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Permit Application Number
MVN-2012-1980-2-EPP

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
ATTN: Water Quality Certifications

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Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 180507-01

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).

LEVEE CROSSING, PARKING/UNLOADING AREA AND BARGE DOCK WITHIN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Robert Brothers Farms, LLC, c/o ELOS Environmental, LLC, 431777 Pleasant Ridge Road, Hammond, Louisiana.

LOCATION OF WORK: Project site is located on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at about 145.5 miles above Head of Passes, off of Louisiana Highway 18, in Wallace, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

Latitude: 30.046103 Longitude: -90.661968

Hydrologic Unit Codes: 08070100 Lower Mississippi – Baton Rouge and 08090301 East Central Louisiana Coastal

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear, grade, and fill to install and maintain a 24" x 100' culvert, a gravel levee crossing to include a concrete apron and embankment, a 100' x 45' gravel parking/work area, a 60' loading ramp, and 5 anchor piles for a 125' x 12' floating dock. Project implementation requires 2,142 cubic yards of hauled in dirt, 236 cubic yards of gravel, 37 cubic yards of concrete, and 7 cubic yards of rock. Approximately 0.49 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and waters will be directly impacted by the proposed project. The applicant proposed to contract with an approved mitigation bank 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.**

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 activity will have no effect on any listed endangered and/or threatened Louisiana 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 **0.49** 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.

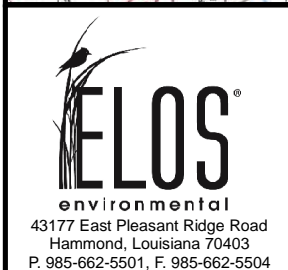
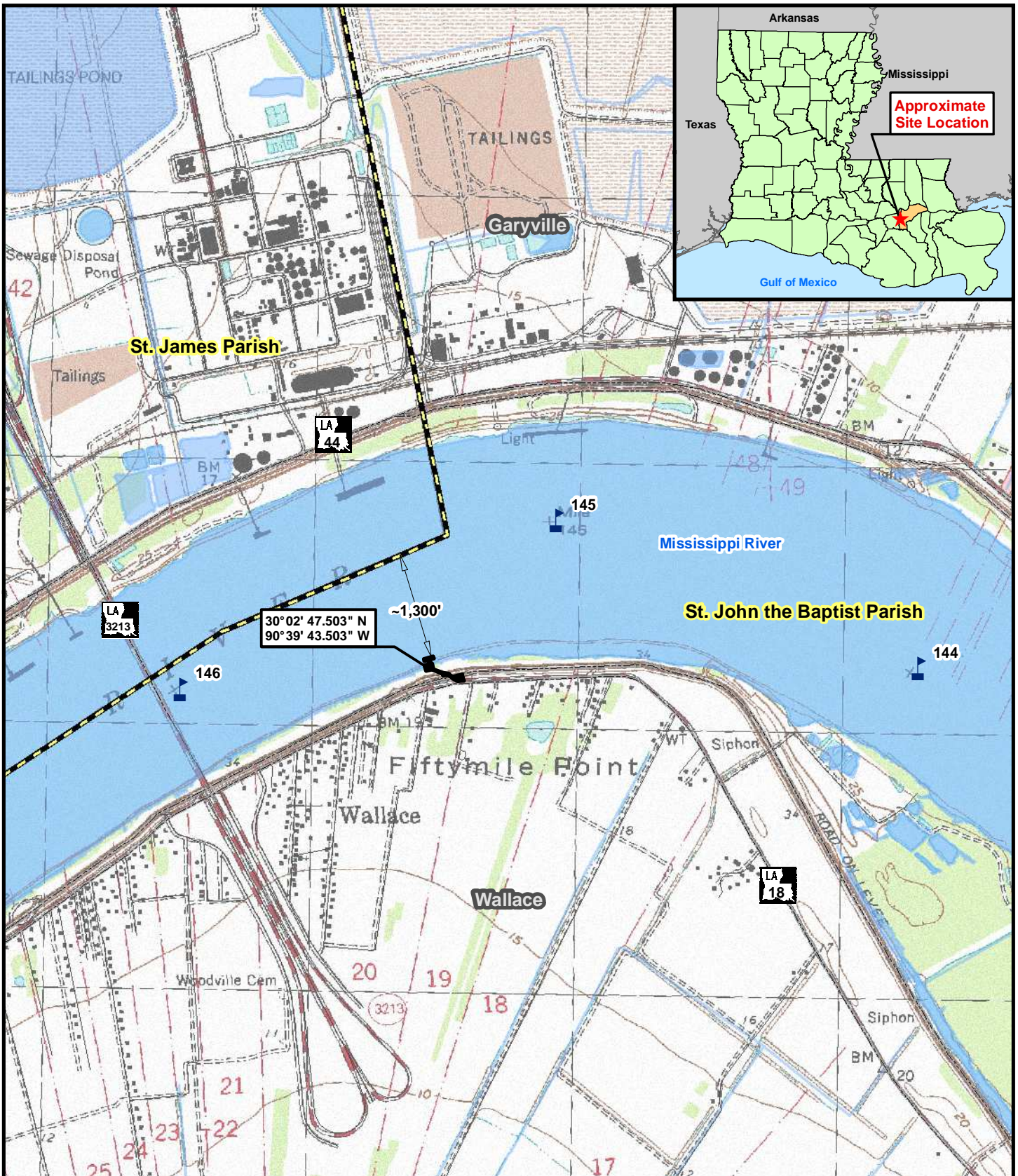
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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

