



**APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

**Big Thicket National Preserve**  
6044 FM 420  
Kountze, TX 77625  
409-951-6821



Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** A nonrefundable processing fee of [application fee waived] must accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You must allow sufficient time for the park to process your request; check with the park for guidelines. You will be notified of the status of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. Your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America an additional insured.

\* Enter either a Social Security Number OR a tax ID number; we do not require both.

Applicant Information	Company/Organization Information
Applicant Name:	Company/Organization Name: Polk County
Social Security Number*:	Tax Identification Number*: 746001621
Street Address:	Street Address: 602 E Church Street, Ste 108
City:	City: Livingston
State:	State: Texas
Zip Code:	Zip Code: 77351
Country:	Country: United States
Telephone Number:	Telephone Number: 936-327-6813
Cell Phone Number:	Contact Name: Sydney Murphy
Fax Number:	Fax Number: 936-327-6891
Email Address:	Email Address: county.judge@co.polk.tx.us

**Activity Details**

**Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram and/or additional pages, if necessary)**

Polk County is respectfully requesting permission to allow TxDOT and its' agents to enter Big Thicket National Preserve to perform construction consisting of bridge replacement and reconstructing approaches.

This section of Sunflower Road has an existing ROW width of 60-ft, which accommodates a 10-ft to 16-ft wide undivided county roadway with no shoulders and a 74-ft long by 16-ft wide timber deck bridge on steeler stringers and timber piling. The project will replace the existing bridge with a 120-ft long by 26-ft wide prestressed concrete slab beam bridge, which will be constructed on same alignment and within the existing ROW at Big Sandy Creek. To accommodate the wider bridge structure, the bridge approaches will be widen to 24-ft.

Construction sequence consists of the following:

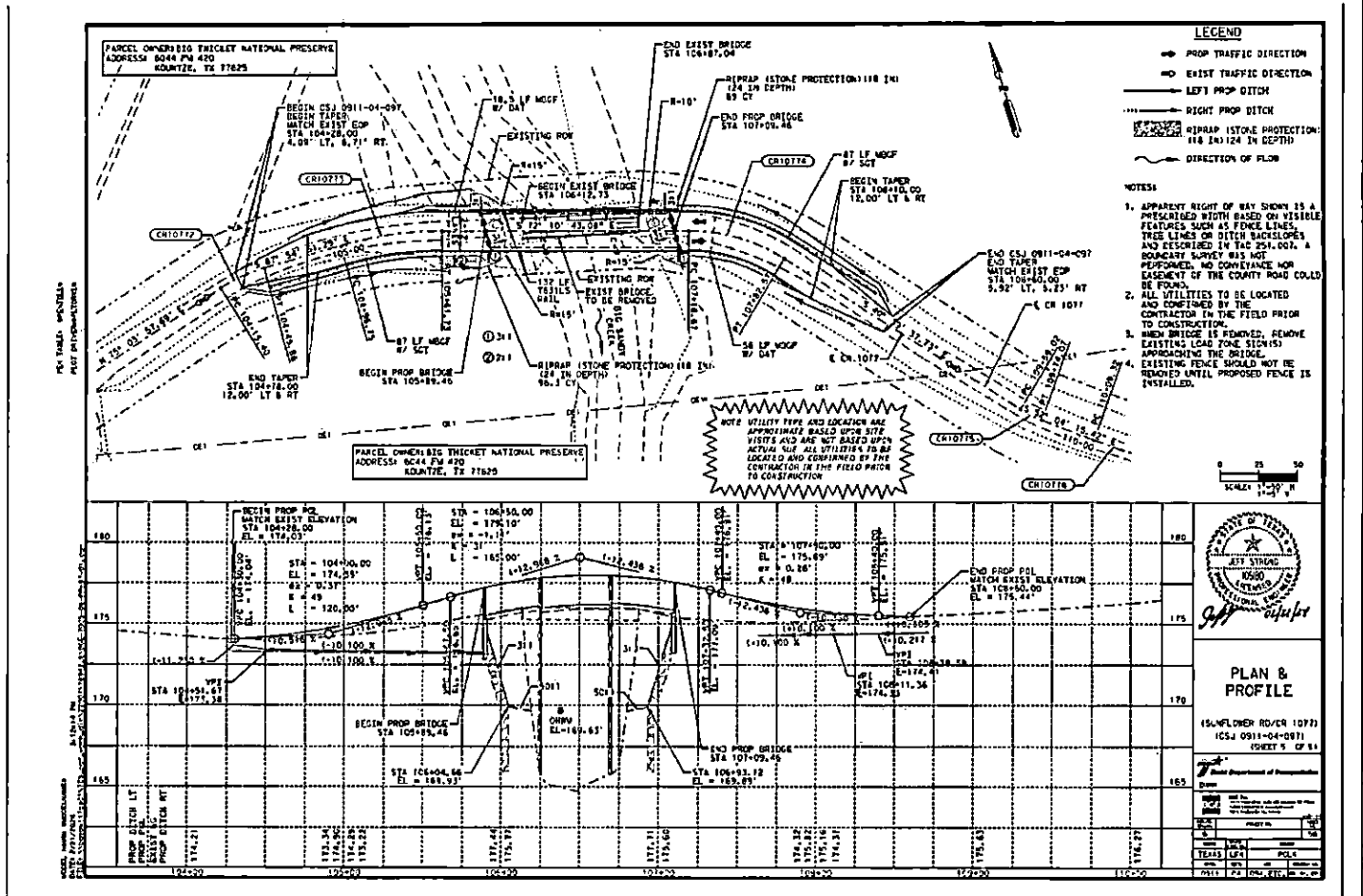
- Set up Traffic control plan (TCP) and devices
- Install Stormwater prevention plan (SWP3) erosion/sediment control devices and Sec. 404/401 water quality BMPs
- Preparation of ROW- Removal of trees and brush within the ROW and trim tree limbs propagating into ROW
- Construct access area and platforms
- Close roadway and commence demolition of bridge
- Excavation and Embankment work

