

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

July 9, 2018

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Regulatory Branch
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WQC Application Number
WQC # 180627-03

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US 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, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

CONTINUATION OF SAND MINING OPERATIONS IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN ASCENSION PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: South Louisiana Fill Materials, LLC, c/o Leonard McCauley of Pangaea Conservation & Compliance, LLC, Post Office Box 40345, Baton Rouge, LA 70832.

LOCATION OF WORK: On the Mississippi River, left descending bank at river mile 172.5, west of Darrow, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, within the Mississippi River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 30.116920 N, Longitude - 90.950711 W).

CHARACTER OF WORK: The entire project location has historically been an active sand mining operation area and was previously authorized as two separate sites. The northern portion was authorized as MVN-2008-00302-CU on March 6, 2009 to the current applicant and extended for time on September 14, 2015. The southern portion was authorized as MVN-2013-01904-CL on April 21, 2014 to B&K Equipment Services, Inc. and transferred to the current applicant on August 10, 2017. The two sites have been merged into an approx. 135-acre mining operation facility under management of South Louisiana Fill Materials, LLC. The applicant now requests Department of the Army authorization to continue use of the newly adjoined sand mining facility and to modify the site to include adjustments to the locations of stockpile areas and borrow pits, the removal of some of the existing levees, the installation of a new culvert and drainage ditch, an increase to the height of a portion of an existing road, and the installation of a barge loading area onsite as shown in the attached drawings. In order to accomplish this project, approx. 52,378 cubic yards will be excavated or mined on-site and

placed to accomplish the site modifications. A total of approx. 101,000 cubic yards of material will be excavated from the on-site borrow pits and/or hydraulically dredged from a maximum of approx. 42.8 acres of traditionally navigable waters, per month as part of the continued sand mining operations.

The applicant proposes to avoid additional direct impacts and minimize secondary impacts by remaining within the footprint of the existing mining operation facility, avoiding all wetlands and utilizing best management practices during the construction phase of the project and the project.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **30 days** from the date of this 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 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 US 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 US 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 unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Utilizing the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that with the inclusion of cutterhead/suction dredge recommendations, proposed work is not likely to adversely affect the Pallid Sturgeon.

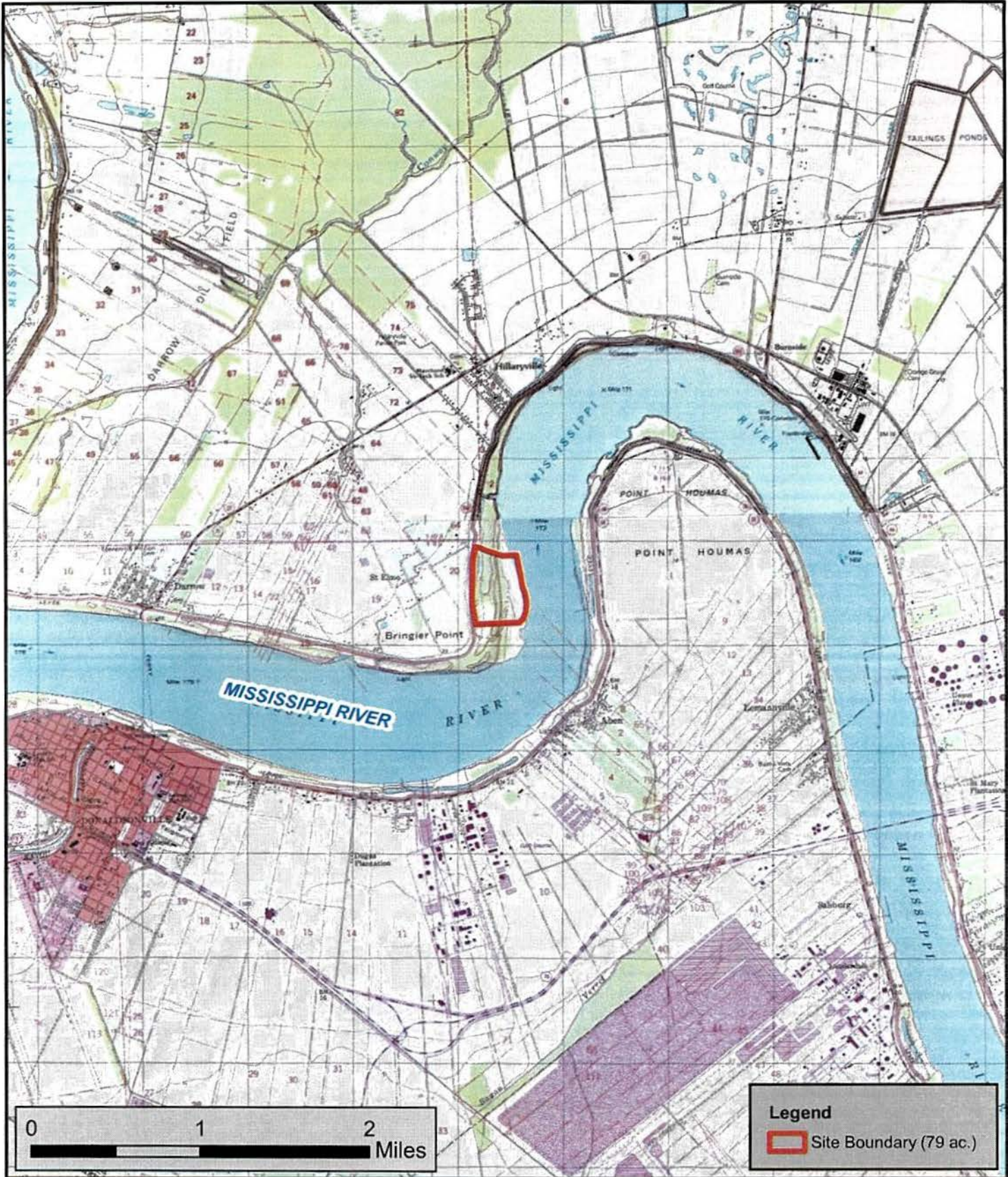
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. 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 water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services 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.

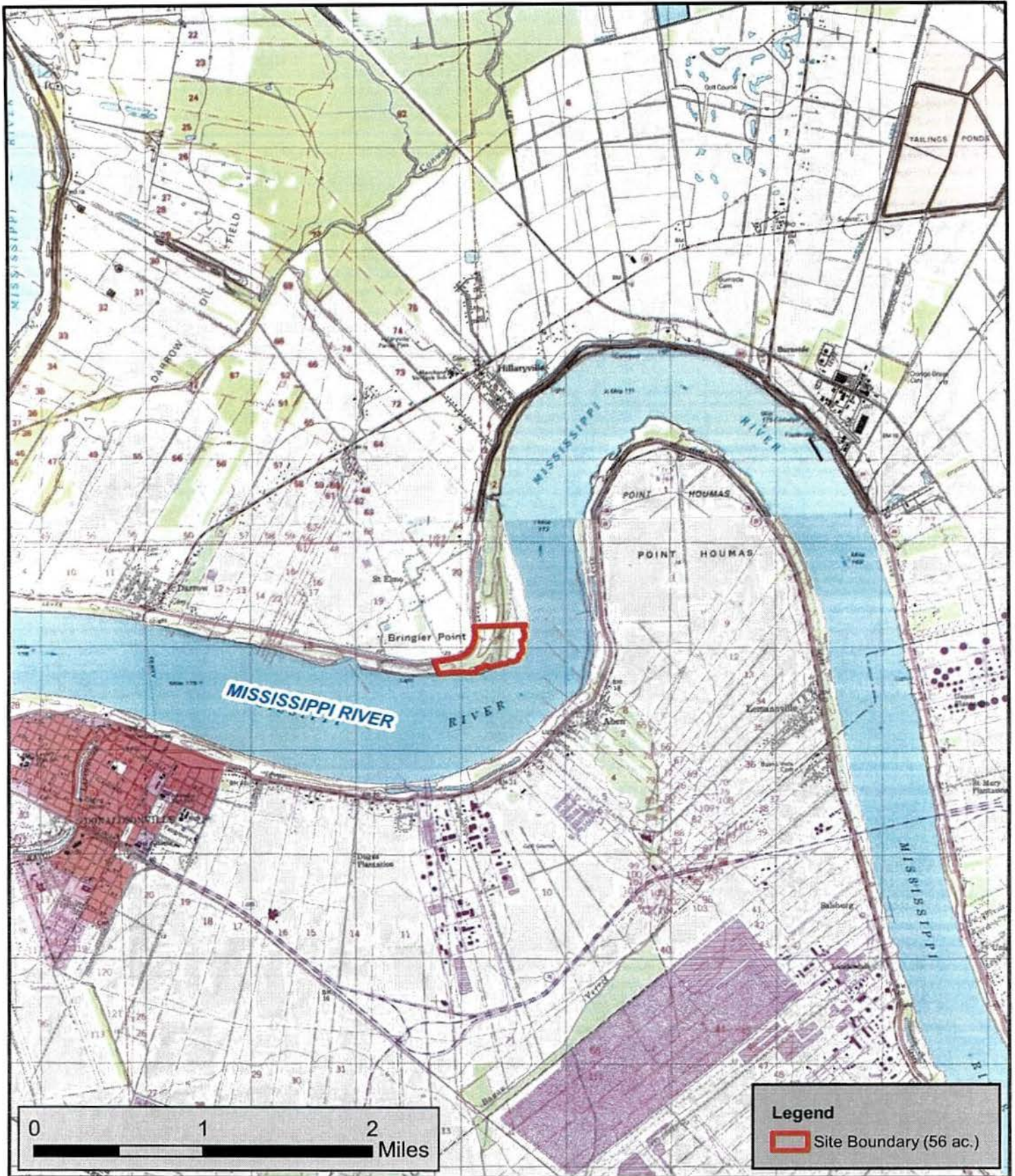
for JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
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Enclosures



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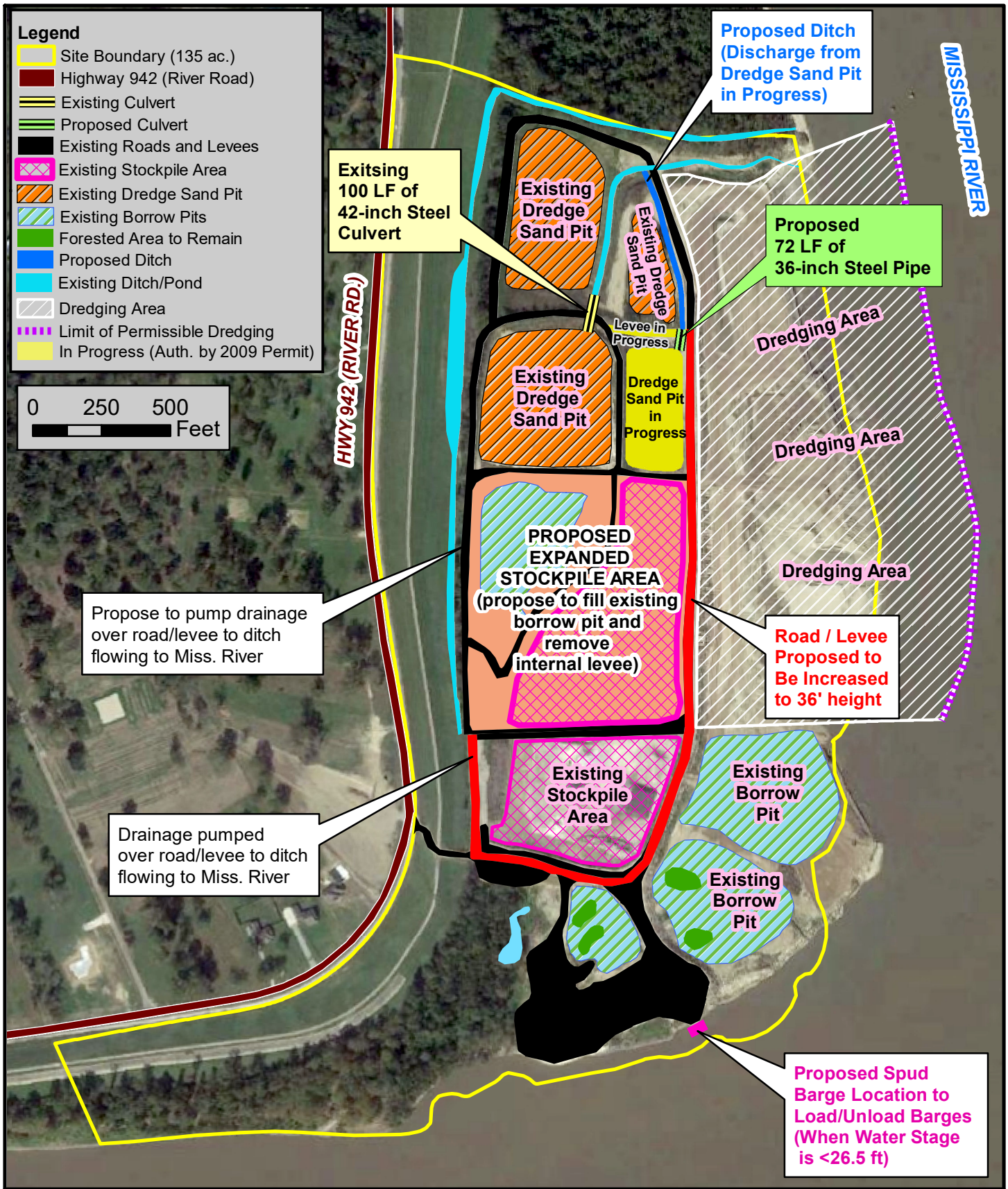
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TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
South Louisiana Fill Materials, LLC
Barge Loading/Unloading & Pit Operation
 Ascension Parish

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**SITE PLAN - PROPOSED
South Louisiana Fill Materials
River Dredging & Pit Operation**

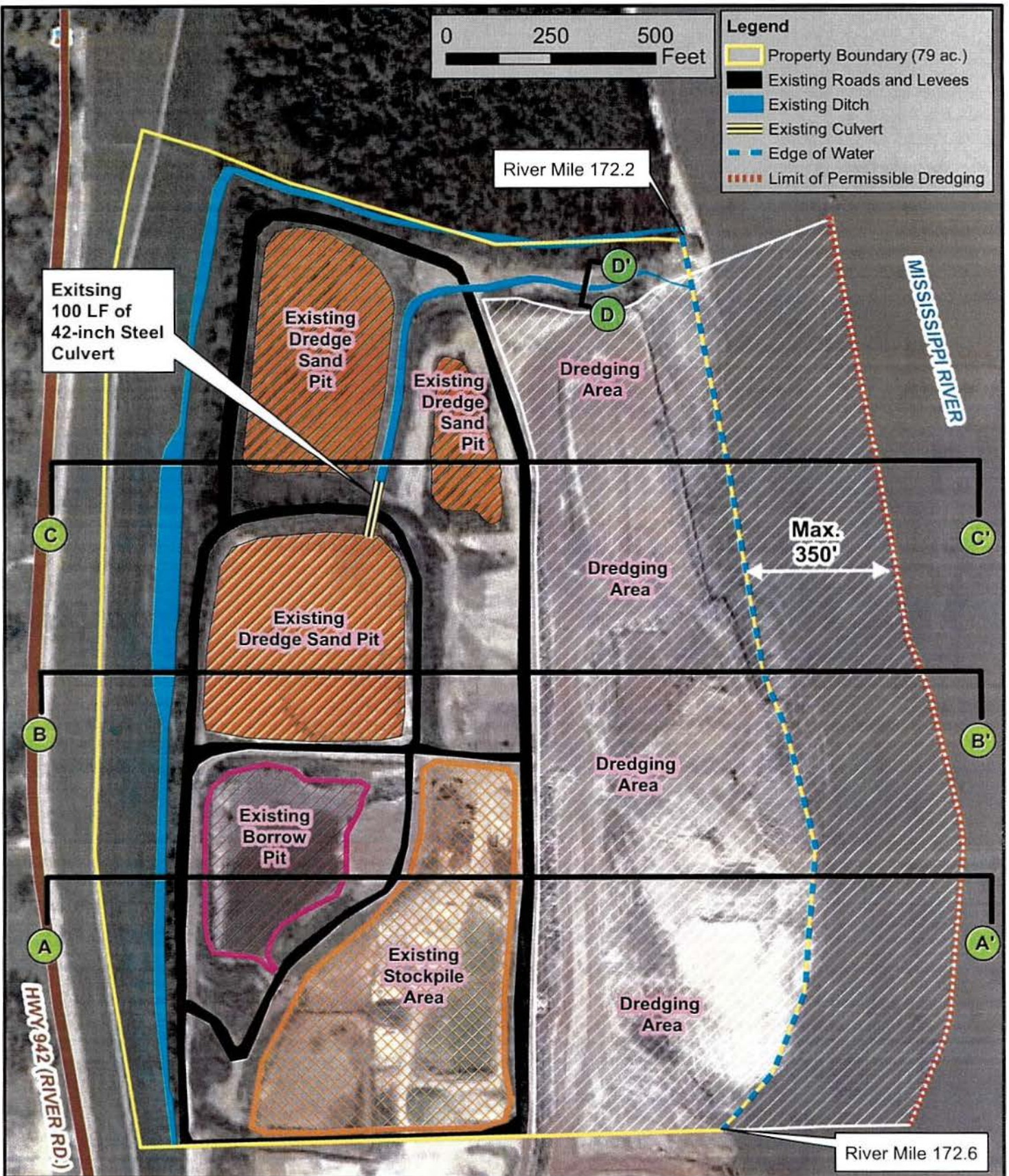
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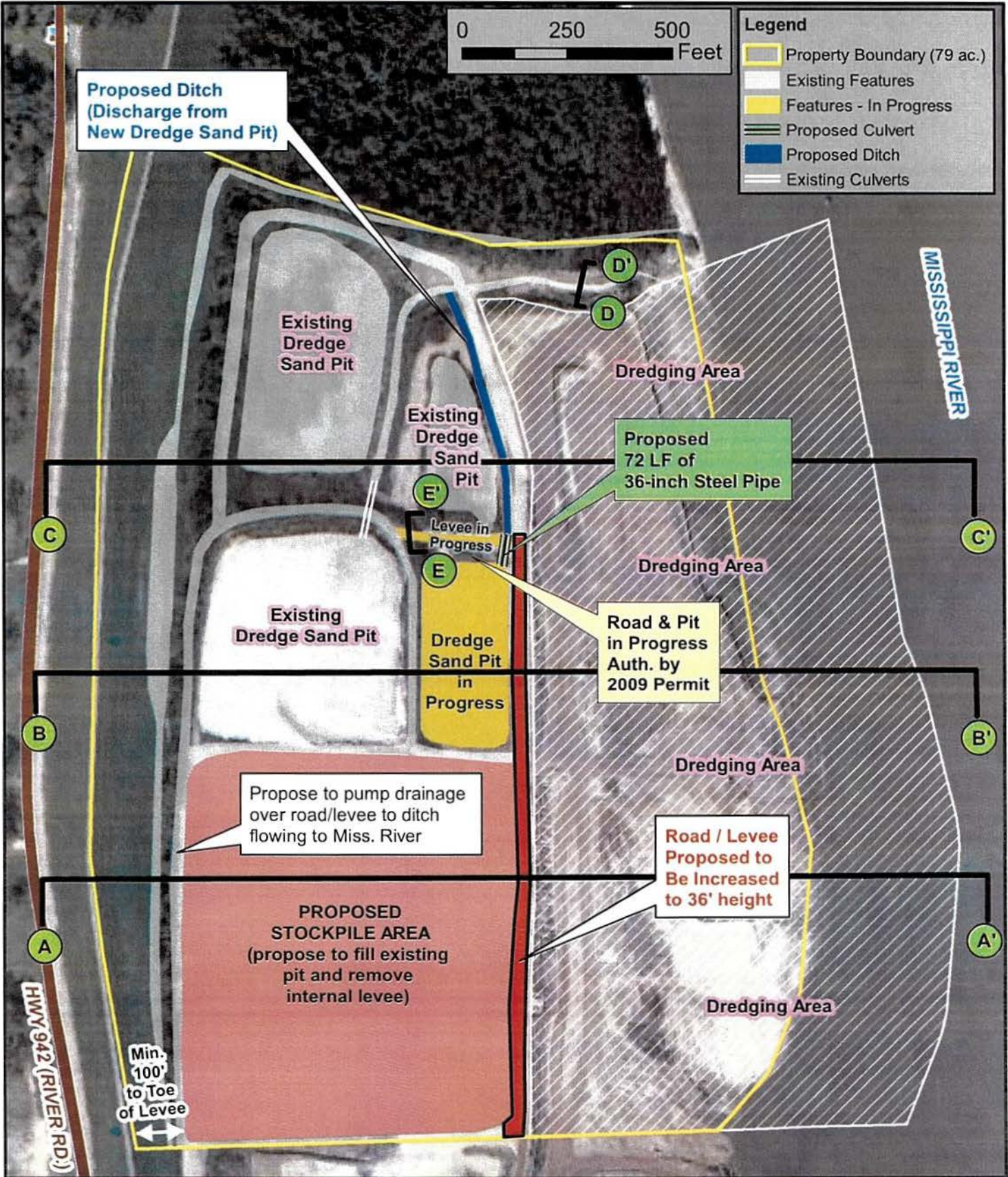
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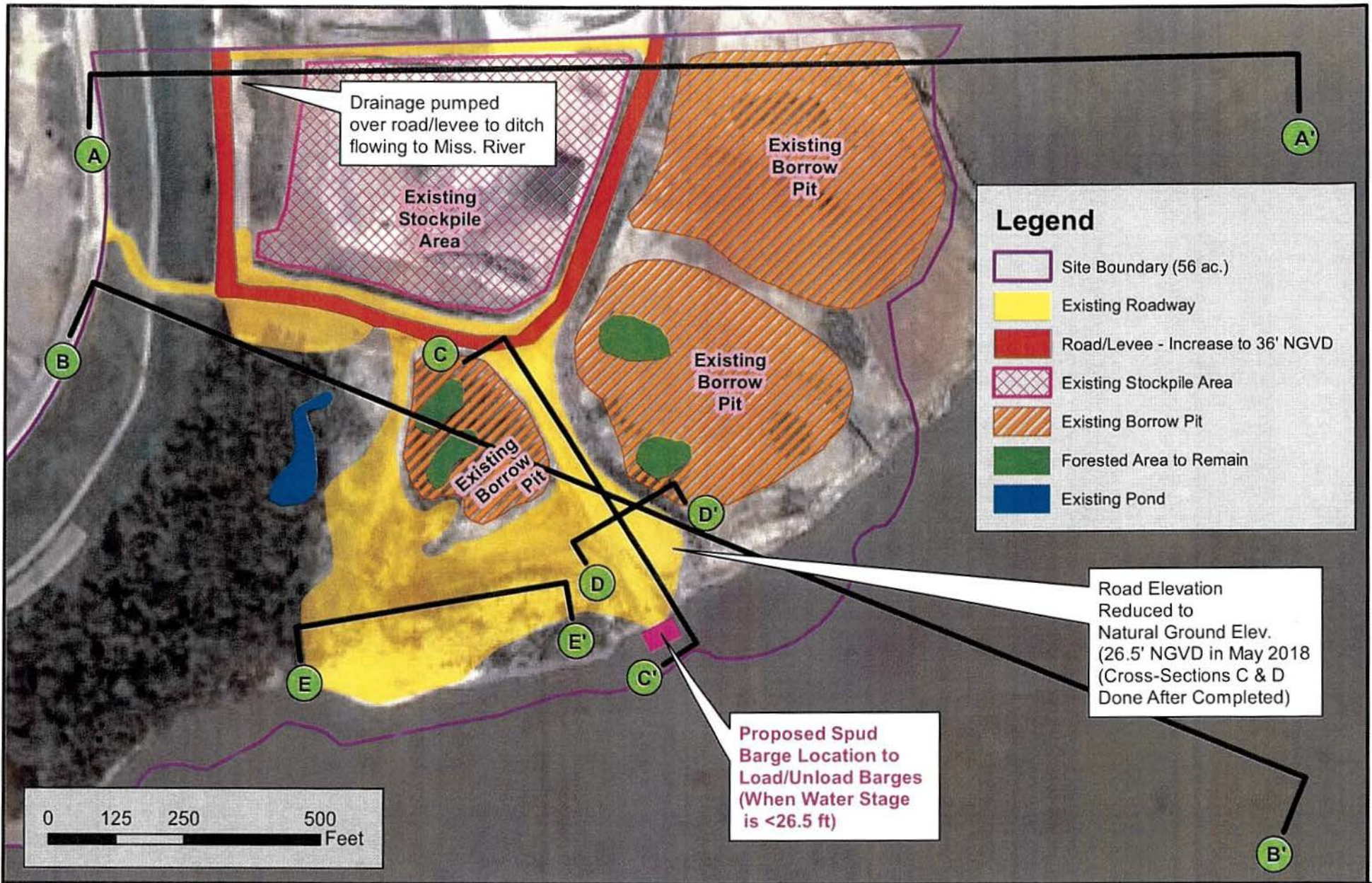


