

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Stephanie Castaing
Permit Application Number
MVN 2002-2550-EPP

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
ATTN: Water Quality Certifications
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Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 160119-01

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).

INSTALL AND MAINTAIN AN ELEVATED WALKWAY AND COVERED BOATHOUSE ALONG AND BETWEEN THE TCHEFUNCTE AND BOGUE FALAYA RIVERS IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Troy L. delaHoussaye, 8703 Wildwood Drive, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70706.

LOCATION OF WORK: The project site is located between the Tchefuncte and Bogue Falaya Rivers, at 100 Bogue Falaya Drive, in Covington, Louisiana, in St. Tammany Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

Latitude: 30.44123/Longitude: -90.11602 Hydrologic Unit Codes: 08090201 Bayou Liberty-Tchefuncta.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Install and maintain a 620' x 6' elevated walkway with 4' wide finger walks branching off to the Tchefuncte and Bogue Falaya rivers and a 25' x 32' covered boathouse over the existing boat slips located along the Tchefuncte River. Only hand operated equipment will be used to clear overgrowth and dig holes for the piles within the proposed elevated walkway area. Piles for the proposed covered boathouse shall be installed by equipment utilizing the non-wet area. The applicant maintains that jurisdictional wetlands will not be permanently impacted thus, no compensatory mitigation is anticipated.

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 will result in no effect on the endangered Dusky Gopher Frog (*Rana sevosa*) and the threatened Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) and is not likely to adversely affect the endangered West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). Concurrence has been received from the US Fish and Wildlife Service per the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana, dated October 22, 2014.

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 0.0 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 applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, before a permit is issued.

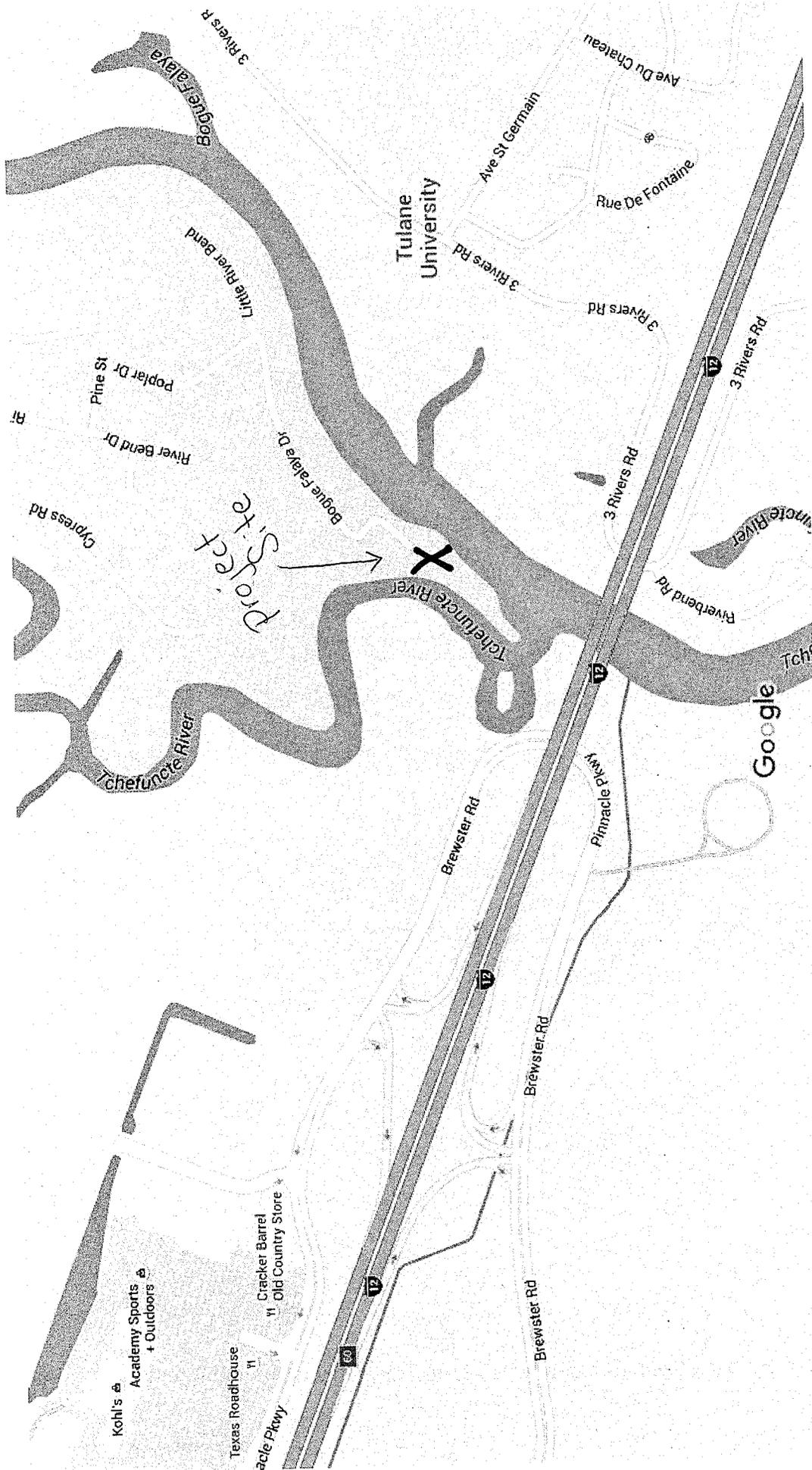
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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.