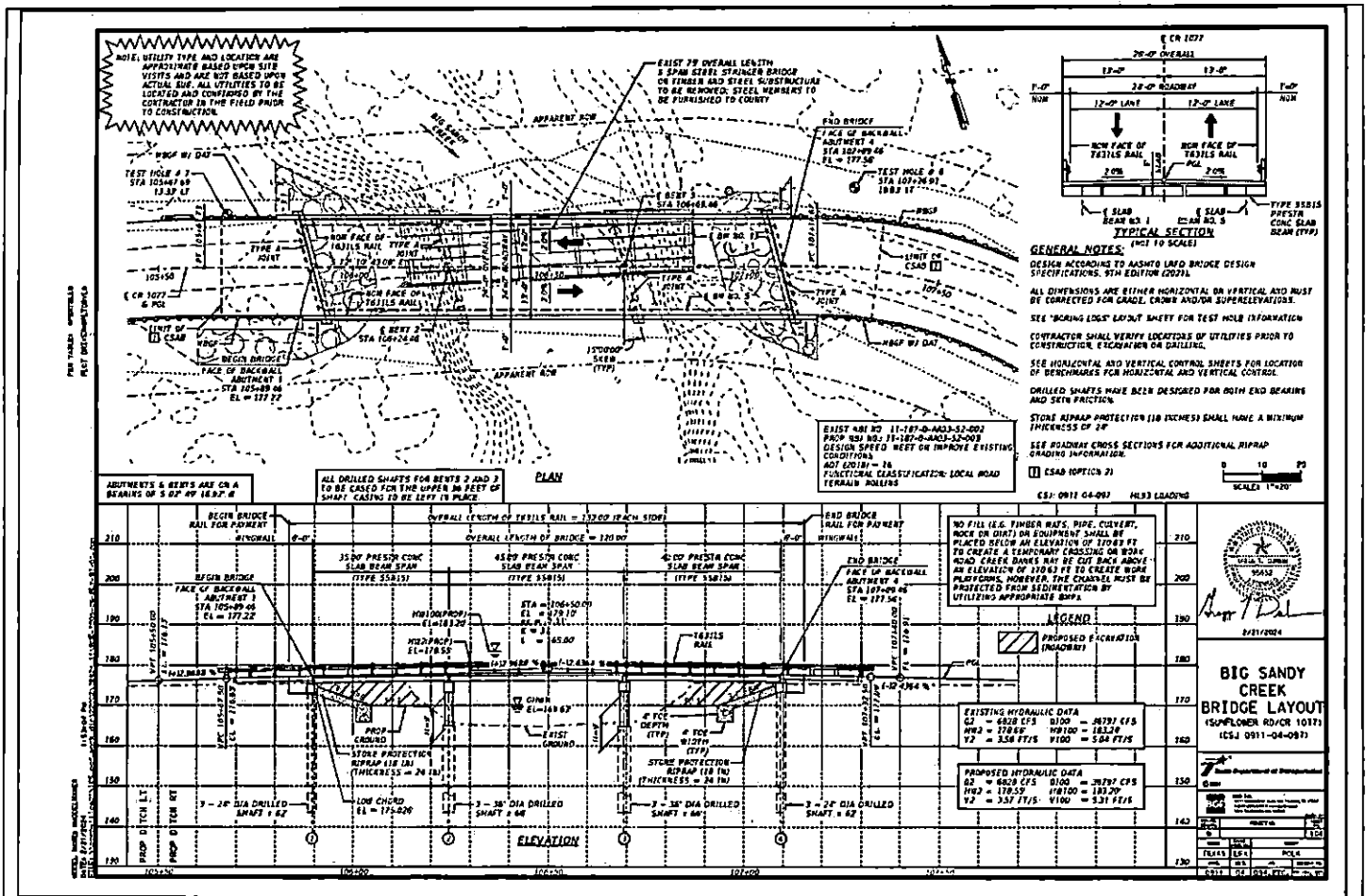
- Drill Shafts
- Construct roadway flex base
- Complete construction of new bridge
- Clean up and final seeding
- Removal of SWP3 devices