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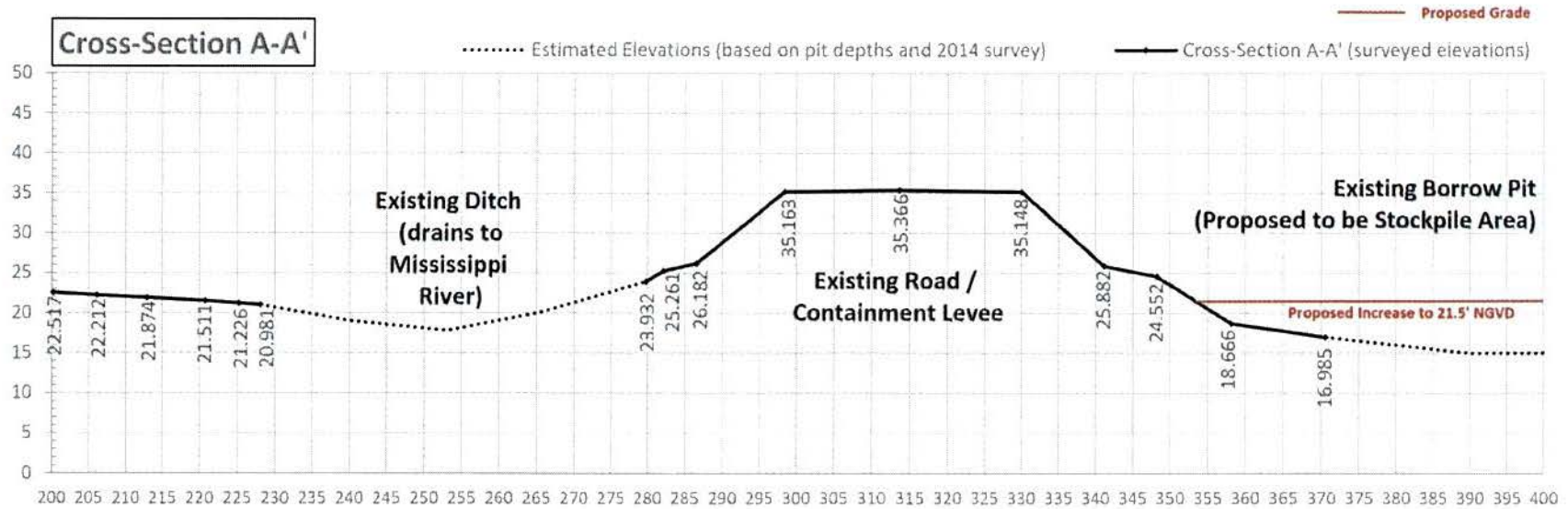
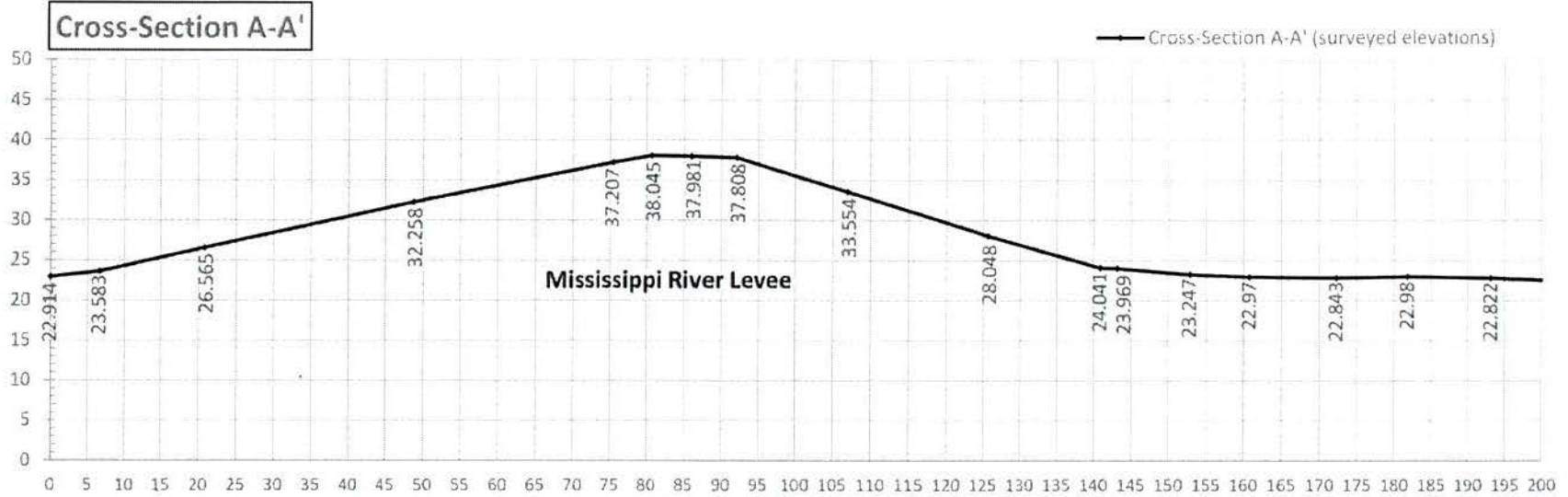
SITE PLAN - Barge Loading/Unloading & Pit Operations Site

MVN-2013-1904-CL - South Louisiana Fill Materials, LLC
 Darrow, Ascension Parish, LA



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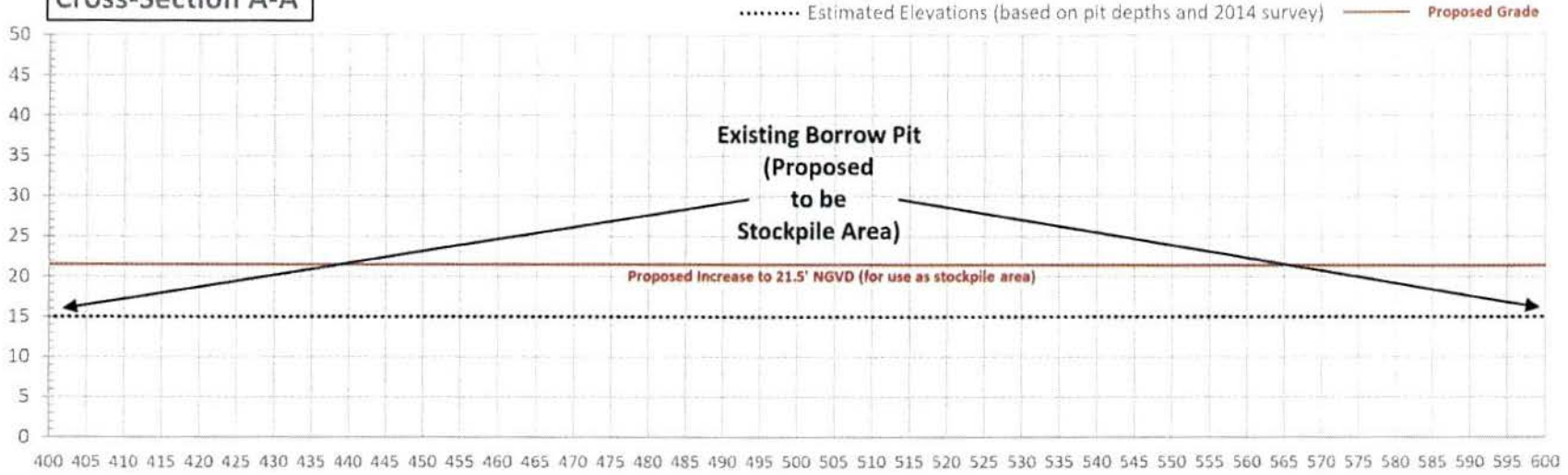
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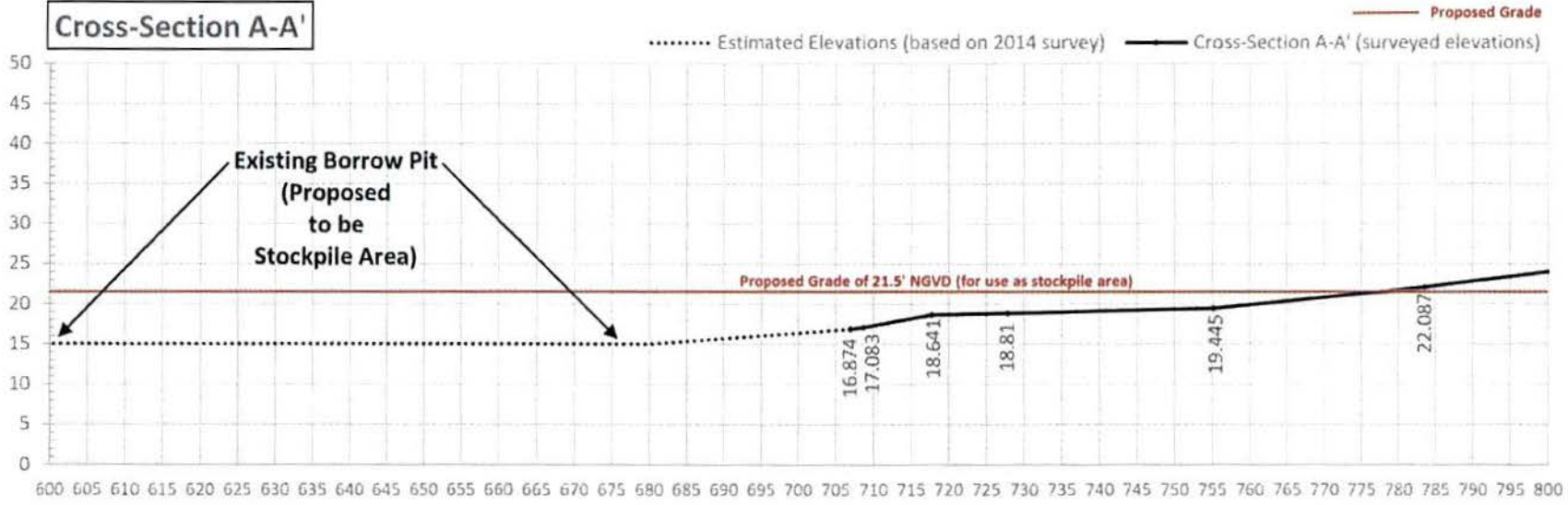
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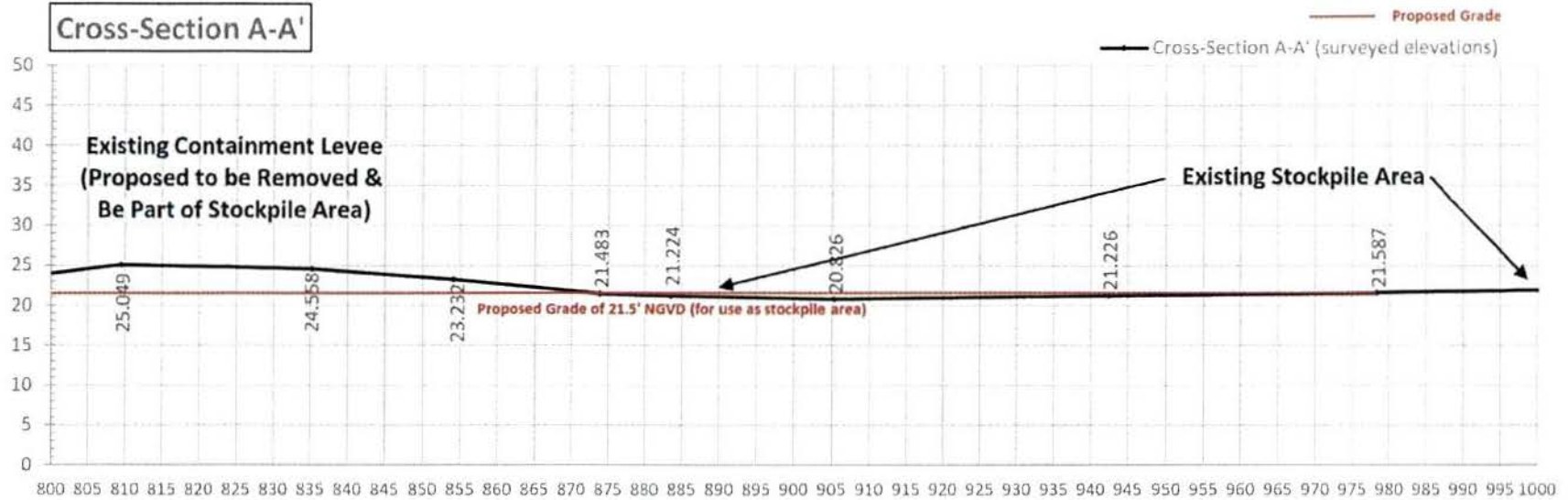
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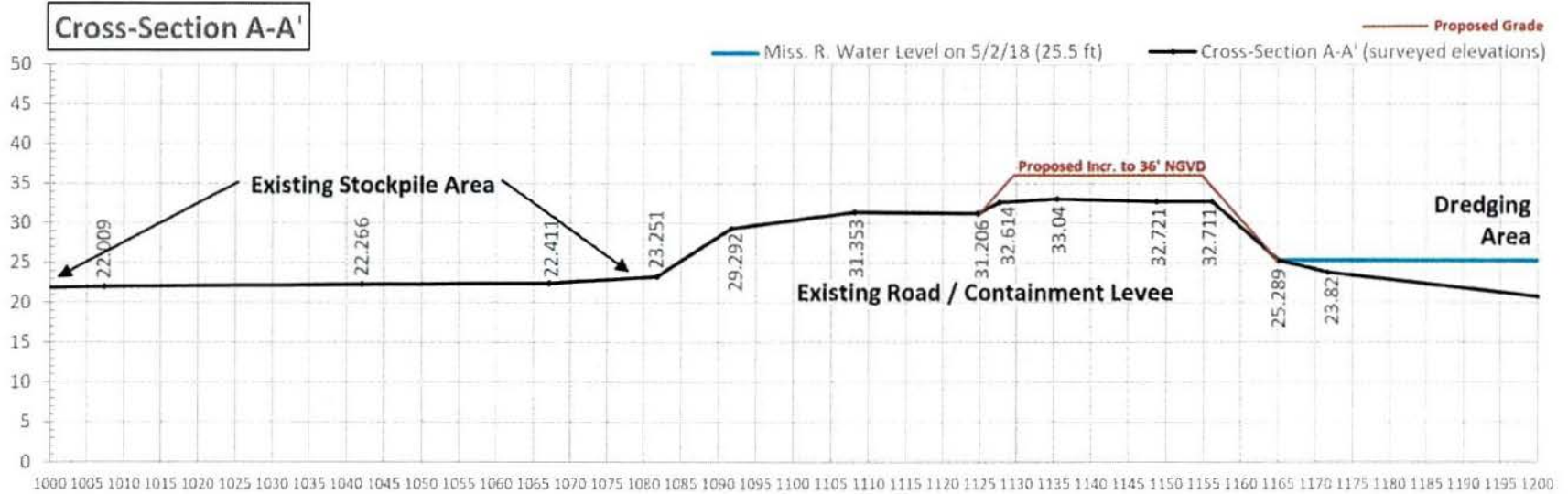
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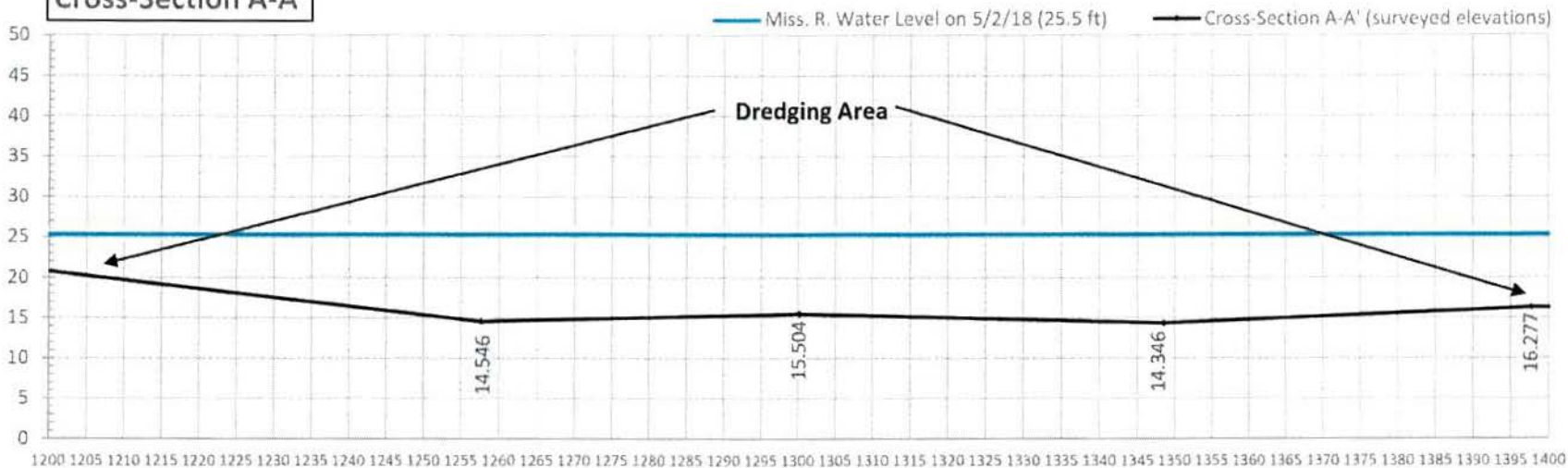
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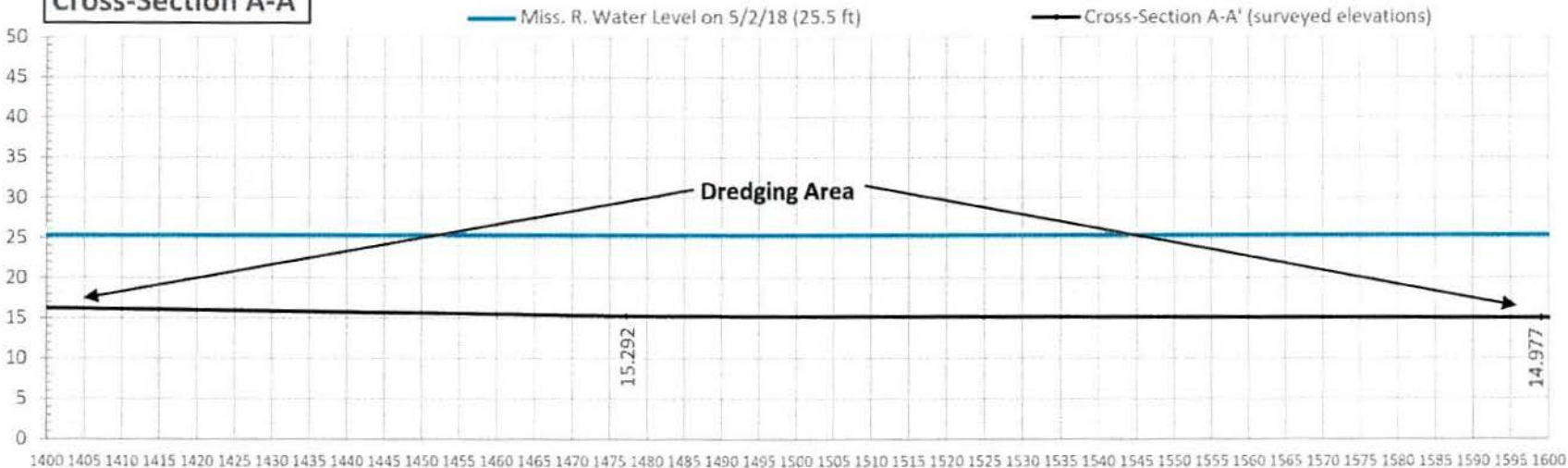
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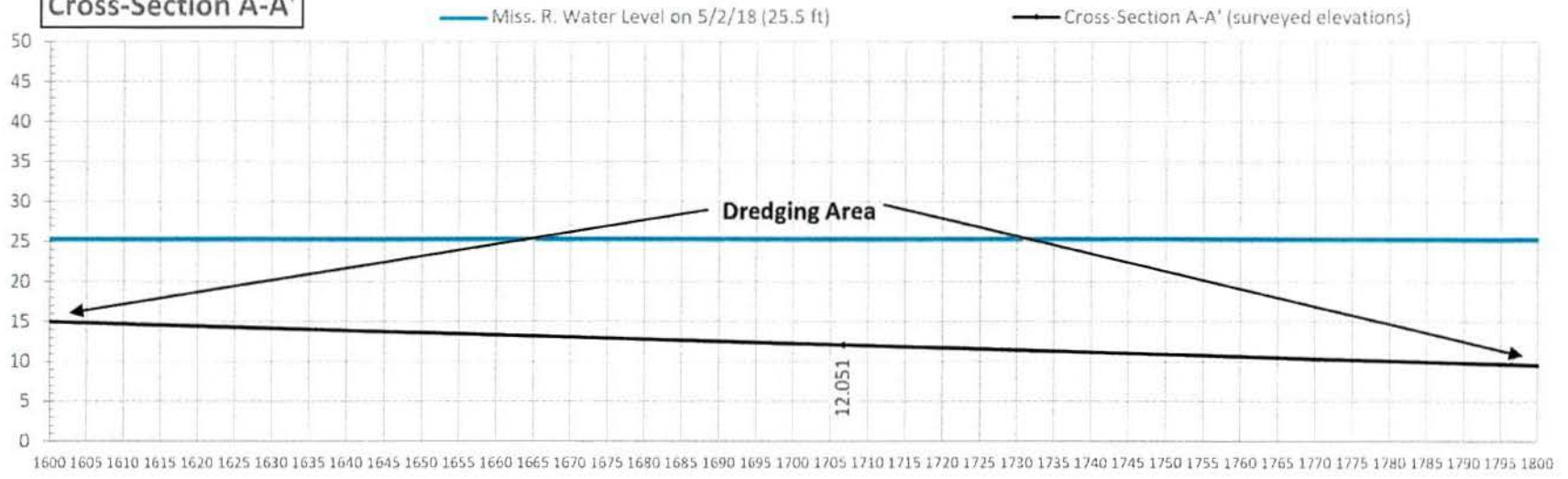
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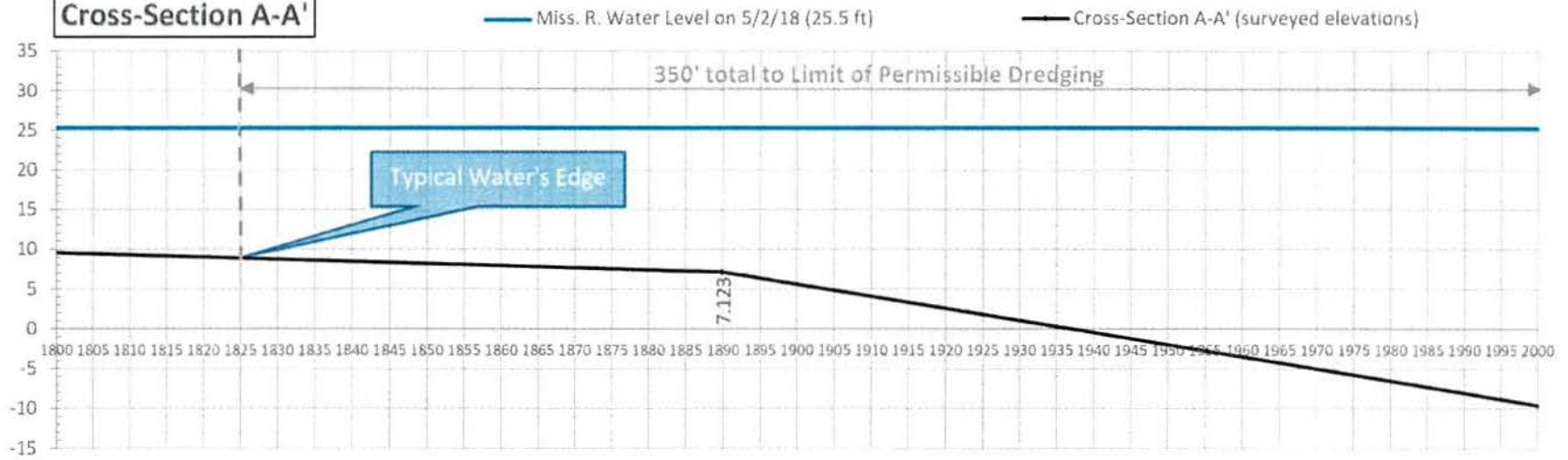
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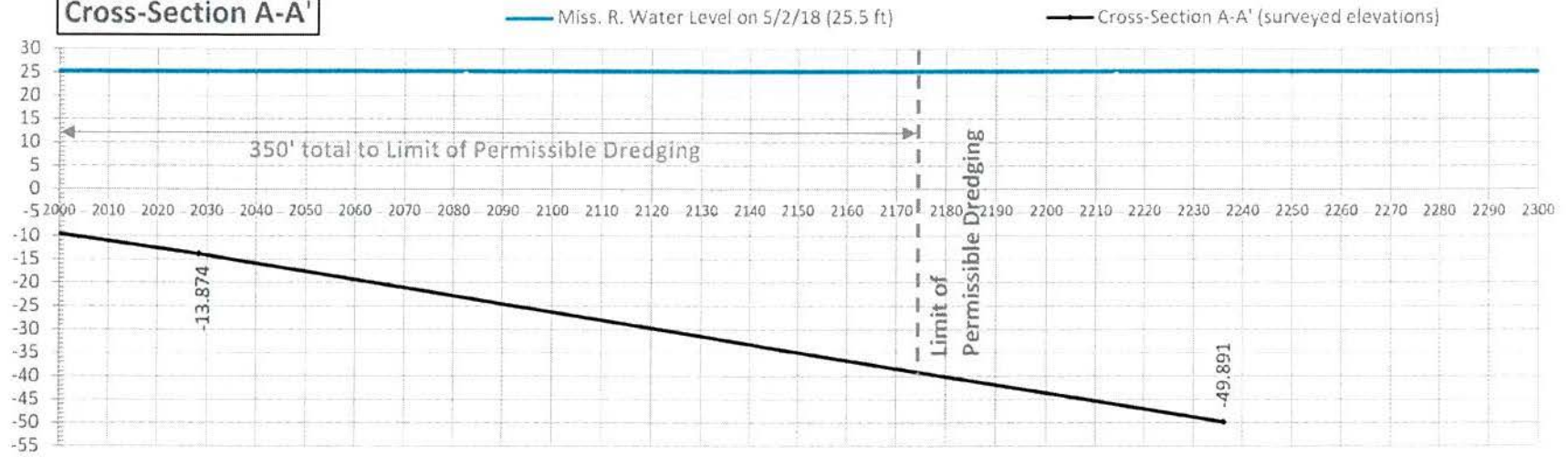
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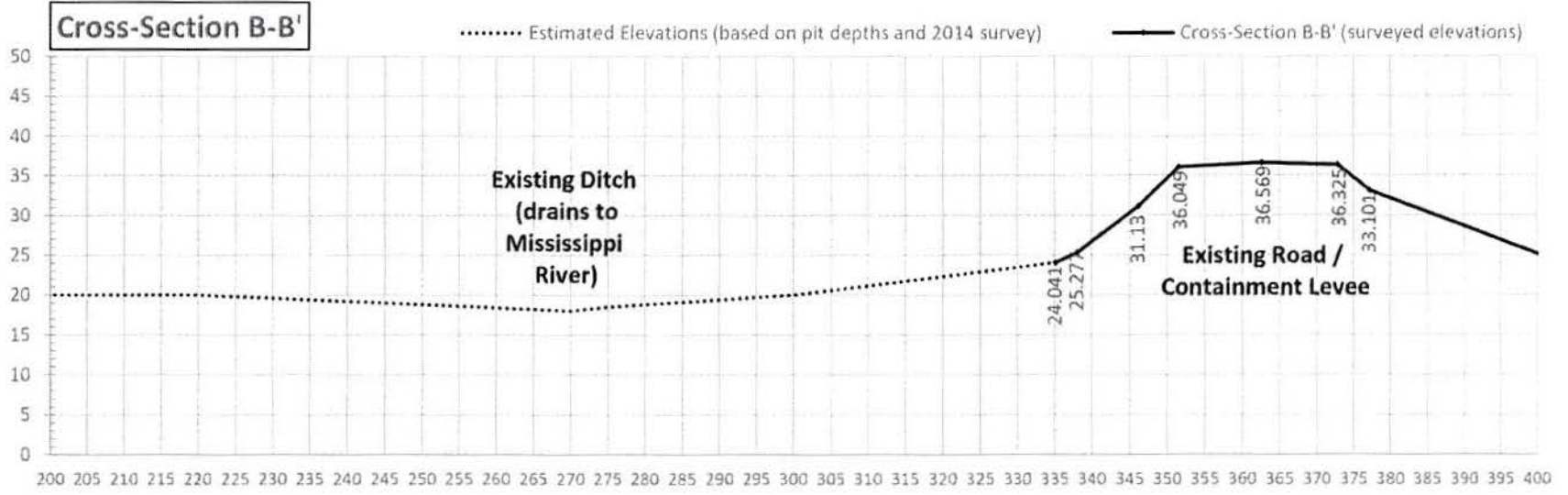
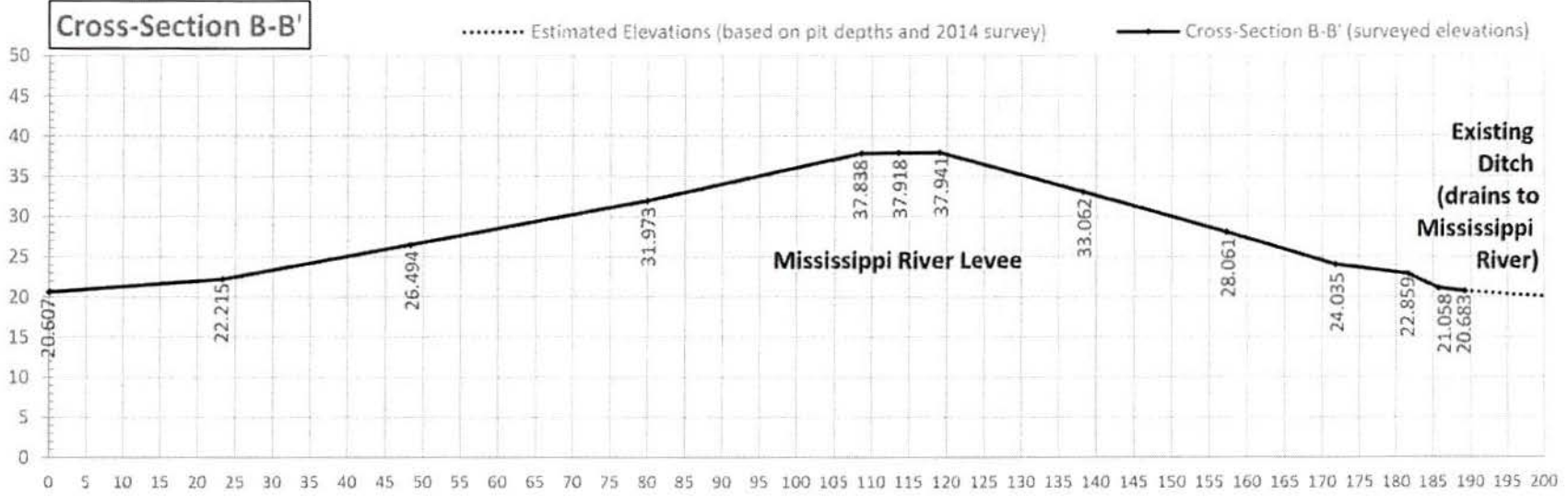


