

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Permit Application Number  
MVN 2015-0593-EPP

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Department of Environmental Quality  
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Project Manager  
Elizabeth Hill  
WQC Application Number  
WQC 150417-02

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).

**INSTALL AND MAINTAIN MOORING DOLPHINS, FLOATING DOCK, CONCRETE & ELEVATED WALKWAY WITH RAMP, POWER POLES AND ROAD EXTENSION WITH ATTACHED PARKING AREA IN AND ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN PLAQUEMINES PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Belle Chasse Marine Transportation, LLC, 5813 Citrus Boulevard, Harahan, Louisiana 70123.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** The project is located on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at about 64.3 miles above Head of Passes, at 14621 LA Highway 23, near Naomi, Louisiana, in Plaquemines Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

Latitude: 29.70685/Longitude: -89.98658 Hydrologic Unit Codes: 08070100 Lower Mississippi-Baton Rouge-Louisiana.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** Install and maintain two mooring dolphins, a 20' x 40' floating dock, 286' x 4' elevated walkway with attached ramp, a 33' x 6' concrete walk, five new power poles and road extension with attached 50' x 50' limestone parking area. Project implementation will require a 180' x 50' area within the batture to be cleared for work space and installation of the elevated walkway. The cleared trees will either be hauled off-site or burned on-site. The cleared area will be allowed to return to its natural state with the occasional trimming along the elevated walkway. No dredging will be required. Approximately 0.02 acre of non-vegetated waterbottoms and 0.21 acre of jurisdictional wetlands will be impacted by the proposed activities. The applicant wishes to allow a one year growing season in order to offset the adverse impact to jurisdictional wetlands.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **30 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 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.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) 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 **0.21** 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.

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.

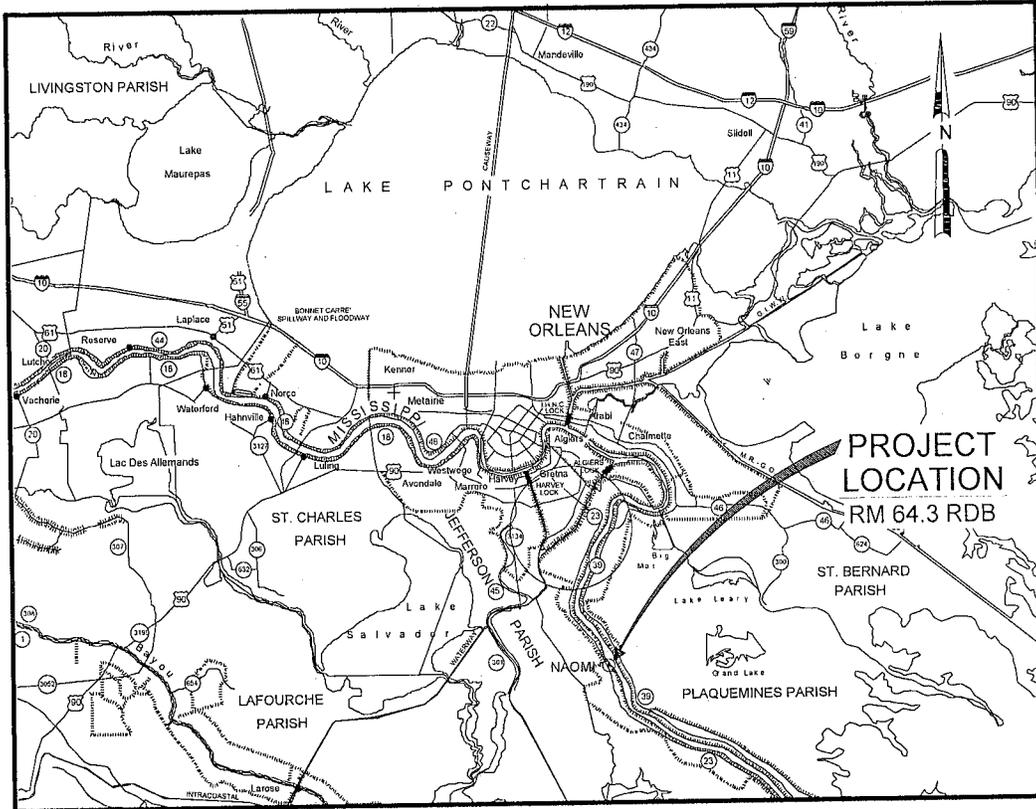
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver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

