SBD Processing Related Details Entity Information Owner **Proposal Status** Proposed Dennis Ragosta (/lightning/r/Name/0058y0000028sFBAAY/view) Proposal Name Stage 🚯 INF-05685 Proposed Name of Entity 🕕 Clay County Utility Authority Jeremy Johnston (/lightning/r/Contact/0038y000009K6KsAAK/view) Secondary Contact Name Dennis Ragosta Second Contact Title Public and Governmental Affairs Liaison Second Contact Phone (904) 219-4116 (tel:9042194116) Azure Folder Name INF-05685a9G8y0000000438 County Clay (/lightning/r/County\_c/a0Zf4000001X3K2EAK/view) RAO 🚯 Permits Secured Yes Program Requirements Detailed Description 1 Public Use or Benefit Public 1 Once completed, the First Coast Expressway will transform the central portion of Clay County into a hub for both residential and economic development. CCUA currently serves approximately 55,000 Equivalent Residential Connections (ERCs), but anticipates to serve an additional 50,000 ERCs over the next 20-25 year brought on by the new corridor. To serve this growth, CCUA is expanding the Peters Creek and Governor's Park facilities. CCUA will expand the existing Peters Creek secondary treatment plant from 0.25 million Gallon per Day (MGD) facility to a 1.5 MGD regional facility that is expandable in the future. The facility will be a zero-discharge plant, meeting the highest levels of environmental stewardship, and providing highly treated reclaimed water for irrigation purposes to the surrounding expanding commercial and residential community. Concurrently, CCUA is building a new regional reclaimed storage and pumping facility at the Governor's Park Facility. The two facilities will be linked by approximately 7 miles of pipeline and serve as a regional water reclamation system to serve this tremendous growth. While CCUA has allocated the total funds for facility upgrades in our 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), surging labor and supply costs have caused original project costs to significantly increase. If granted funds, the asking amount would be used directly towards construction costs at our Peters Creek Reclamation Facility addressing future economic development utility needs in this portion of Clay County. Location 🕕 Single Entity 🚯 3616 Rosemary Hill Road, Green Cove Springs, Clay County, FL 32043. Public Owned 📵 Description of Econ Benefits (1) Water reclamation facility upgrades at Peters Creek, in conjunction with upgrades to our Governors Park facility, will help meet economic development growth needs brought on by the First Coast Expressway. This first expansion is projected to serve over 7,000 ERCs. Future expansions at these sites will serve approximately 50,000 ERCs which are expected to be built in the next 20 to 25 years. In partnership with the Clay County Economic Development Corporation, an estimate of 2,000 jobs will be created due to First Coast Expressway. Development will be serviced by CCUA's Peters Creek and Governor's Park facilities . As the population growth outpaces the national average and with staggeringly low unemployment rates, businesses are relocating to the Jacksonville MSA to take advantage of the less restrictive labor market. Increasing capacity in this area will allow businesses to locate into and be served in the Peter's Creek Industrial Park. NAICS coding for potential industry created jobs are as followed: 23, 31, 32, 33, 42, 44, 45, 48, 49, 54, 55, 56. Additional identified NAICS codes have been attached in a supporting document. Option to Purchase 1 Property Owner 1 Future Land & Zoning 🕕 Current land use and zoning designation is 9101-Utilities. The proposed project will conform to existing codes. Program Specifics Project Ready to Commence 1 Permits Needed 🕦 1) FDEP: Modification to existing Peters Creek Wastewater Plant Capacity Permit 2) Clay County: Site Plan Review 3) Water Management District: Environmental Resource Permit 4) FDEP: Collection/Transmission System Permit for large diameter piping 5) FDEP: Individual or Standard General ERP 6) FWC: Gopher Tortoise Relocation Permit Permit contact information has been provided in an attached document. Permits Details 1 Project Not Ready To Commence Details 1 Proposed start Date 1 3/7/2023 Proposed duration **1** Amendment Needed 1 665 Amendment Needed Details 1

Proposal SBD

Name of Entity

**INF-05685** 

Clay County Utility Authority

Project Local Match

Program Budget

Requested Total **1** \$5,000,000.00

Project Local Match Details 🚯

amount funds of \$5,000,000.00 has been allocated in CCUA's 5-Year CIP.

CCUA was created as an Independent Special District by the Florida Legislature in 1994. As the largest public water supplier in the county, CCUA provides water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services to Unincorporated Clay County. The total match

Record Type

Public Infrastructure

**Proposal Status** 

Proposed

Contact

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**Upload Files** Previously Uploaded OtherPeters Creek Specific NAICS Codes.docx undefinedClay EDC Letter of Support.jpg undefinedGeneral Approrpriations Act FY23-24 CCUA Peters Creek Reclamation Facility.docx undefinedPeters Creek - Rep. Bobby Payne Letter of Support.pdf undefinedPeters Creek Full Construction Scope with budget.pdf undefinedPeters Creek Permit Information .docx undefinedPeters Creek Reclamation Facility Amended CIP Cost with Executive Summary.pdf undefinedPeters Creek Service Area Map.pdf undefinedPeters Creek WRF Ponds Reclaimed Storage & Pipeline Map.pdf undefinedSenator Bradely-Peters Creek Support Letter.pdf Contract Management Contract Number Activity | ▼ Filters: All time • All activities • All types Refresh • Expand All • View All(/runtime\_sales\_activities/activityViewAll.app?parentRecordId=a9G8y0000000438EAA) Upcoming & Overdue Initial Review and Routing of Proposal (/lightning/r/00T8y00000ARFgqEAH/view) Jul 18 **▼** SBD Program Managers has an upcoming task No past activity. Past meetings and tasks marked as done show up here.

Critical Data

**Email Introduction Letter** 

#### SECTION 5 - NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/GROWTH MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION

Charlotte County Utilities Fiber Optics (HF 1605) 300,000 Citrus County - Southwest Regional Wareclamation		
Facility Reclaim Project (HF 0685)	1,990,500	
Reclamation Facility (HF 2045)	500,000	
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Tanks (HF 0045)	445,750	
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(HF 1291)Englewood Water District - South Water Reclamation	30,000	
Facility Electrical Upgrade Project (HF 0673)	1,500,000	
Escambia County - Gulf Beach Highway Drainage Outfall Sunset/Patton/Elite/Winthrop 0727)440,000	l at (HF	
Florida City Sewer Improvements (HF 0917)	1,120,000	
Lehigh Acres Utility System Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1		
Nanofiltration (HF 1991)	470,588	
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Fort Pierce Inlet - Indian River Lagoon Seagrass Restoration (HF 2010)	1,426,310	
Frostproof Wastewater Extension Septic to Sewer Fir Avenue (HF 0064)	992,310	
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0470)  Haines City Lift Station Resiliency and Emergency	400,000	
Operational Improvements-Phase 1 (HF		
1811)Lift Station-22 Replacement and	750,000	Haines City Sewer
Associated Force-main Upgrades (HF 1810)		
Hamilton County Waste Water Treatment Plant Lift Stati - US Hwy 129 & CR 158 (HF 1658)		
Hendry County Port LaBelle Utility System Wastewater Treatment Expansion (HF 1470)	500,000	
Hialeah Gardens South District Drainage Improvements (	(HF	
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#### Potential NAICS Codes – Peters Creek Industrial Park

