

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

October 19, 2015

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MVN-2014-02538-WLL

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Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 151015-02

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).

WATERCONTROL STRUCTURES, MAINTENANCE DREDGING AND BOAT RAMPS IN CAMERON PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Alcide Clement Estate, C/O Lonnie G. Harper & Associates Inc., 2746 Highway 384, Bell City, LA 70630.

LOCATION OF WORK: Off Little Cheniere Road, community of Cameron/ Creole in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, Location: Latitude: 29.826419 / Longitude: -92.871411 Hydrologic Unit Code: 08080202 – Cameron/Creole Watershed, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Conduct maintenance dredging and spoil placement within an existing canal and installation of a two barreled watercontrol structure, 780 feet of foreshore rip-rap placement and two cement backdown ramps all for private use and improvements.

The proposed project will impact a total of 0.08 acre of scrub shrub due to the excavation and placement of 170 cubic yards of dredged water bottom material sidecasted along the dredged canal to a maximum height of 8-inches and 0.7 acre of water bottom impacts due to the placement of rip-rap for shoreline armoring along the Mermentau River.

The applicant has proposed that project related impacts will be temporary in nature and will not leave any permanent impacts to jurisdictional wetlands.

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.** Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

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 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. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work is Not Likely to Adversely 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.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (0.9 acres) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of 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 applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, before a permit is issued.

Based on the South Louisiana **Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES)**, as signed on October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the 0.9 acre work footprint is located in waters known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee and determined that the activity is not likely to adversely affect this species. If this permit modification/time extension is issued, the permittee will be required to follow the SLOPES conditions.

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.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

