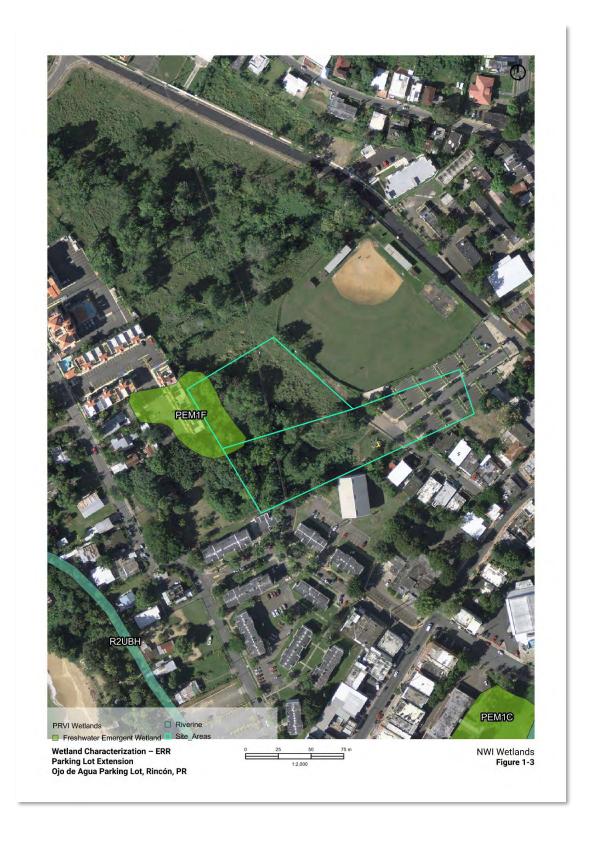


FIGURE 1-2 SITE AREA



The National Wetland Inventory (NWI) identifies an Emergent Freshwater Wetland (EFW) identified as PEM1F to the northwest of the proposed project area.

FIGURE 1-3 NWI – PEM1F



1.2.2 Sub-Area 1

Sub-Area A1 (S-A1) is comprised of 869.579 sq m and its located in the north portion of the project area. The area is mainly composed of open area of vegetation with deposits of construction debris and vegetative debris deposited illegally. Specifically, the vegetation debris gives a false sense of the actual topography of the area whereas deposits may range between 1 m and 1.5 m from the actual ground. Vegetative and construction debris found in this area can most likely be located in the front or adjacent to the main road. None of the sections or areas identified as PEM1F wetland in the NWI are located within this area.

Topography for S-A1 ranges from 4 m to 2 m following direction of the rainwater canal/ditch from east to west in reference to the main road (Ojo de Agua Road), lowest point adjoining between canal and wire railing. As mentioned earlier, vegetative debris has impacted the existing topography for S-A1 where deposits seem to be in the process of degradation (See **Figure 1-2**).

1.2.3 Sub-Area 2

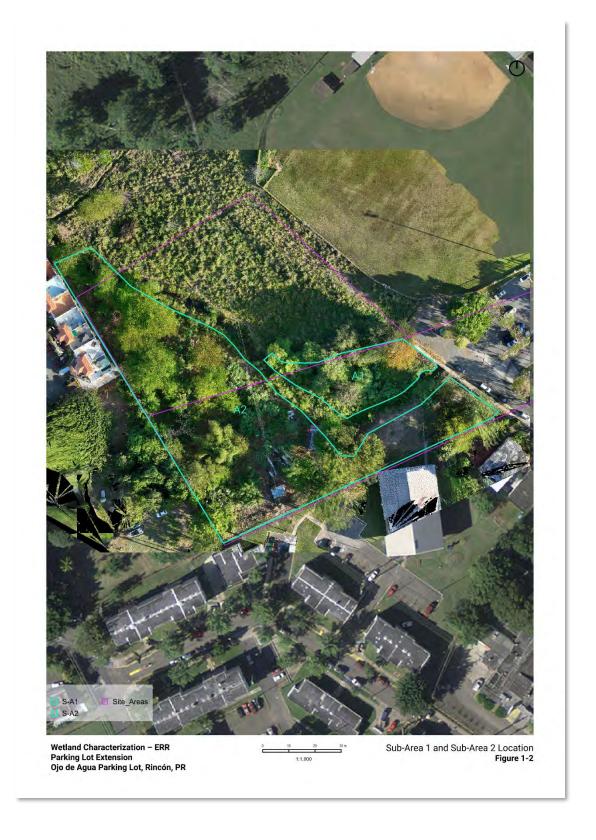
Sub-Area 2 (S-A2) has approximately an area of 5776.111 sq m and its composed of open areas of vegetation and areas with homemade structures used for the raising of animals such as chickens and goats. Due to the raising of animals operation, part of the area for S-A2 has been cleared for the placement of such structures. Also, debris and old car remains are present in this area.

To the northwest of S-A2 is located PEM1, approximately 1500 sq m of the total area delimited for PEM1F is located within the boundaries of S-A2. The total coverage area for PM1F is approximately 3298 sq m¹. The area of PEM1F within the proposed project footprint in S-A2 is approximately seventy-eight sq m (see **Figure 1-2**).

Topography for S-A2 ranges from 4 m to 2 m from the main road to adjoining property of Ramón Quinones Rosario and Condominium Challet Del Mar. Lowest elevation in S-A2 can be seen parallel to Phase 2 subdivision where elevation is 2 m adjoining with the rainwater canal / ditch.

¹ Area of PM1F EFW 0.814979389362 acres as documented in attribute table for NIW Geodatabase from US Fish And Wildlife Services.

FIGURE 1-4 SUB-AREAS



2 REGULATORY BACKGROUND

2.1 FEDERAL JURISDICTION

2.1.1 National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) stands as a cornerstone of environmental legislation in the United States. Often heralded as the "Magna Carta" of Federal environmental laws, NEPA was enacted with the primary purpose of integrating environmental considerations into federal agencies' decision-making processes. It mandates that before any major federal actions are taken—those which could significantly affect the environment—agencies must assess the potential environmental impacts.

NEPA's significance lies in its requirement for federal agencies to evaluate the environmental consequences of their proposed actions prior to making decisions. This process ensures that environmental considerations are weighed equally with other factors in the planning and decision-making processes of the federal government. The act aims to foster and promote the general welfare, create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations.

By setting this precedent, NEPA has fundamentally changed how federal agencies plan their actions, ensuring that environmental effects are considered at the initial stages of planning. This has led to more informed decision-making and has contributed to the protection of the environment through the mitigation of potential negative impacts on ecosystems and communities.

2.1.2 Executive Order 11990

Executive Order (EO) 11990 was established in May 1977 with the purpose of protecting wetland resources in the United States of America (US) by avoiding to the extent possible the long- and short-term adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands, and to avoid directly or indirectly any new constructions or developments where practicable alternatives are available.²

EO 11990 establishes each federal agency must lead efforts to protect wetlands, minimize damage, and enhance their values during tasks related to Federal lands, construction, and land use activities. The Order does not cover issuing permits, licenses, or allocations for wetland activities on non-Federal land to private entities.³

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² Executive Order 11990 - By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, and as President of the United States of America, in furtherance of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), in order to avoid to the extent possible the long and short term adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands and to avoid direct or indirect support of new construction in wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative...

³ Executive Order 11990 – Section 1

2.1.3 Section 404 Clean Water Act

Wetlands in Puerto Rico (PR) area regulated through Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) which regulates the discharge of dredge and fill material into navigable waters of the US which include wetlands⁴. Any activity which involves the filling or dredging of material in the navigable waters of the US has to comply with the solicitation of an individual permit which is reviewed by the USCOE. Such activities may include fill for development, water resource projects and construction of infrastructure. ⁵

Section 404 focuses in the conservation of wetlands through prevention of dredged or fill material when (1) practicable alternatives exist to prevent significant environmental impact to aquatic environmental or (2) or the nations waters would be significantly degraded.

Wetland management is executed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) and the United States Corps of Engineers (USCOE).

2.2 STATE JURISDICTION

2.2.1 State Program

Wetlands at state jurisdiction for PR are mainly over sought by Department of Natural Environmental Resources and Conservation of Puerto Rico (DNERC) and the Puerto Rico Planning Board (PRPB)⁶. Each agency has areas of interest for overseeing wetlands activities in PR. Activities may be land conservation or recreation uses for an area of interest.

No state program for the management of wetlands has been adopted by the DENRC other than specific laws to delimit natural reserves in specific areas. No laws or reserve declarations were found for the area of the proposed project.

⁴ Wetlands Definition USCOE Manual 1987- Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

⁵ USEPA – Permit Program under CWA Section 404

⁶ Guide to the Ecological Systems of Puerto Rico – General Technical Report IITF-35- p-171 - The Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources and the Planning Board of Puerto Rico are the primary commonwealth agencies overseeing wetland protection.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1.1 Methodology General Description

For the characterizations of wetland attributes in the proposed project area methodology established in the USCOE Wetland Delineation Manual 1987 (WDM) and USCOE Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Delineations Manual: Caribbean Islands Region (Version 2.0). The regional supplement establishes methods and characteristics for the identification of the three main attributes for the identification of wetlands and their boundaries to transitional upland areas. These three indicators are (1) hydrophytic vegetation, (2) Hydric soil presence and (3) hydrology conditions for a given site. Additionally, to procedures presented in the regional supplemental remote sensing techniques were implemented by acquiring custom aerial imagery for the site using unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for the identification and documentation of elements using geographical information systems (GIS).

Field data was collected within a period of 5 (from February 17 to 21, 2024) days where visual observations and markings were made with Global Position System (GPS) instrumentation (ISXBlue II GPS antenna) connected to Real time Kinematic (RTK) network for the field data collection. Data collected was post-processed (PP) in GIS to developed analysis and visualization products for wetland characterization for the site using the mention attributes.

3.1.2 Preliminary Data Gathering and Assessment

3.1.2.1 NWI Maps

Preliminary data gathering for existing wetland delineation by the USFWS in the NWI was verified via and wetland mapper application and later acquired NWI dataset for PR and the US Virgin Islands (USVI) to visualize existing wetland footprints in comparison to the proposed project footprint. This preliminary data visualization was used in the planning for all field work activities and to identify areas of interest where delimited existing wetlands in the NWI are mapped. Field validation for wetlands mapped in the NWI must be done to incorporate any changes that may have occurred during extended or brief period of times by human-caused or natural conditions.

PEM1F is identified as a Wetland system in the proposed project area and adjacent area. PEM1F delimited footprint was on its majority eliminated by the construction of Condominium Challet Del Mar and bordering private houses. PEM1F footprint was reduced by approximately 1655.10 sq m (51 %). The remaining 1642.46 sq m (49 %) remains as an undeveloped area border lining the rainwater canal/ditch.

3.1.2.2 Hydric Soils Database

Hydric soils are defined as soil that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (USDA Soil

Conservation Service 1994). ⁷United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have developed reports (Soil Surveys) and data (soil maps) to established types of soils and characteristics for most of continental US and PR and the USVI. Preliminary data gathering of soils for the project proposed site was conducted to establish if hydric soils were present at the site, which is one of the three characteristics to wetland identification as specified in the USCOE WDM and supplement. Hydric soil list was collected for PR to evaluate list soils with the NRCS maps and soil survey prior field work. This approach focused on establishing areas of interest where hydric soils characteristics may be present as an indicator of wetlands.

Data for hydric soil maps form the USDA Web Soil Survey (WSS) to establish most current data for the type of soil in the proposed project site area and view hydric classification of the soil identified. The soil identified for the proposed project site area is identified as Igualdad Clay (Ig) and its described as a soil that receives a mean annual precipitation of 70 to 90 inches which can be found in coastal and floodplains with a composition of fine sediments over sands. Ig has properties drainage as poor and frequent flooding with no ponding 8(see **Attachment 2 - Soil Report**).

3.1.2.3 Hydrophytic Vegetation Database

Initial review of USCOE National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) was revised and filtered for the Caribbean Region prior field work activities, the USCOE has available referencing wetland cataloged plants via the NWPL application on the USCOE website. The application facilitates the identification and classification of wetland related plants into the following categories: (1) Obligated Wetland Plants ⁹(OBL), (2) Facultative Wetland Plants ¹⁰ (FACW), (3) Facultative Plants ¹¹ (FAC), (4) Facultative Upland Plants ¹² (FACU) and ((5) Upland Plants ¹³ (UPL).

⁷ Hydric soil definition as defined in USCOE Caribbean Supplement in Section 3 Hydric Soil Indicators. p-23.

⁸ Custom Soil Resource Report for Mayaguez Area, Puerto Rico Western Part – AOI – Ojo de Agua – Parking Lot Extension – Soil Description - p-13.

⁹ Plants that occur almost always (estimated probability >99 percent) in wetlands under natural conditions, but which may also occur rarely (estimated probability <1 percent) in non-wetlands. Examples: Spartina alterniflora, Taxodium distichum.

¹⁰ Plants that occur usually (estimated probability >67 percent to 99 percent) in wetlands Plants but also occur (estimated probability 1 percent to 33 percent) in non-wetlands. Examples: Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Cornus stolonifera. Plants that occur usually (estimated probability >67 percent to 99 percent) in wetlands Plants but also occur (estimated probability 1 percent to 33 percent) in non-wetlands. Examples: Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Cornus stolonifera.

¹¹ Plants with a similar likelihood (estimated probability 33 percent to 67 percent) of occurring in both wetlands and non-wetlands. Examples: Gleditsia triacanthos, Smilax rotundifolia.

¹² Plants that occur sometimes (estimated probability 1 percent to <33 percent) in wetlands. Plants wetlands but occur more often (estimated probability >67 percent to 99 percent) in non-wetlands. Examples: Quercus rubra, Potentilla arguta.

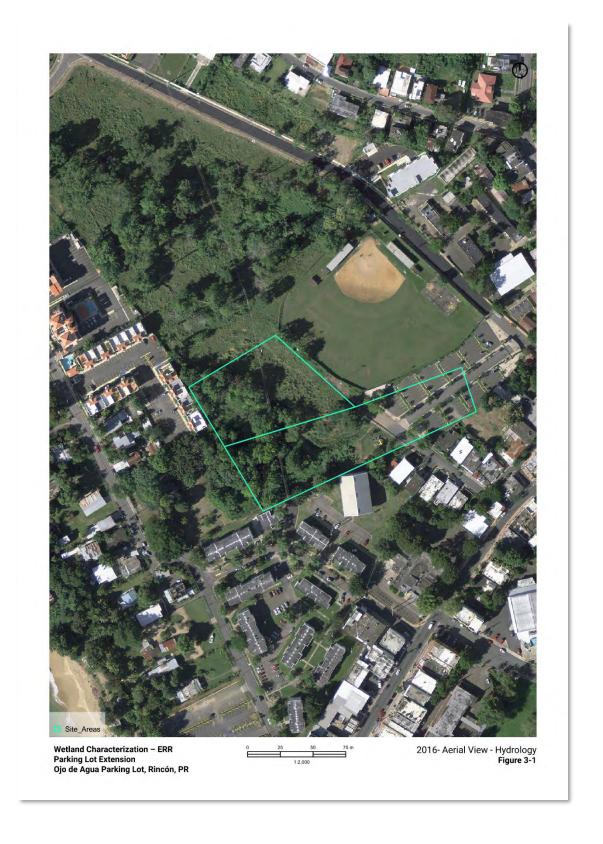
¹³ Plants that occur rarely (estimated probability <1 percent) in wetlands but occur almost always (estimated probability >99 percent) in non-wetlands under natural conditions.

3.1.2.4 Hydrology

United States Geological Survey (USGS) has datasets on orthomosaic aerial imagery for the continental US, PR and the USVI. 2010 high resolution aerial imagery was gathered from USGS datasets to establish and analyze historical conditions for the proposed project site. Also, aerial imagery is used to establish elements in the area such as waterways, adjacent surface waters, coastline, etc. In additions to the historic aerial imagery USGS Topographic quadrangle for the project site area for the identification of any surface water bodies delimited.

Upon review of 2016 aerial imagery for the project site area (**See Figure 3-2**) the rainwater canal / ditch is barely visible and can be observed that the area was populated by low dense vegetations and trees.

FIGURE 3-1 2016 SITE AERIAL VIEW - HYDROLOGY



USGS 2018 Topographic quadrangle "Rincon-OE-W-20181016" (see **Figure 1-1**) shows an identified marsh symbol in the location where NWI locates PEMF1. The topographic quadrangle does not show any waterways or surface waterbodies in the area. Also, floodplain maps were checked via the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

3.1.3 Wetland Characterization Methodology

3.1.3.1 Hydrophytic Vegetation

For the identification of hydrophytic vegetation in the proposed project site the methodology presented in the USCOE WDM, and supplement was used to establish to collect vegetation samples in the proposed project site. The USCOE manual defines hydrophytic vegetation as the community of macrophytes that occurs in areas where inundation or soil saturation is either permanent or of sufficient frequency and duration to influence plant occurrence.¹⁴ Vegetation communities locations were established during the preliminary data gathering utilizing aerial imagery, post-preliminary assessment for location of communities.

Individual baselines were established in S-A1 and S-A2 to establish transects towards the rainwater canal/ditch/ditch to determine wetland vegetation and upland indicator for the existing vegetation in S-A1 and S-A2. Sample points were marked using GPS antenna to document absolute percentages of stratum cover (trees, shrubs, woody vines, herbs) for the area. For each sampling point plots measure in feet (ft) were established following radius in USCOE WDM. The following plot sizes were used for the specified stratum: (1) tree stratum a 30 ft radius plot, (2) shrub stratum a 15 ft radius, (3) herb stratum 5 ft plot radius using 3.28 square plots.

For tree stratum, all trees consisting of three inches (in.) diameter at breast height (DBH) were documented in the field form using scientific notation within the 30 ft radius plot, all sapling and shrubs less than 3 in. and a DBH greater than 3.28 ft were documented,

Due to the size and configuration of S-A1 and S-A2 plot sizes had to be adapted to field conditions and plots were adjusted to fit vegetation communities in these areas. In post-processing of the vegetation data collected the dominance test was used to determine wetland identification.

3.1.3.2 Hydric Soils

WSS was reviewed as part of the preliminary assessment prior commencement of field work activities for identification of hydric soils identified by the USDA NRCS. On site soil characterization was done in S-A1 using Munsell Soil Color Chart, texture and visual observation of the soil in S-A1 and S-A2 were documented for hydric soil indicators.

¹⁴ Hydrophytic vegetation definition from USCOE Regional Supplemment to Wetland Delineation Manual – Caribbean Islands – Section 2 Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators – p-9.

3.1.3.3 Hydrologic Conditions

For identification of hydrology conditions, as mentioned earlier, prior site visits review of aerial imagery and other data sources was done. For verification of onsite hydrology conditions visual observations were taken and mark with GPS antenna throughout the S-A1 and S-A2 documenting any hydrology indicators as defined in the USCOE WDM. All hydrology indicators were documented using field electronic form and photo documented (see **Attachment 3 – Data Forms**).

3.1.3.4 Remote Sensing

Photogrammetry for the proposed project site area was executed using UAS with RTK for georeferencing aerial images within 1cm and 3cm for ground sampling resolution. The georeferenced aerial images capture were post-processed (PPK) to develop a geo-referenced orthomosaic of the proposed project area.

The aerial orthomosaic was used to evaluate and illustrate the project site in during actual conditions in 2024 and to identify any additional wetland indicators and ecological communities that were unreachable during site visits.

3.1.3.5 Boundary Placement Analysis

The rationale used for the placement of boundary locations for wetland were the existing conditions on site including the rainwater canal/ditch and site boundaries delimited in the plot plan by Agrim. Dennis Vargas (Surveyor). Also, field data collected during the site visits to visualize transition areas between wetland areas and upland areas following identified indicators.

The main attributes considered for placement of boundaries in regard to the proposed project location were low elevation areas and high elevation areas within the proposed site topography for the area, properties surrounding the area (public and private) and indicators conditions to meet wetland definition as per USCOE WDM. In most areas the transition between the slope of the rainwater canal/ditch was notable where *Ricinus Communis L.* (Higuereta) and *Megathyrsus maximus* (Jacs.) (Guinea weed) were present as dominant species transitioning to upland vegetation such as *Terminalia catappa* (tropical almond trees) and *Albizia lebbeck* (Acacia amarilla) being the predominant species for S-A1 and S-A2. Also, the presence of *Typha domingensis* (Eneas Weed) in areas where surface water was present. Other factors to determine field boundaries for wetlands were previously recorded locations in the NWI.

Consideration for the area delimited in wetland PEM1F was considered for boundary establishment in regards with the proposed project footprint. All boundary placement have been documented in Figures presented through the document.

4 SITE FINDINGS - WETLAND CHARACTERIZATION

4.1.1 Wetland and Surface Waters S-A1

4.1.1.1 Overview

For S-A1 wetland indicators were identified and delimited this area as Wetland A. Wetland A is not mapped in NWI, Wetland A is shown in **Figure 4-1** and in Sampling point P1 and P2 (see **Attachment 3**). Wetland A is located in in the southwest area of S-A1 and runs perpendicular to the wetland boundary documented for PEM1F located to the west of S-A1, this area appears to be the toe of the rainwater canal/ditch and runs towards the rainwater canal, where elevation for the site is lower and the slope or containment area for the water canal/ditch is reduced to the borderline of the adjacent private property which used for the raising of cattle.

Ponding water and *Typha domingensis* (Enea weed) can be observed in this area with little to no movement of water during regular conditions for the site. The mentioned area is approximately 10 m of the borderline established for phase II in the provided plans. This area is outside the Phase I area of the proposed project.

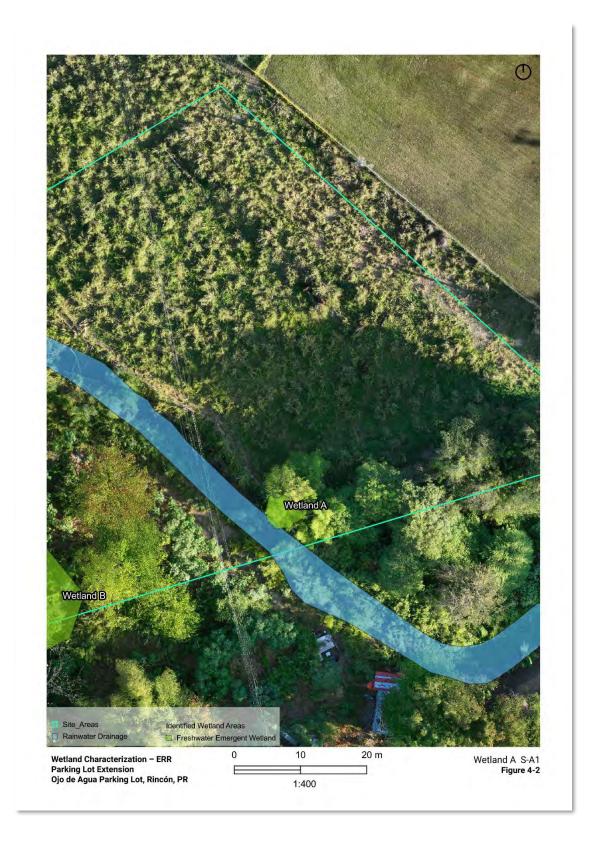
TABLE 4-1 SUB AREA 1 WETLAND SUMMARY

| Name | NWI | Map | Sampling Points | NWI Total | Total Field | Area within |
|-----------|-----|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | ID | (Figure) | (Forms) | Area (Acres) | Area (Acres) | Project (Acres) |
| Wetland A | - | Figure 4-1 | P1 | 0.0 | | 0.00 |

FIGURE 4-1 IDENTIFIED WETLANDS S-A1, S-A2



FIGURE 4-2 WETLAND A S-A1



4.1.1.2 NWI Mapping

NWI does not delineate any wetlands for S-A1 and PEM1F identified wetland is located in S-A2. PEM1F is classified as a freshwater emergent wetland.

4.1.1.3 Ecological Communities

S-A1 is composed of mostly ecological communities for *Albizia lebbeck* as the main dominant species for the tree species in conjunction with Ricinus communis L. and *Megathyrsus maximus (Jacs.)* for upland and upland transitioning species. Small community of *Typha domingensis* can be found in the edge of rainwater canal/ditch in the west side going into the accumulated water in the rainwater canal/ditch into a small patch within the canal. No vine specimens were documented in this area.

FIGURE 4-3 ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES S-A1



4.1.1.4 Sampling Points

4.1.1.4.1 Sampling Point P1 (Wetland Emergent)

Sampling point P1 is located in the west area of S-A1 and it was the first sampling point to be indicative of wetland attributes which resulted in the establishment of the boundary for Wetland A (**Figure 4-2**). Dominant plants observed in P1 included Albizia lebbeck (UPL) in the tree stratum, Ricinus communis L (FACU) in the sapling/shrub stratum and Typha domingensis (OBL) and Megathyrsus maximus (Jacs.) (FACU) in the herb stratum. No specimens were observed in the vine stratum. Primary hydrology indicators observed were surface water (A1) with approximately 4 in. in depth in what appears to be part of the waterway in the canal. Secondary hydrology indicators were not observed in P1. Soil indicators observed were Histosol (A1) and a soil texture of sandy clay with 10 YR 3/1 value in Munsell color chart. No other soil indicators were observed in P1 (see **Attachment 3, P1 Data Form**).

4.1.1.4.2 Sampling Point P2 (Upland)

Sampling Point P2 is located to the upper north of area of S-A1 and it is the closest sampling point to the main road "Calle Ojo de Agua". Dominant plant species observed in this area for the tree stratum were *Terminalia catappa* (UPL), Ricinus communis L. (FACU) for the sapling/shrub stratum and *Malvastrum coromandeliaum* (L.) (FACU) and *Megathyrsus maximus* (Jacq.) (FACU) in the herb stratum. No soil sampling was done in P2, nevertheless visual and color and texture for the soil is consistent with P1 soil sampling. No hydrology indicators were observed in this P2 (see **Attachment 3**, **P2 Data Form**).

FIGURE 4-4 SAMPLING POINT S-A1



4.1.2 Wetland and Surface Waters S-A2

4.1.2.1 Overview

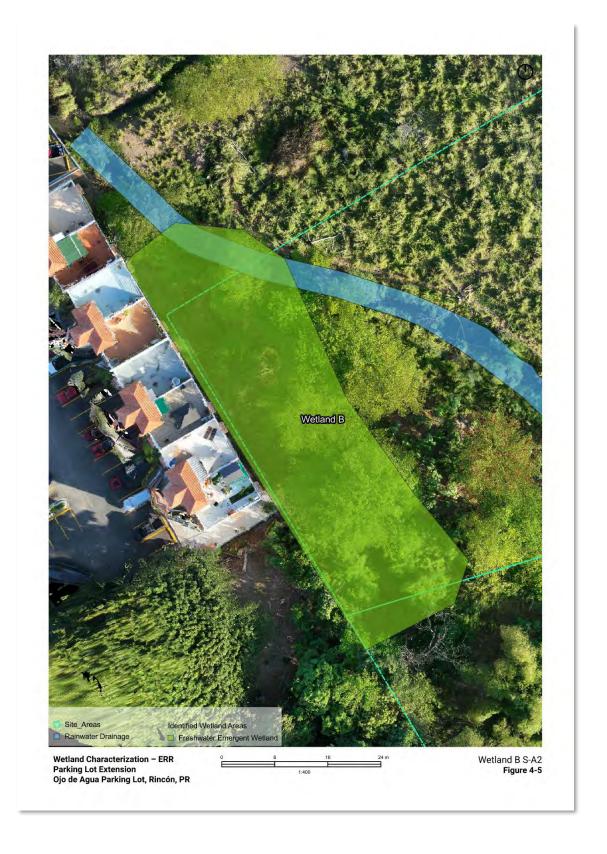
For S-A2 is located to the wests of the rainwater canal/ditch and borders with residential public housing facility Santa Rosa and private housing facility Condominium Challet Del Mar. PEM1F footprint was reduced in approximately 1655.64 sq m (51 %). The remaining Wetland indicators were evaluated for the remaining approximately 1642.46 (49 %) of the original PEM1F footprint. Out of the remaining 49%, approximately seventy-three. 64 (4.4 %) sq m are located within the proposed project area (**See Figure 4-5**).

S-A2 is a low elevation area, and it appears to drain towards the rainwater canal/ditch. Elevation in this area tends to increase in direction towards the main road. Surface water can be observed in the rainwater canal with no evident movement, mostly accumulating to pass under Challet Del Mar Condominium parking lot to drain into the coastline located to the east of S-A2.

TABLE 4-2 SUB-AREA 2 WETLAND SUMMARY

| Name | NWI ID | Мар | Sampling Points | NWI Total Area | Total Field | Area within |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | | (Figure) | (Forms) | (Acres) | Area (Acres) | Project (Acres) |
| Wetland B | PEM1F | 4-1 | P3, P4 | 0.81 | 0.40 | 0.01 |

FIGURE 4-5 WETLAND B S-A2



4.1.2.2 NWI Mapping

NWI delineates PEM1F as Freshwater Emergent Wetland, approximately 51 % of PEM1F was lost to construction of Challet Del Mar Condominium and private housing and 49 % of the original footprint delineated in NWI remains in S-A2 as described in the section above (**See Figure 4-5**).

4.1.2.3 Ecological Communities

S-A2 is composed of mostly ecological communities for *Terminalia catappa* is the main dominant species for the tree species in conjunction with *Ricinus communis L* (FACU). in the sapling/shrub stratum and *Cenchrus echinatus* (UPL) in the herb stratum for upland and upland transitioning species. *Terminalia catappa* (FACU) can be found bordering all of the rainwater canal/ditch all the way upland in direction of the main access road. A *Ricinus communis L* (FACU). patch can be observed in the upper middle of S-A2. A small community of *Typha domingensis* (OBL) can be observed in the rainwater canal/ditch. No vine specimens were documented in this area (**See Figure 4-6**).

FIGURE 4-6 ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES S-A2



4.1.2.4 Sampling Points

4.1.2.4.1 Sampling Point P3 (Emergent)

Sampling Point P3 is located in the northeast area of S-A2 within PEM1F boundary, and it is an emergent wetland as delineated in the NWI (see **Attachment 3, P3 Data Form**),dominant plant species in the tree stratum *Terminalia catappa* (FACU) and *Cenchrus echinatus* (UPL) in the herbaceous stratum. No primary or secondary hydrology indicators were observed in P3. Nonetheless, low elevation for the area in combination with the rainwater canal/ditch configuration gives the impression that the area floods during significant rain events, which may present favorable conditions for the emergent wetland to continue developing. No plants for the vine stratum were identified for P3. No soil sample holes were dug in this area due to access limitations, but soil texture and surface color is consistent with P1 soil sample observations.

4.1.2.4.2 Sampling Point P4 (Upland)

Sampling Point P4 is located near the center of S-A2 border lining with the rainwater canal/ditch. Dominant species found in P3 include *Ricinus communis L*.(FACU) in the sapling/ shrub stratum and *Cynodon nlemfuensis* (UPL) and *Typha domingensis* (OBL) in the herb stratum. Although *Typha domingensis* (OBL) was identified in a small patch in the area, all specimens are contained within the rainwater canal/ditch at a lower elevation from the upland species. As mentioned in previous sections, topography for the site has been altered and the original toe of the canal/ditch bank is difficult to identify. As a conservative approach species, it has been documented to be considered. No plants for the tree stratum and vine stratum were identified for P4. No soil sample holes were dug in this area due to access limitations, but soil texture and surface color is consistent with P1 soil sample observations (see **Attachment 3, P4 Data Form**).

FIGURE 4-7 SAMPLING POINTS S-A2



5 CONCLUSIONS

5.1 WETLAND CHARACTERIZATION SUMMARY

This report identifies wetland characteristics for the proposed site project to facilitate the decision-making process for the ERR for the proposed action regarding the evaluation of potential impacts to wetland resources and the mandate established in EO11990 for wetland protection.

The report integrates data from fieldwork and other existing resources such as NWI maps, aerial imagery, surface water maps, etc. Two areas were designated as study areas for identifying wetland resources (S-A1, S-A2) within the proposed site. Two wetlands were identified: (1) Wetland 1 in S-A1 and (2) PEM1F, a wetland included in the NWI, although its delineated footprint has been reduced by approximately 51%. Nevertheless, the remaining 49% of the area designated as PEM1F still exhibits wetland characteristics.

Wetland 1, a small area in S-A1, was not delineated, but three main indicators for the presence of wetland were identified as established in the USCOE WDM. Wetland 1 lies outside the boundaries of the project site. Wetland 2, delineated in NWI, has experienced area loss but still displays wetland characteristics, although most of the vegetation present is classified as FACU or UPL. Less than 0.01 acres of the area are within the proposed project area boundary.

5.2 RECOMMENDATION

As mentioned, Wetland 1 it is out of the boundaries of the proposed project area and no action needs to be taken, with the proposed project with exemption of the establishment of sediment and erosion controls for the prevention of sediment discharges and deposition.

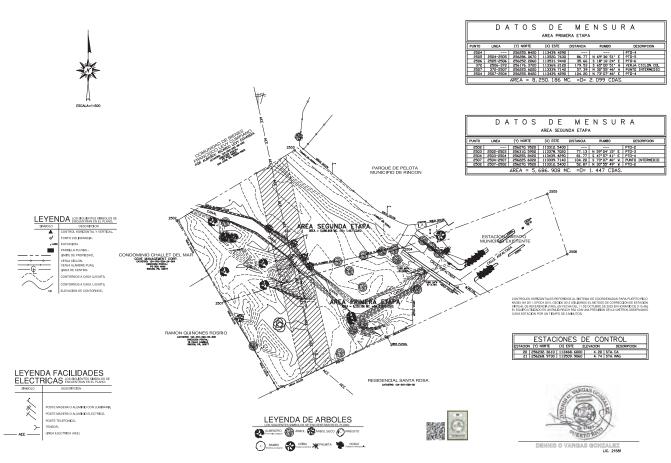
Wetland 2 has an area of 0.01 acres within the proposed project area, its recommended to adjust the proposed project footprint to maintain existing condition of the wetland. Redistribution of parking spaces 27 through 30 (see **Attachment 1 – Proposed Site Plan**) may be converted buffer zone, green open space or other feasible alternative that the designer may propose to retain existing conditions and area for PEM1F. Also, sediment and erosion controls have to be implemented for the prevention of sediment discharges and deposition during construction phases and operation.

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ATTACHMENT 1 PLOT PLANS & DESIGN DRAWINGS



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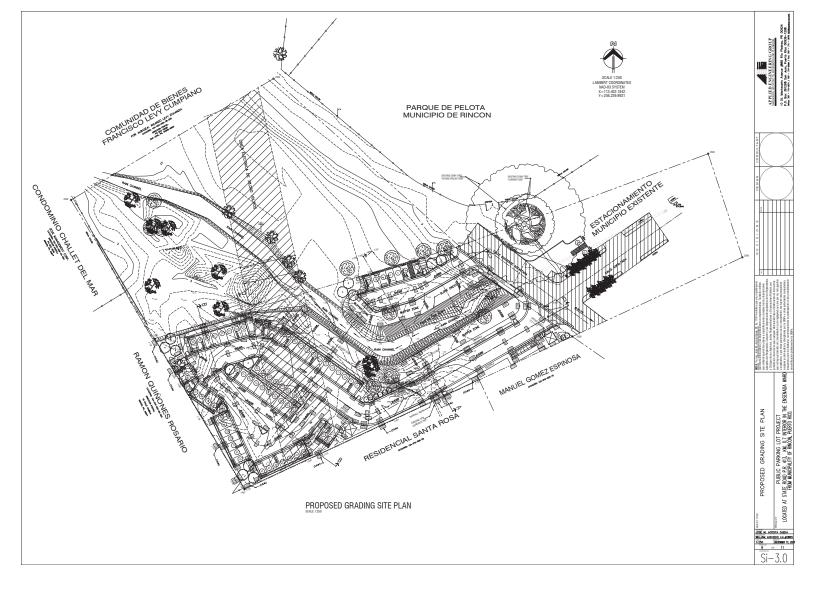
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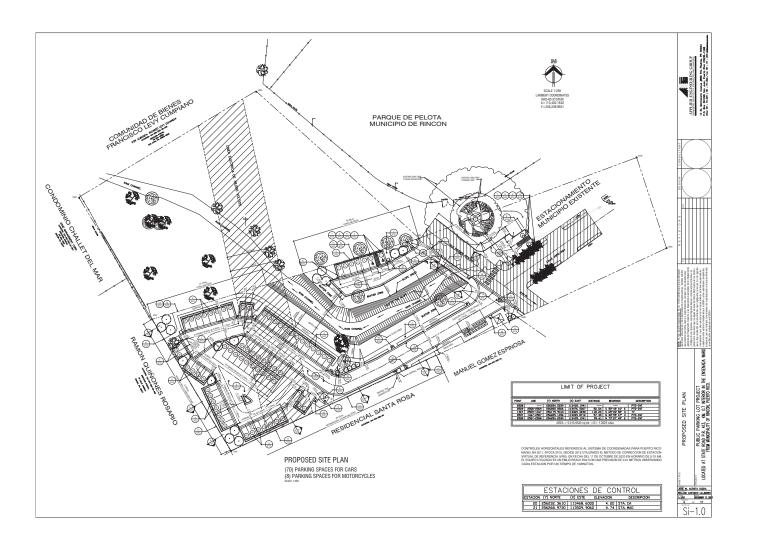
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ATTACHMENT 2 USDA SOIL REPORT & HYDRIC SOIL MAP



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Preface

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2 053951).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

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How Soil Surveys Are Made

Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

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scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

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identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



MAP LEGEND

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Map Unit Legend

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Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however,

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An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An association is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

Mayaguez Area, Puerto Rico Western Part

Ig-Igualdad clay

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: bysy

Elevation: 10 to 200 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 70 to 90 inches Mean annual air temperature: 77 to 79 degrees F

Frost-free period: 365 days

Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Igualdad and similar soils: 100 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Igualdad

Setting

Landform: Coastal plains, flood plains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Down-slope shape: Convex, linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Fine textured sediments over sands

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 4 inches: clay

H2 - 4 to 24 inches: clay

H3 - 24 to 30 inches: sandy clay H4 - 30 to 60 inches: sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 2 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Poorly drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low (0.01 to

0.14 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 6 to 30 inches

Frequency of flooding: Frequent Frequency of ponding: None

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3w

Hydrologic Soil Group: C/D Hydric soil rating: Yes

UI—Urban land

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2yg1h Frost-free period: 365 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Urban land: 100 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Urban Land

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 8

Hydric soil rating: No

Soil Information for All Uses

Suitabilities and Limitations for Use

The Suitabilities and Limitations for Use section includes various soil interpretations displayed as thematic maps with a summary table for the soil map units in the selected area of interest. A single value or rating for each map unit is generated by aggregating the interpretive ratings of individual map unit components. This aggregation process is defined for each interpretation.

