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October 10, 2006

Joseph Post, President
Nightmute Traditional Council
P.O. Box 90021
Nightmute Ak 99690

Dear Mr. Post,

Nightmute Airport Improvements
Project No.: 51809
Nightmute, Ak
Government-to-Government Consultation Initiation

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in cooperation with the operator of the Nightmute Airport, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), is planning a project to improve the Nightmute Airport at Nightmute, AK.

Purpose of Government-to-Government Consultation

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Consultation Initiation

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Project Information/Proposed Action

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Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2007. Currently, the ADOT&PF is in the preliminary design stages for the airport improvements.

Public meetings were held in Nightmute on September 13, 1995, and November 15, 2004. ADOT&PF personnel were on hand to answer questions and discuss the proposed design. Comments were received, and the community showed overall support for the project. A newsletter was also distributed to the community in March 2005.

Confidentiality

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FAA Contact Information

If you wish to provide comments related to this proposed project, please contact **Pat Oien, Project Manager**, at the address above, at **907-271-5445**, or by e-mail at **pat.oien@faa.gov**; or please feel free to contact me directly.

Airport Owner and Operator Contact Information

In addition, you may wish to include the Airport operator (ADOT&PF) in your response so that they may be aware of your comments. The Airport owner and operator's point of contact for this project is:

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Project Consultation Options Form (enclosed)

Your timely response will greatly assist us in incorporating your concerns into project planning. For that purpose, we respectfully request that you complete the enclosed Project Consultation Options form and forward it to the FAA within thirty days of your receipt of this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Debbie Roth
Deputy Manager
Airports Division

Enclosures:

Figure 1: Location and Vicinity Map
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Tribal Consultation Options

Nightmute Traditional Council

P.O. Box 90021
Nightmute, AK 99690

Project Name: Nightmute Airport Improvements
Federal/State Project Numbers: **51809/**

Please check the appropriate response:

- The **Nightmute Traditional Council** will continue coordination for this proposed project directly with Owner / Operator of the airport. *Please note that if the Tribe initially chooses to consult / coordinate with the airport owner/operator, the Tribe may later decide to consult directly with the FAA.*
- The **Nightmute Traditional Council**, a federally recognized tribe, and would like to consult directly with the Federal Aviation Administration in a government-to-government relationship for this proposed project.
- The **Nightmute Traditional Council** has no interest associated with this proposed project and further consultation is not required.

Use the back of this form or additional sheets if you would like to make additional comments.

