

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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MVN-2000-01154-WRR

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
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Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 151007-02

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

BANK STABILIZATION FOR THE PORT OF VERMILION, ALONG THE VERMILION RIVER, IN VERMILION PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District, c/o Primeaux, Touchet, & Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 579, 100 South State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana 70511.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located on the right descending bank of the Vermilion River, at the Port of Vermilion on Schriever Drive, Abbeville, Louisiana in Vermilion Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

Latitude: 29.8952/Longitude: -92.1197 Hydrologic Unit Code: 08080103 Vermilion.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Deposition of approximately 2,800 cubic yards of limestone rip-rap along the eroded property line along the Vermilion River, for bank stabilization. Deposition of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of clay, from the rip-rap inland, to fill eroded land. The bank stabilization activity will impact 0.92 acre of wetlands and 0.71 acre of the Vermilion River. The applicant plans to purchase credits from an approved mitigation bank, to compensate for unavoidable impacts.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to

the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is not aware of any properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed project site. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites or data. Issuance of this public notice and specific notice sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer, solicits input regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of **0.71** acre of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum, reef fish, coastal migratory pelagic, and shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the

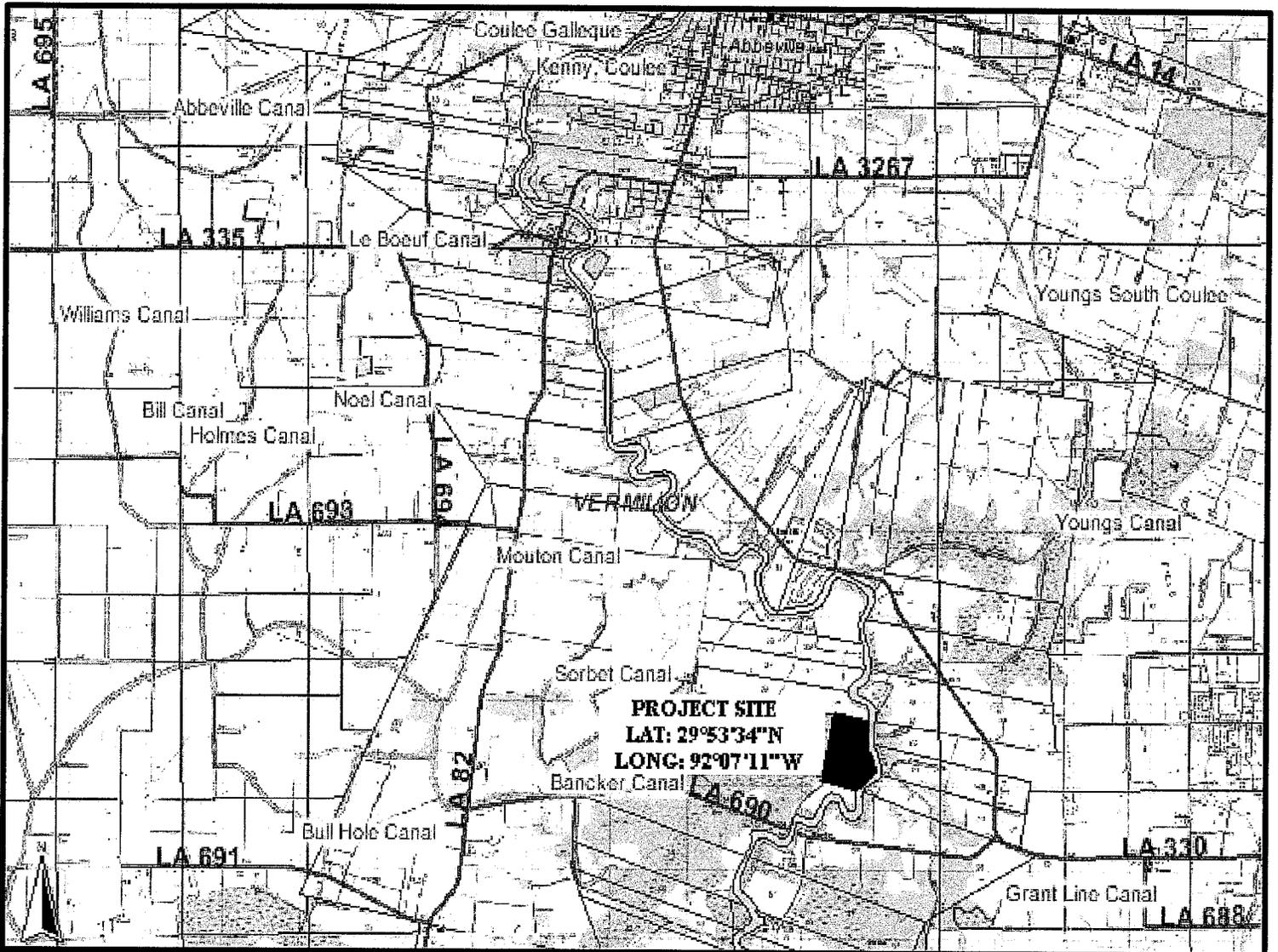
evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Darrell S. Barbara
Chief, Western Evaluation Section

Enclosure



VICINITY MAP

SCALE OF FEET



Purpose: Bank Stabilization

Datum: N.G.V.D.

Adjacent Property Owners:



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PORT OF VERMILION

PROPOSED BANK STABILIZATION

ON VERMILION RIVER
NEAR BANKER
PARISH OF VERMILION
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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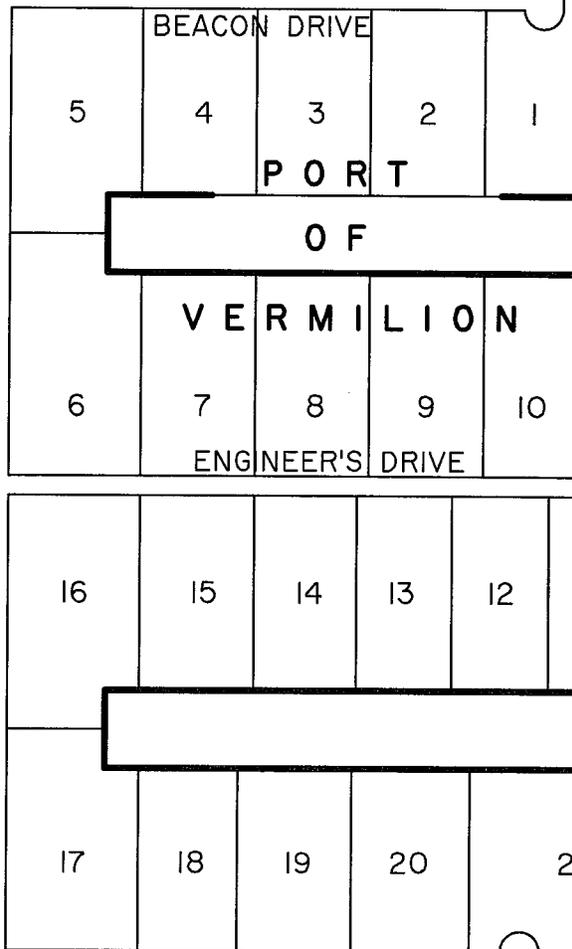
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SCHRIEFER DRIVE



