

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC 150123-02

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, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

AFTER THE FACT MINING OPERATIONS IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BATTURE IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Corrent's Trucking, c/o Coastal Environments, Inc., Attn: Mr. Randy Ellis, 1260 Main Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

LOCATION OF WORK: On an approximate 148.88-acre project site, within the Mississippi River Basin, in the Lower Mississippi River- Baton Rouge hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), on the Mississippi River batture, right descending bank, located approximately 238.3 miles above the Head of Passes, northwest of Port Allen, Louisiana, in WEST BATON ROUGE Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings (Latitude 30.50111 N Longitude -91.25949 W).

The work described below was partially completed prior to obtaining a Department of the Army permit and was in violation of Section 301 of the Clean Water Act. All legal issues concerning the unauthorized work have been deferred.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant is requesting an after-the-fact Department of the Army permit to clear, grade, excavate, place and maintain fill material for the construction and operations of a dirt pit mining site. Approximately 129.3 acres are subject to the Corps' jurisdiction on the project site, of which approximately 12.12 acres of jurisdictional wetlands were impacted prior to obtaining a Department of the Army permit authorization. Approximately 3.56 acres of jurisdictional wetlands have been excavated and approximately 8.56 acres of wetlands have been cleared prior to obtaining a Department of the Army permit. The applicant is proposing to utilize an approximate 23.35-acre borrow pit area. The applicant is proposing to avoid approximately 83.24 acres of jurisdictional batture wetlands. The applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent

practicable. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant is proposing to purchase appropriate credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank.

The applicant may be required to fully or partially restore the project site to pre-project conditions, if issuance of a permit is determined to be contrary to the overall public interest.

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**. 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 proposed activity is located in areas known to be utilized by the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*). Utilizing Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect this species.

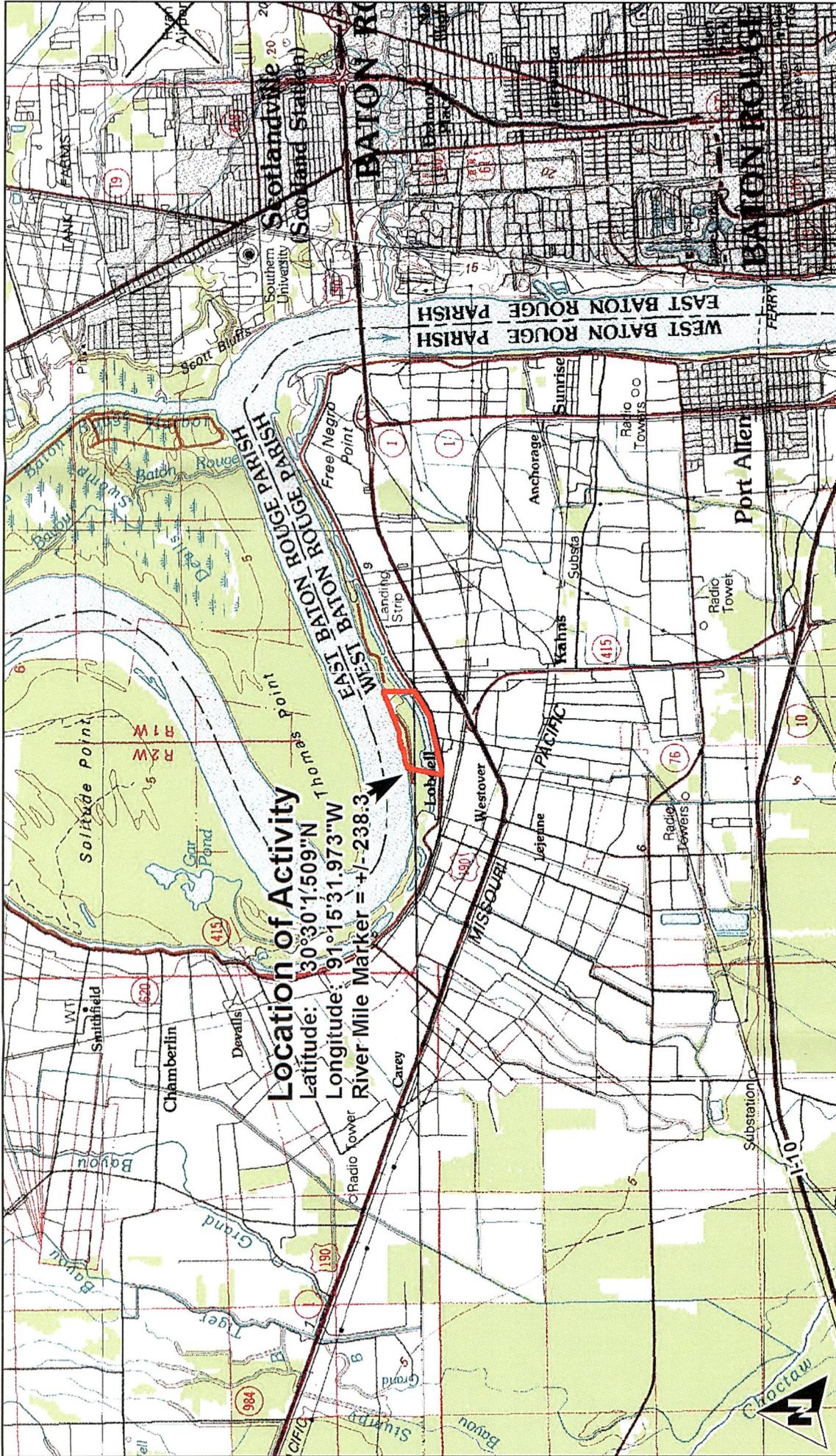
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of NA acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our 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, Office of Environmental Services, 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.

