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To:

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FW: LRL-2020-998 - Breathitt County Waterline Extension Phase 2

See below

Thank You,

Jennifer McIntosh

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From: Branham, Justin L CIV USARMY CELRL (USA) [mailto:Justin.L.Branham@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 5:37 PM

To: Jennifer McIntosh

Subject: LRL-2020-998 - Breathitt County Waterline Extension Phase 2

Ms. McIntosh,

This email will serve as our official response to the above referenced request. A hard copy will not be mailed unless one is requested. Based on the information submitted, it does not appear that a permit would be required for the above referenced project as no discharge of fill or dredged material is proposed within aquatic resources as long as any proposed stream crossings would be conducted via directional boring. Directional boring/drilling is not a regulated activity. There are obvious stream crossings that would occur along Shoulderblade Creek, Joe Ward Fork, War Creek and an unnamed tributary at the mouth of War Creek. If the scope of the project changes and these crossings would necessitate the discharge of fill material or open trench methodology to cross a WOUS, please contact our office to determine permit requirements. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your awareness of our regulatory program. Please refer to USACE I.D. # LRL-2020-998 on any future correspondence regarding this project.

Justin Branham

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RE: Breathitt County Water District – Breathitt Waterline Extension Phase 2 Project (WX21025033)

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Breathitt County Water District has received funding through the Appalachian Regional Commission for the above referenced project. This project will extend waterlines to four areas in Breathitt County; Creekside Road, War Creek Road, Joe Ward Fork, and Mann Road. This project will construct approximately 17,967 Linear Feet (LF) of 4" PVC and 930 LF of 2" PVC waterline throughout the service areas; serving approximately 28 households. Additionally, two pump stations within the Breathitt water system will be rebuilt or replace; one on 30 West and one on 30 East. The valves and piping will be replaced at the KY 541, River Caney, and KY 28 pressure reducing vaults.

This project is located throughout Breathitt County, Kentucky. This project will serve approximately 28 households in Breathitt County. Due to the scope of the project there will be ground disturbance in previously disturbed highway right-of-way or existing easements. There will be no tree removal.

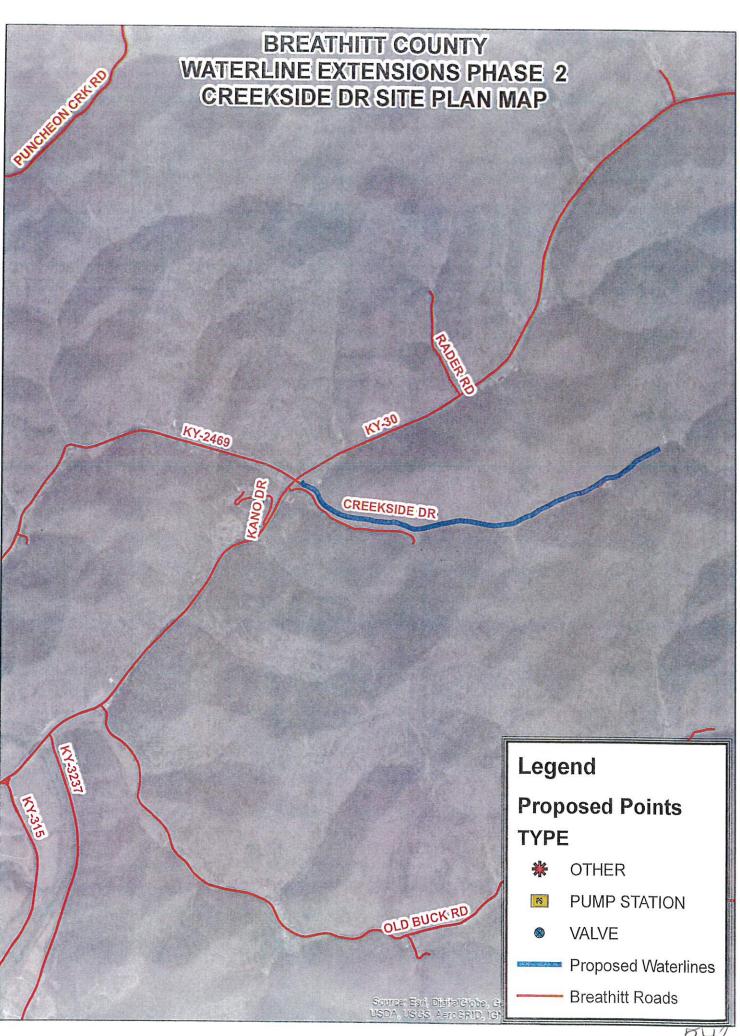
The Kentucky River Area Development District has been asked to undertake an environmental review of this project to ascertain the impact of the proposed activities. I would appreciate your office reviewing this project in relation to its potential impact(s) on any wetlands or permit issues under your jurisdiction. I have enclosed a project location, floodplain, and wetland map(s) and project description for your reference.

