

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

May 25, 2015

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Regulatory Branch
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New Orleans, La. 70160-0267

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
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Baton Rouge, La. 70821-4313
Attn: Water Quality Certifications

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Permit Application Number
MVN-2015-00031-WPP

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Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC # 150521-01

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, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Chapter 11, Part IV, Section 2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

PROPOSED SEWER LINE INSTALLATION IN SAINT MARY PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Town of Berwick c/o; Miller Engineers & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 223, Franklin, Louisiana 70538.

DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to install a 6" diameter PVC sewer force main line to connect areas within the Town of Berwick that do not currently have a sanitary sewer collection system to an existing sewer pump station. Approximately 3.8 acre of wetlands would be permanently impacted as a result of this project. If necessary, the applicant will obtain wetland credits from a Corps of Engineers approved mitigation bank to offset the wetland impacts created as a result of this project.

LOCATION: Located at Latitude 29.687778, Longitude -91.25, near Berwick, Louisiana, in Saint Mary Parish. The Project is located within the Atchafalaya Basin, Hydrologic Unit 08080101.

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.

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 5:00 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.

No properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters and habitat known to be utilized by; the Louisiana Black Bear, 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.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal results in the destruction or alteration of 0.0 acre(s) 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.

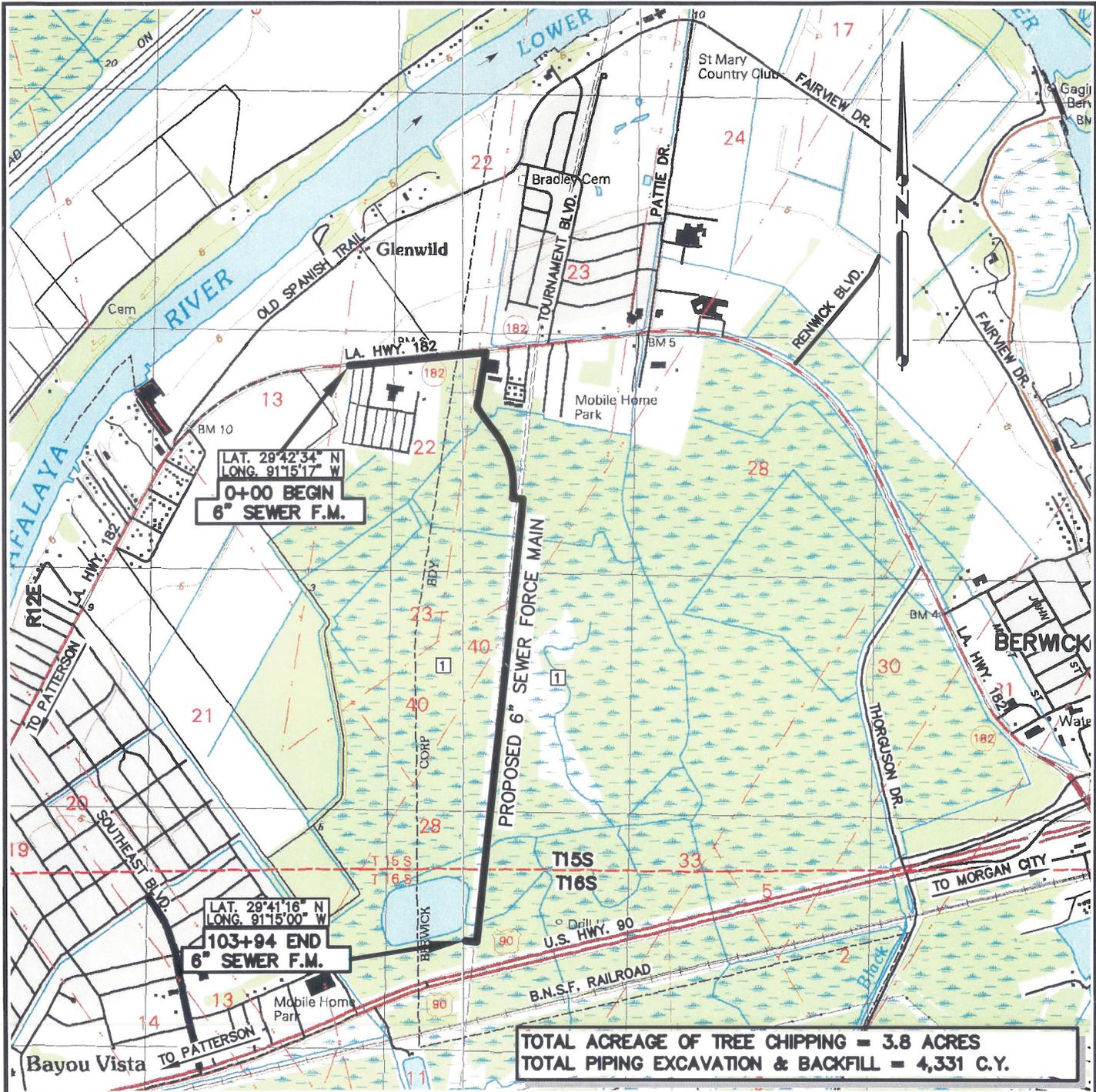
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, 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
Regulatory Branch

