

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 13, 2021

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Attn: Regulatory Division
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Office of Environmental Services
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

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Project Manager: Dirreen Arnold
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Permit Application Number:
MVN-1997-03968-CA

(225) 219-3225
Project Manager: Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number:
WQC-211208-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US 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), **[X]** Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

PROPOSED BULKHEAD, WALKWAY AND DECK **BELLE RIVER, ASSUMPTION PARISH**

NAME OF APPLICANT: SETTOON INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INCORPORATED,
c/o Will Courtney, 37042 Longwood Avenue, Prairieville, Louisiana 70769.

LOCATION OF WORK: Belle River, left descending bank, in Section 27, Township 13 South, Range 12 East, Lot #4, adjacent to 700 Belle River Road, Pierre Part, Louisiana, (29.911677, -91.223056), in Assumption Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings, within Hydrologic Unit Code 08070302, West Central Louisiana Coastal Watershed.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to remove a deteriorating pier in order to install and maintain approximately 107 linear feet of bulkhead, a 24-ft long by 5-ft wide walkway, and a 12-ft by 16-ft deck along the left descending bank of the Belle River. The proposed structures will extend approximately 36 feet channelward where the Belle River's width is approximately 320 feet wide. No excavation is required for the activity. Approximately 238 cubic yards of hauled-in topsoil/dirt will be placed behind the bulkhead on site. No special aquatic sites will be affected by this project and no mitigation is anticipated.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close **20 days** from the date of this 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 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 DIVISION, RG-C, Dirreen Arnold**. 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 Branch 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.

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, pre-historical, 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 project is located within waters known to be occupied by the endangered West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and determined with the inclusion of the Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Activities the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species based on the 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.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction or alteration of 0.007 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.

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.

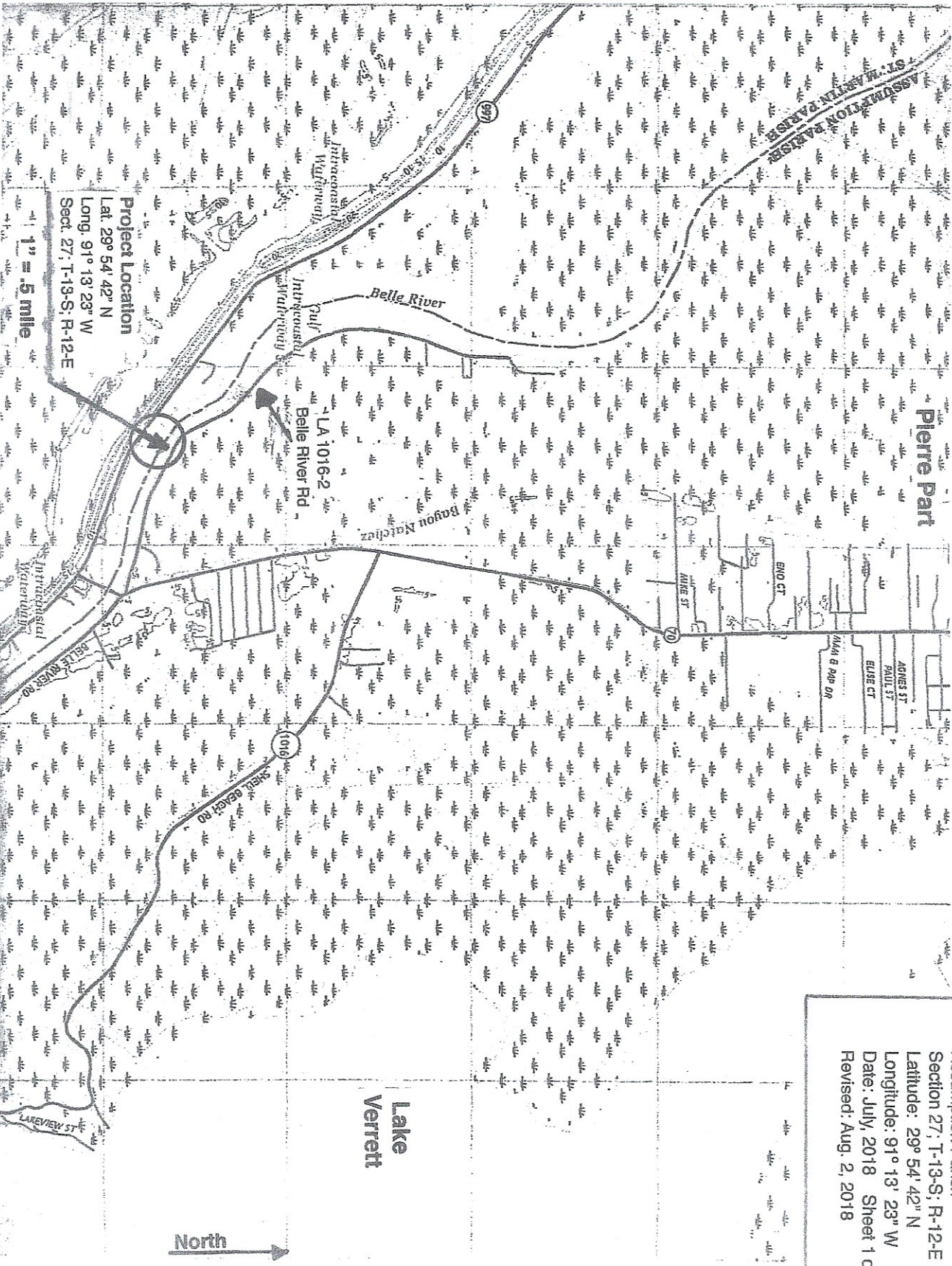
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver 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.