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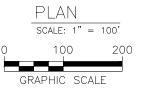
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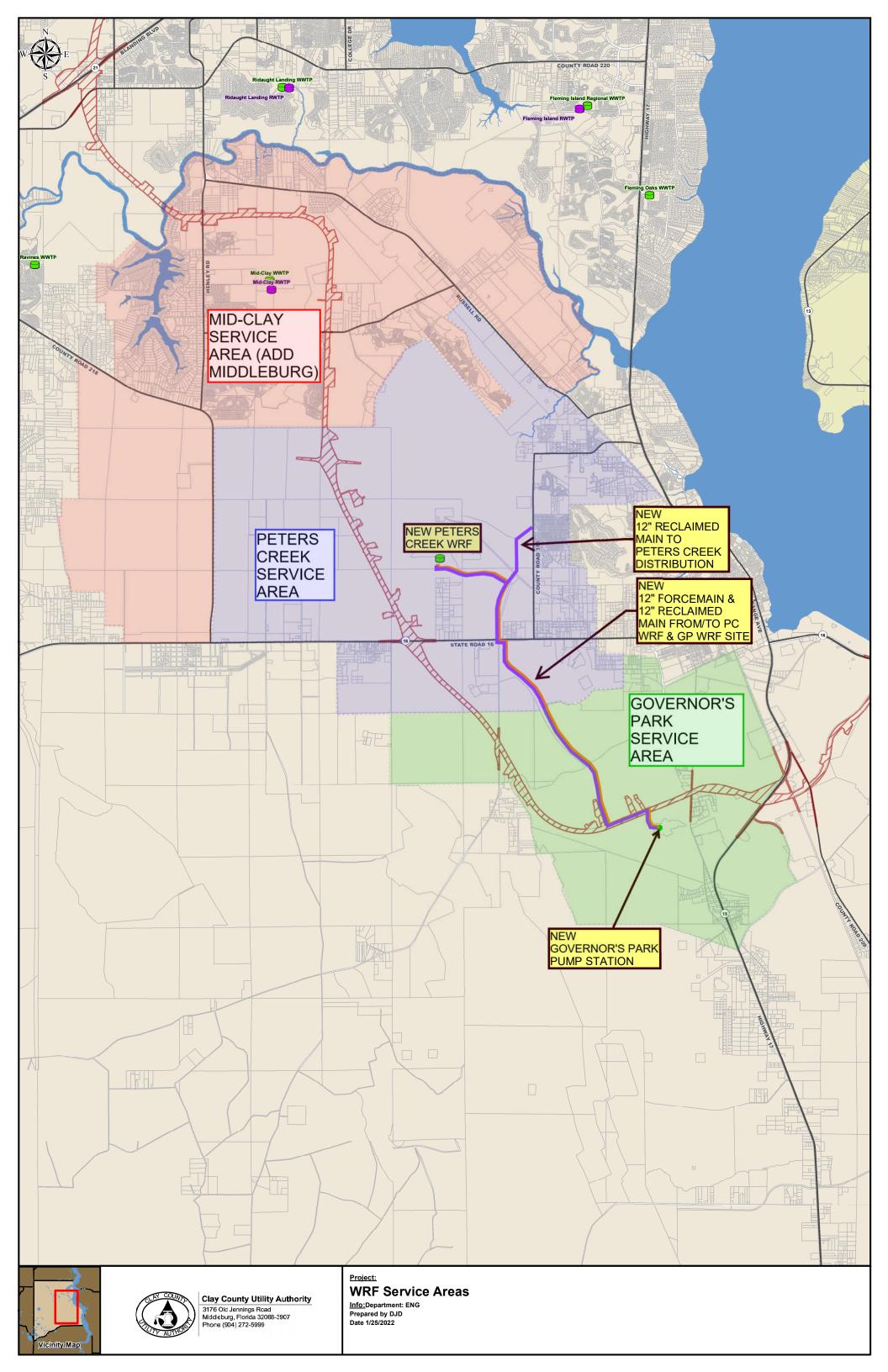
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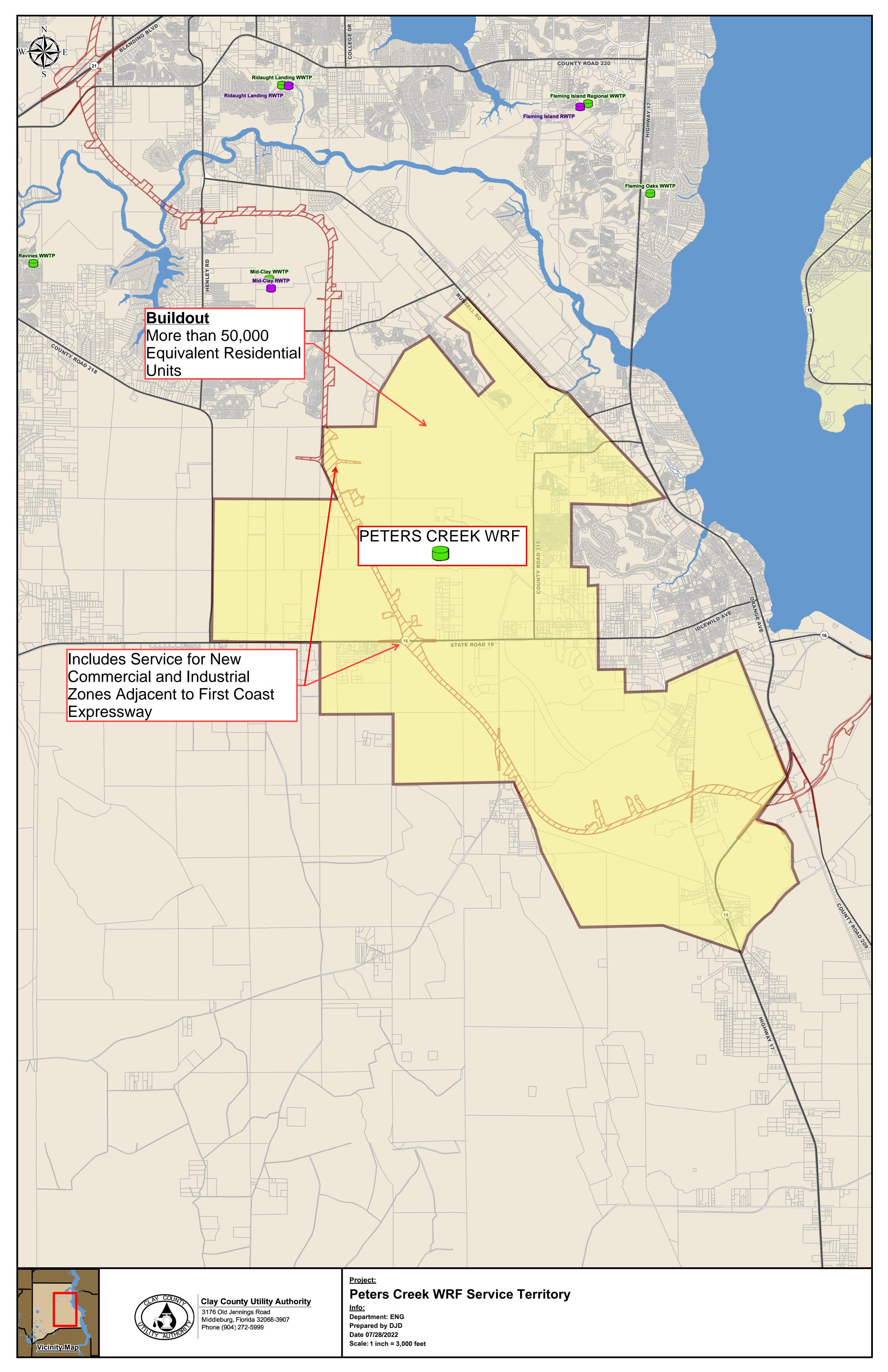
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

Proposed award of contract to Wharton-Smith, Inc, with deductive change order based on voluntary reductions for the Peters Creek Water Reclamation Facility Expansion and Pipelines Project

CCUA Bid No. 22/23-A05

CCUA Project No.: 2211-0042/2022-106 CCUA Financial Job No.: 22003SP

Date: March 3, 2023

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Staff advertised the subject project on CCUA's Bonfire Procurement Platform and Florida Times Union on October 27, 2022. An Onsite Pre-Bid Meeting was held on November 8, 2022 and was attended by four (4) Contractors. On December 21, 2022, Bid Opening, CCUA received (1) one bid from Wharton-Smith, Inc. in the amount of \$65,573,000 for the WRF.

