

APPENDIX II
REGULATORY CORRESPONDENCE
WETLANDS MAP
FEMA FIRMette MAP



August 18, 2009

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Tennessee Historical Commission
2941 Lebanon Road
Nashville, TN 37243-0442

Attention: Mr. Joe Garrison

Subject: **REQUEST FOR SITE REVIEW**
Proposed City of Pigeon Forge Fire Hall
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
S&ME Project No. 1434-09-264

Dear Mr. Garrison:

S&ME is currently performing a NEPA Review for a proposed Pigeon Forge Fire Hall in Pigeon Forge, Sevier County, Tennessee. We are requesting that your office review the project location and respond with your comments as to any knowledge or concerns regarding Section 106 cultural resource issues on the referenced site.

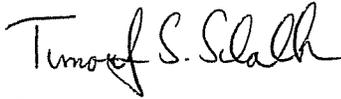
PROJECT LOCATION

The site consists of a single parcel containing approximately one acre of land east of Veteran Parkway. The property is located north of McCarter Hollow Road and immediately west of Dollywood's Splash Country. The western portion of the subject property slopes steeply up to the central and eastern portions which are level and have been cleared of shrubs. The remains of a former residence is located along the eastern portion.

A copy of the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Series Topographic Quadrangle for Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (photorevised 1970) is attached showing the location of the site (Figure 1). The latitude and longitude coordinates for the approximate center point of the site are N35° 48' 37.22", W83° 32 '12.24". An aerial photograph (Figure 2) and representative photographs (Figure 3) of the subject property are attached. In addition, I have attached a Cultural Resources Summary of Findings performed in February 2009 by S&ME on property immediately south of the subject property.

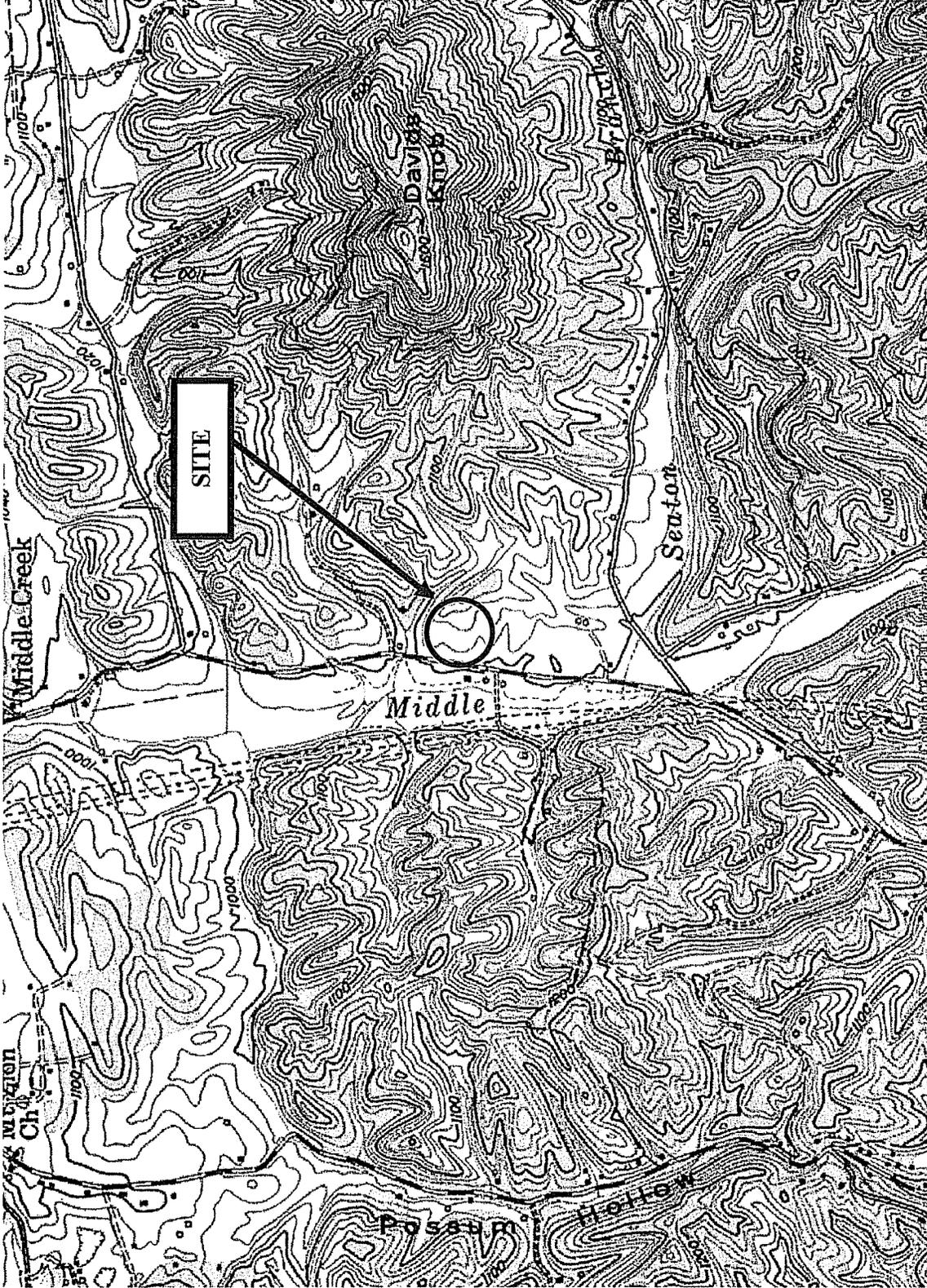
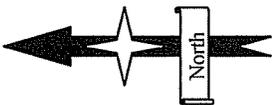
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 865-970-0003. A response via mail or email would be appreciated. My email address is tschalk@smeinc.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
S&ME, Inc.