Enclosure



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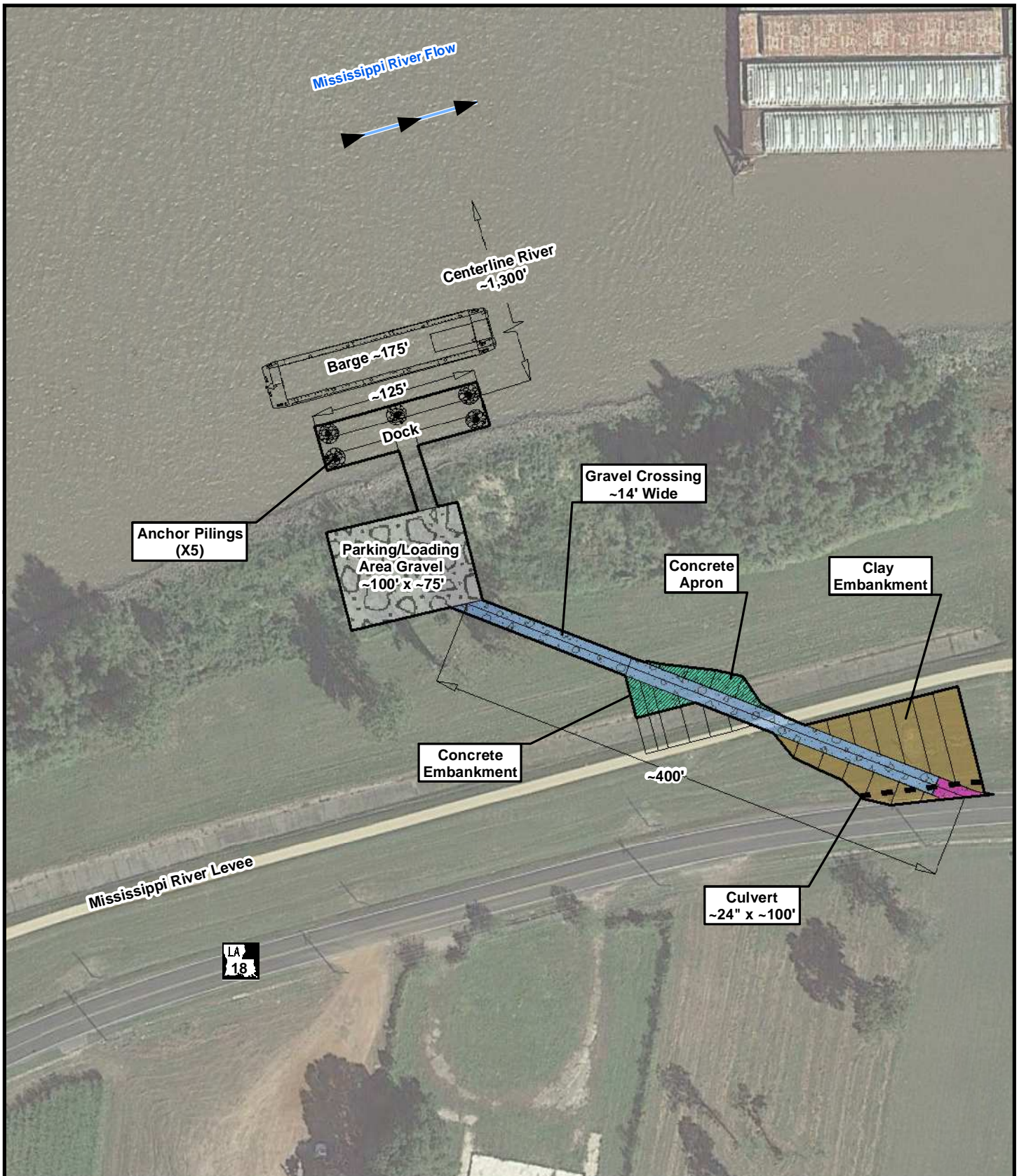
Levee Crossing