The bid amount for this project significantly exceeded the Engineer of Record's (EOR's) Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC) which was \$36,400,000. Staff and the EOR did not understand the basis for the significant difference between the OPCC and the bid received. Because of this difference as well as there being a single bidder, staff requested the Board of Supervisors defer action at the January 3, 2023, Board meeting. Staff also requested authorization to speak with the single bidder to understand the basis for the bid and discuss the potential for voluntary reductions.

Staff briefed the Board of Supervisors regarding status of the project discussions at the February 21, 2023, Board meeting. Staff indicated we will bring forth a recommended scope of work, price, and contract incorporating the voluntary reductions agreed to with the single bidder. Staff is presenting the results of this effort today for the Board of Supervisors consideration. Wharton-Smith, Inc. bid based on voluntary reductions is now stated at \$55,088,600.00

#### **BUDGET:**

Staff continues to work through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) contingencies and project delays to accommodate the Peters Creek and Governor's Park Projects. Staff identified \$20,609,249.82 in CIP contingency and \$75,249,273.06 in potential projects in the current and next fiscal year that could be delayed to accommodate construction of these projects. Staff itemized the intended project budgets and contracts below. Staff will present an updated CIP at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets:	
Peters Creek WRF Phase II:	\$ 43,819,540.00
Peters Creek WRF Land Acquisition:	\$ 3,000,000.00
Project Transfers from Delayed Projects:	\$ 41,524,718.08
Total CIP Project Budget:	\$ 88,344,258.08
Current and Proposed Contracts:	
Original Design and Bidding Services with Ardurra:	\$ 3,564,608.00
Previous Change Orders for Interim Modifications:	\$ 76,960.80
Design and Bidding Amendment #3 with Ardurra:	\$ 690,013.00
Peters Creek Pre-purchase of Equipment:	\$ 15,492,603.20
Peters Creek WRF Expansion with Wharton Smith:	\$ 55,088,600.00
Governor's Park Site Civil with PSCC:	\$ 1,905,000.00
Governor's Park LS and RWPS with Sawcross, Inc.:	\$ 7,683,000.00
Governor's Park Pre-Purchase Equipment:	\$ 609,643.08
Sub-Total Design and Construction Services Contracts:	\$ 85,110,428.08
Total Construction Contingency:	\$ 3,233,830.00
<b>Total Design and Construction Services Contracts:</b>	\$ 88,344,258.08

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors' approve of the award of contract to Wharton-Smith, Inc, with deductive change order based on voluntary reductions for the Peters Creek Water Reclamation Facility Expansion and Pipelines Project Bid No. 22/23-A05. Additionally, staff requests approval of the attached Contract Documents and bid opening minutes.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Florida Times Union Advertisement
Pre-Bid Meeting Attendance
Bid Opening Attendance
Defer Action Memorandum for CCUA Bid No. 2022/2023-A05
Ardurra, Inc. updated SOW and Standard Form of Agreement
Concept Drawings – Appendix E to the Bid Specifications
Wharton-Smith, Inc. signed Voluntary Reduction Letter

# Wharton-Smith, Inc. signed Voluntary Reduction Letter

# **Clay County Utility Authority**

## Peters Creek WRF Expansion and pipeline

Project Bid No. 2022/2023-A05



# **Voluntary Reduction Proposal**

February 28, 2023

Presented by Wharton-Smith



Wharton-Smith Contact:

Mike Alexakis – Area Manager Water malexakis@whartonsmith.com



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

February 28, 2023

Mr. Paul Steinbrecher, PE Chief Engineer Clay County Utility Authority 3176 Old Jennings Road Middleburg, Florida 32068

Re: Peters Creek WRF Expansion and Pipeline Project Bid No. 2022/2023-A05

**Voluntary Reduction Proposal** 

Dear Mr. Steinbrecher,

Wharton-Smith, Inc. submitted a bid to CCUA on December 21, 2022 for the Peters Creek Water Reclamation Facility Expansion and Pipeline project. The bid amount was \$65,537,000. Due to budgetary issues, Wharton-Smith, Inc, CCUA and Ardurra Group, Inc. entered into negotiations to provide Voluntary Reduction services to reduce the contract amount.

This letter summarizes the scope changes and break down of costs for each Voluntary Reduction item. Based on the Voluntary Reduction work performed, a total of \$10,448,400 will be deducted from the contract. The new total contract amount to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for this project will be \$55,088,600. Please note the project price will not change as long as the scope remains per the list below and as shown on the attached conceptual level drawings provided by Ardurra Group, Inc.

#### List of scope clarifications:

#### Voluntary Reduction item #01 - \$2,965,313

Description – Relocation of wet weather pond and reject pond outside of Reinhold property.

Design update and scope change – Reject Pond to enlarge due west. Reject pond liner included in the base bid contract. Wet weather ponds to be relocated west of reject pond.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #02 - \$2,818,962

Description – Elimination of RIBS, reduction of storm piping, reduction in road work scope, storm water pond changes

Design update and scope change

Existing and new RIB work and all associated piping is removed from the Contract. The existing storm water pond will be reconstructed, and the new north pond is removed from the scope. Storm water piping reduced with the majority of the pipe consisting of 18". A small run less than 100' may need to be upsized to 36" and a structure may need to be added in the existing storm water pond. The reconstructed storm water pond will be deeper per the new attached drawings.

The east plant road is being eliminated with a turnaround added at the north end between the clarifiers and the filters for truck access. The plant entrance road will be reduced to a gravel driveway. Asphalt will commence at the plant entrance for the remaining road. The road going to the wet weather pond and access roadways around the main loop shall be gravel per the drawings herein.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #03 - \$513,661

Description – Elimination of storm water pump station and wet weather pump station

Design update and scope change

All work associated with the storm water pump station and wet weather pump station is being removed from the contract. This includes underground utility, concrete, mechanical, and electrical work.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #04 - \$118,230

Description – Reclaimed water pump station building modifications



#### Design update and scope change

The reclaimed water pump station shall consist of a precast electrical building or pre-engineered metal building with two (2) pre-installed HVAC units sized 3 tons each. The electrical building shall be standard construction and sized as  $12' \times 40' \times 10'$ . The building shall be large enough for analyzer panels and instruments to be installed within.

The reclaimed water pump station slab shall be outside without any weather proofing. It is assumed that structurally the area will remain the same so that the slab can accommodate a masonry structure in the future by others if desired.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #05 - \$667,027

Description – Main electrical building changes and elimination of operations building

Design update and scope change

The operations building shall be removed from the scope of work inclusive of the parking lot. The electrical equipment housed in the operations building shall be installed in the existing three-sided structure by the digesters on the second phase of the project. No changes shall be made to the existing three-sided electrical room. The electrical gear shall be top fed for this area.

The main electrical building shall be eliminated. In it's place, we are to construct a 2,000 square foot pre-engineered metal building similar to the construction at the Potable Reuse Facility at MidClay WRF with final finish colors selected by CCUA. The new "Operations/Maintenance/Main electrical building" shall consist of an adequately sized electrical room for all necessary electrical gear, (1) common room to include 12' of basic counter space for lab equipment and servers/SCADA equipment and operator desk space, (2) bathrooms, (1) shower, and basic space for metal lockers. For ease of construction the building shall be hot dip galvanized. Finishes shall be similar to MidClay WRF. A fire suppression system has not been included.