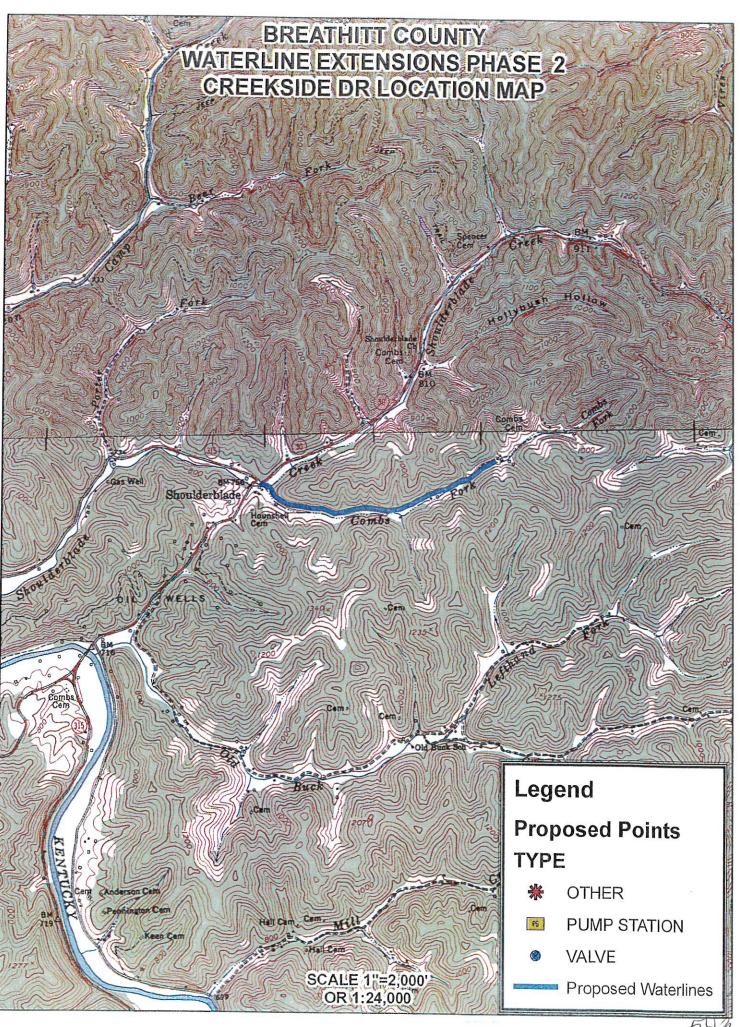
Your comments may address beneficial or adverse impacts or, both. I would appreciate receiving your comments in the near future. I will assume if I have not received a response from you within 30 days of this letter, that your office does not anticipate any negative environmental impacts from this project, per your area(s) of responsibility. Reponses can be sent by email to: jennifer@kradd.org. Thank you, for your time and assistance.