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VERMILION RIVER

— DENOTES EXISTING BULKHEAD

0 500 1000 1500
SCALE OF FEET

LA STATE HIGHWAY 690

PLAN VIEW PORT OF VERMILION PROPOSED BANK STABILIZATION

ON VERMILION RIVER
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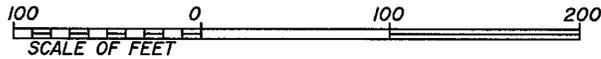
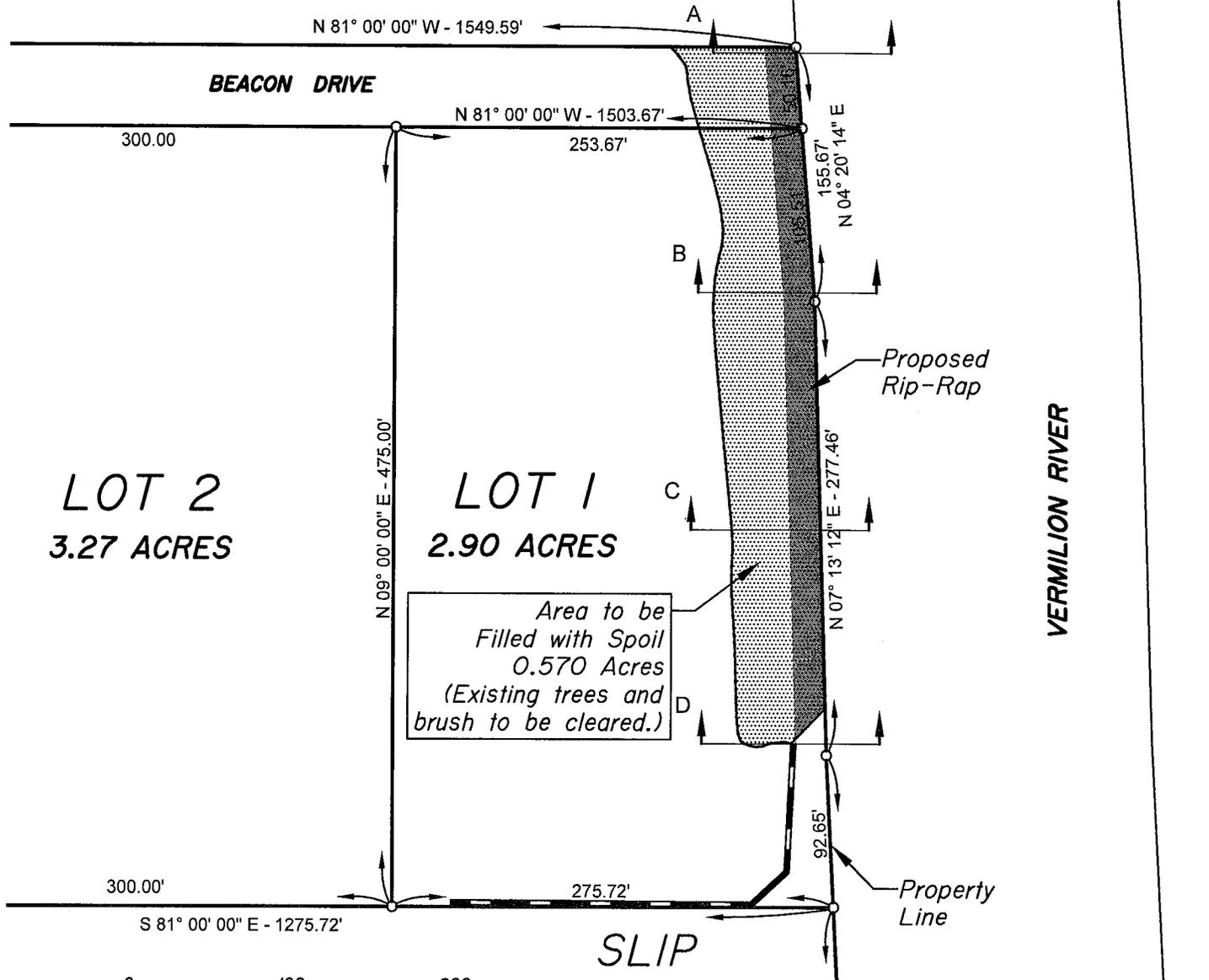