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

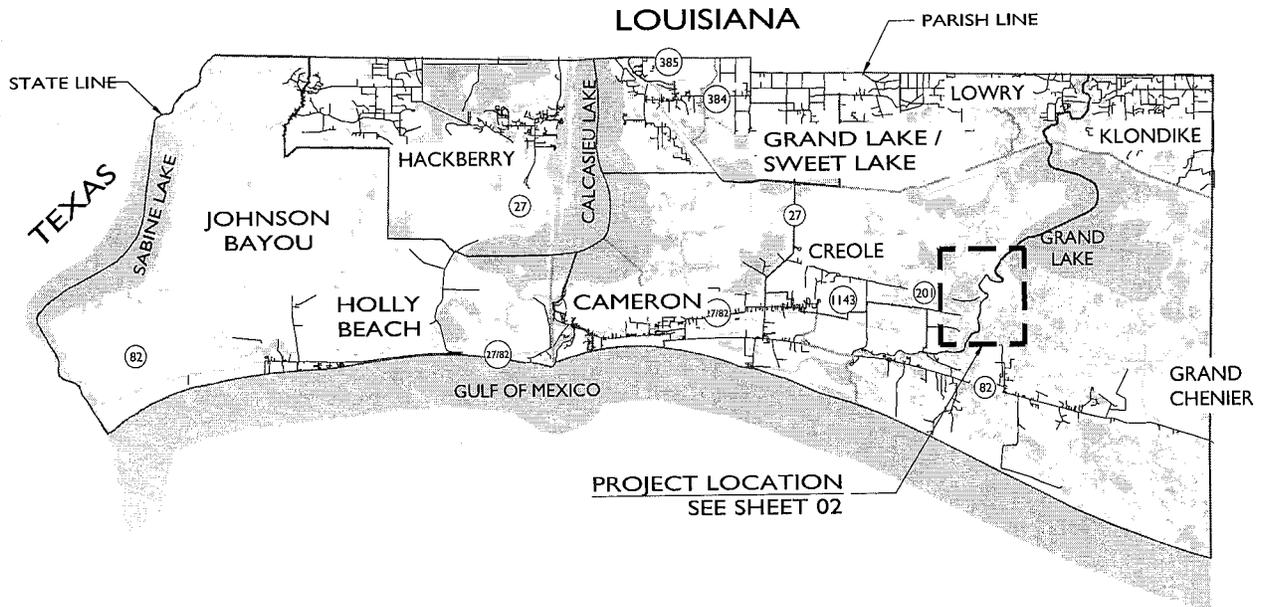
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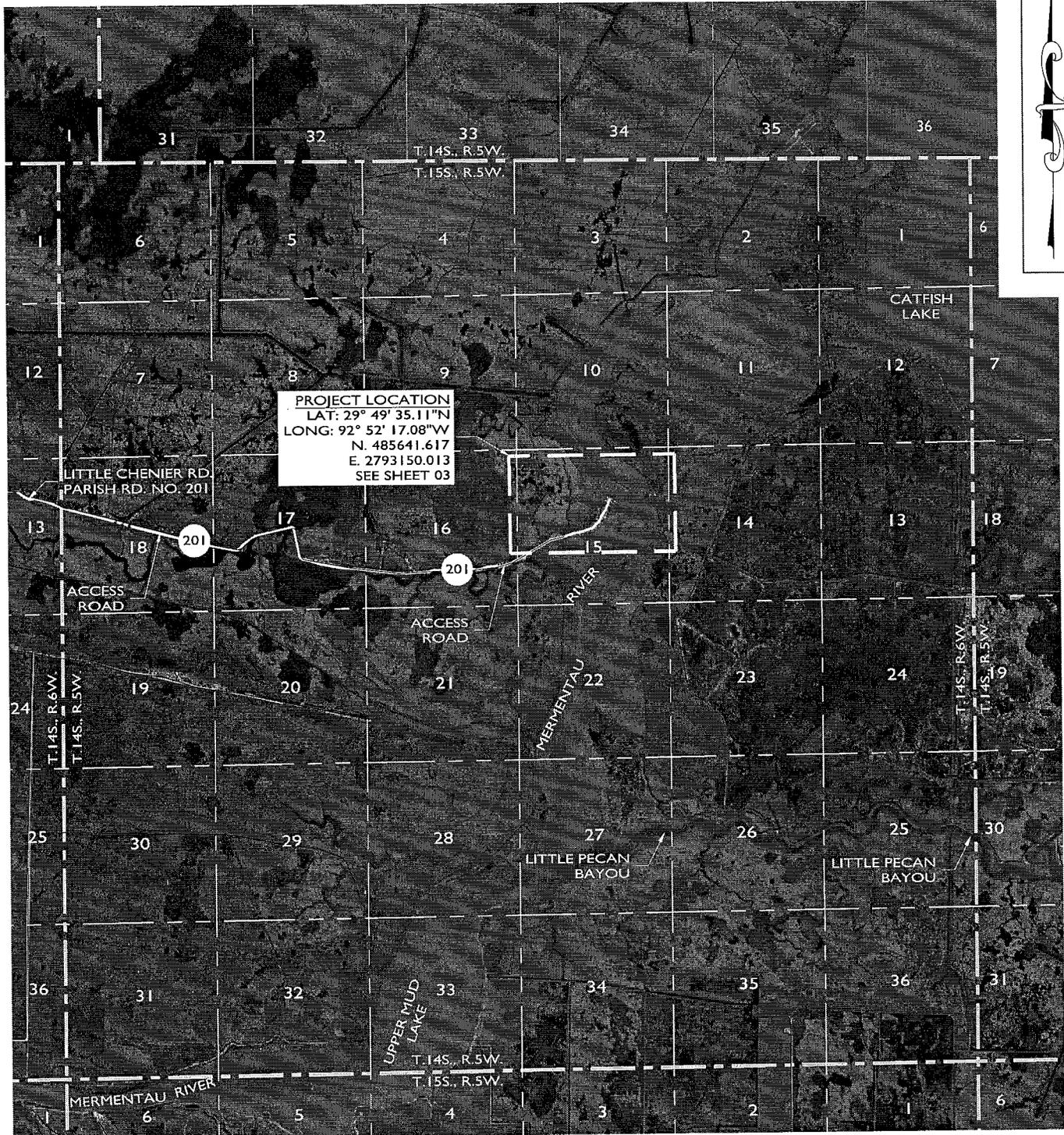
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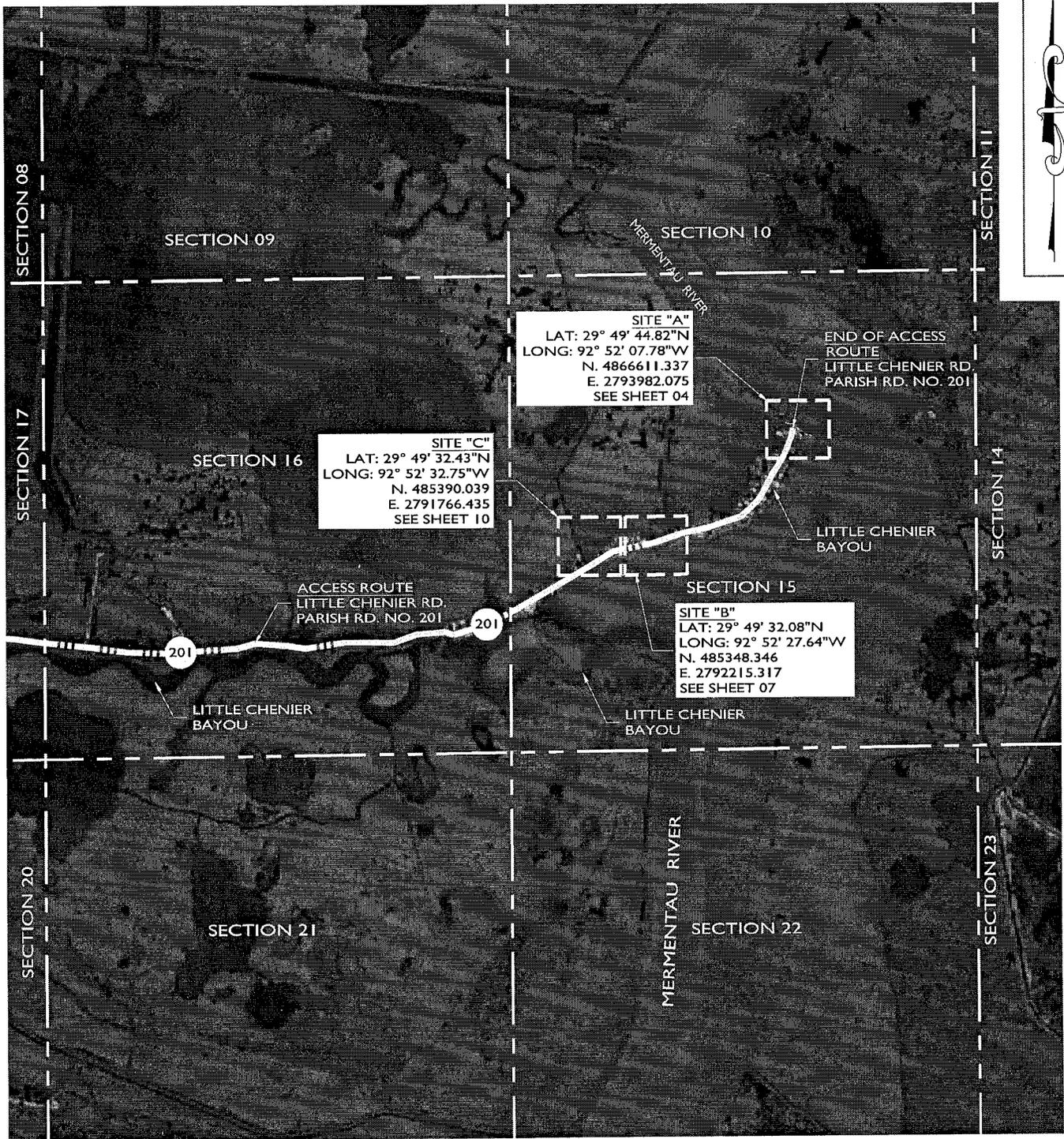
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SITE PLANS "A", "B" & "C"



