

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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United States Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Regulatory Branch
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

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Project Manager
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WQC Application Number
WQC # 170518-02

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); 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 LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

DREDGING, BULKHEAD, AND FILL FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE HOUMA NAVIGATION CANAL IN TERREBONNE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Chet Morrison Contractors, LLC, c/o Michael Trahan of T. Baker Smith, LLC, PO Box 2266, Houma, LA 70361.

LOCATION OF WORK: In Houma Navigation Canal, Section 104, T17S-R17E, approximately 9 miles southwesterly from Gueydan, Louisiana, in Terrebonne Parish, within the Mississippi River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08090302), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 29.569917 N, Longitude -90.71501 W).

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to construct a bulkhead including dredge and backfill, as well as to clear, grade, and deposit fill and/or aggregate material to construct and maintain a loading and parking lot for equipment and vehicles. Approximately 18,000 cubic yards of dredged material will be utilized as backfill for the bulkhead, and approx. 20,266 cubic yards of earthen material and 9,750 cubic yards of aggregate material will be hauled in and deposited to achieve required grade elevation requirements. Approximately 9.7 acres of wetlands and 2.3 acres of waters of the US would be directly impacted by the proposed project.

The applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts by utilizing best management practices for sediment control and existing roadways for access. Any further reduction would limit usage of the property and, therefore function deeming the project impracticable. As compensation for unavoidable wetland

impacts, the applicant proposes to mitigate in-kind wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **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 US 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 US 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. 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 known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). 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 with the inclusion of the Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Activities, proposed work is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian Manatee.

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 up to 2.3 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.

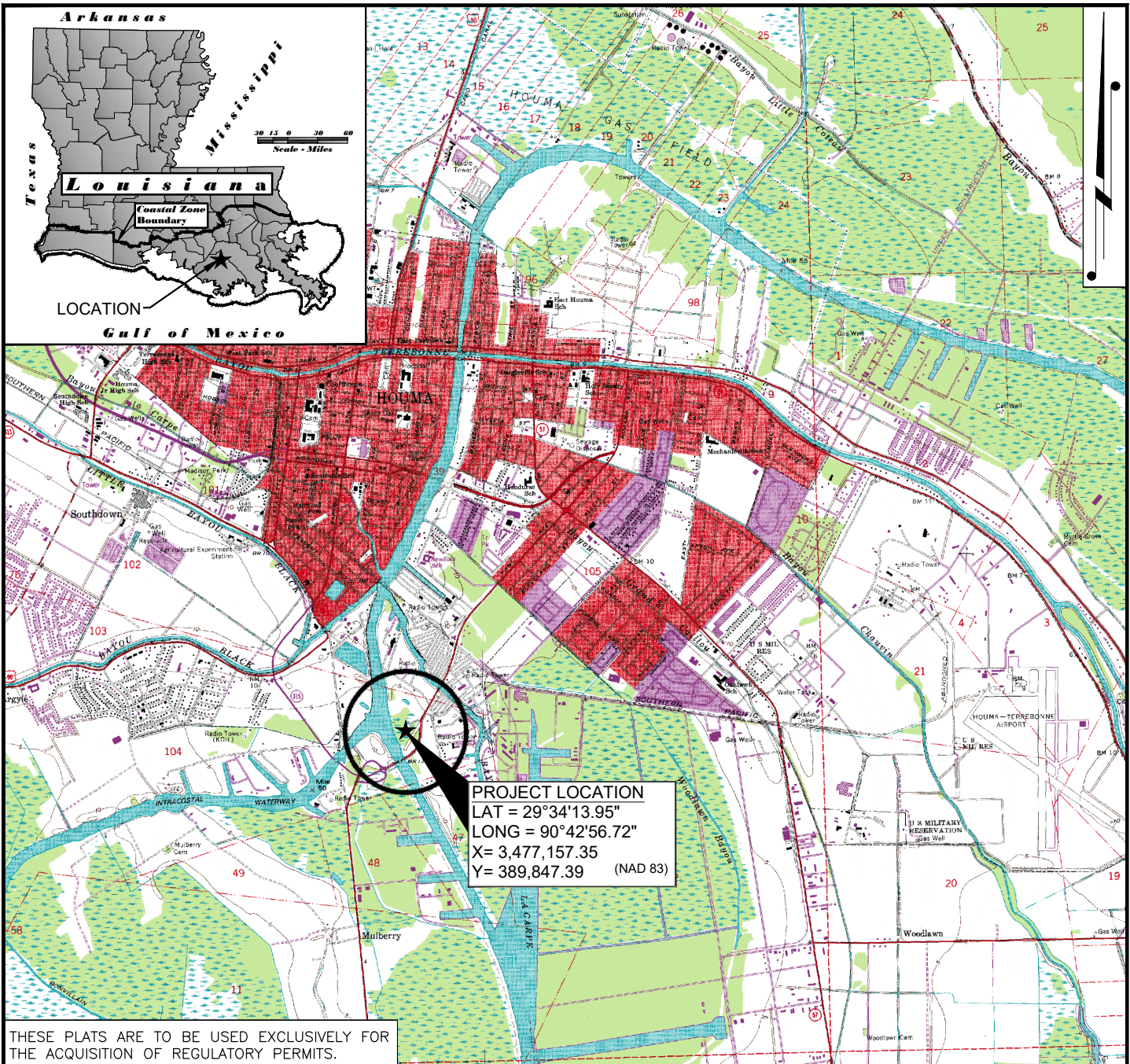
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate 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.