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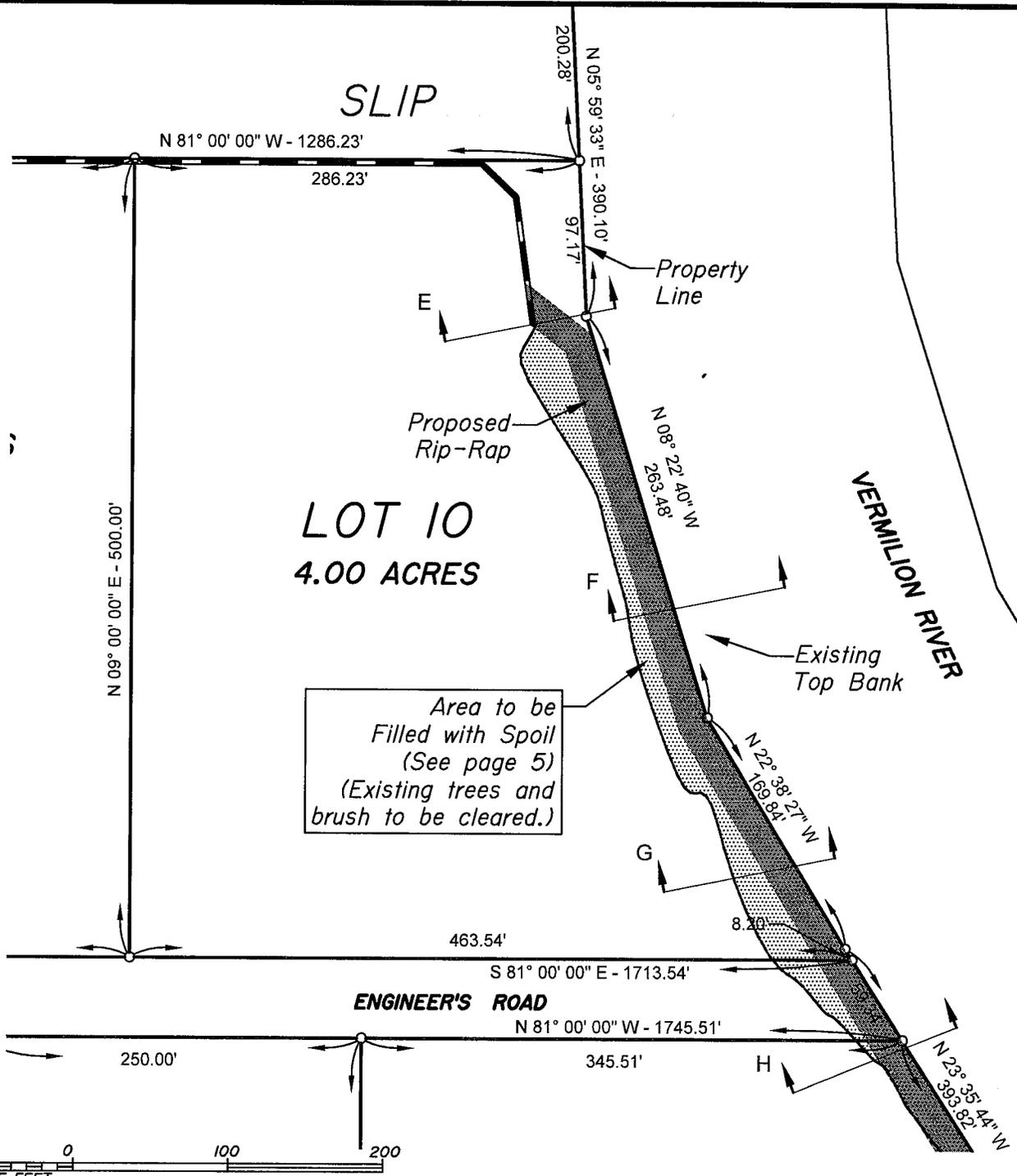


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SITE PLAN LOT 1 PORT OF VERMILION PROPOSED BANK STABILIZATION

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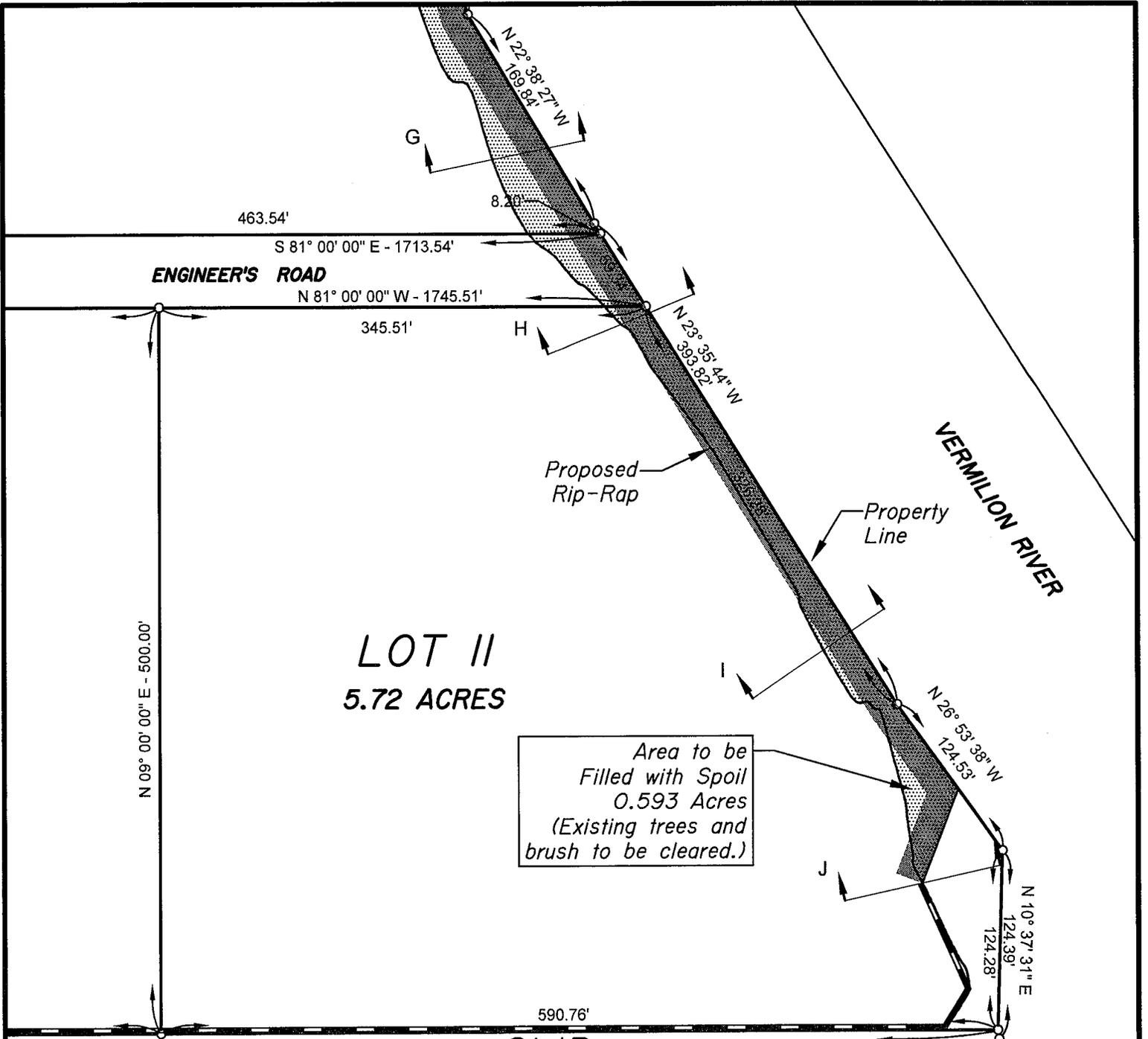