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Branch

Vicinity Map

Bulkhead & Pier
For Settoon Property
Belle River, LA
Assumption Parish
Section 27, T-13-S, R-12-E
Latitude: 29° 54' 42" N
Longitude: 91° 13' 23" W
Date: July, 2018 Sheet 1 of 4
Revised: Aug. 2, 2018



Project Location
Lat. 29° 54' 42" N
Long. 91° 13' 23" W
Sect. 27, T-13-S, R-12-E

1" = 5 miles

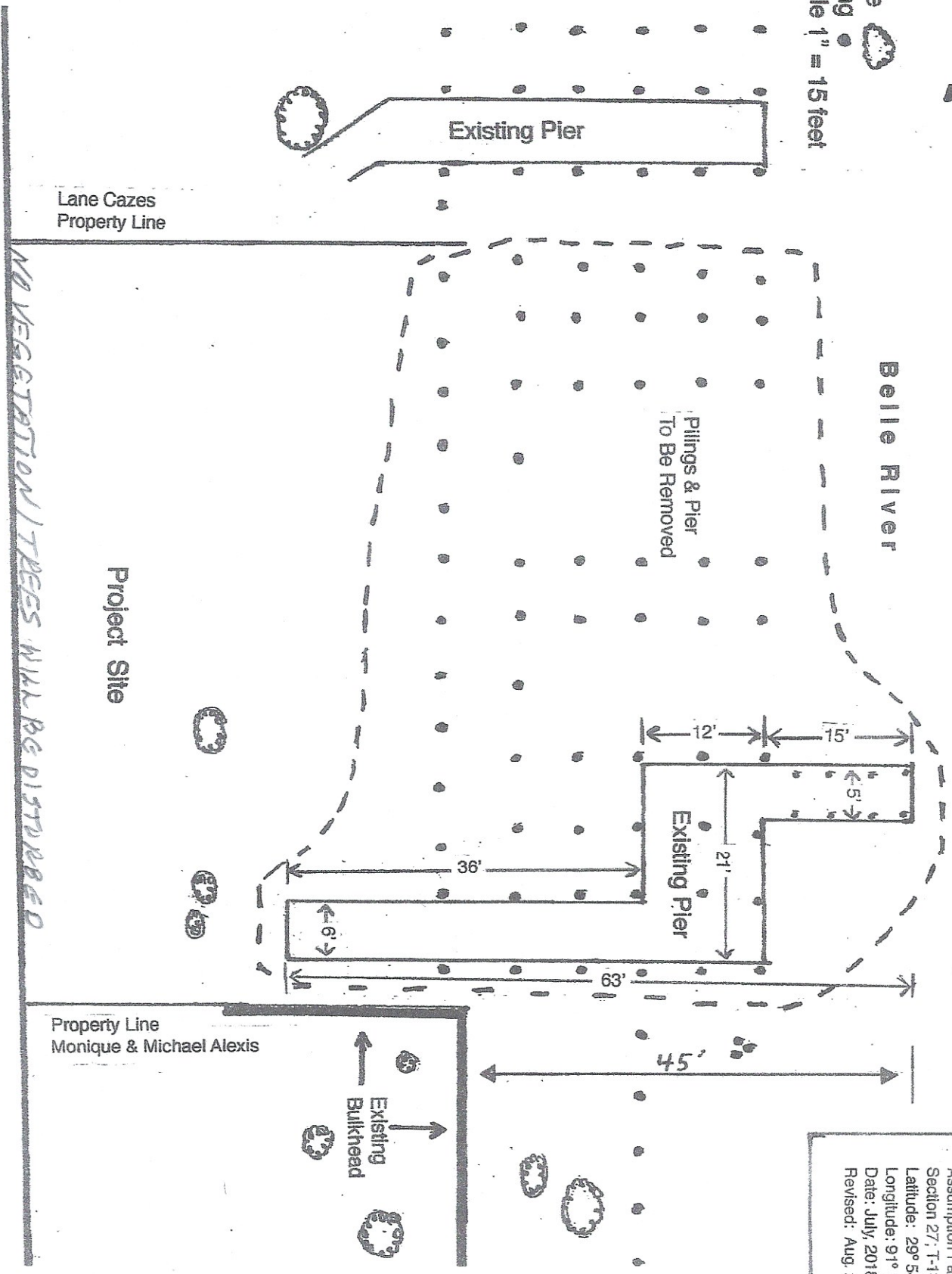


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Tree Piling
Scale 1" = 15 feet