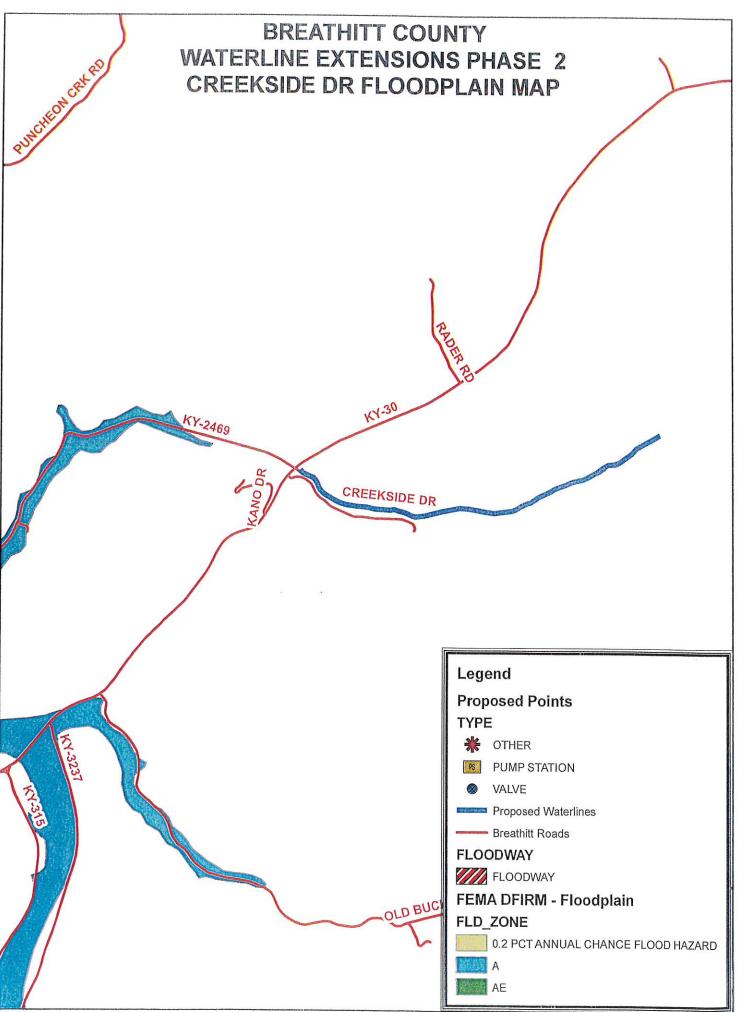
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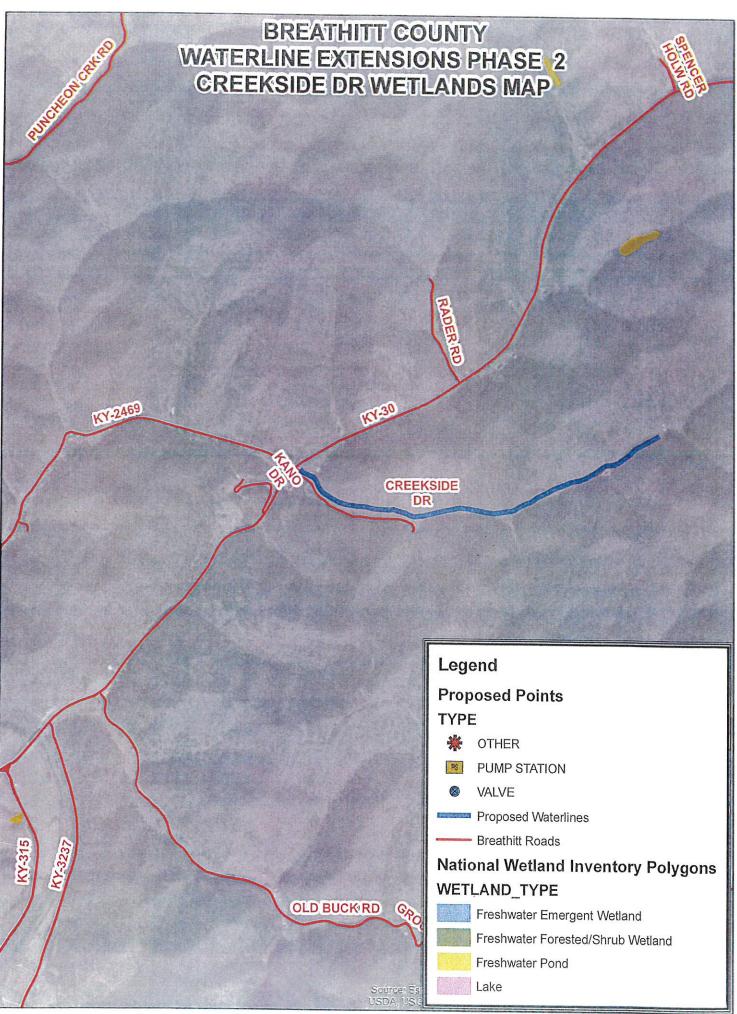
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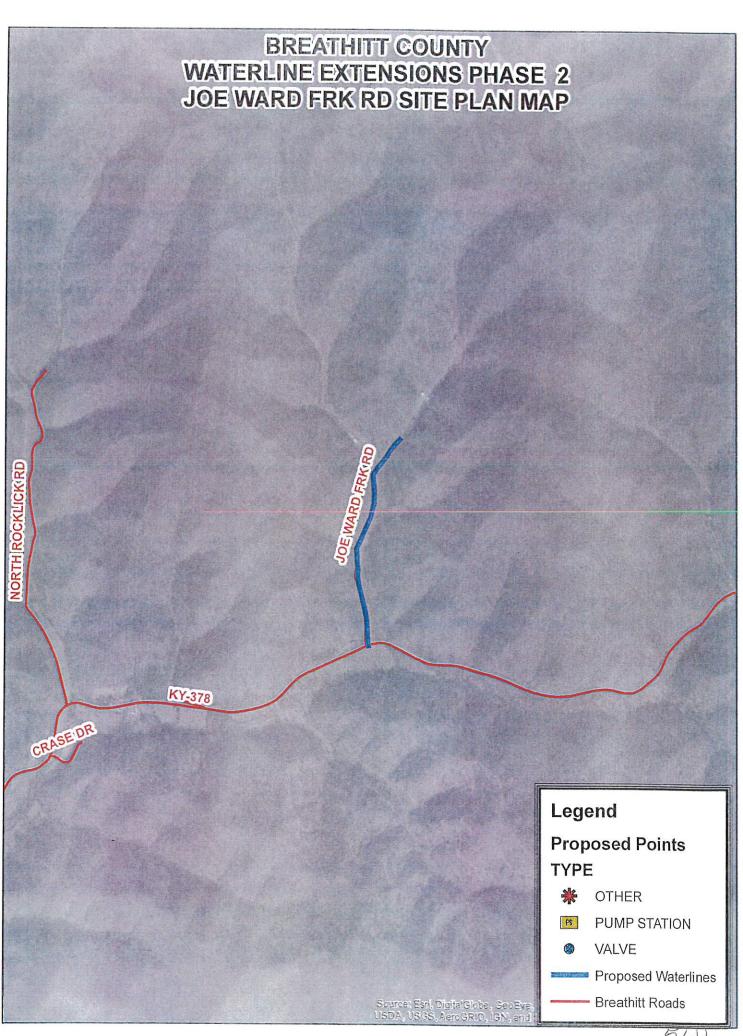
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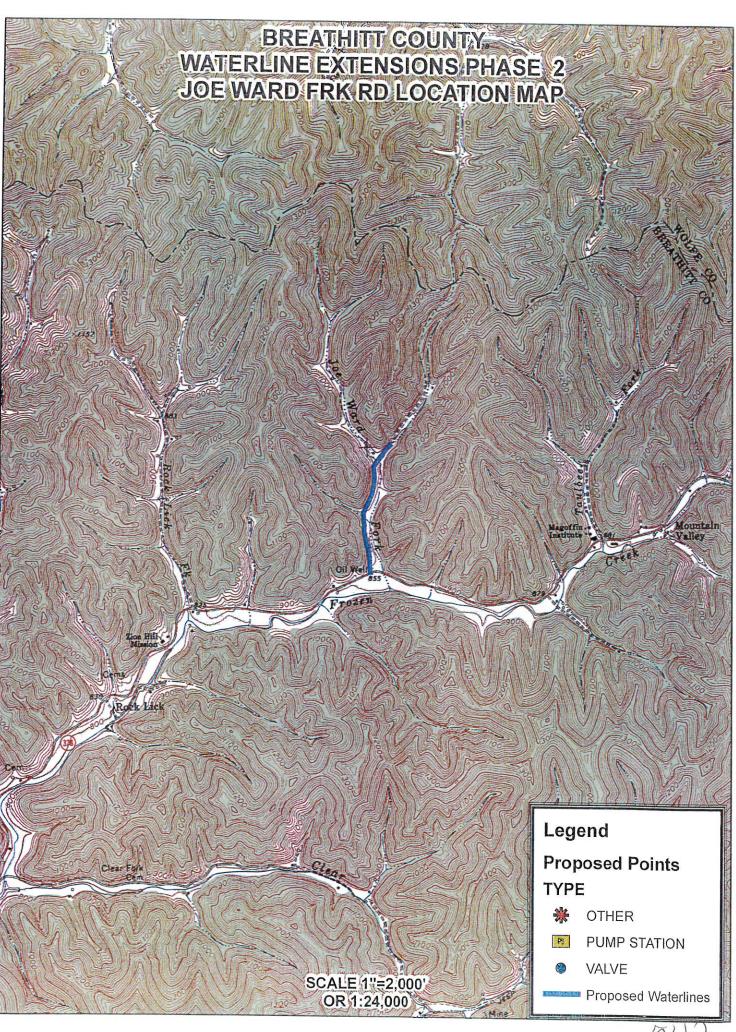