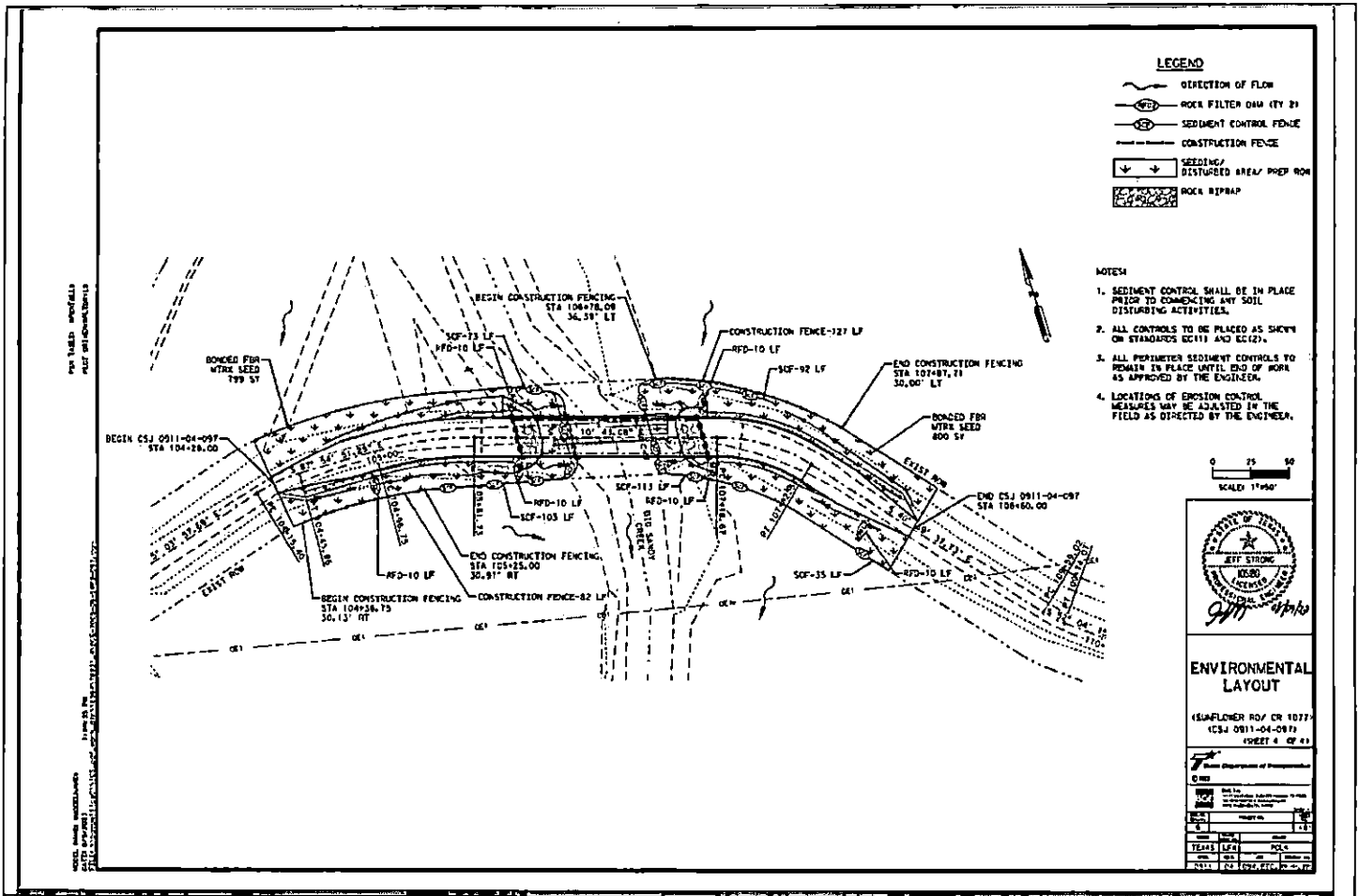
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