Metal Building colors and wainscot fascia will need to be from the standard color selections by the Owner. Acoustic ceiling panels will be used in all areas except the electrical room. Floors shall either be concrete or VCT. Standard modern tiling will be utilized in bathroom and shower areas. Final layout shall be per the drawings within this deliverable.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #06 - \$1,165,300

Description - Oxidation Ditch manufacturer change and coating change for ground storage tank

Design update and scope change

Precon Corp shall be the manufacturer of the oxidation ditch, clarifiers, and ground storage tank. The specifications shall be altered to incorporate the manufacturer exceptions. Coatings are also eliminated within the RCW ground storage tank.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #07 - \$135,761

Description – Resize NaOCl structure

Design update and scope change

The NaOCI building is going to be sized for the current needs of (2) storage tanks. The precast building for the chemical skid will be eliminated. The metal building/shed roof over the chemical tanks shall be sized to incorporate the chemical feed skid as well. Building shall be hot dip galvanized and building colors shall be selected from the standard color chart.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #08 - \$500,000

Description - Allowance reductions

Design and scope change

The gopher tortoise allowance shall be reduced by \$400,000 due to the reduction in scope. This work will be conducted by the Engineer of Record. Wharton-Smith, Inc. will maintain responsibility to coordinate this item. The geotechnical testing allowance shall be reduced by \$100,000 due to the reduction in scope reflecting the reduced scope for effluent management.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #09 - \$123,434

Description - Canopies



#### Design and scope change

All metal canopies are being removed from the contract with the exception of the canopy over the polymer storage.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #10 - \$100,000

Description - Fence reduction

Design and scope change

The perimeter plant fence shall be installed within the new perimeter of the site near the ground storage tank and the weather pond. The fence will not encompass the old location of the RIBS on the southeast side of the site or at the north where the storm water pond was to be constructed.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #11 - \$184,922

Description - Pipeline material reduction

Design and Scope change

Coordination of scope between bidder and pre-purchased material has resulted in savings of pipe material. The minimum separation between the parallel pipelines shall be 8' edge to edge instead of 3' as currently shown in the documents.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #12 - \$218,040

Description - Elimination of Odor Control system

Design and Scope change

The odor control system is removed from the scope in its entirety. The headworks will include appurtenances for later addition when needed.

#### **Changes and reductions outside of Contract**

#### Voluntary Reduction item #13 - \$1,631,050

Description and change – This is pipe material associated with Voluntary Reductions 1, 2, and 3 above. This material was to be procured by CCUA directly. Additionally, Wharton-Smith, Inc. has coordinate material supply lists and streamlined material procurement between all parties.

#### Voluntary Reduction item #14 - \$224,135

Description and change – This is the value of the submersible pumps associated with the storm water pond and wet weather pond. CCUA will not be purchasing this equipment at this time.

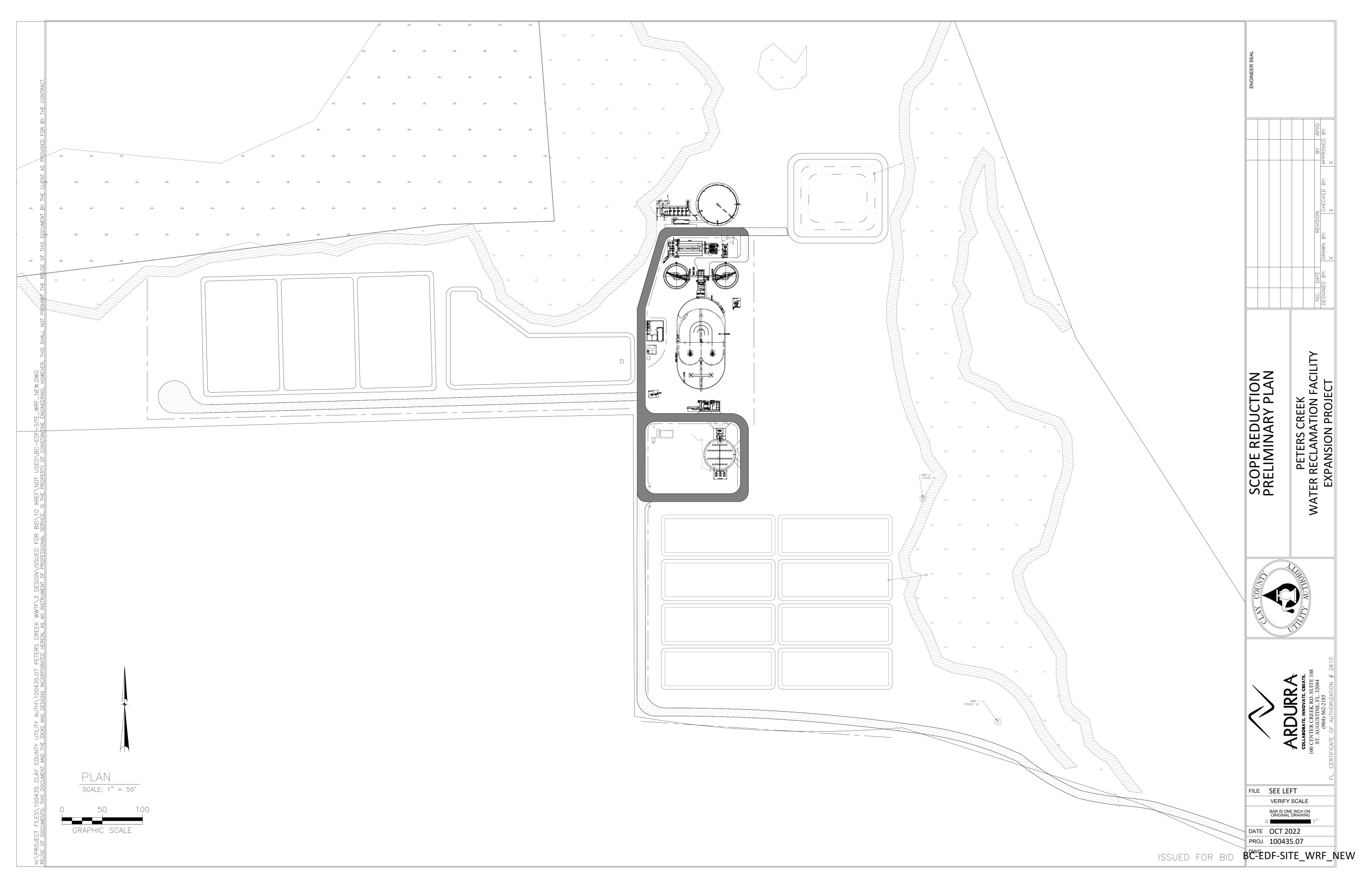
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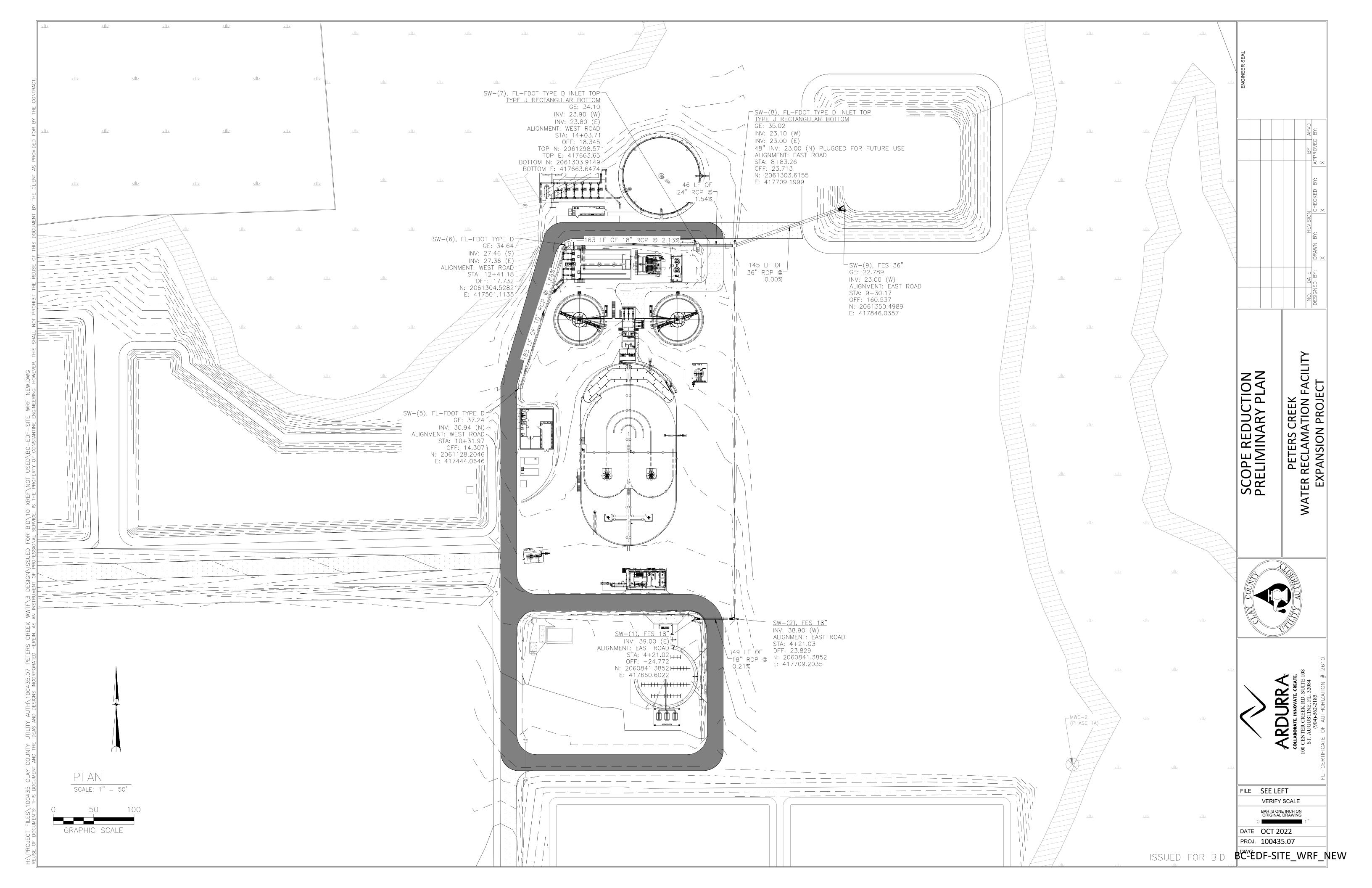
Description and change – It is expected that there is a total of \$1.3 million of material procurements within Wharton-Smith, Inc. Contract that will be purchased directly by CCUA. This value reflects the tax savings.