Timothy S. Schalk
Staff Scientist

Attachments: Figure 1 – Site Vicinity Map (USGS Topographic Quadrangle)
Figure 2 – Aerial Photograph
Figure 3 – Representative Photographs
Cultural Resources Summary of Findings

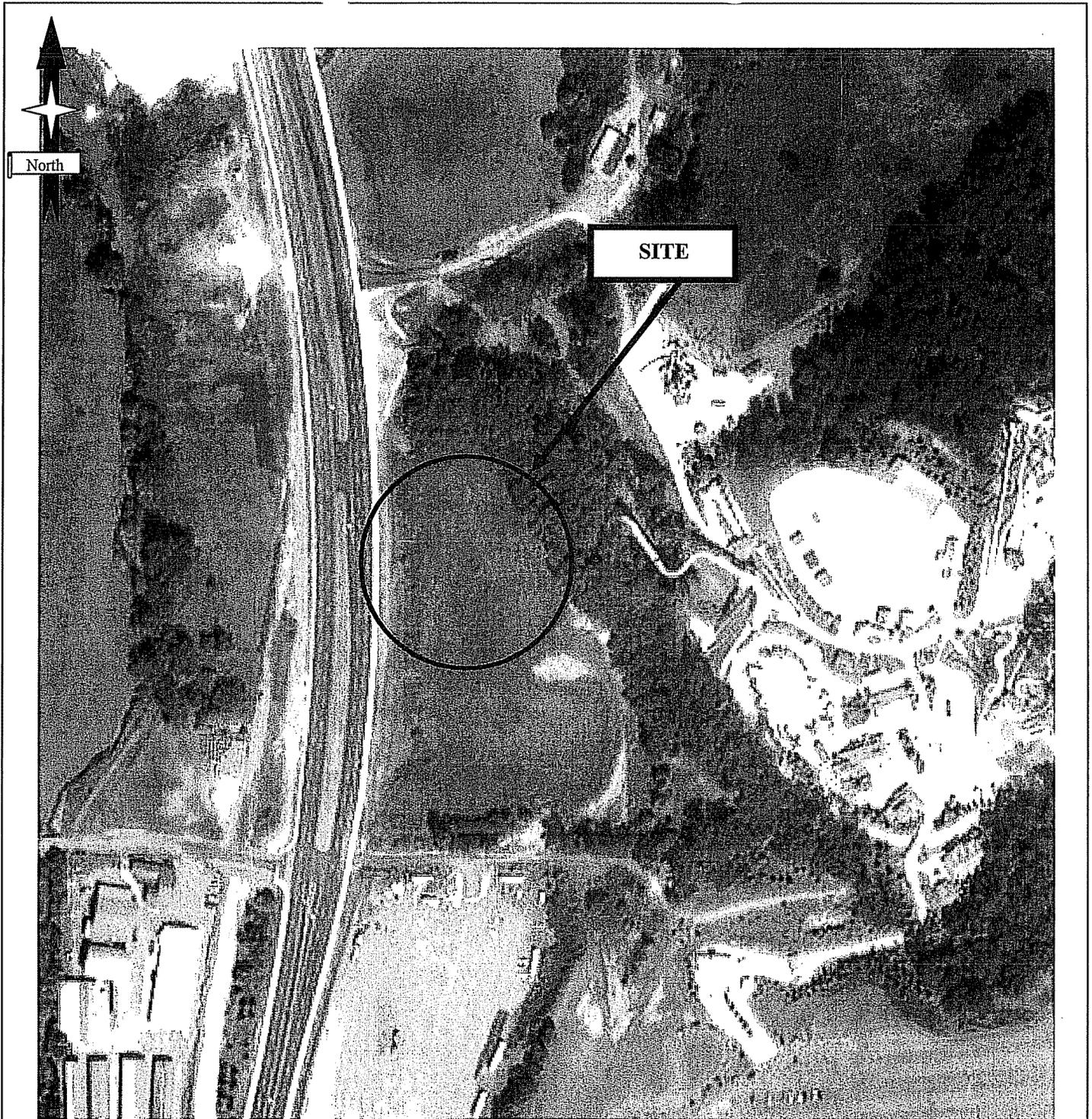


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Topo Date: 1956	Checked By: TSS
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Contour Interval: 20 feet	Date: 08/18/09