Michael V. Farabee  
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

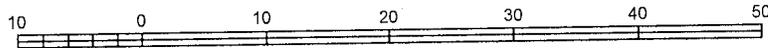
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revised drawings  
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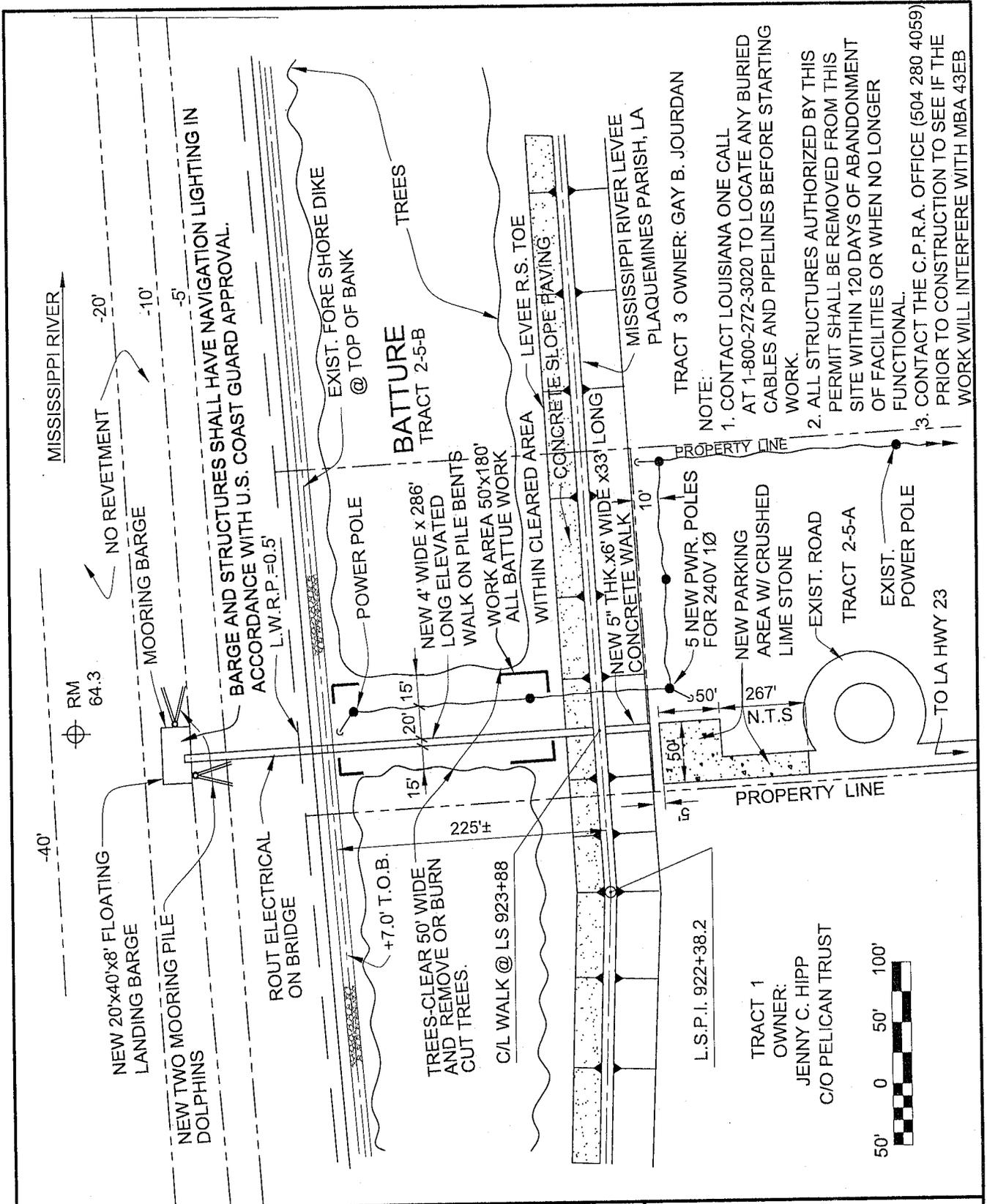