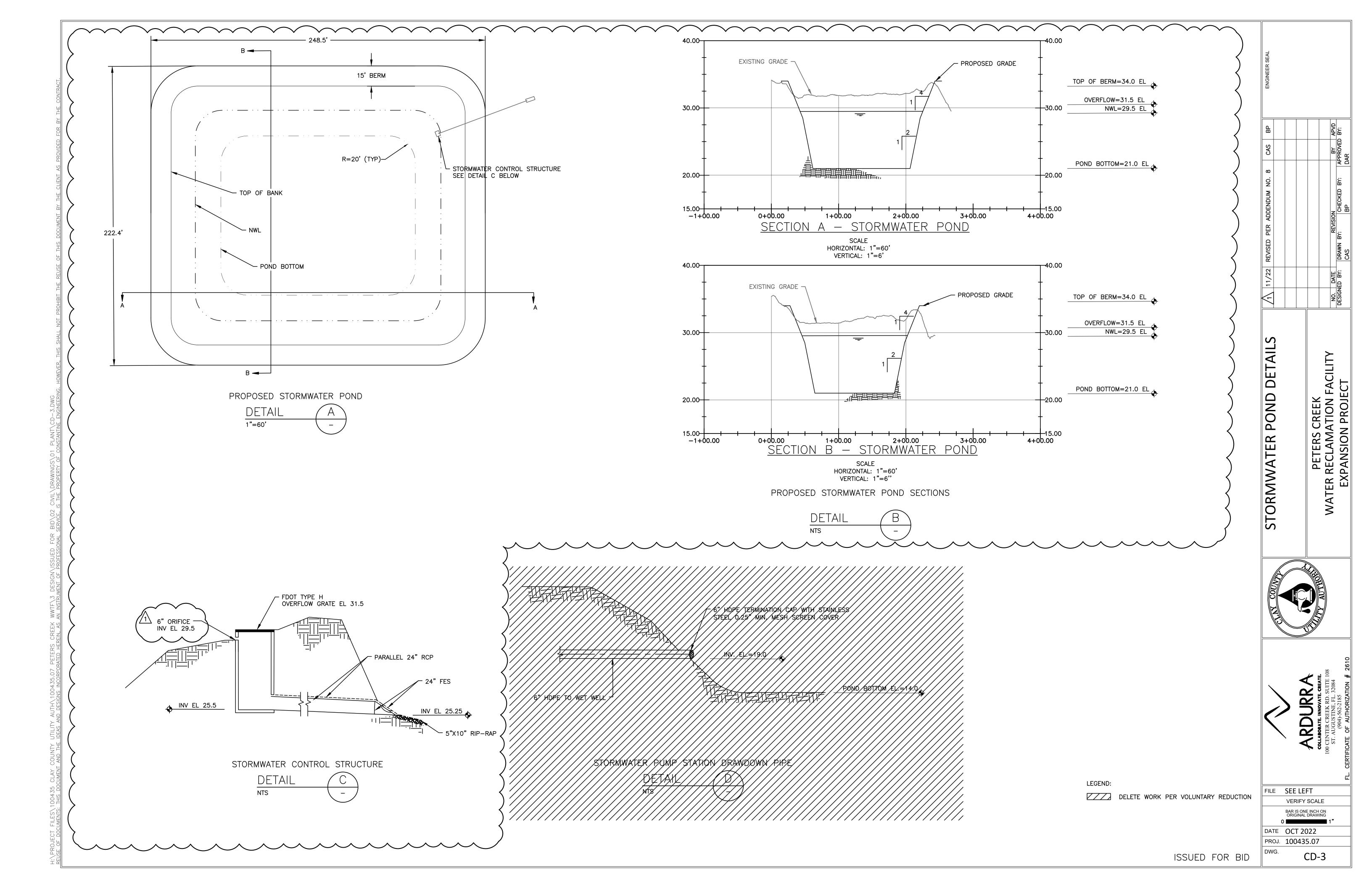
We appreciate this opportunity to serve CCUA. As always, I am available to discuss at your earliest convenience.