Attachments



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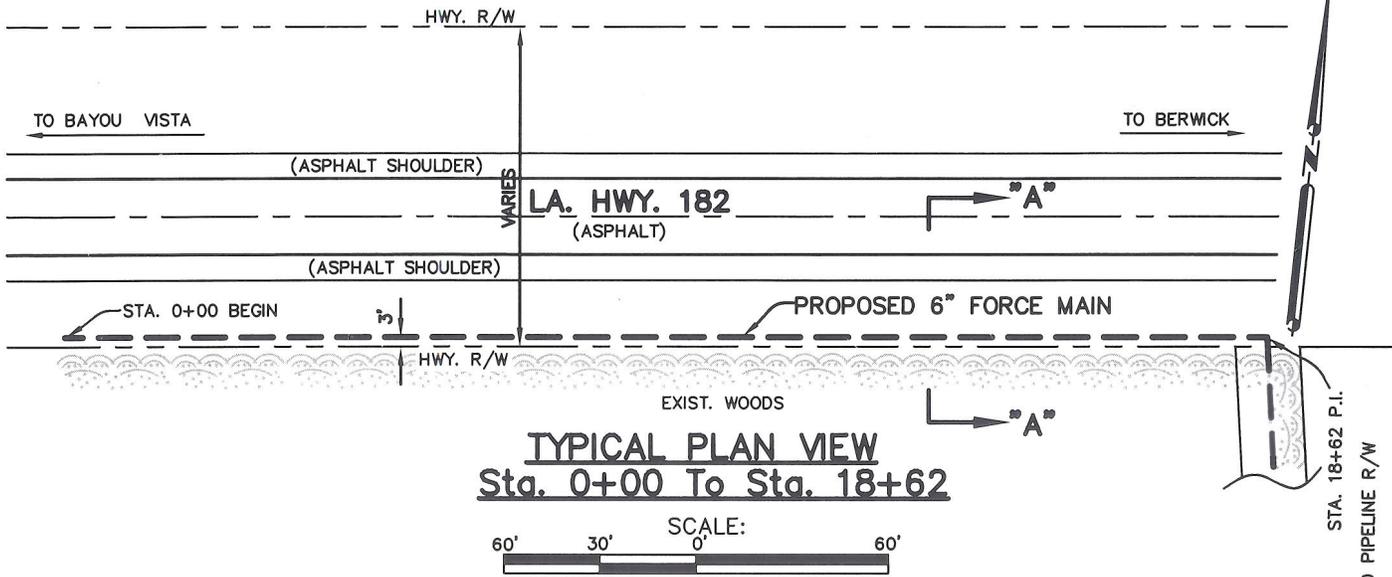
- 1 BERWICK, L.L.C.
C/O WHITNEY BANK, ATTN: STEPHEN BARNETT
228 ST. CHARLES AVE., SUITE 328 B
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70130