Michael V. Farabee
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

Enclosure

Google Maps

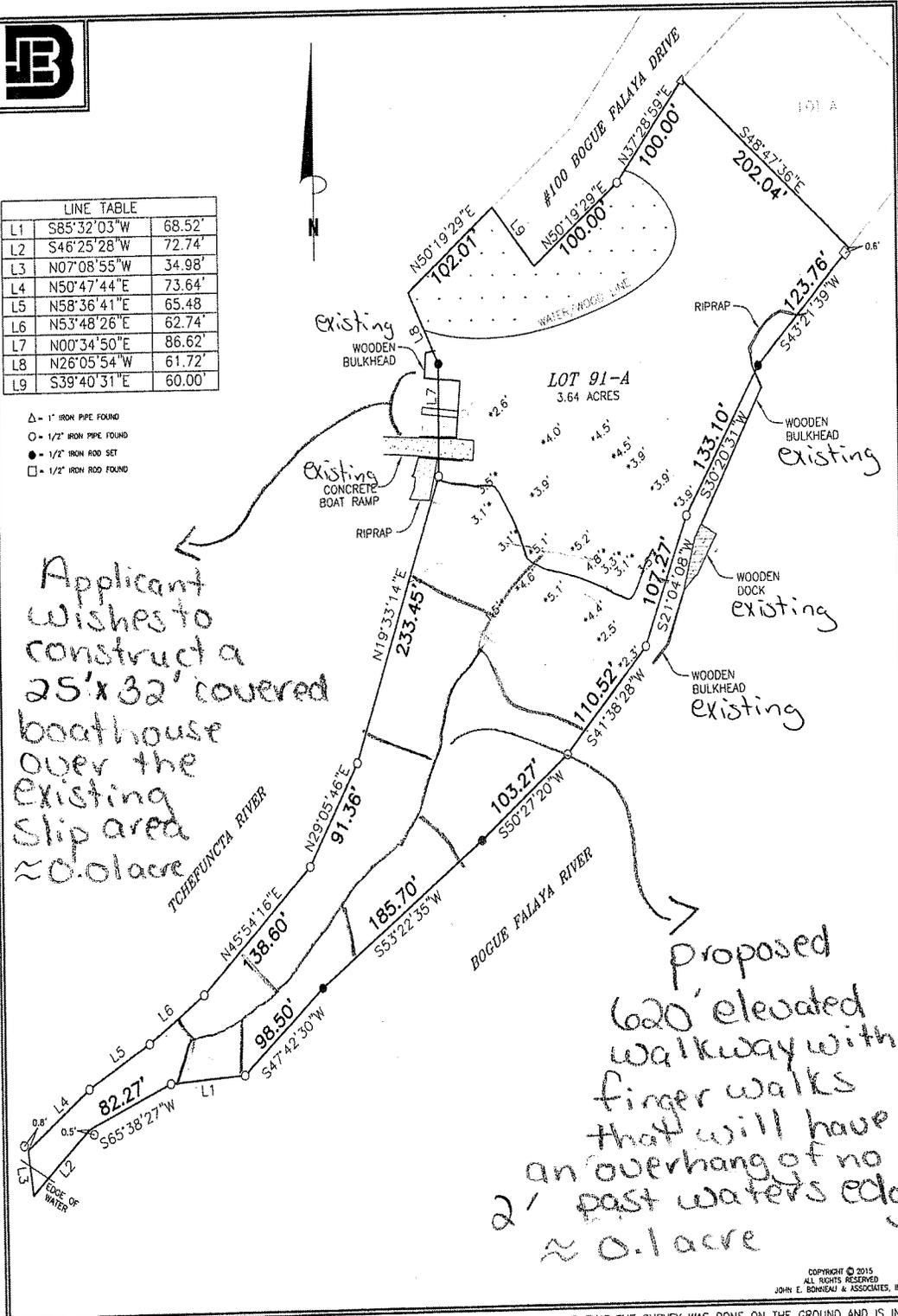


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Applicant wishes to construct a 25'x32' covered boathouse over the existing slip area ≈ 0.01 acre

Proposed 620' elevated walkway with finger walks that will have an overhang of no more than 2' past water's edge. ≈ 0.1 acre

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY WAS DONE UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL; AND THAT THE SURVEY WAS DONE ON THE GROUND AND IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PROPERTY BOUNDARY SURVEYS" AS ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR A CLASS "D" SURVEY.

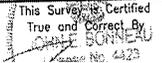
REFERENCE SURVEY: A survey by Landry Engineering Co., Inc. dated October 11, 1994, and recorded with the St. Tammany Clerk of Court as Map File No. 1274. A survey by Wilson-Pope, Inc. dated January 9, 1997, job no. 5259.
BASIS FOR BEARINGS: The Reference Survey.
SETBACKS:
FRONT: N/A
SIDE: N/A
REAR: N/A
SIDE STREET: N/A

FLOODZONE NOTE: This is to certify that I have consulted the Federal Insurance Administration Flood Hazard Boundary Maps and found the property described is located in Flood Zone(s) "A11" with a Base Flood Elevation of 12' in accordance with Community Panel No. 220202 0005 B; Revised: NOVEMBER 19, 1980

A SURVEY MAP OF
LOT 91-A, OLD LANDING SUBDIVISION,
City of Covington,
situated in
SECTION 45, T-7-S, R-11-E
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for
TROY DE LA HOUSSAYE