Legend:


- Site Outline
- Highway
- Stream/River
- Waterbody
- River Mile Marker
- Roadway
- Parish Boundary

Section: 20
Township: 12 South
Range: 18 East

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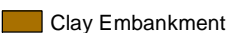

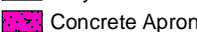

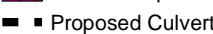



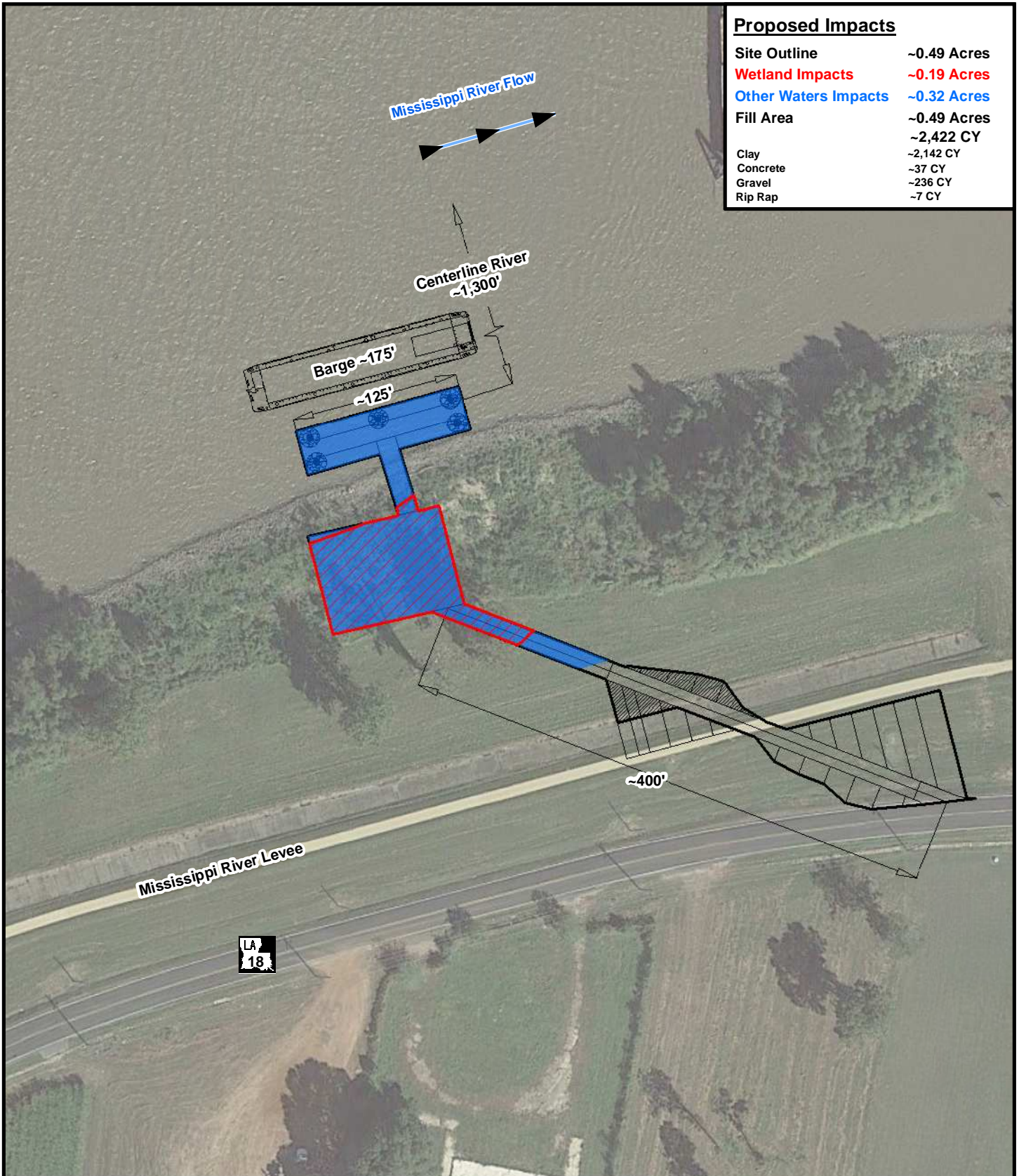
