

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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MVN-2016-00175-WLL

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
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Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 160205-01

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).

TRENASS CLEANOUT IN CAMERON PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5, c/o Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Highway 384, Bell City, LA 70630.

LOCATION OF WORK: Off Bonsall Road in the town of Grand Chenier, in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.; Latitude: 29.77186 / Longitude: -92.93264 Hydrologic Unit Code: 08080202 – Mermentau River Watershed, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Perform maintenance dredging of approximately 35,841 combined linear feet of existing trenass "A", "B", and "C" as shown in the permit drawings. 65,000 cubic yards of native material is proposed to be removed from the existing trenasses and side casted along the adjacent embankments not to exceed (6") six –inches above the existing grade or placed in openwater, non-vegetated areas to avoid wetlands. Also proposed is the replacement of any non-functioning, existing culverts within the trenass (same elevations and culvert diameters).

The proposed project will impact 22 acres of trenass waterbottoms due to excavation of sediments and 62 acres of impacts to waterbottoms and adjacent marsh due to spoil placement.

The applicant anticipates that all project related impacts to jurisdictional wetlands will be temporary and has requested that the project be evaluated one growing season following project completion.

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 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. 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 84 acre dredge and fill footprint is located in waters known to be utilized by the Western 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 Standard Manatee Conditions For In-Water Activities.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of 84 acres of possible 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.

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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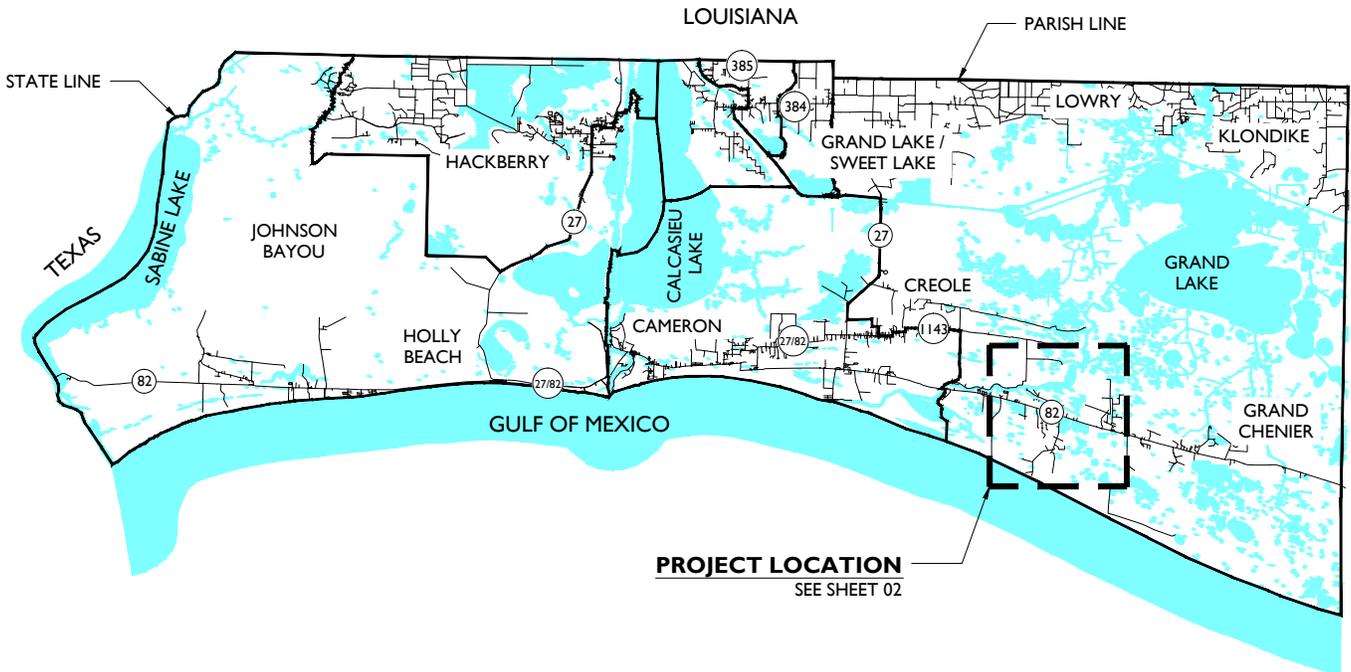
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STATE OF LOUISIANA
INSET MAP