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**SITE PLAN LOT 10
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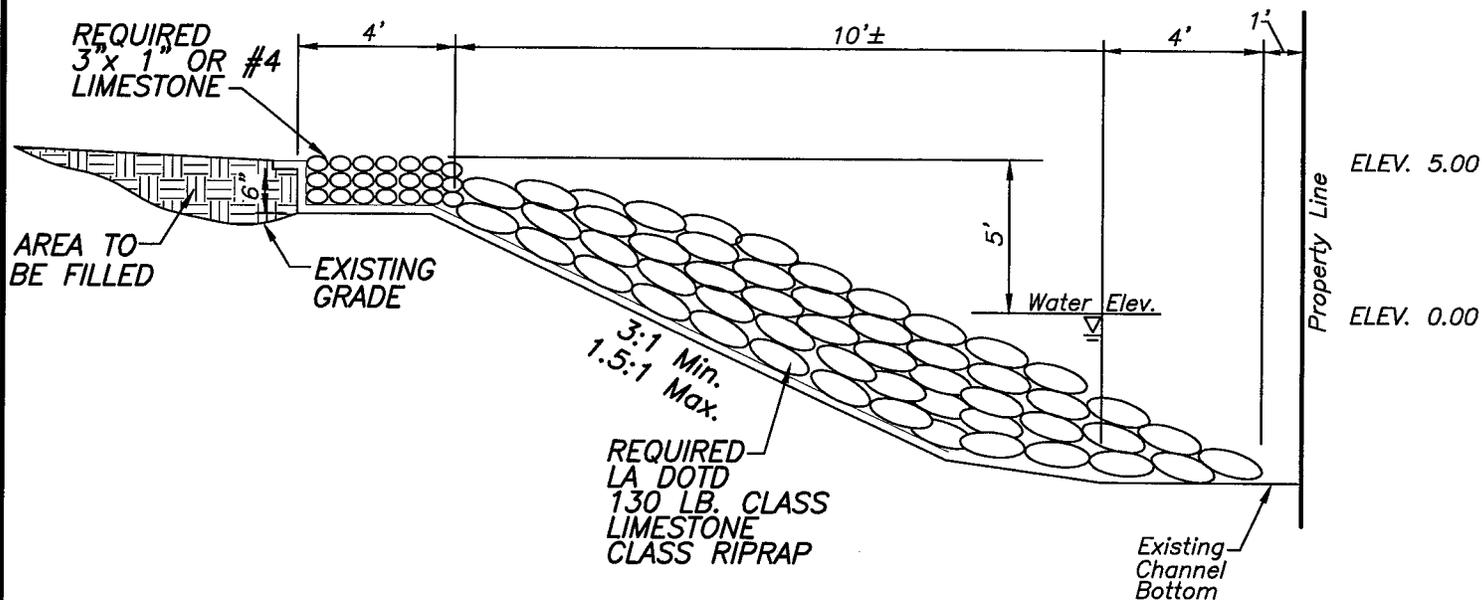


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SITE PLAN LOT II
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TYPICAL PROFILE FOR PLACING RIP RAP

NOTES:

- 1.) FORM A FLAT BOTTOM AT EXISTING CHANNEL BOTTOM FOR WIDTH OF 5'.
- 2.)  ADD MANSIZE RIPRAP, PER DETAIL DRAWINGS.
- 3.)  ADD 4 FOOT STRIP BY 6" HIGH OF 3"x 1" LIMESTONE PLACED LEVEL WITH EXISTING GRADE TO DRAIN OVER MAN SIZE RIPRAP.