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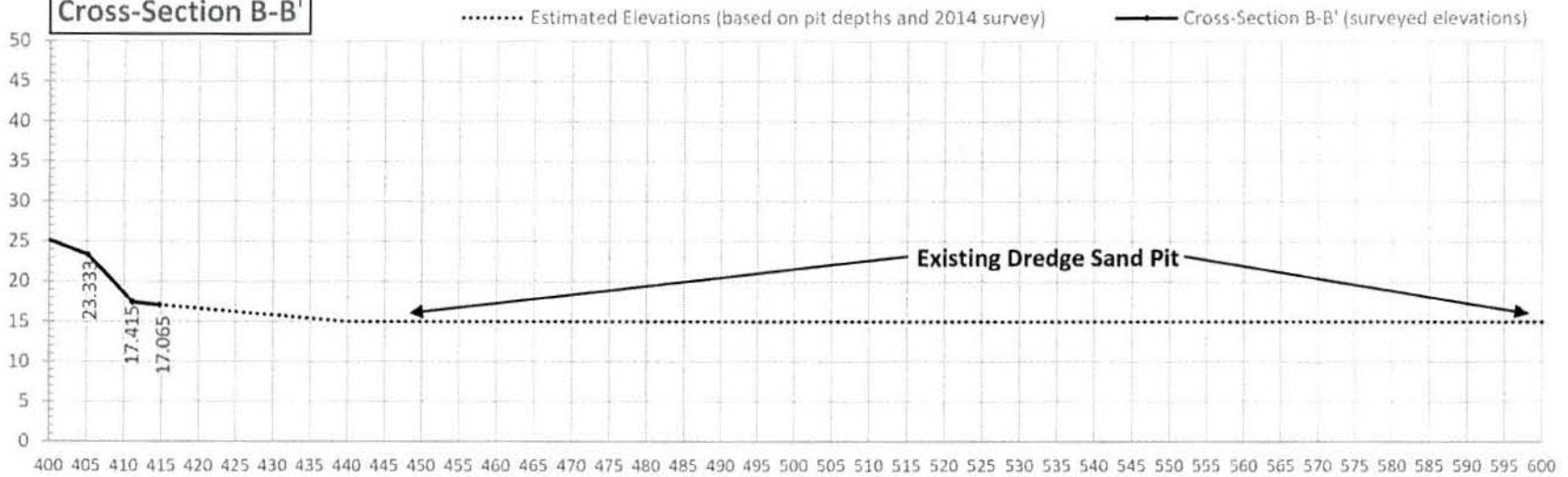
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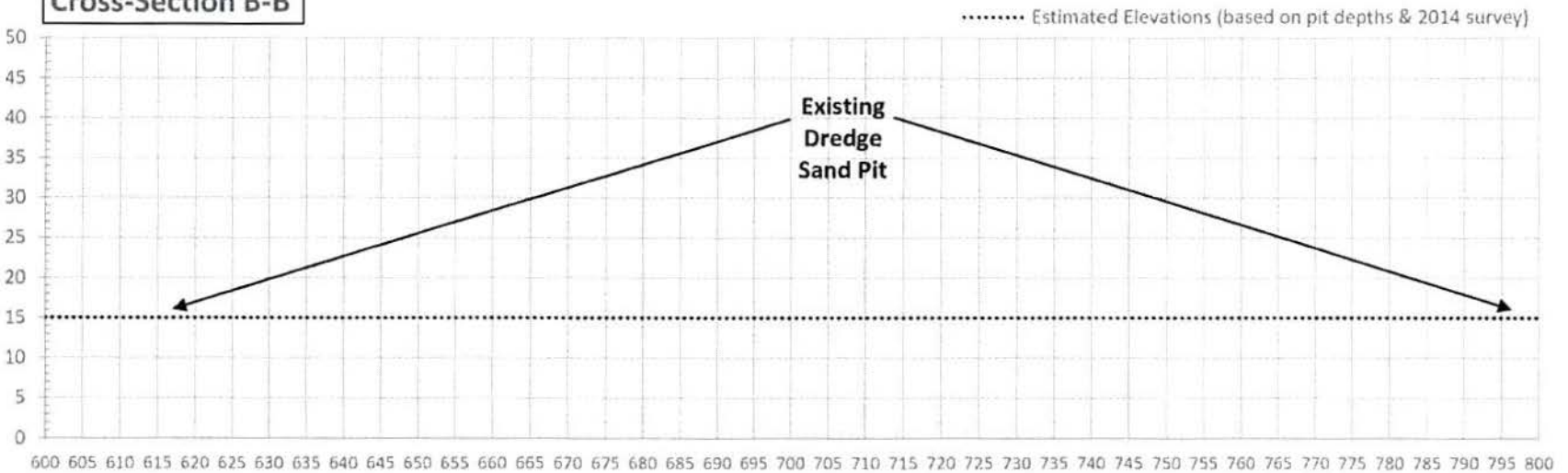
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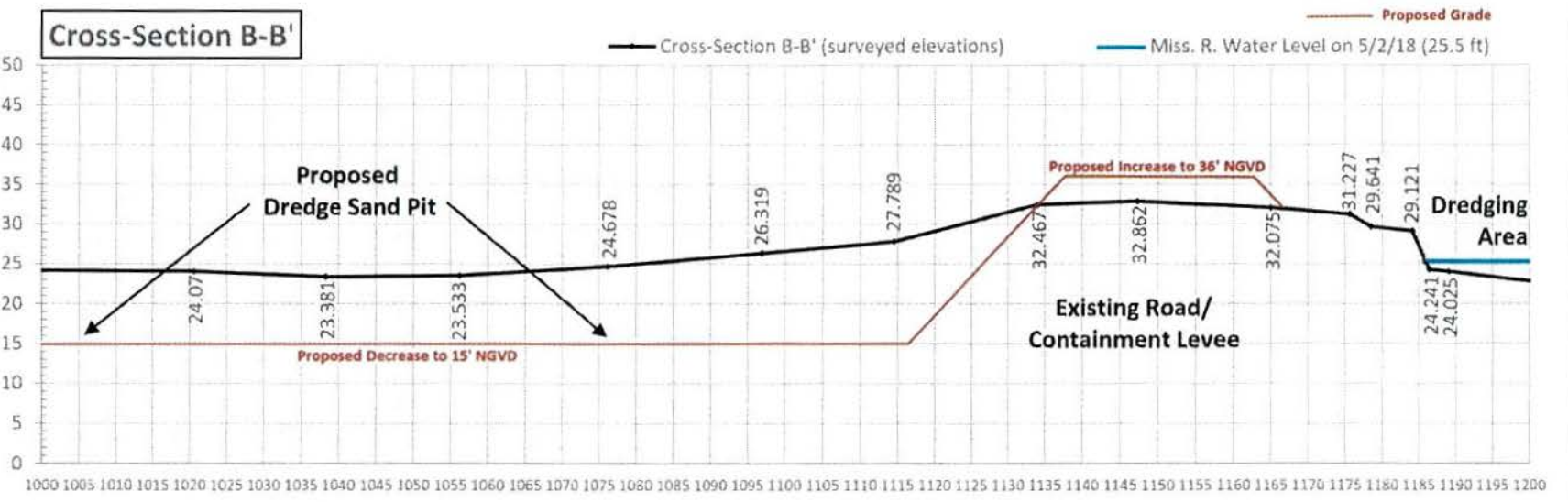
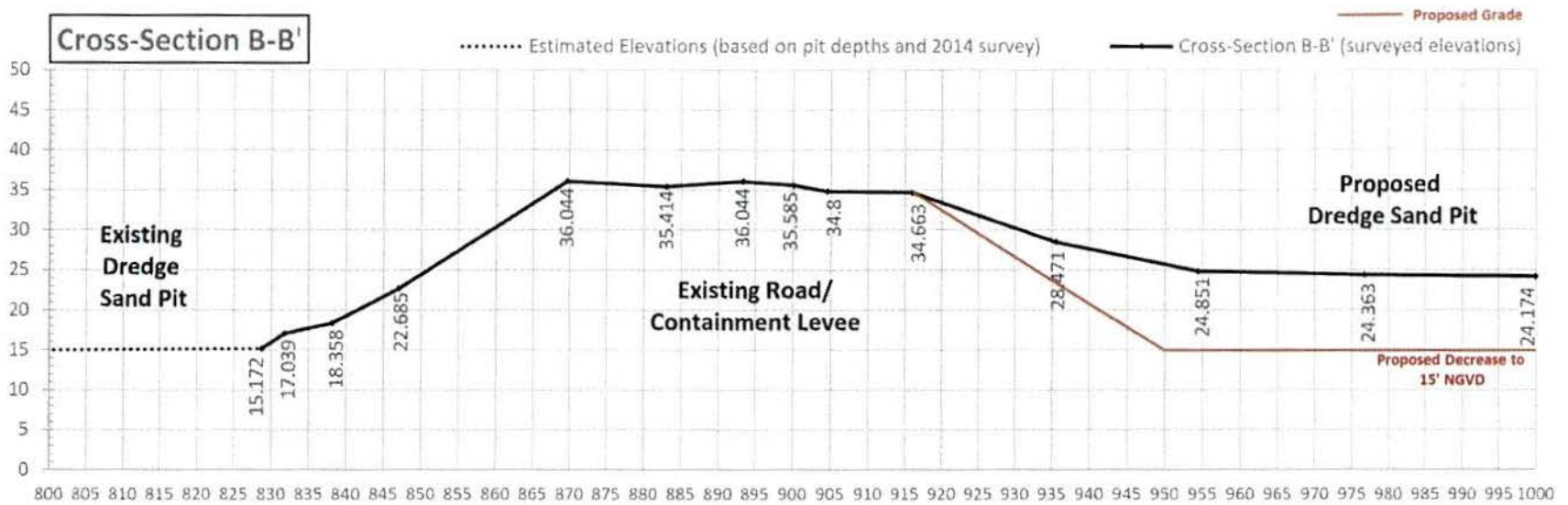
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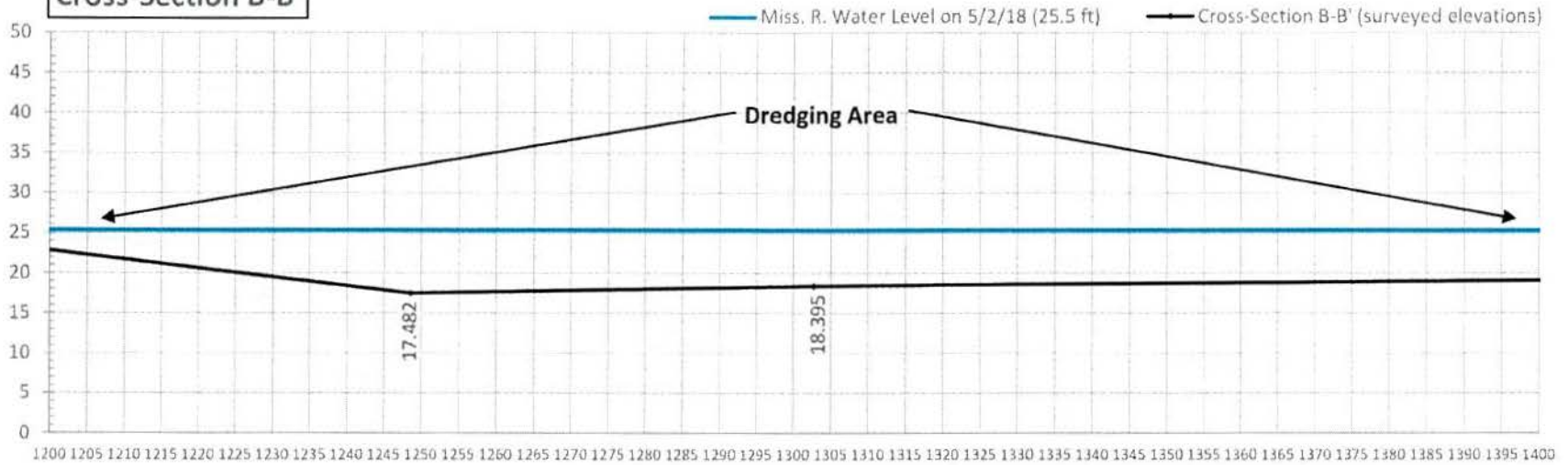
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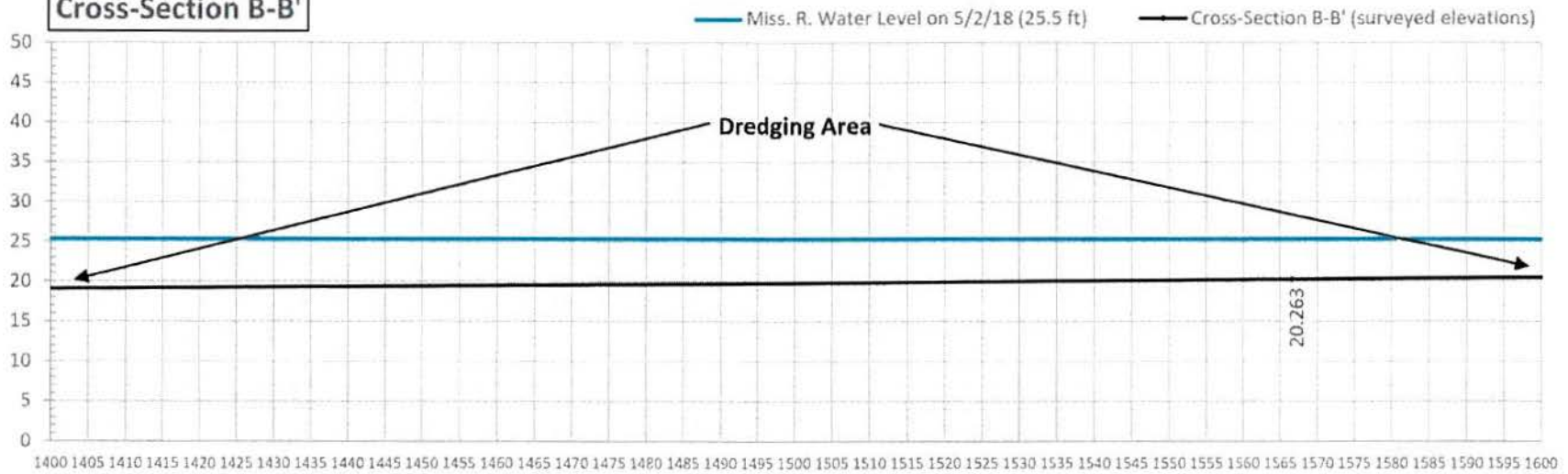
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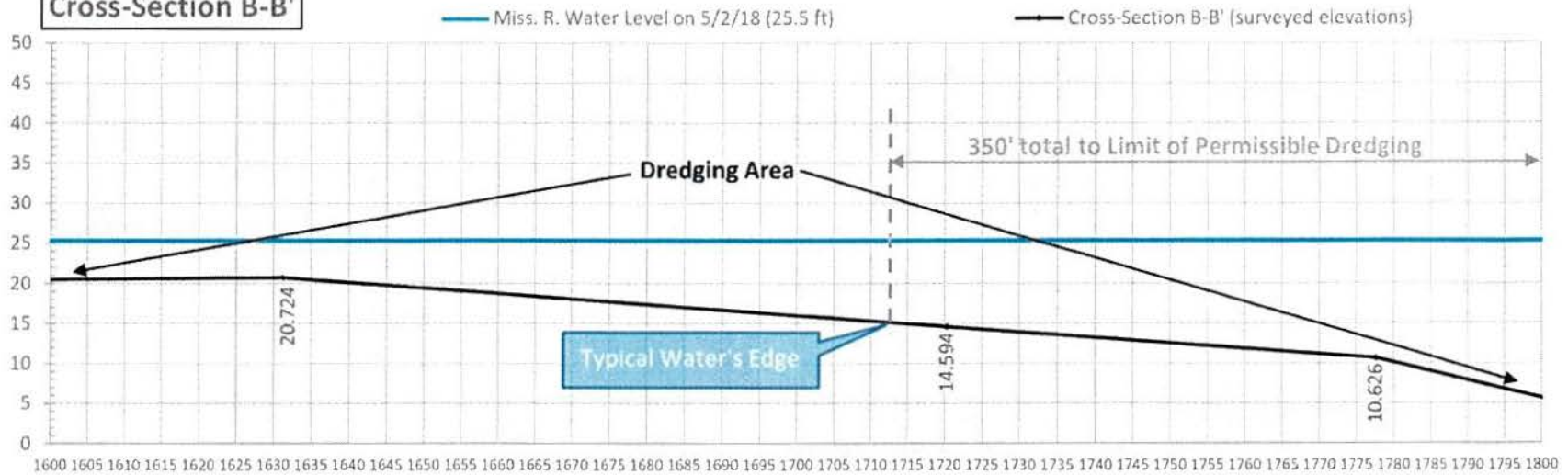
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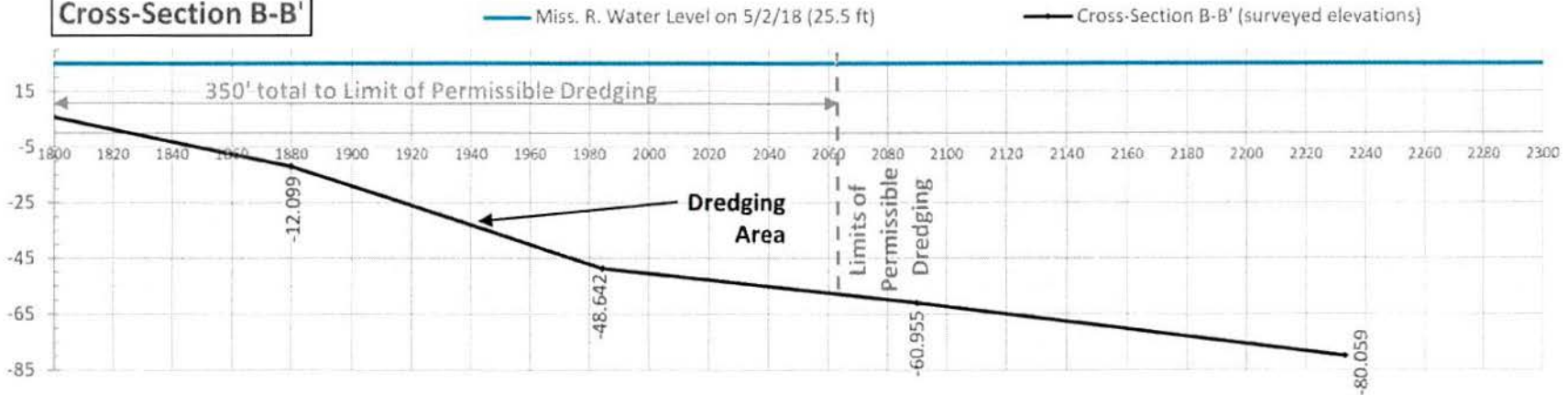
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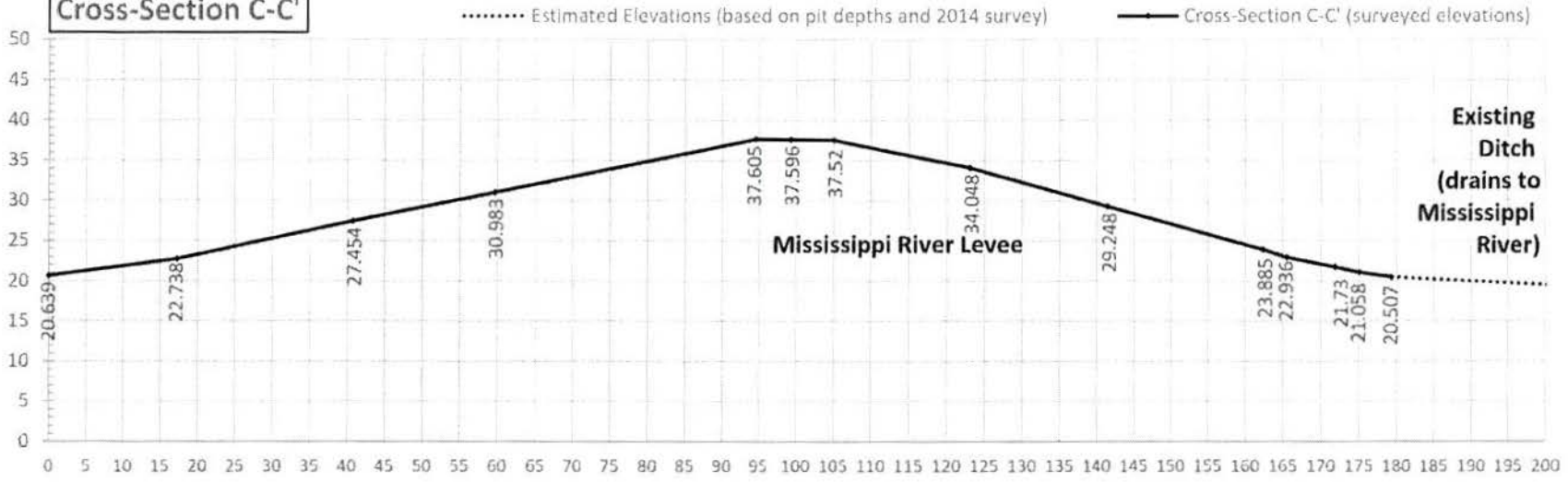
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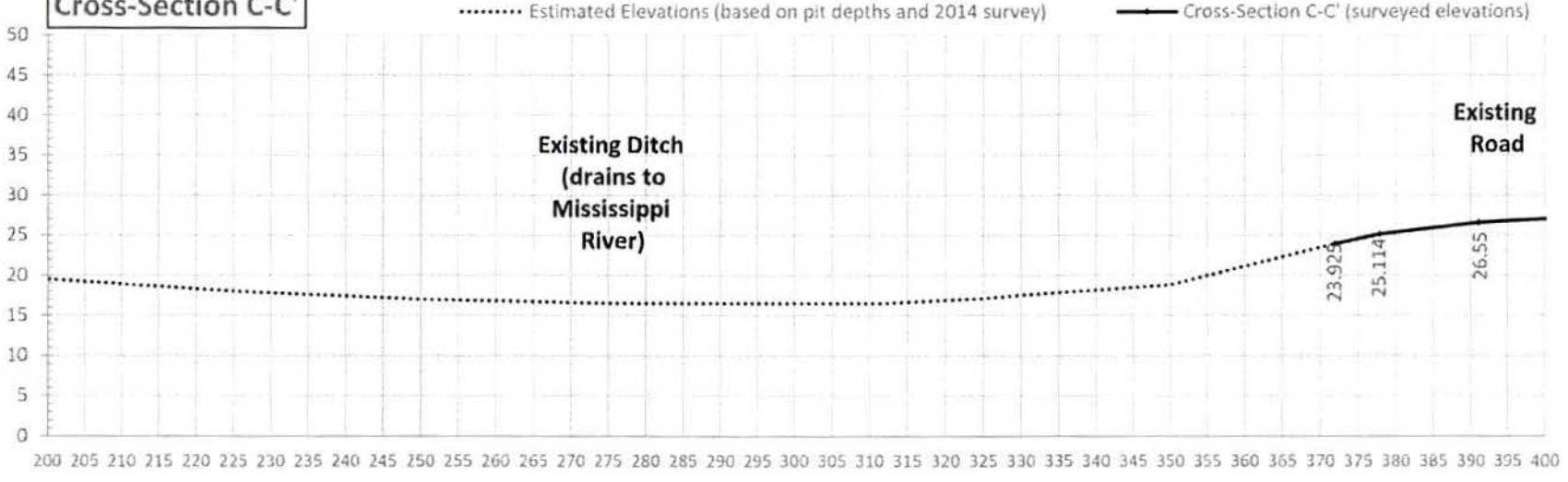
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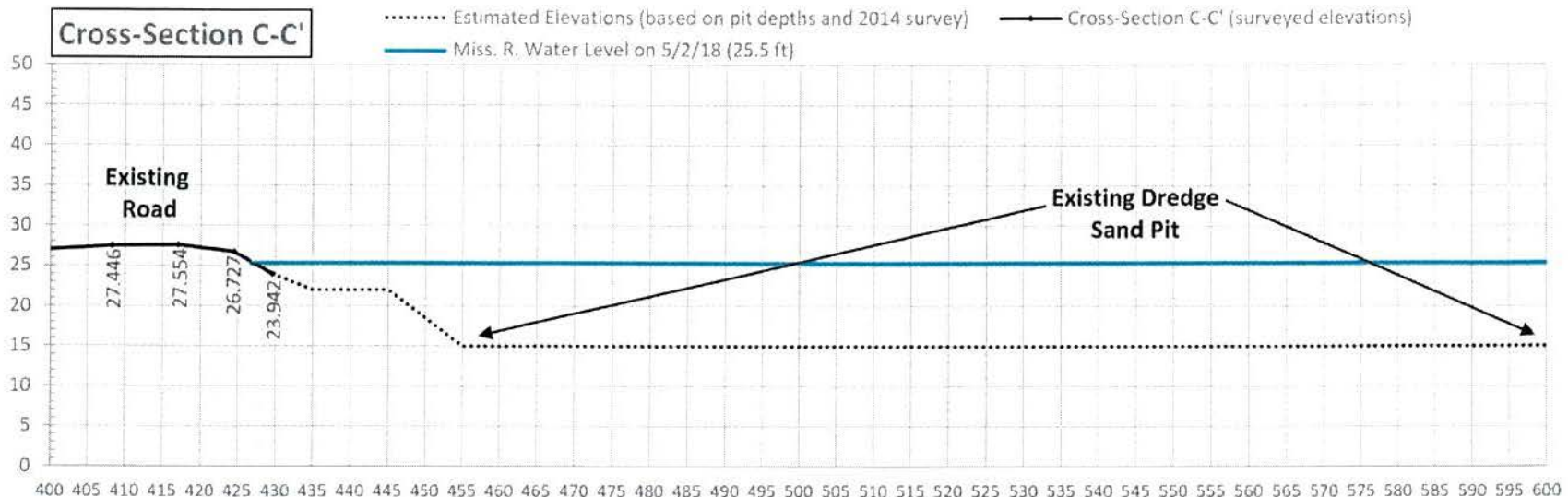
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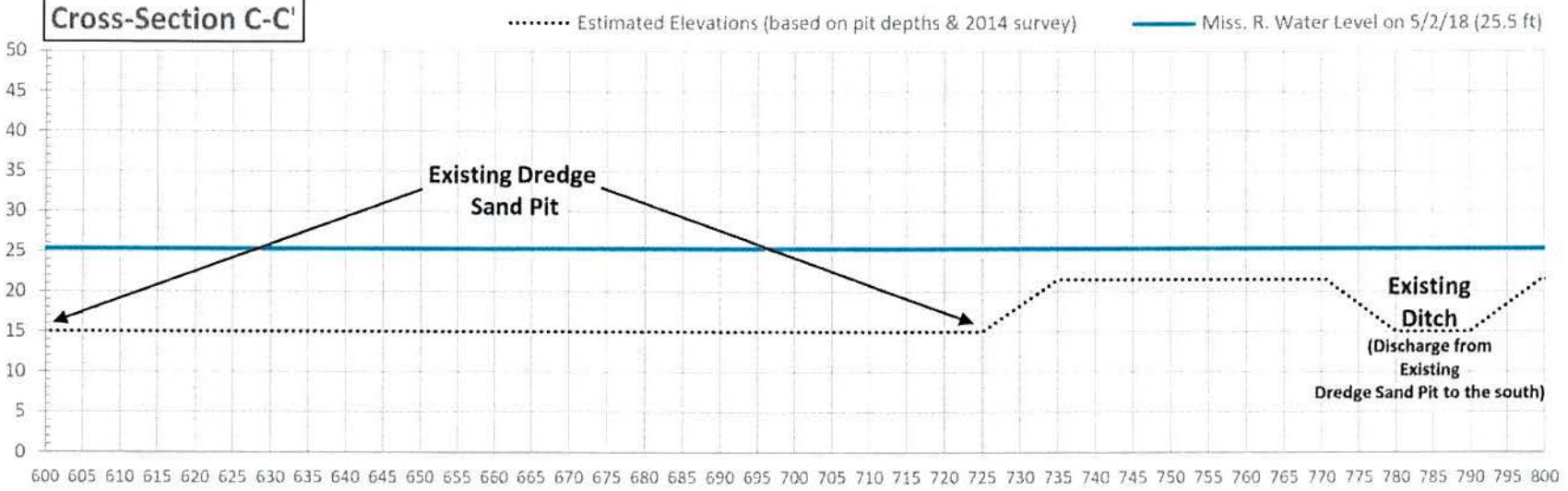
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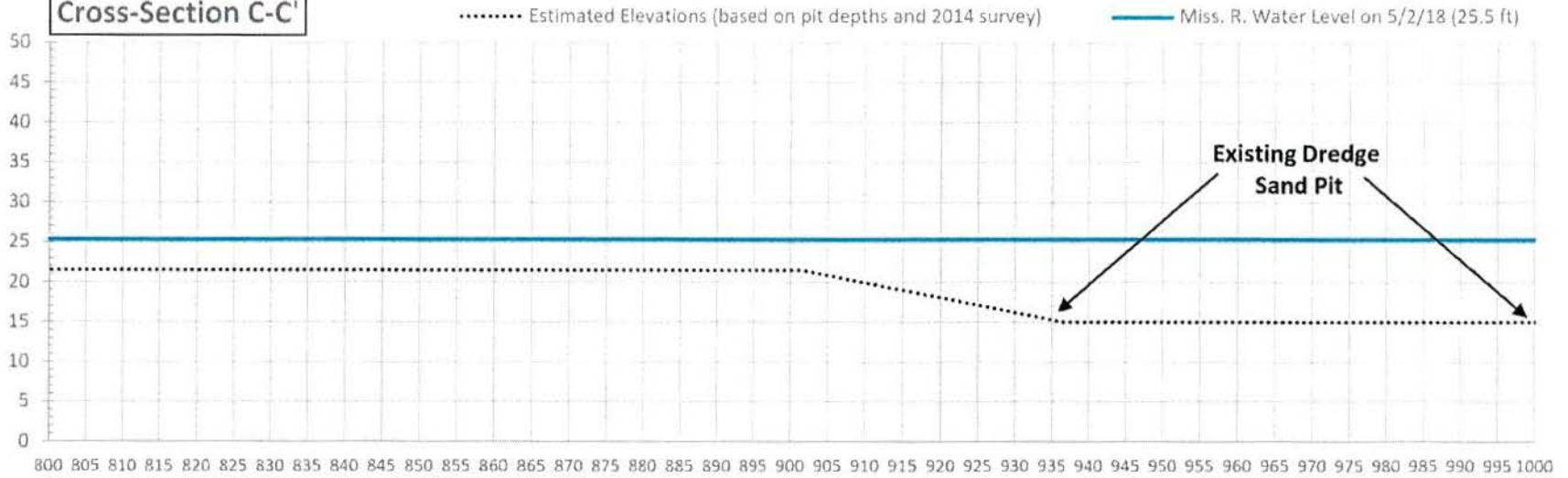
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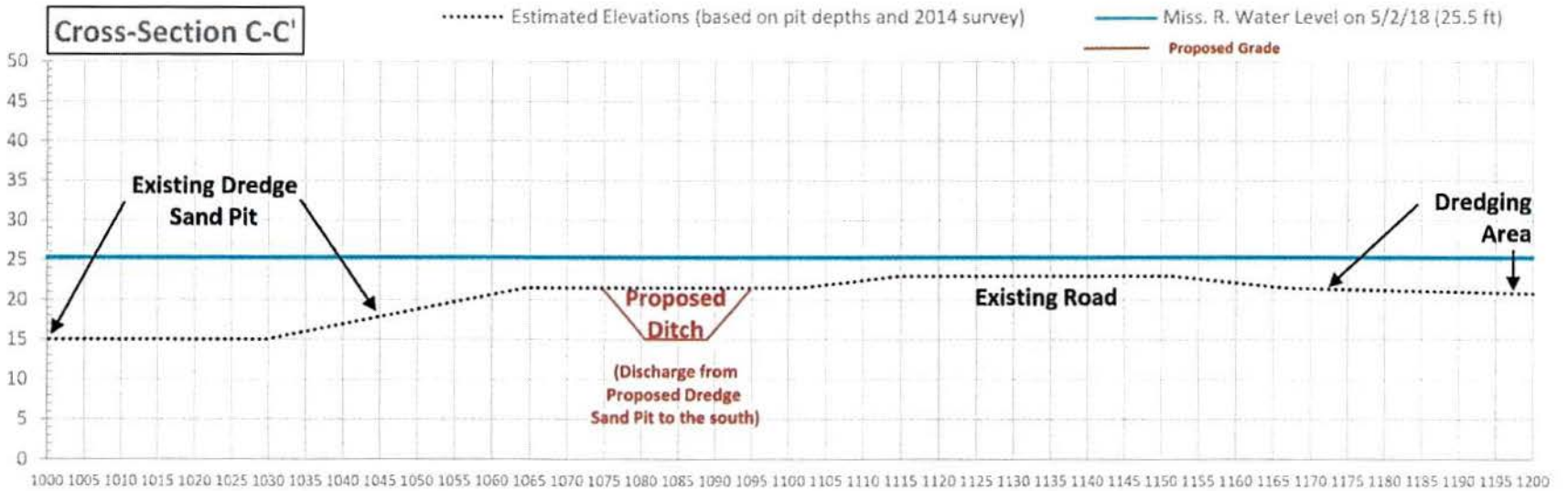
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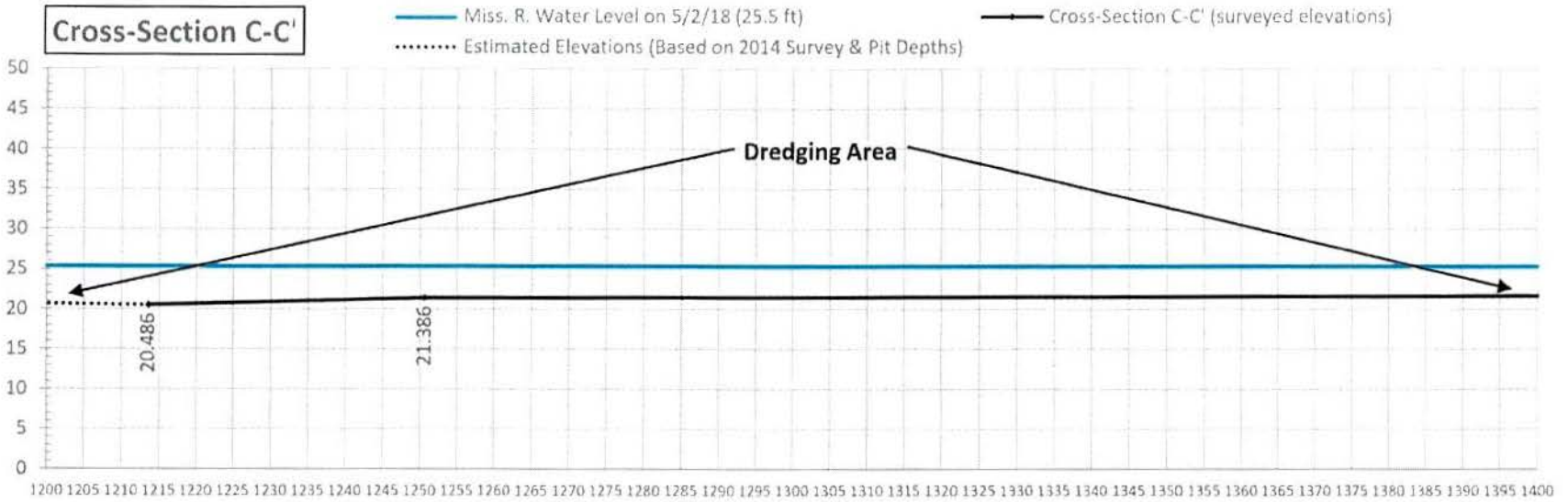
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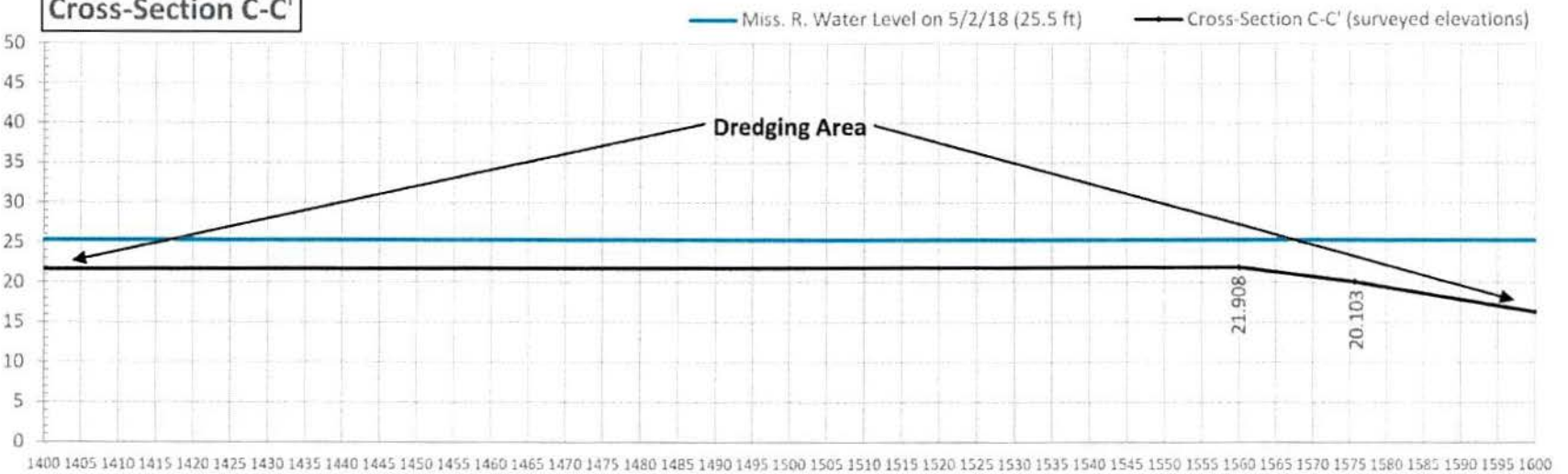
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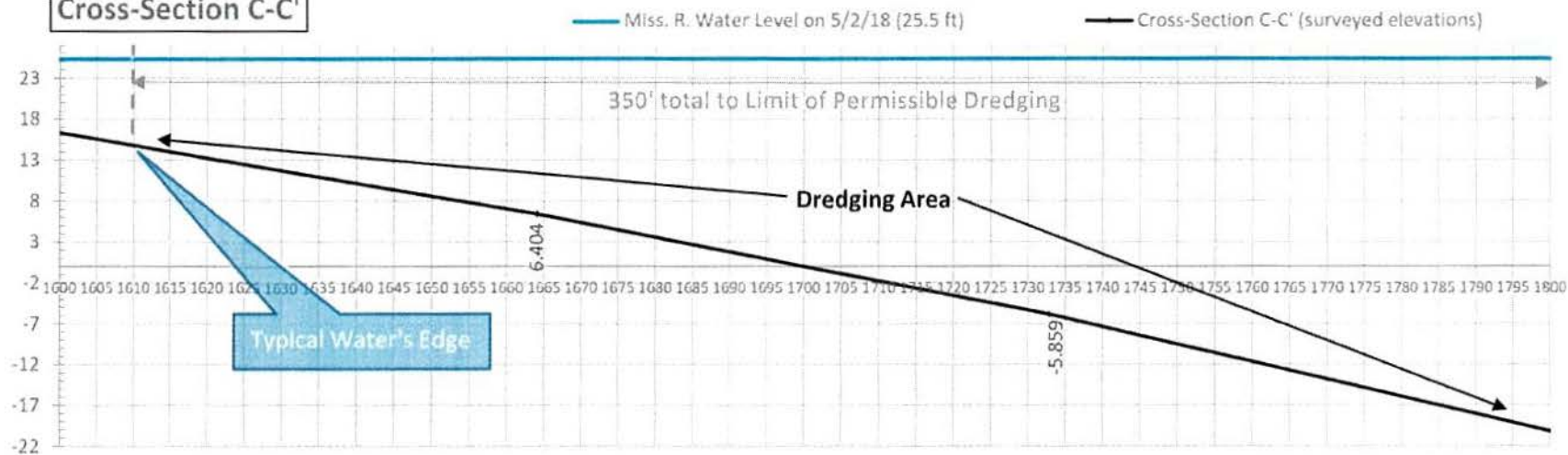
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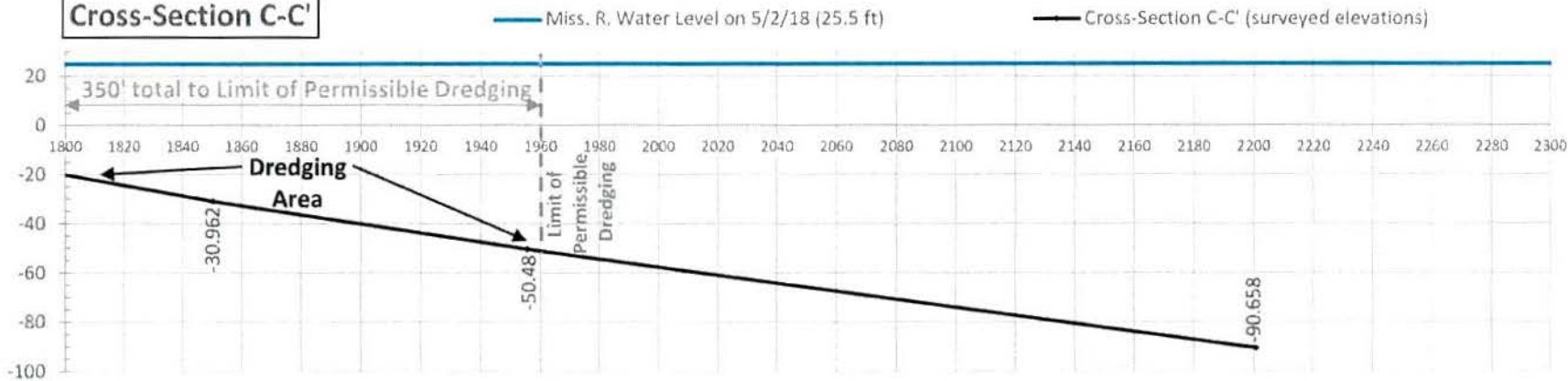
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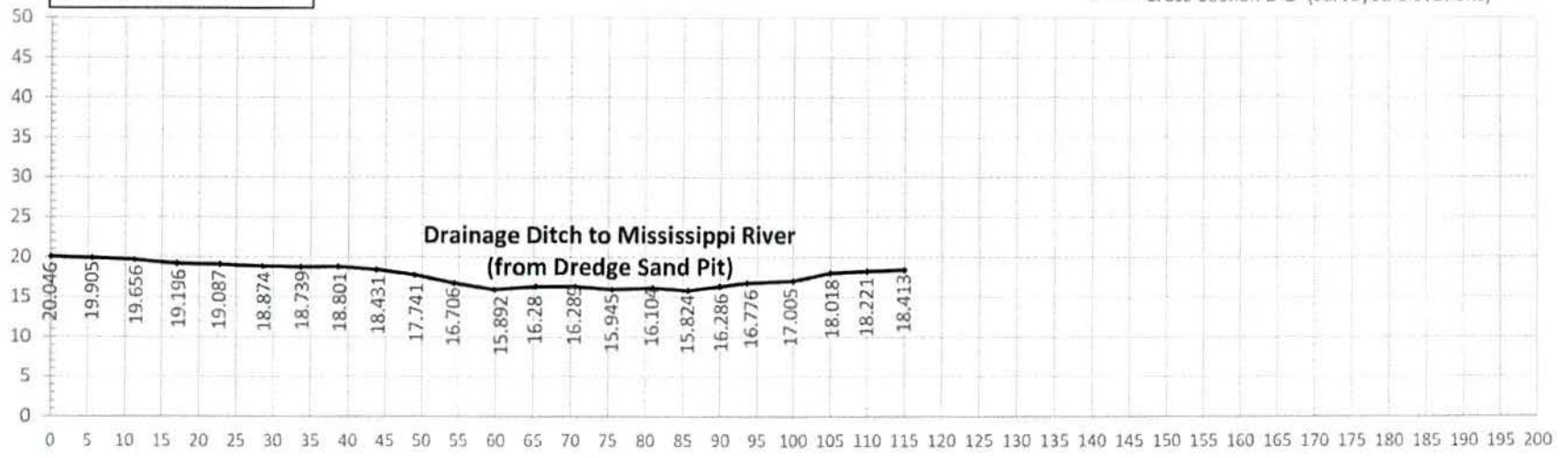


