

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

March 29, 2021

United States Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
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Application # MVN-2019-00052-WLL

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).

The application has also been mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statute 30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-17).

MAINTENANCE DREDGING IN CATAHOULA LAKE AND SPOIL PLACEMENT IN

ST. MARTIN PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: St. Martin Parish Government, PO Box 9, St. Martinville, LA 70582.

LOCATION OF WORK: The work is to take place in Catahoula Lake at Bayou Berard in Section 36 Township 9-S, Range 7-E, (30 12 57.2, 91 42 23.6) in the City of Catahoula in the Parish of St. Martin, LA.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested a Department of the Army (DA) authorization to hydraulically dredge sediment buildup in Catahoula Lake. The lake will be dredged to an elevation of -8 for approximately 2,500' at varying widths. The 64,500 cubic yards of dredged material will be pumped to a containment area which is approximately 30 acres of sugarcane field. A containment dike will be constructed using earthen fill material adjacent to the dike. Post consolidation drainage ditches will be cut at approximately 100-foot intervals and will be sloped in a manner to allow proper drainage. Existing drainage ditches surrounding the spoil disposal area will convey effluent back to Catahoula Lake.

As proposed, the project is anticipated to permanently impact 0.49 of an acre of PEM wetlands due to the placement of fill.

The applicant proposes to offset unavoidable wetland impacts by purchasing mitigation credits from a Corps-approved mitigation bank within the New Orleans District, if a DA permit is warranted.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit 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 must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Comments concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be emailed to the USACE project manager listed above, or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. 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 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. Copies of this public notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Based on the **Information & Planning Consultation** for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC), as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the proposed project was evaluated under the determination key on March 8, 2021 and it has been determined that the proposed project will “No Effect” on any known Threatened or Endangered 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, alteration or disturbance of **N/A** 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.

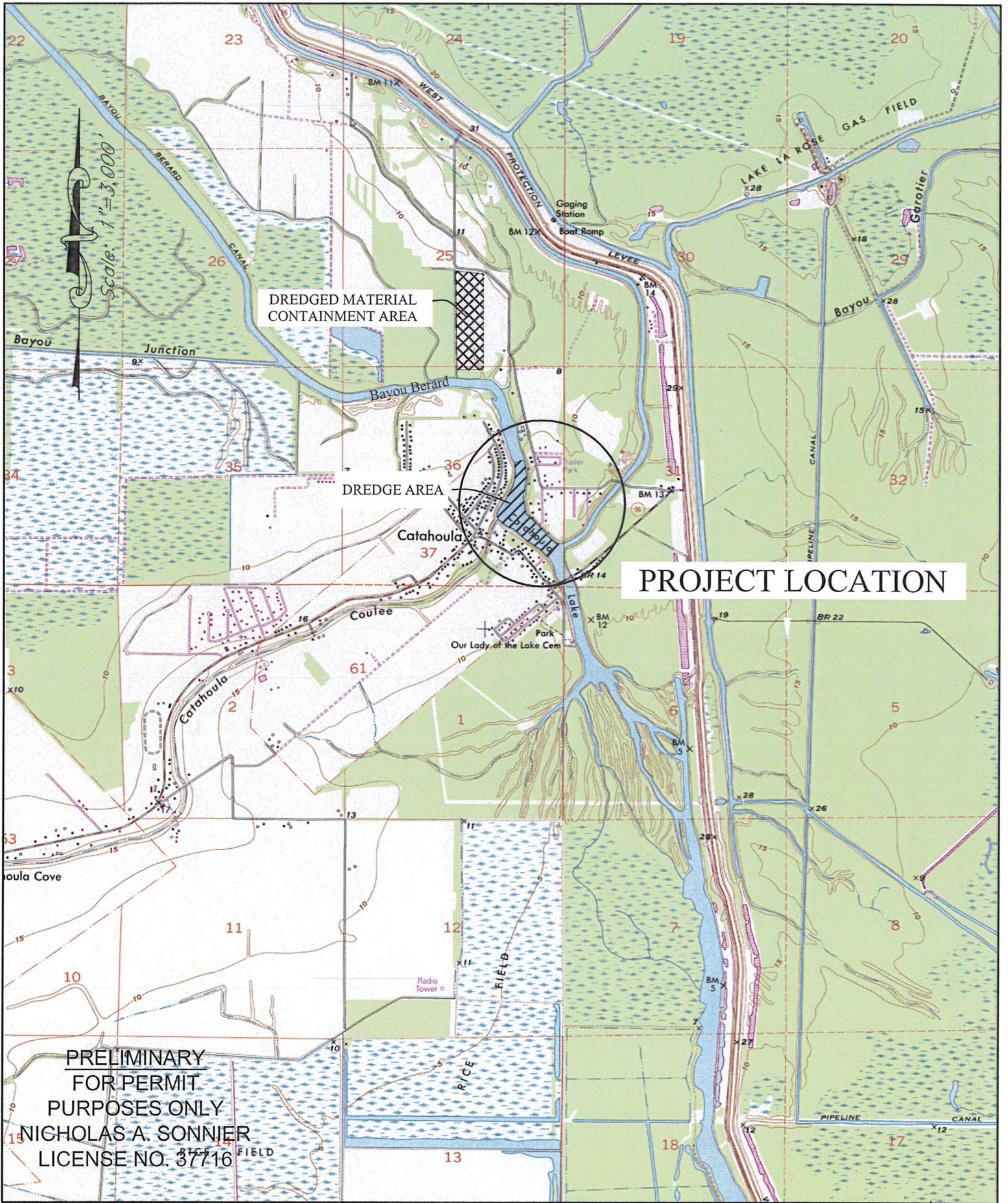
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