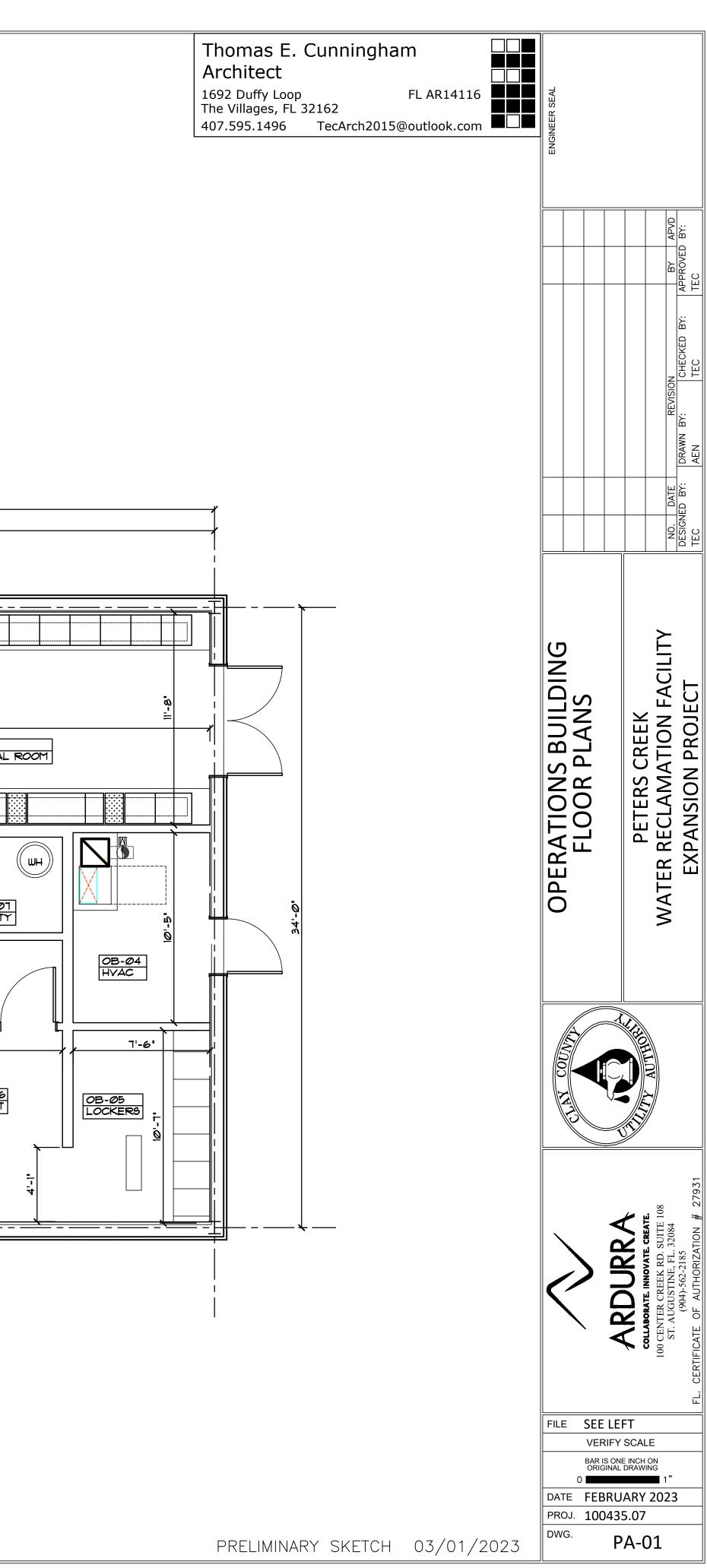
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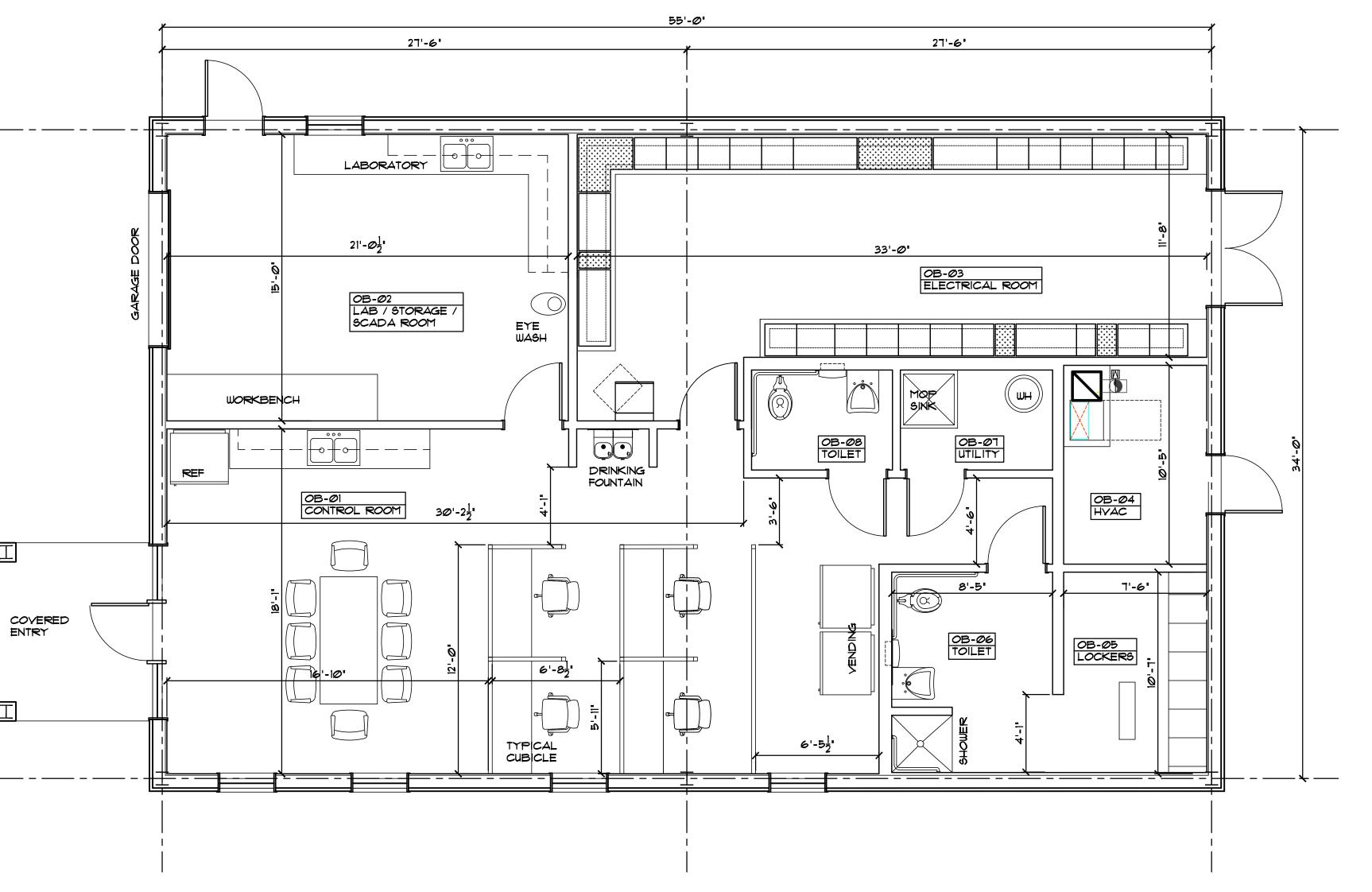
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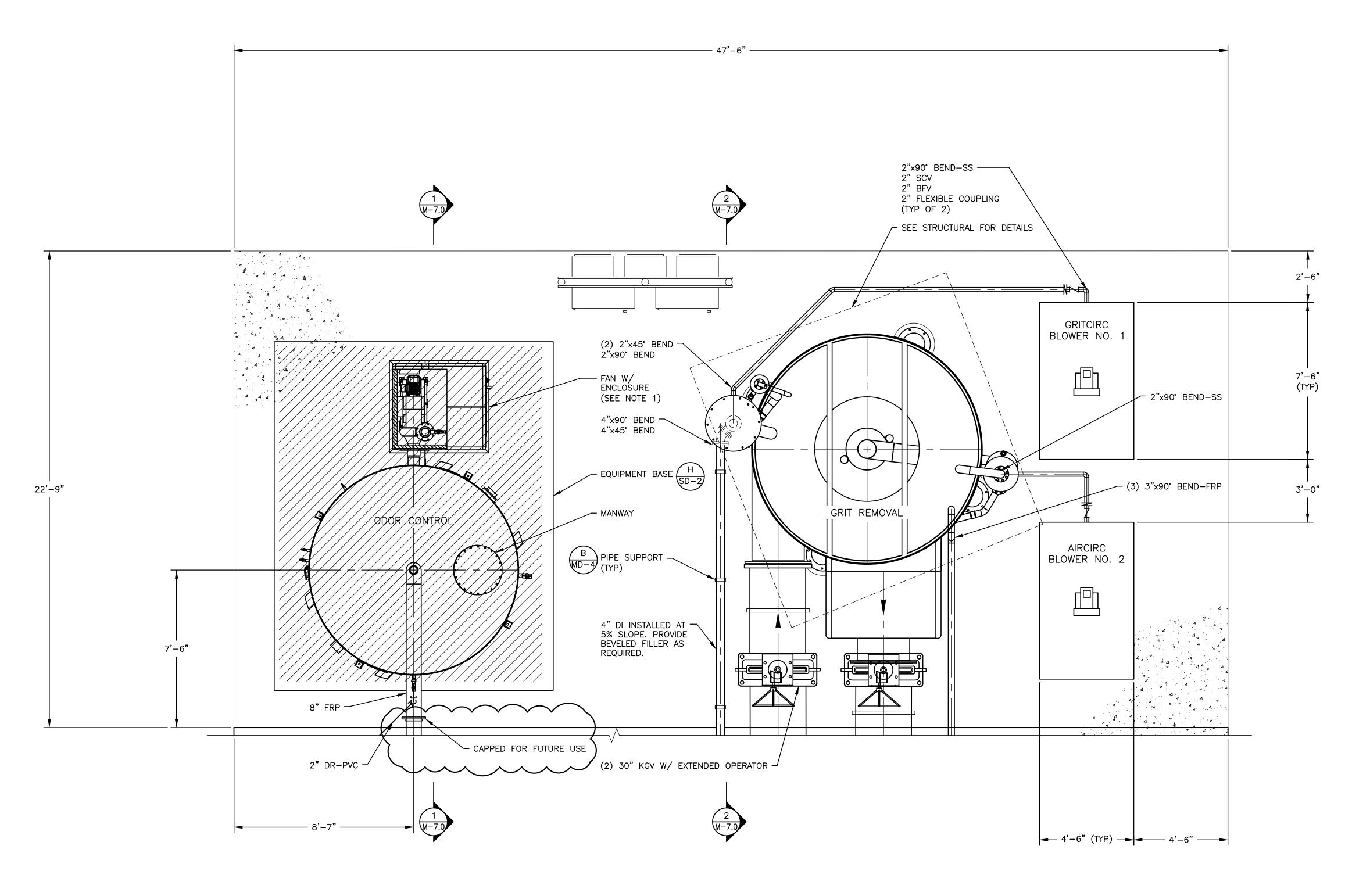