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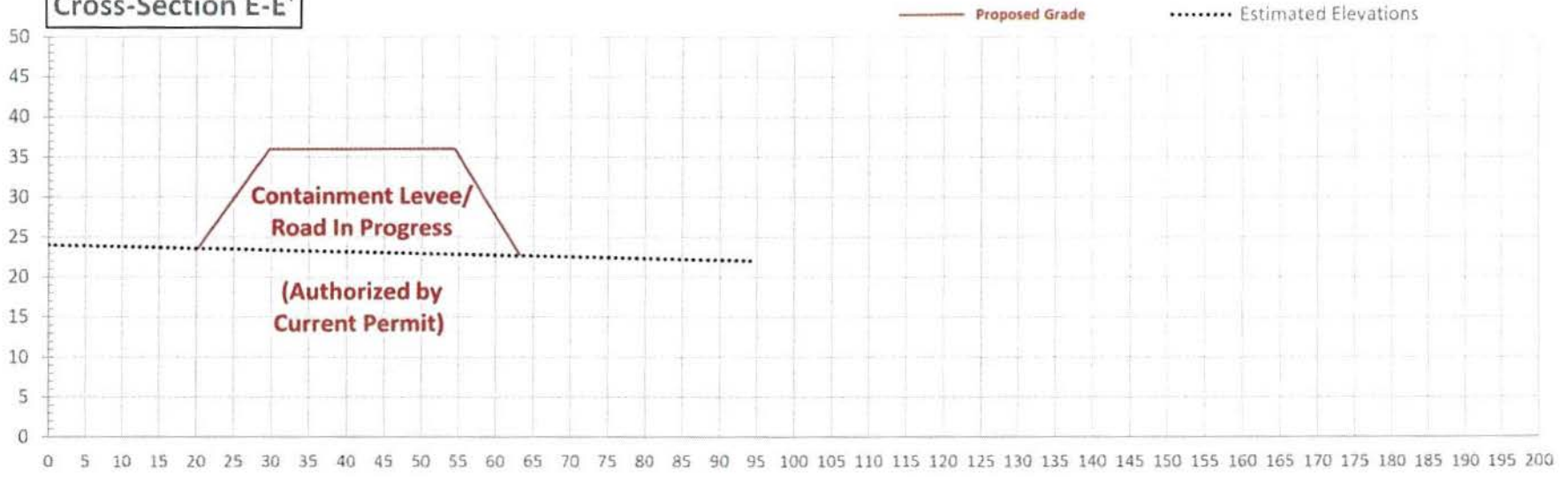


