

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

September 2, 2019

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

State of Louisiana  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Attn: Office of Environmental Services  
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WQC Application Number:  
WQC-190819-01

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); 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.

## **PROPOSED BULKHEAD, BACKFILL AND BOAT HOUSE PRIVATE CANAL OFF AMITE RIVER, ASCENSION PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** OSCAR WOOD, 45270 Marina Drive, Prairieville, Louisiana 70769.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Private Canal, off the Amite River, Cypress Cove Estates, Lot 10, located at 45270 Marina Drive, Prairieville, Louisiana, (30.327013, -90.847488), in Ascension Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings, within Hydrologic Unit Code 08070202, Lower Mississippi – Lake Maurepas, Louisiana.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to dredge waters of a private canal, off the Amite River, install and maintain approximately 84 linear feet of bulkhead, place approximately 59 cubic yards of excavated material behind the bulkhead for stabilization, install and maintain 15-ft x 11-ft deck and install pilings to create a covered boat house. The structure will extend approximately 13 feet channelward where the private canal's width is approximately 41 feet wide. No impacts to jurisdictional wetlands will occur with the proposed activity.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC 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 and/or this WQC request and must be submitted 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 forwarded 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, faxing, 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, 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, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior. 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, the Corps has determined that with the inclusion of the Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Activities, the 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 may result in the destruction or alteration of 0.064 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.

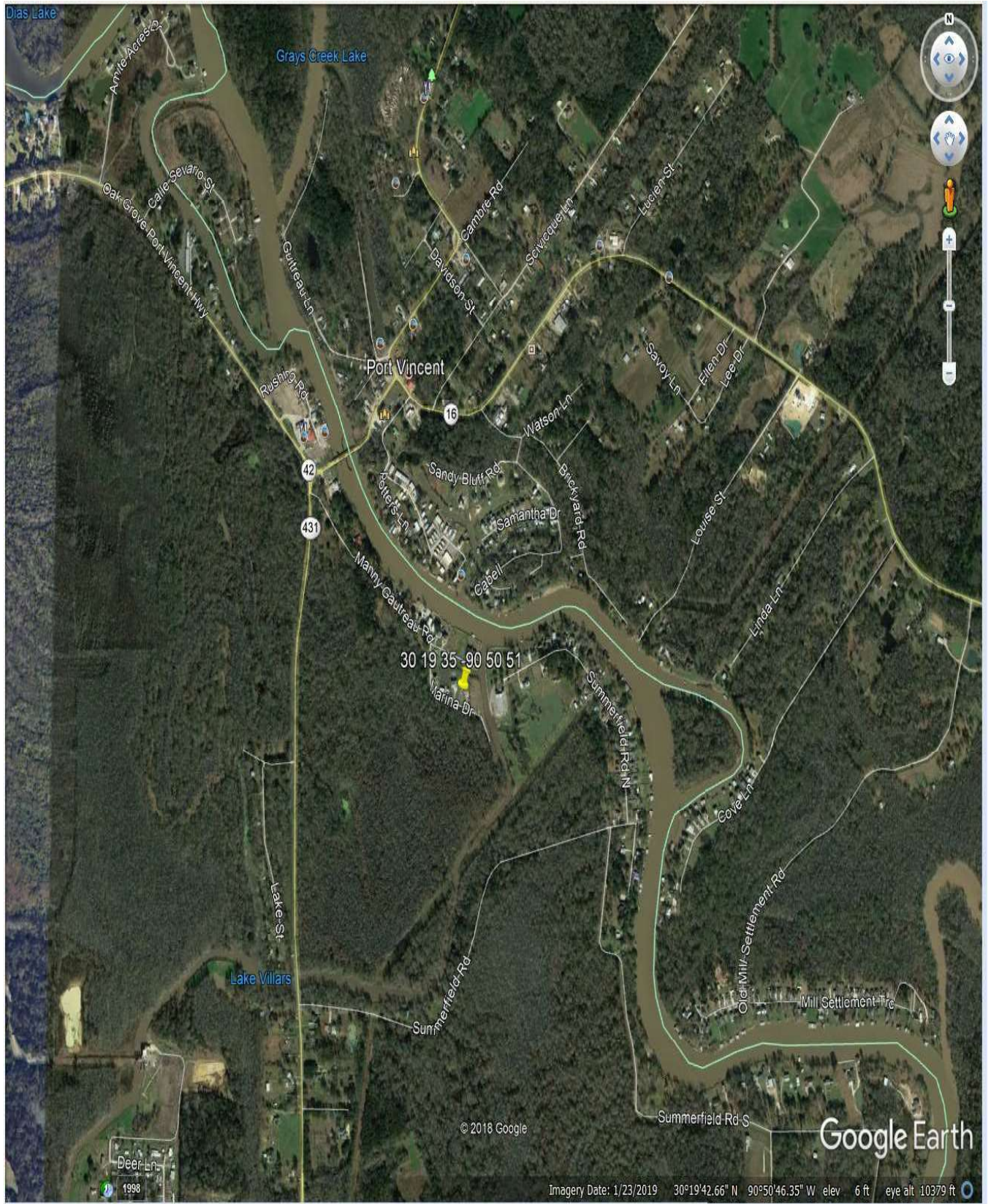
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

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.

