

PUBLIC NOTICE

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United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
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Permit Application Number: MVN-2014-02616-CA

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 BOAT SLIP, DECK, PIER, AMITE RIVER **ASCENSION PARISH**

NAME OF APPLICANT: GORDON SALBADOR, 43359 Riverside Drive, Prairieville, Louisiana 70769

LOCATION OF WORK: Amite River, right descending bank, Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 3 East, located at 43359 Riverside Drive, Prairieville, Louisiana, (30.343263, -90.875922), in Ascension Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings, within Hydrologic Unit Code 08070202, Lower Mississippi – Lake Maurepas Watershed.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to install and maintain a covered boat slip measuring 36-ft long by 36-ft wide along the right descending bank of the Amite River, impacting approximately 0.03-acre waterbottom habitat, and to install and maintain a 160-ft long by 6-ft wide walkway over wetland habitat for access. The covered boat slip will extend approximately 36 feet channel-ward where the Amite River's width is approximately 300 feet wide. Approximately 20 cubic yards of native material will be redistributed over a 160-ft long by 50-ft wide swale area, temporarily impacting approximately 0.18-acre of wetland habitat. No permanent impacts to vegetated wetlands are expected, 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 preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or 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.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

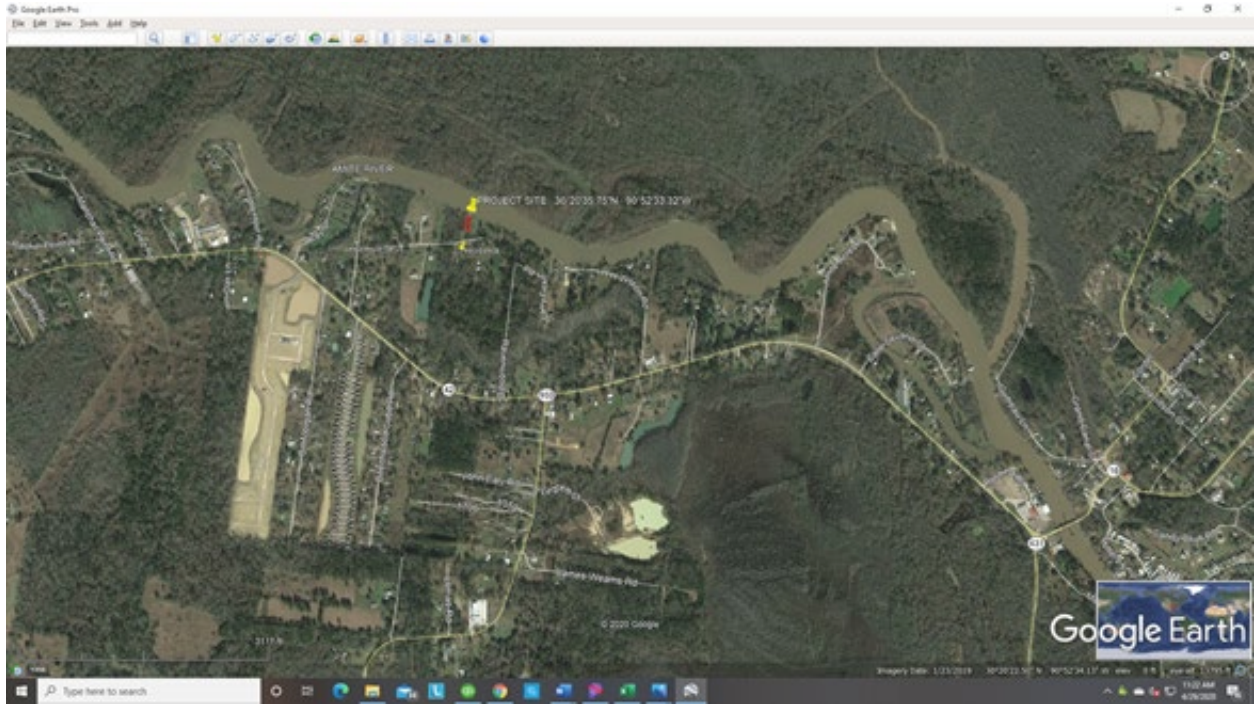
Utilizing the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC), dated January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed project is located within 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.