Enclosure



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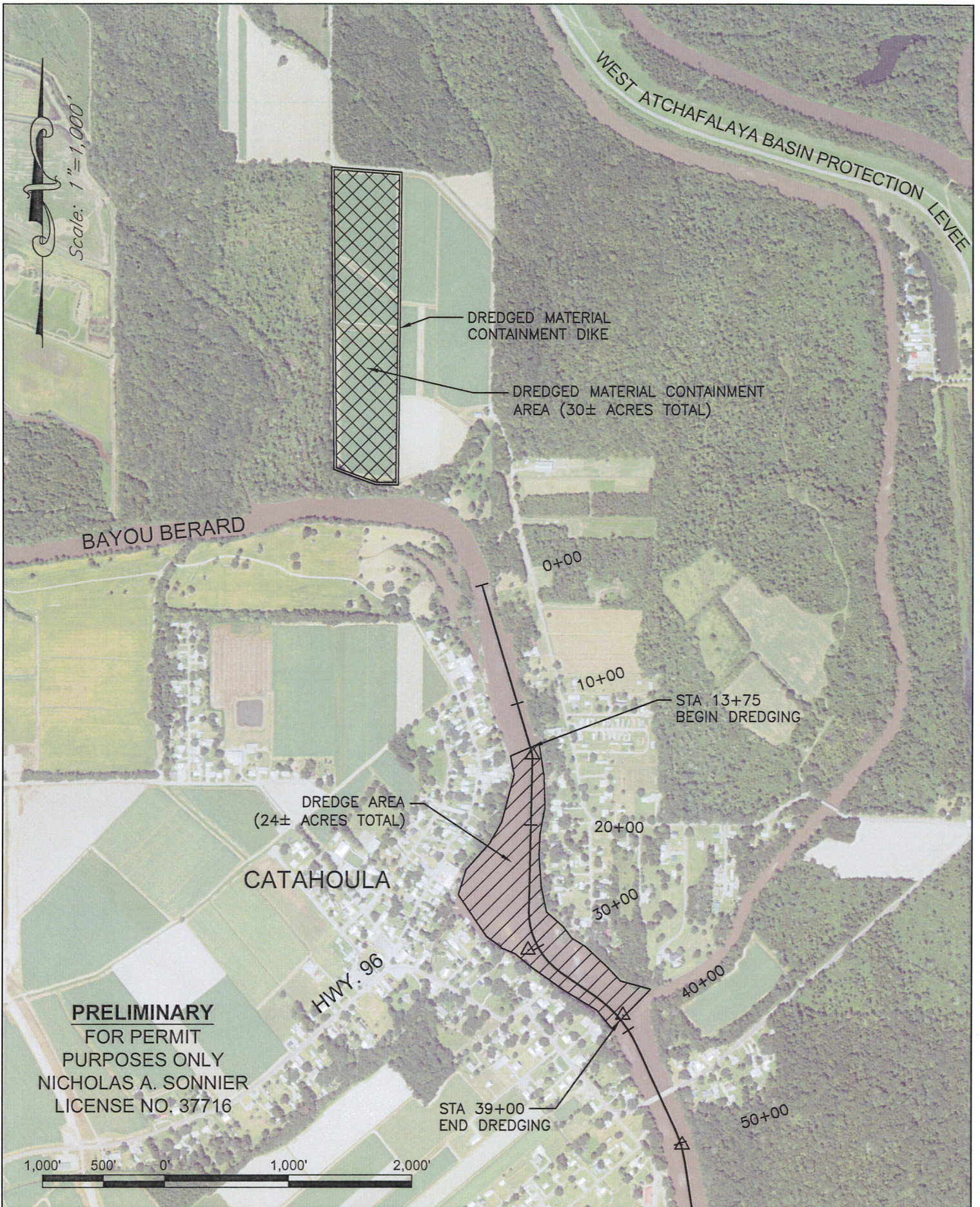
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CATAHOULA LAKE
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
VICINITY MAP