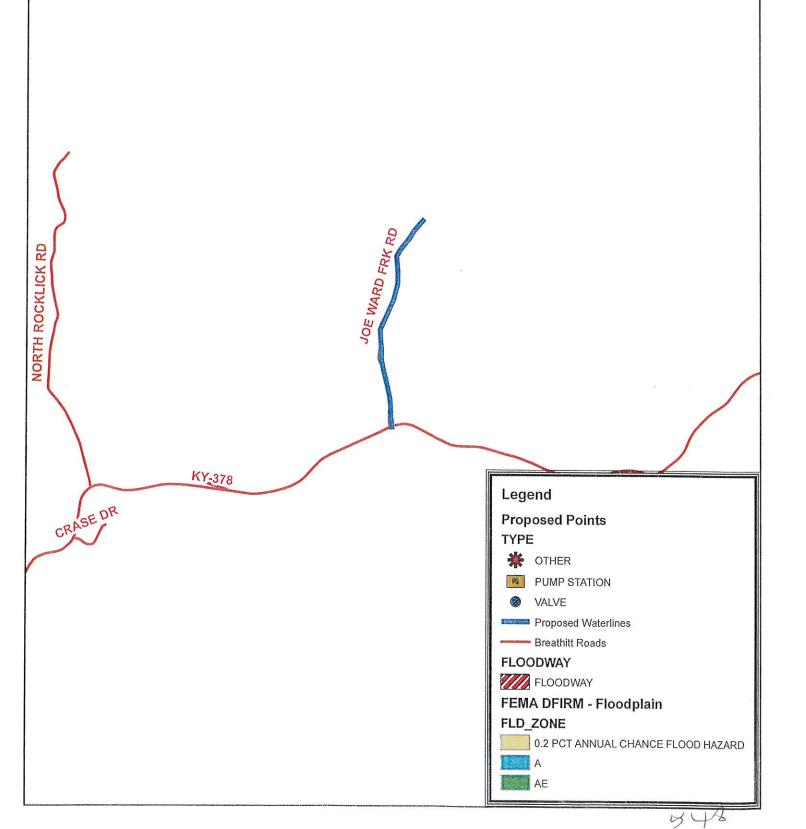


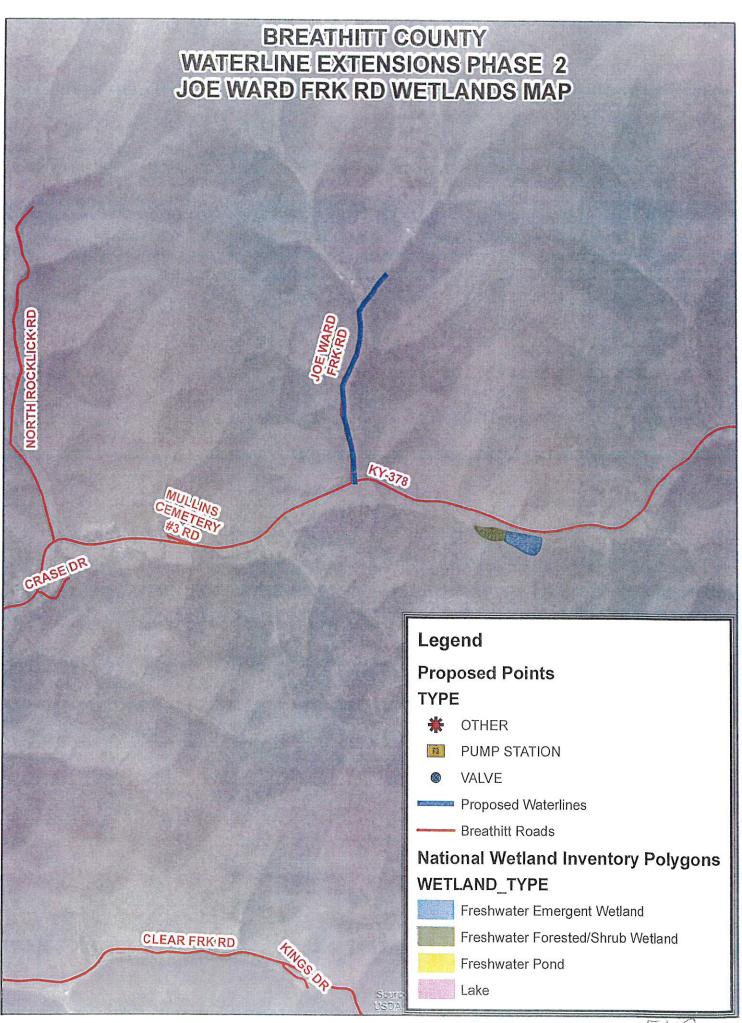


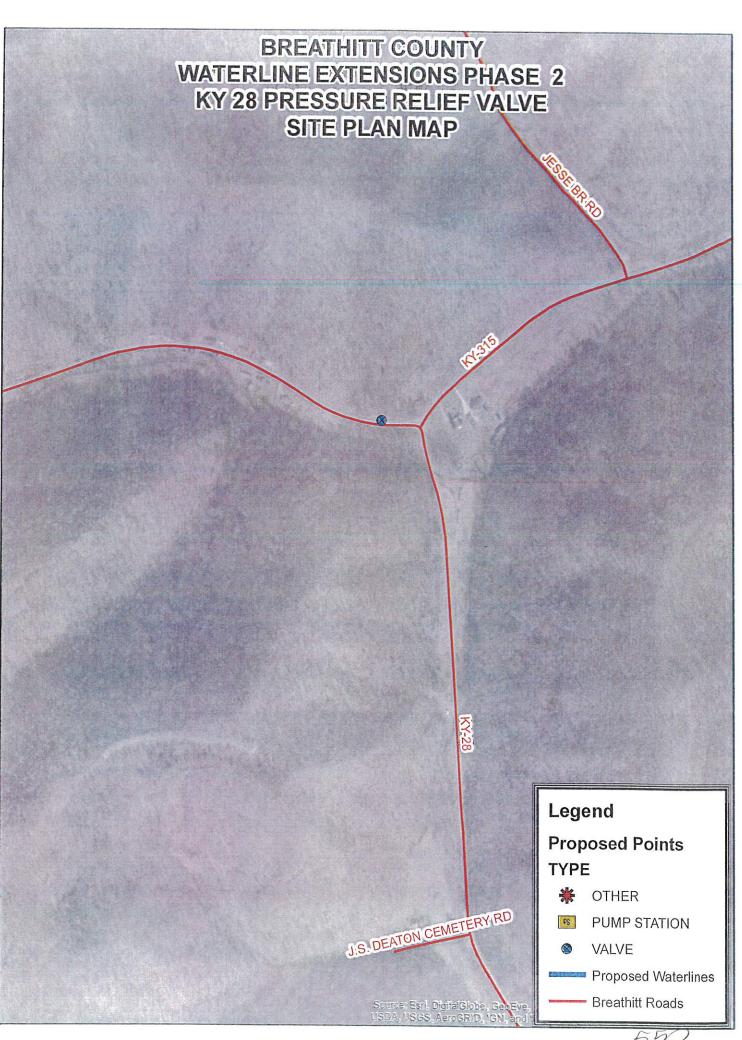