PROJECT LOCATION
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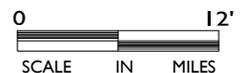
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PROPOSED CLEANOUT OF PORTIE BAYOU IN THE GRAND CHENIER AREA

APPLICATION BY: CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DIST. NO. 5
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VICINITY MAP



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PROJECT LOCATION



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SCALE IN FEET

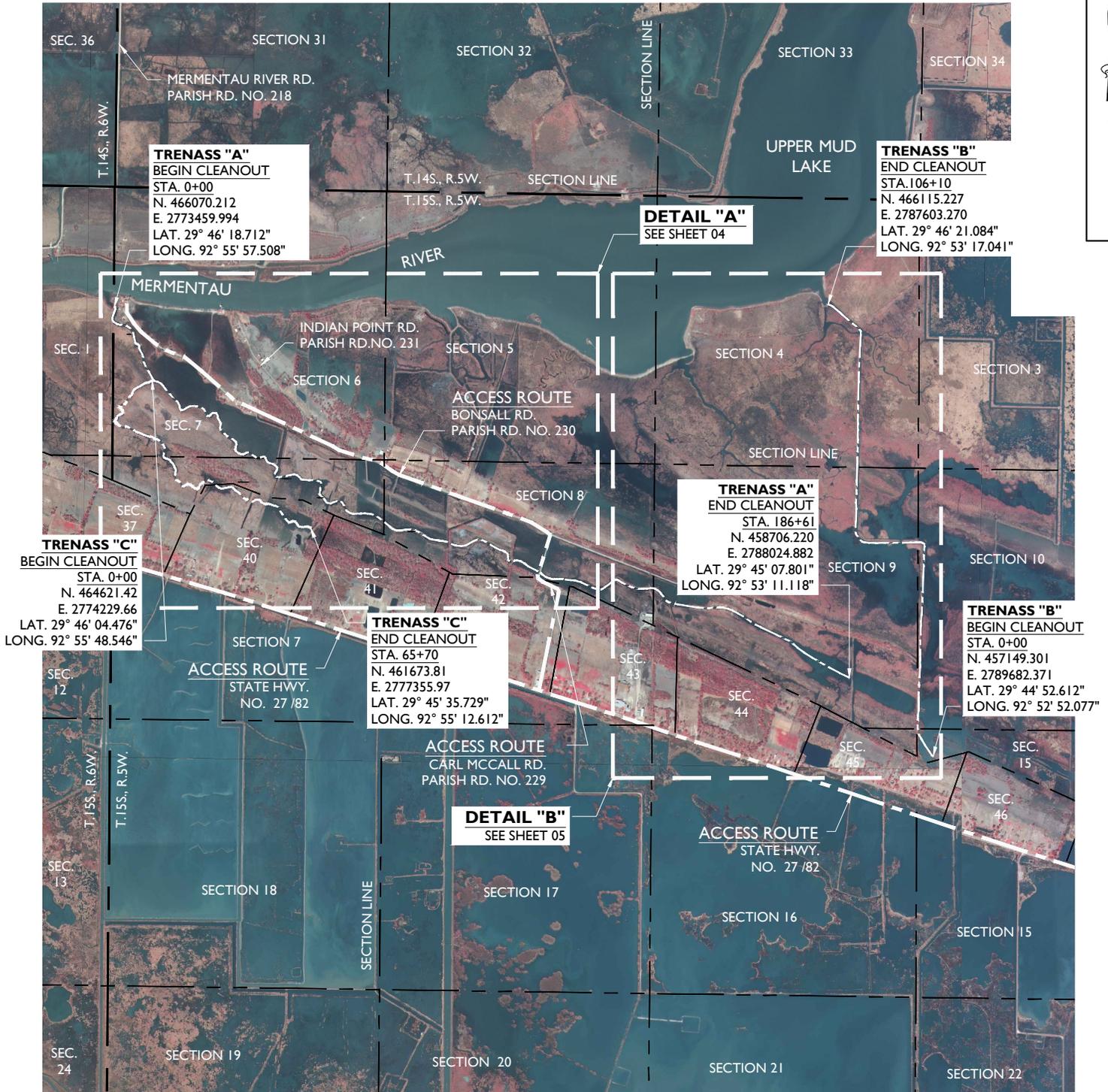
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SITE PLAN

