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Surface Transportation Board

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See attached. Thanks Roz!



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Houston-Galveston Area Council

December 6, 2007

Ms. Sandy Wesch-Schulze
Carter & Burgess, Inc.
7950 Elmbrook Drive
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**RE: Finance Docket No. 35061
Liberty County Rural Rail Transportation District No. 1**

Dear Ms. Wesch-Schulze:

This is in response to the November 8, 2007 request from the Surface Transportation Board for information on potential environmental resources impacted and permits or approval required in connection with the referenced project.

We have looked at the areas of concern in Liberty County and offer the following as issues that may need addressing during the environmental process.

- All the proposed alignments appear to traverse wetlands, as shown in the attached National Wetlands Inventory map. Wetlands loss is a major concern in the Galveston Bay Plan due to the magnitude of wetland loss suffered in the Galveston Bay Estuary, of which Liberty County is a part.
- Another environmental resource that may need to be addressed is hardwood bottomlands, riparian areas and floodplains as expressed in the recently completed 'Envision Houston Region' visioning effort.
- Additionally, the area is in an air quality non-attainment region. The project should have positive air quality benefits by reducing rail and automobile congestion in the Dayton/Liberty area.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

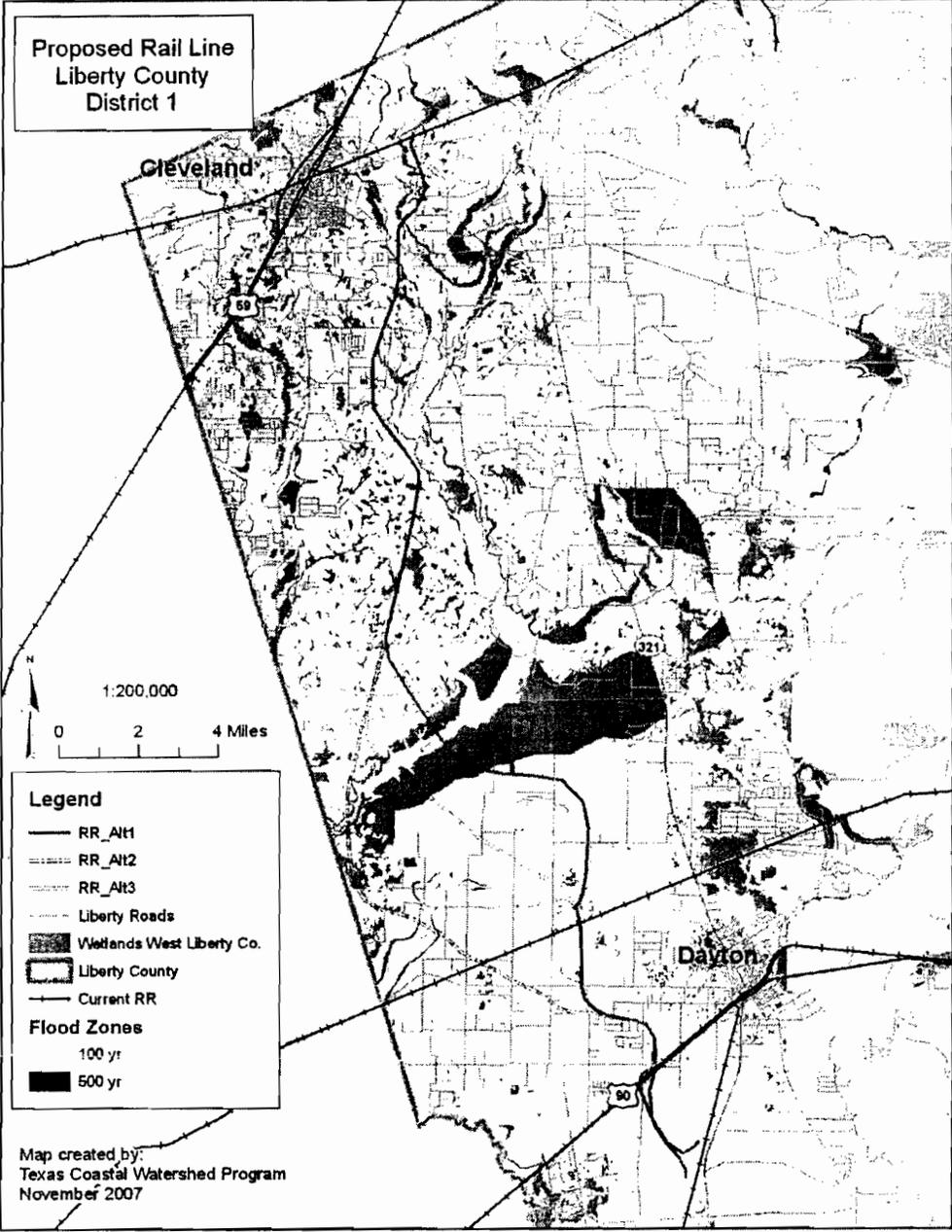
Sincerely,

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Chief Operating Officer

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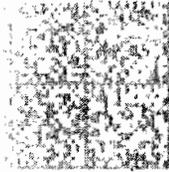
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