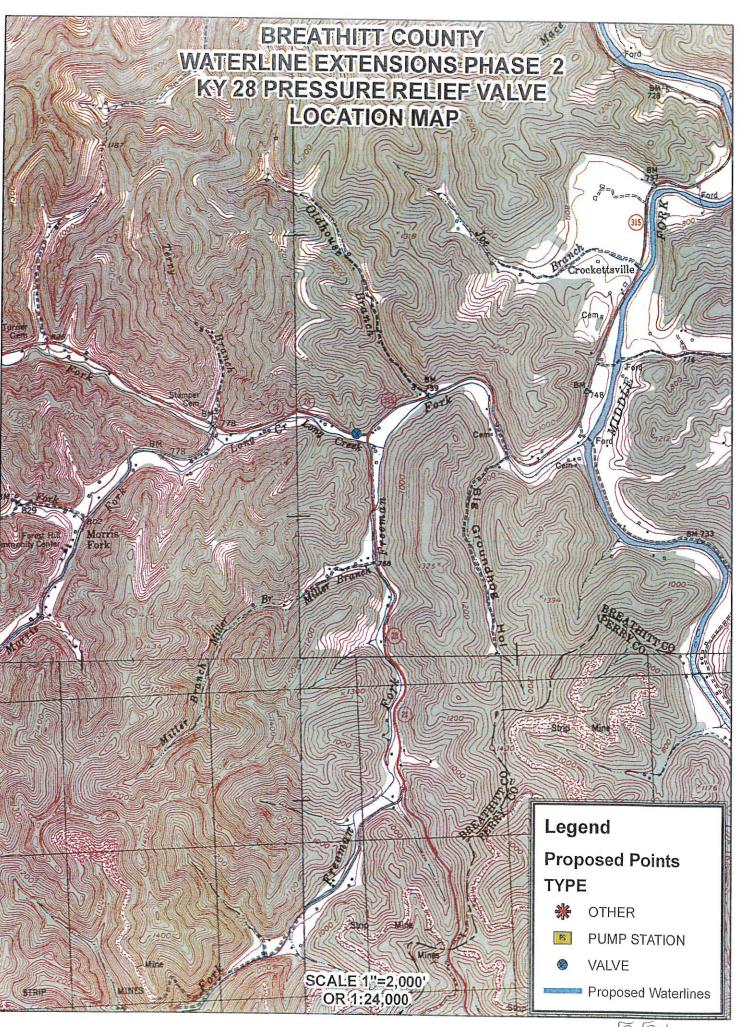


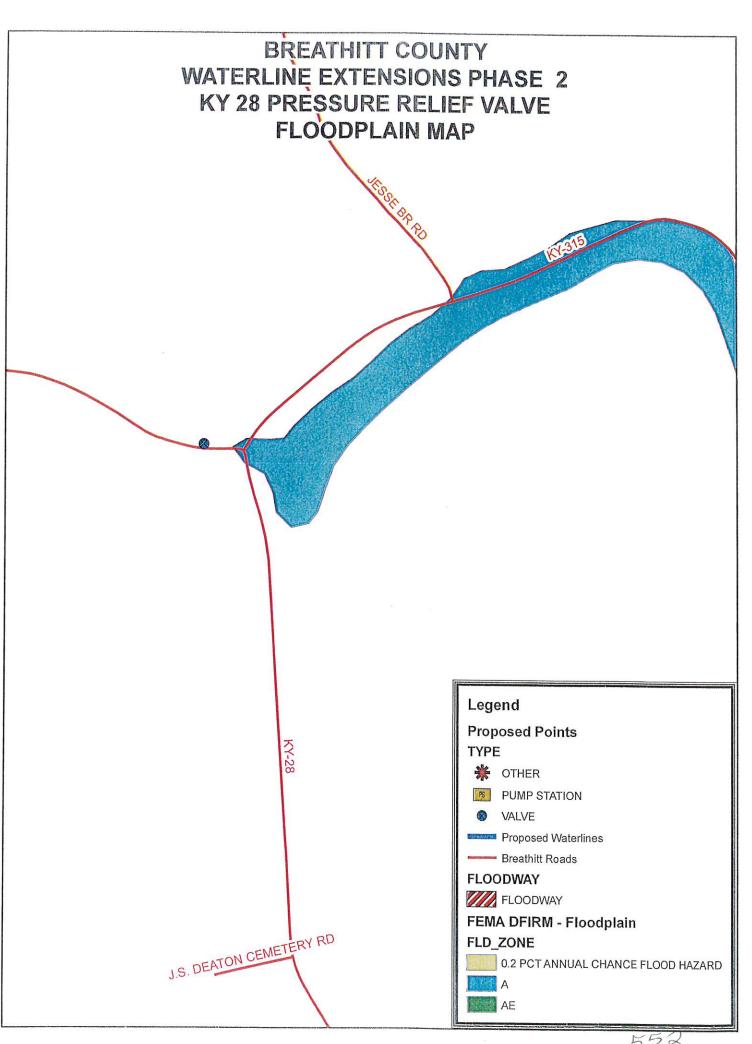
BREATHITT COUNTY WATERLINE EXTENSIONS PHASE 2 JOE