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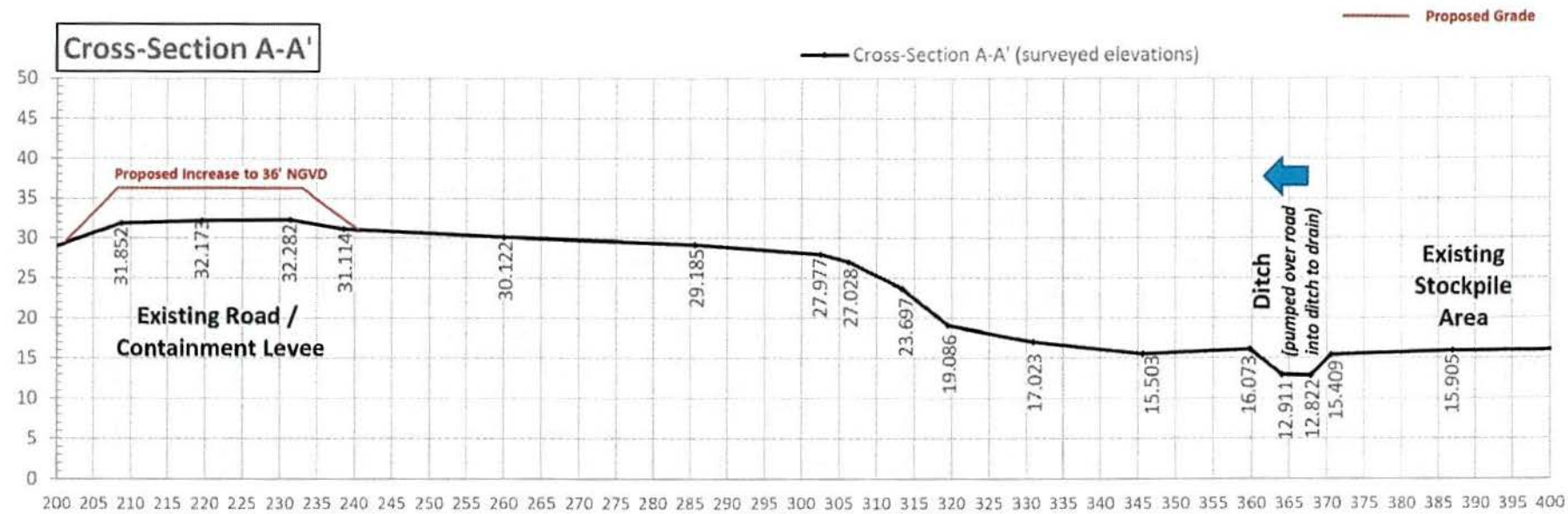
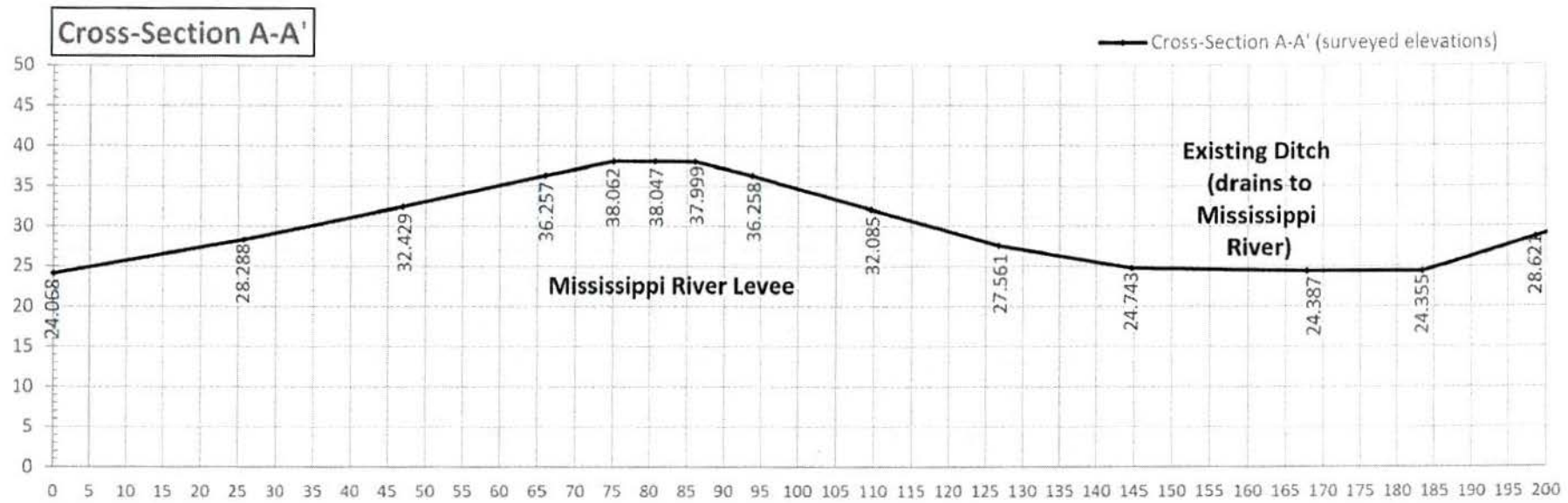
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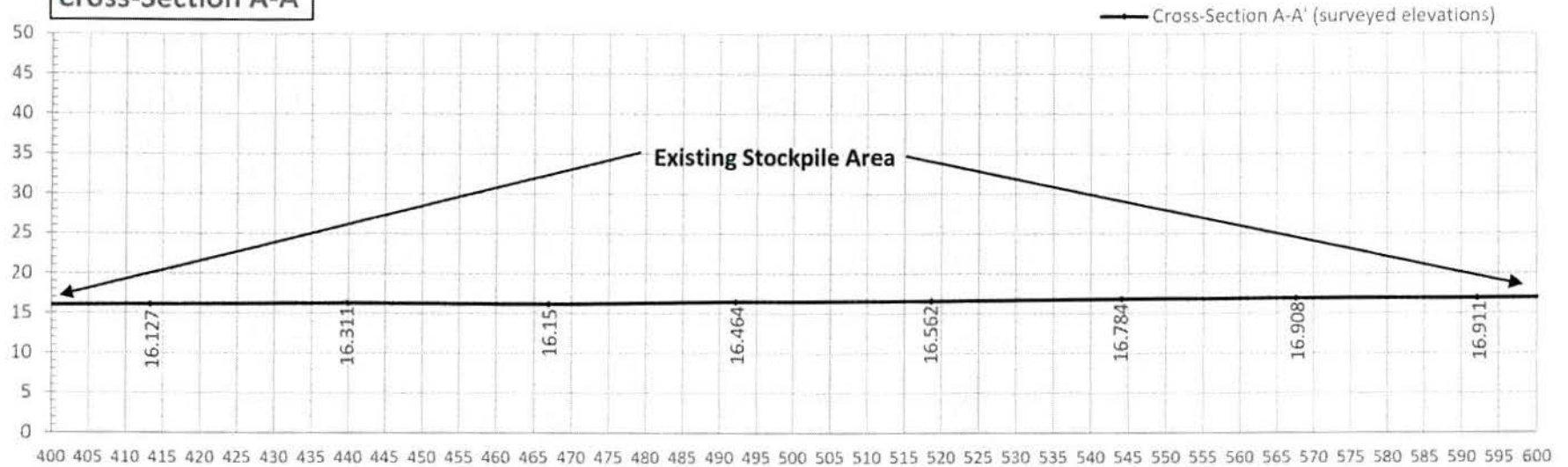
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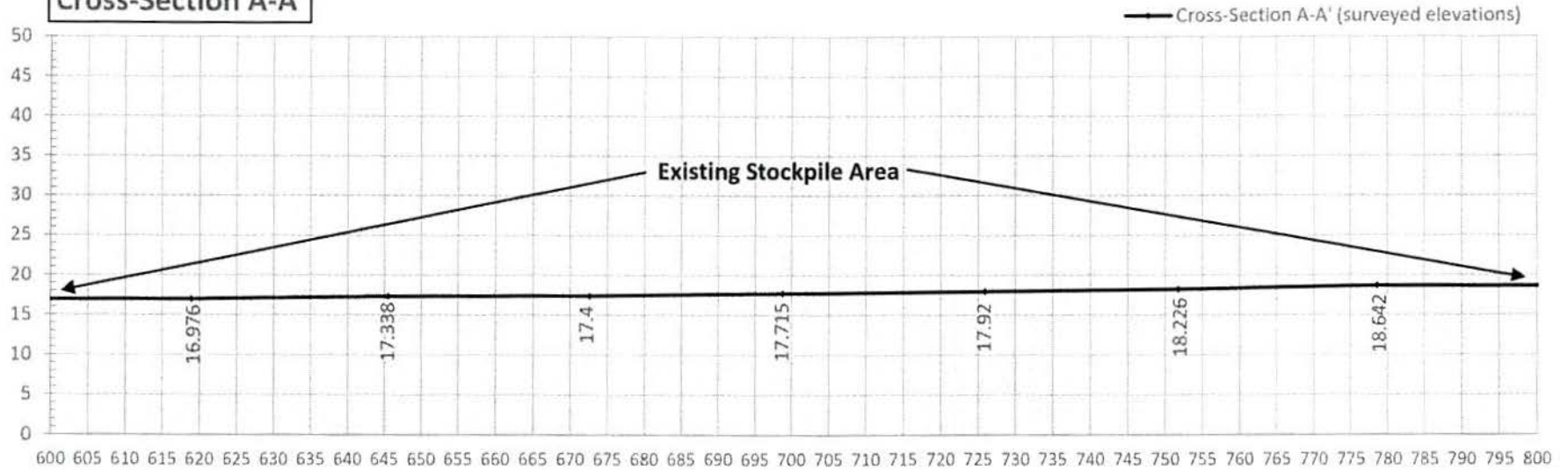
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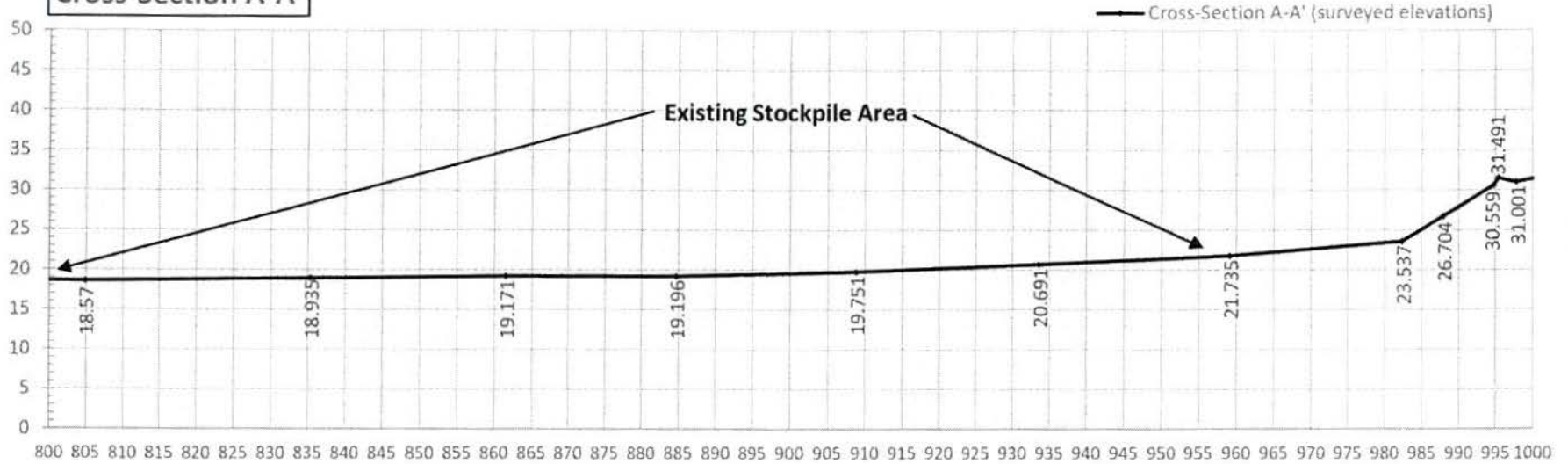
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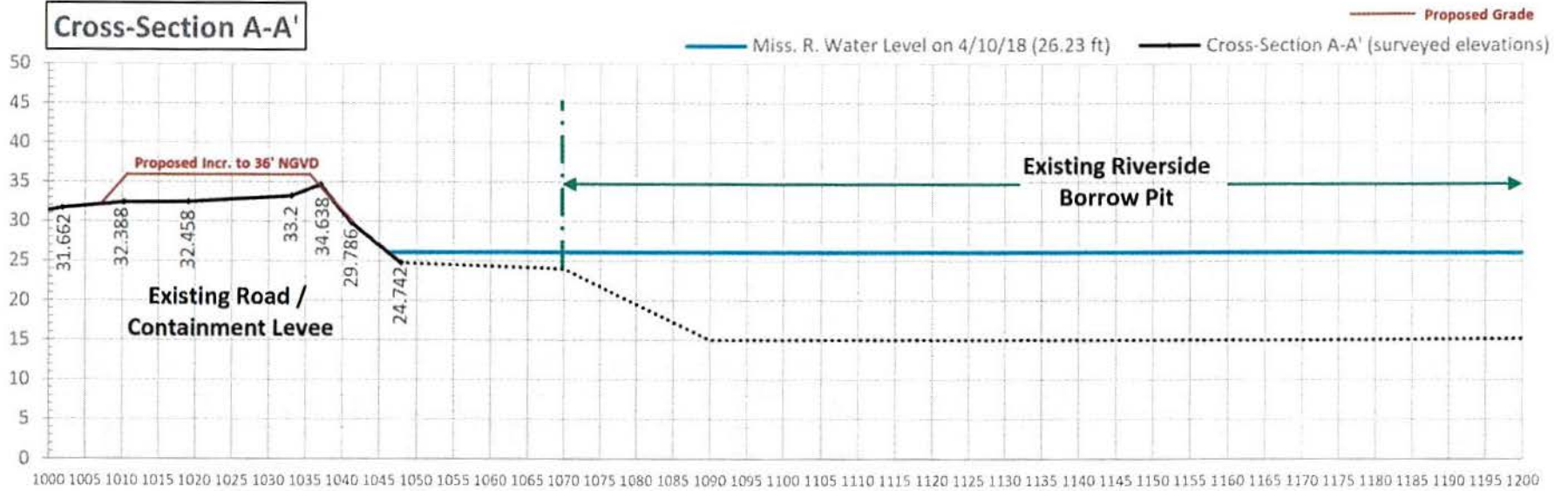
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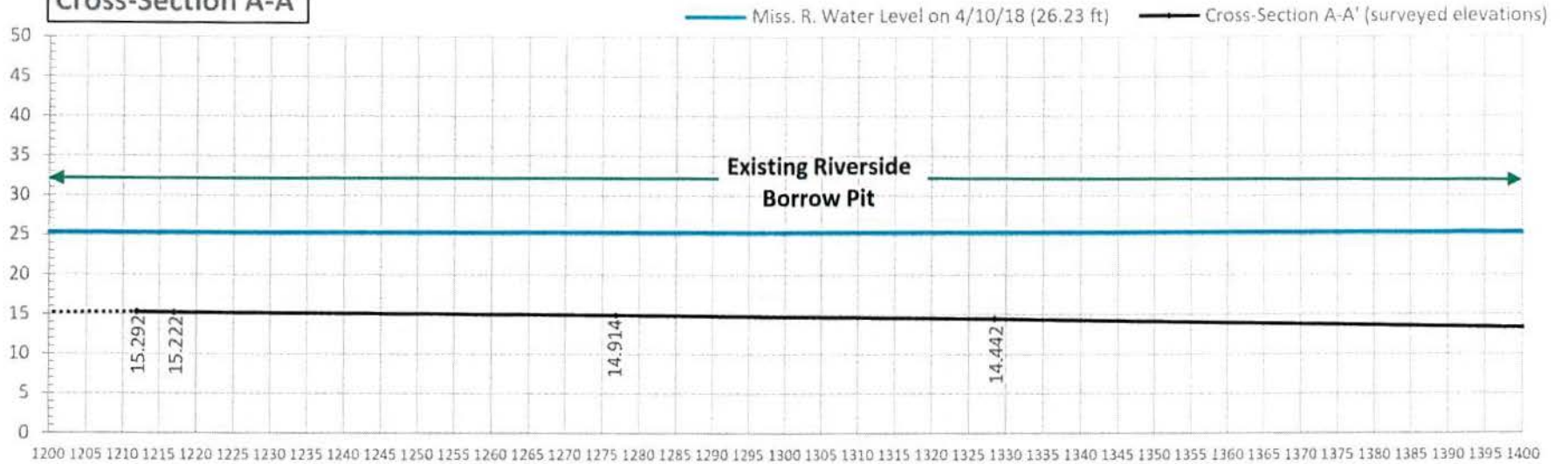
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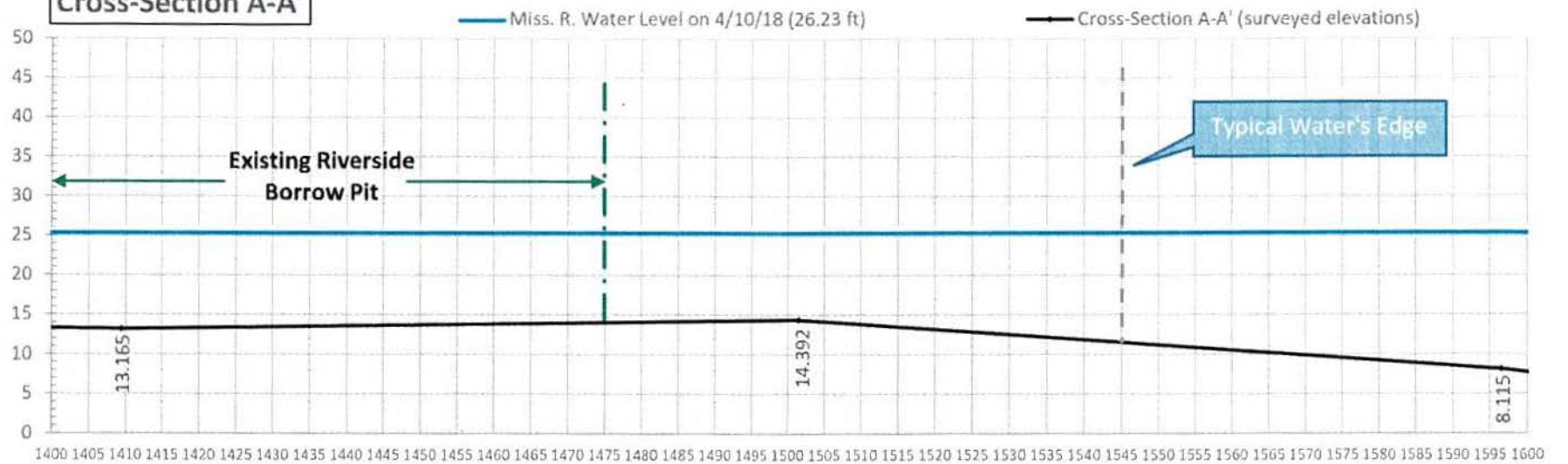
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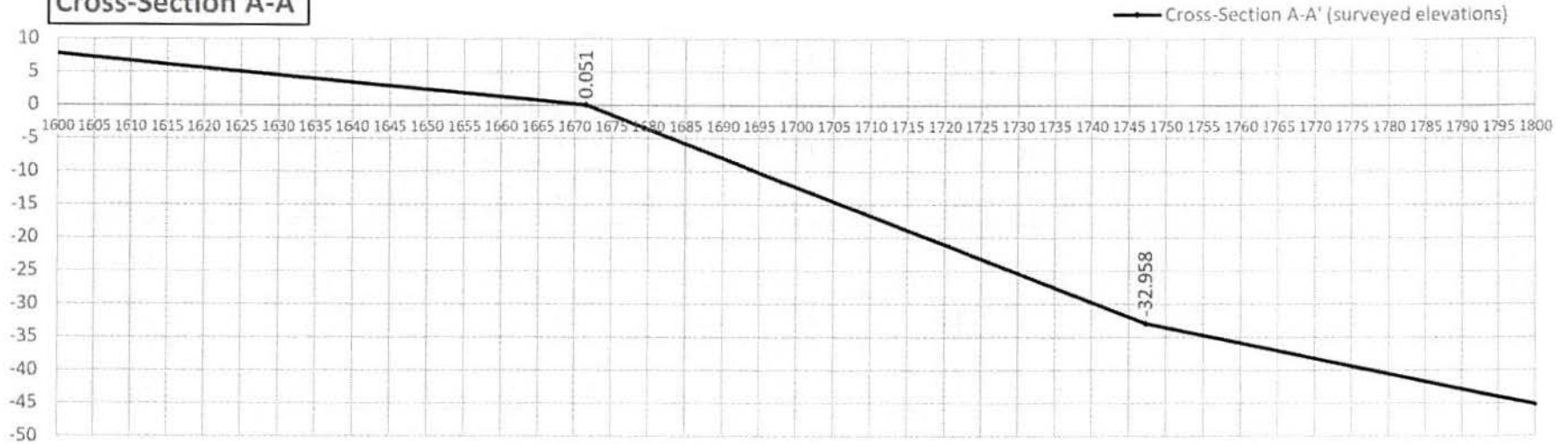
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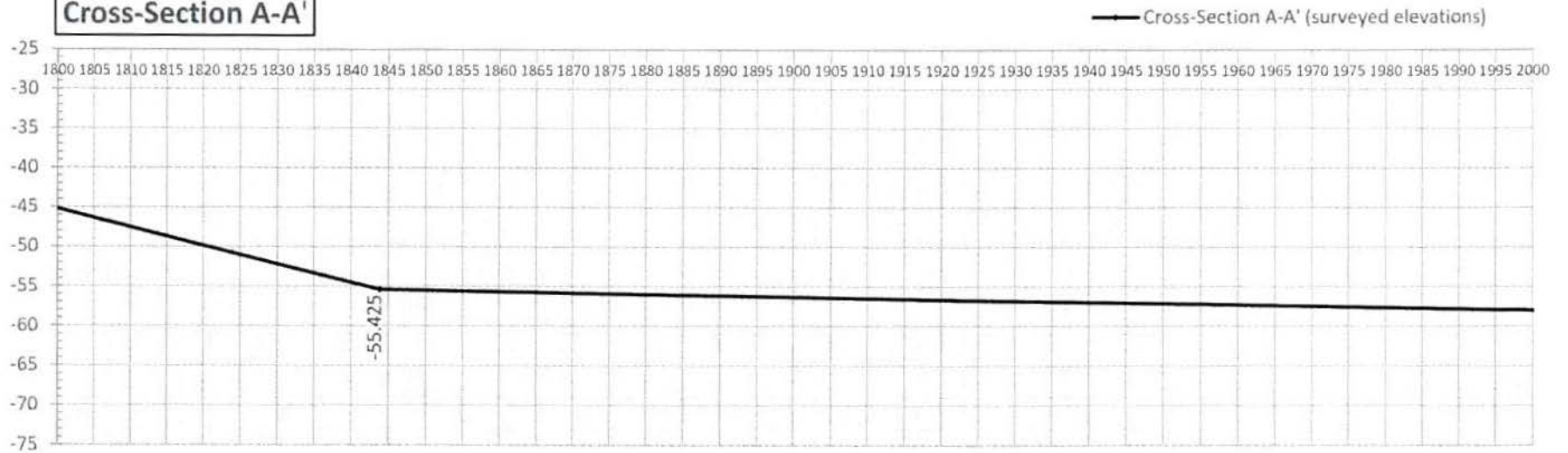
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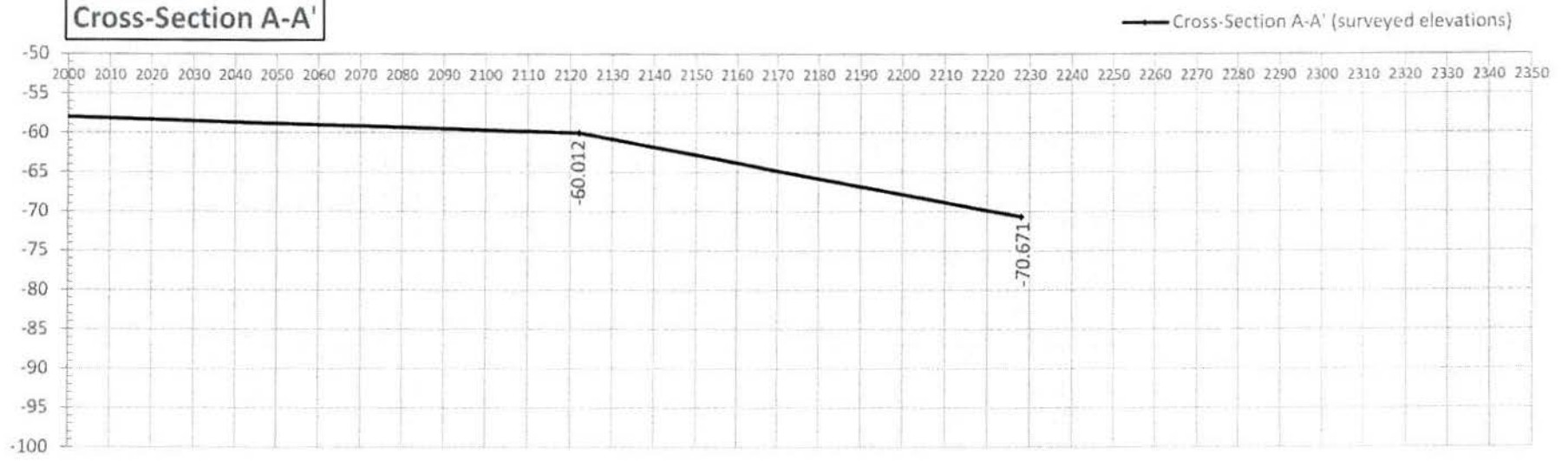
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SOUTHERN PORTION