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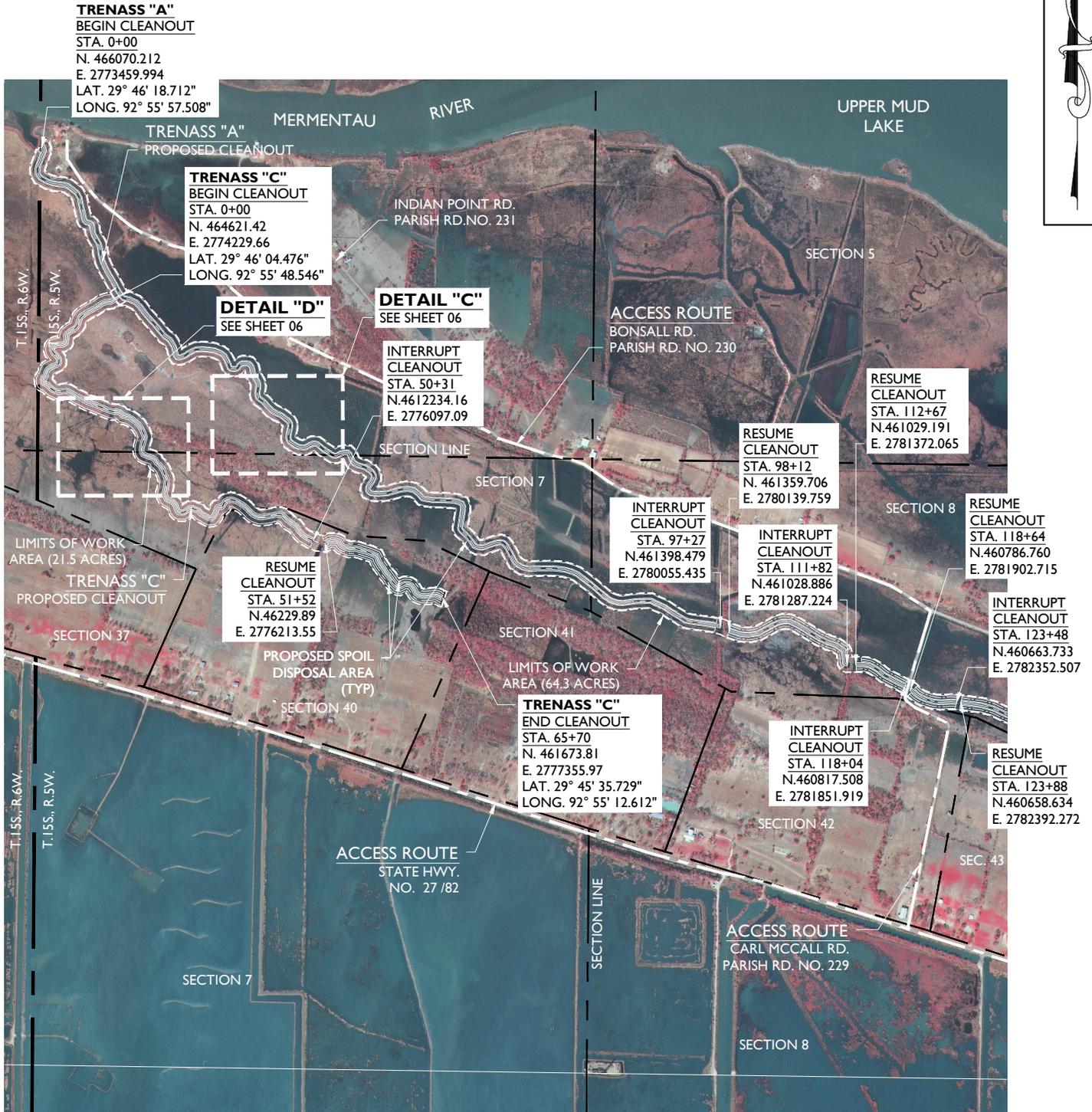
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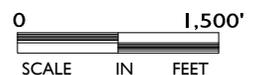
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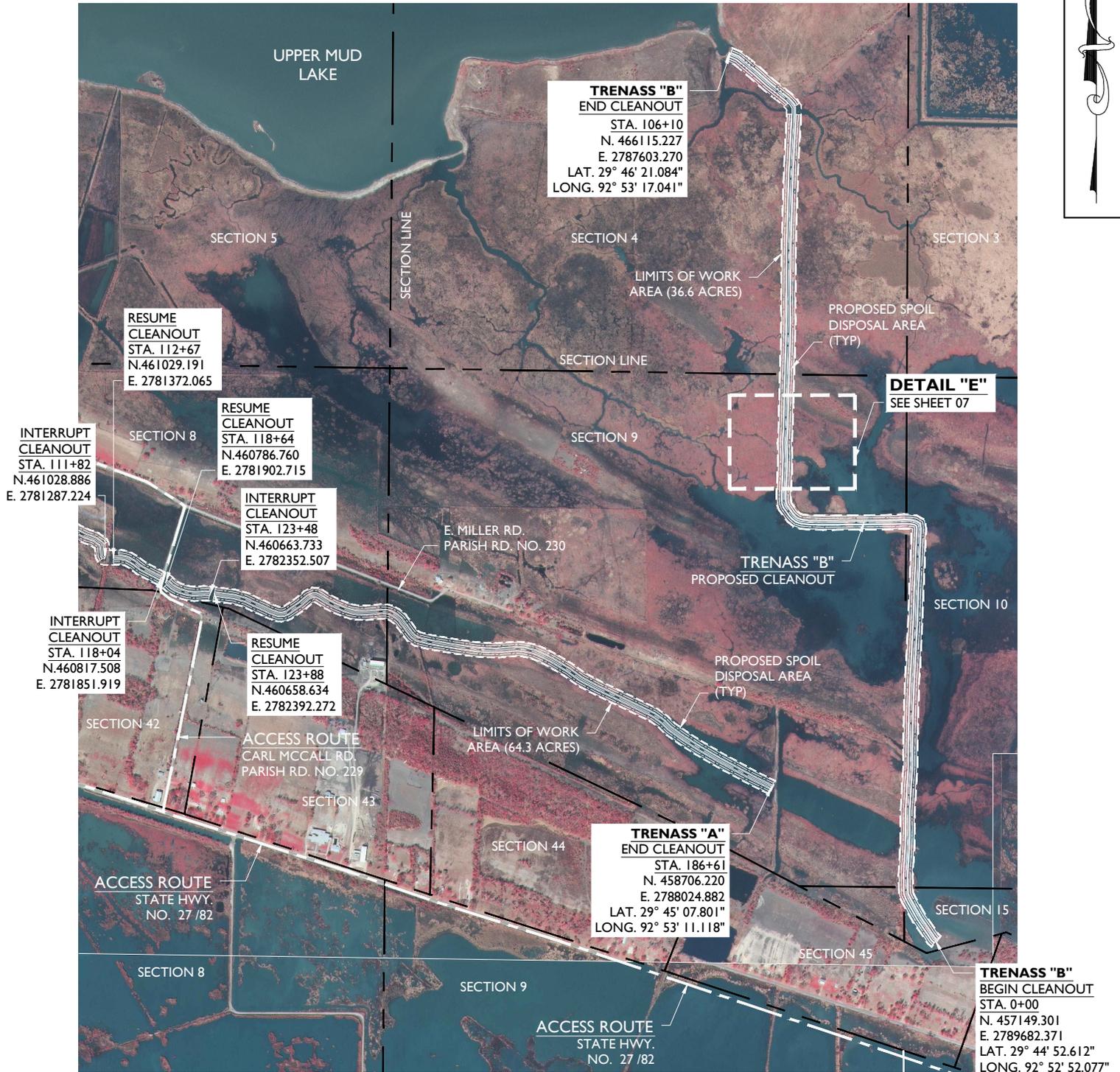
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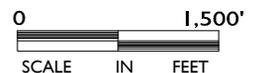
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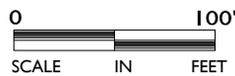
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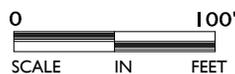
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DETAIL "C"