WARD FRK RD FLOODPLAIN MAP

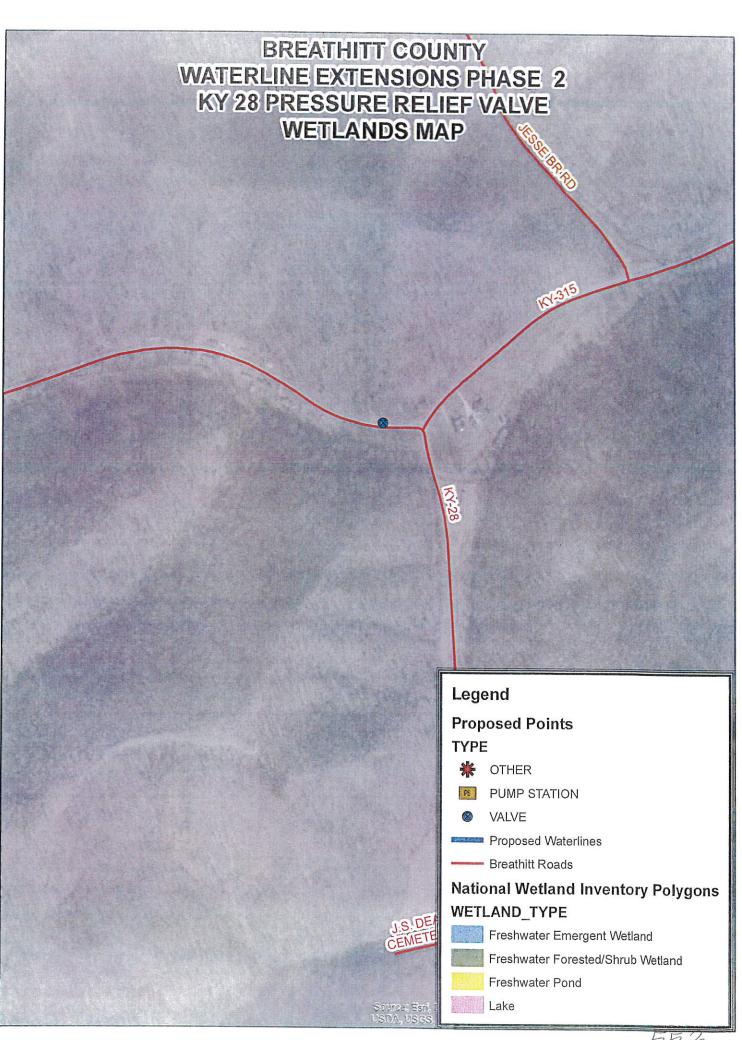


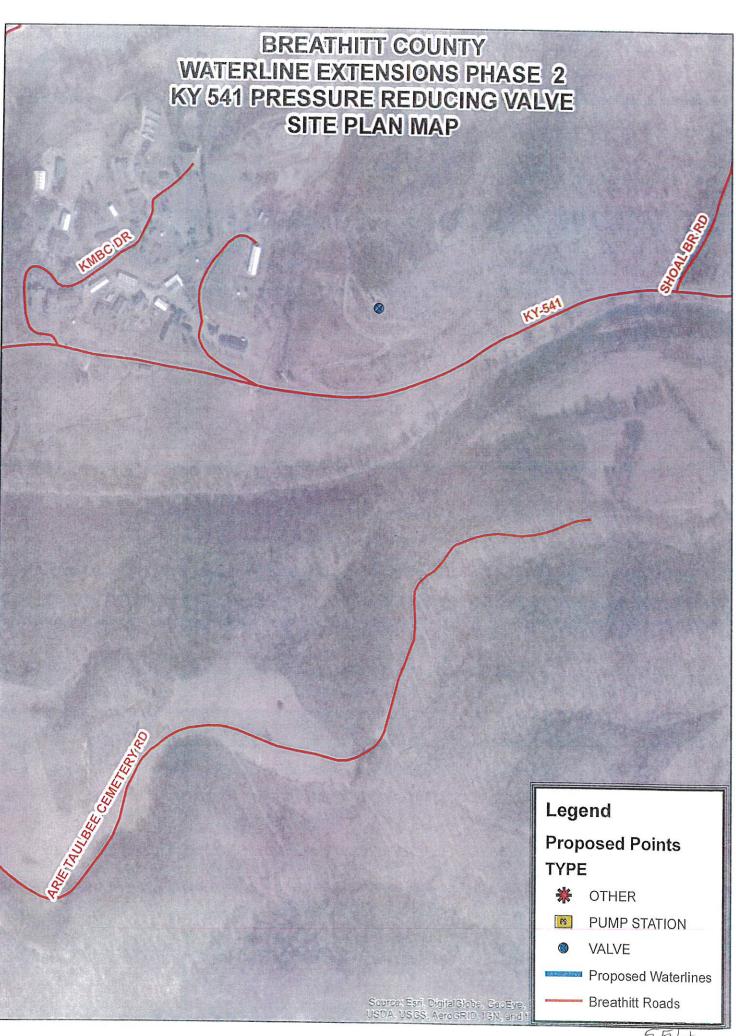