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 (Louisiana Coastal Zone Application P20181261). 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.

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



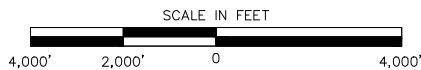
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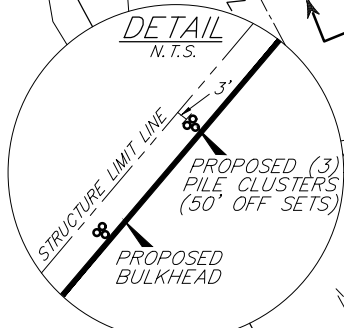
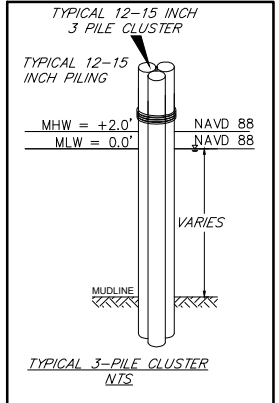
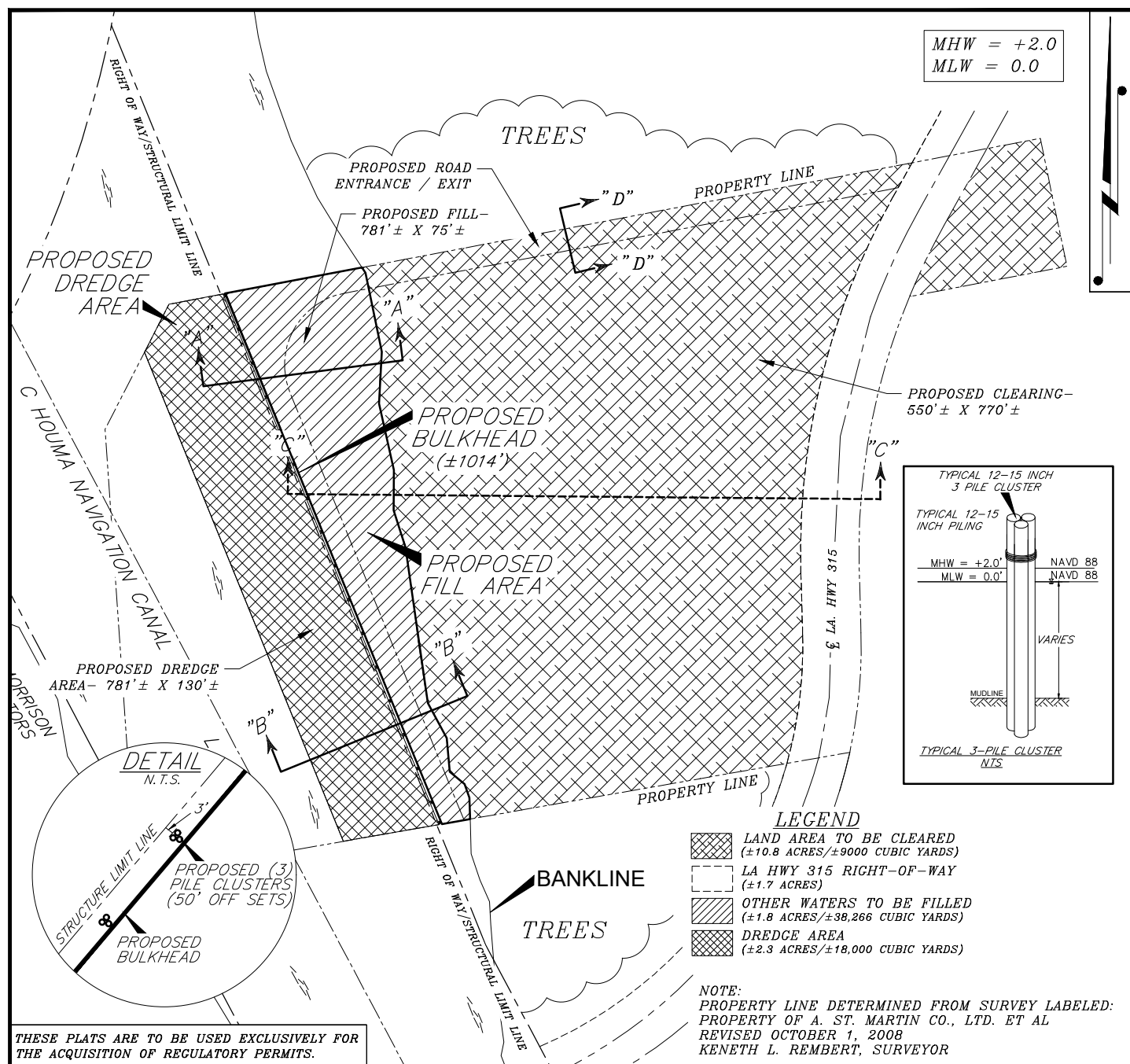
PROPOSED BULKHEAD AND DREDGING
HOUMA NAVIGATIONAL CANAL SITE
LOCATED IN SECTION 104, T17S-R17E
TERREBONNE PARRISH, LOUISIANA