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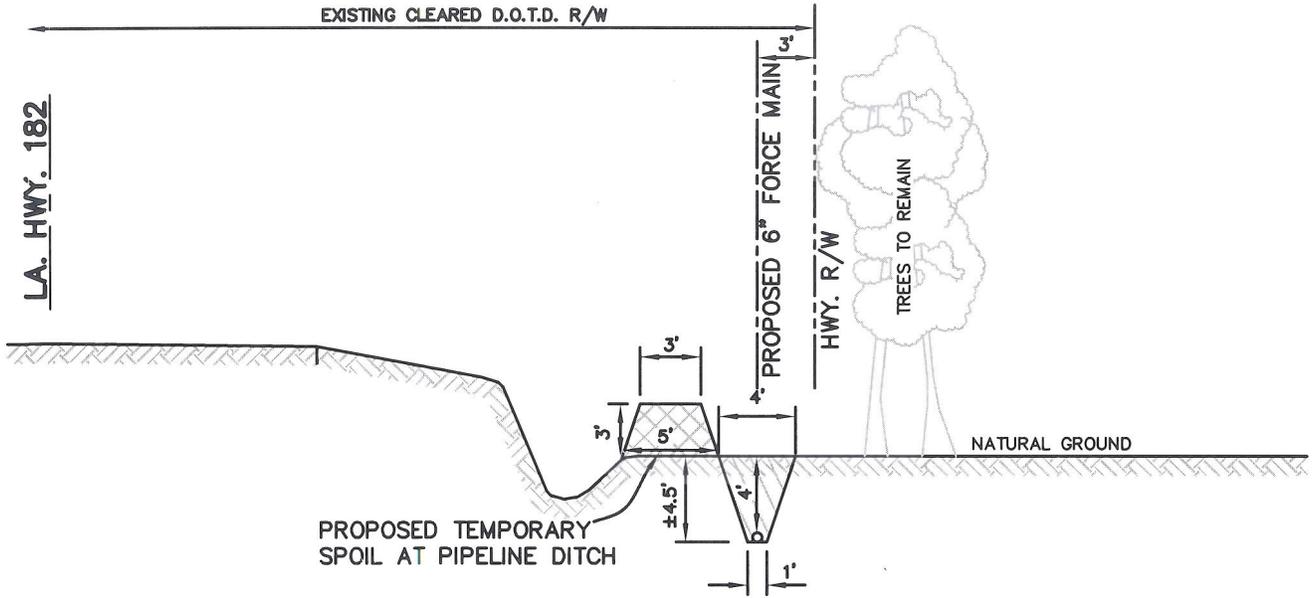
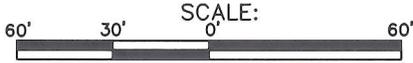
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SEC. 22, 23, 28 & 40, T15S-R12E,
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APPLICATION BY: TOWN OF BERWICK