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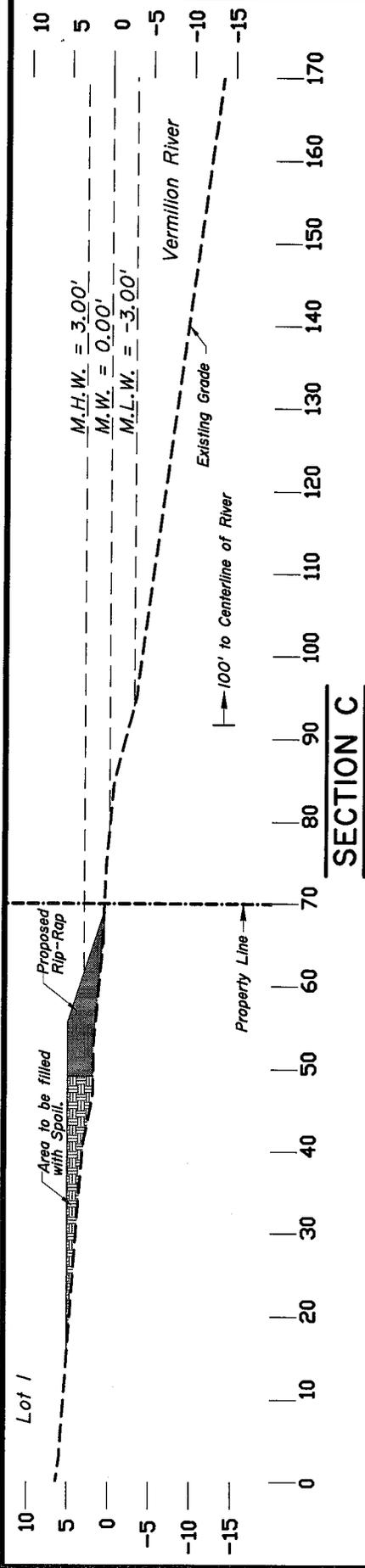
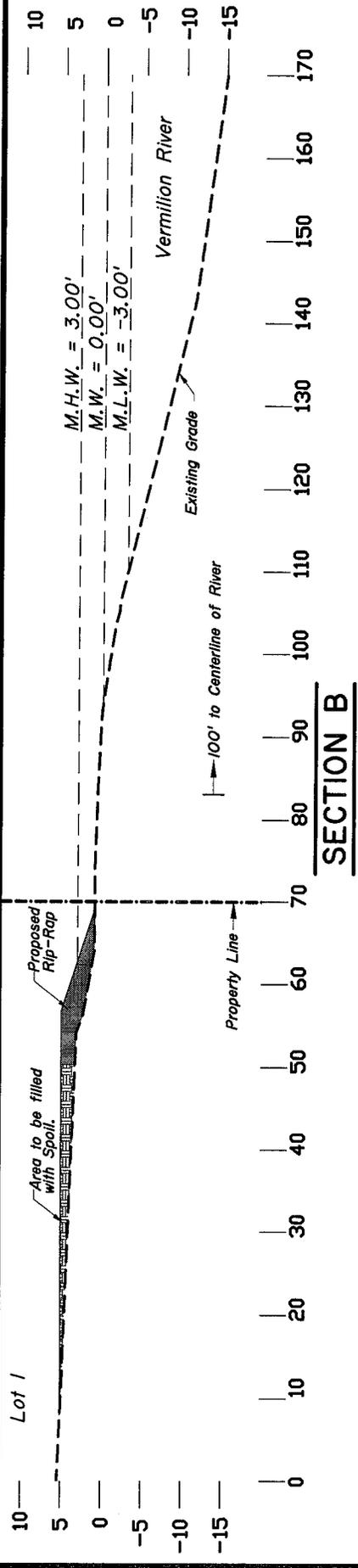
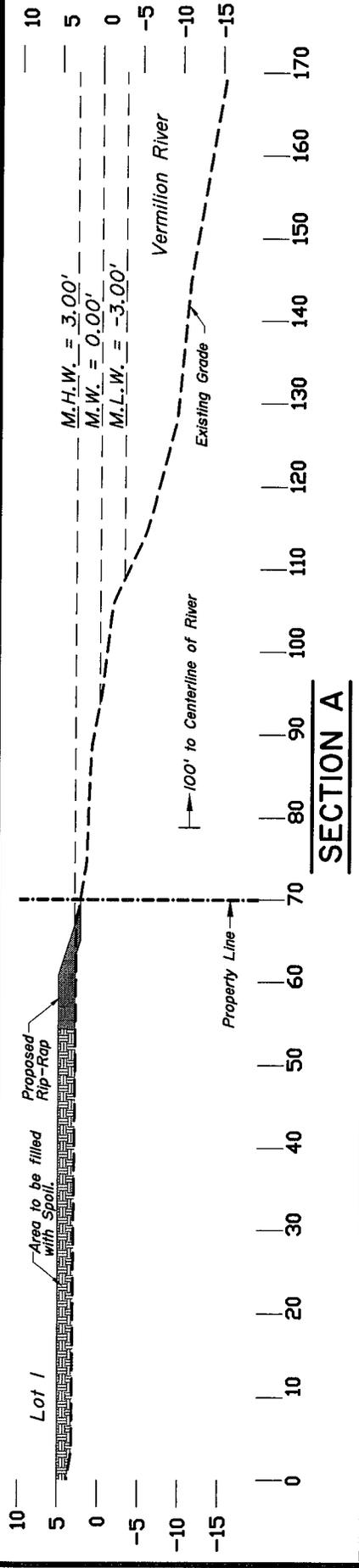