Tribal Leader (Please print) Telephone _____

Tribal Leader (Signature) Date _____

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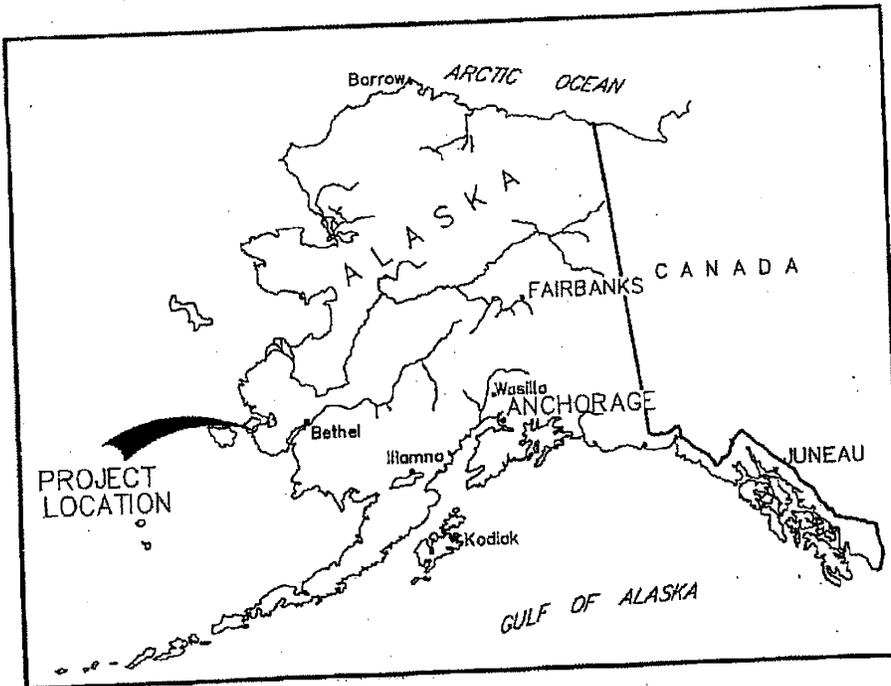