Land Classifications

Land Classifications are specified land use and management groupings that are assigned to soil areas because combinations of soil have similar behavior for specified practices. Most are based on soil properties and other factors that directly influence the specific use of the soil. Example classifications include ecological site classification, farmland classification, irrigated and nonirrigated land capability classification, and hydric rating.

Hydric Rating by Map Unit

This rating indicates the percentage of map units that meets the criteria for hydric soils. Map units are composed of one or more map unit components or soil types, each of which is rated as hydric soil or not hydric. Map units that are made up dominantly of hydric soils may have small areas of minor nonhydric components in the higher positions on the landform, and map units that are made up dominantly of nonhydric soils may have small areas of minor hydric components in the lower positions on the landform. Each map unit is rated based on its respective components and the percentage of each component within the map unit.

The thematic map is color coded based on the composition of hydric components. The five color classes are separated as 100 percent hydric components, 66 to 99 percent hydric components, 33 to 65 percent hydric components, 1 to 32 percent hydric components, and less than one percent hydric components.

In Web Soil Survey, the Summary by Map Unit table that is displayed below the map pane contains a column named 'Rating'. In this column the percentage of each map unit that is classified as hydric is displayed.

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The NTCHS definition identifies general soil properties that are associated with wetness. In order to determine whether a specific soil is a hydric soil or nonhydric soil, however, more specific information, such as information about the depth and duration of the water table, is needed. Thus, criteria that identify those estimated soil properties unique to hydric soils have been established (Federal Register, 2002). These criteria are used to identify map unit components that normally are associated with wetlands. The criteria used are selected estimated soil properties that are described in "Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 1999) and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 2006) and in the "Soil Survey Manual" (Soil Survey Division Staff, 1993).

If soils are wet enough for a long enough period of time to be considered hydric, they should exhibit certain properties that can be easily observed in the field. These visible properties are indicators of hydric soils. The indicators used to make onsite determinations of hydric soils are specified in "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (Hurt and Vasilas, 2006).

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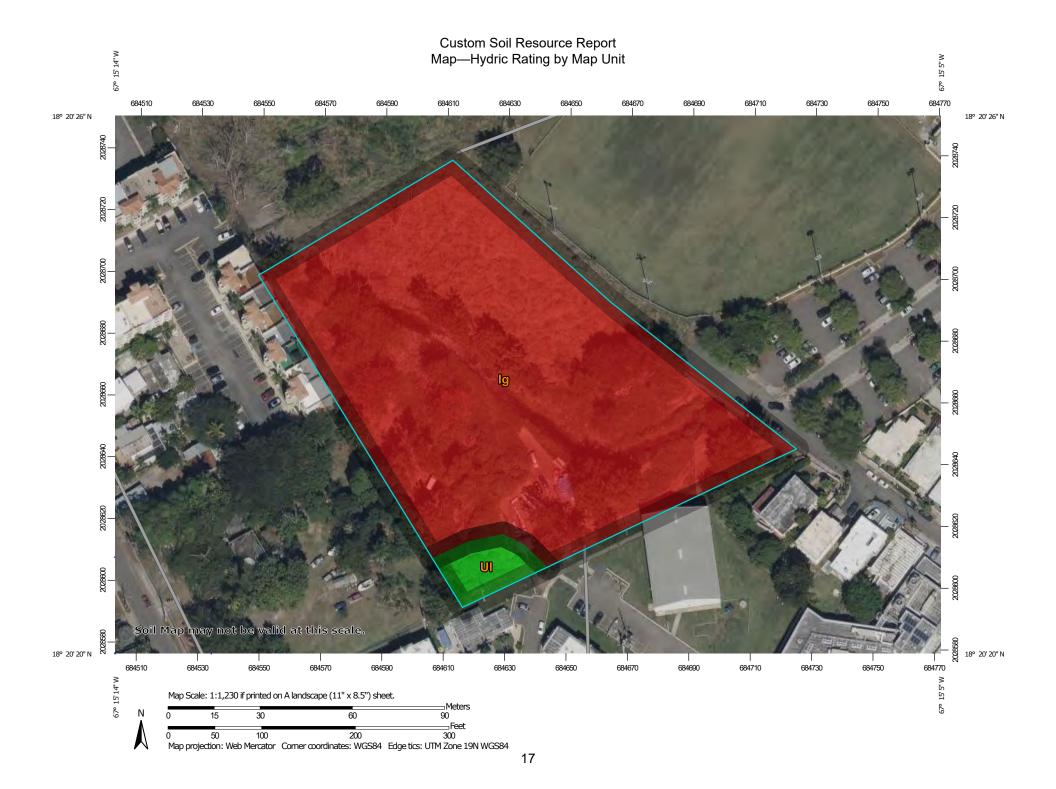
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MAP LEGEND

Rails

US Routes

Major Roads

Local Roads

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Aerial Photography

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Streams and Canals

MAP INFORMATION

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Table—Hydric Rating by Map Unit

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| Map unit symbol | Map unit name | Rating | Acres in AOI | Percent of AOI |
| Ig | Igualdad clay | 100 | 3.0 | 96.0% |
| UI | Urban land | 0 | 0.1 | 4.0% |
| Totals for Area of Interest | | 3.1 | 100.0% | |

Rating Options—Hydric Rating by Map Unit

Aggregation Method: Percent Present

Aggregation is the process by which a set of component attribute values is reduced to a single value that represents the map unit as a whole.

A map unit is typically composed of one or more "components". A component is either some type of soil or some nonsoil entity, e.g., rock outcrop. For the attribute being aggregated, the first step of the aggregation process is to derive one attribute value for each of a map unit's components. From this set of component attributes, the next step of the aggregation process derives a single value that represents the map unit as a whole. Once a single value for each map unit is derived, a thematic map for soil map units can be rendered. Aggregation must be done because, on any soil map, map units are delineated but components are not.

For each of a map unit's components, a corresponding percent composition is recorded. A percent composition of 60 indicates that the corresponding component typically makes up approximately 60% of the map unit. Percent composition is a critical factor in some, but not all, aggregation methods.

The aggregation method "Percent Present" returns the cumulative percent composition of all components of a map unit for which a certain condition is true. For example, attribute "Hydric Rating by Map Unit" returns the cumulative percent composition of all components of a map unit where the corresponding hydric rating is "Yes". Conditions may be simple or complex. At runtime, the user may be able to specify all, some or none of the conditions in question.

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Components whose percent composition is below the cutoff value will not be considered. If no cutoff value is specified, all components in the database will be considered. The data for some contrasting soils of minor extent may not be in the database, and therefore are not considered.

Tie-break Rule: Lower

The tie-break rule indicates which value should be selected from a set of multiple candidate values, or which value should be selected in the event of a percent composition tie.

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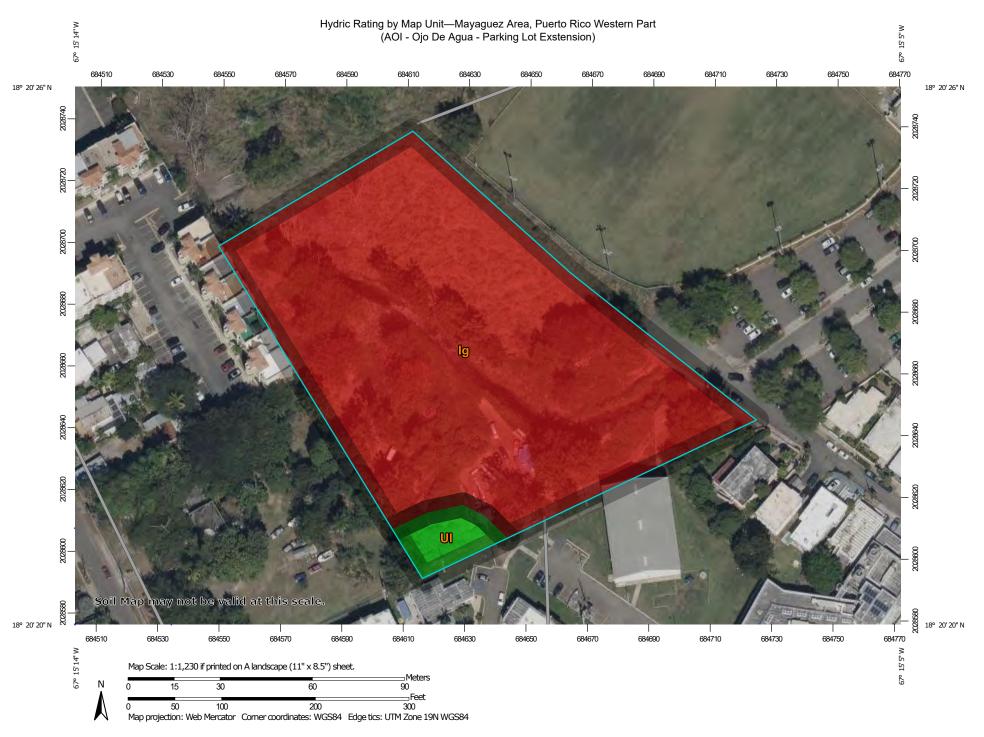
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If soils are wet enough for a long enough period of time to be considered hydric, they should exhibit certain properties that can be easily observed in the field. These visible properties are indicators of hydric soils. The indicators used to make onsite determinations of hydric soils are specified in "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (Hurt and Vasilas, 2006).

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Rating Options

Aggregation Method: Percent Present

Aggregation is the process by which a set of component attribute values is reduced to a single value that represents the map unit as a whole.

A map unit is typically composed of one or more "components". A component is either some type of soil or some nonsoil entity, e.g., rock outcrop. For the attribute being aggregated, the first step of the aggregation process is to derive one attribute value for each of a map unit's components. From this set of component attributes, the next step of the aggregation process derives a single value that represents the map unit as a whole. Once a single value for each map unit is derived, a thematic map for soil map units can be rendered. Aggregation must be done because, on any soil map, map units are delineated but components are not.

For each of a map unit's components, a corresponding percent composition is recorded. A percent composition of 60 indicates that the corresponding component typically makes up approximately 60% of the map unit. Percent composition is a critical factor in some, but not all, aggregation methods.

The aggregation method "Percent Present" returns the cumulative percent composition of all components of a map unit for which a certain condition is true. For example, attribute "Hydric Rating by Map Unit" returns the cumulative percent composition of all components of a map unit where the corresponding hydric rating is "Yes". Conditions may be simple or complex. At runtime, the user may be able to specify all, some or none of the conditions in question.

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Components whose percent composition is below the cutoff value will not be considered. If no cutoff value is specified, all components in the database will be considered. The data for some contrasting soils of minor extent may not be in the database, and therefore are not considered.

Tie-break Rule: Lower

The tie-break rule indicates which value should be selected from a set of multiple candidate values, or which value should be selected in the event of a percent composition tie.

ATTACHMENT 3 DATA FIELD FORMS

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - CARIBBEAN ISLANDS REGION

| Crea | ted |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| () | 2/21/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
| | |
| Upda | nted |
| () | 3/11/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
| | |
| Loca | tion |
| 9 | 18.339753, -67.252704 |
| | |
| Proje | ct |
| â | Wetland Characterization - |
| | Construction of Parking Lot |
| | Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, |
| | Rincon, PR |

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Site Name | Wetland Characterization - Construction of Parking Lot Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, Rincon, PR |
|--|---|
| Site ID | WD-01-RIN |
| Municipality | Rincon |
| Applicant | Applied Engineering Group |
| Location | PR |
| Investigator | Elvin Roldan |
| Sampling Date | February 21, 2024 |
| Soil Map Unit Name | lg |
| NWI Classification | Freshwater Emergent Wetland |
| Are climatic / hydrologic condition on site typical for this time of year? | Yes |
| If no, explain remarks. | N/A |
| Are Vegetation significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Soil significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Hydrology significantly disturbed? | No |

SAMPLE POINT INFORMATION

| Sample Point ID | P1 |
|-----------------|----|
| | |

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| Latitude: | 18.339752, |
|-----------|----------------|
| Longitude | -67.252703 |
| Datum | WGS84 |
| Cadaster | 124-000-005-38 |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? | Yes |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Hydric Soil Present? | Yes |
| Wetland Hydrology Present? | Yes |

VEGETATION Plot Size Tree Stratum Absolute **Dominant** Indicator Name Cover (%) **Species Status** UPL 1. Albizia lebbeck 40 Yes 2. 3. 4. 5. Sapling/ Shrub Stratum **Plot Size** Absolute Dominant Indicator Name **Species** Cover (%) Status 1. Ricinus communis L. 30 Yes **FACU** 2. 3. 4. 5. **Herb Stratum Plot Size** Name Absolute Dominant Indicator Cover (%) **Species** Status 1. Megathyrsus maximus (Jacs.) 60 Yes **FACU** 40 2. Typha domingensis Yes OBL 3. 4.

5.

| Woody Vine Stratum | Plot Size | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |

DOMINANCE TEST WORKED SHEET

| Number of Dominant Species That Are 0BL, FACW, or FAC: | 1 | (A) |
|--|------|-------|
| Total Number of Dominant Species Across Ali Strata: | 4 | (B) |
| Percent of Dominant Species That .Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 0.25 | (A/B) |

PREVALENCE INDEX WORKSHEET

| Total % Cover Of: | | Mult | Multiply by: | | | |
|-------------------|---------|------|--------------|-------|-----|--|
| | | | | | | |
| OBL | Species | 40 | X | 1 | 60 | |
| FACW | Species | 0 | X | 2 | 0 | |
| FAC | Species | 0 | X | 3 | 0 | |
| FACU | Species | 90 | Χ | 4 | 360 | |
| UPL | Species | 40 | Χ | 5 | 200 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Column Totals | | 170 | 170 | | 620 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Prevale | | | | 0.364 | | |

HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION INDICATORS

| Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation | Yes |
|---|-----|
| Dominance Test is >50% | No |
| Prevalence index is :,3.01 | No |
| Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) | No |
| | |
| | |
| Hydrophytic Vegetation | Yes |
| Present? | |

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

SOIL

| | Matrix | | Redux Fe | atures | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----|-------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| Depth (in.) | Color Moist | % | Type ¹ | Loc ² | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-8 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | М | Sandy | |
| 8-16 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | М | Sandy | |
| | | | | | | |

 $^{^{1}}$ Type: C = Concentration, D = Depletion, RM = Reduced Matrix, MS = Masked Grains

HYDRIC SOIL INDICATORS

| Indicator | Presence |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | |
| Histosol (A1) | Yes |
| Histic Epipedon (A2) | No |
| Black Histic (A3) | No |
| Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) | No |
| Organic Bodies (A6) | No |
| 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) | No |
| Muck Presence (A8) | No |
| Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) | No |
| Thick Dark Surface (A12) | No |
| Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) | No |
| Sandy Redox (S5) | No |
| Stripped Matrix (S6) | No |
| Dark Surface (S7) | No |
| Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) | No |
| Depleted Matrix (F3 | No |
| Redox Dark Surface (F6) | No |
| Depleted Dark Surface (F7) | No |
| Redox Depressions (F8) | No |
| Stratified Layers (A5) | No |
| Red Paren! Material (F21) | No |
| Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) | No |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No |

²Location = PL = Poor Lining, M= matrix

| Restrictive Layer (if observed): | |
|---|---------------------|
| Type | |
| Depth (in.) | |
| | |
| Remarks: | |
| Organic material observed in first 6 in. of the horizon indic | cative of histosol. |

HYDROLOGY

| Primary Indicators | Present | Secondary Indicators | Present |
|--|---------|--|---------|
| | | | |
| Surface Water (A1) | Yes | Surface Soil Cracks (B6) | No |
| High Water Table (A2) | No | Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | No |
| Saturation (A3) | No | Drainage Patterns (B10) | No |
| Water Marks (B1 | No | Dry-Season Water Table (C2) | No |
| Sediment Deposits (B2) | No | Saturation Visible on Aerial lmagery (C9) | No |
| Drift Deposits (B3) | No | Geomorphic Position (D2) | No |
| Algal Mal or Crust (B4) | No | Shallow Aquitard (D3) | No |
| Iron Deposits (B5) | No | FAC-Neutral Test (D5) | No |
| lnundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) | No | | |
| Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | No | | |
| Aquatic Fauna (B13) | No | | |
| Hydrogen Sulfide Odor(C1) | No | | |
| Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) | No | | |
| Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) | No | | |
| Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) | No | | |
| Thin Muck Surface (C7) | No | | |
| Fiddler Crab Burrows (C1O) | No | | |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No | | |

Field Observations

| Surface Water Present? | Yes | Depth (in.) 4 |
|-----------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Water Table Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| Saturation Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| (includes capillary fringe) | | |

| Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), If available | | Describ | oe F | Record | led | Data | (stream | gaug | e, moni | toring v | vell, | aerial | photo | os, prev | ious | inspect | ions) | , If | i avai | lab | ıle: |
|---|--|---------|------|--------|-----|------|---------|------|---------|----------|-------|--------|-------|----------|------|---------|-------|------|--------|-----|------|
|---|--|---------|------|--------|-----|------|---------|------|---------|----------|-------|--------|-------|----------|------|---------|-------|------|--------|-----|------|

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| Surface water present at low point accumulated or ponding, no relative movement of water downstream. | |
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| NOTES | |
| Additional Notes: | |
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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - CARIBBEAN ISLANDS REGION

| Crea | ted |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| () | 2/21/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
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| Upda | ated |
| () | 3/10/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
| | |
| Loca | tion |
| 8 | 18.339753, -67.252704 |
| | |
| Proje | ect |
| | Wetland Characterization - |
| | Construction of Parking Lot |
| | Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, |
| | Rincon, PR |

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Site Name | Wetland Characterization - Construction of Parking Lot Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, Rincon, PR |
|--|---|
| Site ID | WD-01-RIN |
| Municipality | Rincón |
| Applicant | Applied Engineering Group |
| Location | PR |
| Investigator | Elvin Roldan |
| Sampling Date | February 21, 2024 |
| Soil Map Unit Name | lg |
| NWI Classification | Freshwater Emergent Wetland |
| Are climatic / hydrologic condition on site typical for this time of year? | Yes |
| If no, explain remarks. | N/A |
| Are Vegetation significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Soil significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Hydrology significantly disturbed? | No |

SAMPLE POINT INFORMATION

| Sample Point ID | P2 |
|-----------------|----|
| | |

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| Latitude: | |
|-----------|----------------|
| Longitude | |
| Datum | WGS84 |
| Cadaster | 124-000-005-38 |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? | No |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Hydric Soil Present? | Yes |
| Wetland Hydrology Present? | No |

| <i>,</i> L' | GETATION | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tre | e Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | |
| Na | me | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Terminalia catappa | 20 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | Albizia lebbeck | 40 | Yes | UPL |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| Sa | pling/ Shrub Stratum | Plot Size | 15 | |
| Name | | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Ricinus communis L. | 20 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| He | rb Stratum | Plot Size | 5 | |
| Na | me | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Malvastrum coromandeliaum (L.) | 60 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | Megathyrsus maximus (Jacq.) | 30 | Yes | FACU |
| 3. | 3 7 | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |

| Woody Vine Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status | | |
| 1. | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | |

DOMINANCE TEST WORKED SHEET

| Number of Dominant Species That Are 0BL, FACW, or FAC: | 0 | (A) |
|--|---|-------|
| Total Number of Dominant Species Across Ali Strata: | 5 | (B) |
| Percent of Dominant Species That .Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 0 | (A/B) |

PREVALENCE INDEX WORKSHEET

| Total % | Cover Of: | Multiply by: | | | |
|---------|------------------------|--------------|---|------|-----|
| | | | | | |
| OBL | Species | 0 | X | 1 | 0 |
| FACW | Species | 0 | Χ | 2 | 0 |
| FAC | Species | 0 | X | 3 | 0 |
| FACU | Species | 130 | Χ | 4 | 520 |
| UPL | Species | 40 | Х | 5 | 200 |
| | | | | | |
| Column | Totals | 170 | | | 620 |
| | | | | | |
| Prevale | Prevalence Index (B/A) | | | 3.64 | |

HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION INDICATORS

| Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation | No |
|---|----|
| Dominance Test is >50% | No |
| Prevalence index is :< 3.01 | No |
| Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) | No |
| | |
| | |
| Hydrophytic Vegetation | No |
| Present? | |

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

SOIL

| | Matrix | | Redux Features | | |
|-------------|-------------|---|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Depth (in.) | Color Moist | % | Type ¹ Loc ² | Texture | Remarks |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

¹Type: C = Concentration, D = Depletion, RM = Reduced Matrix, MS = Masked Grains

HYDRIC SOIL INDICATORS

| Indicator | Presence |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | |
| Histosol (A1) | No |
| Histic Epipedon (A2) | No |
| Black Histic (A3) | No |
| Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) | No |
| Organic Bodies (A6) | No |
| 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) | No |
| Muck Presence (A8) | No |
| Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) | No |
| Thick Dark Surface (A12) | No |
| Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) | No |
| Sandy Redox (S5) | No |
| Stripped Matrix (S6) | No |
| Dark Surface (S7) | No |
| Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) | No |
| Depleted Matrix (F3 | No |
| Redox Dark Surface (F6) | No |
| Depleted Dark Surface (F7) | No |
| Redox Depressions (F8) | No |
| Stratified Layers (A5) | No |
| Red Paren! Material (F21) | No |
| Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) | No |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No |

²Location = PL = Poor Lining, M= matrix

| Restrictive Layer (if | observed): |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Туре | |
| Denth (in) | |

Remarks:

No hole for viewing soil horizons or indicators was done in this sampling point, all area is identified as hydric soil Ig by USDA NRCS soil report. Field verification was done on P1. Indicator A1 (Histosol) was confirmed.

HYDROLOGY

| Primary Indicators | ators Present Secondary Indicators | | Present | |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---------|--|
| | | | | |
| Surface Water (A1) | No | Surface Soil Cracks (B6) | No | |
| High Water Table (A2) | No | Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | No | |
| Saturation (A3) | No | Drainage Patterns (B10) | No | |
| Water Marks (B1) | No | Dry-Season Water Table (C2) | No | |
| Sediment Deposits (B2) | No | Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) | No | |
| Drift Deposits (B3) | No | Geomorphic Position (D2) | No | |
| Algal Mal or Crust (B4) | No | Shallow Aquitard (D3) | No | |
| Iron Deposits (B5) | No | FAC-Neutral Test (D5) | No | |
| lnundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) | No | | | |
| Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | No | | | |
| Aquatic Fauna (B13) | No | | | |
| Hydrogen Sulfide Odor(C1) | No | | | |
| Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) | No | | | |
| Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) | No | | | |
| Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) | No | | | |
| Thin Muck Surface (C7) | No | | | |
| Fiddler Crab Burrows (C1O) | No | | | |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No | | | |

Field Observations

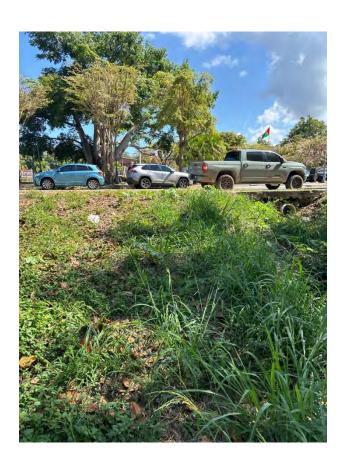
| Surface Water Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
|--|----|-------------|
| Water Table Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) | No | Depth (in.) |

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), If available:

| Remarks: | | |
|-------------------|--|--|
| N/A | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| NOTES | | |
| | | |
| Additional Notes: | | |
| | | |



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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - CARIBBEAN ISLANDS REGION

| Crea | ted |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| () | 2/21/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
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| Upda | ated |
| () | 3/10/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
| | |
| Loca | tion |
| 8 | 18.339957, -67.253300 |
| | |
| Proje | ct |
| 2 | Wetland Characterization - |
| | Construction of Parking Lot |
| | Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, |
| | Rincon, PR |

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Site Name | Wetland Characterization - Construction of Parking Lot Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, Rincon, PR |
|--|---|
| Site ID | WD-01-RIN |
| Municipality | Rincón |
| Applicant | Applied Engineering Group |
| Location | PR |
| Investigator | Elvin Roldan |
| Sampling Date | February 21, 2024 |
| Soil Map Unit Name | lg |
| NWI Classification | Freshwater Emergent Wetland |
| Are climatic / hydrologic condition on site typical for this time of year? | Yes |
| If no, explain remarks. | N/A |
| Are Vegetation significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Soil significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Hydrology significantly disturbed? | No |

SAMPLE POINT INFORMATION

| Sample Point ID | 3 |
|-----------------|---|
|-----------------|---|

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| Latitude: | |
|-----------|----------------|
| Longitude | |
| Datum | WGS84 |
| Cadaster | 124-000-005-38 |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? | No |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Hydric Soil Present? | Yes |
| Wetland Hydrology Present? | No |

| Tree Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tioc octatum | 1 101 3126 | 30 | |
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. Terminalia catappa | 80 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Sapling/ Shrub Stratum | Plot Size | 15 | |
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Herb Stratum | Plot Size | 5 | |
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| Cenchrus echinatus | 40 | Yes | UPL |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |

| Woody Vine Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |

DOMINANCE TEST WORKED SHEET

| Number of Dominant Species That Are 0BL, FACW, or FAC: | 0 | (A) |
|--|---|-------|
| Total Number of Dominant Species Across Ali Strata: | 2 | (B) |
| Percent of Dominant Species That .Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 0 | (A/B) |

PREVALENCE INDEX WORKSHEET

| Total % | Cover Of: | Multiply by: | | | | |
|---------|------------------------|--------------|---|------|-----|--|
| | | | | | | |
| OBL | Species | 0 | X | 1 | 0 | |
| FACW | Species | 0 | Х | 2 | 0 | |
| FAC | Species | 0 | Χ | 3 | 0 | |
| FACU | Species | 80 | Х | 4 | 320 | |
| UPL | Species | 40 | Х | 5 | 200 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Column | n Totals | 120 | | | 520 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Prevale | Prevalence Index (B/A) | | | 4.33 | | |

HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION INDICATORS

| No |
|----|
| No |
| No |
| No |
| |
| |
| No |
| |
| |

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

SOIL

| | Matrix | Matrix | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| Depth (in.) | Color Moist | % | Type ¹ | Loc ² | Texture | Remarks |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

 $^{^{1}}$ Type: C = Concentration, D = Depletion, RM = Reduced Matrix, MS = Masked Grains

HYDRIC SOIL INDICATORS

| Indicator | Presence |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | |
| Histosol (A1) | No |
| Histic Epipedon (A2) | No |
| Black Histic (A3) | No |
| Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) | No |
| Organic Bodies (A6) | No |
| 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) | No |
| Muck Presence (A8) | No |
| Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) | No |
| Thick Dark Surface (A12) | No |
| Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) | No |
| Sandy Redox (S5) | No |
| Stripped Matrix (S6) | No |
| Dark Surface (S7) | No |
| Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) | No |
| Depleted Matrix (F3 | No |
| Redox Dark Surface (F6) | No |
| Depleted Dark Surface (F7) | No |
| Redox Depressions (F8) | No |
| Stratified Layers (A5) | No |
| Red Paren! Material (F21) | No |
| Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) | No |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No |

²Location = PL = Poor Lining, M= matrix

| Restrictive Layer (if | f observed): |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Туре | |
| Depth (in.) | |

Remarks:

No hole for viewing soil horizons or indicators was done in this sampling point, all area is identified as hydric soil Ig by USDA NRCS soil report. Field verification was done on P1. Indicator A1 (Histosol) was confirmed. Observations for surface soil consistency and texture are consisted with sample taken on P1.

HYDROLOGY

| Primary Indicators | Present | Secondary Indicators | Present |
|--|---------|---|---------|
| | | | |
| Surface Water (A1) | No | Surface Soil Cracks (B6) | No |
| High Water Table (A2) | No | Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | No |
| Saturation (A3) | No | Drainage Patterns (B10) | No |
| Water Marks (B1 | No | Dry-Season Water Table (C2) | No |
| Sediment Deposits (B2) | No | Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) | No |
| Drift Deposits (B3) | No | Geomorphic Position (D2) | No |
| Algal Mal or Crust (B4) | No | Shallow Aquitard (D3) | No |
| lron Deposits (B5) | No | FAC-Neutral Test (D5) | No |
| lnundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) | No | | |
| Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | No | | |
| Aquatic Fauna (B13) | No | | |
| Hydrogen Sulfide Odor(C1) | No | | |
| Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) | No | | |
| Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) | No | | |
| Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) | No | | |
| Thin Muck Surface (C7) | No | | |
| Fiddler Crab Burrows (C1O) | No | | |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No | | |

Field Observations

| Surface Water Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| Water Table Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| Saturation Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| (includes capillary fringe) | | |

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), If available:

| Remarks: | |
|-------------------|--|
| N/A | |
| | |
| | |
| NOTES | |
| | |
| Additional Notes: | |









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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - CARIBBEAN ISLANDS REGION

| Crea | ed | | | |
|----------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| () | 2/21/2024 | | | |
| - | Elvin Roldan | | | |
| | | | | |
| Upda | ated | | | |
| () | 3/10/2024 | | | |
| - | Elvin Roldan | | | |
| | | | | |
| Loca | tion | | | |
| 8 | 18.339748, -67.252845 | | | |
| | | | | |
| Proje | ect | | | |
| 2 | Wetland Characterization - | | | |
| | Construction of Parking Lot | | | |
| | Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, | | | |
| | Rincon, PR | | | |

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Site Name | Wetland Characterization - Construction of Parking Lot Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, Rincon, PR |
|--|---|
| Site ID | WD-01-RIN |
| Municipality | Rincón |
| Applicant | Applied Engineering Group |
| Location | PR |
| Investigator | Elvin Roldan |
| Sampling Date | February 21, 2024 |
| Soil Map Unit Name | lg |
| NWI Classification | Freshwater Emergent Wetland |
| Are climatic / hydrologic condition on site typical for this time of year? | Yes |
| If no, explain remarks. | N/A |
| Are Vegetation significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Soil significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Hydrology significantly disturbed? | No |

SAMPLE POINT INFORMATION

Sample Point ID P4

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| Latitude: | |
|-----------|----------------|
| Longitude | |
| Datum | WGS84 |
| Cadaster | 124-000-005-38 |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? | Yes |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Hydric Soil Present? | Yes |
| Wetland Hydrology Present? | Yes |

| /EC | GETATION | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tree Stratum | | Plot Size | 30 | |
| Nar | me | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| Sapling/ Shrub Stratum | | Plot Size | 15 | |
| Name | | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Ricinus communis L. | 40 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| Herb Stratum | | Plot Size | 5 | |
| Name | | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Cynodon nlemfuensis | 80 | Yes | UPL |
| 2. | Typha domingensis | 20 | Yes | OBL |
| 3. | <u> </u> | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |

| Woody Vine Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. 3. | | | |
| 4. 5. | | | |

DOMINANCE TEST WORKED SHEET

| Number of Dominant Species That Are 0BL, FACW, or FAC: | 1 | (A) |
|--|------|-------|
| Total Number of Dominant Species Across Ali Strata: | 3 | (B) |
| Percent of Dominant Species That .Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 0.33 | (A/B) |

PREVALENCE INDEX WORKSHEET

| Total % | Total % Cover Of: Multiply by: | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----|---|---|-----|--|--|
| | | | | | | | |
| OBL | Species | 20 | X | 1 | 20 | | |
| FACW | Species | 0 | Х | 2 | 0 | | |
| FAC | Species | 0 | Х | 3 | 0 | | |
| FACU | Species | 40 | Х | 4 | 160 | | |
| UPL | Species | 80 | Х | 5 | 400 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Column | Column Totals 140 580 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Prevalence Index (B/A) 4.14 | | | | | | | |

HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION INDICATORS

| Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation | Yes |
|---|-----|
| Dominance Test is >50% | No |
| Prevalence index is :< 3.01 | No |
| Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) | No |
| | |
| | |
| Hydrophytic Vegetation | Yes |
| Present? | |

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

SOIL

| | Matrix | | Redux Features | | |
|-------------|-------------|---|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Depth (in.) | Color Moist | % | Type ¹ Loc ² | Texture | Remarks |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

¹Type: C = Concentration, D = Depletion, RM = Reduced Matrix, MS = Masked Grains

HYDRIC SOIL INDICATORS

| Indicator | Presence |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | |
| Histosol (A1) | No |
| Histic Epipedon (A2) | No |
| Black Histic (A3) | No |
| Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) | No |
| Organic Bodies (A6) | No |
| 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) | No |
| Muck Presence (A8) | No |
| Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) | No |
| Thick Dark Surface (A12) | No |
| Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) | No |
| Sandy Redox (S5) | No |
| Stripped Matrix (S6) | No |
| Dark Surface (S7) | No |
| Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) | No |
| Depleted Matrix (F3 | No |
| Redox Dark Surface (F6) | No |
| Depleted Dark Surface (F7) | No |
| Redox Depressions (F8) | No |
| Stratified Layers (A5) | No |
| Red Paren! Material (F21) | No |
| Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) | No |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No |

²Location = PL = Poor Lining, M= matrix

| Restrictive Layer (if | f observed): |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Туре | |
| Depth (in.) | |

Remarks:

No hole for viewing soil horizons or indicators was done in this sampling point, all area is identified as hydric soil Ig by USDA NRCS soil report. Field verification was done on P1. Indicator A1 (Histosol) was confirmed. Observations for surface soil consistency and texture are consisted with sample taken on P1.

HYDROLOGY

| Primary Indicators | Present | Secondary Indicators | Present |
|--|---------|---|---------|
| | | | |
| Surface Water (A1) | Yes | Surface Soil Cracks (B6) | No |
| High Water Table (A2) | No | Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | No |
| Saturation (A3) | No | Drainage Patterns (B10) | No |
| Water Marks (B1 | No | Dry-Season Water Table (C2) | No |
| Sediment Deposits (B2) | No | Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) | No |
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| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No | | |

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|-----------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Water Table Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| Saturation Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| (includes capillary fringe) | | |

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), If available:

| vegetation concentrated in this area. No clear transition of the upslope of the channel its visible. | |
|--|--|
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| NOTES | |
| | |
| Additional Notes: | |

Ponding water on what appears to be the slope of the rainwater canal can be observed with hydrophytic

Remarks:





| Α | N |
|---|---|
| A2 – Sub-Area A2, 6 | |
| AEG - Applied Engineering Group, 1 | NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act, 1 NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation |
| D | Service, 11 |
| DBH - Diameter at Breast Height, 14 DNERC - Department of Natural Resources | NWI - National Wetland Inventory, 4 NWPL - National Wetland Plant List, 11 |
| and Conservation, 9 | 0 |
| E | OBL - Obligated Wetland Plants, 11 |
| EFW - Emergent Freshwater Wetland, 4 | Р |
| EO - Executive Order, 8 EPA - United States Environmental Protection Agency, 9 | PP - Post Processing, 10 PPK - Post Processed, 15 PR - Puerto Rico, 9 |
| F | PRDOH - Puerto Rico Department of Housing, |
| FAC - Facultative Plants, 11, 12 FACU - Facultative Upland Plants, 12 | 1 PRPB - Puerto Rico Planning Board, 9 |
| FACW - Facultative Wetland Plants, 11 | S |
| FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency, 14 | SA1 - Sub Area 1, 6 |
| ft - Feet, 14 | sq m - Square meters, 1 |
| G | U |
| GIS - Geographical Information Systems, 10 GPS - Global Positioning System, 10 | UAS - Unmanned Aircraft System, 10 UPL - Upland Plants, 12 US - United States of America, 8 |
| 1 | USCOE - United States Corps Of Engineers, 9 USDA - United States Department of |
| Ig - Igualdad Clay, 11 | Agriculture, 11 |
| in inches, 14 | USDOH - US Department of Housing and |
| M | Urban Development, 1 |
| m - meters, 1 | USFWS - United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 9 |
| MOR - Municipality of Rincón, 1 | USGS - United States Geological Survey, 12 USVI - US Virgin Islands, 10 |

W

WSS - Web Soil Survey, 11

Explosive and Flammables Hazard Map



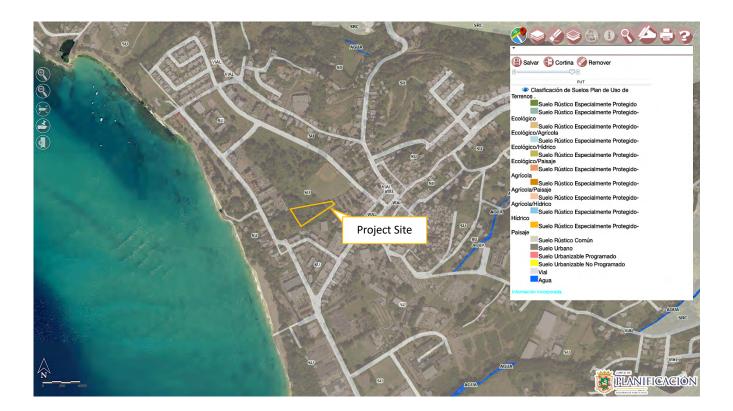
Attachment 9: Explosive and Flammables Hazard

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: Google Earth®

Website: https://earth.google.com/web/ Author: Applied Engineering Group



Attachment 10A: Puerto Rico Planning Board's – Terrain Use Map (Plan de Uso de Terreno)

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: Junta de Planificación (MIPR) Website: https://gis.jp.pr.gov/mipr/ Author: Applied Engineering Group





MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

Soil Map Unit Polygons



Soil Map Unit Lines



Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features

Blowout



Borrow Pit



Clay Spot



Closed Depression



Gravel Pit



Gravelly Spot



Landfill



Lava Flow

Marsh or swamp



Mine or Quarry



Miscellaneous Water

Perennial Water



Rock Outcrop



Saline Spot



Sandy Spot



Severely Eroded Spot



Sinkhole



Slide or Slip



Sodic Spot

-

Spoil Area



Stony Spot



Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot Other



Special Line Features

Water Features

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Streams and Canals

Transportation



Rails



Interstate Highways



US Routes



Major Roads



Local Roads

Background



Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20.000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Mayaguez Area, Puerto Rico Western Part Survey Area Data: Version 19, Sep 13, 2023

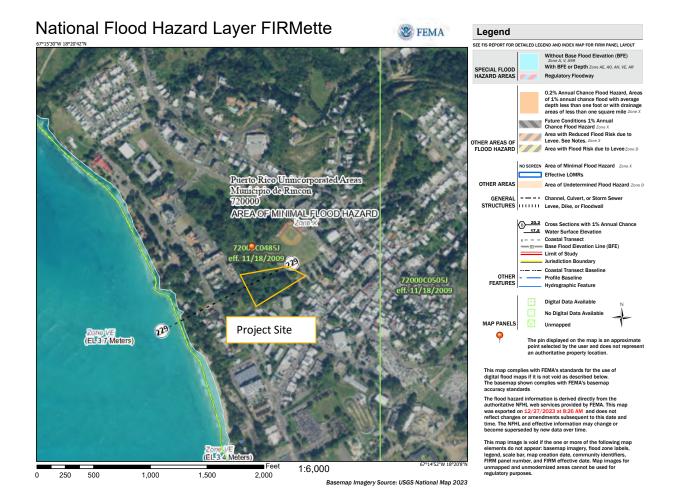
Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50.000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jan 23, 2022—Mar 1, 2022

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

| Map Unit Symbol | Map Unit Name | Acres in AOI | Percent of AOI | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--|--|
| Ig | Igualdad clay | 1.8 | 95.9% | | |
| UI | Urban land | 0.1 | 4.1% | | |
| Totals for Area of Interest | | 1.9 | 100.0% | | |



Attachment 11A: Floodplain Management FIRM

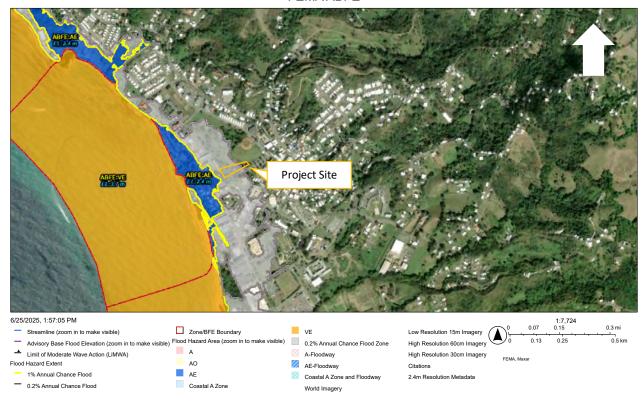
Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: FEMA Flood Map Services Center Website: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home

Author: Applied Engineering Group

FEMA ABFE



Attachment 11B: Floodplain Management ABFE

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: Mapa Niveles de Inundación Base Recomendados por: Junta Planificación

Website:

 $\underline{\text{https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=31dfa15671944086b54}}$

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Author: Applied Engineering Group



EXECUTIVE ORDERS 11988 AND

11990 – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT & PROTECTION OF WETLANDS - 8-STEP PROCESS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RELIEF (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT 8-STEP DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

Project: "Estacionamiento Urbano", Municipality of Rincón, Puerto Rico

Project No. PR-CRP-000505

Decision Process for Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 as Provided by 24 CFR §55.20.