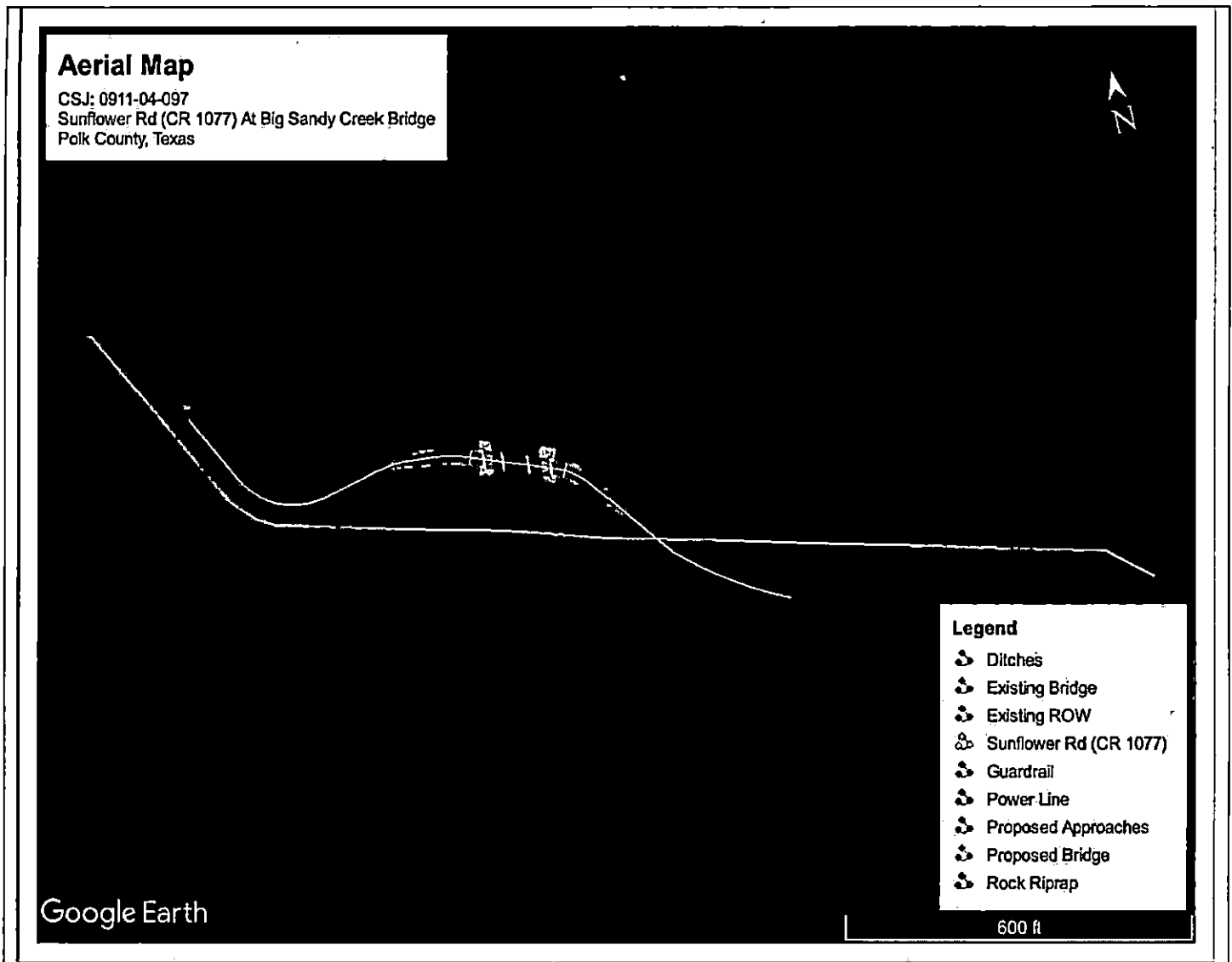
**Requested Location**