Cross-Section A-A'



CROSS-SECTION A-A'

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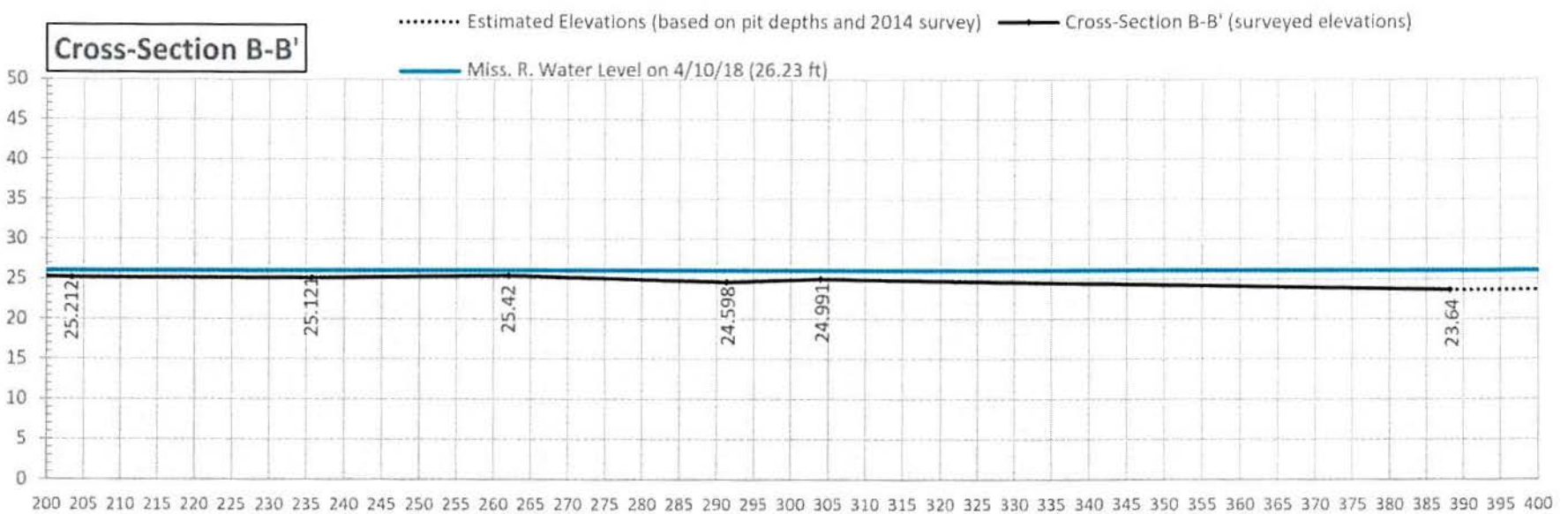
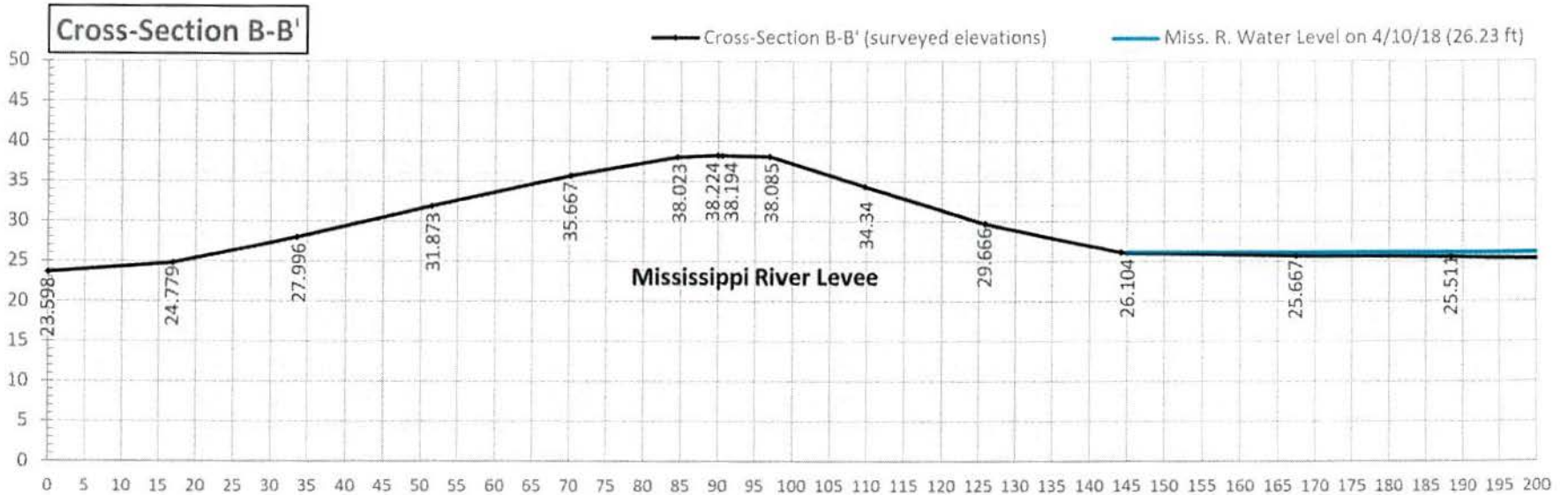


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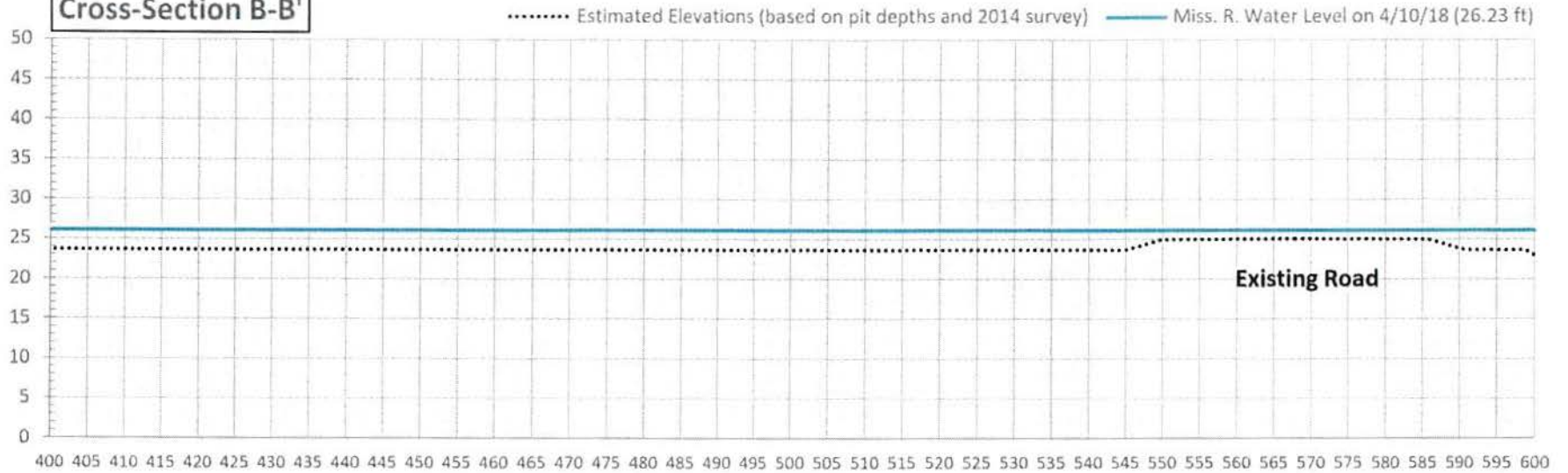


CROSS-SECTION B-B'
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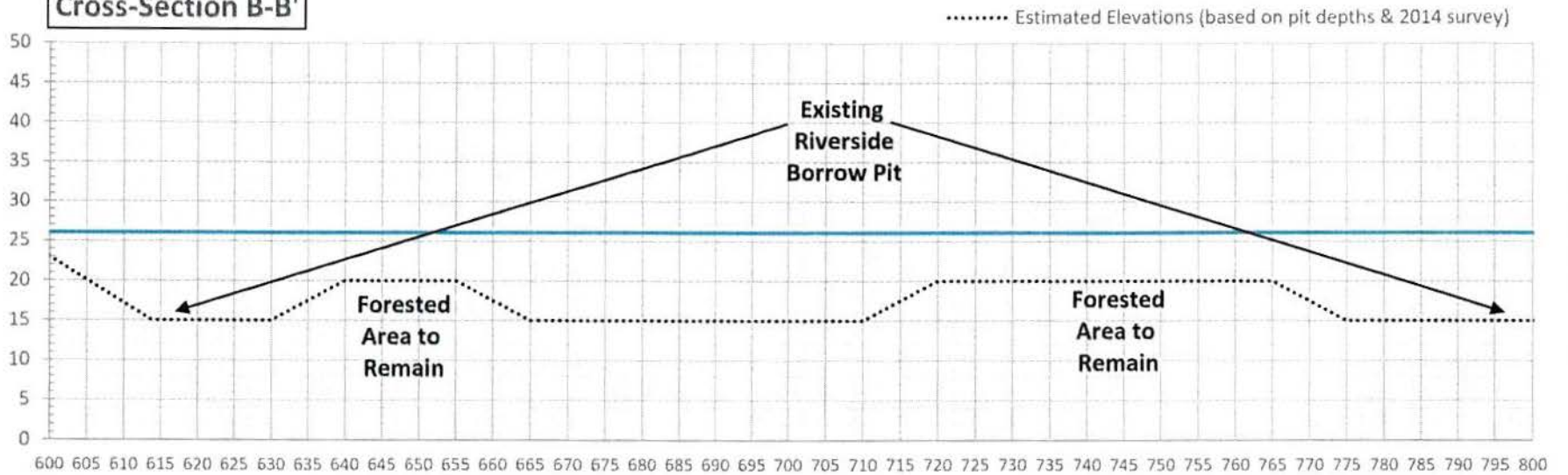


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Cross-Section B-B'



Cross-Section B-B'



CROSS-SECTION B-B'

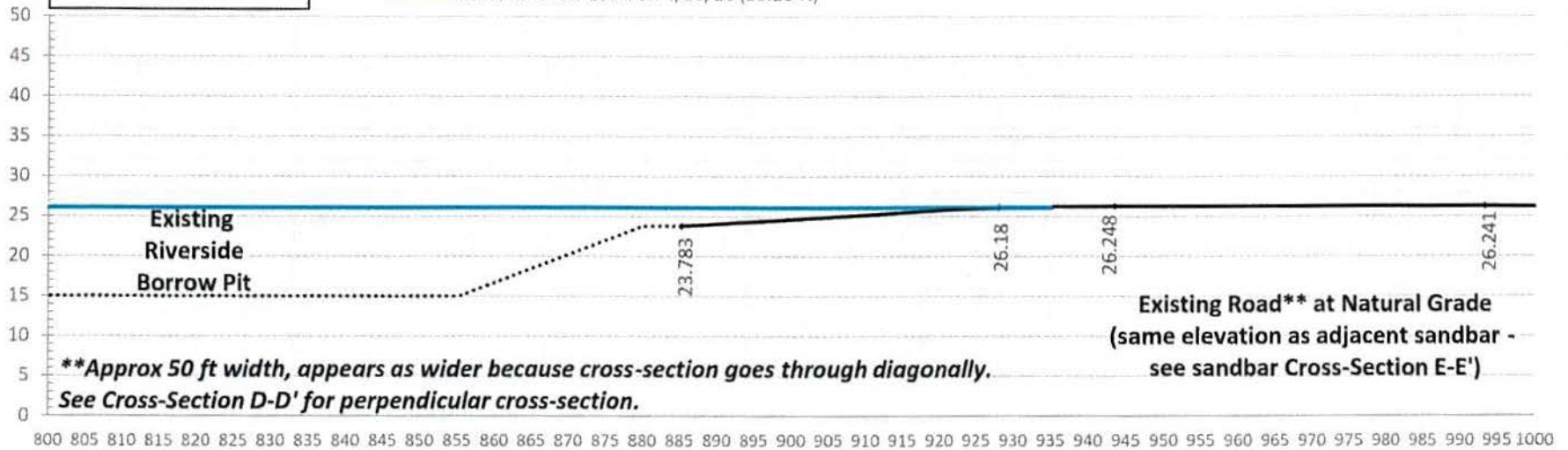
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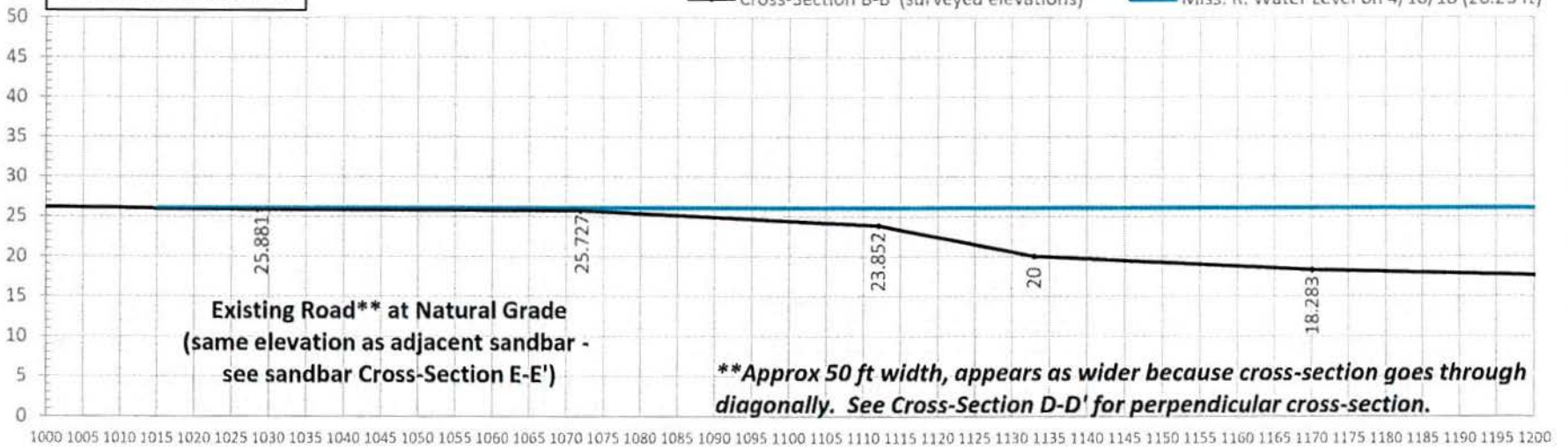
Cross-Section B-B'

..... Estimated Elevations (based on pit depths and 2014 survey) — Cross-Section B-B' (surveyed elevations)
 — Miss. R. Water Level on 4/10/18 (26.23 ft)



Cross-Section B-B'

— Cross-Section B-B' (surveyed elevations) — Miss. R. Water Level on 4/10/18 (26.23 ft)



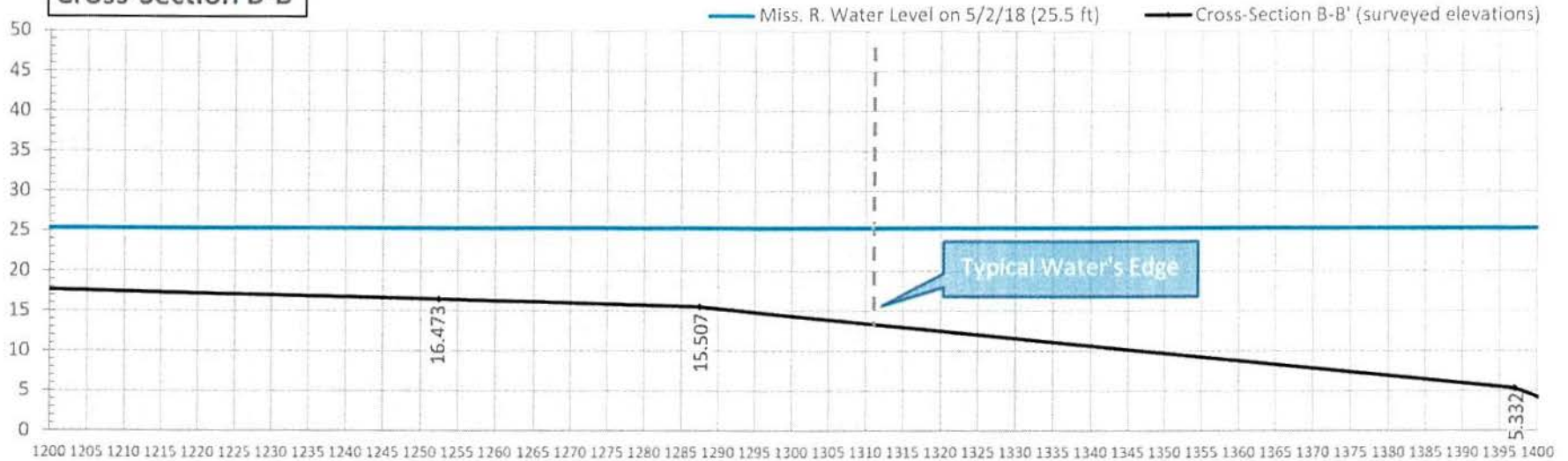
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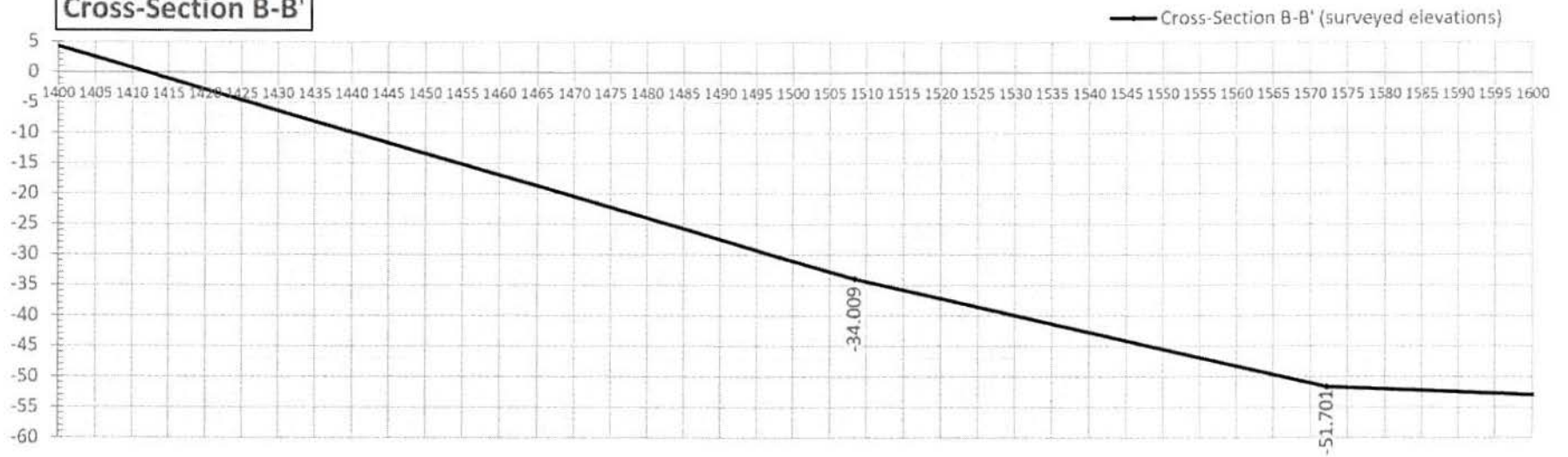


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Cross-Section B-B'



Cross-Section B-B'



CROSS-SECTION B-B'