JOHN M. HERMAN  
Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure









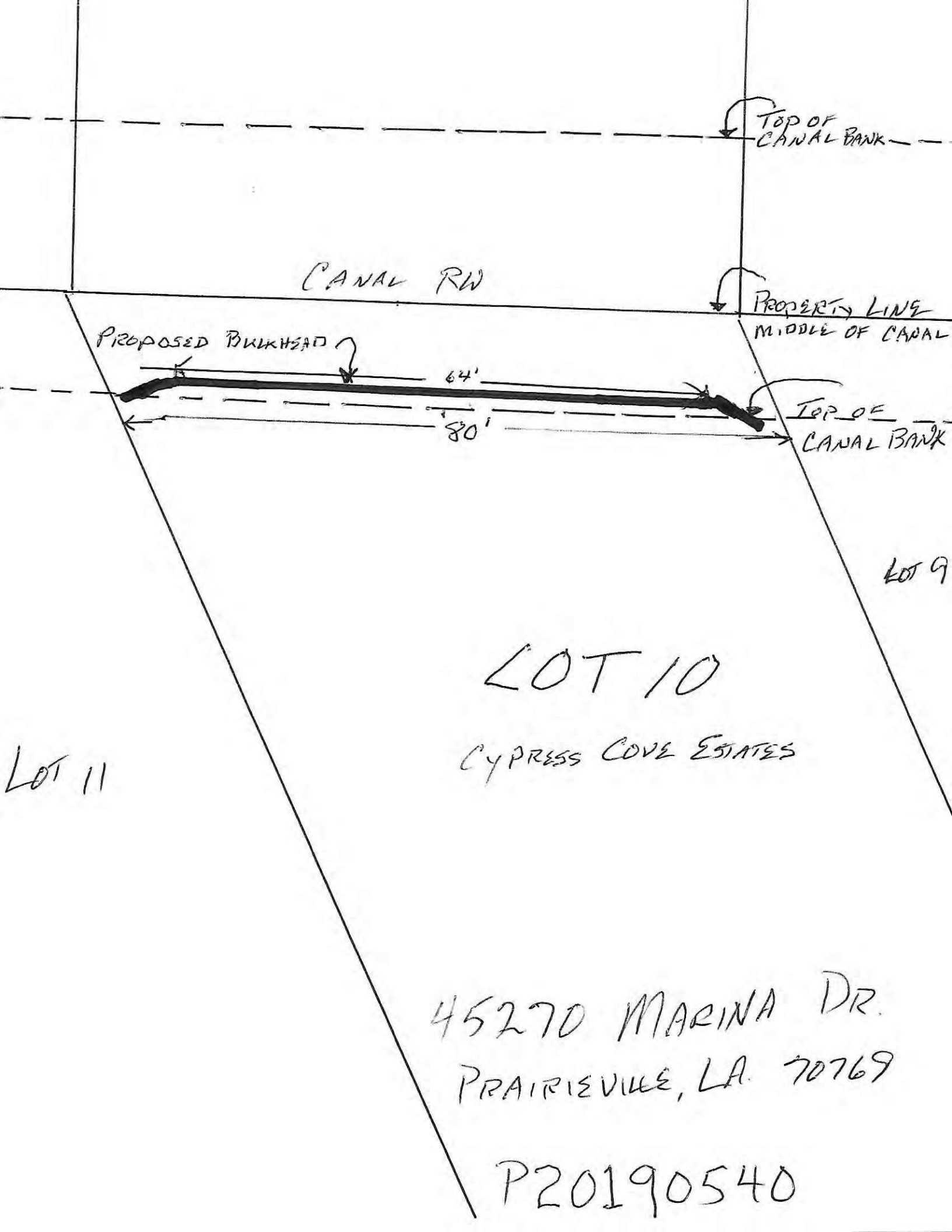
Bulkhead + Boat house

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TOP OF  
CANAL BANK

CANAL RW

PROPOSED BULKHEAD

64'

80'

PROPERTY LINE  
MIDDLE OF CANAL

TOP OF  
CANAL BANK

LOT 9

LOT 10

CYPRESS COVE ESTATES

LOT 11

45270 MARINA DR.  
PRAIRIEVILLE, LA. 70769

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Lot 10 30x19 45270 MARINA DR.