Site Vicinity Map Proposed City of Pigeon Forge Fire Hall Pigeon Forge, Tennessee	Project No: 1434-09-264

Figure
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Scale: NTS		<p style="text-align: center;">Aerial Photograph Proposed City of Pigeon Forge Fire Hall Pigeon Forge, Tennessee</p>	<p>Figure 2</p>
Checked By: TSS		<p>Project No.: 1434-09-264</p>	
Date: 8/18/09			

**Proposed Fire Hall
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**
Project #: 1434-09-264
Figure 3: Sheet 1 of 2

S&ME
1413 Topside Road
Louisville, TN 37777

		Date: 08/17/09 Photographer: Timothy S. Schalk
Location / Orientation		
Remarks	Southwest portion of the property, facing northwest.	

		Date: 06/29/09 Photographer: Timothy S. Schalk
Location / Orientation		
Remarks	Northwest portion of the property, facing southwest.	

**Proposed Fire Hall
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**

Project #: 1434-09-264

Figure 3: Sheet 2 of 2



1413 Topside Road
Louisville, TN 37777

3	Location / Orientation	Southeast portion of the property, facing west.	Photographer: Timothy S. Schalk Date: 06/29/09
	Remarks		



4	Location / Orientation	Remains of former residence.	Photographer: Timothy S. Schalk Date: 06/29/09
	Remarks		



DOLLYWOOD INTERCHANGE CULTURAL RESOURCES SUMMARY OF FINDINGS TO DATE

Prepared by John McCarthy and Patrick Morgan

S&ME, Inc. completed in February of 2009, a Cultural Resources Survey of the proposed Dollywood Interchange on the Dollywood property, near the intersections of McCarter Hollow Road and Veterans Blvd., Pigeon Forge, Sevier County, Tennessee. The goals of the investigation were to document the presence or absence of potentially significant archaeological resources in the Project Area and to assess the significance of historic resources in the project's APE. The APE was determined to be roughly within a 0.25-mile radius, defined by ridges surrounding the valley setting of the Project Area. The Criteria of Evaluation of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), (36CFR60.4), was applied to the resources considered in this study.

Background research and archaeological and historic resources field investigations were carried out in February 2009. Five (5) previously recorded archaeological resources (40SV69-73) were present in the vicinity of the Project Area; one (40SV73) which partially extended into the Project Area. Four (4) previously recorded historic resources (Sevier B881, 881-883) in the APE, one of which (883) formerly stood within the Project Area, but it has been removed.

An Archaeological survey of the proposed 0.4-mile long interchange site was undertaken. Special consideration was given to flatter areas such as hilltops, since the majority of the property was sloped and heavily damaged by previous construction. Exposed ground surfaces were also examined. Shovel tests were excavated at the highest point of the Project Area, the area most adjacent to the present Dollywood Park. Seven (7) shovel tests were excavated with negative results. The soils appear to be from a borrow area and mainly consist of 45 cm of strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) clay loam overlying strong brown and reddish brown (5YR 5/4) compact clay. The areas close to Veterans Blvd. and McCarter Hollow Road appear heavily damaged due to road construction.

Archaeological site 40SV73 on the Tennessee Division of Archaeology maps was partially located where the proposed interchange connects with Veterans Blvd. Field inspection of the site's location resulted in a determination that due to the construction of Veterans Blvd., the site is no longer present within the Project Area.

Sevier County Historic Resource 883, a barn, was located on THC maps as standing closer to where the extension of McCarter Hollow Road is planned. Field inspection resulted in a determination that the historic resource is no longer present with a parking lot at this location at the time of our survey. It is likely that the barn was removed prior to the construction of the parking lot.

In summary, no previously identified archaeological sites or historic resources are present in the Project Area or APE.