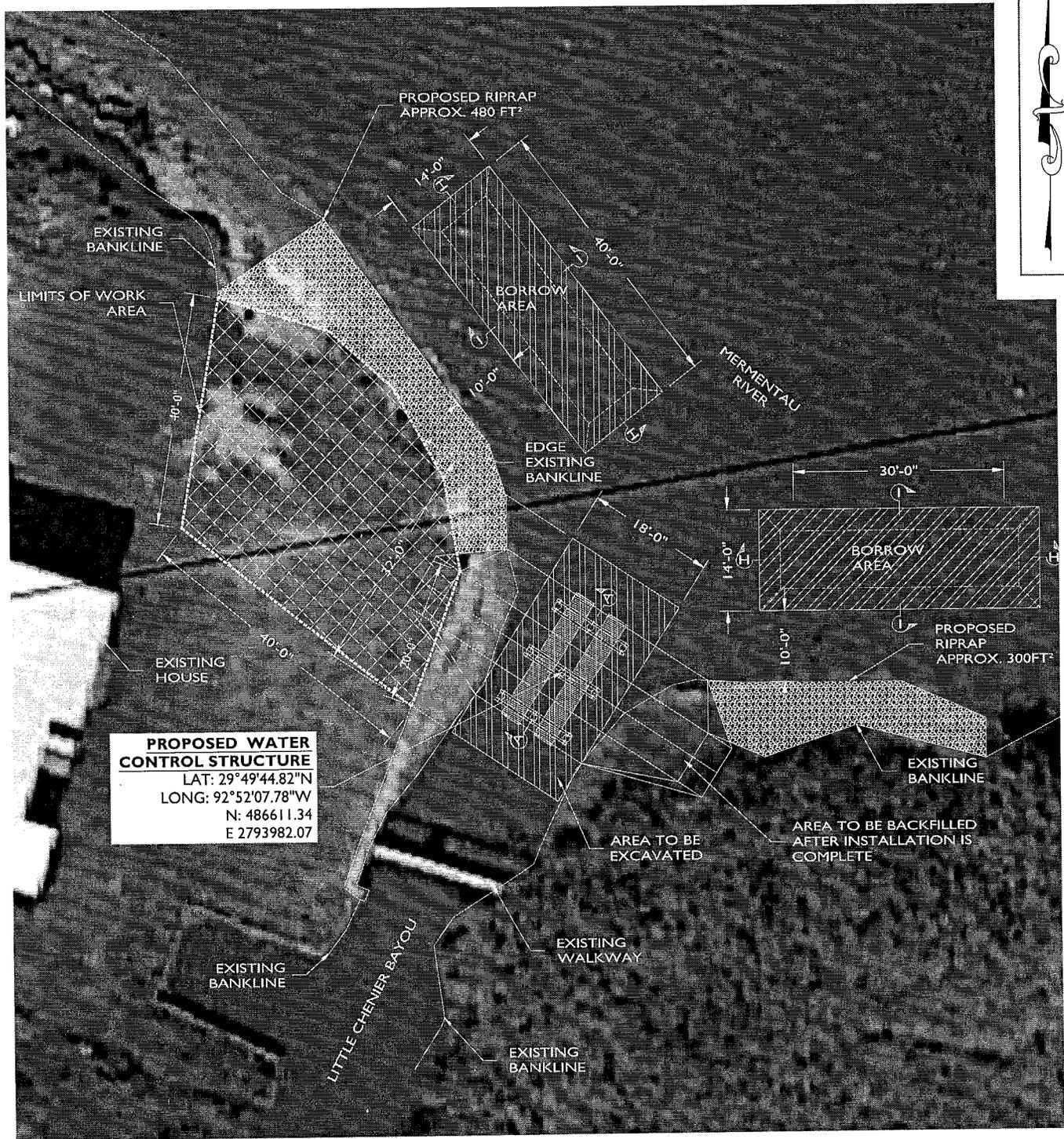
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PROPOSED WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE
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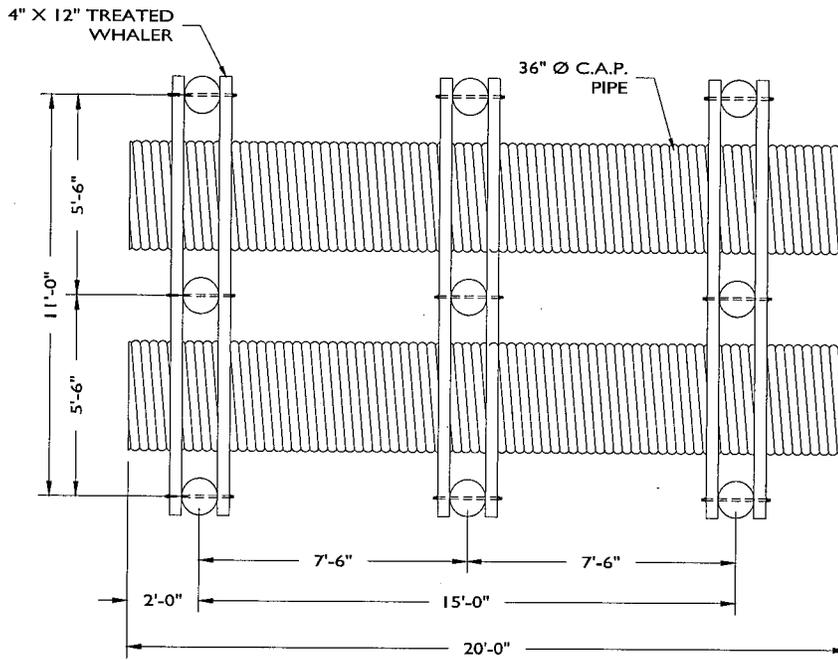