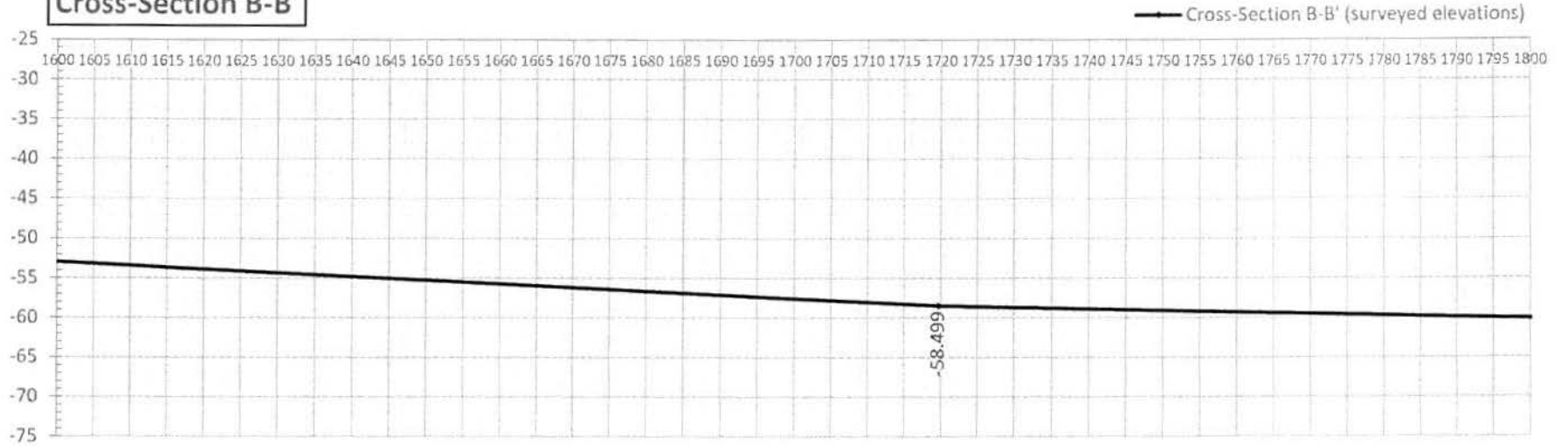
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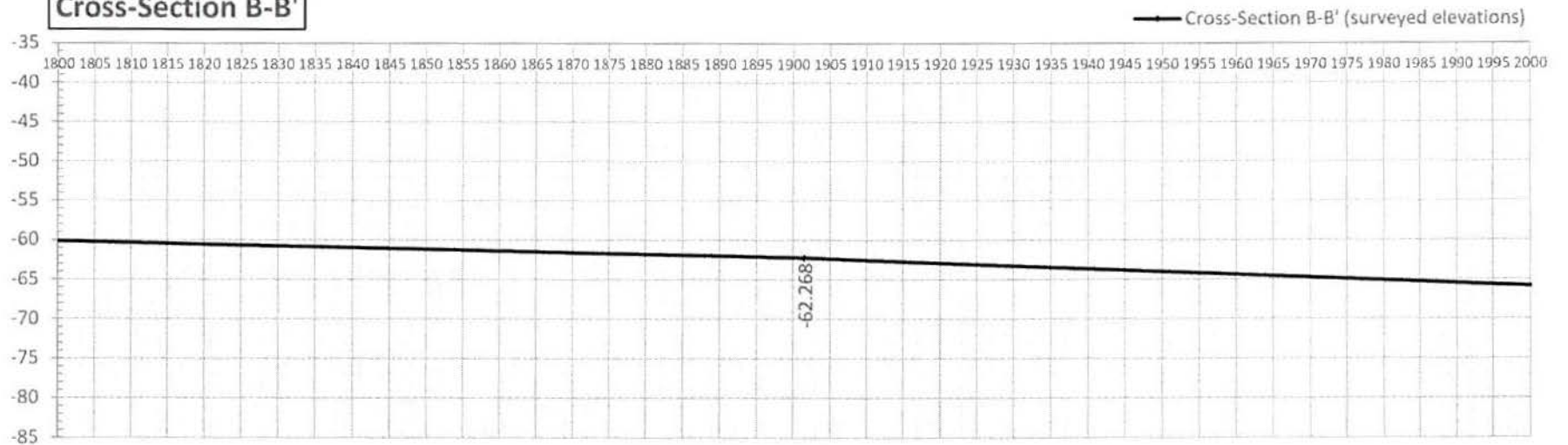
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SOUTHERN PORTION

Cross-Section B-B'



Cross-Section B-B'



CROSS-SECTION B-B'

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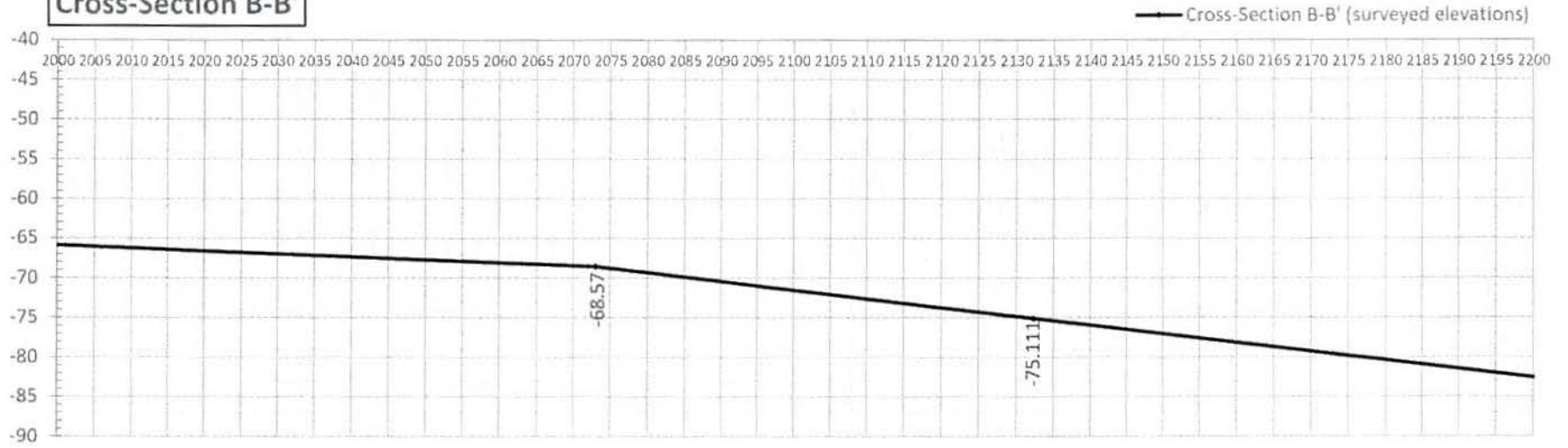
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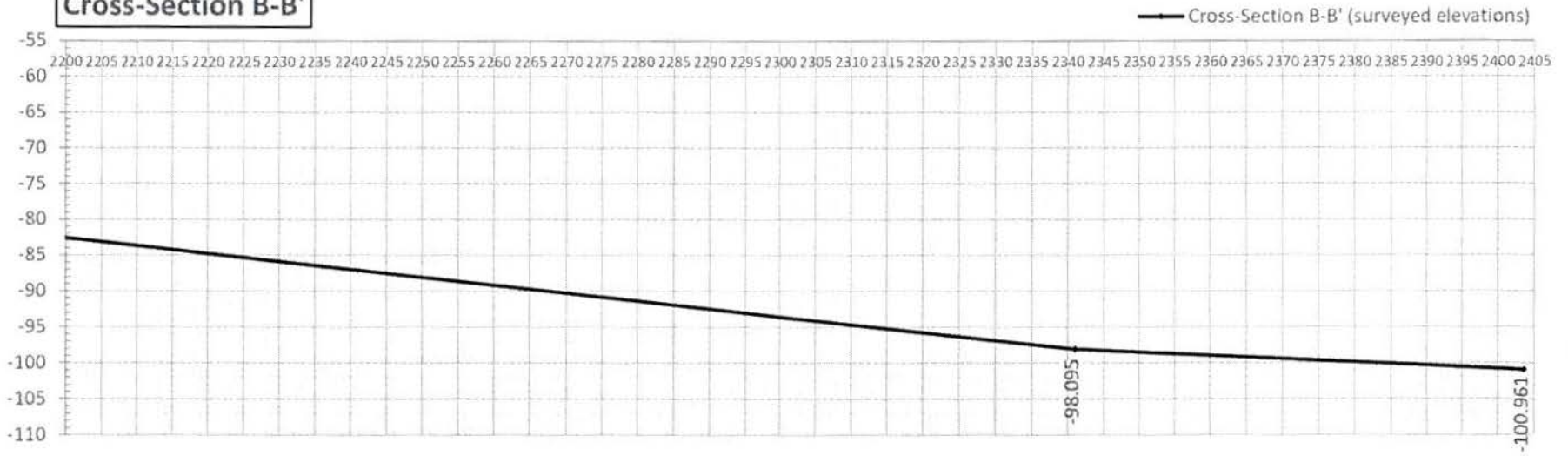
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SOUTHERN PORTION

Cross-Section B-B'



Cross-Section B-B'



CROSS-SECTION B-B'

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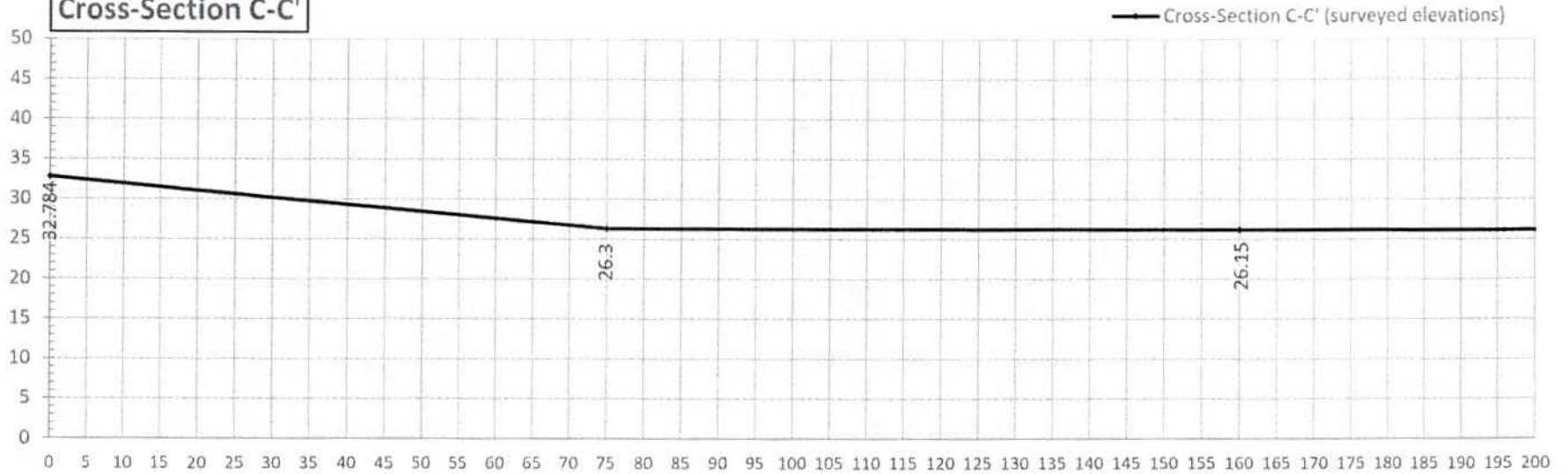
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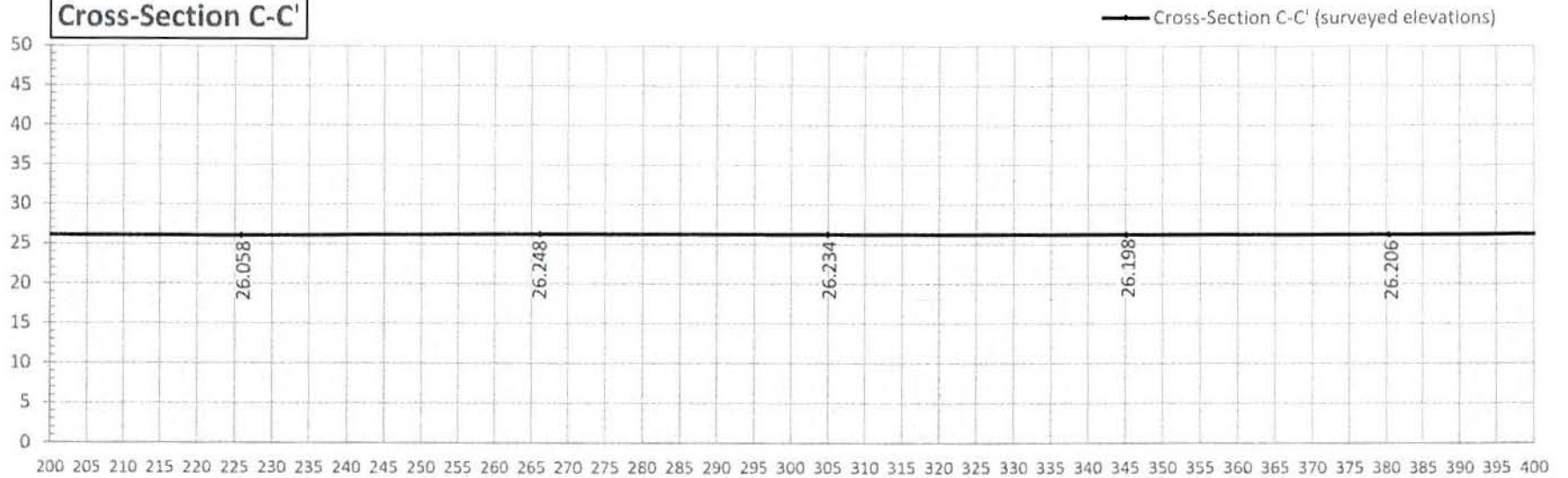
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SOUTHERN PORTION

Cross-Section C-C'



Cross-Section C-C'



CROSS-SECTION C-C'

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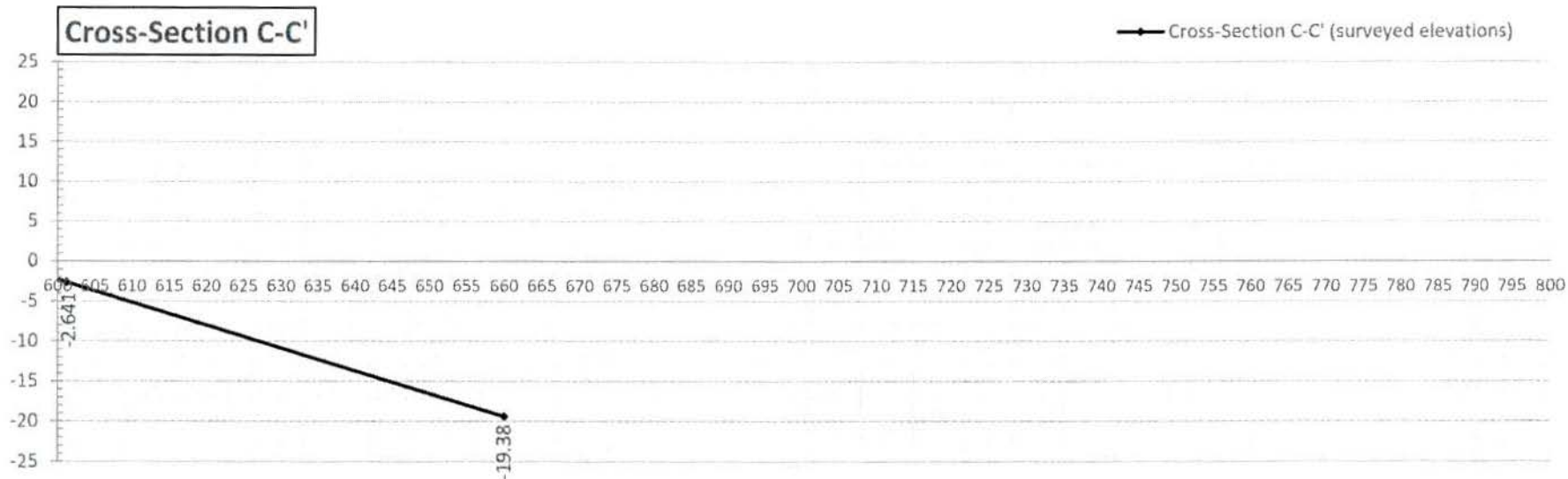
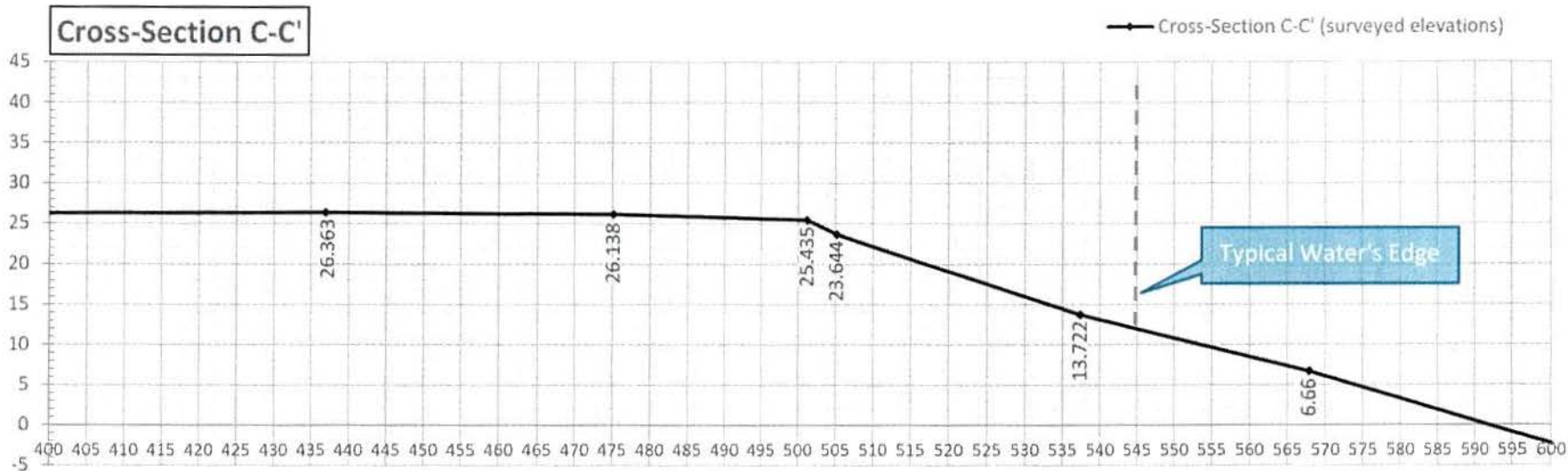


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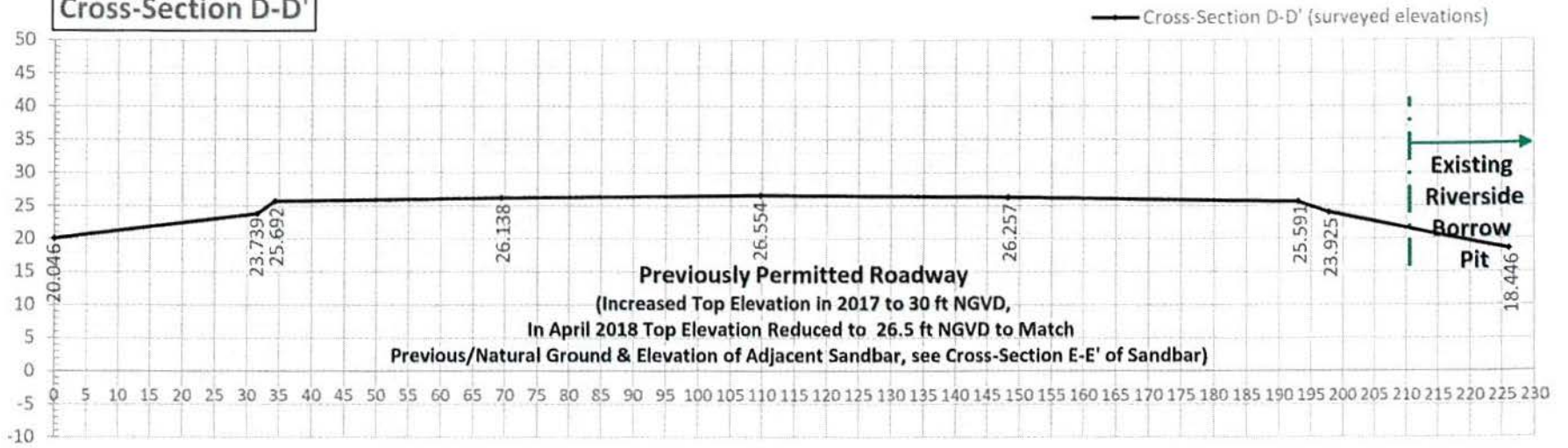
CROSS-SECTION C-C'
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SOUTHERN PORTION

Cross-Section D-D'



CROSS-SECTION D-D'

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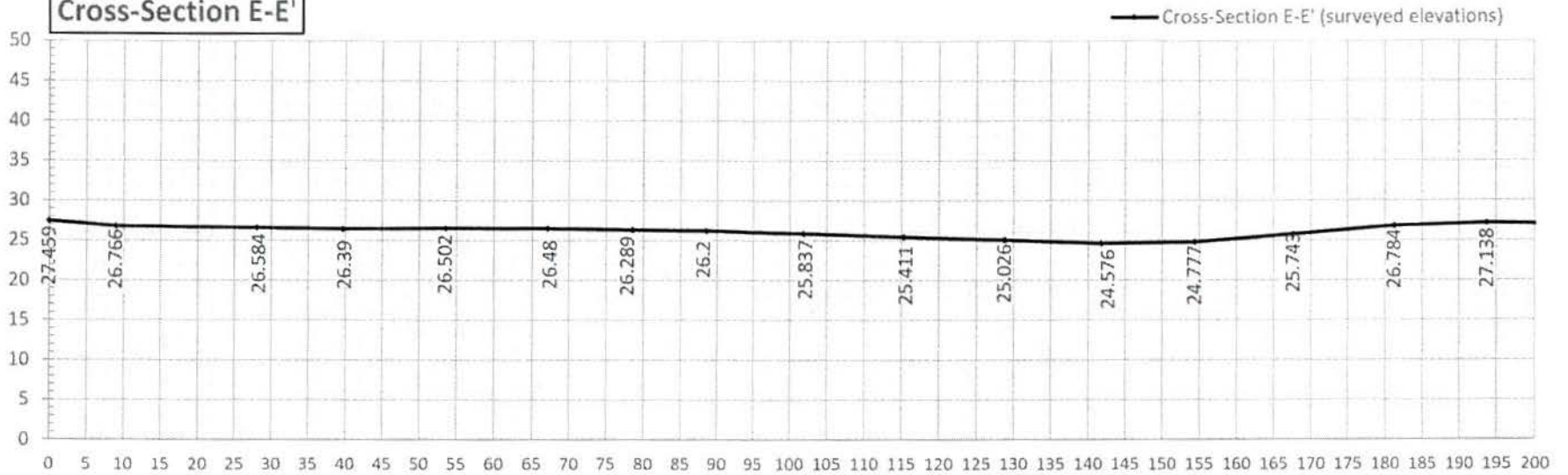


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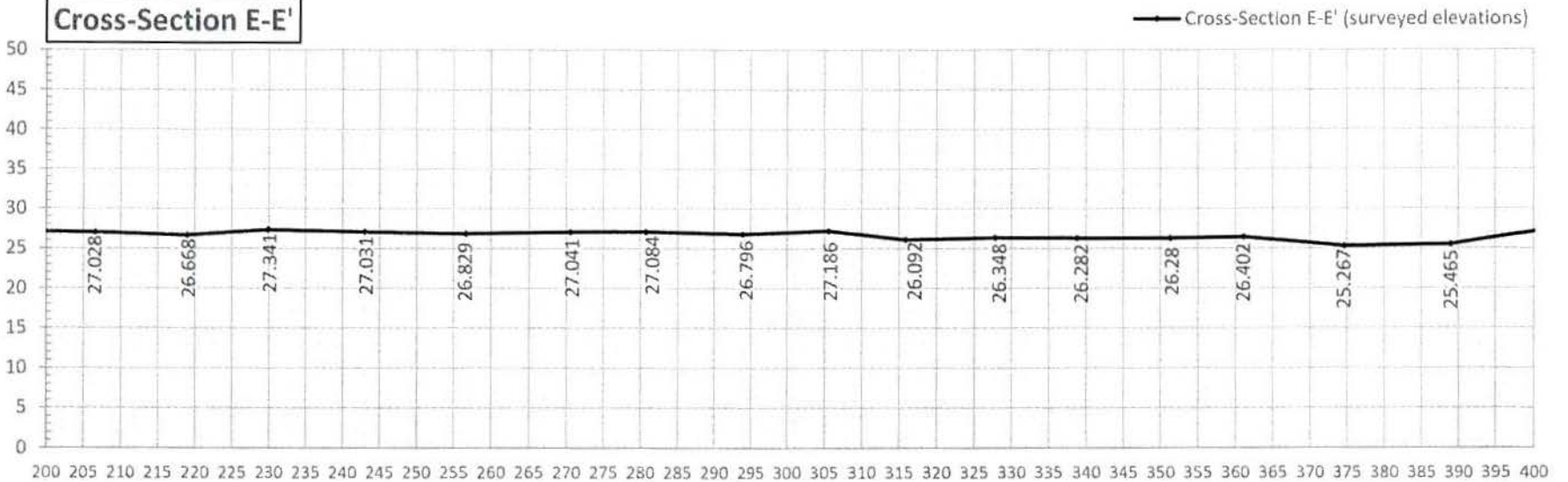
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Cross-Section E-E'



Cross-Section E-E'



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CROSS-SECTION E-E'