Figure 2: Plan View

Levee Crossing

Legend:

 Site Outline	 Clay Embankment
 Gravel Crossing	 Concrete Apron
 Parking/Work Area	 Proposed Culvert
 Concrete Embankment	

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Figure 3: Proposed Impacts

Levee Crossing

Legend:

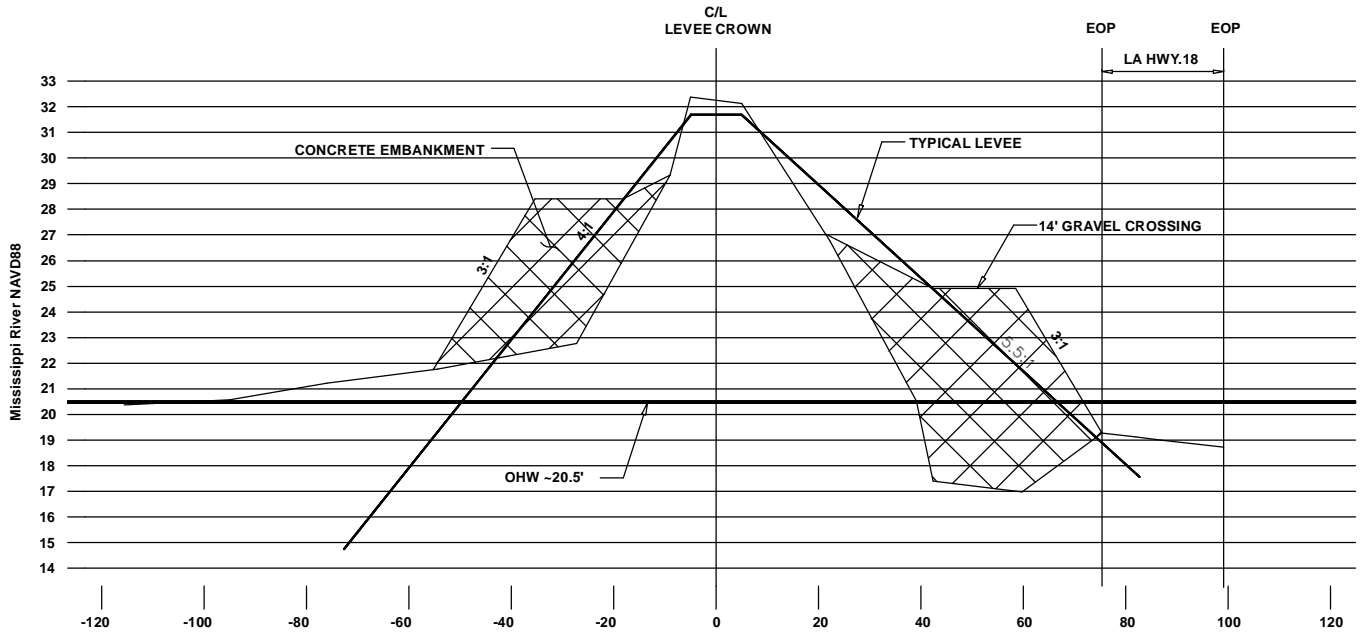
- Site Outline
- Wetlands
- Other Waters