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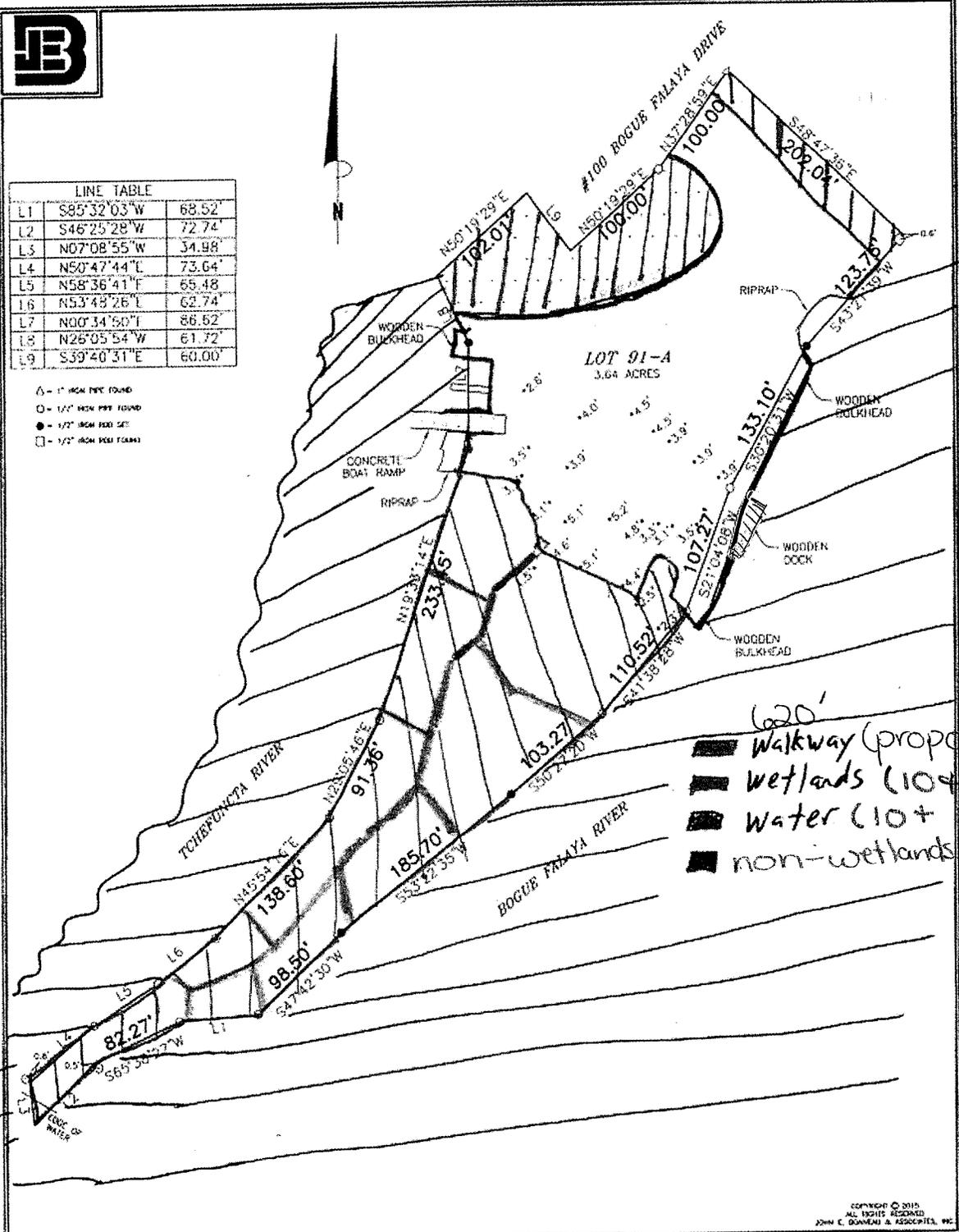
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620'
 ■ Walkway (proposed)
 ■ Wetlands (10+ 404)
 ■ Water (10+ 404)
 ■ non-wetlands