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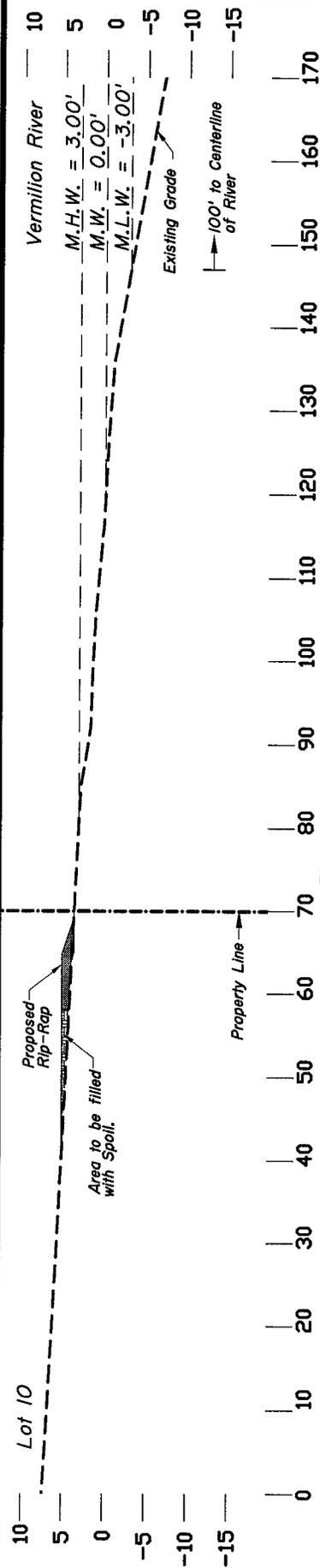
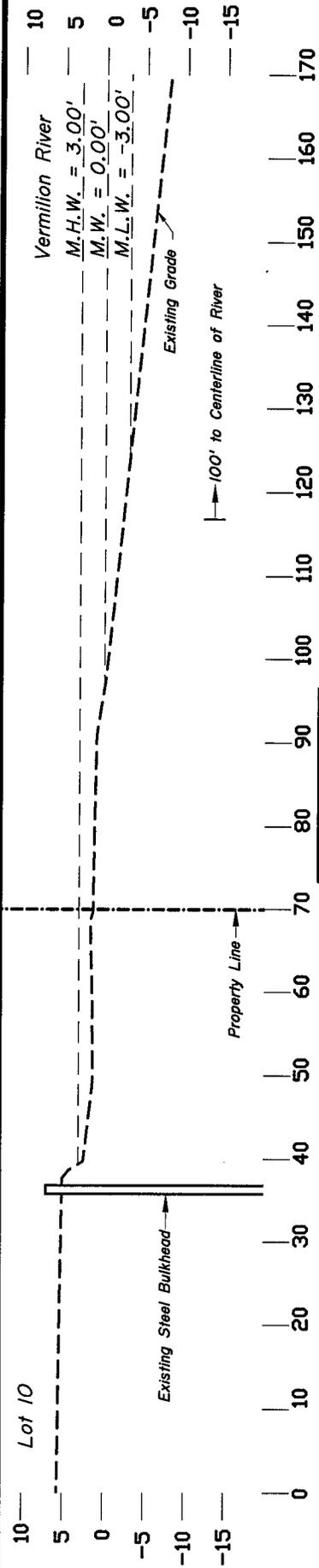
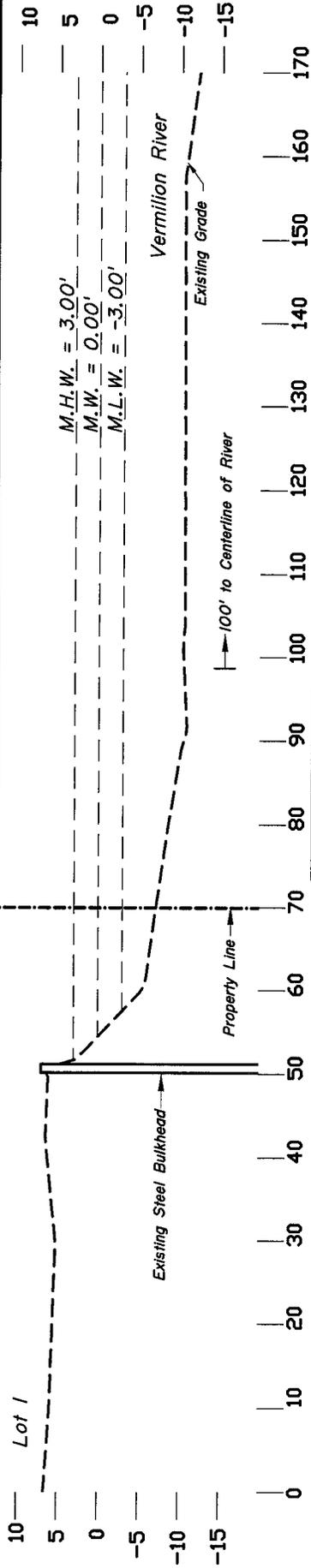
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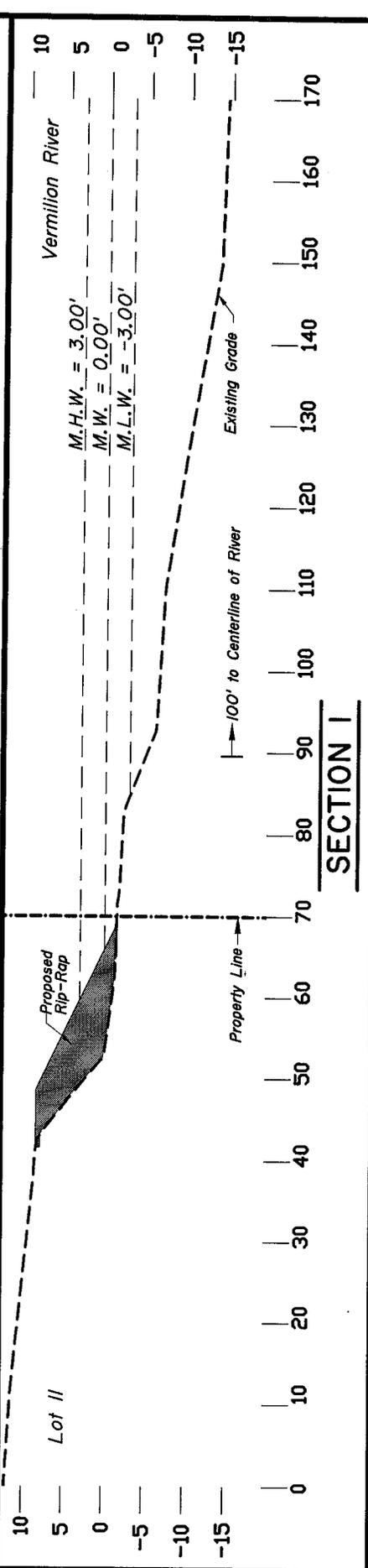