Refer to MVN-2012-01980-1-ST

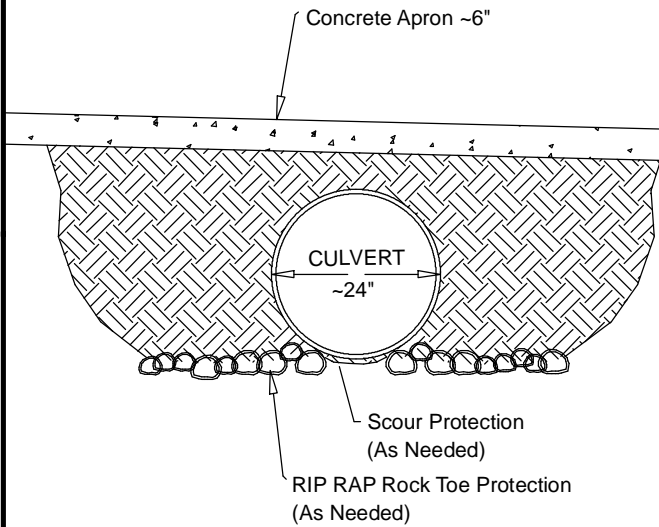
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OLW ~2.96'

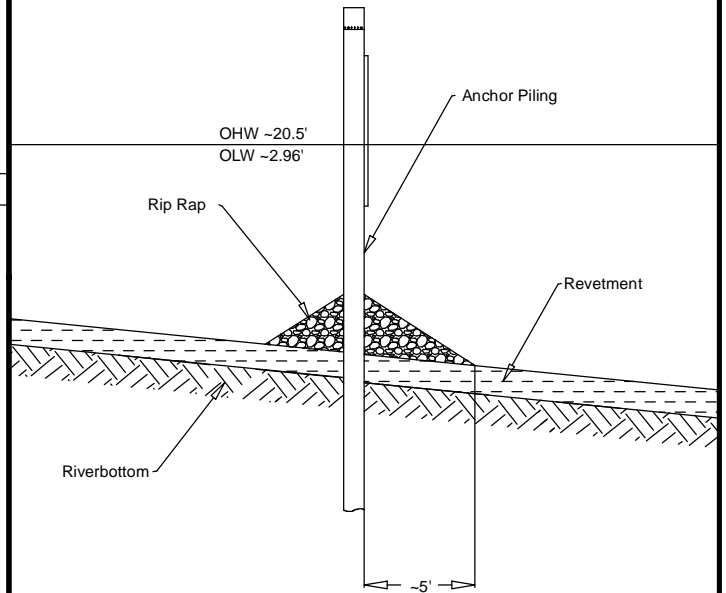
Typical Levee Crossing



Typical Culvert



Typical Anchor Piling



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Figure 4: Typical Section

Levee Crossing

Proposed Impacts

Site Outline ~0.49 Acres
Wetland Impacts ~0.19 Acres
 Other Waters Impacts ~0.32 Acres