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2014



TYPICAL PLAN VIEW
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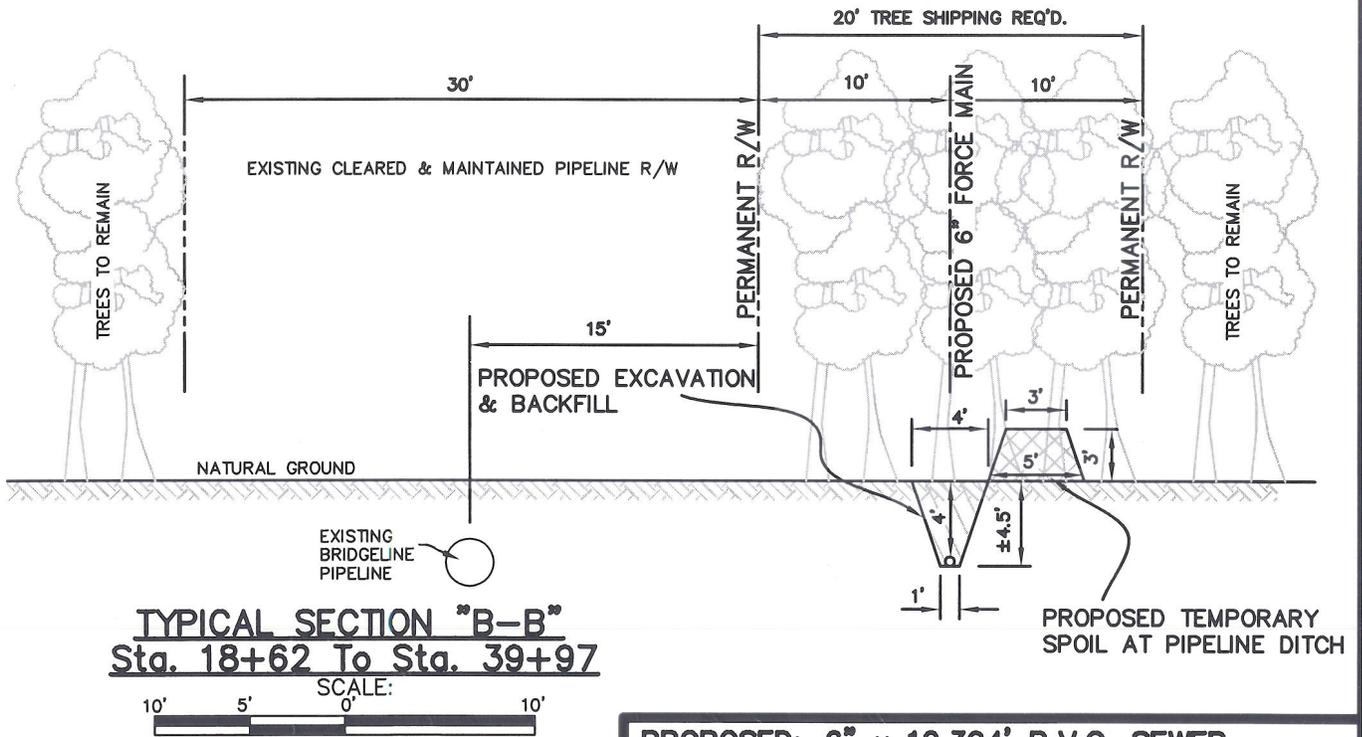
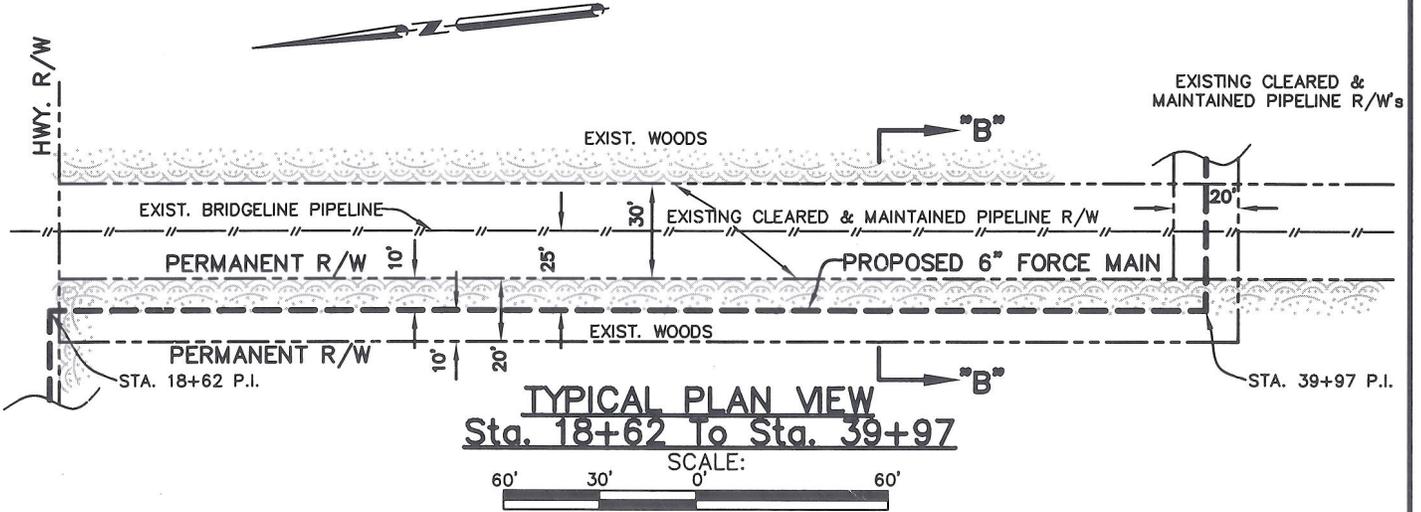
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Sta. 0+00 To Sta. 18+62



