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Mr. Eric Otto, Senior Water Resources Engineer
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RE: Waukegan National Airport (UGN), Fence – Phase 6 Coastal Zone Consistency Review Request

Dear Mr. Otto:

To fulfill its requirements outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is currently preparing a Categorical Exclusion for the proposed UGN Fence – Phase 6 at Waukegan National Airport (UGN or Airport) located in Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois. The project is a continuation project of the previous five phases. The fence enhancements comply with the previous phases and the recommendations of the Wildlife Hazard Assessment prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services to minimize access to UGN by deer, coyotes and other burrowing animals. This is the sixth and final phase of airport perimeter fencing for wildlife control and security enhancement, as shown on the attached Sponsor's Proposed Action figure.

The project is expected to be initiated in January 2028 and completed by September 2028.

This Proposed Action includes removal and replacement of approximately 2,500 LF of existing Class C fence with approximately 2,400 LF of new 10' perimeter fence, and two (2) new vehicular slide gates. Two (2) acres of tree clearing and grubbing will be required. Erosion control and landscaping are also included in the project.

The Proposed Action includes the replacement UGN Fence – Phase 6 is entirely within the Illinois Coastal Zone Boundary, which extends through the airport to Green Bay Road, as shown on the attached coastal zone map. The fence removal and replacement do not involve any drainage improvements. Therefore, future runway drainage patterns would generally remain consistent with the existing watershed boundaries. This project does not involve any floodplain encroachment and will result in the loss of less than 0.1 acre of wetlands.

A Clean Water Act Section 404/401 permit authorization, Lake County Watershed Development Permit, and mitigation for wetlands are all expected to be necessary.

The proposed activity will not negatively impact coastal use or resources. The proposed activity complies with the Illinois approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent

with such policies. We are requesting your concurrence with this determination within 60 days in accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. Concurrence will be assumed if its response is not received within 60 days plus any extension, as applicable pursuant to 15 CFR 940.41(b).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 847-294-7354 or craig.k.pullins@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

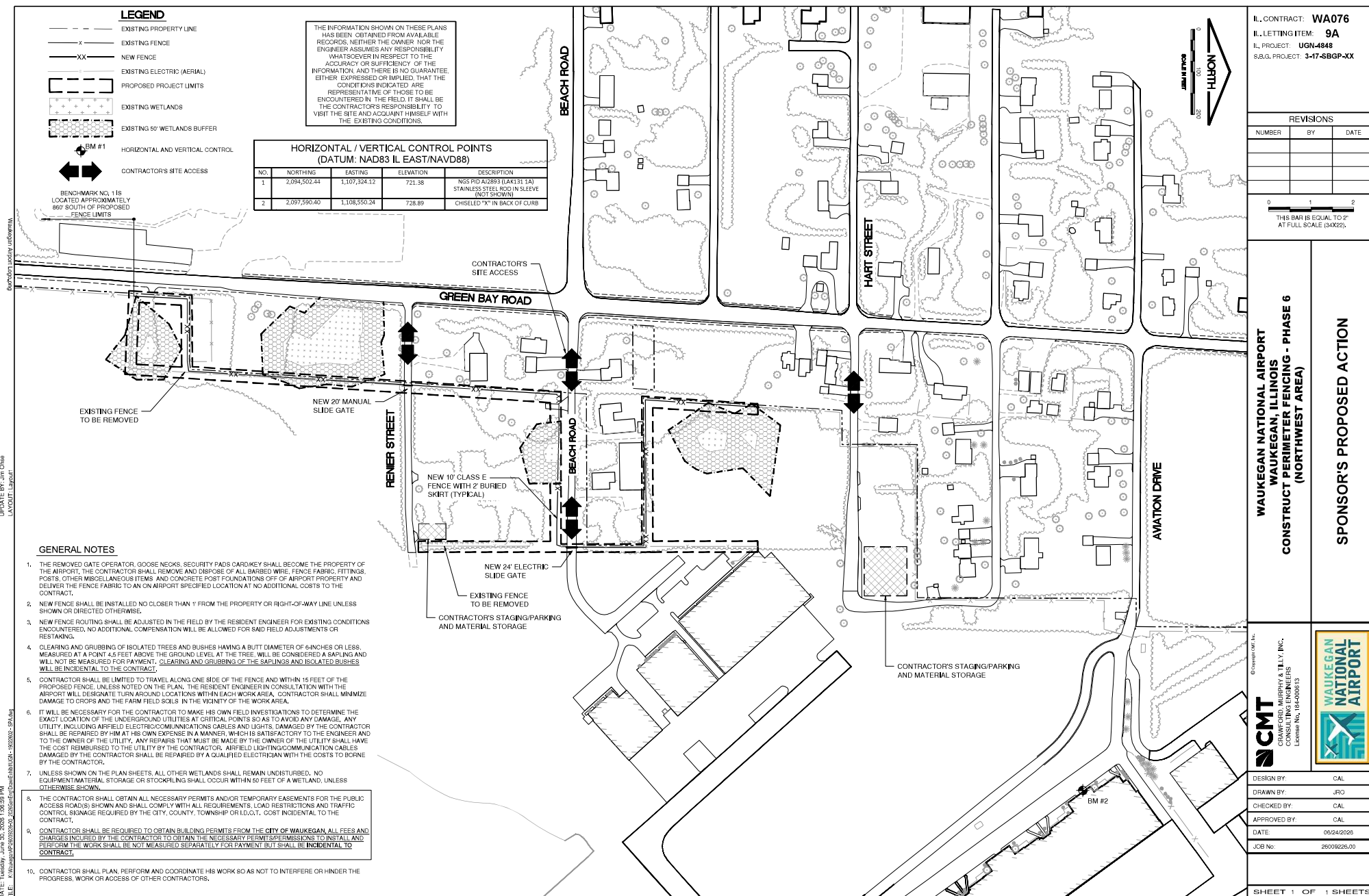
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Craig Pullins
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Chicago Airports District Office