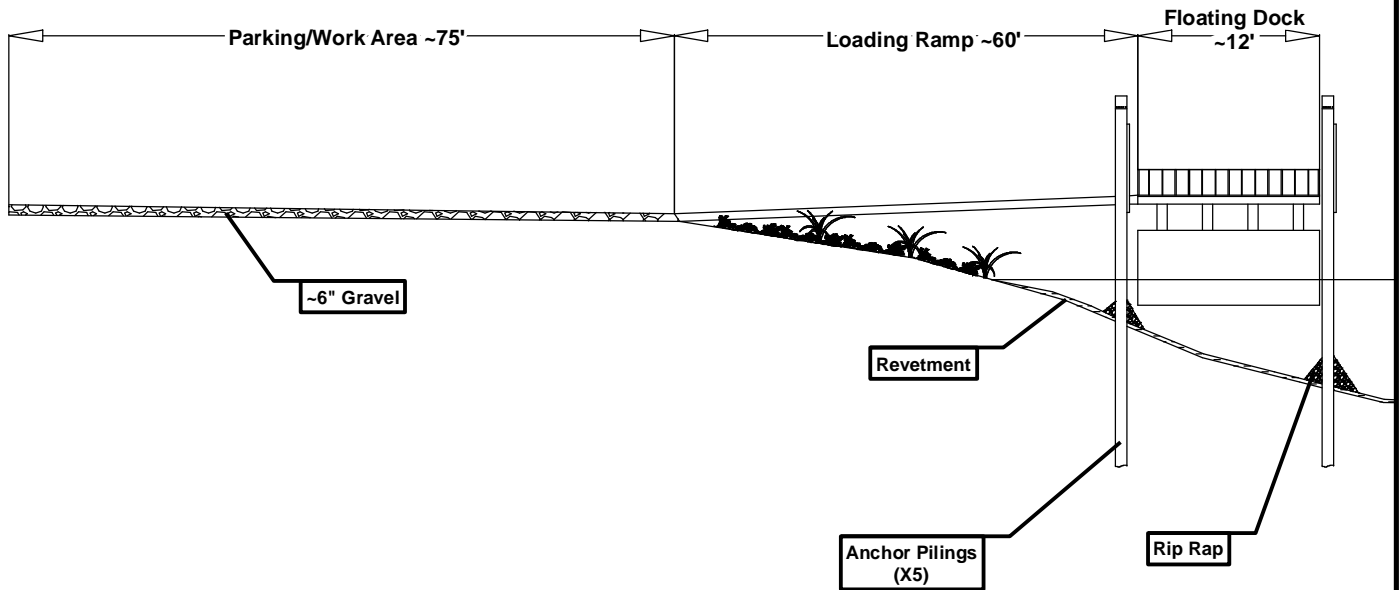
Fill Area ~0.49 Acres
 ~2,422 CY
 Clay ~2,142 CY
 Concrete ~37 CY
 Gravel ~236 CY
 Rip Rap ~7 CY