Step 1: Determine whether the action is in a 100-year and wetland.

The proposed project, PR-CRP-000505, Estacionamiento Urbano, consists of the construction of a parking lot that will include the preparation of the land to carry out the installation of asphalt pavement and concrete in all the required areas, creating sidewalks within the new parking lot and filling the subbases and bases. It includes the installation of bumper/wheel stop guards, the construction of approximately 66 parking units incorporating ADA compliant units and motorcycle parking units, and the creation of porous concrete pedestrian access ADA compliant entrances. In addition, it includes green initiatives such as the planting of native trees and the installation of solar lighting poles, construction of foundations for the support of the solar poles, the installation of signs for proper signage, construction of a storm drainage system, construction of an entrance to the parking lot, construction of a rest area (gazebo), installation of an emblem to observe the "Ojo de Agua" and installation of a perimeter fence. A security fence will be installed on the existing sidewalk in front of the "Ojo de Agua". An existing tree (Ceiba) in the parking lot will be protected and demarcated. The proposed project, Estacionamiento Urbano, PR-CRP-000505, is located at Parque Street, Rincón, PR 00677; coordinates 18.33987, -67.25280.

The proposed project, with dimensions of 2.17 acres, is located in combined zones, 1.66 acres within a 500-year floodplain, and 0.51 acres outside the floodplain. The project site is located on FEMA's Advisory Baseline Flood Elevations Map, revised 12/11/2018, https://gis-r2-fema.hub.arcgis.com/. The proposed project includes is a minor portion of 0.31 acres of emergent wetland as shown in the NWI Wetland <a href="https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/wetlands/apps/wetlands-mapper/. Refer to Attachment 1 for FIRMette, ABFE Map and Wetland Map.

This analysis will consider impacts to the floodplain and the wetland along with concerns for loss of life or property; as applicable.

Step 2: Notify the public for early proposal review and involve the affected and interested people in decision-making.

A public notice was prepared and published on September 3rd, 2024, in the "Primera Hora" newspaper of Puerto Rico. The notice targeted local residents, including those in the floodplain and wetland. The notice was also sent to the following Federal, and State agencies: US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency, US Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, State Historic Preservation Office, Puerto Rico Planning Board, PR Department of Natural Resources & Environment and, Department of Economic Development and Commerce. The required fifteen (15) calendar days were allowed for public comment. As required by regulation, the notice also included the name, proposed location and description of the activity, total number of floodplain acres involved, and the responsible entity contact for information as well as a website and the location and hours of the office at which a full description of the proposed action can be viewed. No comments were received, hence, no opposition to the proposed project was expressed. Attachment 2 includes a copy of the public notice.

Step 3: Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives.

The responsible entity has considered the following alternatives:

Alternative 1: Locate the project within the floodplain and wetland – The proposed action is according to zoning of the area. The project has been designed to minimize adverse impacts on the wetland and the floodplain. The project will enhance the well-being and safety of community residents and visitors, benefiting low- and moderate-income communities by providing additional parking spaces in the urban center of the municipality, improving site conditions and infrastructure, impacting positively public property, preventing further site deterioration, and by making the area more enjoyable for Rincón's residents and visitors. Additionally, it will have a positive economic impact by promoting tourism and benefit local commerce within the community. Since the People of Puerto Rico and the Municipality of Rincón own the project site, there will be no additional costs for land acquisition or ownership issues. Native trees will be incorporated into the design to complement the area's natural features and provide an aesthetically pleasing structure. Hence, the proposed project will enhance the floodplain and the wetland functions and values.

Alternative 2: Locate the Project Outside of the floodplain and the wetland - The responsible entity evaluated the alternative to locate this activity outside the floodplain and the wetland and this alternative is not suitable because the main

purpose of the project is to improve the conditions of the area to be used by the residents and visitors of the community. The main goal is to expand the existing parking lot to enhance the well-being and safety of residents and visitors in Rincón. This alternative would not address the need for additional parking spaces, or the benefits associated with improving the site, such as reducing adverse impacts on human health and public property, preventing site deterioration, and fostering economic growth through tourism in the urban center.

Alternative 3: No action taken. - If no action is taken, the proposed expansion will not proceed, and the new parking spaces will not be provided. The project goals, including increasing parking availability, improving resident and visitor safety, offering safer alternatives to low- and moderate-income communities, preventing further site deterioration, and generating economic benefits through tourism, will remain unmet.

Step 4: Identify Potential Direct and Indirect Impacts Associated with the Floodplain Development.

Alternative 1: Locate the Project Within the floodplain and the wetland. -The project at the proposed site will not negatively impact the floodplain and the wetland and will not have a significant impact on the actual runoff water behavior during weather events. The city of Rincón is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program. Potential adverse impacts from construction would be temporary and mitigated through construction staging plans developed in partnership with the Rincón Municipality to minimize disturbance throughout the construction period and at the end of the project. The proposed project will be connected to the existing infrastructure systems. On the contrary, the proposed activity will help preserve the floodplain and the wetland functions and values like creating a pleasant urban revitalization, offer adequate and safe community access in accordance to building codes and regulations, preserve water quality, erosion control and flora & fauna habitat in the area. The proposed improvements will not have an effect on agricultural lands due to the nature of the activity. No recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural values of the floodplain and the wetland will be adversely affected by the activity. The People of Puerto Rico and the Municipality of Rincón are the owners of the proposed project site. No additional cost due to land acquisition will be incurred nor will ownership issues needed to be solved.

Step 5: Mitigate Adverse Impacts

It is the responsible entity determination that there is no practicable alternative for locating the project outside the flood zone and wetland.

The highest priority of this review is to prevent the loss of life. No loss of life could be generated as part of the proposed actions. On the contrary, the proposed works would not only generate a positive impact to the floodplain and the wetland in benefit of the people's life, but also would help to protect the financial investment of the contiguous business that actually serves the community. The proposed improvements will not have an effect on agricultural lands.

The site design chosen as an alternative at Step 3 minimize the floodplain and wetland impacts from occurring in the floodplain and the wetland considering provisions for draining. Best sediment and erosion control practices will be implemented during construction phases and the operation of the proposed activity to prevent sediment discharges and deposition. The design and construction consider that storm water discharges are directed accordingly in a way that cause the least possible obstruction to the flow of water, offer safety conditions, resist the effects of hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads of flood waters and comply with any other provision of applicable law or regulation. Refer to Attachment 3 for proposed activity design drawings modified to integrate the recommendations of the United States Fish & Wild Services. The construction will have minimal effects on water resources. The increase in impermeable surfaces will not affect nearby wetlands or floodplain conditions. A stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) would be prepared, and its Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be implemented to avoid surface runoff, ponding, and sedimentation of receiving waterways during construction. Construction debris will be collated and disposed at a certified dump site or other authorized facility to manage wastes.

Step 6: Reevaluate the Alternatives.

Although the site is in a floodplain and minimum portion within an emergent wetland, the project has been adapted to minimize the floodplain and the wetland impact. No significant occupancy or modification of the floodplain and the wetland area will take place. The site design chosen to minimize the floodplain and wetland impacts from occurring in the floodplain and the wetland considered provisions for draining. To prevent sediment discharges and deposition, it will be employed best sediment and erosion control practices during construction phases and the operation of the proposed activity. The proposed improvements will provide longer useful life of the facilities so that it can continue to be used by citizens of Rincón and their visitors. The People of Puerto Rico and the Municipality of Rincón are the owners of the proposed project site. No additional cost due to land acquisition will be incurred nor will ownership issues need to be solved.

It is the responsible entity determination that there is no practicable alternative for locating the project outside the flood zone. The proposed project will:

- 1. Improve existing site's conditions, and infrastructure.
- 2. Increase the well-being and safety of community residents and visitors.

- 3. Have a positive impact on neighboring properties, as well as Rincón business core by helping to protect the financial investment of the contiguous business that actually serves the community.
- 4. Provide safer alternatives to low- and moderate-income communities surrounding the area.
- Mitigate and minimize impacts on human health, public property, and the floodplain and the wetland values by using satisfactory design codes considering provisions for draining and best management practices during the construction activities.
- 6. Help to prevent further deterioration of the site and to improve traffic safety.
- 7. No historical environmental disparities will be increased due to the proposed activity.

If no action is taken, the proposed improvements will not be implemented, and the facilities will not be enhanced. The proposed use is in harmony with the surrounding developments in the area.

The municipality of Rincón will assure that this plan, as described above, is executed and necessary language will be included in all agreements with participating parties. The municipality of Rincón will also take an active role in monitoring the construction process to ensure no unnecessary impacts occur no unnecessary risks are taken.

Step 7: Notify finding to the public and agencies.

A final notice published in the "Primera Hora" newspaper of Puerto Rico on May 16, 2025, targeted local residents, including those in the floodplain and the wetland. The final notice detailed the reasons why the proposed activity must be located in the floodplain and the wetland, a list of alternatives considered, and all mitigation measures taken to minimize adverse impacts and preserve natural and beneficial floodplain values. As required by regulation, the notice also included the name, proposed location and description of the activity, total number of floodplain acres and wetland acres involved, and the responsible entity contact for information as well as a website and the location and hours of the office at which a full description of the proposed action can be viewed. The notice was also sent to interested Federal, and State agencies to be interested in such notices. The required seven (7) calendar days were allowed for public comment.

No comments were received by commentators, hence, no opposition to the project was expressed. Attachment 4 includes a copy of the public final notice and certification of comments received.

Step 8: Implement the proposed action.

The municipality of Rincón will assure that this plan, as described above, is executed and necessary language will be included in all agreements with participating parties. The municipality of Rincón will also take an active role in monitoring the construction process to ensure no unnecessary impacts occur no unnecessary risks are taken.

Attachment 1 Maps

Parque Street, Rincón, PR 00677 Coordinates 18.33987, -67.25280



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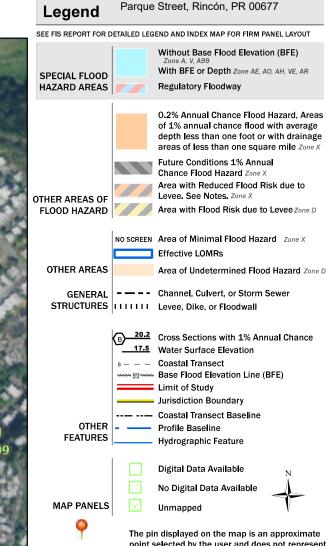
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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette





The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location. This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap

accuracy standards

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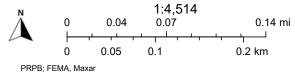
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory

PR-CRP-000505 Estacionamiento Urbano

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June 19, 2024

Wetlands

Estuarine and Marine Deepwater

Estuarine and Marine Wetland

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Freshwater Pond



Lake

Other

Riverine

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Attachment 2 Step 2 Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in the FFRMS Floodplain

aviso público

Aviso Preliminar y Revisión Pública de una Actividad Propuesta en un valle inundable designado por el Estándar de Gestión de Riesgo de Inundación Federal y humedal

Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CRP-000505

Para: Todas las partes interesadas, grupos e individuos

Este aviso notifica que el Departamento de la Vivienda de Puerto Rico (Vivienda, en adelante ha determinado que la siguiente acción propuesta bajo el Programa de Revitalización de la Ciudad, Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario – Recuperación ante Desastres (CDBC-DR), número de subvención B-17-DM-72-0001, B-18-DP-72-0001 y B-19-DP-78-0002, está ubicado en un valle inundable designado por el Estándar de Gestión de Riesgo de Inundación Federal (FFRMS, por sus siglas en inglés) y humedal. Vivienda identificará y evaluará alternativas prácticas para realizar la acción propuesta dentro del valle inundable y humedal y los impáctos potenciales en el valle inundable y humedal debido a la acción propuesta, según lo requerido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988, enmendada por la Orden Ejecutiva 13690, y la Orden Ejecutiva 11990, de acuerdo con las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C - Procedimientos para tomar determinaciones sobre el manejo de valles inundables y la protección de humedales. El proyecto propuesto, PR-CRP-000505, se encuentra dentro de un municipio que sufrió daños debido a los huracanes Irma y Maria, y está localizado en la calle Parque, Rincon, PR 00677; coordenadas 18.33987, -67.25280. La extensión del valle inundable del FFRMS y humedal se determinó utilizando Enfoque de Valor de Francobordo (FVA, por sus siglas en inglês). El proyecto consiste en la construcción de un estacionamiento que incluirá la preparación del terreno para realizar la instalación de pavimento asfáltico y hormigón en todas las zonas requeridas, creando aceras dentro del nuevo estacionamiento y rellenando las subbase y bases. Incluye la instalación de protectores de parachoques/topes de rueda, la construcción de aproximadamente 70 unidades de estacionamiento incorporando unidades en cumplimiento con ADA y unidades de estacionamiento para motocicleta, y la creación de acceso peatonales de concreto poroso en las entradas en cumplimiento con ADA. En adición incluye iniciativas verdes, como la plantación de árboles nativos y la instalación de postes de alumbrado solar construcción de cimientos para el soporte de postes solares, la instalación de letreros para la señalización adecuada, construcción de un sistema de drenaje pluvial, construcción de una senaiuzacion ageculada, construccion de un sistema de drenaje piuvial, construccion de una entrada al estacionamiento, construccion de una zona de descanso (gazebo), instalación de un emblema para observar el "Ojo de Agua" y la instalación de verja perimetral. Se instalará verja de seguridad en la acera existente frente al "Ojo de Agua" Se protegera y delimitará un árbol (Ceiba) existente en el estacionamiento. El diseño del sitio propuesto reduce el impacto en el valle inundable y humedal emergente. El potencial impacto sobre el valle inundable y humedal emergente se limitara a las actividades de construcción. Los posibles impactos adversos de la construcción serian temporales y se mitigarian a través de planes de etapas de construcción para mínimizar las perturbaciones durante todo el período de construcción y al final de proyecto. Ningún valor recreativo, educativo, científico, histórico y cultural del valle inundable y humedal emergente se verá potencialmente afectado negativamente por la actividad. La actividad propuesta con dimensiones de 2.17 acres está situada en zonas combinadas, 1.66 acres en un valle inundable de 500 años, zona de inundación X sombreada, y 0.51 acres fuera del valle inundable. La actividad propuesta se encuentra en el mapa de niveles de inundación base (ABFE, por sus siglas en inglés), como se indica en el Nivel de Inundación Base Recomendado (ABFE, por sus signs en inglies), como se indice en en invier de infundación base Recomendado de FEMA para Puerto Rico en Puerto Rico Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE's) | FEMA Region II Hub (arcgis.com). La actividad propuesta incluye una porción menor de 0.31 acres de humedal emergente. La porción del humedal emergente en el área del proyecto se encuentra en la página del Inventario Nacional de Humedales en https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/ wetlands/apps/wetlands-mapper/

Este aviso tiene tres propósitos principales. En primer lugar, las personas que puedan verse afectadas por las actividades en el valle inundable y humedal, y aquellos que tengan interés en la protección del ambiente natural deben tener la oportunidad de expresar sus inquietudes y proveer información sobre estas áreas. Se exhorta a la comunidad a ofrecer ubicaciones álternas fuera del valle inundable y humedal, métodos alternos para cumplir el mismo propósito del proyecto y métodos para minimizar y mitigar los impactos en el valle inundable y humedal. Segundo, un programa adecuado de avisos públicos puede ser una herramienta importante para la eduración pública. La dividación de información sobre los valles inundables y para la educación pública. La divulgación de información sobre los valles inundables y humedales puede facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos e impactos asociados con la ocupación y alteración de estas areas especiales. Tecrero, como materia de justicia, cuando el gobierno federal determine participar en acciones ubicadas en el valle inundable y humedal, debe informárselo a quienes puedan ser expuestos a un riesgo mayor o

Los comentarios escritos deben ser recibidos por el Departamento de la Vivienda de Puerto Rico en la siguiente dirección antes del 20 de septiembre de 2024: Departamento de la Vivienda de Puerto Rico, edificio Juan C. Cordero Dávila, 606 avenida Barbosa, Rio Piedras, PR 00918-8461, y (787)274-2527 ext. 4320, Atención: William O. Rodríguez Rodríguez. Una descripción completa del royecto puede ser revisada de 8:30 a.m., a 4:00 p.m., en el Departamento de la Vivienda de Puerto Rico, edificio Juan C. Cordero Dávila, 606 avenida Barbosa, Río Piedras, PR 00918. Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a <u>environmentcdbg@vivienda.pr.gov</u>.

Fecha: 3 de septiembre de 2024

Autorizado por la Oficina del Contralo Electoral OCE-SA-2023-00076



public notice

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland

Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CRP-000505

To: All Interested Parties, Groups & Individuals

This is to give notice that the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) has determined that the following proposed action under the City Revitalization Program, Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBC-DR), Grant number B-17-DM-72-0001, B-18-DP-72-0001 & B-19-DP-78-0002, is located in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetland. PRDOH will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55:20 Subpart C - Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project, PR-CRP-000505, is within a municipality with structures damaged by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, and it's located at Parque Street, Rincon PR 00677; coordinates 18,33987, -67,25280. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain and wetland was determined using the freeboard value approach (FVA). The project consists of the construction of a parking lot that will include the preparation of the land to carry out the installation of asphalt pavement and concrete in all the required areas, creating sidewalks within the new parking lot and filling the subbases and bases. It includes the installation of bumper/wheel stop guards, the construction of approximately 70 parking units incorporating ADA compliant units and motorcycle parking units, and the creation of porous concrete pedestrian access ADA compliant entrances. In addition, it includes green initiatives such as the planting of native trees and the installation of solar lighting poles, construction of foundations for the support of the solar poles, the installation of signs for proper signage, construction of a storm drainage system, construction of an entrance to the parking lot, construction of a rest area (gazebo), installation of an emblem to observe the "Ojo de Agua" and installation of a perimeter fence. A security fence will be installed on the existing sidewalk in front of the "Ojo de Agua". An existing tree (Ceiba) in the parking lot will be protected and demarcated. The proposed site design reduces impact to the floodplain and the emergent wetland. Potential impacts to the floodplain and the emergent wetland will be limited to construction activities. Potential adverse impacts from construction would be temporary and mitigated through construction staging plans to minimize disturbance throughout the construction period and at the end of the project. No recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural values of the floodplain and wetland will by potentially adversely affected by the activity. The proposed activity with dimensions of 2.17 acres is situated in combined zones, 1.66 acres in a 500-year floodplain, flood zone X shaded and 0.51 acres outside the floodplain. The project area can be found at the Advisory Base Flood Elevation Map (ABFE), as indicated on the FEMA Advisory Base Flood Elevation for <u>Puerto Rico</u> at Puerto Rico Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE's) | FEMA Region II Hub (arcgis.com) The proposed activity includes a minor portion of 0.31 acres of emergent wetland. The minor portion of the emergent wetland in the project area can be found in the National Wetlands nventory at https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/wetlands/apps/wetlands-mapper/

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain and wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts on the floodplain and wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance ederal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in the floodplain and wetland, it must inform those who

Written comments must be received by PRDOH at the following address on or before September 20, 2024: Puerto Ríco Department of Housing, 606 Barbosa Avenue, Juan C. Cordero Dávila Bullding, Río Piedras, PR 00918-8461, and (787)274-2527 ext. 4320, Attention: William O. Rodríguez Rodríguez. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Puerto Rico Department of Housing, 606 Barbosa Avenue, Juan C. Cordero Dávila Building, Río Piedras, PR 00918. Comments may also be submitted via email at environmentcdbg@vivienda.pr.gov

Date: September 3, 2024

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Concerned agencies,

Enclosed please find a Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland, the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (as the Responsible Entity) published as part of HUD's requirements for the 8-Step Decision Making Process to undertake for the project Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505). The Notice was published in the Primera Hora newspaper of Puerto Rico on September 3, 2024.

Michelle E. Puig

From: Kenneth M. Garcia-De Leon

To: environmentcdbq

Subject: RE: Comentarios - Aviso Preliminar PR-CRP-000505 Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 2:43:18 PM

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Saludos:

Por correo postal no llegaron comentarios para mencionado proyecto.

Cordialmente,

Kenneth M. García De León

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Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 2:40 PM

To: Kenneth M. Garcia-De Leon <kgarcia@vivienda.pr.gov> Subject: Comentarios - Aviso Preliminar PR-CRP-000505

Saludos Kenneth.

Con respecto a la publicación del Aviso Preliminar y Revisión Pública de una Actividad Propuesta en un valle inundable designado por el Estándar de Gestión de Riesgo de Inundación Federal y humedal (Paso 2) para el proyecto Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505), ¿habrá llegado algún comentario a través del correo postal? De ser así, por favor nos lo hace llegar.

Cordialmente,

Permits and Environmental Compliance Division

Disaster Recovery Office

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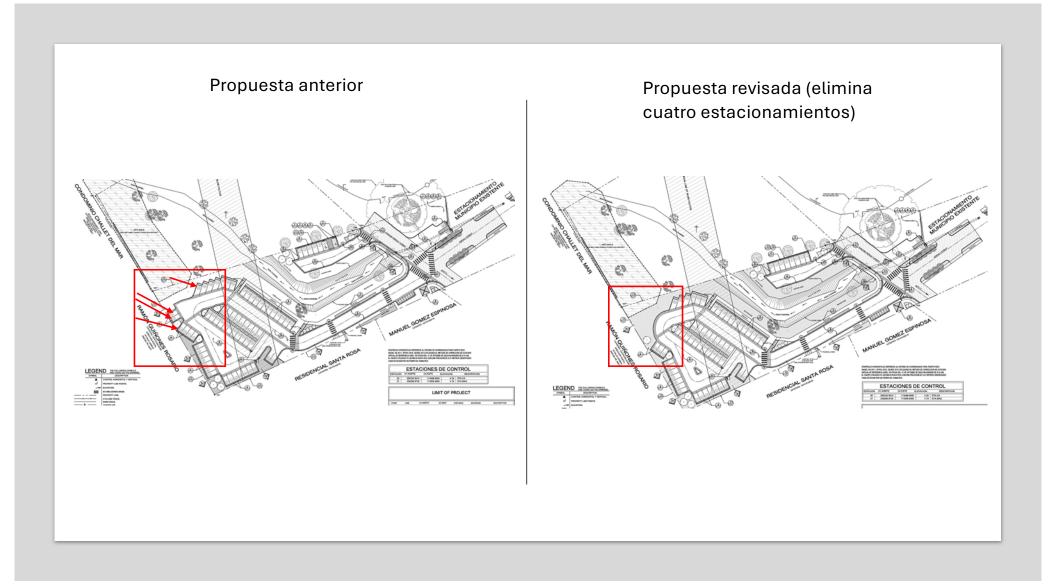
To whom it may concern,

This letter is to validate that no comments were received in the Permits and Environmental Compliance Division e-mail: environmentcdbg@vivienda.pr.gov, for the project Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505), as part of the CDBG-DR City Revitalization Program. The Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland was published in the Primera Hora newspaper of Puerto Rico on September 3, 2024, with a comment period that concluded on September 20, 2024.

Cordially,

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Attachment 3
100% Design Drawings





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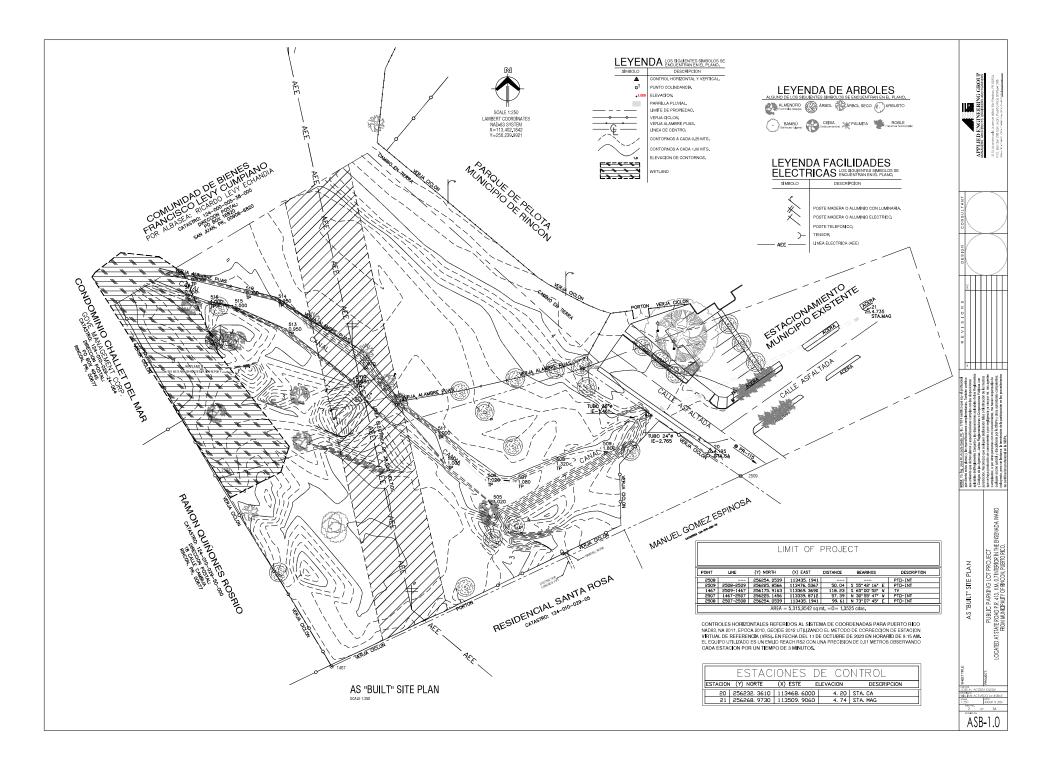


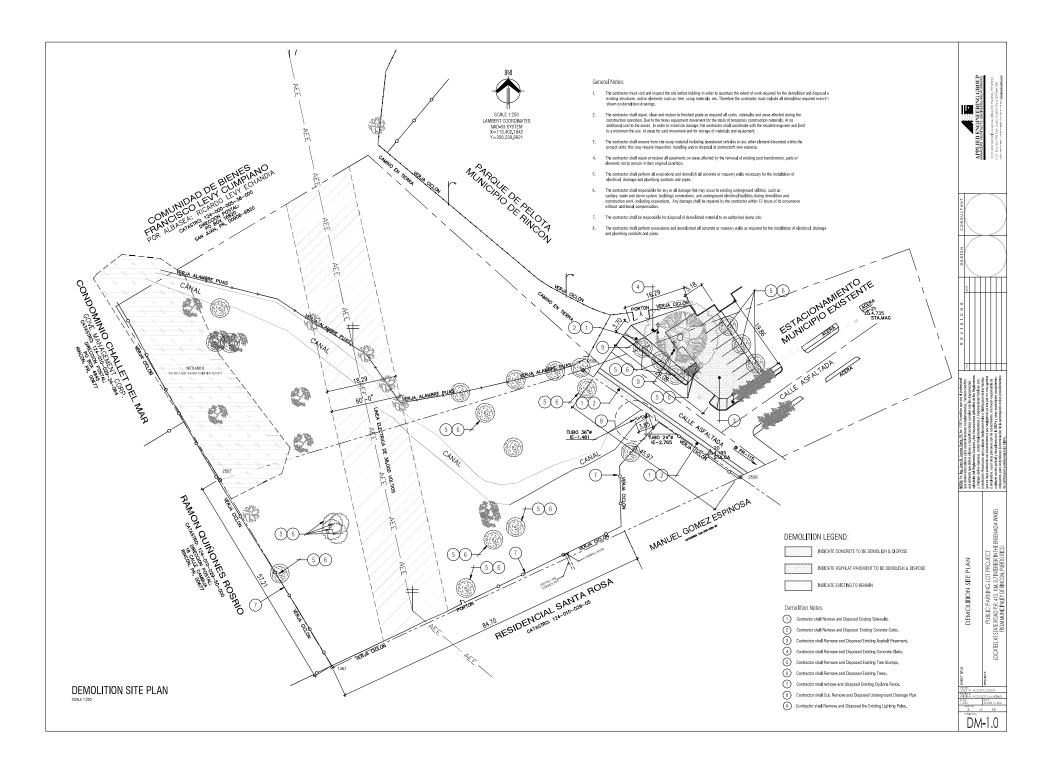
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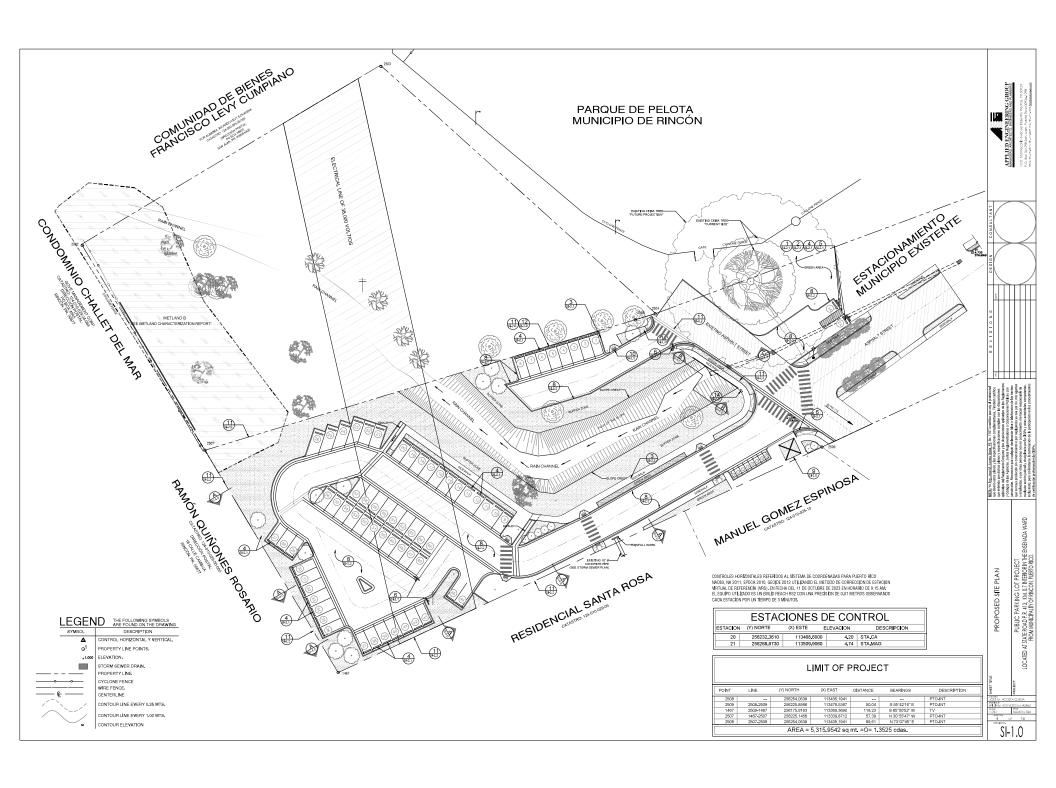
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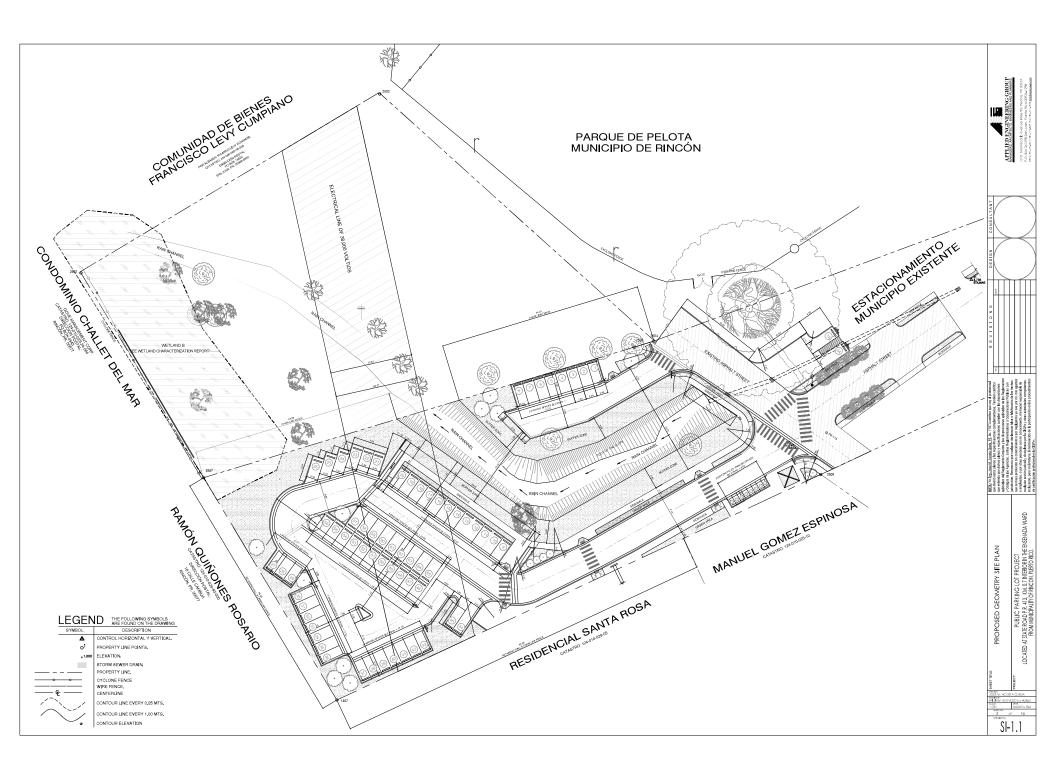
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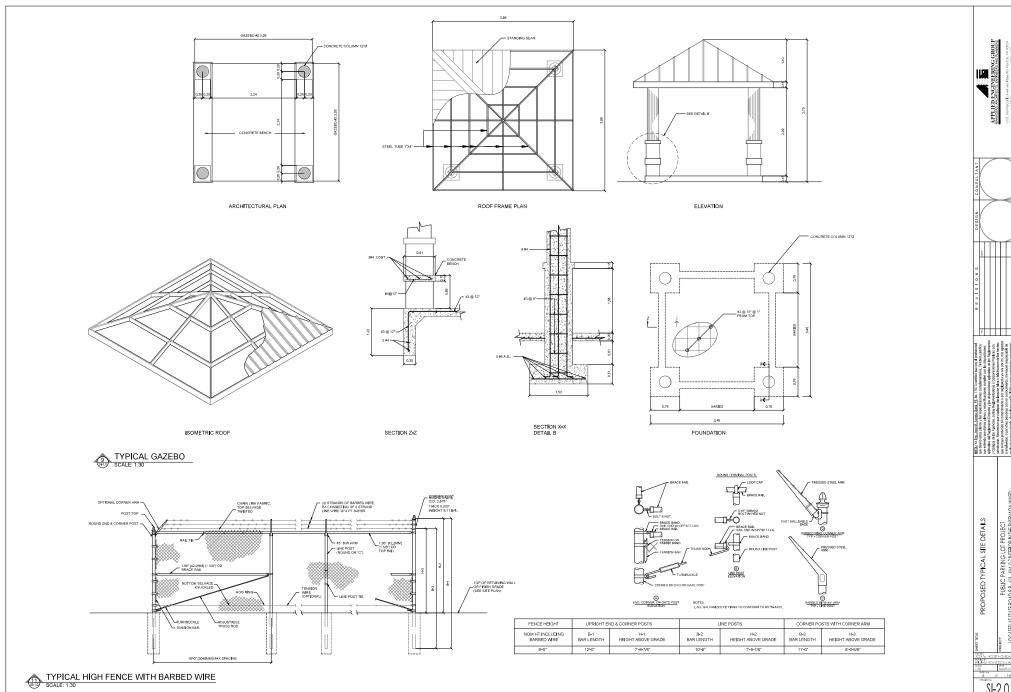
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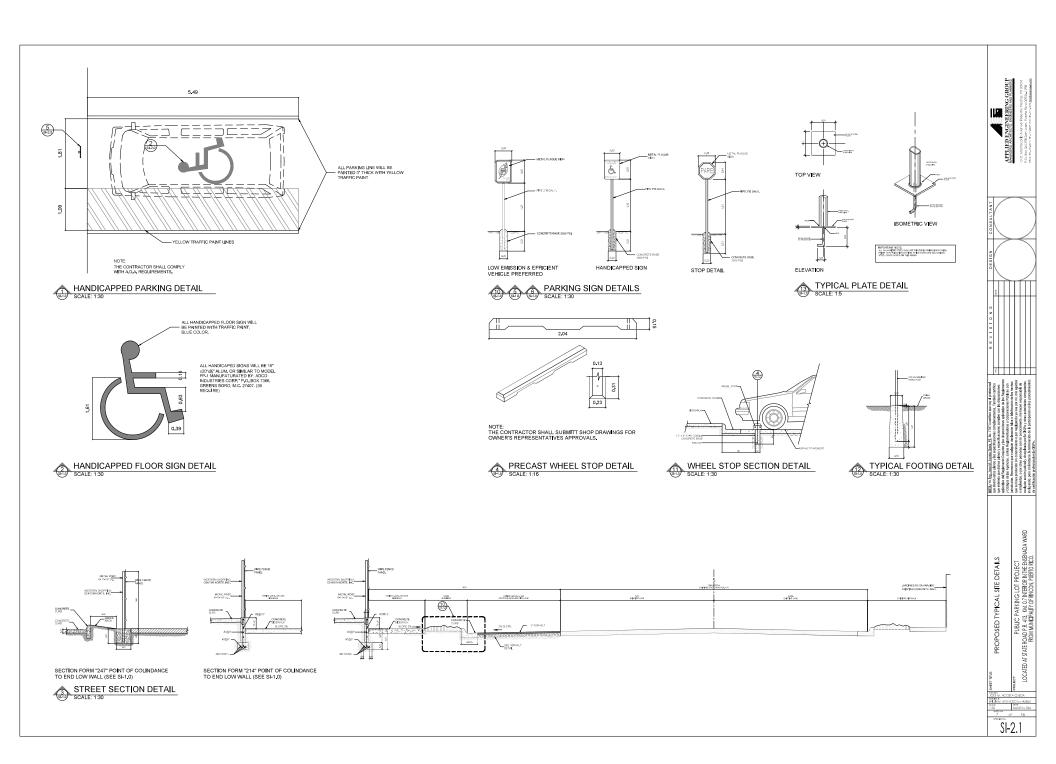