REC'D SEP 28 2009



September 22, 2009

TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
2941 LEBANON ROAD
NASHVILLE, TN 37243-0442
(615) 532-1550

Mr. Timothy S. Shalk
S&ME
1413 Topside Road
Louisville, Tennessee, 37777

RE: HUD, FIRE HALL, PIGEON FORGE, SEVIER COUNTY

Dear Mr. Shalk:

In response to your request, received on Thursday, August 20, 2009, we have reviewed the documents you submitted regarding your proposed undertaking. Our review of and comment on your proposed undertaking are among the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This Act requires federal agencies or applicant for federal assistance to consult with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office before they carry out their proposed undertakings. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has codified procedures for carrying out Section 106 review in 36 CFR 800. You may wish to familiarize yourself with these procedures (Federal Register, December 12, 2000, pages 77698-77739) if you are unsure about the Section 106 process.

After considering the documents you submitted, we determine that THERE ARE NO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES LISTED OR ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING. We have made this determination either because of the specific location, scope and/or nature of your undertaking, and/or because of the size of the area of potential effect; or because no listed or eligible properties exist in the area of potential effect; or because the undertaking will not alter any characteristics of an identified eligible or listed property that qualify the property for listing in the National Register or alter such property's location, setting or use. Therefore, we have no objections to your proceeding with your undertaking.

If your agency proposes any modifications in current project plans or discovers any archaeological remains during the ground disturbance or construction phase, please contact this office to determine what further action, if any, will be necessary to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you are applying for federal funds, license or permit, you should submit this letter as evidence of consultation under Section 106 to the appropriate federal agency, which, in turn, should contact us as required by 36 CFR 800. If you represent a federal agency, you should submit a formal determination of eligibility and effect to us for comment. You may find additional information concerning the Section 106 process and the Tennessee SHPO's documentation requirements at <http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/hist/federal/sect106.shtm>. You may direct questions or comments to Joe Garrison (615) 532-1550-103. This office appreciates your cooperation.

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

EPM/jyg



August 27, 2009

USDA-NRCS
517 E Bruce Street
Sevierville, Tennessee 37862-3962

Subject: **REQUEST FOR SITE REVIEW**
Proposed City of Pigeon Forge Fire Station
Pigeon Forge, Sevier County, Tennessee
S&ME Project No. 1434-09-264

Dear Sirs:

S&ME is currently performing environmental services to assist the City of Pigeon Forge obtain FEMA funding for the construction of a fire station along Veterans Boulevard in Pigeon Forge. We are requesting that your office review the project location and respond with your comments as to any knowledge or concerns regarding prime or unique farmland on or in the vicinity of the referenced site.

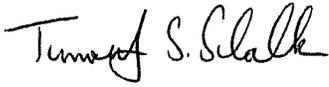
PROJECT LOCATION

The subject property is located on the east side of Veterans Boulevard, north of McCarter Hollow Road. The property is west of Dollywood's Splash Country and currently is vacant land which has been cleared of brush. The remains of a residence is located on the north side of the property.

A copy of the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Series Topographic Quadrangle for Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (photorevised 1970) is attached showing the location of the site (Figure 1). The latitude and longitude coordinates for the approximate center point of the site are N35° 48' 37.22", W83° 32 '12.24". An aerial photograph (Figure 2) and representative photographs (Figure 3) of the subject property are attached.