TOTAL EXCAVATION THIS SHEET
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 TOTAL ACREAGE OF TREE CHIPPING = NONE

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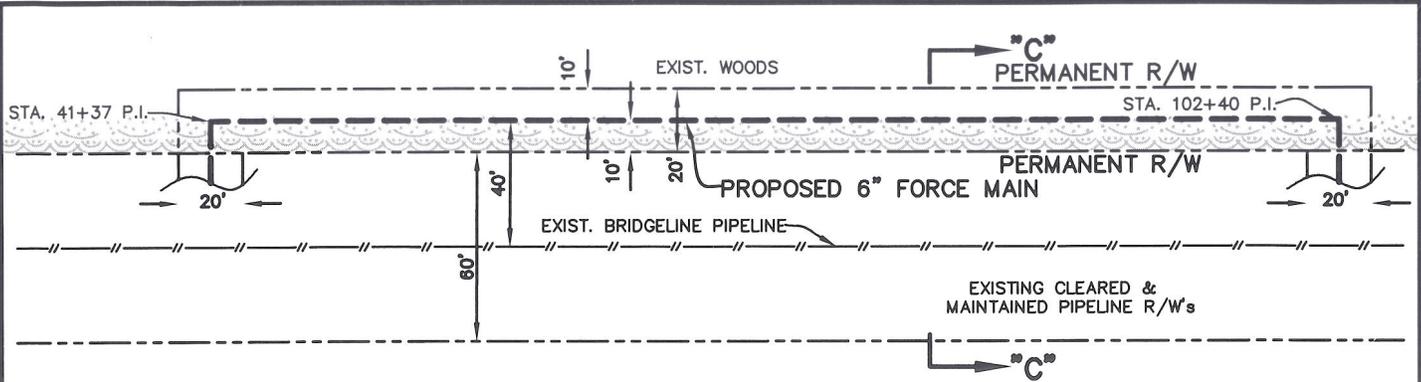
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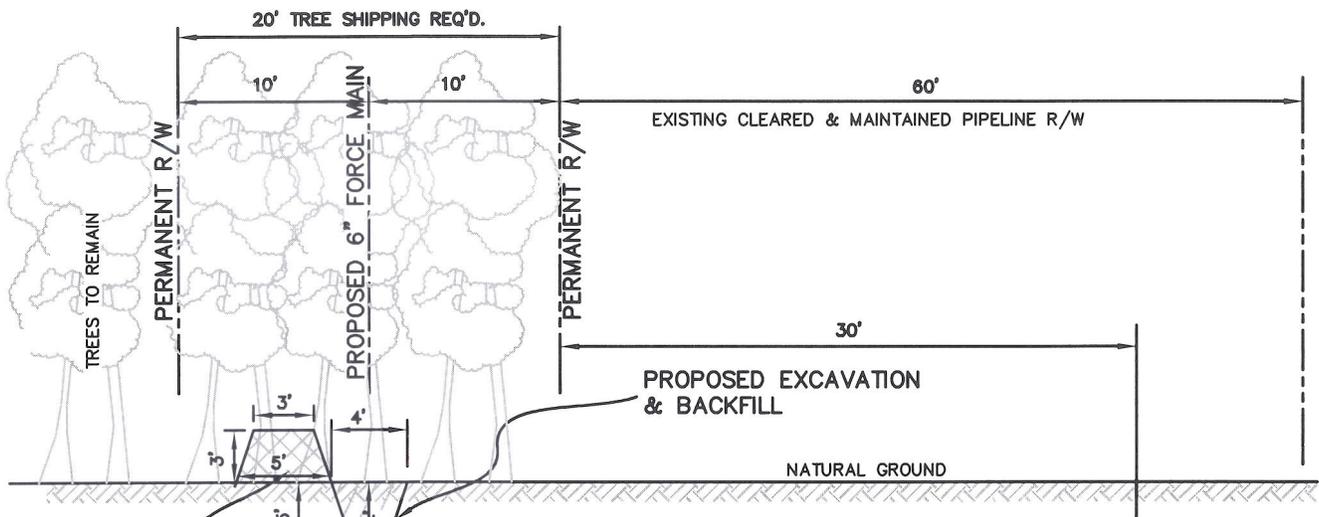
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 TOTAL ACREAGE OF TREE CHIPPING = 1.0 Ac.