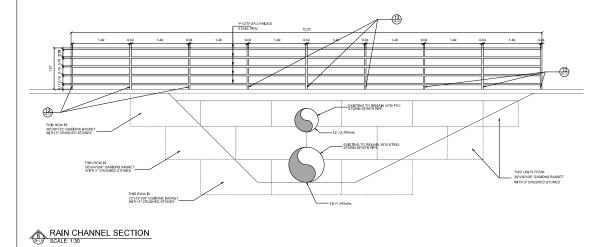


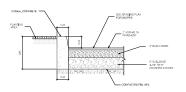




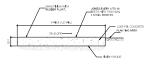
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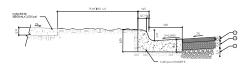


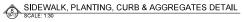




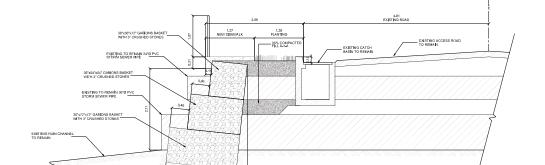






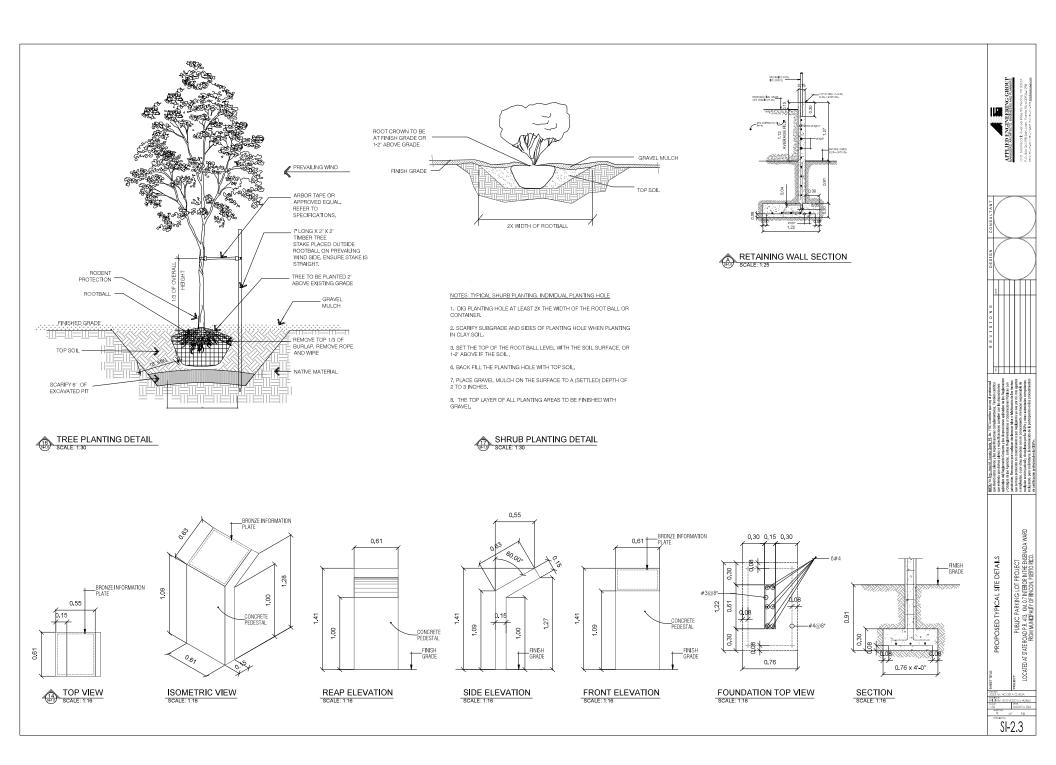


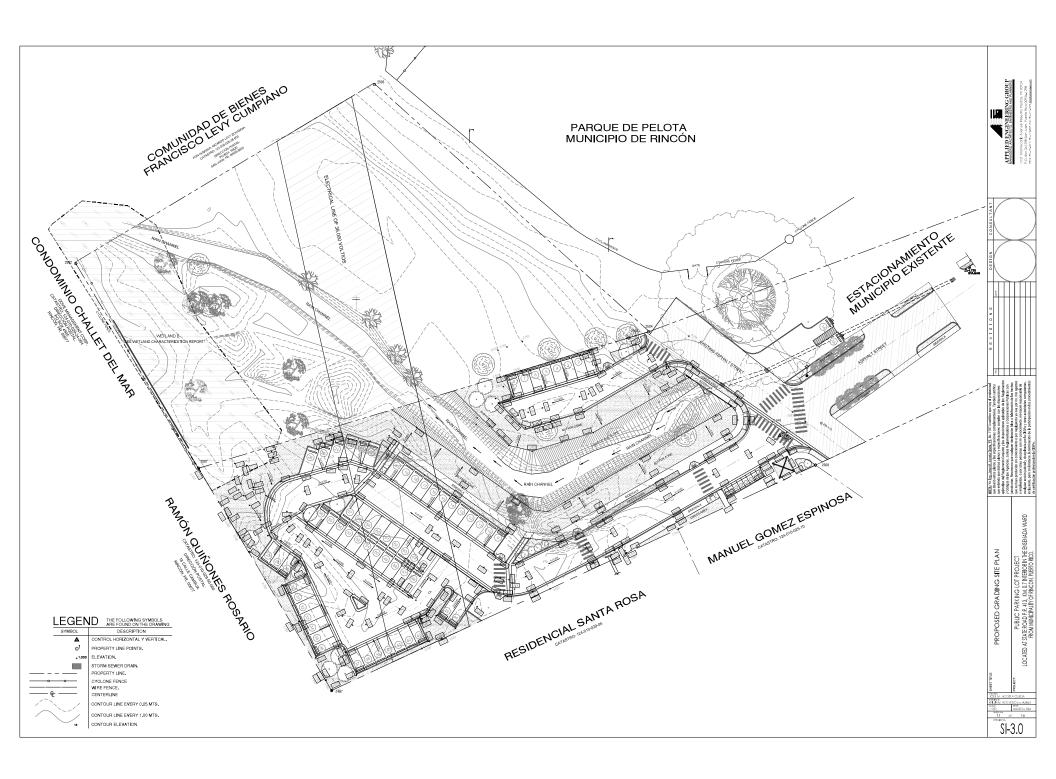
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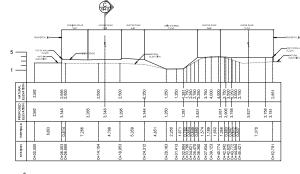
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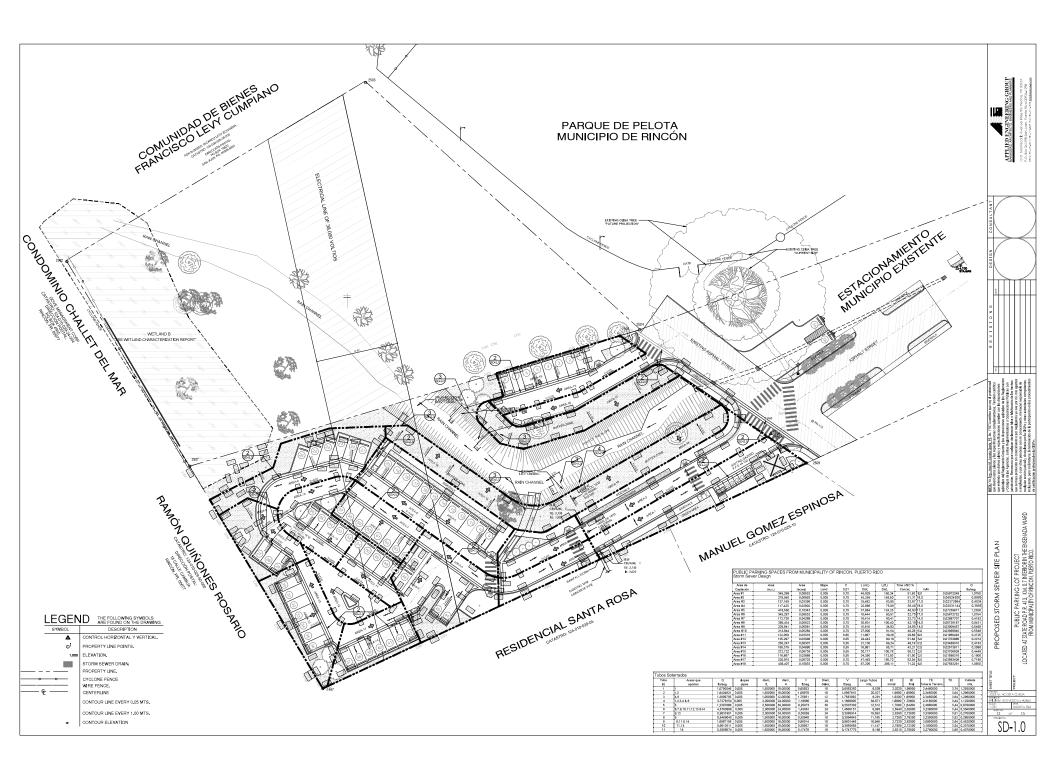
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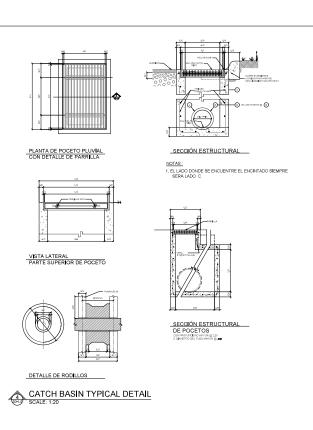
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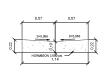
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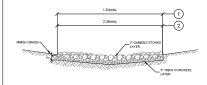
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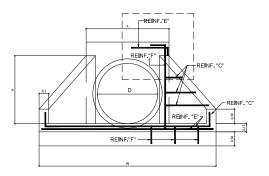




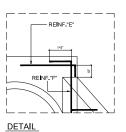


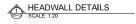


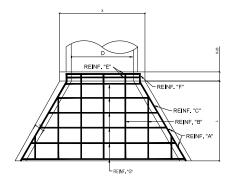
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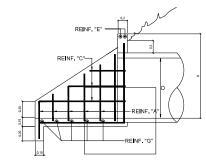
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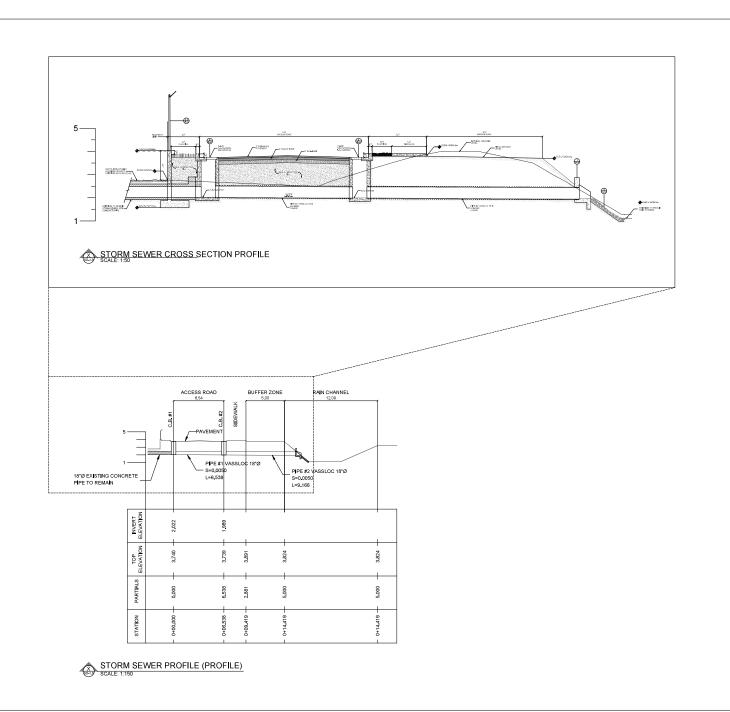
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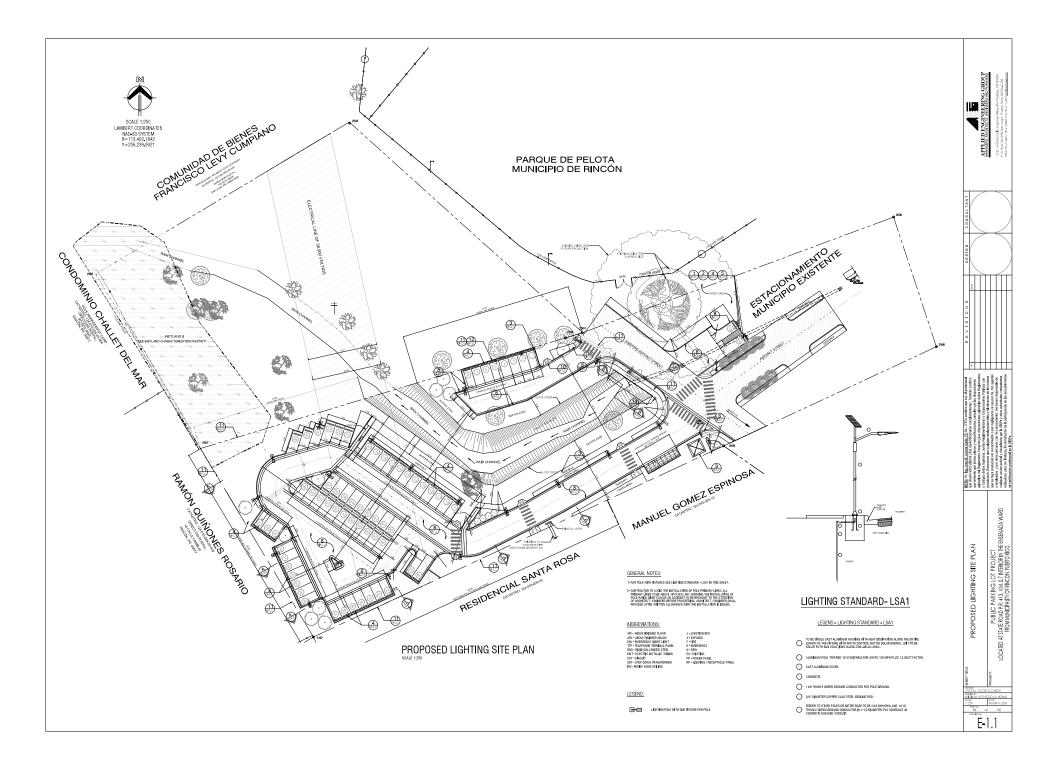
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Step 7 Final Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in the Floodplain and Wetland

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Aviso Final y Explicación Pública de una Actividad Propuesta en un valle inundable y humedal

> Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CRP-000505

Para: Todas las agencias interesadas, grupos e individuos

Este aviso notifica que el Departamento de la Vivienda de Puerto Rico (Vivienda, en adelante) completó una evaluación según estipulado en la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y la Orden Ejecutiva 11990, de acuerdo con las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 en la Subparte C - Procedimientos para hacer determinaciones sobre el manejo del valle inundable y la protección de humedales. La actividad está subvencionada con fondos del Programa de Revitalización de la Ciudad, Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario – Recuperación ante Desastres (CDBG-DR), número de subvención B-17-DM-72-0001 y B-18-00-72-0001 El propietto accolitato. DP-72-0001. El proyecto propuesto, PR-CRP-000505, está localizado en la calle Parque, Rincón, PR 00677; coordenadas 18.33987, -67.25280 y está ubicado dentro de un valle inundable y humedal. El proyecto consiste en la construcción de un estacionamiento que incluirá la preparación del terreno para realizar la instalación de pavimento asfáltico y hormigón en todas las áreas requeridas, creando aceras dentro del nuevo estacionamiento y rellenando las subbases y bases. Este incluye la stalación de protectores de parachoques/topes de rueda, la construcción de aproximadamente 66 unidades de estacionamiento incorporando unidades en cumplimiento con la Ley para estadounidenses con Disparidades (ADA, por sus siglas en inglés) y unidades de estacionamiento para motocicletas, y la creación de accesos peatonales de concreto poroso en las entradas en cumplimiento con la ADA. Además, incluye iniciativas verdes, como la plantación de árboles nativos y la instalación de postes de iluminación solar, construcción de cimientos para el soporte de los postes solares, la instalación de letteros para el señalización adecuada, la construcción de un sistema de drenaje pluvial, la construcción de una entrada al estacionamiento, la construcción de una zona de descanso (gazebo), la instalación de un emblema para observar el Ojo de Agua y la instalación de verja perimetral. Se instalará verja de seguridad en la acera existente frente al Agua, y se protegerá y delimitará un árbol (Ceiba) existente en el estacionamiento. La actividad propuesta, con dimensiones de 2.17 acres, está situada en zonas combinadas, 1.66 acres en un valle inundable de 500 años, zona de inundación X sombreada y 0.51 acres fuera del valle inundable, y 0.31 acres en un humedal emergente.

Vivienda consideró las siguientes alternativas y medidas de mitigación para minimizar los impactos adversos y restaurar y preservar las funciones naturales y beneficiosas, y los valores intrínsecos del valle e y el humedal existente: (1) ubicar el proyecto dentro del valle inundable/humedal, (2) ubicar el proyecto fuera del valle inundable/humedal, y (3) no tomar acción. Se consideraron ubicaciones alternas fuera del humedal y el valle inundable, pero no se eligieron debido a que no permitirían mejorar las condiciones de un área que será utilizado por los residentes y visitantes. Se consideró no realizar la acción propuesta, pero no se seleccionó, ya que no mejoraría las facilidades existentes ni aumentaría la seguridad de la comunidad. Se ha determinado que la acción debe llevarse a cabo en el valle inundable y humedal, va que mejorará las condiciones e infraestructura del sitio existente, aumentará el bienestar de los residentes y visitantes, tendrá un impacto positivo en las propiedades vecinas, así como en el núcleo comercial de Rincón. Ayudará a proteger la inversión financiera de los negocios colindantes que sirven a la comunidad, brindará alternativas más seguras a las comunidades de ingresos bajos y moderados que rodean el área, mitigará y minimizará los impactos sobre la salud humana, la propiedad pública y mejorará. los valores del valle inundable y humedal, ayudará a prevenir un mayor deterioro del sitio, y mejorará la seguridad vial. Para mitigar cualquier efecto adverso, el diseño del sitio considera provisiones para drenaje, se preparará un plan de prevención de contaminación de aguas pluviales y se implementarán mejores prácticas de manejo para evitar escorrentia superficial, encharcamientos y sedimentación. La actividad propuesta no afecta ni contribuye a funciones naturales y beneficiosas del valle inundable y el humedal, tales como el almacenamiento y descarga de aguas de inundación, la descarga y recarga de acuíferos, el control de la erosión, el control de la calidad del agua o el hábitat de la flora y fauna. No se incrementarán las disparidades ambientales históricas debido a la actividad propuesta. El proyecto cumplirá con las regulaciones estatales y locales de protección de valles inundables y humedales

Vivienda reevaluó las alternativas para construir en el valle inundable y humedal y determinó que no cuenta con alternativas prácticas al desarrollo del valle inundable y humedal. La documentación ambiental que documenta el cumplimiento con la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y Orden Ejecutiva 11990 está disponible para inspección, revisión y reproducción del público, de ser solicitado, en el horario y lugar indicado en el último párrafo de este aviso, el cual trata sobre recibo de comentarios

Este aviso tiene tres propósitos principales. Primero, las personas que pueden verse afectadas por actividades en el valle inundable y humedal y aquellos que tengan interés en la protección del ambiente natural deben recibir la oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y proveer información sobre estas áreas. Segundo, un programa adecuado de avisos públicos puede ser una importante herramienta de educación pública. La divulgación de información y solicitud de comentarios públicos sobre valles inundables y humedales puede facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos e inundables y humedales puede facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales. Terram como material de la come de come material de la impactos asociados con la ocupación y alteración de estas áreas especiales. Tercero, como materia de usticia, cuando el gobierno federal determina participar en acciones ubicadas en el valle inundable y numedal, debe informárselo a quienes puedan ser expuestos a un riesgo mayor o similar al presente.

Comentarios por escrito deben ser recibidos por Vivienda en la siguiente dirección en o antes del 26 de mayo de 2025: Departamento de la Vivienda de Puerto Rico, edificio Juan C. Cordero Dávila, 606 avenida Barbosa, Río Piedras, PR 00918-8461, y (787)274-2527 ext. 4320, Atención: Ciary Y. Pérez Peña, Secretaria. Una descripción completa del proyecto está disponible al público para revisión de 8:30 a.m. a 4.00 p.m. en el Departamento de la Vivienda de Puerto Rico, edificio Juan C. Cordero Dávila, 606 avenida Barbosa, Río Piedras, PR 00918. Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a comentariosambiental@vivienda.pr.gov

Fecha: 16 de mayo de 2025.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain and Wetland

Estacionamiento Urbano PR-CRP-000505

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups & Individuals

This is to give notice that the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) has conducted an evaluation red by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C - Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the City Revitalization Program, Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Grant Number B-17-DM-72-0001 and B-18-DP-72-0001. The proposed project, PR-CRP-000505, is located at Parque Street, Rincón, PR 00677; coordinates 18.33987, -67.25280 and is located within the floodplain and wetland. The project consists in the construction of a parking lot that will include the preparation of the land to carry out the installation of asphalt pavement and concrete in all the required areas, creating sidewalks within the new parking lot and filling the subbases and bases. It includes the installation of bumper/wheel stop guards, the construction of approximately 66 parking units, incorporating Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) construction or approximately be parking units, interpolating whether a compliant units and motorcycle parking units, and the creation of porous concrete pedestrian access ADA compliant entrances. In addition, it includes green initiatives such as the planting of native trees and the installation of solar lighting poles, construction of foundations for the support of the solar poles, the installation of signs for proper signage, construction of a storm drainage system, construction of an entrance to the parking lot, construction of a rest area (gazebo), installation of an emblem to observe the "Ojo de Agua" and installation of a perimeter fence. A security fence will be installed on the existing sidewalk in front of the "Ojo de Agua", and an existing tree (Ceiba) in the parking lot will be protected and demarcated. The proposed activity with dimensions of 2.17 acres is situated in combined zones, 1.66 acres are in a 500-year floodplain, X-shaded flood zone and 0.51 acres are outside floodplain, and 0.31 are in an emergent wetland

PRDOH has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain and wetland: (1) locate the project within the floodplain/wetland, (2) locate the project outside of the floodplain/wetland, and (3) take no action. Alternative locations outside of the wetland and floodplain were considered but were not chosen since it would not allow to improve the conditions of the area that will be used by residents and visitors. Taking no action was considered, but not selected because it would not improve existing facilities or increase community safety. It was determined that the action must take place in the floodplain and wetland, since it will improve the existing site's conditions and infrastructure. increase the well-being residents and visitors, and have a positive impact on neighboring properties, as well as Rincón's business core. It will help protect the financial investment of the contiguous businesses that serve the community, provide safer alternatives to low- and moderate-income communities surrounding the area, mitigate and minimize impacts on human health, public property and floodplain and wetland values, help prevent further deterioration of the site, and improve traffic safety. To mitigate any adverse effect, the site design considers provisions for draining, a stormwater pollution prevention plan would be prepared, best management practices would be implemented to avoid surface runoff, ponding, and sedimentation. The proposed activity does not affect or contribute to natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain and wetland such as, storage and discharge of flood waters, discharge and recharge of aquifers, erosion control, water quality control or flora and fauna habitat. No historical environmental disparities will be increased due to the proposed activity. The project will comply with state and local floodplain and wetland protection regulations.

PRDOH has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain and wetland development. Environmental files that document compliance with Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public education tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in the floodplain and wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk

Written comments must be received by the PRDOH at the following address on or before May 26, 2025: Puerto Rico Department of Housing, 606 Barbosa Avenue, Juan C. Cordero Dávila Building, Río Piedras, PR 00918-8461, and (787)274-2527 ext. 4320, Attention: Clary Y. Pérez Peña, Secretary. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Puerto Rico Department of Housing, 606 Barbosa Avenue, Juan C. Cordero Dávila Building, Rio Piedras, PR 00918. Comments may also be submitted via email at comentariosambiental@vivienda.pr.gov.

Date: May 16, 2025.

RosaRamos, Sol

From: Michelle Puig <michelle.e.puig@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 10:10 AM

To: Brian.J.Schlosnagle@hud.gov; Caribbean_es@fws.gov; Lourdes_Mena@fws.gov;

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Cc: RosaRamos, Sol; BousonoCardona, Carlos

Subject: PR-CRP-000505 Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a

Floodplain and Wetland

Attachments: Aviso publico CRP 505- Rincón.pdf

Concerned agencies,

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Enclosed please find a **Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain and Wetland,** the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (as the Responsible Entity) published as part of HUD's requirements for the release of CDBG-DR funds to undertake for the project Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505). The Final Notice was published in the Primera Hora newspaper of Puerto Rico on May 16, 2025.

Cordially, Michelle E. Puig michelle.e.puig@gmail.com

Kenneth M. Garcia-De Leon From: **CDBG** - Comentarios Ambiental To:

Subject: RE: Comentarios - Aviso Final - PR-CRP-000505 Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 10:28:48 AM

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Saludos:

Por correo postal no llegaron comentarios para mencionado proyecto.

Cordialmente,

KENNETH M. GARCÍA DE LEÓN ESPECIALISTA EN CONTROL DE DOCUMENTOS | OPERACIONES

Oficina de Recuperación de Desastres

kaarcia@vivienda.pr.aov | 787-274-2527 Ext. 4013

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Contáctanos: infocdba@vivienda.pr.gov



From: CDBG - Comentarios Ambiental < comentarios ambiental@vivienda.pr.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 10:20 AM

To: Kenneth M. Garcia-De Leon <kgarcia@vivienda.pr.gov> **Subject:** Comentarios - Aviso Final - PR-CRP-000505

Saludos Kenneth,

Con respecto a la publicación del Aviso Final y Explicación Pública de una Actividad Propuesta en un valle inundable y humedal (Paso 2) para el proyecto **Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)**, ¿habrá llegado algún comentario a través del correo postal? De ser así, por favor nos lo hace llegar.

Cordialmente,

PERMITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE DIVISION Disaster Recovery Office

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Executive Director | Carlos A. Rubio Cancela | carubio@prshpo.pr.gov

Friday, June 27, 2025

Lauren B Poche

269 Avenida Ponce de León, San Juan, PR, 00917

SHPO-CF-06-12-25-01 PR-CRP-000505 (Rincón), Estacionamiento Urbano

Dear Ms. Poche.

Our Office has received and reviewed the above referenced project in accordance with 54 USC 306108 (commonly known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is to advise and assist federal agencies and other responsible entities when identifying historic properties. assessing effects upon them, and considering alternatives to avoid or reduce the project's effects.

After a review of all the documentation, the PRSHPO concurs with your finding that the proposed project will have no adverse effect upon historic properties.

Please note that should the Agency discover other historic properties at any point during project implementation, you should notify the SHPO immediately. If you have any questions concerning our comments, do not hesitate to contact our Office.

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Rubio Cancela

State Historic Preservation Officer

CARC/GMO/OJR





Arch. Carlos A. Rubio Cancela

Executive Director Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office Cuartel de Ballajá, Third Floor San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

Re: Authorization to Submit Documents for Consultation

Dear Arch. Rubio Cancela,

The U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) approved the allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) funds on February 9, 2018. It also approved the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds on January 27, 2020. The purpose of these allocations is to address unsatisfied needs as a result of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in September 2017; and to carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses.

To comply with the environmental requirements established by HUD, the Department of Housing of Puerto Rico (PRDOH) contracted Horne Federal LLC to provide environmental review services, among others, that will support the objectives of the agenda for both CDBG-DR and CDBG -MIT Programs.

To expedite the processes, Horne Federal LLC, is authorized to submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer, documentation of projects related to both the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT on behalf of PRDOH.

Cordially,

Aldo A. Rivera Vázquez, PE

Director

Division of Environmental Permitting and Compliance

Office of Disaster Recovery



June 12, 2025

Carlos A. Rubio Cancela
State Historic Preservation Officer
Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office
Cuartel de Ballajá (Tercer Piso)
San Juan, PR 00902-3935

Puerto Rico Disaster Recovery, CDBG-DR City Revitalization (City-Rev) Program

Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination Submittal for PR-CRP-000505, Estacionamiento Urbano, Rincón, Puerto Rico – *No Adverse Effect*

Dear Architect Rubio Cancela,

On February 9, 2018, an allocation of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds was approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Federal Register Volume 83, No. 28, 83 FR 5844, to assist the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in meeting unmet needs in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. On August 14, 2018, an additional \$8.22 billion recovery allocation was allocated to Puerto Rico under the Federal Register Volume 83, No. 157, 83 FR 40314. With these funding allocations, the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) aims to lead a comprehensive and transparent recovery for the benefit of Puerto Rico residents. To faithfully comply with HUD's environmental requirements, PRDOH contracted Horne Federal, LLC (HORNE) to provide environmental records review services that will support their objectives for the CDBG-DR funds.

On behalf of PRDOH, HORNE is submitting documentation for the proposed Estacionamiento Urbano project. The Municipality Rincón proposes expanding existing parking infrastructure by adding 70 new parking spaces, including spaces designated for handicapped parking as per ADA requirements. The project will also include fencing, installation of new solar lighting system,



stormwater drainage system, green spaces, and a rest area with seating and informational signage. The full scope of the project is described in the submitted documentation, which includes mapping, photographs, and the 60% design drawings.

Based on the documentation provided, the Program requests a concurrence with a determination that "**No Adverse Effect**" is appropriate for this undertaking.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email at lauren.poche@horne.com or phone at 225-405-7676.

Kindest regards,

Lauren Bair Poche. M.A.

Architectural Historian, EHP Senior Manager LBP/KPS

Attachments

PR-CRP-000505 ESTACIONAMIENTO URBANO PROJECT RINCÓN, PUERTO RICO

SECTION 106 EFFECT DETERMINATION FORM

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Project Location: Bo. Ensenada, Carr 413 Km. Hm 0.7 Int, PR, Puerto Rico, 00000

Project Coordinates: 18.339565, -67.252595

TPID (Número de Catastro): 124-000-005-38-000 and 124-010-029-07-000

Type of Undertaking:

□ Substantial Repair

□ New Construction

Construction Date: N/A

Property Size (acres): 2.099

SOI-Qualified Architect/Architectural Historian: Heidi J. Dilan, Ph.D.

Date Reviewed: November 20, 2024 (revised May 16, 2025)

SOI-Qualified Archaeologist: Federico L. Freytes Rodríguez, M.A.

Date Reviewed: August 28, 2024 (revised May 16, 2025)

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Program is responsible for identifying historic properties listed in the NRHP and any properties not listed that would be considered eligible for listing that are located within the geographic area of potential effects (APE) of the proposed project and assessing the potential effects of its undertakings on these historic properties. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Program is responsible for identifying historic properties listed in the NRHP and any properties not listed that would be considered eligible for listing that are located within the geographic area of potential effects (APE) of the proposed project and assessing the potential effects of its undertakings on these historic properties. It has been determined by the SOI-qualified professionals that the project undertaking does not conform to Stipulation II.A (Project Review – Programmatic Allowances) of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA) among FEMA, SHPO and COR3, as amended (May 3, 2023).

Project Description (Undertaking)

The project is located in the Municipality of Rincón, on Progreso Street Interior, 0.03 miles (mi) northwest of the Rincón Traditional Urban Center (TUC) and nearby historic structures (See Figure 1). The proposed parking lot aims to provide more space for visitors and the local community by expanding the existing parking infrastructure. This expansion will support the economic and cultural development of the central town square.

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The project consists of various construction and landscaping activities outlined below (Figures 1-3):

1. Parking Lot Construction

A. Parking Capacity:

The new development will expand the existing parking facilities by adding 70 new parking spaces, including spaces designated for handicapped parking as per ADA requirements. The parking spaces will be clearly marked, including directional traffic flow arrows and handicapped spaces (See Figure 3).

B. Concrete Pavement:

New concrete will be installed across the lot, including wheel stops for each space made from reinforced concrete. Pavement markings will follow the latest building codes, and road striping will meet PR-DTOP standards (See Figure 3).

C. Vehicle Access:

The lot will be accessible via Calle Progreso, with vehicular exits located on the northeast side of the project area (See Figure 3).

D. Fencing:

High fence with barbed wire will be installed along the project site perimeter. The fence will measure approximately 8 ft above the grade, and will require 3.5 ft ground disturbance for post installation.

2. Lighting and Renewable Energy

A. Solar-Powered Lighting:

To support sustainability, solar-powered lighting systems will be installed. The design of the lighting structures will incorporate the latest solar technologies to ensure energy efficiency and low environmental impact. Lamp installations will require a maximum ground disturbance depth of 2 feet. (See Figure 3).

B. Water Connection:

A tamper-proof water connection will be installed for maintenance and cleaning purposes. The maximum ground disturbance depth expected for this work is 1 ft. (See Figure 3).

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3. Site Preparation

A. Topsoil Removal, Grading and Removal Activities:

The site preparation will involve topsoil removal and the addition of a subbase fill to create a stable foundation for construction. The grading work will ensure proper drainage and leveling of the parking lot. In addition, the proposed scope of work involves removing existing vegetation, sidewalks, asphalt pavement and existing concrete areas that are currently obstructing the use of the site (See Figure 1 and 2). These removal activities will involve ground-disturbing activities, with depths varying up to a maximum of 3 feet below ground level.

B. Storm Drainage System:

A stormwater drainage system will be implemented to manage runoff and prevent flooding during rainy periods. Ground disturbance depth of approximately 6 ft is expected (See Figure 3).

4. Landscaping

A. Native Vegetation:

A landscape architect will design green spaces within the parking lot, including tree planting and the use of native plant species. These plants will require minimal maintenance and water, contributing to the environmental sustainability of the project. Tree root ball planting will require a maximum ground disturbance depth of 3 feet. (See Figure 3).

B. Rest Area and Emblem of Ojo de Agua:

A designated rest area with seating and informational signage about the historic emblem of Ojo de Agua will be incorporated. Signage installation will require a maximum ground disturbance depth of 2 feet. (See Figure 3).

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The activities detailed above are visually represented in the following figures:

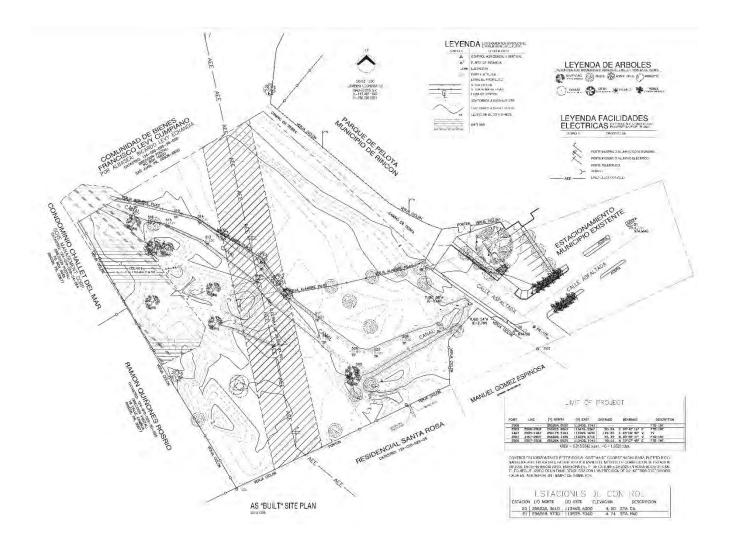


Figure 1

Description: Existing Conditions Plan showing the current site layout and components.