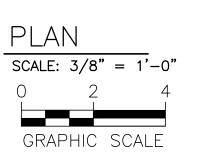


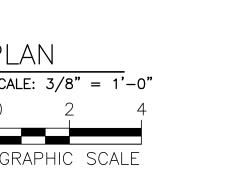
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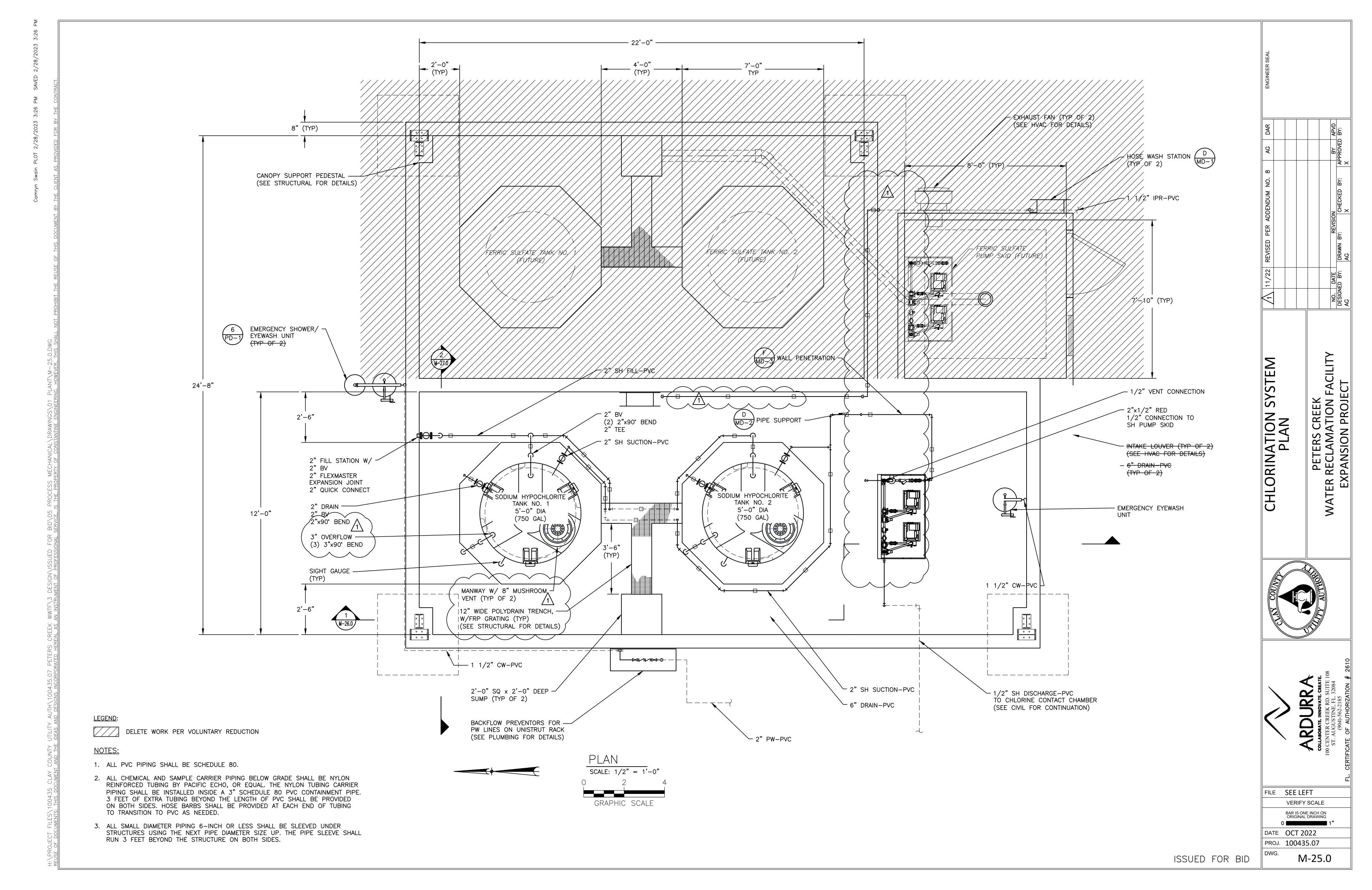
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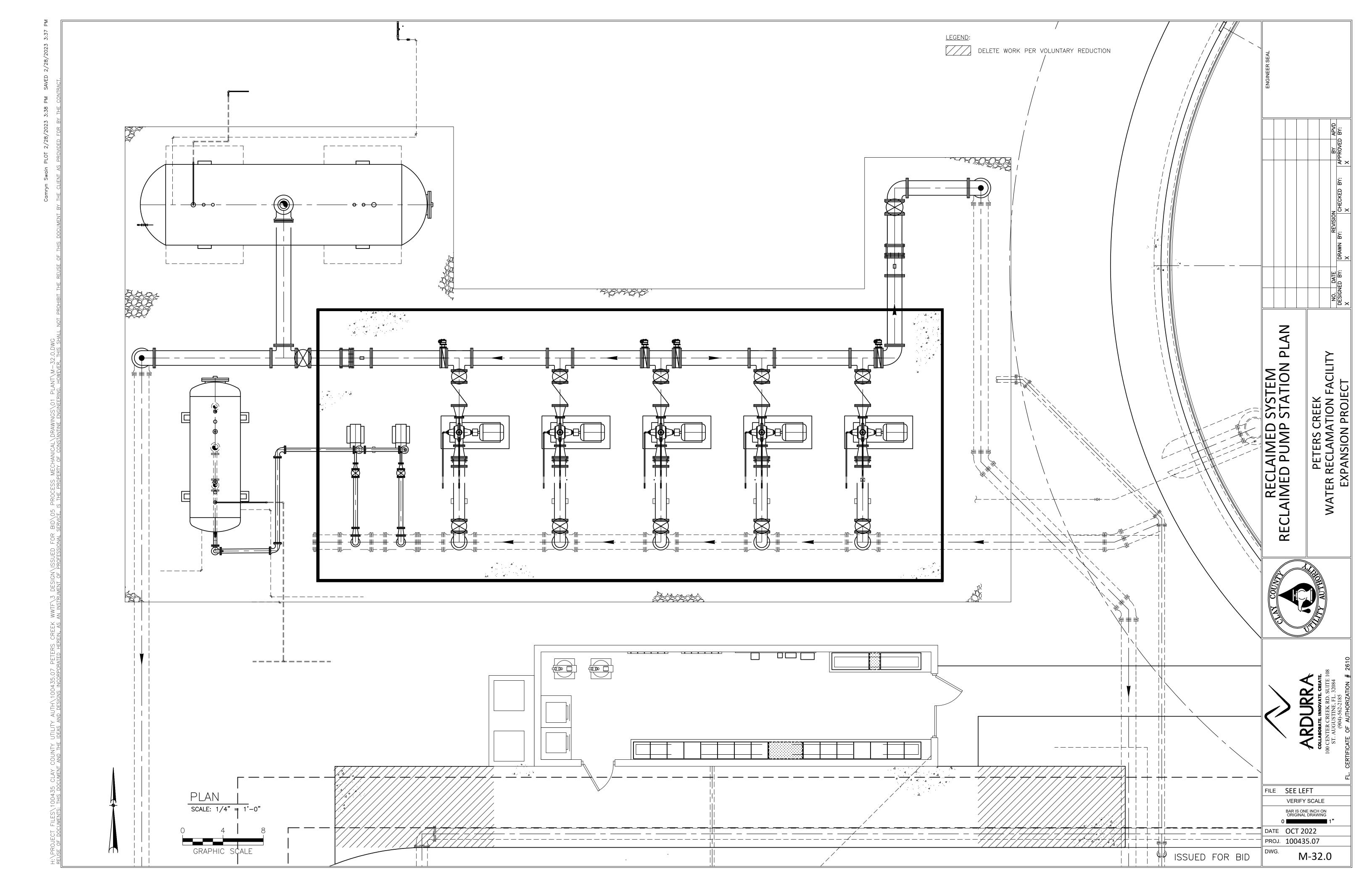
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#### Agency information related to permits