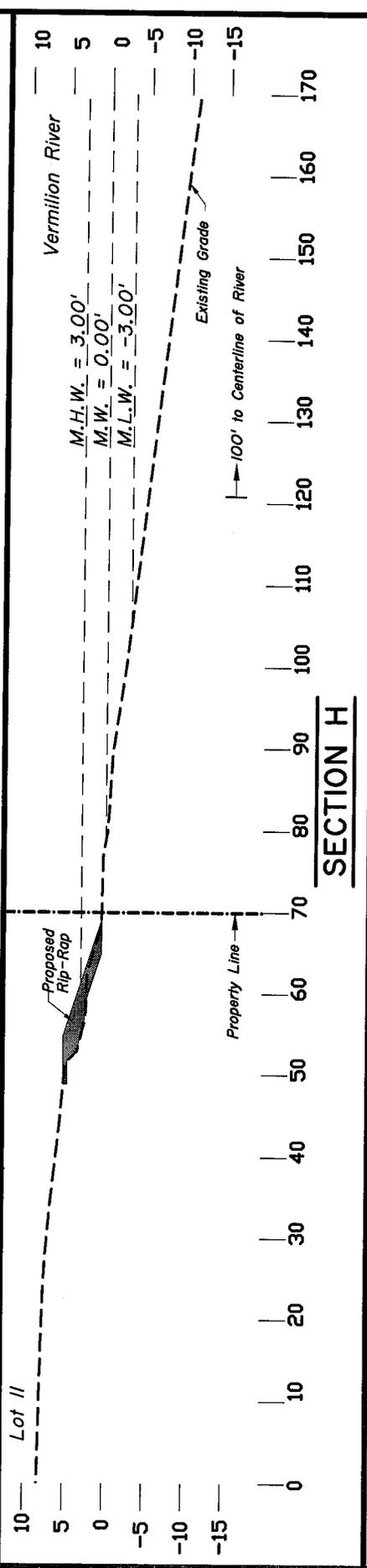
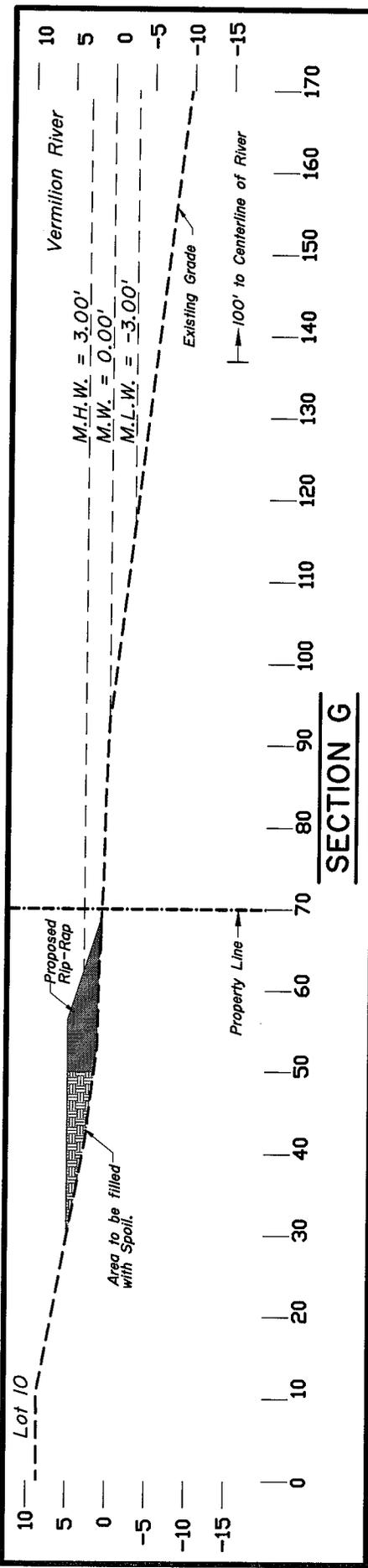
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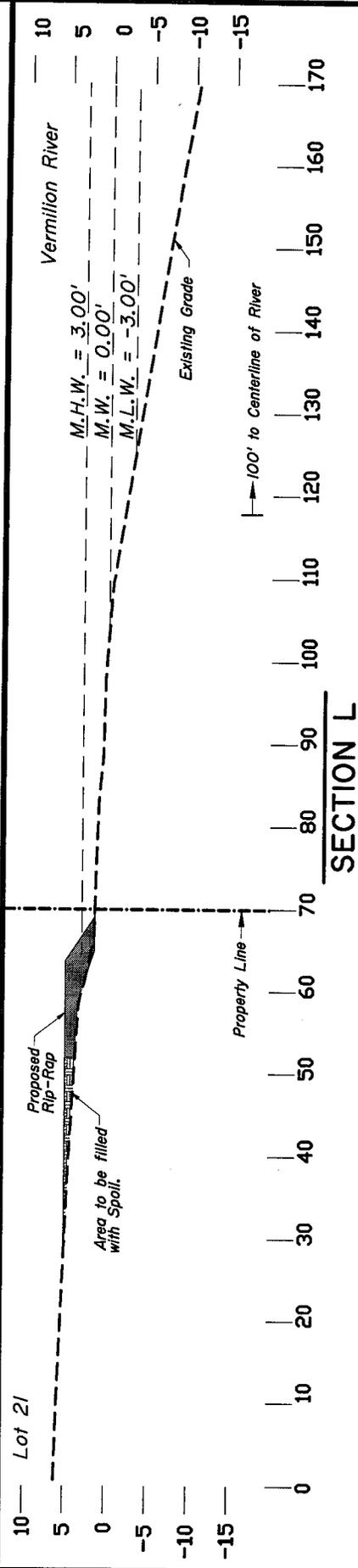
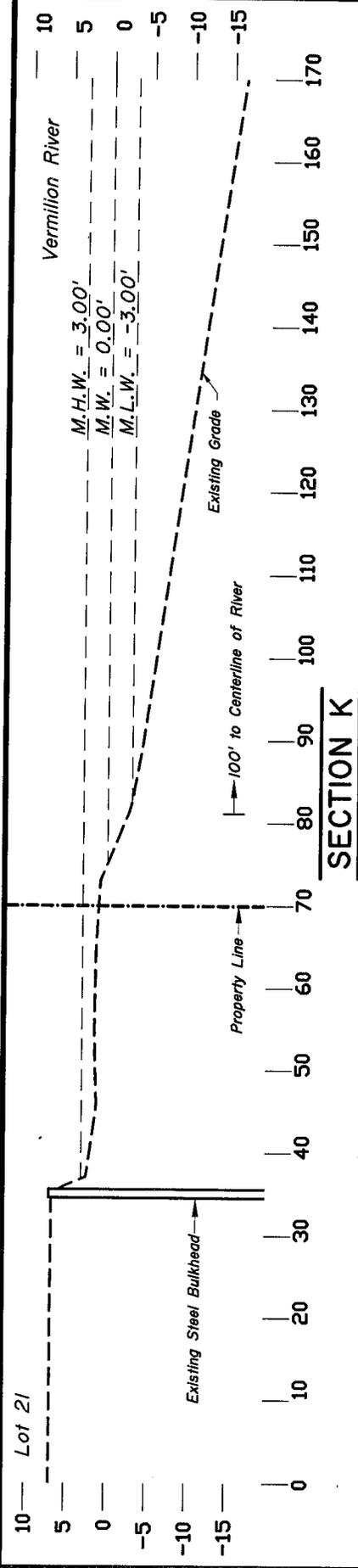
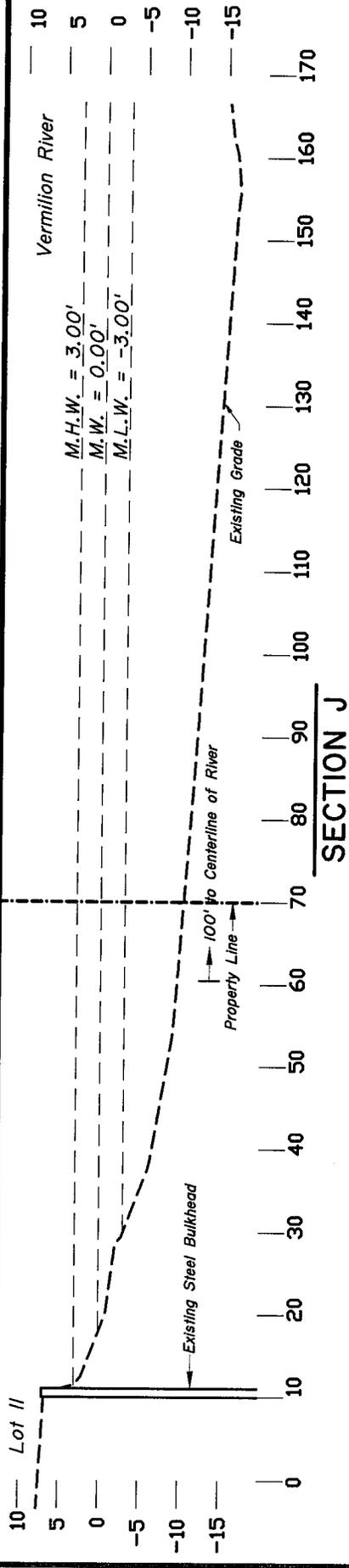