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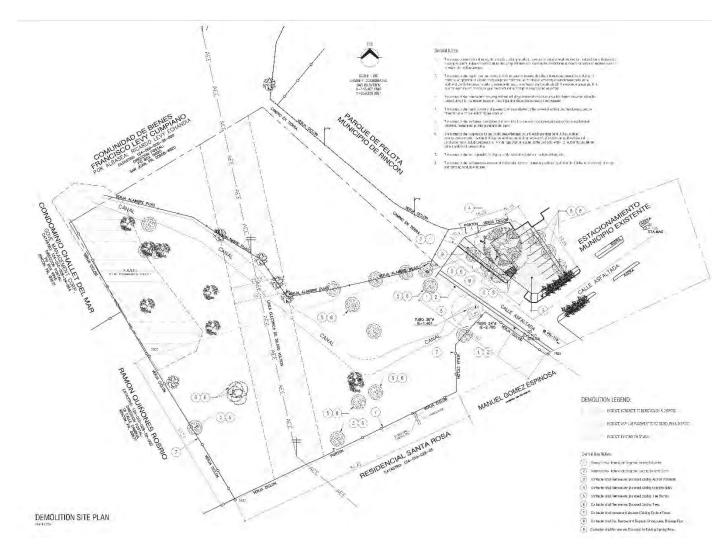


Figure 2

Description: Demolition Plan of Proposed Project: Ojo de Agua Public Parking Lot Project where are detailed the proposed removal activities for site preparation.

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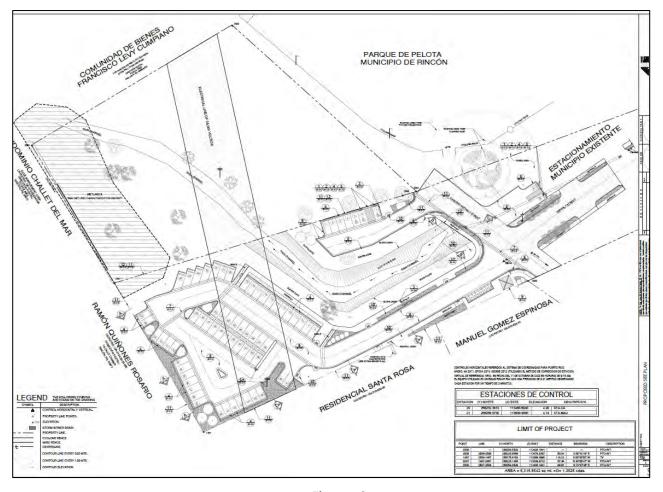


Figure 3

Description: Proposed Site Plan of proposed project: Ojo de Agua Public Parking Lot Project.

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Area of Potential Effects

As defined in 36 CFR §800.16(d), the area of potential effects (APE) is the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties if any such properties exist. Based on this definition and the nature and scope of the Undertaking, the Program has determined that the direct APE for this project encompasses an area of 585 feet in length and 250 feet in width, or 8,494.35 square meters. A majority of the proposed project will be located on parcel with cadaster number 124-000-005-38-000, while the remining project area will include the existing parking lot located to the east-northeast on the lot with cadaster number 124-010-029-07-000. The site integrates natural and built elements through preserved vegetation, stormwater management systems, and varied terrain. In addition, this parcel is outside the boundaries of the Traditional Urban Center of Rincón, specifically 323 feet to the west from the nearest TUC boundaries. The direct APE is bounded by Parque Rafael Rivera Romero to the North, Cambija Street to the South, Residential Properties located on Calle Progreso to the East, and Condominio Chalet del Mar to the West.

The Visual APE encompasses an area measuring 939 feet in length by 381 feet in width, surrounding the Direct APE, and is defined as the viewshed of the proposed project. This viewshed includes Parque Rafael Rivera Romero to the north, residential properties in Bo. Pueblo to the south, residential properties on Progreso Street and Ojo de Agua Street, as well as Residencial Santa Rosa to the east, and Condominio Chalet del Mar and unoccupied land to the west. The viewshed also includes the facades of the surrounding buildings.

<u>Identification of Historic Properties - Archaeology</u>

Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been reviewed to determine if any such properties are located within the APE of this undertaking. The review of this existing information, by a Program contracted Historic Preservation Specialist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards (36 CFR Part 61), shows that no historic or prehistoric archaeological sites were identified within the ½ mile study radius of the proposed project.

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Pre-contact Context

Various prehistoric cultural resources have been identified in Rincón. The area has been studied since early in the 20th century by Samuel Lothrop Adolfo de Hostos, Ovidio Dávila, Miguel Rodríguez, among others. Their investigations revealed the presence of pre-contact remains and petroglyphs that dated from approximately 2000 years ago to the first decades of the contact period. Although no sites were reported within the ½ mile study radius, 2 sites were identified near the coast, northwest of the project parcel. SHPO site RC0100001; R-1 was a pre-Columbian midden/mounds/petroglyph located 0.36 mi northwest of the project area. SHPO site RC0100002; R-2, also known as Fussá II, is a petroglyph that was removed from its original location, being part of site R-1. It is located 0,39 mi northwest of the project area.

At the arrival of the Spanish, the territory of Rincón was divided between the Taíno caciques (chiefs) Aymamón and Mabodamaca. (SHPO Archaological Sites of Rincón, PDF).

Historic Context

Fernando Miyares González tells us in his work *Noticias particulares de la Isla y plaza de San Juan Bautista de Puerto Rico* (1775) that Rincón was founded by Governor Miguel de Muesas on July 27, 1771. By 1778, Iñigo Abad y Lasierra wrote that the town was called Santa Rosa del Rincón and that it was founded in 1772. During his visit, he observed that the town had 11 houses and the church (which he describes as "very poor"). The neighborhood is home to 1,130 people, spread out over the hills between Rincón and Añasco. The inhabitants of the area were dedicated to raising cattle and planting fruits, rice, and tobacco. Little is known of the use that was given to the project parcel form the founding of the town until the 19th century, Manuel Ubeda y Delgado wrote in 1878 that the lands near the town were cultivated with sugarcane and coconut groves. The project area would have been an ideal place for agricultural use being mostly flat, and having a water source within its perimeter. Early in the 20th century William H. Armstrong visited Rincón and took a picture of the urban center in which the approximate area of the project site is shown covered in vegetation, mainly coconut palms and grasses (Aníbal Sepúlveda 2004).

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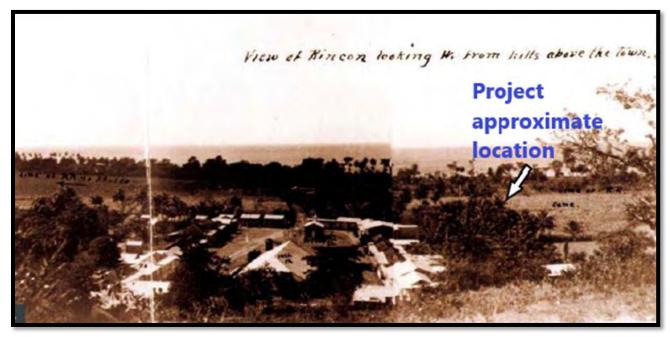


Figure 4. 1910 photograph by William H. Armstong showing Rincón urban center and the approximate location of the proposed project covered in coconut palm trees. (Source: Aníbal Sepúlveda 2004).

During the 1930's through the 1970's the lot was kept free of trees. Only grasses or sugarcane and some areas with coconut palms could be seen in aerial photographs and USGS topographic maps (and discussed in the following section). At some point between 1970's and 1998 a canal was dug through the center of the project area. The canal began at the edge of Progreso Street, flowing southwest for approximately 140 ft, then turning almost 90 degrees where it continued flowing northwest and away from the project lot. By 1998 the neighboring parking lot (of which the proposed project is an extension of) and Calle Progreso were built. between 1998 and 2004 a small children's playground was built in the southeastern portion project parcel next to Progreso Street. Some structures were built in an unknown date and are located in the southwest section of the APE. The first aerial imagery that shows these structures is form 2018. Currently, the project parcel is not being used and is covered in dense vegetation.

Historical Maps

The following map shows a portion of the western coast of Puerto Rico. The original chart was drawn by Camilo Alabern in 1850 and shows the location of the town of Rincón and the

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project general area. The map also depicts nearby towns, roads, rivers, and topographic features (figures 5-6).



Figure 5. Section of 1850 map of Puerto Rico by Camilo Alabern showing location of Rincón and the project's general area.

Source: https://www.geoisla.com/2020/01/mapa-de-las-antillas-espanolas-1850/

The next image is a plan of the Rincón urban center in 1869 (figure 6). The "Ojo de Agua" stream can be seen northwest of the public plaza, flowing from northeast to southwest, past the eastern part of the location of the lot to be developed. No structures or any type of development can be observed within project's general area.

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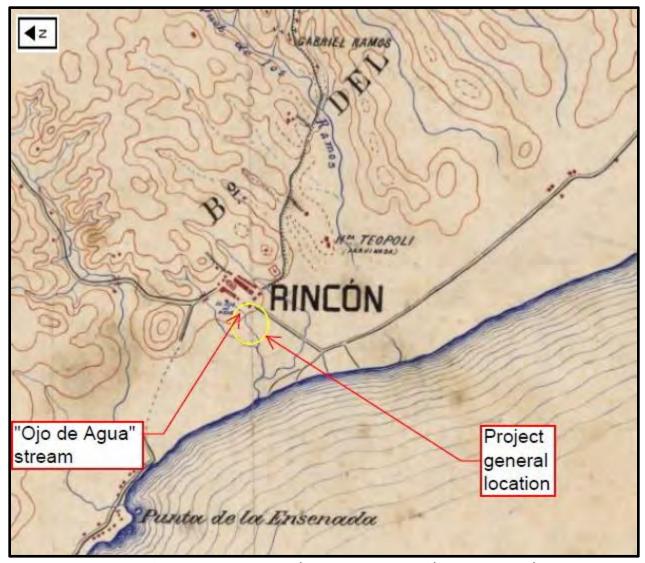


Figure 6. 1892 map of road between Rincón and San Sebastián drawn by Félix de Ardanaz y Crespo. The chart depicts buildings within the Rincón urban center. The "Ojo de Agua" stream passes through the general project area.

Source: https://archivonacional.com/?t=191JGa0iC.

Also included are historic photographs from 1937 to 2018 and United States Geological Survey (USGS) Topographic maps, Rincón Quadrant, from 1941 to 1969 (figures 7-14). Images were edited by the author to identify features pertinent to the study. The next image (figure 7) is an aerial photograph from 1937 which shows the project area with a red polygon. The Rincón TUC is shown with a yellow line to assist in orienting the reader. The

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project parcel is mostly covered in grasses and some trees or palms. Image was obtained in the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTOP) archives in 2024.

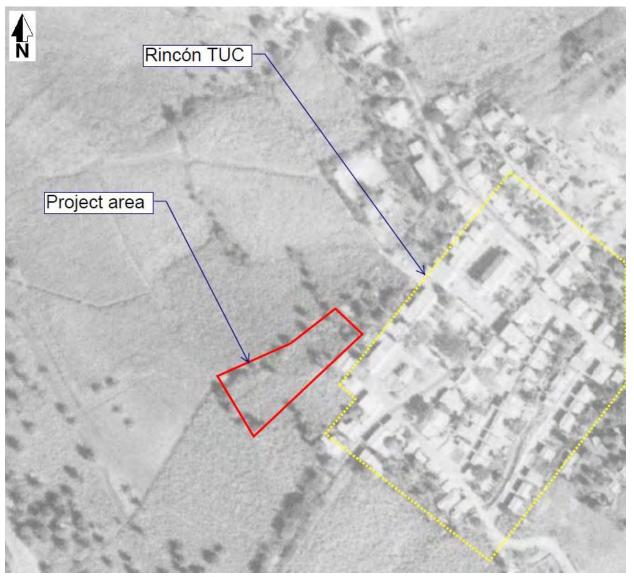


Figure 7. 1936 aerial picture from the Autoridad de Carreteras de PR archives showing the Project area (red polygon), and the Rincón TUC (yellow line). Historic aerial photography graphic scale not available. Source: DTOP archives, 2024.

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The next chart is a USGS Rincón topographic map from 1941 which shows the project area west of the Rincón TUC (figure 8). No structures or features can be observed within the project lot. A railroad track is located west of the project parcel.

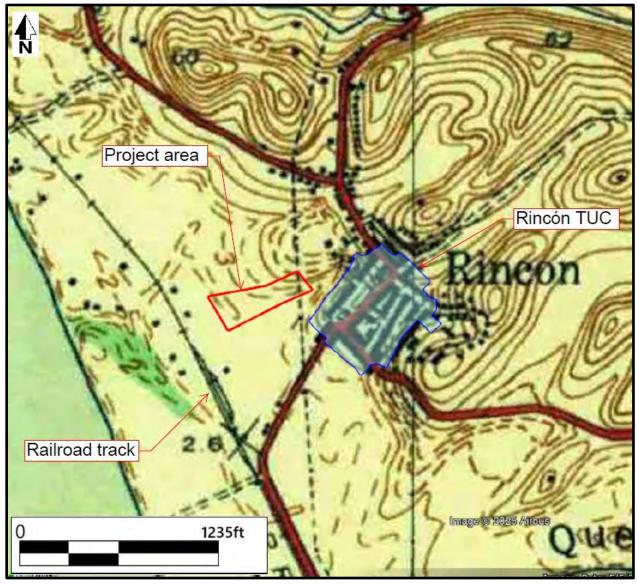


Figure 8. 1941 USGS Topographic Map showing Rincón TUC and Project area perimeter (red polygon). No structures or features can be observed within the project lot. Railroad track located west of the project site.

Source: https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/viewer/#13/18.4431/-66.0730

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The following USGS Rincón topographic map from 1955 (edited in 1958) depicts the western section of the project area being part of a larger coconut palm orchard growing along the Rincón coast (figure 9). No structures or other features can be observed within the project lot.

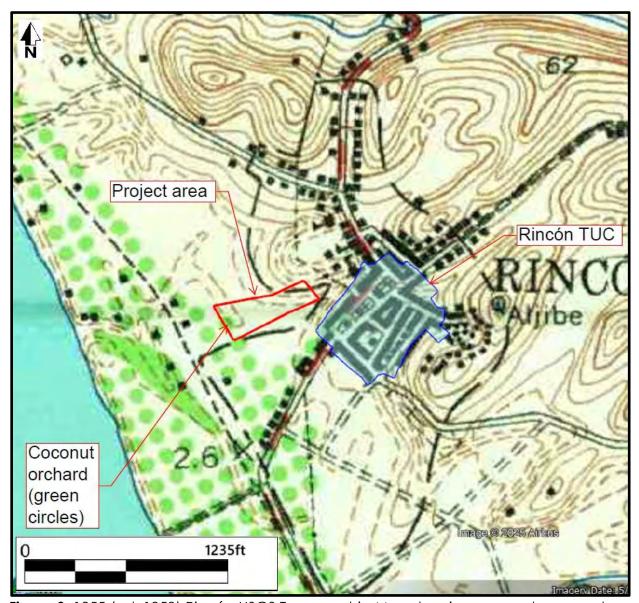


Figure 9. 1955 (ed. 1958) Rincón USGS Topographic Map showing coconut groves along the coast. A portion of these groves is located within the western section of the project parcel.

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A 1963 aerial photo of the Rincón area shows the project parcel bordered to the west by a large coconut palm orchard (figure 10). No structures or other type of development can be observed within the project area. A new baseball park can also be seen north of the lot.



Figure 10. 1963 aerial photo showing project area (red polygon). A coconut orchard can be observed along the coast and the western border of the project lot, and a baseball park is located to the north. Source: DTOP Archives, 2024.

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A 1966 (edited 1969) USGS Rincón topographic map shows new development south, near the project parcel (figure 11). No development is observed within the project area.

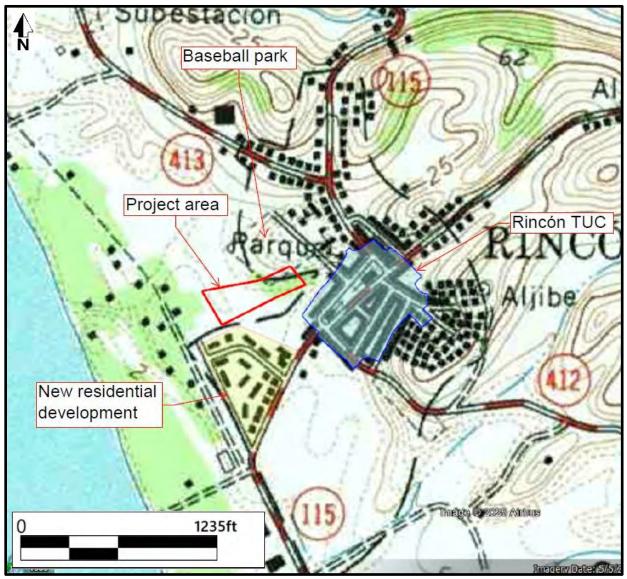


Figure 11. 1966 (edited 1969) Rincón USGS Topographic Map showing new development (light yellow polygon) south of the project area (red polygon). Source: https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/viewer/#13/18.4431/-66.0730.

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The next aerial photo from 1993 was obtained through Google Earth Pro in 2024 (figure 12). The mage shows the project area covered in vegetation. Urban development can be observed to the south of the lot, specifically the Santa Rosa public residential development.

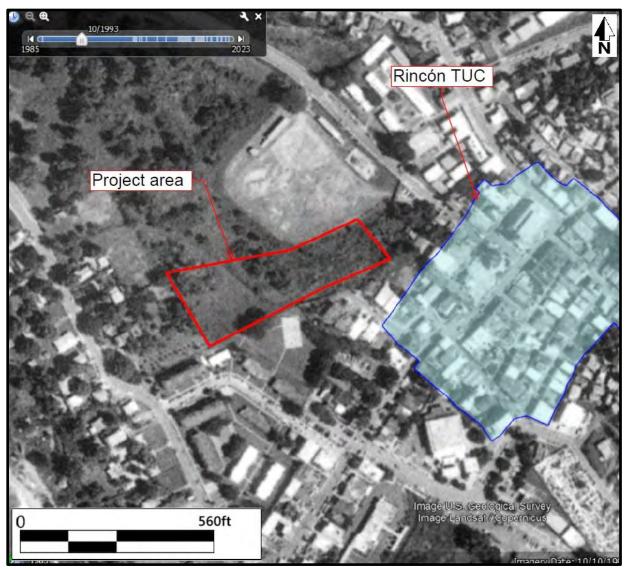


Figure 12. 1993 Google Earth Pro aerial imagery showing project area covered in vegetation. New urban development surrounds the project lot to the south and west.

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The following satellite image (figure 13) was obtained through the CRIM digital archives in 2024. The image was originally taken in 1998 and shows the municipal parking, Ojo de Agua Street, Progreso Street for the first time. Also visible is the canal within the project area, and a dirt road in the southwest corner of the lot. Most of the vegetation within the western half of the project lot was also removed.

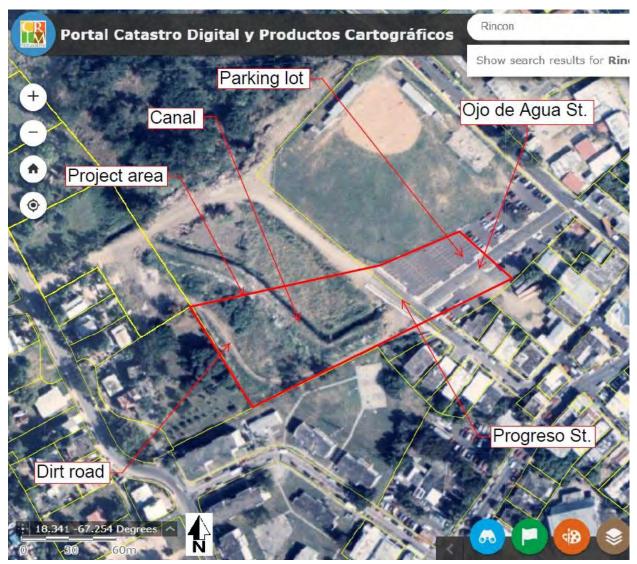


Figure 13. 1998 satellite imagery showing canal, dirt road, Progreso and Ojo de Agua streets and parking lot within the Project area (red polygon). Source: https://catastro.crimpr.net/cdprpc/

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The following aerial photo from 2004 was acquired through Google Earth Pro and shows changes within and near the project area (figure 14). A new children's playground facilities are seen on the southern portion of the project lot for the first time.

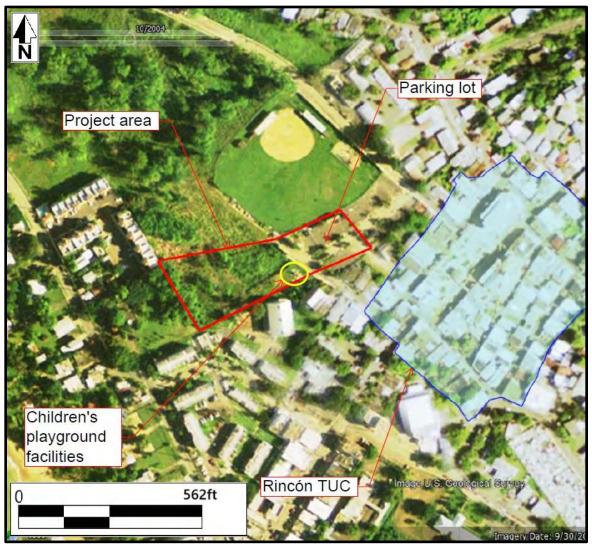


Figure 14. 2004 Google Earth Pro aerial imagery showing new children's playground facilities in the eastern corner of the project parcel.

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A 2018 Google Earth Pro aerial photograph shows some undetermined structures in the southwestern portion of the project parcel. The children's playground can still be seen in the southern section, and a portion of the existing parking lot in in the east of the lot (figure 15). The remaining area within the property is covered in dense vegetation.

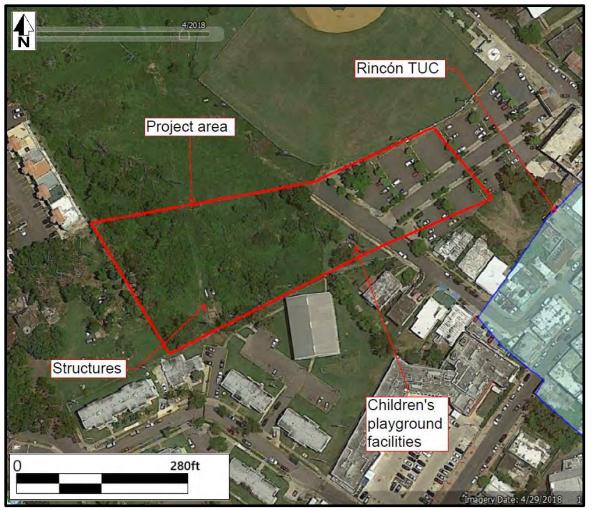


Figure 15. 2018 Google Earth Pro aerial imagery showing undetermined structures in the southwestern portion of the project parcel. The children's playground can still be seen in the southern portion of the lot.

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<u>Determination of sensitivity</u>

No historic or prehistoric sites were identified within a ½ mile radius around the project parcel in the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña (ICP) archives. 15 cultural resources studies were identified in both the SHPO and ICP archives. Above ground historic structures documented in the SHPO and ICP archives and found within the study radius are discussed in the Architecture section of this report. Identified archaeological sites and positive cultural resources study perimeters are shown in figures 16-17.

Archaelogical sites

No prehistoric or historic sites were identified in the SHPO and ICP archives within the ¼ mi study radius. 2 above-ground historic sites (RN-8 and RN-10) were identified within the study radius and will be discussed in the architecture section.

<u>Cultural resources surveys</u>

- **A)** ICP/CAT-RN-90-01-06. Phase IA-IB archaeological survey, *Terrenos a desarrollarse*, prepared by Daniel Molina Feal in 1990. Negative results. A Section of the survey was performed within the perimeter of the project.
- **B)** ICP/CAT-RN-04-05-02. Phase 1-A, Remodelación de Estacionamiento Municipal Ojo de Agua, prepared by Harry Alemán Crespo in 2004. Negative results. The survey was located 0.01 mi east of the project perimeter.
- C) ICP/CAT-RN-04-05-01. Phase 1-A, Investigación Documental y Reconocimiento Preliminar del Proyecto Rehabilitación del Centro Urbano de Rincón, prepared by Marisol J. Meléndez Maíz, 2004, positive results. Located 0.01 miles to the southeast of the perimeter. Endorsement letter by ICP dated July 6, 2004.
- **D) ICP/CAT-RN-10-07-07.** Phase 1A-1B, Rincón Health Center Inc., prepared by Fernando Alvarado Muñoz, 2010, negative results. Located 0.03 miles south.
- **E)** ICP/CAT-RN-14-08-02. Phase 1A-1B, Teatro de Rincón. Calle Progreso, prepared by Adalberto Maurás Casillas, 2014, negative results. Located 0.03 miles east.
- **F) ICP/CAT-RN-11-08-01.** Phase 1A, *Hotel Ojo de Agua*, prepared by Norma Medina Carrillo, negative results. Located 0.06 miles northeast.
- **G) ICP/CAT-RN-92-02-02.** Phase 1A-1B, Centro de Salud Familiar, prepared by Juan González Colón, negative results. Located 0.17 miles south-southeast.

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- H) ICP/CAT-RN-96-02-06. Phase 1A-1B, Mejoras y Reconstrucción De La PR-115 Añasco – Rincón, prepared by María A. Cashion Lugo, negative results. Located 0.17 miles south.
- I) ICP/CAT-RN-05-05-05. Phase 1A-1B, Plaza del Mercado Ventana al Mar, prepared by Marisol Mártinez Garayalde, negative results. Located 0.13 miles to the southwest.
- **J) ICP/CAT-RN-10-07-07.** Phase 1A-1B, *Rincón Health Center Inc.*, prepared by Fernando Alvarado Muñoz in 2010. Negative results. Located 0.03 mi southeast.
- **K)** ICP/CAT-RN-14-08-02. Phase 1A-1B, Teatro de Rincón. Calle Progreso, prepared by Adalberto Maurás Casillas, 2014, negative results. Located 0.03 mi east-northeast.
- L) ICP/CAT-RN-11-08-01. Phase 1A, Hotel Ojo de Agua, prepared by Norma Medina Carrilloin 2011. Negative results. Located 0.06 mi east-northeast.
- **M)** ICP/CAT-RN-92-02-02. Phase 1A-1B, Centro de Salud Familiar, prepared by Juan González Colón in 1992. Negative results. Located 0.17 mi southeast.
- N) ICP/CAT-RN-96-02-06. Phase 1A-1B, Mejoras y Reconstrucción De La PR-115 Añasco Rincón, prepared by María A. Cashion Lugo in 1996. Negative results. Located 0.17 mi south.
- O) ICP/CAT-RN-05-05. Phase 1A-1B, Plaza del Mercado Ventana al Mar, prepared by Marisol Mártinez Garayalde in 2005. Negative results. Located 0.13 mi southwest.

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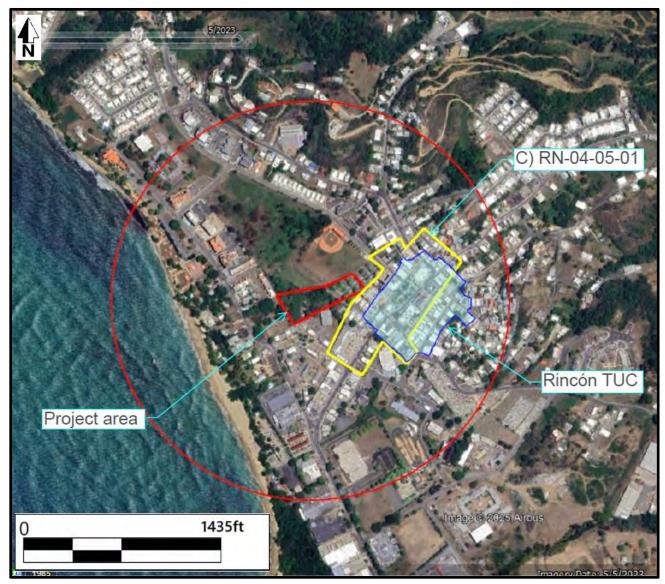


Figure 16. Aerial imagery showing sites and positive cultural resources survey (yellow polygon) identified in the ICP and SHPO archives. Project area is depicted with red polygon. Image source: Google Earth Pro.

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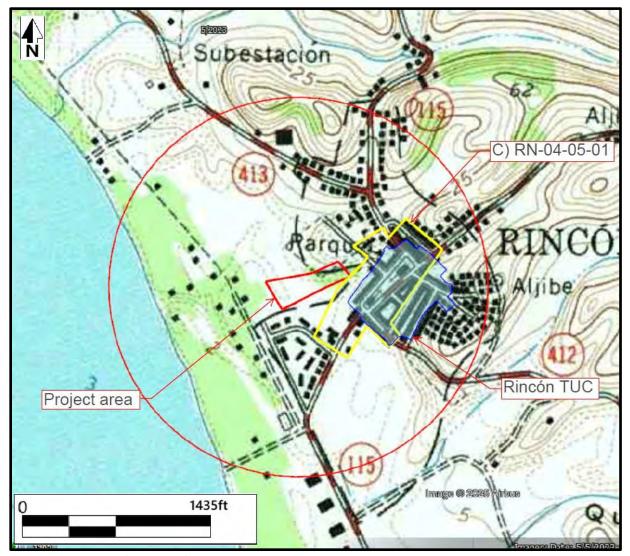


Figure 17. 1966 (ed.1969) USGS Topographic map showing sites and positive cultural resources studies (yellow polygon) identified in the ICP and SHPO archives. Project area is depicted with red polygon. Source: Google Earth Pro.

Site visit and surface reconnaissance

The site visit was performed by archaeologist Paul Dill on July 24th, 2024. Photographs taken during the visit (refer to pictures 1-31) are included in the photography section of this report.

The perimeter consists of an irregular rectangular-shaped area that includes the western portion of the existing municipal public parking lot located west of the Rincón TUC. The terrain

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is mostly flat with a slight inclination downward from east to west. A small stream formed by a local spring is located towards the center of the eastern part of the lot. Note that the name for the area is "Ojo de Agua", Spanish for water spring. A canal flows from east to west, but it takes a turn to the northwest halfway through the lot. This canal was dug between 1970 and 1998, according to the historic study included in this report. The perimeter of the western portion of the parcel is surrounded by a cyclone fence to the south, east and west, while the northern area is delimited by a barbwire fence. Inside the perimeter of the proposed project, near the southern fence to the public housing project, makeshift structures were observed, mostly for the raising of farm animals such as chickens, rabbits and other small animals. Inside the lot, no structures were found, and no traces of any activity other than livestock and farming were observed. High voltage power lines and their right of way passes near the middle of the lot but more to the west, from the north-northeast to the south-southwest.

Soil is consistent throughout the lot and consists mostly of a dark grayish brown sandy clay with a Munsell color of 10YR3/3 and 10Y/R3/2. Near the canal of the small creek that passes through the lot, there are swampy conditions typical of areas associated to water bodies. The vegetation of the lot consists mostly of tall grass and acacia trees with different varieties of palm trees at the western section of the lot, among other plants such as vines and small shrubs. The surrounding areas are: to the south, the public housing complex (photos 1-8); to the east, the municipal public parking lot and baseball field (photos 9-14); to the west, a privately owned lot (photos 17-19); and to the north, a livestock farm. A "walk-up" style residential complex known as Chalet del Mar Condominium is observed to the northwest (see photos 15-16 and 20). The Eastern portion of the project area includes the western half of the Rincón municipal parking and the Progreso and Ojo de Agua streets. A small park is located in the southwest section of the parking lot, while a large Ceiba tree and some benches can be observed in the northwest portion of the same parking area.

No historical or archaeological features were identified on the surface within the project area.

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Identification of Historic Properties - Architecture

Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been reviewed to determine if any such properties are located within the APE of this undertaking. The review of this existing information, by a Program contracted Historic Preservation Specialist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards (36 CFR Part 61), shows that the project area is not within the boundaries of the Traditional Urban Center of Rincón (See Figure 32) but inside the 0.25-mile research zone. In addition, the investigation has identified 5 NRHP-eligible properties, no NRHP-listed properties, and no locally designated properties identified in the 0.25-mile radius based on the required research at SHPO and ICP.

Within a 0.25-mile radius from the project APE, the following historically significant properties are identified:

A. Santa Rosa de Lima Church (Eligible) 0.12 miles Northeast

Coordinates: 18.3401, -67.2502

B. Plaza Pública Rincón (Eligible) 0.09 miles Northeast

Coordinates: 18.3397, -67.2506

C. Rincón Traditional Urban Center (Eligible) 0.05 miles East

D. Old Santa Rosa Pharmacy (**Eligible**) 0.12 miles East

Coordinates: 18.3398, -67.2500

E. American Period Building (Eligible) 0.10 miles Northwest

Coordinates: 18.3407, -67.2543

Historic Context (architecture):

Rincón, located on the western coast of Puerto Rico, is renowned for its rich history, vibrant culture, and natural beauty. Officially founded in 1771, the town's history dates back to the Taíno era, when the region was inhabited by Indigenous peoples. With its strategic coastal location, Rincón became a vital center for fishing, trade, and agricultural activities during the Spanish colonial period. Over the years, the town has evolved into a renowned surfing destination, attracting visitors from around the world. Historically, Rincón's economy was shaped by agriculture, with coffee, sugar, and fruits as its main products. However, the mid-

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20th century saw a shift towards tourism as the town capitalized on its stunning beaches and waves.

The urban center of Rincón reflects its historical development, marked by a mix of traditional and modern architecture. The town plaza, a central gathering place for the community, is surrounded by significant landmarks, including the Parroquia Santa Rosa de Lima, a Catholic church that has been a spiritual and cultural cornerstone since the town's establishment.

Topographic maps and historical records illustrate the town's urban expansion, particularly from the mid-20th century, when tourism growth spurred the development of residential and commercial sectors. Despite this growth, Rincón has maintained its small-town charm, balancing modernization with preservation of its natural environment. The community has adapted to its changing economic landscape while remaining deeply connected to its cultural and historical roots. Today, Rincón stands as a unique blend of history, nature, and contemporary life, attracting both locals and visitors seeking its serene and vibrant ambiance.

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Determination

The following historic properties have been identified within the APE:

- Direct Effects:
 - o No historic properties are present within the Direct APE.
 - o No pre-contact or historic sites are present within the Direct APE.
- Indirect Effects: Architecture.
 - Even though there are no buildings officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within the 0.25-mile research zone, the following NRHP-eligible properties are located within this area: the Santa Rosa de Lima Church, the Plaza Pública de Rincón, the Traditional Urban Center of Rincón, the Old Santa Rosa Pharmacy, and an American Period building.

Based on the results of the historic property identification efforts, the Program has determined that the proposed project has the potential to not adversely affect the Rincón Traditional Urban Center, which is eligible for listing under the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), along with four other NRHP-eligible properties located within the 0.25-mile research zone. Although these historic resources are in proximity to the project area, the proposed site is partially developed, has been altered over time, and lies outside the boundaries of the Traditional Urban Center, rendering it a non-contributing element. The project will not introduce visual, atmospheric, or noise elements that would diminish the integrity or character of the eligible properties, and its scale and nature are compatible with the existing urban context. As such, the potential effects of the undertaking do not meet the threshold of an adverse effect under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Regarding archaeology, the general area is deemed as sensitive to the possible presence of archaeological remains. There are two important prehistoric sites located 0.39- and 0.36-miles Northwest of the project area (RN-1 and RN-2). However, a cultural resource survey completed by Daniel Molina Feal in 1990 which includes the project area was negative to the presence of archaeological remains, with all of the shovel test pits completed within the current project area having negative results. Added to that, the surface reconnaissance did identify that most of the area has been impacted in the past by urban development. Therefore, existing information points out that although the general area has high sensitivity, within the project area there is a low probability of affecting a cultural resource. The proposed project should have No Adverse Effect over any historic properties, as per the best available data.

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Recommendation

| he Puerto Rico Department of Housing requests that the Puerto Rico SHPO concur that th | ne |
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| ollowing determination is appropriate for the undertaking (Choose One): | |
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| □ No Historic Properties Affected | |
| ☑ No Adverse Effect | |
| Condition (if applicable): | |
| Adverse Effect | |
| Proposed Resolution (if appliable) | |

| This Section is to be Completed by SHPO Staff Only | | |
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| The Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed and: | d the above information | |
| □ Concurs with the information provided. | | |
| □ Does not concur with the information provided. | | |
| Comments: | | |
| Carlos Rubio-Cancela State Historic Preservation Officer | Date: | |

Project (Parcel) Location – Area of Potential Effect Map (Aerial)

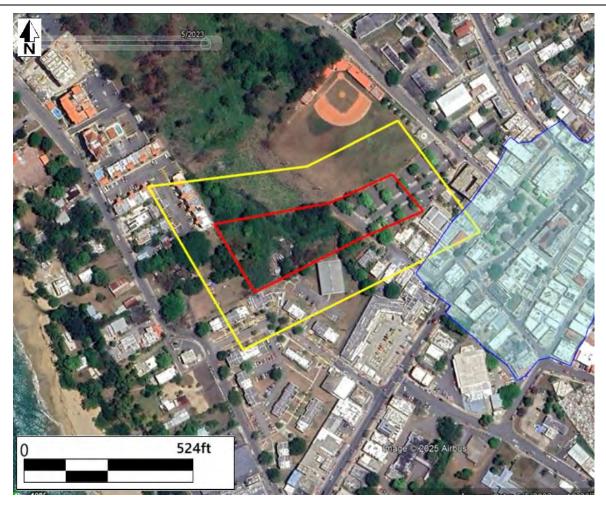
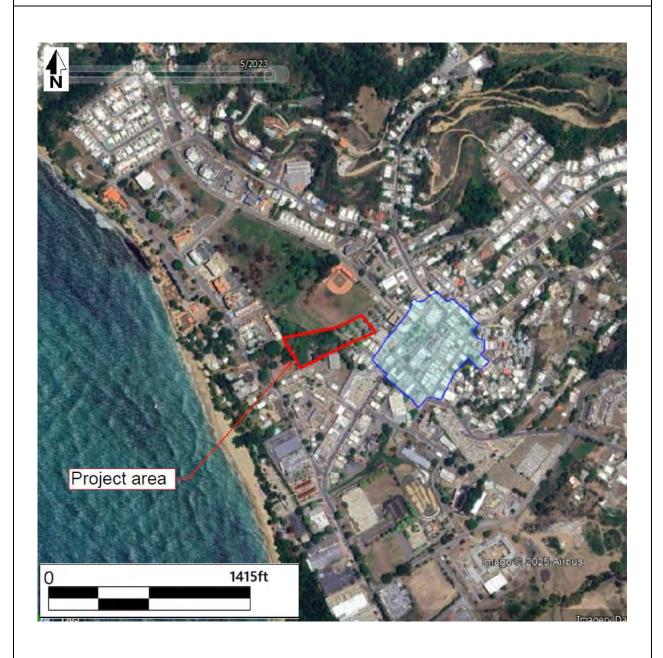


Figure 29

Aerial imagery showing location of the direct APE with red polygon, Indirect APE with yellow polygon, and the Traditional Urban Center of Rincon Boundaries with blue.