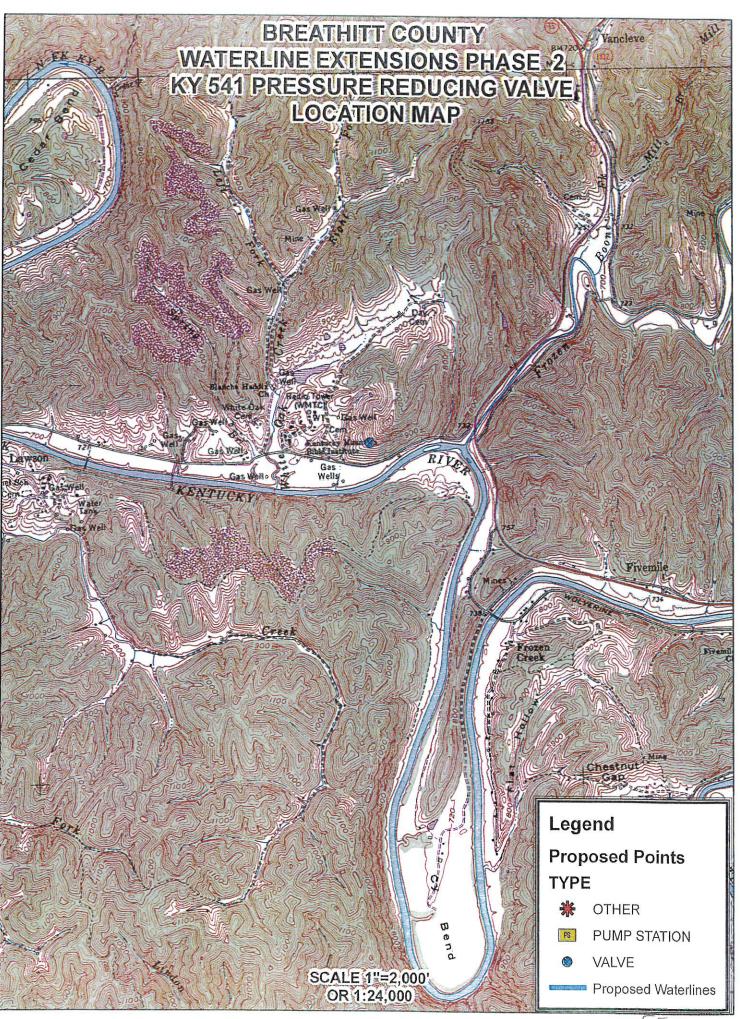


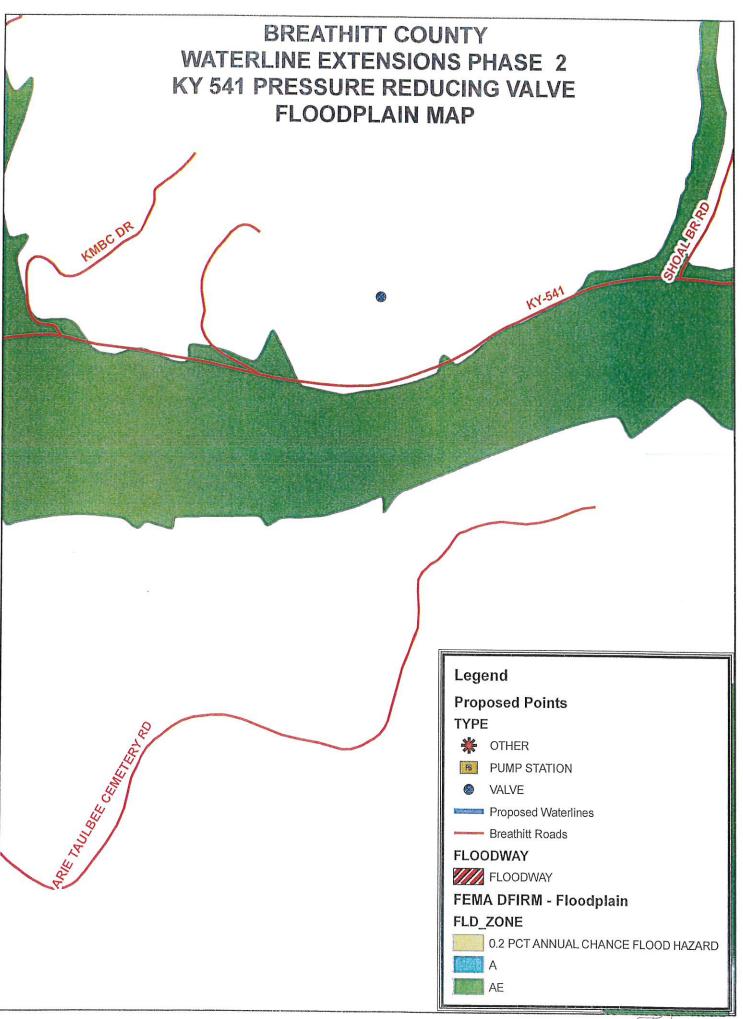


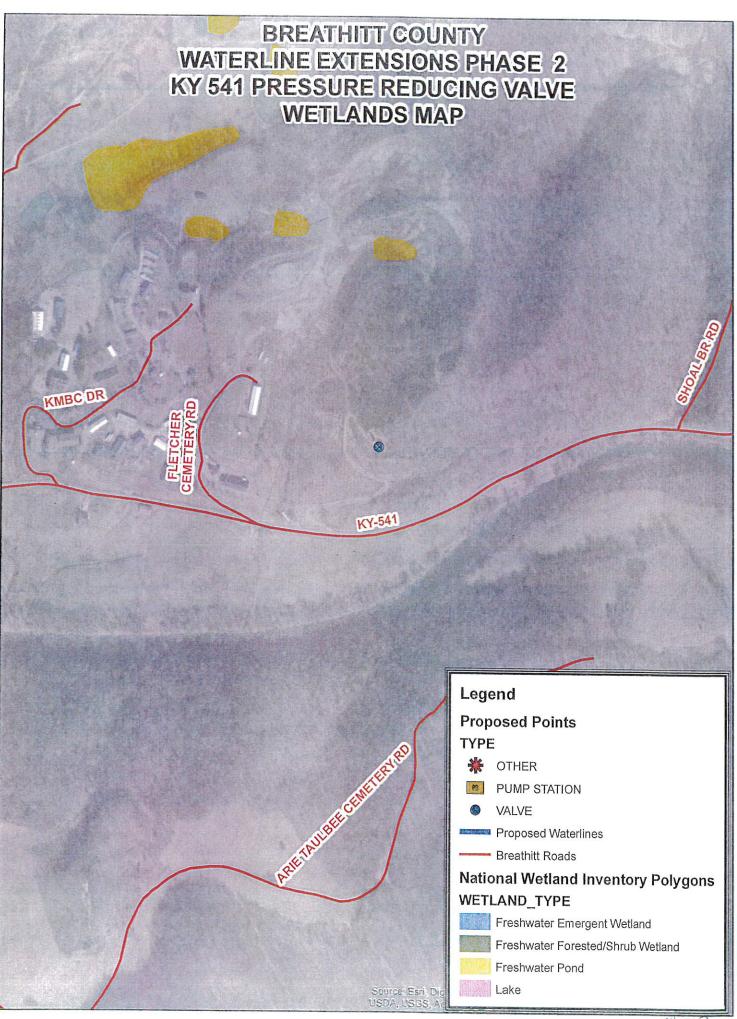