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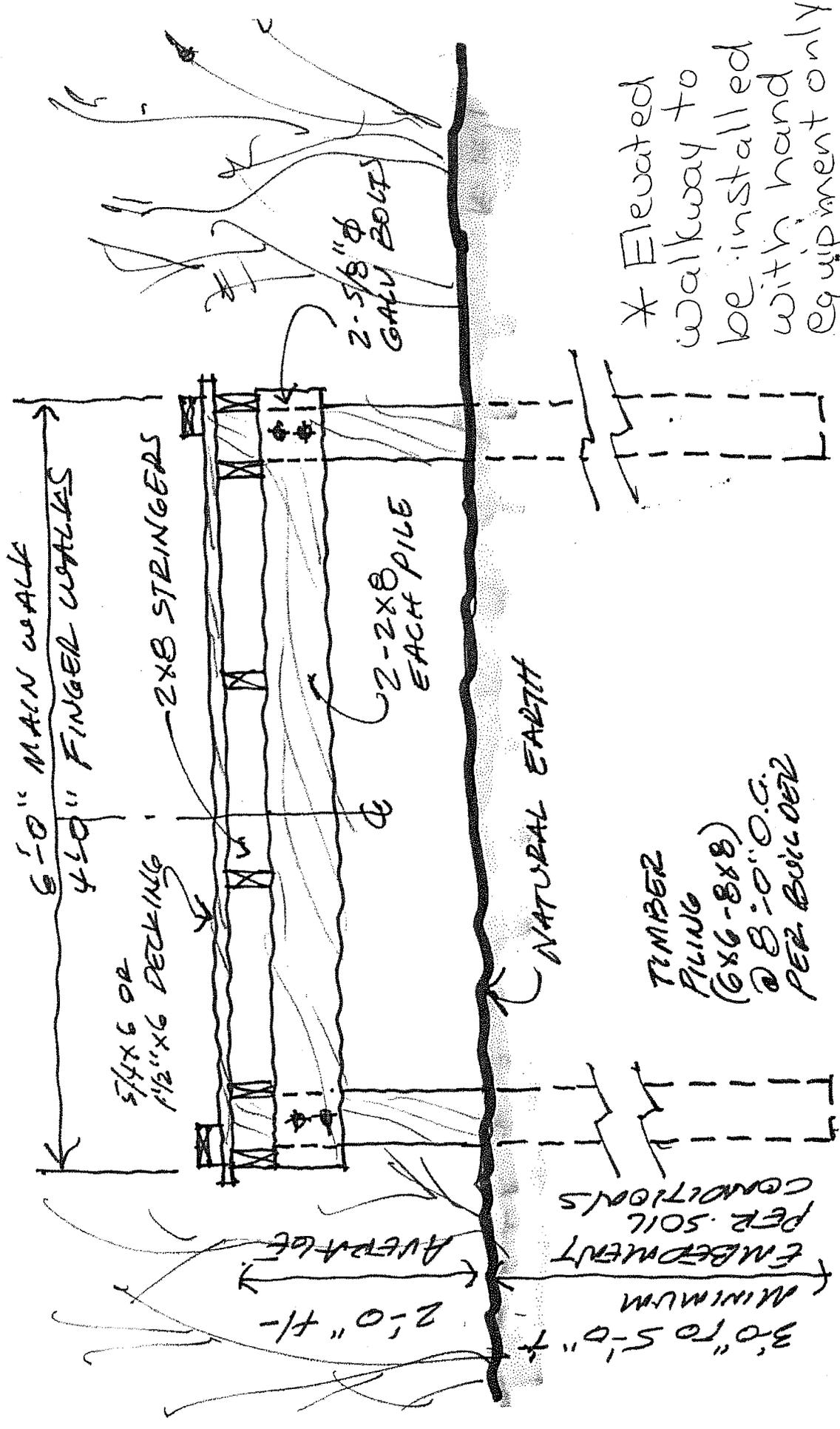
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 NOTE: Setback lines shall be verified by owner and/or...





* Elevated walkway to be installed with hand equipment only.

* * Finger walks will have an overhang of no more than 2' past water's edge.

BOARD WALK DIAGRAM
(12-11-15)