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

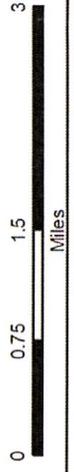
Enclosure



Location of Activity
 Latitude: 30°30'1.509"N
 Longitude: 91°15'31.973"W
 River Mile Marker = +/-238.3

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PURPOSE: Permit Application
 SOURCE: Patin Engineers & Surveyors (08/18/10)
 MAP BASE: USGS 100K Quad
 (New Roads & Baton Rouge)
 DATUM: NAD83



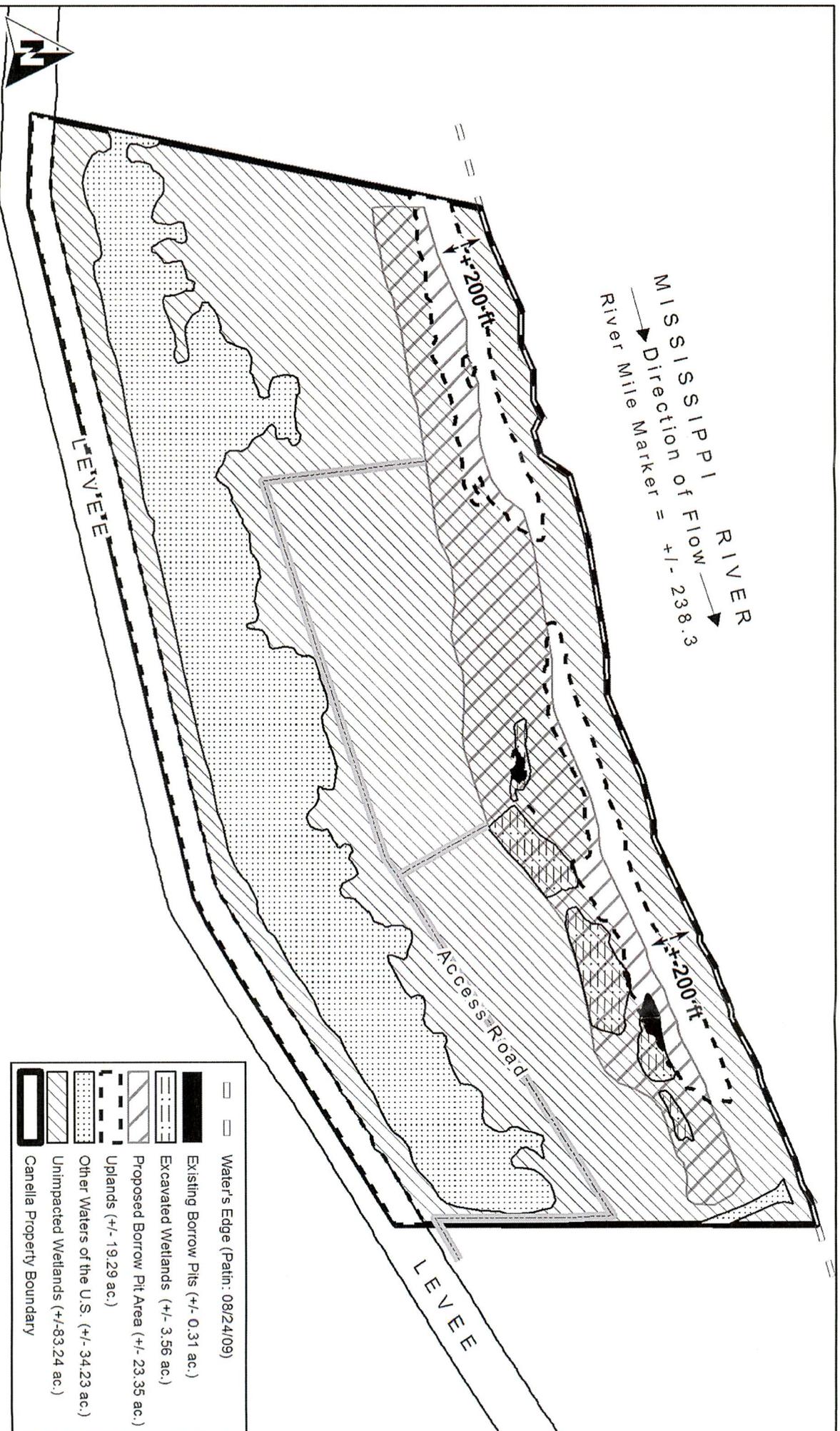
VICINITY MAP

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North River Road Permit

West Baton Rouge Parish, LA
 Permit Application for +/- 148.88 acres
 LOCATION: Sections 28, 29, 30, & 41,
 T-6-S, R-12-E
 PARISH: West Baton Rouge, LA
 APPLICATION BY: Corrent's Trucking
 DATE: July 2014

M I S S I S S I P P I R I V E R
 Direction of Flow →
 River Mile Marker = +/- 238.3



	Waters Edge (Pattn: 08/24/09)
	Existing Borrow Pits (+/- 0.31 ac.)
	Excavated Wetlands (+/- 3.56 ac.)
	Proposed Borrow Pit Area (+/- 23.35 ac.)