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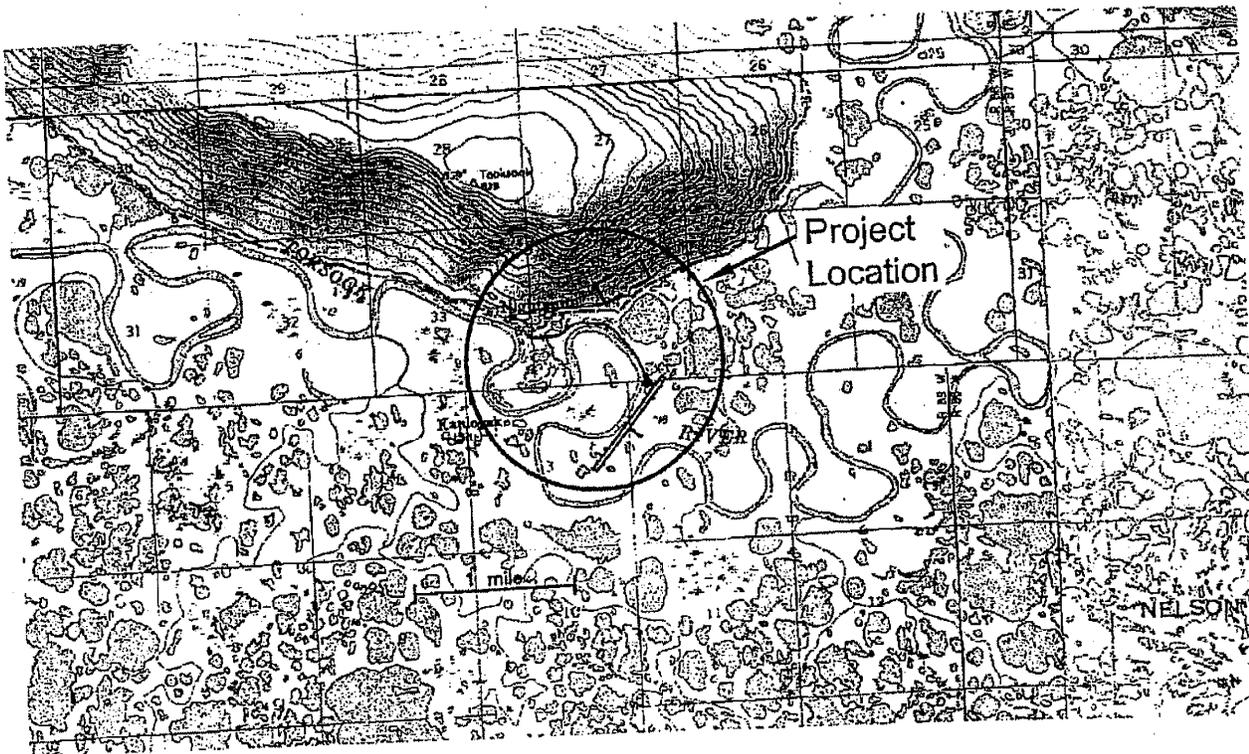
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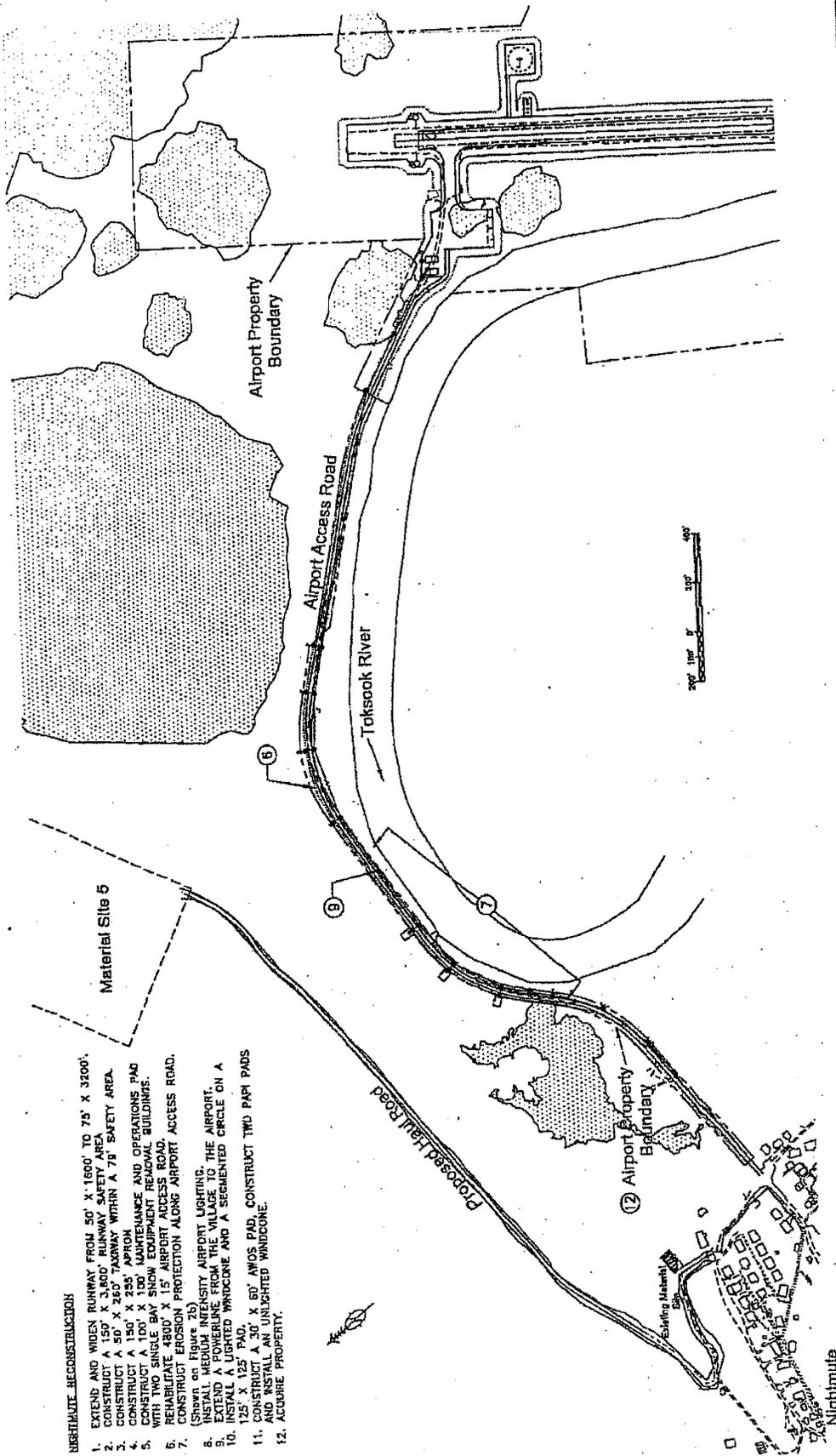