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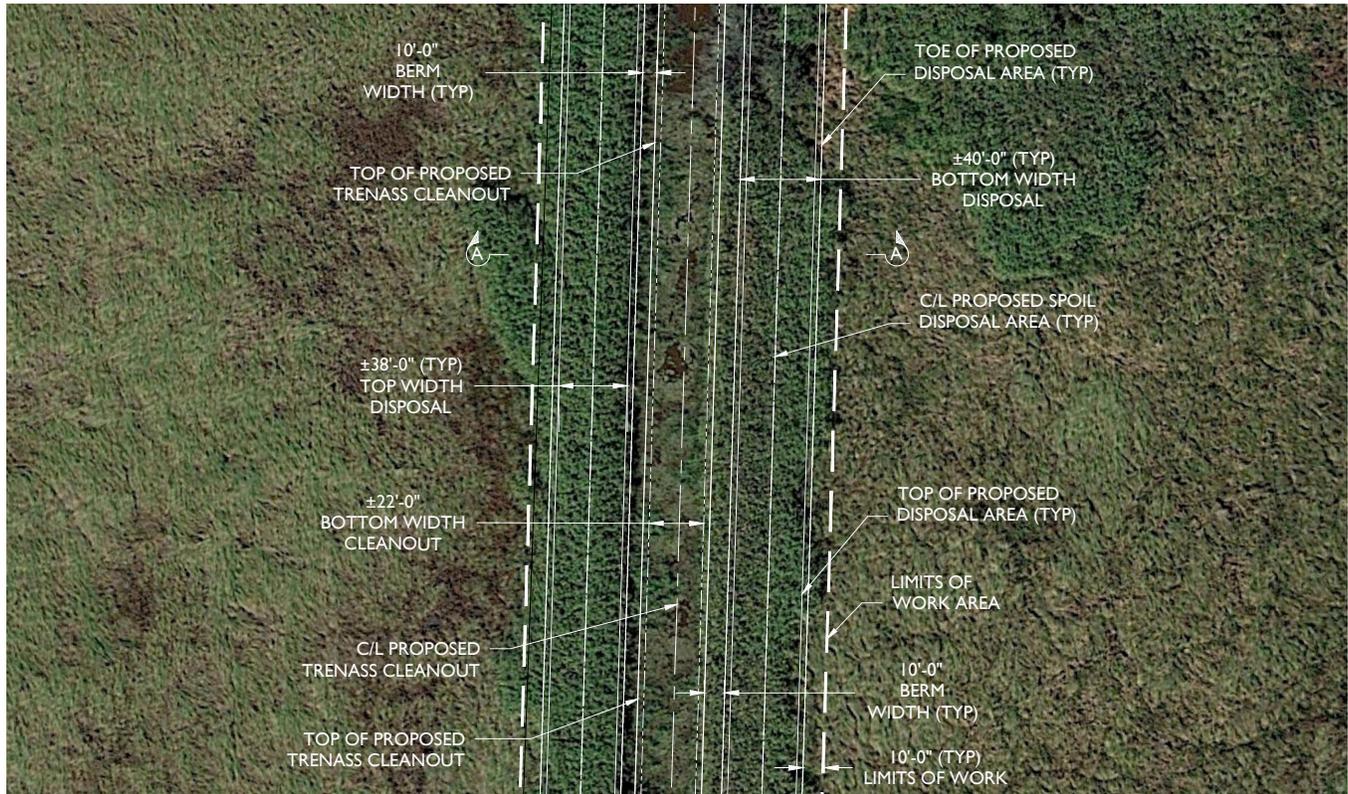