CLIENT	ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT
PROJECT	CATAHOULA LAKE IMPROVEMENTS
LOCATION	ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA



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**CATAHOULA LAKE
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OVERALL PROJECT LAYOUT

CLIENT	ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT
PROJECT	CATAHOULA LAKE IMPROVEMENTS
LOCATION	ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA

SHEET	2
OF	5



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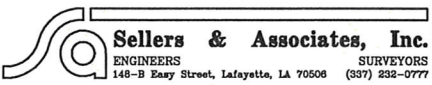
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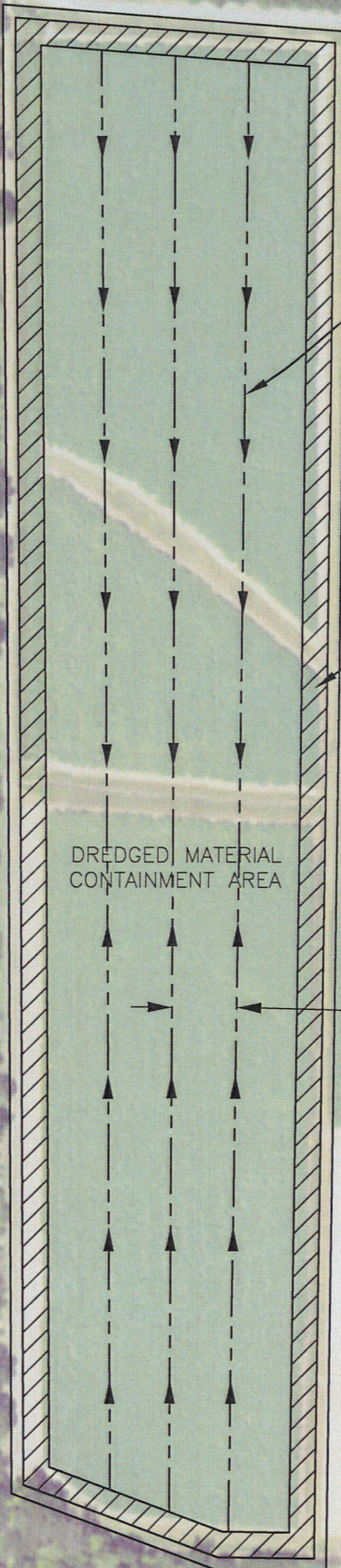
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DREDGE AREA PLAN VIEW

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SHEET
 3
 OF
 5

Scale: 1"=300'



REQ'D POST CONSOLIDATION DRAINAGE DITCH (SEE SHEET 5 FOR TYPICAL SECTION)

REQ'D CONTAINMENT DIKE CROWN EL=9.0± (SEE SHEET 5 FOR TYPICAL SECTION)

DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT AREA

100' (TYP.)