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SCALE:	1" = 4,000'		
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- LEGEND**
- LAND AREA TO BE CLEARED
(±10.8 ACRES/±9000 CUBIC YARDS)
 - LA HWY 315 RIGHT-OF-WAY
(±1.7 ACRES)
 - OTHER WATERS TO BE FILLED
(±1.8 ACRES/±38,266 CUBIC YARDS)
 - DREDGE AREA
(±2.3 ACRES/±18,000 CUBIC YARDS)

NOTE:
PROPERTY LINE DETERMINED FROM SURVEY LABELED:
PROPERTY OF A. ST. MARTIN CO., LTD. ET AL
REVISED OCTOBER 1, 2008
KENETH L. REMBERT, SURVEYOR

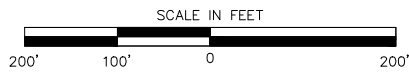
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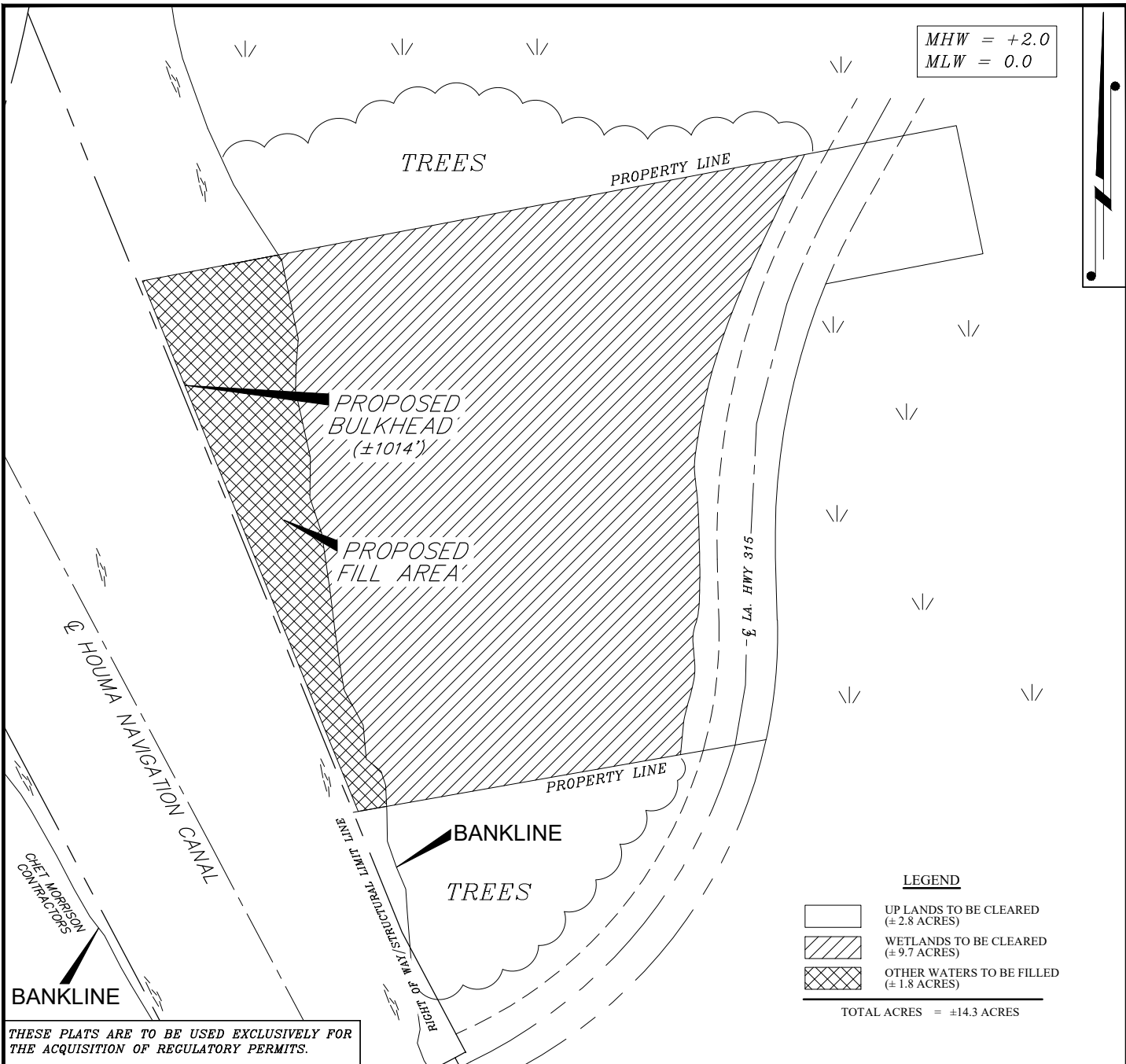
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LEGEND

-  UP LANDS TO BE CLEARED (±2.8 ACRES)
-  WETLANDS TO BE CLEARED (±9.7 ACRES)
-  OTHER WATERS TO BE FILLED (±1.8 ACRES)