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 0.03 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 Louisiana 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 Branch



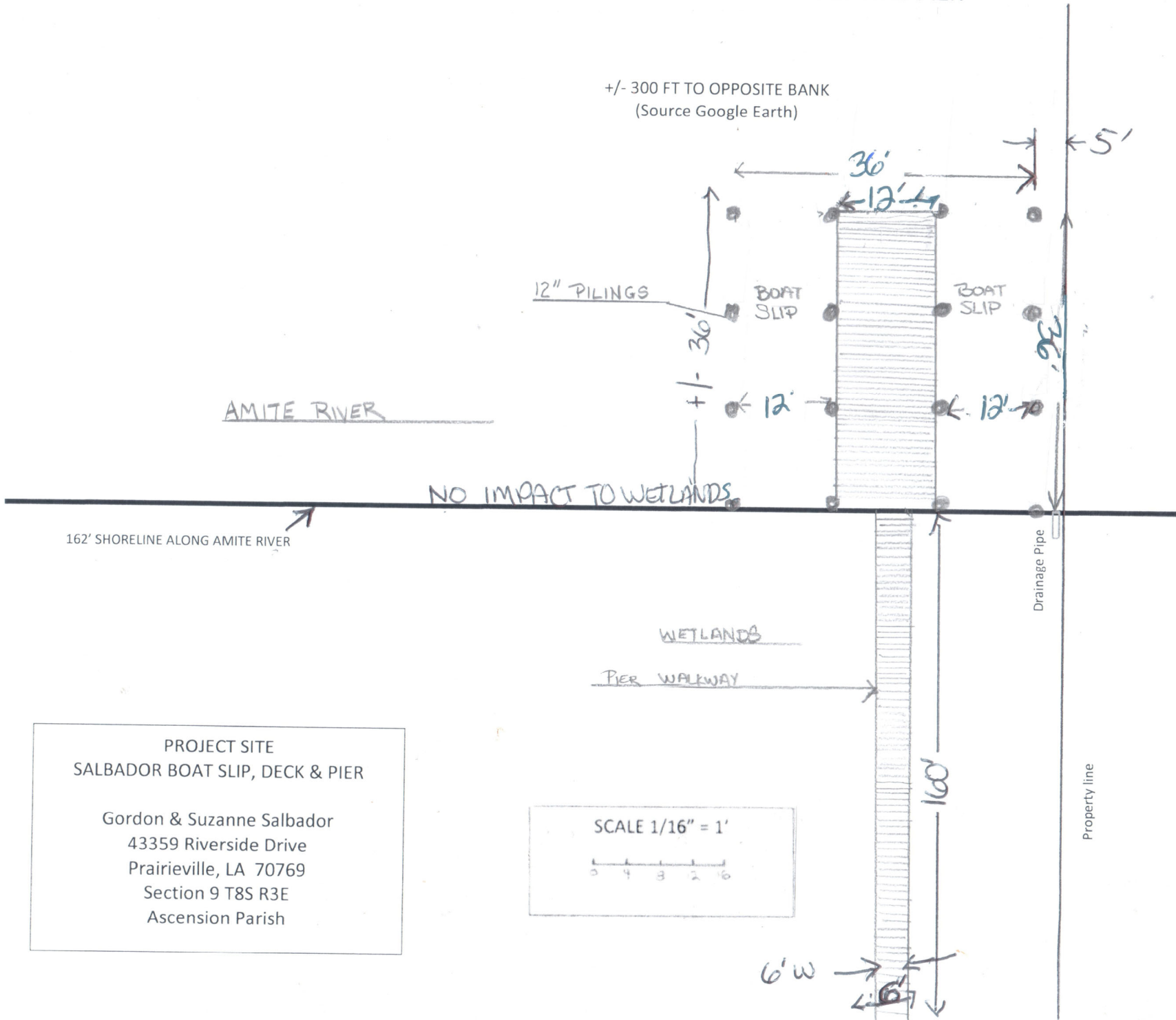
PLAN VIEW 1- PROPOSED BOAT SLIP AND PIER

+/- 300 FT TO OPPOSITE BANK
(Source Google Earth)

N 30 20'35.75"
W 90 52'33.32"
(coordinates
obtained from
Google Earth)

Materials used for
construction:
treated piles and
lumber
12" Pilings for deck
and boat slips/sheds
2" x 8" stringers
2" x 6" deck boards
Galvanized screws
and hurricane clips

Piles to be installed
from river's edge by
boat with vibrator
hammer. Piles for
walkway hand
driven.