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Typical Dock and Loading



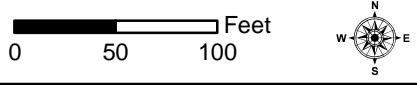
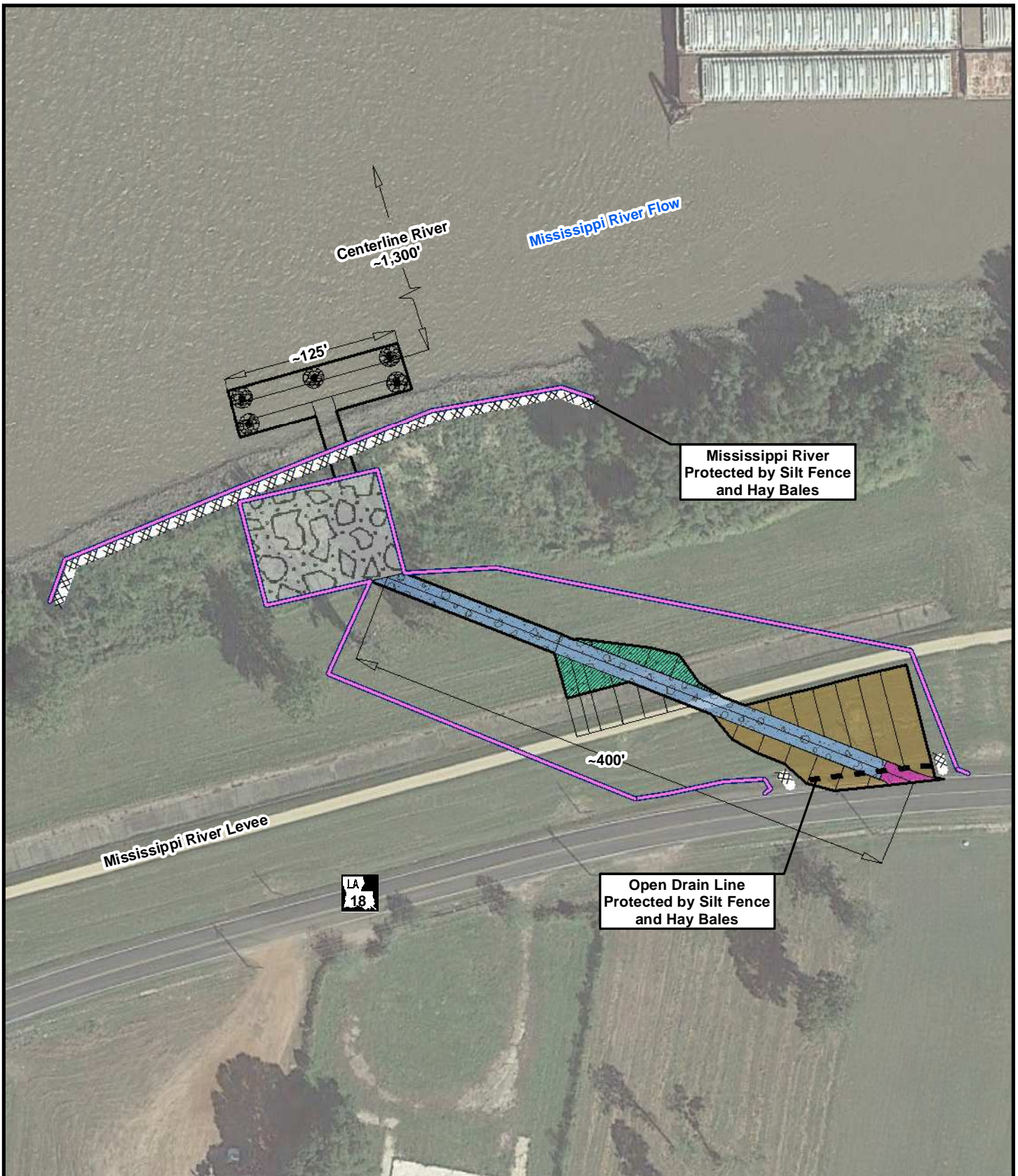
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Figure 5: Typical Section

Levee Crossing

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Wetland Impacts	~0.19 Acres	Clay	~2,142 CY
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Legend:

Site Outline	Gravel Crossing	Clay Embankment
Silt Fence	Parking/Work Area	Concrete Apron
Hay Bales	Concrete Embankment	Proposed Culvert