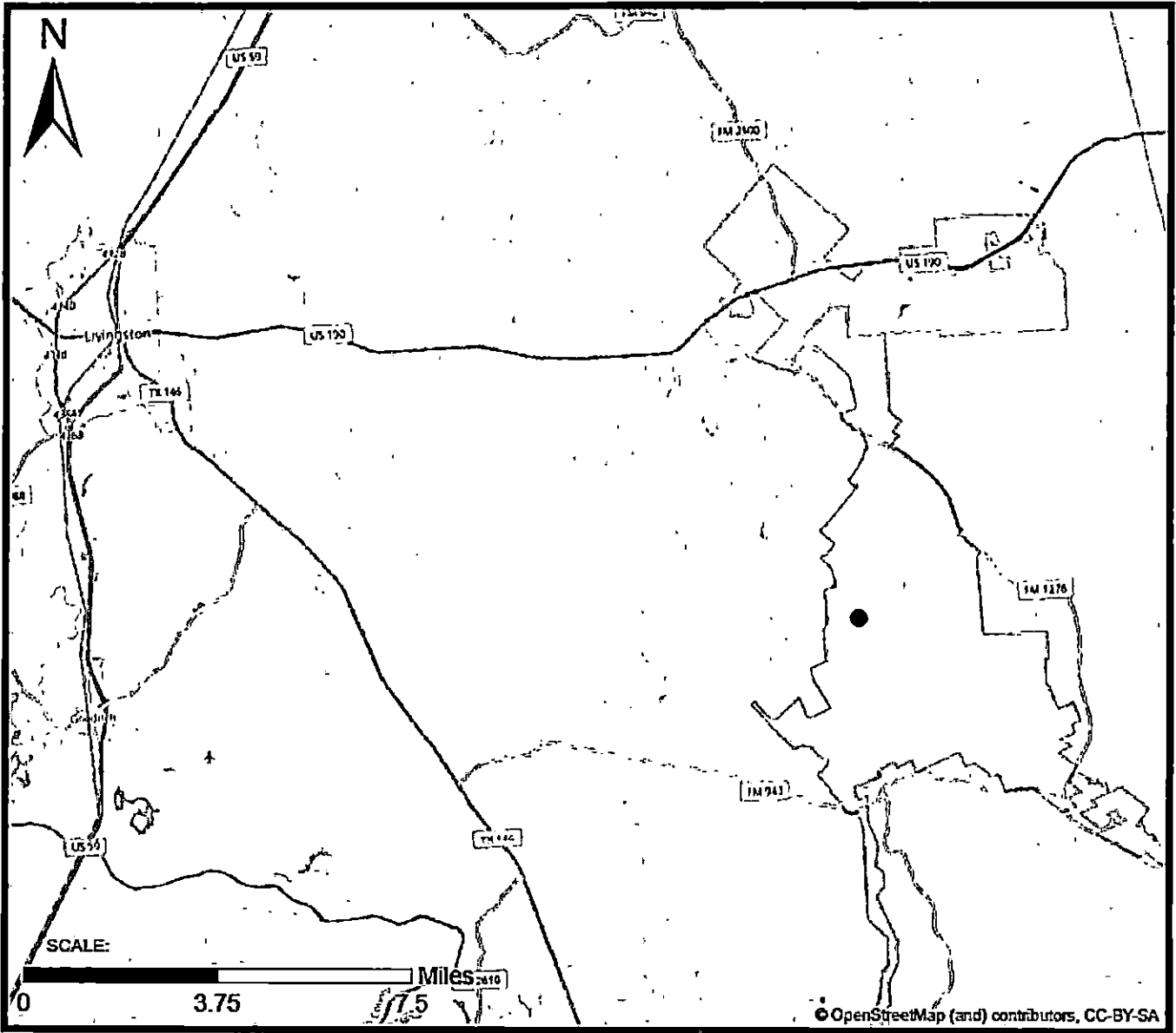
Project limits will extent 432-ft along Sunflower Road from approximately 212-ft West of Big Sandy Creek to approximately 220-ft East of Big Sandy Creek in Polk County, Texas Big Thicket National Preserve-Big Sandy Unit. Proposed work will take place within the existing ROW, which is 60-feet. See Maps below.