Image source: Google Earth Pro

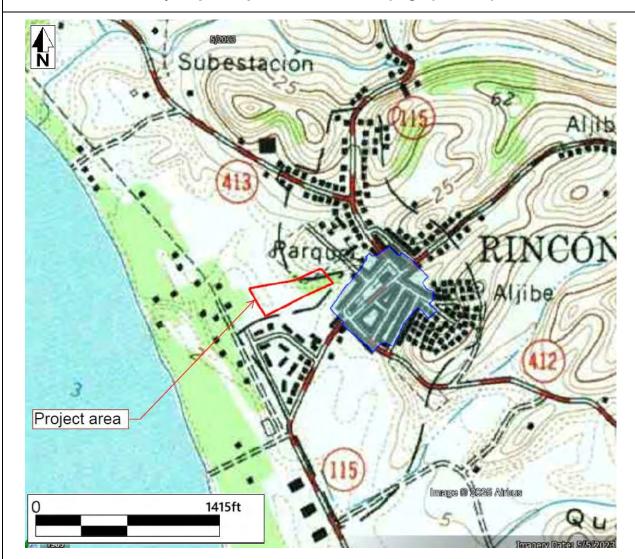
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Traditional Urban Center of Rincon Boundaries with green.

Image source: Google Earth Pro

Project (Parcel) Location - USGS Topographic Map



USGS topographic map showing location of direct APE with red polygon. Image source: https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/viewer/#15/18.3364/-67.2530 **Project Name: Estacionamiento Urbano**

Project (Parcel) Location – Soils Map



Figure 34

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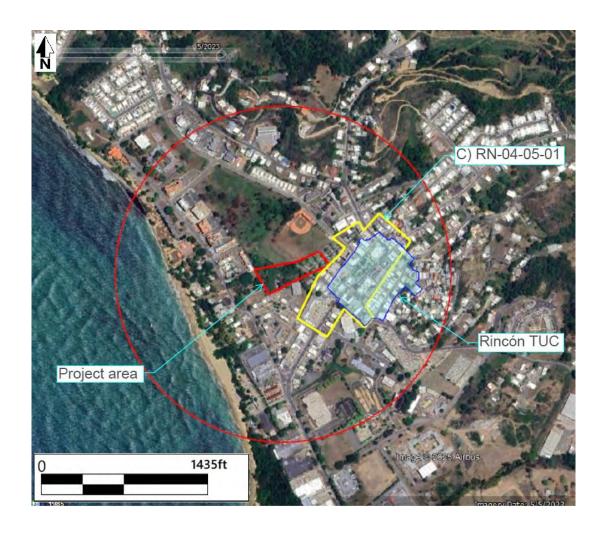
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https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx

Project (Parcel) Location with Previous Investigations - Aerial Map



Source: Google Earth Pro

Project (Parcel) Location with Previously Recorded Cultural Resources USGS Topographic Map



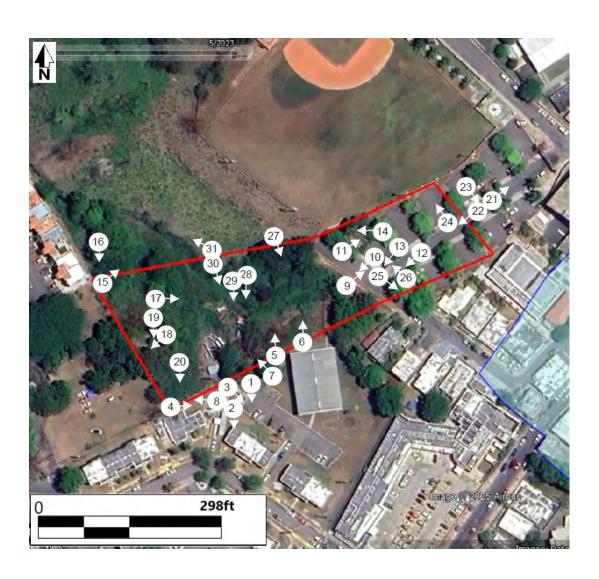
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White circles with arrows show direction and number of each photograph taken within or near the project area (red polygon).

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Photo #:1

Description (South): View from north to south of the lot towards Residencial Santa Rosa.

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Photo #:2

Description (South): View from north to south of the lot towards Residencial Santa Rosa.

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Photo #:3

Description (East): View to the Residencial Santa Rosa from the southern limit of the lot (cyclone fence) facing east-southeast.

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Photo #:4

Description (East): View of the southern limits of the lot (cyclone fence), west to east vantage point.

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Description (North): View of the southwestern limit of the lot, south to north point of view. Yellow concrete drainage system at the centerleft of the photo (between cyclone fence and metal post).

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Photo #:6

Date: 7/24/24

Description (North): Concrete drainage system located at the limit of the Residencial Santa Rosa and the lot to be developed, near the basketball court. South to north vantage point.

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Photo #:7

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Description (Northwest): View towards the southern limit of the lot, south-southeast to north-northwest vantage point, middle section of the limit. Area of makeshift structures described at the site visit paragraph above.

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Photo #:8

Date: 7/24/24

Description (West): View towards the southern limit of the lot, facing northwest. Area of makeshift structures described at the site visit paragraph above.

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Photo #:9

Date: 7/24/24

Description (Northeast): View towards the existing municipal public parking lot, Ojo de Agua St. and Progreso St., facing west from the eastern limit of the lot.

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Description (Southeast): View towards Progreso St., northwest to southeast vantage point, cyclone fence is the limit of the eastern part of the lot to be developed.

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Photo #:11

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Description (Northwest): View towards the baseball field and the end of Progreso St, the northeastern limit of the lot to be developed is behind the white car, south to north vantage point. Side walk and castor bean (ricinus communis) bushes are part of the lot.

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Photo #:12

Date: 7/24/24

Description (Southwest): View of the southeastern limt of the lot to be developed, Progreso St, cyclone fence is the limit of the lot. Picture taken from Ojo de Agua St. corner facing southwest.

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Photo #:13

Date: 7/24/24

Description (Southwest): View towards the eastern limit of the lot to be developed. Cyclone fence and castor bean (ricinus communis) bushes are part of the lot. Facing southwest.

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Photo #:14

Date: 7/24/24

Description (West): View towards the northeastern limit of the lot to be developed. Northeastern corner of the lot behind the white car in line with the cyclone fence. Northern end of Progreso St. facing west.

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Photo #:15

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Description (Northwest): View towards the northwestwern limit of the lot to be developed, at the end of the Chalet del Mar Condominium cyclone fence. Facing northwest.

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Photo #:16

Date: 7/24/24

Description (South): View towards the northwestwern limit of the lot to be developed, at the end of the Chalet del Mar Condominium cyclone fence. North to south vantage point.

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Photo #:17

Date: 7/24/24

Description (East): View towards the lot to be developed from the western limit, west to east vantage point, near the middle of the western limit.

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Photo #:18

Date: 7/24/24

Description (Southwest): View towards the western limit, east to west vantage point, near the middle of the western limit. Cyclone fence observed is the limit of the lot to be developed.

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Photo #:19

Description (South): View of the western limit of the lot, looking towards the south. Cyclone fence is the property limit.

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Photo #:20

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Description (South): View towards the southwestern end of the lot to be developed, north to south advantage point. Among the leaves of the acacia trees and tall grass. Residencial Santa Rosa can be seen through the vegetation.

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Photo #:21

Description (Northeast): View of parking lot's main entrance and corner of Ojo de Agua Street and Parque Street.

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Photo #:22

Description (West-southwest): View of Ojo de Agua Street and western section of the Rincón municipal parking lot.

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Photo #:23

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Description (South): Rear view of the Rincón Municipal Theater and a section of the municipal parking lot. Both properties are divided by a metal fence.

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Photo #:24

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Description (Northwest): View of baseball park located north of the project parcel, seen from the municipal parking. Lots are divided by a concrete and metal fence.

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Description (Southeast): View of park located on the southwest corner of the municipal parking lot (within the project perimeter). The recreation space has a concrete floor and benches, a trash bin, a lamp post and a bollard (all made of metal).

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Photo #:26

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Description (Northwest): Ceiba tree located in the northwest section of the municipal parking lot. Some benches can be observed under the trees' canopy.

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Description (South): View of the northern perimeter of the central portion of the project lot, seen from the neighboring lot. Parcel is covered in trees and grasses.



Photo #:28

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Description (South): View of the project area's northern northern perimeter from the neighboring lot. The Ojo de Agua canal can be seen through the vegetation flowing from east to northwest.

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Description (South): Closer view of the Ojo de Agua canal from a similar position to Photo #28.

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Photo #:30

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Description (West-southwest): View of canal as it flows through the northern portion of the project area towards the neighboring lot to the north.

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Description (West-northwest): View of the canal flowing through the neighboring lot in a northwest direction.

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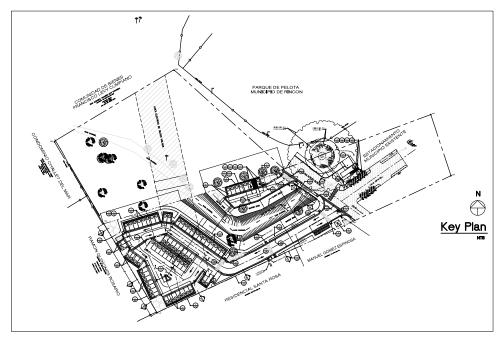
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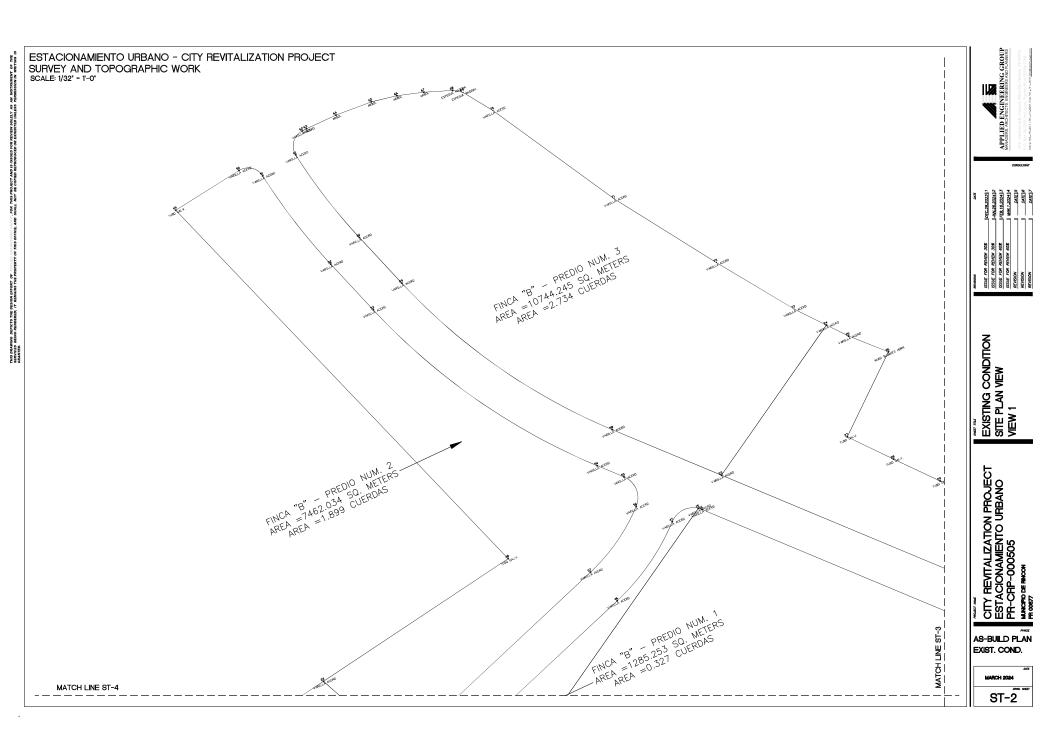


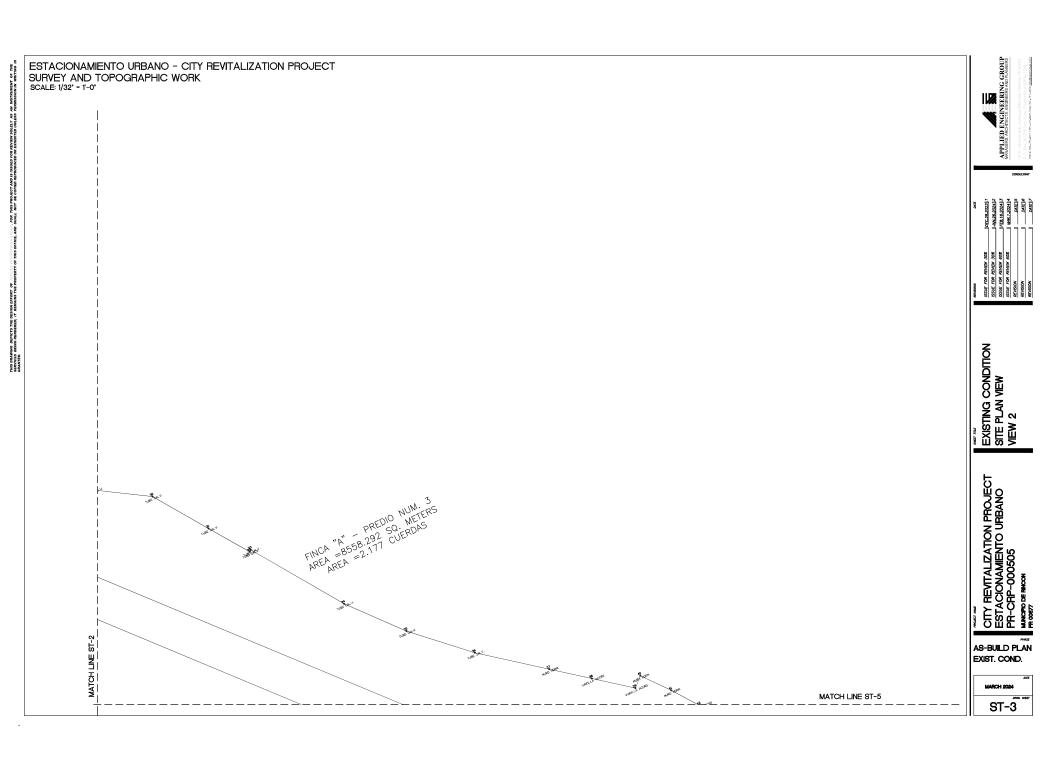


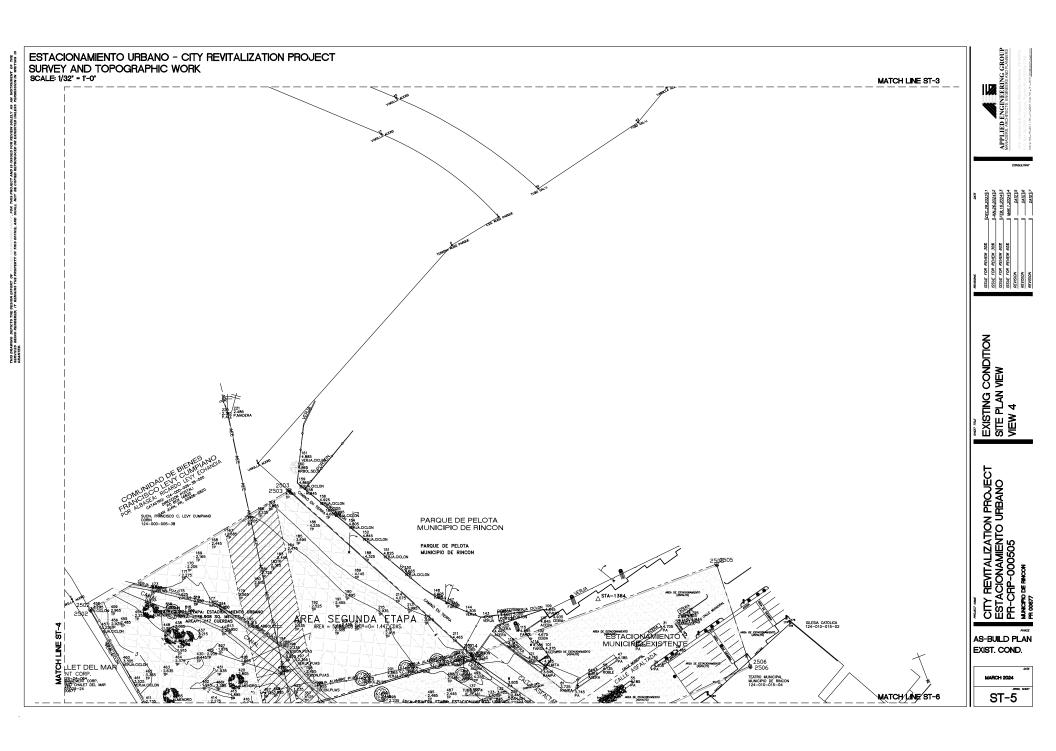


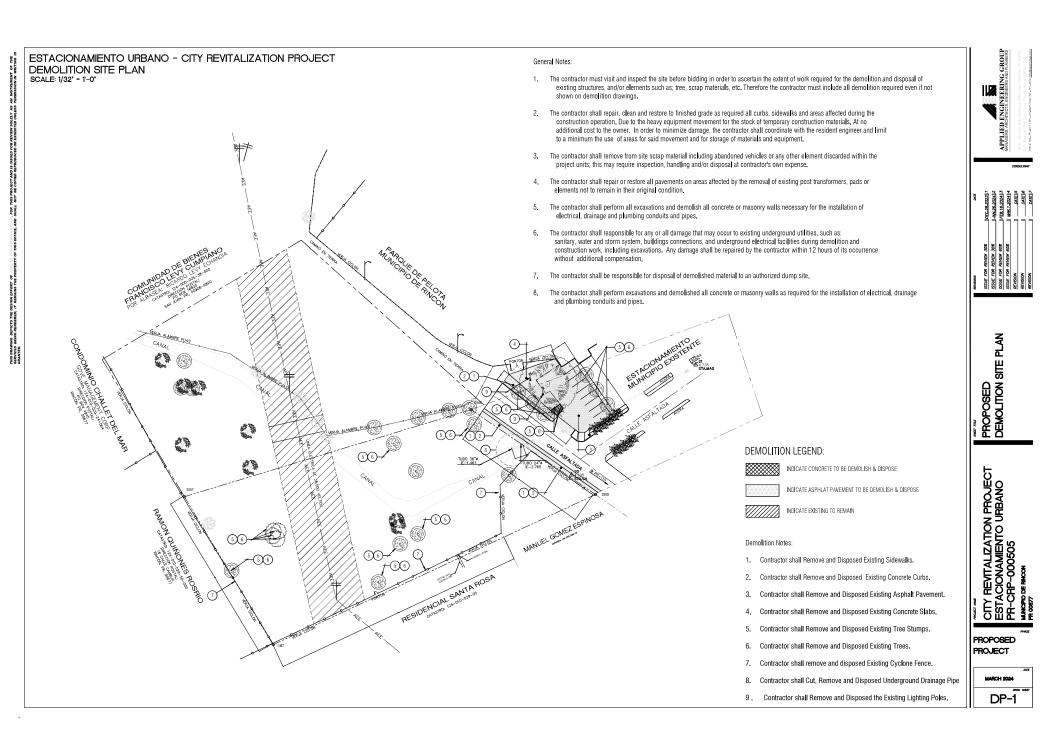












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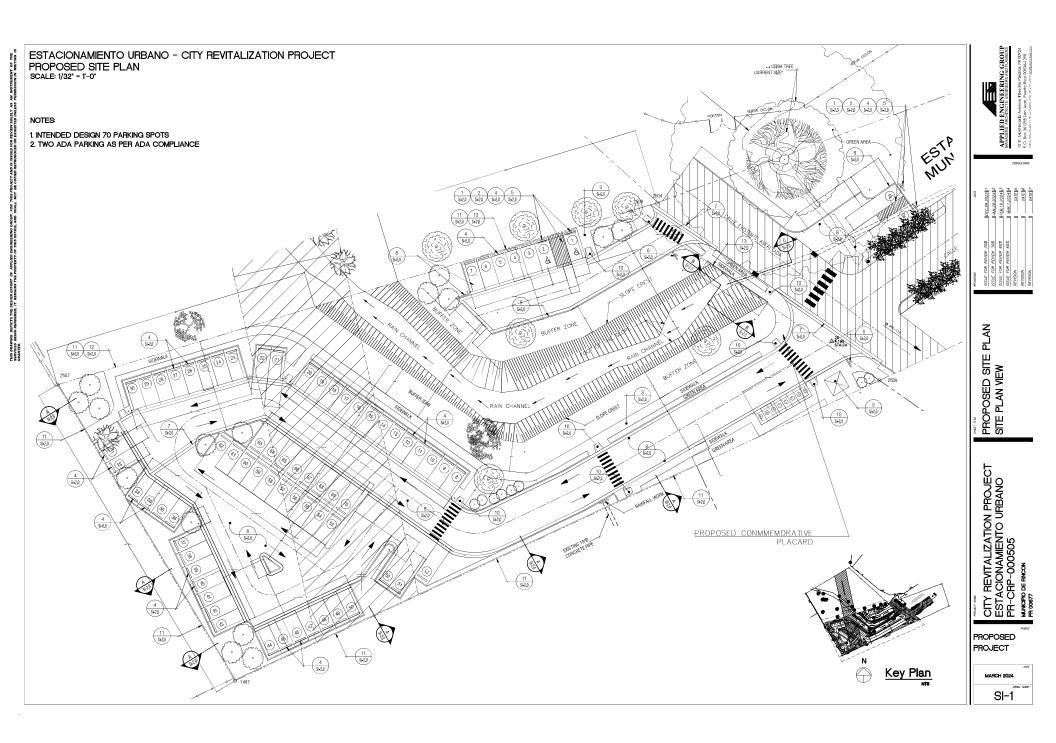
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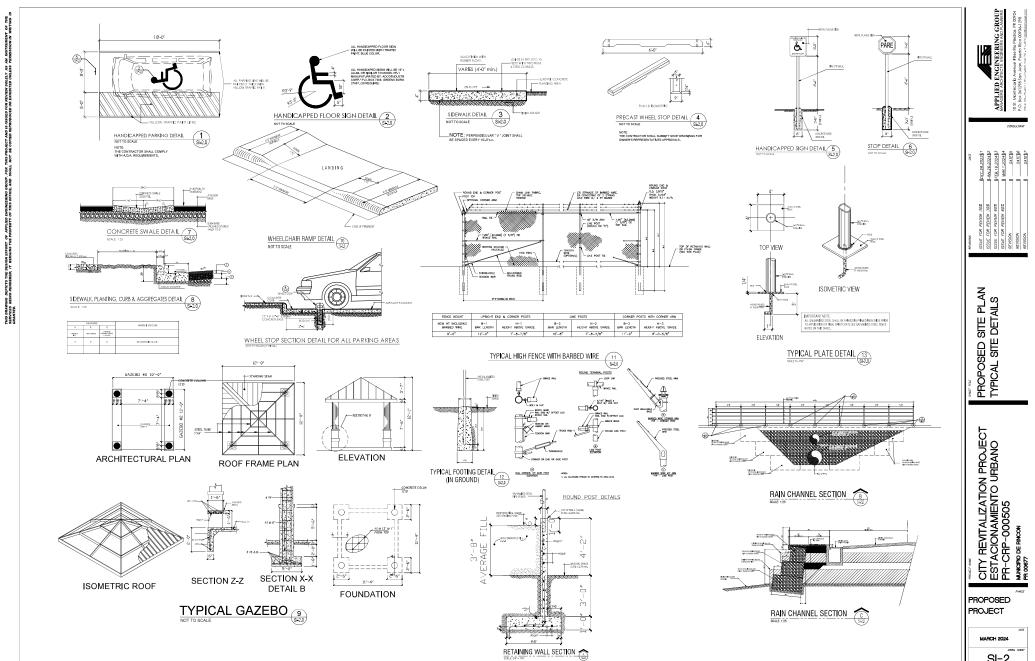
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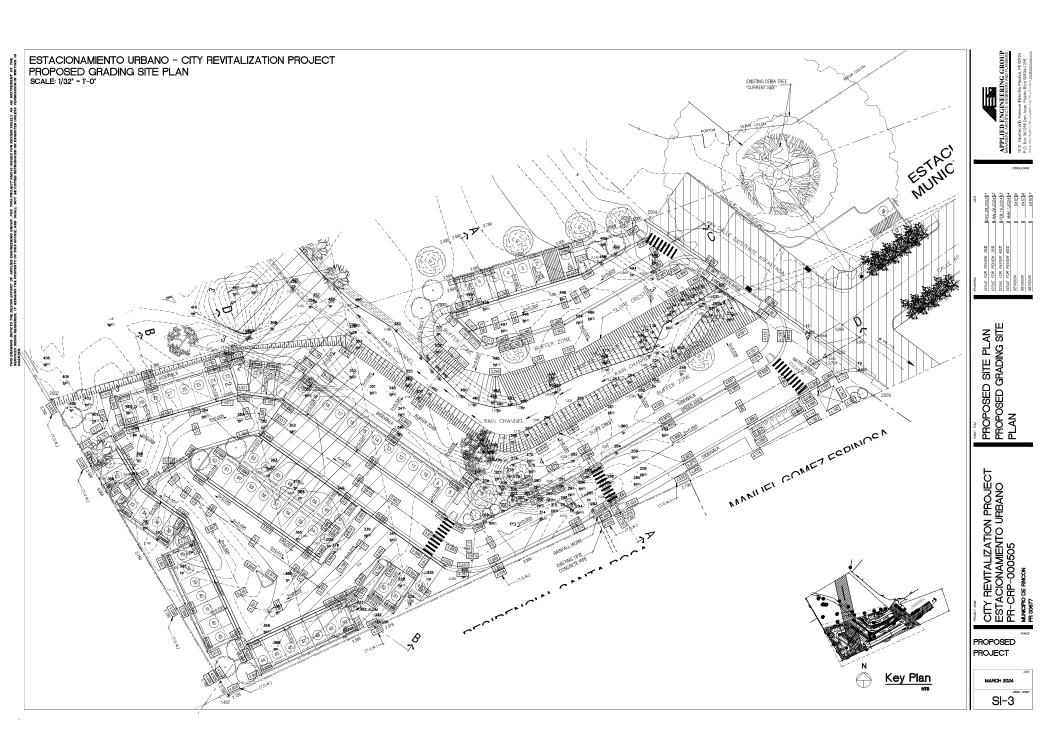
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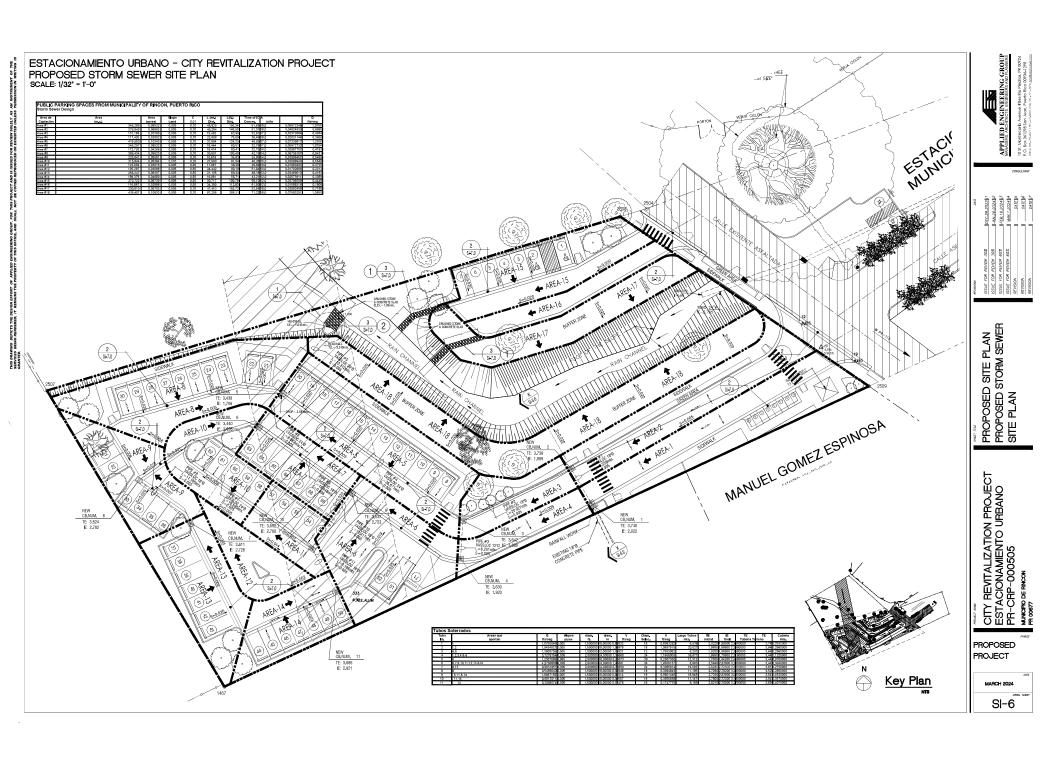
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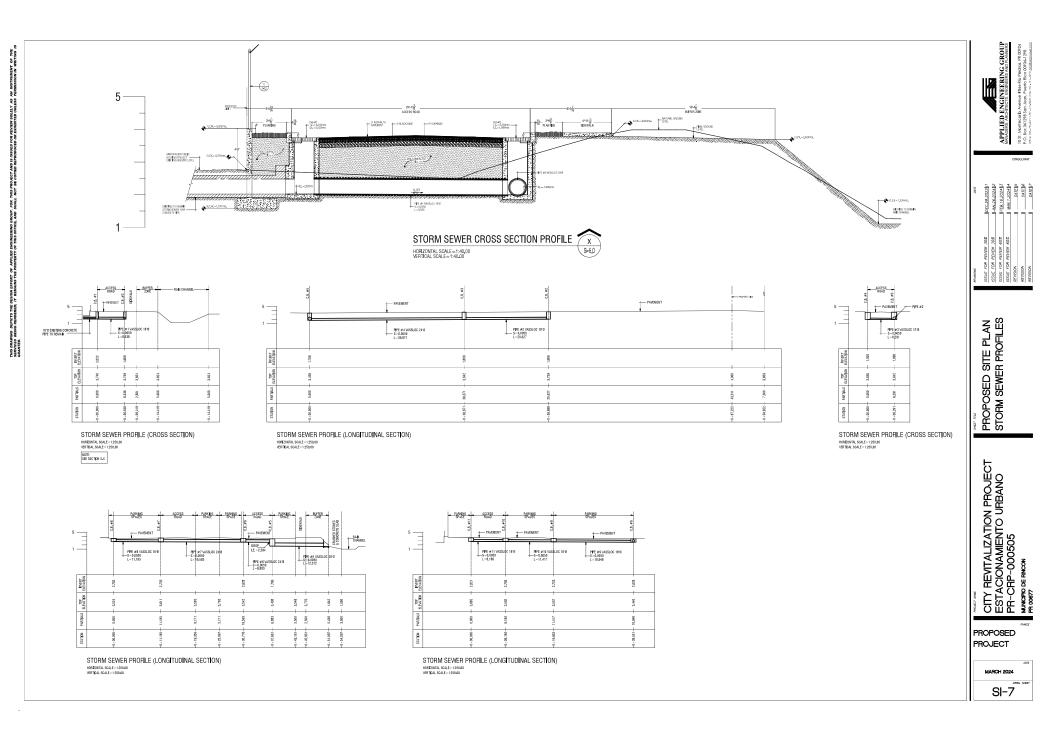
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- 6. PRIOR TO COMMENCING ANY EXCAVATIONS OR REMOVAL OF EXISTING MATERIAL WITHIN THE CONTRACT AREAS, GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY AND ESTABLISH ALL EXISTING SITE LEVELS TO BE MAINTAINED ONCE CONTRACTED WORKS ARE COMPLETED.
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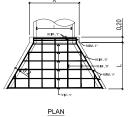




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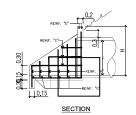




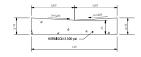
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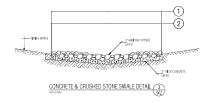


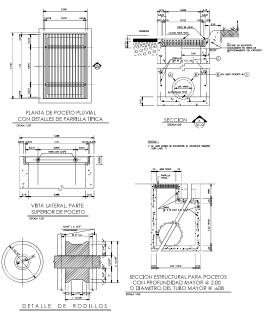












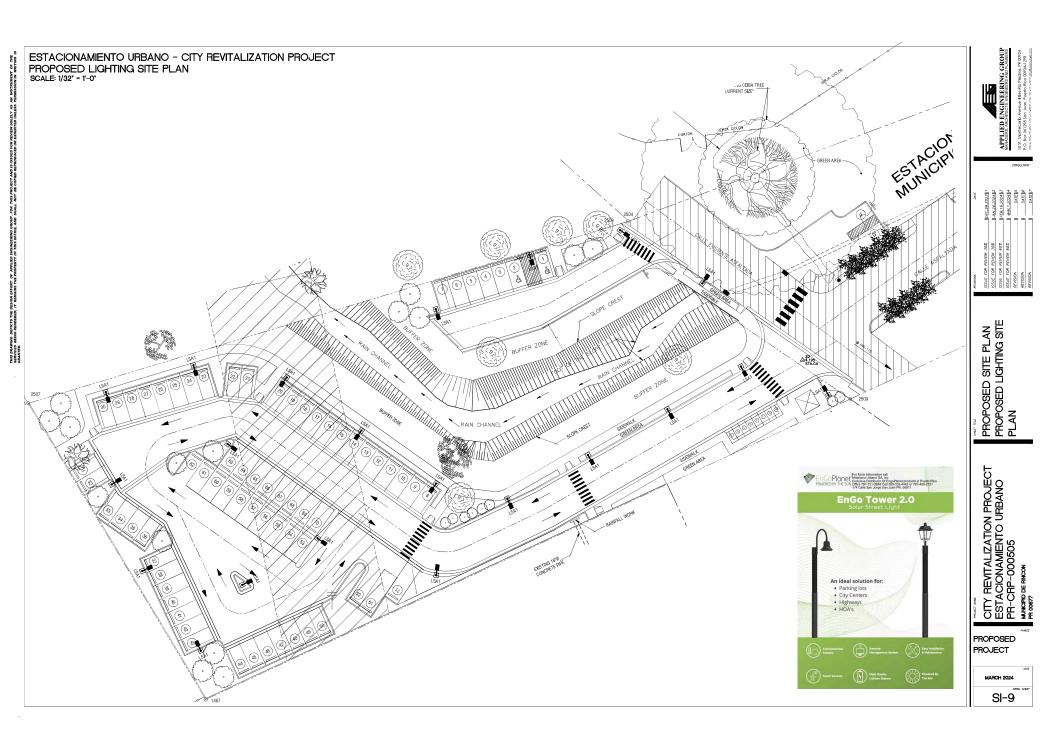
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Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban

Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°) Source: USEPA Map of Sole Source Aquifer Location

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Wetlands



Attachment 14A: Wetlands

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

The Municipality of Rincón (MOR) has proposed the expansion of the existing Parking Lot "Ojo De Agua" located in the downtown area of the municipality as part of the city revitalization proposed projects for the City Revitalization Program subsidized with funds from the from the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH). This report covers the area delimited as the proposed project as presented in preliminary drawings provided by Applied Engineering Group, Corp (AEG) and provides wetland identification and characterization properties for the proposed project area with purpose of complying with Environmental Review Record process. This report aims to identify, characterize, and map the characteristics of wetlands present in the area based on regulatory guidelines and criteria. The field collection data process involves field observations, soil observations, vegetation surveys, and hydrological assessment for the site to determine the presence of wetland characteristics. The information presented in this report serves as a tool in the decision process for the Wetlands (CEST and EA) – Partner Checklist from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (USDOH) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Although this report does not constitute a wetland delineation, it utilizes methods used for the delineation of wetland as well as additional techniques such as remote sensing and geographical information data collection and analysis for the identification of wetland properties in the proposed project area and its vicinity.

1.2 PROPOSED PROJECT AREA

1.2.1 General Description - Site Area

The proposed area for the project is approximately 8,250.186 (First Stage Area) (See **Attachment 1 – Plot Plan**) square meters (m²) its located in Rincón downtown area (18.0000, -67.0000) and its mainly composed of the following attributes: (1) rainwater canal/ditch which passes through the project designated area dividing the project area into two main areas; (2) north area (Sub-Area A1) and (3) south area (Sub-Area A2). The area is located to the east of the Rincón coastal area at approximately 250 meters (m). The area is surrounded by residential and commercial uses.

The general composition of the area is mainly vegetation areas and areas occupied by a homemade structure that are located within the project area (See **Figures 1-1, 1-2**). The homemade structures are used for raising chickens and farm animals such as goats. The other main composition in the project area is the main rainwater canal/ditch which travels mainly in the center of the area divides the main site area into two sub-areas.