- 1. FDEP-Modification to Capacity Permit: Dung Vo, P.E., 904-256-1618, <a href="mailto:dung.vo@FloridaDEP.gov">dung.vo@FloridaDEP.gov</a>
- 2. FDEP-Collection/Transmission System Permit and ERP: Jennifer Lyles, 904-256-1666, jennifer.lyles@floridaDEP.gov
- 3. SJRWMD-ERP: Cammie Dewey, 407-659-4839, <a href="mailto:cdewey@sjrwmd.com">cdewey@sjrwmd.com</a>
- 4. FWC Gopher Tortoise Relocation Permit: Species Conservation Planning Section, 850-921-1031, <a href="mailto:gtpermits@myfwc.com">gtpermits@myfwc.com</a> (staff was given this general contact)



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December 20, 2022

Jeremy Johnston, P.E. Clay County Utility Authority 3176 Old Jennings Road Middleburg, FL 32068

Dear Mr. Johnston,

Clay County Economic Development Corporation (Clay EDC) wishes to express our support for necessary utility infrastructure development in strategic locations which will facilitate job creation for our community. Clay County currently has a 0.1% vacancy rate in 5.4 million square feet of industrial space. Concurrently, there is no more industrial space under construction. To support targeted advanced manufacturing job creation, there is a critical need for industrial space with necessary utility infrastructure at the site.

In the past two years, Clay EDC was unable to submit industrial sites or spaces on over 20 project inquiries. These inquiries could have yielded over 1,000 high wage jobs and several hundred millions of capital expenditure for the community. Concurrently, Clay EDC was forced to submit less than competitive sites on over 30 project inquiries with even greater perceived loss.

Florida Department of Transportation is currently spending over \$1.9B to construct the First Coast Expressway through Clay County. This project includes seven new interchanges in the county. The land surrounding those interchanges is primarily undeveloped and prime for industrial development.

The proposed Peter's Creek Industrial Park has quick and unencumbered access to the expressway. The 549-acre site is strategically selected for the land volume, location, proximity to utility infrastructure, and proximity to workforce. The Peter's Creek Treatment Facility is centered in the site. Expanding this facility to provide water capacity for industrial site development will yield tremendous jobs and capital expenditure for the community.

Clay County is one of the fastest growing counties by population percentage. As a suburb of Jacksonville, over 77% of the workforce commutes out of the county for employment. Clay County is #2 in Florida for highest average commute time (31 minutes). Local job centers will reduce this trend. Industrial sites or space is in high demand and desperately needed to support our targeted industries. Water service is a critical need for advanced manufacturing projects at these developments.

We sincerely thank you for your efforts and working to support the creation of local job centers for the community.

Sincerely.

Crawrord Powell, President



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Governor Ron DeSantis Plaza Level, The Capitol 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

#### Dear Governor DeSantis:

It is my pleasure to support Clay County Utility Authority's application for a Public Infrastructure Grant through the Florida Job Growth Grant Program. The proposal expands an existing reclamation facility to allow for new commercial and industrial development. The project will benefit economic development efforts in Clay County and does meet the criteria of the Job Growth Grant program.

The project would substantially increase water reclamation capabilities in an area located just west of the City of Green Cove Springs and adjacent to the new Florida First Coast Expressway. It is our understanding that through the Peters Creek Reclamation Facility, there would be an estimated 2,000 jobs created through this upgrade. As you know from 2000 to 2010, Clay County's population increased from 140,000 to 190,000 residents, an increase of 35%, more than double the growth rate of Florida's overall population growth. Growth in Clay is not expected to slow over the next several years and these enhancements will help CCUA further meet the projected growth. The facility would meet the needs of local businesses and the residential growth that is continuing to come to the area due to your ability to facilitate economic growth and leadership.

The local community is invested in this project and it would be fantastic to have additional state support through the Job Growth Grant program. I greatly appreciate your consideration of this project. Please feel free to reach out to me for any additional information.

Sincerely,

State Representative Bobby Payne

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Dear Governor DeSantis:

I am pleased to offer my support for the Clay County Utility Authority's application for a Public Infrastructure Grant through the Florida Job Growth Grant Program. The utility's proposal would expand an existing reclamation facility to allow for new commercial and industrial development. I believe the project would greatly benefit economic development efforts in Clay County and meets the criteria of the Job Growth Grant program.

This worthwhile project would increase water reclamation capabilities in an area located just west of the City of Green Cove Springs and adjacent to the new Florida First Coast Expressway. An estimated 2,000 in demand jobs is estimated to be created with this upgrade to the Peters Creek Reclamation Facility, allowing businesses to locate and be served in the the Peter's Creek Industrial Park. Additionally, the facility expansion will help meet the needs of residential growth in the area, as Northeast Florida continues to be a desirable destination for relocation thanks to our economic growth and your leadership.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of this worthwhile project. Please feel free to reach out to me for any additional information about this project.

> Sincerely, Bredler Jennifer Bradley

cc: Secretary Dane Eagle

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