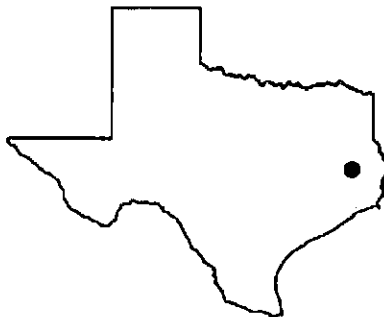


### 0911-04-097 Location Map

Sunflower Rd. (CR 1077) at Big Sandy Creek Bridge  
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Polk County, Texas

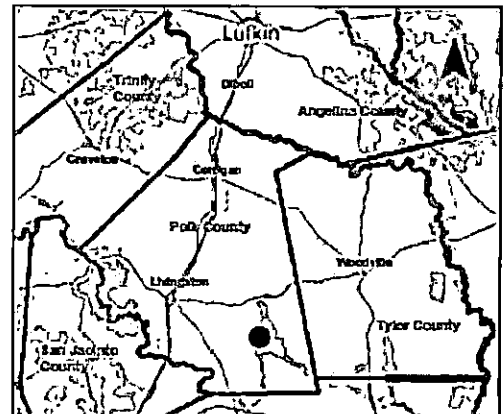
#### LEGEND

- Project Area: CR 1077  
Big Sandy Creek Bridge
- Big Thicket National Preserve:  
Big Sandy Unit



Map Created by:  
Bowen Kirkland  
Environmental Specialist  
Texas Department of Transportation  
04/04/2023

#### OVERVIEW



**Equipment Details**

Support equipment (list all equipment; attach additional pages if necessary)

**DCC Construction:**

- Pick-up Trucks: Up to 5
- Track hoes: 2
- Skid Steer: 1
- Crane: 1
- Water Truck: 1
- Dump Truck: 1
- Drilling Mud Tank: 1
- Concrete Pump Truck: 1
- Roller: 1

**TxDOT:**

- Pick-up Trucks: 1

Note: The equipment listed above will not all be on location at the same time. DCC construction crew size personnel 4 usual-12 maximum.

**Timing**

Set-Up Begins	Activity Begins	Activity Ends	Removal Completed
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**Vehicles & Participants**

If using any vehicles, attach a parking plan to this form.