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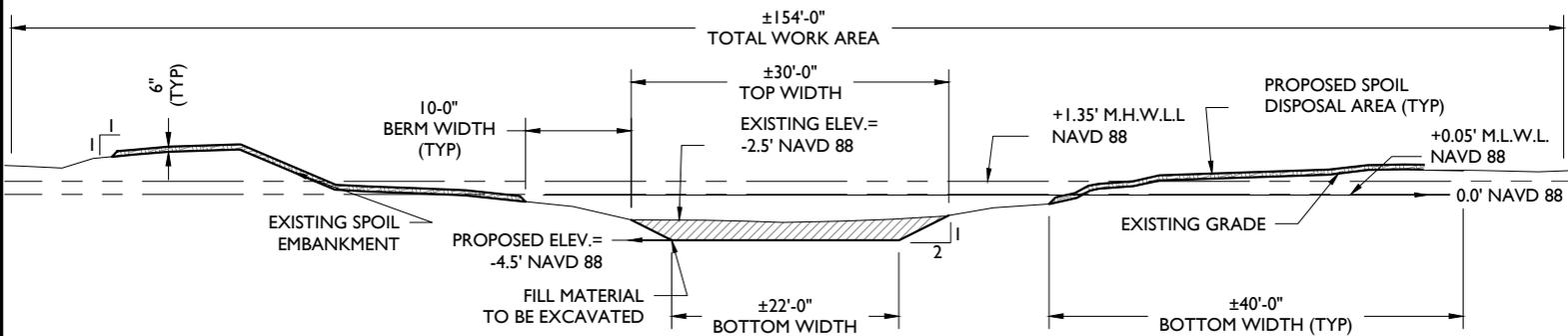
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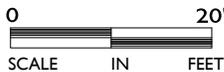