Existing View



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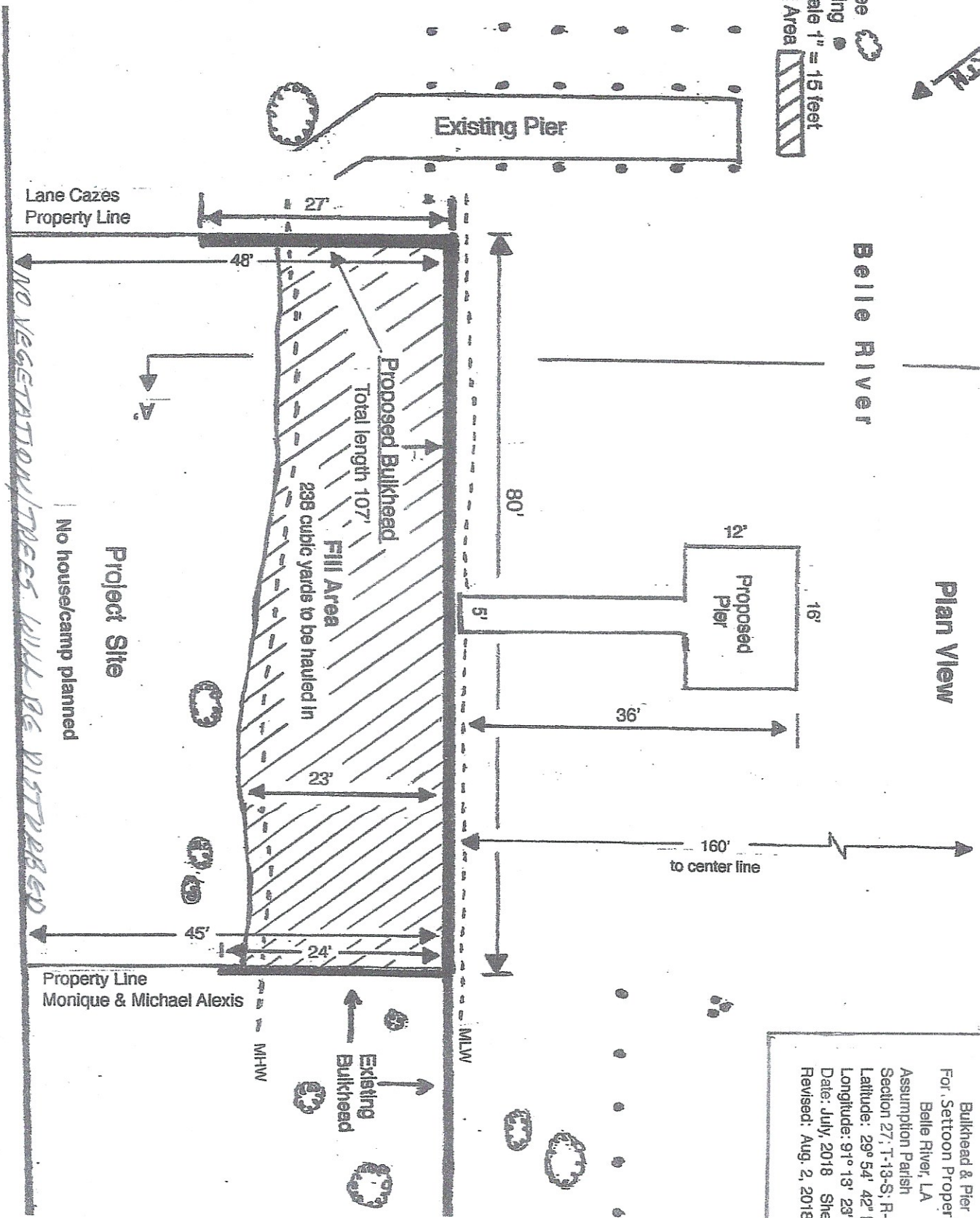
LA 1016-2 — Belle River Road



Tree 
 Piling 
 Scale 1" = 15 feet
 Fill Area 

Belle River

Plan View



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Cross Section A - A'

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Scale 1" = 10'
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