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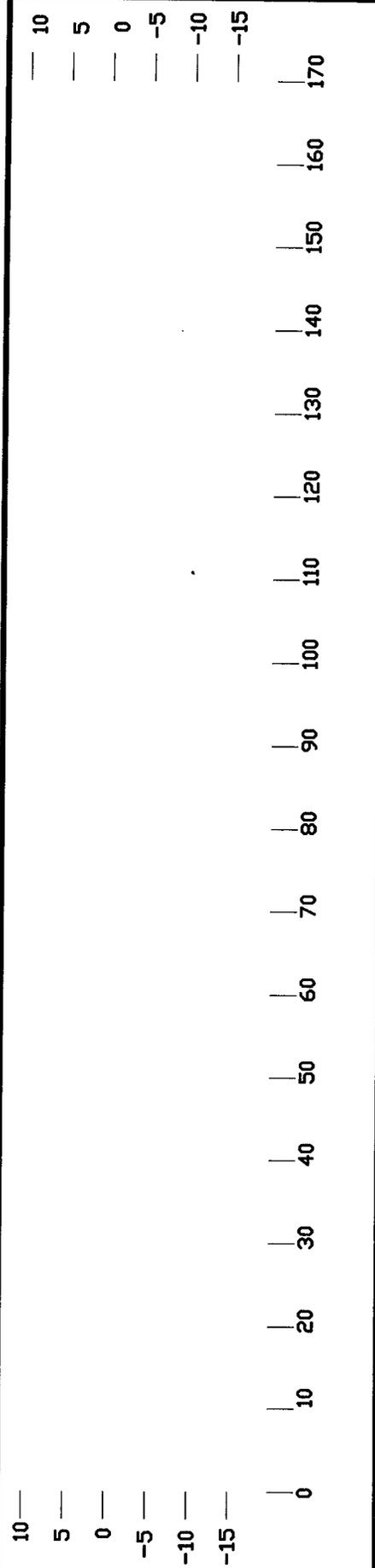
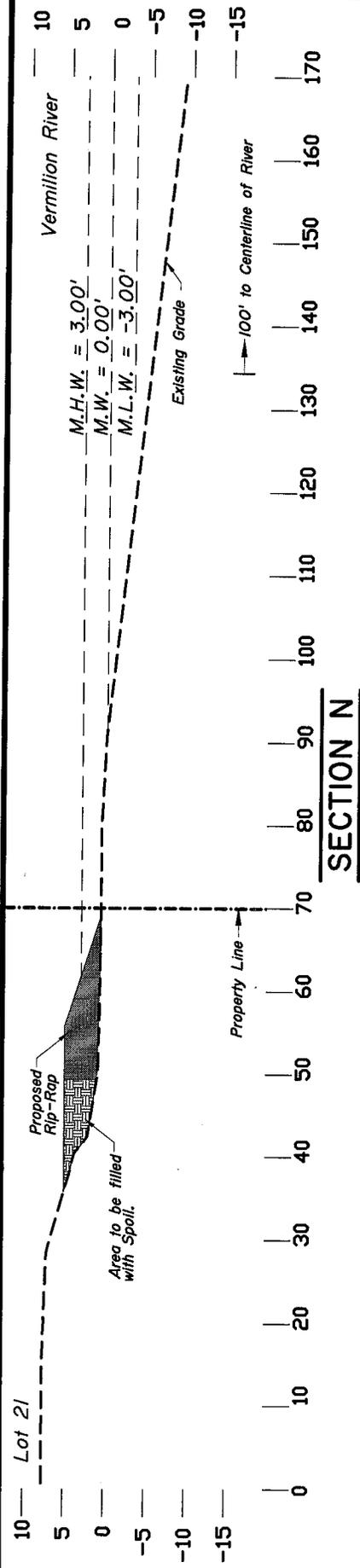
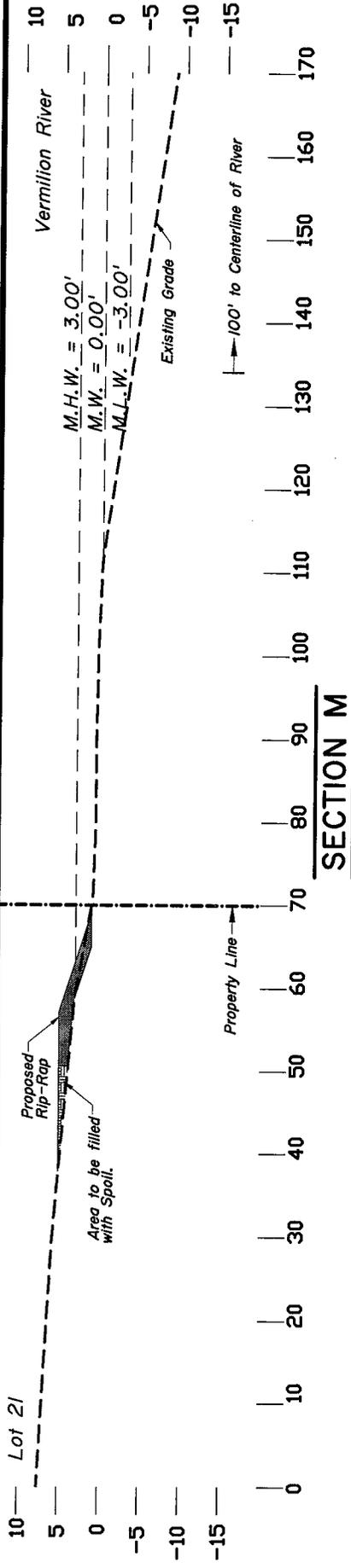
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