TOTAL ACRES = ±14.3 ACRES

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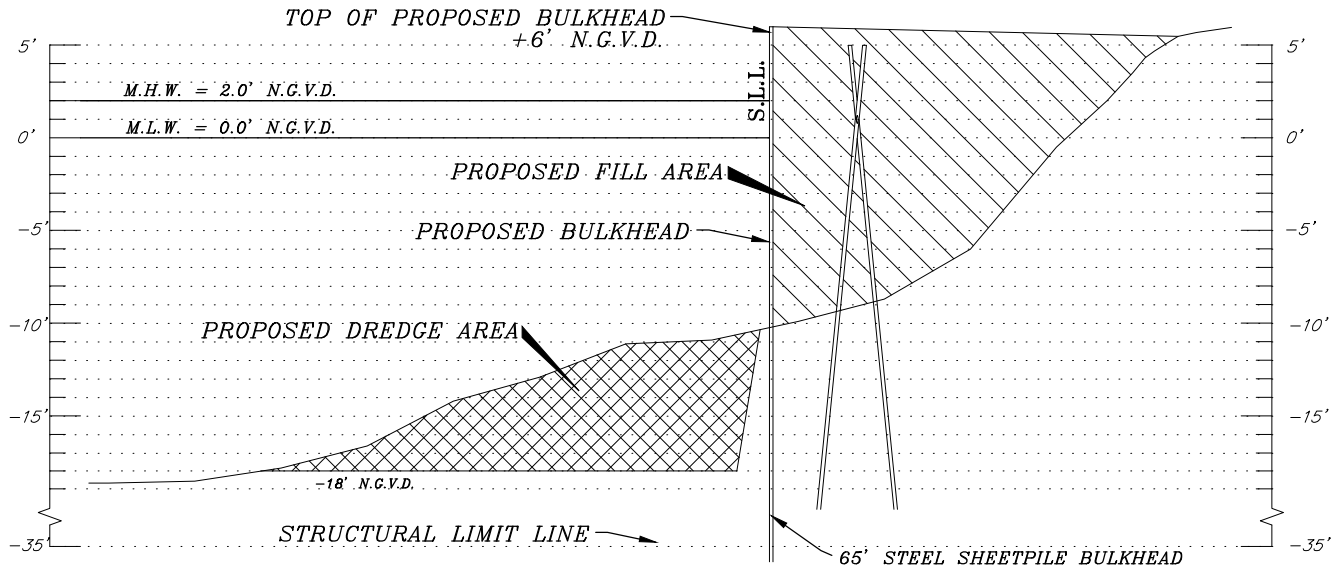
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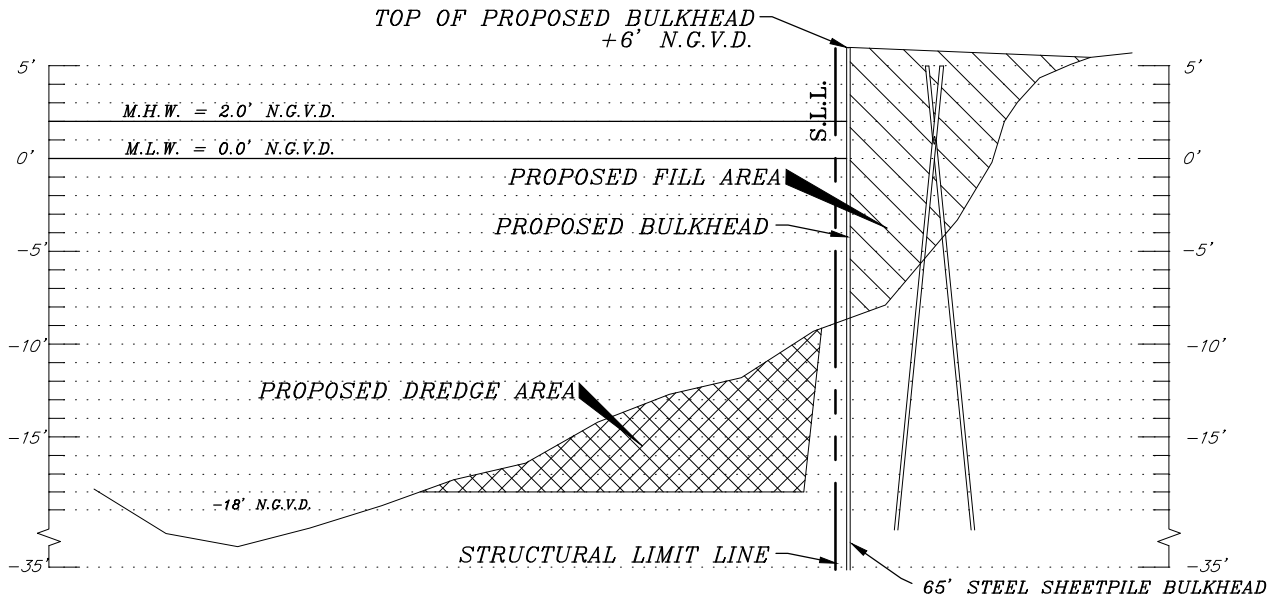


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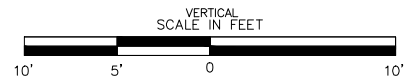
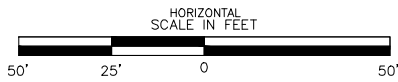
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PROFILE VIEW