	Uplands (+/- 19.29 ac.)
	Other Waters of the U.S. (+/- 34.23 ac.)
	Unimpacted Wetlands (+/- 83.24 ac.)
	Canella Property Boundary

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 MAP BASE: Patin Engineers & Surveyors (08/18/10)
 DATUM: NAD83

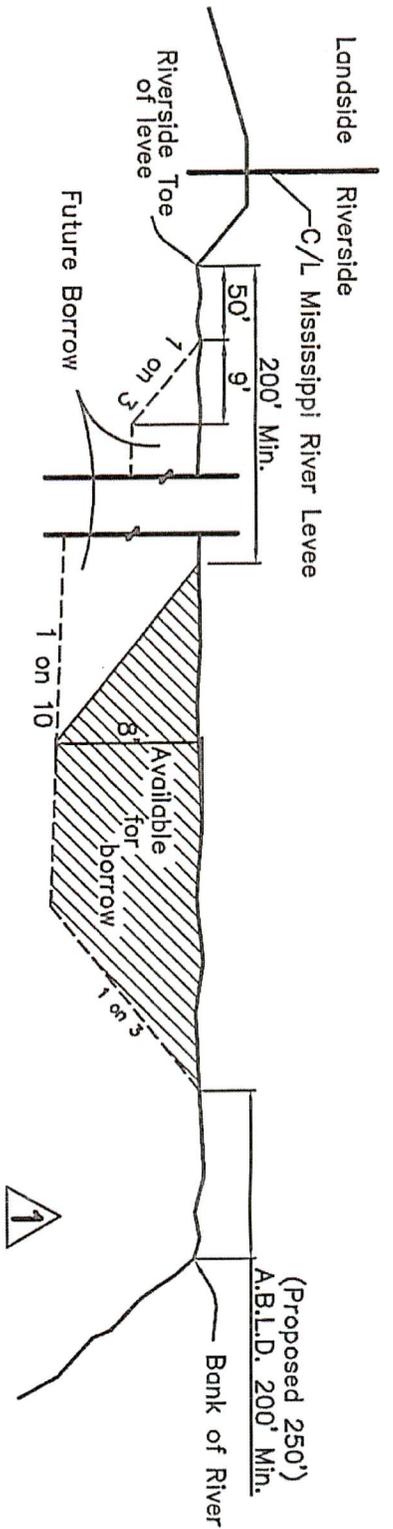


PLAN VIEW

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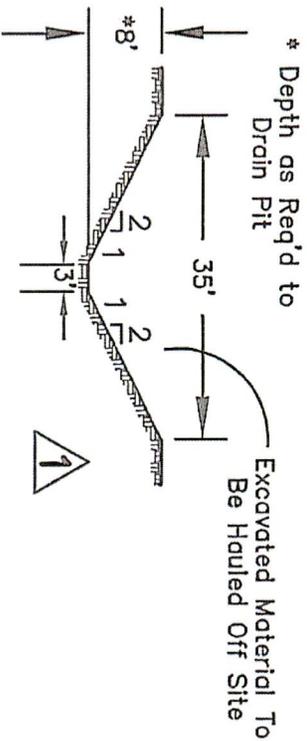
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**LIMITS OF PERMISSIBLE
RIVER SIDE BORROW PITS
DETAIL**

Not to Scale

NOTE: A borrow pit drainage ditch should be excavated thru the river bank. The ditch to have a bottom width of 3 feet and 1 on 2 side slopes. Fill material from ditch is to be hauled off site.



BORROW PIT DRAINAGE DITCH

Note: Above cross section design taken from Patin Engineers & Surveyors Inc., Revised 8/18/2010

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**TYPICAL CROSS
SECTION VIEW**



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