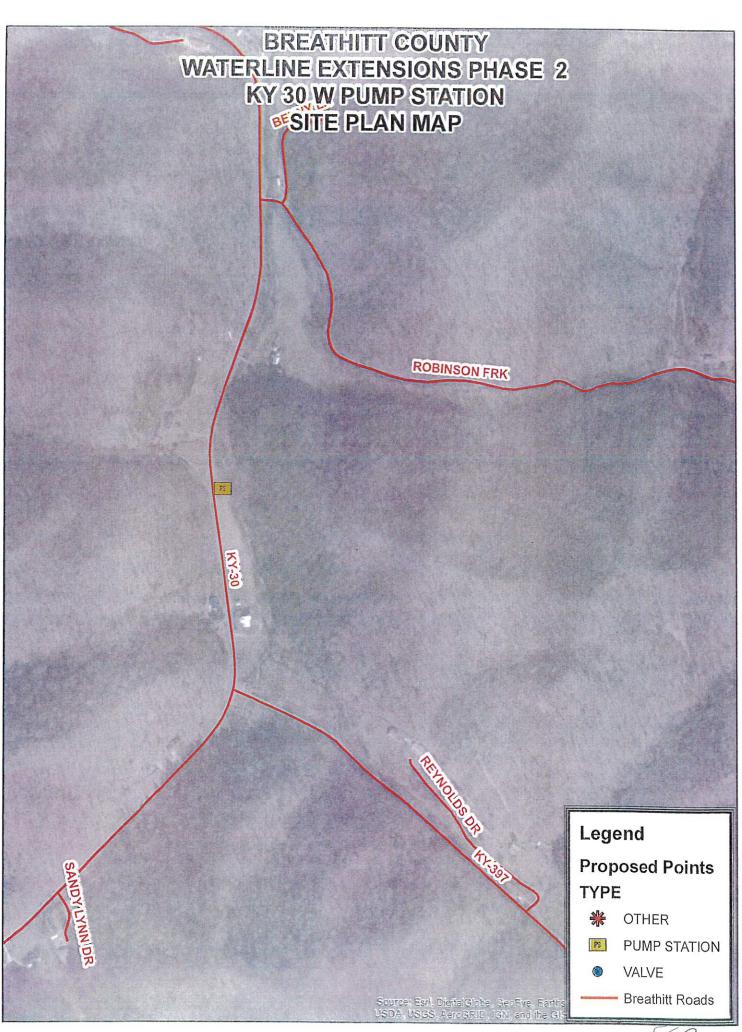


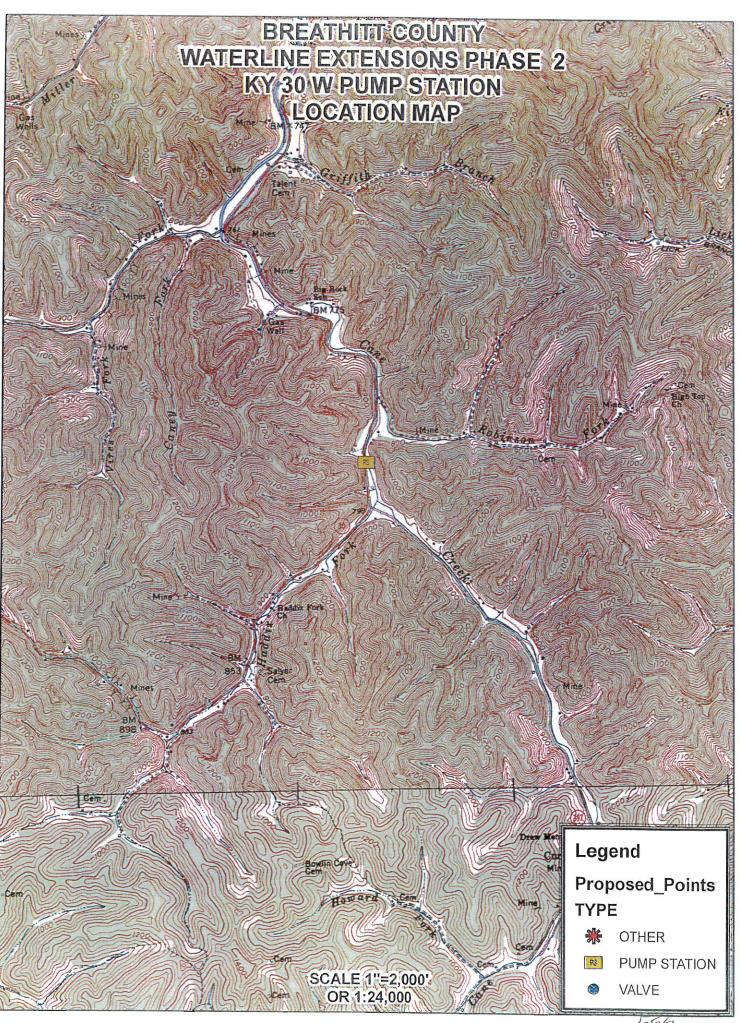












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