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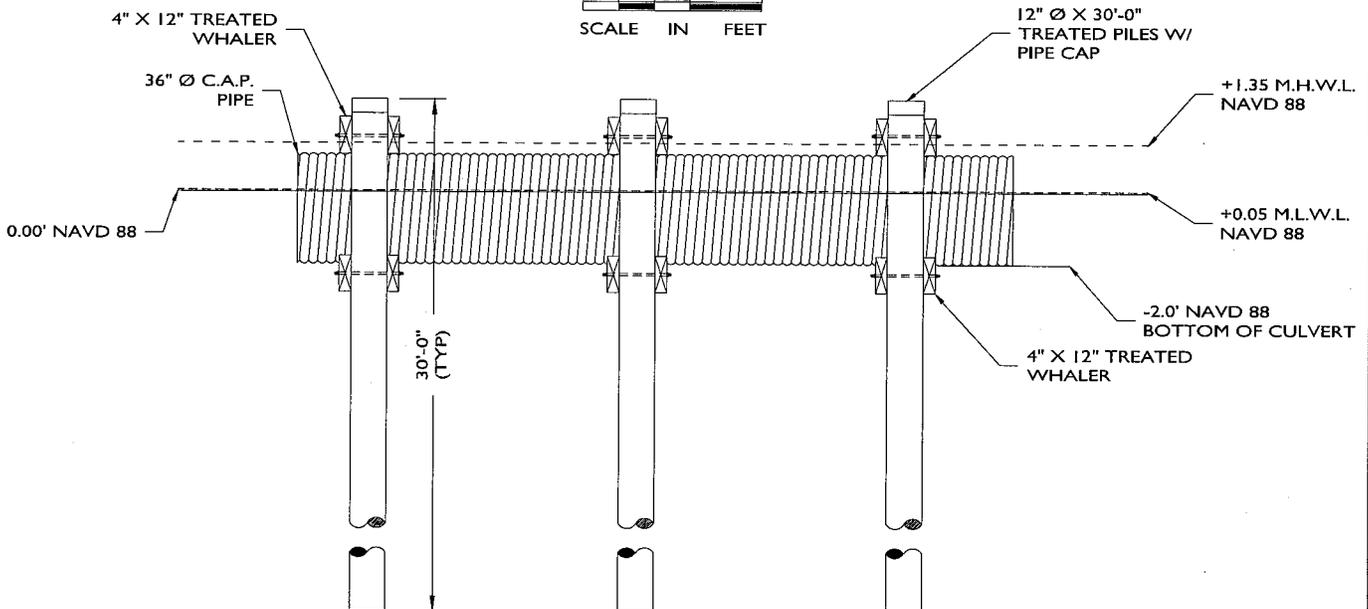
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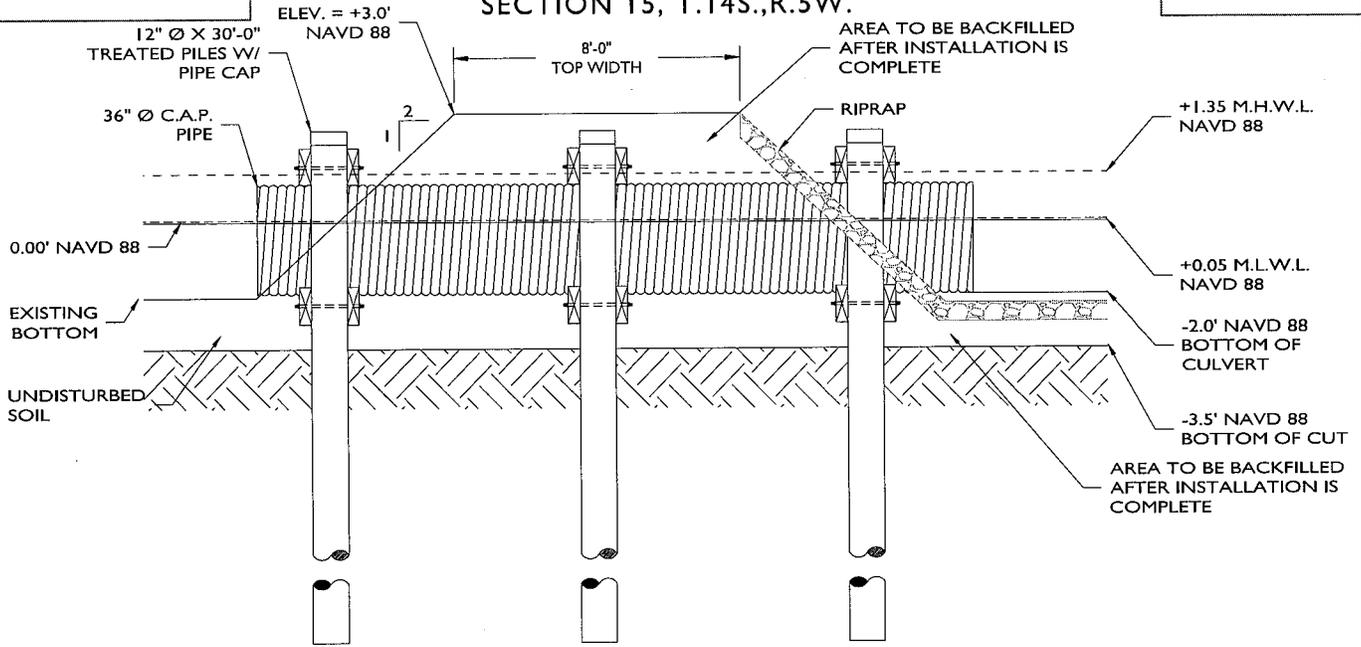
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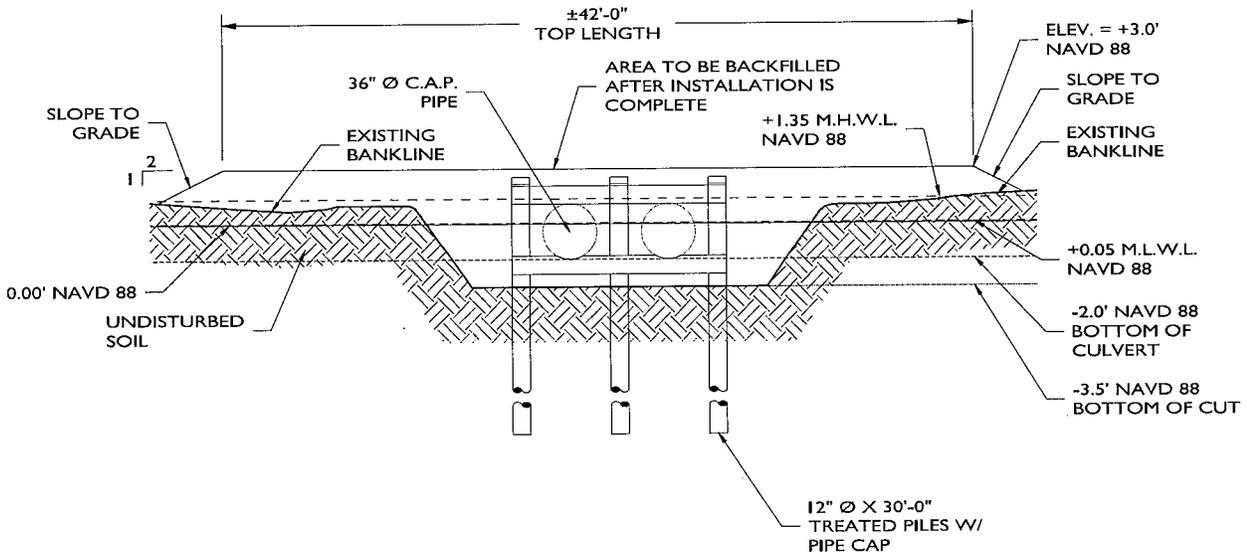
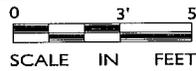