TOP OF BANK

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Deck

BACKHEAD

BACKHEAD

30'

PRIVATE

CANAL

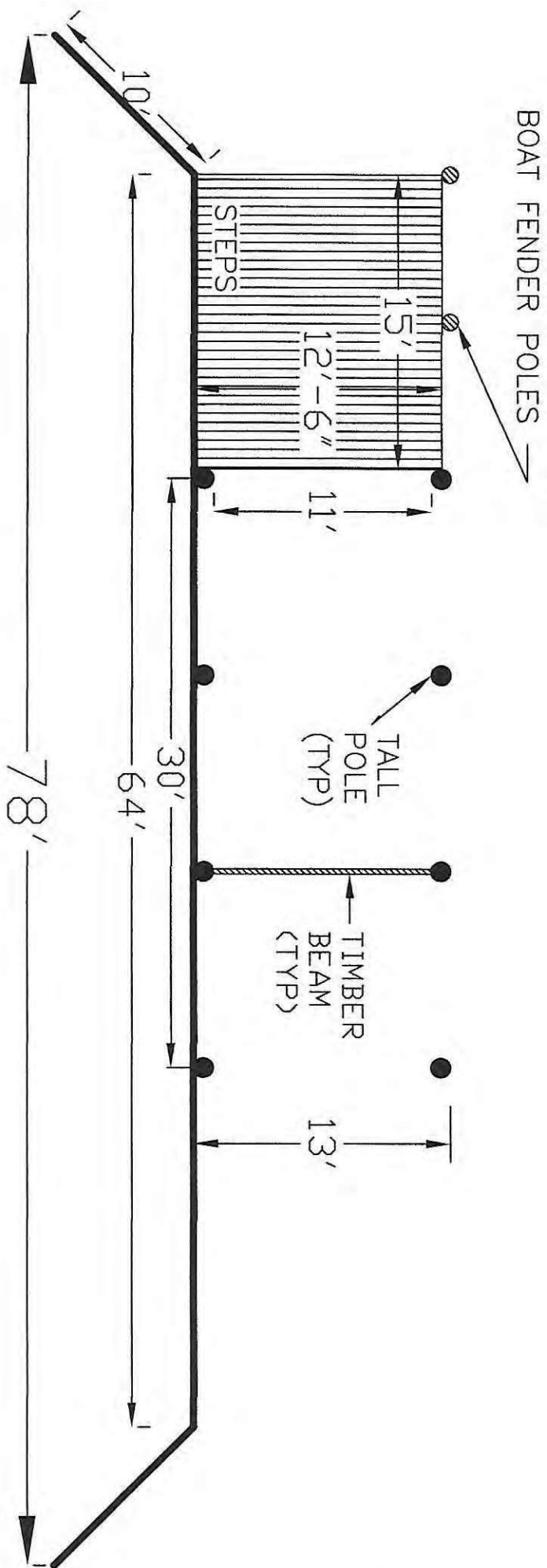
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West

SIDE VIEW

North





# Lobell's Waterfront Construction

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Hunt: 985-507-8811

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# MISS LINDA & DENT WOOD

45262 Marina Dr

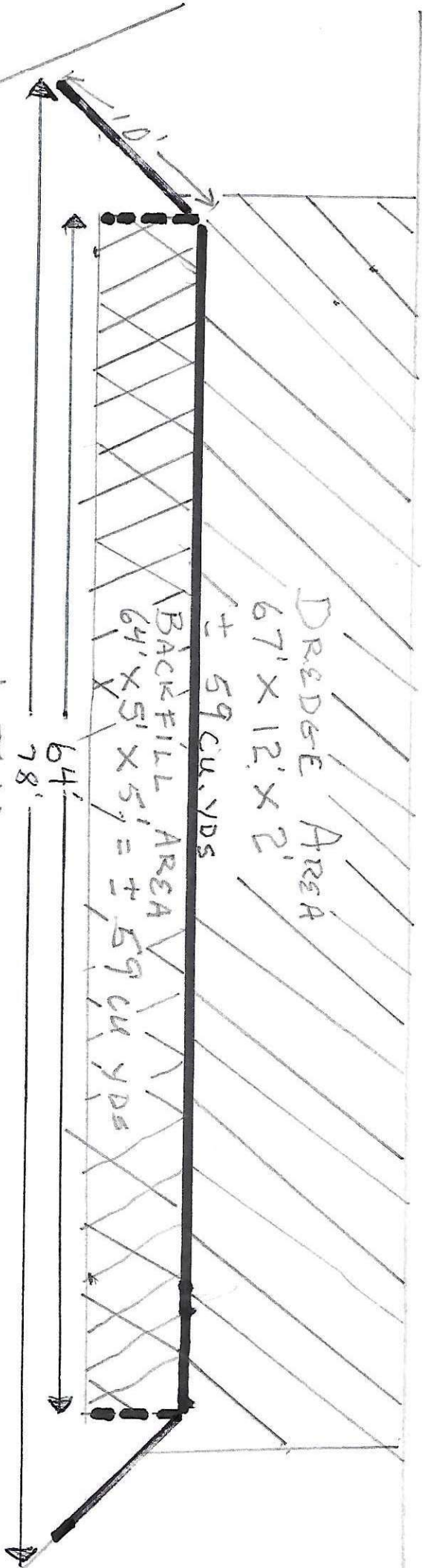
Prairieville

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PROPOSED BULKHEAD  
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PROPERTY LINE LOT 10

MIDDLE OF PRIVATE CANAL



LOT 10

45270 MARINA DR.  
PRAIRIEVILLE, LA. 70769

LOT 11

DARK LINE IS PROPOSED BULKHEAD  
FOR OSCAR & LINDA WOOD