DETAIL "E"



TYPICAL SECTION "A-A"

29,271 LINEAR FEET



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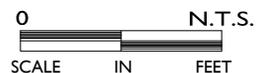
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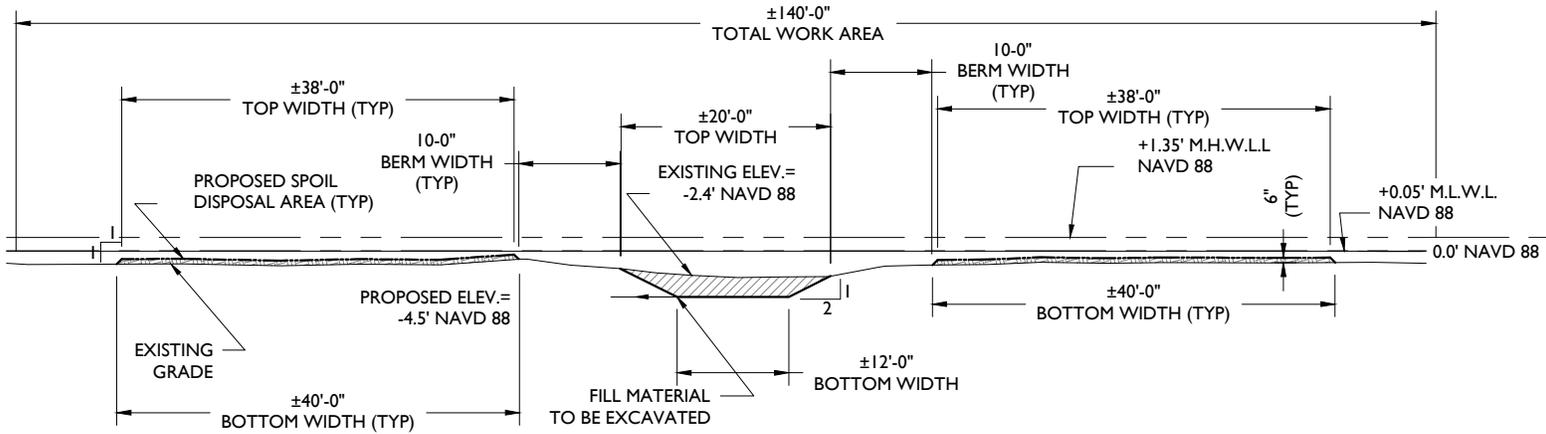
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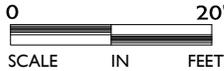
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TYPICAL SECTION "B-B"

6,570 LINEAR FEET



GENERAL NOTES:

1. THE APPLICANT REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE CLEANOUT OF APPROXIMATELY 35,841' COMBINED LINEAR FEET OF THE EXISTING TRENASS "A", "B" AND "C" AS SHOWN IN THE PERMIT DRAWINGS.
2. APPROXIMATELY 65,000' CUBIC YARDS OF NATIVE MATERIAL SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE EXISTING TRENASS "A", "B" & "C" AND DEPOSITED ALONG EACH SIDE OF THE ADJACENT EXISTING EMBANKMENTS. BREAKS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE SPOIL DISPOSAL AREAS TO INFLUENCE DRAINAGE AND ELIMINATE ANY PONDING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
3. ACREAGE ANTICIPATED TO BE IMPACTED: ±22 ACRES ANTICIPATED FROM TRENASS EXCAVATION AREAS; ±62 ACRES FROM DISPOSAL/FILL AREAS
4. THE SPOIL MATERIAL WILL BE PLACED NOT TO EXCEED A CONSTRUCTION HEIGHT OF SIX INCHES (6") ABOVE THE EXISTING GRADE.
5. WHERE PRACTICAL, THE SOIL MATERIAL WILL BE PLACED IN OPEN-WATER NON-VEGETATED AREAS TO MINIMIZE IMPACTS.
6. THE APPLICANT ALSO REQUESTS TO RESTORE/REPLACE ANY CULVERTS THAT TRAVERSE THE EXISTING TRENASSES, THAT MAY BE NON-OPERABLE.
7. IN ORDER TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITEE WILL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA DOTTIE SYSTEM(1-800-272-3020), A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY ACTIVITY.