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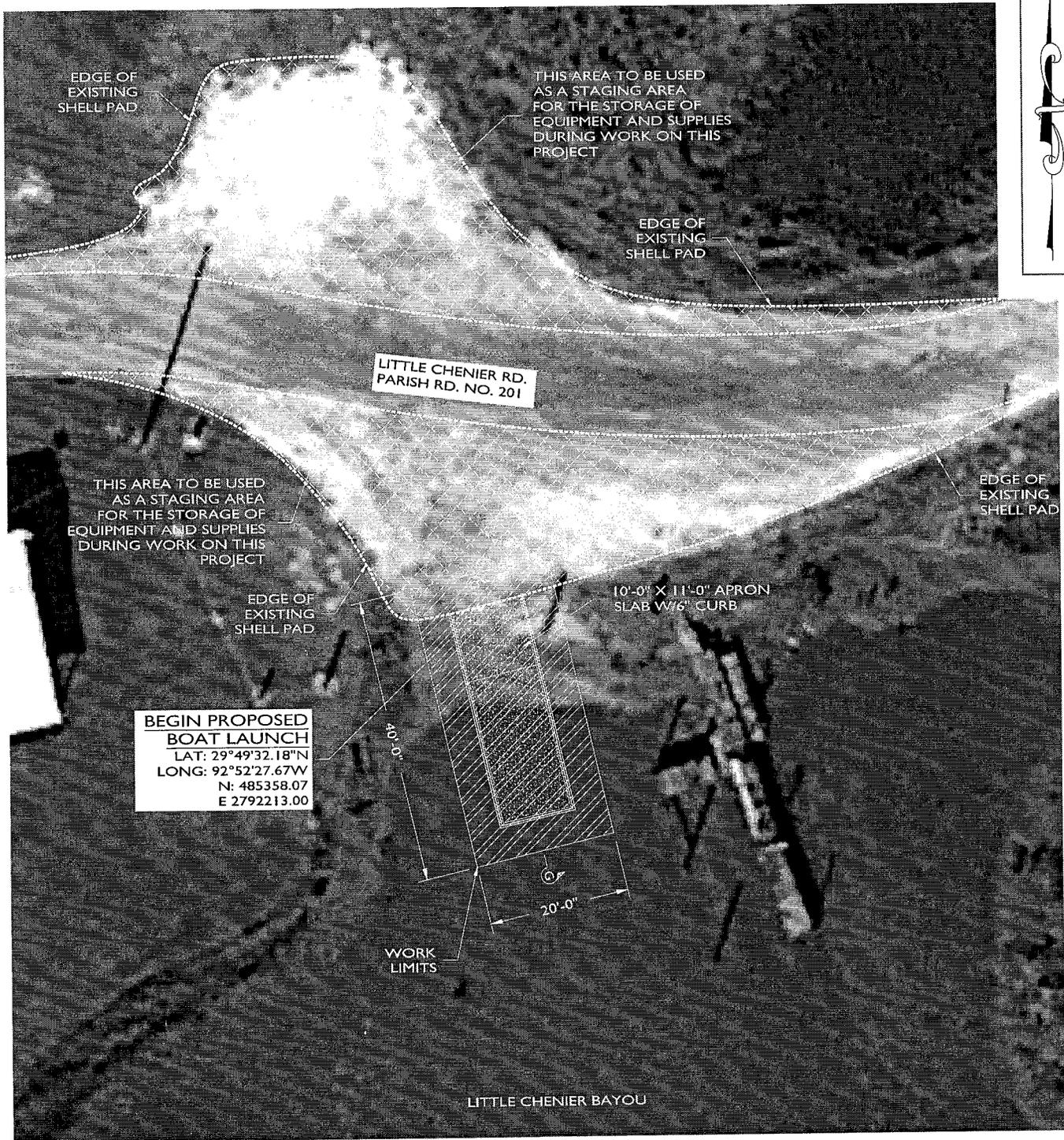
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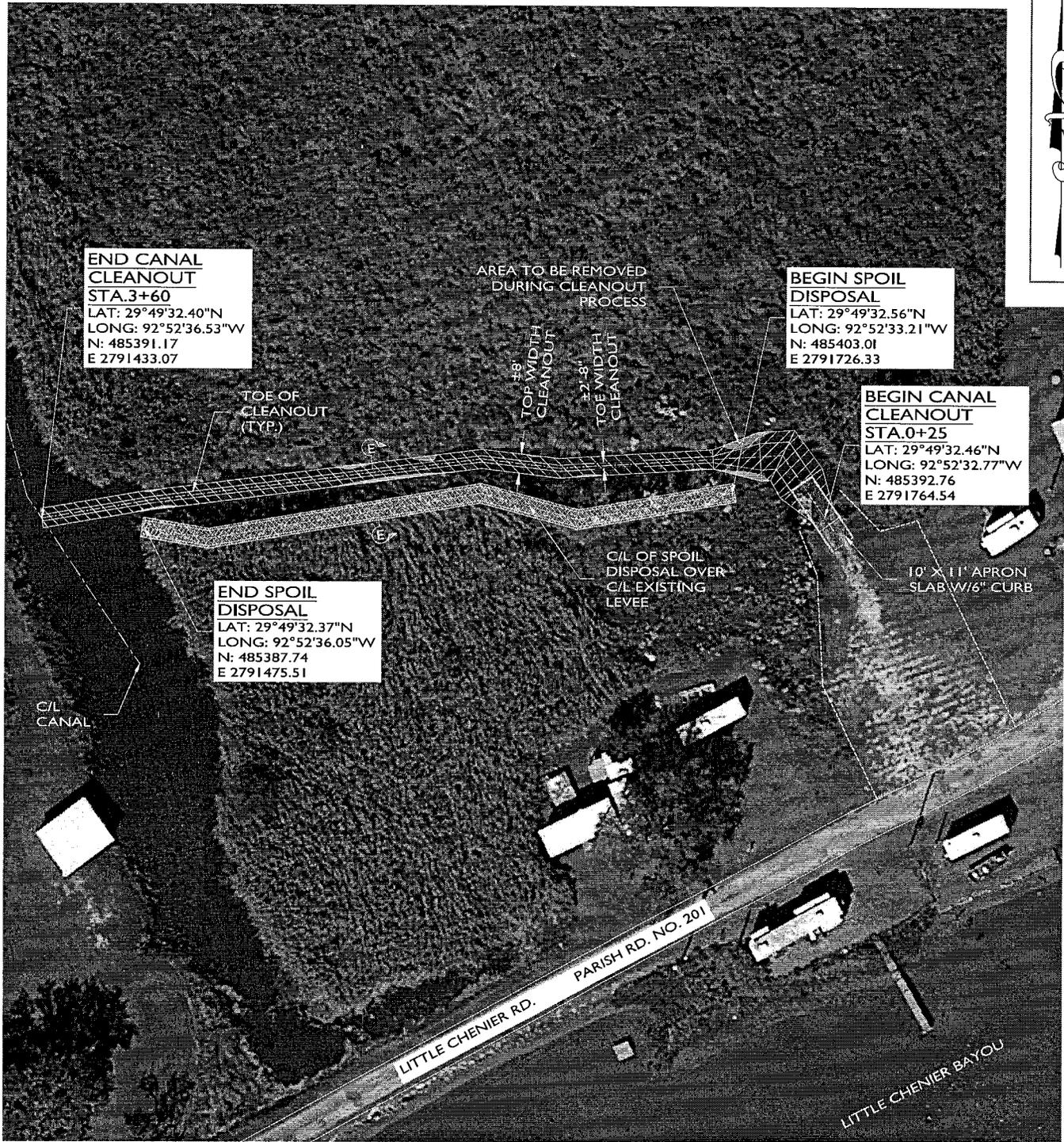
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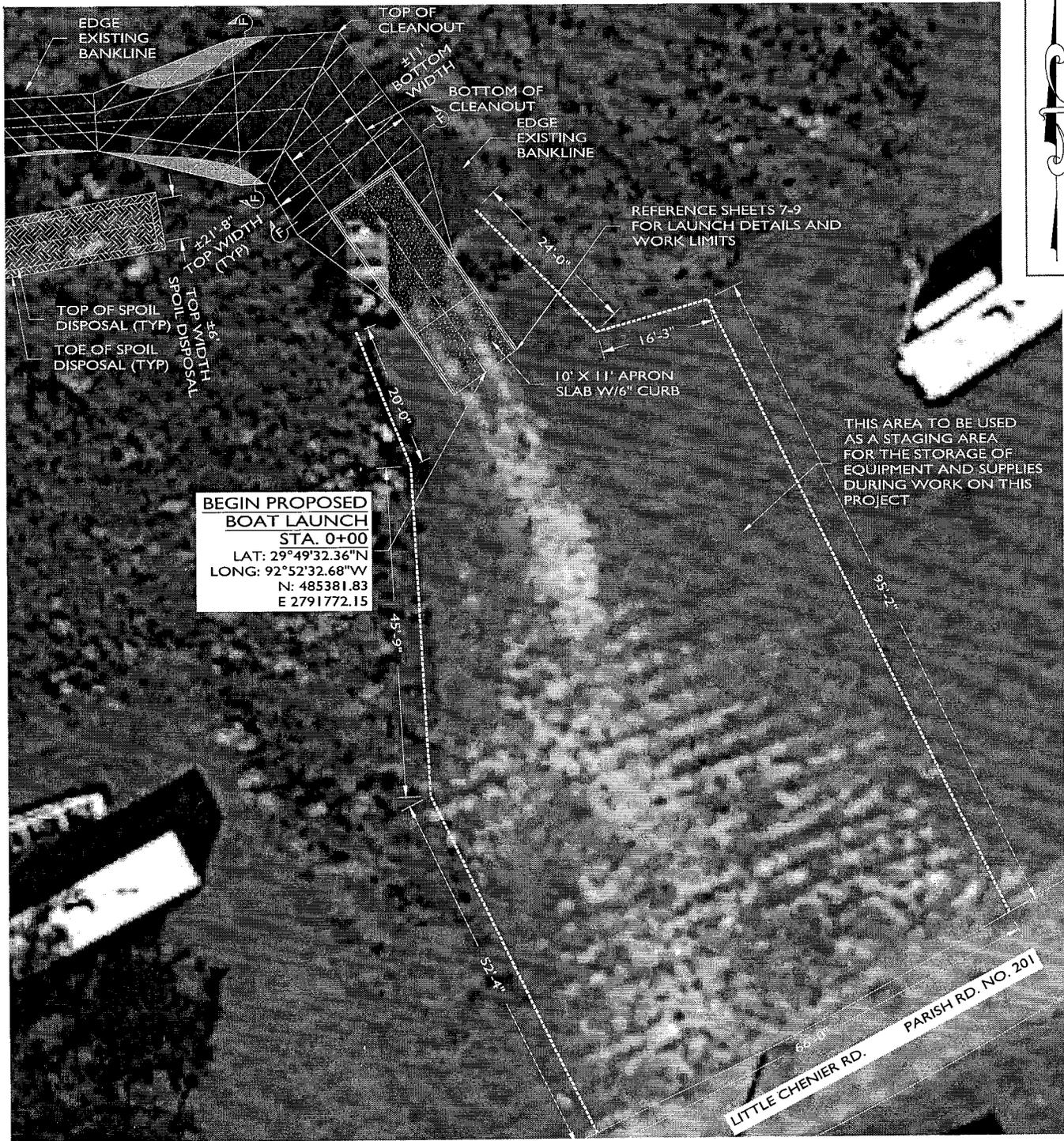
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 LONG: 92°52'32.68"W
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THIS AREA TO BE USED
 AS A STAGING AREA
 FOR THE STORAGE OF
 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
 DURING WORK ON THIS
 PROJECT