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Location and Vicinity Maps
Figure 1

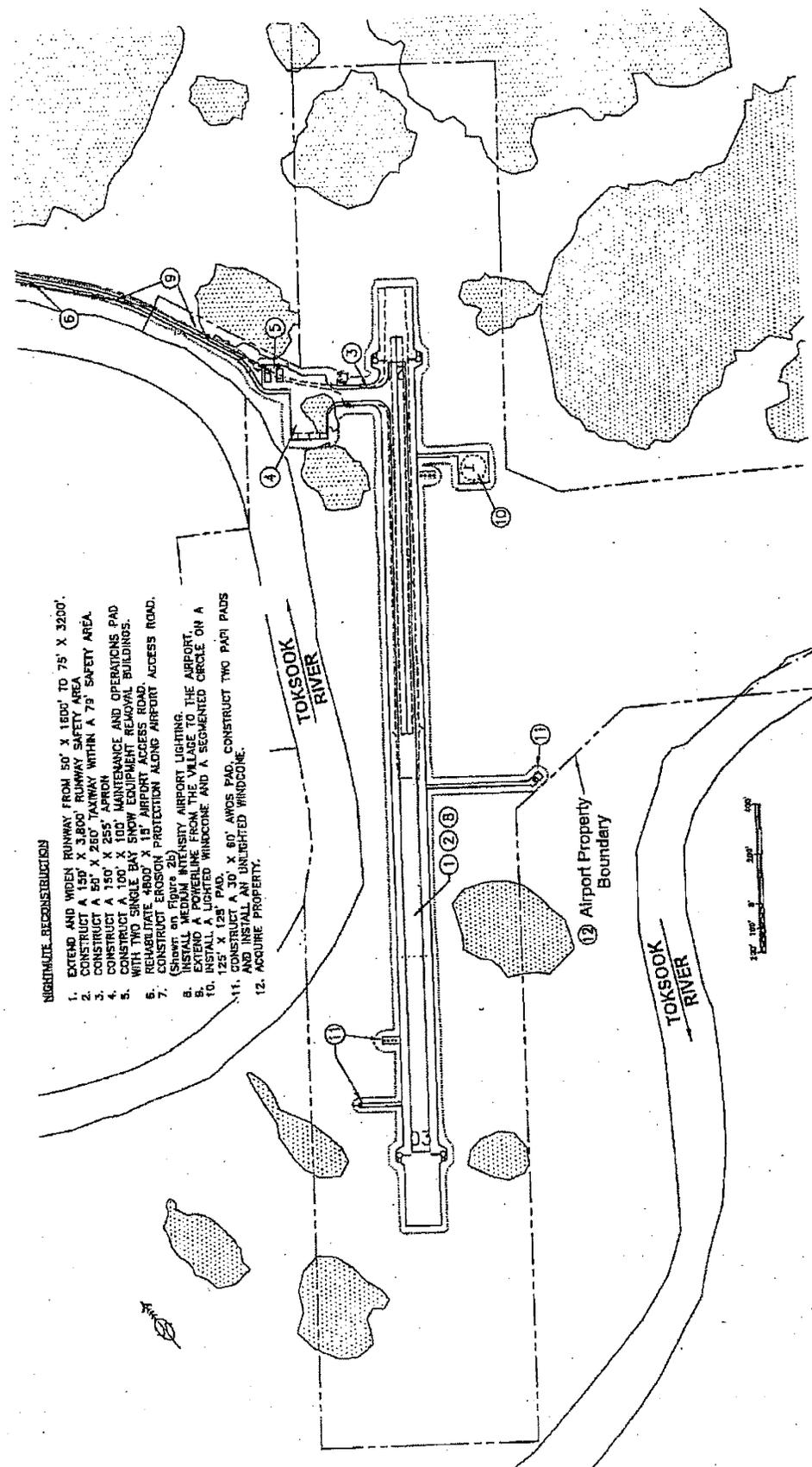
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NIGHTMUTE RECONSTRUCTION

1. EXTEND AND WIDEN RUNWAY FROM 50' X 1600' TO 75' X 3200'.
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5. CONSTRUCT A 100' X 100' EQUIPMENT REMOVAL BUILDINGS WITH TWO SINGLE BAY X 15' AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD.
6. REHABILITATE APRON X 15' AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD.
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Nightmute Airport Improvements
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Figure 2b