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TYPICAL PLAN VIEW
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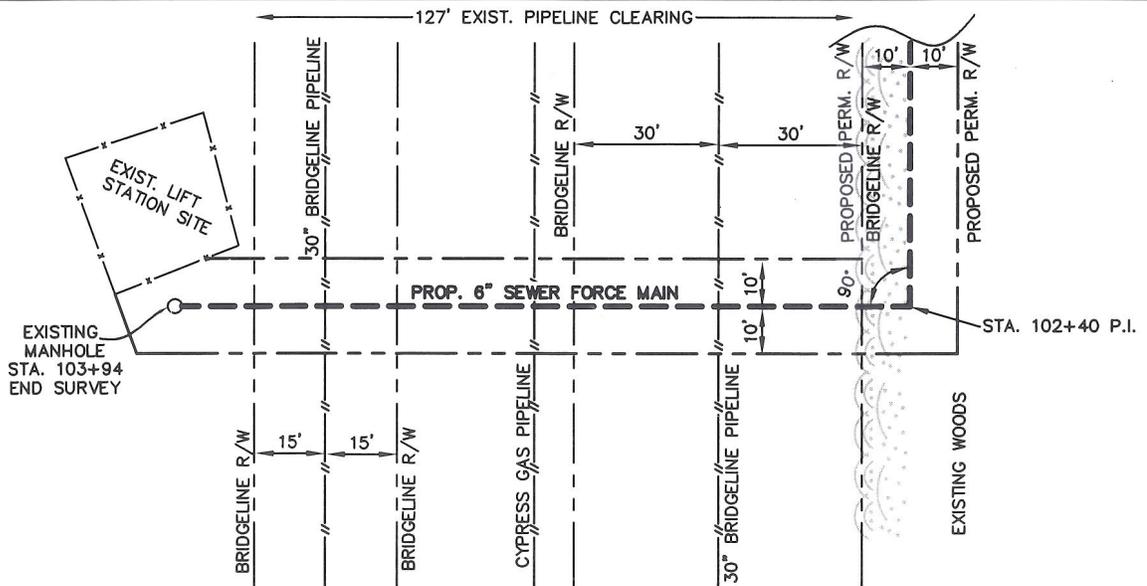


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Sta. 41+37 To Sta. 102+40

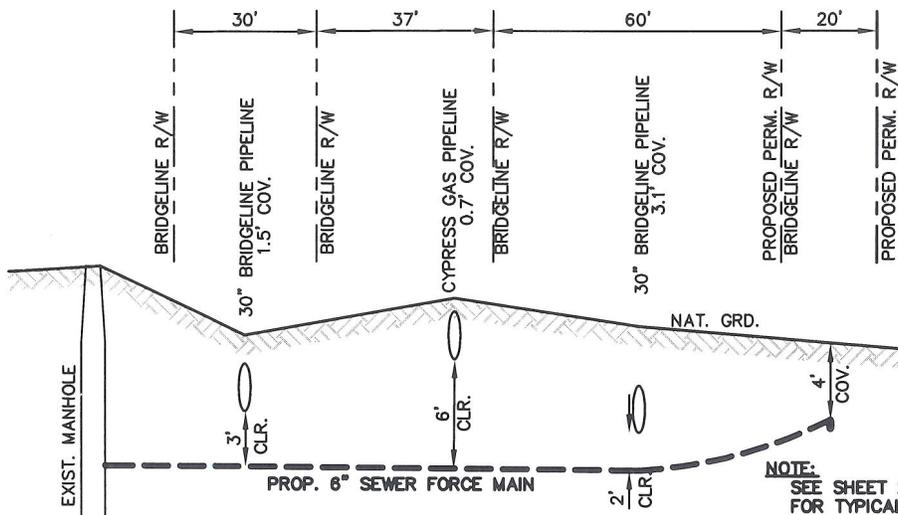


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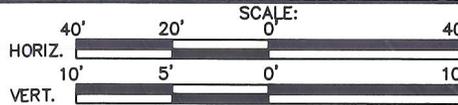
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PLAN VIEW STA. 102+40 - STA. 103+94



PROFILE VIEW STA. 102+40 - STA. 103+94



TOTAL EXCAVATION THIS SHEET
 STA. 102+40 - STA. 103+94 = 64 Cu. Yds.
 TOTAL ACREAGE OF TREE CHIPPING = NONE
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