LITTLE CHENIER RD.
 PARISH RD. NO. 201

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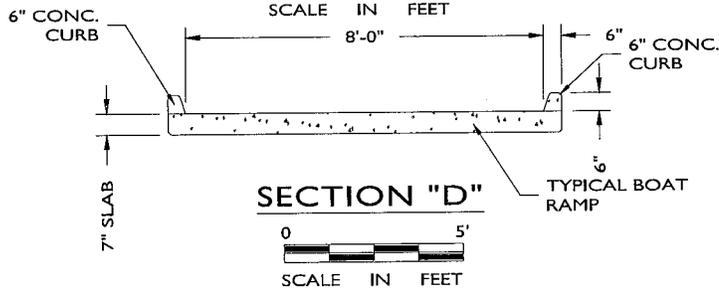
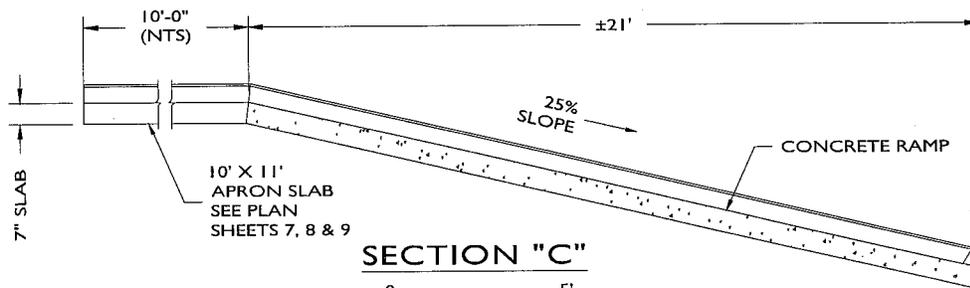
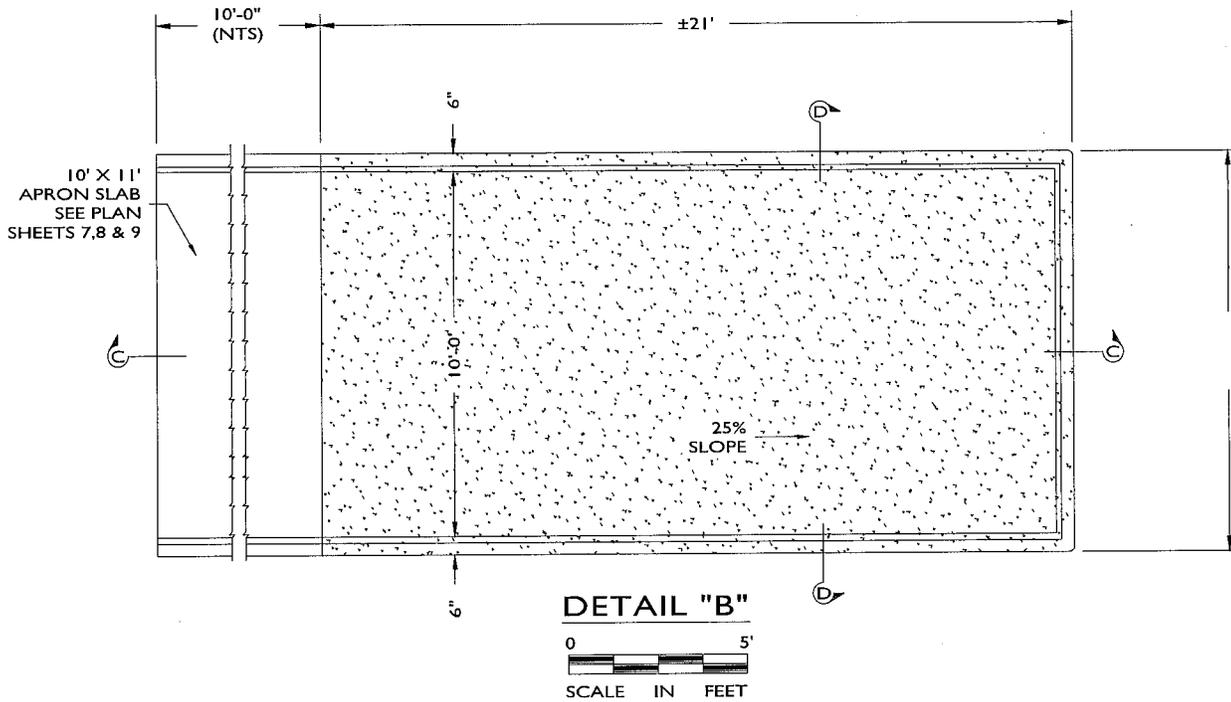
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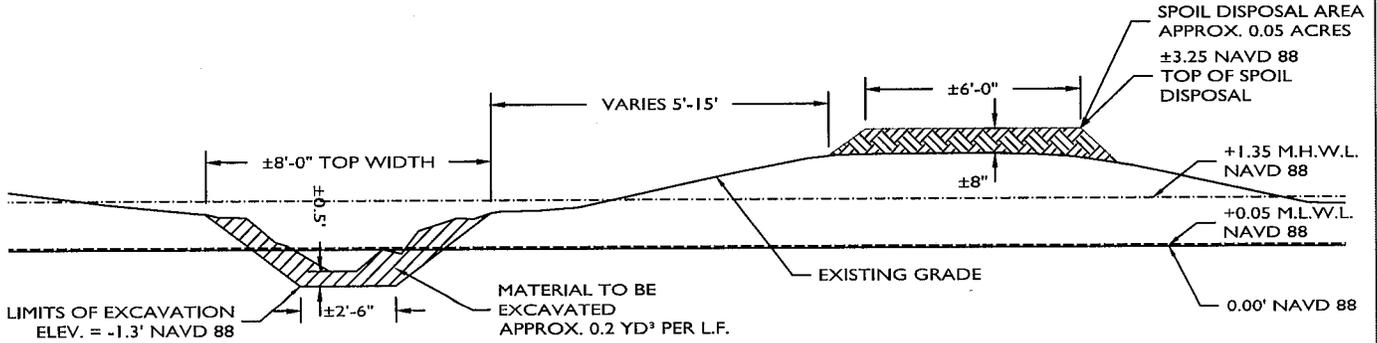
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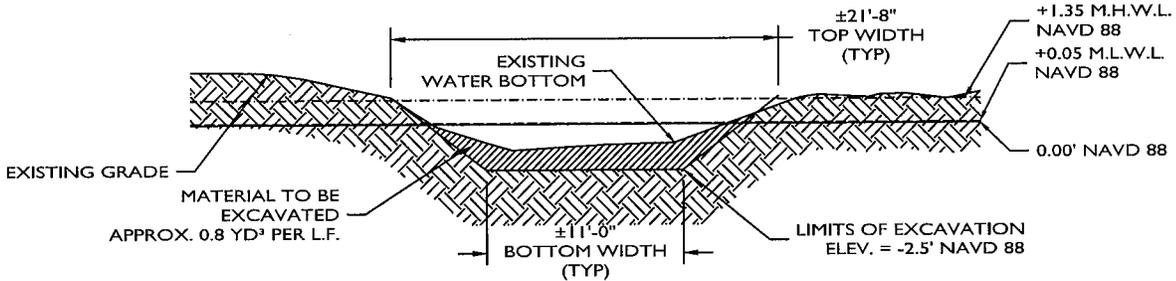
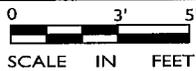
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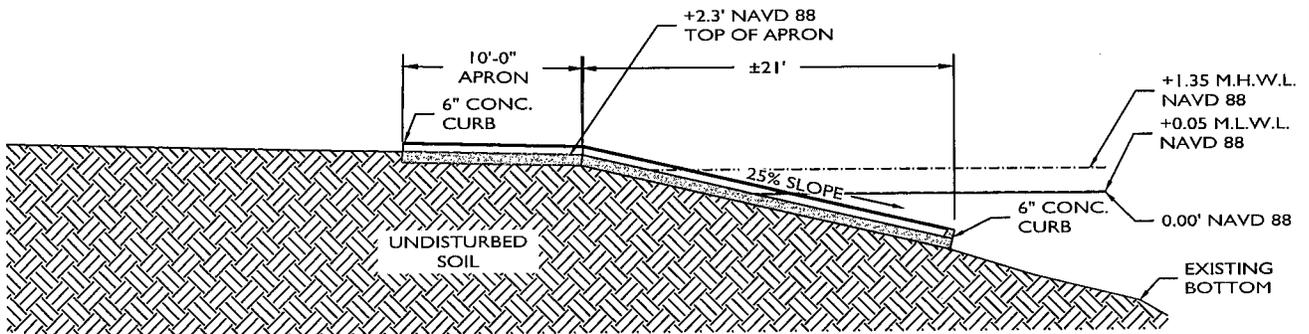
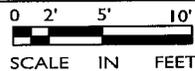
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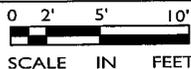
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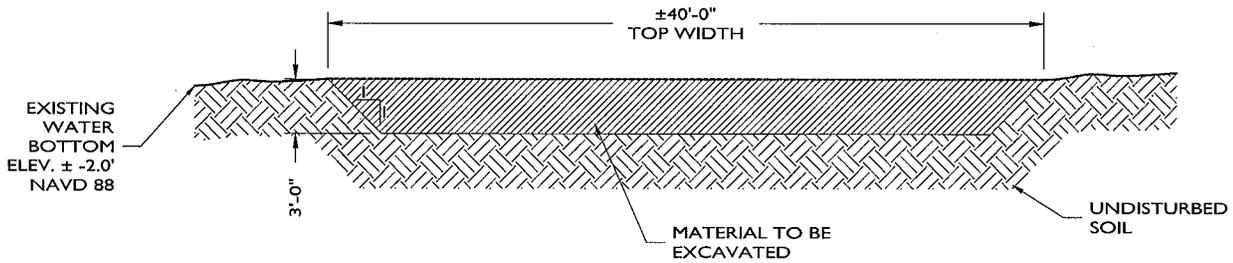
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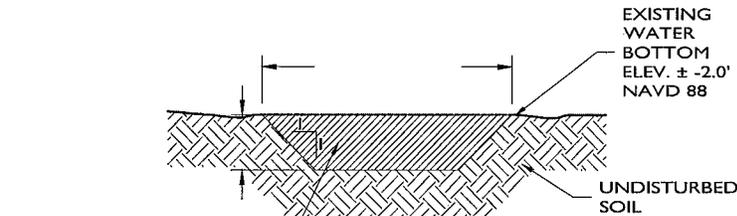
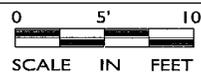
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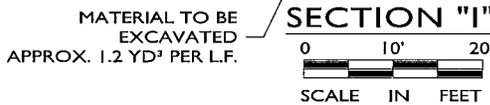
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SECTION "I"