162' SHORELINE ALONG AMITE RIVER

NO IMPACT TO WETLANDS

WETLANDS

PIER WALKWAY

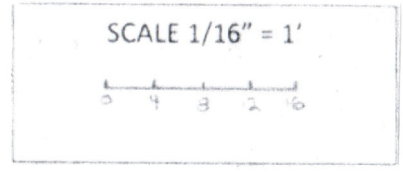
Drainage Pipe

Property line

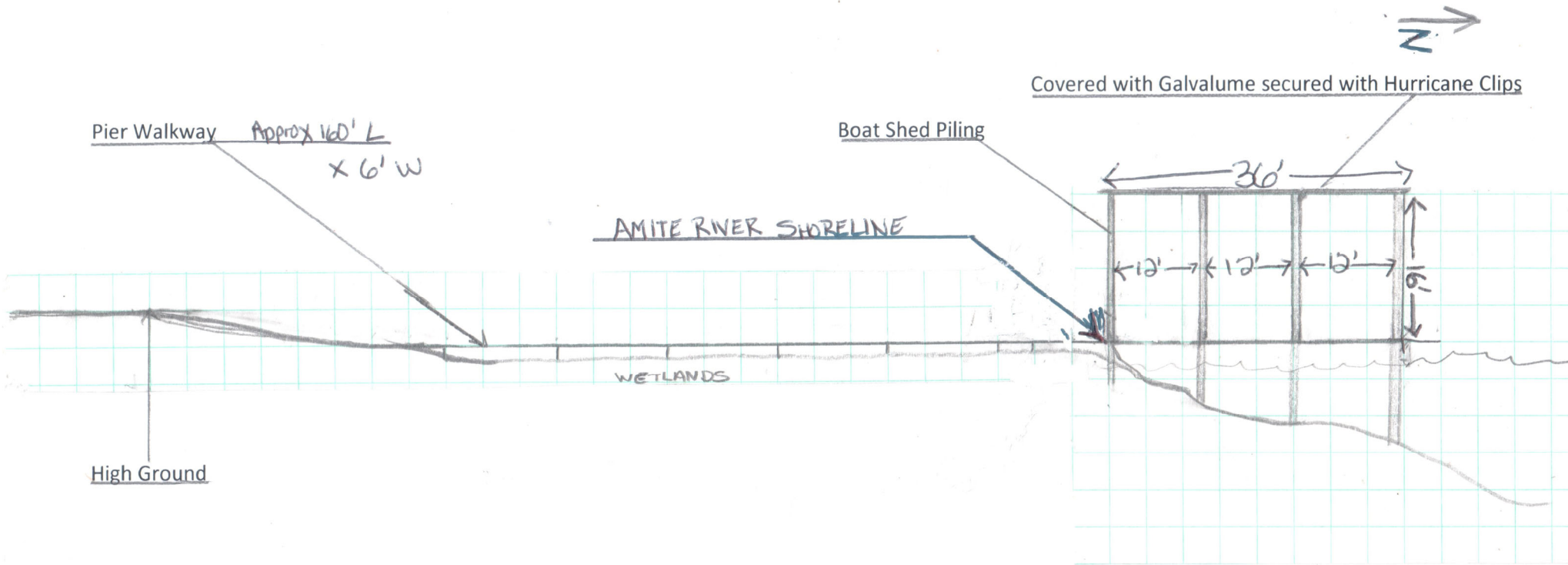


PROJECT SITE
SALBADOR BOAT SLIP, DECK & PIER

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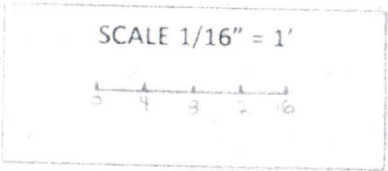
PLAN VIEW 2 CROSS SECTION – PROPOSED BOAT SLIP AND PIER



High Ground

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Water Bottom
 MWL +/- 2
 MWH +/- 3.5

NOTE: Proposed Boat Slip location does not require any excavation.