**VICINITY MAP**

SCALE IN MILES



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT USACE 404 AND 10	VICINITY MAP	BOAT LANDING BARGE MISS. RIVER LEVEE STA. 923+88 NAOMI, PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LA.
REV. 1 : APRIL 7, 2015	PURPOSE: BOAT LANDING MISSISSIPPI RIVER @ RM 64.3 RDB  DATUM: NAVD	BELL CHASE MARINE TRANSPORTATION JEFFERSON, LOUISIANA  DATE: 03-3-15      SHT. 1 OF 6



TRACT 3 OWNER: GAY B. JOURDAN

NOTE:

1. CONTACT LOUISIANA ONE CALL AT 1-800-272-3020 TO LOCATE ANY BURIED CABLES AND PIPELINES BEFORE STARTING WORK.
2. ALL STRUCTURES AUTHORIZED BY THIS PERMIT SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THIS SITE WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OF FACILITIES OR WHEN NO LONGER FUNCTIONAL.
3. CONTACT THE C.P.R.A. OFFICE (504 280 4059) PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION TO SEE IF THE WORK WILL INTERFERE WITH MBA 43EB

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REV. 1 : APRIL 7, 2015

PLAN

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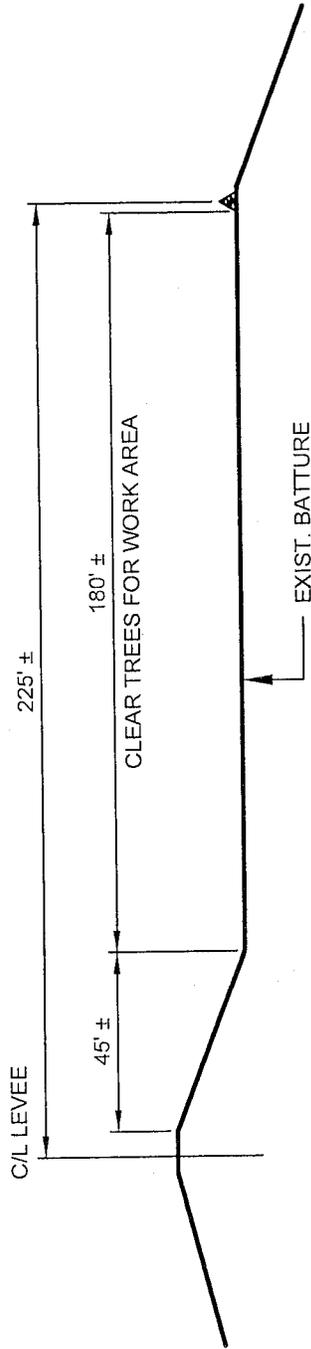
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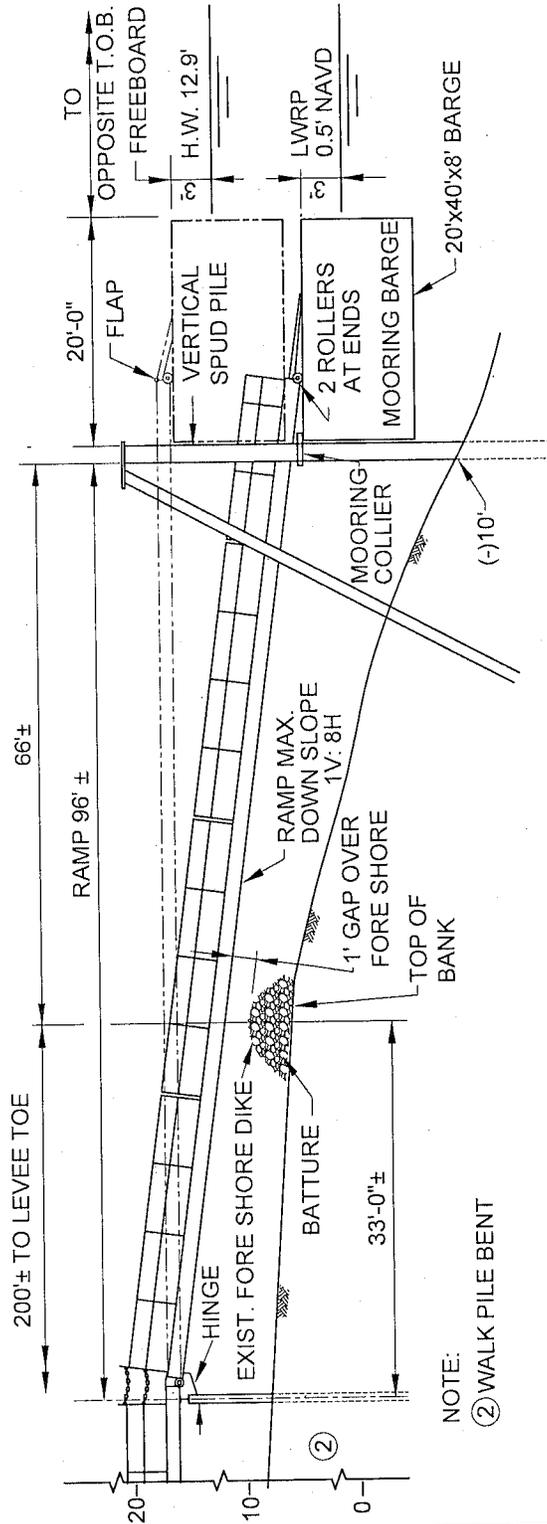
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**SECTION - CLEARED AREA**