FIGURE 1-1
USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE

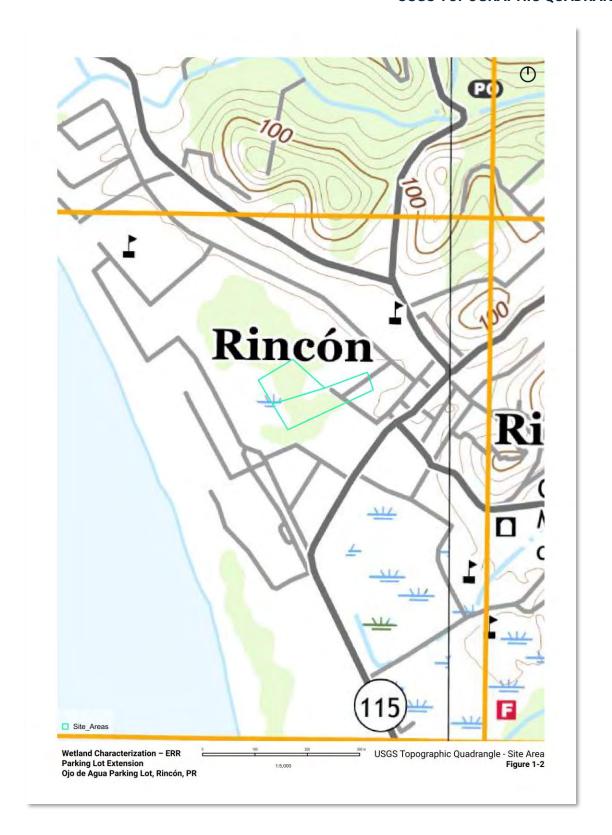
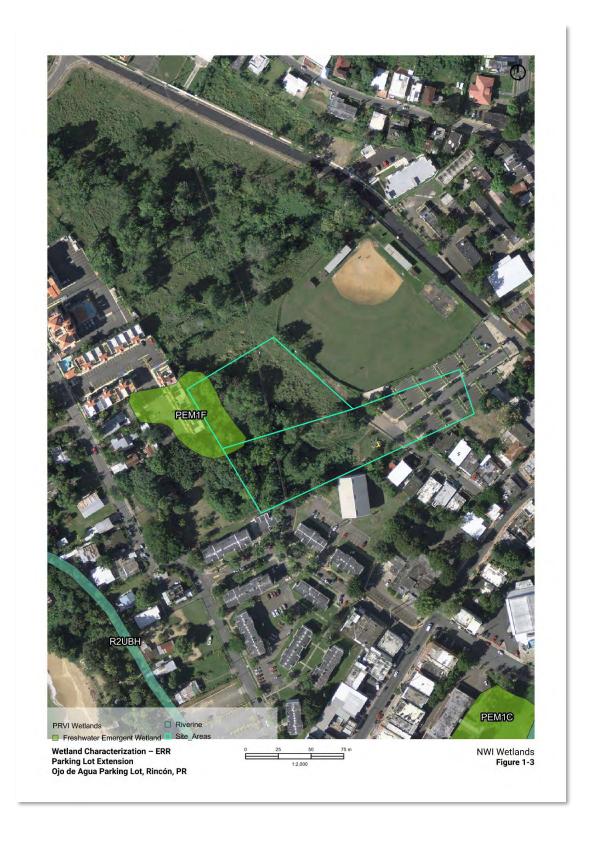


FIGURE 1-2 SITE AREA



The National Wetland Inventory (NWI) identifies an Emergent Freshwater Wetland (EFW) identified as PEM1F to the northwest of the proposed project area.

FIGURE 1-3 NWI – PEM1F



1.2.2 Sub-Area 1

Sub-Area A1 (S-A1) is comprised of 869.579 sq m and its located in the north portion of the project area. The area is mainly composed of open area of vegetation with deposits of construction debris and vegetative debris deposited illegally. Specifically, the vegetation debris gives a false sense of the actual topography of the area whereas deposits may range between 1 m and 1.5 m from the actual ground. Vegetative and construction debris found in this area can most likely be located in the front or adjacent to the main road. None of the sections or areas identified as PEM1F wetland in the NWI are located within this area.

Topography for S-A1 ranges from 4 m to 2 m following direction of the rainwater canal/ditch from east to west in reference to the main road (Ojo de Agua Road), lowest point adjoining between canal and wire railing. As mentioned earlier, vegetative debris has impacted the existing topography for S-A1 where deposits seem to be in the process of degradation (See **Figure 1-2**).

1.2.3 Sub-Area 2

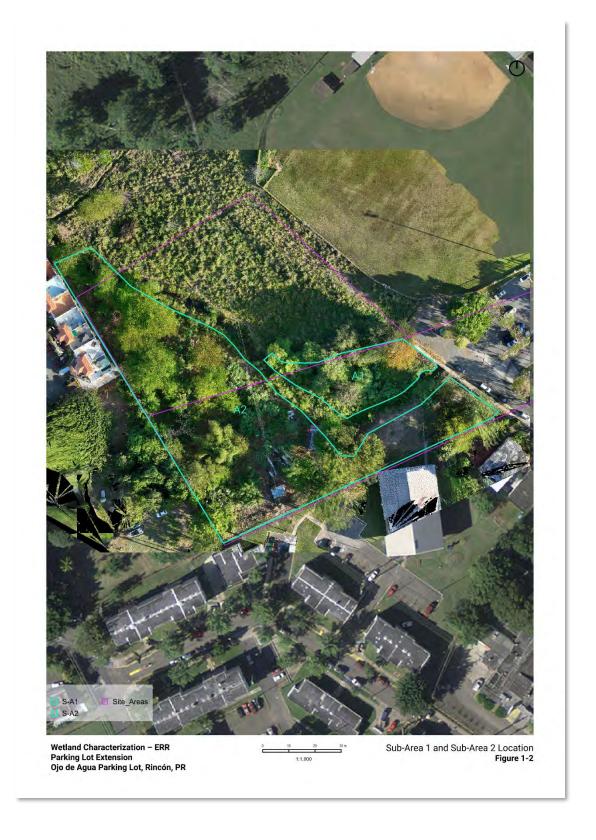
Sub-Area 2 (S-A2) has approximately an area of 5776.111 sq m and its composed of open areas of vegetation and areas with homemade structures used for the raising of animals such as chickens and goats. Due to the raising of animals operation, part of the area for S-A2 has been cleared for the placement of such structures. Also, debris and old car remains are present in this area.

To the northwest of S-A2 is located PEM1, approximately 1500 sq m of the total area delimited for PEM1F is located within the boundaries of S-A2. The total coverage area for PM1F is approximately 3298 sq m¹. The area of PEM1F within the proposed project footprint in S-A2 is approximately seventy-eight sq m (see **Figure 1-2**).

Topography for S-A2 ranges from 4 m to 2 m from the main road to adjoining property of Ramón Quinones Rosario and Condominium Challet Del Mar. Lowest elevation in S-A2 can be seen parallel to Phase 2 subdivision where elevation is 2 m adjoining with the rainwater canal / ditch.

¹ Area of PM1F EFW 0.814979389362 acres as documented in attribute table for NIW Geodatabase from US Fish And Wildlife Services.

FIGURE 1-4 SUB-AREAS



2 REGULATORY BACKGROUND

2.1 FEDERAL JURISDICTION

2.1.1 National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) stands as a cornerstone of environmental legislation in the United States. Often heralded as the "Magna Carta" of Federal environmental laws, NEPA was enacted with the primary purpose of integrating environmental considerations into federal agencies' decision-making processes. It mandates that before any major federal actions are taken—those which could significantly affect the environment—agencies must assess the potential environmental impacts.

NEPA's significance lies in its requirement for federal agencies to evaluate the environmental consequences of their proposed actions prior to making decisions. This process ensures that environmental considerations are weighed equally with other factors in the planning and decision-making processes of the federal government. The act aims to foster and promote the general welfare, create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations.

By setting this precedent, NEPA has fundamentally changed how federal agencies plan their actions, ensuring that environmental effects are considered at the initial stages of planning. This has led to more informed decision-making and has contributed to the protection of the environment through the mitigation of potential negative impacts on ecosystems and communities.

2.1.2 Executive Order 11990

Executive Order (EO) 11990 was established in May 1977 with the purpose of protecting wetland resources in the United States of America (US) by avoiding to the extent possible the long- and short-term adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands, and to avoid directly or indirectly any new constructions or developments where practicable alternatives are available.²

EO 11990 establishes each federal agency must lead efforts to protect wetlands, minimize damage, and enhance their values during tasks related to Federal lands, construction, and land use activities. The Order does not cover issuing permits, licenses, or allocations for wetland activities on non-Federal land to private entities.³

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² Executive Order 11990 - By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, and as President of the United States of America, in furtherance of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), in order to avoid to the extent possible the long and short term adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands and to avoid direct or indirect support of new construction in wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative...

³ Executive Order 11990 – Section 1

2.1.3 Section 404 Clean Water Act

Wetlands in Puerto Rico (PR) area regulated through Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) which regulates the discharge of dredge and fill material into navigable waters of the US which include wetlands⁴. Any activity which involves the filling or dredging of material in the navigable waters of the US has to comply with the solicitation of an individual permit which is reviewed by the USCOE. Such activities may include fill for development, water resource projects and construction of infrastructure. ⁵

Section 404 focuses in the conservation of wetlands through prevention of dredged or fill material when (1) practicable alternatives exist to prevent significant environmental impact to aquatic environmental or (2) or the nations waters would be significantly degraded.

Wetland management is executed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) and the United States Corps of Engineers (USCOE).

2.2 STATE JURISDICTION

2.2.1 State Program

Wetlands at state jurisdiction for PR are mainly over sought by Department of Natural Environmental Resources and Conservation of Puerto Rico (DNERC) and the Puerto Rico Planning Board (PRPB)⁶. Each agency has areas of interest for overseeing wetlands activities in PR. Activities may be land conservation or recreation uses for an area of interest.

No state program for the management of wetlands has been adopted by the DENRC other than specific laws to delimit natural reserves in specific areas. No laws or reserve declarations were found for the area of the proposed project.

⁴ Wetlands Definition USCOE Manual 1987- Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

⁵ USEPA – Permit Program under CWA Section 404

⁶ Guide to the Ecological Systems of Puerto Rico – General Technical Report IITF-35- p-171 - The Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources and the Planning Board of Puerto Rico are the primary commonwealth agencies overseeing wetland protection.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1.1 Methodology General Description

For the characterizations of wetland attributes in the proposed project area methodology established in the USCOE Wetland Delineation Manual 1987 (WDM) and USCOE Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Delineations Manual: Caribbean Islands Region (Version 2.0). The regional supplement establishes methods and characteristics for the identification of the three main attributes for the identification of wetlands and their boundaries to transitional upland areas. These three indicators are (1) hydrophytic vegetation, (2) Hydric soil presence and (3) hydrology conditions for a given site. Additionally, to procedures presented in the regional supplemental remote sensing techniques were implemented by acquiring custom aerial imagery for the site using unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for the identification and documentation of elements using geographical information systems (GIS).

Field data was collected within a period of 5 (from February 17 to 21, 2024) days where visual observations and markings were made with Global Position System (GPS) instrumentation (ISXBlue II GPS antenna) connected to Real time Kinematic (RTK) network for the field data collection. Data collected was post-processed (PP) in GIS to developed analysis and visualization products for wetland characterization for the site using the mention attributes.

3.1.2 Preliminary Data Gathering and Assessment

3.1.2.1 NWI Maps

Preliminary data gathering for existing wetland delineation by the USFWS in the NWI was verified via and wetland mapper application and later acquired NWI dataset for PR and the US Virgin Islands (USVI) to visualize existing wetland footprints in comparison to the proposed project footprint. This preliminary data visualization was used in the planning for all field work activities and to identify areas of interest where delimited existing wetlands in the NWI are mapped. Field validation for wetlands mapped in the NWI must be done to incorporate any changes that may have occurred during extended or brief period of times by human-caused or natural conditions.

PEM1F is identified as a Wetland system in the proposed project area and adjacent area. PEM1F delimited footprint was on its majority eliminated by the construction of Condominium Challet Del Mar and bordering private houses. PEM1F footprint was reduced by approximately 1655.10 sq m (51 %). The remaining 1642.46 sq m (49 %) remains as an undeveloped area border lining the rainwater canal/ditch.

3.1.2.2 Hydric Soils Database

Hydric soils are defined as soil that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (USDA Soil

Conservation Service 1994). ⁷United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have developed reports (Soil Surveys) and data (soil maps) to established types of soils and characteristics for most of continental US and PR and the USVI. Preliminary data gathering of soils for the project proposed site was conducted to establish if hydric soils were present at the site, which is one of the three characteristics to wetland identification as specified in the USCOE WDM and supplement. Hydric soil list was collected for PR to evaluate list soils with the NRCS maps and soil survey prior field work. This approach focused on establishing areas of interest where hydric soils characteristics may be present as an indicator of wetlands.

Data for hydric soil maps form the USDA Web Soil Survey (WSS) to establish most current data for the type of soil in the proposed project site area and view hydric classification of the soil identified. The soil identified for the proposed project site area is identified as Igualdad Clay (Ig) and its described as a soil that receives a mean annual precipitation of 70 to 90 inches which can be found in coastal and floodplains with a composition of fine sediments over sands. Ig has properties drainage as poor and frequent flooding with no ponding 8(see **Attachment 2 - Soil Report**).

3.1.2.3 Hydrophytic Vegetation Database

Initial review of USCOE National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) was revised and filtered for the Caribbean Region prior field work activities, the USCOE has available referencing wetland cataloged plants via the NWPL application on the USCOE website. The application facilitates the identification and classification of wetland related plants into the following categories: (1) Obligated Wetland Plants ⁹(OBL), (2) Facultative Wetland Plants ¹⁰ (FACW), (3) Facultative Plants ¹¹ (FAC), (4) Facultative Upland Plants ¹² (FACU) and ((5) Upland Plants ¹³ (UPL).

⁷ Hydric soil definition as defined in USCOE Caribbean Supplement in Section 3 Hydric Soil Indicators. p-23.

⁸ Custom Soil Resource Report for Mayaguez Area, Puerto Rico Western Part – AOI – Ojo de Agua – Parking Lot Extension – Soil Description - p-13.

⁹ Plants that occur almost always (estimated probability >99 percent) in wetlands under natural conditions, but which may also occur rarely (estimated probability <1 percent) in non-wetlands. Examples: Spartina alterniflora, Taxodium distichum.

¹⁰ Plants that occur usually (estimated probability >67 percent to 99 percent) in wetlands Plants but also occur (estimated probability 1 percent to 33 percent) in non-wetlands. Examples: Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Cornus stolonifera. Plants that occur usually (estimated probability >67 percent to 99 percent) in wetlands Plants but also occur (estimated probability 1 percent to 33 percent) in non-wetlands. Examples: Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Cornus stolonifera.

¹¹ Plants with a similar likelihood (estimated probability 33 percent to 67 percent) of occurring in both wetlands and non-wetlands. Examples: Gleditsia triacanthos, Smilax rotundifolia.

¹² Plants that occur sometimes (estimated probability 1 percent to <33 percent) in wetlands. Plants wetlands but occur more often (estimated probability >67 percent to 99 percent) in non-wetlands. Examples: Quercus rubra, Potentilla arguta.

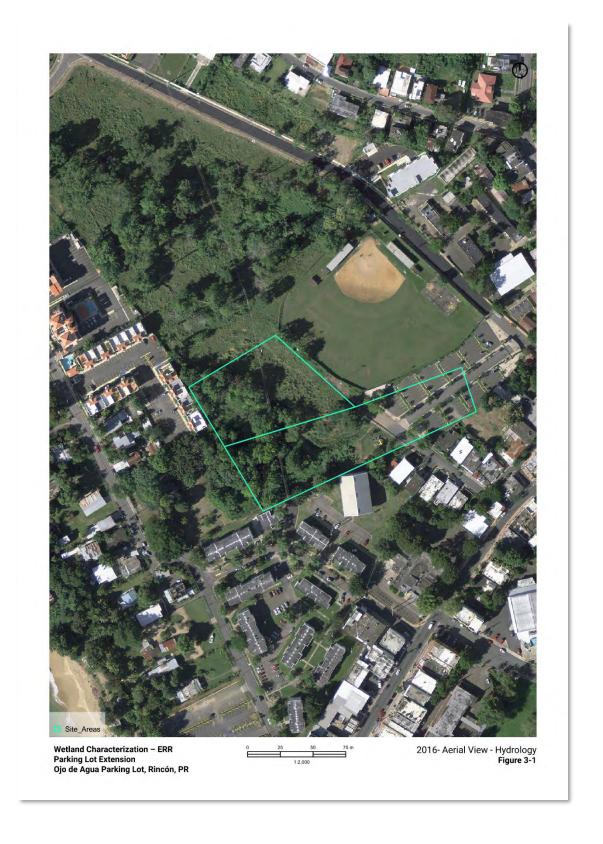
¹³ Plants that occur rarely (estimated probability <1 percent) in wetlands but occur almost always (estimated probability >99 percent) in non-wetlands under natural conditions.

3.1.2.4 Hydrology

United States Geological Survey (USGS) has datasets on orthomosaic aerial imagery for the continental US, PR and the USVI. 2010 high resolution aerial imagery was gathered from USGS datasets to establish and analyze historical conditions for the proposed project site. Also, aerial imagery is used to establish elements in the area such as waterways, adjacent surface waters, coastline, etc. In additions to the historic aerial imagery USGS Topographic quadrangle for the project site area for the identification of any surface water bodies delimited.

Upon review of 2016 aerial imagery for the project site area (**See Figure 3-2**) the rainwater canal / ditch is barely visible and can be observed that the area was populated by low dense vegetations and trees.

FIGURE 3-1 2016 SITE AERIAL VIEW - HYDROLOGY



USGS 2018 Topographic quadrangle "Rincon-OE-W-20181016" (see **Figure 1-1**) shows an identified marsh symbol in the location where NWI locates PEMF1. The topographic quadrangle does not show any waterways or surface waterbodies in the area. Also, floodplain maps were checked via the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

3.1.3 Wetland Characterization Methodology

3.1.3.1 Hydrophytic Vegetation

For the identification of hydrophytic vegetation in the proposed project site the methodology presented in the USCOE WDM, and supplement was used to establish to collect vegetation samples in the proposed project site. The USCOE manual defines hydrophytic vegetation as the community of macrophytes that occurs in areas where inundation or soil saturation is either permanent or of sufficient frequency and duration to influence plant occurrence.¹⁴ Vegetation communities locations were established during the preliminary data gathering utilizing aerial imagery, post-preliminary assessment for location of communities.

Individual baselines were established in S-A1 and S-A2 to establish transects towards the rainwater canal/ditch/ditch to determine wetland vegetation and upland indicator for the existing vegetation in S-A1 and S-A2. Sample points were marked using GPS antenna to document absolute percentages of stratum cover (trees, shrubs, woody vines, herbs) for the area. For each sampling point plots measure in feet (ft) were established following radius in USCOE WDM. The following plot sizes were used for the specified stratum: (1) tree stratum a 30 ft radius plot, (2) shrub stratum a 15 ft radius, (3) herb stratum 5 ft plot radius using 3.28 square plots.

For tree stratum, all trees consisting of three inches (in.) diameter at breast height (DBH) were documented in the field form using scientific notation within the 30 ft radius plot, all sapling and shrubs less than 3 in. and a DBH greater than 3.28 ft were documented,

Due to the size and configuration of S-A1 and S-A2 plot sizes had to be adapted to field conditions and plots were adjusted to fit vegetation communities in these areas. In post-processing of the vegetation data collected the dominance test was used to determine wetland identification.

3.1.3.2 Hydric Soils

WSS was reviewed as part of the preliminary assessment prior commencement of field work activities for identification of hydric soils identified by the USDA NRCS. On site soil characterization was done in S-A1 using Munsell Soil Color Chart, texture and visual observation of the soil in S-A1 and S-A2 were documented for hydric soil indicators.

¹⁴ Hydrophytic vegetation definition from USCOE Regional Supplemment to Wetland Delineation Manual – Caribbean Islands – Section 2 Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators – p-9.

3.1.3.3 Hydrologic Conditions

For identification of hydrology conditions, as mentioned earlier, prior site visits review of aerial imagery and other data sources was done. For verification of onsite hydrology conditions visual observations were taken and mark with GPS antenna throughout the S-A1 and S-A2 documenting any hydrology indicators as defined in the USCOE WDM. All hydrology indicators were documented using field electronic form and photo documented (see **Attachment 3 – Data Forms**).

3.1.3.4 Remote Sensing

Photogrammetry for the proposed project site area was executed using UAS with RTK for georeferencing aerial images within 1cm and 3cm for ground sampling resolution. The georeferenced aerial images capture were post-processed (PPK) to develop a geo-referenced orthomosaic of the proposed project area.

The aerial orthomosaic was used to evaluate and illustrate the project site in during actual conditions in 2024 and to identify any additional wetland indicators and ecological communities that were unreachable during site visits.

3.1.3.5 Boundary Placement Analysis

The rationale used for the placement of boundary locations for wetland were the existing conditions on site including the rainwater canal/ditch and site boundaries delimited in the plot plan by Agrim. Dennis Vargas (Surveyor). Also, field data collected during the site visits to visualize transition areas between wetland areas and upland areas following identified indicators.

The main attributes considered for placement of boundaries in regard to the proposed project location were low elevation areas and high elevation areas within the proposed site topography for the area, properties surrounding the area (public and private) and indicators conditions to meet wetland definition as per USCOE WDM. In most areas the transition between the slope of the rainwater canal/ditch was notable where *Ricinus Communis L.* (Higuereta) and *Megathyrsus maximus* (Jacs.) (Guinea weed) were present as dominant species transitioning to upland vegetation such as *Terminalia catappa* (tropical almond trees) and *Albizia lebbeck* (Acacia amarilla) being the predominant species for S-A1 and S-A2. Also, the presence of *Typha domingensis* (Eneas Weed) in areas where surface water was present. Other factors to determine field boundaries for wetlands were previously recorded locations in the NWI.

Consideration for the area delimited in wetland PEM1F was considered for boundary establishment in regards with the proposed project footprint. All boundary placement have been documented in Figures presented through the document.

4 SITE FINDINGS - WETLAND CHARACTERIZATION

4.1.1 Wetland and Surface Waters S-A1

4.1.1.1 Overview

For S-A1 wetland indicators were identified and delimited this area as Wetland A. Wetland A is not mapped in NWI, Wetland A is shown in **Figure 4-1** and in Sampling point P1 and P2 (see **Attachment 3**). Wetland A is located in in the southwest area of S-A1 and runs perpendicular to the wetland boundary documented for PEM1F located to the west of S-A1, this area appears to be the toe of the rainwater canal/ditch and runs towards the rainwater canal, where elevation for the site is lower and the slope or containment area for the water canal/ditch is reduced to the borderline of the adjacent private property which used for the raising of cattle.

Ponding water and *Typha domingensis* (Enea weed) can be observed in this area with little to no movement of water during regular conditions for the site. The mentioned area is approximately 10 m of the borderline established for phase II in the provided plans. This area is outside the Phase I area of the proposed project.

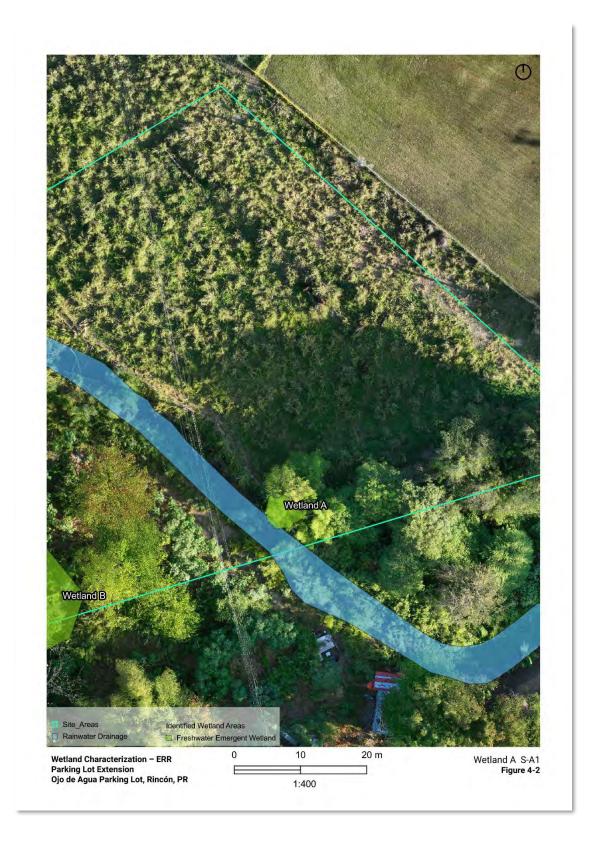
TABLE 4-1 SUB AREA 1 WETLAND SUMMARY

| Name | NWI | Map | Sampling Points | NWI Total | Total Field | Area within |
|-----------|-----|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | ID | (Figure) | (Forms) | Area (Acres) | Area (Acres) | Project (Acres) |
| Wetland A | - | Figure 4-1 | P1 | 0.0 | | 0.00 |

FIGURE 4-1 IDENTIFIED WETLANDS S-A1, S-A2



FIGURE 4-2 WETLAND A S-A1



4.1.1.2 NWI Mapping

NWI does not delineate any wetlands for S-A1 and PEM1F identified wetland is located in S-A2. PEM1F is classified as a freshwater emergent wetland.

4.1.1.3 Ecological Communities

S-A1 is composed of mostly ecological communities for *Albizia lebbeck* as the main dominant species for the tree species in conjunction with Ricinus communis L. and *Megathyrsus maximus (Jacs.)* for upland and upland transitioning species. Small community of *Typha domingensis* can be found in the edge of rainwater canal/ditch in the west side going into the accumulated water in the rainwater canal/ditch into a small patch within the canal. No vine specimens were documented in this area.

FIGURE 4-3 ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES S-A1



4.1.1.4 Sampling Points

4.1.1.4.1 Sampling Point P1 (Wetland Emergent)

Sampling point P1 is located in the west area of S-A1 and it was the first sampling point to be indicative of wetland attributes which resulted in the establishment of the boundary for Wetland A (**Figure 4-2**). Dominant plants observed in P1 included Albizia lebbeck (UPL) in the tree stratum, Ricinus communis L (FACU) in the sapling/shrub stratum and Typha domingensis (OBL) and Megathyrsus maximus (Jacs.) (FACU) in the herb stratum. No specimens were observed in the vine stratum. Primary hydrology indicators observed were surface water (A1) with approximately 4 in. in depth in what appears to be part of the waterway in the canal. Secondary hydrology indicators were not observed in P1. Soil indicators observed were Histosol (A1) and a soil texture of sandy clay with 10 YR 3/1 value in Munsell color chart. No other soil indicators were observed in P1 (see **Attachment 3, P1 Data Form**).

4.1.1.4.2 Sampling Point P2 (Upland)

Sampling Point P2 is located to the upper north of area of S-A1 and it is the closest sampling point to the main road "Calle Ojo de Agua". Dominant plant species observed in this area for the tree stratum were *Terminalia catappa* (UPL), Ricinus communis L. (FACU) for the sapling/shrub stratum and *Malvastrum coromandeliaum* (L.) (FACU) and *Megathyrsus maximus* (Jacq.) (FACU) in the herb stratum. No soil sampling was done in P2, nevertheless visual and color and texture for the soil is consistent with P1 soil sampling. No hydrology indicators were observed in this P2 (see **Attachment 3**, **P2 Data Form**).

FIGURE 4-4 SAMPLING POINT S-A1



4.1.2 Wetland and Surface Waters S-A2

4.1.2.1 Overview

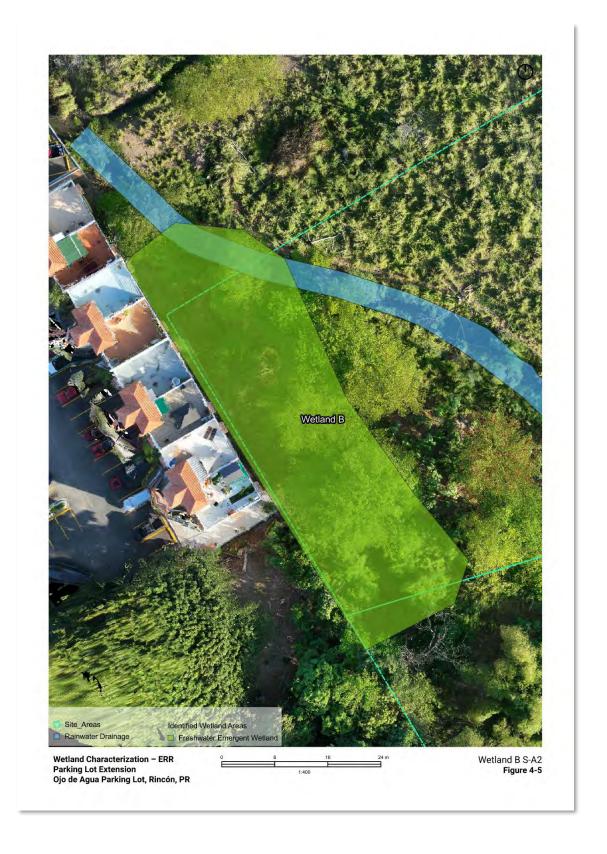
For S-A2 is located to the wests of the rainwater canal/ditch and borders with residential public housing facility Santa Rosa and private housing facility Condominium Challet Del Mar. PEM1F footprint was reduced in approximately 1655.64 sq m (51 %). The remaining Wetland indicators were evaluated for the remaining approximately 1642.46 (49 %) of the original PEM1F footprint. Out of the remaining 49%, approximately seventy-three. 64 (4.4 %) sq m are located within the proposed project area (**See Figure 4-5**).

S-A2 is a low elevation area, and it appears to drain towards the rainwater canal/ditch. Elevation in this area tends to increase in direction towards the main road. Surface water can be observed in the rainwater canal with no evident movement, mostly accumulating to pass under Challet Del Mar Condominium parking lot to drain into the coastline located to the east of S-A2.

TABLE 4-2 SUB-AREA 2 WETLAND SUMMARY

| Name | NWI ID | Map | Sampling Points | NWI Total Area | Total Field | Area within |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | | (Figure) | (Forms) | (Acres) | Area (Acres) | Project (Acres) |
| Wetland B | PEM1F | 4-1 | P3, P4 | 0.81 | 0.40 | 0.01 |

FIGURE 4-5 WETLAND B S-A2



4.1.2.2 NWI Mapping

NWI delineates PEM1F as Freshwater Emergent Wetland, approximately 51 % of PEM1F was lost to construction of Challet Del Mar Condominium and private housing and 49 % of the original footprint delineated in NWI remains in S-A2 as described in the section above (**See Figure 4-5**).

4.1.2.3 Ecological Communities

S-A2 is composed of mostly ecological communities for *Terminalia catappa* is the main dominant species for the tree species in conjunction with *Ricinus communis L* (FACU). in the sapling/shrub stratum and *Cenchrus echinatus* (UPL) in the herb stratum for upland and upland transitioning species. *Terminalia catappa* (FACU) can be found bordering all of the rainwater canal/ditch all the way upland in direction of the main access road. A *Ricinus communis L* (FACU). patch can be observed in the upper middle of S-A2. A small community of *Typha domingensis* (OBL) can be observed in the rainwater canal/ditch. No vine specimens were documented in this area (**See Figure 4-6**).

FIGURE 4-6 ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES S-A2



4.1.2.4 Sampling Points

4.1.2.4.1 Sampling Point P3 (Emergent)

Sampling Point P3 is located in the northeast area of S-A2 within PEM1F boundary, and it is an emergent wetland as delineated in the NWI (see **Attachment 3, P3 Data Form**),dominant plant species in the tree stratum *Terminalia catappa* (FACU) and *Cenchrus echinatus* (UPL) in the herbaceous stratum. No primary or secondary hydrology indicators were observed in P3. Nonetheless, low elevation for the area in combination with the rainwater canal/ditch configuration gives the impression that the area floods during significant rain events, which may present favorable conditions for the emergent wetland to continue developing. No plants for the vine stratum were identified for P3. No soil sample holes were dug in this area due to access limitations, but soil texture and surface color is consistent with P1 soil sample observations.

4.1.2.4.2 Sampling Point P4 (Upland)

Sampling Point P4 is located near the center of S-A2 border lining with the rainwater canal/ditch. Dominant species found in P3 include *Ricinus communis L*.(FACU) in the sapling/ shrub stratum and *Cynodon nlemfuensis* (UPL) and *Typha domingensis* (OBL) in the herb stratum. Although *Typha domingensis* (OBL) was identified in a small patch in the area, all specimens are contained within the rainwater canal/ditch at a lower elevation from the upland species. As mentioned in previous sections, topography for the site has been altered and the original toe of the canal/ditch bank is difficult to identify. As a conservative approach species, it has been documented to be considered. No plants for the tree stratum and vine stratum were identified for P4. No soil sample holes were dug in this area due to access limitations, but soil texture and surface color is consistent with P1 soil sample observations (see **Attachment 3, P4 Data Form**).

FIGURE 4-7 SAMPLING POINTS S-A2



5 CONCLUSIONS

5.1 WETLAND CHARACTERIZATION SUMMARY

This report identifies wetland characteristics for the proposed site project to facilitate the decision-making process for the ERR for the proposed action regarding the evaluation of potential impacts to wetland resources and the mandate established in EO11990 for wetland protection.

The report integrates data from fieldwork and other existing resources such as NWI maps, aerial imagery, surface water maps, etc. Two areas were designated as study areas for identifying wetland resources (S-A1, S-A2) within the proposed site. Two wetlands were identified: (1) Wetland 1 in S-A1 and (2) PEM1F, a wetland included in the NWI, although its delineated footprint has been reduced by approximately 51%. Nevertheless, the remaining 49% of the area designated as PEM1F still exhibits wetland characteristics.

Wetland 1, a small area in S-A1, was not delineated, but three main indicators for the presence of wetland were identified as established in the USCOE WDM. Wetland 1 lies outside the boundaries of the project site. Wetland 2, delineated in NWI, has experienced area loss but still displays wetland characteristics, although most of the vegetation present is classified as FACU or UPL. Less than 0.01 acres of the area are within the proposed project area boundary.

5.2 RECOMMENDATION

As mentioned, Wetland 1 it is out of the boundaries of the proposed project area and no action needs to be taken, with the proposed project with exemption of the establishment of sediment and erosion controls for the prevention of sediment discharges and deposition.

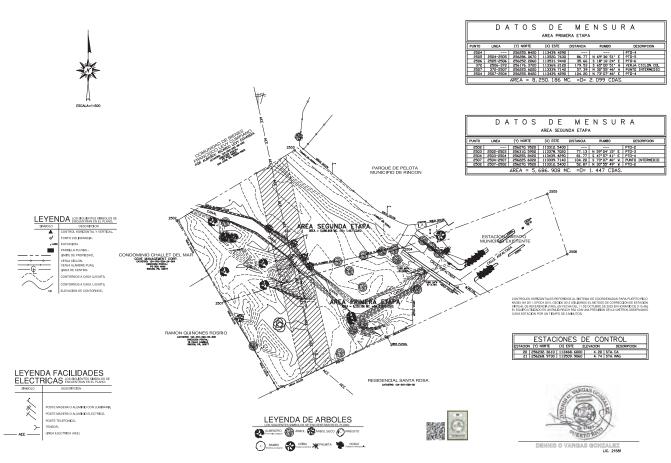
Wetland 2 has an area of 0.01 acres within the proposed project area, its recommended to adjust the proposed project footprint to maintain existing condition of the wetland. Redistribution of parking spaces 27 through 30 (see **Attachment 1 – Proposed Site Plan**) may be converted buffer zone, green open space or other feasible alternative that the designer may propose to retain existing conditions and area for PEM1F. Also, sediment and erosion controls have to be implemented for the prevention of sediment discharges and deposition during construction phases and operation.

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ATTACHMENT 1 PLOT PLANS & DESIGN DRAWINGS



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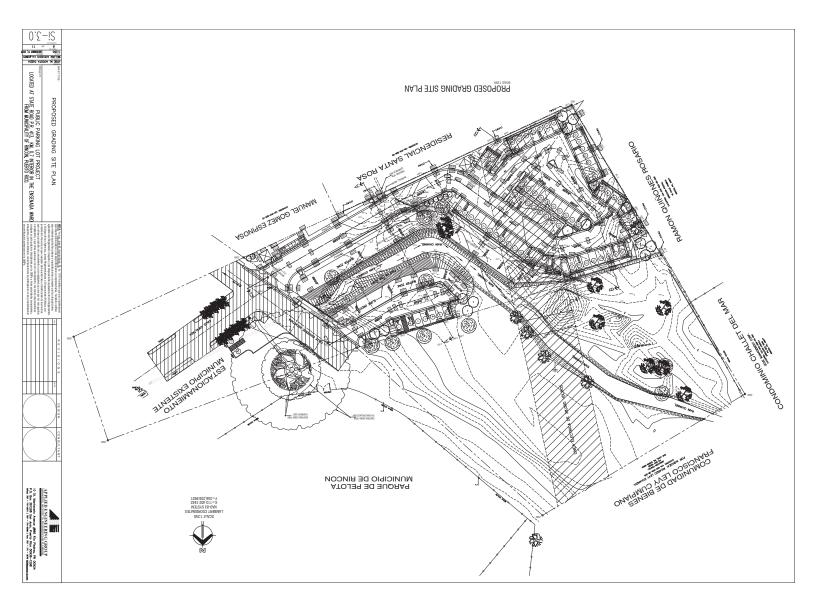
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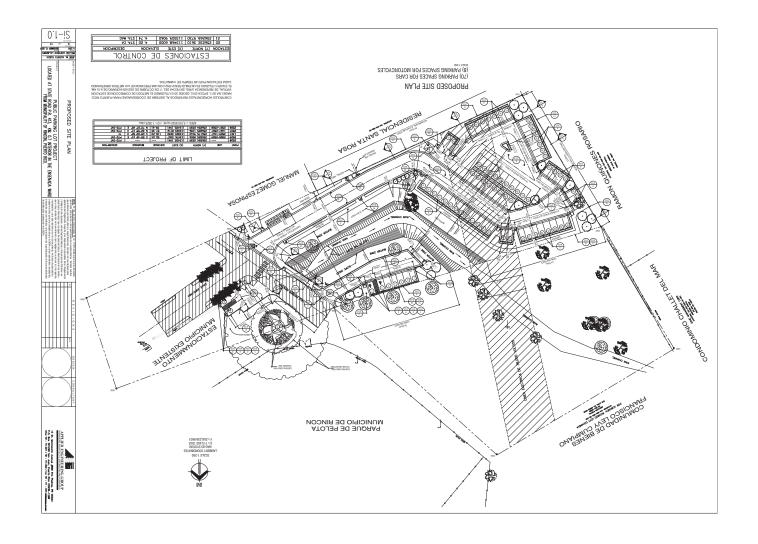
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ATTACHMENT 2 USDA SOIL REPORT & HYDRIC SOIL MAP



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Custom Soil Resource Report for Mayaguez Area, Puerto Rico Western Part

AOI - Ojo De Agua - Parking Lot Exstension



Preface

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2 053951).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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How Soil Surveys Are Made

Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

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scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

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identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

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MAP INFORMATION

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Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

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Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jan 23, 2022—Mar 1, 2022

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

| Map Unit Symbol Map Unit Name | | Acres in AOI | Percent of AOI | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| Ig | Igualdad clay | 3.0 | 96.0% | |
| UI Urban land | | 0.1 | 4.0% | |
| Totals for Area of Interest | | 3.1 | 100.0% | |

Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however,

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onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An association is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

Mayaguez Area, Puerto Rico Western Part

Ig-Igualdad clay

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: bysy

Elevation: 10 to 200 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 70 to 90 inches Mean annual air temperature: 77 to 79 degrees F

Frost-free period: 365 days

Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Igualdad and similar soils: 100 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Igualdad

Setting

Landform: Coastal plains, flood plains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Down-slope shape: Convex, linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Fine textured sediments over sands

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 4 inches: clay

H2 - 4 to 24 inches: clay

H3 - 24 to 30 inches: sandy clay H4 - 30 to 60 inches: sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 2 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Poorly drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low (0.01 to

0.14 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 6 to 30 inches

Frequency of flooding: Frequent Frequency of ponding: None

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3w

Hydrologic Soil Group: C/D Hydric soil rating: Yes

UI—Urban land

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2yg1h Frost-free period: 365 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Urban land: 100 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Urban Land

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 8

Hydric soil rating: No

Soil Information for All Uses

Suitabilities and Limitations for Use

The Suitabilities and Limitations for Use section includes various soil interpretations displayed as thematic maps with a summary table for the soil map units in the selected area of interest. A single value or rating for each map unit is generated by aggregating the interpretive ratings of individual map unit components. This aggregation process is defined for each interpretation.