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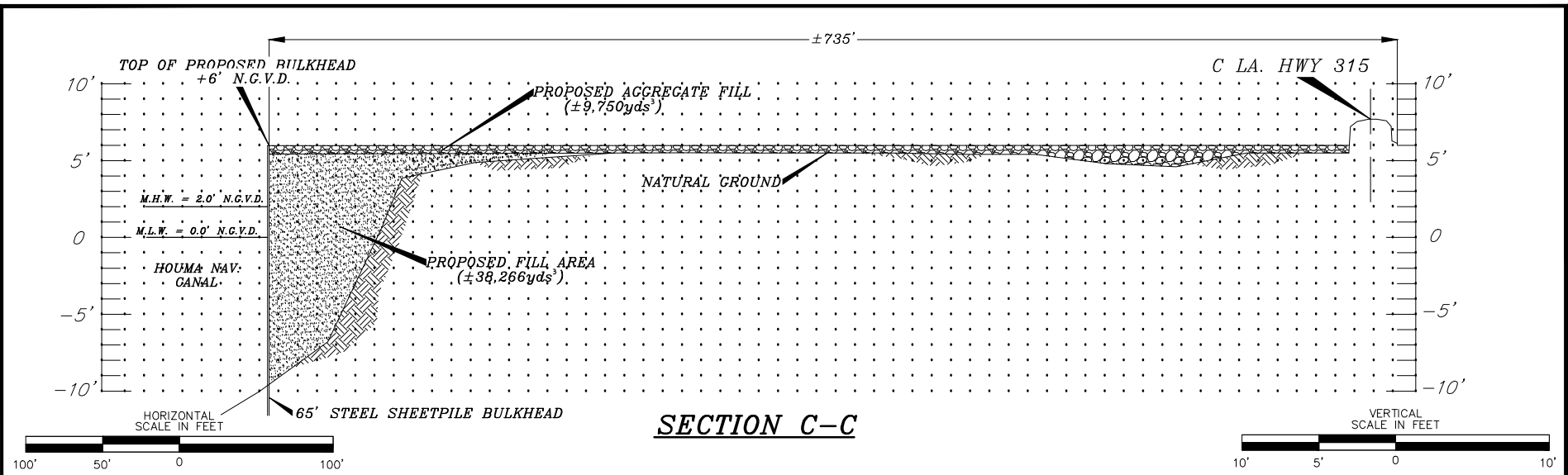
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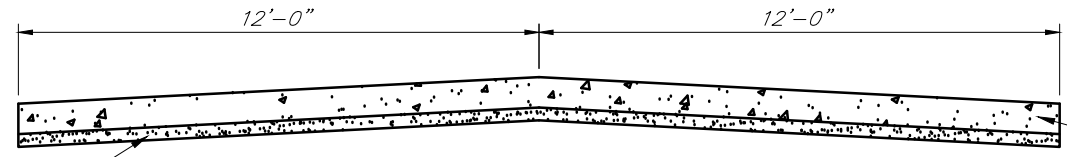


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NOTES:

- 1) APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF BULKHEAD = 1014'
- 2) APPROXIMATELY 18,000 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL TO BE EXCAVATED BY BUCKET DREDGE & TO BE PLACED AS FILL BEHIND BULKHEAD.
- 3) AN ADDITIONAL 20,266± CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL WILL BE TRUCKED IN TO BE PLACED AS FILL BEHIND BULKHEAD.
- 4) APPROXIMATELY 9,750± CUBIC YARDS OF AGGREGATE MATERIAL WILL BE TRUCKED IN TO BE PLACED AS FILL.
- 5) AS-BUILT DRAWINGS SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION POST OFFICE BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804 AND OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION, POST OFFICE BOX 44487, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804.
- 6) ALL STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, WELLS AND PIPELINES/FLOWLINES OCCURRING IN OPEN WATER AREAS, OR IN OILFIELD CANALS, OR SLIPS SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE, UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL TO LEAVE SUCH STRUCTURES IN PLACE IS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED.
- 7) ALL STRUCTURES WILL BE MARKED AND LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.
- 8) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITEE SHALL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA ONE CALL SYSTEM (1-800-272-3020) A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXCAVATION (DIGGING, DREDGING, JETTING, ETC.) OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY.

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