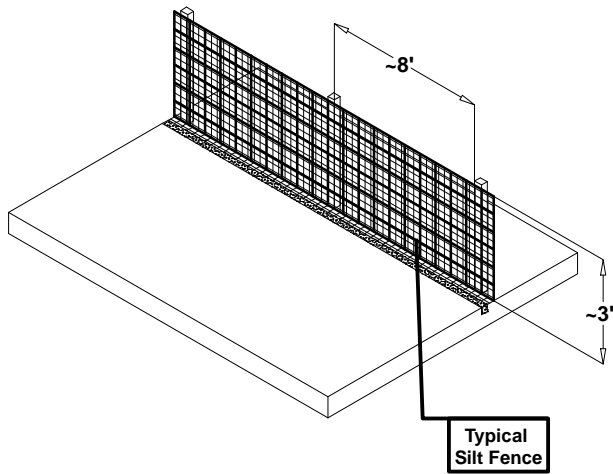
Figure 6: BMP Plan View

Levee Crossing

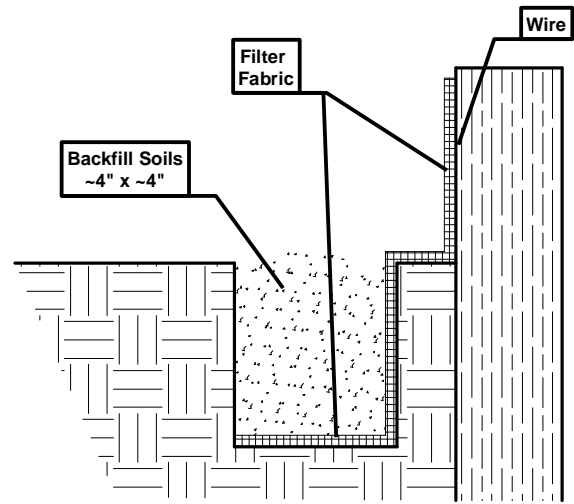
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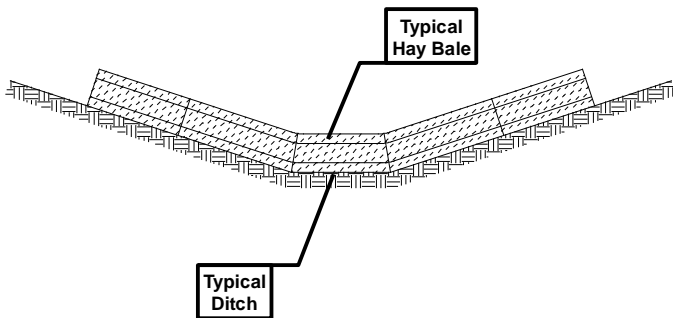
Typical Silt Fence



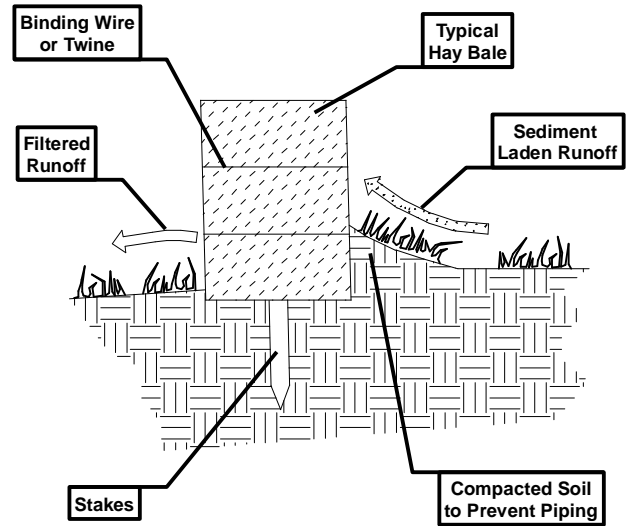
Typical Silt Fence Detail



Typical Hay Bale



Typical Hay Bale Detail



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Figure 7: BMP Typical Section

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