MINIMUM 3'-0" TO 5'-0" ± EMBEDMENT PER SOIL CONDITIONS

TIMBER PLING (6x6-8x8) @ 8'-0" O.C. PER BUILDER

NATURAL EARTH

2-2x8 EACH PILE

2-5/8" Φ GALV BOLT

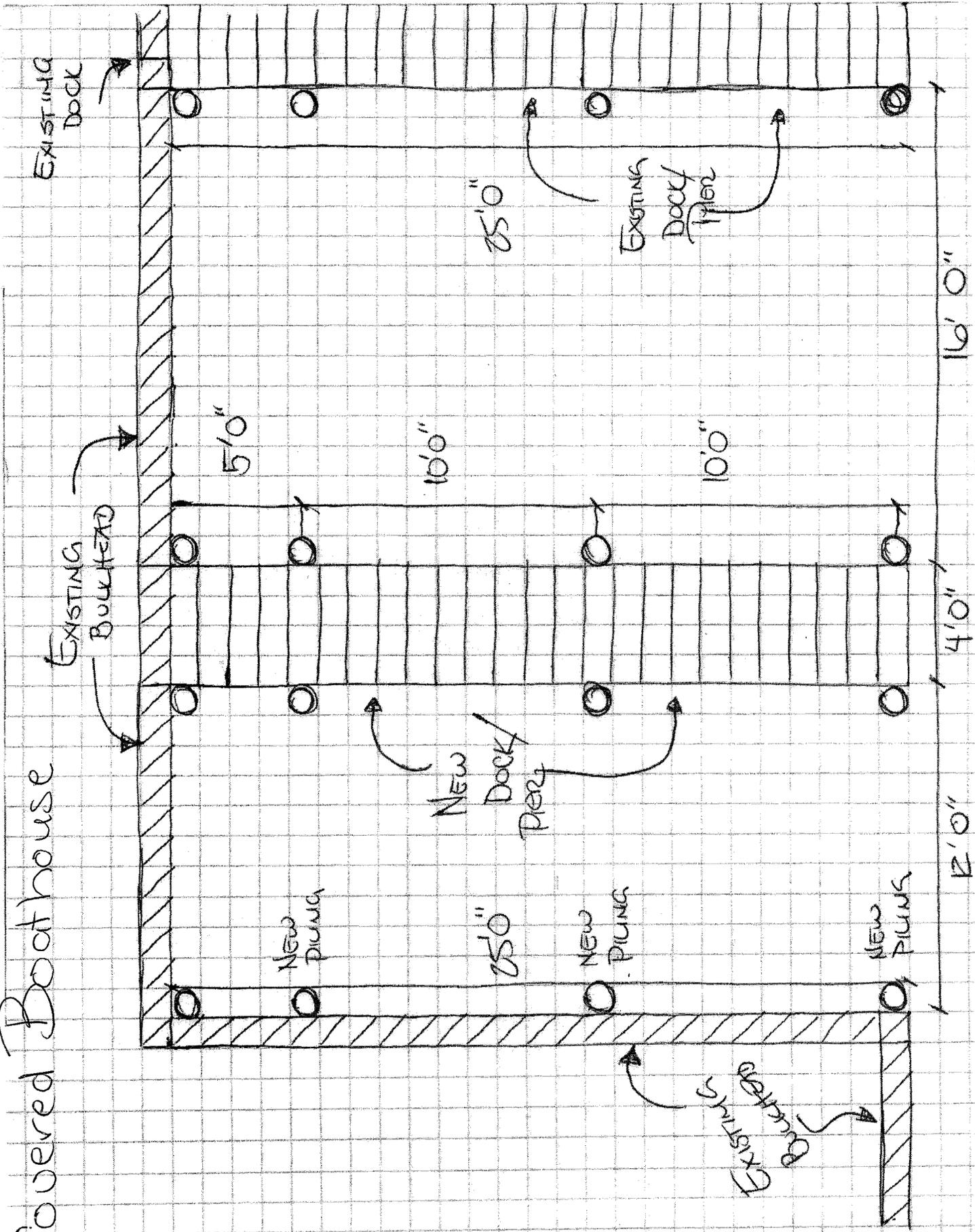
2x8 STRINGERS

6'-0" MAIN WALK
4'-0" FINGER WALKS

5/4x6 OR 1 1/2"x6 DECKING

2'-0" ± ± AVERAGE

Covered Boatouse



Tchefuncte River

Covered Boathouse - Tenefunte River