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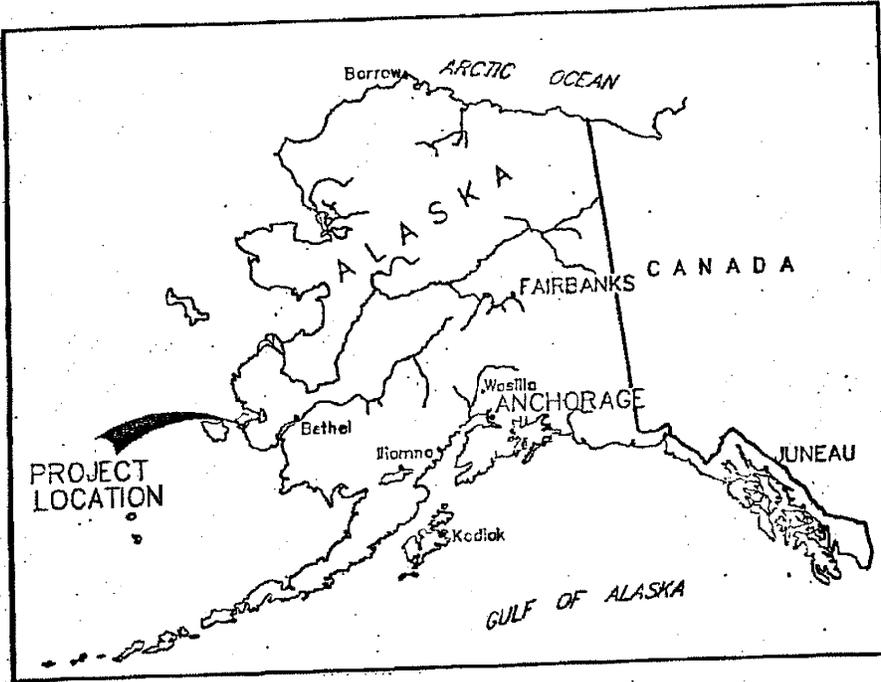
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