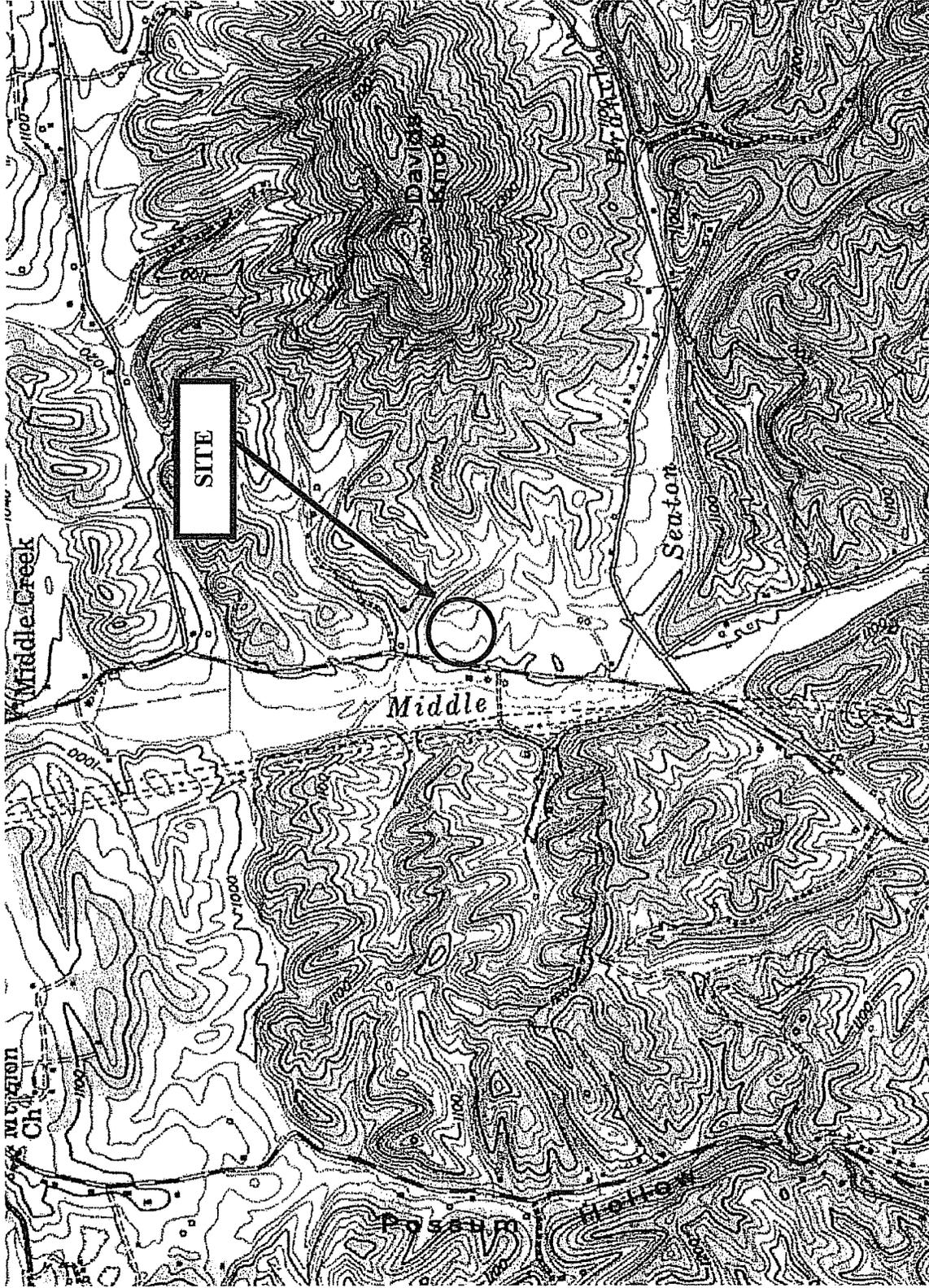
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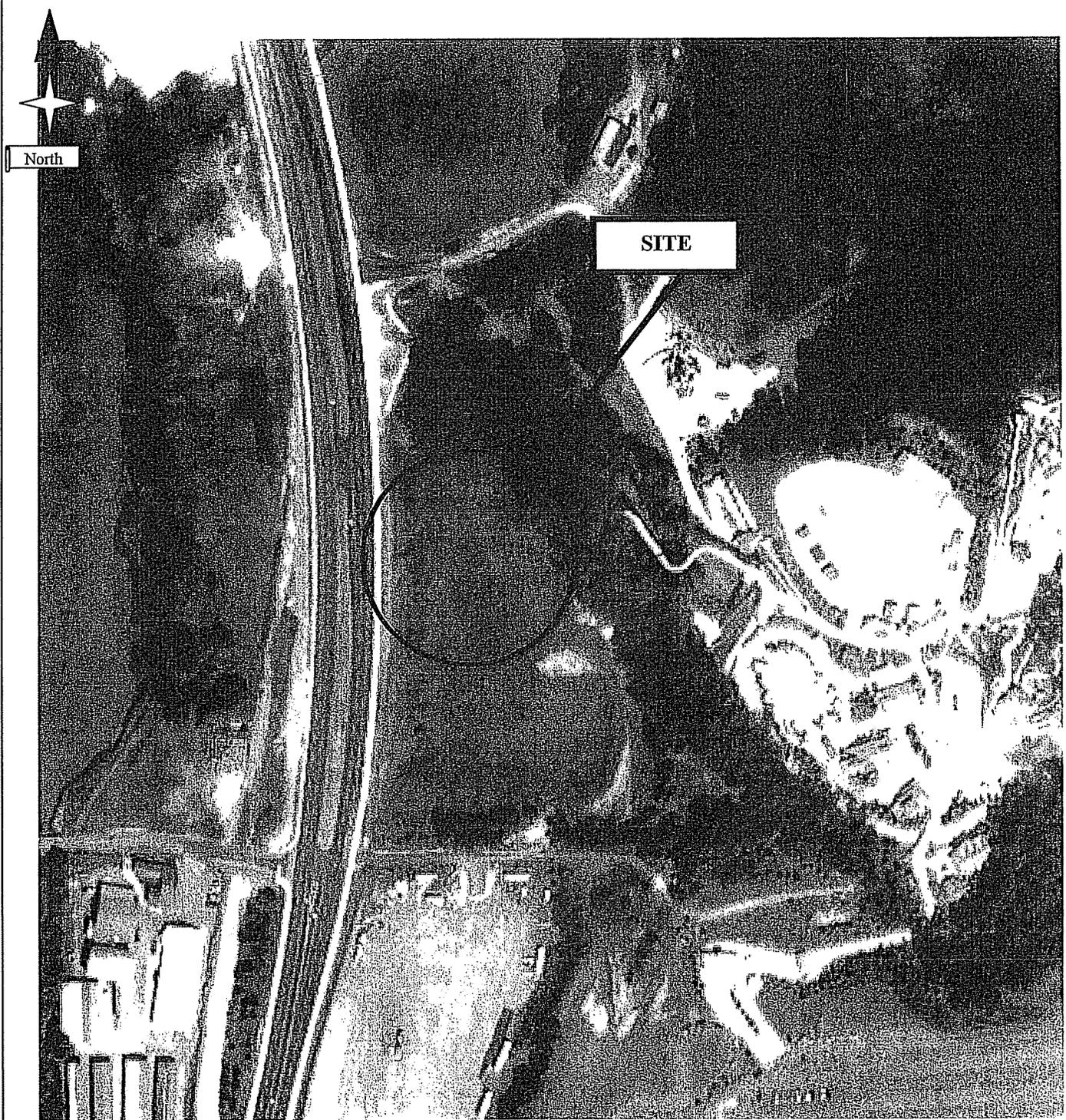