Enclosure:
Proposed Action Exhibit



IL CONTRACT: **WA076**
IL LETTING ITEM: **9A**
IL PROJECT: **UGN-4848**
S.B.G. PROJECT: **3-17-SBGP-XX**

REVISIONS		
NUMBER	BY	DATE

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THIS BAR IS EQUAL TO 2"
AT FULL SCALE (34X22).

**WAUKEGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS
CONSTRUCT PERIMETER FENCING - PHASE 6
(NORTHWEST AREA)**

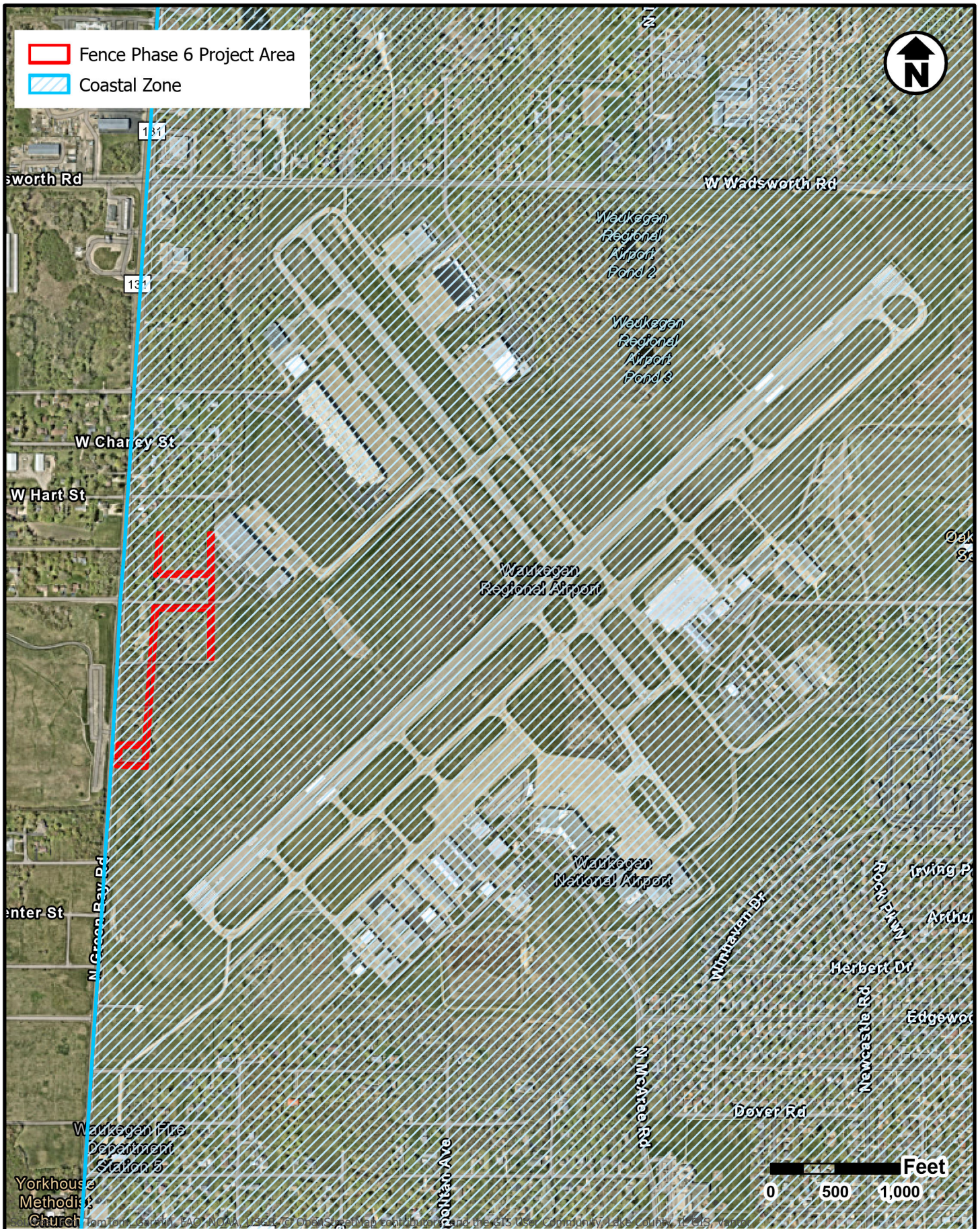
SPONSOR'S PROPOSED ACTION

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CONSULTING ENGINEERS
License No. 184-000613

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UGN Fence Phase 6 Coastal Zone Aerial Map