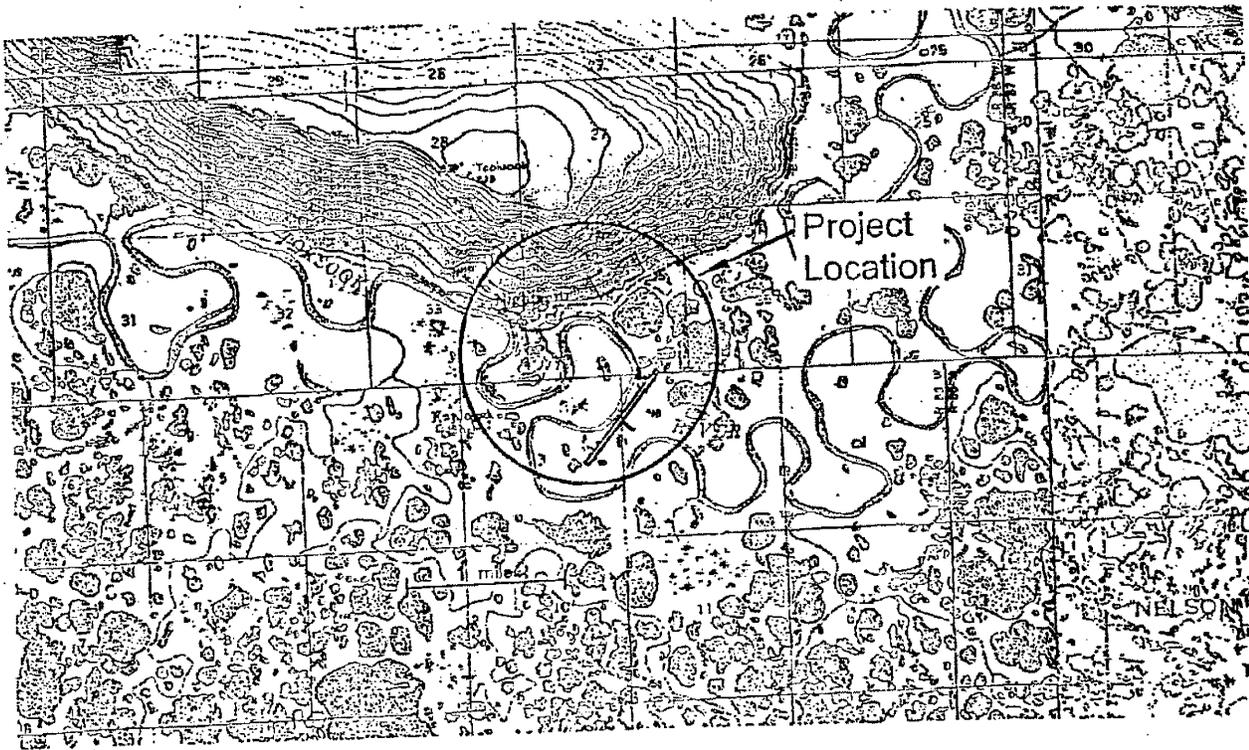
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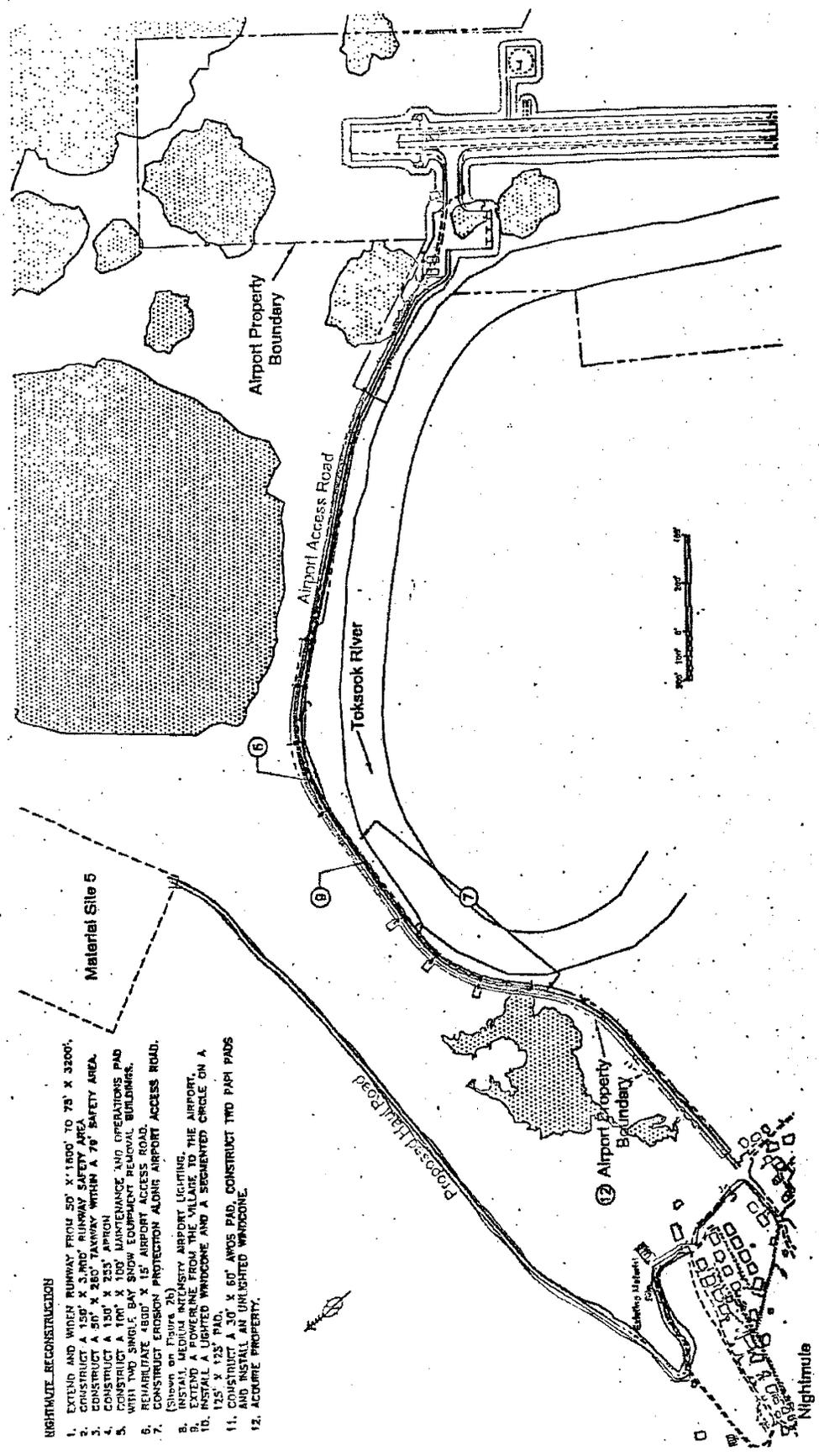