Timothy S. Schalk
Staff Scientist

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Aerial Photograph
Proposed City of Pigeon Forge
Fire Hall
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

Project No.: 1434-09-264

Figure
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Proposed Fire Hall
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
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 Figure 3: Sheet 1 of 2



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 Louisville, TN 37777

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Proposed Fire Hall
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
Project #: 1434-09-264
Figure 3: Sheet 2 of 2



1413 Topside Road
Louisville, TN 37777

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	Remarks		

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	Remarks		



Natural Resources Conservation Service
9737 Cogdill Road; Suite 152C
Knoxville, TN 37932
Phone 865-671-3830 x. 112
rick.livingston@tn.usda.gov

September 23, 2009

Timothy S. Schalk, Staff Scientist
S&ME, Inc.
1413 Topside Road
Louisville, TN 37777

Project: Sevier County, Tennessee; S&ME Project No. 1434-09-264

Dear Timothy,

This project is just north of the current city limits of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. There are no Prime Farmland soils mapped in this area. This project will not result in the conversion prime farmland as defined in the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA). The FPPA does not apply to projects already in or committed to urban development. Prime farmland is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics, growing season, and moisture supply for producing agricultural crops. Generally, land may be pasture, forestland, or cropland but may not be urban built-up land or waterways.

This determination has been made solely from the information you provided along with current soils information and other resource data for the proposed site. No site visit has been made. A completed Form AD-1006 is attached to document this determination.

Much of our soils information is available on-line at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>
Additional information on Prime Farmland may be obtained at our websites
www.tn.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/soils/fppa.html or www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/fppa/ .

Feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Livingston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard L. Livingston
Resource Soil Scientist

Attachment



U.S. Department of Agriculture

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Date Of Land Evaluation Request 8/27/09
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Name Of Project Pigeon Forge Fire Station: S&ME 1434-09-264	Federal Agency Involved
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Proposed Land Use Fire Staton	County And State Sevier, TN
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PART II (To be completed by NRCS)	Date Request Received By NRCS 9/21/09
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Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? <i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form).</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size
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Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %
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Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS 9/23/09
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PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Site Rating			
	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly				
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly				
C. Total Acres In Site	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland				
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)	0	0	0	0
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PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))	Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Nonurban Use					
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use					
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed					
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government					
5. Distance From Urban Bulltup Area					
6. Distance To Urban Support Services					
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average					
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland					
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services					
10. On-Farm Investments					
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services					
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use					
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	0	0	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	0	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	0	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	0	0	0	0

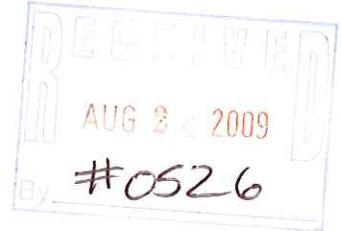
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Reason For Selection:

NOTE: No Prime Farmland soils are mapped in this area.



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August 18, 2009

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Cookeville Field Office
446 Neal Street
Cookeville, TN 38501

No significant adverse impacts to wetlands
or federally listed endangered or threatened
species are anticipated from this proposal.