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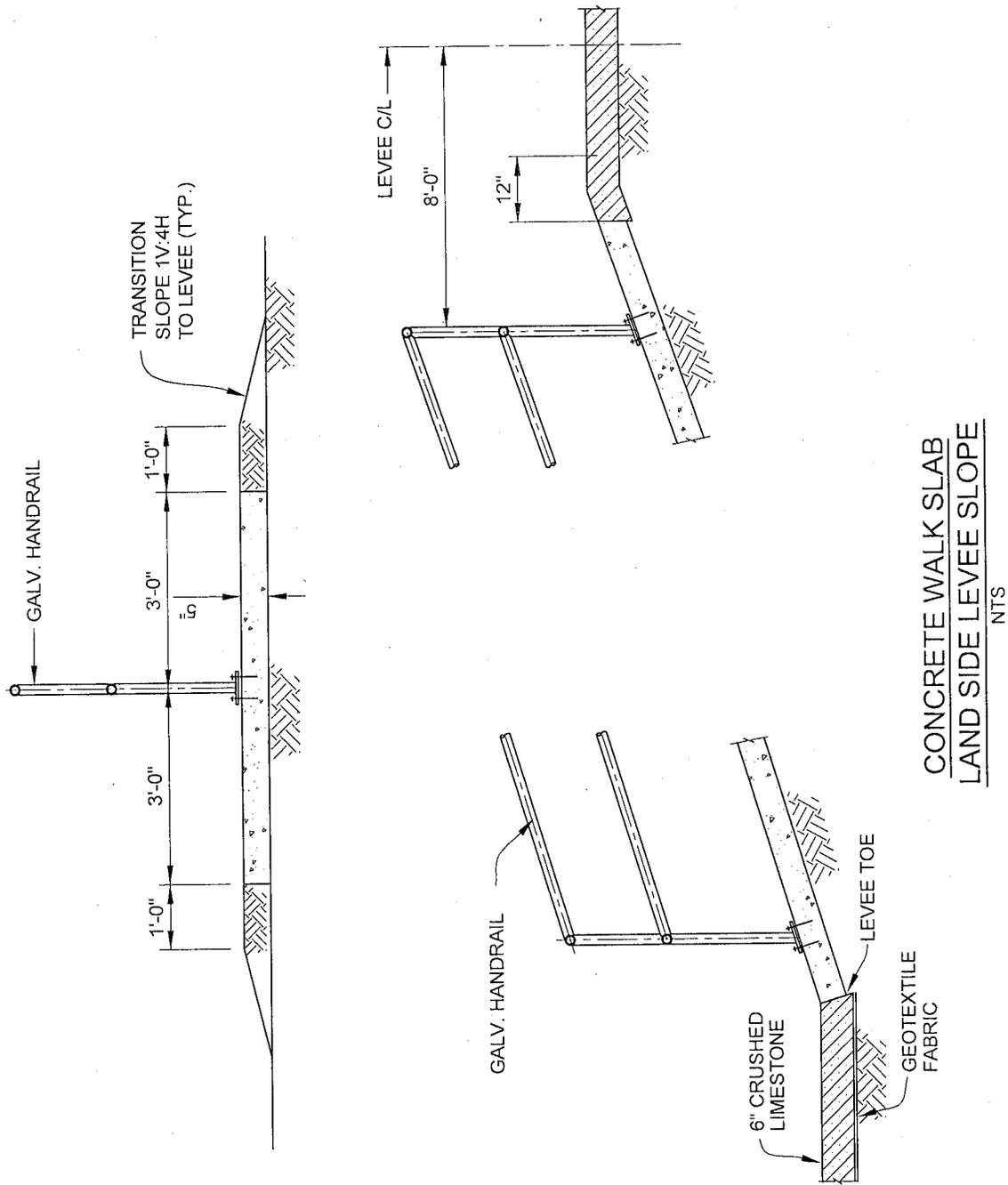
NOTE:  
 (2) WALK PILE BENT