MATERIAL TO BE EXCAVATED
 APPROX. 1.2 YD³ PER L.F.

GENERAL NOTES:

1. THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE INSTALLATION OF TWO 36"Ø CULVERTS AND EARTHEN FILL AT THE MOUTH OF AN UNNAMED BAYOU AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE MERMENEAU RIVER LOCATED AT THE END OF LITTLE CHENIER RD IN CAMERON PARISH. THE STRUCTURE IS BEING PROPOSED IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE FLOW OF WATER THROUGH THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO MINIMIZE BANK EROSION (LAND LOSS). THE FILL REQUIRED FOR BACKFILLING AROUND THE CULVERTS WILL BE EXCAVATED FROM THE MERMENEAU RIVER BY MECHANICAL MEANS (I.E. BUCKET DREDGE, EXCAVATOR). CULVERTS WILL NOT BE EQUIPPED WITH ANY TYPE OF CONTROL ELEMENTS SUCH AS FLAP GATES, STOP LOGS, ETC. THIS PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE INSTALLATION OF TWO PRECAST CONCRETE BOAT LAUNCHES AND THE CLEANING OF AN EXISTING ACCESS DITCH ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LITTLE CHENIER RD AS SHOWN IN THESE DRAWINGS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 170 CUBIC YARDS (INCL THE STRUCTURE AND CANAL CLEANING) OF SPOIL WILL BE EXCAVATED DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WORK.
2. NO SIGNIFICANT EXCAVATION OR PILE DRIVING WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRECAST CONCRETE BOAT LAUNCH SLABS. SLABS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SITE AND THEN SET IN PLACE USING A CRANE OR EXCAVATOR. THESE LAUNCHES ARE LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ARE NOT INTENDED FOR PUBLIC USE.
3. APPLICANT IS ALSO PROPOSING TO PLACE RIP RAP ALONG THE BANK LINE OF THE MERMENEAU RIVER TO HELP PREVENT EROSION AS DEPICTED IN THESE DRAWINGS. APPROXIMATELY 60 TONS OF RIPRAP WILL BE REQUIRED.
4. MATERIAL AND VEGETATION REMOVED FROM THE ACCESS DITCH WILL BE PLACED ON THE ADJACENT SPOIL BANK AS SHOWN. MATERIAL SHALL BE SPREAD AND SHAPED TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE AND VEGETATION GROWTH. THE APPLICANT WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO HAUL OF ANY EXCESS SPOIL AND DISPOSE OF IT AT AN APPROVED DISPOSAL SITE.
5. PROJECT SITE SHALL BE ACCESSED VIA LITTLE CHENIER RD (PARISH RD 201), AND ALL WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED FROM WITHIN THE WORK LIMITS SPECIFIED IN THESE DRAWINGS.
6. APPLICANT REQUESTS ONE FULL GROWING SEASON FOR ANY DAMAGED VEGETATED AREAS TO RESTORE TO PRE-PROJECT CONDITION PRIOR TO ASSESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT. THERE ARE NO LONG TERM NEGATIVE IMPACTS ANTICIPATED TO OCCUR FROM THIS WORK.
7. IN ORDER TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED, THE PERMITTEE OR ITS AGENTS WILL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA DOTTIE SYSTEM (1-800-272-3020) A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY ACTIVITY.

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