Mary Jennings 9-9-09
Field Supervisor Date
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Cookeville, TN 38501

Attention: Dr. Lee A. Barclay

Subject: **REQUEST FOR SITE REVIEW**
Proposed City of Pigeon Forge Fire Hall
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
S&ME Project No. 1434-09-264

Dear Dr. Barclay:

S&ME is currently performing a NEPA Review for a proposed Pigeon Forge Fire Hall in Pigeon Forge, Sevier County, Tennessee. We are requesting that your office review the project location and respond with your comments as to any knowledge or concerns regarding the possible presence of endangered or threatened species or other biological concerns on or in the vicinity of the referenced site. We ask that you would also address the issue of critical habitat.

PROJECT LOCATION

The site consists of a single parcel containing approximately one acre of land east of Veteran Parkway. The property is located north of McCarter Hollow Road and immediately west of Dollywood's Splash Country. The western portion of the subject property slopes steeply up to the central and eastern portions which are level and have been cleared of shrubs. The remains of a former residence is located along the eastern portion.

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MAP SCALE 1" = 500'

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NFIP NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

PANEL 0241E

FIRM FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 241 OF 475 (SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
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SEVIER COUNTY	47028	0241	E

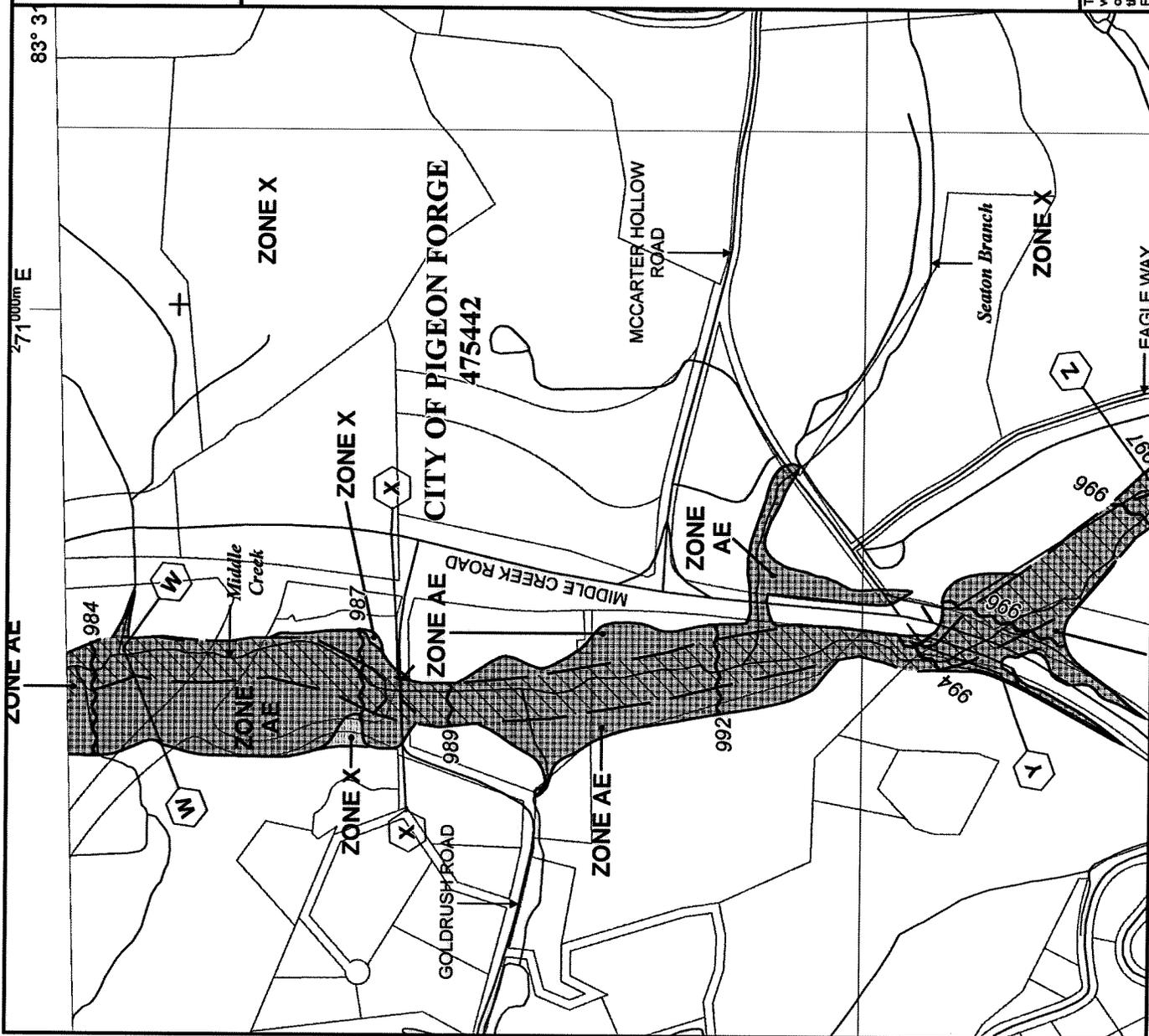
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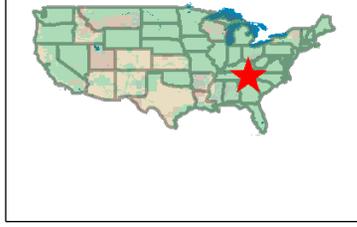
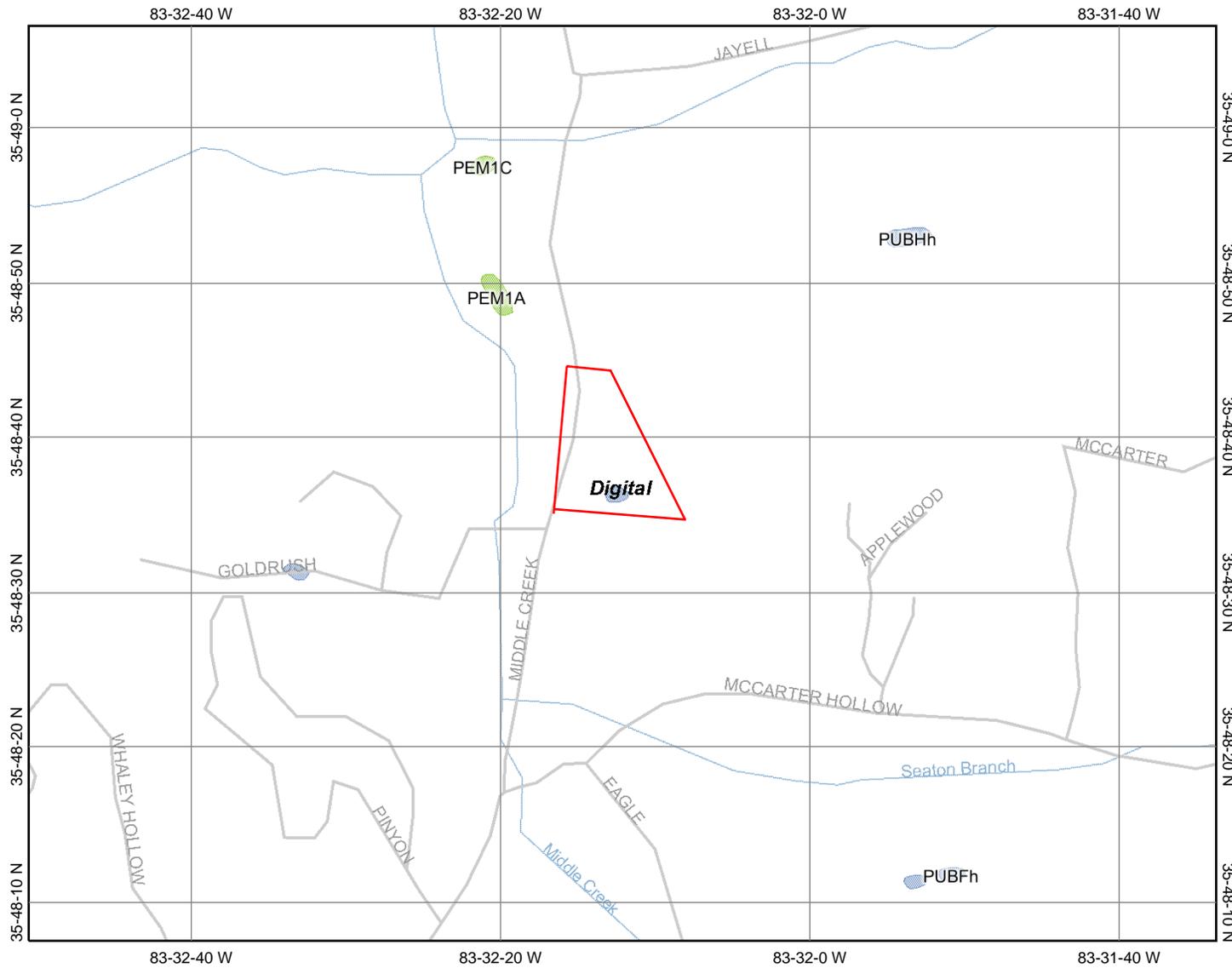
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Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Proposed Pigeon Forge Fire Hall



Legend

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- 0
- 1
- Out of range

Major Roads

- Other Road
- Interstate
- State highway
- US highway

Roads

Lower 48 Wetland Polygons

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

Lower 48 Available Wetland Data

- Non-Digital
- Digital
- No Data
- Scan

NHD Streams

- South America
- North America

Scale: 1:12,761

Map center: 35° 48' 37" N, 83° 32' 12" W

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Notes: Wetlands Map