Land Classifications

Land Classifications are specified land use and management groupings that are assigned to soil areas because combinations of soil have similar behavior for specified practices. Most are based on soil properties and other factors that directly influence the specific use of the soil. Example classifications include ecological site classification, farmland classification, irrigated and nonirrigated land capability classification, and hydric rating.

Hydric Rating by Map Unit

This rating indicates the percentage of map units that meets the criteria for hydric soils. Map units are composed of one or more map unit components or soil types, each of which is rated as hydric soil or not hydric. Map units that are made up dominantly of hydric soils may have small areas of minor nonhydric components in the higher positions on the landform, and map units that are made up dominantly of nonhydric soils may have small areas of minor hydric components in the lower positions on the landform. Each map unit is rated based on its respective components and the percentage of each component within the map unit.

The thematic map is color coded based on the composition of hydric components. The five color classes are separated as 100 percent hydric components, 66 to 99 percent hydric components, 33 to 65 percent hydric components, 1 to 32 percent hydric components, and less than one percent hydric components.

In Web Soil Survey, the Summary by Map Unit table that is displayed below the map pane contains a column named 'Rating'. In this column the percentage of each map unit that is classified as hydric is displayed.

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Hydric soils are defined by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTCHS) as soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (Federal Register, 1994). Under natural conditions, these soils are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation.

The NTCHS definition identifies general soil properties that are associated with wetness. In order to determine whether a specific soil is a hydric soil or nonhydric soil, however, more specific information, such as information about the depth and duration of the water table, is needed. Thus, criteria that identify those estimated soil properties unique to hydric soils have been established (Federal Register, 2002). These criteria are used to identify map unit components that normally are associated with wetlands. The criteria used are selected estimated soil properties that are described in "Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 1999) and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 2006) and in the "Soil Survey Manual" (Soil Survey Division Staff, 1993).

If soils are wet enough for a long enough period of time to be considered hydric, they should exhibit certain properties that can be easily observed in the field. These visible properties are indicators of hydric soils. The indicators used to make onsite determinations of hydric soils are specified in "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (Hurt and Vasilas, 2006).

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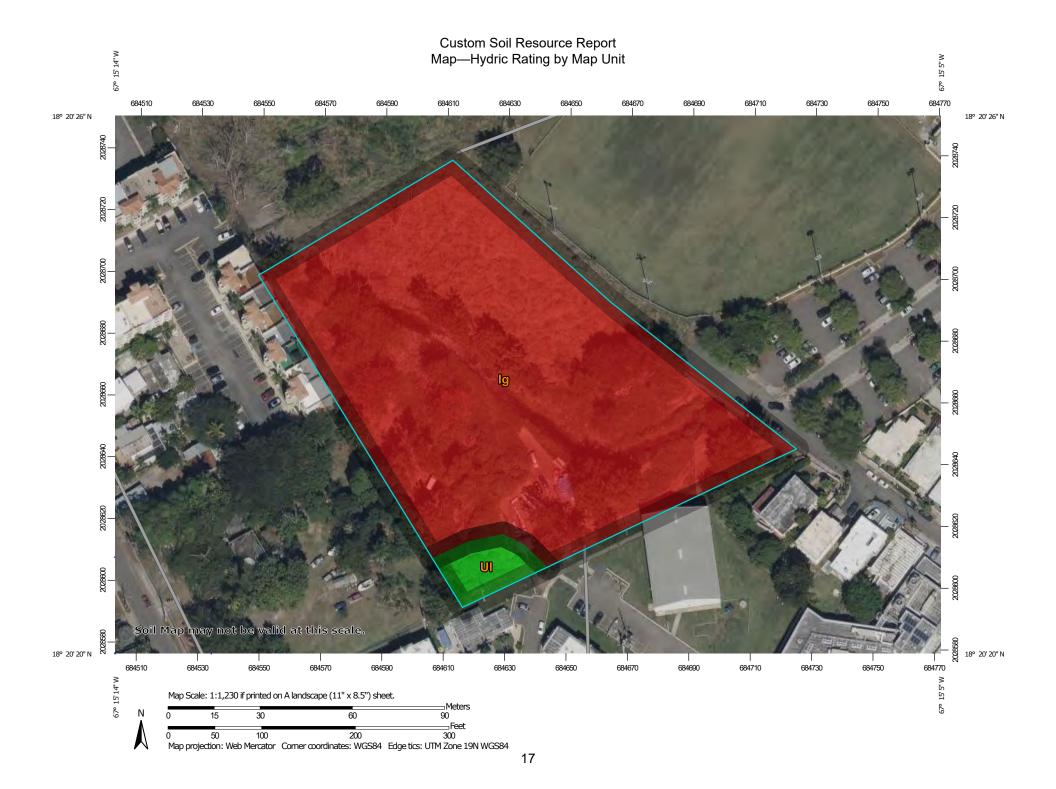
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MAP LEGEND

Rails

US Routes

Major Roads

Local Roads

Interstate Highways

Aerial Photography

Area of Interest (AOI) Transportation Area of Interest (AOI) Soils Soil Rating Polygons Hydric (100%) Hydric (66 to 99%) \sim Hydric (33 to 65%) Background Hydric (1 to 32%) Not Hydric (0%) Not rated or not available Soil Rating Lines Hydric (100%) Hydric (66 to 99%) Hydric (33 to 65%) Hydric (1 to 32%) Not Hydric (0%) Not rated or not available **Soil Rating Points** Hydric (100%) Hydric (66 to 99%) Hydric (33 to 65%) Hydric (1 to 32%) Not Hydric (0%) Not rated or not available **Water Features**

Streams and Canals

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Table—Hydric Rating by Map Unit

| Map unit symbol | Map unit name | Rating | Acres in AOI | Percent of AOI |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|----------------|
| Ig | Igualdad clay | 100 | 3.0 | 96.0% |
| UI | Urban land | 0 | 0.1 | 4.0% |
| Totals for Area of Interest | | | 3.1 | 100.0% |

Rating Options—Hydric Rating by Map Unit

Aggregation Method: Percent Present

Aggregation is the process by which a set of component attribute values is reduced to a single value that represents the map unit as a whole.

A map unit is typically composed of one or more "components". A component is either some type of soil or some nonsoil entity, e.g., rock outcrop. For the attribute being aggregated, the first step of the aggregation process is to derive one attribute value for each of a map unit's components. From this set of component attributes, the next step of the aggregation process derives a single value that represents the map unit as a whole. Once a single value for each map unit is derived, a thematic map for soil map units can be rendered. Aggregation must be done because, on any soil map, map units are delineated but components are not.

For each of a map unit's components, a corresponding percent composition is recorded. A percent composition of 60 indicates that the corresponding component typically makes up approximately 60% of the map unit. Percent composition is a critical factor in some, but not all, aggregation methods.

The aggregation method "Percent Present" returns the cumulative percent composition of all components of a map unit for which a certain condition is true. For example, attribute "Hydric Rating by Map Unit" returns the cumulative percent composition of all components of a map unit where the corresponding hydric rating is "Yes". Conditions may be simple or complex. At runtime, the user may be able to specify all, some or none of the conditions in question.

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Components whose percent composition is below the cutoff value will not be considered. If no cutoff value is specified, all components in the database will be considered. The data for some contrasting soils of minor extent may not be in the database, and therefore are not considered.

Tie-break Rule: Lower

The tie-break rule indicates which value should be selected from a set of multiple candidate values, or which value should be selected in the event of a percent composition tie.

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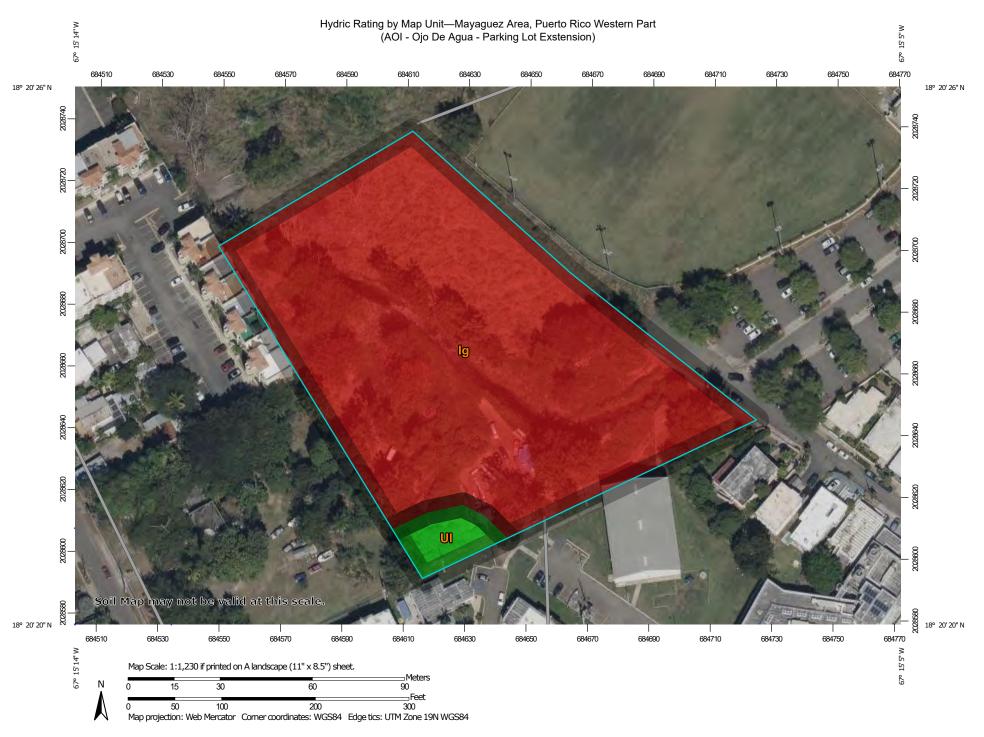
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Soil Rating Points

Water Features

Hydric (100%)

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The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20.000.

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Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Mayaguez Area, Puerto Rico Western Part Survey Area Data: Version 19, Sep 13, 2023

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jan 23, 2022—Mar 1, 2022

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Hydric Rating by Map Unit

| Map unit symbol | Map unit name | Rating | Acres in AOI | Percent of AOI |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|----------------|
| Ig | Igualdad clay | 100 | 3.0 | 96.0% |
| UI | Urban land | 0 | 0.1 | 4.0% |
| Totals for Area of Interest | | | 3.1 | 100.0% |

Description

This rating indicates the percentage of map units that meets the criteria for hydric soils. Map units are composed of one or more map unit components or soil types, each of which is rated as hydric soil or not hydric. Map units that are made up dominantly of hydric soils may have small areas of minor nonhydric components in the higher positions on the landform, and map units that are made up dominantly of nonhydric soils may have small areas of minor hydric components in the lower positions on the landform. Each map unit is rated based on its respective components and the percentage of each component within the map unit.

The thematic map is color coded based on the composition of hydric components. The five color classes are separated as 100 percent hydric components, 66 to 99 percent hydric components, 33 to 65 percent hydric components, 1 to 32 percent hydric components, and less than one percent hydric components.

In Web Soil Survey, the Summary by Map Unit table that is displayed below the map pane contains a column named 'Rating'. In this column the percentage of each map unit that is classified as hydric is displayed.

Hydric soils are defined by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTCHS) as soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (Federal Register, 1994). Under natural conditions, these soils are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation.

The NTCHS definition identifies general soil properties that are associated with wetness. In order to determine whether a specific soil is a hydric soil or nonhydric soil, however, more specific information, such as information about the depth and duration of the water table, is needed. Thus, criteria that identify those estimated soil properties unique to hydric soils have been established (Federal Register, 2002). These criteria are used to identify map unit components that normally are associated with wetlands. The criteria used are selected estimated soil properties that are described in "Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 1999) and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 2006) and in the "Soil Survey Manual" (Soil Survey Division Staff, 1993).

If soils are wet enough for a long enough period of time to be considered hydric, they should exhibit certain properties that can be easily observed in the field. These visible properties are indicators of hydric soils. The indicators used to make onsite determinations of hydric soils are specified in "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (Hurt and Vasilas, 2006).

References:

Federal Register. July 13, 1994. Changes in hydric soils of the United States.

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Soil Survey Staff. 1999. Soil taxonomy: A basic system of soil classification for making and interpreting soil surveys. 2nd edition. Natural Resources Conservation Service. U.S. Department of Agriculture Handbook 436.

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Rating Options

Aggregation Method: Percent Present

Aggregation is the process by which a set of component attribute values is reduced to a single value that represents the map unit as a whole.

A map unit is typically composed of one or more "components". A component is either some type of soil or some nonsoil entity, e.g., rock outcrop. For the attribute being aggregated, the first step of the aggregation process is to derive one attribute value for each of a map unit's components. From this set of component attributes, the next step of the aggregation process derives a single value that represents the map unit as a whole. Once a single value for each map unit is derived, a thematic map for soil map units can be rendered. Aggregation must be done because, on any soil map, map units are delineated but components are not.

For each of a map unit's components, a corresponding percent composition is recorded. A percent composition of 60 indicates that the corresponding component typically makes up approximately 60% of the map unit. Percent composition is a critical factor in some, but not all, aggregation methods.

The aggregation method "Percent Present" returns the cumulative percent composition of all components of a map unit for which a certain condition is true. For example, attribute "Hydric Rating by Map Unit" returns the cumulative percent composition of all components of a map unit where the corresponding hydric rating is "Yes". Conditions may be simple or complex. At runtime, the user may be able to specify all, some or none of the conditions in question.

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Components whose percent composition is below the cutoff value will not be considered. If no cutoff value is specified, all components in the database will be considered. The data for some contrasting soils of minor extent may not be in the database, and therefore are not considered.

Tie-break Rule: Lower

The tie-break rule indicates which value should be selected from a set of multiple candidate values, or which value should be selected in the event of a percent composition tie.

ATTACHMENT 3 DATA FIELD FORMS

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - CARIBBEAN ISLANDS REGION

| Crea | ted |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| () | 2/21/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
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| Upda | nted |
| () | 3/11/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
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| Loca | tion |
| 9 | 18.339753, -67.252704 |
| | |
| Proje | ct |
| â | Wetland Characterization - |
| | Construction of Parking Lot |
| | Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, |
| | Rincon, PR |

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Site Name | Wetland Characterization - Construction of Parking Lot Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, Rincon, PR |
|--|---|
| Site ID | WD-01-RIN |
| Municipality | Rincon |
| Applicant | Applied Engineering Group |
| Location | PR |
| Investigator | Elvin Roldan |
| Sampling Date | February 21, 2024 |
| Soil Map Unit Name | lg |
| NWI Classification | Freshwater Emergent Wetland |
| Are climatic / hydrologic condition on site typical for this time of year? | Yes |
| If no, explain remarks. | N/A |
| Are Vegetation significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Soil significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Hydrology significantly disturbed? | No |

SAMPLE POINT INFORMATION

| Sample Point ID | P1 |
|-----------------|----|
| | |

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| Latitude: | 18.339752, |
|-----------|----------------|
| Longitude | -67.252703 |
| Datum | WGS84 |
| Cadaster | 124-000-005-38 |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? | Yes |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Hydric Soil Present? | Yes |
| Wetland Hydrology Present? | Yes |

VEGETATION Plot Size Tree Stratum Absolute **Dominant** Indicator Name Cover (%) **Species Status** UPL 1. Albizia lebbeck 40 Yes 2. 3. 4. 5. Sapling/ Shrub Stratum **Plot Size** Absolute Dominant Indicator Name **Species** Cover (%) Status 1. Ricinus communis L. 30 Yes FACU 2. 3. 4. 5. **Herb Stratum Plot Size** Name Absolute Dominant Indicator Cover (%) **Species** Status 1. Megathyrsus maximus (Jacs.) 60 Yes **FACU** 40 2. Typha domingensis Yes OBL 3. 4.

5.

| Woody Vine Stratum | Plot Size | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |

DOMINANCE TEST WORKED SHEET

| Number of Dominant Species That Are 0BL, FACW, or FAC: | 1 | (A) |
|--|------|-------|
| Total Number of Dominant Species Across Ali Strata: | 4 | (B) |
| Percent of Dominant Species That .Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 0.25 | (A/B) |

PREVALENCE INDEX WORKSHEET

| Total % Cover Of: | | | iply by | : | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----|---------|---|-----|--|
| | | | | | | |
| OBL | Species | 40 | X | 1 | 60 | |
| FACW | Species | 0 | Χ | 2 | 0 | |
| FAC | Species | 0 | Χ | 3 | 0 | |
| FACU | Species | 90 | Χ | 4 | 360 | |
| UPL | Species | 40 | Χ | 5 | 200 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Column | Column Totals 170 620 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Prevalence Index (B/A) 0.364 | | | | | | |

HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION INDICATORS

| Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation | Yes |
|---|-----|
| Dominance Test is >50% | No |
| Prevalence index is :,3.01 | No |
| Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) | No |
| | |
| | |
| Hydrophytic Vegetation | Yes |
| Present? | |

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

SOIL

| | Matrix | | Redux Fe | atures | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----|-------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| Depth (in.) | Color Moist | % | Type ¹ | Loc ² | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-8 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | М | Sandy | |
| 8-16 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | М | Sandy | |
| | | | | | | |

 $^{^{1}}$ Type: C = Concentration, D = Depletion, RM = Reduced Matrix, MS = Masked Grains

HYDRIC SOIL INDICATORS

| Indicator | Presence | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | |
| Histosol (A1) | Yes | | | | |
| Histic Epipedon (A2) | No | | | | |
| Black Histic (A3) | No | | | | |
| Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) | No | | | | |
| Organic Bodies (A6) | No | | | | |
| 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) | No | | | | |
| Muck Presence (A8) | No | | | | |
| Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) | No | | | | |
| Thick Dark Surface (A12) | No | | | | |
| Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) | No | | | | |
| Sandy Redox (S5) | No | | | | |
| Stripped Matrix (S6) | No | | | | |
| Dark Surface (S7) | No | | | | |
| Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) | No | | | | |
| Depleted Matrix (F3 | No | | | | |
| Redox Dark Surface (F6) | No | | | | |
| Depleted Dark Surface (F7) | No | | | | |
| Redox Depressions (F8) | No | | | | |
| Stratified Layers (A5) | No | | | | |
| Red Paren! Material (F21) | No | | | | |
| Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) | No | | | | |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No | | | | |

²Location = PL = Poor Lining, M= matrix

| Restrictive Layer (if observed): | |
|---|--------------------|
| Туре | |
| Depth (in.) | |
| | |
| Remarks: | |
| Organic material observed in first 6 in. of the horizon indic | ative of histosol. |

HYDROLOGY

| Primary Indicators | Present | Secondary Indicators | Present |
|--|---------|---|---------|
| | | | |
| Surface Water (A1) | Yes | Surface Soil Cracks (B6) | No |
| High Water Table (A2) | No | Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | No |
| Saturation (A3) | No | Drainage Patterns (B10) | No |
| Water Marks (B1 | No | Dry-Season Water Table (C2) | No |
| Sediment Deposits (B2) | No | Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) | No |
| Drift Deposits (B3) | No | Geomorphic Position (D2) | No |
| Algal Mal or Crust (B4) | No | Shallow Aquitard (D3) | No |
| lron Deposits (B5) | No | FAC-Neutral Test (D5) | No |
| lnundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) | No | | |
| Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | No | | |
| Aquatic Fauna (B13) | No | | |
| Hydrogen Sulfide Odor(C1) | No | | |
| Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) | No | | |
| Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) | No | | |
| Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) | No | | |
| Thin Muck Surface (C7) | No | | |
| Fiddler Crab Burrows (C1O) | No | | |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No | | |

Field Observations

| Surface Water Present? | Yes | Depth (in.) 4 | |
|---|-----|---------------|--|
| Water Table Present? | No | Depth (in.) | |
| Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) | No | Depth (in.) | |

| Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), If available | | Describ | oe F | Record | led | Data | (stream | gaug | e, moni | toring v | vell, | aerial | photo | os, prev | ious | inspect | ions) | , If | i avai | lab | ıle: |
|---|--|---------|------|--------|-----|------|---------|------|---------|----------|-------|--------|-------|----------|------|---------|-------|------|--------|-----|------|
|---|--|---------|------|--------|-----|------|---------|------|---------|----------|-------|--------|-------|----------|------|---------|-------|------|--------|-----|------|

| R | ρ | m | а | r | k | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

| Surface water present at low point accumulated or ponding, no relative movement of water downstream. | |
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| | |
| NOTES | |
| Additional Notes: | |
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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - CARIBBEAN ISLANDS REGION

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| () | 2/21/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
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| () | 3/10/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
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| 8 | 18.339753, -67.252704 |
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| Proje | ect |
| | Wetland Characterization - |
| | Construction of Parking Lot |
| | Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, |
| | Rincon, PR |

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Site Name | Wetland Characterization - Construction of Parking Lot Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, Rincon, PR |
|--|---|
| Site ID | WD-01-RIN |
| Municipality | Rincón |
| Applicant | Applied Engineering Group |
| Location | PR |
| Investigator | Elvin Roldan |
| Sampling Date | February 21, 2024 |
| Soil Map Unit Name | lg |
| NWI Classification | Freshwater Emergent Wetland |
| Are climatic / hydrologic condition on site typical for this time of year? | Yes |
| If no, explain remarks. | N/A |
| Are Vegetation significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Soil significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Hydrology significantly disturbed? | No |

SAMPLE POINT INFORMATION

| Sample Point ID | P2 |
|-----------------|----|
| | |

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| Latitude: | |
|-----------|----------------|
| Longitude | |
| Datum | WGS84 |
| Cadaster | 124-000-005-38 |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? | No |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Hydric Soil Present? | Yes |
| Wetland Hydrology Present? | No |

| <i>,</i> – | GETATION | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tree Stratum Name | | Plot Size | 30 | |
| | | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Terminalia catappa | 20 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | Albizia lebbeck | 40 | Yes | UPL |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| Sa | pling/ Shrub Stratum | Plot Size | 15 | |
| Name | | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Ricinus communis L. | 20 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| Herb Stratum | | Plot Size | 5 | |
| Na | me | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Malvastrum coromandeliaum (L.) | 60 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | Megathyrsus maximus (Jacq.) | 30 | Yes | FACU |
| 3. | 2 , , , , | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |

| Woody Vine Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Indicator Species Status | |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |

DOMINANCE TEST WORKED SHEET

| Number of Dominant Species That Are 0BL, FACW, or FAC: | 0 | (A) |
|--|---|-------|
| Total Number of Dominant Species Across Ali Strata: | 5 | (B) |
| Percent of Dominant Species That .Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 0 | (A/B) |

PREVALENCE INDEX WORKSHEET

| Total % | Mult | Multiply by: | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|--------------|------|---|-----|--|
| | | | | | | |
| OBL | Species | 0 | X | 1 | 0 | |
| FACW | Species | 0 | Χ | 2 | 0 | |
| FAC | Species | 0 | Х | 3 | 0 | |
| FACU | Species | 130 | Χ | 4 | 520 | |
| UPL | Species | 40 | Х | 5 | 200 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Column Totals | | 170 | 170 | | 620 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Prevalence Index (B/A) | | | 3.64 | | | |

HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION INDICATORS

| Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation | No |
|---|----|
| Dominance Test is >50% | No |
| Prevalence index is :< 3.01 | No |
| Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) | No |
| | |
| | |
| Hydrophytic Vegetation | No |
| Present? | |

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

SOIL

| | Matrix | | Redux Features | | |
|-------------|-------------|---|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Depth (in.) | Color Moist | % | Type ¹ Loc ² | Texture | Remarks |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

¹Type: C = Concentration, D = Depletion, RM = Reduced Matrix, MS = Masked Grains

HYDRIC SOIL INDICATORS

| Indicator | Presence |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | |
| Histosol (A1) | No |
| Histic Epipedon (A2) | No |
| Black Histic (A3) | No |
| Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) | No |
| Organic Bodies (A6) | No |
| 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) | No |
| Muck Presence (A8) | No |
| Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) | No |
| Thick Dark Surface (A12) | No |
| Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) | No |
| Sandy Redox (S5) | No |
| Stripped Matrix (S6) | No |
| Dark Surface (S7) | No |
| Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) | No |
| Depleted Matrix (F3 | No |
| Redox Dark Surface (F6) | No |
| Depleted Dark Surface (F7) | No |
| Redox Depressions (F8) | No |
| Stratified Layers (A5) | No |
| Red Paren! Material (F21) | No |
| Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) | No |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No |

²Location = PL = Poor Lining, M= matrix

| Restrictive Layer (if | observed): |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Туре | |
| Denth (in) | |

Remarks:

No hole for viewing soil horizons or indicators was done in this sampling point, all area is identified as hydric soil Ig by USDA NRCS soil report. Field verification was done on P1. Indicator A1 (Histosol) was confirmed.

HYDROLOGY

| Primary Indicators | Present | Secondary Indicators | Present |
|--|---------|---|---------|
| | | | |
| Surface Water (A1) | No | Surface Soil Cracks (B6) | No |
| High Water Table (A2) | No | Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | No |
| Saturation (A3) | No | Drainage Patterns (B10) | No |
| Water Marks (B1) | No | Dry-Season Water Table (C2) | No |
| Sediment Deposits (B2) | No | Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) | No |
| Drift Deposits (B3) | No | Geomorphic Position (D2) | No |
| Algal Mal or Crust (B4) | No | Shallow Aquitard (D3) | No |
| Iron Deposits (B5) | No | FAC-Neutral Test (D5) | No |
| lnundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) | No | | |
| Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | No | | |
| Aquatic Fauna (B13) | No | | |
| Hydrogen Sulfide Odor(C1) | No | | |
| Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) | No | | |
| Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) | No | | |
| Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) | No | | |
| Thin Muck Surface (C7) | No | | |
| Fiddler Crab Burrows (C1O) | No | | |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No | | |

Field Observations

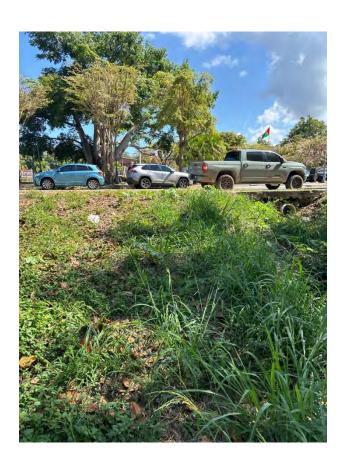
| Surface Water Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
|--|----|-------------|
| Water Table Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) | No | Depth (in.) |

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), If available:

| Remarks: | | |
|-------------------|--|--|
| N/A | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| NOTES | | |
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| Additional Notes: | | |
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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - CARIBBEAN ISLANDS REGION

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| () | 2/21/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
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| Upda | ated |
| () | 3/10/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
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| Loca | tion |
| 8 | 18.339957, -67.253300 |
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| Proje | ct |
| 2 | Wetland Characterization - |
| | Construction of Parking Lot |
| | Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, |
| | Rincon, PR |

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Site Name | Wetland Characterization - Construction of Parking Lot Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, Rincon, PR |
|--|---|
| Site ID | WD-01-RIN |
| Municipality | Rincón |
| Applicant | Applied Engineering Group |
| Location | PR |
| Investigator | Elvin Roldan |
| Sampling Date | February 21, 2024 |
| Soil Map Unit Name | lg |
| NWI Classification | Freshwater Emergent Wetland |
| Are climatic / hydrologic condition on site typical for this time of year? | Yes |
| If no, explain remarks. | N/A |
| Are Vegetation significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Soil significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Hydrology significantly disturbed? | No |

SAMPLE POINT INFORMATION

| Sample Point ID | 3 |
|-----------------|---|
|-----------------|---|

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| Latitude: | |
|-----------|----------------|
| Longitude | |
| Datum | WGS84 |
| Cadaster | 124-000-005-38 |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? | No |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Hydric Soil Present? | Yes |
| Wetland Hydrology Present? | No |

| Tree Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tioc octatum | 1 101 3126 | 30 | |
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. Terminalia catappa | 80 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Sapling/ Shrub Stratum | Plot Size | 15 | |
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Herb Stratum | Plot Size | 5 | |
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| Cenchrus echinatus | 40 | Yes | UPL |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |

| Woody Vine Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | 30 | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status | | |
| 1. | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | |

DOMINANCE TEST WORKED SHEET

| Number of Dominant Species That Are 0BL, FACW, or FAC: | 0 | (A) |
|--|---|-------|
| Total Number of Dominant Species Across Ali Strata: | 2 | (B) |
| Percent of Dominant Species That .Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 0 | (A/B) |

PREVALENCE INDEX WORKSHEET

| Total % | Total % Cover Of: Multiply by: | | | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----|---|---|------|
| | | | | | |
| OBL | Species | 0 | X | 1 | 0 |
| FACW | Species | 0 | Х | 2 | 0 |
| FAC | Species | 0 | Х | 3 | 0 |
| FACU | Species | 80 | Х | 4 | 320 |
| UPL | Species | 40 | Х | 5 | 200 |
| | | | | | |
| Column | n Totals | 120 | | | 520 |
| | | | | | |
| Prevale | nce Index (B/A) | | | | 4.33 |

HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION INDICATORS

| No |
|----|
| No |
| No |
| No |
| |
| |
| No |
| |
| |

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

SOIL

| | Matrix | | Redux Fea | tures | | |
|-------------|-------------|---|-------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| Depth (in.) | Color Moist | % | Type ¹ | Loc ² | Texture | Remarks |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

 $^{^{1}}$ Type: C = Concentration, D = Depletion, RM = Reduced Matrix, MS = Masked Grains

HYDRIC SOIL INDICATORS

| Indicator | Presence |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | |
| Histosol (A1) | No |
| Histic Epipedon (A2) | No |
| Black Histic (A3) | No |
| Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) | No |
| Organic Bodies (A6) | No |
| 5 cm Mucky Mineral (A7) | No |
| Muck Presence (A8) | No |
| Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) | No |
| Thick Dark Surface (A12) | No |
| Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) | No |
| Sandy Redox (S5) | No |
| Stripped Matrix (S6) | No |
| Dark Surface (S7) | No |
| Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) | No |
| Depleted Matrix (F3 | No |
| Redox Dark Surface (F6) | No |
| Depleted Dark Surface (F7) | No |
| Redox Depressions (F8) | No |
| Stratified Layers (A5) | No |
| Red Paren! Material (F21) | No |
| Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) | No |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No |

²Location = PL = Poor Lining, M= matrix

| Restrictive Layer (if | f observed): |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Туре | |
| Depth (in.) | |

Remarks:

No hole for viewing soil horizons or indicators was done in this sampling point, all area is identified as hydric soil Ig by USDA NRCS soil report. Field verification was done on P1. Indicator A1 (Histosol) was confirmed. Observations for surface soil consistency and texture are consisted with sample taken on P1.

HYDROLOGY

| Primary Indicators | Present | Secondary Indicators | Present | |
|--|---------|---|---------|--|
| | | | | |
| Surface Water (A1) | No | Surface Soil Cracks (B6) | No | |
| High Water Table (A2) | No | Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | No | |
| Saturation (A3) | No | Drainage Patterns (B10) | No | |
| Water Marks (B1 | No | Dry-Season Water Table (C2) | No | |
| Sediment Deposits (B2) | No | Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) | No | |
| Drift Deposits (B3) | No | Geomorphic Position (D2) | No | |
| Algal Mal or Crust (B4) | No | Shallow Aquitard (D3) | No | |
| lron Deposits (B5) | No | FAC-Neutral Test (D5) | No | |
| lnundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) | No | | | |
| Water-Stained Leaves (B9) | No | | | |
| Aquatic Fauna (B13) | No | | | |
| Hydrogen Sulfide Odor(C1) | No | | | |
| Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) | No | | | |
| Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) | No | | | |
| Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) | No | | | |
| Thin Muck Surface (C7) | No | | | |
| Fiddler Crab Burrows (C1O) | No | | | |
| Other (Explain in Remarks) | No | | | |

Field Observations

| Surface Water Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| Water Table Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| Saturation Present? | No | Depth (in.) |
| (includes capillary fringe) | | |

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), If available:

| Remarks: | | |
|-------------------|--|--|
| N/A | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| NOTES | | |
| | | |
| Additional Notes: | | |









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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - CARIBBEAN ISLANDS REGION

| Crea | ted |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| () | 2/21/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
| | |
| Upda | ated |
| () | 3/10/2024 |
| - | Elvin Roldan |
| | |
| Loca | tion |
| 8 | 18.339748, -67.252845 |
| | |
| Proje | ect |
| 2 | Wetland Characterization - |
| | Construction of Parking Lot |
| | Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, |
| | Rincon, PR |

GENERAL INFORMATION

| Site Name | Wetland Characterization - Construction of Parking Lot Extension - Parking Ojo de Agua, Rincon, PR |
|--|---|
| Site ID | WD-01-RIN |
| Municipality | Rincón |
| Applicant | Applied Engineering Group |
| Location | PR |
| Investigator | Elvin Roldan |
| Sampling Date | February 21, 2024 |
| Soil Map Unit Name | lg |
| NWI Classification | Freshwater Emergent Wetland |
| Are climatic / hydrologic condition on site typical for this time of year? | Yes |
| If no, explain remarks. | N/A |
| Are Vegetation significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Soil significantly disturbed? | No |
| Are Hydrology significantly disturbed? | No |

SAMPLE POINT INFORMATION

Sample Point ID P4

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| Latitude: | |
|-----------|----------------|
| Longitude | |
| Datum | WGS84 |
| Cadaster | 124-000-005-38 |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? | Yes |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Hydric Soil Present? | Yes |
| Wetland Hydrology Present? | Yes |

| /E(| GETATION | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tre | e Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | |
| Naı | me | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| Sap | oling/ Shrub Stratum | Plot Size | 15 | |
| Naı | me | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Ricinus communis L. | 40 | Yes | FACU |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| He | rb Stratum | Plot Size | 5 | |
| Naı | me | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | Cynodon nlemfuensis | 80 | Yes | UPL |
| 2. | Typha domingensis | 20 | Yes | OBL |
| 3. | j. 5 | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |

| Woody Vine Stratum | Plot Size | 30 | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Name | Absolute Cover (%) | Dominant Species | Indicator Status |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. 3. | | | |
| 4. 5. | | | |

DOMINANCE TEST WORKED SHEET

| Number of Dominant Species That Are 0BL, FACW, or FAC: | 1 | (A) |
|--|------|-------|
| Total Number of Dominant Species Across Ali Strata: | 3 | (B) |
| Percent of Dominant Species That .Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 0.33 | (A/B) |

PREVALENCE INDEX WORKSHEET

| Total % Cover Of: Multiply by: | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|---|---|-----|--|--|
| | | | | | | | |
| OBL | Species | 20 | X | 1 | 20 | | |
| FACW | Species | 0 | Х | 2 | 0 | | |
| FAC | Species | 0 | Х | 3 | 0 | | |
| FACU | Species | 40 | Х | 4 | 160 | | |
| UPL | Species | 80 | Х | 5 | 400 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Column | Column Totals 140 580 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Prevale | Prevalence Index (B/A) 4.14 | | | | | | |

HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION INDICATORS

| Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation | Yes |
|---|-----|
| Dominance Test is >50% | No |
| Prevalence index is :< 3.01 | No |
| Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) | No |
| | |
| | |
| Hydrophytic Vegetation | Yes |
| Present? | |

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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), If available:

| vegetation concentrated in this area. No clear transition of the upslope of the channel its visible. | |
|--|--|
| | |
| | |
| NOTES | |
| | |
| Additional Notes: | |

Ponding water on what appears to be the slope of the rainwater canal can be observed with hydrophytic

Remarks:





| A | N |
|---|---|
| A2 – Sub-Area A2, 6 AEG - Applied Engineering Group, 1 | NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act, 1 NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation |
| D | Service, 11 |
| DBH - Diameter at Breast Height, 14 DNERC - Department of Natural Resources | NWI - National Wetland Inventory, 4 NWPL - National Wetland Plant List, 11 |
| and Conservation, 9 | 0 |
| E | OBL - Obligated Wetland Plants, 11 |
| EFW - Emergent Freshwater Wetland, 4 | Р |
| EO - Executive Order, 8 EPA - United States Environmental Protection Agency, 9 | PP - Post Processing, 10 PPK - Post Processed, 15 PR - Puerto Rico, 9 |
| F | PRDOH - Puerto Rico Department of Housing, |
| FAC - Facultative Plants, 11, 12 FACU - Facultative Upland Plants, 12 | 1 PRPB - Puerto Rico Planning Board, 9 |
| FACW - Facultative Wetland Plants, 11 | S |
| FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency, 14 | SA1 - Sub Area 1, 6 |
| ft - Feet, 14 | sq m - Square meters, 1 |
| G | U |
| GIS - Geographical Information Systems, 10 GPS - Global Positioning System, 10 | UAS - Unmanned Aircraft System, 10 UPL - Upland Plants, 12 US - United States of America, 8 |
| 1 | USCOE - United States Corps Of Engineers, 9 |
| lg - Igualdad Clay, 11 | USDA - United States Department of Agriculture, 11 |
| in inches, 14 | USDOH - US Department of Housing and |
| M | Urban Development, 1 |
| m - meters, 1 | USFWS - United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 9 |
| MOR - Municipality of Rincón, 1 | USGS - United States Geological Survey, 12 USVI - US Virgin Islands, 10 |

W

WSS - Web Soil Survey, 11

Wild & Scenic Rivers



Attachment 15: Wild and Scenic Rivers

Project: Estacionamiento Urbano (PR-CRP-000505)

Location: Progreso Street Interior, Urban Area, Rincón, PR 00623 (18.340798°, -67.253325°)

Source: US National Park Services – Interactive Map of NPS Wild and Scenic Rivers

Website: https://nps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=ff42a57d0aae43c49a88daee0e353142

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