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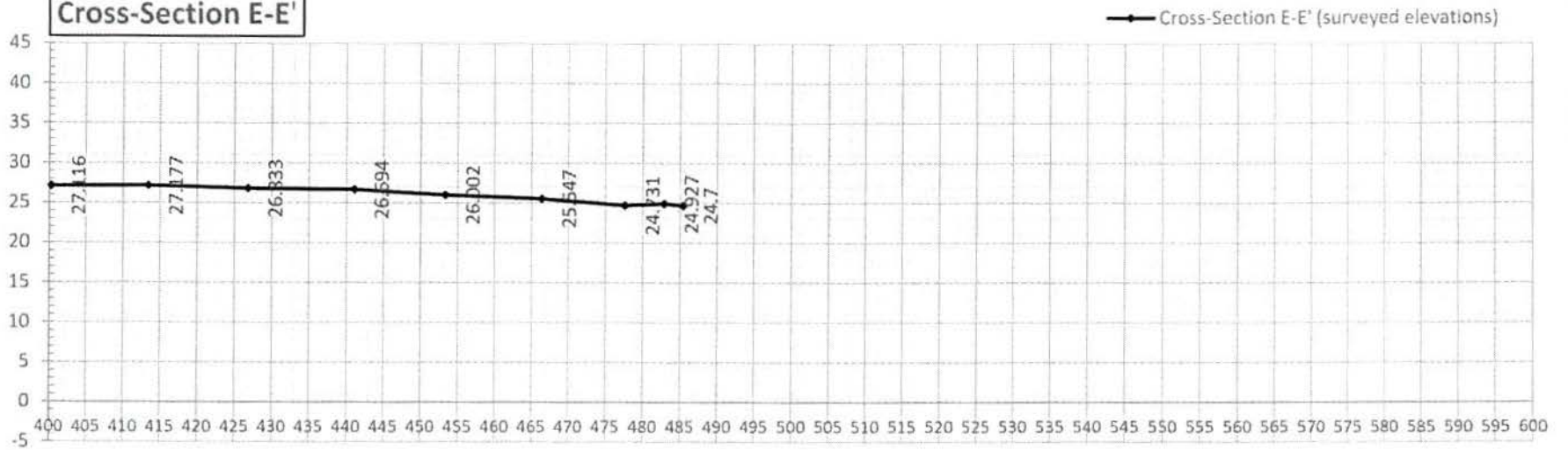
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SOUTHERN PORTION

Cross-Section E-E'



CROSS-SECTION E-E'

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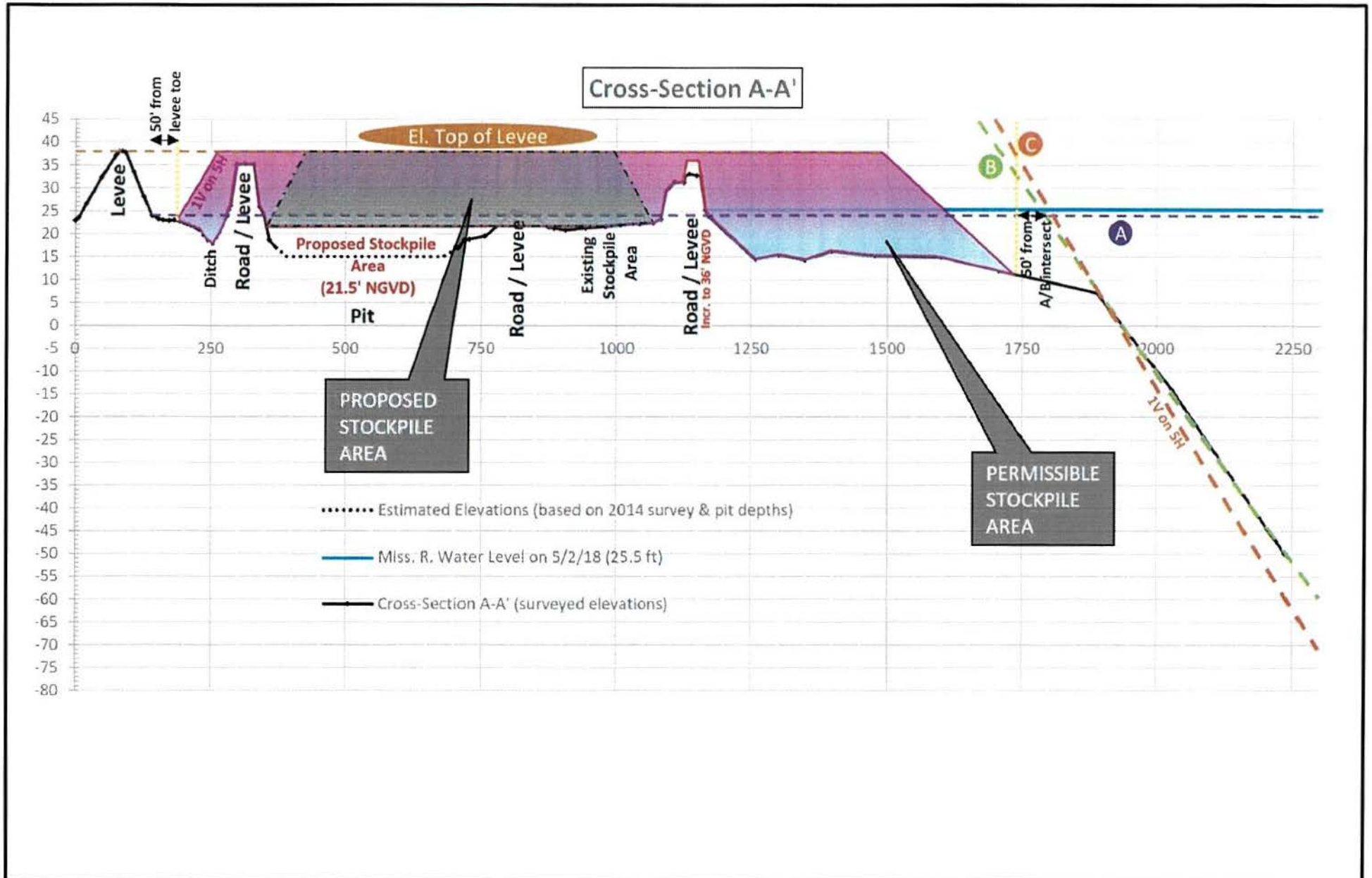


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SOUTHERN PORTION



LIMITS OF PERMISSIBLE STOCKPILING

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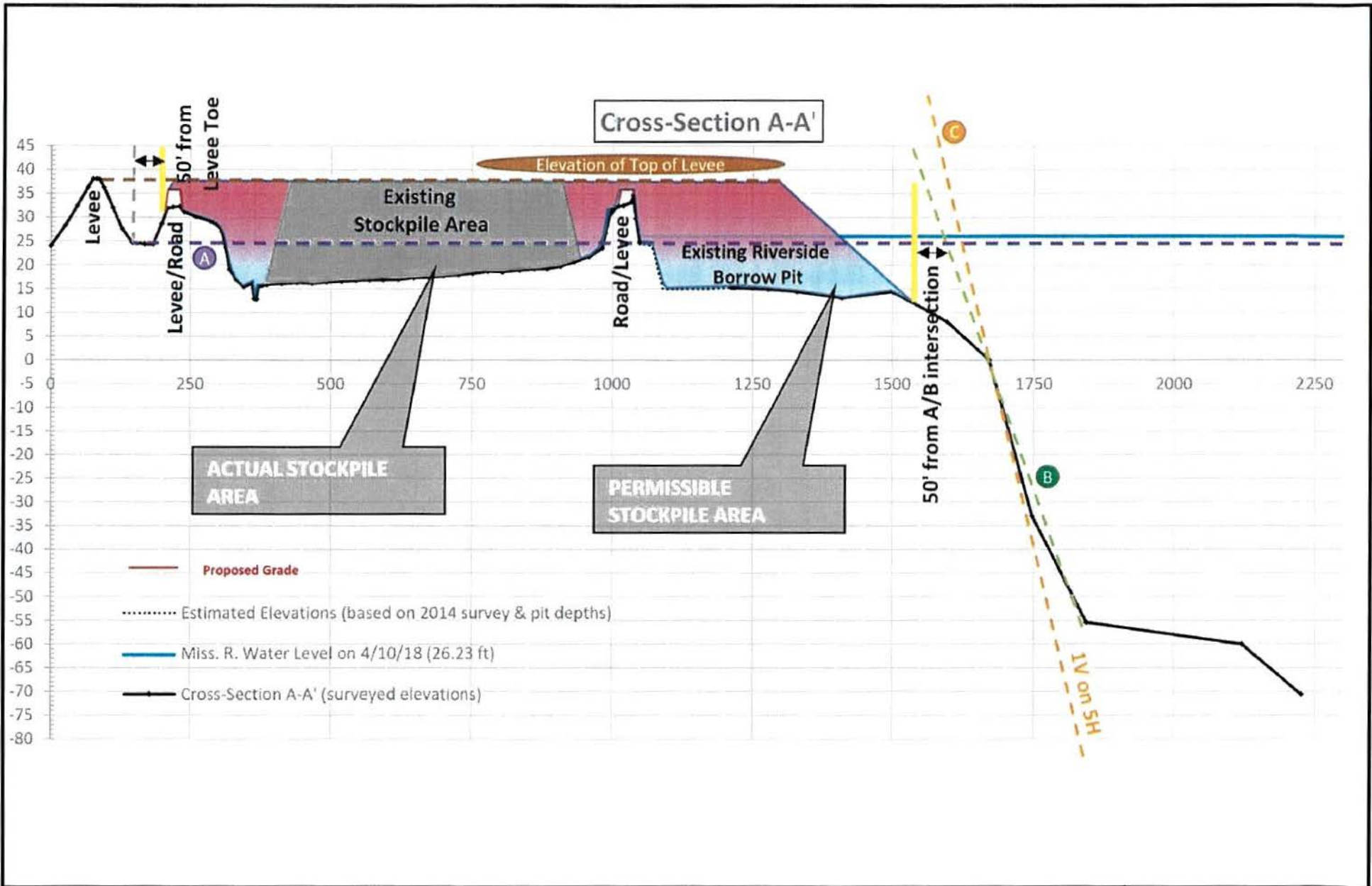


Figure: A

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NORTHERN PORTION

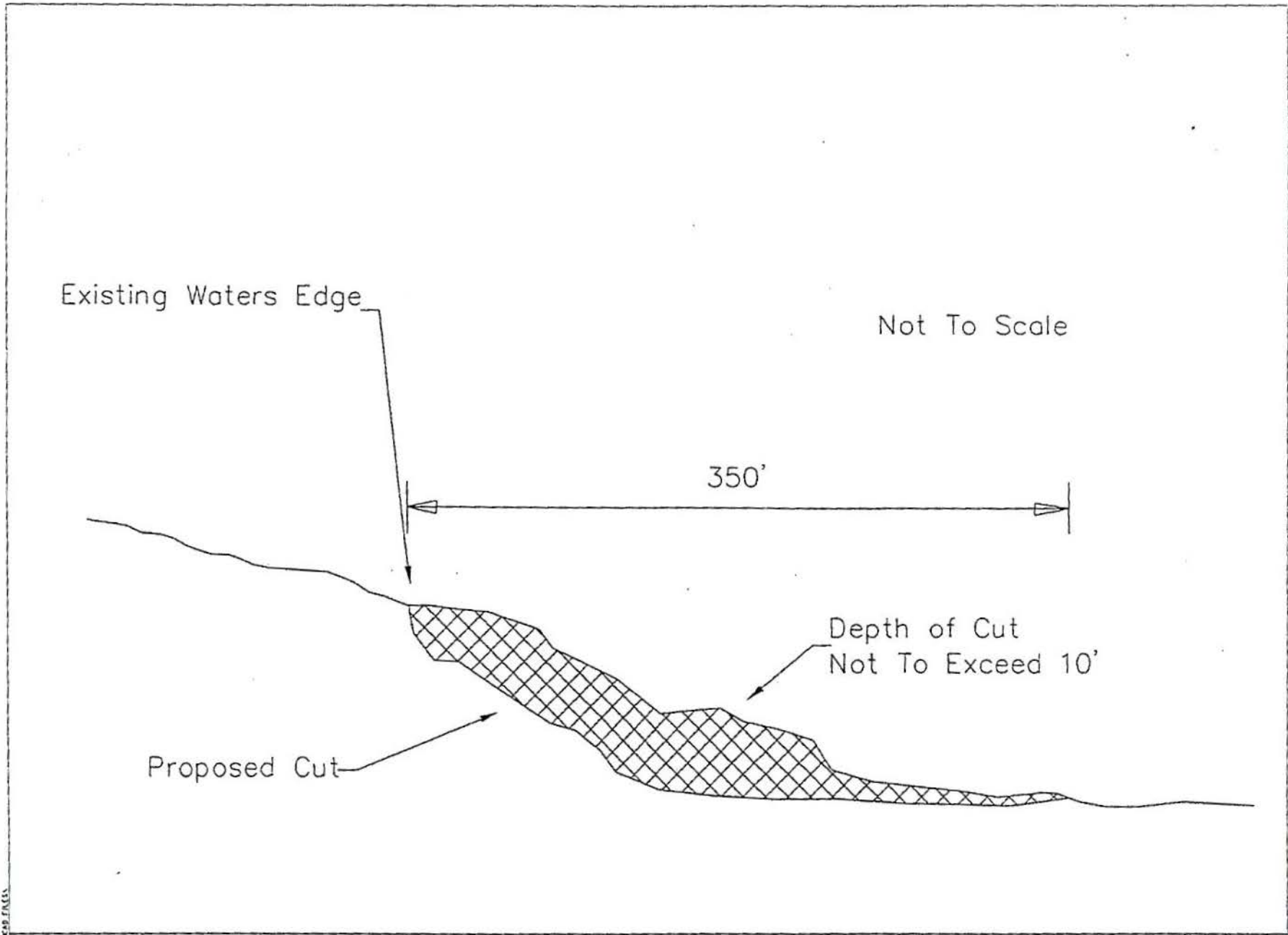


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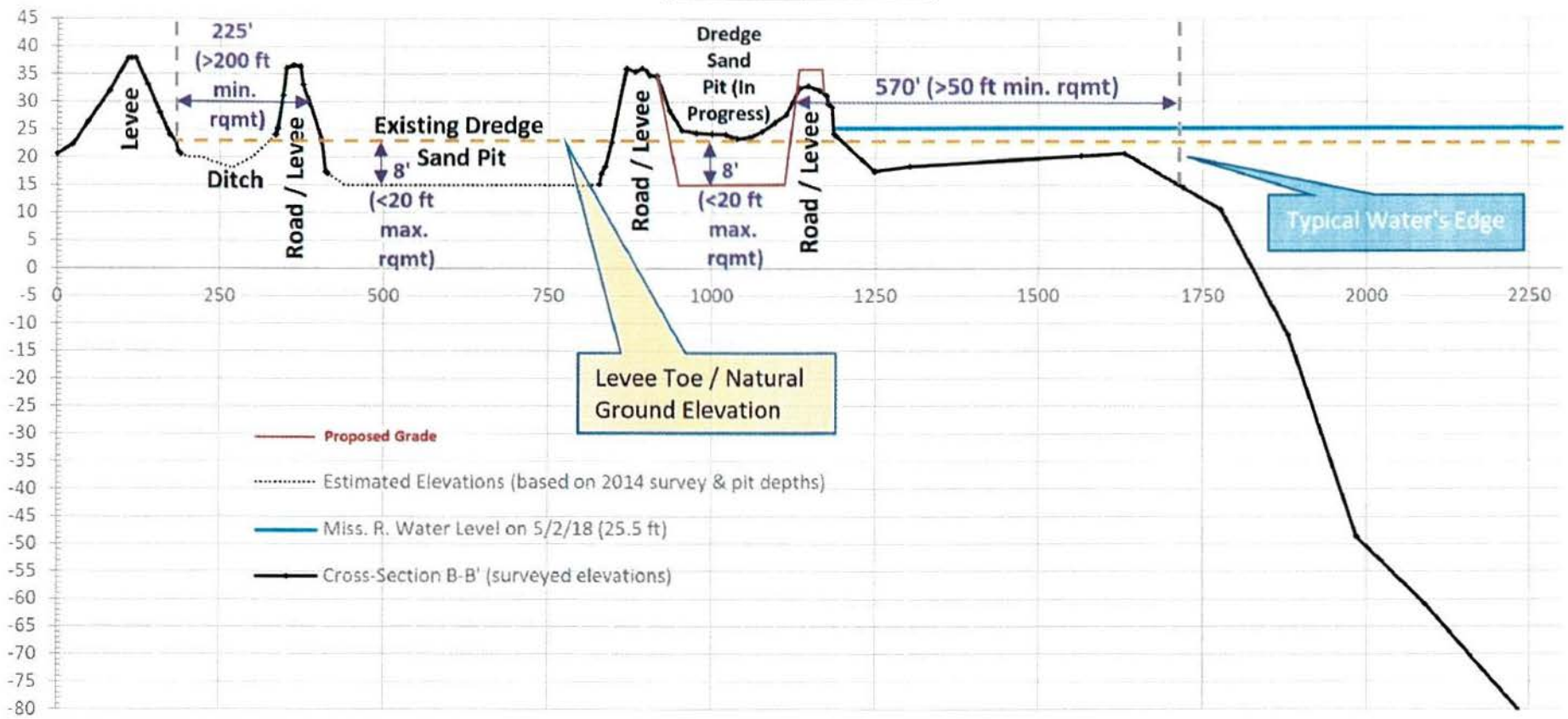


Figure: A
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Cross-Section B-B'



**** NOTE:** Dredge sand pits not to be utilized as "borrow pits". Dredged sand/water mix to be pumped into pit for settling, with water discharged back to river (and settled sand excavated from dredge sand pit and stockpiled / transported off-site).

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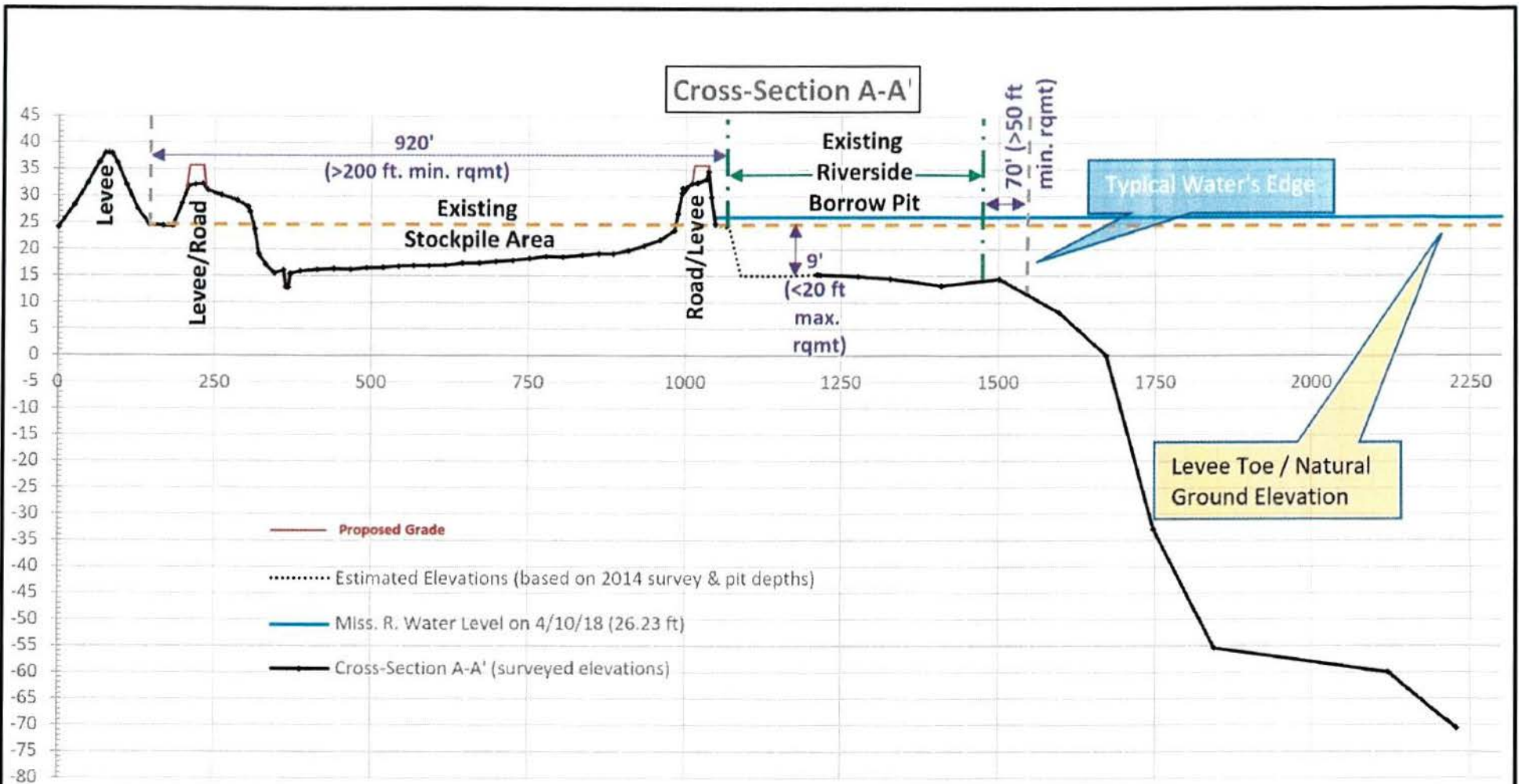


Figure: B

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NORTHERN PORTION



** NOTE: Existing "borrow pits" are located along the portion of the riverbank which is replenished with sand during high water events (and is dry mined using dozers and front end loaders).

LIMITS OF PERMISSIBLE RIVERSIDE BORROW PITS

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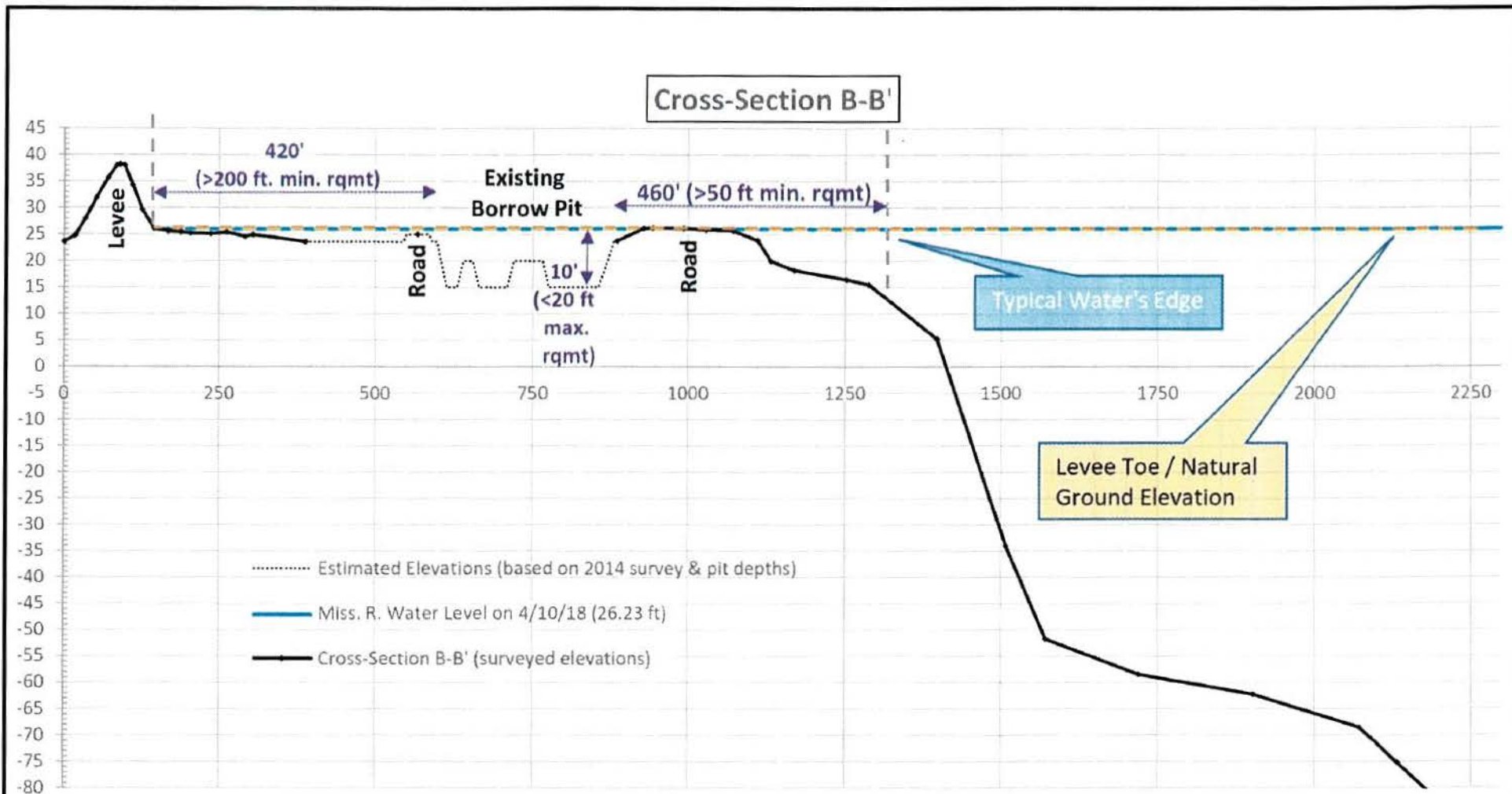
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SOUTHERN PORTION



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Figure: B2

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SOUTHERN PORTION