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ELEVATION
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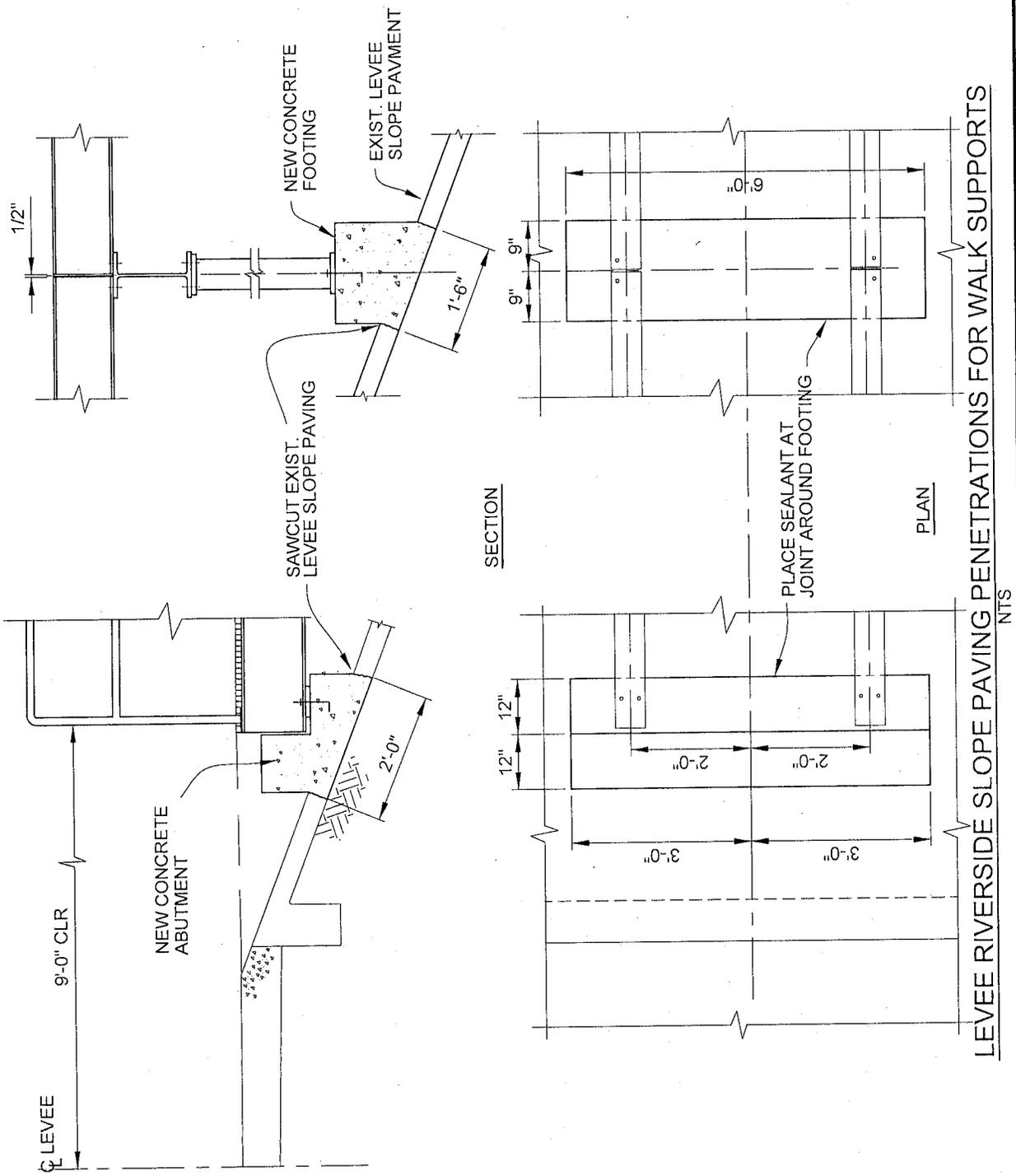
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**LEVEE FOOTING  
DETAILS**

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