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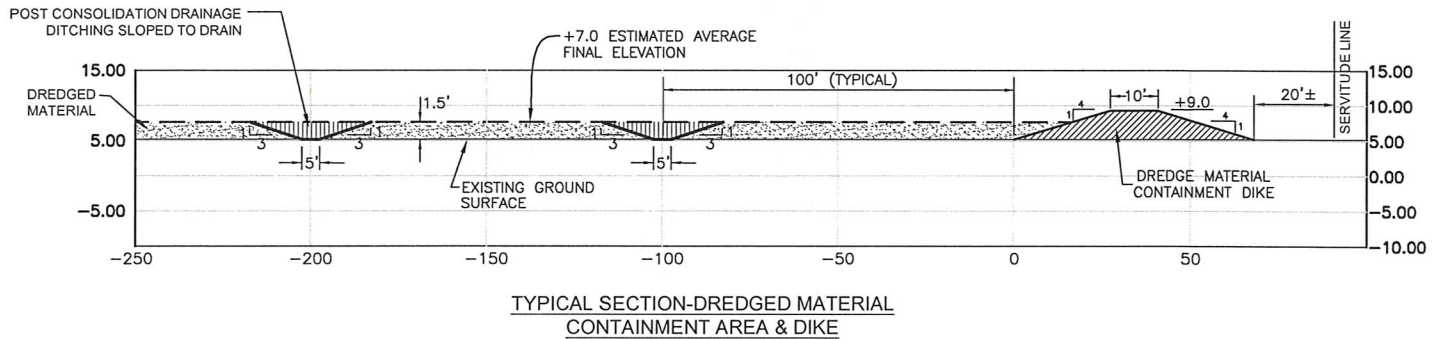
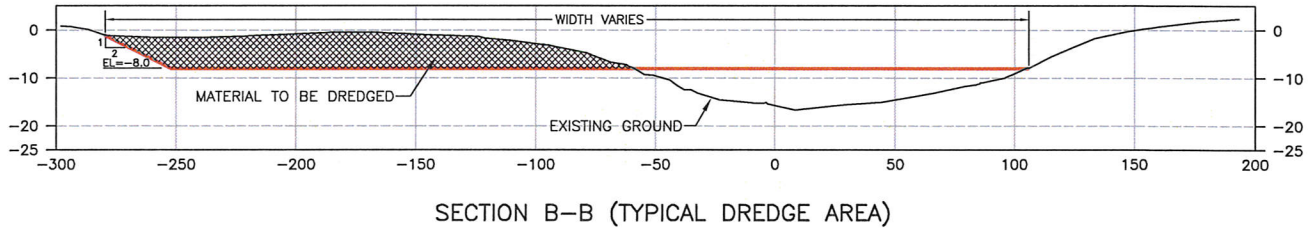
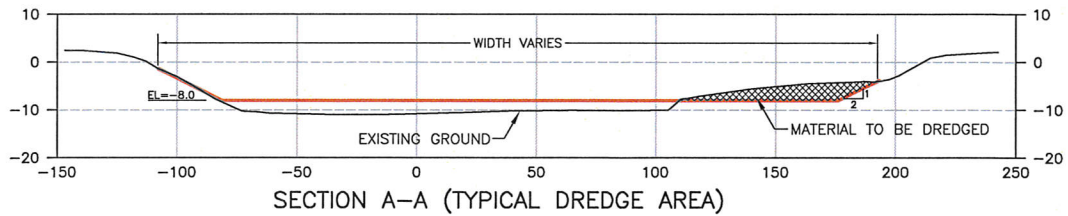
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CONTAINMENT AREA PLAN VIEW

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PROJECT	CATAHOULA LAKE IMPROVEMENTS	OF	5
LOCATION	ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA		



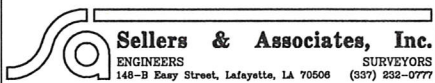
NOTE:
CONTAINMENT DIKE MATERIAL TO BE TAKEN FROM INSIDE
THE CONTAINMENT AREA USING PAN SCRAPERS.

GENERAL NOTES:

1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NAVIGATING FROM A NAVIGABLE WATER BODY TO THE PROJECT AREA. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NAVIGATING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PROJECT PLAN AREA AND DREDGING ONLY WITHIN THE LIMITS SHOWN IN THESE CONSTRUCTION PLANS. THE FIELD ENGINEER OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE SHALL MONITOR THE EQUIPMENT LOCATION DURING CONSTRUCTION.
2. THE CONTRACTOR MUST CALL LOUISIANA ONE CALL AT (800) 272-3020 AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO MOBILIZATION.

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TYPICAL SECTIONS

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