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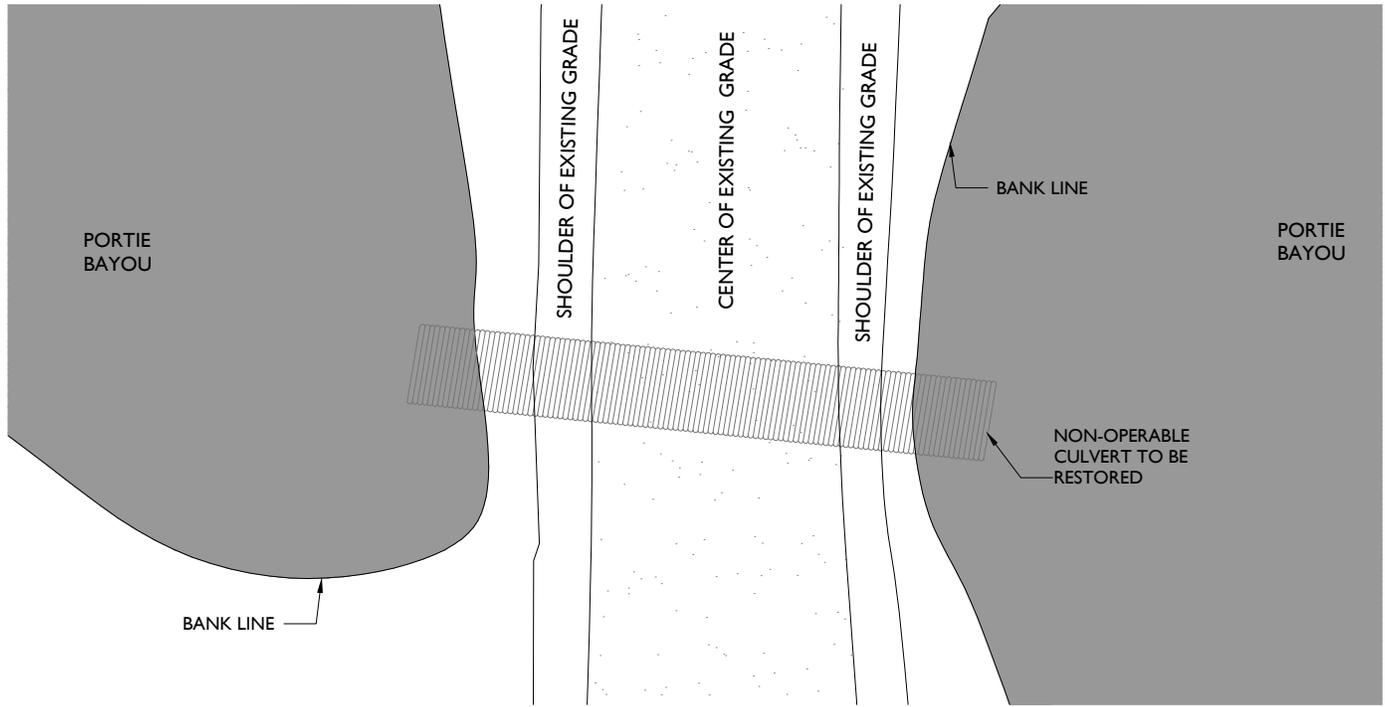
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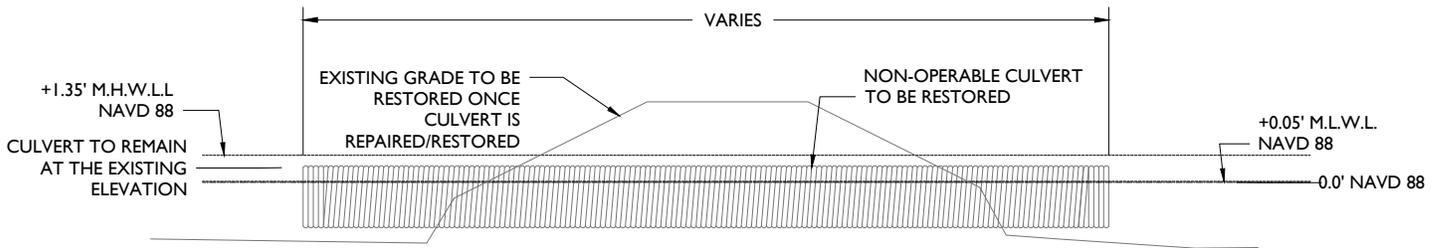
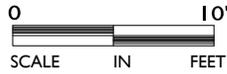
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TYPICAL CULVERT PLAN



TYPICAL CULVERT SECTION



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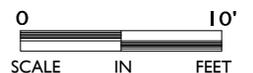
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