Type	Maximum Number
Participants (best estimate)	12-DCC, 2-TxDOT
Cars	
Vans/Light Trucks	2-DCC, 1-TxDOT
Utility Vans/Trucks	2-DCC
Buses/Oversized Vehicles	1-DCC

**Support Personnel**

List support personnel including addresses and telephones; attach additional pages if necessary

Name	Address	Cell Phone Number
James Taylor- DCC Construction Superintendent	13759 CR 283 N, Whitehouse, TX, 75791	936-404-8528
DCC Construction Employees (TBD)	13759 CR 283 N, Whitehouse, TX, 75791	936-404-8528
Melvin Durham- TxDOT Inspector	3161 US 59 N, Livingston, TX 77351	936-219-3263
Gary Lovett- TxDOT Inspector	3161 US 59 N, Livingston, TX 77351	936-433-9770

**Individual in Charge**

Individual in charge of activity onsite who is authorized to make decisions related to the permitted activity

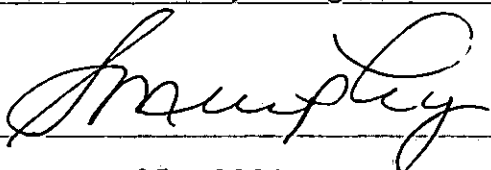
Name	Cell Phone Number
Clint Jones- Livingston Area Engineer TxDOT LFK District	936-327-8981

**Activity Questions**

- Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights?  Yes  No
- Have you visited the requested area?  Yes  No
- Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release before the event?  Yes  No
- Have you obtained a permit from the National Park Service in the past?  
(If yes, provide a list of permit dates and locations on a separate page.)  Yes  No
- Will you distribute printed material?  Yes  No
- Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event?  
(If yes, please explain on a separate page.)  Yes  No
- Do you intend to solicit donations or offer items for sale?  
(These activities may require an additional permit.)  Yes  No
- Is this permit to carry out a Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Mission?  Yes  No

**You are encouraged to attach additional pages with information useful in evaluating your permit request including:** staging, sound systems, parking plan, security plans, sanitary facilities, crowd control, emergency medical plan, use of any building, site clean-up, etc.

*The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or statements have been given.*

Name	Sydney Murphy
Title	Polk County Judge
Signature	
Date	June 25, 2024



## NOTICES

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

This is an application **only** and does not serve as permission to conduct any special activity in the park. The information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Send the completed application along with the application fee in the form of a [application fee waived] to [not applicable] at the park address found on the first page of this application.

If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent you. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the park for final approval by the Park Superintendent before the permitted activity may begin.

### Customers Making Payment by Personal Check

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

### Privacy Act Statement

**General:** This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 21, 1984, for individuals completing this application.

**Authority:** The authority to collect information on the attached form is derived from 54 U.S.C. 100101, Promotion and regulation; 54 U.S.C. 100751(a), Regulations; 54 U.S.C. 103104, Recovery of costs associated with special use permits; and 54 U.S.C 100905 Commercial Filming.

**Purposes and Uses:** The information being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. Information from the application may be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

**Effects of Nondisclosure:** It is in your best interest to answer all of the questions. The U.S. Criminal Code, Title 18 U.S.C. 1001, provides that knowingly falsifying or concealing a material fact is a felony that may result in fines of up to \$10,000 or 5 years in prison, or both. Deliberately and materially making false or fraudulent statements on this form will be grounds for not granting you a Special Use Permit

**Information Regarding Disclosure of Your Social Security Number Under Public Law 93-579 Section 7(b):** Your Social Security Number (SSN) is needed to identify records unique to you. Applicants are required to provide their social security or taxpayer identification number for activities subject to collection of fees and charges by the National Park Service. Failure to disclose your SSN may prevent or delay the processing of your application. The authority for soliciting your SSN is 54 U.S.C.103104. The information gathered through the use of the SSN will be used only as necessary for processing this application and collecting and reporting any delinquent financial obligations. Use of the social security number will be carried out in accordance with established regulations and published notices of system of records.

### Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to provide the park managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use. All applicable parts of the form must be completed in order for your request to be considered. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Estimated Burden Statement

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate, or any aspects of this form, to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, Virginia 20192. Please do not send your form to this address.

**INTERNAL AGENCY USE ONLY**

**Project Number/BILL:**

**Date Processed:**

**Permit Number:**

**Prepared By:**

**Organization Name:**