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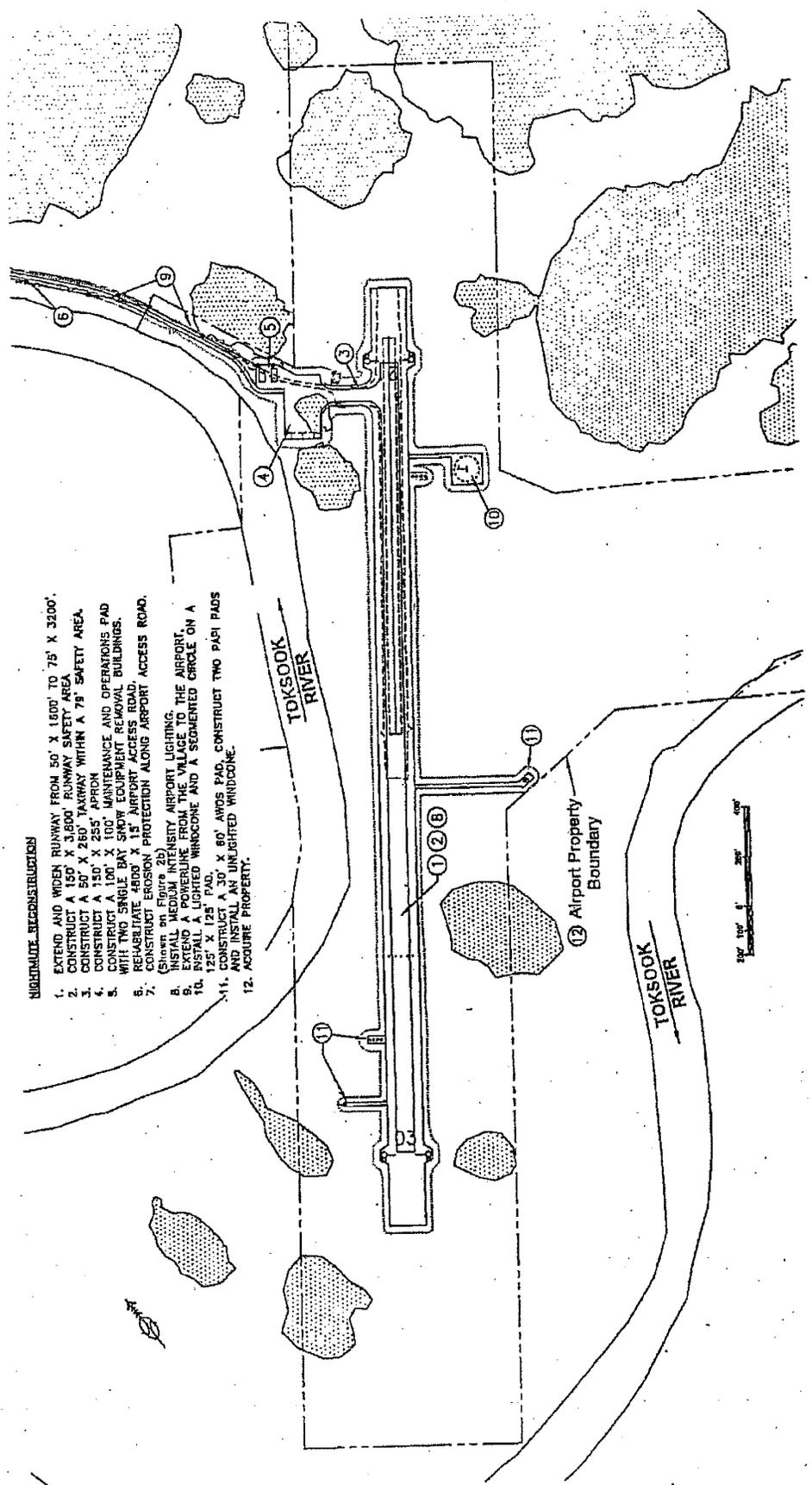
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